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Room-temperature Ferromagnetic Properties

of Ti_{1-x}Fe_xO_{2-d} Thin Films PARK Young Ran, KIM Kwang Joo, AHN Geun Young¹, KIM Chul Sung¹, PARK Jae Yun² (Konkuk University, Physics. Kookmin University, Physics. ²Incheon University, Materials Science and Engineering.) Magnetic and electronic properties of Fe-doped anatase TiO_{2-d} thin films grown by a sol-gel method have been investigated by vibrating-sample magnetometry (VSM), conversion electron Mössbauer spectroscopy (CEMS), and Hall effect measurements. VSM measurements revealed that the anatase Ti_{1-x}Fe_xO_{2-d} films exhibit ferromagnetic behavior at room temperature for a certain range of x. CEMS spectra revealed that Fe2+ and Fe3+ ions coexist, substituting the octahedral Ti⁴⁺ sites. By appropriate Fe doping, the Ti_{1-x}Fe_xO_{2-d} films exhibited p-type character but the observed room-temperature ferromagnetism turned out to be independent of the hole concentration. The ferromagnetism in the present Ti_{1-x}Fe_xO_{2-d} films can be interpreted in terms of a direct ferromagnetic coupling between two neighboring Fe3+ ions via an electron trapped in oxygen vacancy.

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