

## Electronic and Magnetic Properties of $\text{Ti}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{O}_{2-\delta}$ (M=Co and Fe) Thin Films Grown by Sol-gel Method

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Electronic and magnetic properties of  $\text{Ti}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  (M=Co and Fe) thin films grown by sol-gel method have been investigated. Anatase and rutile  $\text{Ti}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  films were successfully grown on  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (0001) substrates and exhibited p-type electrical conductivity while the undoped films n-type conductivity. Room temperature vibrating sample magnetometry measurements on the anatase and rutile  $\text{Ti}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  films with same x (=4.8 at.%) showed quite similar magnetic hysteresis curves with the saturation magnetic moment of  $\sim 4 \mu_B$  per Co ion despite their differences in structural and electronic properties. Such giant magnetic moment is attributable to the unquenched orbital moment of the  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ions substituting the octahedral  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  sites. Similar ferromagnetic behavior was observed for  $\text{Ti}_{1-x}\text{Fe}_x\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  films that are highly resistive compared to the Co doped samples. Saturation magnetic moment was found to decrease for higher x, i.e.,  $\sim 2$  and  $\sim 1.5 \mu_B$  per Fe ion for x=2.4 and 5.8 at.%, respectively. Conversion electron Mössbauer spectroscopy measurements predicted the coexistence of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ions at the octahedral sites of  $\text{Ti}_{1-x}\text{Fe}_x\text{O}_{2-\delta}$ .

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