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Elektrische Ermüdung in Funktionswerkstoffen



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Electrical conductivity and mobility of oxygen anions in $In_2O_{3\delta}$: Sr and $In_2O_{3\delta}$: Sn

In the presentation the electrical characteristics of Sr-doped polycrystalline indium oxide will be discussed for the case of deviations from the stoichiometric oxygen composition. Doping by Sr considerably decreases the electrical conductivity of In₂O₃ and makes it extremely sensitive to variations in the oxygen content. A small oxygen deficiency of the samples corresponds to the high-resistance state, which is formed as a result of the decrease of both of charge carrier concentrations and the transparency of potential barriers at the crystallites' boundaries. The increasing oxygen deficiency in $In_2O_{3\delta}$: Sr restores a high n-type electrical conductivity, which is consistent with the concepts of oxygen vacancies as shallow donors. For a sufficiently high oxygen deficiency, the potential barriers do not manifest themselves; however, with increase of the oxygen content a potential relief arises leading to remarkable effects such as: a) the specific nonlinearity and hysteresis of the current-voltage characteristics caused by the tunnelling transparent potential barriers; b) an increase in the low-frequency electrical permittivity from usual 9.2 up to 13.3 measured at T = 77 K. The physical mechanisms of temporal and spatial variations of conductance in the oxygen deficient $In_2O_{3.\delta}$: Sr and $In_2O_{3.\delta}$: Sn samples are also discussed.

Der Vortrag findet um **14:00 Uhr** im Gebäude der Materialwissenschaften, Lichtwiese, Petersenstr. 23, **Raum 128** statt