Study on Electrical Structure and Conductivity of Ti Doped LiFePO₄

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1. Introduction: LiFePO₄ and doped LiFePO₄ is known as electrode material for Li ion

batteries because of high Li capacity. In this study, we predicted the electric conductivity of LiFePO₄ and Ti doped LiFePO₄ based on tight-binding calculation.

2. Methods: We optimized the structure of calculation model by using density functional theory calculation. Then we calculate the electrical structure of the LiFePO₄ model by original tight binding quantum chemistry calculation code "New-Colors", and estimated the electric conductivity by "Colors-Cond".

3. Results and Discussion: Figure 1 shows the calculation model of Ti-doped LiFePO₄. Figure 2 shows the partial density of states (PDOS). An impurity level derived from Ti 3d appeared between the top of valence and bottom of conduction band. Table 1 shows the estimated and measured electric conductivity.[1] The estimated electric conductivity of pure LiFePO₄ agreed with the experimental data. Compared with pure LiFePO₄, Ti-doped LiFePO₄ has higher electric conductivity.



Fig.2 PDOS (1) Fe site doped LiFePO₄ (2) Li site doped LiFePO₄

Table 1 Electrical Conductivity Calculation Result

| Model | Calc. (S/cm) | Expt. (S/cm) |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| LiFePO ₄ | 3.32×10 ⁻⁸ | 10 ⁻⁹ [1] |
| Ti doped (Li site) | 1.62×10 ⁻¹ | _ |
| Ti doped (Fe site) | 8.89×10 ⁻⁴ | — |

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