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ABSTRACT

Effects of dopants on structural stability of monoclinic WO₃ were studied using density

functional theory. Transformation from monoclinic to cubic crystal structures was obtained by

gradually increasing doping concentrations of both rhenium (Re) and electrons inside the

monoclinic WO₃, whereas a large distortion of WO₆ octahedra was observed by gradually

increasing doping concentrations of both niobium (Nb) and holes inside the monoclinic WO₃. It

was verified that $Re_xW_{1-x}O_3$ has a cubic structure if x is larger than 0.375, and the transformation

from monoclinic to cubic structure is mainly dependent on the occupancy of the W 5d orbital.

The elastic characteristics of the Re_xW_{1-x}O₃ decrease with the increase of the content of Re in the

range of $0.375 \le x \le 0.875$.

Keywords: Tungsten Trioxide; Phase transformation; Doping; Density functional theory

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