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ABSTRACT

Alkaline earth metal titanates are broad bandgap semiconductors with applications in electronic devices, as catalysts, photocatalysts, sorbents, and superconductors. Calcium titanate CaTiO₃ is of interest in the photocatalytic hydrogen generation and in electronic devices. Operation of both photocatalysts and electronic devices relies upon the pathways of relaxation of the electron in the semiconductor, including the relaxation through the midgap electronic states. We report, for the first time, characterization of electronic midgap states in the nanocrystalline CaTiO₃ by synchronous photoluminescence (PL) spectroscopy at 77 K versus the "conventional" PL emission and excitation spectroscopy, and by the complementary methods. We also report the radiative transitions from the three distinct electronic midgap states in nanocrystalline orthorhombic calcium titanate.

Keywords: calcium titanate, photoluminescence, synchronous, midgap state

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