

ELECTRICAL AND STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISATION OF NANOSTRUCTURED TITANIA COATINGS DEPOSITED ON INTERDIGITATED ELECTRODE SYSTEM

The effect of La^{3+} and Nb^{5+} ions on the electrical properties of titanium dioxide coatings is studied. Phase angle, capacitance C and resistance R were measured on the interdigitated samples (like a capacitor), coated with nanocrystalline titania. From these measured data, electrical parameters such as conductivity δ and relative permittivity ϵ were calculated.

Nanostructured titania coatings were obtained by a sol-gel method, starting from stable and transparent pure titania sol and titania sols with different concentrations of Nb^{5+} or La^{3+} ions ($x/\text{Ti} = 2, 4, 6$ at%, where $x = \text{Nb}$ or La).

Design of the fabricated interdigitated electrode system:
 (a) the cross-sectional view and
 (b) the top view.

