

## DFT investigation of H<sub>2</sub>S Desulfurization on Anatase TiO<sub>2</sub> (001) Surface



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The complete reaction mechanism for the H<sub>2</sub>S desulfurization on anatase TiO<sub>2</sub>(001) surface was elucidated using the plane-wave based density functional theory method. The reaction started from the dissociative adsorption of H<sub>2</sub>S on the TiO<sub>2</sub> surface. Subsequently, two competitive routes, the H<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub> formations, were laterally investigated. The activation barriers for the H<sub>2</sub>O formation are ranging from 11–13 kcal/mol, whereas those for the H<sub>2</sub> formation are extremely high in the range of 67–87 kcal/mol. On the basis of the activation energy barriers, the results indicate that the anatase TiO<sub>2</sub>(001) is very active for the H<sub>2</sub>S desulfurization to produce H<sub>2</sub>O, resulting in the S-substitution at the O<sub>2c</sub> site of TiO<sub>2</sub>(001) surface. Electronic charge analyses indicate that the S doping into the TiO<sub>2</sub> surface can enhance the photocatalytic activity of TiO<sub>2</sub> by reducing its energy band gap. In addition, by comparison with other metal oxide catalysts such as TiO<sub>2</sub>(101), CeO<sub>2</sub>(111), CeO<sub>2</sub>(101), ZnO (1010) and □ Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(0001), the TiO<sub>2</sub>(001) is found as the most promising catalyst for the H<sub>2</sub>S desulfurization.

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