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Sodium acceptor doping of ZnO crystals¹ NARENDRA PARMAR, KELVIN LYNN, Washington State university — ZnO bulk single crystals were doped with sodium by thermal diffusion. Positron annihilations spectroscopy was employed to confirm the filling of zinc vacancies, to >6 μ m deep in the bulk. SIMS measurement shows the diffusion of sodium up to 8 μ m with concentration $(1 - 3.5) \times 10^{17}$ cm⁻³. Broad photoluminescence excitation peak at 3.1 eV, with onset appearance at 3.15 eV in Na:ZnO is attributed to an electronic transition from a Na_{Zn} level at ~ (220 - 270) meV to the conduction band. For electrical measurements, Ohmic contacts were made using a MoO₂ solution (ethyl glycol:H₂O:: 60:40) on a hot plate at 200 °C for 10 min. MoO₂ has a work function of 6.5 eV and can be useful for electrical Ohmic contacts for wide band gap semiconductors. Resistivity in Na doped ZnO crystals increases up to (4 - 5) orders of magnitude at room temperature.

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