THE PERMANENT ELECTRIC DIPOLE MOMENTS OF THE $X^3\Delta$, $E^3\Pi$, $A^3\Phi$ and $B^3\Pi$ states of titanium MONOXIDE, tio

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The optical Stark spectrum of the origin bands of the $E^{3}\Pi_{0} - X^{3}\Delta_{1}$, $A^{3}\Phi_{2} - X^{3}\Delta_{1}$, and $B^{3}\Pi_{0} - X^{3}\Delta_{1}$ band systems of titanium monoxide, TiO, were analyzed to produce permanent electric dipole moments of 3.34(1)D, 3.2(4)D, 4.89(5)D and 4.9(2)D for the $X^{3}\Delta_{1}$, $E^{3}\Pi_{0}$, $A^{3}\Phi_{2}$ and $B^{3}\Pi_{0}$ states, respectively. The observations are compared with a simple molecular orbital description for the low-lying states and electronic structure calculations.