Electrochemical Properties of Dye-Sensitized Titanium Oxide Thin Film prepared by Spray Method

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Titanium oxide thin films as photoanode for dye-sensitized solar cell were prepared by spray method onto SnO2:F coated glass. A dye consisting of cis-dithiocyanato-bis(2,2'-bipyridyl-4,4'- dicarboxylate) ruthenium (II) was incorporated by immersing the films into a solution of the dye in ethanol. The amount of dye incorporation was found to be highly dependent on the microstructure and the thickness of titanium oxide thin films. Surface morphologies were studied with scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and atomic force microscopy(AFM) and the film thickness was determined by surface profilometry using a Tencor Alpha-Step instrument. Incident photon-to-current efficiency(IPCE) was studied as a function of spray parameters such as component of TiO₂ coating sol and spray pressure.