Preparation of nanocrystalline TiO₂ thin film by screen-printing technique

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Dye-sensitised solar cells (DSSCs) are currently attracting academic and commercial interest as regenerative low-cost alternatives to conventional solid state devices. So far, the best performing nanocrystalline-TiO2 electrodes have been fabricated by screen-printing deposition. In this works, different paste has been used for preparing nanocrystalline TiO2 thin film by screen-printing technique, the main component of it comes from synthesized TiO2 power (SC-TiO2). The dye-sensitized solar cell based on this TiO2 thin film without further chemical treatments exhibits high overall conversion efficiency of 8.5 %, even with low TiO2 content and thin film thickness. The experimental repeatability is excellent and the properties of the films are uniform.