

色素增感型太陽能電池之電化學與光電特性探討

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摘要

本研究主要以商業化的TiO₂(Degussa P25)作為色素增感型太陽電池之工作電極，並以Tetra (4-carboxyphenyl)porphyrin (TCPP)作為染料，電解質部分則使用Potassium iodide(KI)、Iodine(I₂)並以Propylene carbonate(PC)作為溶劑，對電極則使用白金(Platinum, Pt)作為催化劑，研究製程參數對色素增感型太陽能電池(Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells, DSSC)光電效率的影響，並使用電化學方法(循環伏安法與交流阻抗分析法)探討氧化還原媒介(mediators, I⁻/I³⁻)之電化學特性，推估擴散係數、擴散極限電流密度及其電化學阻抗等。本研究主要針對工作電極、電解質、對電極進行研究。以旋轉塗佈法將調配好的TiO₂漿料塗佈於ITO導電玻璃基板上，經450℃燒結，形成中孔奈米晶薄膜工作電極，探討以不同厚度之TiO₂薄膜製作之工作電極，其光電轉換效率之影響。以不同比例與組成之[I⁻]/[I³⁻]，觀察其電化學特性之變化，並添加具有抑制光電子再結合(recombination)作用的4-tert-butylpyridine(TBP)，觀察TBP對本系統光電轉換效率之影響。此外本研究並以電化學方法，探究白金對電極之電化學行為，以不同厚度的白金鍍膜，探討對整個電解質系統之擴散極限電流密度與交流阻抗的影響。研究結果發現TiO₂工作電極膜厚與旋塗次數成正比，而當工作電極膜厚達到6.3 μm時(2層)，具有最佳的光電轉換效率(约21%)，當工作電極膜厚再次增加時，光電轉換效率不再增加，但是短路電流I_{sc}略降。電化學分析結果顯示：隨著[KI]增加，擴散極限電流密度(diffusion-limited current density, J_{lim})和I_{sc}有上升趨勢，而等效電阻和開路電壓(Voc)有下降趨勢，當[KI]=0.3M可得到最佳的光電轉換效率。同樣的，當[I₂]增加時，J_{lim}和I_{sc}有上升趨勢，而其等效電阻、填充因子(FF)和碘錯化物(I³⁻)之擴散係數(DI³⁻)有下降趨勢，在[I₂]=0.05M可得到最佳的光電轉換效率。當添加TBP後，I_{sc}略有下降，Voc有上升趨勢，而等效電阻中之電荷轉移阻抗(charge transfer resistance, RCT)明顯下降，當[TBP]=0.1M可得到最佳的光電轉換效率。當白金厚度增加時，對電極之J_{lim}有隨之上升，反之其等效電阻逐漸下降，在白金厚度=10nm可得到最佳的表現。元件之入射光子-電流轉化效率(Incident Photo-to-Current Conversion Efficiency, IPCE)量測顯示當波長在350~400nm時具有最高的轉化效率(IPCE=20%)。綜合以上結論，可知本研究之最佳製程參數：TiO₂膜厚6.3 μm，[KI]=0.3M、[I₂]=0.05M、[TBP]=0.1M，白金厚度10 nm，可得到最大光電轉換效率=0.21%，此時Voc=0.45V，I_{sc}=0.885mA，FF=0.53。研究結果顯示以電化學技術作為DSSC元件特性之量測，是一種有效的製程診斷與改進電池效率之工具。

關鍵詞：色素增感型太陽電池；二氧化鈦；循環伏安；交流阻抗；擴散極限電流密度

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