

COMMENT UTILISER DES NANOPARTICULES D'OR POUR PRODUIRE DE L'ÉNERGIE ?

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INTRODUCTION



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Keywords: Dye-sensitized solar cells-PEDOT-gold nanoparticles-photoanode-conductivity PEDOT films incorporating gold nanoparticles have been used for counter-electrodes in dye-sensitized solar cells. An increase in efficiency of about 130% has been observed compared to the use of PEDOT alone. Electrochemical investigations of the Co^{III}(phen)₃/Co^{II}(phen)₃ used as redox shuttle on the PEDOT-AuNPs and PEDOT electrodes point out towards neither an enhanced catalytic activity nor a plasmonic effect but strongly suggest that this enhanced power efficiency is due to an increase in the conductivity of the counter electrode. On a more general point of view, this study shows the important impact of internal ohmic drop inside a DSSC on its efficiency.

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1. Introduction

Nowadays, solar energy appears as a green and renewable alternative energy source to fossil fuels. Photovoltaic cells are among the best devices of harvesting energy directly from sunlight. In particular, solid-state semiconductor cells based on p-n junctions and usually made of silicon have dominated the field of photovoltaic since its inception. Nevertheless, dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSCs), based on molecular components and proposed over two decades ago,[1] have emerged as a competent alternative technology to conventional semi-conductor devices. Indeed, DSSCs possess key attractive features such as their low cost, their ease of fabrication, and their powerful sunlight harvesting efficiency.[2,3] Moreover, their improved performance with diffused light and at high temperatures, and their negligible dependence on the incident light a redox shuttle. Finally, the electrolyte is regenerated in turn by reduction at a counter-electrode (namely the cathode), the cycle being completed via electron migration through the external circuit. The voltage generated under illumination corresponds to the difference between the Fermi level of the electron in the TiO_2 layer and the redox potential of the electrolyte.

In many studies, the counter-electrode was a platinum-coated TCO electrode and the redox shuttle was the triiodide/iodide (I_3^-/I^-) redox couple.[1] Indeed, TCO electrodes have a very high charge transfer resistance, and it is necessary to reduced it, which is achieved by introducing a layer of catalyst on top of the TCO.[4] Platinum layers were currently used because of their high catalytic activity toward the reduction of I_3^- . However, platinum is a noble metal which is rare on earth and very expensive. Fabrication of counter-electrodes with alternative cheaper and more abundant materials is expected to bring down the production cost of DSSCs.





Figure 1. (A) Optical absorption spectrum of a PEDOT-AuNPs FTO electrode (FTO plate overcoated with PEDOT alone was used as reference to record the spectrum). (B) SEM image of a PEDOT-AuNPS FTO electrode.



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figure 1 : Absorbance UV-visible de plusieurs solutions PEDOT:AuNPs



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figure 2 : Conductivité et permittivité de films de PEDOT: AuNPs en différentes proportions



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figure 3 : Conductivité et permittivité de films PEDOT: AuNPs pour différents éclairements



CONCLUSION





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