Effects of TiCl4 Surface Passivation on the Performance of Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells

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**Abstract**. Dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSCs) have emerged as a promising alternative to conventional silicon-based solar cells due to their low cost and high efficiency. However, one of the major challenges in the development of DSSCs is their susceptibility to recombination losses, which can significantly reduce their efficiency[1,2]. Surface passivation is a key approach to address this issue by reducing the density of surface states and enhancing charge separation[3–5]. This study focuses on the role of surface passivation in DSSCs, which involves the use of TiCl4 in different concentrations (10-30 mM) over the mesoporous TiO2 layer to reduce surface recombination. Based on our research, we found that optimizing the concentration of TiCl4 to 20 mM considerably enhanced the structural, optical, and electrical properties of the TiO2 photoanodes, leading to greater light-harvesting and overall power conversion efficiency in the pertinent DSSC.

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