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Optical and Structural Properties of Dye Sensitized Composite Semiconductor Photoanode

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ZnS, a wide band gap semiconductor and good candidate for dye sensitized semiconductor solar cell (DSSC) photoanode was doped with aluminum. However, the role of ZnS and Al-doped ZnS in DSSC is lack of knowledge. Herein, we studied the effect of ZnS and Al-doped ZnS in TiO_2 photoanode using a simple preparation. The thin film was prepared by paste with ZnS and ZnS:Al. Structural property and the relevance of each elements in all anode thin films was characterized by means of X-ray diffraction. The Ru-based dye, N719 was used for semiconductor sensitization. The absorption and photoluminescence of $\text{TiO}_2/\text{N719}$, $\text{TiO}_2:\text{ZnS}/\text{N719}$, $\text{TiO}_2:\text{ZnS:Al}/\text{N719}$ photoanodes were investigated. The absorption and photoluminescence of $\text{TiO}_2:\text{ZnS:Al}/\text{N719}$ photoanode is discussed.

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