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Nuclear Disaster

Nuclear Energy is not a Solution

14 June 2011 <u>Italy nuclear: Berlusconi</u> accepts referendum blow. Opposition to nuclear power has grown since Fukushima.

Germany and Switzerland have both announced that they will phase out nuclear power by 2022.

Fukushima reactor March 24, 2011





Challenge

Energy Gap in 2050: ~14 TW With a projected global population of 12 billion by 2050 coupled with moderate economic growth, the total world power consumption is estimated to be ~28 TW. Current global use is~14 TW. The power supply gap to be covered by 2050 is expected to be at least 14 terawatt corresponding to a yearly energy deficit of 440 exajoules ! (1 exajoule = 10¹⁸ joule).

✓ To cap CO₂ at 550 ppm* (twice the pre-industrial level): most of this additional energy needs to come from carbon-free sources.

- *350 ppm should ideally be targeted !

✓ Solar energy is the largest non-carbon-based energy source (120 PW).

✓ However, it has to be converted at cost low enough to be competitive with conventional resources



7th Century B.C.

Magnifying glass used to concentrate sun's rays to make fire and to burn ants.

3rd Century B.C.

Greeks and Romans use burning mirrors to light torches for religious purposes.

2nd Century B.C.

As early as 212 BC, the Greek scientist, Archimedes, used the reflective properties of bronze shields to focus sunlight and to set fire to wooden ships from the Roman Empire which were besieging Syracuse.

1st to 4th Century A.D.

The famous Roman bathhouses in the first to fourth centuries A.D. had large south facing windows to let in the sun's warmth.





www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/pdfs/solar_timeline.pdf

History of Solar Power Technology

1865- The first solar powered engine **1913-** The first solar thermal power station **1954**- The first practical solar panel **1958-** The first solar powered satellite **1960-** The first solar powered car **1997-** The first solar powered mobile phone **2010-** The first solar powered spacecraft **2011-** The solar powered flight (Solar **Impulse**)









http://solarcharging.nokia.com/2011/08/a-pictorial-history-of-solar-powered-technology/ http://www.solarimpulse.com/

Solar Energy Utilization









50 - 200 °C space, water heating e

500 - 3000 °C heat engines electricity generation process heat



from Arthur Nozik

Solar Cell Effect

If 5 kWp solar cell array is

installed on a rooftop of a

home over a single year,

it would prevent:



- ***** 3.3 tons of coal from being burned
- ***** 300 kg of ash from being disposed of landfills
- ***** 30 kg of SO₂ and 25 kg of NO_x from causing acid rain
- ***** 8.5 tons of CO_2 from enhancing the greenhouse effect



Solar Cell performance

Power curve (I-V curve) I_{sc} : Short-circuit current 0.18 0.16 ISC 0.14 0.12 Current (mA) 0.10 0.08 0.06 ma 0.04 0.02 V_{oc} 0.00 -0.02 -0.5 -0.4 -0.3 -0.2 -0.1 0.0 Voltage (V)



Solar Cell performance



AM0: The spectrum outside the atmosphere, the 5,800 K black body = 1367 W/m² **AM1**: The spectrum after traveling through the atmosphere to sea level with the sun directly overhead, in equatorial region = 1040 W/m² **AM1.5**: θ = 48.2°, standard testing of terrestrial solar panels = 1000 W/m²

earth's surface

atmosphere

A new paradigme, mesoscopic solar cells Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells





Sensitization goes back to the use of dyes by Vogel in photography (1873)



Hermann W. Vogel was professor of photochemistry, spectroscopy and photography at the Königliche Technische Hochschule, Berlin, from 1879 until his death in 1898. From 1873 he investigated the sensitization of silver halide emulsions with dyes, particularly aniline-based compounds, finding the photoresponse significantly extended towards the red, and later even infrared, making possible the "panchromatic" broad-spectrum black and white film, and more recently, infrared and color photography. J M Eder introduced the use of the red dye erythrosine in 1884

Courtesy Dr. A. McEvoy

Mesoscopic structure improves photocurrent output > 1000 times



B.O'Regan and M.Grätzel "A Low Cost, High Efficiency Solar Cell based on the Sensitization of Colloidal Titanium Dioxide "*Nature*, 1991, 353, 7377-7380. Cited 6500 times.







conducting glass

DSC vs. Conventional Silicon PV

p-n junction photovoltaic cells

dye sensitized solar cells DSC

Charge separation by electric field at the p-n junction Charge separation by kinetic competition as in photosynthesis

Light absorption and charge transport are decoupled
Relaxed constraints on individual components (each can be separately tuned)
Only monolayer of dye on TiO₂

Operational principle of a dye sensitized mesoscopic solar cell

Electron and hole dynamics for anthocynanine-sensitized TiO₂ (anatase)

The present status of DSCs

- <u>Power conversion efficiency</u> (PCE) measured under AM 1.5 sunlight (STC): laboratory cells: 12.2 % at full sun larger modules: 10 % (Sony), tandem cells: 16%
- <u>stability</u> > 20 years outdoors (DYESOL, DSC-IC Conference Colorado Springs)
- **<u>energy payback time</u>**: < 1 year (3GSolar and ECN, life cycle analysis)
- <u>Industrial development</u>: October 2009, G24 Innovation (<u>www.g24i.com.</u>) starts roll to roll mass production and commercial sales of light weight flexible cells started in Cardiff Wales.
- March 2011: Fujikura announces mass production of black dye modules

Ongoing and Future Research

- Enhanced light harvesting by advanced meso-structures
- New sensitizers
- New redox mediators
- Solid state heterojunctions
- Quantum dot injection cells
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- New solid nanocomposite electrolytes

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Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells Employing a Single Film of Mesoporous TiO₂ Beads Achieve Power Conversion Efficiencies Over 10%

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T itanium dioxide is one of the most investigated inorganic semiconductor oxide materials found in today's literature due to its opto-electronic properties which make it appropriate for a variety of applications ranging from photocatalysis, 'photochromism.' Li-lon batteries,³ and chemical and gas senosrs,⁴⁵ to use as the photoanode for dye-sensitized solar cells (DSC).⁶ The DSC is unique in that it is the only photovoltaic device that achieves the separation of light absorption and charge

ABSTRACT Dye-sensitized solar cells employing mesoporous TiO₂ beads have demonstrated longer electron diffusion lengths and extended electron lifetimes over Degussa P25 titania electrodes due to the well interconnected, densely packed nanocrystalline TiO₂ particles inside the beads. Careful selection of the dye to match the dye photon absorption characteristics with the light scattering properties of the beads have improved the light harvesting and conversion efficiency of the bead electrode in the dye-sensitized solar cell. This has resulted in a solar to electric power conversion efficiency (PCE) of greater than 10% (10.6% for Ru(II)-based dye CIO1 and 10.7% using C106) for the first time using a single screen-printed titania layer cell construction (that is, without an additional scattering layer).

KEYWORDS: TiO2 · beads · C101 dye · dye-sensitized solar cells · DSC

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Improvement by matching of energy levels

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Q.D size effect

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Ionic Liquids

The Attractive Features of Ionic Liquids

- Non volatile, consist of ions only
- Liquid under wide temp. Range, e.g. -50°C to 400°C
- Easy to solidify, e.g. by addition of SiO₂ nanoparticles
- Chemically stable and non combustible
- High ionic conductivity

Ion Gel

Green Power from Fujikura

Maarten Brai

耐久在20cm角サブモジュール Durable 20x20cm square submodule

色素増感太陽電池の発電原理

DSCの評問には、写真フィルムにも使われている色楽増感という現象を利用します。 間化チタン粒子で作ったナブレベルの多孔自爆の上に色素を限着させ、その色素が光を 受けて増子を設出する作用を利用して用力を得ます。

Operating mechanism of DSC

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JIS耐久性試験をクリア

ガスパリア性に優れた独自の封正構造を開発し、さらに、不審発性 のイオン液体を電解算に適用することで、耐久性を大幅に向上さ せました。国作した妻子は、DBCとしては世界で初めて、グラフの よらな話動な環境下での耐久性試験をクリアしました。 We have improved lars improving) durability of DHD by applying our specific runique) get tight seeking situature and nonvolable ionic mount electrolytes. Our DBC successfully boars the severe endurance texts as alrows at the gitters.

Highly durable DSC cell and module

The DSC can meet future customer demands and needs

Emerging and new applications call for:

Low production cost

Short Energy payback time

Transparency and multicolor

Flexibility and light weight

Light angle Independence

A TOK STAF

Outperforms competitors for indoor applications and real outdoor condition

Tata Steel and Dyesol produce world's largest dye sensitised photovoltaic module

Energy, Wears Color !

Energy, Wears Color !

Dyesol - Timo develops and Manufactures . . .

[Module designed by Dyesol-Timo]

[Panel manufactured by Dyesol-timo]

Sony lamps powered by ambient light

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Hana-Akari flower lamps

At EPFL on Sept 9, 2010

The DSC powered car finished within the first ten of 35 contenders in the race

http://www.benzinsider.com/2011/09/the-future-of-vehicles-smart-forvision/

Photographer - Thomas Bloch

Real Outdoor Test of DSC Modules

Series connected 64 DSC cells Kariya City at lat. 35°10'N, Asimuthal angle: 0° Facing due south, Tilted at 30°

Real Outdoor Test of DSC Modules

3G Solar twin module DSC prototype - each module 32 series-connected cells of size 225 sq cm

Flexible dye-sensitized solar panels attached to bags for recharging electronic equipment, courtesy: Mascotte Industrial Associates

Advantage under real outdoor conditions

- DSC LCOE is almost independent of façade exposure

Advantage under real outdoor conditions

- Significantly higher output in the morning and evening hours
- In façade orientation: +75% (or higher) relative energy ouput every day

The commercialization of dye sensitized solar cells progresses rapidly Dye sensitized solar cell production capacity forecast

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