

## Microwave Sintering Technique for Size Scale-up of Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells

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### Abstract:

A new type of solar cell based on dye-sensitized nanocrystalline titanium dioxide (DSSC) has been developed by M. Graetzel et al. Remarkably high quantum efficiency in combination with the expected ease and low cost of manufacturing makes this new technology interesting as an alternative to existent solar cell technologies. Various elemental technologies of dye-sensitized solar cells have therefore been researched, including the sensitized dye, semiconductor particles, electrolyte, electron transfer process and photovoltaic mechanism. In spite of these vigorous studies, the assembling of flexible TiO<sub>2</sub>/dye solar cell is still under investigation. Flexible electrodes, like polyethylene terephthalate sheet coated with tin-doped indium oxide (PET-ITO), present lower costs and technological advantages relative to conductive glass electrodes, e.g. lower weight, impact resistance and less form and shape limitations. However, deposition of nano particulate TiO<sub>2</sub> on PET-ITO is difficult, because the thermal treatment must be limited to 150C<sup>o</sup> or so. It decreases adhesion strength, electrical contact of TiO<sub>2</sub> particles and adsorption of the dye. Here in this work, a microwave irradiation process is proposed for selective heating the nanocrystalline titanium oxide films of DSSC.

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