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CHEMICAL DEPOSITION OF NANO-SIZED ELECTROCHROMIC THIN FILMS OF Na0.33V2O5-H2O XEROGELS

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Electrochromic sodium intercalated vanadium(V) oxide xerogels thin films with composition Na0.33V2O5·H2O have been deposited on electroconductive FTO glass substrates by a simple chemical bath method. The deposition of the homogenous thin films is performed at temperature of 85 °C from an aqueous solution containing sodium metavanadate and diethyl sulfate. The xerogel formation is based on the acidification of the metavanadate solution as a result of the hydrolysis process of (C2H5)2SO4. Thin films with thickness of about 110 nm are prepared for a deposition time of 10 min. The composition, structure and morphology of the films are studied by XRD, IR spectroscopy, TG-DTA and SEM. SEM observations evidence that the film surface is well covered from ribbon-like units composed of nano-particles with dimensions between 50 and 100 nm. The cyclic voltammetry curves display stable redox pairs related to the transitions between V(V) and V(IV) sites which give rise to colour changes: yellow/green/blue. UV-VIS spectra are examined in two electrolytes. Better results regarding the transmittance variance are obtained using LiClO4 in propylene carbonate as the best value achieved is 37 % at 900 nm.