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# Fabrication of 5-Nitrosalicylaldehyde with Aniline as Sensitizer for Dye Sensitized Solar Cells

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## Abstract

**Objectives:** To create a DSSC circuit, combine 5-Nitro Salicylaldehyde with Aniline (5NSA). **Methods:** Working and counter electrodes are made of TiO<sub>2</sub> and activated carbon film. Digital multimeters are used to test the conductive side of FTO glass prior to deposition. Graphite is used as the counter electrode. A functioning electrode was developed on conductive glass. FTO glass plate edges with Scotch tape (on the conductive side as determined by a multimeter). Distribute three drops of TiO<sub>2</sub> blade-coated electrodes equally using a glass stirring stick. 5-nitrosalicylaldehyde and aniline dye are applied to the working electrode. I-/KI are electrolytes. An electrolyte is KI solution. I-V and P-V properties were examined in direct sunshine and a solar simulator. **Findings :** Using a digital multimeter and a solar simulator with glass plates, analyzed the efficiency of DSSC in Mayiladuthurai (L1), Nagapattinam (L2), and Vedaranyam (L3). The DSSC constructed with 5-Nitro salicylaldehyde and an aniline circuit is obtained direct sunlight from a combination of 5NSA (L1-2.95 % ;L2-2.3 % ;L3-4.4 %) with an open circuit voltage (Voc) of (L1-26 mV;L2-38mV ;L3-39mV) and a short circuit current density (Isc) of (L1-80 mA;L2-60 (L1- 1.42 % ; L2-.1.01 % ; L3-1.9 % ). Different glasses determine the lowest and maximum light locations of the solar simulator. 5NSA discovered 5.8mV from frosted glass in lamp position 5 and a fill factor of 8% from plain glass in lamp position 5(0.92%). **Novelty:** 5NSA pigments with optimized agents exhibited improved photovoltaic properties, absorbed more sunlight, and utilized photon energy more effectively.

**Keywords:** Aniline; Dye Sensitized Solar Cells (DSSC); Solar simulator; Titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>); 5-Nitro Salicylaldehyde

## 1 Introduction

Dye Sensitized Solar Cells (DSSC) were formed and operated using TiO<sub>2</sub> layered with 5-Nitrosalicylaldehyde with Aniline and 5-Methylsalicylaldehyde with Aniline on FTO

glass. The first  $\text{TiO}_2$  covered with 5NSA dye module reached more than 39mv, 60mA, and 4.4 percent efficiency<sup>(1)</sup>. The goal of the research is to get data that indicate greater efficiency in the manufacture of difluorometallic compounds (DSCC) from organic molecules. The DSSC is created using a synthetic dye, 5-Nitro salicylaldehyde with aniline (5NSA)<sup>(2)</sup>. The development of important components such as semiconductor films, dye sensitizers, redox electrolytes, and conducting substrates in dye-sensitized solar cells has been discussed shown in Figure 1. Researchers have been drawn to a significant advancement in the use of biodegradable organic dyes for DSSC. A sensitizer, which is mounted to the outside of a broad crew semiconductor, absorbs light.<sup>(3)</sup> The performance of the DSSC was investigated using the Solar Simulator and the Direct Radiation technique. UV spectroscopic characterization has also been examined, as has scanning electron microscopy (SEM).<sup>(4)</sup>

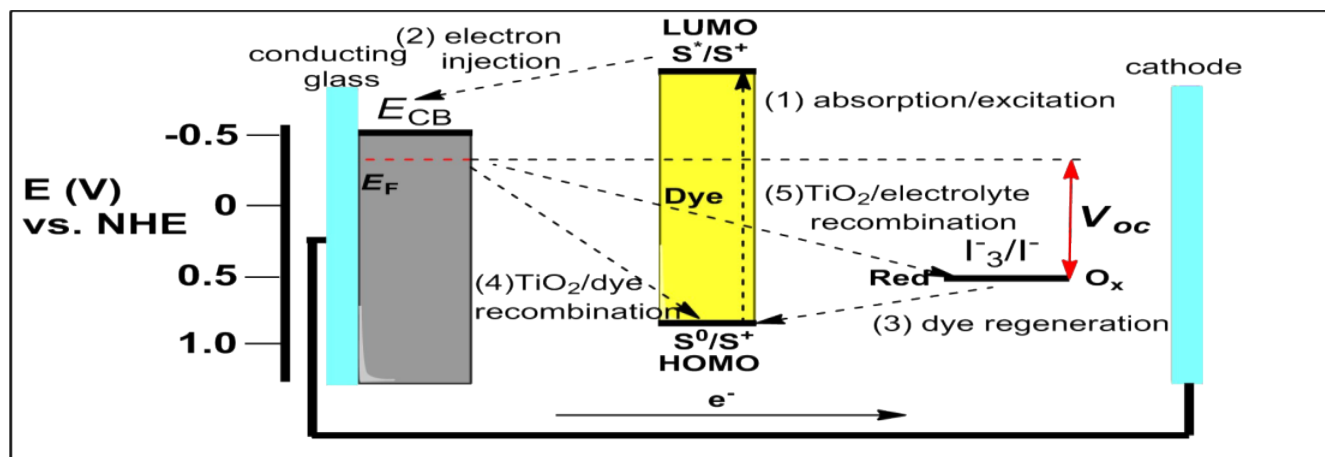


Fig 1. Schematic depicting of a device operation in Dye Sensitized Solar Cell (DSSC)

## 2 Methodology

### 2.1 Preparation of the dye 5NSA

Salicylaldehyde and aniline were immersed in a solution for 1 hour at 324K. Each dye is combined with ethanol and swirled at room temperature for 10 minutes<sup>(5,6)</sup>. The dye was then filtered via Whatman filter paper Figure 2.

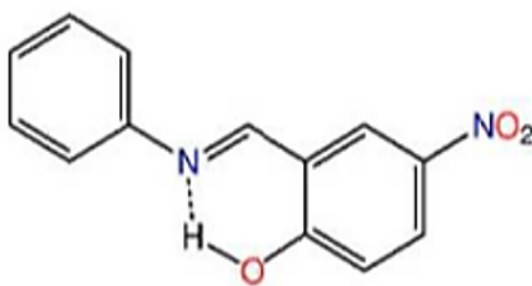


Fig 2. Chemical structure 5-Nitro Salicylaldehyde with Aniline Dye

### 2.2 Preparation of $\text{TiO}_2$ paste and electrolyte

$\text{TiO}_2$  powder and acetic acid are used to make this product. Iodine/potassium iodide ( $\text{I}^-/\text{KI}$ ) is available from Sigma-Aldrich. For 60 minutes, the powder is mixed at room temperature.<sup>(7)</sup>

## 2.3 Assembling of DSSC

A cell electrolyte solution coated with DSSC is injected. For cathodes, FTO glass is pencil-coated with graphite. The anode and cathode are sandwiched together. This is the 5NSA training. Tint was extracted using ethanol. The optical density was measured using a Perkin Elmer-Lamda 35, and productivity was measured using a solar spectrometer.

## Experimental methods

Afterward the creation of the DSSC performance has been analyzed by the following methods:

- Solar Simulator-Method I
- Direct Radiation from the sun –Method II

The solar trainer device measures the DSSC of a Sun-derived chemical and dye. The instrument's direct radiation is used to measure the Sun's reflectance before and after peak sunlight.

### 2.4.1 Solar Simulator

This work used  $\text{TiO}_2$ +5NSA to construct a DSSC. The performance of the cell will be evaluated using a solar simulator. This simulator is equipped with two lights, a fan, and four-quadrant electricity.

### 2.4.2 Direct radiation

A DSSC is formed from  $\text{TiO}_2$ +5NSA. This research evaluated I-V and P-V by exposing the produced DSSC to bright sunlight and collecting data at several points during the monsoon season.

### 2.4.3 Testing the performance of the DSSC ( $\text{TiO}_2$ +5NSA cell to Direct Sunlight and Solar Simulator)

Digital multimeter was used to measure open circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ) and short circuit current ( $I_{sc}$ ). We're testing DSSC ( $\text{TiO}_2$ +5NSA) in Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, and Vedaranyam. Solar cells turn light into electricity. Direct sunlight is used to test a solar cell's  $I_{sc}$  and  $V_{oc}$  ( $V_{oc}$ ). Multiplying voltage and current yields maximum power ( $V_{max}$ ,  $I_{max}$ ). Comparing maximum power,  $V_{oc}$ , and  $I_{sc}$  determines solar cell performance.

Fill factor (FF) measures solar cell performance and the  $I_{sc}$ - $V_{oc}$  curve's square area<sup>(8)</sup> gives FF.

Fill Factor,  $FF = V_m I_m / V_{oc} I_{sc}$

The maximum power ( $P_{max}$ ) produced by the solar cell can be obtained through the equation

$$P_{max} = V_{oc} \times I_{sc} \times FF$$

Efficiency ( $\eta$ ) produced by solar cells can be obtained through the equation

$$\text{Efficiency, } \eta = V_{oc} I_{sc} FF / P_{in}$$

## 3 Results and Discussion

### 3.1 Absorbance of 5NSA dye

5-Nitro salicylaldehyde light aniline absorption 5NSA absorbs light at 200-500 nm (Perkin Elmer-Lamda 35). 5NSA absorption peaks at 458 nm. While the absorption intensity is 2.6 a.u., the energy band gap is 2.71 eV Figure 3, which is semiconducting<sup>(9)</sup>.

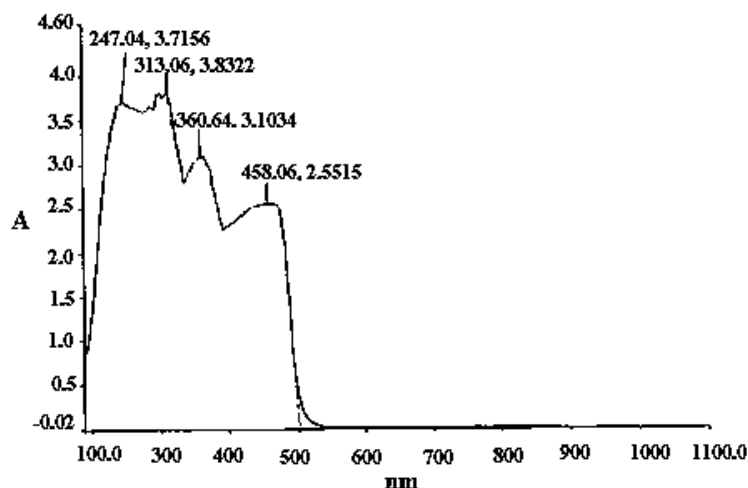


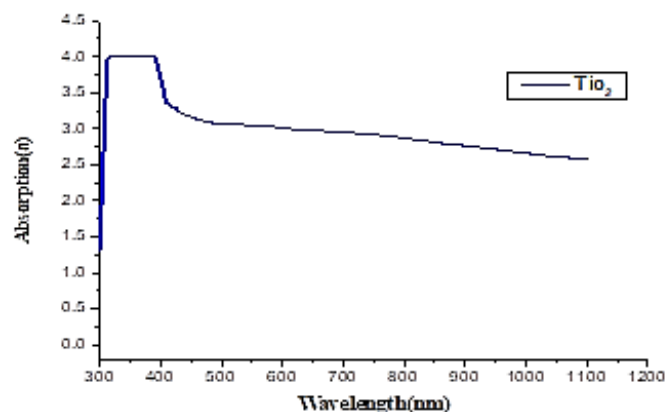
Fig 3. Absorbance spectrum of 5NSA UV-Vis spectrum

### 3.2 UV spectrum of TiO<sub>2</sub> Thin film

Figure 4 and Table 1 illustrate TiO<sub>2</sub>'s light absorption. TiO<sub>2</sub> absorbs light at 200-500 nm (Perkin Elmer-Lambda35). TiO<sub>2</sub> absorbance peaks at 383 nm<sup>(10)</sup>. 4au absorption. It's 3.2eV.

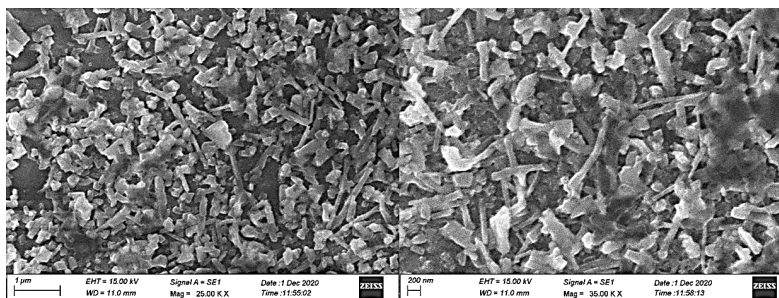
Table 1. UV Spectrum Analysis of TiO<sub>2</sub> thin film:

Compound	Wavelength(nm)	Absorption(A)	Band gap(eV)
TiO <sub>2</sub>	383	4	3.2

Fig 4. UV spectrum of TiO<sub>2</sub>Thin film

### 3.3 SEM images of TiO<sub>2</sub> +5NSA Dye

Thin-film TiO<sub>2</sub>+5NSA is examined by SEM. The particles' size and average diameter resemble small aggregates. Figure 5 shows that the predominant elements of the thin film TiO<sub>2</sub>+5NSA produced are 200nm nanoparticles.<sup>(11)</sup>

Fig 5. SEM images of  $\text{TiO}_2$ +5NSA Dye

### 3.4 I-V Performance of $\text{TiO}_2$ +5NSA in solar simulator with different glasses

#### 3.4.1 Solar simulator reading for DSSC, Different lamp position and lamp illuminated in Frosted glass

DSSC, frosted glass light,  $33^\circ\text{C}$ , lamp position 1.  $I_{sc} = 0.01$  mA,  $V_{oc} = 1.3$  mV. The maximum voltage ( $V_{max}$ ) is 0.23 mV, the maximum current ( $I_{max}$ ) is 0.15 mA, the maximum power voltage ( $P_{max}$ ) is 0.0345 mW, the Fill Factor (FF) is 2.7%, the short-circuit current ( $I_{sc}$ ) is 0.01 mA, and the open-circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ) is 1.5 mV. Short circuit current ( $I_{sc}$ ) is 0.01 mA, and open circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ) is 2.7 mV in lamp position 3. The maximum voltage ( $V_{max}$ ) is 0.6 mV, the maximum current ( $I_{max}$ ) is 0.24 mA, the maximum power voltage ( $P_{max}$ ) is 0.144 mW, the fill factor (FF) is 5.3%, the short-circuit current ( $I_{sc}$ ) is 0.01 mA, and the open circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ) is 4 mV in lamp position 4. The maximum voltage ( $V_{max}$ ) is 0.5 mV, the maximum current ( $I_{max}$ ) is 0.30 mA, the maximum power voltage ( $P_{max}$ ) is 0.15 mW, the fill factor (FF) is 3.7%, and lamp position 5 has an open circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ) of 5.8 mV and a short-circuit current ( $I_{sc}$ ) of 0.01 mA. Maximum voltage ( $V_{max}$ ) was 1.01 mV, maximum current ( $I_{max}$ ) was 0.46 mA, and fill factor (FF) was 8%<sup>(12)</sup>. Figure 6 (a) & (b) and Table 2 show all lamp readings.

#### 3.4.2 Solar simulator reading for $\text{TiO}_2$ +5NSA, Different lamp position and lamp illuminated in Plain glass

$V_{oc}$  and  $I_{sc}$  for DSSC, plain glass, lamp position 1,  $33^\circ\text{C}$ .  $I_{sc} = 0.01$  mA,  $V_{oc} = 2.6$  mV. maximum voltage ( $V_{max}$ ) and current ( $I_{max}$ ) of 0.29 mV, maximum power voltage ( $P_{max}$ ) of 0.08 mW, fill factor (FF) of 3.2%, lamp position 2, short circuit current ( $I_{sc}$ ) of 0.01 mA, and open circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ) of 4 mV. Maximum voltage ( $V_{max}$ ) of 0.1 mV and current ( $I_{max}$ ) of 0.34 mA, maximum power voltage  $P_{max}$  of 0.034 mW, fill factor FF of 0.85%, lamp position 3, short circuit current ( $I_{sc}$ ) of 0.01 mA, and open circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ) of 4.6 mV. The maximum voltage ( $V_{max}$ ) is 1.4 mV, the maximum current ( $I_{max}$ ) is 0.38 mA, the maximum power voltage ( $P_{max}$ ) is 0.532 mW, the fill factor (FF) is 11.5%, and the lamp position is number four. Short circuit current ( $I_{sc}$ ) is 0.01 mA, and open circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ) is 5.5 mV. The maximum voltage ( $V_{max}$ ) is 0.4 mV, the maximum current ( $I_{max}$ ) is 0.3 mA, the maximum power voltage ( $P_{max}$ ) is 0.645 mW, the fill factor (FF) is 11.7%, and lamp position 5 has an open circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ) of 6.5 mV and a short-circuit current ( $I_{sc}$ ) of 0.01 mA. The maximum voltage ( $V_{max}$ ) was 0.2mV, the maximum current ( $I_{max}$ ) was 0.6 mA, and the fill factor (FF) was 1.84 percent<sup>(13)</sup>. Figure 6 (c) & (d) and Table 2 show all light position readings.

Table 2. Solar simulator reading of DSSC ( $\text{TiO}_2$ +5NSA) with difference glass plates

Glasses	Compounds of DSSC	Lamp position	Open Circuit Voltage, $V_{OC}$ (mV)	Short Circuit Current, $I_{SC}$ (mA)	Fill Factor, FF%
Frosted Glass	$\text{TiO}_2$ +5NSA	1	1.3	0.01	2.7
		2	1.5	0.01	6.4
		3	2.7	0.01	5.3
		4	4	0.01	3.75
		5	5.8	0.01	8
Plain Glass	$\text{TiO}_2$ +5NSA	1	2.6	0.01	3.2
		2	4	0.01	0.85
		3	4.6	0.01	11.5
		4	5.5	0.01	11.7
		5	6.5	0.01	0.92

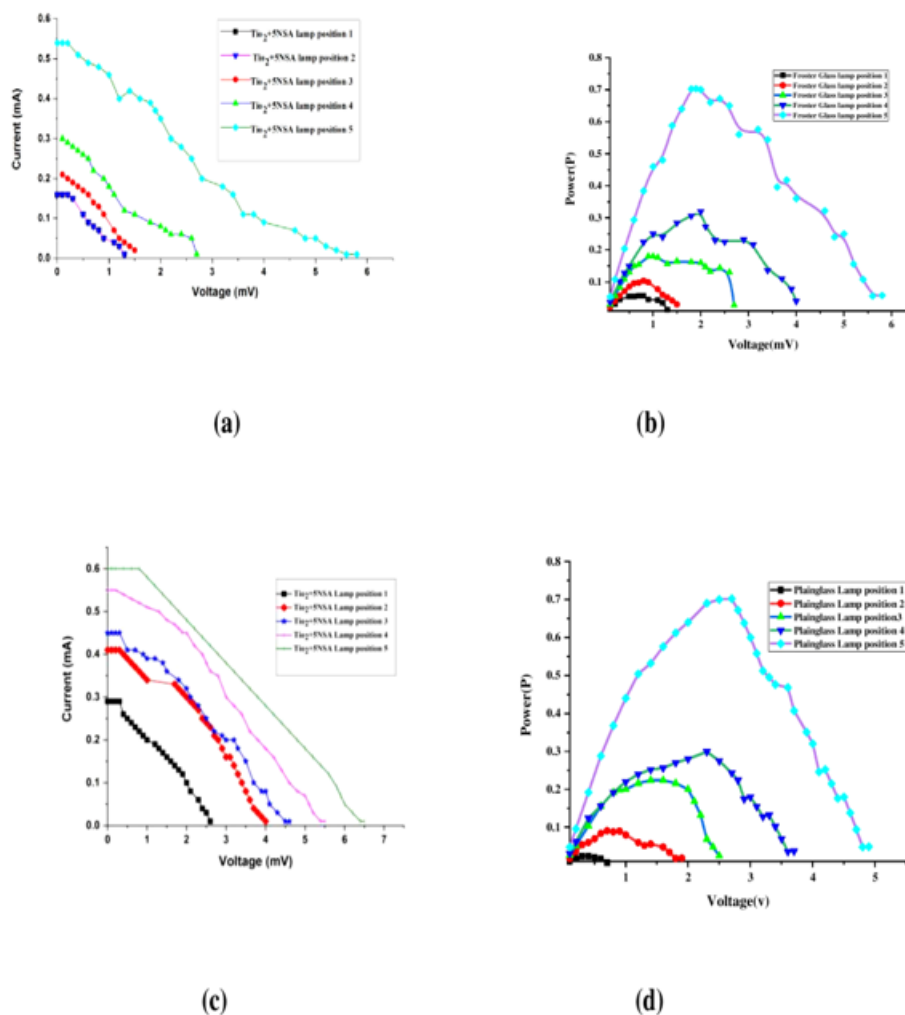


Fig 6. (a) I-V and (b) P-V characteristics of DSSC, Compounds of  $\text{TiO}_2+5\text{NSA}$ , Light illuminated with Frosted glass (c) I-V and (d) Voltage (mV) characteristics of DSSC, Compounds of  $\text{TiO}_2+5\text{NSA}$ , Light illuminated with Plain glass

### 3.5 I-V performance of $\text{TiO}_2+5\text{NSA}$ in direct sunlight

$V_{\max}$  and  $I_{\max}$  for DSSC in a ( $\text{TiO}_2+5\text{NSA}$ ) cell at  $33^\circ\text{C}$  in Mayiladuthurai (L1).  $7.15\text{ mV}$   $V_{\max}$ ,  $415\text{ mA}$   $I_{\max}$ , and  $2967\text{ mW}$   $P_{\max}$  in Nagapattinam.  $30^\circ\text{C}$ .  $\text{TiO}_2+5\text{NSA}$  attained maximum voltage ( $V_{\max}$ ) of  $4.17\text{ mV}$  and maximum current ( $I_{\max}$ ) of  $550\text{ mA}$  at Vedaranyam,  $31^\circ\text{C}$ . Figure 7 (a) & (b). Table 3 given the efficiency  $4.4\%$  of  $\text{TiO}_2$  with 5Nitro salicylaldehyde aniline (DSSC), from Vedaranyam.

Table 3. Direct sunlight reading for  $\text{TiO}_2+5\text{NSA}$  Solar Cell Performance

Places	Com-pounds	Open circuit voltage, $V_{OC}$ (mV)	Short circuit current, $I_{SC}$ (mA)	FillFactor, FF%	Efficiency, $\eta\%$
Mayiladuthurai	$\text{TiO}_2+5\text{NSA}$	26	80	1.42	2.9
Nagapattinam		38	60	1.01	2.3
Vedaranyam		39	60	1.9	4.4

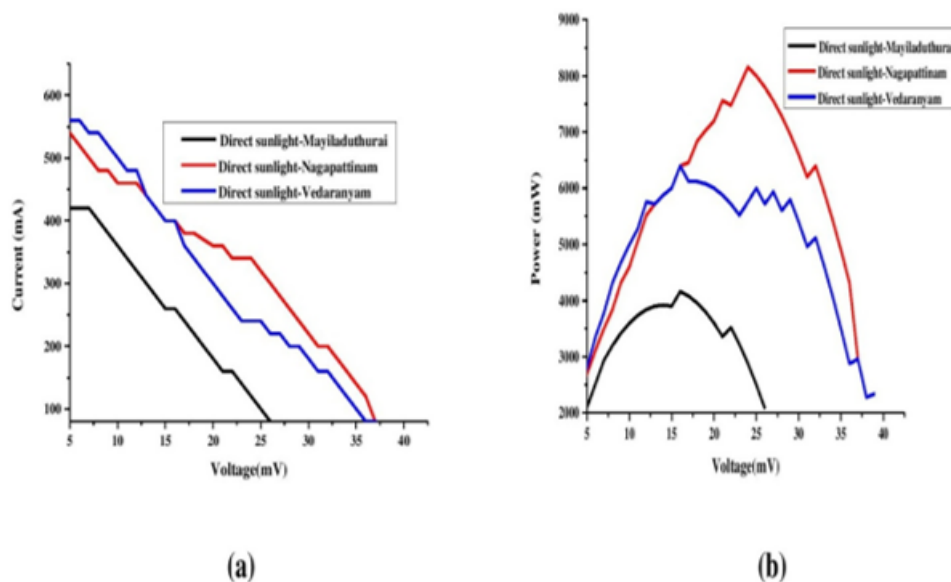


Fig 7. (a) I-V and (b) P-V Characteristics of  $\text{TiO}_2$ +5 Nitro salicylaldehyde aniline-Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Vedaranyam

## 4 Conclusion

Tables 2 and 3 give device performance data. Table 2 shows the I-V and P-V characterization of frosted and clear glass. Plain glass has the highest open circuit voltage of 6.5 mV and the highest fill factor of 0.92%. In table 3,  $\text{TiO}_2$ +5NSA (DSSC) I-V characterization for direct sunlight from various places, this dye provided high efficiency from Vedaranyam (L3) for efficiency of 4.4% from the DSSC based on the dye 5-Nitro salicylaldehyde with aniline<sup>(14)</sup>. We devised and produced a Schiff-based organic dye. This dye is DSSC-friendly. DSSC based on 5NSA can convert direct sunlight to 4.4% efficiency. This offers a solar-harvesting p-conjugation strategy for organic dyes. In and similar materials have been shown to be interesting candidates for photochemical and phototherapeutic applications.<sup>(15)</sup>

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