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Graphical abstract

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Highlights

Novel method has been introduced to improve the performance of dye-sensitized quasi-solid gel polymer electrolyte solar cells.

The new concept used here is based on the fact that a better pore-filling has been obtained by filling the pores with the liquid electrolyte but its evaporation and the leakage problems have been circumvented by sealing the pores with hot-pressed PAN polymer gel electrolyte.

N719 dye is used as the sensitizer.

When only PAN gel polymer electrolyte is used, the conversion efficiency is 5.2%.

When the pores are filled with the usual liquid electrolyte and sealed with hot-pressed PAN gel electrolyte, the conversion efficiency is increased to 8.4%.

This new configuration has improved properties when compared to those of gel-polymer electrolyte-based DSCs.

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