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Abstract: Research on the influence of Molybdenum Diselenide (MoSe<sub>2</sub>) coating on platinum (Pt) to performing dye-sensitized solar cell (DSSC) with the structure of TiO<sub>2</sub>/Dye/LxMoSe<sub>2</sub>Pt, (0≤x≤5) is reported. The hydrothermal method has successfully synthesized the TiO<sub>2</sub> film with square and porous morphology on the indium titanium oxide (ITO) surface. Four peaks of the Raman Scattering detected from the semiconductor confirm the formation of TiO<sub>2</sub> film. The liquid-phase deposition (LPD) also successfully prepared the Pt film. Onto the prepared Pt, the MoSe<sub>2</sub> was coated to produce LxMoSe<sub>2</sub>Pt (0≤x≤5) and then use them as the counter electrode (CE). The best DSSC devices with TiO<sub>2</sub>/Dye/L<sub>2</sub>MoSe<sub>2</sub>Pt structures have resulted in current-density, Voc, and solar cell performance of 11.204 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>, 0.66 V, and 2.967%, respectively. The Bode graph confirmed this device has the longest lifetime, proven by the highest peak rise in the lowest frequency. Besides, high-frequency also shows the device has low resistance, useful for accelerating the electrons flow and enhancing DSSC performance.

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Dear Editor,

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We have considered for almost of comment and suggestion of the reviewer and give a few arguments for certain comments and suggestions of the reviewer. We agreed with the comments and corrections of reviewer. We thank the Editor and the reviewer for their detailed and thoughtful critiques. Below we summarize our point-by-point responses to the reviewer's comments. We believe that all of the comments have been addressed in a way that the reviewer would find satisfactory.

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## **The Influence of MoSe<sub>2</sub> Coated onto Pt Film to DSSC Performance with the Structure TiO<sub>2</sub>/Dye/L<sub>x</sub>MoSe<sub>2</sub>Pt (0≤x≤5)**

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### **Abstract**

Research on the influence of Molybdenum Diselenide (MoSe<sub>2</sub>) coating on platinum (Pt) to performing dye-sensitized solar cell (DSSC) with the structure of TiO<sub>2</sub>/Dye/L<sub>x</sub>MoSe<sub>2</sub>Pt, (0≤x≤5) is reported. The hydrothermal method has successfully synthesized the TiO<sub>2</sub> film with square and porous morphology on the indium titanium oxide (ITO) surface. Four peaks of the Raman Scattering detected from the semiconductor confirm the formation of TiO<sub>2</sub> film. The liquid-phase deposition (LPD) also successfully prepared the Pt film. Onto the prepared Pt, the MoSe<sub>2</sub> was coated to produce L<sub>x</sub>MoSe<sub>2</sub>Pt (0≤x≤5) and then use them as the counter electrode (CE). The best DSSC devices with TiO<sub>2</sub>/Dye/L<sub>2</sub>MoSe<sub>2</sub>Pt structures have resulted in current-density, Voc, and solar cell performance of **11.204 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>**, **0.66 V**, and **2.967%**, respectively. The Bode graph confirmed this device has the longest lifetime, proven by the highest peak rise in the lowest frequency. Besides, high-frequency also shows the device has low resistance, useful for accelerating the electrons flow and enhancing DSSC performance.

**Keywords:** Counter-electrode, semiconductors, L<sub>x</sub>MoSe<sub>2</sub>Pt, MoSe<sub>2</sub>, DSSC-performance

### **Introduction**

DSSC is a solar device with semiconductor-based which determined by the effectiveness of the photo-physiochemical phenomenon on the semiconductor [1]. As a third-generation solar-cell has several advantages, such as cheaper, simple-production, and high-efficiency [2]. We believe the efficiency might be enhanced by modifying the key components of the DSSC, such as semiconductor, CE, and electrolyte. Semiconductors which have wide band-gap energy such as TiO<sub>2</sub> [3] with the sense of dye-sensitized material, and the CE with high electro-catalytic, good conductivity and stable [2] could further improve the DSSC performance.

Pt is a popular CE in DSSC application due to it has high efficiency [4, 5] compared to Carbon and Graphene [6-18]. However, an effort to further enhance the Pt properties by adding or attach them to other materials has been reported. For instance, Graphene (G-Pt) and reduced graphene oxide/rGO (rGO-Pt), resulting in the efficiency increased around 0.8% and 0.9%, respectively [19]. Besides, Gong et al. added one-layer of Pt on Graphene (GNS) [6], resulting in the efficiency increased from 4.76% (Pt) to 6.09% (GNS/Pt). Besides, Cheng et al. also reported the MoS<sub>2</sub> addition (Pt/MoS<sub>2</sub>) producing the device performance increase of 0.6% [20]. In this research, we report the use of MoSe<sub>2</sub> as a coated layer on platinum and then used them as a CE

on the DSSC device. Since it has a very active electrocatalytic, good conductivity [21] and resistant to corrosion caused by electrolytes [22]. The best performance obtained is 2.967% with the  $V_{OC}$  and fill-factor generated by 0.66 V and 40.11%, respectively.

## Material and Methods

### *Synthesis $TiO_2$ and $Pt + MoSe_2 (L_x MoSe_2 Pt, 0 \leq x \leq 5)$*

We purchased all chemicals in this work from Sigma-Aldrich. We synthesized  $TiO_2$  semiconductor on the ITO substrate by using a growth solution which consists of 5 mL Ammonium-Hexafluorotitanate and 5 mL boric acid with deionized (DI) water. The detail of the synthesis process has been well-explained in the previous report [3]. Pt films were synthesized using the LPD method on the ITO substrate. We started the Pt synthesis from seeding 3 times by using a solution of L-Ascorbic Acid and potassium tetrachloroplatinate ( $K_2PtCl_4$ ) with a temperature of 50°C for 2 hours. After that, we continued to Pt growth, using a solution of  $K_2PtCl_4$ , L-Ascorbic Acid, Polyvinyl pyrrolidone, and sodium hydroxide with a temperature of 50°C for 5 hours. Last, the prepared Pt was then annealed in an oven for 1 hour at 250°C. Next, the resultant Pt was coated by  $MoSe_2$ , forming the  $L_x MoSe_2 Pt (0 \leq x \leq 5)$  film using the LPD method. The Pt film was put into the growth-solution (0.5 M of Hexamethylenetetramine 0.5 M, 0.05 M of Ammonium Tetrathromolybdate, 0.1 M of Sodium Borohydrate and 0.01 M of Selenium) and synthesized using water-bath at 90°C for 30 minutes. We repeated these steps to produce two until five layers of  $MoSe_2$ . Last, the coated Pt was annealed by hydrogen flow at 300°C for 3 hours. During the synthesis process, the morphology of  $TiO_2$  and Platinum film was observed with a FESEM and Raman Scattering as well.

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We designed DSSC devices as Fig. 2B to see the influence of  $L_x MoSe_2 Pt (0 \leq x \leq 5)$  film as a CE on the device performance. The  $TiO_2$  semiconductor as a photoanode is assembled (after immersed in dye solution (0.05 mM N719) at room temperature for 15 hours) with a CE using a metal clamp. A para-film with a circle hole of 0.23 cm<sup>2</sup> was sandwiched between the  $TiO_2$  and the  $L_x MoSe_2 Pt$  and injected the electrolyte solution. Last, the current-voltage (J-V) curve of the DSSC was obtained using the Gamry instrument under illumination by simulated sunlight with an intensity of 100 mW cm<sup>2</sup> to characterize the device performance.

## Results and Discussion

FESEM image shows the synthesized  $TiO_2$  successfully covered the entire ITO surface (see Fig. 1A). The  $TiO_2$  particles have a morphology that resembles a square shape (Fig. 1B, 1C) with porous structures and varying particle sizes (see Fig.1C and 1D). The porous structure is believed caused by the use of high temperatures during the growth process. This condition is useful to absorb more dye and enhanced DSSC performance [3]. Fig. 1E shows the Raman Scattering spectrum consisting of 4 peaks of 141 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 393 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 513 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and 636 cm<sup>-1</sup> with one peak having high intensity between 100-800 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The resultant peaks are comparable with the research results of Tian et al. [23] and confirm the formation of  $TiO_2$ .

Fig. 2A is the FESEM image of Pt with asymmetrical structures (particle size of  $156 \pm 16$  nm) and covers the entire ITO surface. Next, the synthesized  $L_x\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 5$ ) was used as CE in DSSC devices with the structured  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{Dye}/L_x\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$  (see Fig 2B). The J-V curve of DSSC and the photovoltaic parameter are described in Fig. 2C and Table 1, respectively. From the Table 1 shows the DSSC performance start from 2.858%, and then decreased to 2.364% when using  $L_1\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$  as CE. **We believed, it occurred as an effect of the heating repetition during  $\text{MoSe}_2$  coating, and causing the Pt structure damaged and reduced film adhesion** [24]. Interestingly, the DSSC performance increase when using the  $L_2\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$  as CE to 2.967%. In this stage the  $\text{MoSe}_2$  coating rather thick, and covering the Pt structure from directly exposed to high temperature, improving the surface area and their conductivity [6]. Besides, the increasing of the surface area providing sensitization of dye materials, speed-up the electrolyte redox reaction [25], and producing higher performance [26]. Then, the DSSC performance decrease again with the number of  $\text{MoSe}_2$  coating layer increased ( $L_3\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$ ,  $L_4\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$ , and  $L_5\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$ ). Besides the previous reason, since the addition of each layer of  $\text{MoSe}_2$  does not followed by the annealed process, causing the bond between them still fragile and easily damaged also causing this phenomenon. The best DSSC performance shows 0.11% higher than the first devices and confirming the coated of  $\text{MoSe}_2$  are successfully catalyst the Pt film [2, 27]. **Since the  $\text{TiO}_2$ , dye-materials [16, 18], and electrolyte-selection are far from being optimized, applying the Pt in optimized device will enhanced the DSSC performance.** These results also support by Bode graphs (see Fig. 3) which shows that this device produces the highest peak on the lowest frequency. Its means, high-frequency peaks show the device has small resistance and highest lifetime compared to other [28]. Besides, the small resistance leading to speed-up the flow of electrons [25], and producing the DSSC devices with the higher performance [29].

## Conclusion

The influence of  $\text{MoSe}_2$  coated onto Pt film to produce  $L_x\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 5$ ) as CE on the DSSC performance has been carried out. The best DSSC devices with the structure of  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{Dye}/L_2\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$  have resulted in current density,  $V_{oc}$ , and solar cell performance of **11.204**  $\text{mA}/\text{cm}^2$ , **0.66 V**, and **2.967%**, respectively. Bode graph confirming the device structure has the highest lifetime because of the highest peak is detected on the lowest frequency. Besides, the high-frequency peaks also show small device resistance, leading to accelerating the electrons flow and enhanced DSSC performance.

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## Figure Captions

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Fig. 2. **A).** The FESEM image of Pt film (magnification of 50,000 times), **B).** DSSC array with the MoSe<sub>2</sub> coating. **C).** The J-V curve of DSSC devices with the structure TiO<sub>2</sub>/Dye/L<sub>x</sub>MoSe<sub>2</sub>Pt (0≤x≤5).

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Fig. 3 Bode graphics of 6 DSSC devices with structure TiO<sub>2</sub>/Dye/L<sub>x</sub>MoSe<sub>2</sub>Pt (0≤x≤5)



## Highlights

- The LPD has been successfully synthesized the asymmetrical Pt onto ITO substrate
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53 caused by the use of high temperatures during the growth process. This condition is useful to  
54 absorb more dye and enhanced DSSC performance [3]. Fig. 1E shows the Raman Scattering  
55 spectrum consisting of 4 peaks of 141 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 393 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 513 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 636 cm<sup>-1</sup> with one peak  
56 having high intensity between 100-800 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The resultant peaks are comparable with the  
57 research results of Tian et al. [23] and confirm the formation of TiO<sub>2</sub>.  
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7 Fig. 2A is the FESEM image of Pt with asymmetrical structures (particle size of  $156 \pm 16$  nm)  
8 and covers the entire ITO surface. Next, the synthesized  $L_x\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 5$ ) was used as CE in  
9 DSSC devices with the structured  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{Dye}/L_x\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$  (see Fig 2B). The J-V curve of DSSC  
10 and the photovoltaic parameter are described in Fig. 2C and Table 1, respectively. From the  
11 Table 1 shows the DSSC performance start from 2.858%, and then decreased to 2.364% when  
12 using  $L_1\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$  as CE. We believed, it occurred as an effect of the heating repetition during  
13  $\text{MoSe}_2$  coating, and causing the Pt structure damaged and reduced film adhesion [24].  
14 Interestingly, the DSSC performance increase when using the  $L_2\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$  as CE to 2.967%. In  
15 this stage the  $\text{MoSe}_2$  coating rather thick, and covering the Pt structure from directly exposed to  
16 high temperature, improving the surface area and their conductivity [6]. Besides, the increasing  
17 of the surface area providing sensitization of dye materials, speed-up the electrolyte redox  
18 reaction [25], and producing higher performance [26]. Then, the DSSC performance decrease  
19 again with the number of  $\text{MoSe}_2$  coating layer increased ( $L_3\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$ ,  $L_4\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$ , and  
20  $L_5\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$ ). Besides the previous reason, since the addition of each layer of  $\text{MoSe}_2$  does not  
21 followed by the annealed process, causing the bond between them still fragile and easily  
22 damaged also causing this phenomenon. The best DSSC performance shows 0.11% higher than  
23 the first devices and confirming the coated of  $\text{MoSe}_2$  are successfully catalyst the Pt film [2, 27].  
24 Since the  $\text{TiO}_2$ , dye-materials [16, 18], and electrolyte-selection are far from being optimized,  
25 applying the Pt in optimized device will enhanced the DSSC performance. These results also  
26 support by Bode graphs (see Fig. 3) which shows that this device produces the highest peak on  
27 the lowest frequency. Its means, high-frequency peaks show the device has small resistance and  
28 highest lifetime compared to other [28]. Besides, the small resistance leading to speed-up the  
29 flow of electrons [25], and producing the DSSC devices with the higher performance [29].  
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## 36 **Conclusion**

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39 The influence of  $\text{MoSe}_2$  coated onto Pt film to produce  $L_x\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 5$ ) as CE on the DSSC  
40 performance has been carried out. The best DSSC devices with the structure of  
41  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{Dye}/L_2\text{MoSe}_2\text{Pt}$  have resulted in current density,  $V_{oc}$ , and solar cell performance of 11.204  
42  $\text{mA}/\text{cm}^2$ , 0.66 V, and 2.967%, respectively. Bode graph confirming the device structure has the  
43 highest lifetime because of the highest peak is detected on the lowest frequency. Besides, the  
44 high-frequency peaks also show small device resistance, leading to accelerating the electrons  
45 flow and enhanced DSSC performance.  
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Fig. 1. **A-D)** are the FESEM image of a TiO<sub>2</sub> semiconductor film, and **E)** The Raman Scatering Spectra of TiO<sub>2</sub>

Fig. 2. **A).** The FESEM image of Pt film (magnification of 50,000 times), **B).** DSSC array with the MoSe<sub>2</sub> coating. **C).** The J-V curve of DSSC devices with the structure TiO<sub>2</sub>/Dye/L<sub>x</sub>MoSe<sub>2</sub>Pt (0≤x≤5).

Table 1 The photovoltaic parameters of DSSC device with the structure TiO<sub>2</sub>/Dye/L<sub>x</sub>MoSe<sub>2</sub>Pt (0≤x≤5)

Fig. 3 Bode graphics of 6 DSSC devices with structure TiO<sub>2</sub>/Dye/L<sub>x</sub>MoSe<sub>2</sub>Pt (0≤x≤5)

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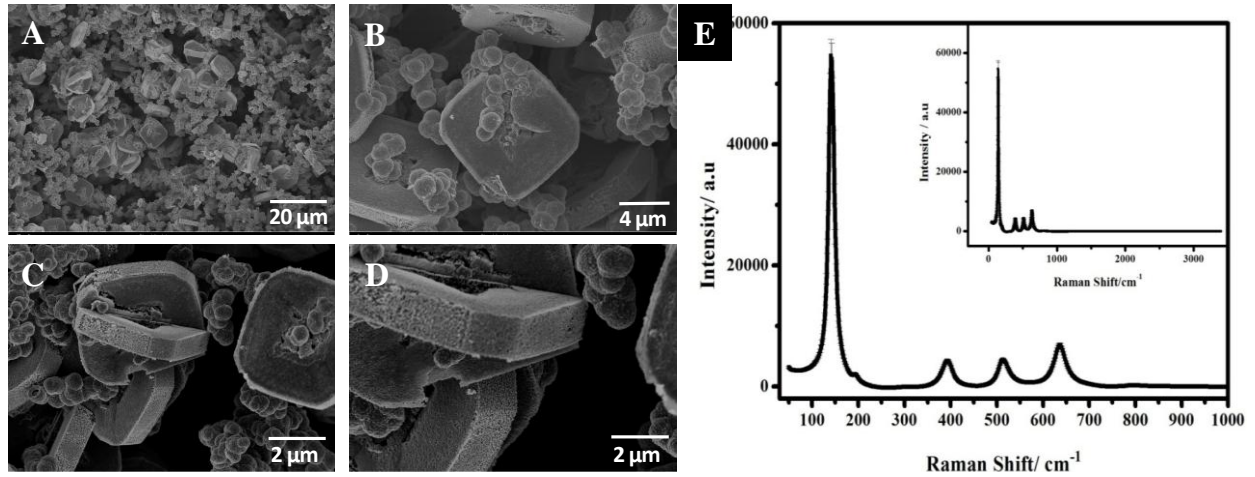


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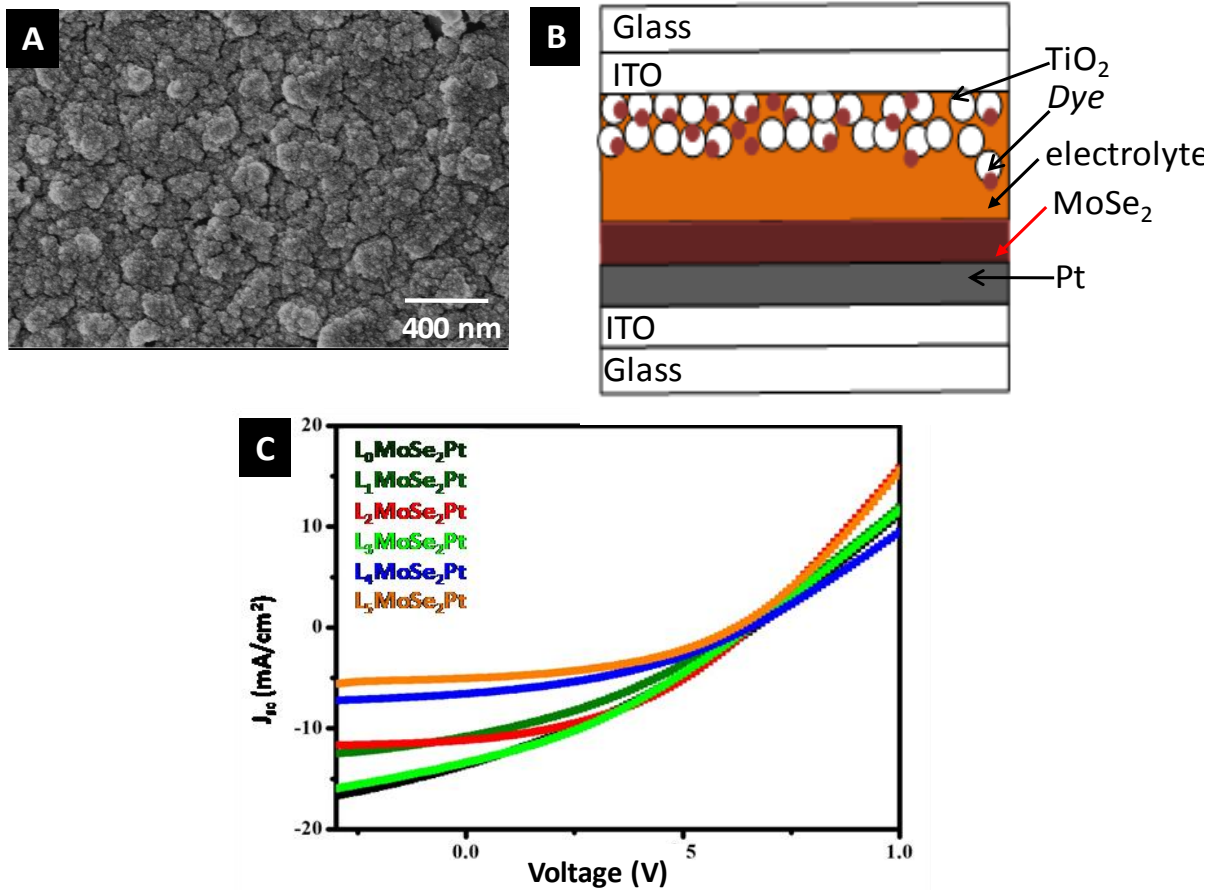


Fig. 2

Tabel 1

CE	Voc (V)	Jsc (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	FF(%)	Eff (%)
L <sub>0</sub> MoSe <sub>2</sub> Pt	0.67	13.635	31.26	2.858
L <sub>1</sub> MoSe <sub>2</sub> Pt	0.65	10.861	33.47	2.364
L <sub>2</sub> MoSe <sub>2</sub> Pt	0.66	11.204	40.11	2.967
L <sub>3</sub> MoSe <sub>2</sub> Pt	0.66	13.426	32.92	2.921
L <sub>4</sub> MoSe <sub>2</sub> Pt	0.66	6.600	37.67	1.644
L <sub>5</sub> MoSe <sub>2</sub> Pt	0.63	5.078	42.13	1.350

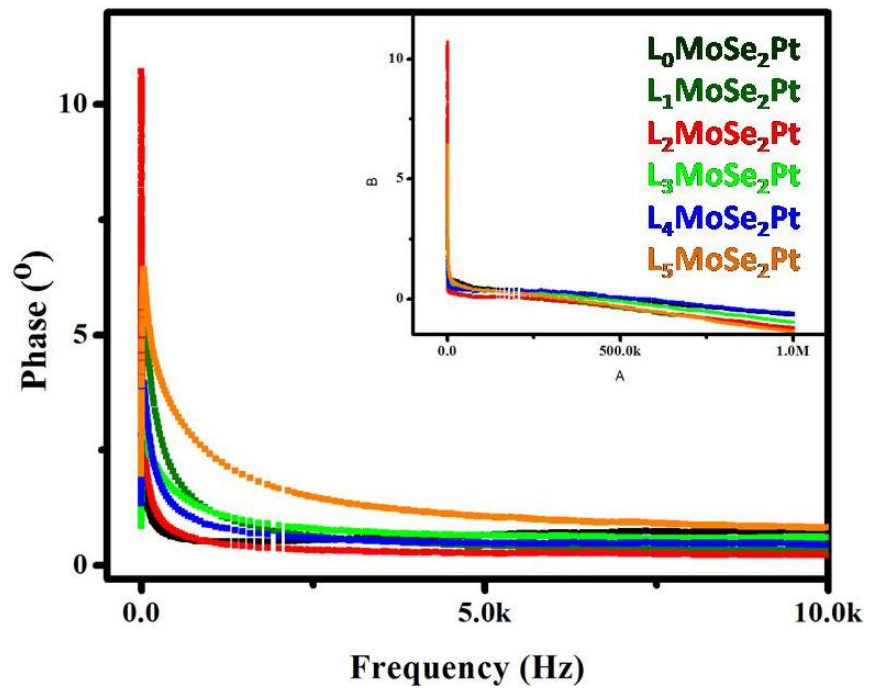


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