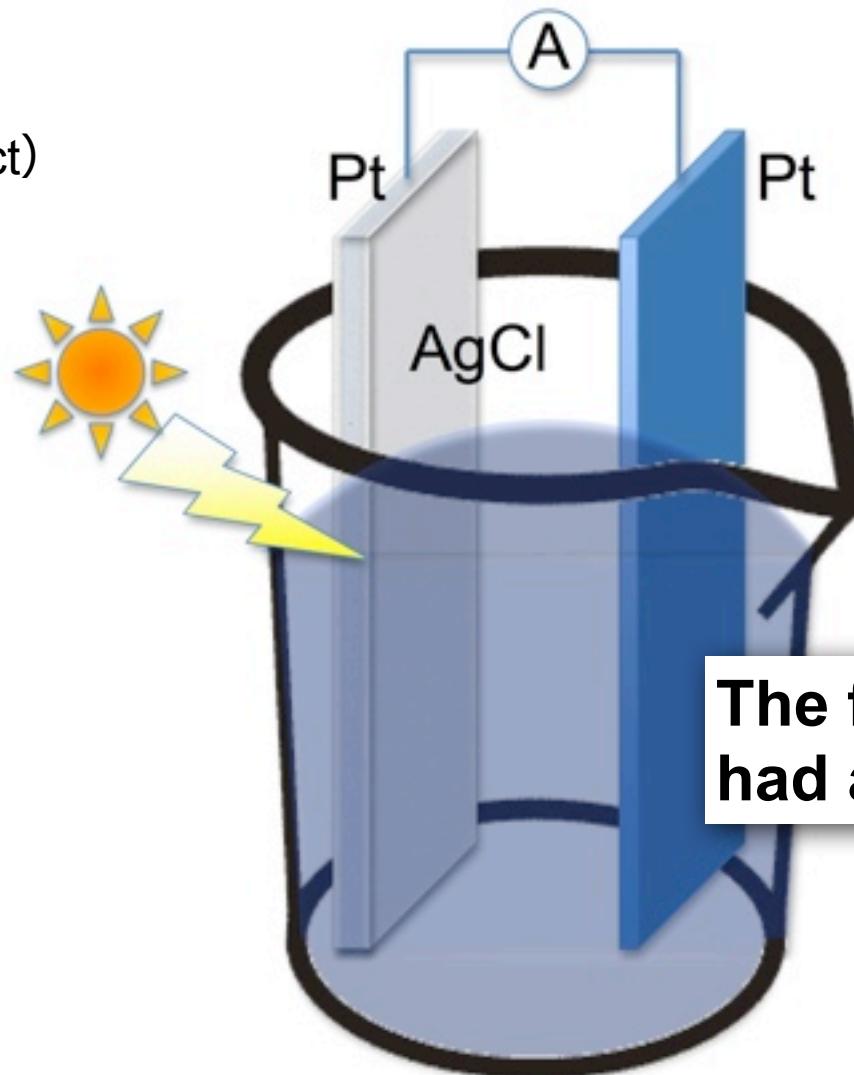


# Did you know?

## The history of DSC

# Becquerel Cell (1839)

(Becquerel Effect)

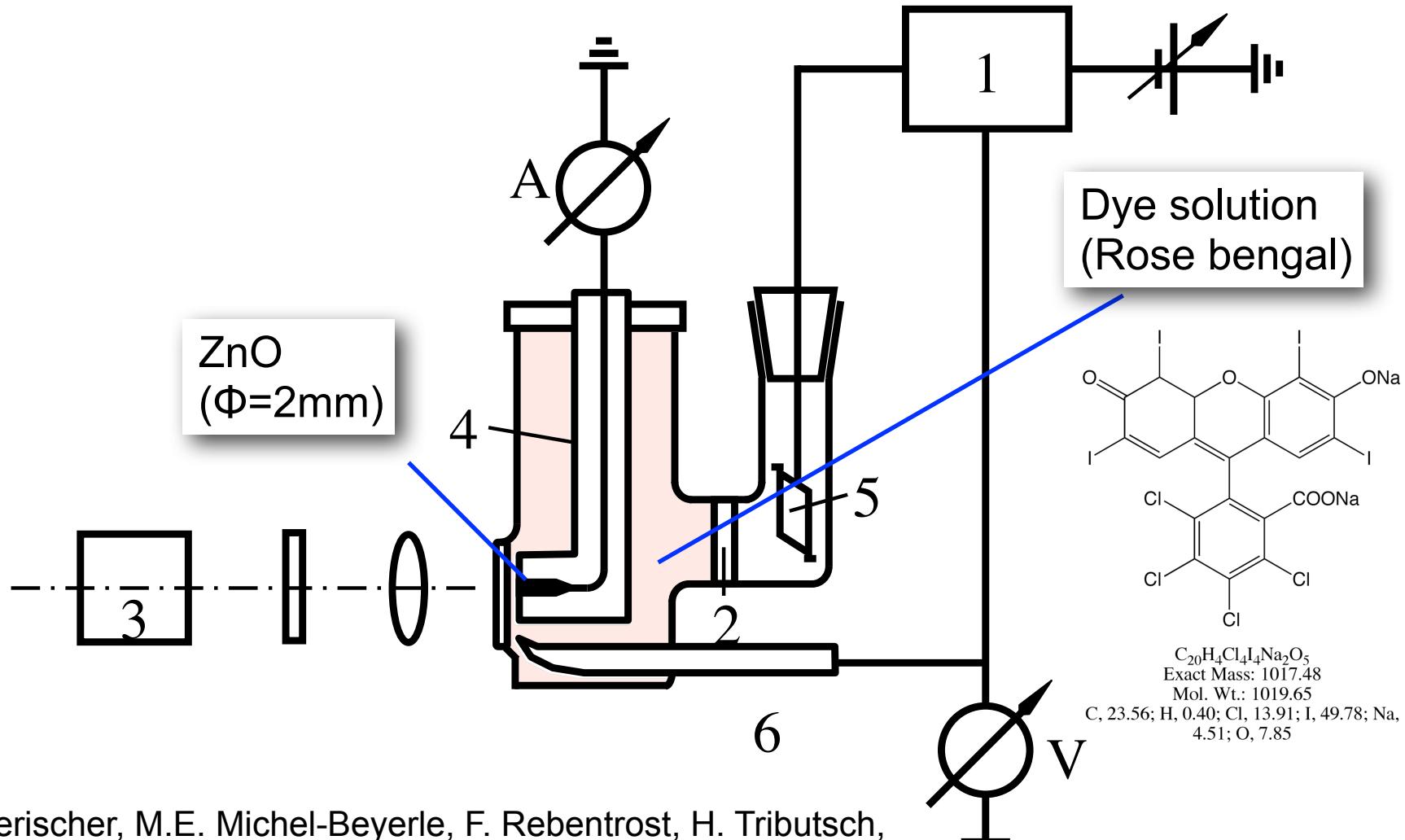


The first solar cell  
had an electrolyte!

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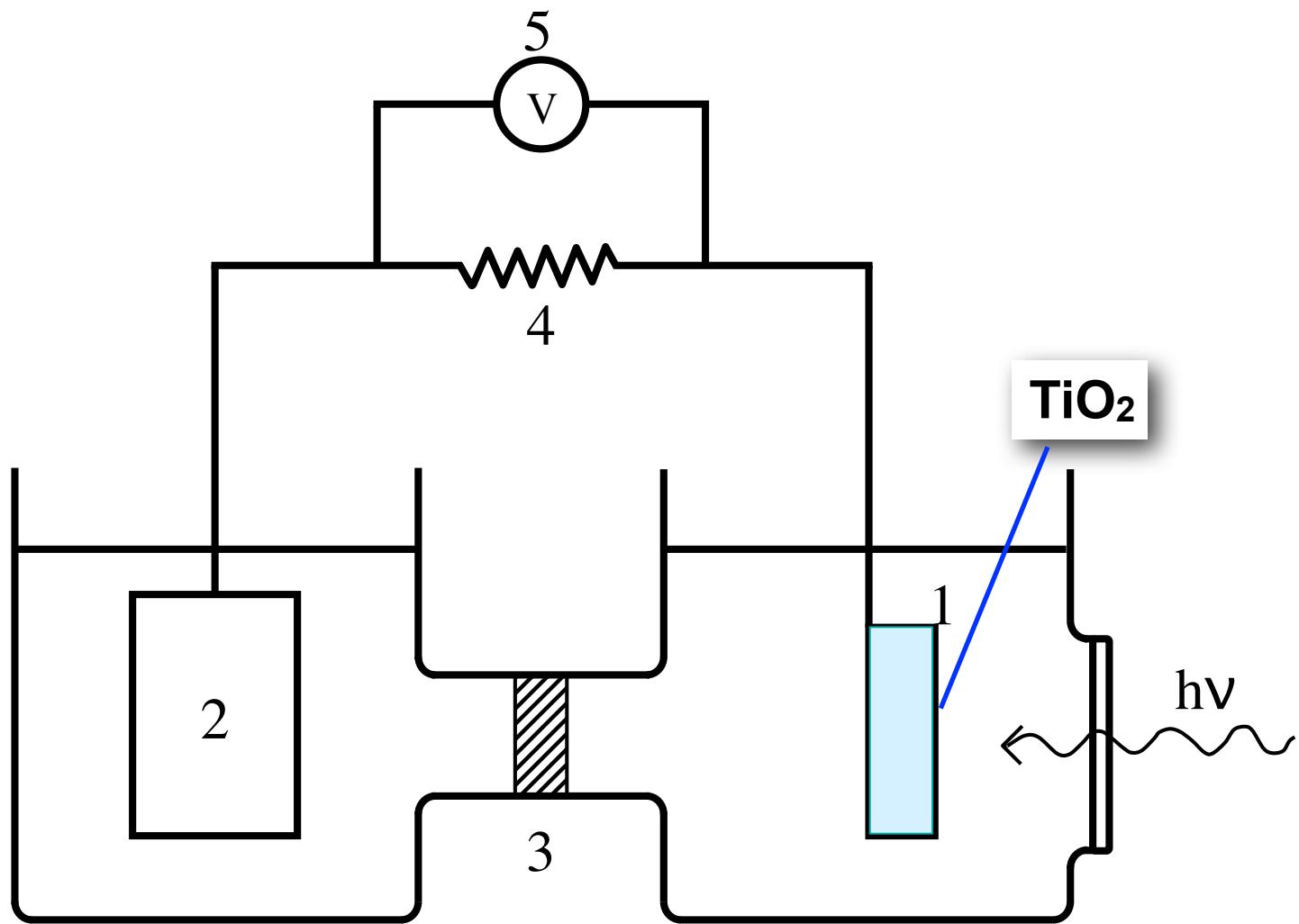
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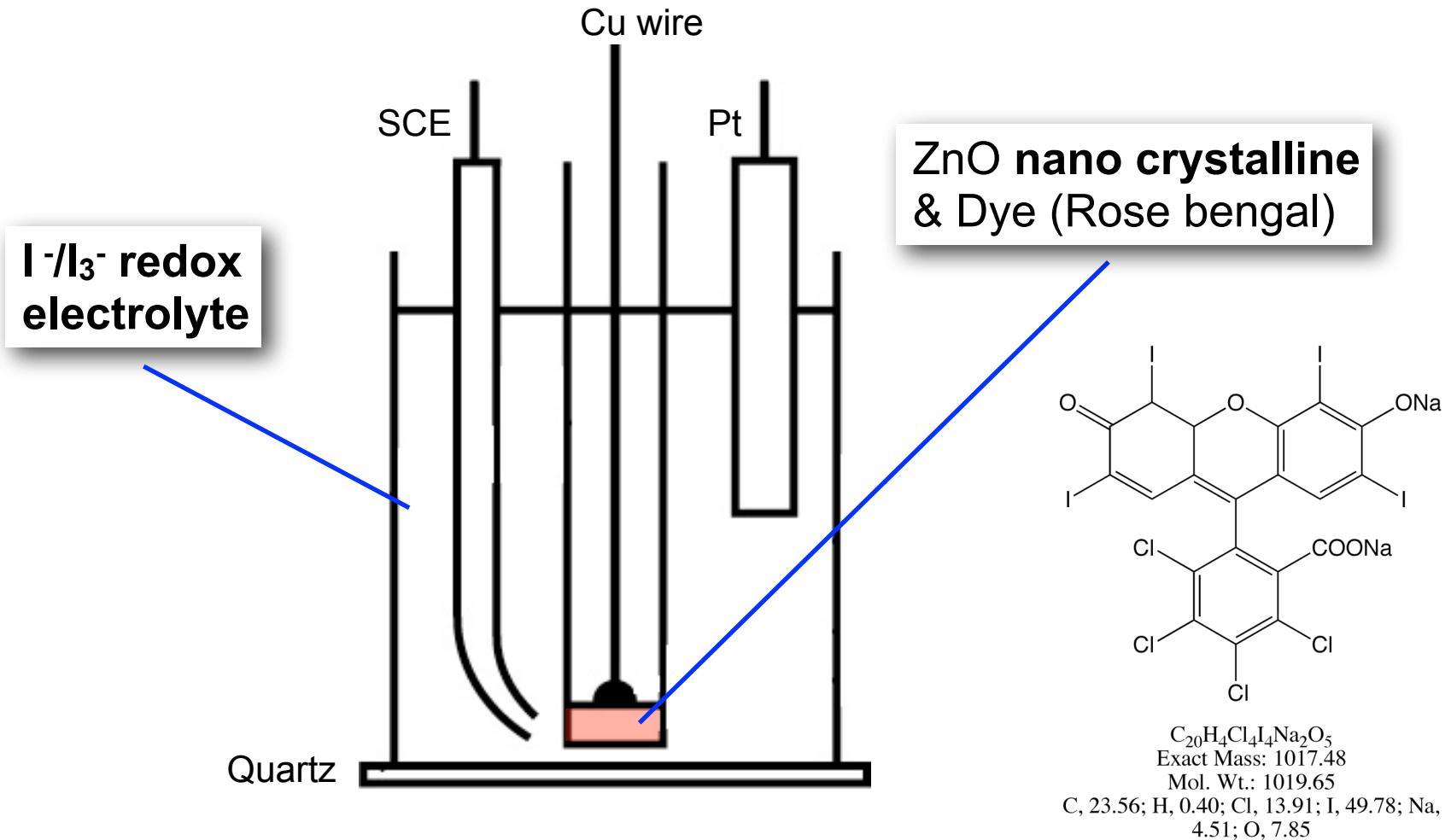


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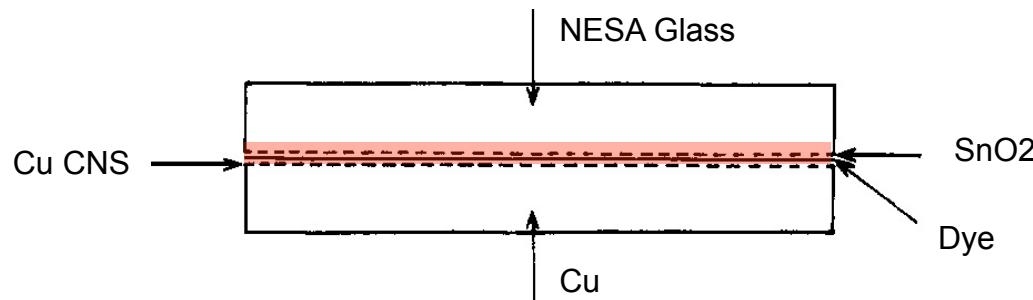
## Dye-sensitised solid-state photovoltaic cells

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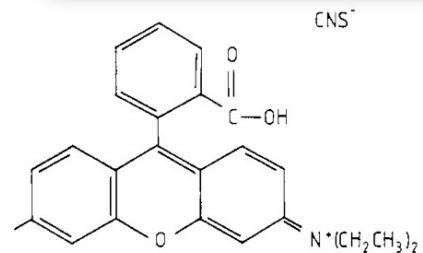
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**Figure 3.** The construction of the  $\text{CuCNS}/\text{dye}/\text{SnO}_2$  cell.

**Planar DSSC!**

## Rhodamine dye



## Methyl Violet dye

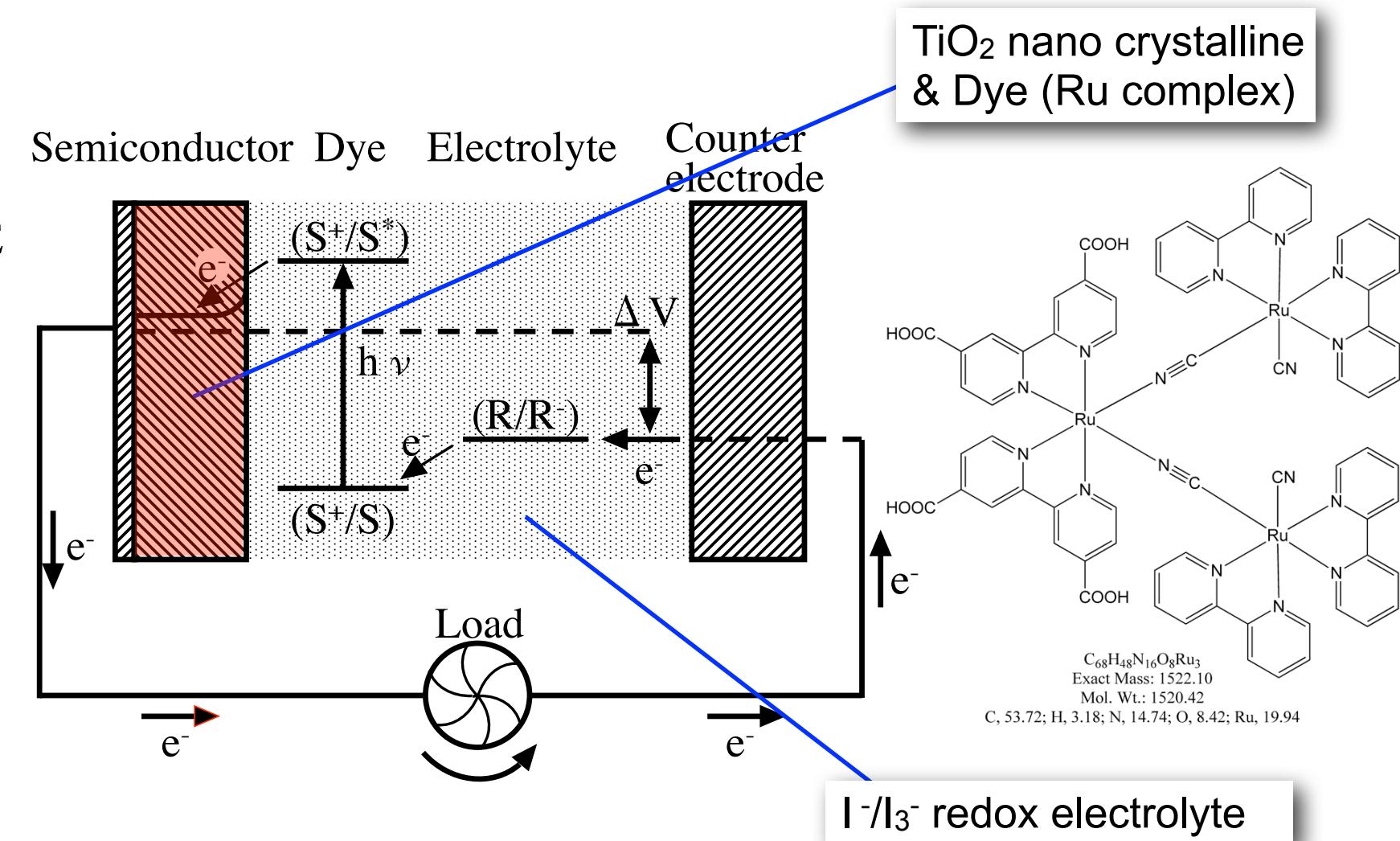


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**Figure 2.** Thiocyanates of Rhodamine B (a) and Methyl Violet (b).

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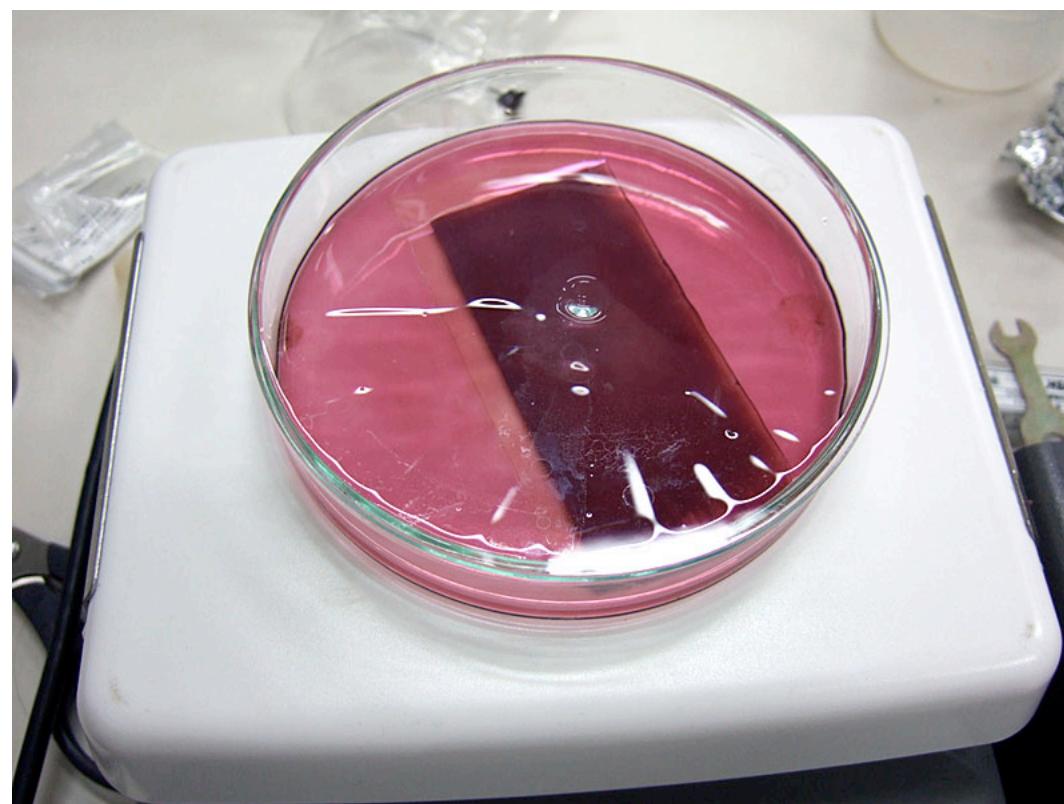
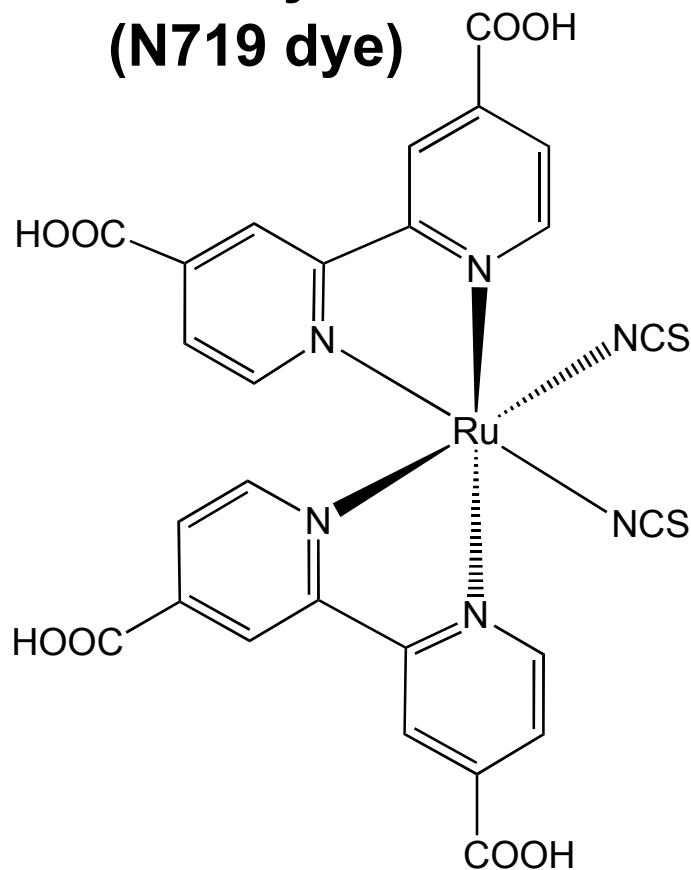
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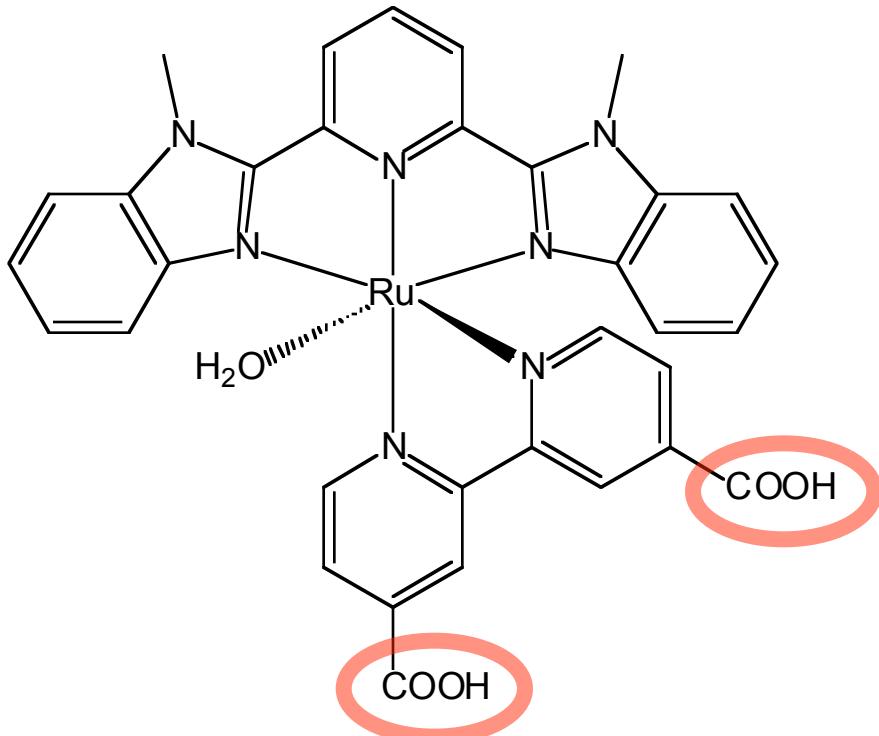
N3 dye  
(N719 dye)





# Grätzel Cell (1991)

N1 dye



N2 dye

