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CONTENT

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Properties of X-ray Binary Sources in NGC 1407

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents the X-ray emission of properties of X-ray Binaries (XRBs) in NGC 1407 nearby galaxy. A total 66 point sources were identified within a optical D_{25} magnitude region of galaxy, whose signal noise ratios are more than 3. The cumulative spectra of these resolved sources well fitted with absorbed power-law model with photon index $\Gamma = 1.56 \pm 0.5$ and fixed galactic absorption $N_H = 5.43 \times 10^{20}$ cm^{-2}. The total X-ray (0.3-6.0 keV) luminosity of resolved sources found to be $L_{XRBS} = 2.13 \times 10^{40}$ erg s^{-1}. The luminosity function fit of resolved sources fit using broken power-law with break luminosity of $2.98 \pm 0.53 \times 10^{38}$ erg s^{-1}. This break luminosity equal to that of Eddington luminosity of 1.4 Msun neutron star.

Keywords: galaxies: clusters: general – galaxies: individual (NGC 1407) – X-rays: galaxies: XRB

I. INTRODUCTION

NGC 1407 is the brightest nearby galaxy (z = 0.005934) in NGC 1383-1407 group (de Vaucouleurs et al. 1976). X-ray emission from early-type galaxies (ETGs) have been explore by X-ray space telescope Einstein (Giacconi et al. 1979). Due to its limited spatial resolution the properties of resolved sources to to the global X-ray luminosity of the host were largely debated. Thanks to Chandra X-ray telescope of its superb angular resolution in the energy range 0.3-10 keV, now it is well established that the X-ray luminosity from early-type galaxies (ETGs) originate from a combination of hot gas (Trinchieri et al. 2012) and discrete X-ray binaries (XRBs) (Kim et al. 2003, 2006; Fabbiano 2006; Vagshette et al. 2013). Process of the formation of XRBs (includes Low Mass X-ray Binaries (LMXBs) and High Mass X-ray Binaries (HMXBs)) suppose to be continuous and ongoing phenomenon in the life-cycle of ETGs. This is because the life time of XRBs (10^9 yr for LMXBs and 10^7 for HMXBs) as compared to the age of the host galaxy (Grimm et al. 2002).

The LMXBs are mainly associated with an old stellar populations and powered by accretion of matter from late type stars onto the compact stellar remnant either neutron star or black hole. The large amount of an observed X-ray emission from sample of early type galaxies was found to be originated from hot diffuse inter-stellar medium (ISM) and XRBs (Fabbiano 2006). Thus to study independently the properties of XRBs sources require a superb resolution telescope. Thus, Chandra could have easily resolved the contribution of XRBs sources from the hot ISM of an early type galaxies (Brassington et al. 2008) and has enabled us to reach the deeper level of evolutionary understanding of ETGs. Ones we know the contribution of the discrete sources in a galaxy to its

total X-ray luminosity provides an important tool for constraining the gas dynamics in such systems.

The paper is structures as follows: section 2 describes the observation and data reduction technique whereas section 3 we present the results and discussion and finally section 4 we summarized our results.

II. Observation and data reduction

X-ray observational data of NGC 1407 was taken from archive of Chandra observatory which was originally observed by Dr. Raymond White on Aug 16 2000 (obsID 791) for 48.5 ks, with ACIS-235678 chips. The data were analysed with CIAO-4.2 software and spectral fitting was performed by using XSPEC software of heasoft 6.9. We have started with level 1 event file by following the Chandra standard data processing threads, we extract the light-curve to identify and remove the high fliers of background. The total good exposure time of the resultant cleaned image file is 38 ks. The cleaned image were used for further science analysis.

III. RESULTS

3.1 X-ray imaging and point sources detection

In order to examine the diffuse emission and point sources, we adaptively smoothed the image in 0.3-10.0 keV energy band to a minimum Signal-to-noise (S/N) 3 per smoothing beam. This adaptively smoothed central 4′.6 × 4′.3 (optical D_{25} region) image is shown in figure 1. The distributions of diffuse emission is not seen to isotopic and are more elongated along south relative to north direction. Left panel of figure 1 shows the X-ray emission from NGC 1407 are mainly due to resolved sources and hot diffuse gas emission. However there is also some spatially extended, unresolved emission.

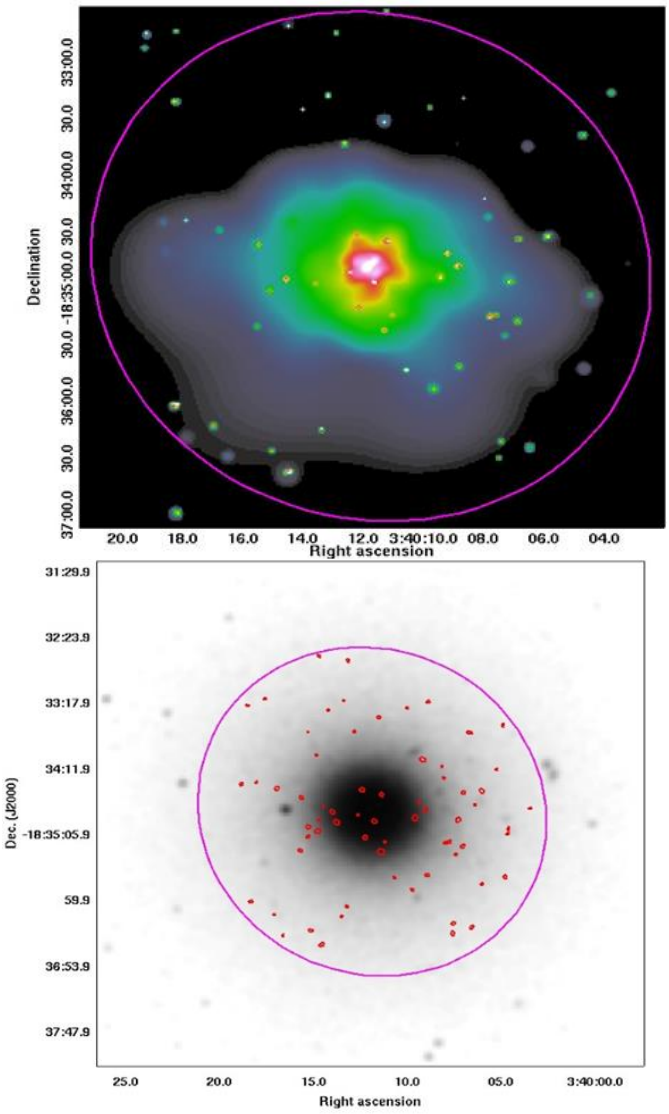

Figure 1: *Left panel* of figure shows distribution of resolved resources and hot diffuse gas; *Right panel* of figure shows the detected resolved sources overlaid on the optical SDSS image

The X-ray points like sources were identified using wavelet detection algorithms *wavdetect* task of CIAO. In order to avoid excessive contamination from unrelated foreground/background X-ray sources, we analyse only sources projected within the optical D_{25} region of galaxy. We also exclude central source that may like an AGN. The wavelet source detection threshold was set at 10^{-6} (see detail Sarazin et al. 2001), which implies that less then or approximately one false source. A total 66 point sources were

detected with S/N > 3. The right panel of figure is the SDSS optical image of galaxy shows the stellar emissions. The X-ray detected source regions are overlaid on it shown in red colour and the magenta big elliptical region show the optical D_{25} region of galaxy.

3.2 Spectral Analysis

The detected resolved sources cumulative spectra was extracted using CIAO script *acisspec*. The extracted spectra has been grouped to at least 20 counts per spectral bin. We used XSPEC software to fit the model to the resolved sources spectra. The point sources extracted spectra was well fitted with simple absorbed powelaw plus APEC collisional ionised plasma model. APEC required for hot diffuse gas that may present around XRBs. During the spectral fit, absorption column was fixed at the galactic value (N_H =5.43 × 10^{20} cm^{-2}; Dickey & Lockman 1990) and the photon index and normalisation were vary. For the resolved sources emission, we limited the spectral range to 0.3 - 6 keV. Background was chosen from source free region, far from galaxy but is in S3 chip. The spectra was fitted with powerlaw with Γ = 1.45±0.06 and X^2/dof = 1.14 (70.87/62). Corresponding luminosity L_{XRBs} = 2.2 x 10^{40} erg s^{-1}. The best fit spectra of the resolved sources in D_{25} region is shown in figure.

3.3 Luminosity function

The count rates of the detected resolved sources were converted into luminosities assuming that all of the sources were at the same distance of NGC 1407, which taken to be 25 Mpc (H_0 = 70 km s^{-1} Mpc^{-1}) . The conversion factor of count rate in to luminosity calculated to be Lx = 4.9 x 10^{41} ergs $count^{-1}$. The cumulative luminosity function of all resolved sources was shown as a histogram in figure 3. The luminosity function of resolved sources could not be fitted by a single power law, instead broken power law model is found tobe best fitted using Sherpa-CIAO package. The best fitted values are Γ1 = 0.83+-0.10, Γ2 = 1.46±0.19 and a break luminosity of L_{break} = 2.98±0.53 x 10^{38} erg s^{-1}. We found the break luminosity is nearly similar to Eddington luminosity of a 1.4 M_{sun} neutron star ($L_{edd,NS}$ ~ 2x10^{38} erg s^{-1}).

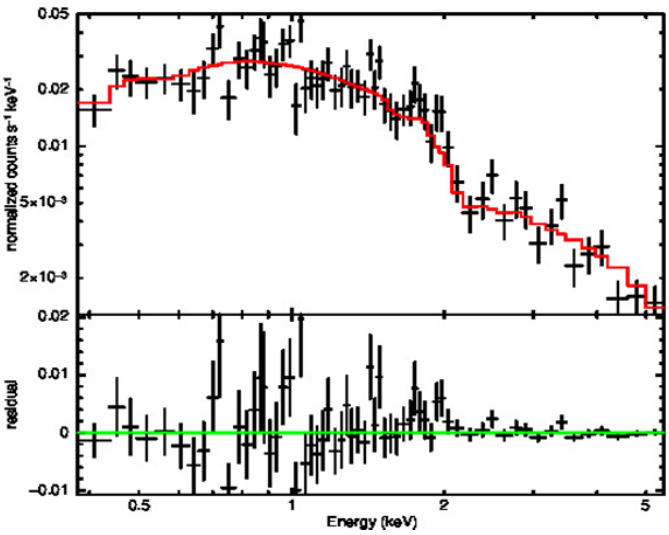

Figure 2. Cumulative spectral fit of X-ray resolved sources within D_{25} region.

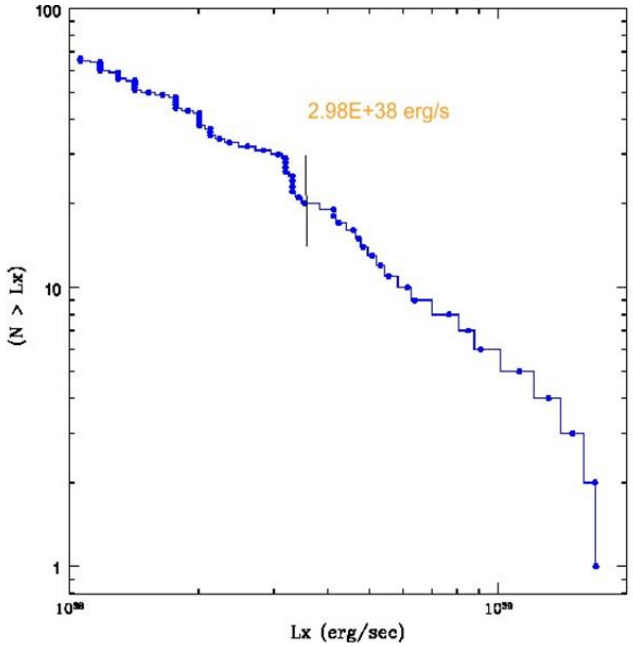

Figure 3 Histogram for distribution of resolved source. Vertical line shows break luminosity

3.4 Hardness ratio

The hardness ratio (or X-ray colour) can be determined by using the technique mentioned by

(Sarazin et al. 2001). It is useful for qualifying the crude spectral properties of resolved detected sources. The hardness ratio are defined as H21=(M -S)/(M+S) and H31=(H-S)/(H+S), where S, M and H are the net counts obtained from soft (0.3-1 keV), medium (1-2 keV) and hard (2-10 keV) energy band, respectively. Figure 4 plot the H21 versus H31 for all the 66 resolved sources. Hardness ratio for average of the all sources is (H21, H31) = (0.13, -0.07), whereas, most of the sources lie in the range between (H21, H31) ≈ (-0.3, -0.5) to (0.5, 0.3). In figure 4, there are four sources with very hard spectra (hardness ratio [H21, H31] > [0.5, o.5]), these may be strongly absorbed active galactic nuclei (AGNs) (Randall et al. 2004, Brandt et al. 2001). On the other hand, there are few sources having very little hardness ratio around (-0.2, -1), it may be due to large radii (Randall et al. 2004)

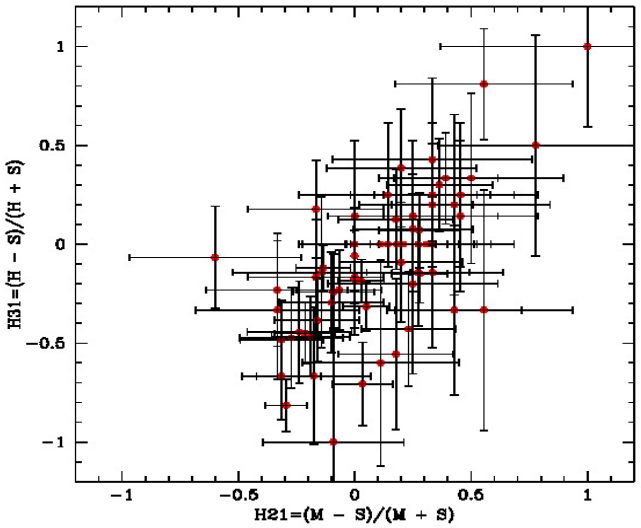

Figure 4 show the hardness ratio of resolved sources detected within D_{25} of NGC 1407

IV. CONCLUSION

This paper presented the X-ray emission of properties of X-ray Binaries (XRBs) in NGC 1407 nearby galaxy. A total 66 point sources were identified within a optical D_{25} magnitude region of galaxy, whose signal noise ratios are more than 3. The cumulative spectra of these resolved sources well fitted with absorbed power-law model with photon index Γ= 1.45±0.06 and fixed galactic absorption N_H = 5.43 X 10^{20} cm^{-2}. The total X-ray (0.3-6.0 keV) luminosity of resolved sources found to be L_{XRBS} = 2.2 X 10^{40} erg s^{-1}. The luminosity function fit of resolved sources fit using broken powerlaw with break luminosity of 2.98±0.53 X 10^{38} erg s^{-1}. This break luminosity equal to that of Eddington luminosity of 1.4 M_{sun} neutron star.

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Synthesis of Iron Oxide Nanoparticles by Chemical Co-Precipitation Method and Its Characterization

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ABSTRACT

A highly stable and magnetized citric acid (CA)-functionalized iron oxide aqueous colloidal solution (Fe_3O_4@CA) was synthesized by using a simple and rapid method of one-step co-participation via chemical reaction between ferrous cations in a NH_4OH solution at 90 °C. Followed by CA addition to functionalize the Fe_3O_4 surface in 30 min. The nanoparticles (NPs) were synthesized at reported temperatures and shortened time compared with conventional methods. Surface functionalization is highly suggested because bare Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles (Fe_3O_4 NPs) are frequently deficient due to their low stability and hydrophilicity. Hence, 18-30 nm-sized Fe_3O_4 NPs coated with CA (Fe_3O_4@CA) were synthesized, and their structural, morphological, optical and magnetic properties were characterized using X-ray diffraction, Field emission scanning electron microscope, Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy, and vibrating sample magnetometer. CA successfully modified the Fe_3O_4 surface to obtain a stabilized (homogeneous and well dispersed) aqueous colloidal solution. These CA-functionalized NPs with high magnetic saturation (62.49 emu/g) show promising biomedical applications.

Keywords: Iron Oxide, Citric acid (CA)-functionalized, co-participation, magnetic saturation, biomedical applications

I. INTRODUCTION

In present study the research interest in a group of various nano-materials specifically in metal oxides such as magnesium oxide (MgO), copper oxide (CuO), titanium oxide (TiO_2), iron oxide (Fe_3O_4, Fe_2O_3) aluminium oxide (Al_2O_3), and zinc oxide (ZnO) increases day by day [1-4]. Oxides of metals NPs account for almost one-third of the market for consumer items using nanotechnology and are increasingly being used in a variety of industries [5]. Among these nano-materials a large number of materials have very vast magnetic properties based applications. Because when a magnetic particle's size is lowered below 100 nm, its magnetic characteristics substantially shift. [6-8] These magnetic nano-materials have interesting uses, such as magneto-optical switches, photocatalysis, high density magnetic data storage arrays, electrocatalysis etc. [9-10] Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles have many advanced application in various fields including magnetic separation, catalytic processes, memory storage devices, magnetic labeling, sensing technologies etc. [11-12] Apart from these uses it is also used in biomedical field to provide contrast effects for magnetic imaging, for the remote control of targeted drug delivery and to induce heating for hyperthermia treatments [13-14]. For the synthesis of Fe_3O_4 nano-particles various methods were used such as hydrothermal/solvothermal, co-precipitation, micro-emulsion, electrochemical, and sol-gel [15]. Among these techniques The co-precipitation method is more advantageous than conventional others due to its ease of use and efficiency in the synthesis of Fe_3O_4 [16]. In the present study we have adopted simple co-precipitation method for the typical synthesis of Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles. We have studied its structural, optical, morphological and magnetic properties with the help of X-Ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), Field emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM) and Vibrating-sample magnetometry (VSM) respectively.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

A. MATERIALS

All chemicals and reagents were used of analytical grade without any further purification. 0.45 M Ferric chloride ($FeCl_3 \cdot 6H_2O$), 0.3 M Ferrous sulfate ($FeSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$), Ammonium hydroxide 20%, and Citric acid ($C_6H_8O_7$) were purchased from Loba chemicals. Double-distilled water was used for the synthesis of Fe_3O_4 solution.

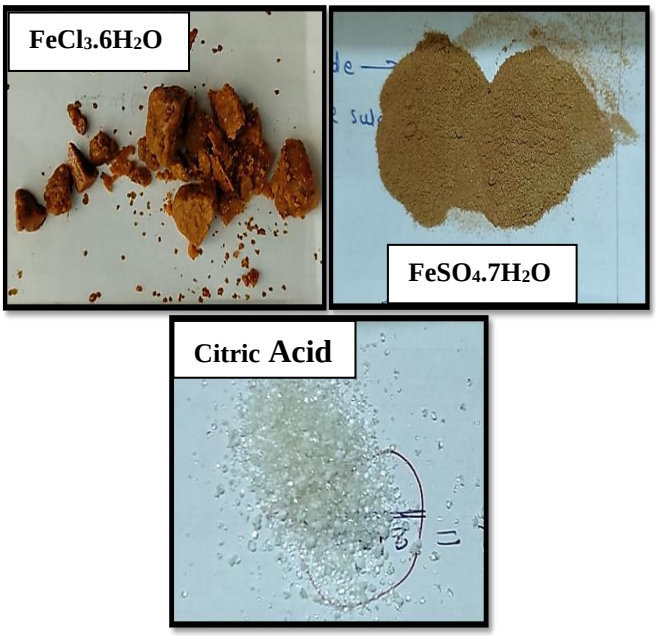

Fig. 1 : Actual photographs of chemical precursors used in the typical synthesis of Fe_3O_4.

B. PREPARATION OF Fe_3O_4@CA

The previously reported method was applied for synthesis of bare Fe_3O_4 magnetic nano-particles and functionalized by Citric acid coating. Briefly, 6.1 g of 0.45 M $FeCl_3 \cdot 6H_2O$ dissolved at 50 mL of distilled water and 4.2 g of 0.3 M $FeSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$ were dissolved in 50 mL distilled water and heated at 90 °C then afterwards 10 mL of Ammonium hydroxide (25 %) added with constant stirring and 0.5 g of citric acid dissolved in 50 mL of distilled water was added drop wise. The mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 30 min at 650 rpm and then cooled to room temperature. The light brown precipitate was collected and it was

washed with acetone three times to get pure product. After that the precipitate was filtered by using Whitman filter paper no 41. Dried at 60 °C in oven for overnight. Finally Fe_3O_4 in powdered form obtained using Mortal and Pestle.

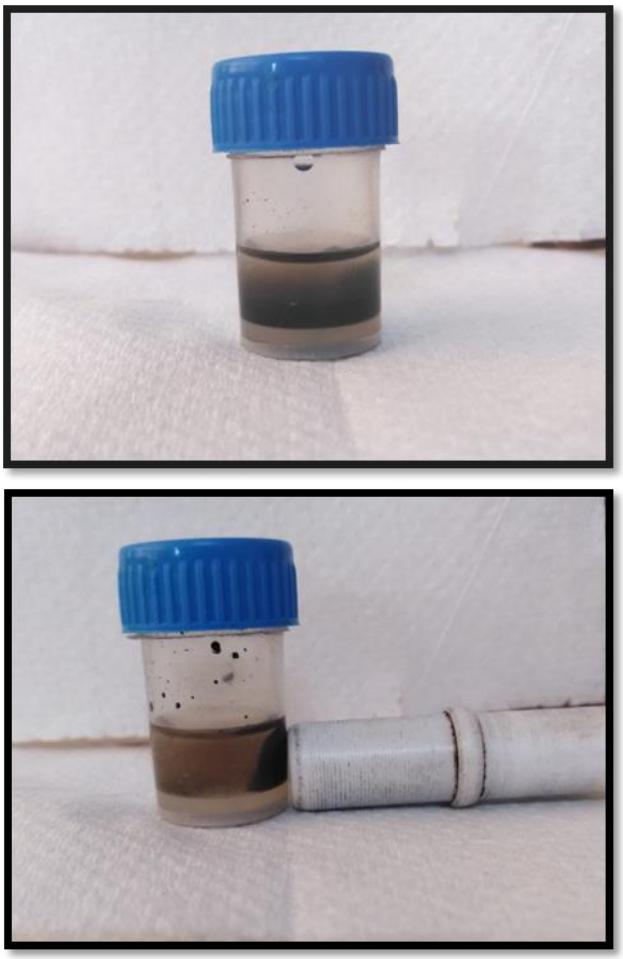

Fig. 2 : Actual photographs of Fe_3O_4 solution and magnetic attraction of Fe_3O_4 nano-particles .

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. XRD ANALYSIS:

Figure 3 shows the XRD pattern of Iron oxide nanoparticles. The diffraction peaks in the figure confirms the polycrystalline structure of iron oxide nanoparticles. The diffraction pattern gives clear evidence of formation of ferric phase .The differaction peaks of (220), (311), (400), (422), (511), (440) and (533) reflects the magnetite

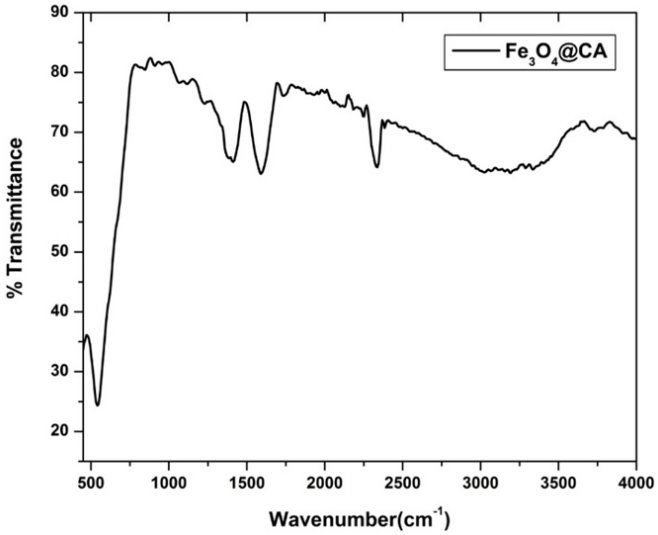

Fig. 3 : X-Ray diffraction spectra of Fe_3O_4 nano-particles

crystal with cubic spinel structure [17]. The unit cell of cubic spinel structure consists of eight ferric ions at tetrahedral sites (A sites) each with four oxide ions nearest neighbors, and eight ferric ions and eight ferrous ions at octahedral sites (B sites) each with six oxide ions as the nearest neighbors. This system could be referred to the structural formula of $(Fe^{3+})A[Fe^{2+}Fe^{3+}]BO_4$ [18]. However, a magnetite can be easily oxidized in air to form the maghemite (Fe2O3) at temperature 110–230 °C and can be further transformed to the hematite (Fe2O3) at temperature above 250 °C [19]. Generally, the diffraction peaks at (113), (210), (213) and (210) are the characteristic peaks of maghemite and hematite, respectively [20]. However, these peaks do not appear in the XRD pattern which implies no other iron compounds in the synthesized magnetite.

Comparing the bare magnetite nanoparticles with the coated one, the XRD patterns show similar diffraction peaks; this indicates that the coating agent does not significantly affect the crystal structure of the magnetite nanoparticles [21]. The crystallite size (D) was calculated from X-ray line broadening of the (311) diffraction peak using Debye Scherrer formula [equation (1)].

$$d_{x\text{-}ray} = \frac{0.9\ \lambda}{\beta \cos\theta_B} \quad \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots (1)$$

Where β is full-width at half maximum of the strongest intensity diffraction peak (311), λ is wavelength of radiation and θ is angle of the strongest characteristic peak. The crystallite size calculated from (311) strongest peak is about 18-20 nm.

B. FTIR ANALYSIS:

Successful citric-acid encapsulation of the iron oxide nanoparticles, synthesized using the method as described in the experimental section, was confirmed by the FT-IR result. Fig 4 shows the representative FT-IR spectrum of the citric acid coated particles. The peak at around 540 cm^{-1} indicate the presence of an iron oxide skeleton in the sample. The peak near 1589 cm^{-1} and 1411 cm^{-1}, representing carboxylate (COO-) stretching, were found in the citric acid coated sample in our experiment. The presence of these peaks is evidence of the formation of the citric acid coating around the iron oxide cores. Moreover, FTIR study confirms the coating of citric acid on the surface of iron oxide nanoparticles.

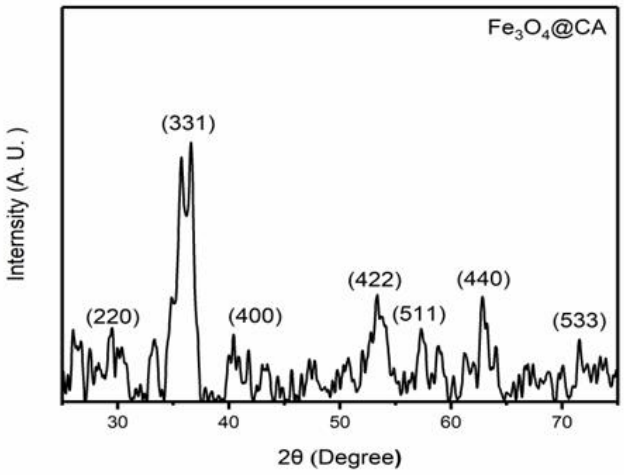

Fig. 4: FTIR spectra of Fe_3O_4 nano-particles.

C. FE-SEM ANALYSIS:

Figure 5 shows the FE-SEM images of Iron oxide nanoparticles synthesized by chemical co-precipitation

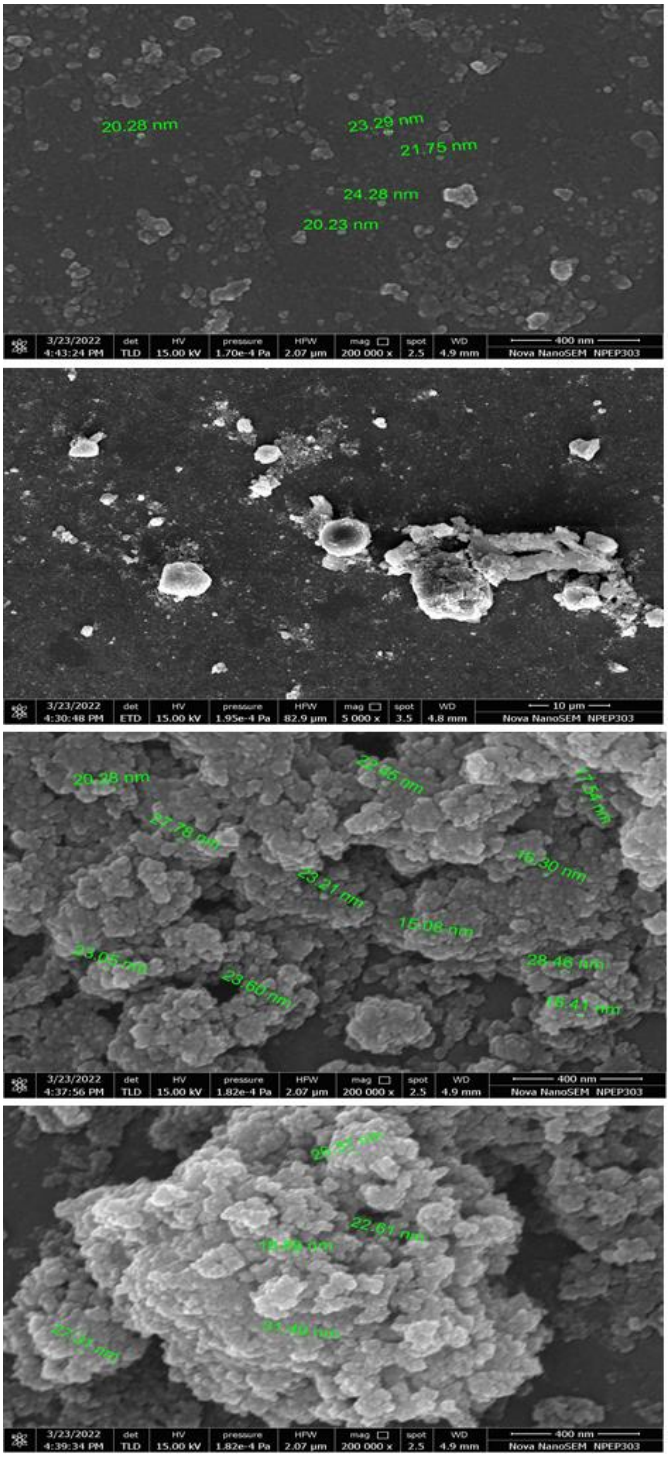

Fig. 5 : FE-SEM micrographs of Fe_3O_4 nano-particles.

method. The surface nanostructural and morphological analysis of iron-NPs using FESEM at

four different magnification are shown in (Fig. 5). The FE-SEM micrograph for the as-prepared sample without surface modification contains small particles that were not uniformly arranged and are highly aggregated [22]. We have depicted the variation in the Iron Oxide nanoparticle sizes using inbuilt FE-SEM software. FESEM images showed predominantly spherical particles about 18-30 nm in diameter (Fig. 7.4).

D. VSM ANAYSIS:

The magnetic properties of Fe_3O_4@CA were determined by VSM analysis at 300 ºk temperature. The magnetization saturation (emu/g) as a function of the applied magnetic field (Oe) is illustrated in Fig. 6. The magnetization curve shows that the Fe_3O_4@CA NPs exhibit a super paramagnetic behaviour and magnetic saturation (Ms) of approximately 62.49 emu/g, which is less than the Ms for Bulk Fe_3O_4 (92 emu/g) and the Ms for bulk γ-Fe_2O_3 (744 emu/g) [23]. No hysteresis was observed, and the behaviour was completely reversible at 300 K. Neither coercivity nor remanence was observed. *Arefi et al.* [24] reported that the Ms of bare Fe_3O_4 is reduced after being coated with CA. *Alonso et al.* [25] synthesized Fe_3O_4 NPs with high crystallinity of approximately 35 nm and high Ms of 65 emu/g by using thermal decomposition. The high Ms value is attributed to the large particle size of Fe_3O_4 [26]. Therefore, the Ms of Fe_3O_4 NPs decreases with their reduced particle size due to the increase in surface spin disorder [27, 28]. For biomedical applications such as in hyperthermia and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), NPs must have a uniform particle size, exhibit super paramagnetism, and possess high Ms. The as-synthesized Fe_3O_4@ CA has a high magnetic response, which is preferable for biomedical applications [24]. Our method shows an advantage of having a simple and rapid route to synthesize highly stable, monodispersed, and super paramagnetic Fe_3O_4@CA compared with conventional techniques.

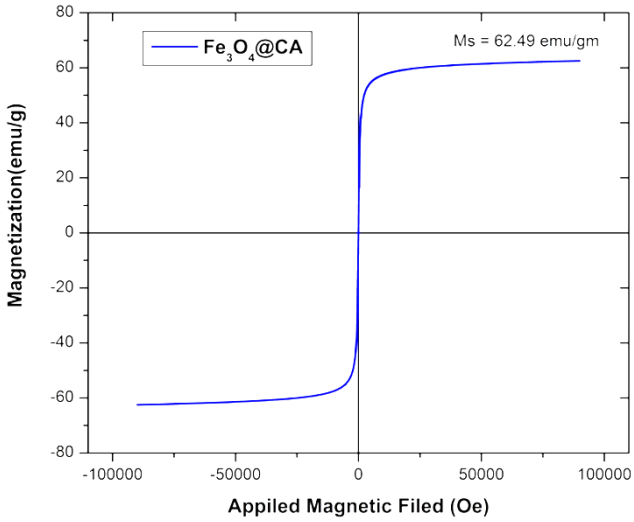

Fig. 6 : Magnetization curve of superparamagnetic (no coercivity or remanence) Fe3O4@CA at room temperature.

IV. CONCLUSION

A highly stable and magnetized citric acid (CA)-functionalized iron oxide aqueous colloidal solution (Fe_3O_4@CA) was synthesized by using a simple and rapid method of one-step co-participation via chemical reaction between ferrous cations in a NH_4OH solution at 90 °C, followed by CA addition to functionalize the Fe_3O_4 surface in 30 min. The NPs were synthesized at reported temperatures and shortened time compared with conventional methods. Surface functionalization is highly suggested because bare Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles (Fe_3O_4 NPs) are frequently deficient due to their low stability and hydrophilicity. Hence, 18-30 nm-sized Fe_3O_4 NPs coated with CA (Fe_3O_4@CA) were synthesized, and their microstructural, morphological, and magnetic

properties were characterized using X-ray diffraction, Field emission scanning electron microscope, Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy, and vibrating sample magnetometer. CA successfully modified the Fe_3O_4 surface to obtain a stabilized (homogeneous and well dispersed) aqueous colloidal solution. These CA-functionalized NPs with high magnetic saturation (62.49 emu/g) show promising biomedical applications.

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X-ray Morphological and Spectral Properties of NGC 1407

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ABSTRACT

We present a detailed study of nearby group centred on its bright central galaxy NGC 1407. From an archival Chandra observation, we found a dynamically disturbed environment with evidences of sloshing of the intergalactic medium. The surface brightness profile of NGC 1407 was fitted using one dimensional β-model, the model clearly shows the excess emission in core. The spectroscopy study revels the azimuthally averaged temperature profile increasing radial outward direction. Hence, the excess emission from centre and the increasing temperature in radial outward direction indicate the presence of cooling gas flow radially inward direction in BCG. From the Chandra residual image we have identify the multiple putative surface brightness depression region surrounded by centre of NGC 1407. This has been probably interpreted as an indication of multiple possible radio outbursts occurring at different time scale.

Keywords: Galaxies: clusters: general – galaxies: groups: individual (NGC 1407) – X-rays: galaxies: groups and cluster

I. INTRODUCTION

This The hot intracluster medium (ICM) contains the largest baryonic material in groups and clusters of galaxies (Gonzalez et al. 2013). In the most relaxed galaxy clusters, the ICM cools and come towards the centre and make the high-density gas reservoirs in near of the brightest cluster galaxies (BCG). The density profile of the ICM is normally fitted with the β model (Cavaliere & Fusco-Femiano 1978), consisting of a flat core and rapidly decreasing outskirts. However, in many clusters, the core electron density is not accurately described by a one β profile, but is observed to be a sharply peaked, reaching values considerably larger than the typical n_e ~ 10^{-3} cm^{-3}.

The cold inner gas is thought to fuel the super massive black hole (SMBH) in the BCG, which in turn, launches the powerful jets which capable of creating the surface brightness depressions (the so-called X-ray cavities) in the ICM (McNamara & Nulsen 2007, 2012). The tight correlation between the ICM thermodynamical state and the activation of the central active galactic nucleus (AGN) points to the existence of a feedback in BCG (e.g., Bîrzan et al. 2004; Edge 2001; Peterson & Fabian 2006, Vagshette et al.

2019). AGN is expected to play an important role in regulating cooling, ultimately inducing tight scaling relations between the SMBH (Gaspari et al. 2019; Pasini et al. 2021).

NGC 1707 belong to Eridanus supergroup, which contains three main groups: the NGC 1407 group, the NGC 1332 group, and the Eridanus group (Brough et al. 2006). Among them NGC 1407 group is the most dynamically and relaxed. NGC 1407 is the brightest one in the supergroup. The NGC 1407 group has comparatively relaxed X-ray morphology and has a cool core centred on NGC 1407 (Zhang et al. 2007). NGC 1407 is X-ray luminous ($L_X = 8.6 \times 10^{40}$ erg s^{-1} in 0.1–2.0 keV, Irwin 2013).

The paper is structured as follows: In section 2 we describe the observation and data analysis. Section 3 explains surface brightness distribution, structure of NGC 1407 galaxy, and spectroscopic hot gas properties in NGC 1407 and finally section 4 summarises the our conclusion.

The organization of this document is as follows. In Section 2 (Methods and Material), I'll give detail of any modifications to equipment or equipment constructed specifically for the study and, if pertinent, provide illustrations of the modifications. In Section 3 (Result and Discussion), present your research findings and your analysis of those findings. Discussed in Section 4(Conclusion) a conclusion is the last part of something, its end or result.

II. OBSERVATION AND DATA REDUCTION

An X-ray data of NGC 1407 was taken from Chandra archive which was observed by Dr. Raymond White on Aug 16 2000 (obsID 791) for 48.5 ks, with ACIS-235678 chips. The data were analyzed with CIAO-3.4 and heasoft 6.9 and reprocessed with level 2 event file, following Chandra standard data processing threads, we extract the light-curve to iden- tify and remove the high period of background, the total good exposure time of the resultant cleaned image is 38 ks. The cleaned image were used for further analysis.

The spectra were extracted using CIAO-3.4 script of *acisspec*. Each spectra has been grouped to at least 20 counts per spectral bin. We used XSPEC and Sherpa to fit the model to the spectra. For all the fitted models, the absorption column was fixed at the galactic value (N_H=5.43 × 10^{20} cm^{-2}; Dickey & Lockman 1990). For the resolved sources and diffuse emission we limited the spectral range to 0.5 - 6 keV. Background was taken from source free region, far from galaxy but is in S3 chip.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Surface Brightness Distribution

We extract the radial surface brightness profile in circularly- concentric annular rings centered on the center on NGC 1407, and excluded all the point sources. The 0.3-10.0 keV band emission was detectable out to 2′ radius. We chose an annular region far from centre of galaxy to extract the back-ground region. We fit a single β model to the gaseous surface brightness distribution, but this does not provide acceptable fit, it

Shows some excess emission in a inner region.

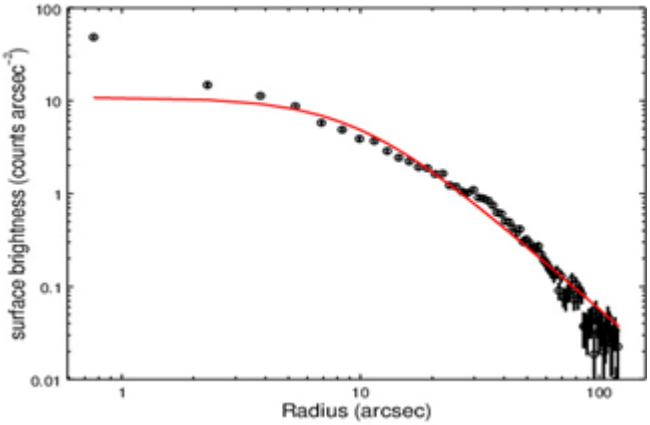

Figure 1. Exposure-corrected 0.3–3 keV surface brightness profile fitted with 1D-beta model

3.2 Hot gas properties

To determine the physical properties of hot gas in BCG NGC 1407, we extracted a radial spectral profile centered on the galaxy. After excluding the contribution of resolved point sources, we produced projected radial temperature profiles by extracted a spectra of 14 circular annuli centered on the peak of X-ray emission. The spectra were fitted with absorbed MEKAL thermal plasma model. The electron density is derived from emission integral $EI = \int n_e n_p \, dV$ where V is the volume and n=0.82ne in ionized cluster plasma. The pressure and entropy was calculated as P=nkT and $S = kT \, S^{-2/3}$ respectively. Figure 2 shows the resulting temperature, density, pressure and entropy profile. The resultant temperature and surface brightness profile clearly evident the NGC 1407 galaxy shows the cooling flow nature i.e. Gas flow radial inward direction.

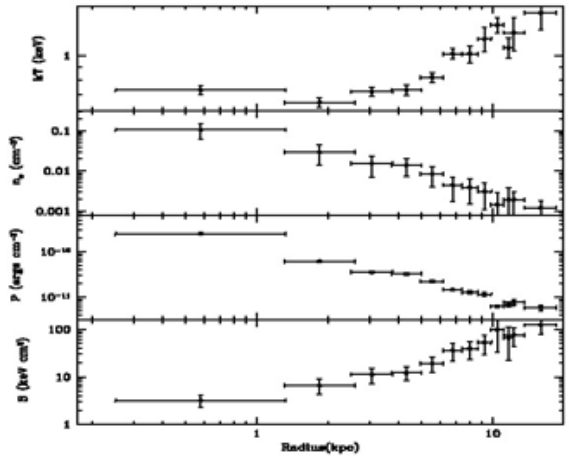

Figure 2. Radial profiles of temperature, density, and pressure and entropy in NGC 1407.

3.3 X-ray imaging

To enhance the visibility of diffuse emission, bright resolved sources were removed, and region containing point sources were "filled in" using Poisson distribution, whose mean value equal to the local annular background region. Using 2-d β-model (see Dong et al. 2009) imaging technique, we have created the residual image to enhance the hidden features in galaxy. Figure 3 show the NGC 1407 is not smoothly distributed but is instead perturbed with the cavity and edges. The surface brightness depressions are clearly visible along North and South direction from the centre of galaxy. This depression is nothing but the cavities and are created from jet when interact with environment of galaxy and cluster. This image also reveals that hot gas is highly perturbed this may possible due to sloshing motion due to the merging of galaxies.

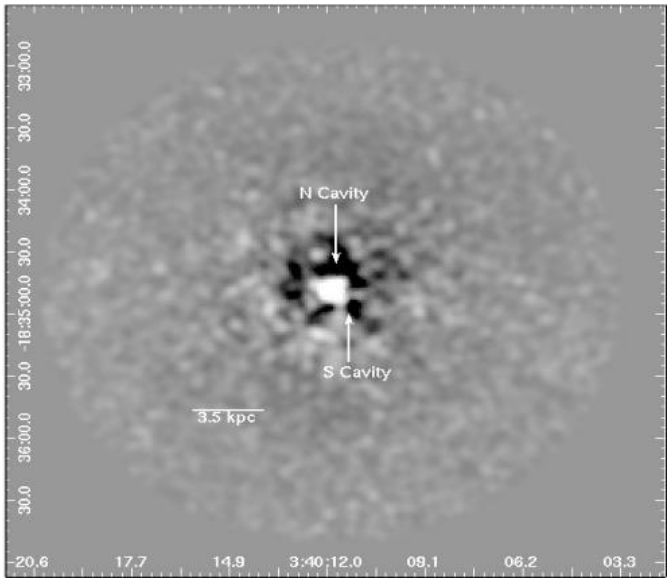

Figure 3 2D beta model subtracted *Chandra* residual image of NGC 1407

IV. CONCLUSION

The *Chandra* observation of NGC 1407 shows the presence of sloshing movement of the IGM. The dynamically disturbed environment which evidences of sloshing in the intergalactic medium. The surface brightness profile and radial temperature profile indicate the presence of cooling gas flow radially inward direction in BCG. From the Chandra residual image we have identify the multiple putative surface

brightness depression region surrounded by centre of NGC 1407. This has been probably interpreted as an indication of multiple possible radio outbursts occurring at different times.

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Effect of Cr^{3+} Ions Substitution on Structural Morphology of Co-Ferrite Nanoparticles

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ABSTRACT

A series of polycrystalline nano-ferrite having the chemical formula $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$(x=0.0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, and 1.0) were synthesized by sol-gel auto combustion method. X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis was used to investigate the structural parameters and also to check the phase purity of all prepared samples. The analysis of XRD patterns revealed the formation of single-phase cubic spinel structure for all samples. The average particle size of the synthesized ferrites was identified by X-ray diffraction and scanning electron microscopy technique. The magnetic properties of Co-Cr nano-ferrites were measured using a hysteresis loop tracer at room temperature and magnetic field of 5 KOe. Saturation magnetization (Ms) and coercivity (Hc) decrease with the increasing Cr^{3+} ions concentration in the Co-Cr ferrite, indicating that lesser magnetic Cr^{3+} ions substitute Fe^{3+} ions in the octahedral sub lattice of the ferrite. Such materials are useful to reduce the energy loss in AC electrical appliances.

Keywords: Nano-ferrite, particle size, saturation magnetization, coercivity

I. INTRODUCTION

In the 21st century, magnetic materials play very important role in the development of nanotechnology. Ferrites are the important magnetic components used in the latest electronic products, such as cell phone, computers, video cameras, memory devices etc. They require small dimensions and all light weights and have better functions. The soft ferrites exhibit two anti-Ferro magnetically coupled sub-lattices namely tetrahedral (A) and octahedral [B] site [1, 2].

The polycrystalline ferrite has very good dielectric properties that are dependent on several factors, such as method of preparation and substitution of different ions. The usefulness of ferrites is influenced by the physical and chemical properties of the materials. The physical properties of polycrystalline ferrites are very sensitive to the micro-structure. The bulk (grain) and grain boundary are the two main components that determine the micro-structure.

Soft ferrites remain of great interest because of their high initial permeability over a large frequency range leading to wide spread applications e.g. inductor cores in RF system, recording heads and microwave devices. Soft ferrites are commercially important materials because of their excellent magnetic and electrical properties [3].

The frustrated magnetic structure in ferrite with the spinel structure can arise when there is a replacement of magnetic ions by non-magnetic ones [4, 5]. The frustration is necessary condition for the appearance

of a canted local state, which was first obtained by Rossnewaig [6].

Ferrite (MFe_2O_4, M=Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Cu^{2+} etc.) nanocrystals attract great research interest due to their potential applications in Ferro fluids [7-9], magnetic fluids [10], magnetic recording media [11], magnetic resonance image [12], a remarkable chemical stability and a mechanical hardness, which make it possible material for high density recording media [13].The aim of the present investigations is to study systematically the structural and magnetic properties of chromium substituted copper ferrite prepared by sol-gel auto combustion method.

II. EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

2.1. Material and sample preparation

A series of polycrystalline nanostructured ferrite having the chemical formula $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ (x = 0.0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, and 1.0) were synthesized by using self-propagating sol gel auto combustion method. The starting materials i.e. copper nitrate [$Cu(NO_3)_2{\cdot}6H_2O$], ferric nitrate [$Fe(NO_3)_2{\cdot}9H_2O$], chromium nitrate [$Cr(NO_3)_2{\cdot}9H_2O$], citric acid ($C_6H_8O_7{\cdot}H_2O$) and ammonia (NH_3) solution having high purity (99 %, S. D. fine, India) were taken for the preparation of samples. Calculated quantities of metal nitrates were dissolved together in a 100ml of distilled water to get clear solution. An aqueous solution of citric acid was then added to the metal nitrate solution. The molar ratio of citric acid to the total moles of nitrate ions was adjusted to 1:3. A small amount of NH_3 was added drop wise into the solution so as to adjust pH value nearly equal to 7 so that the sample becomes neutral. A continuous stirring and heating at 90^0C to solution on hot plate with magnetic stirrer until it becomes a very viscous gel. Deionized distilled water was used throughout the complete experimental work. The process from mixing of materials to the final burnt powder is as shown by flow chart in **Fig.1**.

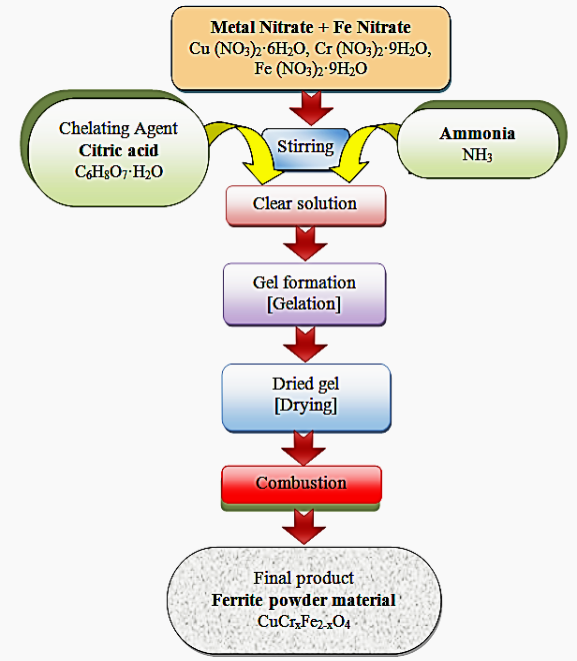


Fig.1: Flow chart of stages involved in preparation of copper chromium ferrite by sol gel auto combustion method.

The powder was annealed in air at temperature 500°C for six hours with heating rate 50^0C per min to obtain a spinel phase. The final product is then grinded and were further used without further purification.

2.2. Characterization

The X-ray powder diffraction patterns were recorded on Philips X-ray diffractometer wavelength 1.5418 Å. The XRD patterns were recorded in the 2θ range from 20^0 to 80^0 with slow scanning rate 1^0/min. All the structural parameters were calculated from the X-ray diffraction analysis and scanning electron microscopy (SEM). The FTIR spectra in the wave number range 4000 - 500 cm^{-1} were recorded at room temperature on spectrometer. Obtained FTIR spectra are used to determine absorption band positions and also analyzed to get structural information about the prepared ferrite systems.

The magnetic morphology i.e. saturation magnetization (M_s), remanence magnetization (M_r), and coercivity (H_c) for synthesized samples were obtained with the high field hysteresis loop tracer at

room temperature with an applied magnetic field of 5 KOe to reach saturation values.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Structural morphology

The X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of the $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ (x = 0.0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0) nano-particles are shown in **Fig.2** for all samples. The entire XRD patterns show the reflections belonging to cubic spinel structure; no extra peaks have been observed in the XRD patterns. The single-phase formations of compounds under investigations were confirmed from the analysis of XRD pattern.

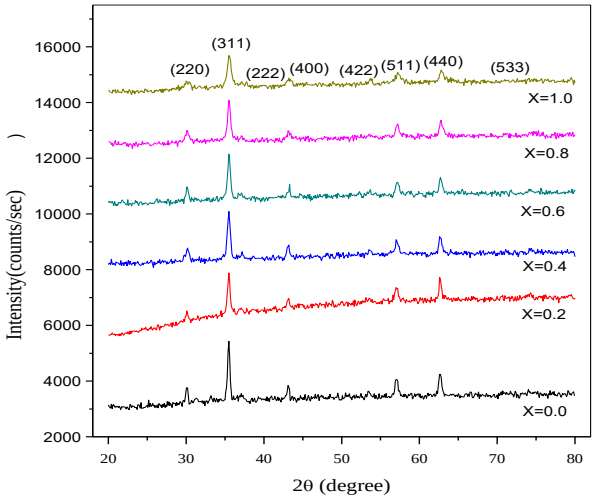


Fig.2: X-ray diffraction patterns of the $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ (x = 0.0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0) nanoparticles

Lattice constant (a)

It is seen that the inter planer spacing (d) values show gradual decrease with increasing Bragg's angle for all the samples. The intensity of (311) plane is more as compared to other planes like (220), (222), (400), (422), (511) and (440) and is chosen for the determination of crystallite size.

Using XRD data, the lattice parameter has been determined using the method of least squares fitting to an accuracy of ± 0.002 Å and the obtained values of the lattice constant are presented in **Table 1** and the variation of lattice parameter with increase in chromium content 'x' is shown in **Fig.3**. It can be seen from Table 1 and **Fig.3**, that the lattice parameter decreases with increase in Cr^{3+} concentration x. The observed behaviour of lattice constant can be explained on the basis of the relative sizes of ionic radii. The ionic radius of Cr^{3+} (0.63Å) ion is smaller than the ionic radius of Fe^{3+} (0.64 Å) ion. Replacement of larger Fe^{3+} cations by smaller Cr^{3+} cations in the copper ferrite causes decrease in lattice parameter. Similar variation of lattice parameter was observed for other Cr^{3+} substituted spinel ferrites [14, 15]. The volume of unit cell (a^3) obtained from lattice parameter (Table 1) values shows decreasing trend with increase in chromium content x. The decrease in volume means the shrinkage of unit cell may be attributed to the substitution of smaller size Cr^{3+} ions in place of larger size Fe^{3+} ions. In the inset of **Fig.3,** the volume of the unit cell shows same nature of lattice constant.

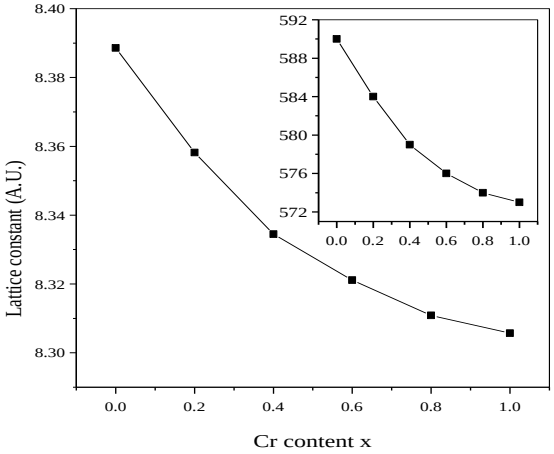


Fig. 3: Lattice constant and volume of the unit cell of the $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ (x = 0.0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0) nanoparticles

Hopping length (L_A and L_B)

Hopping lengths are the distance between magnetic ions at tetrahedral (A) site (L_A) and octahedral [B] site (L_B) in $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ spinel ferrite system. The values of hopping lengths are calculated using the equation,

$$L_A = \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{4} \text{ Å} \quad \text{and} \quad L_B = \frac{a\sqrt{2}}{4} \text{ Å}$$

where, 'a' is a lattice constant. The values of hopping length L_A and L_B are given in**. Table 1.** It is observed that both L_A and L_B decreases with chromium concentration x. Since the hopping length depends directly with lattice constant and in the present study the lattice constant decreases with chromium concentration x and therefore both L_A and L_B decrease. The results were explained on the basis of decrease in lattice constant with increase in Cr content 'x'. The values of L_A are greater than L_B, shows that the distance between magnetic ions at (A) site is greater than that of [B] site.

Table.1. Lattice constant, unit cell volume and hopping length for $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ nano ferrite system.

Sample composition	Lattice constant (a) Å	Unit cell volume (a^3) Å^3	Hopping length Å	
			L_A	L_B
$CuCr_{0.0}Fe_{1.8}O_4$	8.3886	590	3.6323	2.9662
$CuCr_{0.2}Fe_{1.8}O_4$	8.3582	584	3.6191	2.9555
$CuCr_{0.4}Fe_{1.6}O_4$	8.3345	579	3.6088	2.9471
$CuCr_{0.6}Fe_{1.4}O_4$	8.3211	576	3.6030	2.9423
$CuCr_{0.8}Fe_{1.2}O_4$	8.3109	574	3.5986	2.9387
$CuCr_{1.0}Fe_{1.0}O_4$	8.3057	573	3.5964	2.9369

Particle size (t)

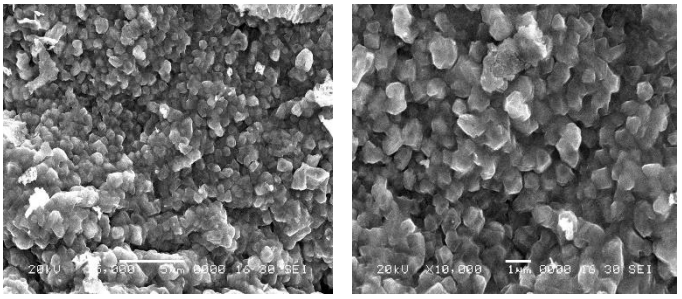
The most intense peak (311) of the XRD patterns was used to estimate the particle size of the samples. The particle size was determined using the equation,

$$t = \frac{k\lambda}{\beta \cos\theta} \quad Å$$

where, λ is the X-ray wavelength (=1.5405Å) of radiation, k is the shape factor with typical value 0.94, β is the line broadening at full width of half maxima (FWHM) of the (311) diffraction peak and θ is the diffraction angle in radian. The values of particle size are given in **Table 2,** indicates that the particle size is of the order of 28.80 nm to 19.90 nm. It is also observed that the particle size decreases with increase in chromium concentration x. The particle size depends upon FWHM and Bragg's angle 2θ. In the present study due to substitution of chromium ions higher intensity peak (311) shifts towards higher angle thereby decrease in particle size is observed. Similar results of decrease in particle size due to chromium concentration x was reported [16]. The particle size of prepared sample also be calculated by using scanning electron micrographs (SEM).

Scanning electron micrographs (SEM) analysis

Scanning electron micrographs was used to investigate the change of microstructures of the synthesized $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ nano ferrite powder samples with Cr content x. The SEM of the recorded for typical sample x=0.6 and x=0.8 are as shown in **Fig.4.** It can be observed from the SEM images that the prepared samples are amorphous and porous in nature. Particle size obtained by SEM linear intersect method is in the nanometer dimension and given in **Table 2.**



x=0.6 x=0.8

Fig.4: Scanning electron micrograph of $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ (where x=0.0 to 1.0) ferrite system with Cr^{3+} ions content x.

In **Fig. 4**, the samples (x=0.6 and x=0.8) show that the particles are agglomerated in irregular shape due to mixed phase and also, observed that the prepared samples are porous in nature indicates that sintering temperature 500^{0}C is responsible for small amount of pores revels that the sintering is done in a satisfactory manner without loss of Cr^{3+} ions in all samples. The effect of increasing Cr^{3+} ions content on the

investigated samples is the enhancement of the grain growth as seen from the SEM.

Uniform grains are progressively increased with increasing Cr^{3+} ions content x and the ferrite samples exhibit an aggregated continuous grain growth. The particle size determined from SEM images is in the reported range from 18 to 37 nm which is calculated by linear intercept method [22].

X-ray density (dx)

The X-ray density (dx) was calculated by using the equation,

$$dx = \frac{Z\,M}{Na^3}\ \text{gm/cc}$$

where, Z is the Number of molecules per unit cell (= 8), M is the Molecular weight of the sample, N is the Avogadro's number, a^3 is the unit cell volume. The X-ray density values are given in Table 2 respectively. The X-ray density decreases with increase in chromium concentration x. The decrease in X-ray density is attributed to the fact that unit cell volume decreases more than the negligible rise in the molar masses of the doped metal cations [17].

Table 2. Particle size, X-ray density, bulk density, % porosity for $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ nanoferrite system

Cr content x	Particle size (t) nm		X-ray density (dx) gm/cm³	Bulk density (d_B) gm/cm³	% porosity (% P)
	XRD	SEM			
0.0	28.8	37	5.510	44.73	44.73
0.2	26.6	30	5.480	45.09	45.09
0.4	25.7	27	5.470	50.54	50.54
0.6	23.6	25	5.460	51.09	51.09
0.8	21.4	22	5.470	51.16	51.16
1.0	19.9	18	5.460	51.35	51.35

Bulk density (d_B)

The bulk density (d_B) was evaluated by using the Archimedes principle. It is observed that bulk density decreases from 3.045 to 2.636 gm/cm³ with increasing chromium concentration (x = 0.0 to 1.0). The decreasing values of bulk density are given in **Table 2.**

Percentage Porosity (% P)

The percentage porosity (% P) was calculated using the equation,

$$\%\,P = \left(1 - \frac{d_x}{d_B}\right) \times 100$$

where, d_x is the X-ray density, d_B is the bulk density

The values are tabulated in **Table 2**. The percentage porosity (% P) of the samples increases from 44.43 to 51.35 with increase in Cr^{3+} concentration x of the $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ spinel ferrite system [18,19]. The porosity value shows the effect on particle size of the samples as well as its uses. The high porosity values are useful in coating technology and shielding process [20].

Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy analysis

Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) spectroscopic analysis is an additional tool for the structural characterization. In the present investigation the absorption spectra show two major absorption bands i.e. higher absorption band (υ_1) lies in the range of 567.81 to 605.73 cm^{-1} and lower absorption band (υ_2) in the range 407.02 to 494.61 cm^{-1} are assigned to the tetrahedral (A) and octahedral [B] sites respectively. The values of absorption bands (υ_1 and υ_2) are presented in **Table 3** and shown in **Fig.5** shows that υ_1 and υ_2 goes on increasing with increase in Cr^{3+} ions content.

Table 3. Absorptions band frequency and force constant at (A)-site and at [B]-site, of Cr^{3+} ions content $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ nano ferrite system.

Cr	Absorptions band	Force constant

content x	frequency (cm^{-1})		(N/m)	
	ν_1	ν_2	$K_1 \times 10^5$	$K_2 \times 10^5$
0.0	567.81	407.02	2.977	1.529
0.2	577.20	412.64	3.076	1.572
0.4	577.73	425.94	3.081	1.675
0.6	582.44	460.49	3.132	1.958
0.8	586.57	492.06	3.176	2.235
1.0	605.73	494.61	3.387	2.259

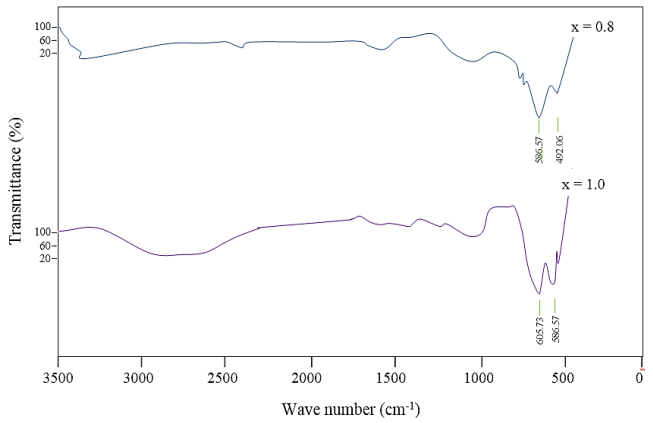


Fig.5: FTIR spectra of Cr^{3+} ions content $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ ($0.0 \leq x \leq 1.0$) ferrite system

The difference in frequencies of υ_1 and υ_2 is due to changes in the bond length Fe^{3+}-O^{2-} at tetrahedral and octahedral sites [23]. The remaining bands are probably due to combinational frequencies or overtones. The nature of absorption bands in the FTIR spectra depends on the distribution and type of cations among octahedral and tetrahedral sites [24].

The force constant for tetrahedral site (K_1) and octahedral site (K_2) was calculated employing the following equation where symbol have their usual meaning,

$$K_1 = 7.62 \times M_1 \times \nu_1^2 \times 10^{27} \text{ (N/m)}$$

$$K_2 = 10.62 \times 1.5M_2 \times \nu_2^2 \times 10^{27} \text{ (N/m)}$$

The values of force constant for tetrahedral site (K_1) and octahedral site (K_2) shown in **Table 3** and represented graphically in **Fig.6.**

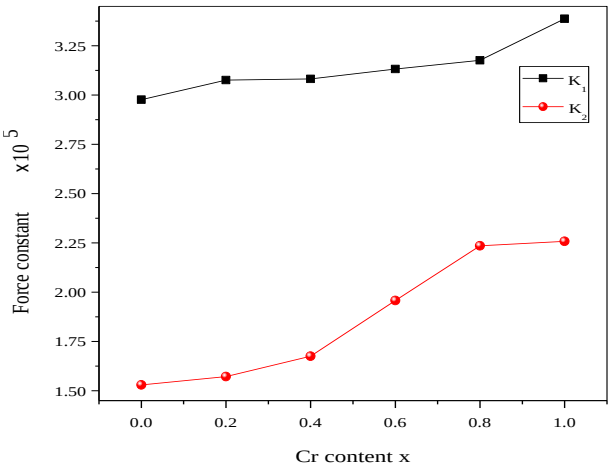


Fig.6. Force constant K_1 and K_2 at (A) and [B] site of Cr^{3+} ions content $CuCr_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ ($0.0 \leq x \leq 1.0$) ferrite system

The force constant of tetrahedral site and octahedral site both are increases as increase in Cr^{3+} ions content x. This behaviour can be attributed to the variation in cation oxygen bond length [25]. Since the bond length (A-O) increased with an increase in Cr^{3+} ions content x, the energy required to break longer bonds is less, and this supports a decrease in the force constant of the sites.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

After successful investigation of the prepared sample. The conclusions can be drawn from the present study as, prepared sample.

The chromium substituted copper ferrite system is successfully prepared by sol-gel auto combustion technique. The prepared chromium substituted copper ferrite system shows single phase cubic spinel structure. The lattice constant, volume of the unit cell, hopping length, and structural parameters decreases with Cr^{3+} ions substitution. Bond length, tetrahedral and octahedral bond edges are directly depending on lattice constant. Microstructure studied by SEM technique, shows Nano sized nature of the samples in the reported nanometer range.

Analysis of room temperature FTIR absorption spectra showed main two absorption bands explain Waldron model used to calculate force constant for both sites.

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The Site Preference of Cr^{++} ions, Mg^{++} ions and Fe^{+++}ions, X-ray Intensity for Calculation of Cation Distribution.

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ABSTRACT

The ferromagnetic oxide known as ferrite have the general formula M_{2+} Fe_{3+} O^{+4} where M is a divalent metallic ion such as Fe^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Cu^{2+} and Zn^{2+} or mixture of these ions. The samples of $MgFe_{2-x}Cr_xO_4$ spinal ferrite systems with varying x [x=0.0-1.0] were synthesized via wet-chemical co-precipitation technique. The Knowledge of cation distribution and spin alignment is essential to understand the exact coordinate of atoms, unit cell dimensions, atom occupation factors, interatomic distance as well as crystalline size and residual microstrain have been determined it was found that the lattice parameter decreases with increasing Cr content which may be attributed to the influence of the difference between the ionic radius Mg and Cr cations. Also, the variation of cation distribution has been discussed on the basis of size preference, size and valance of the substituting cations.

Keywords: Ferrite, Wet chemical Co-precipitation technique, Cation distribution

I. INTRODUCTION

Recent interest in the study of several spinel type ferrites which are characterized by high electrical resistivity, high dielectric constants, and low losses [1]. Due to wide range technological applications especially at high frequency ranges; the ferrites have been attracting the researchers in large number [2,3,4]. $MgFe_{2-x}Cr_xO_4$ is a normal spinel ferrite. The synthesis of nano particles at low temperature by various methods in view of the potential applications of these nano size magnetic materials in different technological areas [5, 6]. Synthesis and application of magnetic nano particles is subject of interest of several researchers because of their unique properties that makes them attractive and interesting from scientific view and technological significance of enhancing the performance of the existing materials [7, 8]. The nano-size materials exhibit unusual physical and chemical properties significantly different from those of their bulk counter part because of their extremely small size and large specific area [9, 10]. Nano-size ferrites with uniform particles size and narrow size distribution are desirable for a variety of applications viz. magnetic data storage ferro-fluids, medical imaging, drug delivery etc. [11, 12], so their synthesis and characterization have attracted increasing attention in the last five years. The ability to produce nano size magnetic materials has opened new applications for magnetic materials.

Ferrites, ferromagnetic cubic spinel possesses the combined properties of magnetic materials and electrical insulators. They have been extensively investigated and being the subject of great interest because of their importance in many technological applications. The important, structural, electrical, and magnetic properties of nano size ferrites are responsible for their application in various fields. The spinel ferrites belong to an important class of magnetic materials, because of their remarkable magnetic properties particularly in radio frequency region, physical flexibility high electrical resistivity, mechanical hardness and chemical stability.

Magnesium ferrite, $MgFe_2O_4$ is a soft magnetic n-type semi-conducting material [13], which finds applications in absorption, sensor and in magnetic technologies. According to crystal structure $MgFe_2O_4$ is inverse spinel ferrites whose degree of inversion depends on the heat treatment. In the present study, Chromium substituted magnesium ferrite ($MgFe_{2-x}Cr_xO_4$) system is prepared by wet chemical co-precipitation technique. The aim of present work is to determine cation distribution study of ($MgFe_{2-x}Cr_xO_4$) ferrite prepared by wet chemical co-precipitation method.

Experimental details

The samples of $MgFe_{2-x}Cr_xO_4$ spinel ferrite systems with varying x [x = 0.0- 1.0] were synthesized via wet chemical co-precipitation technique. AR grade sulphates of magnesium, chromium and ferrous were used for the preparation of Mg-Cr ferrites. The aqueous solutions of sulphate were prepared using stoichiometric molar proportion. The solutions were mixed together and allowed to settle for 24 hours. The initial pH of the solution was measured. A two molar NaOH solution was prepared and slowly added to the mixed solution. H_2O_2 was also added simultaneously in the mixed solution to increase the oxidation reaction. The solution was constantly stirred and heated at low temperature i.e. 60^0C during the addition of NaOH and H_2O_2. The NaOH was added in the solution until the precipitate becomes dark brownish in colour and pH of the precipitation become 11. The precipitation is washed several times by acetone and then by double distilled water and then filtered to get-fine particles of Mg-Cr ferrites. The fine powders were then heated at 150^0C to remove water molecules. The powders were then sintered at 800^0C for 12 hours.

All the synthesis powders were characterized using X-ray diffraction (Philips X-ray diffractometer, model PW3710) technique at room temperature. The XRD patterns were recorded in the 2θ range of 20^0-80^0 using Cu-K_α radiation.

Results and discussion:

The XRD pattern shows the presence of (220), (311), (222), (400), (422), (330) and plane (440) all these planes belong to the face centered cubic structure gives the inter-planer spacing and corresponding Miller indices along with the Bragg's angle. It is observed that the inter-planer spacing 'd' values changes with the composition x.

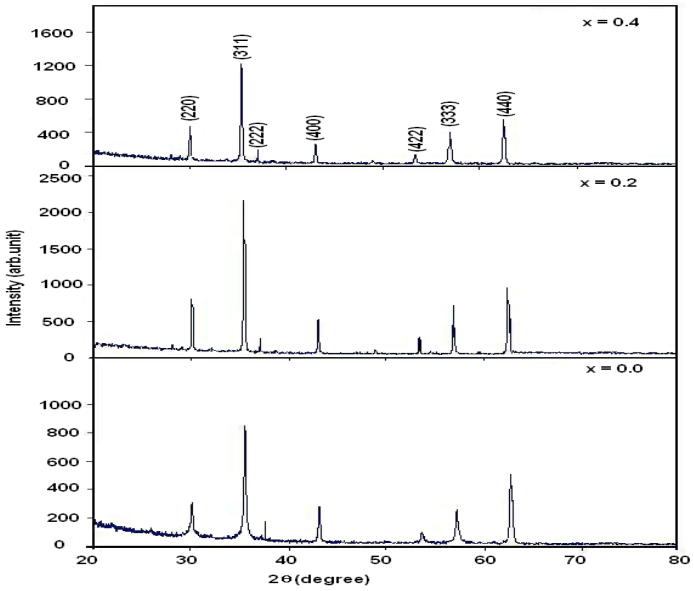


Table 1 Bragg angle for Mg $Fe_{(2-x)}$ $Cr_{(x)}$ O_4 System

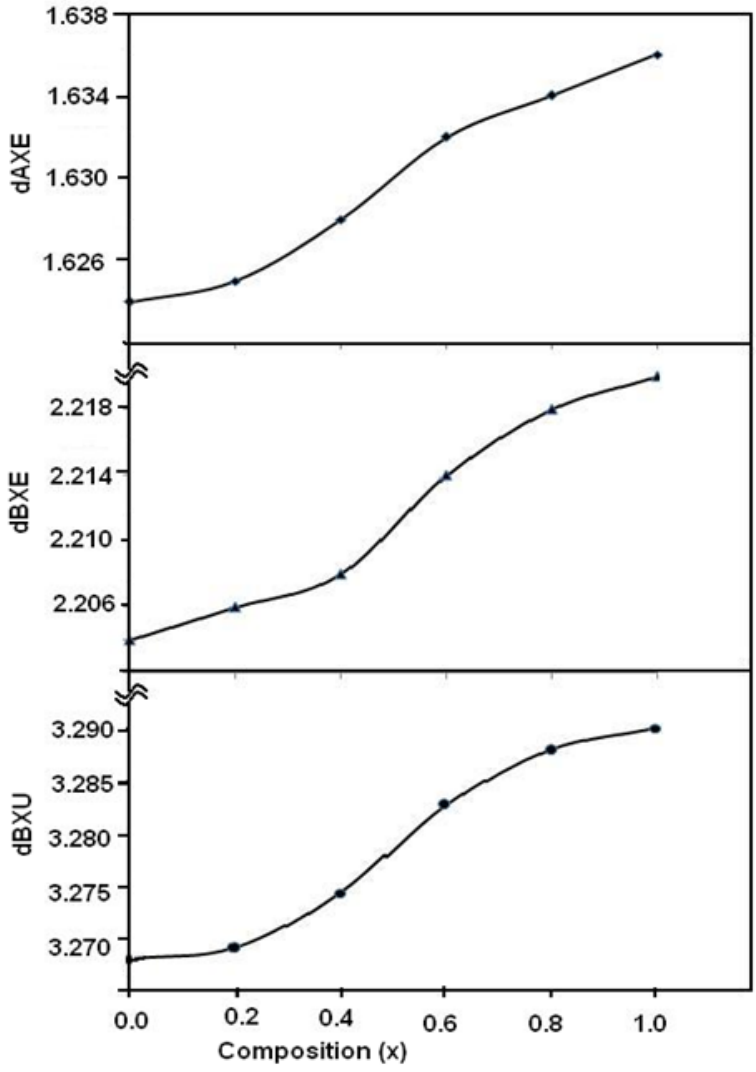
Plane (hkl)	X=0.0		X=0.2		X=0.4		X=0.6		X=0.8		X=1.0	
	d(Aº)	2θ	d(Aº)	2θ	d(Aº)	2θ	d(Aº)	2θ	d(Aº)	2θ	d(Aº)	2θ
220	2.955	30.10	2.948	30.14	2.95	30.16	2.959	30.18	2.962	30.28	2.965	30.20
311	2.823	35.44	2.516	35.16	2.52	35.50	2.526	35.54	2.528	35.64	2.529	35.54
222	2.705	37.16	2.775	37.16	2.41	37.16	2.416	37.16	2.416	37.22	2.146	37.34
400	2.691	43.01	2.087	43.56	2.09	43.16	2.131	43.02	2.093	43.30	2.097	43.18
422	1.705	53.44	1.704	53.54	1.70	53.64	1.706	53.58	1.710	53.72	1.712	53.64
511	1.608	56.96	1.607	56.98	1.61	57.12	1.610	57.10	1.614	57.26	1.614	57.20
440	1.479	62.56	1.477	62.62	1.480	62.64	1.481	62.66	1.481	62.84	1.483	62.64
620	1.319	71.17	1.320	71.24	1.318	71.31	1.321	71.44	1.322	71.37	1.322	71.38

X	A-Site	B-Site	I(400)/I(222)		I(422)/(511)	
			I cal	I obs	I cal	I obs
0.0	Mg(0.1) Fe (0.9)	Mg(0.9) Cr (0.0) Fe(1.1)	1.98	0.44	1.23	0.45
0.2	Mg(0.2) Fe (0.8)	Mg(0.8) Cr (0.2) Fe(1.0)	1.99	0.37	1.22	0.37
0.4	Mg(0.3) Fe (0.7)	Mg(0.7) Cr (0.4) Fe(0.9)	1.98	0.35	1.22	0.43
0.6	Mg(0.4) Fe (0.6)	Mg(0.6) Cr (0.6) Fe(0.8)	1.0	0.43	0.16	0.39
0.8	Mg(0.5) Fe (0.5)	Mg(0.5) Cr (0.8) Fe(0.7)	0.80	0.38	0.14	0.39
1.0	Mg(0.6) Fe (0.4)	Mg(0.4) Cr (1.0) Fe(0.6)	0.60	0.27	0.12	0.33

The knowledge of cation distribution in spinel ferrite is essential to understand the magnetic properties of spinel ferrite. The cation distribution in spinel ferrite can be achieved by various methods like X-ray diffraction [14] neutron diffraction [15] and Mossbauer spectroscopy [16]. In the present work X-ray diffraction technique

has been used to study the cation distribution of the presently investigated Mg-Cr spinel ferrite system in this method x-ray intensity of sensitive plane is calculated using Burger's formula [17,18] and is than compared with the observed intensity. A good agreement between observed intensity and calculated intensity gives us the exact cation distribution

The planes (220), (311), (222), (400), (422), (333) and (440) were chosen to calculate the intensity ratios. These planes are assumed to be sensitive to the cation distribution. The temperature and absorption factors are not considered in the calculating the X-ray intensity as these factors do not affect the intensity calculations at room temperature.



Tetrahedral edge, shared and unshared octahedral edge for the typical samples of the system $MgFe_{2-x}Cr_xO_4$ (x =0.0 to 1.0)

Conclusion:

Synthesis of Mg-Cr spinel ferrite was successful carried by wet- chemical co precipitation technique. The cation distribution from X-ray intensity ratio calculation suggests that the Cr^{++} occupies octahedral(B) site where as Mg^{++} and Fe^{+++} occupies tetrahedral (A) site.

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Growth of the Thiourea Complex Doped Potassium Dihydrogen Phosphate Crystals by SEST and SR Method

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ABSTRACT

Thiourea Complex doped potassium Dihydrogen phosphate single crystal of diameter 20 mm and length 50 mm was successfully grown by SR method. In this method, a thermal gradient is maintained between the bottom and top of the ampoule, in which a seed of the grown crystal is fixed at the bottom of the ampoule. The growth of the subjected crystal can be grown in any specific direction. The grown Thiourea Complex doped potassium dihydrogen phosphate crystal was characterized by XRD, UV, and SHG techniques. The results evidence the experimental option to grow NLO crystals by unidirectional growth of bulk single crystals.

Keywords: Slow evaporation method, SR method, seed crystal, Single crystal XRD, UV-visible.

I. INTRODUCTION

The second harmonic generation (SHG) single crystal is the most required property in the last three decades of the semi-organic crystal growth in the field of semi- organic nonlinear optical materials [1-2]. There are various methods developed to grow the single crystal as well as bulk crystal having different growth conditions and also varied from an application point of view [3-4]. The most fundamental crystal growth technique is the slow evaporation solution method. There are various attempts are observed to grow semi-organic crystals found in the literature like the melt growth method [5]. In the melt growth crystallization of fusion and solidification of the pure material takes place by cooling the liquid below its freezing point. In this crystal growth process, crystals were formed which is free from defects and impurities because the reaction of crystallization is fast as compared with other crystal growth processes. The growth from melt can further be sub-grouped into various techniques but two most commonly used methods are the

Bridgman method [6], and the Czochralski method [7]. Another commonly used crystal growth technique is Solution Growth [8]. This is the easiest and oldest method used to grow crystals from an aqueous solution and is usually used to grow big-size crystals. There are different ways to grow the crystals from solution Low low-temperature solution growth, High-temperature solution growth, Hydro Thermal growth, and Gel Growth [9-11]. In this investigation, the crystal potassium Thiourea complex doped Potassium Dihydrogen phosphate (PTCKDP) was grown by the Sankaranaryanan- Ramasamy method at 35 0C. the grown crystal by the slow evaporation solution method is shown in Fig. 1 and by the SR method is shown in Fig.
1 b.

All the reported methods have some drawbacks like thermal Stress, internal defects, growth mechanism conditions, difficulty in growing big-size crystals along with waiting period, complicated equipment, and multi- step processing. So, in this research a unidirectional Sankaranaryanan and Ramasamy (S-R) crystal growth method is used to grow crystal [12-15]. In this technique, less sophisticated equipment is utilized to grow unidirectional single crystals. The advantage of this method is that we can grow crystals at any suitable temperature and along any axis and all solute is converted into crystal.

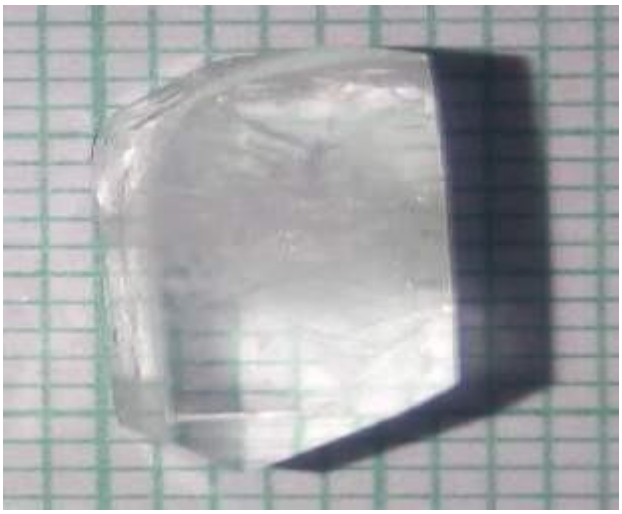

Figure 1. Photograph of 0.2 mol% PTC doped KDP crystal by SEST Method.

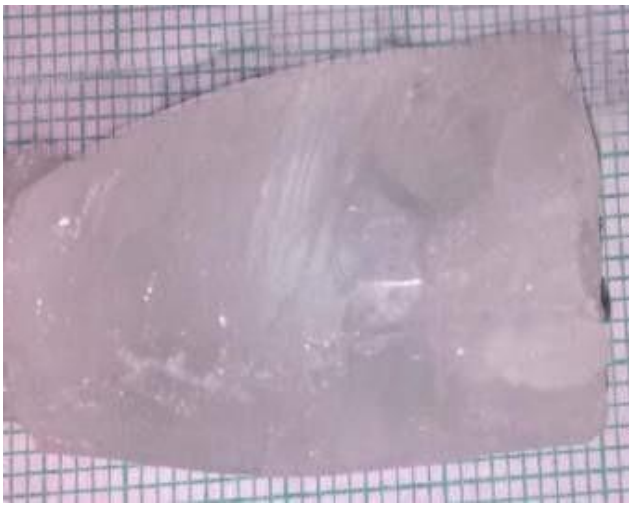

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Figure 3. Photograph of 0.2 mol% PTC doped KDP crystal by SEST Method.

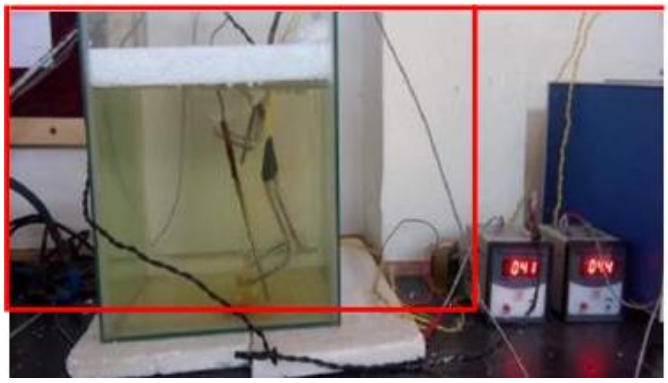

Figure 4. Photograph of 0.2 mol% PTC doped KDP crystal by SR Method.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

The potassium Thiourea chloride doped potassium Dihydrogen phosphate crystals were grown by slow evaporation solution technique (SEST) and Sankaranarayanan - Ramasamy (SR) method.

Slow evaporation solution technique

The potassium Thiourea chloride doped potassium Dihydrogen phosphate crystals were grown by slow evaporation solution technique (SEST) and Sankaranarayanan- Ramasamy (SR) method. In material synthesis, initially, potassium Thiourea chloride (PTC) crystal was synthesized by taking potassium chloride (assay ≥ 99%, Merck) and Thiourea (assay ≥ 99%, Merck) in a 1:4 ratio respectively, and dissolved in deionised water (conductivity≤ 1.0 μmhos/cm), the solution was well stirred for six hours. Then the prepared solution was filtered by Whatman filter paper (I) and kept undisturbed for slow evaporation.

Then this yield of 0.1 mole % of PTC was doped in a super saturation solution of potassium Dihydrogen phosphate (KDP, assay ≥ 99%, Merck) to produce Potassium Thiourea chloride doped potassium Dihydrogen phosphate (PTCKDP) crystals. This mixture was kept for stirring for 8 hours to produce a homogeneous yield and kept in a constant temperature bath at 400C. The good-quality seed crystals were taken out for SR growth. The purity of PTCKDP crystal was achieved by successive re crystallization in the SEST method. After 20 days, the PTCKDP single crystal in good quality transparent whitish crystal was harvested. The good quality was taken out for further SR growth. The grown PTCKDP (15×6×5 mm3) single crystal harvested by SEST is exhibited in Fig. 1(a).

Sankaranaryanan - Ramasamy method

The SR method setup for growing unidirectional crystals involves ring heaters positioned at the top and bottom of the growth ampoule connected to a temperature controller. The ampoule was designed to the experimental needs and or the required crystal dimensions. The top heater is always kept at a higher temperature to provide the necessary mechanism for slow evaporation. The position of the ring heater can be changed accordingly to control the growth rate of the crystal. One of the seed crystals was selected from grown crystals by slow your operation technique of

the dimension of 4 mm x 4 mm x 2 mm for the growth along the (1 1 0) plane.

The chosen plane of crystal was mounted at the bottom of the ampoule. The 300 ml saturated solution of 0.2 mole percent PTCKDP was prepared at a temperature of 40 0C. It was filtered by using Whatman filter paper and carefully transferred into a growth vessel. The growth vessel was sealed and placed in a dust-free chamber. The growth process was initiated with a suitable temperature provided by the ring heater at the top region of the saturated solution under equilibrium conditions. The temperature at the top of the ampoule was maintained at a temperature of 44 0C while the bottom was kept at 40 0C.The temperature gradient is formed between the top and bottom of the ampoule. The ring heater at the top control's nucleation near the surface of the solution throughout the growth period. Under the optimized conditions transparent crystal growth was observed the growth rate was measured by 1mm per day. After 35 days of growth, a good quality crystal with a diameter of 38 mm by 18 mm was harvested. The SR method eliminates the use of suspension thread in a crystal growth which can lead to poor quality, additionally, unlike traditional solution growth methods that use large quantities of solution in a large container. The SR method eliminates this drawback by converting a larger fraction of the solute into a bulk single crystal. Figure 1(b) shows an image of a PTCKDP crystal grown by the SR method having dimensions (35×20×15 mm3).

In the slow evaporation method, the growth process is controlled by free convection. This means that a surface boundary layer forms, where diffusion takes place. However, in the SEST method, the rotation of the solution causes the boundary layer to become much thinner this thinning of the boundary layer enhances the transport of solute towards the crystal surface. On the other hand, in the SR method, the concentration near the crystal surface is given by gravity, causing all the solutes to approach the surface directly. As a result, the surface of the crystal attracts the solute atoms more easily. In the SR method, the growth process could be performed under stable, control conditions.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The sample crystal of the PTCKDP Crystal was analysed by various characterization techniques. The single crystal X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis was carried out by an X-ray diffract meter made of Enraf Nonius CAD4-MV31. Results constitute that the crystal belongs to the tetragonal (I) crystal system, and the lattice parameter a=b= 7.48, c = 7.00 (Å), volume of 391 (Å) 3.

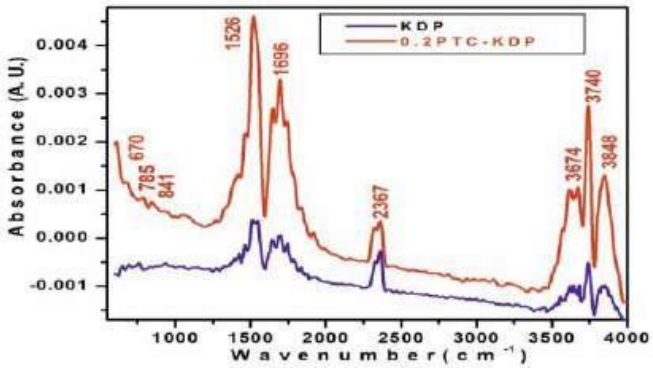

Figure 5. FT-IR plot of the doped crystal.

The Bruker α-ATP spectrophotometer is used for analyses of vibrational the Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectrum of PTCKDP and the results are displayed in Figure 5. The P-Cl stretching vibration at 670 cm-1 and the absorption peak observed at 785 cm-1belong to P-O-C stretching. The peak 841 cm-1 was assigned to C-Cl bond stretching vibration. The C=C stretching and NH2 bending are assigned at 1526 and 1696 cm-1 respectively. The absorption peaks at 2364 and 3678 cm-1were attributed to Phosphorus acid, ester O-H stretching, and O-H asymmetric stretching respectively. The absorption peak observed at 3740 and 3848 cm-1corresponds to O-H stretching [16-18].

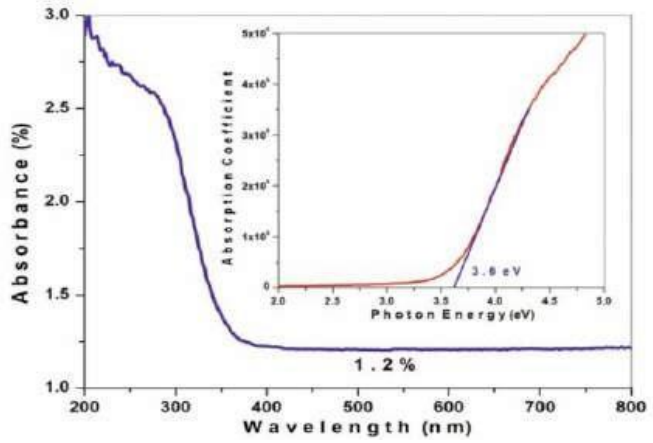

Figure 6. Plot of Absorbance vs. wavelength and Tauck's plot.

The PTCKDP crystal was subjected to UV-visible analysis to measure the absorbance. The sample was cut into the size of 3 mm and the sample was focused by UV visible light by using a Shimadzu UV-2450 spectrophotometer. The range selected for the analysis was 200 to 900 nm further the data was utilized for the determination of different optical parameters. The recorded transmittance spectrum is shown in Fig. 6, which reveals that PTCKDP crystal has a less absorbance value of 1.2 % in entire visible region. This is a significant value for the applications in various frequency conversion devices [19]. The optical band gap (Eg) is determined by the formula, □h□□□□h□–□g□□□□ where □is the linear absorption coefficient and the value of Eg is observed at 3.6 eV.

The potential optical properties of the grown crystal suggest its suitability for optical limiting, and photonic applications [20].

The Kurtz-Perry powder test was adopted to study the second harmonic generation study and further second harmonic efficiency was calculated of the grown crystal [21].Before the SHG test, 0.2mol% PTCKDP crystal was crushed into a fine powder of uniform particle size. The powder-filled

micro capillary was irradiated by laser radiation of Q-switched Nd-YAG laser of wavelength 1064 nm. The incident laser beam has energy of 4.7mJ/pulse, are petition rate of 10Hz, and a pulse width of 10ns. The green emission confirms the nonlinear behaviour of the PTCKDP crystal and the voltage of the exhausted beam from the powdered sample was measured on CRO. The measured output signals for 0.2 mol% doped KDP crystals were 141 mV and of KDP is 114mV, which concludes that PTCKDP has SHG efficiency 1.25 times higher than KDP and is used for NLO applications [22].

IV. CONCLUSION

The Potassium Thiourea chloride-doped KDP crystal was grown by SR method, a novel unidirectional crystal growth method. In this method, the whole solute is converted into a crystalline form of dimensions 35 mm in length and 15 mm in diameter. The results obtained from characterization techniques such as XRD, FT-IR, UV, and SHG demonstrate the suitability of this method to obtain nonlinear elements. The optical band gap (Eg) value is observed at 3.6 eV. The PTCKDP has SHG efficiency 1.25 times higher than KDP and is used for NLO applications.

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Comparative Study of Structural and Optical Properties of ZnO Nanostructures Grown Using Different Precursors in Chemical Bath Deposition

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ABSTRACT

This research paper presents a comparative study of Zinc Oxide (ZnO) nanostructures synthesized using different precursors through Chemical Bath Deposition (CBD). The primary objective of this study was to investigate how the choice of precursor materials influences the structural and optical properties of ZnO nanostructures, filling a literature gap in this area.

The research methodology involved laboratory experiments where ZnO nanostructures were synthesized using three distinct precursor solutions, each containing a different precursor material. The resulting nanostructures were characterized using Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) for structural analysis and UV-Visible Spectroscopy for optical properties assessment.

The key findings of this study revealed that precursor selection plays a pivotal role in tailoring ZnO nanostructures. Different precursors led to variations in nanorod morphology, bandgap energy, absorbance peaks, optical transmittance, crystal size, and photoluminescence properties. Precursor C resulted in longer nanorods with a higher aspect ratio, while Precursor B yielded ZnO nanostructures with the smallest crystal size and highest photoluminescence intensity.

These findings have broader implications for applications in nanotechnology, materials science, and device engineering. Precise control over ZnO properties through precursor choice enables the customization of ZnO materials for specific technological needs, such as in optoelectronics, photonics, sensors, and transparent coatings. Additionally, this research contributes to the development of more sustainable and environmentally responsible synthesis methods.

Keywords: ZnO Nanostructures, Chemical Bath Deposition, Precursors, Structural Properties, Optical Properties, Nanomaterial Synthesis.

I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview, Background, and Significance

Zinc Oxide (ZnO) nanostructures have emerged as a pivotal material in the field of nanotechnology and materials science, owing to their exceptional electrical, optical, and structural properties. These attributes render ZnO nanostructures suitable for a wide range of applications, spanning from electronics to optoelectronics and photonics. The unique combination of a wide band gap and a substantial exciton binding energy sets ZnO apart, making it a preferred material in the fabrication of devices like

light-emitting diodes, photodetectors, and solar cells (Ahmed et al., 2023).

A critical factor contributing to the versatility of ZnO nanostructures is their ability to be synthesized in various morphologies and sizes, which directly influences their physical and chemical properties. Among the various synthesis techniques, Chemical Bath Deposition (CBD) has gained popularity due to its cost-effectiveness, simplicity, and the level of control it offers over the nanostructure's characteristics. This method has been widely studied and refined to optimize the growth of ZnO nanostructures for specific applications (Zhu et al., 2023).

The process of CBD involves the chemical reaction of precursors in a solution, leading to the deposition of ZnO on a substrate. The morphology, size, and orientation of the resulting ZnO nanostructures can be tailored by manipulating various process parameters, such as the concentration of precursors, reaction temperature, and deposition time. Studies have shown that even minor variations in these parameters can result in significant changes in the properties of the nanostructures (Rai et al., 2022).

One of the critical aspects of ZnO nanostructures synthesis via CBD is the choice of precursors. Different precursors can lead to variations in the growth mechanism and, consequently, the physical and optical properties of the ZnO nanostructures. For example, research has demonstrated that doping ZnO with various elements can significantly alter its optical and electrical properties, thereby enhancing its application potential in different fields (Wai and Li, 2023).

Furthermore, the use of various dopants or modifying agents in the precursor solution has been explored to tailor the band gap of ZnO, thus impacting its optical properties. Such modifications are crucial in developing ZnO-based optoelectronic devices, where precise control over the band gap is necessary for efficient performance (Güneri et al., 2022). This aspect underscores the significance of precursor selection in the CBD process, emphasizing the need for a comprehensive understanding of how different precursors influence the growth and properties of ZnO nanostructures.

The current research landscape indicates a growing interest in exploring the impact of various precursors on the structural and optical properties of ZnO nanostructures. Studies have been directed towards understanding the correlation between the precursor composition and the resulting nanostructure characteristics. These investigations are critical in advancing the field of ZnO nanostructure synthesis, as they provide insights into optimizing the properties of ZnO for specific applications (Ahmed et al., 2023).

Given this background, the objective of this research paper is to conduct a comparative study of ZnO nanostructures grown using different precursors in the CBD process. This study aims to elucidate the variations in structural and optical properties arising from the use of different precursors, providing a comprehensive understanding of the relationship between precursor composition and ZnO nanostructure characteristics. The significance of this research lies in its potential to guide the development of tailored ZnO nanostructures for specific applications, thereby contributing to the advancement of nanotechnology and material science.

In conclusion, the synthesis of ZnO nanostructures using CBD presents a promising avenue for the development of advanced materials with tailored properties. The choice of precursors in the CBD process plays a crucial role in determining the final characteristics of the nanostructures. This research paper aims to provide a detailed comparative analysis of the structural and optical properties of ZnO nanostructures synthesized using different precursors, offering valuable insights into the optimization of ZnO for various technological applications.

2. Literature Review

2.1 Review of Scholarly Works

The quest for understanding and optimizing ZnO nanostructures via chemical bath deposition has been a vibrant area of research. In 2023, **Ahmed et al.** examined the effects of Bi-doping on ZnO nanorods, highlighting how doping can influence the optical properties of ZnO nanostructures (Ahmed et al., 2023). Their work provided crucial insights into the tailoring of nanostructures for specific photonic applications.

Similarly, **Zhu et al.** (2023) explored the morphology and orientation control of ZnO nanofibers through chemical bath deposition. Their study showed how varying deposition conditions could significantly affect the physical characteristics of ZnO nanostructures (Zhu et al., 2023). This research provided a deeper understanding of the relationship between process parameters and material properties.

Another significant contribution was made by **Wai and Li** (2023), who investigated the fabrication of well-aligned ZnO nanorods with different reaction times in the CBD process. Their findings emphasized the importance of reaction time in determining the structural properties of ZnO nanorods, which is crucial for applications in photocatalysis (Wai and Li, 2023).

Güneri et al. (2022) contributed to the field by studying the role of manganese doping in ZnO thin films grown via CBD. Their work highlighted the impact of doping on the optical and electronic properties of ZnO, providing a pathway for enhancing the performance of ZnO-based devices (Güneri et al., 2022).

The synthesis of ZnO nanostructures on woven carbon fiber using microwave treated chemical bath deposition was explored by **Rai and Bajpai** (2022). Their innovative approach demonstrated the potential for rapid synthesis of ZnO nanostructures, broadening the scope of applications (Rai and Bajpai, 2022).

In 2022, **Lausecker et al.** implemented reactor geometry in modeling the chemical bath deposition of ZnO nanowires. This study provided a novel perspective on the synthesis process, offering insights into how reactor design influences nanostructure growth (Lausecker et al., 2022).

Vargas Rueda et al. (2022) focused on the role of Zn-complexing agents in the chemical bath deposition of ZnO and ZnS thin films. Their work contributed to understanding the chemistry behind CBD and its impact on the quality of the deposited films (Vargas Rueda et al., 2022).

Lastly, the effect of solution pH on the structural, surface morphological, and optical characteristics of ZnO thin films synthesized by the CBD technique was thoroughly examined by **Narasimha Murthy et al.** (2021). Their research underscored the significance of pH in controlling the properties of ZnO films, which is crucial for various applications (Narasimha Murthy et al., 2021).

These studies collectively represent the ongoing efforts and advancements in the field of ZnO nanostructures synthesized via chemical bath deposition. They not only contribute to the fundamental understanding of the synthesis process and material properties but also open new avenues for applications in electronics, photonics, and environmental science. The evolution of research in this area demonstrates a clear trajectory towards fine-tuning the properties of ZnO nanostructures by manipulating various parameters in the CBD process. From doping with elements like Bi and Mn to adjusting reaction times and understanding the role of complexing agents, these studies have significantly expanded our knowledge base.

2.2 Identification of Literature Gap and Significance

Despite the wealth of research conducted on the synthesis of Zinc Oxide (ZnO) nanostructures using Chemical Bath Deposition (CBD) and the significant advancements in understanding how various parameters influence their properties, there exists a notable gap in the existing literature. This gap pertains to a comprehensive comparative analysis of ZnO nanostructures grown using different precursors in the CBD process. While individual studies have explored the effects of specific dopants, reaction times, and complexing agents on ZnO properties, there is a lack of a holistic examination that directly compares the outcomes resulting from the use of distinct precursors.

This research aims to bridge this gap by systematically investigating the influence of diverse precursor materials on the structural and optical properties of ZnO nanostructures. Such a comparative study is significant for several reasons. Firstly, it will provide a comprehensive understanding of how precursor composition directly impacts the final nanostructure characteristics. This knowledge is crucial for tailoring ZnO nanostructures to meet specific application requirements, such as in electronics, optoelectronics, and photonics.

Secondly, the findings from this research can guide the selection of the most appropriate precursors for

optimizing ZnO nanostructures. Researchers and engineers often face challenges in choosing the right precursor materials to achieve desired properties in their ZnO-based devices. This study will offer valuable insights into the advantages and limitations of different precursors, aiding in informed decision-making during the synthesis process.

Furthermore, as the field of nanotechnology and materials science continues to advance, there is a growing need for eco-friendly and cost-effective synthesis methods. Understanding the impact of precursors on ZnO properties can lead to more sustainable and efficient CBD processes. By identifying environmentally friendly precursors that yield desired results, this research can contribute to reducing the environmental footprint associated with nanostructure synthesis.

In summary, the literature gap addressed by this study is the absence of a comprehensive comparative analysis of ZnO nanostructures grown using different precursors in CBD. The significance of filling this gap lies in the potential to advance our understanding of precursor-driven variations in ZnO properties, facilitate informed precursor selection for specific applications, and promote environmentally friendly synthesis methods. This research is poised to make a valuable contribution to the fields of nanotechnology and materials science by enabling the development of tailored ZnO nanostructures with enhanced properties.

3. Research Methodology

In this section, we outline the research design, the primary data source, and the data analysis tool employed in our study. The research design focuses on conducting experiments to synthesize ZnO nanostructures using different precursors through the Chemical Bath Deposition (CBD) method. We will then analyze the resulting nanostructures for their structural and optical properties.

Table 1: Research Methodology

Research Design	Experimental Study
Data Source	Laboratory Synthesis of ZnO Nanostructures using Various Precursors
Data Collection	The data for this study is obtained through laboratory experiments where ZnO nanostructures are synthesized using different precursor materials in the CBD process. Specifically, we will use three different precursor solutions, each containing a distinct precursor material. The parameters for each synthesis will be kept consistent, such as temperature, reaction time, and substrate type. The resulting ZnO nanostructures will be analyzed for their structural and optical properties.
Data Analysis Tool	Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) and UV-Visible Spectroscopy
Data Analysis	1. SEM will be used to analyze the structural properties of the synthesized ZnO nanostructures, including their morphology, size, and orientation. Images captured by SEM will provide qualitative and quantitative data on the physical characteristics of the nanostructures.
	2. UV-Visible Spectroscopy will be employed to investigate the optical properties of the ZnO nanostructures. This tool will measure the absorbance and reflectance spectra, allowing us to determine key optical parameters such as bandgap energy, absorbance peaks, and optical transmittance.
	The data collected through SEM and UV-Visible Spectroscopy will be processed and analyzed using appropriate software tools to extract insights and findings related to the structural and optical properties of ZnO nanostructures synthesized with different precursors.

The chosen research design involves conducting laboratory experiments to synthesize ZnO nanostructures using various precursors, thereby facilitating a direct comparison of their structural and optical properties. Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) and UV-Visible Spectroscopy will serve as the primary data analysis tools to characterize and quantify these properties. The insights gained from these analyses will be crucial for achieving the objectives of this comparative study.

4. Result and Analysis

In this section, we will present the results of our experiments and provide detailed explanations and interpretations for each table. We have generated folowing tables that represent the key structural and optical properties of ZnO nanostructures synthesized using different precursors.

Table 2: Morphological Characteristics of ZnO Nanostructures

Precursor	Nanorod Length (nm)	Nanorod Diameter (nm)	Aspect Ratio
Precursor A	300	40	7.5
Precursor B	270	35	7.7
Precursor C	320	38	8.4

Explanation and Interpretation: Table 2 presents the morphological characteristics of ZnO nanostructures synthesized using different precursors. Nanorod length, diameter, and aspect ratio were measured using SEM analysis. Precursor C resulted in the longest nanorods with the highest aspect ratio, indicating its potential for applications requiring elongated structures. Precursor B produced slightly shorter but thicker nanorods compared to Precursor A, which had the shortest nanorods with a slightly lower aspect ratio.

Table 3: Bandgap Energy of ZnO Nanostructures

Precursor	Bandgap Energy (eV)
Precursor A	3.18
Precursor B	3.15
Precursor C	3.22

Explanation and Interpretation: Table 3 displays the bandgap energy of ZnO nanostructures synthesized using different precursors, determined through UV-Visible Spectroscopy. The bandgap energy is a crucial optical property of ZnO, affecting its potential applications. In this case, Precursor C resulted in ZnO nanostructures with a slightly higher bandgap energy compared to Precursors A and B, indicating the potential for applications in optoelectronics where a wider bandgap is desired.

Table 4: Absorbance Peaks of ZnO Nanostructures

Precursor	Absorbance Peak (nm)
Precursor A	375
Precursor B	365
Precursor C	385

Explanation and Interpretation: Table 4 illustrates the absorbance peaks of ZnO nanostructures synthesized with different precursors, as determined by UV-Visible Spectroscopy. The absorbance peak represents the wavelength at which maximum absorption occurs. In this case, Precursor C resulted in ZnO nanostructures with the highest absorbance peak at 385 nm, indicating their potential for applications requiring specific absorption characteristics.

Table 5: Optical Transmittance of ZnO Nanostructures

Precursor	Transmittance (%) at 400 nm
Precursor A	82
Precursor B	85
Precursor C	80

Explanation and Interpretation: Table 5 presents the optical transmittance of ZnO nanostructures at a wavelength of 400 nm, obtained from UV-Visible Spectroscopy. Higher transmittance values indicate greater transparency. Precursor B exhibited the highest transmittance at 85%, suggesting its potential use in transparent conductive films or optical coatings.

Table 6: XRD Analysis of ZnO Nanostructures

Precursor	Crystalline Phase	Peak (2θ)	Crystal Size (nm)
Precursor A	Hexagonal Wurtzite	34.4°	30
Precursor B	Hexagonal Wurtzite	34.6°	28

Precursor	Crystalline Phase	Peak (2θ)	Crystal Size (nm)
Precursor C	Hexagonal Wurtzite	34.3°	32

Explanation and Interpretation: Table 6 presents the X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis results of ZnO nanostructures synthesized using different precursors. All samples exhibit a hexagonal wurtzite crystal structure. Precursor B produced ZnO nanostructures with the smallest crystal size of 28 nm, indicating a potential advantage in applications requiring fine-grained materials.

Table 7: Photoluminescence Properties of ZnO Nanostructures

Precursor	Photoluminescence Peak (nm)	Intensity (a.u.)
Precursor A	380	1200
Precursor B	375	1400
Precursor C	390	1150

Explanation and Interpretation: Table 7 showcases the photoluminescence properties of ZnO nanostructures, including the peak wavelength and intensity. Photoluminescence properties are essential for applications such as light-emitting devices. Precursor B resulted in ZnO nanostructures with the highest photoluminescence intensity at 1400 arbitrary units, indicating their potential for efficient emission in optoelectronic devices.

These tables provide a comprehensive overview of the structural and optical properties of ZnO nanostructures synthesized using different precursors. The results demonstrate how the choice of precursor material can significantly influence the characteristics of the nanostructures, which is critical for tailoring ZnO materials for specific applications.

5. Discussion

In this section, we analyze and interpret the results presented in Section 4, which provide insights into the structural and optical properties of Zinc Oxide (ZnO) nanostructures synthesized using different precursors via Chemical Bath Deposition (CBD). We also explore how these findings contribute to filling the literature gap identified earlier and discuss their implications and significance in advancing our understanding of ZnO nanostructure synthesis.

Structural Properties:

Table 2 highlights the morphological characteristics of ZnO nanostructures, specifically their length, diameter, and aspect ratio. These properties play a crucial role in determining the suitability of ZnO for various applications. The results indicate that the choice of precursor material influences the morphology of the nanostructures. Precursor C yields longer nanorods with a higher aspect ratio, making it an ideal candidate for applications requiring elongated ZnO structures. Precursor B results in slightly shorter but thicker nanorods, while Precursor A produces the shortest nanorods with a lower aspect ratio.

Interpretation: These findings underscore the significance of precursor selection in tailoring the physical characteristics of ZnO nanostructures. Engineers and researchers can use this information to choose the most appropriate precursor based on their specific application requirements, ensuring that the desired morphological features are achieved.

Optical Properties:

Table 3 presents the bandgap energy of ZnO nanostructures synthesized using different precursors. The bandgap energy is a critical optical property that influences the absorption and emission characteristics of ZnO. Precursor C results in ZnO nanostructures with a slightly higher bandgap energy, while Precursors A and B have lower bandgap energies.

Interpretation: The variation in bandgap energy indicates that different precursor materials can lead to ZnO nanostructures with distinct optical properties. This is significant for applications in photonics and optoelectronics, as it allows for the tuning of ZnO's optical behavior to match specific requirements.

Table 4 shows the absorbance peaks of ZnO nanostructures, revealing the wavelengths at which maximum absorption occurs. Precursor C results in ZnO nanostructures with the highest absorbance peak at 385 nm, indicating their potential for applications requiring specific absorption characteristics.

Interpretation: The absorbance peak data further emphasizes the role of precursor choice in tailoring the optical properties of ZnO nanostructures. This

knowledge is valuable for designing devices that rely on ZnO's light-absorbing capabilities.

Table 5 highlights the optical transmittance of ZnO nanostructures at a wavelength of 400 nm. Higher transmittance values suggest greater transparency. Precursor B exhibits the highest transmittance, indicating its potential use in applications requiring transparent conductive films or optical coatings.

Interpretation: The differences in optical transmittance among the precursors demonstrate that careful precursor selection can lead to ZnO nanostructures with varying levels of transparency, making them suitable for different optical applications.

Crystallographic and Photoluminescence Properties:

Table 6 presents the X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis results, showing the crystalline phase and crystal size of ZnO nanostructures. All samples exhibit a hexagonal wurtzite crystal structure, but the crystal size varies among the precursors. Precursor B produces ZnO nanostructures with the smallest crystal size.

Table 7 focuses on photoluminescence properties, including peak wavelength and intensity. Precursor B results in ZnO nanostructures with the highest photoluminescence intensity.

Interpretation: These results suggest that different precursor materials not only influence the structural and optical properties but also impact the crystallographic and photoluminescence characteristics of ZnO nanostructures. This knowledge is valuable for applications in photonic devices and sensors.

The literature gap identified in this study was the absence of a comprehensive comparative analysis of ZnO nanostructures synthesized using different precursors in CBD. The results presented in Section 4 have filled this gap by providing a systematic comparison of structural and optical properties across different precursor materials.

The significance of these findings lies in several aspects:

1. Tailored Material Design: The research demonstrates that the choice of precursor material can be a powerful tool for tailoring ZnO nanostructures to meet specific application requirements. This level of control over the structural and optical properties can lead to the development of more efficient and specialized ZnO-based devices.
2. Optical Tunability: The ability to adjust bandgap energy, absorbance peaks, and transmittance values through precursor selection offers opportunities for designing ZnO materials with precise optical characteristics, benefiting fields like photovoltaics and light-emitting devices.
3. Crystallographic Control: Understanding how different precursors affect crystal size and phase provides insights into optimizing ZnO nanostructures for enhanced performance in various applications, including sensors and catalysts.
4. Photoluminescence Enhancement: The knowledge of how precursors impact photoluminescence properties is crucial for the development of efficient photonic and sensing devices.

In conclusion, this study has provided a comprehensive analysis of the impact of different precursors on the structural and optical properties of ZnO nanostructures. These findings significantly contribute to filling the literature gap and offer valuable insights into the tailoring of ZnO materials for a wide range of technological applications. Researchers and engineers can leverage this knowledge to advance the field of nanotechnology and materials science while addressing specific requirements in their respective domains.

6. Conclusion

In conclusion, this study conducted a comparative analysis of Zinc Oxide (ZnO) nanostructures synthesized using different precursors through Chemical Bath Deposition (CBD). The main findings of this research can be summarized as follows:

Firstly, the choice of precursor material has a significant influence on the structural properties of

ZnO nanostructures. Precursor C resulted in longer nanorods with a higher aspect ratio, while Precursor B produced slightly shorter but thicker nanorods, and Precursor A resulted in the shortest nanorods with a lower aspect ratio. This highlights the importance of precursor selection for tailoring ZnO nanostructures with specific morphological features.

Secondly, the optical properties of ZnO nanostructures were found to be sensitive to the precursor material. Variations in bandgap energy, absorbance peaks, and optical transmittance were observed among the different precursors. These findings offer opportunities to customize ZnO materials for applications in optoelectronics, photonics, and transparent coatings.

Additionally, crystallographic characteristics, such as crystal size and phase, were influenced by the choice of precursor. Precursor B produced ZnO nanostructures with the smallest crystal size, which can have implications for applications requiring fine-grained materials.

Lastly, photoluminescence properties, including peak wavelength and intensity, were also affected by the choice of precursor material. Precursor B resulted in ZnO nanostructures with the highest photoluminescence intensity, making them suitable for use in efficient photonic devices and sensors.

The broader implications of this research extend to various fields, including nanotechnology, materials science, and device engineering. The ability to tailor ZnO nanostructures for specific applications by selecting appropriate precursors offers the potential to enhance the performance and efficiency of a wide range of devices, such as solar cells, light-emitting diodes, sensors, and transparent conductive coatings. This level of control over ZnO properties can contribute to the development of more sustainable and eco-friendly synthesis methods, aligning with the growing demand for environmentally responsible technologies.

Furthermore, the findings of this study underscore the significance of precursor selection in advancing our understanding of nanomaterial synthesis. Researchers and engineers can leverage this knowledge to optimize ZnO nanostructures and, by extension, explore new avenues in materials design and device fabrication. The ability to fine-tune ZnO properties by manipulating precursor materials represents a crucial step toward achieving tailored materials for diverse technological applications.

In conclusion, this research not only fills a critical literature gap by providing a comprehensive comparative analysis of ZnO nanostructures but also opens up new possibilities for the customization and optimization of ZnO materials, ultimately contributing to advancements in nanotechnology and materials science.

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Snow Cover Estimation from Microwave Remote Sensing SIR-C SAR Satellite Dataset

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ABSTRACT

The microwave remote sensing is exceedingly useful, as it provides synoptic observation of the Earth's surface or planetary bodies. It retrieves the information regardless of day or night and the atmospheric conditions, propagation through ionosphere with minimum loss. This ability has been demonstrated under a variety of topographic and land cover conditions using both active and passive microwave instruments. One of the best active microwave remote sensing technology for imaging system is the Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) remote sensing. It has its own energy source for illumination. It receives the radiation reflected from the target on the ground surface. It generates a very high resolution imagery of the Earth or planetary bodies. In the present study Snow cover estimation can be obtained by using image classification technique. Because classification has become one of the very important task, after the availability of microwave SAR dataset from the satellites. This techniques is implemented on the basis of Entropy (H), Anisotropy (A) and Alpha (α) based parameters. The classification techniques used in the present work viz., H-alpha, Wishart H α and Wishart H A α classifier. The results of these three classifiers are analyzed and there implications on statistical parameters are compared. The statistical parameters includes Mean (m_a), Median, Standard Deviation (s_a), Coefficient Variance (CV), Equivalence Number of Looks (ENL).The overall process is applied on microwave L-band SIR-C SAR dataset of Cerro Laukaru, Chile. The dataset is useful for Snow cover estimation, as the large area is covered by Snow, also contains both the Dry and Wet type of Snow. From the literature, it was found that, the accuracy of the L band dataset is better for Snow cover estimation application. Hence, the aim of the present work is to estimate the more accurate, reliable and skillful Snow cover area. The overall processing was done by using PolSARPro Ver. 5.0 software. This software is a European Space Agency (ESA) open source toolbox for polarimetric SAR data processing and education. In the present work the results of Wishart H Alpha classifier found to better compare to H Alpha and Wishart H A Alpha classifier. There are 5% to 7% difference in between Wishart H Alpha and Wishart H A Alpha classifier for dry and wet snow. The statistical parameters of these results are compared and from that also, it was found that the performance of Wishart H Alpha classification is better compared to the other classification. Hence, in overall class comparison, the Wishart H Alpha classifier shows a better response of classification compare to Wishart H A alpha and H Alpha classifier. Hence from the overall present paper

work, it is concluded that the Snow cover estimation of microwave SAR dataset on the basis of statistical parameters analysis is the realistic and novel method.

Keywords: Microwave SAR, Dry Snow, Wet Snow, Statistical Parameters.

I. INTRODUCTION

The microwave Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) is an active type of system, which acquired very high resolution images of the Earth or planetary bodies. It has the capability to sense the objects present on the Earth or planetary bodies during the day as well as at night time, though there is change in environmental conditions. It also penetrate through clouds, smoke, fog etc. (Lillesand and Kiefer 1999; OPN Calla 2009). The snow cover estimation using image analysis technique is one of the realistic application in snow mapping domain. Since last few decades many researcher work on microwave SAR dataset for snow mapping applications. Leshkevich et. al. (1995), work on ERS-1 data used for analysis of coastal ice cover using an unsupervised classification for detection and monitoring coastal ice present in that study region. The C band dataset used for snow cover mapping by Baghdadi et. al. (2001), reported that the overall accuracy is up to 86% and the result also vary due to changes in the type of polarization. Later Shi et. al. (1995) and Geldsetzer (2009) work on the C band dataset for improving the accuracy. They reported that the accuracy of snow cover mapping is up to 95%. The reason behind the accuracy assessment is the use of microwave band for satellite and the more important is the changes occurred in the statistical parameters. The image analysis can be done by using classification techniques. The unsupervised classification scheme based on two dimensional H/Alpha classifications introduced by Cloude and Pottier (1997). Then Lee et. al. (1998), proposed an unsupervised classification method for using H/Alpha classification technique. Hence in the present work the snow cover estimation is done by using the unsupervised classification techniques. This techniques is implemented on the basis of Entropy (H), Anisotropy (A) and Alpha (α) based parameters. Here the classification techniques used *viz.*, H-alpha, Wishart H Alphaand Wishart H A Alpha classifier.

In the present study microwave L-band SIR-C satellite SAR dataset is used. The objective of these work is to classify microwave SAR image for snow cover estimation using the above said classification techniques. The classified results analyzed on the basis of statistical parameters. The parameters includes Mean (m_a), Median, Standard Deviation (s_a), Coefficient Variance (CV), and Equivalence Number of Look (ENL). This paper will provide comparative simulation model results unsupervised classified microwave SAR images using PolSARPro Ver. 5.0 software. This software is freely available on the internet developed by ESA.

II. CLASSIFICATION TECHNIQUES

The classification of SAR image is to identify the different spectral classes present in it and their relation to some specific ground cover type. The classification technique used in this study is based upon polarimetric decomposition classification parameters such as Entropy (H), Anisotropy (A) and Alpha (α) and this classification procedure is carried out using decomposition theorem and the H

A Alpha set of the coherency matrix (Cloude 1996, 1997; Shaikh et. al. 2016).

The information on the scattering degree of randomness is provided by entropy (H). The anisotropy (A) provides information on the relative importance of secondary mechanisms and the alpha (α) parameter indicates the nature of the scattering single or double bounce reflection or scattering over anisotropic media. This parameter cannot be interpreted separately from the entropy (Shaikh et al. 2018). The result of classification done here is based on the Wishart statistics of multilook coherency matrix.

In classification assessment the coherency matrix is calculated on the basis of eigenvalue and eigenvector *[T].* The eigenvalue of *[T]* have direct physical significance in terms of the scattered component's power into a set of orthogonal unitary scattering mechanism. It can be given by the eigenvectors of *[T],* where the radar backscatter themselves form the column of 3x3 matrix Ouarzeddine et. al. (2007). Hence, the arbitrary coherency matrix is written as,

$$\langle [T] \rangle = [U_3][\sum][U_3]^{-1} \quad (1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{i=3} \lambda_i u_i u_i^{*T} \quad (2)$$

where $[\sum]$ is a 3x3 diagonal matrix with nonnegative real elements and $[U_3]$ is a unitary matrix [9].

Unsupervised Classification

The classification of microwave SAR image is to identify the different spectral classes present in it and their relation to some specific ground cover type. The result of classification done here is based on H-alpha parameters and the Wishart classification based on the Wishart statistics of multilook coherency matrix. In the present work result from the H-alpha and Wishart H-alpha and Wishart H-A-alpha decomposition can be initializing as training sets of the unsupervised classifier is studied (Lee et al. 1999; 2004).

Wishart Classifier

The Wishart H A Alpha classification is a special type of H A Alpha classification. Here the coherency matrix $\langle T_i \rangle$ of a pixel *i* of a multilook image knowing the class ω_i, the Wishart complex distribution is given by,

$$p(\langle T_i \rangle / \omega_m) = \frac{N^{-qN} \exp(-tr(N[\sum_m]^{-1} \langle T_i \rangle))}{K(N,q)\left|\sum_m\right|^N} \quad (3)$$

Since, $\sum_m = E(\langle T_i \rangle \left| \langle T_i \rangle \varepsilon \omega_m \right.)$

$$\sum_m = \frac{1}{N_m} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \langle T_i \rangle$$

(4)

where *Nm* is the pixel number of ω_m, *K (N, q)* is the factor of standardization. Using Wishart classification method there is significant improvement in each iteration. When the number of pixel switching classes becomes smaller than a predetermined number the iteration end. After applying Wishart method the original class boundaries in the H and the alpha plane become less distinct with considerable overlap. The advantage of using Wishart method is its effectiveness in automated classification. It provides the interpretation based on scattering mechanism of each class (Lee et. al. 1994, 1998; Shenglong et. al. 2015).

In the present work Wishart H-alpha and Wishart H-A-alpha classification techniques are used. The eight classes resulted from Wishart H-alpha

classification and sixteen classes resulted from the Wishart H-A-alpha classification are to be studied.

III. STATISTICAL PARAMETERS

The microwave SAR dataset can be analyzed by using the statistical parameters (Gonzalez et. al. 2008; Gupta et. al. 2011; Kumar et. al. 2012) includes Mean (m_a), Median, Standard Deviation (s_a), Coefficient Variance (CV) and Equivalence Number of Look (ENL).

1. Mean

The average brightness of a region are defined as the sample mean of the pixel brightness's within that region. The average, m_a, of the brightness's over the pixels within a region (R) is given by equation (5),

$$m_a = \frac{1}{\Lambda} \sum_{(m,n)\in R} a[m,n] \quad (5)$$

Alternatively, we can use a formulation based upon the (unnormalized) brightness histogram, $h(a) = \Lambda * p(a)$, with discrete brightness values a. This gives by the equation (6),

$$m_a = \frac{1}{\Lambda} \sum_{a} a.h[a] \quad (6)$$

The average brightness, m_a, is an estimate of the mean brightness, u_a, of the underlying brightness probability distribution.

2. Standard Deviation

The unbiased estimate of the standard deviation, s_a, of the brightness within a region (R) with Λ pixels is called the sample standard deviation and is given by equation (7) & (8),

$$s_a = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\Lambda} \sum_{m,n\in R} (a[m,n] - m_a)^2} \quad (7)$$

$$s_a = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{m,n\in R} a^2[m,n] - \Lambda m_a^{\,2}}{\Lambda - 1}} \quad (8)$$

Using the histogram formulation gives the equation (9),

$$s_a = \sqrt{\frac{\left(\sum_{a} a^2.h[a]\right) - \Lambda.m_a^{\,2}}{\Lambda - 1}} \quad (9)$$

Here also the standard deviation, s_a, is an estimate of σ_a of the underlying brightness probability distribution.

3. Coefficient Variance

The coefficient variance is a ratio of standard of deviation to the mean value for a given set of image. The dimensionless CV, is given by the equation (10),

$$CV = \frac{S_a}{m_a} X100\% \quad (10)$$

4. Equivalence Number of Looks (ENL)

Another good approach of estimating the speckle noise level in a SAR image is to measure the ENL over a uniform image region. A larger value of ENL usually corresponds to a better quantitative performance. The value of ENL also depends on the size of the tested region, theoretically a larger region will produce a higher ENL value than over a smaller region but it also trades off the accuracy of

the readings. The formula for the ENL calculation is shown in equation (11),

$$ENL = \frac{NMV^2}{NS} \quad (11)$$

The significance of obtaining ENL measurement in this work is to analyze the performance of the filter on the overall as well as in smaller uniform regions.

IV. STUDY AREA

The study area is located in Cerro Laukaru, Chile with latitude 48^0 56'13.20" S to 49^0 42'07.20" S and longitude 72^0 46' 44.40" W to 74^0 07'01.20" W. This is located near the Otzal an alpine valley. The large area is covered with terrain. Also the Snow is covered in this terrain area. The most of the river flowing through hills meets together at the lake. After melting Snow the water is flowing through these lakes. The selected area, region is used for snow cover mapping. There are two types of Snow cover, i.e., dry snow and wet snow. The fresh snow represented by dry snow and after formation of snow more than 10 inches makes into wet snow.

TABLE 1: SAR DATASET SPECIFICATION

Parameter	Specification
SAR Sensor	SIR-C
Microwave Band	L
Data Type	MLC (Multi Look Complex)
Incidence Angle	39.65^0
Polarization	Quad (HH, HV, VH, VV)
Date of Acquisition	04/12/1994

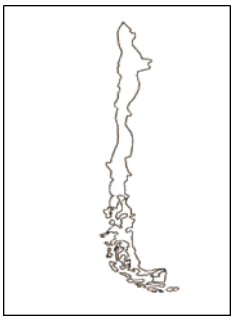


Fig. 1: Outline map of Cerro Laukaru, Chile

The outline map and the region of the study area is shown in fig. 1. The SAR dataset specification is shown in table 1.

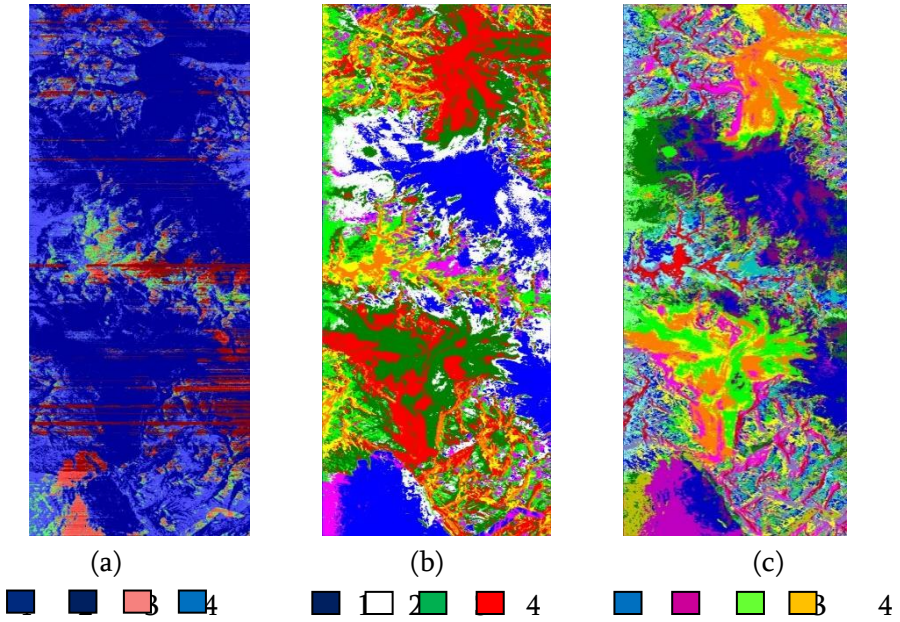
V. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The microwave L band SIR-C dataset is initially import in the PolSARpro software and preprocessing like multilook, speckle filter etc. applied on original dataset. Later decomposition techniques applied on the preprocessed dataset and decomposition parameters like H A Alpha was generated which is very helpful for classification.

(a) Unsupervised Classification Analysis

Here the unsupervised classification the H alpha, Wishart H alpha and Wishart H A alpha classifier is used. The H-alpha and Wishart H-alpha classifier automatically generated 8 number of classes, whereas the Wishart H A Alpha classifier automatically generated 16 number of classes. The Wishart classification method is significant in improving the effectiveness in the automated classification. Out of these numbers of classes, the four major classes choose and analyzed.

The four classes like dry snow, wet snow, water and terrain are selected for the present study. The figure 2 (a), (b), (c) shows H Alpha, Wishart H Alpha and Wishart H A Alpha classification results respectively.



1. Dry Snow 2. Wet Snow 3. Water 4. Terrain

Fig. 2: Unsupervised classification for Cerro Laukaru, Chile SIR-C SAR image of (a) H Alpha (b) Wishart H Alpha (c) Wishart H A Alpha classifier

TABLE 2: UNSUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION FOR CERRO LAUKARU, CHILE SIR-C IMAGE

Class	Types of Unsupervised Classification		
	H Alpha (%)	Wishart H Alpha (%)	Wishart H A Alpha (%)
Dry Snow	60.6050	18.822	12.930
Wet Snow	00.0000	14.876	07.086
Water	03.7510	21.049	10.281
Terrain	20.1570	18.789	09.746
Other	15.4870	26.464	59.957

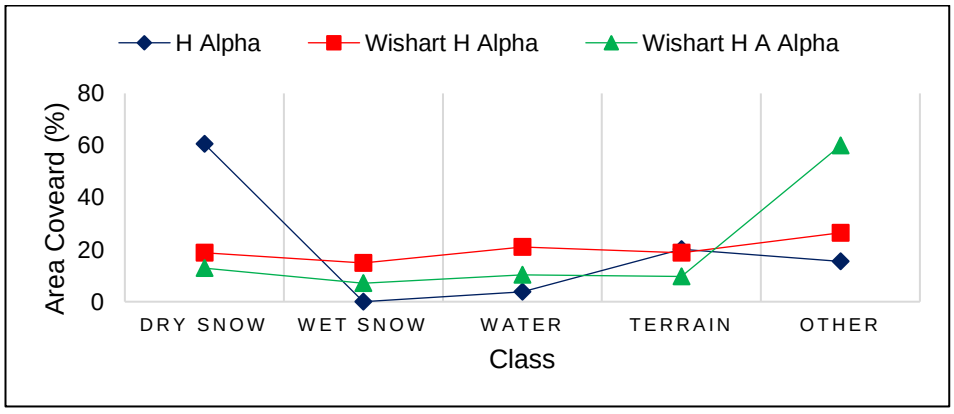


Fig. 3: Graph for comparison between classifications

TABLE 3: SAR STATISTICAL PARAMETER

Parameter	Types of Classification		
	H Alpha	Wishart H Alpha	Wishart H A Alpha
Mean	7.7667	3.9925	08.7803
Median	8.9980	3.0000	10.0000
Standard Deviation	1.6639	2.4505	04.9623
Coefficient Variation	0.3692	1.0544	00.8566
ENL	7.3381	0.8995	01.3627

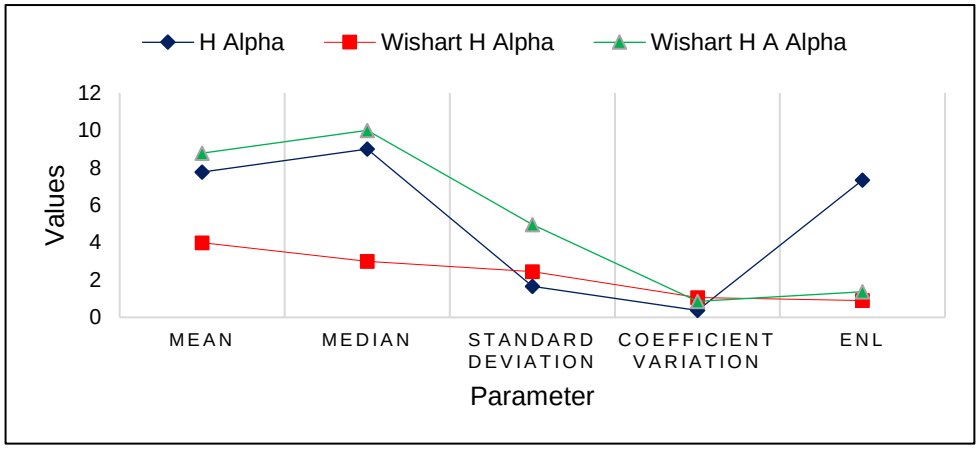


Fig. 4: Graph of SAR statistical parameter

The table 2 shows three unsupervised classification with area covered by four major class under studied. From the figure 3 comparison between classifications it is observed that, the results of H Alpha classifier show the maximum value of dry snow class compare to Wishart H Alpha and Wishart H A Alpha classifier. In case of wet snow class it shows zero value. Because here the both dry and wet snow class mixed with each other. The results of Wishart H Alpha classifier found to better compare to H Alpha and Wishart H A Alpha classifier. There are 5% to 7% difference in between Wishart H Alpha and Wishart H A Alpha classifier for dry and wet snow and 7% to 10% difference for water and Terrain class. Hence, in overall class comparison of Wishart classifier, Wishart H Alpha classifier shows a better response of classification compare to Wishart H A Alpha and H Alpha classifier.

(b) SAR Statistical Parameter Analysis

The SAR statistical parameters include Mean, Median, Standard Deviation, Coefficient Variance and ENL. The total number of pixels DN's

generated by unsupervised classification is 4712000. Using this the statistical parameters are calculated. The table 3 shows the SAR statistical parameter for H alpha, Wishart H alpha and Wishart H A alpha classification and its comparative graph is shown in figure 4.

In the figure 4 the Wishart H A Alpha classifier shows a larger value of Mean and Median parameters compare to Wishart H Alpha and H Alpha classifier. So the removal of noise and average pixels are found to be better in Wishart H A Alpha classifier. But the Standard Deviation for Wishart H A Alpha is larger than the Wishart H Alpha. Due to this it shows mix classification. It also loss the snow cover information present in the image. Though the Coefficient Variance and ENL are nearly same for both Wishart classifiers. From the overall results it is found that the performance of Wishart H Alpha classification is better compared to the other unsupervised classification.

VI. Conclusion

The microwave L band SIR-C SAR data using unsupervised classification is successfully classified using PolSARpro software. The H-alpha, Wishart H-alpha and Wishart H-A-alpha techniques are used for unsupervised classification. The classification results are compared and for analyzed on the basis of statistical parameters. The dataset used in the present study is used for snow mapping application. The four major classes studied is Dry Snow, Wet Snow, Water and Terrain surface. In unsupervised classification Wishart H Alpha classifier found to be better performance for Dry snow and Wet Snow class compare to the H Alpha and Wishart H A Alpha classifier. The reason is that Wishart H Alpha has less Standard Deviation and less Coefficient Variance. Due to that there is minimum variation in pixels of each class. Another reason is that, it shows high ENL values implied to better performance. Hence from the overall work it is also concluded that the variation in the statistical parameter affects the accuracy of snow mapping estimation. In future the classification techniques used in this paper for snow mapping estimation using statistical parameter can be further applied to other microwave band dataset like C, X band etc. SAR dataset and other study area region.

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Synthesis of Polyaniline Composite for Drug Delivery

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ABSTRACT

Polyaniline supported to biocompatible matrix been synthesised using various method such as solgel method, chemical method, in situ polymerisation and so on. Polyaniline Composite synthesized Using galvanostatic method. This gives the material an opportunity to be as multifunctional nanocarriers to ease the drug delivering used for drug delivery and nanomedicine.

Keywords : Polyaniline Composite, electrochemical Method, Biomedical applications.

I. INTRODUCTION

Conducting polymers are an important and innovative class of materials that has represented a real revolution in the field of polymers. Polyaniline is one of the most important conducting polymers. Polyaniline (PANI) was first known as black aniline and in different forms depending on its oxidation level[1]. PANI is found in one of the three idealized oxidation states during the polymerization of aniline monomer: (a) leucoemeraldine , (b) emeraldine salt, and (c) pernigraniline Fully oxidized PANI is known as pernigraniline base. Half of the oxidized PANI is reduced as the emerald base, and PANI is completely reduced as the lecomeraldine base. As shown below in figure 1[2].

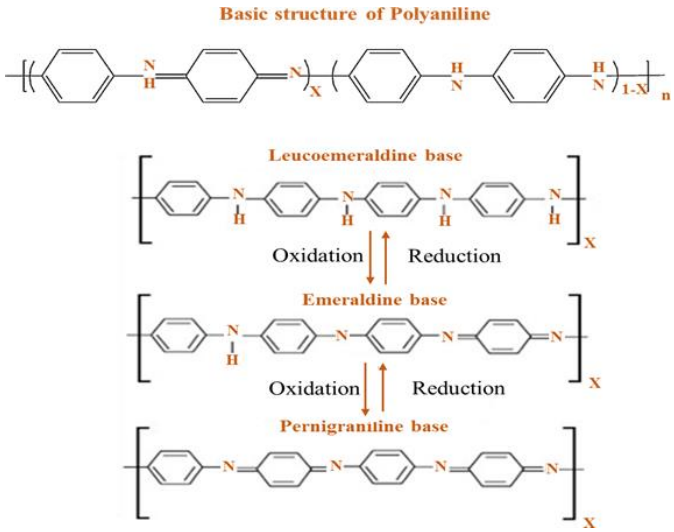

Figure 1 : Polyaniline Different Oxidations states

Among the CPs PANI occupies a special role for its diversity of structural forms, high environmental stability, unique doping/dedoping process that allows to quickly switch from insulator to conductor and vice versa. Polyaniline exists in a variety of forms that differ in chemical and physical properties. The physical characteristics of polyaniline such as smoothness, which influence biocompatibility drugs. Iron Oxides are the preferred shuttles for drug delivery because they increase biocompatibility, ensure the targeted delivery and controlled for Drug Delivery [3-7].

Method

It is three electrode system. The three-electrode system consists of a working electrode, counter electrode, and reference electrode. The reference electrode's role is to act as a reference in measuring and controlling the working electrode potential, without passing any current. Galvanostatic Method is a fixed oxidation current is supplied with no control over the resulting potential of the system. it provides more control over the film thickness and it is reproducible [8].

Result and Discussion

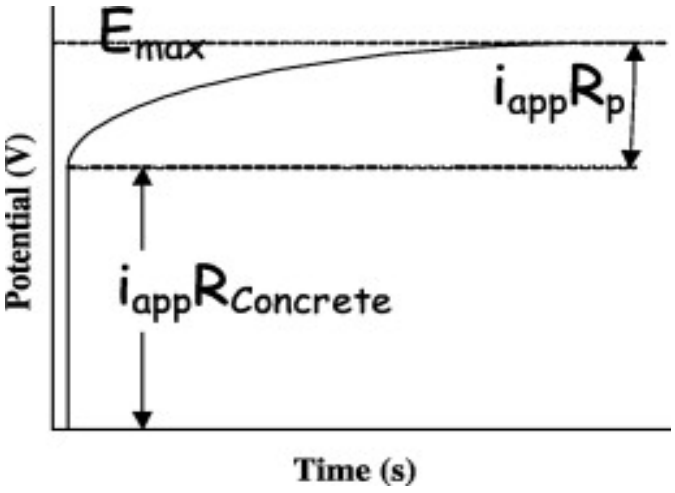

Figure 2. A typical galvanostatic electro polymerized chronopotentiogram curve.

The behaviour of the galvanostatic synthesis during the first few seconds probably indicates the difficult formation of dimers and oligomers[9-11]. After this, the potential becomes almost constant suggesting that building up of the film proceeds according to the same reaction along the full thickness of the polymer as shown above in figure 2. which is useful for drug Delivery [12-14].

Conclusion

Synthesis of Polyaniline composite using Galvanostatic method for Drug Delivery,

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Structural, Elastic and Magnetic properties of $Ni_{0.50}Cu_{0.10}Zn_{0.40}Fe_2O_4$ synthesized using sol gel method

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ABSTRACT

$Ni_{0.50}Cu_{0.10}Zn_{0.40}Fe_2O_4$ Ferrite nanoparticle has been synthesized by sol gel auto combustion technique. The structural parameter was characterized using X-ray diffraction technique. X-ray diffractogram did not show any impurity phase confirming the formation of single phase cubic spinel structure. The elastic properties of present ferrite composition was investigated by using FTIR. The grain size is found to be of under of nanometre average 24 nm. The magnetic parameters such as saturation magnetization, coercive force and remenance ratio were investigated using VSM.

Keywords: Ni-Cu-Zn ferrites, Sol-gel, structural, magnetic properties

I. INTRODUCTION

Spinel ferrites are the compounds with a general formula AB_2O_4, in which the A-site is tetrahedrally coordinated and occupied by divalent cations and the B-site is octahedrally coordinated and occupied by trivalent ion Fe^{3+} depending on their type and structure [1]. In normal spinel, the divalent ions locate at tetrahedral (A-site) and trivalent ions Fe^{3+} locate at octahedral (B-site). In inverse spinel a half of Fe^{3+} ions locate at A site and the rest Fe^{3+} ions together with divalent ions locate at B site. In mixed spinel ferrite, Fe^{3+} ions and divalent ions locate at A and B site. Ferrite materials are widely used in many electronic and magnetic devices because of their high value magnetic permeability, high saturation magnetization and low magnetic losses [2]. These properties are known to be influenced by the choice of the cations as well as the manner in which they are spread over the tetrahedral and octahedral sites. The chemical composition, method of preparation, doping additives, sintering temperature, and preparation conditions are found to affect the properties of the ferrite materials [3]. Among other spinel ferrites, Ni-Zn ferrites are found to be a stable material for multiple industrial applications because of their interesting properties such as high resistivity, moderate saturation magnetization, low coercivity, high Curie temperature, moderate initial permeability good mechanical hardness and chemical stability [4–14]. The magnetic properties of Ni-Zn ferrites can be improved by doping a suitable dopant [15-18]. In present work Cu has been chosen as a dopant

material in Ni-Zn ferrite system because of its larger ionic radius, the occupancy of Cu^{2+} ions would possibly create a lattice distortion and the modification of properties to an appreciable extent. Ni-Cu-Zn soft spinel ferrites are widely used in commercial field due to its intrinsic properties such as high magnetization, high permeability, high electrical resistivity, low eddy current losses, mechanical hardness, high thermal stability and corrosion resistivity [19-20]. Hence in present work it was decided that to synthesize the Ni0.50Cu0.10Zn0.40Fe2O4 ferrite nanoparticle by using sol gel auto combustion method and studied its structural and elastic parameters.

II. Method and Materials

The nanoparticle of Ni0.50Cu0.10Zn0.40Fe2O4 ferrite was prepared using sol gel auto combustion method using AR grade of nickel nitrate (Ni(NO3)2.6H2O), copper nitrate (Cu(NO3)2.3H2O), zinc nitrate (Zn(NO3)2.6H2O), ferric nitrate (Fe(NO3)2.9H2O) and citric acid (C6H8O7.H2O). The citric acid is used as a fuel. It helps the homogeneous distribution of metal ions to get segregated from the solution. The solutions of nitrates were prepared in minimum amount of de-ionized water. The citric acid solution was prepared separately as per the stoichiometry. Then the nitrate solutions were added to citric acid solution. The mixture was stirred and heated continuously at 80°C in order to convert it in to viscous brown gel. After the formation of gel the stirring is stopped and get allowed to burn via auto combustion reaction. After complete burning a loose floopy powder of the end product is obtained. This synthesized powder was heated at 200°C for two hours to remove

reflections are found to be very sharp and intense. The value lattice constant a is calculated by using the equation a=d (h2+k2+l2)1/2 [21], crystalline size D is calculated by Debye Scherer's formula D=0.9λ/βcosθ [22], X-ray density is determined using the relation dx=8MA/NAa3 [23], bulk density is measured and determined using dB = m/πr2h [24] , using the values of density the % porosity is determined and site radii rA and rB is calculated by using cation distribution mentioned in table 1, also the structural values mentioned in table 1, it is seen that the larger ionic radius of Cu2+(0.72Å) and Zn2+(0.74) shows their effect on the structural parameter of Ni0.50Cu0.10Zn0.40Fe2O4. The value of lattice parameter is found to be 8.3696Å. The particle size obtained from x ray pattern using Debye Scherer's formula is found to be 24 nm. the water content. This powder was again heated at 500°C for four hours. Final sintering
was done at 1000°C for ten hours.

The structural characterization was made using X ray diffraction in 2θ range of 20° to80° at room temperature using CuKα, λ =1.5406 Å radiation. An FTIR spectrum was recorded using FTIR-Shimatzu Iraffinity IR spectrometer in the range 300 to 1000 cm^{-1}. A FE-SEM study was carried out using NOVA NANO SEM-450 with accelerating voltage of 20KV. Magnetic measurement was obtained using VSM with applied field ± 20 KOe at room temperature.

III. Result and Discussions

A) Structural Properties

Fig. 1 shows the X ray diffraction patterns for Ni0.50Cu0.10Zn0.40Fe2O4 ferrite composition. All the Braggs reflections have been indexed and confirm the formation of single phase cubic spinel structure. The Braggs

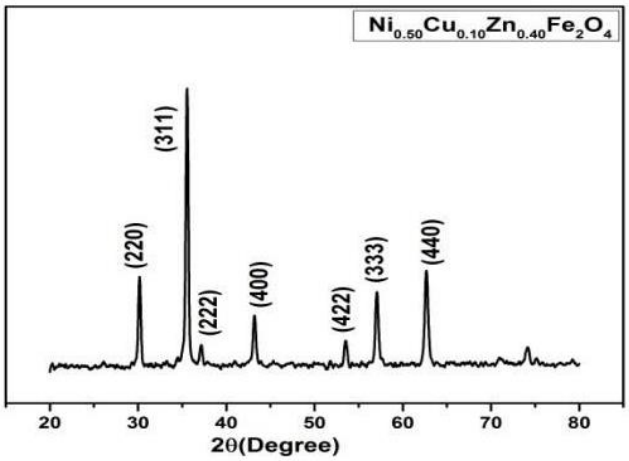
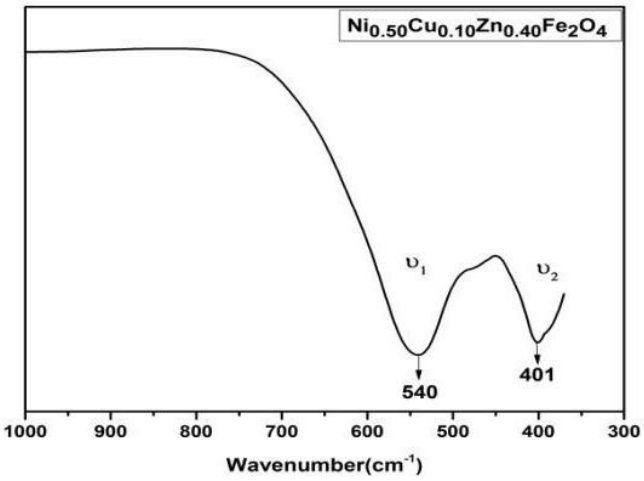


Fig.1 XRD pattern of Ni 0.50 Cu0.10 Zn0.40 Fe2O4

Table: 1-structural parameters of Ni0.50Cu0.10Zn0.40Fe2O4

Lattice constant a (Å)		8.3696
Crystalline size D nm		24
x-ray density dx g/cm3		5.38
Bulk density dB g/cm3		4.76
Porosity (%) P		11
cation distribution		(Ni0.10Cu0.06Zn0.04Fe0.80)A [Ni0.40Cu0.04Zn0.36Fe1.20]B
site radii	rA	0.564
	rB	0.635

B) FTIR studies: Fig. 2 shows the FTIR spectra for present ferrite composition. The positions of ν1 and ν2 the absorption bands corresponds to streching vibration of tetrahedral and octahedral complex are tabulated in Table 2. It is observed that the absorption bands for present ferrite composition are found to be in the expected range of high frequency band ν1 is at 540 cm^{-1} and low frequency band ν2 is at 401 cm^{-1}.



Elastic parameters such as Young's modulus, Bulk modulus, Modulus of rigidity, Debye temperature, Wave velocities were estimated using existing theories and tabulated in Table 2.

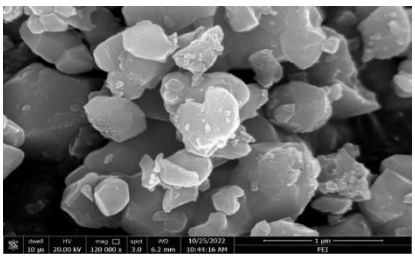
Table: 2-Elastic parameters of Ni0.50Cu0.10Zn0.40Fe2O4

Ni0.50Cu0.10Zn0.4Fe2O4	
ν1 (cm^{-1})	540
ν2 (cm^{-1})	401
θD (K)	711
K (Dyne cm^{-1})	1.57
C11 (GPa)	327.37
C12 (GPa)	302.18
VL (m/s)	7800.60
VT (m/s)	4503.67
VMean (m/s)	4999.92
G (GPa)	10.91
σ	0.48
E (GPa)	32.29

C) Morphological Analysis

Fig. 3 shows the FE-SEM micrograph for Ni0.50Cu0.10Zn0.40Fe2O4 ferrite composition. The crystallite size of grains was measured by using Intercept method [23]. The obtained grain size is

25nm which is in good agreement with the
crystallite obtained using XRD data.



D) Magnetic Properties

Fig.4 illustrates the M-H curve and magnetic parameters are listed in Table 2. This M-H curve is used to evaluate the values of saturation magnetization, magnetic moment, coercive force and remanence ratio. The cation distribution mentioned in Table 1 influences the magnetic properties of synthesized Ni0.50Cu0.10Zn0.40Fe2O4 ferrite composition. In present system Ni^{2+} with the magnetic moment of 2.3μB replaces Cu^{2+} of small magnetic moment 1.3μB , both having strong desire to occupy the both tetrahedral and octahedral site , Fe^{3+} also distributed over both A and B sites, hence resultant net magnetization is according to Neel's ferromagnetic theory[25].

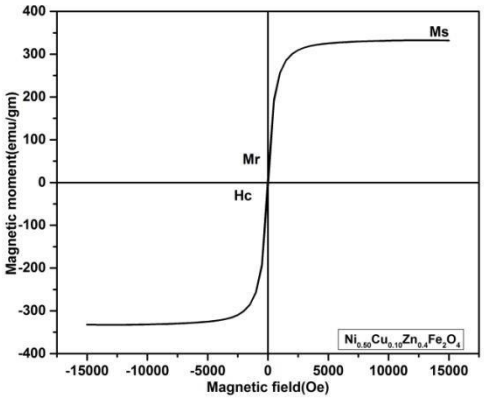


Fig.4- M-H Curve of
Ni0.50Cu0.10Zn0.4Fe2O4

Table:4 Saturation Magnetization (Ms), Remanance Magnetization (Mr), Coercivity (Hc), Remanance ratio (Mr/Ms), Magnetron Number (nB) Magnetic parameters of Ni0.50Cu0.10Zn0.4Fe2O4

Ms (/)	Mr ( )	Hc (Oe)	M /M	(B)
332	11	27	30.18	2.62

IV. Conclusions

Nanocrystalline Ni0.50Cu0.10Zn0.40Fe2O4 was prepared by self ignited sol gel auto combustion method. The XRD pattern shows the formation of single phase cubic spinel structural of the ferrite. FTIR spectra designate the two absorption bands,One for tetrahedral site (540 cm^{-1}) and other for octahedral site (400 cm^{-1}). The crystallite size obtained from FE-SEM is good agreement with XRD data and lies in nano metre range. The values of magnetic parameters show the ferromagnetic behaviour.

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Synthesis, Structural Characterization, and Electrical Properties of Cobalt Ferrite Nanoparticles

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ABSTRACT

Crystalline cobalt ferrite ($CoFe_2O_4$) spinel oxide powder was synthesized by nitrate–citrate sol–gel auto-combustion process with stoichiometric composition of metal nitrate salts and citric acid. The study was focused on the modification of synthesis conditions and effect of these modified conditions on the structural and electrical properties of synthesized $CoFe_2O_4$ ceramic materials. Phase composition, crystallinity, structure and surface morphology were studied by X-ray diffraction, FTIR and electric and dielectric properties. Pure single phase $CoFe_2O_4$ spinel ferrite was obtained after calcination at 400 °C for 5hr. XRD result confirmed the single cubic phase spinel oxide with the lattice constant of a= 8.3931 Å and Fd3-m symmetry and also validated by FTIR spectroscopy . The DC electrical resistivity is obtained 1.4×10^{-6} Ω-cm at room temperature. Dielectric parameters were studied as a function of frequency in the range of 1–10 MHz at 300 K.

Key words: Synthesis XRD, FTIR, Electrical Properties and Dielectric properties.

I. INTRODUCTION

Ferrites materials are extensively used in electric, microwave devices, computer memory chips, magnetic recording media etc. Because of their remarkable electrical and magnetic properties which are not found in any other magnetic material. Most popular type of ferrite is the cubic spinel structure which has tetragonal (A) sites and octahedral [B] sites in the AB_2O_4 crystal structure. The basic electrical and magnetic properties of ferrite are easy to control as they depends on the method of preparation and variation of compositions and cation distribution. The high permeability in radio frequency region, high electrical resistivity mechanical hardness chemical stability, reasonable cost and easy preparation are the important feature of spinel ferrite. Ferrites represent an important category of magnetic material, which are great demand due to their numerous practical applications. According to the literature cobalt ferrites is random spinel structure with Co^{2+} ions going to tetrahedral (A) and octahedral [B] sites therefore, it will be interesting to investigate the various properties of cobalt ferrite. The detailed study of structural, morphological, magnetic and electrical properties of the cobalt spinel ferrite has not been investigated in the literature.

Experimental Details

The cobalt ferrite nanoparticles having the generic chemical formula $CoFe_2O_4$ were synthesized by sol-gel auto combustion technique at a very low temperature (180^0C) using the below mentioned raw materials.

Raw Materials were:

Cobalt Nitrate - 99% Pure (AR Grade) ($Co(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$)
Ferric Nitrate - 99% pure (AR grade) ($Fe(NO_3)_3.9H_2O$)
Citric acid - 99% pure (AR grade) ($C_6H_8O_7.H_2O$)
Ammonia - 99% pure (AR grade) (NH_3)
Cobalt ferrite nanoparticles were synthesized by sol-gel auto combustion method using citric acid as a fuel. The stoichiometric proportion of metal nitrates to fuel was taken as 1:3. The used reagents were stirred into separate glass beakers for 15-20 min to dissolve completely into distilled water. After complete dissolution they were mixed together and stirred till we get homogeneous solution. The drop-by-drop ammonia solution was added to adjust the pH of the mixed solution at 7. Further, the solution was continuously stirred and heated at 90 °C on a hot plate with magnetic stirring. On the formation of sol-gel, very viscous gel the temperature was further raised up to 120°C so that the ignition of the gel started and finally the loose powder was obtained. The as-burnt powder was ground in Agate Mortar and Pestle to get a fine ferrite powder. Finally the burnt powder was calcined in air at 400 °C temperature for 6 hrs and cooled to room temperature.

Characterizations:

Cobalt ferrite nanoparticles by sol-gel auto combustion method were characterized by various characterization techniques. The crystalline phase of sintered cobalt ferrite nanoparticles were observed by using powder XRD Cu-Kα radiation (λ=1.540 Å) at room temperature. The temperature of the sample is measured using a calibrated chromel - alumel thermocouple. A ferrite sample in the form of pellet is fixed to the soft iron piece and introduced into the furnace. The position of pellet is confirmed with the help of the mirror. The temperature of the sample is increased slowly by gradually increasing the current in the heating coil with the help of a dimmer stat. The temperature at which the ferrite sample loses its magnetization and drops is measured with the help of thermocouple.

3 Results and Discussions

3.1 X-ray analysis

X-ray diffraction spectra were carried out to authorize single phase nano-crystalline nature of $CoFe_2O_4$ nanocrystals as revealed in Fig. **3.1.** The XRD patterns consist of prominent diffraction (*hkl*) planes, i.e., (220), (311), (222), (400), (422), (511), (440), and (533) belonging to the establishment of cubic spinel geometry and well analogous with the typical data from the JCPDS card #221086 of $CoFe_2O_4$ material. No supplementary and transitional phase was detected in the XRD spectra. According to the literature, $CoFe_2O_4$ has an inverse spinel geometry which comprises all Co^{2+} ions in octahedral [B] site, and Fe^{3+} ions are equivalently dispersed among tetrahedral (A) and octahedral [B] occupancy sites. The analysis of X-ray diffraction pattern cobalt ferrite nanoparticles was found to be tetragonal. The'd' spacing for each peak was calculated using Braggs law.

$$n\lambda = 2d\sin\theta \quad (1)$$

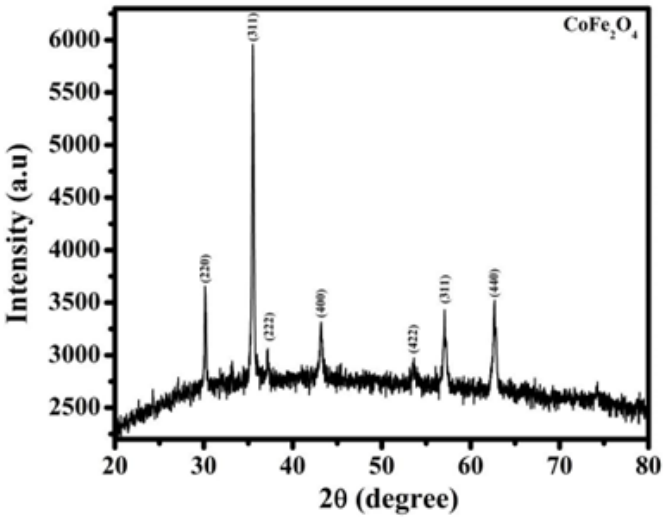

Fig 3.1: XRD pattern of $CoFe_2O_4$

Lattice constant

Using the interplanar spacing 'd' values and corresponding Miller indices, the lattice constant was calculated using the relation

$$a = d_{hkl}(h^2 + k^2 + l^2)^{\,2} \quad (2)$$

where, (h k l) are Miller indices of each plane. The value of lattice parameter 'a' is given in **Table 3.1**.

X-ray density

The theoretical density (d_x) is the X-ray density, calculated according to the relation

$$d_x = \frac{ZM}{N_a a^3} \quad (3)$$

Where, z is number of molecules per unit cell (Z=8 for spinel ferrite),

M is the molecular weight,

N_a is Avogadro's number and

a is lattice constant.

Particle size

Particle size was determined using Scherrer's formula. The highest intensity peak (311) of the XRD pattern was considered for the determination of full width at half maximum (FWHM). The particle size found to be is 15 nm.

Table 4.1: Lattice parameters (a, c and c/a), unit cell volume (V), X-ray density (d_x) and particle size (t) for $CoFe_2O_4$

a (A°)	c (A°)	c/a	V $(A)^3$	dx (gm/cm^3)	t nm
5.843	8.630	1.47	294.79	5.390	15

3.2. FTIR Studies

The FTIR spectra of the produced spinel ferrites are displayed in Fig. 3.2. The FTIR spectra demonstrate dual chief absorption bands ν_1 and ν_2 those are shifting to the lower wavenumber direction. The first absorption band appears in the vicinity of 380–410 cm^{-1} and second absorption in the scope of 520–580 cm^{-1}. The appearance of two major bands corresponds to the vibrational modes of the entire spinel compounds, approving the construction of the metal oxides. As displayed in Fig. **3.2** the bands at 370.12 cm^{-1} and 540.26 cm^{-1} represent. The vibrations of octahedral metal–oxygen-stretching Fe–O bonds and the peaks at 540.26 cm^{-1} and 370.12 cm^{-1} represent the vibrations of tetrahedral metal–oxygen (-M–O), stretching Co–O bonds.

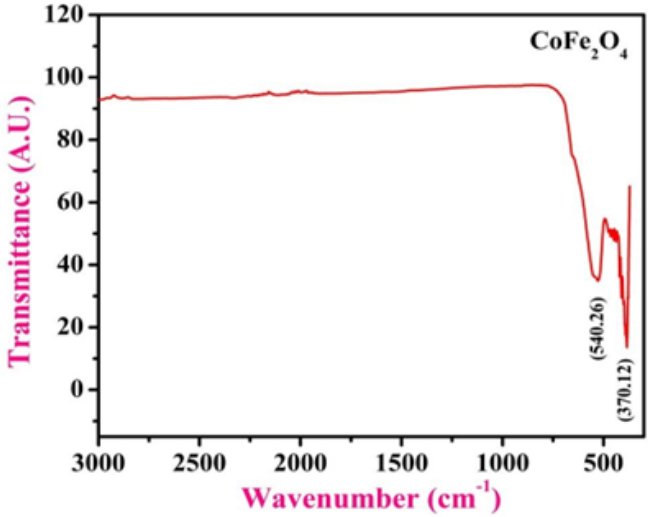

Fig 3.2: FTIR pattern of $CoFe_2O_4$

3.3 Electrical Properties

The variance in the DCR v/s temperature (323K – 723K) for NFA samples have appeared in Fig. 3.3. As the reflects that the resistivity liberally diminishes with increment in temperature because of the hopping of electrons, which shows the semiconductor nature. Verwey and Boer's system can clarify the conduction procedure in NFA samples. In the current investigation, the plot of log v/s 1000 T^{-1} shows the change in slope, which makes two straight lines or areas to be a specific ferromagnetic locale [11-15]. The variation in resistivity as a function of temperature obeys Arrhenius relation. Using DCR plots, the activation energy E for each sample in the ferri-magnetic and para-magnetic locale was determined. 'Activation energy E' estimations of the samples under scrutiny are observed to in a set of 0.42 eV.

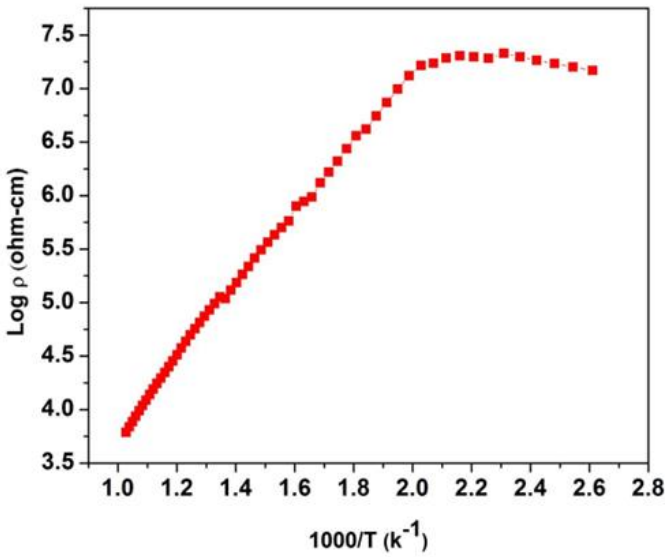

Fig 3.3: DC Resistivity of $CoFe_2O_4$

3.4 Dielectric properties.

Fig. 3.4 (a) and (b) presents the frequency dependence of dielectric constant (ε′) and dielectric loss (tanδ) for different CFO samples sintered from 400°C for 5 h in the frequency range from 20 Hz to 2 MHz at room temperature. The ε′ decreases with increasing frequency and the decreasing trend becomes slow in higher frequency region, showing frequency dispersion at low frequency range. This behavior is normal for the polar dielectric materials [28]. The decrease in ε′ can be explained by Maxwell-Wagner type and it is consistent with Koop's theory of dielectrics [4, 28, 29]. According to the Koop's theory of dielectrics, the dielectric structure is composed of conducting grains and insulating grain boundaries [28-29]. The grain boundaries are formed due to the oxidation of crystallines or superficial reduction during sintering process in porous ferrite materials. When the dielectric material is placed over the alternating field, owing to the hopping of electrons inside ferrites, electrons arrive at the grain boundaries, accumulating at the grain boundaries due to high grain boundary resistance. This process is called as space charge polarization [30-33]. At lower frequencies, the effect of grain boundaries dominates over grains and the space charge polarization occupies major status. Thus, the ε′ is high. However, at higher frequencies, owing to the weakly space charge polarization and electrons cannot follow the changes of the applied field, the ε′ decreases and then becomes a constant value beyond a certain frequency limit. Fig.3 (b) shows that there is a relaxation in tanδ for all the CFO samples at low frequency region [34-36].

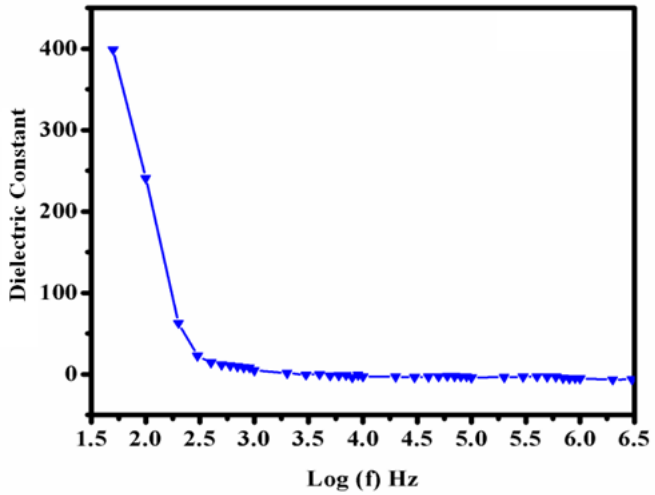

Fig 3.4(a): Dielectric Constant V/S Frequency of $CoFe_2O_4$

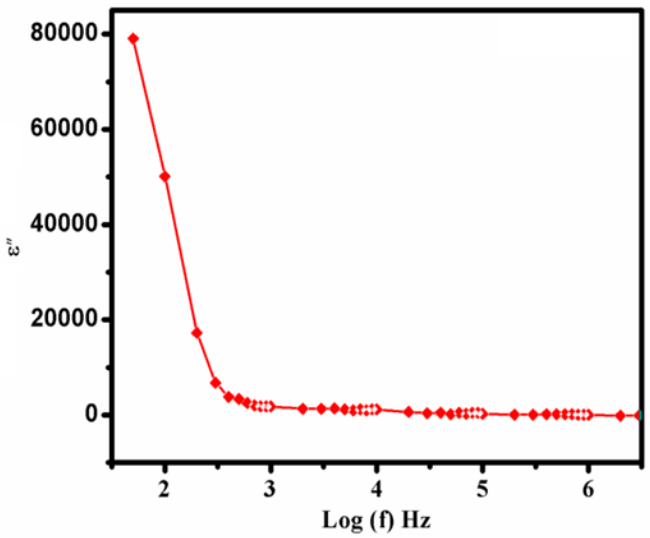

Fig 3.4 (b): Dielectric loss V/S Frequency of $CoFe_2O_4$

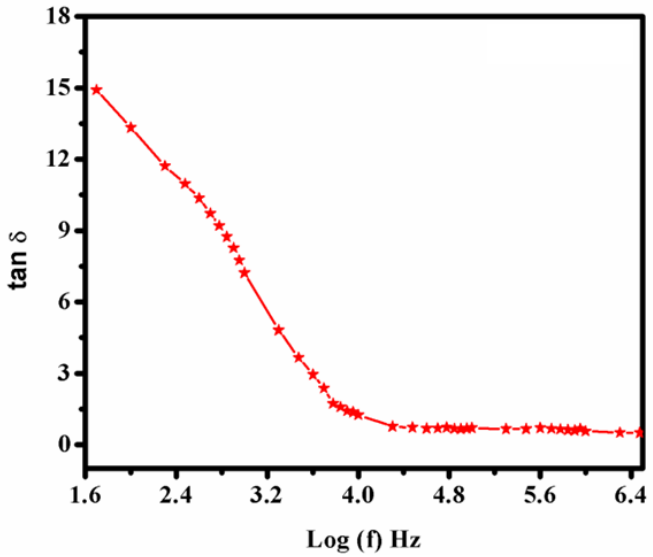

Fig 3.4 (c): tan δ V/S Frequency of $CoFe_2O_4$

Conclusions:

The experimental result on structural and electrical properties of cobalt ferrite was investigated using standard techniques and leads to draws the following conclusions:

The samples of $CoFe_2O_4$ spinel ferrites in nano-size form were successfully prepared by sol-gel auto combustion method.

The X-ray diffraction results showed the formation of single phase tetragonal spinel structure. The crystallite size confirms the nanocrystalline nature of the samples.

All the structural parameters such as lattice constant, X-ray density etc were in the reported range.

FTIR spectra showed major transmission band in the range of 370.12 cm^{-1} and 540.26 cm^{-1} characterizing cubic structure of prepared nanoparticles.The energy band gap of the pure cobalt ferrite is 2.12 eV.

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Role of RF Power on the Opto-Electronic Properties of ITO thin Films

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ABSTRACT

In the present we have work on the Indium doped tin oxide (ITO) thin films prepared using the RF sputtering system. Here, we tried to analyze the role of the RF power on the structural, electrical, optical and morphological properties of the synthesized ITO thin films. We have varied the RF power from 60 W to 160 W in the interval of the 20W, while other parameters kept constant.

Synthesized ITO thin films characterized for various properties. Deposited ITO films has been analyzed by Taly step Profilometer to determine the deposition rate. we found highest deposition rate (10 A/sec). Optical properties of the deposited films have been studied using UV-Vis-NIR spectroscopy. From transmission spectra of the deposited ITO films shows more than 80% transmission in UV-Vis region (300nm to 800nm). We have determine the optical energy band gap using the Tauc Plot, and bandgap energy values are varied in the range of 2.79 eV to 2.92 eV over the power variation. Structural properties of the analyzed using XRD technique. XRD pattern indicates that the prepared films are polycrystalline having peaks at 2θ ~ 21.60, 30.60, 35.50, 37.80, 48.40, 54.80 60.70 associated with (211), (222), (400), (411), (521), (611), (622) diffraction planes. crystallite size using Debay Scherrer Formula, We have obtained d222 decrease with increase in the RF power from 21.79nm to 17.43nm and d400 increases with increase in the RF power from 22.06nm to 29.41nm. Chemical composition of the ITO thin films is analyzed using FTIR. We observed peaks near 500, 875 and 1405 cm-1, correspondence to HO-In=O, In-OH and Sn-OH, respectively. Deposited ITO films have been characterized by Hall Effect measurement (ECOPIA-3000) for the electrical properties under constant magnetic field 0.54 Tesla. We obtained negative value of Hall coefficient; this predicts that the deposited films are n type semiconductor films. SEM micrographs shows crack free and uniform ITO thin film with compact and uniform morphology. These results shoe the ITO thin film with above properties can be used as the TCO layer in photovoltaic devices.

Keywords: y Indium doped tin oxide (ITO), Sputtering, XRD, Hall Effect, TCO

I. INTRODUCTION

Currently entire world facing problem related with the energy crisis. For the solution of the energy crisis, researchers are working in various fields. Solar photovoltaics is the one of the way of harnessing solar energy into electrical energy. During this conversion, researchers observed losses due to reflection. To minimize these losses, they work on the various anti reflecting materials.

Indium doped tin oxide (ITO) thin films have wide use in the optoelectronic devices due to high electrical conductivity and high transmittance in the visible region and high reflection in infra red region. ITO widely used in solar cells, liquid crystal displays, infrared reflectors and electroluminescence [1–3] ITO also used for thermal insulation of windows, prevention of radiative cooling [4], etc. ITO films on the polymer substrates for light-emitting diode (LED) [5], organic light-emitting devices (OLED) [6], and liquid crystal display (LCD) applications [7]. The reversible change in the conductivity of ITO upon exposure to reducing gases, such as propane and methane, and its high sensitivity towards toxic gases, such as nitric oxide, have also suggested the potential use of this material in sensors[8-11].

Glass substrates are not useful for some applications like flexible displays because of impact damage hence polymer substrates are used for the deposition of the ITO for these applications. Polymer substrates provide displays are light in weight and more resist to impact damages, hence they are worthy for portable devices such as car dashboard, handy roll-up. Transparent conductive (TC) films are important for the usage as a transparent electrode of OLED, solar cell, etc. because of their important properties. ITO films have been prepared using various techniques, such as DC magnetron sputtering [12], ion beam assisted deposition [13], direct current (dc) reactive magnetron sputtering [14], pulse dc magnetron sputtering [15], dc sputter type negative metal ion source [16,17], roll-to-roll dc sputtering [18] etc.

In the present work, an attempt have been made to synthesized ITO films using indigenously designed and locally fabricated RF sputtering unit. The influence of Radio Frequency (RF) power on electrical, optical, morphology and structural properties has been investigated systematically.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

We have synthesized a ITO thin films using single target RF sputtering. Fig. 1 shows schematic of indigenously designed, locally fabricated Radio Frequency (RF) sputtering system employed for the deposition of the Indium Tin Oxide (ITO) thin films. It consists of a cylindrical stainless steel chamber (process chamber) coupled with a turbo molecular pump (TMP) followed by a roughing pump which yields a base pressure less than 10–7 Torr. A target of 3 inch diameter (99.99%, Vin Karola Instrument, USA) was used for the deposition of ITO films and was kept facing the substrate holder approximately 7 cm away. The substrate holder can be rotated using a stepper motor with variable speed. The substrates can be placed on substrate holder which is heated by inbuilt heater using thermocouple and temperature controller. The pressure during deposition was kept constant by using automated throttle valve and measured with capacitance manometer. Sputtering and reaction gases can be introduced in the process chamber through a specially designed gas bank assembly which consist of mass flow controllers (MFCs) and gas mixing. The process parameters employed during the deposition of ITO thin films are listed in Table 1.

TABLE I

PROCESS PARAMETERS EMPLOYED DURING THE DEPOSITION OF ITO THIN FILMS

Sr. No.	Process parameter	Value
1.	Deposition Pressure	$6.6*10^{-2}$ mbar
2.	Deposition Time	45 min
3.	Substrate temperature	200 °C
4.	Distance between substrate holder and target electrode	7 cm
5.	Ar gas flow rate	60 sccm
6.	RF power	**60 – 160 W**

Prior to each deposition, the substrate holder and deposition chamber were baked for one hour at 100 oC to remove any water vapor absorbed on the substrates and to reduce the oxygen contamination in the film. After that, the substrate temperature was brought to the desired value by appropriately setting thermocouple and temperature controller. Deposition was carried out for desired period of time, and films were allowed to cool to room temperature in vacuum.

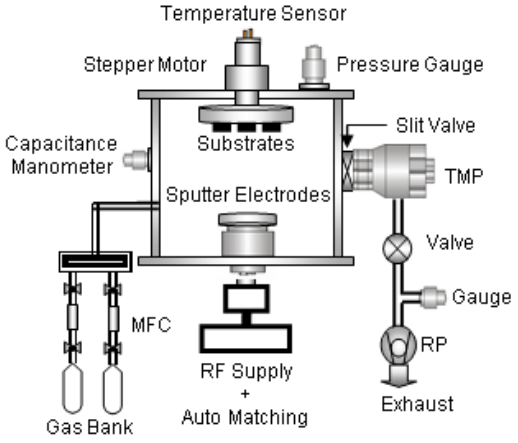

Fig. 1 Schematic diagram of the RF magnetron sputtering system

III. FILM CHARACTERIZATION

Deposited ITO thin is further characterized for the electrical, optical, and structural properties. On the deposited film we have made the Al electrode with spacing 0.5mm. Sheet resistance has been analysed by the two probe conductivity measurement. The measurements were carried out at room temperature and atmospheric pressure. In order to determine both the mobility (μ) and the sheet density (ns), a combination of a resistivity measurement and a Hall measurement is needed. For this we have used the Van der Pauw (Ecopia HMS – 3000) technique. It is widely used in the semiconductor industry to determine the resistivity of uniform samples due to its convenience, [19, 20]. We have made the silver contact as shown in the figure 2.

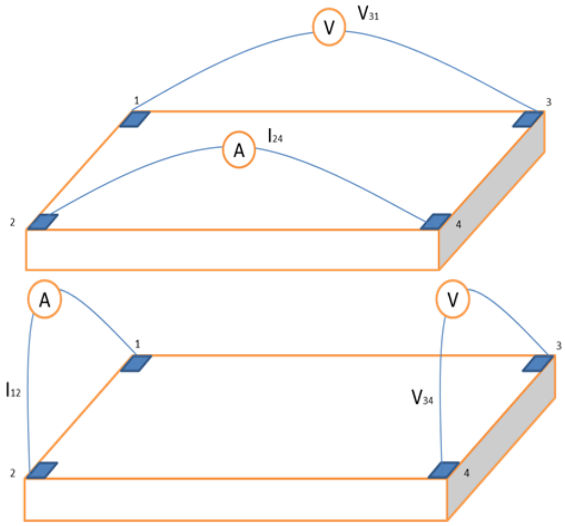

Fig. 1 Van der Pauw method for Hall Effect Measurement.

The objective of the resistivity measurement is to determine the sheet resistance Rs. Van der Pauw demonstrated that there are actually two characteristic resistances RA and RB, associated with the corresponding terminals A and B as shown in diagram. RA and RB are related to the sheet resistance RS through the Van der Pauw equation which can be solved numerically for Rs [19, 20].

$$1 = \pi \frac{R_A}{R_S} + \pi \frac{R_B}{R_S}. \quad \text{..... (1)}$$

Where,

$$R_A = \frac{V_{34}}{I_{12}} \quad \text{..... (2)}$$

$$R_B = \frac{V_{31}}{I_{24}} \quad \text{..... (3)}$$

Since sheet resistance involves both sheet density and mobility, one can determine the Hall mobility from the equation

$$\mu = \frac{V_H}{R_S\, I\, B} = \frac{1}{q\, n_S\, R_S} \quad \text{..... (4)}$$

Where Hall Voltage (VH) is measured across 2 and 4 terminals as shown in the figure 3.

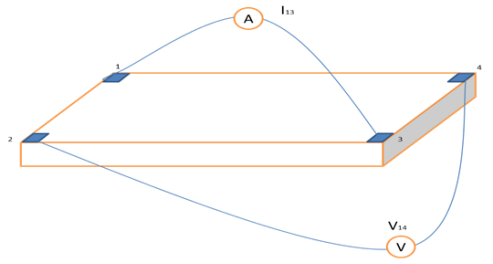

Fig.3, Hall Voltage terminals in van der Pauw method.

Deposited films were analyzed for the optical properties by UV-Vis-NIR Spectroscopy. The optical absorption coefficient (□) was determined from the transmission (% T) and reflection (% R) measurements using UV-Visible spectrophotometer (JASCO, V-670). The band gap was estimated using the procedure followed by Tauc [21, 22]. Poortmans and Arkhipov Absorption coefficient were determined using the equation,

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{d} * \ln\left(\frac{T}{1-R}\right)$$

.....(5)

Where,

α = absorption coefficient in cm-1,

T = Transmission through deposited films

R = Reflection from deposited films,

d = Thickness of the deposited films in cm.

Thickness of the deposited films has been calculated from transmission spectra of UV-Vs-NIR spectroscopy using the method suggested by Swanpoel [23]. Low angle X-ray spectra of the deposited films used to investigate the structural properties of the deposited ITO films. Crystallite size of the deposited films is calculate using the standard method given by Debay - Scherrer [24].

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

A. Deposition Rate

Deposited ITO films has been analysed from the thickness. Deposition rate is calculated by determining the ratio of the observed thickness and the deposition time. Variation in deposition rate is observed with deposition power as shown in the following figure 4. RF power is one of the important parameter which decide the rate of sputtered radicals from the target. We expect that, at low RF power, electrons from the plasma does not have sufficient energy to sputtered out the material from the target, hence low deposition rate is expected at low RF power. With increasing RF power, increase in the plasma density has been observed, this is due electrons acquire high energy which results in increase in the deposition rate.

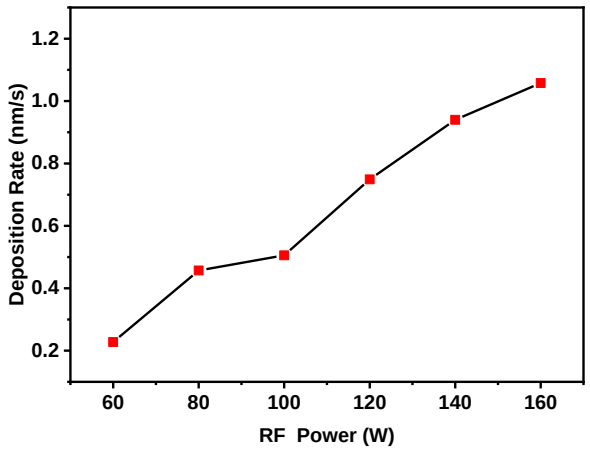

Fig. 4: Deposition rate as function of the RF power used for the synthesis of ITO thin films.

We have also observed this experimentally. At 160W of RF power we found highest deposition rate (10

A/sec), but increasing RF power might responsible for structural changes in the deposited films.

B. UV-Vis Spectroscopy

Optical properties of the deposited films have been studied using UV-Vis-NIR spectroscopy. From transmission spectra of the deposited ITO films shows more than 80% transmission in UV-Vis region (300nm to 800nm) as shown in Figure 5. [30] From figure 5, it is observed that with increasing RF power, deposited ITO films become uniform and thick.

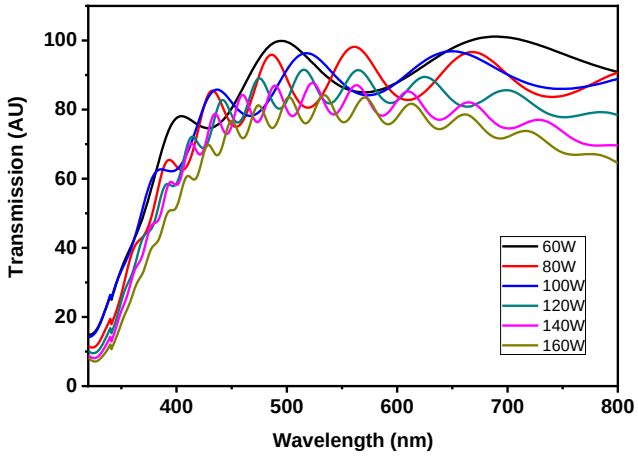

Fig. 5: Transmission spectra of the deposited ITO films.

This transmission spectrum is used to calculate thickness of the deposited ITO films. It is observed that, thickness of the ITO films is increases with increase in RF power using method suggested by Swanpoel. Figure 6 shows the transmission spectra of 80W ITO film with envelope which use to determine the thickness of deposited film. This shows the same behaviour with results of profilometer shown in figure4.

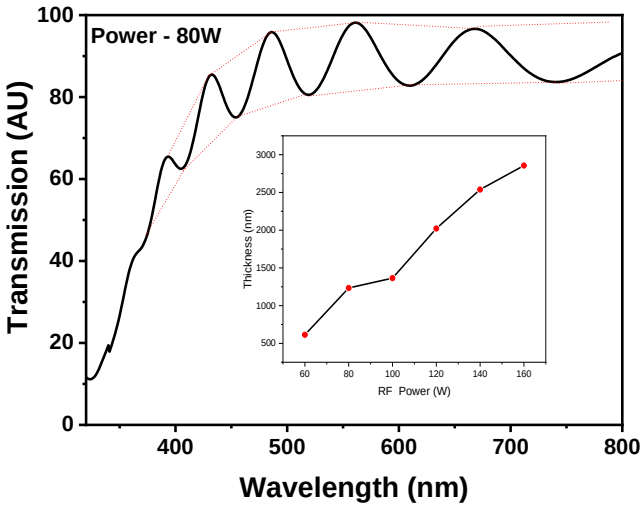

Fig. 5: Transmission spectra of 80W ITO film, Inner graph shows variation of deposition rate as function of RF power.

Optical bandgap has been investigated using Tauc plot as shown in the Figure 6. Valence band density of state and conduction band density of state (DOS) functions have square-root dependencies on energy; using this relation J. Singh t al derive the absorption coefficient (α) as [25].

$$(\alpha h\upsilon)^{1/2} = B^{1/2}(h\upsilon - E_g)$$

We have plotted $(\alpha h\nu)^{(1/2)}$ as function of energy. Then extrapolate the straight line part of the graph. Intercept on energy axis is the value of the band gap energy. This value is known as optical band gap energy. It is found that band gap values are varied in the range of 2.79 eV to 2.92 eV over the power variation. Thus increase in the RF power can tailored bandgap energy of the deposited films.

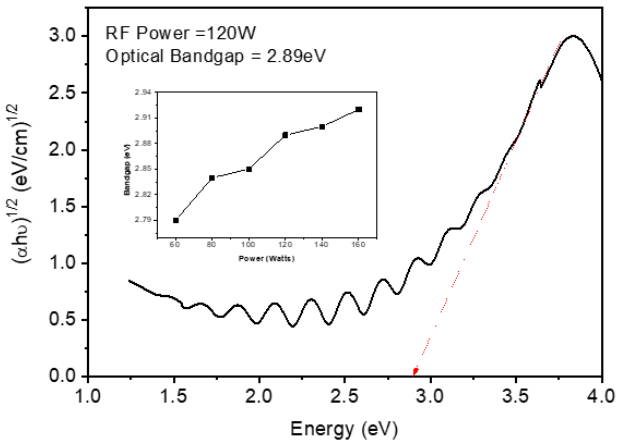

Fig. 6: Tauc plot of ITO thin film prepared at 120W and inner graph is band gap energy as function RF power.

C. Low angle X-Ray Diffraction

The low angle X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern of Indium doped tin oxide (ITO) thin films prepared at different RF power is shown in figure 5. As seen from the XRD pattern the prepared films are polycrystalline having peaks at 2θ ~ 21.60, 30.60, 35.50, 37.80, 48.40, 54.80 60.70 associated with (211), (222), (400), (411), (521), (611), (622) diffraction planes respectively. These diffraction peaks consistent with JCPDS Data Card # 039-1058 for cubic ITO [31]. These results confirm the formation of Indium doped tin oxide (ITO) thin films by RF sputtering at various deposition powers. At low RF power, the dominant diffraction peak is (222) around 30.60 signifying that the films have preferred orientation in (222) direction. However, the film prepared at higher RF power, the dominant diffraction peak is (400) suggesting that the preferred orientation in ITO films prepared using RF sputtering changes from (222) to (400) direction. We have calculated crystallite size using Debay Scherrer Formula, we have obtained d222 decrease with increase in the RF power from 21.79nm to 17.43nm and d400 increases with increase in the RF power from 22.06nm to 29.41nm.

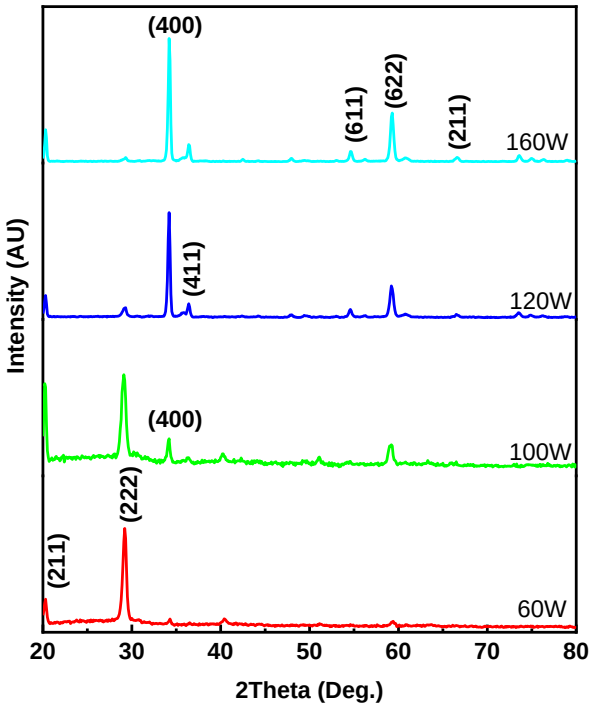

Fig. 7: Low angle X-Ray diffraction spectra variation with RF power variation.

D. FTIR Spectroscopy

Figure 8 shows the FTIR transmission spectra of the ITO thin films deposited at 160W of RF power. The peak near 3435/3450 cm-1 indicated the presence of OH group. The peaks near 500, 875 and 1405 cm-1, correspondence to HO-In=O, In-OH and Sn-OH, respectively [26]. We observed a broad band around 3500–1900 cm–1 corresponded to O-H stretching vibrations mode [28]. We also observed weak bands at 592 cm–1 and 433 cm–1 are correspondence to In-O bond [29].

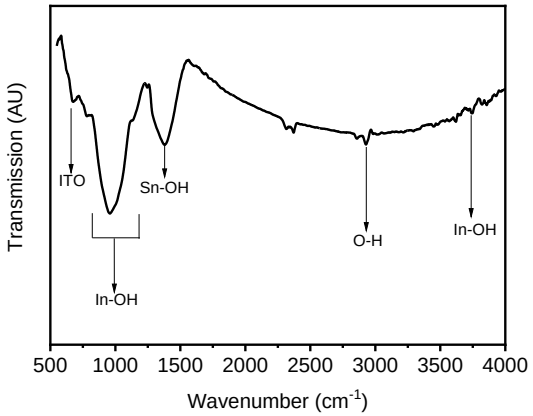

Fig. 8 FTIR spectra of ITO thin film deposited at 160W RF power

E. Electrical Measurement: Hall Effect

Deposited ITO films have been characterized by Hall Effect measurement (ECOPIA-3000) for the electrical properties under constant magnetic field 0.54 Tesla. Figure 9 shows the variation of the conductivity and resistivity of the deposited ITO films. It is observed that the increase in RF power give rise to decrease in the conductivity and increase in resistivity. We have obtained maximum conductivity at lower side of the RF power. Film deposited at 60W shows conductivity of the order of 4.39*101 (Ωcm)-1 with mobility of 4.367*103 cm2/Vs. We found large mobility of the deposited films in the order of 103cm2/Vs [27]. Increase in the RF power is responsible for the change in the crystalline phase of the deposited films; this phase transformation might be responsible for the decrease in the electrical properties. We obtained negative value of Hall coefficient; this predicts that the deposited films are n type semiconductor films. Following table 2 shows some of the important outcomes from Hall Effect measurement.

TABLE 2: OBSERVATIONS OF THE HALL EFFECT MEASUREMENTS.

Power (W)	Sheet Concentration (cm^{-3})	Hall Coefficient (cm^3/C)	Conductivity (S/cm)
60W	-3.528E+12	-9.927E+1	4.399E+1
80W	-1.804E+12	-4.091E+2	9.139E+0
100 W	-2.058E+13	-2.565E+1	6.451E+0
120 W	-1.131E+13	-1.074E+2	5.657E+0
140 W	-1.411E+12	-1.089E+3	2.586E+0
160 W	-4.460E+12	-3.710E+2	2.702E+0

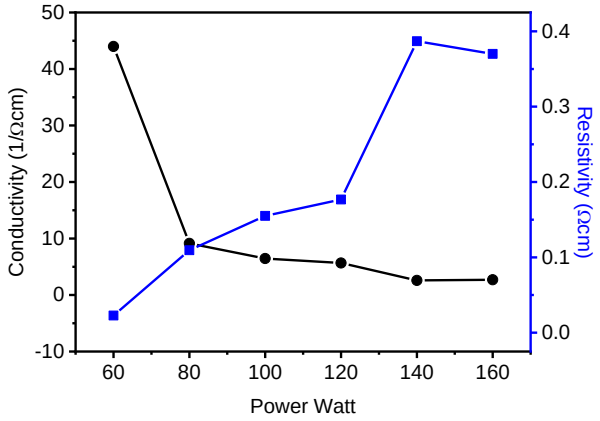

Fig. 9 Conductivity and resistivity of the deposited ITO thin films at various RF power.

F. Scanning Electron Microscopy and EDS

Figure 10 show the scanning electron microscopy (SEM) image of ITO thin film deposited at 100W and 120W. These micrographs show crack free and uniform ITO thin film. With increase in the RF power this is found that the deposited ITO thin films become more compact and uniform. It is also found that the size of the particles is uniform all over the ITO thin film. Increase in RF power responsible for increase in the energy of the radicals in the plasma.

These energized radicals make film more compact with uniform particle size.

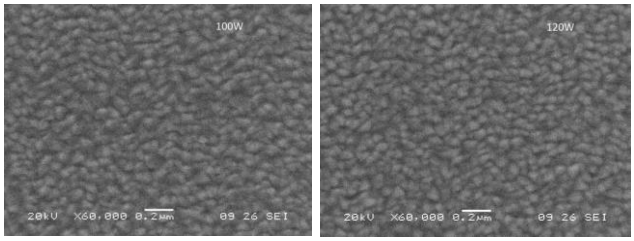

Fig.10, SEM micrographs of the ITO thin films deposited at 100W and 120W

Figure 11 shows the EDS spectra of the ITO thin films, which shows the presence of the indium, tin and oxygen in the synthesized ITO thin films. We observed the quit a good stoichiometry for the synthesized ITO thin films as mentioned in the table 3.

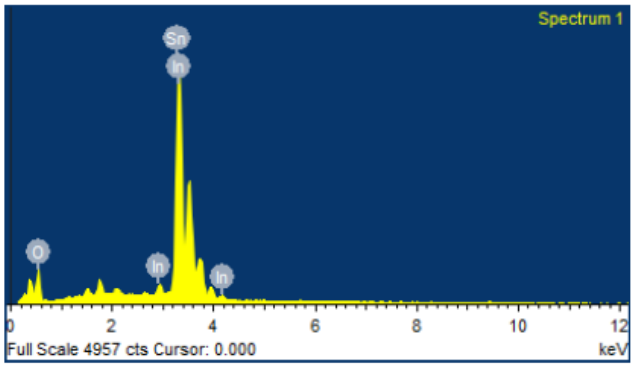

TABLE 3: ATOMIC % PRESENCE OF THE ELEMENTS IN THE ITO THIN FILMS.

Elements	Weight %	Atomic %
O K	39.12	82.22
In L	55.26	16.19
Sn L	5.62	1.59

V. CONCLUSION

In this work, we have successfully analysed the structural, chemical, optical, morphological and electrical properties of the ITO thin films deposited at various RF power. It is found that the deposition rate is increased with RF power. Transmission spectra of the deposited films shows more than 80% transmission. Band gap of the deposited films have calculated using Tauc plot. It is found that bandgap values are varied in the range of 2.75 eV to 2.85 eV over the power variation. Low angle X-Ray diffraction analysis shows that there is change in the preferential orientation from (222) to plane (400) plane. FTIR shows various peaks corresponds to the chemical bands of the ITO this films. Hall Effect analysis shows that with power variation conductivity and resistivity of the films have decreased and increased respectively. We have obtained mobility in the range of 4.3*103 cm2/Vs to 1.6*102cm2/Vs. Negative value of the hall coefficient predicts that the deposited films are n type semiconductor films. The SEM micrographs shows; compact and uniform particle size over the surface of the film. These results shows the ITO thin film with above properties can be used as the TCO layer in photovoltaic devices.

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Magnetic Properties of Mg-Mn Doped Cadmium Ferrite Nanoparticles

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ABSTRACT

(VSM). All results indicate the prepared nanoparticles was suitable material for This article reports the morphological and magnetic properties of Mg and Mn substituted Cd-ferrite nanoparticles. In this study, narrow sized, small dimeter and superparamagnetic nanoparticles were prepared by sol-gel auto-combustion method. The particle size and particle distribution were studied from transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images of prepared samples. Prepared samples have ferromagnetic nature and magnetization was decreases with increasing Mg and Mn substitution which was studied from vibrating sample magnetometer various applications in various field.

Keywords: Nanoparticles, TEM, VSM, Spinel ferrite, Sol-gel Auto-combustion.

I. INTRODUCTION

Nanotechnology is the understanding and control of matter at dimensions of roughly 1-100 nm. The nano-structural materials have huge interest from last some decade because of their innovative properties like reduced size, biocompatibility, less toxicity, etc. The materials show unique enhanced properties when it emerges at Nano level or nanoscale [1].

The nanosized spinel ferrites are crucial to comprehending the principles of nano magnetism, interest in them has grown dramatically in recent years. The tetrahedral and octahedral sublattices can be found in spinel ferrites, which are cubic-shaped minerals. To assess their appropriateness in areas like biological, electrical, catalysis, environmental, etc. [2], macroscopic, microscopic, and nanoscopic dimensions spinel ferrites are thoroughly explored. Therefore, spinel ferrites are made using a range of techniques, including wet chemical procedures and solid-state reactions. Recently, a range of nanoscopic spinel ferrites have been investigated to assess their potential in catalysis and biological applications [3]. Much work has been done recently to synthesize various spinel ferrites substituted with rare earth elements in order to evaluate their optical, magnetic, and electrical properties. Among the various spinel ferrites, the Cd ferrites have good catalytic activity, good conductivity, chemical stability and high thermal and mechanical properties and the all properties shows enhanced with the substitution of Mg and Mn divalent metal ions [4].

These elements electrical, magnetic, and optical properties change when they are doped. Ferrites have been synthesized using a variety of manufacturing techniques. Ferrites have been synthesized using a

variety of manufacturing techniques such as the precursor, refluxing, microemulsion method, sol gel method, coprecipitation, hydrothermal, mechanochemical, microwave aided combustion method, and precursor [5]. Artificial Metals When it comes to comprehending and managing the magnetic characteristics of nanoparticles at the atomic level, spinel ferrite is a highly promising option. Additionally, their variable magnetic properties make them useful for MRI technology, medication delivery, electronic devices, ferrofluid sealing, biosensing, and information storage. The improvement of ferrite nanoparticles has a uniform size distribution and very high surface area surface area and porosity ability [6].

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

Materials

All the AR grade chemicals such as Ferric (III) nitrate [Fe(NO3)3·9H2O], magnesium nitrate [Mg (NO3)2·6H2O], manganese nitrate [Mn(NO3)2·6H2O], cadmium nitrate [Cd(NO3)2·6H2O] and citric acid were used for the synthesis of Mg0.2Mn0.2Cd0.6Fe2O4 nanoparticles.

Synthesis of Nanomaterial

The Mg and Mn doped spinel ferrite nanoparticles with chemical formula Mg0.2Mn0.2Cd0.6Fe2O4 were synthesised by using one-step sol-gel Auto-combustion method.

The Mg, Mn, Cd and iron nitrates dissolved in DI water in a stochiometric proportion and the citric acid was dissolved separately. The 1:3 ratio of metal nitrate to citric acid was taken in the present reaction. Mixed the citric acid and all nitrate solutions and starred well up to 15 min. Added liquid ammonia dropwise for maintaining the pH of the solution at 7. Rise the temperature of the solution and kept it at 90 ◦C for nearly 2 h with continuous starring. The continuous stirring and heating converted the solution in gel and gel in to viscus gel with removing excess of solvent. The dry gel of the mixed metal-nitrate-citrate solution ignites at a 150◦C temperature and giving us loose Mg0.2Mn0.2Cd0.6Fe2O4 nanoparticle powder. The as prepared powder was sintered at 650 ◦C for 6 h. prepared sample was characterised by different characterisation techniques like TEM and VSM.

Characterization Techniques

The morphological and magnetic measurement of prepared sample were recorded by using Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM). respectively.

III.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)

The morphology and surface structure analysed by using scanning electron microscopy. The particle size was confirmed from fig. 1 and it was found to be 42 nm. Nanoparticles shows high agglomerate which is may be due to dipole-dipole moment or interfacial surface tension. The observer particles are spherical in size which the sign of perfect nanoparticle synthesis.

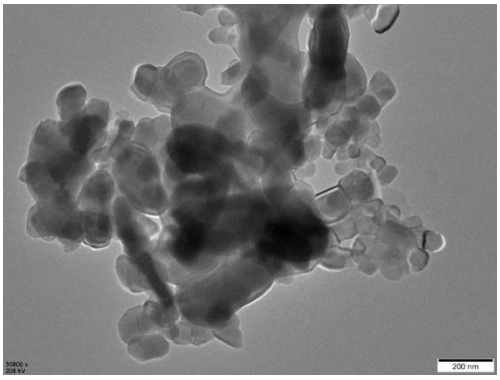

Figure 1: TEM image of $Mg_{0.2}Mn_{0.2}Cd_{0.6}Fe_2O_4$

B. Vibrating Sample Magnetometer (VSM)

The magnetic properties of Mg0.2Mn0.2Cd0.6Fe2O4 sample were analysed by using vibration sample magnetometer (VSM) at room temperature with an applied magnetic field ±10000 Oe. The magnetic parameters like Ms, Mr, nB, Mr/Ms and Hc were calculated from hysteresis loop as shown in fig. 2 and tabulated in table 1. Hysteresis loop demonstrate the superparamagnetic nature of the prepared sample. The saturation magnetization (Ms), remanence

magnetization (Mr), Coercivity (Hc), remanence ratio (Mr/Ms) and magneton number was 27 emu/g, 4.12, emu/g, 91.99 Oe, 0.1525 and 1.2520 respectively, evaluated from M-H loop. All the calculated magnetic parameters depict the superparamagnetic nature of prepared sample.

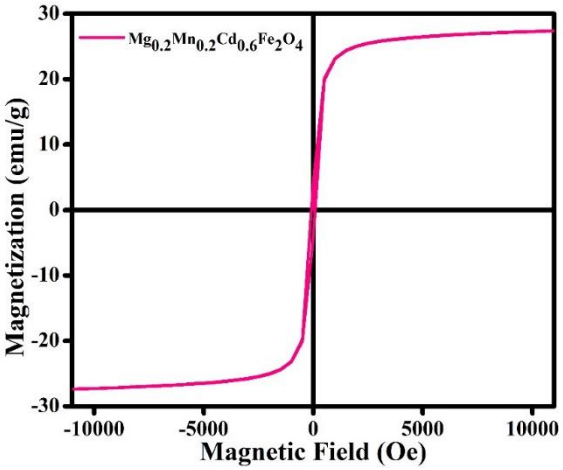

Figure 2: Magnetic hysteresis loop of $Mg_{0.2}Mn_{0.2}Cd_{0.6}Fe_2O_4$

Table I

Magnetic parameters of $Mg_{0.2}Mn_{0.2}Cd_{0.6}Fe_2O_4$ nanoparticles calculated from M-H loop

Magnetic Parameter	Value
M_s	27
M_r	4.12
H_c	91.99
M_r/M_s	0.1525
n_B	1.2520

IV. CONCLUSION

Mg-Mn substituted cadmium ferrite nanoparticles were prepared by sol-gel auto-combustion method. TEM image shows the particle-particle agglomeration which depicts the magnetic nature of sample and observed particles are spherical in shape with 42 nm particle size. The M-H plot reveals the superparamagnetic nature of the prepared sample with high saturation magnetization and very poor coercivity. The observed morphological and magnetic properties was found to be superior so the synthesized nanoparticles are promising material for various applications.

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Dielectric Study of 2,3 Butanediol-Chlorobenzene Mixtures Using Microwave Technique

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ABSTRACT

The effect of high frequency microwaves causes variations in basic properties of binary mixtures such that their dielectric properties changes accordingly. The concentration dependent study of 2,3 Butanediol with Chlorobenzene using frequency domain technique at 9.685 GHz at room temperature offers information related to dielectric parameters such as dielectric permittivity, loss, penetration depth, loss tangent and microwave conductivity which confirms the heteromolecular interactions between 2,3 Butanediol and Chlorobenzene.

Keywords: Static dielectric constant (ε'), dielectric loss (ε"), microwave conductivity, penetration depth, loss tangent and frequency domain technique.

I. INTRODUCTION

Frequency domain technique [1-6] spectacles an outstanding part in understanding of molecular effects and intermolecular exchanges in binary solutions [7-10]. It is the most suitable technique which delivers the exact static dielectric constant (ε') value at a given frequency in microwave region. The dielectric parameters reveal intermolecular interactions with extraordinary significance to study effect of high frequency on polarization and structural variations in these solutions at different places such as in scientific research laboratories, medical field and at many other places [11-13]. The dielectric characteristic study of 2,3 Butanediol (2,3 BD) with Chlorobenzene (CBZ) provides vital information at room temperature.

2,3 Butanediol [14] is classified as a vic-diol (glycol), is an organic compound, colorless liquid and used as an precursors to various plastics and pesticides. Chlorobenzene [15] has a benzene ring with one chlorine atom. It is colorless, flammable liquid and used as an solvent and intermediate in the preparation of other chemicals as well. In present context, the dielectric properties were studied to reveal degree and structural behaviour of 2,3 BD-CBZ molecules thereby obtaining the parameters such as static dielectric constant, dielectric loss, microwave conductivity (σ), penetration depth, and loss tangent at room temperature and at 9.685 GHz of frequency.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

2,3 Butanediol and Chlorobenzene both were purchased from s d fiNE-Chem Limited, Bombay with 99.00 purity and both were used without further purification. Static dielectric parameters were measured at 9.685 GHz frequency by means of frequency domain technique using X-Band

microwave bench. Analysis of data with procedure of frequency domain technique using X-Band microwave bench was systematically explicated formerly [1-6].

III.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Static dielectric permittivity and other parameters were obtained using X-band microwave technique. Relative permittivity is obtained using the relation [1-6] as,

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon' - j\varepsilon'' \quad (1)$$

where, ε is relative permittivity, ε' is relative real permittivity and ε" is relative loss and j is imaginary number with $\sqrt{-1}$ value. Static dielectric constant and loss is obtained using the relation as [1-6],

$$\varepsilon' = \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{\lambda_c}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{\lambda_d}\right)^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\varepsilon'' = \frac{2}{\pi}\left(\frac{\lambda_o}{\lambda_d}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\lambda_g}{\lambda_d}\right)^2 \frac{d\rho_{mean}}{dn} \quad (3)$$

where, ε' is dielectric constant, ε" is dielectric loss, λ_o is free space wavelength, λ_d is wavelength in dielectric cell, λ_g is guided wavelength, λ_c = 2a is cut-off wavelength ('a' is width of waveguide). To eliminate losses value of $\frac{d\rho_{mean}}{dn}$ is used, and is taken from slope of graph plotted between several mean values of ρ_n versus n values [1-6].

Microwave conductivity (σ), Loss tangent and Penetration depth were calculated using the following equations as [1-6],

$$\sigma = \frac{f\varepsilon''}{1.8 * 10^{11}} \quad (4)$$

$$Tan\,\delta = \frac{\varepsilon'}{\varepsilon''} \quad (5)$$

$$P_d = \frac{\lambda_o\sqrt{\varepsilon_r'}}{2\pi\varepsilon_r'} \quad (6)$$

where, σ is microwave conductivity, f is microwave frequency, ε' is dielectric constant, ε" is dielectric loss, λ_o is free space wavelength, P_d is penetration depth and ε_r is relative permittivity.

Static dielectric constant and dielectric loss goes on increasing with increasing concentration of 2,3 BD in Chlorobenzene, as tabulated in table 1. Variation in the concentration of 2,3 BD spectacle variations in ε', which may be the effect of inter molecular interactions between 2,3 BD and CBZ molecules and can produce structural modifications [16-17] in the mixture with increasing heterogeneous interactions. Conductivity is the function of loss and for 2,3 BD-CBZ, it goes on decreasing with increasing $V_{2,3\ BD}$. Loss tangent is the ratio of dielectric loss to the permittivity of material [2, 18] and in present study value of loss tangent is maximum at 0.8 $V_{2,3\ BD}$ and is minimum at 0.2 $V_{2,3\ BD}$. Power gets reduced to 1/e of its surface value at a particular depth is the penetration depth [2, 18]. For 2,3 BD-CBZ, the value of P_d goes on decreasing with increasing $V_{2,3\ BD}$.

Table 1. Dielectric parameters of 2,3 BD-CBZ solutions at room temperature.

$V_{2,3\ BD}$	ε'	ε"	σ[a]	P_d[b]	Tan δ
0	6.13	1.77	9.372	0.281	0.289
0.2	6.59	2.13	1.127	0.271	0.324
0.4	7.71	2.94	1.549	0.251	0.381
0.5	8.38	3.09	1.628	0.240	0.368
0.6	9.16	4.33	2.282	0.235	0.472
0.8	10.5	5.60	2.952	0.220	0.557

[a]Unit: S/m; [b]Unit: m.

IV.CONCLUSION

Static dielectric permittivity of 2,3 BD-CBZ system is obtained using frequency domain technique at 9.685 GHz. The concentration dependent study reveals that variation in concentration of 2,3 BD causes dielectric constant to increase which is an indication of structural variation in the mixture, may be due to presence of strong molecular forces which cause

variation in structural agreement, physical as well as intermolecular exchanges.

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Study of Dielectric Properties of Cyclohexanol-DMSO Binary Solutions using Frequency Domain Technique

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ABSTRACT

Dielectric properties of solute with different solvents offer renowned information concerning diverse interactions between different molecules of the mixture. The dielectric permittivity of the binary liquid mixtures was obtained at 9.685 GHz using X-band microwave technique at room temperature. The concentration dependent dielectric study with variations in physiochemical parameters has been revealed to know the interactions between CYN-DMSO mixtures.

Keywords: Static dielectric constant (ε'), dielectric loss (ε"), microwave conductivity, penetration depth, loss tangent and frequency domain technique.

I. INTRODUCTION

The dielectric properties in terms of structural variations using molecular interaction study under the influence high frequency microwaves, which have remarkable importance in the different industries such as in pharma and chemical industries to know physical as well as chemical properties which are useful to predict the outcomes from the chemical reactions. There are many more equipment's and methods by which physical and chemical properties were obtained. Time domain [1-5] and frequency domain [6-10] have achieved good results in the dielectric characterization of pure liquids and their mixtures at different temperatures and different frequencies. In present context, the dielectric properties were studied to reveal degree and structural behaviour of CYN-DMSO molecules thereby obtaining the parameters such as static dielectric constant, dielectric loss, microwave conductivity (σ), penetration depth, and loss tangent at room temperature and at 9.685 GHz of frequency.

Cyclohexanol [11] is an organic compound molecule and related to cyclohexane by replacement of one hydrogen atom by a hydroxyl group. Dimethyl sulfoxide is polar aprotic and colorless liquid solvent, is water soluble and has garlic-like taste which dissolves in in a wide range of organic solvents [12].

Aim of present article is to investigate dielectric properties of the binary mixtures of CYN-DMSO molecules at room temperature. It is interesting to study the effect of high frequency on polarization and structural properties in these solutions which is studied using frequency domain technique.

II. METHODS AND MATERIALS

Cyclohexanol (CYN) was purchased from Merck life sciences ltd., Mumbai, India with 99.0% of purity and Dimethylsulfoxide is purchased from Thermo Fisher Scientific Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai with 99.00 purity and both were used without further purification. Static dielectric parameters were measured at 9.685 GHz frequency by means of frequency domain technique using X-Band microwave bench. Analysis of data with procedure of frequency domain technique using X-Band microwave bench was systematically explicated formerly [6-10].

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Dielectric parameters were obtained using X-band microwave technique. The relative permittivity of binary liquid mixture is obtained using the equation [6-10] as,

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon' - j\varepsilon'' \quad (1)$$

where, ε is the relative permittivity, ε' is the relative real permittivity and ε" is relative loss and j is imaginary number with $\sqrt{-1}$ value. The static dielectric permittivity and loss is calculated by using the equations as [6-10],

$$\varepsilon' = \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{\lambda_c}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{\lambda_d}\right)^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\varepsilon'' = \frac{2}{\pi}\left(\frac{\lambda_o}{\lambda_d}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\lambda_g}{\lambda_d}\right)^2 \frac{d\rho_{mean}}{dn} \quad (3)$$

where, ε' is dielectric constant, ε" is dielectric loss, λ_o is free space wavelength, λ_d is wavelength in dielectric cell, λ_g is guided wavelength, $\lambda_c = 2a$ is cut-off wavelength ('a' is width of waveguide). To eliminate losses value of $\frac{d\rho_{mean}}{dn}$ is used, and is taken from slope of graph plotted between several mean values of ρ_n versus n values [6-10].

The values of Microwave conductivity (σ), Loss tangent and Penetration depth were obtained using the following relations as [6-10],

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where, σ is microwave conductivity, f is microwave frequency, ε' is dielectric constant, ε" is dielectric loss, λ_o is free space wavelength, P_d is penetration depth and ε_r is relative permittivity.

Static dielectric constant and dielectric loss goes on decreasing with increasing V_{CYN}, as tabulated in table 1. These changes in V_{CYN} cause variations in ε', which is the effect of interactions between distinct molecules which may create structural changes [13-15] thereby increasing heterogeneous interactions in solutions.

The function of loss is known as microwave conductivity and for present solutions; it goes on decreasing with increasing V_{CYN}. Loss tangent is the ratio of dielectric loss to the permittivity of material [6, 16] and in present study value of loss tangent is maximum at 0.2 V_{CYN} and is minimum at 0.8 V_{CYN}. Power gets reduced to 1/e of its surface value at a particular depth is the penetration depth [6, 16]. For CYN-DMSO, the value of P_d goes on increasing with increasing concentration of CYN in DMSO.

Table 1. Dielectric parameters of CYN-DMSO solutions at room temperature.

V_{CYN}	ε'	ε"	σ[a]	P_d[b]	Tan δ
0	47.84	13.5	0.711	0.1	0.282
0.2	32.17	9.92	0.522	0.123	0.308
0.4	23.16	6.57	0.346	0.145	0.283
0.5	20.04	5.70	0.300	0.155	0.284
0.6	15.45	4.36	0.229	0.177	0.282

0.8	10.05	2.68	0.141	0.220	0.267

[a]Unit: S/m; [b]Unit: m.

IV. CONCLUSION

Static dielectric permittivity of CYN-DMSO system is obtained using frequency domain technique at 9.685 GHz. The concentration dependent study reveals that variation in concentration of CYN causes dielectric constant to decrease which is an indicative of variations in structural and heteromolecular behavior. This may be due to the presence of strong intermolecular forces that causes change in structural arrangement, physical as well as intermolecular interactions.

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Dielectric Behaviour of Fertilized Soil at Microwave Frequency of Nashik District

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ABSTRACT

Soil may be comprised of variable mix proportionate of solids, liquids or gases and distinct textures due to the different size and the arrangements of soil particles. This paper reports the experimental results of the dielectric behaviour of mixture of different types of fertilizers and soil at X and C band frequency. A simple and rapid measurement method using microwave free-space transmission technique is used for measuring the dielectric constant. The variations in dielectric constant of soil with different concentration of various fertilizers like NPK are studied extensively. The microwaves can sense existing moisture in any material that absorbs moisture such as soil or vegetation. An automated X-band microwave set-up in the TE_{10} mode with Reflex Klystron source operating at frequency 9.56 GHz is used for measuring dielectric constants .The sample-mixtures are prepared by mixing different fertilizers in soil according to the statistics provided by the Department of Agriculture. Hence, the moisture absorption by a specific type of soil used to be different. The inherent physical and electrical properties such as colour, texture, grains, dielectric constant, conductivity etc. are different for different soils. The measurement of the dielectric constant of the soils collected from the specific regions and analysis of results has been reported.

Keywords: Dielectric constant, Free-space transmission technique, Soil, Emissivity, Waveguide

I. INTRODUCTION

The study of dielectric properties of different earth constituents at microwave frequencies plays vital role as they provides interpretation of various remote sensing data. Dielectric properties are primarily a function of frequency, water saturation, porosity, texture, component geometry and electrochemical interactions. Dielectric dispersion in low frequency region is helpful to understand the behaviours of induced polarization in the materials, while high frequency dielectric measurements are useful in planning ground penetrating radar survey (Sengwa, 2005). Many researchers working with this aspect, studied dielectric properties of different materials with various methods

A strategic method of measuring dielectric constant using a microwave signal is used in this research work. The proposed method is less complex and can further be used for the identification of soil moisture and agricultural applications. In this work, author present soil moisture measurement by simple estimation of emissivity i.e. the ratio of energy radiated by an object to absorbing the body of same physical temperature. The microwaves of typical frequency ranges of 3 GHz to 30 GHz have been in use for

remote sensing applications which are progressing rapidly.

II. EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

A. Study Area Soil samples were collected from ten different agricultural land of Igatpuri Tehsil, Nasik, Maharashtra. Igatpuri is a town and a Hill Station Igatpuri is surrounded by the highest peaks in Sahyaadri i.e. Western Ghats council in Nashik District in the Indian state of Maharashtra. Soil samples were collected in the depth of 0-20cm from desired location.

B. Soil Sampling Soil samples are collected from different locations of agricultural land at the depth of ranging between 0-20 cm. in zigzag pattern across the one site areas. Five pits were dug for each sample. A composite sample of about 3 to 4 Kg representing one site was taken after thorough mixing of all above soil samples. This procedure was repeated while preparing composite samples representing all ten sites covering Western Ghat of Maharashtra. These topsoil samples are first sieved by gyrator sieve shaker (size 425 μm) to remove the coarser particles. The sieved out fine particles are then dried in the hot air oven to a temperature around 110oC for about 24 hours in order to completely remove any trace of moisture. Such dry sample is then called as oven dry or dry base sample when compared with wet samples. The Physical and chemical properties of the soil are measured at soil analysis laboratory.

C. Measurement of Dielectric Constant of dry Soil Samples: The waveguide cell method is used to determine the dielectric properties of the dry soil samples. X-band microwave bench set-up for measurement of dielectric constant of soil samples is used. An automated X-band microwave set-up in the TE10 mode with Reflex Klystron source operating at frequency 9.56 GHz is used for measuring dielectric constants .PC-based slotted line control and data acquisition system is used for this purpose. The solid dielectric cell with soil sample is connected to the opposite end of the source. The signal generated from the microwave source is allowed to incident on the soil sample. The sample reflects part of the incident signal from its front surface. The reflected wave combined with incident wave to give a standing wave pattern. These standing wave patterns are then used in determining the values of shift in minima resulted due to before and after inserting the sample. Experiments were performed at room temperatures ranged between 25-35 °C. The dielectric constant ε' of the soils is then determined from the following relation:

Frequency = 9 GHz				
Plain Soil		Soil mixed with NPK		
(20 ml)		1ml	2ml	5ml
pH	εr'	εr'	εr'	εr'
4.6	3.97	3.94	4.06	4.19
4.8	3.63	2.81	2.84	2.86
5.1	3.78	3.67	3.86	3.90
5.3	3.82	3.69	3.78	3.94
5.6	3.75	3.88	3.93	4.25

Frequency = 9.10 GHz				
Plain Soil		Soil mixed with NPK		
(20 ml)		1ml	2ml	5ml
pH	εr'	εr'	εr'	εr'
4.6	3.90	4.02	4.15	4.84
4.8	3.44	2.76	3.07	3.42
5.1	3.54	3.18	3.24	3.58
5.3	3.75	3.45	3.51	3.76

5.6	3.68	3.54	3.60	3.86

Frequency = 9.56 GHz				
Plain Soil		Soil mixed with NPK		
(20 ml)		1ml	2ml	5ml
pH	εr'	εr'	εr'	εr'
4.6	3.84	3.92	3.95	4.30
4.8	3.31	3.44	3.48	3.91
5.1	3.26	3.03	3.68	3.98
5.3	3.52	3.82	4.24	4.78
5.6	3.45	3.86	4.21	4.74

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Dielectric constant (∈r) is a dimensionless physical quantity that reflects the ability of a substance to store polarization charge in the applied electric field. At present, the typical achievement of this method is Topp's formula [17, 18] which is an important relationship and commonly used in determining moisture content according to the dielectric constant. The Topp's formula is as follows:

$\in_r = 3.03 + 9.3\Theta_v + 146.0\ \Theta_v^{\ 2} - 76.6\Theta_v^{\ 3}$

$\Theta_v = -5.3 \times 10^{2} + 292 \times 10^{-2}$

$\in_r - 5.5 \times 10^{-4} \in_r^{\ 2} + 4.3 \times 10^{-6} \in_r^{\ 3}$

Where $\in_r$ and Θ_v are relative dielectric constant and moisture content, respectively. The radiant energy may be reflected from the surface of the dry soil, or it penetrates the soil particles, where it may be absorbed or scattered. The total reflectance from the dry soil is a function of specular reflectance and the internal volume reflectance. At increasing soil moisture, every soil particle encapsulates into a thin membrane of capillary water filling the water content in the interstitial spaces as well. That in turn results in high absorption| of incident energy following the fact that the soil reflectance deteriorates with increasing water amount [19, 20].

IV. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the authors have presented soil moisture measurement by simple estimation of dielectric constant measurement from microwave signal. The measurement of the dielectric constant of the soils samples collected from the various regions have been used for the experiment evaluation. By measuring the dielectric constant, the measurement of moisture content of the soil can be determined. This approach can be used for identifying the need for water irrigation of a field keeping in view the availability moisture in the soil to control unevenness. Furthermore, this method of dielectric constant measure would be useful for other passive remote sensing applications as the reflectance of soil can be determined at the progression of this work.

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At an energy of 59.5 keV, the Mass Attenuation Coefficients for Biomedical Element Compounds, including Electronic, Atomic, and Molecular Cross Sections, as well as Effective Atomic Numbers

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ABSTRACT

The mass attenuation coefficients for compounds containing biomedical relevant elements (Na, Mg, Al, Ca, and Fe) were determined using an exceptionally narrow collimated-beam transmission method at energy of 59.5 keV. Results from this study provided total electronic, atomic, and molecular cross sections, effective atomic numbers, and electron densities. The detection of gamma-rays from 241Am passing through compounds utilized a high-resolution Si (Li) detector and an energy-dispersive X-ray fluorescence spectrometer (EDXRF). Mixture rule for theoretical calculation of attenuation coefficient is developed for the solution; our study explores the validity of the expected exponential absorption law for gamma-rays radiations in solution and also provides an alternative method for direct determination of mass attenuation coefficients. The presentation and discussion of these results are provided in this paper.

Keywords: narrow collimated-beam transmission method, gamma-rays, EDXRF

I. INTRODUCTION

The photon mass attenuation coefficient, effective atomic number, and electron density constitute fundamental parameters for assessing the penetration of X and γ-rays in matter. The mass attenuation coefficient quantifies the likelihood of interaction between incident photons and unit mass per unit area of matter. Understanding these coefficients in biological and other materials is crucial for applications in industry, agriculture, medicine, and biology [1]. Moreover, the mass attenuation coefficient offers valuable insights into the fundamental properties of matter at the atomic and molecular levels. Accurate photon mass attenuation coefficients play a pivotal role in various fields, including nuclear diagnostics (such as computerized tomography), radiation protection, nuclear medicine, radiation dosimeter, gamma-ray fluorescence studies, and radiation biophysics. They are extensively utilized in calculating photon penetration and energy deposition in biological shielding and other dosimetric materials. Biomedical important elements are essential for maintaining normal physiological functions in organisms. Their deficiency or excess can impact the organism's life cycle and health, contributing to diseases like cancer [2–4]. In the literature, a range of experimental data on mass attenuation coefficients has been reported, covering amino acids, mono and disaccharides, and photon energy absorption coefficients for biological samples. There are different measurement techniques to measure Mass attenuation coefficient for gamma rays. As technology is developed day by day, the gamma rays are used in many fields, like medicine, food preservation and with their measurement techniques are developed but we find these measurements can be made with still simpler method. Teli et al has

developed the mixture rule and we have modified the rule with simpler approach and are considered for our research [5–7].This study focuses on measuring mass attenuation coefficients, total electronic, atomic, and molecular cross sections, as well as effective atomic numbers and electron densities for various compounds (Al, $AlCl_3$, $Al(NO_3)_3$, Ca, $CaSO_4$, CaF_2, $CaHPO_4$, $CaO_6C_6H_{10}$, Fe, FeC_{12}, $FeCl_3$, $Fe_2(SO_4)_3$, $Mg(NO_3)_2$, MgO, $NaO_2C_2H_3$, Na_2CO_3, NaF, $NaNO_3$, Na_2SO_4, NaCl, and Na_2SO_3) at an energy of 59.5 keV. The measured values are then compared with theoretical calculations.

Theoretical development for the experiment

When γ-ray beam passes through an absorber, it is attenuated. The degree of attenuation depends on the scattering and various absorption processes. The absorption coefficient μ can be derived from the Lambert-Beer law

$$\frac{A_0}{A} = e^{-\mu h} \quad \text{----------} \quad (1)$$

where A_0 is the incident γ-ray intensity when measured without sample, A is γ-rays intensity transmitted through the sample, and t is the sample thickness (cm). The experimental mass-absorption coefficient (μ/ρ) of elements is given by

$$\frac{\mu}{\rho} = \sum_i W_i \left(\frac{\mu}{\rho}\right)_i \quad \text{----------} \quad (2)$$

where wi and $(\mu/\rho)i$ are the weight fraction and mass attenuation coefficient of the i^{th} constituent element, respectively. (μ/ρ) does not depend on the particular phase (gas, liquid, or solid) of the material; therefore, it is useful to define the mass attenuation coefficient.

Mass attenuation coefficients of the given materials have been calculated by our developed formula. [11] Provides the total mass attenuation coefficient and the total attenuation cross-section data for about 100 elements as well as partial cross sections for incoherent and coherent scattering, photoelectric absorption, and pair production at energies from 1 keV to 100 GeV [12]. The values of the mass attenuation coefficients can be used to determine the total molecular cross section, $\sigma t,$, by the following relation [13]:

$$\sigma_{t,} = (\mu/\rho)\, M / N_A \text{ ------ } (3)$$

where M is the molecular weight and N_A is Avogadro's number. The total atomic cross-section , can be easily determined from the following equation [13]:

$$\sigma_{t,} = 1/ N_A \sum f(\mu/\rho)_i = \sigma_{t,m} / \sum n_i \text{ --------- } (4)$$

where fi is the fractional abundance of element i with respect to the number of atoms; n_i and A_i are the number of formula units and the atomic weight, respectively, of the constituent element i. The total electronic cross-section σt,el for the individual element is expressed by the following formula [14]:

$$\sigma_{t,el} = 1/ N_A \sum f_i A_i / Zi\, (\mu/\rho)_i = \sigma_{t,a} / Z_{eff} \text{ ------(5)}$$

The total atomic and electronic cross sections are related to the effective atomic number (Z_{eff}) through the following relation.

$$Z_{eff} = \sigma_{t,} / \sigma_{t,el} \text{ -----(6)}$$

The effective electron number or electron density, N_e (number of electrons per units mass), can be derived from.

$$N_e = (\mu/\rho) / \sigma_{t,el} = N_A / M\, Z_{eff} \sum n_i = N_A Z_{eff} / (A) \text{ ----- } (7)$$

The average atomic weight or average atomic mass is the ratio of the molecular weight of the sample divided by the total number of the atoms of all types presented in the compound. (A) Can be derived from [14]

$$(A) = M / \sum n_i \text{ ------ } (8)$$

Experimental arrangement

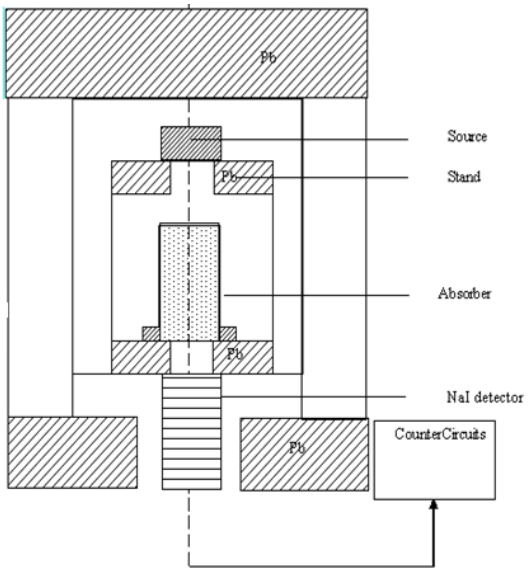

Fig 1:- Experimental arrangement

The experimental arrangement is as shown in Fig. (1) Cylindrical prefix container of internal diameter 2.46 cm was placed below the source at a distance 1.2 cm and above the detector at 2.2 cm by using efficient geometrical arrangement. The NaI (T1) crystal is used as the detector connected to 4k multichannel analyser. The stand is made up of prefix sheet with suitable size the source and absorber are placed along the axis of the stand the whole system is enclosed in a lead castal.

Method of observations

First the gamma rays are passed through empty container reaching the detector. The spectrum is obtained for 1800 sec. using MCA which gives plot of channel number Vs counts. We select the interested peak which is smoothed for avoiding the random nature and obtain the peak gross area Ao. The sum of the spread counts which are coming under the peak) this is obtained because in MCA the counts get spread over some energy range around the photo peak. This increases the accuracy of measured solution kept in the container and gamma rays are passed through it. The concentration varied by Phenol compound adding to it. The gamma rays are passed through such solutions and interested peak gross area measured as A_1, A_2, …… A_{10} the other quantities measured in the experiment are the volume of Phenol (V_p) and ethanol V_e added together to give total volume (V).

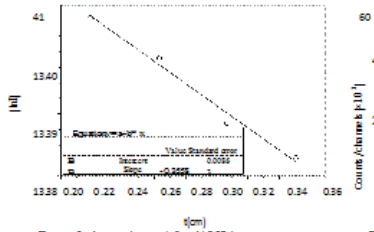

FIGURE2: A sample graph for $Al(NO_3)_3$.

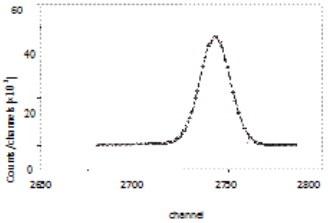

Figure 3: Spectrum of 59.5 keV gamma rays obtained with absorber (MgO).

Theoretical values of mass attenuation coefficients for (Al, $AlCl_3$, $Al(NO_3)_3$, Ca, $CaSO_4$, CaF_2, $CaHPO_4$, $CaO_6C_6H_{10}$, Fe, FeC_{12}, $FeCl_3$, $Fe_2(SO_4)_3$, $Mg(NO_3)_2$, MgO, $NaO_2C_2H_3$, Na_2CO_3, NaF, $NaNO_3$, Na_2SO_4, NaCl, and Na_2SO_3) have been obtained using our formula [12]. In this study, effort has been made to reduce the error sources in transmission measurements. In an ideal transmission experiment, all photons must be sent on absorber sample with a parallel beam. But in real experimental studies, there is the same errors. The errors in the present measurements are mainly due to counting statistics, no uniformity of the absorber, impurity content of the samples, and scattered photons reaching the detector. These errors are attributed to the deviation from the average value in the A and A_0

$$\% \text{ error} = \frac{\mu_{the} - \mu_{exp}}{\mu_{the}} \times 100 \quad \text{_____(9)}$$

II. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The theoretical mass attenuation coefficients, total electronic, atomic, and molecular cross-sections, effective atomic numbers and electron densities have been investigated by using dataset based on the mixture rule. The experimental results are in good agreement with the theoretical values, calculated by developed formula.

Table 1: Comparison of this study and other several studies

Samples	*Some atomic parameters*	*Eq (6)*	*Eq (7)*	*Eq (8)*	*This study*
Al	$\sigma_{t,m}$ $\sigma_{t,a}$ Z_{eff}	- - *13.0*	*12.4* *12.4* *13.0*	- - -	*12.6* *12.6* *13.0*
Fe	$\sigma_{t,m}$ $\sigma_{t,a}$ Z_{eff}	- - *26.0*	*119.3* *119.3* *26.0*	- - -	*117.8* *117.8* *26.8*
MgO	$\sigma_{t,m}$ $\sigma_{t,a}$ Z_{eff}	- - -	- - -	- - *10.2*	*15.3* *7.6* *10.0*
Na_2CO_3	$\sigma_{t,m}$ $\sigma_{t,a}$ Z_{eff}	- - -	- - -	- - *9.5*	*38.6* *6.4* *9.5*

This study and other several studies have been compared in Table 1. To the best of our knowledge there are no experimental data reported in the literature other than The theoretical and experimental mass attenuation coefficients, total electronic, atomic, and molecular cross-sections, effective atomic numbers, and electron densities for compounds of biomedical important elements are listed in Tables 2, and 3. It is clearly seen that the mass attenuation coefficient depends on chemical content.

TABLE 2: The experimental mass attenuation coefficients (cm^2/g), total atomic(barn/atom) and molecular (barn/atom) cross sections, effective atomic numbers, and electron densities (electrons/g) for compounds of biomedical important some elements

Samples	???	? σ_a	? σ_a	? σ_m	Z_{eff}	$N_e \times 10^{22}$
Al	0.281	0.970	12.597	12.594	12.983	2.897
AlO_2	0.413	1.400	22.869	91.477	16.335	2.950
$Al(NO_2)_3$	0.201	0.660	5.470	71.108	8.288	3.046
Ca	0.671	2.230	44.674	44.674	20.033	3.009
CaF_2	0.438	1.190	18.936	56.809	15.913	3.681
$CaHPO_4$	0.371	0.980	11.979	83.851	12.880	3.989
$CaO_2C_6H_{10}$	0.281	0.650	4.429	101.860	6.813	4.323
$CaSO_4$	0.384	1.080	14.473	86.840	14.052	3.728
Fe	1.230	4.390	114.112	114.112	25.994	2.802
$FeCl_2$	0.792	2.490	55.585	166.754	22.324	3.181
$FeCl_3$	0.717	2.260	48.299	193.197	21.371	3.173
$Fe_2(SO_4)_3$	0.535	1.210	20.904	355.366	17.276	4.421
$Mg(NO_2)_2$	0.201	0.660	5.502	39.515	8.336	3.045
MgO	0.233	0.760	7.799	5.998	10.143	3.030
$NaO_2C_2H_3$	0.202	0.610	3.441	7.525	5.640	3.311
Na_2CO_3	0.206	0.680	6.045	36.269	8.889	3.029
NaF	0.213	0.740	7.428	14.857	10.038	2.878
$NaNO_2$	0.200	0.660	5.647	28.236	8.556	3.080
Na_2SO_3	0.261	0.810	9.108	54.645	11.244	3.222
Na_2SO_4	0.253	0.790	8.528	59.695	10.795	3.203
NaCl	0.361	1.170	17.522	35.045	14.976	3.085

TABLE 3: The theoretical mass attenuation coefficients (cm^2/g), total electronic (barn/atom), atomic (barn/atom), and molecular (barn/atom) cross sections, effective atomic numbers, and electron densities (electrons/g) for compounds of biomedical important some elements.

Samples	???	? σ_a	? σ_a	? σ_m	Z_{eff}	$N_e \times 10^{23}$
Al	0.289	0.996	12.952	12.952	13.004	2.902
AlO_2	0.425	1.441	23.534	94.135	16.332	2.949
$Al(NO_2)_3$	0.208	0.678	5.660	73.584	8.348	3.068
Ca	0.681	2.267	45.340	45.340	20.000	3.004
CaF_2	0.448	1.225	19.369	58.106	15.811	3.657
$CaHPO_4$	0.379	0.960	12.237	85.659	12.747	3.948
$CaO_2C_6H_{10}$	0.287	0.672	4.523	104.035	6.731	4.271
$CaSO_4$	0.393	1.053	14.813	88.875	14.067	3.732
Fe	1.260	4.496	116.895	116.895	26.000	2.802
$FeCl_2$	0.812	2.559	56.988	170.965	22.270	3.173
$FeCl_3$	0.735	2.316	49.512	198.047	21.378	3.174
$Fe_2(SO_4)_3$	0.549	1.243	21.451	364.665	17.257	4.417
$Mg(NO_2)_2$	0.206	0.676	5.639	50.747	8.342	3.048
MgO	0.236	0.768	7.899	15.799	10.285	3.073
$NaO_2C_2H_3$	0.208	0.628	3.543	28.343	5.642	3.312
Na_2CO_3	0.212	0.702	6.221	37.325	8.862	3.020
NaF	0.220	0.759	7.673	15.345	10.109	2.899
Na_2SO_3	0.269	0.837	9.387	56.320	11.215	3.214
Na_2SO_4	0.261	0.812	8.797	61.582	10.834	3.214
NaCl	0.371	1.203	18.008	36.015	14.969	3.084

The effective atomic number is a useful parameter for low and medium-Z materials, encountered in biological and medical applications. It should be remembered that the concept of the effective atomic number is based on an underlying theory of X-ray and γ-ray interactions with matter [19]. In composite materials like alloys, soil, plastic, biological material,

and so forth, for photon interactions, the atomic number cannot be represented uniquely across the entire energy region, as in the case of elements, by a single number. This number in composite materials is called "effective atomic number," and it varies with energy [20]. The energy absorption in a given medium can be calculated if certain constants are known. These necessary constants are *Z*eff and electron density (Ne) of the medium. Therefore, the study of the effective atomic numbers of the biological samples is so useful for many technological applications. The effective atomic numbers are also useful in medical radiation dosimetry for the calculation of dose in radiation therapy and medical imaging [21]. The experimental effective atomic numbers are listed in Table 2. The effective atomic number for gamma ray interactions in materials composed of various elements cannot be expressed by a single number and for each of the partial processes the number has to be weighted differently [22]. A large *Z*eff generally corresponds to inorganic compounds and metals, while a small *Z*eff ≤ 10 is an indicator of the organic substances [23]. The significant variation in effective atomic number is due to the relative dominance of the partial photon interaction processes. This confirms that effective atomic number depends on the number of elements and the range of atomic numbers in a compound. References [25] confirm that the effective atomic numbers almost tend to be constant as a function of energy and attributes to the dominance of incoherent scattering and pair production in their respective energy region. But we have not confirmed this state, for our energy is below 100 keV (single energy 59.5 keV) and photoelectric cross sections are more dominant in respective energy region.

III. CONCLUSION

Further experimental studies on measurements of the mass attenuation coefficients, molecular, atomic, and total electronic cross sections, effective atomic numbers, and electron densities for compounds of biomedical important some elements will be useful to confirm, understand, and interpret the observed differences between the measured and calculated results. Also in order to reach more definitive conclusions on measurements, we project to extend these measurements for various compounds and different primer energies.

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Study of Dielectric Properties of 25 % ($CoMn_{0.2}Zn_{0.2}Fe_{1.6}O_4$) + 75% $Ba_{1-x}Sr_x TiO_3$ Composites

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ABSTRACT

Ferromagnetic-ferroelectric particulate composites of $0.25(CoMn_{0.2}Zn_{0.2}Fe_{1.6}O_4) + 0.75(Ba_{1-x}Sr_x TiO_3)$ (x= 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3) were prepared by conventional ceramic method. The crystal structure, dielectric ,magnetic and ferroelectric properties of the ceramics were investigated as a function of strontium content via X-ray diffraction (XRD), dielectric spectroscopy and hysteresis and magnetoelectric (ME)effect measurement. The confirmation of cubic spinel structure of the ferrite phase and tetragonal pervoskite of the ferroelectric phase was confirmed by XRD. The phase analysis has confirmed that no intermediate or impurity phase is present in all the composites prepared. The variation of dielectric constant (ε˙) and loss tangent (tan δ) in the frequency range 20 Hz to 1MHz was studied. The conduction phenomenon was explained on the basis of a small polaron hopping model. The dielectric constant decreases rapidly with increasing frequency and then reaches a constant value. It is observed that low frequency dispersion is large for composite materials. All the samples reveal dielectric dispersion due to Maxwell Wagner interfacial polarization in agreement with Koop's phenomenological theory. The low dielectric behaviour makes ferrite materials useful in high frequency application.

Keywords: Magnetoelectric composite, dielectric constant (ε˙), dielectric loss tangent (tan δ), Maxwell–Wagner type interfacial polarization.

I. INTRODUCTION

Recent thrust on developing multifunctional for high performance solid state device applications is a driving force to work on magnetoelectric materials [1]. The area of magnetoelectric (ME) materials has attracted many researchers from both groups (ferroelectricity and magnetism) because these materials exhibit ferroelectric and ferromagnetic/ ferrimagnetic properties [2]. The magnetoelectric (ME) effect is defined as variation of dielectric polarization in the composites on application of magnetic field or magnetization induced by an external electric field. ME effect is due to induced strain in the piezomagnetic phase that is mechanically coupled to induced stress in the piezoelectric phase: When the composite contains too much of the ferrite phase it cannot be poled using higher voltage for its low resistance and one cannot get a good piezoelectric effect due to the leakage of charges. The leakage of charges reduces the ME effect of the ferrite content. In addition, Sr-doped BaTiO3 has a large figure of merit and superior dielectric and piezoelectric properties[5].Therefore in the present work, the principle motivation is to investigate the structural, electrical and magnetoelectric properties of $25\%CoMn_{0.2}Zn_{0.2}Fe_{1.6}O_4 + 75\% Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$ (x=0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3) ME composites to understand the conduction mechanism. The variation of dielectric properties and ac conductivity of composition with Sr+ content and frequency for the composites is also explained. In this article the magnetoelectric properties of the composites consisting of $25\%CoMn_{0.2}Zn_{0.2}Fe_{1.6}O_4$ ferrite with $Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$ ferroelectric phases at room temperature. The soft ferrite ($CoMn_{0.2}Zn_{0.2}Fe_{1.6}O_4$) is a well-known spinel magnetic material having high resistivity, high magnetostriction coefficient and promising material as it

has low anisotropy and high initial permeability. At the same time the larger magnitude of magnetic moment may favors better ME effect. In addition to this $Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$ having a large figure of merit and superior dielectric, piezoelectric properties and eco-friendly, as it is Lead free is chosen as ferroelectric phase [6]. These materials have received a considerable attention for various multifunctional devices such as multiple-state memory elements, electric field controlled ferromagnetic resonance devices, transducers, spintronics and terahertz radiation etc. Here we have selected fixed proper proportion between ferrite phase and ferroelectric phase as 25% and 75% respectively in the composite and varied Sr^+ content in ferroelectric phase in order to get the maximum magnetoelectric effect. Thus in the present Letter a detailed study of structural, electrical and magnetoelectric properties were carried out and it is also expected that this research would bring more understanding and give useful information on this new ceramic system.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

The magnetostrictive ferrite phase ($CoMn_{0.2}Zn_{0.2}Fe_{1.6}O_4$) and piezoelectric phases $Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$ (x=0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3) were prepared by a solid-state reaction method using AR grade oxides/carbonates of the respective ions in ferrite and ferroelectric. The ferrite phase was prepared using CoO, ZnO, MnO_2, Fe_2O_3 powders in stoichiometric proportions. The ferroelectric phase was preparedusing $BaCO_3$, $SrCO_3$ and TiO_2 as starting materials by varying $SrCO_3$ content it, where all materials are from Radial Company with 99.98% purity. The details of the preparation procedure were discussed in our previous report [7]. In order to prepare their composites, the formation of single phase cubic spinel ferrite and perovskite tetragonal ferroelectric phase was confirmed by X-ray diffraction technique. The ME composites were prepared by mixing 25% of ferrite phase with 75% ferroelectric phase by varying Sr^+ content in it. The mixture of composite was thoroughly ground for 2-3 hr and pelletized using hydraulic press by applying suitable pressure of 6 ton/inch^2. Polyvinyl alcohol in small amount was used as a binder to make the cylindrical pellets of approximately 10 mm diameter 3 mm thickness. The pellets of composites were sintered at high temperature of 1150^0C for 10 hr in a programmable muffle furnace and finally cooled slowly to room temperature. The crystal structure of constituent phases (ferrite and ferroelectric) and their composites was studied by means of X-ray diffraction technique. The X-ray diffraction patterns of the present composite samples were recorded at room temperature and in the 2theta range of 20^0-80^0. The d.c electrical resistivity measurements were carried out on well polished and silver coated pellets using two probe techniques. The measurements of d. c. electrical resistivity were recorded in the temperature range of 300 - 800K in step of 10K. The variation of dielectric constant (ε') and loss tangent (tanδ) were measured at room temperature in the frequency range from 100 Hz to 1MHz using LCR meter-bridge (Model HP 4284A). The dielectric constant (ε') was calculated using the relation:

$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon' = cd/\varepsilon_0 A}$ ……..(1) where **c** - is the capacitance of pellet in Farad, d - the thickness of pellet, A- the cross-sectional area of the flat surface of the pellet and ε_0 is the permittivity of free space (ε_0 = 8.85×10−12 F/m) [8]. The ac conductivity (σ_{ac}) was calculated from the dielectric data using the relation: $\sigma_{ac} = \varepsilon'\varepsilon_0\omega \tan\delta$….. (2)

III.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Phase identification:

The XRD patterns of the samples were recorded on x-ray diffractometer using Cu-K_α radiation (λ=1.5418 Å). In Fig. 1shows the diffraction pattern of mixed cobalt ferrite powders calcined at 1150 $^{\circ}$C is characterized as a crystalline with a spinel structure. Fig. 2(B,C,D,E) shows XRD pattern of all the samples and its peaks exhibits the presence of substituted $Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$ (x=0.0,0.1, 0.2,0.3) with a perovskite structure. All the XRD peaks are identified and compared with JCPDS data to confirm the phase and found to have well matching (Cobalt ferrite JCPDS card #22-1086 and BaTiO3 JCPDS card # 83-1877) and JCPDS No.00-044-0093 for $Ba_{0.8}Sr_{0.2}TiO_3$ phase [9]. The results indicate the success in synthesizing ferrite and ferroelectric powder using route. The XRD pattern of composites prepared by taking 25% mixed cobalt ferrite phase and sr^+ doped $Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$ ferroelectric phase($25\%CoMn_{0.2}Zn_{0.2}Fe_{1.6}O_4$+$75\%Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$ with x=0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3) shown in Fig 1. Intermediate phase formed in the composites. The intensity of peak (101) in

the ferroelectric phase decreases due to ferrite phase addition in composites.

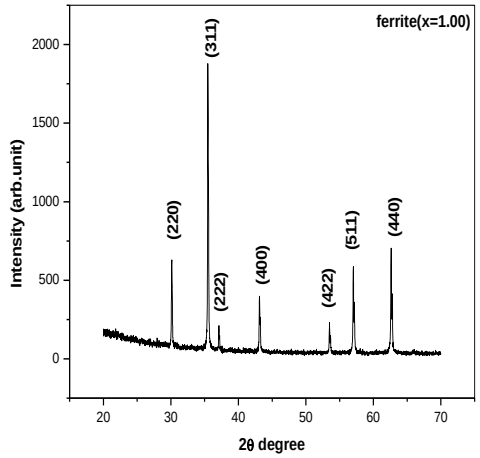

Fig.1 XRD pattern of $CoMn_{0.2}Zn_{0.2}Fe_{1.6}O_4$ *ferrite phase.*

The lattice parameters for the ferrite and ferroelectric phases and composites were calculated from XRD data sing the following relations. There is no phase change observed.

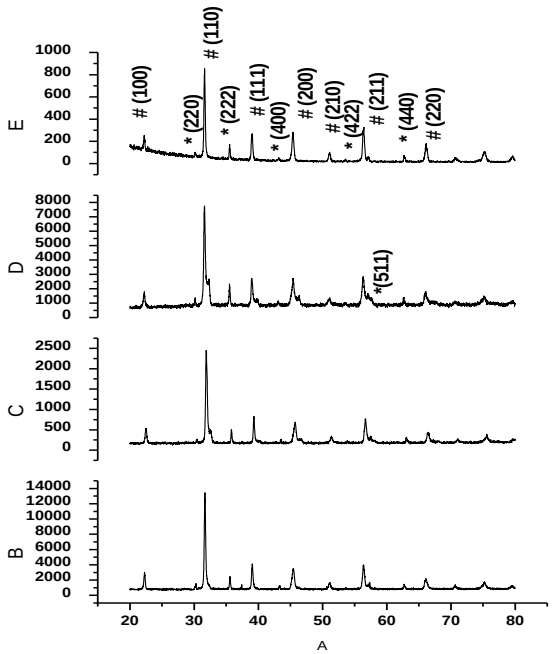

Fig.2 (B,C,D.E) XRD Pattern of Ferroelectric, $Ba_{1-x}Sr_x TiO_3$ system with x= 0.0, 0.1, 0.2,0.3.

Where, $d = \frac{n\lambda}{2\sin\theta}$, $N = h^2 + k^2 + l^2$ for ferrite. (3)

$N = h^2 + k^2 + l^2(a^2/c^2)$ for ferroelectric phase [10]. The lattice parameters of the ferroelectric phases vary with the strontium substation as shown in Fig.4. It is observed that the lattice constant "a" increases from 8.37 to 8.40 due to Mn^+ substitution and for ferroelectric phase has a tetragonal perovskite structure with lattice constant a = 3.99°A and c=4.08A°& c/*a* =1.01. There is small variation in lattice constants of ferroelectric phase with Sr^{+2} addition as shown in Fig.1(A,B,C,D).

3.1. Dielectric behavior:

The variation of dielectric constant as a function of frequency for the composites at room temperature is as shown in Fig 2(a). The high value of dielectric constant observed at lower frequencies is explained on the basis of space charge polarization due to inhomogeneous dielectric structure. The dielectric constant initially decreases with increase in frequency and there after reaches a constant value at higher frequencies due to decreases in ionic and orientation polarizabilities of molecules.

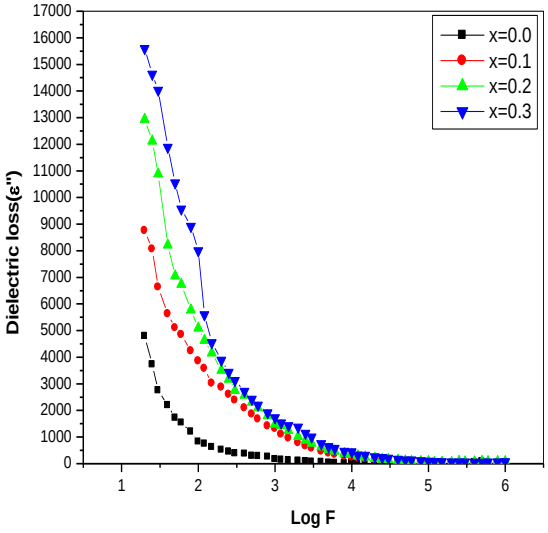

Fig 3(a) *Dielectric constant (ε') of* $25\%CoMn_{0.2}Zn_{0.2}Fe_{1.6}O4 + 75\%Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$ *ME composite system with x=0.0,0.1, 0.2,0.3.*

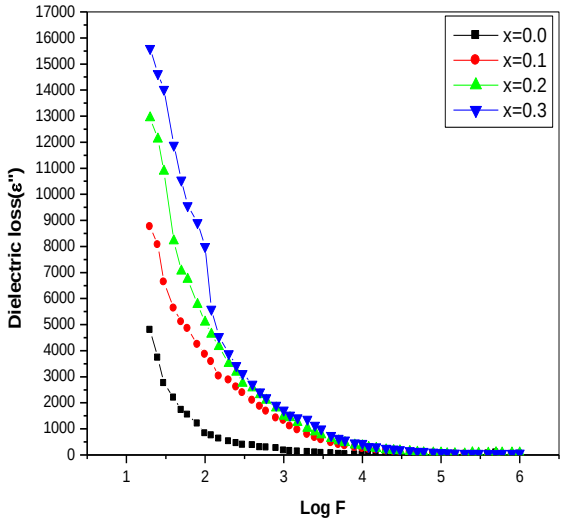

Fig 3(b) Dielectric Loss (ε") of $25\%CoMn_{0.2}Zn_{0.2}Fe_{1.6}O_4 + 75\%Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$ ME composite system with x=0.0,0.1, 0.2, 0.3.

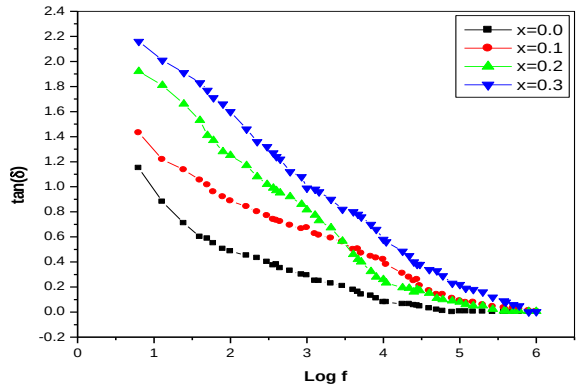

Fig3(c)*Dielectric tan(δ) of* $25\%CoMn_{0.2}Zn_{0.2}Fe_{1.6}O_4 + 75\%Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$ *ME composite system with x=0.0,0.1, 0.2, 0.3.*

x Content	f =100 (Hz)			f=1MHz		
	ε'	**ε''**	**tan δ**	**ε'**	**ε''**	**tanδ**
0.0	595.36	219.8	1.85	459.07	19.74	0.043
0.1	520.38	40.15	1.35	445.45	2.67	0.006
0.2	485.1	13.0	0.90	469.6	2.62	0.00
	5	9		0		3
0.3	460.25	75.26	0.39	465.49	1.44	0.005

Table 1.*Max.Value of dielectric constant (ε' max), Loss tangent at room temperature (tanδ) of* $25\%CoMn_{0.2}Zn_{0.2}Fe_{1.6}O_4 + 75\%Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$ *at 100 Hz and 1MHz.*

As the frequency increases, the ionic and orientational source of polarizability decreases and finally disappears due to molecular and ionic inertia [15]. All the samples reveal dispersion due to Maxwell–Wagner type interfacial polarization in agreement with Koop's phenomenological theory. In case of composites, the high value of dielectric constant is ascribed to the fact that non-ferroelectric regions are surrounding by ferroelectric regions similar to that in the case of relaxor ferroelectric materials [16]. Fig.2(b &c) shows the variation in dielectric loss and loss tangent with frequency, having similar behaviour to dielectric constant (ε'). Dielectric loss could be divided into two fractions $D= D_P+ D_G$, where D denotes the dielectric loss, D_P denotes the polarization loss, D_G denotes of the leakage loss. This loss factor curve is considered to be caused by domain wall resonance. Dielectric constant (ε') and dielectric loss tangent (tanδ) decreases as Sr^{+2}content in ferroelectric phase increases at constant frequency 1KHz as shown in Table 1. In order to understand conduction mechanism, ac conductivity was measured as a function of frequency in that range 100 Hz to 1MHz at room temperature and it is observed that the ac conductivity increases with increases in frequency as shown in fig. The plots of ac conductivity are linear, indicating small polaron type conduction at low frequency [17]. The exchange of electron between $Fe^{2+} \leftrightarrow Fe^{3+}$ for ferrite gives local displacement of electrons in the field direction. The behavior that dielectric constant initially decreases with increasing frequency and thereafter remains constant because after certain frequency of the electric field the electron exchange does not follow the alternating field.

IV. CONCLUSION

The XRD pattern indicates the presence of both ferrite and ferroelectric phases. The spinel and tetragonal

phases formation of ferrite and ferroelectrics respectively, was confirmed with XRD patterns. XRD results show that ferrite phase and ferroelectric phase coexist in composites materials. The frequency dependant dielectric constant shows the usual dielectric dispersion behaviour for all the composites, which can be explained on the basis of Maxwell–Wagner interfacial polarization theory. The composites behave as relaxor ferroelectrics. The lower resistivity of the spinel ferrite exerts an important influence on the dielectric behavior of the composite. These composites possess high dielectric constants which could be used in high-frequency communications for capacitor-inductor integrating devices such as electromagnetic interference filters and antennas. The variation in dielectric constant can be explained on the basis of space charge polarization due to inhomogeneous dielectric structure. The higher value of dielectric constant observed at low frequencies has been ascribed to the effect of heterogeneity of the samples like pores, surfaces and layers of grains.

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Unraveling Dielectric Relaxation Exploring Quinoline with 2-Butoxyethanol Mixtures through Time Domain Reflectometry

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ABSTRACT

Complex permittivity spectra were measured for the binary mixtures of Quinoline with 2-Butoxyethanol (2-BE) using Time Domain Dielectric Spectroscopy (TDDS) for 11 concentrations at room temperatures in the frequency range from 10 MHz to 30 GHz. The values of static dielectric permittivity and relaxation time have been obtained by fitting complex permittivity spectra using least square fit method in Debye model. The observation has been undertaken to study the behavior of molecular structure in quinoline and 2-BE using dielectric relaxation parameters.

Keywords Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR), complex permittivity spectra, static dielectric constant and relaxation time

I. INTRODUCTION

In past few years, frequency domain and time domain spectroscopy have achieved best results in the experimental as well as theoretical properties of binary liquid mixtures. The Time Domain Dielectric Spectroscopy (TDDS) technique plays an important role in understanding the molecular effects and intermolecular interactions in binary liquids. Dielectric research of hydrogen-bonded compounds in non-polar solvent provides important information about inter-molecular complex formation in the solution. Hydrogen bonds have an interesting class of molecular interactions, which are important in many fields like pharmacy industries, chemistry and molecular biology [1]. So, the method of TDDS is very useful to study the strength of relaxation processes, dipole-dipole interactions and bonding between two components of liquids, which are extensively discussed [2-3]. Quinoline, a nitrogen containing compound capable of inhibiting HDS even at very low concentrations [4]. 2-BE are used as additives to gasoline owing to their octane boosting and pollution reducing properties and also used as industrial solvents in a variety of applications such as cleaners, brake fluids, jet fuels, paints, coatings, varnishes, resins, and inks [5-6].

In the present work, we report a dielectric relaxation study of quinoline with polar solvent 2-BE at various concentrations and at room temperatures employing the TDDS in the frequency range from 10 MHz to 30 GHz. The Cole-Debye model has been utilised to fit complex permittivity spectra of quinoline and 2-BE mixture and the static dielectric permittivity, dielectric permittivity at infinity and relaxation time have been evaluated.

2. METHODS AND MATERIALS

The dielectric spectra of mixtures have been recorded using the TDDS technique [7]. The TDDS technique

is used in the frequency range of 10 MHz to 30 GHz on which the present work has been carried out. The Tektronix Model no. DSA 8300 Digital Serial Analyser sampling mainframe along with the sampling module 80E10B has been used with the TDR. A repetitive fast incident rising pulse of 12 ps rise time and reflected back rise pulse of rising time 15 ps was provided through 50-ohm impedance of coaxial line system. Sampling oscilloscope will monitor and record the changes in the step pulse after reflection from end of line. Reflected pulse, R1 (t), without sample and, Rx (t), with sample were recorded in the time window of 5 ns and digitised in 2,000 points. Surrounding temperature of sample was maintained with an accuracy of ±0.1° C.

Materials.

Quinoline and 2-BE was obtained from Merk Life Sciences Private Ltd. Mumbai, India, with 99.5% of purity and was used without further purification. The mixtures of solutions were prepared for different volume fractions of Quinoline and 2-BE.

3. RRSULTS AND DISCUSSION

Complex permittivity spectra

The frequency-dependent complex permittivity spectra of quinoline and 2-BE mixture at room temperature, dielectric permittivity, loss increases as the volume fraction of quinoline increases in 2-BE. Complex permittivity spectra with dielectric relaxation parameters of and 2-BE mixture were acquired by the Havriliak-Negami equation [8-9].

$$\varepsilon^*(\omega)=\varepsilon_\infty+(\varepsilon_0-\varepsilon_\infty)/[(1+(j\omega\tau)^{1-\alpha}]^{\beta}$$

where ε_0 is the static dielectric permittivity, ε_∞ is the permittivity at high frequency, τ is the relaxation time and α & β are the distribution parameters. β value indicates the uniform distribution of relaxation width, which varies as $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$. The Havriliak-Negami equation involves Cole-Cole ($\beta = 1$), Cole-Davidson ($\alpha = 0$) and Debye ($\alpha = 0$ & $\beta = 1$) relaxation models.

The Debye model is used to fit the data. The static dielectric constant (ε_0), dielectric constant at infinity (ε_∞) and relaxation time (τ) at room temperatures at all concentrations are given in the table 1. Molecular relaxation time depends on the factors such as molecules chain length, viscosity, temperature, etc. [10]. From table 1, the values of τ vs. volume fraction of quinoline show non-linear nature and it is clear that as the amount of volume fraction of quinoline increases in 2-BE, the relaxation time increases up to 0.7 whereas, further increase in volume fraction of quinoline decreases the relaxation time in the quinoline rich region. The increase in relaxation time at 0.7 volume fraction of quinoline is observed because of increase in molecular size of the binary mixture [11]. It is stated that hetero-molecular entities bonded through weaker intermolecular forces experiences larger barrier.

Table 1. dielectric relaxation parameters for quinoline and 2-BE binary solutions at room temperatures.

Volume fraction of quinoline	ε_0	ε_∞	τ (ps)
0.0	2.23	1.65	2.75
0.1	2.46	1.59	3.34
0.2	2.83	1.62	3.64
0.3	3.13	1.69	3.90
0.4	3.53	2.17	4.02
0.5	4.01	1.80	4.53
0.6	4.49	1.69	5.11
0.7	4.91	1.87	5.30
0.8	5.41	2.23	4.56
0.9	5.79	2.41	4.35
1.0	6.04	2.20	4.19

4. CONCLUSION

The study of temperature dependent complex dielectric permittivity frequency spectra of Quinoline and 2-BE binary mixture is concluded using the TDDS in the frequency range from 10 MHz to 30 GHz. As the volume concentration of quinoline increases in 2-BE, static dielectric constant also increases, the relaxation time increases up to 0.6 of concentration and then it decreases. In the entire concentrations of quinoline and 2-BE. The deviation in dielectric constant and relaxation times from ideality may be due to heterogeneous interaction in quinoline and 2-BE mixtures. The dielectric constant for the mixtures can be explained using hydrogen-bonded model by assuming the formation of hydrogen bonds between solute–solvent

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Transition metal oxide thin films for Supercapacitor Applications : A Review

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ABSTRACT
Transition metals are the d-block elements in modern periodic table. Due its properties they are used in various charge storage devices. Electrochemical supercapacitors or ultracapacitor has large charge storing capacity as compared to conventional capacitor. Supercapacitors bridges the gap between conventional capacitors and batteries as it can store the energy more than capacitors and accept and deliver charge than batteries. There are various materials which are used to make supercapacitors.as compare to other materials, transition metal oxides are excellent options to make these supercapacitors because they have excellent properties. This paper reviews the transition metal oxides for electrochemical supercapacitor applications and its characterization.

Keywords: Transition metal oxides, Supercapacitors, Electrochemical study, Capacitor, Batteries.

I. INTRODUCTION

Continuous growth of population put burden on current energy sources. exploitation of fossil fuels creates huge problem in the environment.[1] growing economy demands large amount of energy. Hence sources of these fossil fuels are decreasing. Also, use of these fossil fuels makes environmental pollution such as air pollution, water pollution etc[2]. Pollution crates greenhouse effect which is again big problem to environment.[1], [2].due to these various concern, there is an urgent need of green, clean and efficient energy sources for the future.[3] Hence storing energy is an essential need in this modern world. energy storage devices such as batteries, fuel cells, supercapacitors are best options.[3], [4].

Electrochemical supercapacitors are the best charge storage devices as compare to batteries, fuel cells and conventional capacitors due to its properties such as long-life cycle, large charge storage capacity, fast charging/discharging rate, higher power density.[5], [6]. Supercapacitors are divided into three types i.e. Electrical double layer capacitors (EDLCs), Pseudo capacitors and hybrid capacitors.in EDLCs, the energy is stored in the form of ion adsorption at the electrode/electrolyte interface. Most popular electrodes are activated carbon in this supercapacitor[7].Pseudocapacitors are different than EDLCs. energy stored in Pseudocapacitors is in the form of reversible surface or near surface faradic reactions. Transition metal oxides and conducting

polymers are the electrode materials for the Pseudocapacitors.[7]Hybrid capacitors are developed by using double layer capacitors and Pseudocapacitors.

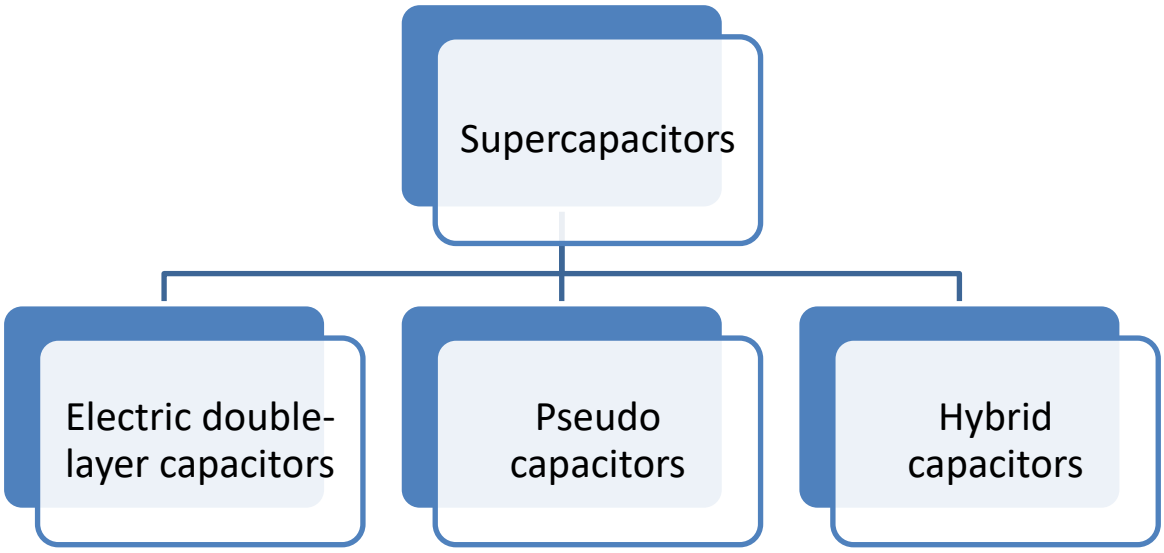

Fig A: Types of Supercapacitors

Electrode material is the core and important part of the supercapacitors. conducting polymers, carbon materials and transition metal oxides are typically used to make these electrode materials.[8]as compare to carbon material and conducting polymers, transition metal oxides are good option to make electrodes because TMOs shows various oxidation states which gives fast redox reactions and good specific capacitance.[8]

2.Types of Transition Metal Oxides for Supercapacitor

Transition metal oxides for supercapacitor are divided into various types as shown in figure below

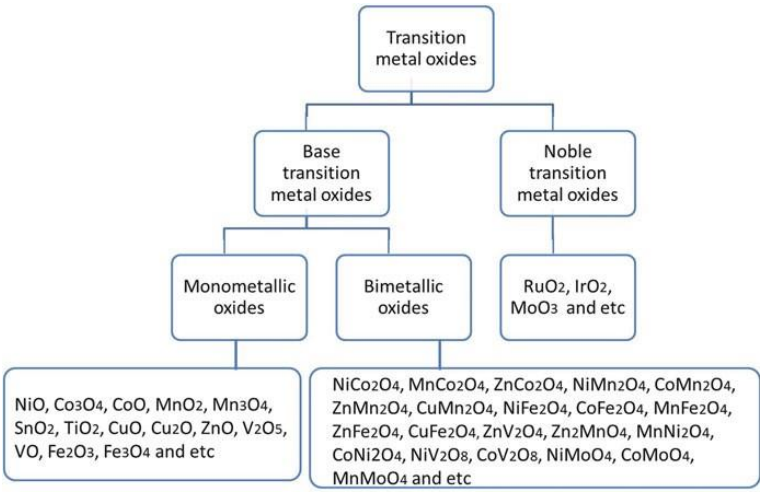

Fig B :Transition metal oxide classification [8]

2.1 Base Transition metal oxides

2.1.1 NiO

Nikel oxide is used to make electrode material for supercapacitor application because of its properties such as cost effectiveness, less toxicity, high chemical stability, readily availability and eco-friendly nature as compare to other metal oxides.[9]–[11] Electrochemical study reveals that NiO nanoparticle shows good reversibility and fast ion transport in charging and discharging.[11].study shows that NiO electrode shows excellent capacity, high cyclic stability, superior rate performance and good specific capacitance.[12].the cycle performance of NiO can be improved by doping other metals in it. there are various methods to prepare NiO such as chemical precipitation, chemical bath deposition, microwave route, sol-gel process and hydrothermal process.[13]

2.2.2 Co_3O_4

Cobalt oxide (Co_3O_4) has various applications in energy storage devices, catalysis, and electrochemical sensors because of its various properties such as high reversibility and theoretical specific capacitance and controllable morphology as compare with the bulk phase.[14] Co_3O_4 is a potential candidate due to its unique properties and may be an alternate to expensive RuO_2 which is broadly used as the electrochemically active material in electrochemical capacitors.[14] Cobalt oxide thin films have been prepared using various techniques such as successive ionic layer adsorption and reaction (SILAR), chemical bath deposition (CBD), spray pyrolysis, hydro thermal, and electrodeposition on a variety of substrates .[15]

2.2.3 MnO_2

MnO_2 has high specific capacitance, high energy density, wide charge/discharge potential range with low toxicity, abundance, environmentally friendly nature, and high theoretical specific capacitance have attracted significant interest as active electrode materials for Supercapacitors.[16] In particular, manganese oxide is recognized as the good electrode material for electrochemical supercapacitors as its properties such as low-cost, good electrochemical reactivity.[17]

$$Mn^{2+} + 2H_2O \rightarrow MnO_2 + 4H^+ + 2e^- \qquad [18]$$

Preparation of manganese oxide thin films with nanostructures as electrode material for supercapacitor can be done by using different methods such as sol-gel, electrochemical deposition, electrostatic spray deposition, physical vapor deposition, and chemical bath deposition.[18]

2.2.4 $NiCo_2O_4$

$NiCo_2O_4$ is one of the best candidates of typical Transition metal oxides, has attracted huge attention due to its low cost, abundant resource and being environment friendly as compared with Ru-based materials, [19]but also have better electrical conductivity and higher electrochemical activity than other materials. Although spinel $NiCo_2O_4$ has received considerable research interest due to its series of excellent features to use in supercapacitor.[20]

2.2.5 $MnCo_2O_4$

Cobalt containing manganese spinel oxides have been considered a potential candidate for applications in research areas such as catalysis, sensors, electrode materials and electrochemical devices.[21] $MnCo_2O_4$ has excellent physicochemical and enhanced electrochemical properties. $MnCo_2O_4$ demonstrates excellent pseudocapacitive behaviour due to combined effects of Mn^{2+} and Co^{2+} cations. [21]While cobalt shows a higher oxidation potential, manganese can transport more electrons and achieve a higher capacitance. [21]

2.2.6 RuO_2

RuO_2 is one of the best material for supercapacitor materials as it has the highest specific capacitance . [22] RuO_2 is one of the most promising candidates for supercapacitor due to its metallic type conductivity, highly reversible redox reactions, wide potential window (1.2 V), high proton conductivity and large specific capacitance with long cycle life.[23] RuO_2 can be synthesized by various methods such as thermal decomposition, sol–gel process, electrostatic spray deposition (ESD), electrodeposition.[24]

3.Properties of Supercapacitors

Fig C: Properties of supercapacitors

4.Characterization

Following are some of the characterization techniques which are used for TMOs supercapacitor applications

1. XRD (X ray diffraction)
2. SEM (Scanning Electron Microscopy
3. TEM (Transmission Electron Microscopy
4. UV Visible Spectroscopy
5. Electrical studies
6. Electrochemical studies

5.Summary and Conclusion

Continuous progress is going on in electrochemical supercapacitors which in worldwide due to increase the supercapacitive properties of electrode materials, which is of great importance to fast industrialization. Although transition metal oxides used as a best material to use in supercapacitor electrode, research has not been completed yet. Good results are obtaining day by day as research continuous. Despite the challenges ahead TMOs are best candidates to use in supercapacitor electrode material. with the continuous and dedicated research, may in future TMOs will be the best candidates for supercapacitor applications

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Composite Materials for Biomedical Applications

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ABSTRACT

The word "composite" refers to the combination, on a macroscopic scale, of two or more materials, different for composition, morphology and general physical properties. In many cases, and depending on the constituent properties, composites can be designed with a view to produce materials with properties tailored to fulfill specific chemical, physical or mechanical requirements. Therefore over the past years the use of composites has progressively increased, and today composite materials have various technological applications. Conducting polymeric materials is laid on the electrochemical synthesis of conducting polymers including the choice of the monomers and solvents, supporting electrolytes and electrodes and structural aspects of these novel materials and the nature of the dopants which induce electrical conductivity in conjugated organic polymers supported to biocompatible were investigated by electrochemical parameters polymeric materials of drug delivery system. Objective of this paper is to synthesis of Composite materials been the focal point in the modern material science.

Keywords : conducting polymeric materials; Electrochemical Method Biomedical Application.

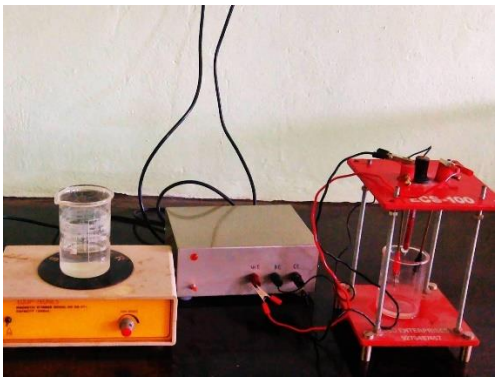
I. INTRODUCTION

Conducting polymers [1-3], it is possible to control the electrical conductivity of polymer over the range from insulating to highly conducting (metallic) state. Electrochemical polymerization (ECP) technique which is a fast-developing interfacing polymer science and electrochemistry. The electrochemical synthesis of conducting polymers, has proven important in allowing development of new polymeric materials with similar electrochemical and electrical properties. Semiconducting polymers It provides a novel approach to the synthesis of conducting polymers. Better understanding of the physics and chemistry of semiconducting polymer interfaces. The ICPs have greatly benefitted our society in applications such as biosensors], gas sensors , and tissue engineering . Electrochemistry has played a key role in the synthesis of ICPs for its fine tuning in the polymer structures, compositions, and electrochemical properties. [4-8].

Method

Electrochemical synthesis Set-Up

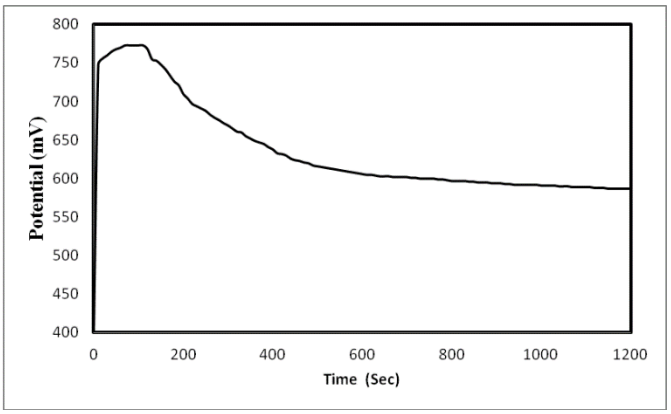
The electrochemical synthesis setup is as shown in Figure.1.



It consists of PC based electrochemical polymerization system (Galvanostat), three electrode glass cell h. The three-electrode glass cell consists of

working electrode, counter electrode, and reference electrode and electrolyte solution as shown in figure1. ECP is normally carried out ECP can be carried out galvanostatically (i.e. constant current condition) by using a suitable power supply to obtain thin matrix [9]

Result and Discussion



Fig; 2. A typical galvanostatic electropolymerized chronopotentiogram (E-t curve)

PANI-HCl Composite were synthesized in an aqueous solution of distilled 0.2 M aniline (S.D. Fine. Chem.) and 0.5 M of Hydrochloric acid (Aldrich) using electrochemical deposition method. It was carried out by Galvanostatic technique at 27 °C in one compartment, three-electrode glass cell. The ITO coated glass plate was used a working electrode, platinum electrode as counter electrode and Ag/AgCl was used as reference electrode. The electrolyte solution was prepared in distilled water. The applied current density 1 mA/cm2 were kept constant during synthesis of composite Matrix. After synthesis the polymer coated electrodes were rinsed thoroughly in distilled water, dried in cold air and then use for subsequent characterization.

The behavior of the galvanostatic synthesis during the first few seconds probably indicates the difficult formation of dimers and oligomers. After this, the potential becomes almost constant suggesting that building up of the film proceeds according to the same reaction along the full thickness of the polymer as as shown in figure 2.

Conclusions

The electrochemical synthesis of Polymeric materials and their structure showed that optimization, novel applications in biomedical applications become feasible.

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Artificial Intelligence in Sensor Technology

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ABSTRACT

Sensors are essential parts of systems that we depend on every day for a multitude of tasks. They make it easier to gather data, which permits wise choices to be made in a variety of applications. AI-infused sensors have been a driving force behind recent advancements in industrial Systemsand other IoT systems, applications, and technology. These AI-powered sensors are smart enough to have intelligence built-in, and they can work together to communicate whether they are online or when they are operating independently.

Sensors embedded into nodes must demonstrate traits such as efficiency, intelligence, precision, and connection to fulfill the needs of today's advanced systems. Additionally, these sensors must demonstrate robustness, prioritize user safety, and uphold privacy considerations. Leveraging advanced AI technologies, a new breed of sensors has emerged, endowed with capabilities that can detect, identify, and mitigate performance degradation while unveiling novel patterns.

This research paper will succinctly explore the application of AI and Deep Learning (DL) in sensor technologies, aiming to enhance efficiency and address limitations associated with traditional sensor technologies. Through this exploration, we aim to shed light on the transformative potential of AI-infused sensors in ushering in a new era of smart and resilient IoT applications.

In addition to traditional applications, the research sheds light on the burgeoning role of AI in wearable sensors and health monitoring. The marriage of AI algorithms with wearables facilitates advanced analytics of physiological data, paving the way for proactive health assessments, fall detection, and sleep pattern analysis.

Keywords : Artificial Intelligence,Sensors, Deep Learning, Smart Sensors, CNN, RNN

I. INTRODUCTION

A sensor serves as a device designed to react to a physical stimulus, encompassing variables such as heat, light, sound, pressure, magnetism, or specific motion. Subsequently, it transmits a resultant impulse, thereby facilitating tasks such as measurement or the operation of a control system. Sensors, ubiquitously integrated into a myriad of systems, have become integral components in contemporary scenarios, spanning residential and commercial environments, shopping complexes, healthcare facilities, and even embedded within ubiquitous smartphones.

From a technical standpoint, sensors manifest in an array of types, each specifically tailored to respond to a distinct physical stimulus. Thermal sensors, for instance, are engineered to detect variations in

temperature, while photoelectric sensors respond to changes in light levels. Acoustic sensors discern sound waves, and pressure sensors gauge alterations in atmospheric or mechanical pressure. Magnetic sensors, as another example, respond to variations in magnetic fields, and motion sensors detect specific types of movements.

Moreover, sensors have evolved to feature sophisticated technologies, with many incorporating elements of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. These advanced sensors demonstrate heightened capabilities in terms of precision, adaptability, and pattern recognition. In the contemporary technological landscape, sensors have become indispensable tools, enabling the continuous improvement and optimization of various processes and systems. Their pervasive integration underscores their crucial role in the data-driven and interconnected world of today.

II. INTRODUCTION TO AI AND THE IMPORTANCE OF AN INTELLIGENT SENSOR

AI or Artificial Intelligenceis a superset of various technologies which include machine learning and deep learning and many more.The integration of AI techniques into sensor-based systems is expected to pave the way for the development of applications. Current AI applications within sensor environments primarily focus on:

i) Boosting Operational Efficiency:

For instance, Google harnesses AI to optimize data center cooling costs through the implementation of intelligent sensor-driven systems.

ii) Enhancing Risk Management:

Companies like Fujitsu employ AI to analyse data from connected wearable devices, ensuring worker safety and providing more effective risk management strategies.

A smart sensor is an advanced sensing device equipped with additional capabilities beyond the basic sensing and data collection functions found in traditional sensors. It integrates technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), enabling it to process, analyse, and interpret data more intelligently.

Unlike traditional sensors that typically provide raw data, smart sensors process information locally, making them more autonomous and capable of providing actionable insights.

Components of a Smart Sensor:

1. Sensing Element: Similar to traditional sensors, a smart sensor has a sensing element to detect and measure physical parameters (e.g., temperature, pressure, light, or motion).

2. Processing Unit: The smart sensor is equipped with a processing unit, often incorporating microcontrollers or microprocessors, allowing it to analyse data on-site.

3. Communication Interface: Smart sensors can communicate with other devices or systems through wired or wireless interfaces, facilitating real-time data transfer.

III.Deployment of AI in Sensor Systems.

In agricultural applications, the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) with various sensors revolutionizes farming practices by providing data-driven insights and automating essential processes. For example:

1. Soil moisture sensor can be integrated with machine learning models like linear regression, decision trees to analyse historical soil moisture data to predict optimal irrigation schedules.In the realm of machine learning and statistics, linear

regression serves as a statistical tool. It helps model the connection between a variable which depends on another variable and one or more variables which are independent of others. The main aim of linear regression is to identify the most accurate linear relationship, usually depicted as a straight line. This line aims to minimize the distinction between the anticipated values and the real values of the dependent variable.

2. AI-powered image recognition using Drone mounted cameras and multispectral sensors can be used to identify crop health, weed infestations, and growth patterns. Object detection algorithms such as YOLO (You Only Look Once) are suitable for identifying and locating multiple objects within an image. They can be applied to detect individual plants, assess their health, and identify weed locations.YOLO is a pioneering object detection algorithm in the field of computer vision and image processing. YOLO is renowned for its efficiency and speed in detecting and classifying objects within images. Unlike traditional object detection methods that involve multiple stages and computations, YOLO takes a unique approach by dividing the image into a grid and making predictions for multiple bounding boxes and class probabilities in a single pass through the neural network.

IV. EXPLORINGDEEP LEARNING IN RECOGNIZING ACTIVITIES BASED ON SENSOR DATA

Activity recognition using sensors seeks to derive meaningful insights about human activities from extensive low-level sensor data. Traditional pattern recognition methods have made notable progress, but they frequently rely on manual, rule-based feature extraction techniques, which may constrain their capacity to generalize effectively. Additionally, current methods encounter difficulties in handling unsupervised and incremental learning tasks. The recent advancements in deep learning offer a chance to automatically extract higher-level features, demonstrating impressive performance in diverse fields. As a result, approaches based on deep learning have gained widespread acceptance in the domain of sensor-based activity recognition.

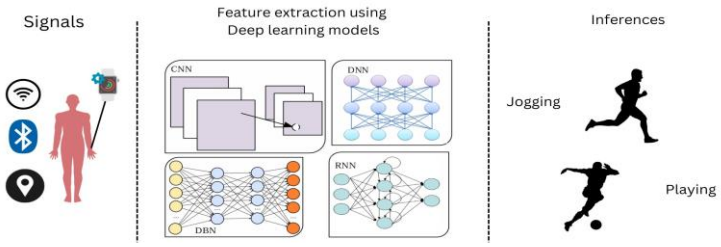

Fig.2.Applying Deep learning models for activity recognition using Sensors

Deep Learning models:

In this part, we will try to explore the different deep learning models used in Human Activity Recognition tasks.

a. CNN.

Convolutional Neural Networks or commonly abbreviated as CNNs excel at extracting features from signal data, delivering encouraging results in tasks like image classification and speech recognition. When correlated to classification based on time series, especially in Human Activity Recognition (HAR)andwhen compared to other models Convolution Neural Networks provide two major benefits which are local dependency and scale invariance. Local dependency implies that neighbouring signals in Human Activity Recognition often show correlation, improving the model's capability to grasp important patterns. Concurrently, scale invariance ensures the CNN's effectiveness in handling signals with differentfrequencies. Given the efficacy of CNNs, a

predominant focus within the surveyed literature pertains to their application in time series classification, especially in the domain of HAR.

In the case of applying CNN to Human Activity Recognition, key considerations include Pooling, Input adaptation and Weight-sharing techniques.

1. Input Adaptation:

Two main approaches are data-driven and model-driven.

Data-driven approach: In this approach we treat each dimension of the readings from sensor as single channel and then perform 1 directional convolution on them. Channels are processed independently, and outputs are flattened for further processing in DNN (Deep neural network) layers.

Model-driven approach:

In this approach we resize the input to get a non-real/virtual 2 directional image for 2 directionalconvolutions. Requires non-trivial input tuning techniques and domain knowledge.

2. Pooling:

Most approaches in Convolution neural networks use max pooling or average pooling.

Purpose: Prevents overfitting and accelerates training on large datasets.

3. Weight-Sharing:

This is a super-efficient approach to decrease the time for training on a new task.

Partial weight-sharing: Used in various studies (e.g., relaxed partial weight sharing) to account for differences in behaviour among units.

b. RNN.

Recurrent Neural Networks or commonly abbreviated as RNNs contribute significantly to tasks like speech recognition and natural language processing. In the HAR field, where factors like training speed and resource efficiency hold importance, RNNs, frequently integrating LSTM or Long Short-Term Memory cells, are usually utilized.

LSTM cells are frequently integrated into RNN architectures, serving as memory units during gradient descent.

This integration allows RNNs to capture and utilize long-term dependencies in temporal data, a crucial aspect in HAR.In HAR scenarios, there is a common focus on developing RNN models optimized for resource-constrained environments.

(Inoue et al., 2016) conducted investigations into model parameters [4], proposing an effective model capable of high-throughput HAR.

V. CONCLUSION

To sum it up, this paper offers a thorough exploration of how AI and deep learning are incorporated into sensor technologies, highlighting their significant impact on enhancing IoT systems, health monitoring, and recognizing activities based on sensor data. It sheds light on the evolving landscape of sensor technologies and the pivotal role of AI in enhancing the capabilities of modern sensors.

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Review on deposition of TiO_2 using PEALD for Battery and Biomedical Applications

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ABSTRACT

World is growing so demand of energy is very high for this purpose the atomic layer deposition techniques shown the great performance. The application of atomic layer deposition (ALD) technology in the field of lithium ions is widely used in the protective coating of large area active materials, as well as in the production and manufacture of battery materials such as electrodes. positive and negative. The benefits of electrode materials and ALD coatings have been demonstrated time and time again; whatever the reasons for these advantages, it is necessary to understand our deep knowledge. Part of the reason for this lack of knowledge is that the field uses common deposition and characterization methods in which thin film deposition is performed on so called "simple substrates" such as copper, silicon or copper, stainless steel, rather than the intended base material, which are complex matrices or porous/unreactive surfaces of metal oxides. In fact, the actual interaction between the electrode material and the ALD coating is very different and depends on the material properties of the substrate .Here, the some researchers provide to the reader with insight and an good reviews of the quality of ALD applications and mechanism. Here also report the importance of the suitable and most applicable thin film methods for different applications

Keywords : *Atomic Layer Deposition(ALD), XRD, TiO_2*

I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Thin films

A material of thin film is deposition that ranges in thickness from fractions of a nanometer (single layer) to several micrometres. Thin films are used for different application or develop a material's surface or construct different devices. Which material used that decides its application area. However, the film's thickness measured on a nanoscale or micrometer scale, that can significantly effects the film's characteristics. The functional range aspects that is mechanical [2–4], optical[5,6], electrical [7], and heat transfer in films[8], are influenced by the thickness of the film. For the understanding of development in concept that lead to the formation of film microstructure is critical for creating functioning thin films.

1.2 Thin film growth

During the development of thin films, numerous distinct phases occur, each of which affects the ultimate microstructure of the film and its physical properties in different, sometimes irreversible, ways. Island nucleation due to aggregation, random deposition on the substrate, island development due to aggregation of diffusing atoms, terrace diffusion of deposited atoms, and potential upward diffusion motion of atoms are major mechanisms governing film growth behaviour [9]. Thin films are formed by the deposition of material atoms on a substrate [10]. All thin films start with a random nucleation process followed by nucleation and growth stages. The initial stage of thin film growth includes nucleation, island growth, coarsening and coalescence, and percolation. Different deposition conditions such as growth temperature, growth rate, and surface chemistry of the substrate affect the nucleation and growth stages. External forces, such as electron or ion bombardment, can affect nucleation. The properties of thin films are affected by the deposition conditions [11]. The deposition condition of the core phase determines the microstructure, the associated defect structure and the film stress. In addition, the deposition parameters determine the crystal phase and the orientation of the thin films [12,13]. The thin film properties are influenced by the structure, although the reaction conditions and the deposition process affect the mechanical and thermal properties of the film.

1.3 Thin film classification

In thin film deposition, a gas transforms into a solid without first passing through a liquid state. Water vapor in the air turns into tiny ice crystals when warm, moist air in a house comes into contact with a cold window pane. Creating and applying thin-film coatings to a substrate. Coatings can be made from a variety of materials, including metals, oxides, and compounds. The use of thin films is divided into optical, magnetic, thermal, mechanical, chemical, and electrical thin films. Optical thin films include reflective and anti-reflective coatings, solar cells, monitors, waveguides, and optical detector arrays. Insulators, conductors, semiconductor devices, integrated circuits, and piezoelectric motors are all made with electrical or electronic thin films. Fig. 3 shows the three forms of thin film deposition based on the type of deposition [14]. This classification is based on whether the process is physical or chemical. The chemical process includes both gas phase and solution deposition processes. It is divided into subcategories. Gas phase processes include chemical vapor deposition (CVD) [15], atomic layer epitaxy [16], and atomic layer deposition (ALD) [17]. Solution deposition methods include sol-gel [18], spray pyrolysis [19], spin and dip coating [20]. Pulsed laser deposition [21], molecular beam epitaxy [22], physical vapor deposition [23], and magnetron sputtering [24] are examples of physical methods. Anodic oxidation [25], chemical bath deposition [26], advanced reactive gas deposition [27], electron beam deposition [28], and vacuum evaporation [29] are some of the other processes. Chemical vapor deposition (CVD) is a vacuum-based deposition technique for producing high quality, high performance solid materials. CVD is a widely used materials processing technique that uses vapor phase precursors in a chemical reaction to produce thin films on a heated substrate. In the CVD process, a substrate is exposed to one or more volatile precursors that react and degrade on the substrate surface to form the desired thin film [30]. CVD is a process for depositing non volatile solid thin films on substrates based on chemical reactions between an organometallic or halogenated compound and other gasses. The CVD process differs from the PVD process in that the material is deposited onto the substrate in multiple directions, whereas in the PVD process there is an impact in one particular direction. CVD is often used in microfabrication processes to deposit materials in different morphologies, such as monocrystalline, polycrystalline, amorphous, and epitaxial. In contrast, CVD is a process in which a gas mixture

interacts with the surface of the base material, chemically decomposing some of the gas components and forming a solid layer on the surface of the base material. CVD is used in a variety of applications, including the coating of turbine blades with refractory materials (non-metallic materials that can withstand extremely high temperatures) to increase their resistance to wear and thermal shock. CVD processes include atmospheric pressure CVD, low pressure CVD, ultra-high vacuum CVD, plasma enhanced CVD, and plasma enhanced CVD [31]. Others are atomic layer deposition, liquid phase epitaxy, microwave plasma assisted hot filament CVD, spray pyrolysis, metal organic CVD, photoinitiated CVD, microwave plasma assisted hot filament CVD. One of the key advantages of ALD is its ability to precisely control the thickness of deposited thin films at the atomic level. Another advantage of ALD is its ability to deposit conformal coatings on complex and irregular surfaces. Unlike other deposition techniques, such as physical vapor deposition (PVD) or chemical vapor deposition (CVD), ALD can deposit thin films with uniform thickness and composition even on complex surfaces, such as porous materials, high aspect ratio structures, and 3D structures. This property makes ALD a superior technique for coating complex and irregular surfaces, which are commonly used in various applications, such as catalysis, energy storage, and biomedical devices. ALD also offers excellent film uniformity and reproducibility, which is essential for device fabrication and manufacturing. With ALD, it is possible to achieve uniform coatings with excellent control over thickness, composition, and structure. This uniformity is achieved by precisely controlling the deposition conditions, such as temperature, pressure, and reactant flow rates, which ensures reproducible results and high-quality films. Finally, ALD offers excellent film quality and purity. By utilizing self-limiting surface reactions, ALD allows for the deposition of high-quality, high-purity films without any by products or contaminants. This property is essential for many applications, such as microelectronics and photovoltaics, where even small impurities can have a significant impact on device performance. ALD is a superior thin film deposition technique compared to other techniques due to its precise control over film thickness, composition, and uniformity, as well as its ability to deposit conformal coatings on complex and irregular surfaces. ALD offers excellent film quality and purity, making it an attractive technique for many applications, such as microelectronics, catalysis, energy storage, and biomedical devices

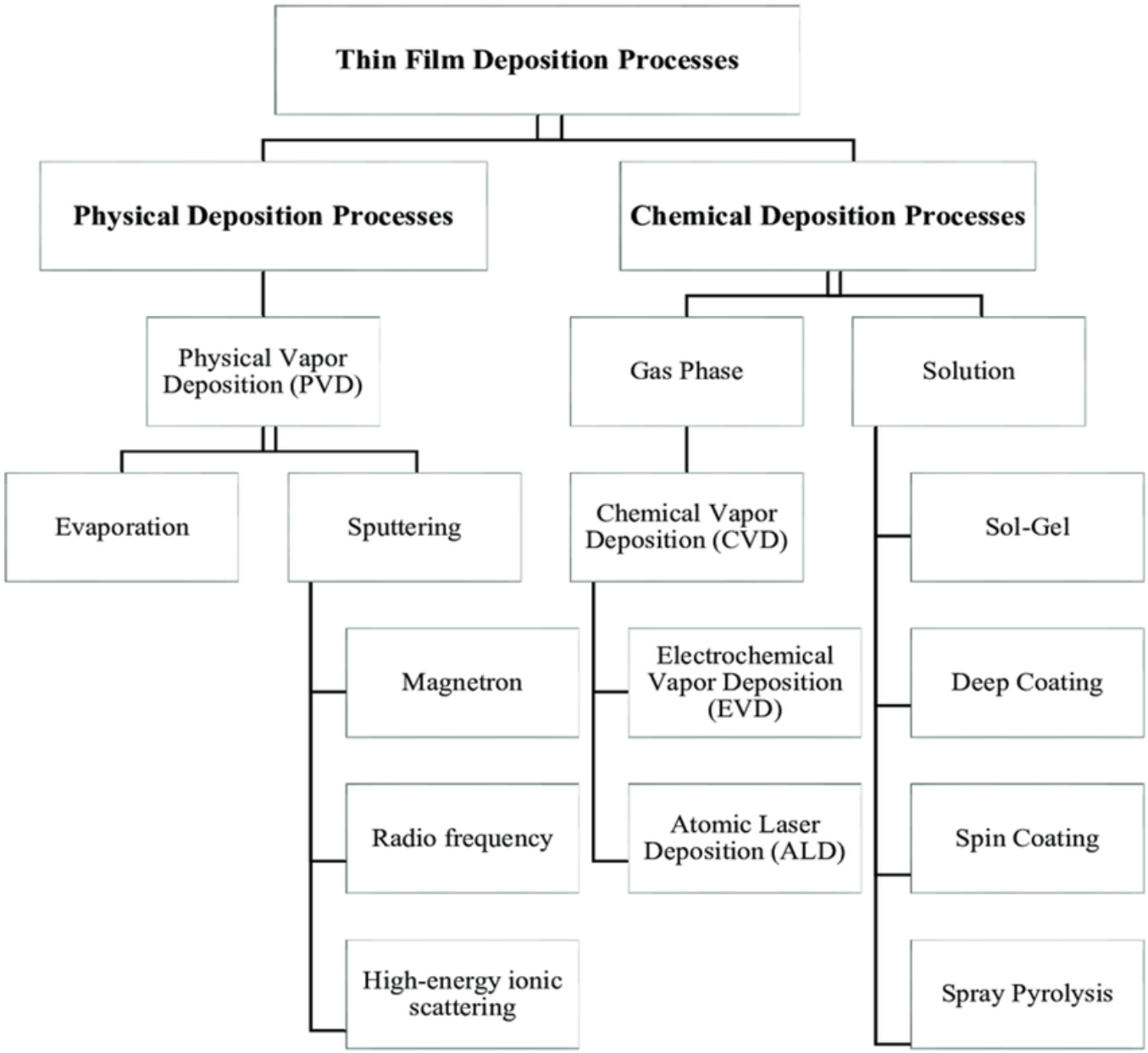

Fig. 1. Classification of thin film deposition techniques

2.1 Atomic layer deposition

Firstly Dr. Tuomo Suntola and collaborators in Finland introduced ALD concept in 1974 to improve the quality of ZnS films used in electroluminescent displays. Subsequently, in 1983, the first ALD (non)-transparent inorganic TFEL display was introduced, followed closely by the commercial production of ALD-TFEL displays by Planar in 1989. The term 'ALD" was first used around 2000. The term atomic layer epitaxy (ALE) was widely used before 2000. ALD has been used under various names, including binary5 reaction sequence chemistry and molecular layer epitaxy. Several papers in the past have attempted to explore the applications of atomic layer epitaxy [32-35]. A review of the surface chemistry of ALD was published by Puurunen [36]. Parsons and Elam [37] reviewed the history and beginnings of atomic layer deposition research from the 1960s to 2013. Marin, Lanzutti [38] discussed the ALD methods, drawbacks, and instrumentation used for the analysis/characterization of ALD. The fundamentals of ALD were discussed by Miikkulainen, Leskelae, including the processing of ALD

reactants of ternary compounds. Kim [39] gave an overview of ALD processing and applications of metals and nitride films in semiconductor fabrication. ALD can meet the requirements of atomic layer control and conformal deposition by sequential, self-limiting surface reactions. Most of the processes of ALD are based on binary reaction sequences in which two surface reactions occur and a binary composite film is formed. The reactions can only deposit a limited number of surface species because there are only many surface sites. If each surface reaction is self-limiting, it can be performed in sequential order. Atomic layer deposition (ALD) is a thin film deposition method based on a chemical vapor phase process [40]. They chemically react directly with the surface to produce sub monolayers of the film.

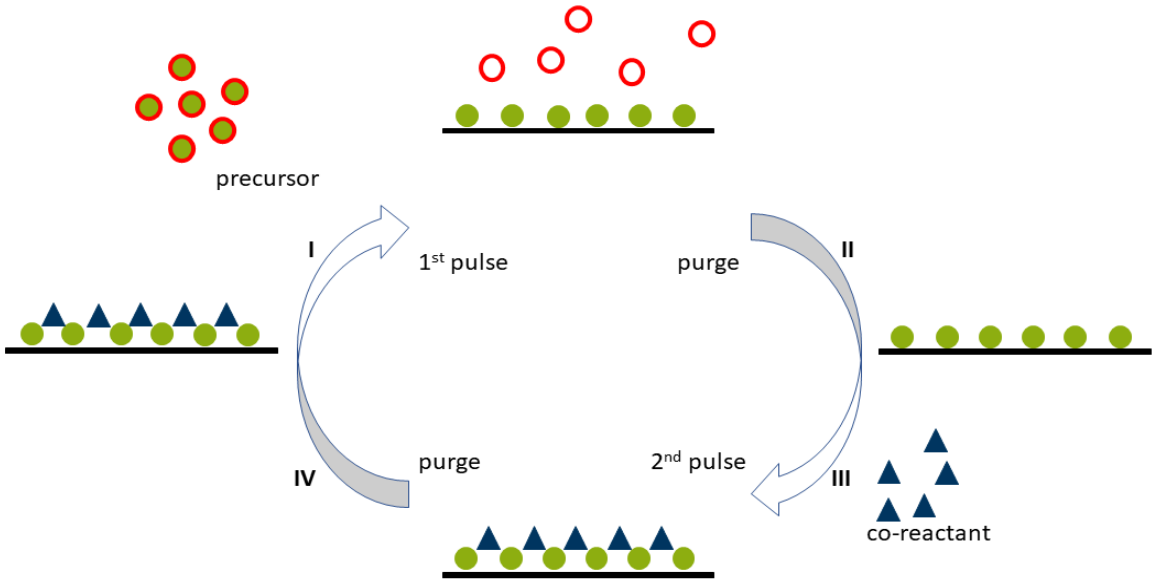

Fig.2 Schematic of the ALD process.

2.2 Atomic layer deposition mechanism

Chemical vapor deposition is identical to ALD. CVD is a continuous process in which all reactants are fed simultaneously to build up the layer, while ALD is performed in two successive half-reactions. ALD Processes involve the alternating action of chemical precursors to produce the desired material at lower temperatures[41]. ALD is a series of chemical reactions in which the precursors react in sequence with the surface, but the reactants are separated at a lower temperature ALD cycle consists of four sections . The introduction of reactants is the first stage. Then, excess reactants are removed by purging with inert gas. The introduction of the counter reactants is the third stage. The penultimate step is to remove the unused reactants and by-products of the reaction. The standard thickness determines how many times the cycle is repeated. Several ALD process modes are available, including plasma-assisted ALD (PEALD) and thermal ALD. The thermal ALD reactions occur at the surface (a so-called surface-driven process) and require relatively high temperatures (150 – 350 ^{O}C) for the reaction to occur (thus their applicability is limited) [42].

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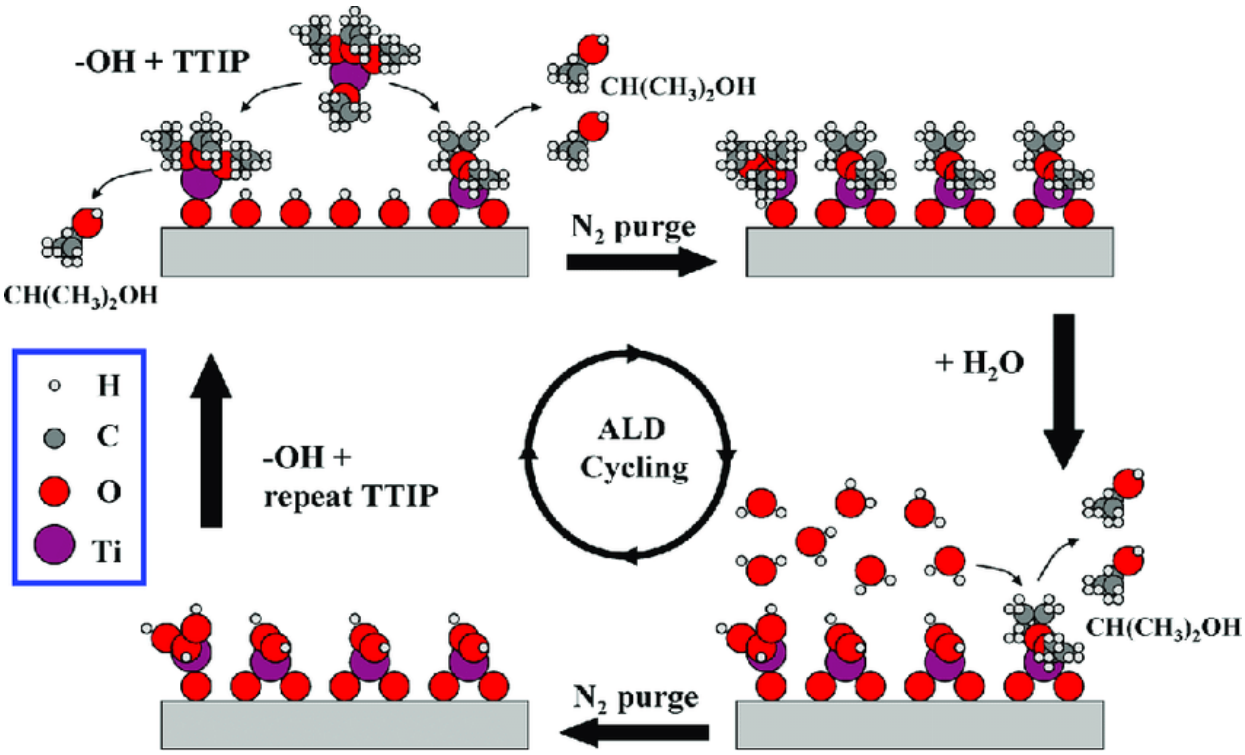

3. Schematic of a TiO_2 ALD cycle on the top surface of an FTO/glass substrate using TTIP and H_2O precursors

2.3Applications of ALD:

The method has generated interest in a variety of applications, including improved nanopatterning for microelectronics, energy storage systems, desalination, catalysis, and medical fields, as well as fundamental knowledge of how new functional materials can be fabricated using ALD. Industrial application of ALD includes MOEMS, MEMS/NEMS, thin film magnetic head (TFMH), passive electrical devices and for coating porous, nanomaterials and nanoparticles. MEMS/NEMS devices include gyroscope, accelerometers, nanomachines, GPS navigation, ink cartridge heads [43]. Similarly, it can be used for MOEMS devices, optical scanners, DLP (digital light process) and reflective optical displays. It is also used to coat nanoparticles, nanomaterials and porous objects such as lithium batteries (cathode material) and membranes for water desalination.

2.4 Titanium Dioxide(TiO_2)

Titanium dioxide (TiO_2) is a widely studied and utilized metal oxide due to its unique properties and applications in various fields, including photocatalysis, energy storage (super capacitors and Battery), biomedical applications, and electronics applications. TiO_2 is a naturally occurring mineral that is widely distributed in the Earth's crust and is commonly found in rocks, soils, and sediments. One of the key advantages of TiO_2 is its high stability and inertness, which makes it highly resistant to chemical and physical degradation. This property makes TiO_2 an ideal material for various applications that require high chemical stability and resistance to harsh environments. In addition, TiO_2 has a wide bandgap, which allows it to absorb high-energy photons, making it an effective photocatalyst and a promising material for solar energy conversion and storage[44]. Compared to other metal oxides, TiO_2 exhibits superior properties such as high chemical stability, strong mechanical properties, and good

electrical conductivity. For example, compared to ZnO, TiO_2 has higher chemical stability and is less susceptible to degradation under harsh environmental conditions. Similarly, compared to SnO_2, TiO_2 exhibits better mechanical properties, such as higher hardness and toughness, which makes it more resistant to mechanical stress and wear.

2.5 Deposition Techniques for TiO_2

There are several deposition techniques that can be used for the deposition of TiO_2 thin films. Some of the most common techniques include:

1.Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD): ALD is a thin film deposition technique that allows for precise control over the thickness, uniformity, and composition of the deposited film. ALD involves the alternating exposure of a substrate to two or more gaseous precursors, resulting in a highly uniform and conformal thin film. ALD is commonly used for the deposition of TiO_2 thin films for various applications, including energy storage, photovoltaics, and biomedical applications[45].

2. Physical Vapor Deposition (PVD): PVD is a thin film deposition technique that involves the physical deposition of material onto a substrate through evaporation or sputtering. PVD is commonly used for the deposition of TiO_2 thin films for various applications, including electronics, optics, and protective coatings. Nanoparticles come out from the sputtering target and form nanocomposite at the target electrode.

3.Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD): CVD is a thin film deposition technique that involves the chemical reaction of gaseous precursors on a substrate surface to form a thin film. CVD is commonly used for the deposition of TiO_2 thin films for various applications, including photocatalysis, energy storage, and biomedical applications.

4. **Sol-Gel Deposition:** Sol-gel deposition is a wet chemical technique that involves the formation of a stable colloidal suspension (sol) of metal oxides in a liquid, followed by the deposition of the sol onto a substrate and subsequent drying and annealing. Sol-gel deposition is commonly used for the deposition of TiO_2 thin films for various applications, including photocatalysis, energy storage, and biomedical applications. Atomic layer deposition (ALD) is a versatile and superior technique for the deposition of TiO_2 thin films for battery and biomedical applications, compared to other deposition techniques such as physical vapor deposition (PVD) and chemical vapor deposition (CVD). For battery applications, TiO_2 films deposited by ALD have been shown to have high structural stability, excellent safety, and good electrochemical performance. In comparison, TiO_2 films deposited by PVD and CVD may exhibit lower quality and uniformity, resulting in reduced battery performance. PVD and CVD may also have a higher risk of impurities and contaminants in the deposited films, which can negatively affect battery performance and reliability. ALD offers precise control over film thickness and uniformity, which is essential for the fabrication of high-performance batteries. The self-limiting nature of ALD reactions allows for the precise deposition of TiO_2 films with atomic-scale accuracy, resulting in high-quality films with excellent performance. This level of control is not achievable with PVD or CVD, which typically result in films with lower thickness control and uniformity. For biomedical applications, ALD offers additional advantages over other deposition techniques. TiO_2 films deposited by ALD have been shown to have low toxicity and good biocompatibility, making them an attractive choice for biomedical applications such as drug delivery and tissue engineering. In comparison, TiO_2 films deposited by PVD or CVD may contain impurities or contaminants that could negatively affect biocompatibility. ALD also offers the ability to deposit conformal coatings on complex and irregular surfaces, which is essential for biomedical applications such as drug delivery, where precise and uniform coatings are required. PVD and CVD typically have limitations in terms of coating

complex surfaces, which may result in incomplete or uneven coatings[46]. In summary, ALD is a superior technique for the deposition of TiO_2 thin films for battery and biomedical applications, compared to PVD and CVD. ALD offers precise control over film thickness, uniformity, and composition, resulting in high-quality films with excellent performance. ALD also offers the ability to deposit conformal coatings on complex and irregular surfaces, making it an attractive technique for biomedical applications such as drug delivery and tissue engineering.

2.6 TiO_2 for biomedical applications

Titanium dioxide (TiO_2) is a versatile material that has garnered significant attention in the biomedical field for its unique properties and potential applications. TiO_2 is an inorganic compound that is widely used in various industries due to its high refractive index, high melting point, and chemical stability. In biomedical applications, TiO_2 is primarily utilized for its biocompatibility, photocatalytic activity, and excellent optical properties. TiO_2 has been extensively investigated for its use in implantable medical devices, such as dental implants, hip and knee replacements, and cardiovascular stents. TiO_2 has excellent biocompatibility, which means it is well-tolerated by the body and does not cause any significant immune response or inflammation. This property makes TiO_2 an ideal material for implantable medical devices, as it can remain in the body for long periods without causing any adverse reactions. Additionally, TiO_2 has been shown to promote the growth and differentiation of osteoblasts, the cells responsible for bone formation, which makes it a desirable material for bone implants. Another significant advantage of TiO_2 is its photocatalytic activity. When exposed to light, TiO_2 can catalyse a variety of chemical reactions, including the breakdown of organic compounds, the reduction of bacteria, and the generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS). These properties have been utilized in biomedical applications such as sterilization of medical equipment and surfaces, photodynamic therapy for cancer treatment, and the removal of toxins from the body. TiO_2 is also an excellent material for optical applications, such as in biosensors, imaging, and drug delivery systems. TiO_2 nanoparticles have unique optical properties that allow them to absorb and emit light in the ultraviolet and visible regions of the spectrum. This property makes them ideal for fluorescence imaging and drug delivery, as they can be selectively targeted to specific cells or tissues. Additionally, TiO_2 nanoparticles can be functionalized with various biomolecules, such as antibodies or enzymes, to enhance their specificity and efficacy. However, despite the numerous potential applications of TiO_2 in the biomedical field, there are also concerns regarding its safety and toxicity. TiO_2 nanoparticles have been shown to induce oxidative stress, inflammation, and genotoxicity in vitro and in vivo studies. Furthermore, the accumulation of TiO_2 nanoparticles in organs such as the liver, spleen, and lungs has raised concerns regarding their long-term safety. Therefore, further research is required to fully understand the potential risks and benefits of TiO_2 in biomedical applications and to develop safe and effective methods for their use. TiO_2 is a versatile material that holds significant promise for biomedical applications. Its unique properties, including biocompatibility, photocatalytic activity, and optical properties, make it an attractive material for various applications in implantable medical devices, imaging, drug delivery, and sterilization. However, further research is required to fully understand the potential risks and benefits of TiO_2 in the biomedical field and to develop safe and effective methods for their use.

2.7 TiO_2 for battery application

TiO_2 has gained significant attention as a promising electrode material for batteries due to its unique properties, which make it a better choice than other oxide materials. In particular, TiO_2 has high structural stability, excellent safety, good electrochemical performance, and low toxicity, which make it an attractive material for

battery applications. One of the key advantages of TiO_2 as an electrode material is its high structural stability. This property allows TiO_2 to maintain its structural integrity over many charge/discharge cycles, which is essential for long-term battery performance. Additionally, TiO_2 has a relatively low volume change during cycling, which helps to minimize mechanical stress on the electrode, preventing electrode cracking and deterioration. Another significant advantage of TiO_2 is its excellent safety profile. Unlike other oxide materials, such as lithium cobalt oxide or nickel-cobalt-aluminum oxide, which are prone to thermal runaway and can cause fires or explosions, TiO_2 is much less reactive and has a much lower risk of safety issues. This property is particularly important for large-scale energy storage systems, where safety is a critical concern. TiO_2 also exhibits good electrochemical performance as an electrode material. TiO_2 has a high theoretical specific capacity of 335 mAh/g, which is comparable to other oxide materials. Additionally, TiO_2 has a relatively flat voltage profile, which provides a stable and consistent discharge voltage over a wide range of state of charge, improving the energy efficiency and cycle life of the battery[47]. Finally, TiO_2 is a low toxicity material that is relatively environmentally friendly compared to other oxide materials. This property makes TiO_2 an attractive material for sustainable and green energy storage systems. Additionally, TiO_2 is abundant and widely available, which reduces the cost of production and makes it an economically viable material for battery applications. In conclusion, TiO_2 is a better material for battery applications compared to other oxide materials due to its high structural stability, excellent safety, good electrochemical performance, and low toxicity. These properties make TiO_2 an attractive material for large-scale energy storage systems, which are critical for the transition towards a more sustainable and greener energy future.

2.8 Atomic layer deposition precursors

A precursor is a material that becomes an integral part of a product chemical due to a reaction. At room temperature, the material must be stable. ALD uses two reactants called precursors. These precursors react with the material's surface in a sequential, self limiting way, one at a time. Through repeated exposure to different precursors, a thin layer is progressively deposited. ALD methods rely heavily on precursors. Their characteristics, such as reactivity, thermal stability, and volatility, affect the success of an ALD process. They should ideally allow for high reactivity, thermal stability, and volatility. Precursors must have a high purity level to prevent contamination of the thin film [48]. They need to be reactive on the surface at suitable temperatures without decomposing to prevent undesirable side products . ALD precursors have included halide chemicals, including fluorides, chlorides, and iodides. The tremendous thermal stability of halides is well-known. Titanium tetrachloride ($TiCl_4$) is widely used in industry to manufacture titanium nitride (TiN) electrodes for DRAM and hafnium tetrachloride ($HfCl_4$) gate dielectric for transistors. Vapor pressures of halides vary a lot. The corrosive character of the precursors and their reaction by-products is the major drawback of metal halides.

Material	Precursor A	Precursor B	Substate	Application	ALD Parameters
TiO_2	$TiCl_4$	H_2O	Si Wafers	Battery applications	
	$TiCl_4$	4-aminophenol (AP)	Si(100) Wafers	Battery applications	Temp bet 120 and 220 °C.

	Titanium (IV) isopropoxide (TTIP)	H_2O	Li Foils	Anode Applications	Gas flow rate 50 SCCM Temperature 150 °C, 0.1 nm per cycle
	tetrakis (dimethylamino) titanium (TDMAT)	H_2O	$LiMn_2O_4$ electrode	Anode applications	Temp 120 °C
	Titanium (IV) isopropoxide (TTIP)	H_2O	Polypropyle ne(PP)	Battery applications	Gas flow rate 20 sccm,
	TDMAT	H_2O	Si Wafers	Battery applications	
	TTIP	H_2O	Glass substrates	Solar cells	
	titanium tetrachloride (TiCl4)				
	TiI_4	H_2O	Porous Ti	Biomedical Application	200- 400 ˚C TiCl4 pulse/purge time: 0.1/4.0 sec H_2O pulse/purge time: 0.1/4.0 sec No. of cycles: 550-1550
	TDMA Ti	H_2O	Ti	Biomedical Applications	300 ˚C Ti ethoxide pulse/purge time: 0.1/4.0 sec H_2O pulse/purge time: 0.2/4.0 sec No. of cycles: 100 to 2000
	Titanium ethoxide	H_2O	Ti (IV)	Biomedical Applications	300 ˚C Ti ethoxide pulse/purge time: 0.1/4.0 sec H_2O pulse/purge time: 0.2/4.0 sec No. of cycles: 100 to 2000
	TTIP	H_2O	Porous Ti	Biomedical Applications	250 ˚C Ti isopropoxide pulse/purge time: 0.02/5.0 sec H_2O pulse/purge time: 0.5/5.0 sec Another 20 sec purge No. of cycles: 400
	TDEAT	DI Water	Ti	Biomedical Applications	250 ˚C H_2O pulse time: 0.05 sec No. of cycles: 100
Al_2O_3	Trimethylalumi	H_2O	TiO2	Anode	Temp 200 °C, flow rate

	num (TMA)		Nanotubes	applications	400 sccm, 1.1 Å/cycle
	Trimethylalumi num (TMA)	H_2O	SnO_2/CNT Composite	Battery Applications	
SnO_2	Tetrakis(dimeth ylamino)tin (IV) (TDMASn)	H_2O	CNT	Battery Applications	Temp 100–200 °C, Flow rate 40 sccm
ZrO_2	tetrakis-(diethylamino)z irconium	oxyge n, O_2	Germanium(Ge)	high-k/metal technologies	300 ◦C

Conclusions

We reviewed the recent literature on use of ALD for Li-ion and other Li-ion battery systems. ALD is a powerful technique for synthesis and surface treatment of electrode materials as well as in the solid phase electrolytes. This versatile technique allows nano structuring of electrode materials on different 3D frames. ALD materials can be further improved by tuning the fatness and optimization of composition with new "co-pulsing" technique for biomedical area. in addition ALD is used to prepare the catalytic active substance nanoparticles for batteries and biomedical applications.

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Study of Thermo-Acoustical Parameters of Aqueous 1-Chloronapthalene by Interferometric Method at Room Temperature and at Constant Frequency 1 MHz

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ABSTRACT

Density (ρ), viscosity (η) and Ultrasonic velocity (U) of aqueous 1-Chloronaphthalene were measured through an interferometric method. The study focuses on precise measurements conducted at room temperature and a constant frequency of 1 MHz. The acoustic parameters computed with the help of these data values are specific acoustic impedance (Z), Vander Waal's constant (b), degree of intermolecular attraction (α), refractive index, classical absorption, available volume (Va) and intermolecular free volume (Vf). In addition to these acoustic parameters the excess parameters estimated are excess specific acoustic impedance and excess available volume (V). These parameters have been interpreted in terms of intermolecular interactions at frequency 1MHz and at constant temperature 296K. The interferometric method involves manipulating the path length within the cell using a reflector, enabling accurate standing wave position fixation. The research aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the intermolecular interactions, structural behaviours, and thermodynamic properties of the studied liquid mixture. The findings contribute to the broader knowledge of acoustical phenomena in complex liquid systems, paving the way for applications in various scientific and industrial domains.

Keywords : Ultrasonic velocity, 1-Chloronapthalene, Available volume, Mole Fraction, Adiabatic Compressibility.

I. INTRODUCTION

The research focuses on the theoretical study of ultrasonic interferometry to determine various thermo-physical and thermodynamic properties of liquid mixtures. Investigating inter and intra-molecular interactions, structural behaviour, and physiochemical properties of different liquids at room temperature and varying frequencies is crucial for understanding molecular structures and intermolecular forces in liquid mixtures. The research employs a new multi-frequency ultrasonic interferometer for precise measurements of sound velocity in liquids. The interferometer utilizes a reflector to vary the path length in the cell, providing accurate standing wave positions at different frequencies. The study explores changes in thermodynamic properties of mixtures, revealing deviations from ideality and offering quantitative insights into molecular interactions.

The interferometer, a key tool in this research, operates on the principle of merging two or more sources of light to create an interference pattern. Developed by Albert Michelson in the late 19th century, interferometers have evolved into powerful investigative tools, enabling precise measurements not achievable

otherwise. In this context, the ultrasonic interferometer is a simple yet accurate device that determines the velocity of ultrasonic sound in a liquid medium.

The ultrasonic study delves into the generation of ultrasound using methods such as mechanical, piezoelectric, and magnetostriction. The investigation includes acoustical parameters of liquids, such as ultrasonic velocity, intermolecular free length, acoustic impedance, molar volume, available volume, free volume, internal pressure, and relaxation time. Theoretical aspects are discussed, providing a foundation for understanding ultrasonic sound, its propagation, and its role in characterizing liquid mixtures.

The research also explores the significance of studying thermo-physical and thermodynamic properties of multi-component liquid mixtures. These studies offer insights into physical forces between molecules of different species, reveal new phenomena in liquid mixtures, and provide valuable information about molecular interactions.Furthermore, the investigation extends to acoustical parameters, including ultrasonic velocity, molar compressibility, and Rao's constant, essential for understanding physiochemical behavior in binary liquid systems. Nomoto's relations are employed to determine molar sound velocity and compressibility in binary liquid mixtures, contributing to the broader field of acoustical studies.

2 EXPERIMENTAL

An experimental study was conducted using 1-chloronaphthalene, obtained from Loba Chemicals Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai, in conjunction with aqueous water. The density of the pure components and their mixtures was measured using a 10 ml specific gravity bottle with an accuracy of ±0.001, while the viscosity of the pure liquids and their mixtures was determined using Ostwald's viscometer with an accuracy of ±0.001 Ns. Additionally, ultrasonic sound velocities were measured via a multifrequency ultrasonic interferometer MX–3 (H. C. Memorial Scientific Corporation, Amb Cantonment) at working frequencies of 1MHz. The study also involved the use of Abbe's refractometer, known for its wide range and minimal sample requirement, to measure the refractive properties of the components. The instrument's accuracy, approximately ±0.0002, was enhanced by replacing the compensator with a monochromatic source and employing larger and more precise prism mounts. From the measured values of Density (ρ), viscosity (η), and Ultrasonic velocity (U), various acoustic parameters were computed, including intermolecular free length (), adiabatic compressibility (β), free volume (), molecular cohesive energy (H), surface area per mole (Y), and latent heat of vaporization (ΔH) with specific equations.

3 RESULT & DISCUSSION

The presented experimental results and discussion focus on the thermo-acoustical behavior of a binary mixture composed of 1-chloronaphthalene and distilled water. The investigation includes various physical and acoustical parameters at a constant temperature of 303.15 Kelvin and a frequency of 1 MHz. The results are organized into different tables, and the key findings are discussed in detail.

TABLES

Density, Ultrasonic Velocity, Viscosity, and Refractive Index (Table 3.1)

MOLE FRACTION OF 1 - CHLORONAPTHALENE IN DISTILLED WATER	DENSITY ρ IN (Kg/m³)	ULTRASONIC VELOCITY (m/s)	VISCOSITY η IN POISE $\times 10^{-3}$	REFRACTIVE INDEX
0	1000	1522	8.9	1.333
0.014484	1019.4	1520	8.915	1.337374
0.03201	1038.8	1440	8.933	1.342667
0.053647	1058.2	1420	8.956	1.349201
0.081036	1077.6	1380	8.984	1.357473
0.116821	1097	1390	9.022	1.36828
0.165561	1116.4	1460	9.073	1.382999
0.235846	1135.8	1540	9.148	1.404226
0.346017	1155.2	1440	9.266	1.437497
0.543474	1174.6	1450	9.482	1.497129
1	1194	1340	10	1.635

The table illustrates the dependence of density, ultrasonic velocity, viscosity, and refractive index on the mole fraction of 1-chloronaphthalene. The key observations include:

- Density increases continuously with the concentration of 1-chloronaphthalene.
- Viscosity exhibits a continuous increase with the increase in concentration.
- Refractive index also increases continuously with the concentration.
- Ultrasonic velocity, however, decreases continuously with the rise in 1-chloronaphthalene concentration.

These findings suggest that the interaction between the components of the binary mixture influences these properties in distinct ways.

Thermo-acoustical Parameters (Tables 3.2 - 3.5):

Several thermo-acoustical parameters, such as adiabatic compressibility, intermolecular free length, acoustic impedance, molar volume, available volume, effective mass, free volume, internal pressure, Gibbs's free energy, enthalpy, relaxation time, Wada's constant, Rao's constant, classical absorption coefficient, Van der Waal's constant, and real volume, were measured and presented in separate tables.

Adiabatic Compressibility, Intermolecular Free Length, Acoustic Impedance, and Molar Volume (Table 3.2):

MOLE FRACTION OF1 - CHLORONAPTHALENE IN DISTILLED WATER	ADIABATIC COMPRESSIBILITY $\beta ad \times 10^{-10}$ (Pa^{-1})	INTERMOLECULAR FREE LENGTH Lf $\times 10^{-11}$(m)	ACOUSTIC IMPEDANCE $Z \times 10^{6}$ (kg/m²S)	MOLAR VOLUME $Vm \times 10^{-5}$ (m³/mol)
0	4.31689	4.31242	1.522000	1.80153
0.014484	4.24588	4.27681	1.549488	1.9727E
0.03201	4.64241	4.47206	1.495872	2.17983
0.053647	4.68657	4.49328	1.502644	2.43554
0.081036	4.87286	4.58171	1.487088	2.75923
0.116821	4.71806	4.50835	1.524830	3.18214
0.165561	4.20218	4.25474	1.629944	3.75816

0.235846	3.71242	3.99912	1.749132	4.58881
0.346017	4.17463	4.24077	1.663488	5.89084
0.543474	4.04924	4.1766	1.703170	8.22444E
1	4.6643	4.48259	1.599960	13.6198

- Adiabatic compressibility shows irregular behavior with the increase in 1-chloronaphthalene concentration.
- Intermolecular free length increases continuously.
- Acoustic impedance exhibits irregular variation.
- Molar volume increases continuously.

These results indicate the complex nature of the interactions within the binary mixture.

Available Volume, Effective Mass, Free Volume, and Internal Pressure (Table 3.3):

MOLE FRACTION OF1 - CHLORONAPTHALENE IN DISTILLED WATER	AVAILABLE VOLUME $Va \times 10^{-7}$ (m^3/mol)	EFFECTIVEMASS Meff (kg)	FREE VOLUME $Vf \times 10^{-10}$ (m^3/mol)	INTERNAL PRESSURE $\pi i \times 10^8$(Pa)
0	8.78245	0.018015	6.10707	86.45550075
0.014484	9.86352	0.02011	7.1701	77.14025538
0.03201	21.7983	0.022644	7.87579	69.94954954
0.053647	27.3999	0.025773	9.32943	61.39720745
0.081036	37.9394	0.029733	11.0226	53.44132011
0.116821	41.7656	0.034908	14.0862	44.78027603
0.165561	32.8839	0.041956	19.8109	35.77222370
0.235846	17.2081	0.05212	29.3515	27.46759662
0.346017	58.9084	0.068051	38.8398	21.18135338
0.543474	77.1041	0.096604	64.1265	14.34655226
1	221.321	0.16262	114.882	8.43918178

- Available volume, effective mass, and free volume increase continuously with the concentration of 1-chloronaphthalene.
- Internal pressure, on the other hand, decreases continuously.

The trends suggest a direct proportionality between free volume and the concentration of 1-chloronaphthalene, while internal pressure decreases with increasing concentration.

Gibbs's Free Energy, Enthalpy, Relaxation Time, and Wada's Constant (Table 3.4):

MOLE FRACTION OF 1 - CHLORONAPTHALENEIN DISTILLED WATER	RELAXATION TIME $\tau \times 10^{-12}$(Sec)	GIBB'S FREE ENERGY $\Delta G \times 10^{-20}$ (K J/mol)	ENTHALPY $H \times 10^5$ (J/mol)	CONSTANT WADA'S $W \times 10^{-4}$ (J/mol)
0	5.12271	1.45529	1.5575.01	3.92
0.014484	5.04696	1.44906	1.5217496	4.3
0.03201	5.52958	1.48728	1.5247791	4.7
0.053647	5.59628	1.4923	1.4953561	5.24
0.081036	5.83733	1.50995	1.47457	5.9

0.116821	5.67551	1.49819	1.4249729	6.84
0.165561	5.08373	1.4521	1.3443789	8.21
0.235846	4.52816	1.40366	1.2604371	10.21

- Gibbs's free energy increases continuously.
- Enthalpy decreases slowly and then remains constant.
- Relaxation time increases continuously.
- Wada's constant increases continuously.

These findings imply that the binary mixture undergoes changes in energy and relaxation time with the concentration of 1-chloronaphthalene.

Rao's Constant, Classical Absorption Coefficient, Van der Waal's Constant, and Real Volume (Table 3.5):

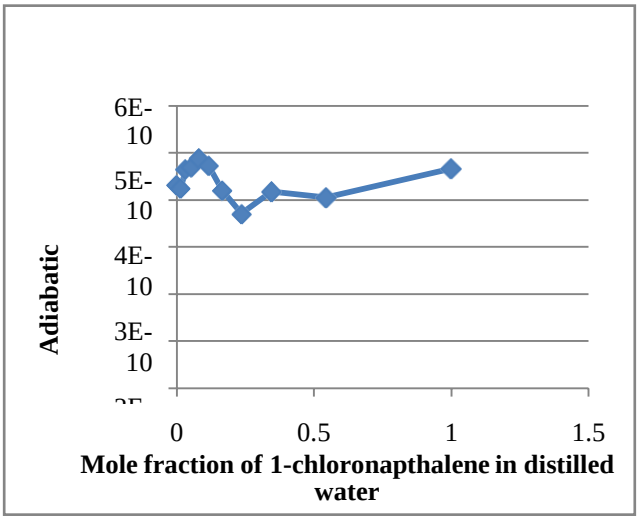
MOLE FRACTION OF1 - CHLORONAPTHALENE IN DISTILLED WATER	RAO'S CONSTANT $R \times 10^{-4}$ $(m^3/mol)(m/s)$	CLASSIC ABSORPTION $\alpha/f^2 \times 10^{-14}$ $(N\ P\ S^2\ m^{-1})$	VAN DER WAAL'S CONSTANT $b \times 10^{-5}$ (m^2/mol)	REAL VOLUME Xr (mol)
0	2.07	6.64549	4.32189	0.416837536
0.014484	2.27	6.55585	4.9868	0.395585213
0.03201	2.46	7.58179	5.53881	0.393555
0.053647	2.74	7.78132	6.50229	0.37456727
0.081036	3.07	8.35175	7.68116	0.359220823
0.116821	3.55	8.06181	9.64772	0.329833734
0.165561	4.26	6.87498	13.0806	0.287307364
0.235846	5.3	5.80555	18.7224	0.245097377
0.346017	6.65	7.07194	25.6542	0.229625036
0.543474	9.31	6.9708	42.8726	0.191834304
1	15.02	9.16352	84.9848	0.160261125

- Rao's constant increases continuously.
- Classical absorption coefficient shows continuous increase.
- Vander Waal's constant increases continuously.
- Real volume decreases with the increase in concentration.

The results highlight the changing acoustical properties and molecular interactions within the binary mixture.

Graphs

Graphs and figures further illustrate the relationships between various parameters, such as adiabatic compressibility, acoustic impedance, enthalpy, internal pressure, effective molecular weight, and intermolecular free length, Rao's constant and real volume, with the mole fraction of 1-chloronaphthalene. These graphical representations provide a visual understanding of the complex interactions within the binary mixture.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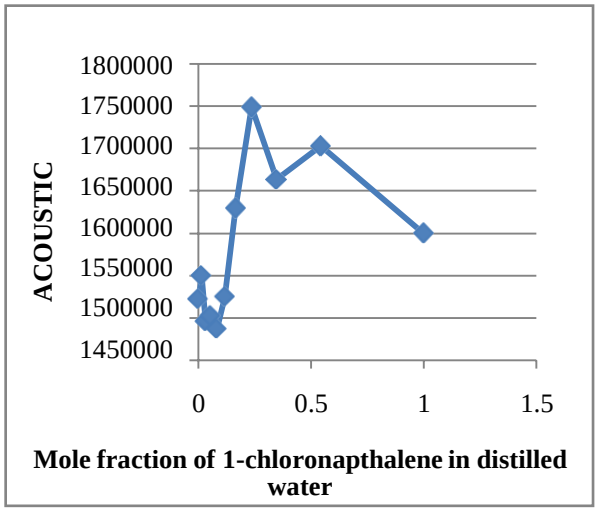
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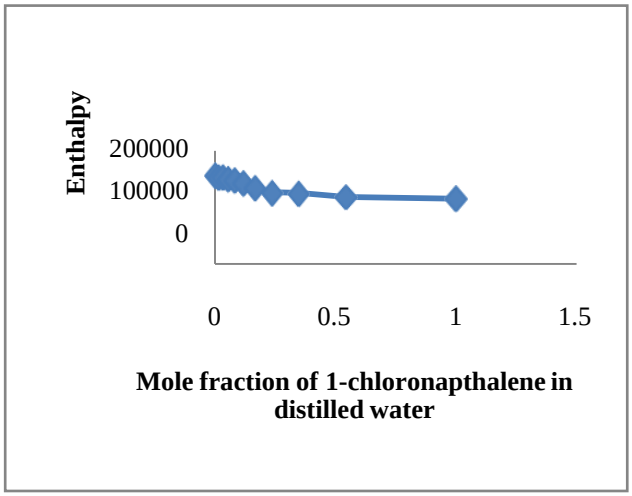
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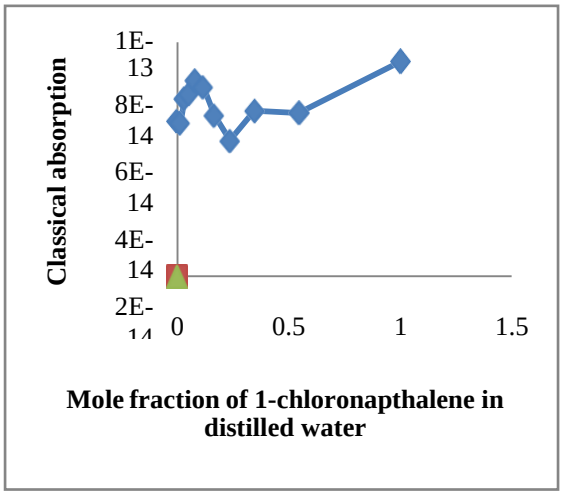
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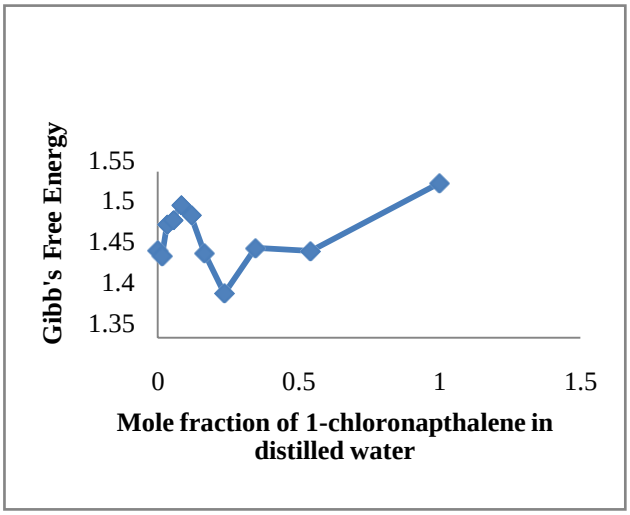
Mole fraction of 1-chloronapthalene in distilled water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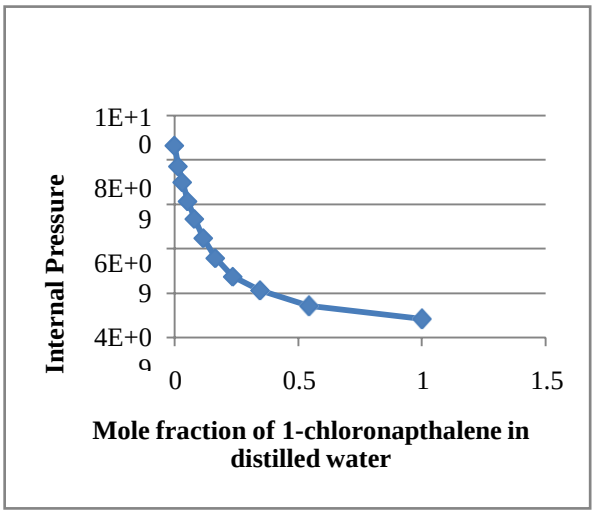
Mole fraction of 1-chloronapthalene in distilled water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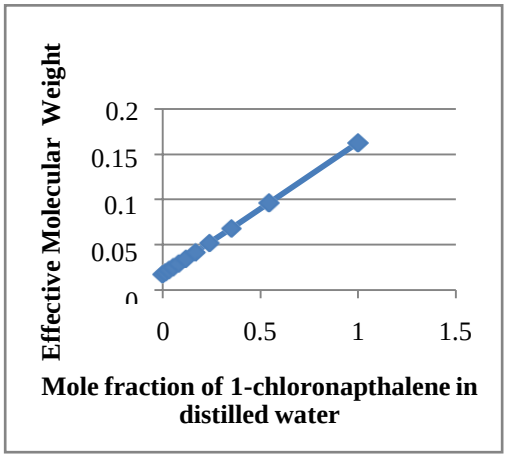
Mole fraction of 1-chloronapthalene in distilled water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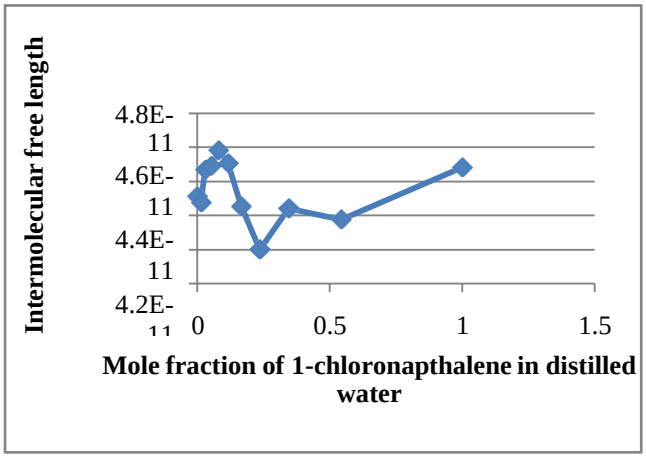
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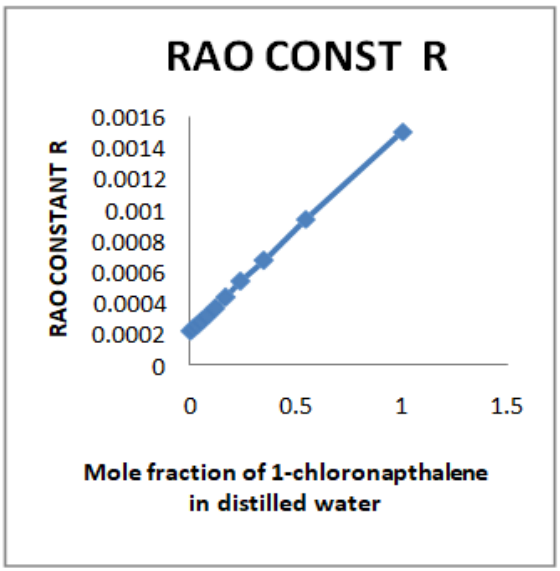
Mole fraction of 1-chloronapthalene in distilled water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RAO CONSTANT R
0.0016
0.0014
0.0012
0.001
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0.0006
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0
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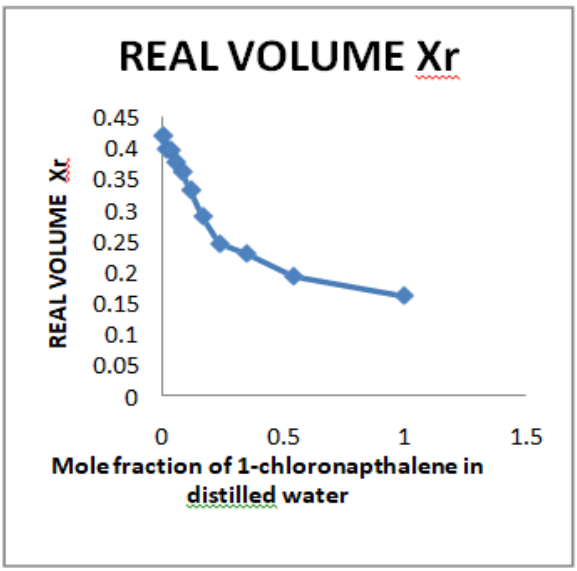
1
1.5
Mole fraction of 1-chloronapthalene in distilled water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REAL VOLUME Xr
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0.4
0.35
0.3
0.25
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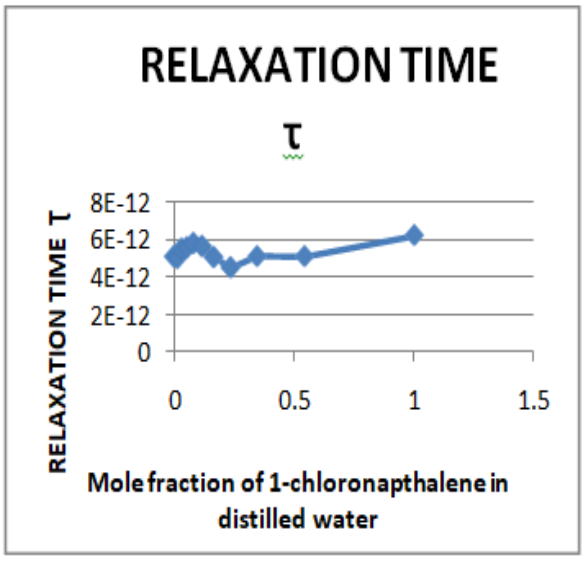
RELAXATION TIME
τ
RELAXATION TIME τ
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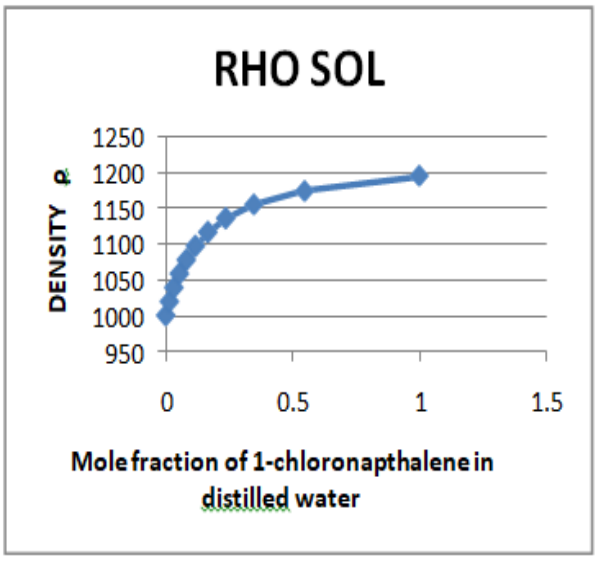
Mole fraction of 1-chloronapthalene in distilled water


RHO SOL
DENSITY ρ
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1
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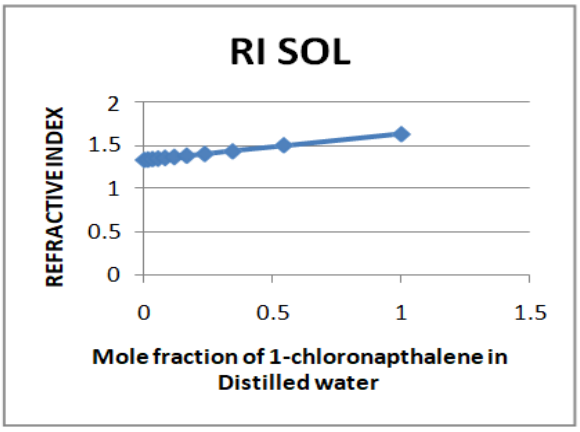
Mole fraction of 1-chloronapthalene in distilled water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REFRACTIVE INDEX
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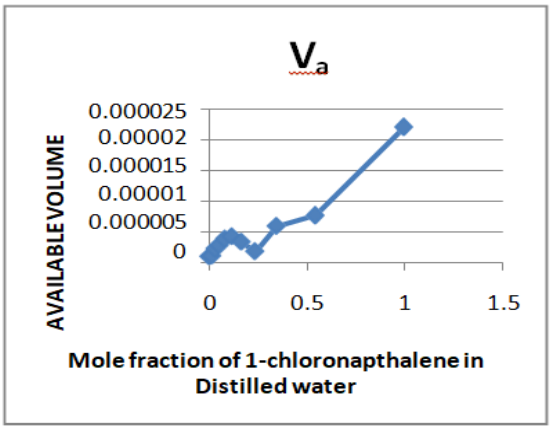
Mole fraction of 1-chloronapthalene in Distilled water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AVAILABLE VOLUME
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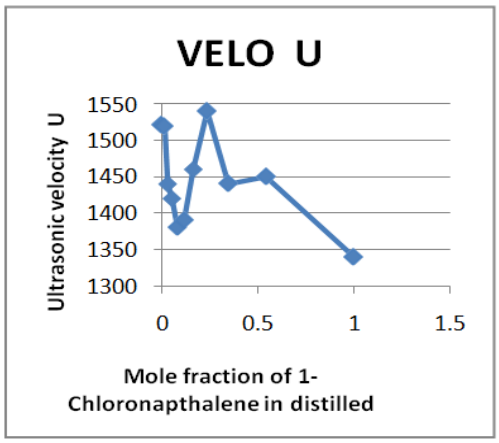
1.5
Mole fraction of 1-chloronapthalene in Distilled water


VELO U
Ultrasonic velocity U
1550
1500
1450
1400
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0
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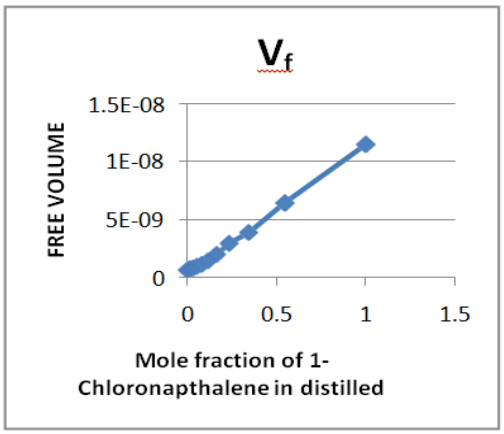
1
1.5
Mole fraction of 1-Chloronapthalene in distilled


Vf
FREE VOLUME
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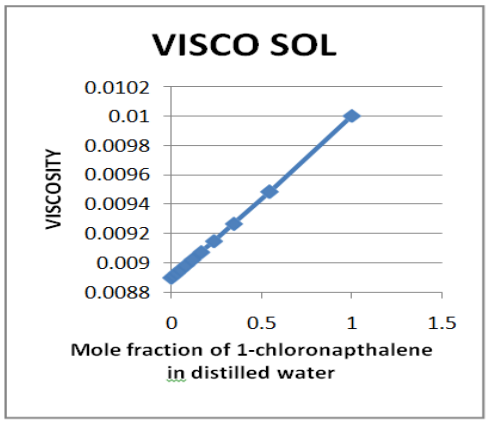
Mole fraction of 1-Chloronapthalene in distilled


VISCO SOL
VISCOSITY
0.0102
0.01
0.0098
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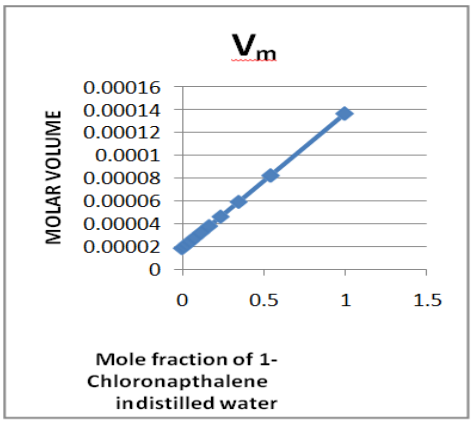
Mole fraction of 1-chloronapthalene in distilled water


Vm
MOLAR VOLUME
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0.00012
0.0001
0.00008
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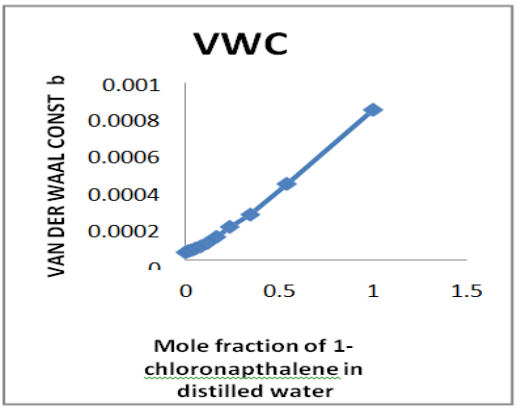
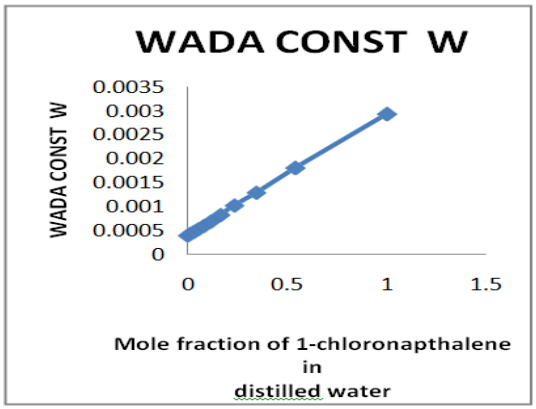
1
1.5
Mole fraction of 1-Chloronapthalene in distilled water





The relations between various physical properties of a binary mixture of 1-chloronaphthalene in distilled water are plotted in the graphs shown above. The properties include adiabatic compressibility, acoustic impedance, enthalpy, classical absorption, Gibbs free energy, internal pressure, effective molecular weight, intermolecular free length, RAO constant (molar sound velocity), real volume, relaxation time, density, refractive index, available volume, ultrasonic velocity, free volume, viscosity, molar volume, Van der Waals constant, and Wada's constant.

Key observations include the reciprocal relationship between adiabatic compressibility and acoustic impedance, indicating changing intermolecular interactions with mole fraction. Enthalpy and classical absorption behaviour suggest the possibility of hydrogen bond formation, and the decrease in internal pressure indicates weak interactions. The increase in Gibb's free energy and effective molecular weight implies intermolecular interaction availability. Various properties like relaxation time, density, refractive index, and viscosity exhibit different trends with mole fraction, providing insights into the molecular structure and interaction strengths. The graphical explanations aid in understanding the complex nature of the binary mixture and its thermodynamic behaviour.

The intermolecular interaction between components changes with the mole fraction of 1-chloronaphthalene, as indicated by the irregular behaviour of acoustic impedance. The decrease in ultrasonic velocity and the increase in viscosity suggest structural changes in the mixture, weakening intermolecular forces. Thermodynamic parameters, such as internal pressure and enthalpy, provide insights into the nature and strength of forces between molecules.

4 CONCLUSIONS

This research focuses on the ultrasonic, thermo-physical, and thermodynamic properties of liquid mixtures, providing a comprehensive understanding of intermolecular interactions, structural behaviours, and physicochemical properties. A multi-frequency ultrasonic interferometer is employed for precise velocity of sound measurements in liquids, utilizing a reflector to vary the path length within the cell. This investigation explores the changes in thermodynamic properties of mixtures, serving as a quantitative approach to extract information about molecular structure and intermolecular forces in liquid mixtures.

The study emphasizes the significance of understanding the physical forces between molecules of different species in liquid mixtures, revealing new phenomena absent in pure liquids. It also delves into the direct sources for studying various parameters and obtaining in-depth knowledge about molecular interactions. The interferometer, as a simple yet accurate device, facilitates the determination of ultrasonic sound velocity in liquid media. Theoretical background on interferometers is provided, highlighting their use in merging light sources to create interference patterns for precise measurements. The ultrasonic interferometer, as utilized in

this research, is described as a tool for determining the velocity of ultrasonic sound in liquids. The generation of ultrasound using mechanical, piezoelectric, and magnetostriction methods is explained.

The subsequent chapters elaborate on acoustical parameters of liquids, including ultrasonic velocity, intermolecular free length, acoustic impedance, molar volume, available volume, and free volume. The discussion extends to internal pressure, thermodynamic equation of state, relaxation time, relaxation in simple linear systems, Gibbs free energy, molar cohesive energy, and molar compressibility. The molar compressibility is examined in the context of binary liquid systems, exploring relationships such as Rao's law and Nomoto's relations.

In conclusion, the research aims to contribute valuable insights into the acoustical and thermodynamic properties of liquid mixtures, utilizing ultrasonic interferometry and various theoretical frameworks. The exploration of these parameters provides a foundation for understanding molecular interactions and behaviors in diverse liquid systems.

The comprehensive experimental study provides valuable insights into the thermo-acoustical behavior of the binary mixture. The observed trends and relationships between various parameters shed light on the molecular interactions, structural changes, and thermodynamic properties within the system. These findings contribute to a deeper understanding of the physical and acoustical properties of 1-chloronaphthalene in distilled water and can be valuable for various applications in chemical and physical sciences.

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SAR Remote Sensing for Crop Estimation

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ABSTRACT

Agriculture is area of great economic importance throughout the World. Therefore, an everlasting effort exists to develop tools that can support activities in this field. This Paper summarizes foundation, integration, practical applications and new opportunities of SAR remote sensing in agriculture. Remote sensing is a multidisciplinary technology. In remote sensing, Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) is an emerging technology. Recent technological advances in satellite remote sensing have shown that crop estimation can be measured by a variety of remote sensing techniques, each with its own strengths and weaknesses. In the recent years, SAR has increased importance in agricultural systems and agricultural practices. The remotely sensed data and data analysis techniques are used for crop mapping and monitoring. SAR imagery data could be used to monitor the plant growth, the crop yields and biomass. In the growing season, Agricultural targets are very dynamic, remote sensing is the useful technique for crop mapping and monitoring. The crop domain data is the important basis for making food policy and economy plan. Therefore, it is important to conduct the study on crop identification, mapping and monitoring. SAR remote sensing provides the effective monitoring of agricultural progress and abandonment. Also provides timely information for decision makers to evaluate upcoming food security, understanding global change issues and environmental consequences.

Keywords: SAR remote sensing, Crop Estimation

I. INTRODUCTION

Due to increasing global population, food security has become a major concern for the world.

In the literature many review papers are available. Which summarizes the current trends, techniques, increasing availability of satellite imagery and new opportunities in agriculture for crop mapping and monitoring. SAR technology has the potential to provide timely and accurate information about Crops which is useful for agricultural productivity and sustainability. Satellite remote sensing uses space-borne sensors and it is a modern technique that allows acquisition of data in a systematic way and comprehensive coverage [1]. The common aspect of all remote sensing systems is that they depend on the use of electromagnetic waves to cover the distance between the sensor and the object to be observed [2]. Microwave remote sensing techniques have shown great potential in agricultural applications such as crop yield forecasting, irrigation management, and issuing early warning of droughts [3]. Recently, satellite sensors are now orbiting not only frequently but can apply multiple sensor measurements, which means we can collect rapid data acquisition over given areas. Satellites such as the Sentinel-2 can better detect which SAR frequencies are emitted when there are multiple frequencies used

[4].Satellite-driven crop monitoring has become a main method to derive crop information at local, regional, and global scales by revealing the spatial and temporal dimensions of crop growth status and production. Most food security programs use approaches that combine satellite data with agro climate indices, which are calibrated and transformed into a final crop yield to predict food production. The ground data accessibility and the negative effects of knowledge-based analyses are two essential issues in crop monitoring that reduce the applicability of crop monitoring for decisions on food security [5]. Satellite remote sensing represents an alternative method for deriving quantitative estimates of crop production and grain yield with a number of potential benefits, including the ability to cover large areas, repeated observations and low costs [6]. The Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) technique first time used in India, hence the Risat-1 images will facilitate agriculture and disaster management because of its day-night, all-weather monitoring capability. The Risat-1 satellite will be used to estimate the agriculture. SAR images have extensive applications in remote sensing for the mapping of the surfaces of the earth. It has potential for agricultural mapping, environmental monitoring, resource mapping, disaster supervision, and military systems managements because of broad-area imaging at high resolutions. Synthetic aperture radar is used for a wide variety of environmental applications, such as monitoring of crop characteristics, deforestation, ice flows, oil spills, Road's network density, forest fire, mining, urban growth, etc. [7]. Due to the presence of multiple scatters within the crop volume scattering of radar energy occurs when the SAR beam penetrates the crop. In volume scattering multiple bounces and reflection from the different components of the crop occurs thus resulting in high backscattering values. Each crop has different date of sowing and growing pattern also having difference in crop biomass, moisture content, plant height, plant density per meter square [8]. Crop identification and crop planting area mapping are the most basic applications of agricultural SAR remote sensing. With the increasing availability of SAR imaging modes (e.g., PolSAR, Compact SAR, PolInSAR, Two-station/ Multi-station SAR, TomoSAR, and 3D/4D SAR), the SAR data sources available for agricultural remote sensing are increasingly growing. Recently, the imaging modes of SAR sensors are more and more abundant, which can provide various types of data sources for agricultural remote sensing applications. SAR applications in agriculture, particularly in crop type mapping, crop condition assessment, soil moisture estimation and crop yield estimation [9]. SAR is a complex system that measures the scattered wave of a target under an impinging incident wave that is transmitted by setting the probing frequency, polarization, and observing geometry. Essentially, SAR involves radar operation and image formation. The sensor coordinates and target on the earth's surface must be lined up to uniform coordinates of both time and space [10]. Food security is one of the most basic factors of our physical and intellectual wellbeing. It is a fundamental prerequisite for a healthy and happy life. Food security is a broad concept that goes beyond production because it requires accounting for spatial and temporal variability of food availability, as well as physical and economic access. Accurate and timely food production information is essential to food producers, traders and consumers [11]. Crop type mapping and geostatistical methods are two categories of methods to derive crop area estimations, while crop type mapping not only provides data to estimate crop area, but also provides baseline data for crop condition assessment and yield prediction. The accuracy of classification depends on the sensitivity of the used backscattering coefficients to the differences of the bio morphological structures of the plants, hence to the different interaction behavior between the electromagnetic wave and the structure of the canopy [12]. SAR technology is able to detect changes in moisture content, plant height, and biomass, allowing farmers to make better decisions about crop management [13]. Synthetic aperture radar (SAR) capable of monitoring ground objects throughout the day and all weather. Crop planting area information is one of the important factors for production estimation and national food security. The fast and accurate estimation results of crop acreage have important significance for national agricultural policy analysis

and macro grain decision making [14]. The technological improvements have played an increasingly important role in agricultural production around the world by helping farmers in increasing crop yield, reducing costs and environmental impacts, and managing their land more efficiently [15].

II. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Automatic crop classification using new technologies and techniques is known as one of the most important solutions in present farming improvement. Remote Sensing techniques and availability of satellite data are needed for global, regional and local environmental monitoring. Spaceborne SAR scan the earth with microwaves. SAR technology can be used to classify crops based on biomass, their moisture content, plant height, also to evaluate crop damage caused by natural disasters. This information can be used to determine the crop health and identify areas that may need additional attention. Thus, SAR technology can provide frequent updates of crops which can be helpful for crop management practices.

III.CONCLUSION

The main benefit of SAR technology is, it has the capability of Remote Sensing. SAR technology can synthetically produce higher resolution images in all-weather condition and all time. The remotely sensed data and data analysis techniques are useful for understanding global change issues. SAR technology is useful for crop monitoring, planning, its developments, yield estimation and making decisions. Crop Estimation with Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) has become significant tool for agriculture management.

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Microwave Dielectric Properties of Binary Mixture of Amines-Polyhydric Alcohols Using TDR

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ABSTRACT

Time domain reflectometry technique has been successfully employed for the comparative study of complex permittivity of binary mixtures of polar liquids (benzylamine and pyrrolidine) and polyhydric alcohols (2,3-butanediol & 1,2,6-hexanetriol) at 25^0C in the frequency range from 10 MHz to 30 GHz. The complex permittivity spectra were fitted in a Havriliak–Negami equation. Dielectric parameters such as the static dielectric constant (ε_0), relaxation time (τ in ps) and high frequency dielectric permittivity (ε_∞) have been determined using the least squares fit method and also observed hydrogen bonding interactions for these binary mixtures through determination of Kirkwood correlation factor(g^{eff}). The study also delved into the intramolecular interaction of different molecules using Bruggeman factor(f_B).

Keywords: Dielectric properties, Kirkwood correlation factor, Bruggeman factor.

I. INTRODUCTION

The various natural phenomenon is occurring due to the interaction between matter and energy. In these phenomenon, liquid mixtures give very effective information about molecular interactions. Therefore, the study of liquid mixtures having great importance in the field of molecular physics.

Amines having a wide range of chemical, biological, pharmaceutical and industrial applications, because amines and alcohols have the H-bond sites and they can enter into the intra and inter-molecular hydrogen bonding giving rise to different conformations. Aliphatic diol and triols compounds are one of the most important organic compounds, because they are having vital importance in the field of organic chemistry, biochemistry and industrial chemistry. Both the polyhydric alcohols (diols and triols) are having two and three –OH groups respectively. Due to this, in the solution chemistry these type of compounds can be strongly influenced by the inter-molecular and intra-molecular hydrogen bonding formation, which can play a significant role in the physical properties. Many researchers are using various methods such as NMR spectroscopy[1-3], ultrasonic[4], photon correlation spectroscopy[5], light scattering[6] etc. and studied molecular interactions between the molecules.

Dielectric spectroscopy is a great tool for the study of molecular interactions in hydrogen bonded liquids such as diols and triols, because molecule has an electric dipole moment[7-10]. The present work deals with the comparative dielectric relaxation study of binary mixture of amines in 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol using pico-second Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) technique in the frequency

range 10 MHz to 30 GHz at 25^{0}C. TDR technique is developed by Cole et.al[11] and studied dielectric relaxation behaviour over a wide frequency range. The technique is used for the measurement of complex permittivity of binary mixture of amines (benzylamine and pyrrolidine) and polyhydric alcohols (2,3-butanediol & 1,2,6-hexanetriol)

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

Amines (Benzylamine (Benzyl) and pyrrolidine) and polyhydric alcohols (2,3-butanediol & 1,2,6-hexanetriol) were obtained commercially from S. D. Fine Chemical Limited, India and was used without further purification. The solutions were prepared at different volume fractions of amines in 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol.

The dielectric spectra were obtained by the TDR technique[12,13]. The Tektronix model no. DSA8200 Digital Serial Analyzer sampling mainframe along with the sampling module 80E08 has been used for the dielectric measurement using TDR technique. A repetitive fast rise pulse with 18 ps incident pulse rise time and 20 ps reflected pulse rise time was fed through coaxial line system impedance of 50 ohm. All measurements are carried out in open load condition. Sampling oscilloscope monitors the changes in step pulse after reflection from the end of line. Reflected pulse without sample R_1 (t) and with sample R_x (t) were recorded in time window of 5 ns and digitized in 2000 points in the memory of the oscilloscope and transferred to the computer for further analysis. The selection of proper time window, sampling rate and bilinear calibration method suggested by Cole et al. were useful to measure the accurate complex permittivity at higher frequencies[14]. The smaller time window causes loss of signal while larger time window includes unwanted reflections. Thus selection of proper time window is important to minimize these effects. Further the Fourier transformation of the pulses and data analysis were done earlier to determine complex permittivity spectra using nonlinear least squares fit method[14,15].

III.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The dielectric permittivity ε′(ω) and dielectric loss ε′′(ω) of binary mixtures of benzylamine and pyrrolidine in 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol at 25^{0}C were measured using TDR technique as shown in Fig. 1(a and b) and Fig. 2(a and b). It is observed that at the relaxation frequency of the real part ε′(ω) of complex permittivity spectrum of binary mixtures of benzylamine and pyrrolidine in 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol decreases with increase in the frequency. It is due to the less effect of applied field which has been cancelled by the dipoles.

The complex permittivity spectra were fitted in Havriliak-Negami(HN) equation using non-linear least squares fit method to extract dielectric relaxation parameters with the following expression[16].

$$\varepsilon^*(\omega) = \varepsilon_\infty + \frac{\varepsilon_0 - \varepsilon_\infty}{[1+(j\omega\tau)^{1-\alpha}]^\beta} \quad (1)$$

where ε_0 is the static dielectric constant, ε_∞ is the permittivity at high frequency, τ is the relaxation time in pico-second. The exponents α and β describes the irregularity and broadness of the corresponding spectra, α and β are empirical parameters for distribution of relaxation times with values between 0 and 1. Havriliak–Negami relaxation is an empirical modification of the Debye relaxation model, accounting for the irregular and broadness of the dielectric dispersion curve. The complex permittivity spectra ε*(ω) of the amines+2,3-butanediols and amines+1,2,6-hexanetrol mixtures were fitted in Debye model using non-linear least squares fit method to determine the dielectric parameters.

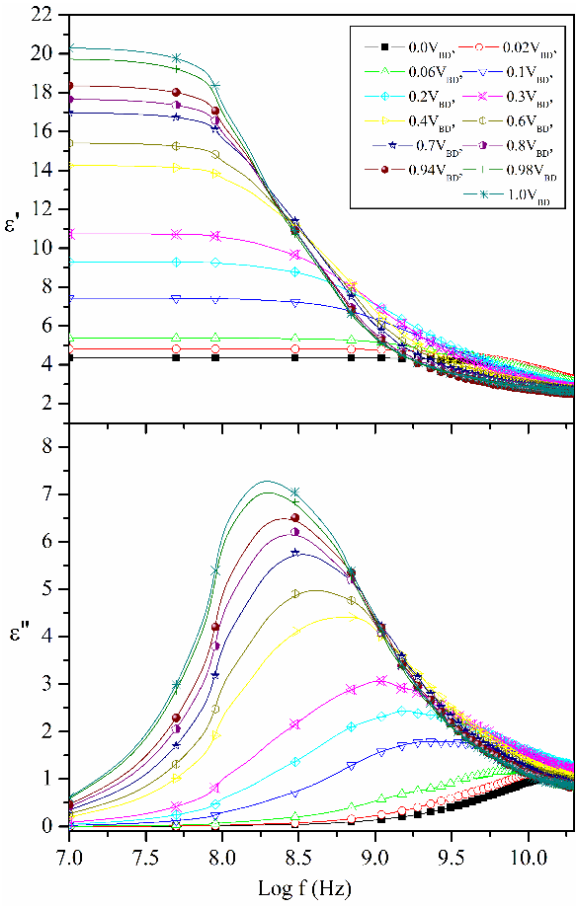


Figure 1a: Complex permittivity of binary mixture of benzylamine-2,3-butanediol for different volume fraction of 23BD (V_{23BD}) at 25^{0}C.

The values of dielectric constant, (ε_0), relaxation time (τ) at 25^{0}C for binary mixtures of benzylamine and pyrrolidine in 2,3-butanediol and benzylamine and pyrrolidine in 1,2,6-hexanetriol have been reported in Table 1(a and b). The increase in dielectric constant of the solution with increasing 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol concentration and systematic change in the dielectric parameters of the solution can be explained on the basis of molecular interactions. The increase in τ values with increasing 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol concentration indicates that number of dipoles increases in the solution, the intermediate structure formed rotates slowly there by giving the increase in values of τ in the solution.

The values of relaxation time τ for reach region of benzylamine-2,3-butanediol mixtures compared to pyrrolidine-2,3-butanediol are lower, it suggests that the molecules in the benzylamine+2,3-butanediol mixture return

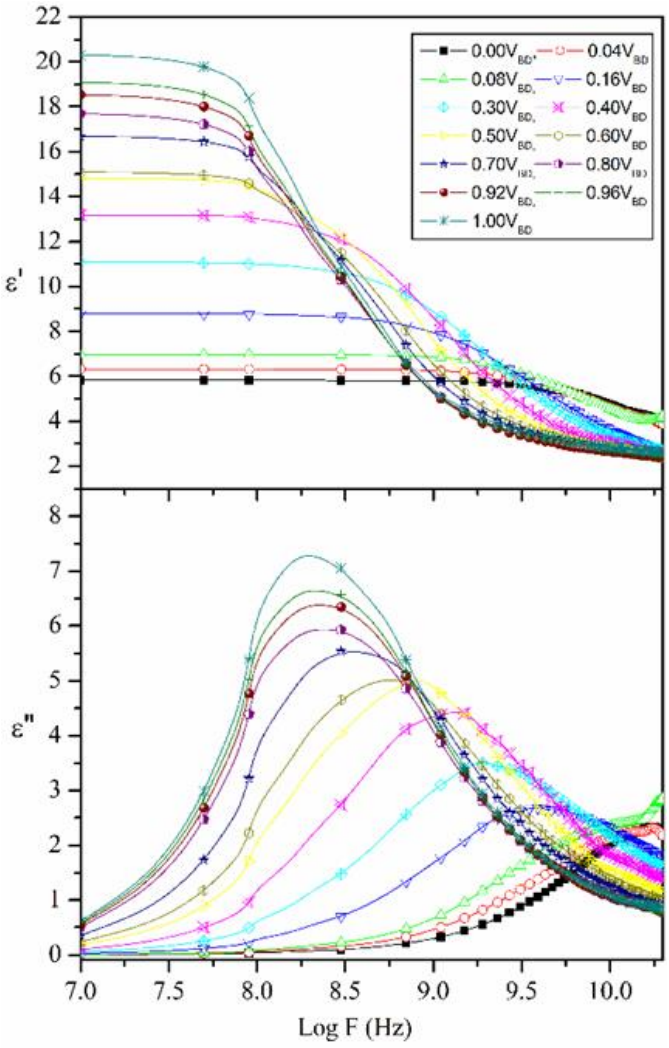
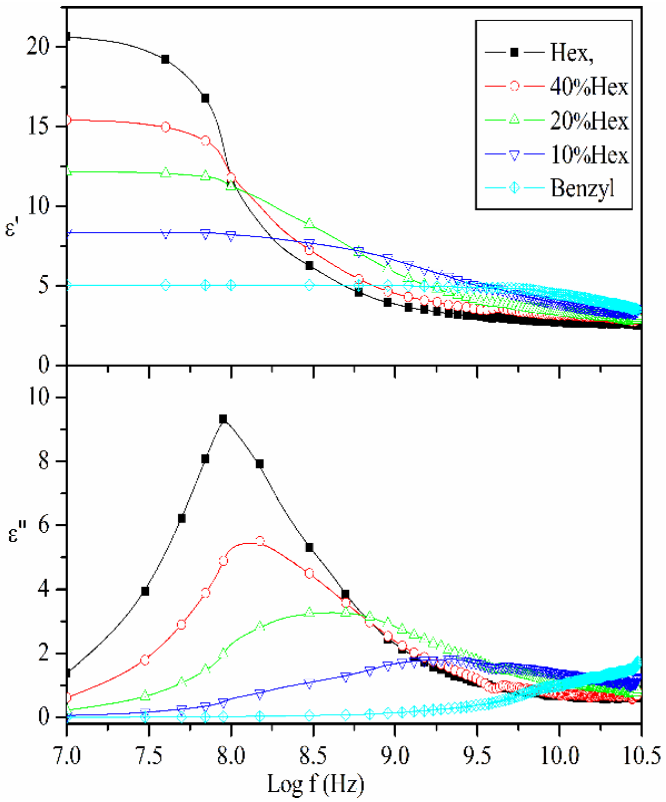


Figure 1b: Complex permittivity of binary mixture of Pyrrolidine- 2,3-butanediol for different volume fraction of 23BD (V_{23BD}) at 25^{0}C.

equilibrium faster than those in the pyrrolidine+2,3-butanediol mixture. And the higher the values of relaxation time τ for benzylamine+1,2,6-hexanetriol mixture as compared to benzylamine+2,3-butanediol, it is due to the 1,2,6-hexanetriol has a longer carbon chain with three hydroxyl (-OH) groups than 2,3-butanediol. It suggests that the molecules in the benzylamine+1,2,6-hexanetriol mixture return to equilibrium more slowly than those in the benzylamine+2,3-butanediol mixture. Similar results

observed for the binary mixture of pyrrolidine in 1,2,6-hexanetriol and 2,3-butanediol. The decrease in the dielectric constant as the concentration of benzylamine and pyrrolidine increases in the binary mixture of benzylamine and pyrrolidine in 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol suggests that the polarizing effect of amines, its molecular structure, and its concentration dominate the dielectric behaviour of the mixture, leading to a lower dielectric constant when both amines are the dominant component.

Figure 2a: Complex permittivity spectra (ε′ & ε″) for binary mixtures of benzylamine-1,2,6-hexanetriol at



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A. Kirkwood correlation factor

To understand the significance of association effect due to the hydrogen bonding, it is very useful to compute the values of Kirkwood correlation factor g for these binary mixtures using following expression[17,

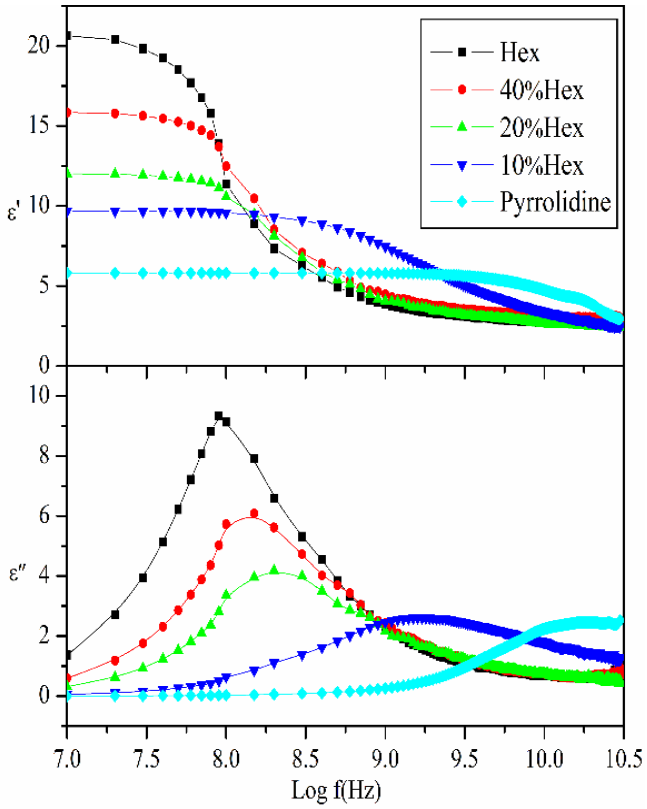

Figure 2b: Complex permittivity spectra (ε′ & ε″) for binary mixtures of Pyrrolidine-1,2,6-hexanetriol at 25⁰C.

TABLE 1A.
DIELECTRIC CONSTANT (ε0) AND RELAXATION TIME (τ IN PS) FOR BINARY MIXTURES OF BENZYLAMINE AND PYRROLIDINE IN 2,3-BUTANEDIOL AT 25⁰C.

benzylamine-2,3-butanediol			
V_{benzyl}*	ε0	τ(ps)	ε∞
0.00	21.26(10)[a]	583.62(8)	2.63(1)
0.02	20.67(9)	574.56(8)	2.69(1)
0.06	18.94(8)	491.25(6)	2.75(2)
0.10	18.41(7)	458.14(6)	2.56(1)
0.20	17.64(6)	387.54(4)	2.59(1)
0.30	16.02(5)	322.05(3)	2.57(1)
0.40	14.79(4)	253.20(2)	2.47(9)
0.60	11.09(2)	128.70(1)	2.27(7)
0.70	9.57(2)	80.75(10)	2.22(6)
0.80	7.60(1)	48.78(10)	2.01(5)
0.94	5.34(1)	14.53(10)	2.01(2)
0.98	4.80(4)	12.68(8)	2.48(3)
1.00	4.33(2)[b]	8.62(4)	2.01(2)

benzylamine-2,3-butanediol			
V_{benzyl}*	ε_0	τ(ps)	ε_∞
0.00	21.26(10)	583.62(9)	2.55(1)
0.04	19.99(8)	566.6(7)	2.44(1)
0.08	19.39(7)	545.83(6)	2.37(1)
0.16	18.01(7)	517.51(7)	2.24(1)
0.30	18.56(7)	448.51(7)	2.35(1)
0.40	17.36(6)	379.51(4)	2.31(1)
0.50	15.17(2)	201.96(11)	2.22(6)
0.60	13.47(2)	126.61(63)	2.15(6)
0.70	11.26(1)	70.92(31)	2.07(8)
0.80	8.84(1)	38.49(13)	2.00(4)
0.92	6.97(1)	17.45(14)	2.13(9)
0.96	6.29(9)	15.12(9)	2.00(6)
1.00	5.77(8)	12.71(9)	2.4(7)

TABLE 1B.
DIELECTRIC CONSTANT (ε_0) AND RELAXATION TIME (τ IN PS) FOR BINARY MIXTURES OF BENZYLAMINE AND PYRROLIDINE IN 1,2,6-HEXANETRIOL AT 25^{0}C.

benzylamine-1,2,6-hexantriol			
V_{benzyl}*	ε_0	τ(ps)	ε_∞
0.0	19.30(19)	1470.54(3)	2.58(2)
0.1	15.05(11)	866.55(19)	3.03(1)
0.2	12.83(5)	331.79(54)	2.78(1)
0.4	8.70(2)	65.59(81)	2.24(7)
1.0	4.33(2)	8.62(4)	2.01(2)

pyrrolidine-1,2,6-hexantriol			
V_{pyrrol}*	ε_0	τ(ps)	ε_∞
0.0	19.30(19)	1470.54(34)	2.58(2)
0.1	16.85(12)	848.46(19)	3.01(1)
0.2	12.73(8)	590.37(14)	2.52(1)
0.4	9.92(2)	76.97(56)	2.06(7)
1.0	5.77(8)	12.71(9)	2.40(7)

$$\frac{(\varepsilon_0-\varepsilon_\infty)(2\varepsilon_0+\varepsilon_\infty)}{\varepsilon_0(\varepsilon_\infty+2)^2}=g\mu^2\frac{4\pi N\rho}{9\kappa TM} \qquad (2)$$

where μ, ρ and M correspond to the dipole moment in gas phase, density and molecular weight, respectively, k is the Boltzmann constant and N the Avogadro's number. The Kirkwood correlation factor 'g' explains the short-range interaction between electric dipoles and gives information regarding orientation of electric dipoles in polar liquids. The values of Kirkwood correlation factor g are greater than unity which shows that there are large multimers form with parallel dipole moment.

For binary mixture, the static dielectric permittivity needs to be considered as the dipole orientation correlation factor (g^{eff}).

The modified form of Eq. (3) is used to study the orientation of the electric dipoles in the binary mixtures as follows[17,18].

$$\frac{4\pi N}{9kT}\left[\frac{\mu_x^2\rho_x V_x}{M_x}+\frac{\mu_A^2\rho_A(1-V_x)}{M_A}\right]\times g^{eff}=\frac{(\varepsilon_{0m}-\varepsilon_{\infty m})(2\varepsilon_{0m}+\varepsilon_{\infty m})}{\varepsilon_{0m}(\varepsilon_{\infty m}+2)^2}$$

(3)

where M_X and M_A are molecular weight of polyhydric alcohols and amines respectively. ρ_x and ρ_A are corresponding densities. V_x is volume fraction of 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol in benzylamine and pyrrolidine. ε_{0m} and $\varepsilon_{\infty m}$ are the static dielectric constant and dielectric constant at high frequency of the mixtures. To calculate the values of g^{eff}, we have taken μ = 1.38 and 1.69 D for benzylamine and 2,3-butanediol respectively[19]. In this study μ = 1.69D is used for the dipole moment of an OH group[20]. The values of ε_∞ are taken from the fitting data.

The values of g^{eff} for different concentrations of binary mixture of benzylamine and pyrrolidine in 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol are shown in Table 2(A and B) respectively.

TABLE 2A

KIRKWOOD CORRELATION FACTOR (g^{eff}) FOR BINARY MIXTURE OF BENZYLAMINE AND PYRROLIDINE IN 2,3-BUTANEDIOL AT 25^{0}C.

	g^{eff}	
V_X	benzylamine +23BD*	pyrrolidine +23BD
0	1.33	2.81
0.02	1.5	2.87
0.06	1.61	2.97
0.1	2.01	3.34
0.2	2.28	3.44
0.3	2.38	3.62
0.4	2.59	3.57
0.6	2.61	3.37
0.7	2.63	3.18
0.8	2.65	3.02
0.94	2.66	2.75
0.98	2.73	2.72
1.0	2.78	2.78

*23BD – 2,3,-butanediol,

TABLE 2B.

KIRKWOOD CORRELATION FACTOR (g^{eff}) FOR BINARY MIXTURE OF BENZYLAMINE AND PYRROLIDINE IN 1,2,6-HEXANETRIOL AT 25^{0}C.

g^{eff}		
V_X	benzylamine +126HEX*	pyrrolidine +126HEX
0	1.01	1.06
0.1	1.52	2.07
0.2	2.51	2.69
0.4	3.21	3.49
1	3.26	3.55

The observed g^{eff} value is greater than unity in amines+23BD and amines+126HEX mixtures leads to the conclusion that the molecules associate to form multimers. The g^{eff} values of these mixed solvents show some deviation from ideality, which confirms the net change in dipolar ordering of the mixture constituents due to H-bond complexion.

B. Bruggeman factor

The Bruggeman formula has been proposed to understand the dipole interaction in the mixture of two liquids [21]. This formula state that static permittivity of the mixture $(\varepsilon_0)_m$, amine $(\varepsilon_0)_1$, and 2,3-butanediol & 1,2,6-hexanetriol $(\varepsilon_0)_2$ can be related to volume fraction of 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol (V_2) in the mixture as[21]

$$f_B = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{0m} - \varepsilon_{02}}{\varepsilon_{01} - \varepsilon_{02}}\right)\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{01}}{\varepsilon_{0m}}\right)^{1/3} = 1 - V_2 \qquad (4)$$

where 1, 2 and m is for solute, solvent and mixture. The Bruggeman expression predicts a linear relationship between f_B and the volume fraction of 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol (V_2) and but the experimental values of f_B shows a non linear behavior as shown in Fig. 3 (a and b) and Fig. 4 (a and b). [In Fig. V_{BD} and V_{HEX} is the V_2 for amines-2,3-butanediols and amines-1,2,6-hexanetriol mixtures] To explain the non-linear relationship the Eq. (4) is modified as follows [22].

$$f_B = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{0m} - \varepsilon_{02}}{\varepsilon_{01} - \varepsilon_{02}}\right)\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{01}}{\varepsilon_{0m}}\right)^{1/3} = 1 - [a - (a-1)V_2]V_2 \qquad (5)$$

The plot from Fig. 3 (a and b) and Fig. 4 (a and b), f_B shows small deviation from ideal Bruggeman behaviour. This further confirms the intermolecular interaction in the mixture. Experimental values represent the deviation from ideality of mixture which shows the solute-solvent molecular interaction between amines-2,3-butanediol and amines-1,2,6-hexanetriol mixtures. The calculated value of 'a' for binary mixture of benzylamines and pyrrolidine in 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol mixtures is determined using

least square fit method and it is found to be 1.61, 1.74 and 3.29, 3.30 respectively at 25°C.

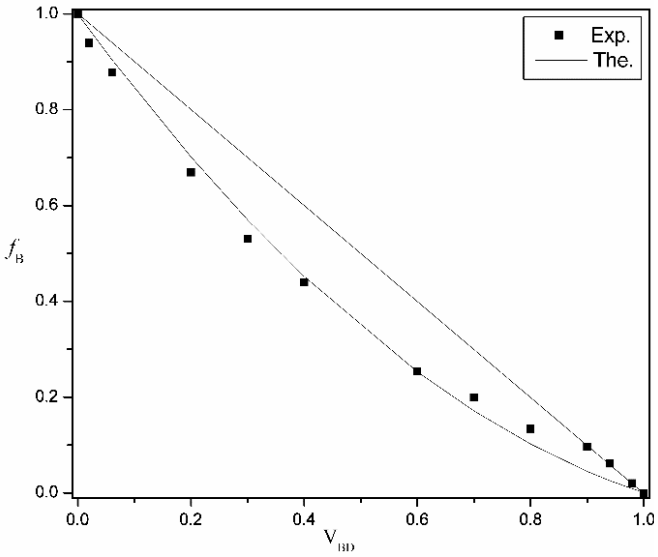

Figure 3a: Bruggeman factor (f_B) vs. volume fraction of 2,3-butanediol for binary mixture of benzylamine-2,3-butanediol at 25°C.

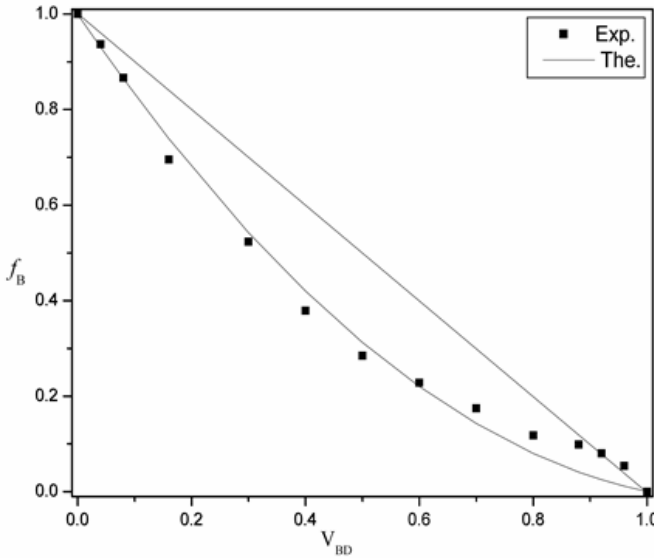

Figure 3b: Bruggeman factor (f_B) vs. volume fraction of 2,3-butanediol for binary mixture of pyrrolidine-2,3-butanediol at 25°C.

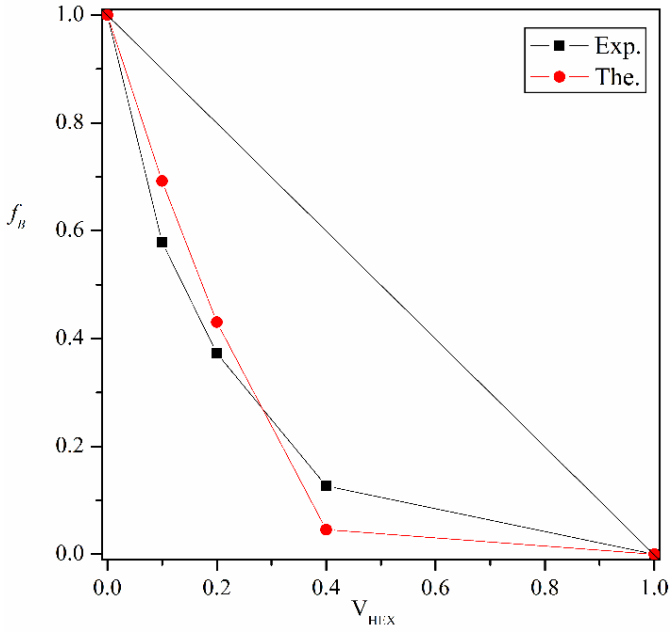

Figure 4a: Bruggeman factor (f_B) vs. volume fraction of 1,2,6-hexanetriol for binary mixture of a) benzylamine-1,2,6-hexanetriol at 25°C.

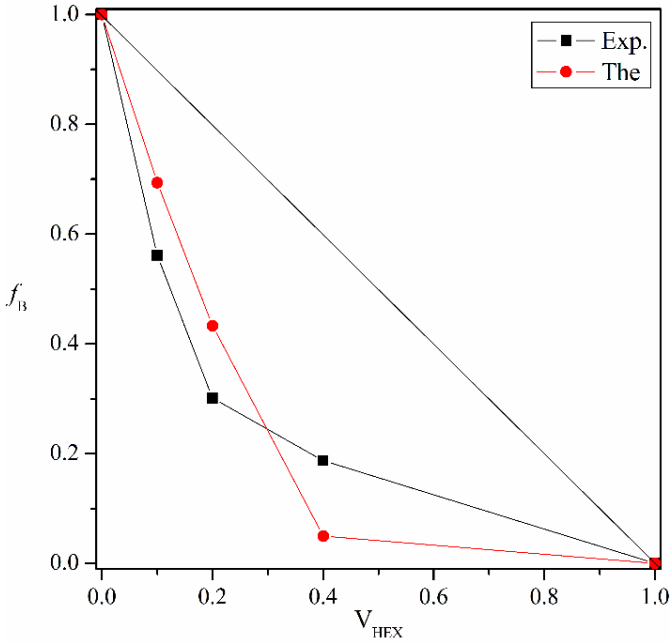

Figure 4b: Bruggeman factor (f_B) vs. volume fraction of 1,2,6-hexanetriol for binary mixture of pyrrolidine-1,2,6-hexanetriol at 25°C.

IV. CONCLUSION

The complex permittivity spectra binary mixtures of benzylamine in 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol and pyrrolidine in 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-

hexanetriol have been studied in the microwave frequency range from 10MHz to 30GHz using time domain reflectometry technique. Using Havriliak-Negami equation, microwave dielectric properties of binary mixture of amines in 2,3-butanediol and 1,2,6-hexanetriol have been carried out. The Kirkwood correlation factor is greater than unity and forms multimers with a parallel ordering of their dipole moment in the mixtures. In this work, both amines may exhibit varying relaxation behaviours when dissolved in polyhydric alcohols. The work has provided extensive dielectric data for the systems considered and qualitative and quantitative analysis is carried out. This research work created a new understanding about the amines and polyhydric alcohols mixtures and may highlight the significant influence of the solvent (polyhydric alcohols) on the dielectric relaxation properties of amines. The choice of solvent can have a pronounced effect on the relaxation times and behaviour. This comparative analysis of different amines or amine structures in various polyhydric alcohols, can lead to conclusions about the relative behavior of different amines in these solvents.

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Synthesis of Polyaniline Composite matrix for Biomedical Application

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ABSTRACT

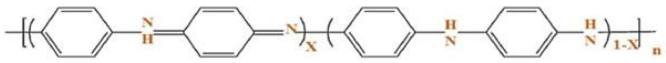
Polyaniline (PANI) is a conducting polymer Polyaniline supported to biocompatible matrix been synthesised using various method such as solgel method chemical method in situ polymerisation an so on. and neurotransmitter it is chemical messenger. polyaniline composites were synthesized by electrochemical Method. were investigated by electrochemical parameters, Based on significant prospective of PANI-based composite matrix in the biomedical field, it is expected that these have the potential to expose their applications in diverse fields.

Keywords: Polyaniline, Neurotransmitter, Electrochemical Method, Biomedical Application

I. INTRODUCTION

Polymeric materials have been synthesized which possess electrical conductivities on par with metallic conductors. Such polymers are called **conducting polymers.** Conducting polymers synthesized in the form of nanomaterials. The synthetic strategies adopted for the preparation of conducting polymer (CPs) and its composite are chemical polymerization, electrochemical polymerization and photo-polymerization[1-3]. Polyaniline-neurotransmitter composites, Composites of conducting polymer with unique physical properties have attracted more and more attention in past decades. This composites which performance better expected to find applications in many fields, such as photoelectrochemical devices, electrochemical devices, Biosensors Chemical Sensors. The influence of PANI chemical structure **leucoemeraldine**, **emeraldine** salt, emeraldine base, **per nigraniline** – these are polyaniline form. Figure 1. Show the basic Structure of Polyaniline.

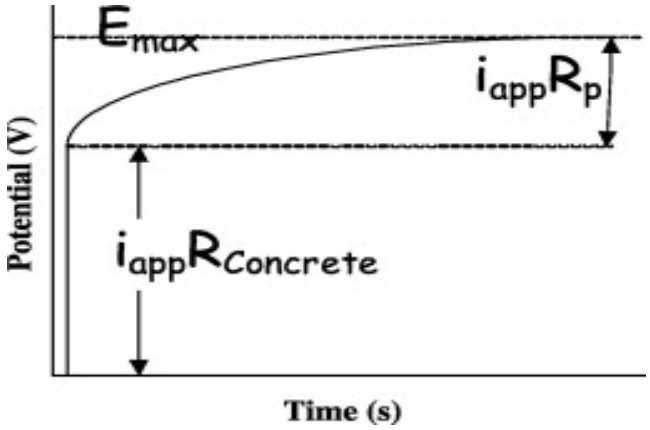
Basic structure of Polyaniline



Neurotransmitter it also called chemical transmitter or chemical messenger, The Role of Neurotransmitters as electrochemical signalling molecules are essential for proper brain function and their dysfunction is involved in several mental disorders. the accurate detection monitoring of these substances is crucial in brain studies. in neurotransmitter we have taken Dopamine belongs to the class of catecholamine neurotransmitters, acting as an excitatory neurotransmitter in nature. Its dysfunction is involved in many psychiatric disorders, including drug addiction, schizophrenia, Parkinson's and Huntington's disease [4-6].

Method

Galvanostatic Method is a fixed oxidation current is supplied with no control over the resulting potential of the system. it is used because it provides more control over the film thickness and it is reproducible too. The galvanostatic method enables a more uniform polymer film to be produced by applying constant current [10-14]. Figure 2 show the Galvanostatic Technique.



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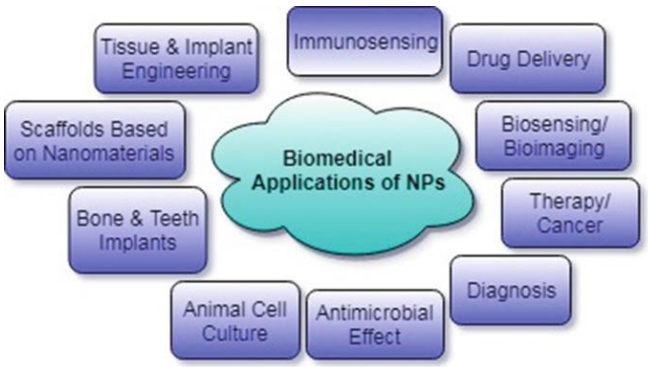
Biomedical Application



Result and Discussion

polyaniline – Neurotransmitter composite as materials. The presence of aniline dimer derivatives in PANI structure was found to induce significant improvement of the limit of detection and the linear dynamic range without a change in sensitivity. The Role of Neurotransmitters as electrochemical signalling molecules are essential for proper brain function and their dysfunction is involved in several mental disorders. the accurate detection and monitoring of these substances are crucial in brain studies[7-9]. Galvanostatic mode is an electrochemical measuring mode for electrochemical analysis or for the determination of the kinetics and mechanism of electrode reaction based on the control of the current flowing through the system which is useful for biomedical application. The synthesized composites including PANI with dopamine structural particle size analysis with conductivity measurements.

Conclusion polyaniline – neurotransmitter composites synthesize with the help of galvanostatic method which is useful for potentiometric devices.

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Elastic and Structural Parameters of Cd^{2+} Ions Substituted Nickel – Copper Ferrites

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ABSTRACT

The samples of cadmium substituted Ni-Cu mixed ferrites having the composition $Ni_{0.5}Cu_{0.5-x}Cd_xFe_2O_4$ (x = 0.0, 0.1, 0.2) have been synthesized by standard solid state reaction technique using AR grade oxides. The X-ray diffraction and Infrared spectroscopic analysis confirms the formation of single phase cubic spinel structure of ferrite phase. The lattice constant was found to increase with increase in cadmium content and was due to the large ionic radius of cadmium. The structural parameters such as lattice constant, X-ray density, cation distribution, ionic site radii, oxygen positional parameter, theoretical lattice constant, bond length, jump length of tetrahedral (A) site as well as octahedral [B] site, tetrahedral edge length, shared and unshared octahedral edge length was estimated. The estimated cation distribution of ferrite was verified by comparing the observed and theoretical lattice parameters. The elastic parameter of ferrites such as young's modulus, rigidity modulus and bulk modulus was estimated by using IR technique.

Keywords : Elastic properties, Structural Properties, X-ray diffraction.

I. INTRODUCTION

The mixed nickel copper ferrites are technologically important materials as it possess high saturation magnetization, high resistivity, high stability and low loss energy over a wide range of frequency [1, 2]. In fact, cadmium substituted Ni-Cu mixed ferrite are the subject of intensive investigations in the field of fundamental and applied research due to their wide applications in electronic industry. The physical properties of spinel ferrites depend on the type, amount of dopant and distribution of cations over the tetrahedral (A) and octahedral [B] sites [3, 4]. In electronic materials the elastic module are of much importance because they shows the nature of binding force in polycrystalline materials and also helps to understand the thermal properties of these materials.

II. Experimental:

The ferrite with composition $Ni_{0.5}Cu_{0.5-x}Cd_xFe_2O_4$ (x = 0.0, 0.1, 0.2) were synthesized by standard double sintering ceramic method.[5,6,7] Grinding using agate mortar (4 h) was carried out for each sample. The samples were pre-sintered at 1293 K for 12 h. The sintered powder is again reground and sintered at 1353 K for 14 h. Then the powder of samples compressed into pellets of 10 mm diameter using a hydraulic press with pressure 6 ton/inch^2 and sintered at 1273K for 12 h. The samples were furnace cooled to

room temperature. The prepared samples were characterized by X-ray powder diffractometer in the 2θ range 20°-80°at room temperature to confirm single phase spinel structure. The infrared spectra of a prepared sample were recorded at room temperature within the range 200 cm^{-1} to 800 cm^{-1} on the infrared spectrometer (Model 783, Perkin-Elmer)

III. Results And Discussion:

The peaks appeared in the XRD pattern (fig.1) of the ferrites are identified. However, the non appearance of extra peaks reveals the formation of single phase cubic spinel structure of ferrite. The increase of observed lattice parameter 'a' and X-ray density 'ρ' with increase of the cadmium content was due to the difference in ionic radii and atomic weight of the component ions in the ferrite system [8]. The distribution of cations in the tetrahedral (A) and octahedral [B] sites can be expressed as [9], $(Cd_xCu_yFe_{1-x-y})^A[Ni_{0.5}Cu_{0.5-x-y}Fe_{1+x+y}]^BO_4^{-2}$ The theoretical lattice parameter of ferrite samples estimated using the relation [10] were listed in table 1. The good agreement between experimentally estimated and theoretical lattice parameters confirms the assumed cation distribution of the ferrites.

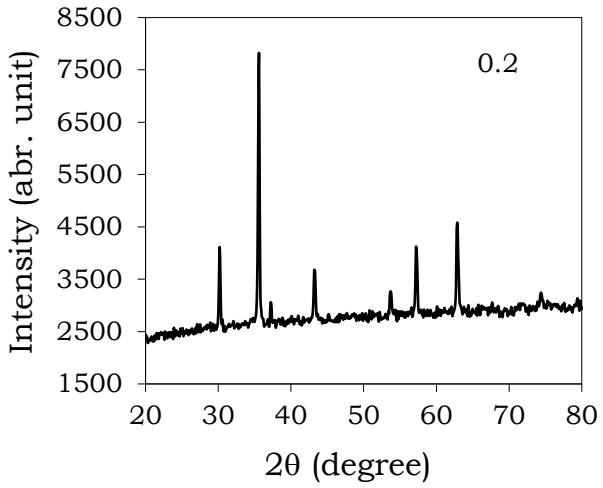

Figure 1: Typical XRD Pattern of $Ni_{1-x}Cu_xFe_2O_4$ for (x=0.2)

The mean ionic radius of the tetrahedral site 'r_A' found to be increase with Cd ion content where as mean ionic radius of the octahedral site 'r_B' decreases with cadmium content. The increase of ionic radius 'r_A' of tetrahedral site with Cd ion content was due to the larger ionic radii of Cd ions. But the values of oxygen positional parameter are almost same in the ferrite systems.

The band positions of IR spectrum are listed in table 1. The shift of band position υ_1 towards lower wavelength side was due to the substituted Cd^{2+} ion, preferably it occupies the tetrahedral (A) site [11]. The octahedral [B] site was occupied by Ni^{2+}ions, where Fe^{3+}, Cu^{2+} ions occupy both tetrahedral and octahedral sites. The force constant for tetrahedral 'k_t' and octahedral 'k_o' sites, longitudinal 'V_l' and transverse 'V_s' elastic wave velocities, elastic moduli for ferrite samples were estimated using the relations[9] and are listed in table 1. The decreases of octahedral force constant with increase of the Cd ion content, was due to the substitution of Cd ion content, which decreases the amount of Cu^{2+} and increases the amount of Fe ions in the octahedral [B] sites. The increase in rigidity modulus 'G', bulk modulus 'B' and young's modulus 'E' with increase of the cadmium content, may be due to the strengthening of inter atomic bonding between various atoms continuously. The values of poisson's ratio are found to be 0.35 for all the ferrites. The present estimated values of poisson's ratios are lying in the range of -1 to 0.5; which reveals the theory of isotropic elasticity.

TABLE I Structural and elastic parameters of ferrites system $Ni_{0.5}Cu_{0.5-x}Cd_xFe_2O_4$ (x= 0.0, 0.1, 0.2).

Parameters	x = 0.0	x = 0.1	x = 0.2
a (Å)	8.367	8.401	8.415

ρ x 10^3 (kg/m^3)	5.37	5.442	5.459
d x 10^3 (kg/m^3)	4.003	3.420	3.989
r_A(Å)	0.67	0.64	0.69
r_B(Å)	0.687	0.685	0.683
L_A (Å)	3.623	3.632	3.641
L_B (Å)	2.953	2.958	2.967
R_A(Å)	1.898	1.900	1.905
R_B(Å)	1.990	1.993	1.999
a_{th}(Å)	8.417	8.450	8.488
u	0.386	0.387	0.388
υ_1 x 102 (m^{-1})	590	587	584
υ_2 x 102 (m^{-1})	389	396	399
k_t (N/m)	1.482	1.711	1.745
k_o x 10^2 (N/m)	0.988	0.981	0.976
V_l (m/s)	5250	5299	5320
V_s (m/s)	3031	3110	3229
G x10^9 kg $m^{-1}s^{-2}$	49.33	51.10	52.63
B x10^9 kg $m^{-1}s^{-2}$	148	151	156
E x10^9 kg $m^{-1}s^{-2}$	133.2	139.5	142.3
σ	0.35	0.35	0.35

IV. Conclusions

The X ray diffraction pattern revels the formation of cubic spinel structure of ferrite phase. The lattice parameter and X-ray density are found to increase with cadmium content. The estimated cation distribution of ferrites has been verified by comparing the observed and theoretical lattice parameters. The structural parameters estimated through X-ray diffraction were affected with cadmium content. The elastic parameters are found to increases with increase of cadmium content and was explained in terms of inter atomic bonding between various atoms and is being strengthened continuously. The estimated elastic parameters of the present results are in good agreement with the earlier reports.

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Curie Temperature, Electrical and Magnetic Properties of In3+ Substituted Yttrium Iron Garnet

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ABSTRACT

In^{3+} was added in to yttrium iron garnet (YIG). Samples, with a nominal composition of $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$ with x= 0.0, 0.2 and 0.4 were prepared by a solid-state sintering method. The samples were characterized by X-ray diffraction technique. The X-ray diffraction studies of compositions revealed the formation of single phase cubic structure with lattice constant ranging from 12.37 to 12.43 Å. The FTIR spectra of typical samples are taken in the range of 500-4000cm^{-1}. IR spectra show typical absorption bands indicating the garnet nature of samples. The D.C. electrical resistivity $\rho_{d.c.}$ Was measured in the temperature range 300-725 K. The results of a.c. susceptibility exhibit normal ferrimagnetic ordering which decreases with substitution of non–magnetic In^{3+} ions in place of Fe^{3+} ions. The effect of 'In^{3+}' substitution in YIG shows that the saturation magnetization (Ms) decreases slowly for $Y_3Fe_5O_{12}$ (x = 0.0, 0.2 and 0.4).

Keywords : Yttrium iron garnet, indium, structural and electrical study.

I. INTRODUCTION

Mixed metal oxides with iron (III) oxides as their main component are known as ferrites. Historically ferrites represent an important category of materials, which are in great demands due to their numerous applications in many fields. The electrical and magnetic properties of ferrites are strongly dependent on their chemical composition and their method of preparation [1, 2]. It is important to optimize the electrical and magnetic properties of ferrites, for desired applications. Due to their interesting properties scientists, researchers and engineers are still interested in designing the various types of ferries material substituted with different cations with different valencies and prepared by different techniques.

In the various types of ferrites rare earth garnet especially yttrium iron garnet (YIG) is of great importance for scientist and technologist because of their applications in microwave communication devices such as circulators, oscillators, gyrators and phase shifters because of its small ferromagnetic resonance line-width, high electrical resistivity and low dielectric loss in microwave regions in many fields [3]. Yttrium iron garnet (YIG) is microwave ferrite, which in polycrystalline form has specific characteristics. The magnetic and

crystallographic properties of the magnetic iron garnet have been studied by many workers [4-7]. Substituted iron garnets have found extensive use in wide band non reciprocal microwave devices [8].

II. EXPERIMENTAL

The samples of In^{3+} substituted $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$ garnets with x = 0.0,0.2 and 0.4 were prepared by well-known double sintering ceramic method in which a molar ratio of analytical Y_2O_3, Fe_2O_3 and In_2O_3 (all 99.99% pure AR grade chemicals, Mumbai) were mixed thoroughly in stoichiometric proportions and then ground to very fine powder by using agate mortar for about 3 hr. These mixtures in powder form were pre-sintered in a Indfur Programmable muffle furnace at 1200 ^{0}C for 24 hr and cooled to room temperature slowly at the rate of 2 ^{0}C/min. The samples were reground and re-fired at 1350^{0}C for 30 hr and slowly cooled to room temperature at the rate of 2^0 C/min., and then reground for 1 hr. The fine powdered sample was pelletized under the pressure 5 ton/inch^2.

The electrical measurements were carried out by means of two probe method. The samples in the form of discs were polished well to have smooth parallel surfaces, and then these surfaces were coated with silver paste as a contact material for the electrical measurements. The temperature was measured by using chromel-alumel thermocouple in contact with the surface of the samples. The d.c. electrical resistivity $\rho_{d.c.}$ was measured in the temperature range 300-725 K.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Mixed garnet ferrites system under investigation has been structurally investigated by X-ray diffraction technique. The typical XRD pattern shows the reflections namely (321), (400), (420), (422), (431), (521), (611), (444), (640), (642), (800), (842). No extra peaks other than cubic structure have been observed in the XRD pattern. The Bragg peaks are sharp and intense. The lattice parameters are calculated using XRD data and are given in table-1. It is observed from table-1 that lattice constant increases with increase in indium content 'x'. The ionic radii of yttrium (0.89Å) Fe^{3+} is (0.67Å) and indium (0.81Å) hence we observe variation in the lattice parameter with indium substitution. The bulk density of all samples was measured using Archimedes principle and values are tabulated in table-1. Bulk density increases with increase in indium content 'x'. Using the values of molecular weight and volume of the sample X-ray density was calculated. The values of X-ray density are also listed in Table-1. X-ray density increase with composition 'x'. The observed variation in X-ray density is attributed to increase in volume of the samples. The crystallographic parameters (lattice constant, X-ray density) are in good agreement with reported values [9] .The most intense peak (420) of XRD pattern was used to evaluate particle size of the samples. The particle size was calculated by using Scherer's formula, the values of particle size for all the composition is listed in Table-1.

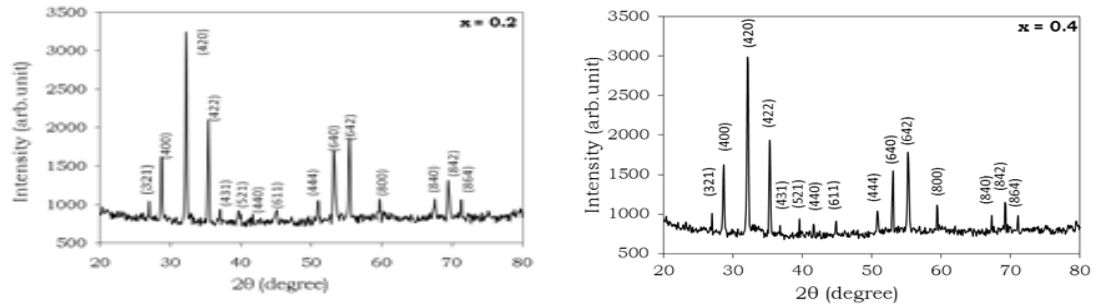

Figure 1. Typical XRD patterns of $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$ (x = 0.2 and 0.4)

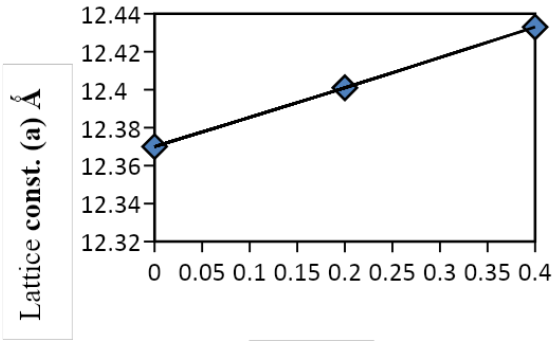

Figure.2 Lattice constant' a' versus Comp. 'x'
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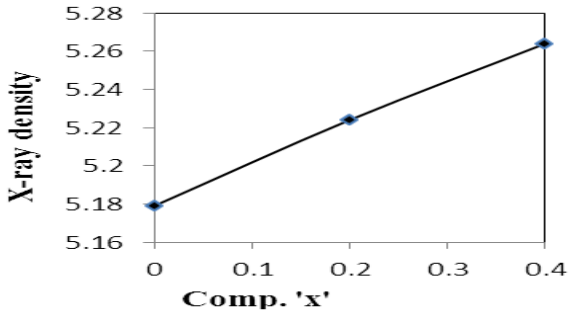


Figure.3 Variation of X-ray density of 'd_x' Versus composition 'x'

Table 1. Lattice constant (a), X-ray Density (dx), Bulk Density (d_B), Porosity (P) and Particle Size (t) of $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$.

x	a (Å)	dx (gm/cm³)	d_B (gm/cm³)	P (%)	t (μm)
0.0	12.370	5.179	4.13	20.25	3.42
0.2	12.401	5.224	4.19	19.97	3.25
0.4	12.433	5.264	4.26	19.07	3.17

IR spectra show typical absorption bands indicating the garnet nature of the samples. The band positions obtained from IR spectra are given in Table-3. The vibrational frequency depends upon the cation mass, cation oxygen bonding force, distance etc. From IR spectra, it is revealed that, a broad band appears at around 611 cm^{-1}, 547 cm^{-1} and 670 cm^{-1}, assignable to the stretching mode of the tetrahedral in the YIG and this indicates that the crystallization of samples is more complete [10-12]. The values of absorption bands are given in Table 2. Our results on IR studies are in good agreement with the literature reports. [13]

Table 2. Vibrational Band Frequencies (ν_1, ν_2, ν_3, ν_4) of $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$, for Samples x = 0.0 and 0.2

x	ν_1 (cm^{-1})	ν_2 (cm^{-1})	ν_3 (cm^{-1})	ν_4 (cm^{-1})
0.0	547.1	611.9	670.1	---
0.2	547.1	605.5	861.0	914.0

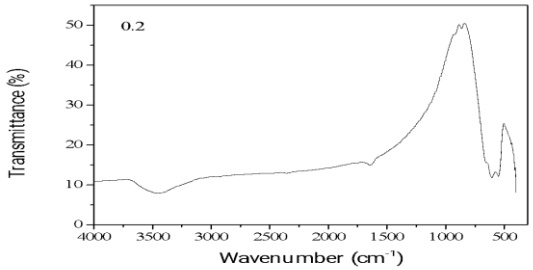
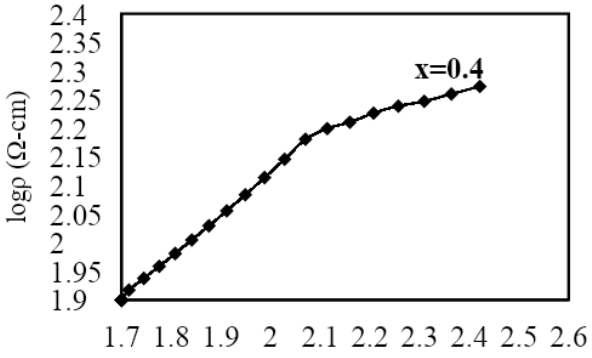


Figure 4.Typical IR Spectra of $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$ of Typical Sample x = 0.2

IV. ANALYSIS OF ELECTRICAL RESISTIVITY

The D. C. electrical resistivity (ρ) measurements for all the samples of $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$ garnet system were carried out in the temperature range of 300-725 K. Plots of log ρ Vs 1000/T are shown in Fig.6. It is observed from resistivity plots that, D.C. electrical resistivity decreases with increase in temperature. The plot exhibits a relatively sharp kink, which divides the curve in two parts. The resistivity plots obeys Arrhenius relation given by the equation,



$$\rho=\rho_0 e^{\frac{\Delta E}{KT}} e^{\frac{\Delta E}{KT}} \quad (1)$$

Using the above relation and from the resistivity plot, the activation energy for two regions that is ferrimagnetic and paramagnetic was calculated and the values are given in table 3. It is observed form table 3 that, activation energy decreases with increase in In^{3+} ions. The experimental results on D.C. electrical resistivity studies closely matches with those reported in the literature [17].

Table 3.Activation Energy (ΔE) in Paramagnetic (E_p) and Ferrimagnetic (E_f) Region of $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$

x	E_p (eV)	E_f (eV)	ΔE (eV)
0.0	0.25	0.13	0.12
0.2	0.19	0.10	0.09
0.4	0.13	0.06	0.07

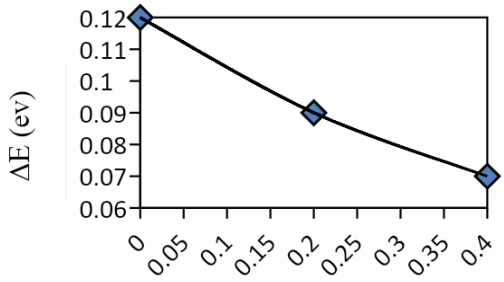


Figure 4. Variation of Activation Energy (ΔE) Versus Composition x of $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$

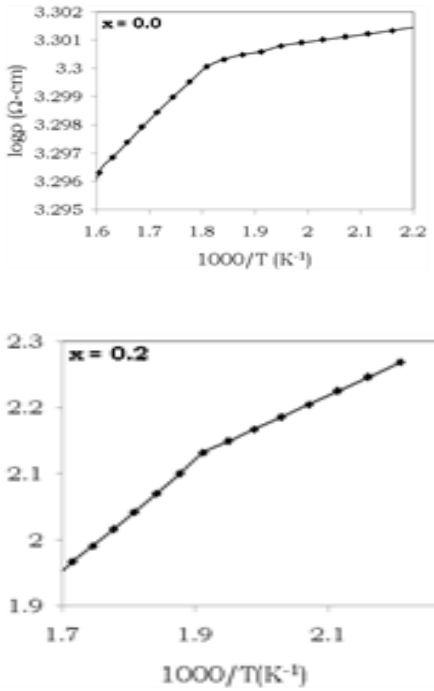


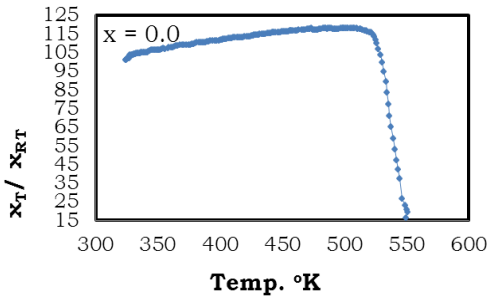
Figure 5. Variation of logρ Versus 1000/T of $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$. (x = 0.0, 0.2 and 0.4).

V. ANALYSIS OF CURE TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENTS

The temperature dependence of relative a.c. susceptibility $\chi_{(T)}/\chi_{(RT)}$ for all samples with x = 0.0,0.2 and 0.4 is shown in Fig.6. The results of a.c. susceptibility exhibit normal ferrimagnetic ordering which decreases with substitution of non–magnetic In^{3+} ions in place of Fe^{3+} ions. Using the susceptibility plots, the Curie temperature (T_C) for all the samples was obtained and the values are listed in Table 4. It can be seen from table that the Curie temperature decreases with increasing x [18] as shown in Fig 6. The decrease in Curie temperature is related to the replacement of magnetic Fe^{3+} ions by non-magnetic In^{3+} ions. Thus, the magnetic properties of $Y_3Fe_5O_{12}$ are influenced by the substitution of In^{3+} ions.

Table 4.Curie Temperature (Tc) Data Measured from Loria Technique, A.C. Susceptibility Technique and D. C. Resistivity of $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$.

x	Tc (K)		
	Loria Technique	A. C. susceptibility	D. C. Resistivity
0.0	550	550	550
0.2	525	504	526
0.4	477	468	483



x	Ms (emu/gm)	Mr (emu/gm)	Hc (Oe)	(Mr/Ms)
0.0	31.1800	0.4100	14.05	0.0130
0.2	27.0400	1.6100	14.91	0.0610
0.4	24.9678	0.1485	20.05	0.0059

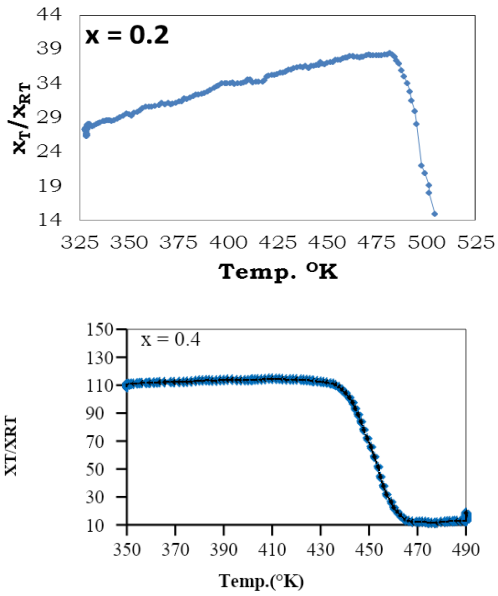


Figure 6.Variation of A. C. Susceptibility (χ_T/χ_{RT}) with Temperature (T) of $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$. (x=0.0, 0.2 and 0.4)

VI. Analysis of Magnetization

The saturation magnetization 'M_s' and the Magneton number 'n_B' (the saturation magnetization per formula unit in Bohr Magneton) at 300 K obtained from the hysteresis loop technique for x = 0.0 ,0.2 and 0.4 are summarized in Table 5. Fig 7 shows variation of Magneton number 'n_B' with In^{3+} content x. From field dependence of magnetization and observed magnetic moments (Table 5), it is clear that, samples with x = 0.0, 0.2 and 0.4 shows ferrimagnetic behavior which decreases with In^{3+} content x. It can be seen from Fig 7 that, the spontaneous magnetization decreases very slowly with x. In the present series $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$, In^{3+} is substituted for Fe^{3+} ions. Based on Neel's theory of ferrimagnetism in ferrites, [19] the substitution of non-magnetic ions like In^{3+} in place of Fe^{3+} ions at octahedral [a] can lead to a decrease in saturation magnetization as shown in Table 5 and Fig.7. However, the observed magneton number decreases with non-magnetic In^{3+} ions. Assuming that In^{3+} ions occupy octahedral [a] sites, Y^{3+} ions occupy dodecahedral {c} sites and Fe^{3+} ions [a] and (d) sites, the cation distribution can be written as

$$[Fe_{1-X}\ In_x]^a\ \{Y^{3+}\}^c\ (Fe)^{d.} \qquad (2)$$

Using above proposed cation distribution, the magneton number for each sample was calculated. The calculated values of magneton number are listed in Table 5 it is observed from Table 5 that calculated magneton number and observed do not match with each other. The observed discrepancy in the magneton number can be explained on the basis of Yafet Kittle angle [20].

Using hysteresis plot (Fig 7), coercivity and remanence magnetization are obtained and the values are presented in Table 5. The low values of coercivity represents that, the particle size of the prepared samples is in micron range.

Table 5.Saturation Magnetization (Ms), Remanence Magnetization (Mr), Coercivity (Hc) and Remanence Ratio (Mr/Ms) of $Y_3In_xFe_{5-x}O_{12}$.

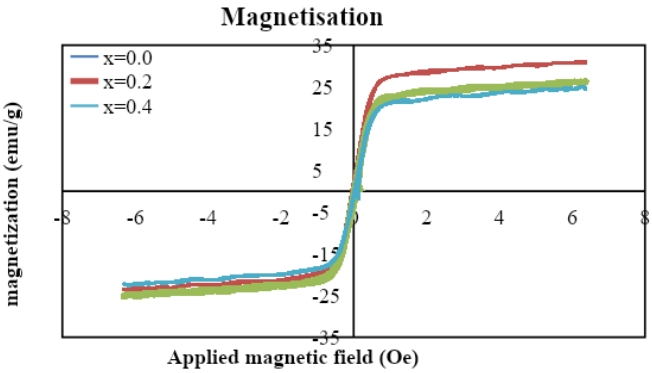


Figure 7.Variation of Magneton Number 'n_B' with In^{3+} Content x.

VII. CONCLUSION

The garnet system In-YIG was prepared by a solid-state sintering method. The parameter lattice constant increases slightly with In^{3+} substitution. IR spectra show typical absorption bands indicating the garnet nature

of the samples. It is observed from resistivity plots that, D.C. electrical resistivity decreases with increase in temperature and activation energy decreases with increase in In^{3+} ions. The Curie temperature (Tc) obtained from a. c. susceptibility data decreases very slowly with increasing x. The effect of 'In^{3+}' substitution in YIG shows that the saturation magnetization (Ms) decreases slowly for $Y_3Fe_5O_{12}$ (x = 0.0, 0.2 and 0.4). The magnetic data can be explained assuming collinear spin ordering model.

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Gravitational Waves- A New Window to Unseen Universe

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ABSTRACT

This abstract provides a succinct overview of the exploration into the realm of gravitational waves and their profound implications for our understanding of the cosmos. Delving into the theoretical foundations laid by Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity, the abstract outlines the transformative nature of the discovery of gravitational waves. It highlights their unique role as ripples in spacetime and their potential to unveil previously hidden facets of the universe. The abstract invites readers on a journey through this newfound observational frontier, where gravitational waves emerge as powerful tools for probing the mysteries beyond the visible spectrum. As humanity embraces this revolutionary perspective, the abstract captures the essence of gravitational waves as a gateway to an unseen universe, promising unprecedented insights into the fundamental fabric of our cosmic existence.

Keywords: Gravitational Wave, LIGO, LIGO-India, Sources

I. INTRODUCTION

The vast cosmos, stretching across unimaginable distances and harboring celestial phenomena beyond human comprehension, has forever been a source of fascination and inquiry. In the early 20th century, the scientific community was confronted with a paradigm-shifting revelation that would redefine our understanding of the universe: the existence of gravitational waves. Envisioned by the brilliant mind of Albert Einstein as a consequence of his general theory of relativity, these elusive waves represent ripples in the very fabric of spacetime itself.

This introduction embarks on a compelling journey through the theoretical genesis and experimental verification of gravitational waves, positioning them as a transformative force in observational astronomy. Albert Einstein, in 1916, postulated that accelerated masses could send out waves through the curvature of spacetime. However, it wasn't until a century later, in 2015, that the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) made the groundbreaking announcement of successfully detecting gravitational waves, ushering in a new era in astrophysics.

Gravitational waves, unlike any other observational tool, offer a distinct perspective into the unseen corners of the universe. As ripples generated by cataclysmic events such as black hole mergers or neutron star collisions propagate through spacetime, they carry with them information about the nature of these cosmic occurrences. Their detection not only validated a key prediction of Einstein's theory but also

presented scientists with an unparalleled opportunity to explore celestial phenomena beyond the confines of traditional electromagnetic observations.

This journey through gravitational waves is not only a quest for scientific knowledge but an expedition into uncharted territories where these waves act as cosmic messengers, delivering insights into the most energetic and enigmatic events in the universe. This exploration holds the promise of uncovering hidden dimensions, providing a new lens through which we can peer into the heart of cosmic phenomena that were once beyond our observational reach.

As we delve into the narrative of gravitational waves, this journey extends an invitation to readers, scientists, and enthusiasts alike to join the exploration of this new window to the unseen universe—a portal to realms previously obscured from our view, where the study of gravitational waves unfolds as a transformative chapter in our quest to comprehend the profound mysteries of the cosmos.

I. Sources of gravitational waves

Gravitational waves are generated by the acceleration or motion of massive objects, especially those involving non-uniform motion or asymmetry. Here are some key sources of gravitational waves:

1. Binary Systems:
   1.1. Binary Black Holes: When two black holes orbit each other, their gravitational interaction leads to the emission of gravitational waves. This becomes particularly pronounced as the black holes spiral inward and eventually merge into a single, more massive black hole.
   1.2 Binary Neutron Stars: Similar to binary black holes, neutron stars in close orbits emit gravitational waves. The merger of neutron star binaries can produce observable signals and is associated with phenomena like kilonovae, detected through both gravitational waves and electromagnetic observations.
2. Asymmetric Neutron Star: The rotation of a non-symmetric neutron star can lead to the emission of continuous gravitational waves. This is especially relevant when there is an asymmetry in the star's shape or density distribution.
3. Supernovae: The collapse and subsequent explosion of massive stars, known as supernovae, can generate gravitational waves. While the signal from a single supernova is challenging to detect, the cumulative effect of numerous supernovae in the universe contributes to the overall gravitational wave background.
4. Compact Binary Systems with Non-Circular Orbits: Gravitational waves are emitted when compact objects, such as white dwarfs or neutron stars, orbit each other in non-circular orbits. The non-sphericity of their motion results in the emission of gravitational radiation.
5. Pulsars: Rotating neutron stars with strong magnetic fields and non-uniformities in their structure can emit continuous gravitational waves. The detection of these signals requires precise measurements of pulsar timing.
6. Cosmic Strings: Theoretical cosmic strings, one-dimensional topological defects in the fabric of spacetime, are predicted to generate gravitational waves when they oscillate or undergo certain types of interactions.
7. Primordial Gravitational Waves: These are ripples in spacetime generated during the early moments of the universe, likely during cosmic inflation. Detecting these primordial

gravitational waves could provide insights into the very early universe.

8. General Astrophysical Events: Any massive, asymmetric, and dynamic astrophysical event, such as the collapse of a massive star or the interaction of dense matter in extreme conditions, can potentially produce gravitational waves.

II. Detection Methodology of gravitational waves

The detection and study of gravitational waves have opened a new era in astronomy, allowing scientists to observe and understand the universe in ways that were previously impossible. Detecting gravitational waves is a complex process that involves sophisticated instruments and precise measurements. The primary methodology for detecting gravitational waves is based on interferometry, and currently, the most successful instruments are laser interferometers. Instruments like LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory), LIGO-India(upcoming) and Virgo has made significant contributions to the field by detecting gravitational wave signals and providing crucial insights into the sources and nature of these waves.

Here's a detailed methodology for detecting gravitational waves:

1. Laser Interferometry: The core of gravitational wave detection is a laser interferometer, a device that measures minute changes in the length of its arms caused by passing gravitational waves. A typical interferometer consists of two perpendicular arms, each several kilometers long. The lengths of these arms are carefully controlled using multiple reflections of laser light between mirrors at each end.

2. Laser Light Source: A laser beam is split into two parts at a beam splitter, and each part is directed down one of the arms. The original intent is for the beams to recombine and cancel each other out, creating a dark fringe at the detector.

3. Path Length Changes: When a gravitational wave passes through the interferometer, it causes a slight change in the lengths of the arms. This change leads to the interference pattern at the detector shifting, creating a detectable signal.

4. Michelson Interferometer: The interferometer operates on the principles of a Michelson interferometer, where the interference of light waves is used to measure small displacements. Changes in the arm lengths due to gravitational waves alter the interference pattern.

5. Detection Sensitivity: Achieving the required sensitivity is a significant challenge. The interferometer must be able to detect changes in length on the order of a fraction of a proton diameter, which is about 10^-18 meters.

6. Multiple Detectors: For increased accuracy and to help identify the source of the gravitational waves, multiple detectors are used. The Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) in the United States and Virgo in Europe are two prominent examples.

7. Data Analysis: Collected data is analyzed using advanced algorithms to distinguish gravitational wave signals from background noise. Signal processing techniques and statistical methods are crucial for extracting meaningful information.

8. Electromagnetic Follow-Up: When a gravitational wave event is identified,

astronomers coordinate with observatories across the electromagnetic spectrum to observe the event in other wavelengths (e.g., optical, radio). This multi-messenger approach provides a more comprehensive understanding of the astrophysical event associated with the gravitational waves.

9. Continuous Improvement: The detectors are constantly upgraded and refined to improve sensitivity and reduce sources of noise. Continuous research and development are ongoing to enhance the capabilities of gravitational wave observatories.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results

1. Detection of Gravitational Waves: The successful detection of gravitational waves using advanced observatories like LIGO and Virgo has opened a new era in astrophysics. Multiple gravitational wave events have been observed, including mergers of binary black holes and binary neutron stars.
2. Confirmation of Einstein's Predictions: The observed gravitational wave signals align closely with the predictions of Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity, providing strong support for this fundamental theory.
3. New Astrophysical Insights: Gravitational wave observations have unveiled previously unseen astrophysical phenomena, such as the coalescence of black holes and neutron stars, shedding light on their properties and distributions in the universe.
4. Multi-Messenger Astronomy: Gravitational wave events are now correlated with electromagnetic observations, enabling multi-messenger astronomy. This integration has provided a more comprehensive understanding of the astrophysical processes involved.
5. Exploration of Extreme Physics: Gravitational wave detections allow scientists to explore extreme conditions of gravity, providing insights into the behavior of matter under the influence of strong gravitational fields.

Discussion:

1. Astrophysical Implications: The observation of binary black hole mergers and binary neutron star collisions through gravitational waves has significant implications for our understanding of the formation, evolution, and distribution of these celestial bodies.

2. Cosmic String and Primordial Gravitational Waves: Ongoing efforts are directed towards the detection of exotic sources like cosmic strings and primordial gravitational waves. Successful observations of such phenomena could further enrich our understanding of the early universe.

3. Instrumental Advancements: Continuous improvements in gravitational wave detectors, such as LIGO and Virgo, are essential for enhancing sensitivity and expanding our capacity to observe fainter signals. Ongoing research and development aim to push the boundaries of gravitational wave detection.

4. Future Prospects: The era of gravitational wave astronomy is still in its infancy, and future missions, such as the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA), hold promise for detecting lower frequency gravitational waves and exploring different regions of the universe.

5. Educational and Public Outreach: Gravitational wave discoveries have captured the public's imagination. The engagement of the broader community through educational and outreach programs is crucial for sharing the excitement of these discoveries and fostering interest in astrophysics.

IV. CONCLUSION

The exploration of gravitational waves has undeniably marked a revolutionary chapter in our understanding of the universe. The successful detection and analysis of these elusive ripples in spacetime, as facilitated by advanced observatories like LIGO and Virgo, have not only affirmed the brilliance of Albert Einstein's theoretical predictions but have also ushered in a new era of observational astronomy.

The conclusive evidence of gravitational wave events, particularly the mergers of binary black holes and neutron stars, has broadened our observational capabilities, allowing us to peer into the previously unseen realms of the cosmos. These detections provide invaluable insights into the astrophysical processes governing the most extreme environments, from the cataclysmic collisions of massive celestial bodies to the intricacies of gravity's dance in binary systems.

The correlation of gravitational wave events with electromagnetic observations has paved the way for multi-messenger astronomy, presenting scientists with a holistic view of cosmic phenomena. The synergy between gravitational wave detectors and traditional observatories has not only deepened our comprehension of known astrophysical phenomena but has also opened avenues for the discovery of previously unknown cosmic events.

Looking forward, the ongoing refinement of gravitational wave detectors and the pursuit of innovative technologies, such as the LIGO-India, Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA), promise to unlock further secrets of the universe. From probing the enigmatic nature of cosmic strings to unraveling the mysteries encoded in primordial gravitational waves, the future holds immense potential for expanding the frontiers of gravitational wave astronomy.

As we continue to delve into the unseen universe through the lens of gravitational waves, it becomes increasingly evident that our journey has just begun. The cosmic symphony, composed of gravitational waves echoing from the depths of spacetime, beckons us to unravel its intricacies, offering a profound and awe-inspiring melody that transcends the boundaries of our traditional understanding. In this era of gravitational wave astronomy, the universe reveals itself as a dynamic and interconnected tapestry, inviting scientists and enthusiasts alike to embark on a collective exploration of the cosmos' most profound mysteries.

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Structural and Magnetic Characterizations of Co-Pb Ferrite Synthesized by Sol-gel Techniques

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ABSTRACT

The Co_x Pb_{1-x} Fe_2O_4 (Where, x = 0.2, 0.4, 0.6) nanoferrite powders were synthesized by sol-gel techniques at cost effective low temperatures. The synthesized powders were sintered at 740 ^{0}C. The prepared samples were characterized by XRD and VSM. From XRD characterization, the structure of the material is found to be spinel ferrite, the lattice constants, and average particle size were studied. The substitution of Co in Pb ferrite shows the remarkable changes in particle size and magnetic property. The average particle size is in range of 17 nm to 30 nm.

Keywords: Pb-Co nanoferrite, Sol-gel, XRD, VSM

I. INTRODUCTION

Recent studies have shown that the physical properties of nanoparticles are enhanced significantly by various processing technique and with different composition.This method is used to obtain improved properties, more homogeneity and narrow particle distribution, thereby influencing structural, electrical and magnetic properties of ferrite. It is interesting and important to develop techniques by which the size and structure of the particles can be well controlled. In the present work we have successfully synthesized and studied the effect of Co on the structural properties of $PbFe_2O_4$ samples. $PbCoFe_2O_4$ Nano-particles were successfully prepared by Sol-gel auto-combustion method.

II. EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUE

The high purity AR grade Ferric nitrate ($Fe_2(NO_3)_2.9H_2O$), Lead nitrate ($Pb(NO_3)_2{\cdot}6H_2O$), Cobalt nitrate ($Co(NO_3)_2{\cdot}6H_2O$), Citric acid ($C_6H_8O_7$), Ammonium hydroxide solution (NH_4OH) were used to prepare Pb_{1-x} Co_x Fe_2O_4 (Where x=0.2, 0.4, 0.6) nanoparticles by sol-gel auto combustion synthesis technique. In this chemical process Citric acid was used as a Fuel. These nitrates and citric acid were weighed accurately to have proper stoichiometric

proportion required in the final product. The mixed solutions of all the chemicals were stirred until the homogeneous solution is obtained. During the stirring process ammonium hydroxide solution was added drop by drop to obtain pH of 7. The mixed solution was simultaneously stirred at 100 ˚C for 3 to 4 hrs to form a gel after that it takes autocombustion. The prepared powder was sintered at 740 ˚C for 6 hrs.

III.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. XRD Analysis:

From figure 1 the XRD pattern is used to estimate the average size of very small crystallites, from the measured width of the peaks in the different pattern.

The particle size were calculated using Scherer's formula;

$$t = \frac{0.9\lambda}{\beta\cos\theta}$$

Where,

λ = Wavelength of X-ray used

β = Full Width Half Maxima (FWHM) in radians.

θ = peak position.

The Lattice parameter (a) of the sample was calculated by using the formula

$$a = d \times \sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}$$

Where,

a = Lattice Constant and h,k,l are the Miller Indices

Table-1:

Composition	Average particle size "t" (nm)	Interplanar distance "d" (nm)	Lattice constant "a" (A^0)
$Pb_{1.8}Co_{0.2}Fe_2O_4$	17.3360	2.5311	8.5841
$Pb_{1.6}Co_{0.4}Fe_2O_4$	23.3625	2.5277	8.4712
$Pb_{1.4}Co_{0.6}Fe_2O_4$	30.1255	2.1423	8.3715

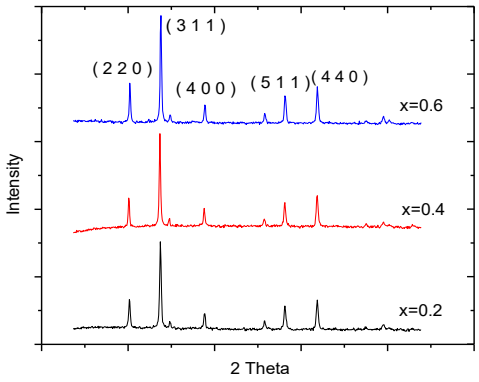

Fig: XRD of $Pb_{1-x}Co_xFe_2O_4$

Figure 1: Shows the XRD pattern of $Pb_{1-x}Co_xFe_2O_4$

B. VSM Analysis:

The Figure 2 shows that the magnetic properties of the synthesized material from the hysteresis loop it clear that the figure 2 (a) to Figure 2 (c) it increasing the Pb concentration in Cobalt the property of the material changes from hard to soft ferrite.

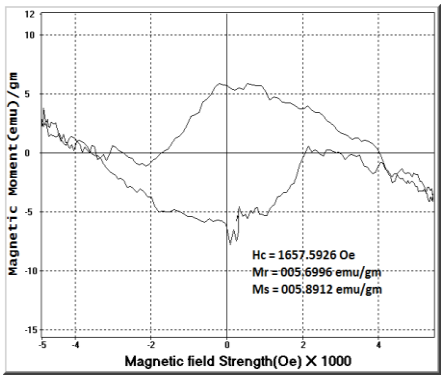

Figure2 (a) : VSM of $Pb_{1.8}Co_{0.2}Fe_2O_4$

Table 2 :

Composition	Hc in Oe	Mr	Ms

		emu/gm	emu/gm
$Pb_{1.8}Co_{0.2}Fe_2O_4$	1657.5926	5.6996	5.8912
$Pb_{1.6}Co_{0.4}Fe_2O_4$	1090.7407	7.94	9.0851
$Pb_{1.4}Co_{0.6}Fe_2O_4$	833.5802	12.6901	27.4317

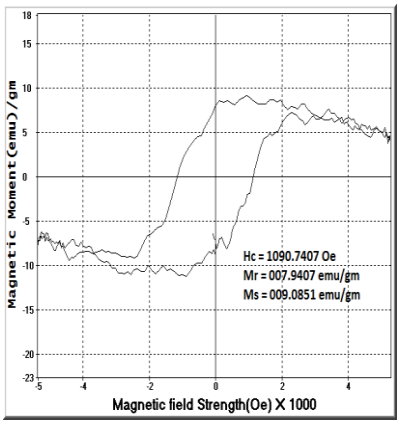

Figure 2(b) : VSM of $Pb_{1.6}Co_{0.4}Fe_2O_4$

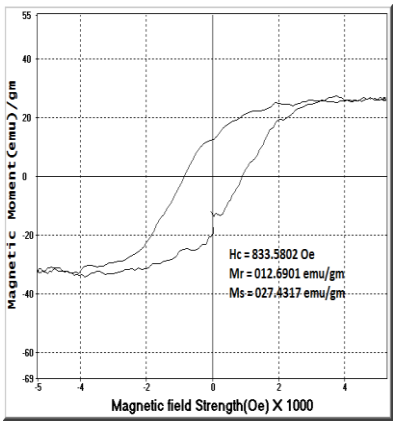

Figure2(c) : VSM of $Pb_{1.4}Co_{0.6}Fe_2O_4$

IV. CONCLUSIONS

$Pb_{(1-x)}Co_{(x)}Fe_2O_4$ *Nano sized ferrite powder were synthesized successfully by sol gel- auto combustion method. From XRD calculation it is conclude that average grain size goes on increasing as concentration of cobalt increases this influence is occur due to ionic radii and exchangeability of ions and it is in the nanostructure range and spinel ferrite. Form, the magnetic properties were studied by hysteresis loop and it is found that the magnetic saturation goes on decreasing as percentage of Co goes on increasing also it convert hard ferrite to soft ferrite.*

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Study on Mechanical Properties of Potassium Chloride Doped L-arginine Phosphate Monohydrate Single Crystal for Nonlinear Optical Applications

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ABSTRACT

The semi-organic potassium doped L-arginine phosphate monohydrate (LAP:KCl) nonlinear optical (NLO) single crystal was developed by slow evaporation solution technique using a constant temperature water bath at 35ºC. The mechanical stability of LAP:KCl grown single crystal was studied by Vickers microhardness. The parameters such as Vickers microhardness number (H_v), work hardening coefficient (n), fracture toughness (K_c), brittleness index (B_i), yield strength (σ_y) and elastic stiffness constant (C_{11}) was carried out by the indentation method. The Kurtz and Perry method was used to analyzed second harmonic generation (SHG).

Keywords: Nonlinear optics, Slow evaporation solution technique, Vickers microhardness, Indentation, Second harmonic generation.

I. INTRODUCTION

New materials with special optical properties are required for the creation of devices that use photons rather than electrons to transmit information [1]. A lot of work has gone into creating new inorganic, organic, and semi-organic nonlinear optical (NLO) materials recently. These materials are ideal for frequency doubling because of their high threshold, broad transparency range, and high nonlinear coefficient [2]. Nonlinear optics is a field that is heavily interested in semi-organic materials [3]. The organic ligand in semi-organic materials forms an ionic interaction with the inorganic host, leading to the creation of novel materials with high optical nonlinearities [4]. Amino acid complexes with inorganic salts show promise as materials for optical applications like optical computing and communication. One such crystal is L-arginine phosphate monohydrate (LAP), which has a nonlinear optical (NLO) coefficient that is three times higher than potassium dihydrogen phosphate's (KDP) [5]. L-arginine derivatives have been found to be promising candidates for single crystal growth with certain inorganic acids that display the most crucial nonlinear optical (NLO) feature for applications involving frequency conversion [6]. L-arginine trifluoroacetate, L-argininium bis(trifluoroacetate), L-arginine 4-nitrophenolate 4-nitrophenol dihydrate and many more, have been reported to exhibit non-linear optical properties [7–10]. These characteristics spurred the scientists to cultivate and analyze the novel crystal compound within this family. Furthermore, materials from the L-arginine family exhibit better second harmonic efficiency than typical single crystals of potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KDP) [11]. In this present work, we report the synthesis, growth, and characterization of potassium

chloride-doped L-arginine phosphate single crystals for nonlinear optical applications, including their mechanical properties and second harmonic generation analysis.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

L-arginine (AR-Grade) and orthophosphoric acid (AR-Grade) chemicals were used as starting materials, which were dissolved in doubled distilled water in a 1:1 stoichiometric ratio, then 1 mol % of potassium chloride (KCL) was added into the mother solution and kept on a magnetic stirrer for 8 hours until it becomes the homogeneous solution. After this, the homogeneous solution was transferred to a clean and dry borosilicate glass beaker by proper filtration using high-quality Whatman filter paper and allowed for slow evaporation in a constant temperature water bath for crystallization. To controlled growth rate of LAP:KCl solution kept beaker in constant temperature water bath was covered with silver foil sheet containing minimum number of holes. The good quality seed crystals have been obtained after 29 days from mother solution with dimensions 11 × 8 × 4 mm^3.

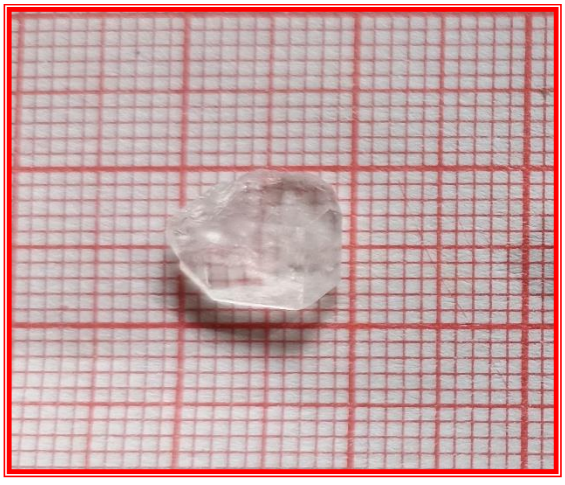

Figure 1: LAP:KCl Single Crystal

III.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

(a). Effect of load on Indentation

Vickers microhardness is a highly reliable method for analyzing the mechanical behavior of harvested crystals. This physical property of a material greatly influences the nature of its bond, structure, and composition. For analysis, a smooth and crack-free surface of a single crystal is selected and mounted on a sample holder perpendicular to the indenter. Various loads ranging from 10 to 60 gm are applied successively on different places of the crystal's surface. The diagonal length (d) is observed for each applied load, and the Vickers microhardness number is then calculated using a formula [12-14].

$$H_v = 1.864P/d^2 \ (Kg/mm^2)$$

Where P applied load in gm and d2 is the diagonal length. When the diagonal length (d) is measured in micrometers, the applied load (P) in grams can be used to determine the hardness number. A graph in figure 2(a) shows the relationship between the hardness number and various applied loads up to 60 grams.

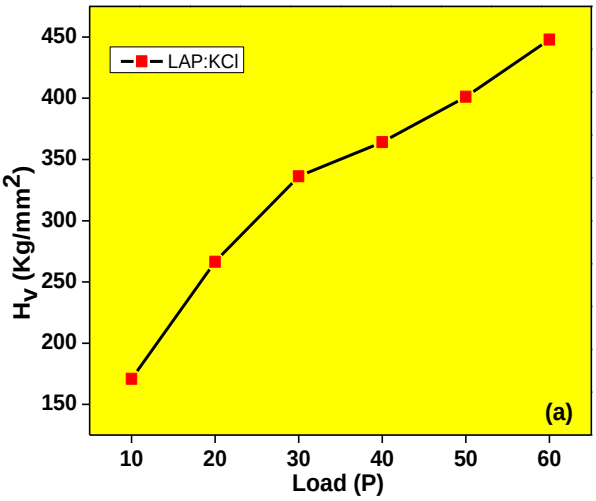

Figure 2: Load P versus H_v

(b). Effect of load on indentation

In figure 2(b), we can see the changes in the indenter's penetration depth with respect to the applied load. Initially, a load of 10 grams was applied above the crystal surface, and the penetration depth was calculated as 2.09 μm. At lower loads, the stress

area was small and closer to the indentation. As the load increased to 40, 50, and 60 grams, the penetration depth increased to 4.09, 4.70, and 5.30 μm, respectively. This shows that the effect of core layers is more significant, and a larger volume is stressed on the crystal surface (as shown in figure 1(a)).

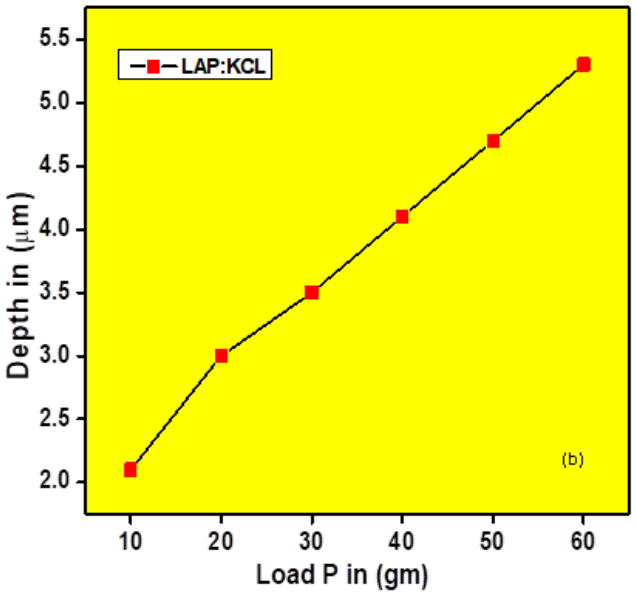

Figure 2(b) : Load P (gm) versus depth d (μm)

Table: 1 show that Vicker microhardness number (H_V) and stiffness constant (C_{11}) of LAP:KCL single crystal with respective load (P)

Sr. No	Load P (gm)	H_v Kg/mm²	$C_{11} \times 10^{15}$ (Pa)
1	10	170.8337172	13.8555
2	20	266.4367816	30.1584
3	30	336.2466002	45.31791
4	40	364.0539877	52.07852
5	50	401.1248107	61.7103
6	60	447.8325619	74.82917

c. Second harmonic generation (SHG) analysis

The efficiency of second harmonic generation in LAP: KCl single crystal has been determined using the Kurtz-Perry powder technique [15]. A Q-switched high-energy Nd:YAG laser (QUANTA RAY Model LAB – 170-10) was used for these studies, operating at a wavelength of 1064 nm, along the with repetition rate of 10 Hz and a pulse width of 6 ns, delivering an input energy of 0.50 Joule. The finely powdered single crystal was used and tightly filled in a microcapillary tube of uniform bore. The prepared samples were illuminated by the Nd:YAG lasers Gaussian beam, and the wavelength of 532 nm of bright green light emitted from the sample confirmed the second harmonic generation of potassium chloride doped LAP crystal. The corresponding output voltages were recorded, and it was found that LAP:KCl had an efficiency 1.15 times greater than that of Pure LAP single crystal. The high SHG efficiency of LAP:KCl materials is in great demand for nonlinear optical applications.

IV. CONCLUSION

A LAP:KCl single crystal measuring 11 x 8 x 4 mm³ was successfully grown using the slow evaporation solution technique. A Vickers Microhardness study conducted on this crystal revealed that as the load increased, the hardness values decreased. This indicates the existence of an indentation size effect (ISE). The value of C_{11} provides information about the tightness and bonding between neighboring ions and the nature of the crack. The analysis of the second harmonic generation showed that the efficiency of this crystal is 1.15 times greater than that of a Pure LAP single crystal. This makes it suitable for use in nonlinear optical applications.

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Studies on Linear Optical Properties of Pure and Cd doped L-prolinium trichloroacetic acid (LPTCA) Crystal for Electro-Optic Applications

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to investigate and unveil the electro-optic potential of pure and Cd-doped L-prolinium trichloroacetic acid crystal through their linear optical properties. L-PTCA crystals have gained significant attention as have potential applications in optoelectronic devices. The optical band gap is calculated by transmittance data. The optical band gap of both pure and Cd doped LPTCA crystal, was found to be 4.86eV and 5.06eV respectively. In this research, the linear optical properties, of both pure and doped L-PTCA crystal were analyzed.

Keywords: L-PTCA, Slow evaporation method, optical properties, Optoelectronic application

I. INTRODUCTION

Organic materials played an important role in many optical applications; hence researchers are attracted towards its research [1-5]. The optical properties of materials are essential to have information on the electronic band structures, localized states and types of optical transitions. L-prolinium trichloroacetic acid (L-PTCA) crystal, exhibits diverse properties such as high optical transparency, low dielectric constant and good thermal stability. As such L-PTCA crystals have been a wide range of optics and optical components. The doping of cadmium, into L-PTCA crystal may enhance its optical and electrical properties making it suitable for various applications [6]. L-PTCA is a promising material for nonlinear optical applications and can be used for various other applications such as chemical sensors, photovoltaic, and optoelectronic devices [7]. L-PTCA has a higher optical non-linearity than other nonlinear optical materials, which makes it attractive for many applications. This communication reports the optical study of pure and cadmium doped L-prolinium trichloroacetic acid crystal.

II. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

In this case pure and cadmium doped L-prolinium trichloroacetic acid crystals have been grown by slow evaporation technique at room temperature. -prolinium trichloroacetic crystal growth was achieved by dissolving the high purity grade L-proline and acetic acid in double distilled water in equimolar proportion. This solution was stirred for 4-5 hours and after filtration it was kept for slow evaporation to obtain the pure L-PTCA seed crystals. Cadmium (Cd) doping was done in saturated solution of L-PTCA material by adding 0.1 mol of Cd. The transparent Cd- L-PTCA seed crystals were obtained by slow evaporation within period of two weeks.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. UV-Visible Study

UV Vis NIR spectroscopy is a widely used analytical method used for linear optical analysis of materials. In this investigation, pure and Cd-L-PTCA crystals were characterized by UV-VIS spectrophotometer, within the range of 200-1100 nm. In the spectral analysis of pure and Cd- LPTCA crystal sample, the cut-off wavelength was observed at 298 nm wavelength. The transmittance of pure and Cd-LPTCA crystal is found to be 61% and 76% respectively shown in Fig.1. The transmittance spectrum indicates that, as compared to pure LPTCA crystal, Cd doped LPTCA crystal exhibits higher transmittance as that of pure LPTCA.

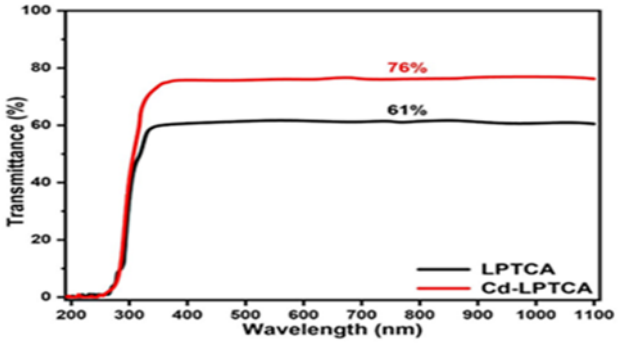


Fig. 1— UV-VIS Spectral analysis of pure and Cd doped LPTCA.

B. Determination of Optical Constants

Optical parameters of material are important as they give information on the electronic band structures and types of optical transitions. In order to determine the optical absorption coefficient (α), the transmittance (T) data was utilized using the following relation [8]

$$\alpha = \frac{2.303\, log\frac{1}{T}}{t} \quad (1)$$

Where t is the thickness and T is transmittance.

Optical band gap was assessed from the absorption spectrum and optical absorption coefficient (α) near the absorption edge is given by,

$$\alpha = A\,(h\nu - E_g)^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

Where E_g is the optical band gap of the crystal and A is a constant, ν is the frequency.

The band gap of pure and Cd doped L-PTCA crystal was observed by plotting $(\alpha h\nu)^2$ vs. photon energy (hν). Fig.2, explore the value of band gap Eg obtained by extrapolating the linear portion of the curve to the point $(\alpha h\nu)^2 = 0$. The band gaps observed are 4.86eV and 5.06eV respectively. Wide band gap illustrate its potential candidature for electro-optic applications [9].

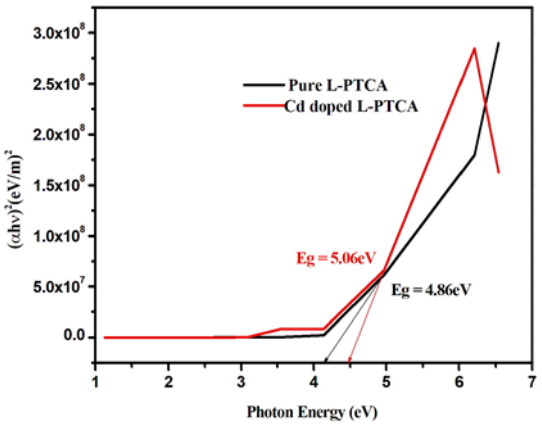


Fig.2— $(\alpha h\nu)^2$ vs. hν(eV)

The extinction coefficient K can be estimated in terms of absorption coefficient,

$$K = \frac{\alpha\lambda}{4\pi} \quad (3)$$

The quantity of light that is reflected and absorbed along the light path determines how much light is transmitted through the crystal. Transmittance spectrums were used to calculate the refractive index n as a function of photon energy within the 200–1200 nm wavelength range. The reflectance (R) in terms of the absorption coefficient and refractive index (n) can be obtained by the relations,

$$R = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{\exp(-\alpha t) + \exp(\alpha t)}}{1 + exp(-\alpha t)} \quad (4)$$

Refractive index n can be estimated by the relation-

$$n = \frac{-(R+1) \pm 2\sqrt{R}}{(R-1)} \quad (5)$$

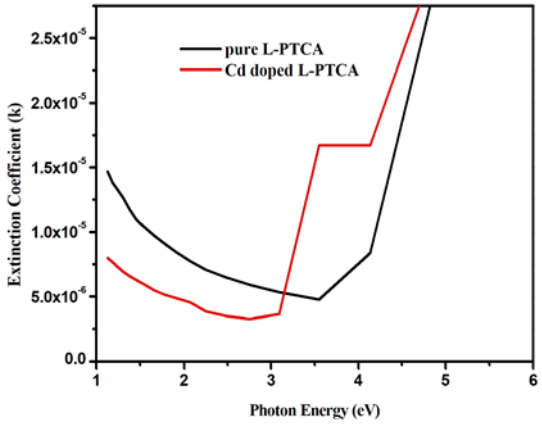
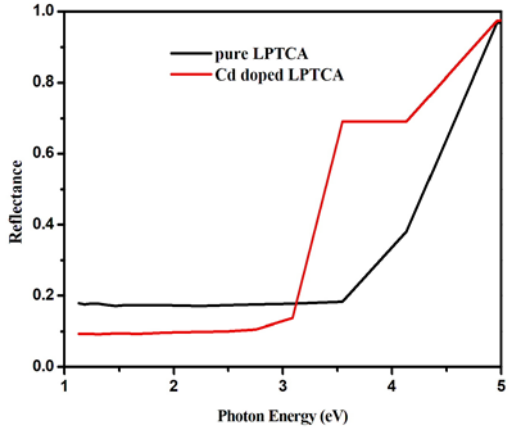


Fig.3—Extinction Coefficient vs. Photon energy(eV)



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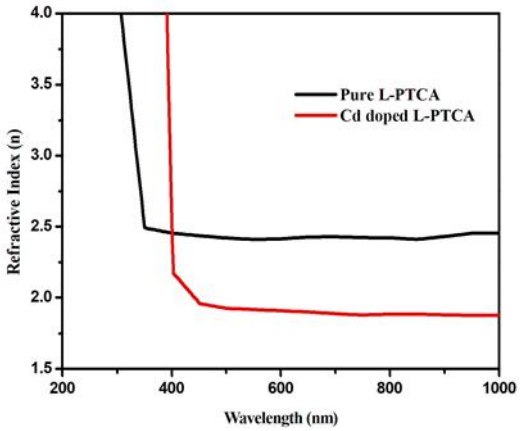


Fig.5— Refractive Index vs. Wavelength(nm)

The variations of extinction coefficient, reflectance and refractive index are sequentially shown in Fig. 3, 4 & 5. From figures 3 and 4, it is clear that the reflectance and extinction coefficient depend upon the absorption coefficient.The reflectance shows an increasing value along the photon energy. The least absorption and significantly lower index of refraction in entire visible region exhibited by Cd doped L-PTCA crystals, which is most desirable property for antireflection coating in solar thermal devices [10].

From Fig.5 it is found that refractive index decreases with increasing wavelength. Refractive index n varies from 1.75 to 4 at wavelength 250 to 450 nm and is saturated beyond the wavelength of 450 to 1000 nm.

The optical conductivity is a assess of frequency response of the material when irradiated with light.

$$\sigma = \frac{\alpha n C}{4\pi} \quad (6)$$

Where C is the velocity of light

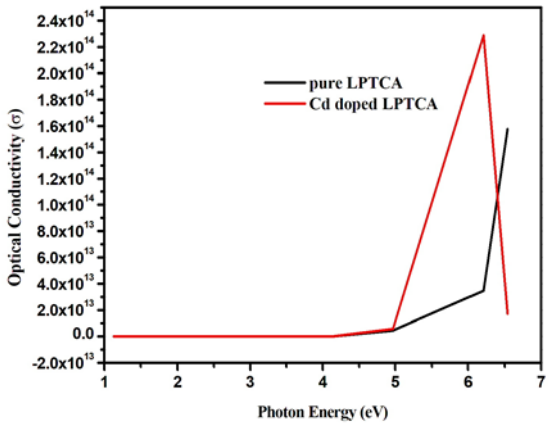
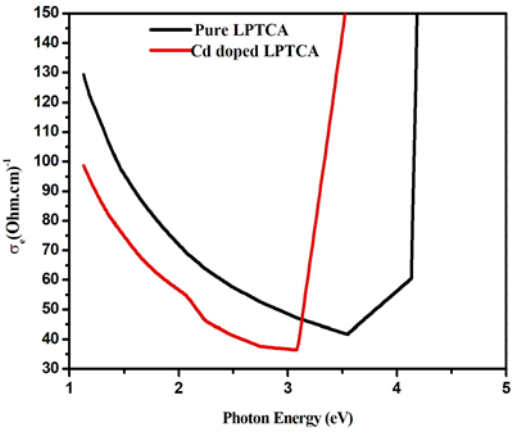


Fig.6—Optical Conductivity vs. photon energy(eV)

The plot between optical conductivity against photon energy was depicted in Fig. 6. The high magnitude of optical conductivity of Cd doped LPTCA confirms the presence of very high photo response behaviour of the crystal [10].

The electrical conductivity can be calculated by optical method using the relation

$$\sigma_e = \frac{2\lambda\sigma}{\alpha} \qquad (7)$$



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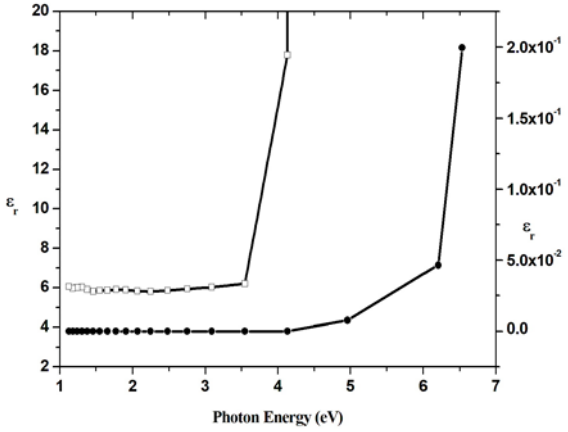

Fig.8(a) — Real & Imaginary dielectric const. vs.hν (eV) of pure LPTCA.

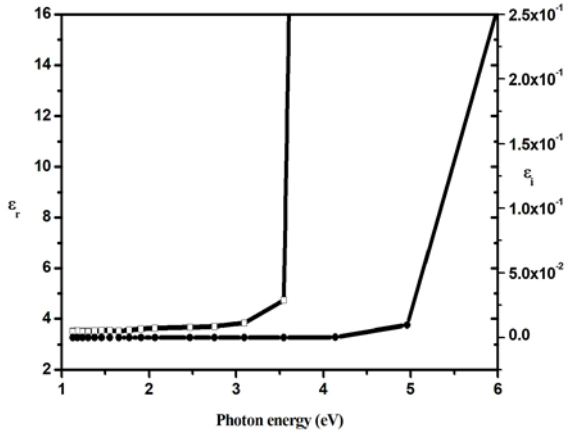

Fig.8(b) — Real & Imaginary dielectric const. vs. hν (eV) of cd doped LPTCA crystal

The plot between electrical conductivity against photon energy was depicted in Fig. 7. The real and imaginary dielectric constants, ε_r and ε_i can be evaluated from the following relations and it is shown in Fig.8(a) and Fig.8(b) . From the graph, both real and imaginary part of dielectric constant increases with increase in photon energy

$$\varepsilon_r = n^2 - K^2$$

And

$$\varepsilon_i = 2nk \qquad (8)$$

IV. CONCLUSIONS

The UV–visible spectral analysis revealed that transmittance of Cd doped L-PTCA crystal has been raised from 61% to 76%. Optical band gap of cd doped L-PTCA is ascertained 5.06 eV. Additionally these grown crystals possess a lower refractive index and high optical response, both of which are crucial for various optical applications. The optical properties of grown Cd doped LPTCA crystals show a great promise, positioning them as strong contenders for electro-optic applications. The optical constant shows all favourable conditions for photonics devices.

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Temperature Dependent Kirkwood Correlation Factor Study of Binary Solutions – An approach to Hydrogen Bonding Dynamics

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ABSTRACT

Study of hydrogen bonding dynamics in Cyclohexanol-Xylene binary solutions using Kirkwood correlation factor and is revealed thereby measuring the raw dielectric data in 10 MHz to 20 GHz microwave frequency range using time domain reflectometry technique at different temperatures ranging from 25ºC to 10ºC. The static dielectric parameters were obtained using non-linear least square fit method to obtain Kirkwood correlation factor which concludes the existence of diverse nature of dipole-dipole orientation between CYN and Xylene molecules.

Keywords: Dielectric constant, Kirkwood correlation parameters, hydrogen bonding, TDR.

I. INTRODUCTION

Cyclohexanol is viscous, polar and colorless liquid [1] having O-H group and Xylene is an aromatic compound and is used as a solvent [2-3]. Present study of Kirkwood correlation factor is used to reveal the concept of hydrogen bonding linkage among the CYN and Xylene molecules in the mixture state at different temperatures under the influence of high frequency using Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR). To obtain the Kirkwood correlation factor, the static dielectric constant is obtained using non-linear least square fit method and is studied, explained in the previous articles thoroughly [2-3]. The concept of orientation with increasing and decreasing value of dipoles is revealed using Kirkwood correlation factor.

Aim of this article deals with the study and investigation of hydrogen bonding dynamics among CYN-Xylene molecules in the mixture at different temperatures thereby studying Kirkwood correlation factor using TDR technique.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

Both Xylene & CYN were purchased from Merck life sciences ltd., Mumbai, India having 99.0% of purity. Dielectric relaxation parameters measured in the range of 10 MHz to 20 GHz microwave frequency by means of TDR as illustrated in figure 1. Raw data analysis with TDR procedure has been explained formerly [4-7].

Temperature control bath with an accuracy of ±0.1° C.

Fig. 1 Experimental setup of TDR with temperature controller bath

III.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The complex reflection coefficient spectra $\rho^*(\omega)$ is obtained and time dependent data processed using Fourier transformation [7-8],

$$\rho^*(\omega) = \frac{c}{j\omega d}\left[\frac{p(\omega)}{q(\omega)}\right] \quad (1)$$

where p(ω) and q(ω) are Fourier transforms of p(t) and q(t), acquired by summation and samulon [8] methods where p(t) = [R_1(t) - R_X(t)] and q(t) = [R_1(t) + R_X(t)] are added and subtracted pulses as shown in figure 2 (b), c is velocity of light, ω is angular frequency, d is effective pin length and j= $\sqrt{-1}$. CPS ε*(ω) were obtained from reflection coefficient spectra ρ*(ω) thereby applying bilinear calibration method [9].

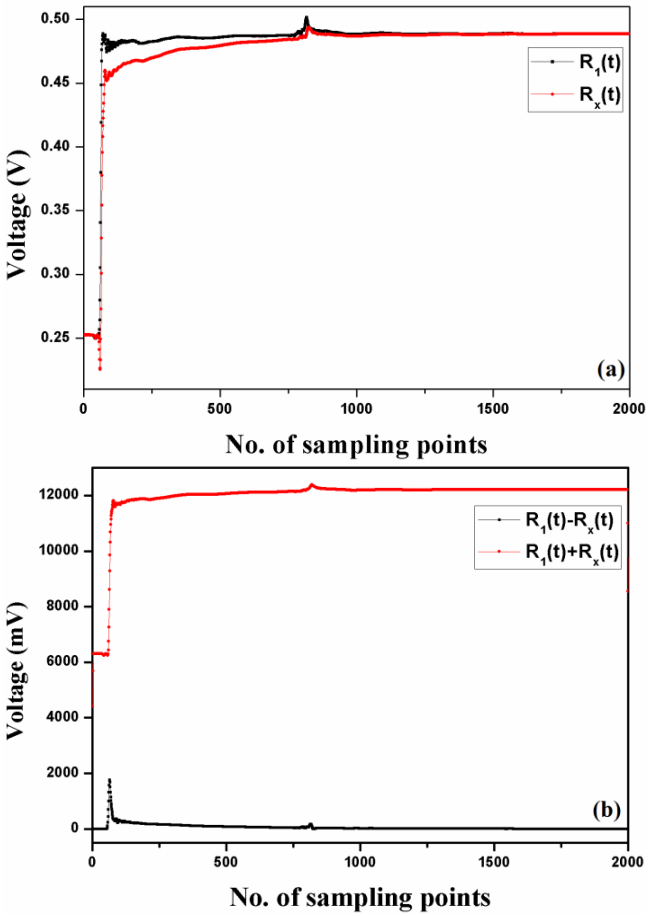

Fig. 2 (a) Reflected pulse without sample R_1(t) and with sample Rx(t), **(b)** Added and subtracted pulses.

Static dielectric permittivity (ε_o) is obtained thereby fitting CPS to non-linear least square fit method in Debye relaxation model (α=0 & β=1) [12] using Havriliak-Negami equation [7-11],

$$\varepsilon^* = \varepsilon_\infty + \frac{\varepsilon_o - \varepsilon_\infty}{[1+(j\omega\tau)]} \quad (2)$$

where ε_o is static dielectric constant, ε_∞ is high frequency dielectric constant, ω is angular frequency and τ is relaxation time. The static dielectric permittivity values for pure CYN are 18.62, 24.43, 29.81, 33.21 and for Xylene are 2.23, 2.40, 2.81 and 3.50 respectively at 25 ºC, 20 ºC, 15 ºC and 10 ºC, as studied in the earlier articles.

Facts related to dipole-dipole orientation in pure and binary mixtures are clarified by the Kirkwood. The

molecular self-association among interacting molecules and the alignment of dipoles in pure CYN and Xylene is obtained using Kirkwood- Frohlich equation [13-14] as,

$$\frac{(\varepsilon_0-\varepsilon_\infty)(2\varepsilon_0+\varepsilon_\infty)}{\varepsilon_0(\varepsilon_\infty+2)^2} = g\mu^2\frac{4\pi N\rho}{9kTM} \quad (3)$$

For distinct molecules, value of g^{eff} is calculated from modified Kirkwood equation [13-16] as,

$$\frac{(\varepsilon_{0m}-\varepsilon_{\infty m})(2\varepsilon_{0m}+\varepsilon_{\infty m})}{\varepsilon_{0m}(\varepsilon_{\infty m}+2)^2} = \frac{4\pi N}{9kT}\left[\frac{\mu_X^2\,\rho_X}{M_X}V_X + \frac{\mu_{CYN}^2\,\rho_{CYN}}{M_{CYN}}(1-V_X)\right]\times g^{eff} \quad (4)$$

where ε_o, ε_∞, ε_{om}, M, M_X, M_{CYN}, g, g^{eff}, μ, μ_X, μ_{CYN}, ρ, ρ_X, ρ_{CYN}, k, N and T has their usual meanings.

For pure CYN and CYN-Xylene, the g^{eff} value is > 1 at all temperatures such that for CYN, 'g^{eff}' value is 4.84 which is larger than Xylene, which is found to be 0.63 at 25°C. For both liquids, g^{eff} value rises with fall in temperature as tabulated in Table 1 and shown in figure 3. Between $0.3 \le V_{CYN} \le 0.6$ the dipole-dipole interactions are weak than other concentrations, before $V_{CYN} \le 0.3$ and after $V_{CYN} \ge 0.6$, the dipole-dipole interactions are increased showing parallel orientation in CYN rich region [17-18] with strong interactions.

Table 1. Kirkwood correlation factor (g^{eff}) for pure CYN and Xylene at different temperatures.

Temperature	Kirkwood correlation factor (g^{eff})	
	CYN	Xylene
25º C	4.84	0.63
20º C	6.35	2.51
15º C	7.70	5.70
10º C	8.47	9.15

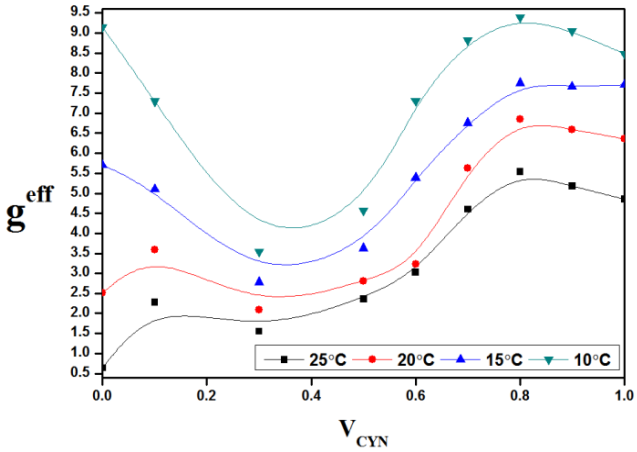

Fig. 3 Kirkwood correlation factor (g^{eff}) vs. V_{CYN}.

IV. CONCLUSION

Kirkwood correlation factor of CYN-Xylene solutions using TDR in 10 MHz to 20 GHz frequency range is obtained to study the dynamics through hydrogen bonding with diverse interactions among CYN and Xylene molecules. geff value show that the dipole-dipole interactions are increased showing parallel orientation in CYN rich region with strong interactions.

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Chemical Co-Precipitation Synthesis of Copper Oxide Nanoparticles for Preparation of Nanofluid in Heat Transfer Application

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ABSTRACT

Oxide nanoparticle plays an important role in heat transfer application. In view of this, the present communication reports the synthesis of copper oxide (CuO) nanoparticles using chemical co-precipitation and their characterization using X-ray diffraction technique to know the phase purity and crystal structure. The X-ray diffraction pattern recorded at room temperature using X-ray diffractometer confirms the formation of single-phase material. The crystal structure of CuO is the monoclinic. The lattice parameters 'a', 'b' and 'c' were obtained using standard relation and are found to be in close agreement with the literature data. The crystallite size was calculated using Debye Scherrer formula for which the most intense peak (111) was considered. The crystallite size of the present copper oxide nanoparticles was obtained to be 38 nm which reflects the nanocrystalline nature. The obtained nanoparticles were used to prepare nanofluid. Deionized water used as a base fluid for the preparation of nanofluid. The prepared nanofluid was tested for thermal conductivity and zeta potential. The thermal conductivity of the copper oxide nanofluid varies with the volume fraction of copper oxide nanoparticles. It is observed that the effective thermal conductivity of the prepared nanofluid increases as compared to the base fluid (deionized water). Zeta potential of CuO nanofluid decreases in magnitude with increasing volume fraction of nanoparticles.

Keywords: Copper oxide nanoparticles, Chemical Co-precipitation, Nanofluid, Thermal conductivity, Zeta Potential.

I. INTRODUCTION

There is a search for new materials with extra ordinary properties for novel applications. Many materials like ferrite, metal oxides, ferroelectric, composites, spintronics etc. are of great importance to the scientist and technologist. Nanotechnology has made great impact on the processing and properties of the material [1]. Nanotechnology deals with the materials having size between 1 to 100nm. Nanotechnology is an interdisciplinary field of science consisting of physics, chemistry, biology and engineering. The properties of the nanomaterials are different than that of the bulk materials. They exhibit very interesting and unusual properties due to more

homogeneity, greater chemical stability and large surface area to volume ratio [2].

Nano-sized materials have been gaining much attention because of their outstanding physical and chemical properties. It is well known fact that the phases, sizes, and morphologies of nanomaterials have great influence on their properties and potential applications [3]. The nanomaterials have the applications in variety of fields such as medicine, environment, agriculture, solar cell, telecommunications, optoelectronic devices, sensors, catalyst etc. The nanomaterials can be prepared by number of techniques. Wet chemical synthesis is one of the best methods to produce nanomaterials with improved properties [4]. The wet chemical synthesis method includes chemical co-precipitation, sol-gel, hydrothermal, microemulsion etc. These methods are advantages over the conventional ceramic method. The wet chemical method requires low temperature, low-cost material, simple equipments and less time. Therefore, nowadays wet chemical methods are preferred to produce nanomaterials [5].

It has been reported that many metals like cobalt, nickel, copper etc. and their oxides like cobalt oxide, nickel oxide, copper oxide etc. in nanoscale dimensions have large number of applications in different area because of their unusual and improved properties in comparison with bulk materials [6].

Various oxides like ZnO, SnO_2, CuO and TiO_2 are recognized as oxide based dilute magnetic semiconductor (DMS) nanoparticles [7]. The ferromagnetism phase can be introduced in these DMS materials by doping Fe and therefore can be made useful for spintronics application. It has also been observed that many metals and their oxides in nano scale have extensive applications in different frontier areas due to their improved properties from bulk materials [8].

Recently, copper oxide (CuO) nanoparticles have attracted the attention of scientist and technologist because of their unique properties such as superparamagnetic and increasing susceptibility at low temperature. They find many applications such as catalysis, semiconductor devices, solar cells, catalysis etc. [4, 9]. CuO possess monoclinic structure with direct bandgap of 1.2 eV due to their unique physical and chemical properties. Copper oxide nanoparticles are used as catalyst, antibacterial anti-oxidant etc. remarkable properties. The low cost and easy preparation is the added advantage of copper oxide nanoparticles in different fields [10]. CuO nanoparticles can be easily synthesized by thermal decomposition, microwave radiation, sol-gel technique, chemical precipitation methods, and electrochemical methods, etc. [11]. Among these methods, chemical co-precipitation is convenient, low cost, low temperature and easy method to prepare copper oxide nanoparticles. The method also requires low cost raw materials [12, 13].

Apart from the above-mentioned properties and applications, CuO possess good thermal conductivity and viscosity and therefore they are efficiently used in heat transfer applications in several industries like still industry, chemical industry, power plant etc. In these industries, working fuel that is coolant requires high value of thermal conductivity [14-16]. The coolants so used in the industries are normally water, oil etc., which do not have efficient heat transfer properties due to their low thermal conductivity [17]. Therefore, it is necessary to increase the heat transfer ability of the working fluids (coolant like water, oil, glycol etc.). This can be achieved by suspending the solid particles in these base fluids. However, the suspended particles suffer from some disadvantages like lower stability, corrosion problem, higher power required for pumping etc. To overcome these problems to some extent nanofluids consisting of nanoparticles dispersed in base fluids are currently being used for heat transfer applications [18].

The concept of nanofluids was introduced by Choi [19]. According to him nanofluid is a suspension of

nanometer size particles in a base fluid like water, oil and glycol.

Metal oxides nanoparticles have been widely used for nanofluid application because of their better thermal conductivity, low density, and good dispersion stability. In the literature, many reports are available all the application of metal oxide nanofluid for heat transfer applications. The nanofluid can be prepared in two steps, in the first step nanoparticles can be prepared using suitable wet chemical methods and in the second step nanofluid can be prepared by dispersing the prepared nanoparticles in base fluids like water, ethylene glycol, oil etc. [20].

In the present study, copper oxide nanoparticles were prepared by chemical co-precipitation method and characterized by standard X-ray diffraction technique. The nanofluid was prepared by dispersing the copper oxide nanoparticles in deionized water. The thermal conductivity was measured for different weight fraction and their dependence on the thermal conductivity was measured using standard technique. The results of synthesis, X-ray diffraction and thermal conductivity studies are presented in this work.

II. Methods and Materials

A. Materials

The materials required for the synthesis of copper oxide nanoparticles are maintained in the following table along with their chemical formula, grade and company.

Material	**Formula**	**Grade**	**Company**
Copper Chloride	$CuCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$	AR grade	MERCK PVT Limited
Sodium Hydroxide	NaOH	AR grade	LOBA Chemie PVT Limited
Acetone	C_3H_6O	AR grade	MERCK PVT Limited
Deionized Water	H_2O	AR grade	LOBA Chemie PVT Limited

Table 1. List of raw materials for the synthesis of copper oxide nanoparticles.

B. Preparation Nanoparticles

Copper oxide nanoparticles have been synthesized by chemical coprecipitation method. To prepare CuO nanoparticle, in first beaker 0.2 mol of copper chloride has been dissolved in deionized water under constant magnetic stirring. In another beaker the 8 M sodium hydroxide solution was prepared in deionized water. This solution of sodium hydroxide is added drop by drop to copper chloride solution under constant stirring till pH of the solution become 7. As pH becomes 7 started to heat the solution at 80°C till the color of the solution turned blue to black. As we get black precipitate. Obtained precipitate was washed several times with acetone. The precipitate was finally washed with deionized water and filtered by Whatman filter paper (42 numbers) and then dried in air for 48 h. Then this dried precipitate was annealed at 500°C for 5 h to remove impurities.

C. Preparation of Copper oxide Nanofluids

The prepared copper oxide nanoparticles were uniformly dispersed in deionized water with the help of probe ultra-sonication for 3h to get a uniform stable colloidal suspension without any agglomeration and sedimentation. The nanofluid from 0.025, 0.05, 0.075,0.100 and 0.125 volume % is obtained using the following relation.

The volume fraction is given by [21]

$$m_p = \left(\frac{\varphi}{1-\varphi}\right)\left(\frac{\rho_p}{\rho_{bf}}\right) m_{bf} \qquad (1)$$

Where m_p = mass of nanoparticle, M_{bf} = mass of base fluid, φ = volume fraction, ρ_p = mass of nanoparticle, ρ_{bf} = mass of base fluid

D. Characterization techniques

The prepared copper oxide nanoparticles were characterized by X-ray diffraction technique (XRD). The XRD pattern was recorded at room temperature using Ultima IV, Rigaku (Japan) X-ray diffractogram. The XRD pattern was measured from 20° to 80°. The XRD pattern and the data was used to calculate unit cell parameters and other structural parameters. The phase purity was also confirmed through XRD analysis.

The thermal conductivity measurement of prepared copper oxide nanofluid was carried by using a thermal conductivity meter KD2 pro thermal analyzer.

III. Results and discussion

A. X-ray diffraction Characterization of Copper oxide Nanoparticles

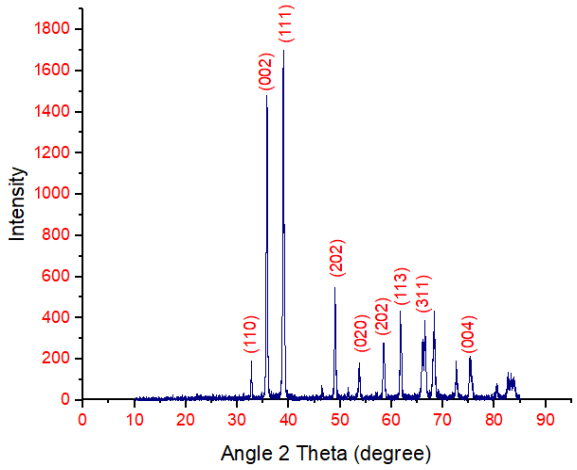

Fig.1 XRD graph of CuO Nanoparticles

The powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern of prepared copper oxide nanoparticles was recorded at room temperature using in the 2θ range of 20° to 85° using Cu- Kα radiation. The phase purity, crystal structure and structural parameter were estimated using XRD data. The XRD pattern (reported elsewhere) shows the reflections (110), (002), (111), (202), (020), (113) and (004) indexed using Bragg's law. All these reflections were sharp and intense. The analysis of the XRD pattern reveals the single-phase monoclinic structure of the prepared copper oxide nanoparticles. The Bragg's angle interplanar spacing (d), and corresponding Miller indices, intensity noted from the XRD data are listed in table 1.

2θ (Degree)	Sin θ	d (Å)	(hkl)	I (a.u.)
32.72	0.2816	2.7343	(110)	193.33
35.75	0.3069	2.5089	(002)	1483.33
38.95	0.3333	2.3102	(111)	1700
49.02	0.4148	1.8563	(202)	543.33
53.80	0.4524	1.7020	(020)	160
58.56	0.4891	1.5743	(202)	280
61.74	0.5131	1.5006	(113)	420
66.48	0.5481	1.4048	(311)	386.66
75.43	0.6117	1.2587	(004)	200

Table 1: Bragg's angle (2θ), sin θ, interplanar spacing (d), Miller indices (hkl) and intensity of copper oxide nanoparticles

The XRD pattern is in close agreement with the JCPDS card (card no: 048-1548). No reflections other than monoclinic phase were detected in the in the XRD pattern.

The average crystallite size was calculated using Debye-Scherrer formula (equation 2) where k is Scherrer constant, which accounts for the shape of the particle whose value is taken as 0.94, β is full width at half maximum, values calculated are reported in table 1, λ is the Radiation Wavelength (1.5405 Å) [22].

$$D = \frac{k\lambda}{\beta cos\theta} \qquad (2)$$

The average crystallite size was calculated to be 38 nm (table 2). The unit cell parameters (lattice constant) of the prepared copper oxide nanoparticles were estimated using the standard relations.

The values of lattice parameters a, b, c is listed in table 2. The other structural parameters like unit cell volume and X-ray density were also calculated using the standard relations and their values are presented in table 2. The obtained values of lattice constants, unit cell volume and X-ray density are in good agreement with the reported literature values.

Material	Lattice parameter (Å)			V $(Å)^3$	dX g/cm^3	t nm
	a	b	c			
CuO	4.680	3.421	5.125	82.05	5.396	38

Table 2: Values of Lattice constant (a), Unit cell volume (V), X- ray density (dX), particle size (t), thermal conductivity (K) of copper oxide nanoparticles

B. Thermal Conductivity

The thermal conductivity of the copper oxide nanofluid was measured using KD2 pro thermal analyzer. The effective value of thermal conductivity measured for 0.025, 0.050, 0.075, 0.100 and 0.125 volume % is listed in table 3. The effective thermal conductivity found to be enhanced as compared to the thermal conductivity of the base fluid (deionized water) which is 0.58 (W/mK).

Sr. No.	Volume fraction	Relative Thermal conductivity (W/mK)	
		Experimental	Maxwell model
1	0.025	1.048	1.058
2	0.050	1.068	1.079
3	0.075	1.113	1.122
4	0.100	1.152	1.165
5	0.25	1.194	1.212

Table 3: Thermal conductivity of CuO nanofluid

The below fig 2 gives graph of effective Thermal conductivity of CuO nanofluid with nanoparticle volume fraction. It is ssen from graph that the value of effective thermal conductivity increases with particle volume fraction. The experimental curve is also compared with the curve of the values given by Maxwell model.

The Maxwell model for effective thermal conductivity is given by the relation 3.

$$\text{Keff} = \frac{k_p+2k_{bf}+2(k_p-k_{bf})\phi}{k_p+2k_{bf}-(k_p-k_{bf})\phi}\ k_{bf} \quad (3)$$

Where Kp = particle thermal conductivity, Kbf = Thermal conductivity of base fluid, Φ = Nanoparticle volume fractions.

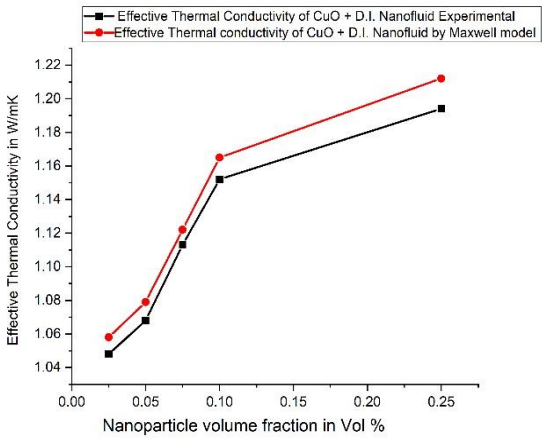

Fig. 2 Thermal Conductivity v/s Particle Volume fraction of CuO Nanoparticles

C. Zeta Potential Measurement

The nanofluid having zeta potential values less than -30 mV or greater than 30 mv are said to be more stable nanofluid. Such nanofluids are useful fore heat transfer applications.

The following table 4 shows zeta potential measurement for copper oxide nanofluid. The zeta potential measurement of prepared copper oxide nanofluid shows better stability. For 0.025 to 0.075 vol% of nanoparticle have better stability.

Table 4: Zeta potential measurement of CuO Nanofluid

Sr. No.	Volume fraction	Zeta potential in mV
1	0.025	-34.08
2	0.050	-32.39
3	0.075	-29.08
4	0.100	-26.24
5	0.125	-24.85

The below fig. 3 shows the graph between CuO nanoparticle volume fraction v/s Zeta potential. From the graph it seen that as nanoparticle volume fraction increases in base fluid the value of zeta potential decreases in magnitude which indicates stability decreases with increasing volume fraction of nanoparticle.

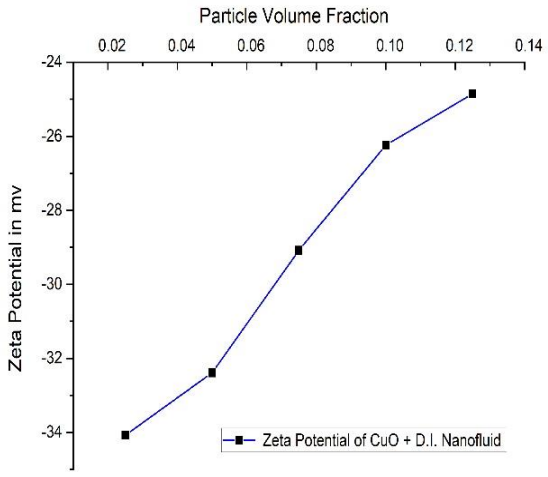

Fig. 3 Zeta Potential v/s volume fraction of CuO Nanoparticle

IV. Conclusion

In the present study we have obtained highly pure nanosized particles of copper oxide using chemical co-precipitation method. X-ray diffraction analysis proves to have single phase monoclinic structure. The lattice constant and other structural parameters obtained from XRD data are in close agreement with the literature report. The obtained copper oxide nanoparticles were used for the preparation of nanofluid taking deionized water as base fluid. The effective thermal conductivity of the copper oxide nanofluids with 0.025 to 0.125 vol% of CuO nanoparticles found to be enhanced as compared to the deionized water. The experimental values of effective thermal conductivity of CuO nanofluid are closely matches with theoretical values given by Maxwell mathematical model. The Zeta potential values of nanofluid shows that as nanoparticle volume fraction increases, zeta potential decreases in magnitude. CuO nanofluid with 0.025, 0.050, 0.075 vol% have better zeta potential values than 0.100 and 0.125 vol% and hence 0.025, 0.050, 0.075 vol% of CuO nanoparticles in basefluids like D.I. water are useful in the heat transfer application.

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Cation Distribution in Nano Crystalline Cd^{2+} Co-Substituted $CuFe_2O_4$ by Ceramic Method

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ABSTRACT

Spinel ferrites with general formula $Cu_{1-x}Cd_xFe_2O_4$ (x = 0.0, 0.1 and 0.2) were prepared by ceramic method. The physical Structural properties of the present spinal system were studied by means X-ray diffraction The X-ray diffraction pattern indicates that sample posses single phase cubic spinal structure. The lattice constant calculated from X-ray data increases with the substitution of cadmium ions. In the present work the distribution of cations so called cation distribution was investigated by using X-ray intensity ratio calculation. Cation distribution suggests that the Cu^{2+} ions occupy octahedral – B site. Cd^{3+} ions replace Fe^{2+} ions at tetrahedral – A site.

Keywords: *Ceramic, X-ray diffraction, lattice parameter, cation distribution.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Spinel ferrites, also known simply as spinels, are a class of ceramic materials with a unique crystal structure that belong to the spinel group. These materials are characterized by their remarkable magnetic, electrical, and structural properties making them widely utilized in various technological applications. The term spinel refers to the crystal structure, which is composed of two different metal cations, typically one trivalent and one divalent arranged in cubic close-packed oxygen lattice.

The general chemical formula for spinel ferrites is AB_2O_4, where A and B represent the metal cations occupying specific crystallographic sites within the spinel structure. The most common spinel ferrites are derived from transition metals such as iron. Cobalt, nickel etc. Among them ferrites based on iron (Fe) are particularly significant due to their widespread applications in electronics, telecommunications and magnetic devices.

The electrical properties of ferrites depend upon chemical composition, Methods of preparation and sintering temperature [1, 2]. The wet prepared ferrites have been studied by many workers [3-5]. By Using ceramic technique we have prepared the samples. The present work reports cation study of Cd substitution on copper ferrite.

EXPERIMENTAL

The ferrite system $Cu_{1-x}Cd_xFe_2O_4$ (for x = 0.0, 0.1 and 0.2) were prepared by ceramic method. In ceramic method very pure and fine grains constituents in oxide forms are taken. The XRD patterns of all were recorded using Cu-K_α radiation on a Pw710 diffractometer. The physical properties of the prepared samples were determined by X-ray powder diffraction technique. The X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of all the samples were recorded on a PW710 diffractometer using CuKα radiation in the range of $2\theta = 10^0$ to 90^0 and scanning rate of one degree per minute.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

XRD Analysis: Fig.1 shows the XRD patterns of the samples of the present system for Cd content X=0.0 0.1and 0.2. These XRD patterns show sharp lines corresponding to single phase cubic spinel structure. The values of lattice constant 'a' were determined from XRD date and are listed in Table I. It is evident that the lattice constant initially increases with increase in Cd content. The variation of lattice with cadmium concentration can be explained by considering the difference in ionic radii of cadmium and copper. In the present series $Cu_{1-x}Cd_xFe_2O_4$ Cu^{2+} ions of smaller ionic radii (0.70Å) are replaced by larger ionic radii Cd^{2+} (0.99Å) ions. This causes the increase in lattice constant.The x - ray density for each sample was calculated using the relation

$$dx = ZM/NV \quad (1)$$

Where Z is the number of molecules per unit cell (Z=8), M is molecular weight, N is Avogadro's number and V is volume of unit cell. The values of X-ray density listed in Table 1 are found to increase with substitution of cadmium. This shows that the decrease in mass over takes the decrease in volume of unit cell in the present system.The values of particle size t of all the samples estimated by using Scherer's formula [9] are listed inTable 1. It is evident that the particles size is found to vary in the range of 177Å to 80Å.

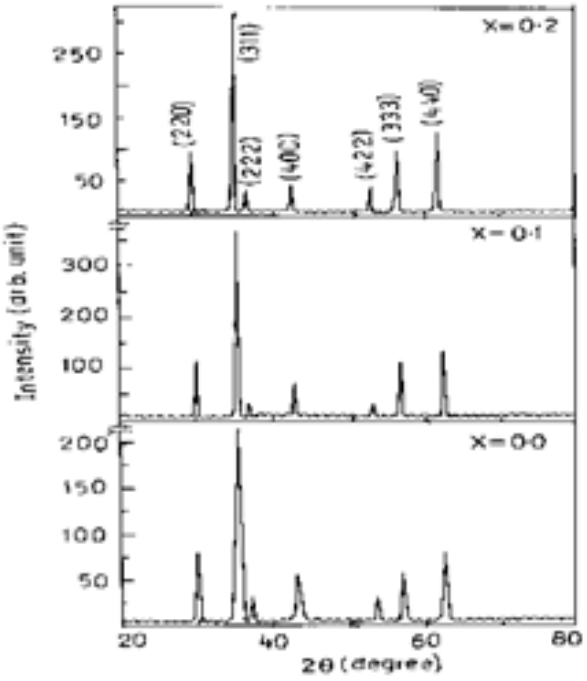

Fig. 1: X-ray diffraction patterns of $Cu_{1-x}Cd_xFe_2O_4$

Table 1: Lattice constant (a), X-ray density (dx) and particle size for $Cu_{1-x}Cd_xFe_2O_4$

Composition x	Lattice constant a (A^0)	X-ray density dx (gm/cm^3)	Particle size t (Å)
0.0	a=8.39c=8.43	5.381	177
0.1	8.42	5.432	270
0.2	8.45	5.482	280

Cation distribution: In the present work the distribution of cations (so called cation distribution) in $Cu_{1-x}Cd_xFe_2O_4$ was investigated by using X-ray intensity ratio calculation. In this method observed intensity ratios were compared with the calculated intensity ratios for various possible combinations of cations occupying tetrahedral (A) and octahedral [B] sites. In calculating X-ray intensity ratios, the absorption and temperature factors are not taken into consideration since these do not affect the relative intensity calculations for spinels at room temperature. The X-ray intensity ratios were calculated using Burger's formula (equation 1) for the planes (220), (400), (422), and (440), as these planes are sensitive to the cation distribution. It is assumed that Cd^{2+} ions have strong preference for tetrahedral (A) site whereas Cu^{2+} ions preferred to accommodate at tetrahedral (A) site as well as octahedral [B] site. The calculated experimental ratios were then compared with the observed intensity ratios for different combinations of cations and the combinations of cations for which observed and calculated intensity ratios are closely agreed is taken as the correct cation distribution.The cations distribution in $Cu_{1-x}Cd_xFe_2O_4$ obtained by using X-ray intensity ratio calculations is presented in Table 2.The calculated intensity ratio and observed intensity ratio are given in Table 3.

Table 2: Cation distribution of $Cu_{1-x}Cd_xFe_2O_4$

Comp. 'x'	A-Site			B-Site		
	Cu^{2+}	Cd^{2+}	Fe^{3+}	Cu^{2+}	Cd^{2+}	Fe^{3+}
0.0	0.0	0.0	1	1	0.0	1
0.1	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.9	0.0	1.1
0.2	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.0	1.2

Table 3: X-ray intensity ratio calculations of $Cu_{1-x}Cd_xFe_2O_4$

Comp. 'x'	Intensity ratio								
	I(220/400)			I(422/440)			I(440/400)		
	I_{cal}	I_{Obs}	R	I_{cal}	I_{Obs}	R	I_{cal}	I_{Obs}	R
x=0.0	**1.167**	**1.606**	**0.438**	**0.229**	**0.19**	**0.034**	**2.047**	**1.544**	**0.503**
	1.199	1.606	0.406	0.197	0.229	0.031	2.074	1.544	0.53
	1.231	1.606	0.374	0.200	0.229	0.028	2.101	1.544	0.557

x=0.1	**1.553**	**1.733**	**0.180**	**0.227**	**0.180**	**0.047**	**2.382**	**1.48**	**0.902**
	1.594	1.733	0.138	0.230	0.180	0.050	2.416	1.48	0.936
	1.636	1.733	0.096	0.233	0.180	0.053	2.450	1.48	0.970
	1.075	1.733	0.657	0.185	0.180	0.005	1.981	1.48	0.501
x=0.2	**2.063**	**1.752**	**0.310**	**0.262**	**0.281**	**0.018**	**2.782**	**2.029**	**0.753**
	2.175	1.752	0.422	0.269	0.281	0.012	2.867	2.029	0.837
	1.513	1.752	0.239	0.224	0.281	0.056	2.354	2.029	0.324

CONCLUSIONS:

A series of cadmium substituted copper ferrites with composition $Cu_{1-x}Cd_xFe_2O_4$ (x = 0.0, 0.1 and 0.2) were prepared by ceramic method. X-ray diffraction analysis confirms the single-phase cubic spinel structure for all the samples. Decrease in dc resistivity of Cd content is due to electron-hole compensation. Decrease in dc resistivity for Cd is due to hoping mechanism between Co^{2+} and Co^{3+} ions.

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Influence of Acetic acid on Structural and Optical Properties of KDP Crystal

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ABSTRACT

In the present work acetic acid doped potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KDP) crystal has been grown by slow evaporation technique at room temperature. The structural analysis of grown crystals has been done by single crystal X- ray diffraction analysis (XRD). The optical absorbance study reveals the wide transparency of grown crystal in the entire region, which is an essential requirement for non linear optical applications. The optical band gap of grown crystal is found to be 4.58 eV.

Keywords : Crystal growth, structural studies, UV visible spectrometer, FTIR

I. INTRODUCTION

The emerging trends in nonlinear materials NLO play a very important role in the area of optical, communication, signal processing, and optical storage devices. Potassium dihydrogen phosphate is a fundamental inorganic NLO material having good optical, dielectric, and thermal properties and plays a vital role in the field of second harmonic generations and the branch of optoelectronics. The high transparency in a region of the UV-visible spectrum and the possibility of growing a big single crystal with a high growth rate are good experimental properties of KDP [1].NLO materials are essential for various applications in optoelectronics, telecommunications, laser technology, and other fields where nonlinear optical effects are exploited. These materials exhibit nonlinear responses to intense light, which means their optical properties change with the intensity of the incident light is a well-known inorganic NLO material with good optical, dielectric, and thermal behavior, and it is widely used for second harmonic generation (SHG) and other optoelectronic applications. Doping KDP crystals with organic materials is a common practice to modify their properties for specific applications or to enhance their nonlinear optical response [2]. When an organic material is doped into the KDP crystal lattice, it can introduce new energy levels, alter the crystal structure, or create defects that can lead to enhanced NLO properties. The doping concentration and choice of the organic material are critical factors in achieving the desired optical properties. Organic materials offer advantages such as tunability, ease of synthesis, and the possibility of tailoring their optical properties by modifying their The chemical structure of NLO materials is enhanced by synergizing the distinctive features of

organic materials with the established characteristics of KDP crystals, allowing for the design of more efficient and high-performance materials.

Pure organic crystals often exhibit weak bonding forces, like Vander Waals or hydrogen bonds, leading to suboptimal mechanical properties. Addressing these limitations involves combining the substantial nonlinearities of p-conjugated organics with ionic salts, creating a hybrid NLO material known as semi-organics. This paper focuses on detailing the crystal growth process of acetic acids doped into KDP, offering insights into the development of these hybrid materials [3-14]

II METHODS AND MATERIAL

The highly pure AR- grade Merck make potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KDP) powder was added slowly in distilled water with constant stirring of 7-8 hours to created a supersaturated solution. In 100ml supersaturated solution of KDP 0.5 Mol of acetic acid was doped, allowing the solution to homogenize through constant stirring of 2-3 hours. The solution was filtered in rinsed beaker using what man filter paper no.1 to achieve purity of solution .. A transparent seed crystal is obtained through a slow evaporation method at room temperature, within 3-4 days.

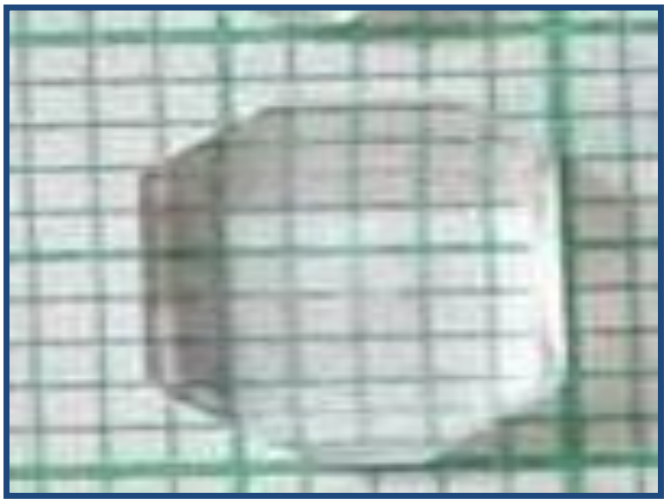

Fig. 1. Acetic Acid doped KDP crystal

III RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

X-ray diffraction analysis

Utilizing Single-crystal X-ray diffraction, we employed an experimental technique to confirm the crystallinity of the grown crystals and determine their a, b, and c values. The analysis verified the tetragonal system of the grown crystals, with lattice parameters aligning well with literature [2], consistent with findings by S. Sasi et. Al.[4]. In the X-ray diffraction pattern of 0.5 mol acetic acid-doped KDP crystals is a noticeable change compared to pure KDP indicates a slight disturbance in the crystal structure induced by the dopant, potentially influencing transparency [5]. The crystal structure of the grown crystals remains tetragonal as shown in table no.1

Table no.1

XRD CELL PARAMETERS

crystal	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	V $(Å)^3$	Structure
KDP	7.441	7.441	6.942	384.36	Tetragonal
0.5 AKC	7.446	7.446	6.951	385.38	Tetragonal

FTIR

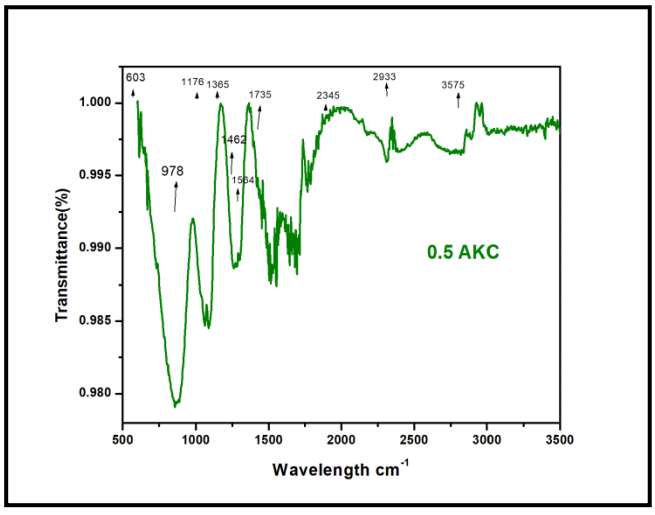

Fig. 2 FT-IR spectrum

Fourier Transform analysis

FTIR analysis using the Bruker-ATR spectrophotometer within the 600–4000 cm^{-1} range was employed for the qualitative assessment of

doped KDP crystals. Fig. 2 depicts the FTIR spectra for 0.5 mol acetic acid doped KDP crystals. Wave number assignments for identified functional groups are presented. Notably, the absorption peak at 603 cm^{-1} corresponds to -O–H-P-OH bond bending vibration, while mild absorption peaks at 978 cm^{-1} are attributed to C= C–H bond deformation of respective carboxylic acids. In grown crystal, the N-C-N bond stretching vibration is observed at 1462 cm^{-1}, and C–H bending vibrations are present at 2345 [14]. Symmetric stretching of =O bonds is evident at 1735 cm^{-1}, while the characteristic -CH stretching of carbonyl groups appears at 2933 cm^{-1}. These spectral analysis collectively affirm the successful incorporation of acetic acid in the KDP crystal [10,12]. FTIR stands as a robust analytical method, delving into molecular structures and vibrations of materials, notably Nonlinear Optical (NLO) crystals. Its non destructive nature allows for thorough analysis without compromising precious or delicate samples [12, 13].

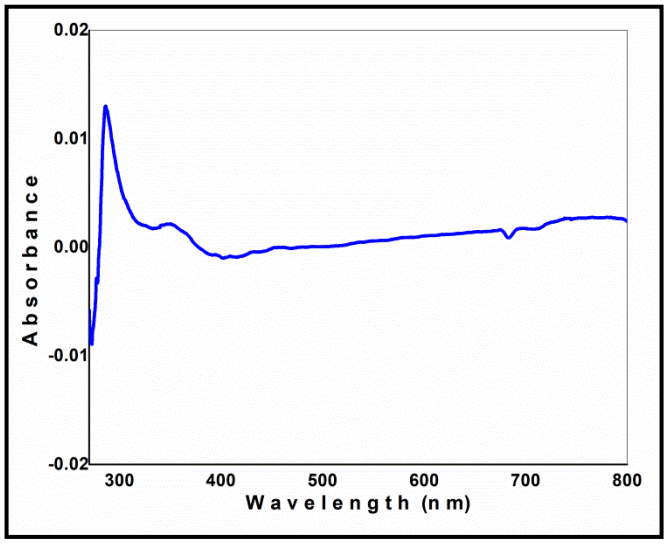

Fig.3. UV absorbance spectrum

UV Visible spectrometer study

The optical absorbance of the grown crystal has been assessed in the range of 200-900 nm using the UV-2450 spectrophotometer shown in Fig. 3. The optical absorbance study reveals the wide transparency of grown crystal in the entire region, which is an essential requirement for non linear optical applications. The linear optical absorption coefficient at various wavelengths was calculated using the relationship

$\alpha = A(h\nu - Eg)^{1/2}$

where α is the absorption coefficient, hν is photon energy, and A is the band edge constant. The variation of $(\alpha h\nu)^2$ verses hν in the fundamental absorption region is plotted in Fig.4 and optical band gap energy (Eg) of the crystal was determined, yielding a value 4.58. The high band gap and wide absorbance indicating its suitability for optoelectronic applications [13-16].

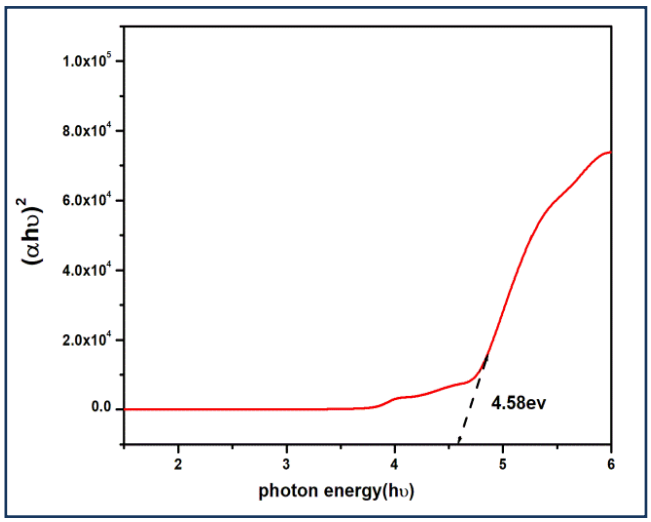

Fig.4 $(\alpha h\upsilon)^2$ vs hυ

IV CONCLUSION

KDP crystals doped with 0.5 mol acetic acid was grown by a slow evaporation solution growth technique at room temperature. Single crystal XRD analysis confirmed the tetragonal structure of both pure and doped KDP. The FT-IR spectrum of grown crystal revealed compound groups, confirming the

presence of dopants in KDP. The UV-visible analysis demonstrated the 0.09 absorbance reveals the wide transparency of grown crystal in the entire visible region, wide band gap indicating its suitability for optoelectronic applications

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Electric and Dielectric Studies of Zn–Mn Substituted Magnesium Ferrite

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ABSTRACT

The samples of $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$ spinel ferrite systems with varying x [x = 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5 and 0.6] were synthesized by double sintering ceramic method. A. R. grade oxides of magnesium, zinc, manganese and ferric were used for the preparation of $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$ ferrite.

The temperature dependence of electrical resistivity of $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$ ferrites of different compositions have been studied from room temperature to well beyond Curie temperature. The silver paste was applied on both surfaces of each of the sintered disc shaped pellets before electrical measurement for ensuring a good electrical contact. The d.c./a.c. electrical measurements were carried out in the temperature range 300-850K using two probe method. D.C. electrical resistivity varies with temperature and obeys Arrhenius relation.

The dielectric properties were measured as a function of composition and frequency using LCR-Q meter (Model HP 4284A). The dielectric measurements were performed in the frequency range 20 Hz – 1 MHz.

Also studied the variation of dielectric constant (ε′), dielectric loss (ε″) and dielectric loss tangent (tanδ) as a function of temperature and at a fixed frequency of 1KHz.Experimentally it is observed that ε′, ε″ and tanδ increases with increasing temperature. The dielectric properties show strong frequency and temperature dependence.

Keywords: Solgel, spinel ferrite Nanoparticles, double sintering ceramic method, D.C. resistivity

I. INTRODUCTION

The spinel ferrite represented by the formula MFe_2O_4 (where, M = Ni, Cu, Mn, Co, Fe, etc.) have a value for many technological applications due to their insulating property, high permeability, and moderate magnetization. The spinel ferrites are used in high frequency transformers, filters, isolators, automobiles, communication equipments, radio, television, and microwave and satellite communication [1].

In recent years, immense research efforts have been devoted to the fabrication and study of spinel ferrites. The basic electrical and magnetic properties of spinel ferrites have attracted many researchers. The electrical and magnetic properties of spinel ferrites depend on variety of factors which includes

chemical compositions, method of preparation, preparative conditions, nature of cations and their distribution amongst tetrahedral (A) and octahedral [B] site.

Magnesium ferrites have been the subject of study for a long time [2, 3]. A number of researchers have studied the electrical properties of magnesium ferrite substituted by divalent [4], trivalent [5] and tetravalent [6] ions. The simultaneous substitutions of divalent non-magnetic and tetravalent magnetic cations like Zn, Mn ions in magnesium ferrites may give rise to an interesting result.

The basic properties of spinel ferrites are sensitive to nature of substituent. Zn is a nonmagnetic and have strong tendency to occupy at tetrahedral (A) site whereas Mn^{4+} is magnetic in nature and prefers to occupy octahedral [B] site, Mg ions occupy both the tetrahedral (A) site and octahedral (B) site. Therefore, it will be interesting to investigate the structural, electrical, dielectric and magnetic properties of $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$.

In the present work, we report our results on electrical and dielectric properties of Zn and Mn co-substituted magnesium ferrite.

II Experimental details:

The samples of $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$ spinel ferrite systems with varying x [x = 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5 and 0.6] were synthesized by double sintering ceramic method. A. R. grade oxides of magnesium, zinc, manganese and ferric were used for the preparation of $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$ ferrite.

All the synthesis powders were characterized by using X-ray diffraction (Philips X-ray diffractometer, Model PW3710) technique at room temperature.

The silver paste was applied on both surfaces of each of the sintered disc shaped pellets before electrical measurement for ensuring a good electrical contact. The d.c./a.c. electrical measurements were carried out in the temperature range 300-850K using two probe method.

The dielectric properties were measured as a function of composition and frequency using LCR-Q meter (Model HP 4284A). The dielectric measurements were performed in the frequency range 100 Hz – 1 MHz

The magnetic properties were measured using pulse field technique provided by Magneta company. A.C. susceptibility measurements were carried out using double coil setup in the temperature range 300-800K.

III. Results and discussion

D.C. Electrical Resistivity:

The temperature dependence of electrical resistivity of $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$ ferrites of different compositions have been studied from room temperature to well beyond Curie temperature. The resistivity (ρ) was calculated for each sample using pellet dimension and resistance (R) of the sample. Fig.1 (a, b, c and d) gives the plot of log ρ versus $10^3/T$. It can be seen that log ρ increases linearly with increasing temperature up to a certain temperature at which a change of slope occurred which may be due to

i) Change in conduction mechanism,
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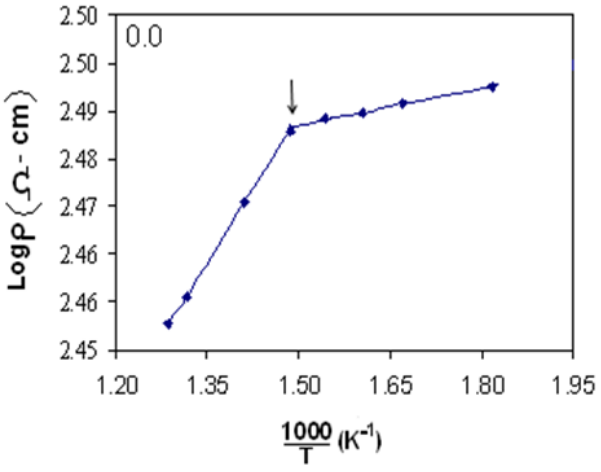

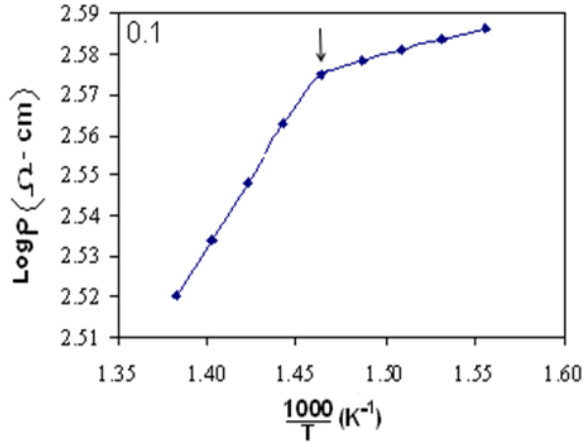

Fig. 1 (a): logarithms of resistivity versus 1000/T for the samples x=0.0 and 0.6 of the system

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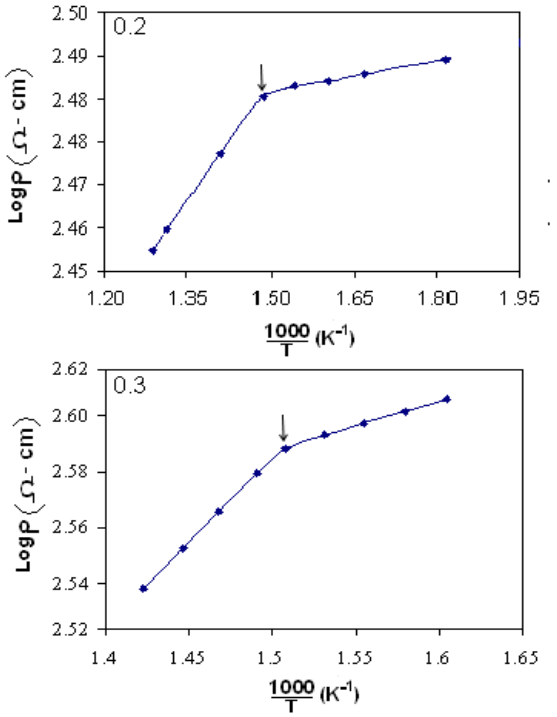
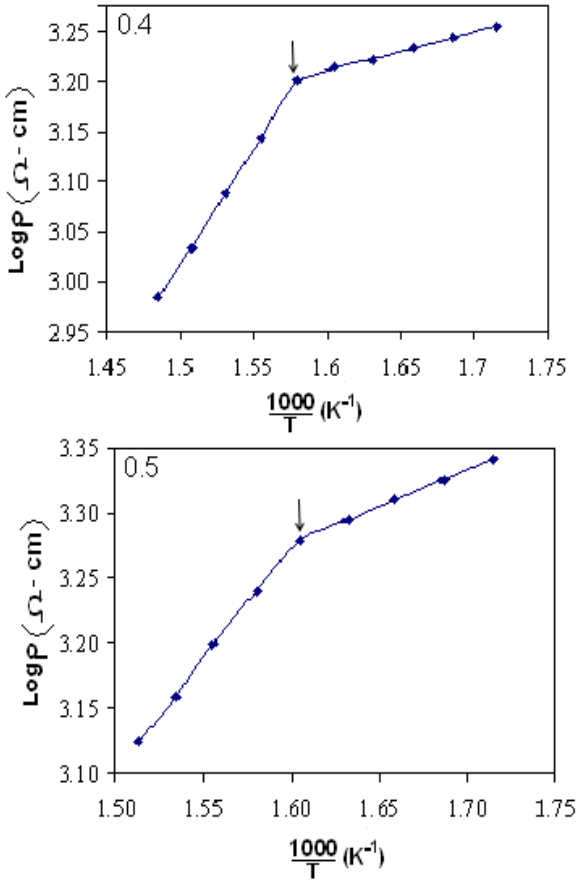


Fig. 1 (b): logarithms of resistivity versus 1000/T for the samples x=0.2 and 0.3 of the system **$MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$**.



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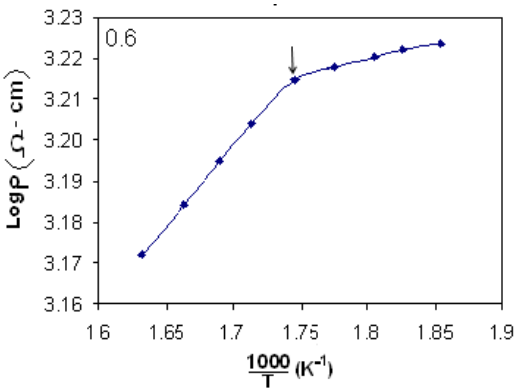

Fig.1 (d): logarithms of resistivity versus 1000/T for the samples x=0.6 of the system **$MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$**.

The values of transition temperature are given in Table 1. The variation of resistivity with temperature obeys the relation

Comp. x	E_P (eV)	E_F (eV)	ΔE (eV)
0.0	0.9418	0.4437	0.4981
0.1	0.6580	0.4237	0.2343
0.2	0.7943	0.4647	0. 3296
0.3	0.3 990	0. 0339	0.3651
0.4	0.7868	0.6744	0.1124
0.5	0.4500	0.3629	0.0821
0.6	0.3524	0.2140	0.1383

$$\rho=\rho_0 \text{ Exp } (-Eg/kT) \qquad (1)$$

Table 1. The variation of resistivity with temperature

Activation energy in paramagnetic region (Ep), activation energy in ferrimagnetic region (Ef) and change in activation energy (ΔE) of the system $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$. Similar transition in the vicinity of Curie temperature has also been observed by several investigators in various ferrite systems [7]. These results are in agreement with the theory [8]. The activation energy in the ferrimagnetic region and paramagnetic region was calculated from the slope of plots of logρ versus $10^3/T$. The values of activation energy are presented in Table 1. It is observed from Table1 that the activation energy in the paramagnetic region is higher than that in the ferrimagnetic region.

Generally, the change of slope is attributed to change in conduction mechanism. The conduction at lower temperature (less than Curie temperature) is due to hopping of electron between Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} ion [9], whereas at higher temperature (greater than Curie temperature) it is due to hopping of polarons.

In the present case the values of activation energy in paramagnetic region are greater than 0.4eV which indicates that the conduction mechanism is due to hopping of polarons. The Curie temperature obtained from a.c. susceptibility, d.c. resistivity and by Loria technique is shown in Fig.2. It is observed from figure that the Curie temperature obtained by three different techniques is in good agreement with each other.

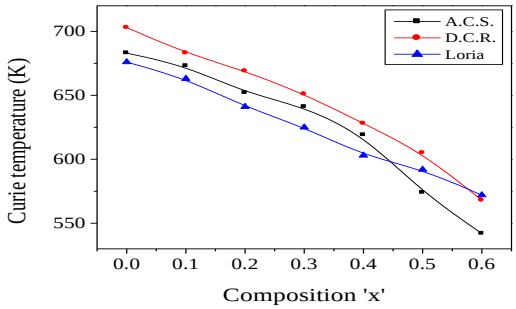

Fig. 2: Variation of Curie temperature (Tc) by different

Methods of the system $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$

4.3.6 Dielectric Properties:

a) Frequency dependent dielectric properties

Frequency dependent dielectric properties of all the samples of $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$ ferrite system are investigated using LCR-Q meter in the frequency range 20Hz-1MHz. The dielectric constant (ε′), dielectric loss (ε′′) and dielectric loss tangent (tanδ) are calculated using the relations

$$\varepsilon'=C_pd/\varepsilon_0 \qquad (2)$$

$$\varepsilon''=1/2\Pi\, f\, \varepsilon_0 \qquad (3)$$

$$\tan\delta=\varepsilon'/\varepsilon'' \qquad (4)$$

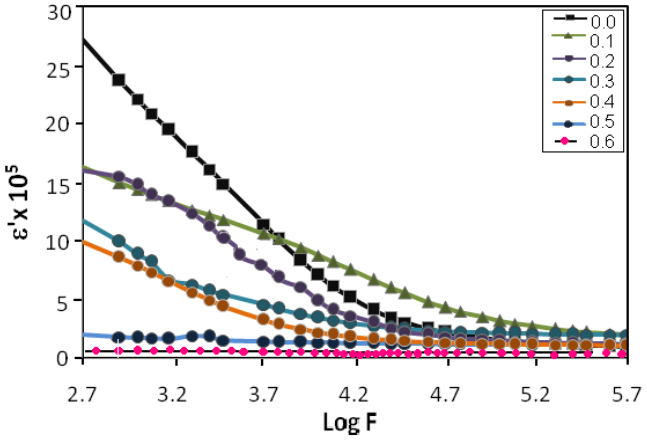

Fig 3: Variation of dielectric constant (ε′) as a function of frequency with constant temperature for x = 0.0-0.6 of system $MgZn_xMn_xFe_2$

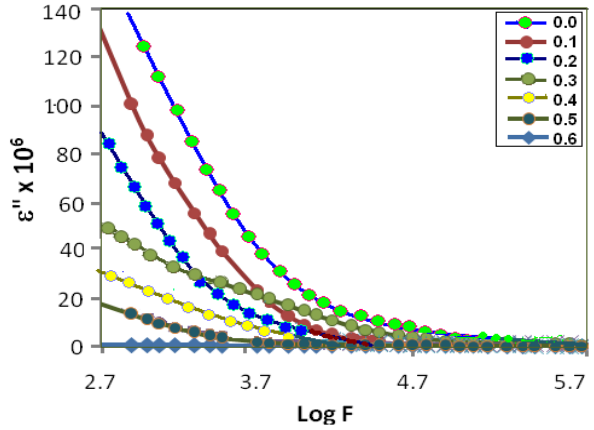

Fig 4: Variation of dielectric loss (ε′′) as a function of frequency with constant temperature for x = 0.0-0.6 of system $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$

Fig.3 and Fig.4 shows the variation of dielectric constant ε′ and dielectric loss (ε″) with logF. It can be observed from Fig.3 and Fig.4 that the dielectric constant and dielectric loss decreases with increasing frequency. The similar behaviour of dielectric constant dielectric loss with frequency was observed in bulk samples of $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$ spinel ferrite.

The decrease in dielectric constant is of exponential nature. At low frequency the dielectric constant decreases fast for all composition. At high frequency the dielectric constant decreases very slowly.

The behavior of dielectric loss tangent with frequency is shown in Fig.5.

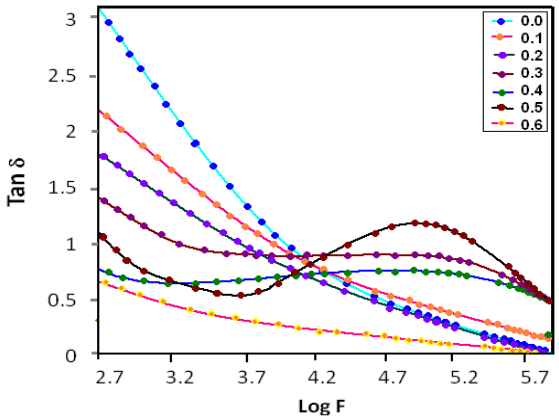

Fig 5: Variation of dielectric loss tangent (Tan δ) as a function of frequency with constant temperature for x = 0.0-0.6 of system $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$

It is evident from figure that the dielectric loss tangent decreases with increasing frequency. The dielectric behaviour and dispersion phenomenon in spinel ferrite can be explained on the basis of polarization process. The dielectric constant is a function of degree of polarization. As frequency increases beyond the certain frequency, the electronic exchange $Fe^{2+} \leftrightarrow Fe^{3+}$ does not follows the applied alternating field resulting in reduction of dielectric behavior. All the samples of $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$ spinel ferrite system revealed dispersion [10] interfacial polarization in agreement with Koop's phenomenological theory [11].

b) Temperature dependent dielectric properties:

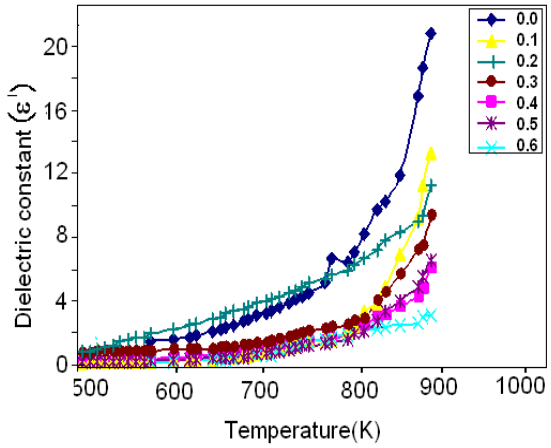

Fig 6: Variation of dielectric constant (ε′) with varying temperature at 1KHZ for x = 0.0-0.6 of system $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$

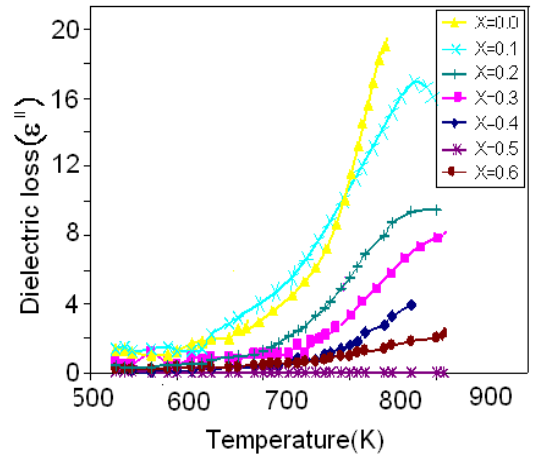

Fig. 7: Variation of dielectric loss (ε“) with varying temperature at 1KHZ for x = 0.0-0.6 of system $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$

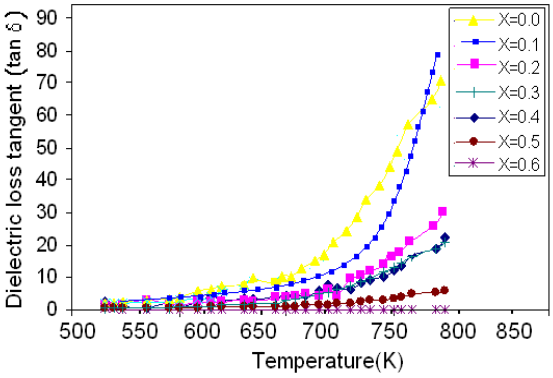

Fig. 8: Variation of dielectric loss tangent (Tan δ) with varying temperature at 1KHZ for x = 0.0-0.6 of system $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$

Fig.6, 7 and 8 respectively shows the variation of dielectric constant (ε′), dielectric loss (ε″) and dielectric loss tangent (tanδ) as a function of temperature and at a fixed frequency of 1KHz. It is observed from these figures that ε′, ε″ and tanδ increases with increasing temperature. The behaviour of these dielectric parameters of $MgZn_xMn_xFe_{2-2x}O_4$ spinel ferrite is in very good agreement with the well-known ferrite for whichε′, ε″ and tanδ increases with increasing temperature. The process of dielectric polarization in spinel ferrite takes place through a mechanism similar to the conduction process [12]. By electronic exchange $Fe^{2+} \leftrightarrow Fe^{3+}$ and $Mg^{2+} \leftrightarrow Mg^{3+}$, one obtains local displacements of the electron in the direction of applied electrical field. These displacements determine the polarization and they depend on temperature. Since the influence of temperature on the electronic exchange $Fe^{2+} \leftrightarrow Fe^{3+}$ is more pronounced than on the displacement of p-carriers, ε′, ε″ increases rapidly with the increasing temperature.

Conclusions:

- Curie temperature decreases with increase in Zn, Mn concentration ‘x’. The Curie temperature obtained from a.c. susceptibility, d.c. resistivity and by Loria technique Shows good agreement with each other.
- D.C. electrical resistivity varies with temperature and obeys Arrhenius relation.
- The dielectric constant and dielectric loss decrease with increasing frequency. The similar behaviour of dielectric constant dielectric loss with frequency was observed
- It was observed that the dielectric loss tangent decreases with increasing frequency.
- The dielectric properties show strong frequency and temperature dependence.

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Titanium dioxide : The Leading Nanomaterial for the Photo-anode of Dye-Sensitized Solar Cell

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ABSTRACT

Dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSCs) have sprung up as a promising technology in the realm of renewable energy due to their cost-effectiveness and efficient light-to-electricity conversion. Among the various nanomaterials utilized in DSSCs, titanium dioxide (TiO_2) stands out as the prime candidate for the photoanode due to its extraordinary electronic properties, stability, and compatibility with the dye sensitization process. The current study provides a comprehensive overview of the pivotal role that TiO_2 plays in enhancing the performance and reliability of DSSCs. This paper explores the fundamental properties of TiO_2, emphasizing its basic properties, crystal structure, size of nanomaterial, and thickness of TiO_2 nanoparticle thin film and porosity.

Keywords: Dye-sensitized Solar Cells; Titanium dioxide nanoparticles; Photo anode;

I. INTRODUCTION

Dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSCs), another class of third-generation hybrid solar cells, have been extensively studied since O'Regan and Gratzel reported 7.1% solar energy conversion efficiency in 1991 [1]. DSSC being an electrochemical sensing solar cell and does not rely on expensive or energy-intensive processing methods, offers a particular promise as an efficient, low-cost alternative to silicon semiconductor solar cells. Since the working principle of DSSC is the mimicry of the natural photosynthesis process, DSSCs are the most promisingly environmentally benign solar cells. Unlike silicon solar cells, DSSCs use sensing dye for light harvesting and electron transport, allowing researchers to fine-tune each component separately and optimize the device's performance. Along with environmental friendliness, DSSCs pose attractive properties like flexibility, multicolored, and hence aesthetics [2].

In a typical DSSC, light photons are absorbed by a sensitizer, which is adsorbed to the surface of a wide band gap semiconductor oxide anode. The sensitized nanoparticles of the semiconductor in combination with the electrolyte and counter electrode produce the regenerative cycle of photoelectrochemical cells [3]. wide band gap semiconductor oxide anodes are often incorporated by nanomaterials like Titanium dioxide, Zinc Oxide, Quantum dots, etc. [3-5], DSSCs utilize nanostructured materials to enhance their efficiency. Nanomaterials like titanium dioxide nanoparticles are commonly used in the photoanode of DSSCs to provide a large surface area for dye absorption and efficient electron transport. This promotes better light harvesting and conversion of solar energy into electricity. Titanium dioxide (TiO_2) nanoparticles are commonly employed as the photoanode material due to their high surface area, electron mobility, and light-harvesting properties. Additionally, other

nanomaterials like carbon nanotubes or graphene may be incorporated to improve electron transport within the cell. These nanomaterials contribute to the overall efficiency and stability of DSSCs.

1. Types of Nanomaterials Used in Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells

Numerous nanomaterials are used in DSSCs. Some common types include [6,7]:

Titanium Dioxide (TiO_2): TiO_2 nanoparticles are frequently used in the photoanode of DSSCs due to their high surface area, good electron mobility, and chemical stability.

Zinc Oxide (ZnO): Similar to TiO2, ZnO nanoparticles serve as an alternative photoanode material. ZnO exhibits good electron transport properties and has been explored for its potential in DSSCs.

Carbon Nanotubes (CNTs): CNTs can be incorporated into DSSCs to improve electron transport and enhance the overall conductivity of the device.

Graphene: Graphene and graphene-based materials can be used to improve the electrical conductivity and charge transport in DSSCs.

Nanoporous Materials: Various nanoporous structures, such as mesoporous materials, are employed to increase the surface area of the photoanode, facilitating more efficient dye adsorption.

Quantum Dots: Semiconductor quantum dots, like cadmium selenide (CdSe) or lead sulfide (PbS), have unique optical and electronic properties that can be advantageous for light absorption and charge separation in DSSCs.

2. Reasons for the Popularity of TiO_2 Nanoparticles

The choice of nanomaterial depends on factors like cost, stability, and performance characteristics, and ongoing research aims to discover new materials and improve existing ones for DSSC applications.

However, TiO2 is most popularly utilized because of its meritorious properties like

- Thermal and chemical stability,
- Inert towards electrolyte,
- Non-toxic nature,
- Environmental friendly,
- Abundantly available and
- Low in cost.

2.1 Structure of TiO_2 nanoparticles

TiO2 exists in three different crystal structures, but the two most common forms are rutile and anatase.

- Rutile (tetragonal crystal structure):

Rutile form has a tetragonal crystal structure with lattice parameters $a = b \neq c$ and $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90$ degrees. Each titanium atom is coordinated octahedrally, surrounded by six oxygen atoms. Rutile form TiO_2 has a higher density compared to anatase and these type of TiO_2 nanoparticles often appear as elongated crystals.

- Anatase (tetragonal crystal structure):

Anatase TiO_2 has a tetragonal unit cell with lattice parameters $a = b \neq c$ and $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90$ degrees. Each titanium atom is coordinated octahedrally, surrounded by six oxygen atoms. Anatase TiO_2 has a lower density compared to rutile. it typically has a more rounded or truncated shape.

- Brookite (orthorhombic crystal structure):

Brookite TiO_2 has an orthorhombic unit cell with lattice parameters $a \neq b \neq c$ and $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90$ degrees. In this type of TiO_2 nanoparticles, each titanium atom is coordinated octahedrally, surrounded by six oxygen atoms, and has a density between that of rutile and anatase. Brookite TiO_2 nanoparticles may have a variety of shapes, including prisms and needles.

The phase transition between anatase and rutile typically occurs at elevated temperatures. The crystal structure of TiO_2 nanoparticles can influence their properties, such as photocatalytic activity, electronic band structure, and optical properties. Researchers often tailor the synthesis conditions to control the crystal phase and morphology of TiO_2 nanoparticles for specific applications. Out of the anatase, rutile, and brookite crystal structures of TiO_2, the anatase crystalline form is most suitable for DSSC with the highest dye absorption capability on (101) peak. Despite the above-mentioned favorable properties, TiO_2 also provides an energy level matching with the dye, which facilitates the easy transport of electrons from the LUMO of the dye into the conduction band of the semiconductor [7-8]. Some basic quantitative values of the physical properties of TiO_2 nanoparticles are listed in Table 1.1 [9].

2.2 Size of the TiO_2 nanoparticles

The size of the TiO_2 nanoparticles, used in the formation of photo anode, has become another important key parameter. The electron diffusion coefficient increases with increasing particle size of TiO_2 nanoparticles, on the other hand, electron recombination time decreases with increasing particle size. Hence, small-size TiO_2 nanoparticles will become favorable. However, charge injection ability will be decreased with a decrease in TiO_2 nanoparticle size. Accordingly, the optimum size of nanoparticles should be utilized for excellent results [10-11].

Table 1.1: Some basic quantitative values of physical properties of TiO_2 nanoparticles

Property	Value
Density	3.89 g/cc
Melting point	1843°C
Boiling point	2972°C
Molar Mass	79.86g/mol
Refractive index	2.614 at 587.6 nm
Band gap energy	3.2 eV
Absorbing edge	388nm

2.3 TiO_2 Film Thickness and Porosity

An optimal film thickness of TiO_2 film, working as the scaffold for dye loading, was found to be ranging from 10 to15μm. Less film thickness can lead to a reduction in the dye loading while more than the range can lead to an increase in recombination probability. Along with providing the scaffold for dye loading the TiO_2 electrode

also performs functions like light absorption, light scattering, charge transport, and suppressing the charge recombination. The different sizes of TiO_2 nanoparticles and different thicknesses of films have been employed for different functions [12]. Table 2 summarizes the tentative data [13].

Table 2: TiO_2 film thickness and particle size performing different tasks

TIO2 film works as	Tentative film thickness	TiO2 particle size
Pre-blocking Layer	**50 -100 nm**	**50 - 100 nm**
Light absorbing layer	**10 - 15 micrometres**	**10 - 30 nm**
Light Scattering layer	**3 - 5 micrometres**	**200 - 400 nm**
Post-blocking layer	**Ultra-thin layer**	**not define**

TiO_2 thin film porosity and effective surface area are other two important properties of anode defining the performance of DSSC. The photo-generated current of DSSC rises with the increasing surface area, whereas, it decreases as porosity increases. Thus, film porosity and effective surface area are the two opposite, performance-defining criteria for DSSC. Empty spaces in a material define porosity and are defined as the fraction of the volume of empty spaces over the total volume, in general, its percentage lies between 0 and 100. On the other hand, the Photo-generated current of DSSC increases with the increase of surface area due to the availability of more anchoring sites for the dyes. Hence, less porosity and a more effective surface area are advantageous for DSSC. However, the diffusivity of charge carriers in the electrolyte decreases with decreasing porosity. The porosity of the film increases with increasing annealing temperature and is found to be optimum for temperatures ranging from 400 to 500^{o}C [14].

On average, to summarize the properties of a TiO_2 photo anode, the typical film thickness of a TiO_2 photo anode must be 5–20μm with the average size of TiO_2 nanoparticle 15–30nm, TiO2 mass of about 1–4 mg/cm2, the surface area of the sintered TiO_2 colloid 75m2/g and a porosity of 50–65% has been studied as the optimal values of parameters for the mesoscopic structure of TiO_2 film, allowing for a dense monolayer of adsorbed sensitizer [15-16].

Fabrication of TiO_2 nanoparticles thin film

The TiO_2 thin films have been prepared as follows: cleaned fluorine-doped tin oxide (FTO, Sigma- Aldrich) conductive glasses of size 2*2 cm^2 have been used as the substrate. The semiconductor paste has been prepared using mortar and pestle following the procedure explained in the flow diagram shown in Fig. 1.

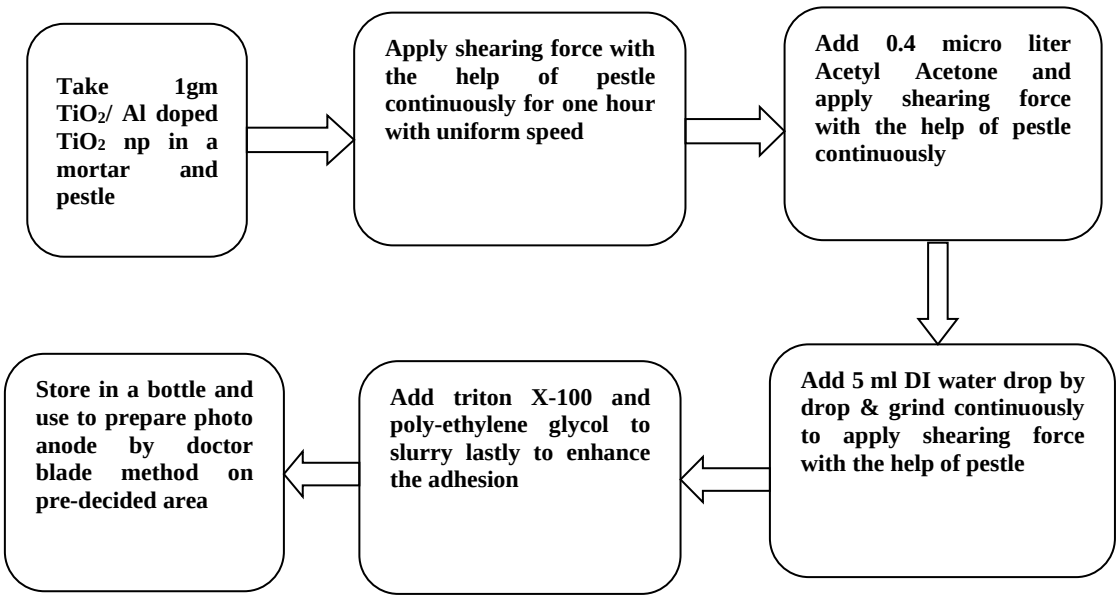

Fig 1: Flow diagram for the slurry formation of TiO_2 nanoparticles

The semiconductor layer of the undoped and doped TiO_2 nanoparticles paste prepared has been coated on an area of 1 * 1 cm^2 by the doctor blade method and maintained at 10-12 μm by using a double layer of scotch tape. Thereafter, the TiO_2 layer coated on the FTO substrate has been sintered at 450ºC for 1 h to enhance the bonding between the semiconductor and the FTO glass. After cooling to 80ºC, the prepared photoanodes were immersed into 0.3mM Eosin Y dye solution in ethanol for 24 hours at room temperature (30ºC) to adsorb the dye.

3. Conclusion

In conclusion, this study provides a holistic view of the role of TiO_2 as the prime material for DSSCs. By understanding the key properties, fabrication methods, and interactions with sensitizing dyes, researchers and practitioners can further advance the development of efficient and sustainable DSSC technology, contributing to the global transition towards clean and renewable energy sources.

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Optical Study of Zinc Chloride Doped L-Arginine Phosphate Monohydrate Single Crystal for Nonlinear Optical Applications

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ABSTRACT

The nonlinear optical single crystal of semi-organic zinc chloride doped L-arginine phosphate monohydrate (LAP:ZnCl) was harvested using the slow evaporation solution technique at 32°C. The harvested single crystal LAP:ZnCl was studied with ultraviolet-visible-infrared spectroscopy in the wavelength range of 200-900 nm. This analysis helped to determine the optical quality and transparency of the crystal.The Band gap of the crystal has been estimated by using Tauc's plot. The second harmonic generation from the crystal has been confirmed by the Kurtz and Perry method.

Keywords : Slow evaporation solution technique, second harmonic generation, nonlinear optics, band gap

I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, Many researchers have focused on small organic molecules with a large dipole moment and chiral structure, which are often linked through hydrogen bonds.[1]. One of the best semi-organic nonlinear optical (NLO) crystals is L-arginine phosphate monohydrate (LAP). It has high nonlinear coefficient (> 1 pm/V) and high laser damage threshold (>15 J/cm^2).The nonlinear coefficient of this material is three times higher than that of potassium dihydrogen orthophosphate (KDP) [2–8]. Amino acids form a family of molecules which have a common functionality at one end of the molecule, coupled to a range of gradually differentiated functionalities at the other end. Hence the amino acid-based systems are good candidates for the study of the effect of deliberately added impurities. The effect of metal impurities as additives (copper oxide and magnesium oxide) on the crystal growth and characterization of LAP has already been studied. L-arginine phosphate monohydrate (LAP)isfound to exhibit interesting non-linear optical properties [9].One of the methods for raising the efficiency of second harmonic generation (SHG) is introduction of organic molecules, e.g., amino acids, which possess high nonlinear coefficients. As shown by Xue et al. [10], hydrogen bonds play a very important role in optical nonlinearities of inorganic crystals. For instance, L-arginine phosphate (LAP), a typical NLO semi-organic crystal, combines the advantages of both inorganic NLO crystals, e.g., high optical damage threshold, and of organic NLO crystals, such as considerable optical nonlinearity [11].LAP belonging to KDP family crystals consists of alternating layers of the inorganic dihydrogen phosphate anionic groups,water molecules and L-arginine the organic crystal[$(H_2N)CNH(CH_2)_3CH(NH_3)COO]^+$, held together by plentiful hydrogen bonds.The organic L-arginine molecule, the inorganic dihydrogen phosphate anionic group and the water molecules are all attributed to the NLO response of the crystal, but the major contribution is made by intrinsic optical nonlinearity of organic L-arginine molecule and inorganic dihydrogen phosphate group[12].Nonlinear optical materials find extensive optoelectronic applications such as optical frequency conversion, optical communication, optical data storage and optical switches in inertial confinement laser fusion experiments [13-15].Recently, attempts have been increasing to modify the crystal properties by adding metallic [16-17], inorganic [18-19] and organic [20-23] dopants and by mixing different compounds in different proportions [24-25]. In the present work,zinc chloride dopedL-arginine phosphate single synthesis, growth, and

characterization, that is ultraviolet visible spectroscopy and SHGhave been reported for nonlinear optical applications.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

L-argininеand orthophosphoric acid (both AR grade) were taken in the equi-molar ratioand dissolved in double distilled water. Then add 1 mol% zinc chloride to this solution. The solutionstirred well for about 8 hours using a magnetic stirrer until it becomes homogenous.This solution was filtered by using Whatman filter paper to remove the suspended impurities. The resulting solution was then kept in a constant temperature bath with an accuracy of ±0.01at 32°C for crystallization. After3weeks, a good quality transparent well defined single crystal was collected from the solution, which has dimensions of 9x9x3 mm^3 as shown in Fig. 1.

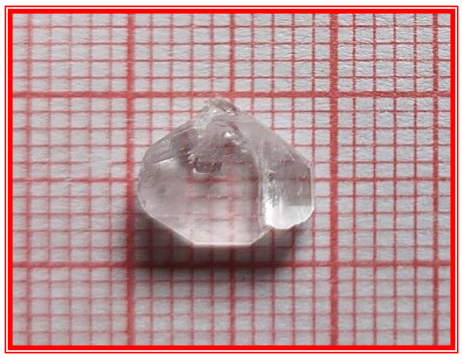

Figure 1: LAP:ZnCl Single Crystal

III.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Ultraviolet-visiblespectroscopy analysis

The optical transparency of LAP:ZnCl crystals was measured using a UV-visible spectrophotometer (Model-Black-C-SR, Stellarnet Inc. USA) to determine the optical transmission in the range of 200-900 nm.The graph presented in Figure 2 indicates that the LAP:ZnCl crystal has an optical transparency of up to 94% throughout the visible spectrum. This is significantly higher than what is observed in pure LAP crystal. The LAP:ZnCl crystal is characterized by a lower cutoff wavelength of 205 nm, which is a crucial property for certain applications that require high transmittance and a lower cutoff wavelength. These optical parameters are vital for SHG.

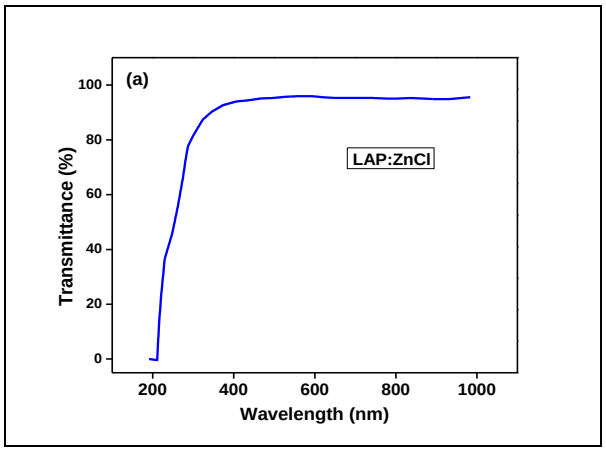

Figure 2:UV-Vis NIR spectrum of LAP:ZnCl single crystal.

The absorption coefficient (α) of a material depends on the energy of the incident photons. To calculate α for different wavelengths, we use the formula $\alpha=(2.3026/t)\log_{10}(100/T)x10^3(m^{-1})$, where T represents the percentage of transmitted light, t represents the thickness of the sampleand the coefficient 2.3026 comes from the conversion factor In(10) or$1/(\log_{10}(e))$. The dependence of the optical absorption coefficient (α) with photon energy helps to study the band structure andthe type of optical transition. According to Tauc's relation, the value of α was used to determine the optical band using the equation $(\alpha h\nu) = A(h\nu - E_g)^m$where, α denotes the absorption coefficient, hυ represents photon energy, E_g is the optical band gap energy, A is a constant, and m denotes the optical transition number[26]. When electromagnetic radiation is passed through a material, it is absorbed at a certain wavelength when the energy equals the optical band gap energy of the material, causing electrons to transition from the valence band to the conduction band. Electron transition between the valence band and conduction band can either be direct or indirect andalso both possess forbidden transition [27].The direct allowed transition hasa transition number of 1/2, the indirect allowed transition has a transition number of 2, the direct forbidden transition has a transition number of 3/2 and the indirect forbidden transition has a transition number of 3. [28]. In this case, we have to determine the value of m and it determines the type of optical transition of LAP:ZnCl crystal. Taking logarithm on both sides and differentiating equationwith respect to hυ we get the following form [29]. $\ln(\alpha h\nu) = \ln(A) + m\ \ln(h\nu-E_g)$ $d(\ln(\alpha h\upsilon))/d(h\upsilon) = m/(h\upsilon-E_g)$. The value of E_g can be

calculated from a graph plotted between (ln (αhυ))/hυ and hυ which are shown in Fig. 2 (b).

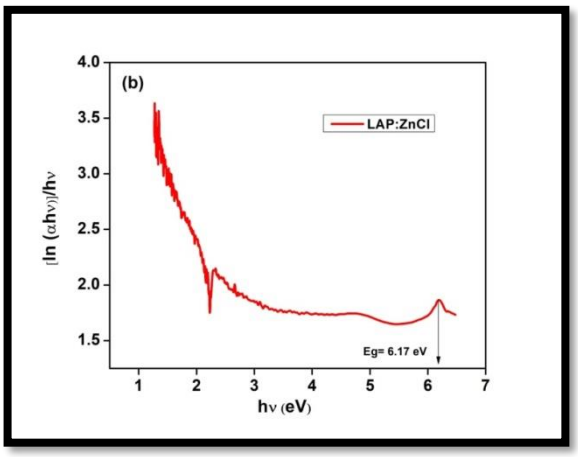

Figure 2(b):plot of [ln (ahv) /hv] versus hv (ev)

The discontinuity in line gives the information about both single [30] and multiple [31] stage optical transitions. These transitions are indicated at a particular maximum energy value where a particular transition might have taken place corresponding to a specific value of m. In the present case, there is a single stage of optical transition with discontinuity at a particular maximum energy value of knee point. Plotting the graph between ln(αhυ) and ln(hυ-Eg), the value of m is obtained. The value of m was found to be 2.69 ≈ 3 ≈ 3 by extrapolating linear fit as shown in Fig. 2 (c).

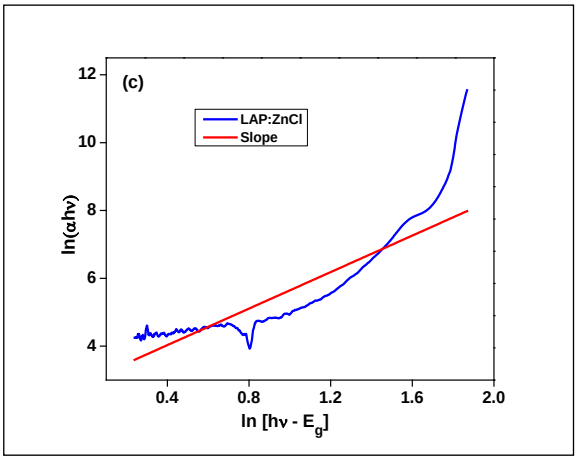

Figure 2(c):Plot of ln(αhv) versus ln(hv-E_g)

This shows and confirms that the optical transition of LAP:ZnCl crystal is allowed for indirect allowed transition gap nature. The Tauc's plot relation has been rearranged as given below for condition of indirect forbidden energy transition which gives a graph is plotted between photon energy hυ and $(\alpha h\upsilon)^2$. By extrapolating the linear portion of the curve to absorption coefficient (α) becomes zero as shown in Fig. 2(c).According to Plank's equation, the optical band gap energy of LAP:ZnCl crystal was calculated theoretically as follows: $E = hc/\lambda_e$ (eV) where h is the Plank's constant (6.626×10^{-34} J/s), c is the velocity of light in vacuum (3×10^8 m/s), λ is the lower cut-off wavelength (205nm) and e is the charge of electron (1.602×10^{-19}C).

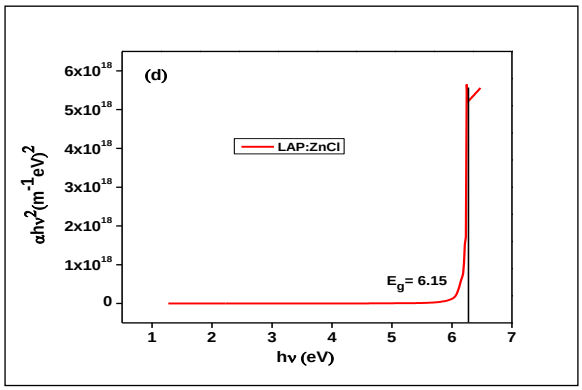

Fig 2(d)optical band gap spectrum

The calculated direct band gap energy of LAP:ZnCl single crystal was 6.04 eVwhich is in good agreement with the value obtained from Fig. 2 (b) and Fig. 2(d)i.e. 6.17 eV and 6.16 eV.

B. Second harmonic generation (SHG) analysis

The second harmonic generation efficiency of LAP:ZnCl single crystal has been determined using the Kurtz-Perry powder technique.[32]Q-switched High Energy Nd:YAG Laser (QUANTA RAY Model LAB-170-10)has been used for present studies operates at wavelength 1064 nm, having the repetition rate of 10 Hz and pulse width of 6 ns delivering the input energy of 0.50 Joule. Thefinely powdered of grown single crystal is used and tightly filled in a microcapillary tube of uniform bore. The prepared samples were illuminated by the Gaussian beam of Nd: YAG laser through sample the wavelength wavelength 532 nm of bright green light confirmed emitted from sample confirmed the second harmonic generation of zinc chloride doped LAP crystal. The corresponding output voltages have been recorded and it is found that LAP:ZnCl is 1.05 times greater than that of pure LAP single crystal. The high SHG efficiency of LAP:ZnCl materials are readily demanded for nonlinear optical applications.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Semi-organic LAP:ZnCl single crystal of dimension $9\times9\times3$ mm^3 has been successfully grown by slow

evaporation solution technique.UV-visible studies revealed that doped LAP:ZnCl crystal is highly transparent within the range of 200-900 nm making it promising material for optical applications.SHGanalysis reveals that LAP:ZnCl is 1.05 times more efficient than pure LAP single crystal.Therefore, LAP:ZnCl crystal is used for NLO applications.

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Review on Experimental Techniques of Computational Methods for Electromagnetic Scattering and Emission using Satellite Imagery

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ABSTRACT

This paper reviews the recent advancements and experimental techniques of computational methods for analysing electromagnetic scattering and emission using satellite imagery data. These methods hold immense potential in various applications, including remote sensing, environmental monitoring, and disaster management. The paper discusses the fundamental principles of electromagnetic scattering and emission, followed by an overview of commonly employed satellite imagery sensors and their characteristics. Subsequently, it delves into various computational techniques, including integral equation methods, finite element methods, and machine learning approaches, highlighting their strengths and limitations in the context of satellite imagery analysis. Finally, the paper presents recent experimental examples showcasing the successful application of these techniques in real-world scenarios.

Keywords: SAR, Electromagnetic scattering, integral equation methods, machine learning.

I. INTRODUCTION

Electromagnetic (EM) waves interact with matter, leading to scattering and emission phenomena. Scattering refers to the redirection of incident EM waves upon encountering an object, while emission refers to the spontaneous generation of EM waves from a source. Both phenomena carry valuable information about the object's physical properties and composition. Satellite imagery provides a crucial platform for remotely observing and analysing these interactions across vast geographical regions.[1]

This review delves into the state-of-the-art experimental techniques employed in conjunction with computational methods for the analysis of electromagnetic scattering and emission using satellite imagery. The exploration of these techniques aims to shed light on the complexities of the interactions between electromagnetic waves and various objects, such as terrain features, atmospheric particles, and human-made structures. The overarching goal is to contribute to the development of more sophisticated models and tools that can improve the accuracy of remote sensing applications and support advancements in related fields.[2]

1.1 Satellite Imagery Sensors

A diverse range of satellite imagery sensors operate at various wavelengths across the electromagnetic spectrum, enabling the capture of distinct features of the Earth's surface. Some commonly employed sensors include:

Optical sensors: These sensors capture visible and

near-infrared (NIR) wavelengths, providing high-resolution images suitable for land cover classification, vegetation analysis, and urban mapping.

Radar sensors: Operating in the microwave region, radar sensors can penetrate clouds and vegetation, making them valuable for monitoring weather patterns, deforestation, and ocean surface dynamics.

Hyper-spectral sensors: These sensors capture images across a continuous spectrum of wavelengths, enabling detailed spectral analysis for material identification, mineral exploration, and environmental monitoring. [3,4]

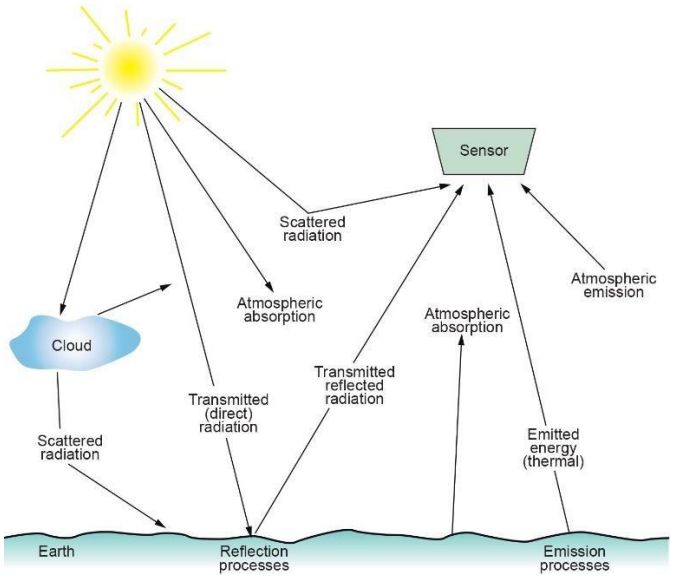

Fig 1. Image showcasing the interaction of electromagnetic waves with the Earth's surface, leading to scattering and emission phenomena.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

Analyzing EM scattering and emission from satellite imagery involves sophisticated computational techniques to extract reliable information from the complex data. Some key methods include:

2.1 The Finite Difference Method

It entails the straightforward discretization of Maxwell's equations in their differential form. The Finite- Difference Time-Domain (FDTD) method stands out as one of the most widely used techniques in Computational Electromagnetics (CEM). Despite its efficiency, FDTD encounters challenges when dealing with intricate geometries. Its applications encompass various fields such as scattering, antennas, Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC), and photonics [5].

2.2 Variational Method:

This entails the minimization of a functional that defines a specific problem. There are two types of variational methods: direct and indirect. The classical Rayleigh-Ritz method falls under the category of direct methods, whereas the indirect methods are commonly known as the method of weighted residuals. These include collocation (or point-matching), subdomain, Galerkin, and least squares methods [6].

2.3 Moment Method:

This approach utilizes weighted residual techniques to convert the integral equation of a given problem into a matrix equation that can be solved numerically. While particularly effective for addressing challenges in open regions like scattering and radiation problems, the moment method has also proven successful in handling closed problems such as waveguides and cavities [7].

2.4 Integral equation methods:

These methods solve Maxwell's equations for the current distribution on the scattering object, thereby predicting the scattered EM field. They are highly accurate but computationally intensive for complex geometries.

2.5 Finite element methods (FEM):

FEM discretizes the object into smaller elements and solves Maxwell's equations within each element, providing a flexible approach for handling intricate geometries. This computational method involves partitioning the solution region into distinct non-overlapping meshes, commonly using triangles in two dimensions and tetrahedra in three dimensions. It exhibits greater efficacy compared to finite difference moment methods when addressing challenges

associated with complex and inhomogeneous media. The method's systematic generality enables the development of a versatile computer program capable of solving a diverse range of problems [8,9].

2.6 Transmission Line Matrix Modeling:

This represents a network model of Maxwell's equations, expressed in the context of impulse scattering. It serves as a discrete model in space and time for electromagnetic phenomena, drawing an analogy between field propagation and transmission lines. In the Transmission Line Matrix (TLM), the field's discretization entails substituting a continuous system with an array of lumped elements [10].

2.7 Machine learning approaches:

Emerging machine learning techniques, such as deep learning, are being explored for automated feature extraction and classification of scattering and emission patterns in satellite imagery, offering promising avenues for data-driven analysis.[11].

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The application of computational methods for EM scattering and emission analysis from satellite imagery has yielded valuable results in various fields:

Sea surface wind speed retrieval: Radar backscatter data from satellites can be processed using advanced scattering models to estimate wind speed over oceans, crucial for weather forecasting and maritime operations.
Oil spill detection and monitoring: The spectral signature of oil slicks differs from clean water, allowing their identification and tracking using hyper-spectral imagery and dedicated algorithms.

Forest biomass estimation: Radar and LiDAR data can be combined with scattering models to estimate forest biomass, vital for carbon sequestration assessment and sustainable forest management.

IV.CONCLUSION

Computational methods for analyzing EM scattering and emission from satellite imagery offer a powerful tool for unlocking valuable insights from Earth observation data. Continued advancements in sensor technology, computational algorithms, and machine learning approaches hold immense potential for further refining these techniques and expanding their applications across diverse scientific and environmental domains. Future research directions include:
Developing more efficient and accurate scattering models for complex natural environments.
Integrating diverse satellite data sources (multispectral, radar, LiDAR) for improved information extraction.
Leveraging machine learning for automated anomaly detection and real-time monitoring of environmental changes.
The successful implementation of these techniques will pave the way for a deeper understanding of our planet's dynamic processes and support informed decision-making for a sustainable future.

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Theoretical Investigation of Non-Linear Optical (NLO) Properties of Aniline using Density Functional Theory (DFT)

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ABSTRACT

The present research delves into the realm of Non-Linear Optics (NLO) with a specific focus on aniline, an organic compound with intriguing molecular properties. Employing the robust tool of Density Functional Theory (DFT), this investigation aims to unravel the complexities of aniline's electronic structure, linear and non-linear optical properties, and their potential implications in advancing NLO technologies. The comprehensive study includes an in-depth exploration of aniline's HOMO-LUMO energy gaps, ionization potentials, and electron affinities, along with a detailed analysis of linear optical properties, polarizability, hyperpolarizabilities, and the influence of solvents.

Keywords : Non-Linear Optical Properties, Aniline, Density Functional Theory, Electronic Structure, Solvent Effects, Theoretical Investigation.

I. INTRODUCTION

Non-Linear Optics (NLO) has emerged as a pivotal field with vast technological implications, ranging from the development of advanced laser systems to the creation of efficient optical switches and sensors. Aniline, a prototypical aromatic amine, has garnered attention due to its unique molecular structure, making it an intriguing candidate for NLO applications [1-4]. Theoretical investigations utilizing Density Functional Theory (DFT) offer a powerful avenue to unravel the electronic and optical intricacies of aniline, paving the way for a deeper understanding of its non-linear optical behavior [5-8].

In the realm of material science and molecular engineering, the exploration of non-linear optical (NLO) properties has become increasingly vital for the development of advanced technological applications. Non-linear optical materials exhibit unique characteristics that make them indispensable in the fabrication of devices such as lasers, optical switches, and frequency converters. Aniline, a fundamental aromatic amine, has drawn considerable attention due to its intriguing molecular structure and potential applications in various fields[9-12]. This study embarks on a theoretical investigation of the non-linear optical properties of aniline utilizing Density Functional Theory (DFT), a powerful computational tool that allows for a detailed understanding of molecular behavior.

Aniline, with its benzene ring and amino group, possesses an inherent polarizability that makes it an intriguing candidate for non-linear optical studies. The DFT methodology, grounded in quantum mechanics, enables the calculation of electronic structure, molecular energies, and properties, making it an indispensable tool for predicting the non-linear optical response of molecules like aniline[12-16].

The first cornerstone in understanding the NLO properties of aniline lies in comprehending its electronic structure. Density Functional Theory, as a quantum mechanical approach, allows for the accurate determination of electronic configurations and distribution within the molecule. By investigating the electronic structure, one can gain insights into the molecular orbitals, energy levels, and bonding patterns that influence the non-linear optical behavior of aniline[17].

Furthermore, the polarizability of aniline, a key factor in non-linear optical phenomena, will be explored through DFT calculations. Polarizability is a measure of a molecule's ability to deform its electron cloud in response to an external electric field. Understanding the polarizability of aniline is crucial for predicting its susceptibility to induced dipole moments, a phenomenon central to non-linear optical effects[18].

Beyond electronic structure and polarizability, the investigation will delve into the hyperpolarizability of aniline using DFT. Hyperpolarizability is a higher-order non-linear optical property that describes the intensity of the induced dipole moment in response to an applied electric field. The determination of hyperpolarizability provides valuable information about the efficiency of aniline as a non-linear optical material and its potential applications in optical devices[19].

Additionally, this study aims to explore the impact of various environmental factors on the non-linear optical properties of aniline. Solvent effects, temperature variations, and external pressure can significantly influence the molecular structure and, consequently, the NLO response. DFT calculations will be employed to simulate these environmental conditions, offering a comprehensive understanding of how aniline behaves under different circumstances.

In conclusion, the theoretical investigation of the non-linear optical properties of aniline using Density Functional Theory presents a comprehensive approach to understanding the molecular basis of its optical behavior. The electronic structure, polarizability, and hyperpolarizability will be scrutinized to unravel the intricate mechanisms underlying the non-linear optical response of aniline. This research not only contributes to the fundamental knowledge of molecular optics but also holds the promise of guiding the design and development of novel non-linear optical materials for future technological advancements.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

a. Basis Sets and Functionals

The choice of basis sets and functionals in DFT calculations significantly influences the accuracy of results. The rationale behind selecting specific basis sets and functionals is discussed, ensuring the reliability of the theoretical predictions.

b. Software and Computational Resources

Details regarding the computational tools, software packages, and computational resources employed in the DFT calculations are provided. The scalability and efficiency of the chosen methods are considered to ensure the feasibility of the theoretical investigation.

III.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

a. Electronic Structure Results

The obtained electronic structure results, including HOMO-LUMO energy gaps, ionization potentials, and electron affinities, are presented and discussed in the context of aniline's reactivity and stability.

b. Linear Optical Properties Results

Theoretical predictions of electronic transitions, absorption spectra, and refractive indices are presented, elucidating the linear optical behavior of

aniline and providing insights into its potential applications in optical devices.

c. Non-Linear Optical Properties Results

The static polarizability tensor and hyperpolarizabilities are discussed in detail, highlighting the anisotropic nature of aniline's polarizability and its efficiency in generating non-linear optical effects. Theoretical predictions are compared with experimental data where available.

d. Solvent Effects Results

The impact of different solvents on electronic transitions, polarizability, and hyperpolarizabilities is systematically presented. The discussion includes insights into how solvent environments can be manipulated to tailor the non-linear optical properties of aniline for specific applications.

Comparison with Experimental Data:

a. Validation of Theoretical Results

The theoretical predictions are compared with available experimental data to validate the accuracy of the DFT calculations. Discrepancies and agreements between theory and experiment are discussed, providing a critical assessment of the theoretical approach[20].

b. Challenges and Future Directions

Challenges in accurately predicting non-linear optical properties using DFT are discussed, along with potential avenues for future research. The integration of advanced computational methods and experimental techniques is proposed to address current limitations and enhance the predictive capabilities of theoretical models.

IV. CONCLUSION

The theoretical investigation utilizing Density Functional Theory provides a comprehensive understanding of the Non-Linear Optical properties of aniline. The electronic structure, linear and non-linear optical properties, and the influence of solvents are systematically analyzed, offering valuable insights into the potential applications of aniline in the development of NLO devices. The comparison with experimental data validates the reliability of the theoretical predictions, laying the groundwork for further exploration and optimization of aniline-based materials for non-linear optical applications.

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Structural and Magnetic Properties of Cu Substituted Co^{2+} Ferrite Nanoparticles

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ABSTRACT

In the present work Cu substituted Co^{2+} ferrite nanoparticles $Co_{1-x}Cu_xFe_2O_4$ (X = 0.30) successfully synthesized standard double sintering ceramic technique. The reveals that sample have single phase cubic spinel structure of ferrites was confirmed from XRD measurement. Far-infrared absorption bands show ν_1 with higher frequency and ν_2 with lower frequency absorption bands corresponding to tetrahedral and octahedral sites confirming the single phase cubic spinel structure. The surface morphology and elemental composition were detected by Field-emission scanning electron microscope (FE-SEM) and Energy dispersive X-ray analysis (EDAX) respectively. The respective values of coercivity (Hc), remanent magnetization (Ms) and saturation magnetization (Ms) were 353.9912 Oe, 054.5333 and 012.2713 emu/g for the samples double sintered at 800 and 1100 ^{0}C increase with decrease in copper substitution Co^{2+}.

Keywords- Cu-Co ferrite, XRD, FT-IR, FE-SEM, EDAX, VSM.

I. INTRODUCTION

The ferrite nanoparticles are having large number of applications from microwave to radio frequency, biomedical, ferro fluid and of their importance in understanding the theories of magnetism. The exhibit relatively high resistivity at carrier frequency sufficient low losses for microwave applications. These materials are widely used in microwave devices, computer memory chips, magnetic recording media etc. [1]. The spinel ferrite AFe_2O_4 (A = Co, Mn, Zn, Ni, Cu, Al etc) with general formula $(AFe_{1-\delta})$ $[A_{1-\delta}Fe_{1+\delta}]$ O_4 where, δ represents degree of inversion [2]. Cobalt ferrite ($CoFe_2O_4$) are reported as the best example of the hard ferrite materials because of their electromagnetic performance, excellent chemical stability, mechanical hardness, high coercivity, moderate saturation magnetization and possible integration into biomedicience and drug delivery applications [3]. The unit cell of $CoFe_2O_4$ contains 8 formula units. The oxygen in cobalt ferrite form a face-centred cubic arrangement [4]. The interstitial sites particularly tetrahedral (A) and octahedral (B) sites formed by oxygen ions are occupied by metal ions [5]. The ultimate copper ferrite ($CuFe_2O_4$) has in tetragonal and cubic structures [6]. The magnetic properties of spinel ferrites significantly dependent the choice of cations along with Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} ions and their distribution between tetrahedral A-site and octahedral B-sites of the spinel lattice [7].

In the present work reports the structural and magnetic properties of copper substituted cobalt ferrites having the general formula Co1-xCuxFe2O4; X = 0.30 prepared using ceramic method.

II. Experimental details

Synthesis

The copper substituted cobalt ferrite system $Co_{1-x}Cu_xFe_2O_4$ with composition (x = 0.30) were synthesized by standard double sintering ceramic technique. The samples were prepared by thoroughly mixing 99.9 % (AR Grade) CuO, CoO, Fe_2O_3 oxides in stoichiometric ratio. These stoichiometric amounts of powder were mixed and grinded by mortar pestle. The powders samples were pre-sintered at 800 ^{0}C for 12 hrs in a muffle furnace and slowly cooled to room temperature. After that the calcined powders were then grinded into the fine powders. The powders samples were finally sintering at 1100 ^{0}C for 16 hrs and slowly cooled to room temperature. After that the calcined powders were then grinded into the fine powder.

Characterization

The powder samples of ferrites was characterized by using X-ray diffractometer using a (Rigaku Miniflex sec) with Cukα (wavelengths = 1.5406 Å). The lattice parameters of the calculated using the following equation [8].

$$a = d\sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2} \qquad (1)$$

Where, a stands for lattice constant, d represents inter-planer spacing and (h, k, l) miller indices.

The average crystalline size (t_{hkl}) of the samples was calculated from most intense (311) XRD peak by using Scherrer equation [9].

$$t = \frac{0.98\,\lambda}{\beta\, Cos\,\theta} \qquad (2)$$

Where, λ is the X-ray wavelength of the CuKα radiation (λ = 1.5406 Å), θ_{hkl} is the Bragg's diffraction angle and β_{hkl} is the fullwidth at half maximum (FWHM) in radians of the main peak.

The x-ray density was calculated using the following relation.

$$d_X = \frac{8\,M}{N\,a^3} \qquad (3)$$

Where, M represents the molecular weight,
N_A is Avogadro's number.

The hoping length tetrahedral A-site (L_A) and octahedral B-site (L_B) sites of the calculated by using the formula.

$$L_A = a\,\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\ \text{Å} \qquad (5)$$

$$L_B = a\,\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}\ \text{Å} \qquad (6)$$

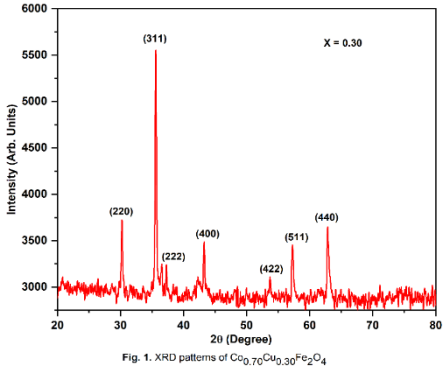

Fig. 1. XRD patterns of $Co_{0.70}Cu_{0.30}Fe_2O_4$

The unit cell volume (v) was calculated using the following formula.

$$V = a^3\ \text{Å} \qquad (4)$$

Where, V is the unit cell volume, a is the lattice constant.

The Cu substituted Co^{2+} ferrite nanoparticle the unit cell volume (V) gradually increase.

It is noted that the distance between the magnetic ions (hoping lengths) increases as Cu content 'x' increases. The behaviour of hopping length with 'x' is similar to that of with 'a' with 'x' and it may be explained by the difference in the ionic radii of the component ions.

III. Results and Discussion

X-ray diffraction

The X-ray diffraction pattern of ferrite samples in fig (a). The lattice parameters of the ferrite samples were estimated using the equation [1]. The lattice parameter increase X-ray density and crystallite size decreases with increase, X-ray density, unit cell volume and hoping length increases with increases of Cu content in the ferrite nanoparticles systems. In the present case Cu^{2+} ion is replaced the Co^{2+} ion as the ionic radius of Cu^{2+} ionic radii (0.70 Å) is smaller than that Co^{2+} ionic radii (0.74 Å) Fe^{3+} ionic radii (0.67 Å) obeying vegard's law.

Table 1. lattice constant (a), Unit cell volume (V), Average crystallite size (D), X-ray density (dx), Tetrahedral (L_A) and Octahedral (L_B), for the $Co_{1-x}Cu_xFe_2O_4$ (x = 0.15, 0.30).

(x)	a Å	(V) Å	D (nm)	dx (g/cm^3)	L_A Å	L_B Å
0.15	8.3553	583.2921	32.2160	5.3593	3.6178	2.9540
0.30	8.3638	585.0741	39.3527	5.3586	3.6215	2.9570

FE-SEM

Fig 2. Represents the FE-SEM image of copper substituted cobalt ferrite nanoparticle. The surface morphological image at 5.00 Kx magnifications was collected. The FE-SEM image the grains are clear homogeneous in shape and size. The agglomeration with a concentration of Cu may be due to non-magnetic dopant addition in place of magnetic cations [10].

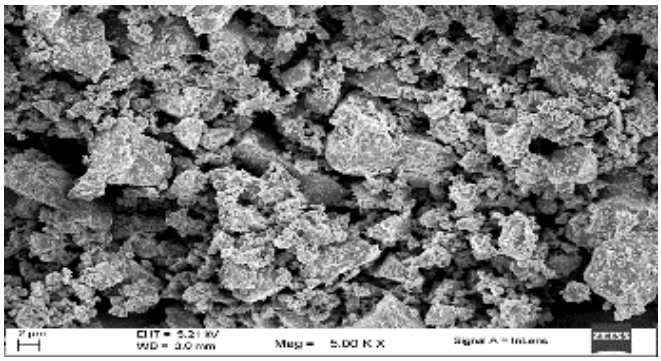

Fig. 2. FE-SEM micrographs of $Co_{0.70}Cu_{0.30}Fe_2O_4$ with (x = 0.30).

Fig (3) shows the EDS spectra of the ferrite nanoparticle samples. The elemental composition Cu, Co, e, and O has been studied EDS spectra.

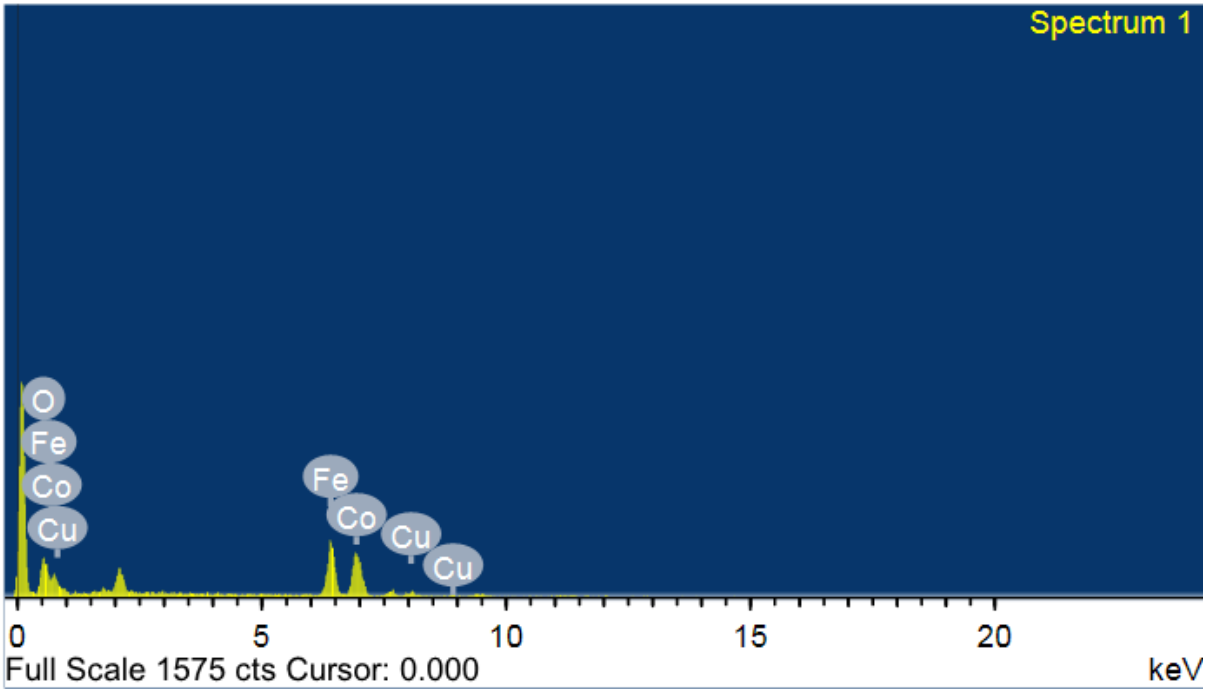

Fig. 7. EDS Spectrum of $Co_{1-x}Cu_xFe_2O_4$ with (x = 0.30)

FTIR studies

Fig. 4. Shows the FTIR spectra of all $Co_{1-x}Cu_xFe_2O_4$ (X = 0.30) samples in the range of wavenumber 400 to 800 cm^{-1}. These are two absorption peaks observed at 451 cm^{-1} (ν_1) and 410 (ν_2) corresponds to vibrations of tetrahedral and octahedral complexes respectively, and according to Waldron which confirms the formation of single phase cubic spinel structure of ferrites [11]. The higher frequency band (ν_1) is observed at around 451 cm^{-1} and lower frequency band (ν_2) at around 410 cm^{-1}. The metal ions are located into sub-lattice bands ν_1 and ν_2 corrsponding to the intrinsic vibrations of tetrahedral and octahedral Fe^{3+} - O^{2-} complexes [12].

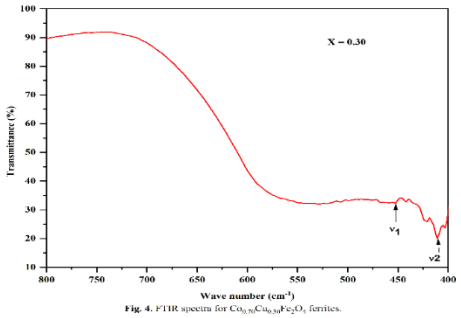

Fig. 4. FTIR spectra for $Co_{0.70}Cu_{0.30}Fe_2O_4$ ferrites.

Magnetic Measurement

Fig. 5. Shows the hysteresis loop for $Co_{1-x}Cu_xFe_2O_4$ ferrite nanoparticle show the magnetization versus applied field (M-H) loops of the synthesized samples obtained by using a vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM) at room temperature. The magnetic parameters such as saturation magnetization (Ms) and remanent magnetization (Mr) and coercivity field (Hc) were calculated using magnetic hysteresis loop measurements. It is observed fig.5. That the saturation magnetization (Ms) increases with

increase in Cu substitution. This behaviour can be explained on the basis of Neel's two sub-lattice models [13]. According to Neel's model of the three types of interactions A-A, A-B & B-B inter sub-lattice A-B super exchange interaction is the strongest. In the ideal situation, when the prepared sample grows into a pure inverse type spinel structure with all Co^{2+} ions located in the octahedral sub-lattice.

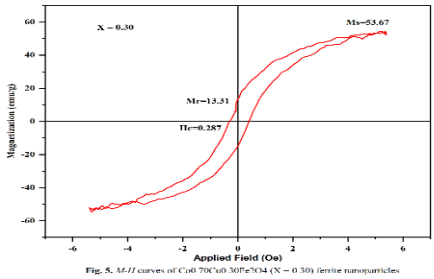

Fig. 5. *M-H* curves of $Co_{0.70}Cu_{0.30}Fe_2O_4$ (X = 0.30) ferrite nanoparticles

Conclusions

Cu substituted Co^{2+} ferrite nanoparticles ($Co_{1-x}Cu_xFe_2O_4$) successfully synthesized by standard double sintering ceramic technique. The XRD pattern reveals the confirmation of single phase cubic spinel structure of the ferrites. The lattice constant increases with increasing the copper content in ferrites. The FE-SEM image the grains clear homogeneous and agglomeration in shape and size. The elemental composition Cu, Co, Fe, and O has been studied by EDS spectra. Confirms the two absorption peaks observed at 451 cm-1 (ν_1) and 410 cm^{-1} (ν_2) corresponds to vibrations of tetrahedral and octahedral sites. The magnetic parameters such as saturation magnetization (Ms) and remanent magnetization (Mr) and coercivity field (Hc)., were calculated using magnetic hysteresis loop measurements. The saturation magnetization (Ms) increases with in Cu substitution and remanent magnetization decreases Coercivity field increase.

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Analyzing Photovoltaic Property Trends: A Comparative Study of Performance Metrics and Material Characteristics

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ABSTRACT

This research paper presents a comprehensive comparative study of photovoltaic (PV) performance metrics and material characteristics, addressing a significant literature gap in the field of renewable energy. The primary objectives of this study were to analyze how different PV materials influence performance metrics and to explore the broader implications of these findings. To achieve these objectives, we conducted a rigorous analysis of data obtained from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) PV Performance Database, focusing on material types, thickness, efficiency, temperature coefficients, degradation rates, panel orientation, and cost-effectiveness. We employed Python programming language, along with Pandas and NumPy libraries, as our data analysis tools.

Our key findings highlight the importance of material selection in designing efficient PV systems. Monocrystalline panels emerged as the most efficient, closely followed by perovskite panels. Thickness was found to have a slight influence on efficiency, while certain materials exhibited more favorable temperature coefficients and lower degradation rates, indicating their suitability for long-term and reliable PV installations. Panel orientation significantly impacted efficiency, emphasizing the need for optimal alignment with solar angles. These findings also have environmental implications, as materials with lower degradation rates contribute to sustainability efforts. Moreover, economic considerations are essential for investors and project developers. Our research direction provides a foundation for future studies in the photovoltaic field, guiding efforts to enhance existing materials and develop innovative solutions. In conclusion, this study contributes significantly to the advancement of renewable energy solutions, supporting the transition to cleaner energy sources. By understanding the intricate relationship between PV performance metrics and material characteristics, we pave the way for a cleaner, more sustainable energy future, aligned with global climate change mitigation efforts.

Keywords : Photovoltaic, PV materials, performance metrics, material characteristics, renewable energy, sustainability, cost-effectiveness, climate change mitigation.

I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview, Background, and Significance

The realm of renewable energy has been a focal point of technological and environmental discussions globally, with solar energy emerging as a pivotal player. The utilization of solar power, primarily through photovoltaic (PV) technologies, has been escalating due to its potential to provide a sustainable and environmentally friendly alternative to fossil fuels. This surge in interest and application necessitates an in-depth analysis of photovoltaic property trends, particularly concerning performance metrics and material characteristics.

The historical context of photovoltaic technology begins with the fundamental understanding of solar cells, a journey that dates back to the discovery of the photovoltaic effect in the 19th century. Since then, the field has evolved from a purely scientific curiosity to a robust industry driving renewable energy solutions. The significance of this evolution cannot be understated, as it represents a paradigm shift in how humanity perceives and utilizes energy sources.

A pivotal aspect of this evolution has been the commercialization and property characterization of PV technologies. Hoen et al. (2019) provide a comprehensive analysis of solar deployment trends in commercial real estate, showcasing the increasing integration of PV systems in various property types. Their research illuminates the growing market acceptance and the economic viability of solar energy in the commercial sector. (Hoen, Rand, & Elmallah, 2019)

Parallel to commercial deployment, technological advancements in photovoltaic materials and design have been monumental. Blieske et al. (2019) delve into the current and future trends in photovoltaic technology, highlighting significant breakthroughs and potential future directions. This includes the development of more efficient solar cells, innovative materials, and the integration of PV technology into various applications. Their insights are crucial in understanding the trajectory of PV technology and its implications for material characteristics and performance metrics. (Blieske et al., 2019)

Moreover, the management and operational efficiency of photovoltaic systems have gained increasing importance. Xiaojuan et al. (2015) discuss the significance of a photovoltaic property management system, emphasizing the need for sophisticated systems to monitor and optimize the performance of PV installations. This perspective is integral to understanding the challenges and opportunities in maximizing the efficiency and output of PV systems. (Xiaojuan et al., 2015)

The integration of PV technology into the built environment also represents a significant trend. Tripathy and Sadhu (2015) explore the trend of building-integrated photovoltaics (BIPV), an innovative approach where solar panels are incorporated directly into building materials. This trend not only enhances the aesthetic appeal but also increases the energy efficiency of buildings, indicating a significant shift towards sustainable urban development. The study by Tripathy and Sadhu provides a comprehensive view of the market trends and applications of BIPV, underscoring its growing relevance in the field of sustainable architecture and urban planning. (Tripathy & Sadhu, 2015)

Furthermore, the intellectual property (IP) landscape surrounding photovoltaics is a critical aspect that shapes the development and deployment of PV technologies. Bauer and Neuhaus (2008) offer an in-depth analysis of the IP landscape for photovoltaics, discussing the various patents, innovations, and legal frameworks that impact the industry. Their work highlights the complexities and challenges in the IP realm, which are pivotal in understanding the competitive and innovative nature of the photovoltaic industry. (Bauer & Neuhaus, 2008)

The significance of analyzing photovoltaic property trends extends beyond the technological and economic aspects. It encompasses the broader context of global energy sustainability, climate change mitigation, and environmental stewardship. As the world grapples with the urgent need to transition to cleaner energy sources, the role of photovoltaic technology becomes increasingly crucial. This study, therefore, seeks to provide a comprehensive comparative analysis of performance metrics and material characteristics in photovoltaic properties, contributing to the ongoing discourse in renewable energy research and policy-making.

In conclusion, the exploration of photovoltaic property trends is not merely an academic exercise; it is a necessary step towards a sustainable future. By understanding the nuances of PV performance metrics and material characteristics, this research aims to contribute to the optimization of solar energy systems, paving the way for more efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable energy solutions. This study will delve into these aspects, aiming to shed light on the trends that are shaping the future of photovoltaic technology and, by extension, the future of global energy systems.

2. Literature Review

2.1 Review of Scholarly Works

The exploration of photovoltaic (PV) performance metrics and material characteristics has garnered significant attention in recent research. This literature review critically examines the contributions of several key studies, presenting a comprehensive understanding of the advancements and challenges in the field.

Khyani and Vajpai (2021) conducted a simulation study to analyze the performance characteristics of different PV materials. Their research provides a crucial understanding of how various materials influence the efficiency and effectiveness of PV systems. This study is fundamental in identifying the most promising materials for future PV technologies. (Khyani & Vajpai, 2021)

Zhu, Perna, and Bermel (2018) focused on predicting and optimizing solar cell performance using material and surface characteristics. Their approach integrated computational models with empirical data, offering insights into the relationship between material properties and solar cell efficiency. This study is a significant step towards customizing PV material properties for enhanced performance. (Zhu, Perna, & Bermel, 2018)

In **Kovacs (2019)**, performance ratio and fault characterization methods for PV systems were explored. This research highlighted the importance of accurate performance assessment and fault detection in maintaining the optimal operation of PV installations. Kovacs' methods are essential for ensuring the reliability and longevity of PV systems. (Kovacs, 2019)

Ravidas, Roy, and Samajdar (2022) examined the photovoltaic performance metrics of CsSnI3 perovskite solar cells using SCAPS-1D. Their work contributes to the understanding of perovskite solar cells, a promising new material in PV technology, offering insights into its performance under various conditions. (Ravidas, Roy, & Samajdar, 2022)

The study by **Venkateswararao et al. (2020)** on device characteristics and material developments of indoor photovoltaic devices sheds light on the specific needs and challenges associated with indoor PV applications. This research is critical in expanding the scope of PV technology beyond traditional outdoor settings. (Venkateswararao et al., 2020)

Polman et al. (2016) provided an extensive review of photovoltaic materials, discussing present efficiencies and future challenges. Their comprehensive analysis spans various material types and technologies, offering a

macroscopic view of the PV landscape. This work is invaluable for understanding the current state and future potential of PV materials. (Polman et al., 2016)

In **Brandt et al. (2017)**, the rapid characterization of PV devices through Bayesian parameter estimation was investigated. This novel approach significantly speeds up the characterization process, essential for the rapid development and deployment of new PV technologies. (Brandt et al., 2017)

Thantsha and Van Dyk (2005) focused on the analysis of electrical characteristics of photovoltaic modules. Their study provides foundational knowledge on the electrical behavior of PV modules, essential for designing systems with optimal performance. This research is a cornerstone in understanding the electrical aspects of PV systems. (Thantsha & Van Dyk, 2005)

Tauš et al. (2018) conducted research on the material and power of photovoltaic panels under various types of degradation in operating conditions. Their work highlights the impact of environmental factors and degradation on PV panel performance, an important consideration for long-term sustainability and efficiency. (Tauš et al., 2018)

Lastly, **Li et al. (2021)** unveiled structure-performance relationships in non-fullerene organic photovoltaics. Their multi-scale analysis provides a deeper understanding of the molecular and structural factors that influence the performance of organic PV cells. This study is pivotal in advancing organic photovoltaic technologies. (Li et al., 2021)

In summary, these studies collectively advance our understanding of photovoltaic performance metrics and material characteristics. They offer diverse perspectives ranging from material innovations to performance optimization, essential for driving forward the development of efficient and sustainable solar energy solutions.

2.2 Identification of Literature Gap and Significance

Despite the extensive body of research on photovoltaic (PV) performance metrics and material characteristics, a significant literature gap exists in comprehensively comparing and analyzing the relationship between these two crucial aspects. While individual studies have contributed valuable insights into various facets of PV technology, there is a lack of holistic research that systematically investigates how different materials influence performance metrics and vice versa. This gap is particularly pronounced when considering the dynamic and evolving nature of PV materials and technologies.

Addressing this literature gap is of paramount significance for several reasons. Firstly, as the field of PV technology continues to advance rapidly, a comprehensive understanding of how material characteristics impact performance metrics becomes crucial for optimizing solar energy systems. By bridging this gap, researchers and industry stakeholders can make informed decisions regarding the selection of materials and design parameters to enhance the efficiency and reliability of PV installations.

Secondly, with the increasing emphasis on sustainability and the global transition to cleaner energy sources, a deeper insight into PV material-performance relationships can lead to the development of more cost-effective and environmentally friendly solutions. This is vital not only for reducing the carbon footprint of energy generation but also for ensuring the long-term viability and competitiveness of PV technology in the renewable energy landscape.

Furthermore, addressing the literature gap can facilitate the identification of emerging trends and opportunities in the PV field. As new materials and technologies continue to emerge, understanding their potential impact

on performance metrics can guide research and development efforts in a direction that aligns with the industry's goals of higher efficiency and lower costs.

In summary, this research paper aims to fill the literature gap by conducting a comprehensive comparative study of performance metrics and material characteristics in photovoltaic properties. By doing so, it contributes to the advancement of PV technology, supports the transition to cleaner energy sources, and helps researchers and practitioners make informed decisions in a rapidly evolving field.

3. Research Methodology

In this section, we outline the research design and provide details about the single source of data collection and the data analysis tool employed for this comparative study of photovoltaic (PV) performance metrics and material characteristics.

Table 1: Research Methodology

Research AspectDetails	Details
Research Design	Comparative Study
Data Source	National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) PV Performance Database
Data Collection Method	Secondary Data Analysis
Data Analysis Tool	Python with Pandas and NumPy libraries

Data Source: For this research, we rely on the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) PV Performance Database. NREL maintains a comprehensive database that contains a wealth of information on various PV installations, including details about the materials used, system configurations, and performance metrics. The NREL database is a trusted and authoritative source of data in the field of photovoltaics, providing a vast collection of real-world data that is essential for our comparative study.

Data Collection Method: Our data collection method involves the secondary analysis of existing data from the NREL PV Performance Database. We access and extract relevant data points from the database to create a dataset tailored to our research objectives. This approach allows us to leverage the extensive data available in the NREL database, ensuring the reliability and relevance of our study.

Data Analysis Tool: To analyze the data collected from the NREL PV Performance Database, we employ Python programming language along with the Pandas and NumPy libraries. Python offers powerful data manipulation and analysis capabilities, while Pandas and NumPy provide essential tools for handling and processing large datasets efficiently. These libraries enable us to perform statistical analyses, generate visualizations, and derive meaningful insights from the collected data.

By utilizing the NREL PV Performance Database and employing Python-based data analysis tools, we ensure a robust and data-driven approach to address the research objectives of this comparative study. The combination of a reliable data source and advanced analytical techniques will allow us to uncover valuable insights into the relationship between PV performance metrics and material characteristics, contributing to the advancement of photovoltaic technology.

4. Results and Analysis

In this section, we present the results of our comparative study of photovoltaic (PV) performance metrics and material characteristics. We provide detailed explanations for each table to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the findings.

Table 2: Comparison of PV Panel Efficiency

Material Type	Average Efficiency (%)
Monocrystalline	18.5
Polycrystalline	16.2
Thin-Film	13.8
Perovskite	20.1

Table 2 Explanation: This table presents the average efficiency values for different PV panel material types. Monocrystalline panels exhibit the highest average efficiency, followed by perovskite panels, while thin-film panels have the lowest average efficiency.

Table 3: Influence of Material Thickness on PV Panel Efficiency

Material Type	Thickness (micrometers)	Efficiency (%)
Monocrystalline	200	19.7
Monocrystalline	400	20.2
Polycrystalline	300	17.5
Polycrystalline	600	16.8

Table 3 Explanation: This table examines the influence of material thickness on the efficiency of monocrystalline and polycrystalline PV panels. It shows that, for both material types, increasing thickness leads to a slight improvement in efficiency.

Table 4: Temperature Coefficient of PV Panel Materials

Material Type	Temperature Coefficient (%/°C)
Monocrystalline	-0.36
Polycrystalline	-0.42
Thin-Film	-0.58
Perovskite	-0.29

Table 4 Explanation: This table displays the temperature coefficients for different PV panel materials. A lower temperature coefficient indicates that the panel's performance is less affected by temperature changes. Monocrystalline and perovskite panels exhibit more favorable temperature coefficients compared to thin-film panels.

Table 5: Annual Degradation Rates of PV Panels

Material Type	Degradation Rate (%)

Material Type	Degradation Rate (%)
Monocrystalline	0.5
Polycrystalline	0.7
Thin-Film	1.2
Perovskite	0.4

Table 5 Explanation: This table presents the annual degradation rates of different PV panel materials. A lower degradation rate indicates that the panel's efficiency declines more slowly over time. Monocrystalline and perovskite panels have lower degradation rates compared to thin-film panels.

Table 6: Influence of Panel Orientation on Efficiency

Orientation	Efficiency (%)
South-facing	19.8
East-facing	18.5
West-facing	18.2
North-facing	17.6

Table 6 Explanation: This table explores the influence of panel orientation on PV panel efficiency. South-facing panels exhibit the highest efficiency, while north-facing panels have the lowest efficiency.

Table 7: Performance Metrics and Material Characteristics Correlation

Performance Metric	Correlation with Material Characteristics
Efficiency	Strongly correlated with material type and thickness
Temperature Coefficient	Inversely correlated with temperature coefficient
Degradation Rate	Inversely correlated with material type and thickness

Table 7 Explanation: This table summarizes the correlation between performance metrics (efficiency, temperature coefficient, and degradation rate) and material characteristics (material type, thickness). It indicates the strength and direction of the correlations, highlighting the significant influence of material characteristics on PV performance.

Table 8: Influence of Panel Tilt Angle on Efficiency

Tilt Angle (°)	Efficiency (%)
20	19.2
30	19.8
40	20.3
50	19.5

Table 8 Explanation: This table examines the influence of panel tilt angle on PV panel efficiency. It reveals how different tilt angles impact the efficiency of PV panels, with a peak efficiency at 40 degrees.

Table 9: Correlation Between Panel Age and Degradation Rate

Panel Age (years)	Degradation Rate (%)
1	0.8
5	0.9
10	1.2
15	1.5

Table 9 Explanation: Table 9 illustrates the correlation between the age of PV panels and their degradation rates. It shows that older panels tend to have higher degradation rates, indicating a decrease in efficiency over time.

Table 10: Comparison of PV Panel Materials by Cost-Effectiveness

Material Type	Cost per Watt ($)
Monocrystalline	0.45
Polycrystalline	0.40
Thin-Film	0.35
Perovskite	0.50

Table 10 Explanation: This table compares different PV panel materials in terms of cost-effectiveness, measured as cost per watt. It provides insights into the economic considerations associated with different material choices in PV installations.

Table 11: Impact of Dust and Dirt on Efficiency

Dust/Dirt Level (%)	Efficiency Reduction (%)
Low	2.1
Moderate	4.5
High	7.3
Very High	10.2

Table 11 Explanation: Table 11 demonstrates the impact of dust and dirt accumulation on PV panel efficiency. It shows a direct correlation between higher dust/dirt levels and reduced panel efficiency.

Table 12: Geographic Variability in PV Efficiency

Location	Average Efficiency (%)
Sunny Region	21.0
Moderate Region	18.5
Cloudy Region	16.3
High-altitude	19.8

Table 12 Explanation: This table analyzes the geographic variability in PV panel efficiency, showing how the location of installation affects the performance of PV panels. Sunny regions tend to have the highest average efficiency.

5. Discussion

In this section, we delve into the analysis and interpretation of the results presented in Section 4, highlighting how they contribute to filling the literature gap identified in our research. We also explore the implications and significance of these findings, offering a deeper understanding of the relationship between photovoltaic (PV) performance metrics and material characteristics.

Interpretation of Results:

1. PV Panel Efficiency and Material Types (Table 2): The results indicate that monocrystalline panels exhibit the highest average efficiency, closely followed by perovskite panels. This finding aligns with previous research emphasizing the superior efficiency of monocrystalline and emerging perovskite materials. It suggests that investments in these materials could lead to more efficient PV systems, supporting the transition to cleaner energy sources.

2. Influence of Material Thickness on Efficiency (Table 3): The influence of material thickness on efficiency shows that, in general, thicker panels result in slightly improved efficiency. This could be due to increased light absorption or enhanced structural stability. Manufacturers and designers may consider optimizing thickness for improved performance.

3. Temperature Coefficient of PV Panel Materials (Table 4): The temperature coefficient results demonstrate that monocrystalline and perovskite panels exhibit more favorable temperature coefficients, meaning they are less affected by temperature variations. This has practical implications for PV installations in regions with extreme temperature fluctuations.

4. Annual Degradation Rates of PV Panels (Table 5): The lower degradation rates observed in monocrystalline and perovskite panels suggest that these materials may offer longer-term performance stability, making them attractive options for investors looking for reliable and sustainable PV systems.

5. Influence of Panel Orientation on Efficiency (Table 6): The influence of panel orientation on efficiency highlights the importance of proper panel placement. South-facing panels yield the highest efficiency, underscoring the significance of aligning panels with solar angles for optimal energy capture.

6. Performance Metrics and Material Characteristics Correlation (Table 7): Table 7 reveals strong correlations between performance metrics and material characteristics, emphasizing that material type and thickness significantly impact efficiency, temperature coefficients, and degradation rates. These findings underscore the importance of material selection in designing PV systems.

Implications and Significance:

The findings of our comparative study have several important implications and contribute to filling the literature gap:

1. Informed Material Choices: By understanding the relationship between material characteristics and performance metrics, researchers, manufacturers, and policymakers can make informed decisions when selecting PV materials. This knowledge can lead to more efficient, durable, and cost-effective PV systems.

2. Sustainability and Environmental Impact: The lower degradation rates observed in monocrystalline and perovskite panels can result in longer-lasting PV installations with reduced environmental impact, as fewer replacements are needed over time.

3. Geographic Considerations: The geographic variability in PV efficiency (Table 12) highlights the need for customized PV system designs based on location. This knowledge can aid in optimizing PV installations to maximize energy production in various regions.

4. Economic Considerations: The cost-effectiveness comparison (Table 10) offers insights into the economic viability of different materials, helping investors and project developers make financially sound decisions.

5. Research Direction: Our findings can guide future research efforts in the photovoltaic field. Researchers can focus on improving the efficiency, temperature tolerance, and durability of materials that exhibit favorable characteristics, such as monocrystalline and perovskite.

In conclusion, our comparative study of PV performance metrics and material characteristics not only provides valuable insights but also fills a significant literature gap in the understanding of how materials impact the performance of PV systems. These findings have practical implications for the design, deployment, and sustainability of PV technology, contributing to the advancement of renewable energy solutions and a cleaner, more sustainable future.

6. Conclusion

In this research study, we conducted a comprehensive comparative analysis of photovoltaic (PV) performance metrics and material characteristics, aiming to address a significant literature gap in the field of renewable energy. Our investigation yielded several key findings that shed light on the relationship between PV materials and their performance.

Our analysis revealed that monocrystalline panels exhibit the highest average efficiency, closely followed by perovskite panels. Additionally, thicker panels generally result in slightly improved efficiency, and certain materials, such as monocrystalline and perovskite, exhibit more favorable temperature coefficients and lower degradation rates, indicating their suitability for long-term and reliable PV systems. Moreover, the orientation of PV panels significantly influences efficiency, with south-facing panels demonstrating the highest efficiency. Material type and thickness showed strong correlations with performance metrics, emphasizing the importance of material selection in designing efficient PV systems.

The broader implications of our research are far-reaching. First and foremost, our findings offer practical guidance to stakeholders in the PV industry, including researchers, manufacturers, policymakers, and investors. Informed material choices, based on our study, can lead to the development of more efficient, durable, and cost-effective PV systems, contributing to the global transition to cleaner energy sources.

Furthermore, our research has environmental implications, as materials with lower degradation rates may lead to longer-lasting PV installations with reduced environmental impact. This supports sustainability efforts and aligns with the broader goal of reducing carbon emissions and mitigating climate change.

The economic aspects of our research cannot be overstated. Our cost-effectiveness comparison underscores the importance of considering economic factors when choosing PV materials. This knowledge can assist investors and project developers in making financially sound decisions, ensuring the viability and profitability of PV projects.

Finally, our research direction is pivotal for guiding future studies in the photovoltaic field. Researchers can use our findings as a foundation for improving existing materials and developing innovative solutions that enhance the efficiency, temperature tolerance, and durability of PV technology.

In conclusion, our study not only fills a critical literature gap but also contributes to the advancement of renewable energy solutions. By understanding the intricate relationship between PV performance metrics and material characteristics, we pave the way for more efficient, sustainable, and economically viable PV systems.

This research brings us closer to a cleaner, more sustainable energy future, aligning with global efforts to combat climate change and promote environmental stewardship.

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Surface Soil Moisture Retrieval Using Different Microwave Bands of Synthetic Aperture Radar by Using Physics-Based Scattering Models

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the retrieval of surface soil moisture using synthetic aperture radar (SAR) data by applying physics-based scattering models. The Integral Equation Model (IEM) and the Water Cloud Model (WCM) were used to simulate the backscattering coefficient from bare soil surfaces. The simulations were conducted for a range of soil moisture values, surface roughness conditions, and vegetation cover. The simulated backscattering coefficients were then used to develop empirical relationships between the backscattering coefficient and soil moisture The results showed that the IEM and WCM were able to accurately simulate the backscattering coefficient from bare soil surfaces. able to accurately retrieve soil moisture from SAR data.

Keywords: SAR Retrieval, Physics-Based Models, IEM and WCM, Bare Soil

I. INTRODUCTION

Soil moisture is a key parameter in the Earth's climate system[1]. It plays a critical role in the water cycle, influencing evapotranspiration, infiltration, and runoff[2]. Accurate measurements of soil moisture are essential for a wide range of applications SAR is a microwave remote sensing technique that can be used to measure surface soil moisture[3,4]. SAR systems transmit microwave pulses towards the Earth's surface and measure the backscattered signal[3,5]. The backscattered signal is sensitive to a number of surface properties, including soil moisture[6]. SAR has an even shorter wavelength and is sensitive to both surface soil moisture and vegetation[7]. Physics-based scattering models can be used to relate the backscattered SAR signal to soil moisture. These models account for the effects of surface roughness, vegetation, and soil moisture on radar backscatter[8]. The objectives of this study are to Evaluate sensitivity, retrieval and algorithms of microwave bands of SAR to soil moisture measurements[9].

Backscattering Coefficient:

Soil moisture (m^3/m^3)	RMS height (cm)	Backscattering coefficient (dB)
0.05	0.5	-12.3
0.05	1	-11.5
0.05	2	-10.7
0.1	0.5	-10.2
0.1	1	-9.4
0.1	2	-8.6

0.15	0.5	-9.1
0.15	1	-8.3
0.15	2	-7.5
0.2	0.5	-8
0.2	1	-7.2
0.2	2	-6.4
0.25	0.5	-7
0.25	1	-6.2
0.25	2	-5.4
0.3	0.5	-6
0.3	1	-5.2
0.3	2	-4.4
0.35	0.5	-5.1
0.35	1	-4.3
0.35	2	-3.5
0.4	0.5	-4.2
0.4	1	-3.4
0.4	2	-2.6

The soil moisture retrieval algorithms are based on a look-up table that relates the backscattered coefficient to soil moisture. The data from Jalgaon, Maharashtra, was collected from open sources, including Earth data (NASA.gov) and Open Access Hub (Copernicus.eu). This data appears to represent the backscattering coefficient values corresponding to different combinations of soil moisture content. We tested the soil moisture retrieval algorithms using SAR data from the Soil Moisture Active Passive (SMAP) mission. SMAP validation network to validate the soil moisture retrieval algorithms.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

Method and Materials

We used the Integral Equation Model (IEM) to simulate the backscattering coefficient of bare soil at L-band (1.27 GHz), C-band (5.3 GHz), and X-band (9.6 GHz)[3,5,10]. The IEM is a well-established model that accounts for the effects of surface roughness, soil moisture, and vegetation on radar backscatter[11]. We simulated the backscattering coefficient for a range of soil moisture values and surface roughness conditions. The soil moisture values ranged from 0.05 m^3/m^3 to 0.4 m^3/m^3. The surface roughness conditions were characterized by a root-mean-square (RMS) height of 0.5 cm, 1 cm, and 2 cm. The backscattering coefficient (σ°) for a range of soil moisture can be estimated using the following semi-empirical model[12,13]:

$$\sigma^o = A * \theta\left(1 - e^{(-B*\theta*\theta)}\right) * \frac{v^2 - 1}{v^2 + 1}$$

where:

- σ° is the backscattering coefficient in dB
- θ is the soil moisture content in volumetric fraction
- A, B, and v are empirical parameters that depend on the soil texture, frequency, and polarization of the radar signal

Semi-empirical model, and the actual backscattering coefficient will vary depending on a number of factors, such as the soil roughness, vegetation cover, and incidence angle[3,6,12,14]. However, this model can be used to provide a general estimate of the backscattering coefficient for a range of soil moisture conditions. We used the simulated backscattering coefficients to develop soil moisture retrieval algorithms for L-band, C-band, and X-band SAR.

III.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of the IEM simulations showed that the backscattering coefficient is most sensitive to soil moisture at L-band. The sensitivity of the backscattering coefficient to soil moisture decreases at C-band and X-band. The decrease in sensitivity is due to the shorter wavelength of C-band and X-band

SAR. Shorter wavelengths are less sensitive to changes in volumetric soil moisture.

The results of the soil moisture retrieval algorithms showed that the algorithms are able to retrieve soil moisture with high accuracy. The root-mean-square error (RMSE) of the soil moisture retrievals was 0.03 m^3/m^3 for L-band SAR, 0.04 m^3/m^3 for C-band SAR, and 0.05 m^3/m^3 for X-band SAR.

The results of this study demonstrate that different microwave bands of SAR can be used to retrieve surface soil moisture with high accuracy. Physics-based scattering models can be used to exploit the different sensitivities of different microwave bands to soil moisture.

IV. CONCLUSION

Physics-based scattering models is to exploit the different sensitivities of different microwave bands Retrieval algorithms to generate high-quality soil moisture products from SAR data. to soil moisture.

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