

# COMPARITIVE ANALYSIS OF OPTICAL PROPERTIES OF CdSe AND CdS ANNEALED THIN FILMS USING SPRAY PYROLYSIS TECHNIQUE

## Abstract

A comparative study of CdSe and CdS thin films 0.025 M molar concentration deposited by spray pyrolysis technique were studied. The energy band gaps of these annealed films were found out from reflection spectra. CdS have the direct band gap 2.47 eV and CdSe thin films which has a direct band gap of 1.75eV used in IR optics, polarizers and X-Ray detector. These thin films of semi conducting materials are relevant use in optoelectronic, communicating devices and solar energy.

**Keywords:** Thin film, optical properties, Energy gap, Spray pyrolysis.

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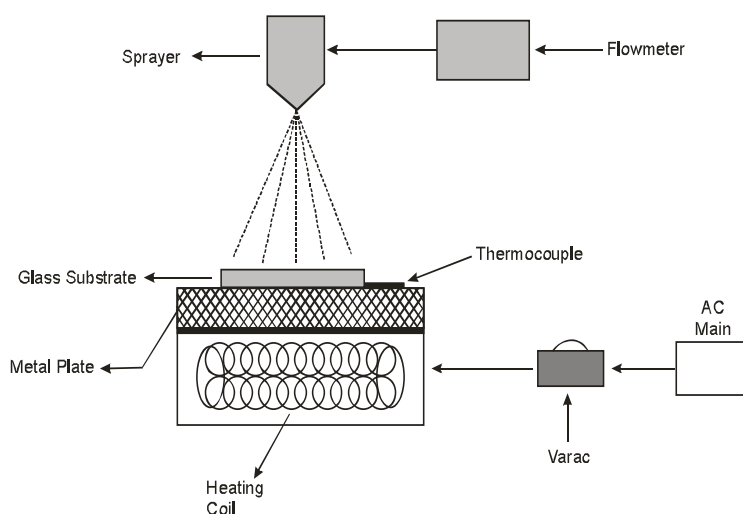
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## I. INTRODUCTION

The II-VI compound semiconductor such as CdSe of IV–VI layer structured semiconductor [1]. In general they are used as holographic recording, switching photo conducting [2] and photovoltaic materials. which has a direct band gap of 1.75 eV [3] is suitable for solar cell and solar control coating and applicable for windows layer [4]. Thin films are highly structure sensitive which influence the device performance. Thin films are wide used in optical coating on the lenses to reduce the reflected light from the lenses. In this thin films, cadmium chalcogenides have gain more attention due to their band gap which gives maximum efficiency [5]. With this it is possible to convert visible light energy directly into electrical, used in semiconductor photoelectrical and electrolyte hetero-junction system, [6]. The efficiency of solar cell is found to improve with the increase in conductivity of the films. The structure is closely related to that of zinc-blende. The binary semiconductors CdS have the direct band gap 2.47 eV [7]. Several authors pointed out that CdS could be a n-type window material implemented in hetero-junction solar cells [8] [9].

## II. EXPERIMENTAL

CdSe and CdS annealed thin films were deposited by using spray pyrolysis technique [9] on a pre cleaned hot glass as a substrate of molar concentration 0.025M. The aqueous solutions are prepared in double distilled water. The source of Cd and S are cadmium chloride ( $\text{CdCl}_2$ ) and thiourea ( $\text{NH-CS-NH}_2$ ) and the source of Cd and Se are cadmium chloride ( $\text{CdCl}_2$ ) and selenium dioxide ( $\text{Se}_2$ ). The aqueous solutions of  $\text{CdCl}_2$  and thiourea were taken in the ratio 1:1 in the specially designed sprayer [10]. The specially designed glass spray nozzle was used for thin spray of solution on the hot substrate maintained at  $400^\circ\text{C}$  with an accuracy  $\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ . The special designed glass sprayer was mechanically moved to and fro on hot substrate. Then all the films CdS and CdSe are annealed for 2 hr. at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  constant temperature. The Experimental setup for spraying is shown in Fig. (1). The distance between the special designed glass sprayer and the glass substrate was about 25–30 cm with air pressure at  $12 \text{ Kg/cm}^2$ . [11]



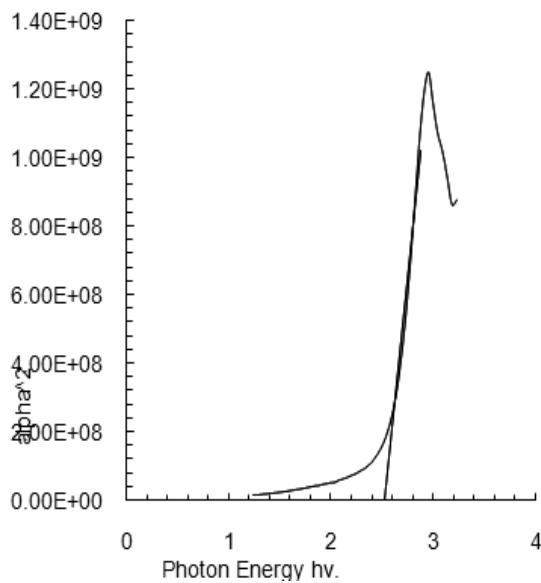
**Figure 1:** Experimental setup

### III. OPTICAL AND STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES

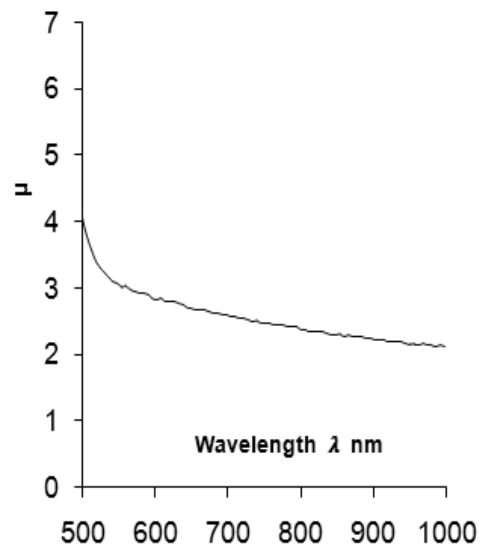
Absorption spectra of CdS and CdSe are taken in the lab by using ELICO SL 159 spectrophotometer in wavelength range 380-1000 nm. Energy band gap  $E_g$  and absorption coefficient [12] are used by using the Tauc relation is given by equation 1

$$\alpha = \frac{A}{\hbar\nu} (\hbar\nu - E_g)^{1/2} \quad \text{----(1)}$$

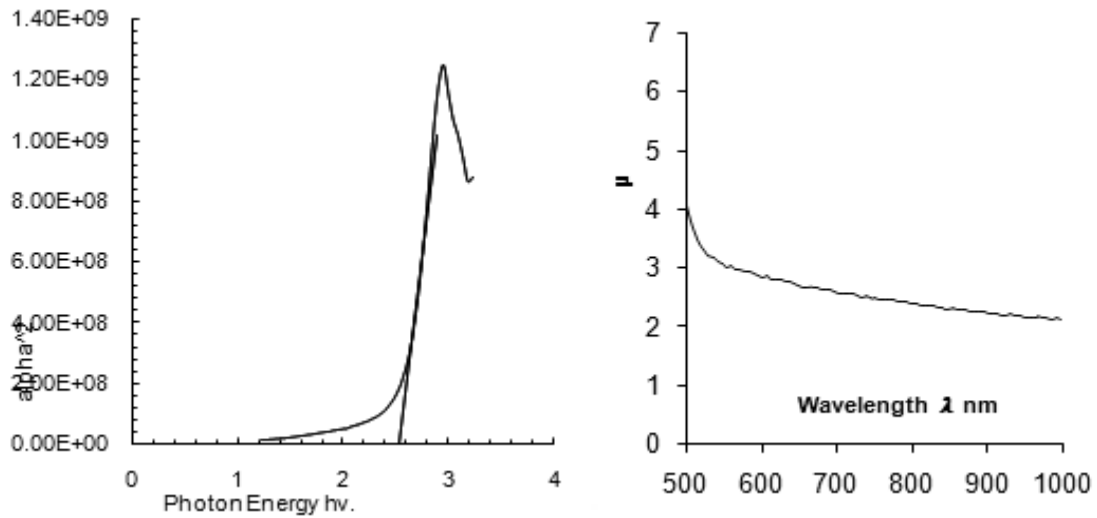
Where  $A$  is a constant,  $h\nu$  is the photon energy,  $E_g$  the band gap and  $n$  is an index In this paper  $n = \frac{1}{2}$  is chosen for an allowed direct transition. A graph is plotted between  $(\alpha h\nu)^2$  and  $h\nu$ , a straight line tangent to a slope which gives the value of the direct band gap as shown in graph. The sample were annealed because of an heating the samples at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  the crystallinity properties increases [13] From fig 2, found band gap of CdS in the range 2.4 eV [14] and from fig 4, CdSe thin film with a band gap 1.75 eV. [15] From all this data a computer program for calculation is used in lab to calculate the refractive index  $\mu$ , and absorption  $\alpha$ . [16]



**Figure 2:** Band Gap energy of CdS Thin Film

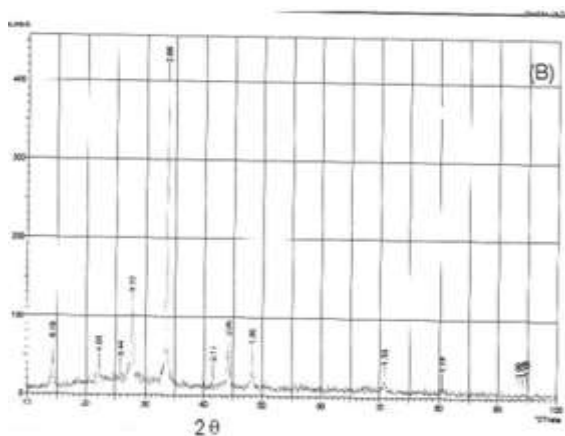


**Figure 3:** Refractive index of CdS

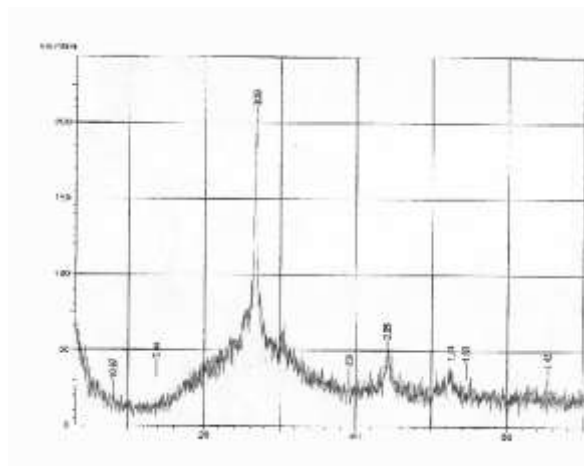


**Figure 4:** Band Gap Energy CdSe Thin Film    **Figure 5:** Refractive Index of CdSe Thin Film

The study of optical properties of the thin films is very important when these are to be used in devices particularly in solar cell. Because the optical properties determine the part of the efficiency of the devices. The refractive index  $n$  and extinction coefficient  $\kappa$  were found out from the transmittance data. From fig 3 and Fig 5 it was found that the dependences of refractive index on incident photon energy [17] deposited on glass substrate. The thin film of CdS has significant interest for the efficient use in the solar cells [18-19]. Fig 6 and 7 shows the XRD of CdS and CdSe thin films of annealed samples was used to confirm the crystal structure [20]



**Figure 6:** XRD of CdS thin film



**Figure 7:** XRD of CdSe thin film

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Cadmium sulphide is II–VI group and it is almost used material for the heterojunction solar cells. The CdS has nearly the same energy band gap which is necessary for maximum conversion efficiency. CdS is stable and low cost thin film. The XRD of these thin films samples are shows crystalline in nature and hence used in solar cell and nano

technology. The CdS thin films of 0.025 M molar concentration prepared by spray pyrolysis method scanned in the visible region the energy gap was found that the band gap for CdS thin films of molar concentration 0.025M are nearly 2.4 eV. It was found that the thin film samples prepared by spray pyrolysis method at constant substrate temperature were more stable. CdS thin film can be used as visibly transmitting material and buffer layer in chalcopyrite heterojunction solar cell. Hence CdS gains more interest for the efficient component of solar cells. The values of energy gap of CdSe are 1.7 eV can be used in IR optics, polarizers and X-Ray detector. In summary CdSe is the better window layer material for solar cell and.

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