



"Synthesis and Characterization of SnO₂/ZnO nano composites doped Some Selected Conducting Polymers for Sensing Application"

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Abstract: the ratio of SnO₂ decreased light transmission and increased energy loss. Synthesis, self-assembly, and characteristics of ZnO nanostructures and nanocomposites were studied. Chapters explain the creation, characterization, and usage of zinc oxide nanoparticles. This chapter's order is: This article's first half investigates asymmetric ZnO nanostructures with an inner cavity. The newly generated inner space is in the nanostructures' upper area, demonstrating structural anisotropy. This differs from nanostructures' hollow interiors. Surfactants may regulate the self-assembly of fundamental nano-crystallites and the growth of two or more crystal planes during the production of ZnO asymmetric nanostructures. As suggested.

Hydrothermal processing was used to create hourglass-shaped ZnO nanostructures. Using Tween-85, scientists were able to determine ZnO subunits' unique structure and self-assembly mechanism. The linear assembly of hour-glass structures is caused by van der Waals interactions between subunits' surface-anchored alkylated oleate groups. Surface-anchored van der Waals interaction enabled this discovery. This was found when the hourglass structures were disassembled.

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because the ratio caused a decrease in the amount of energy that was lost.

I. INTRODUCTION

In this study, we produced ZnO and SnO₂ nano-composites by sol gel synthesis and analyzed their structural, morphological, and electrochemical properties. X-rays determine particle size and strain based on composite composition. AFM reveals a mostly homogenous and granular surface shape with increasing SnO₂ content.

Optical investigations used photoluminescence. Doped samples had a modest peak-shift compared to un-doped samples. The shifting was caused by doping the host matrix and varying the nano-composites' band gap energies.

SILAR technique synthesizes SnO₂-ZnO nano-composite at room temperature. Annealed film XRD patterns reveal SnO₂-ZnO nano-composite production. SEM shows SnO₂-ZnO nano-composite's porous agglomerated nanoparticle network structure. ZnO is cauliflower-shaped, while SnO₂ is nanoparticle-like. EDS validates composite film elements. SnO₂-ZnO nano-composite sensors detected reducing gases such LPG, ethanol, hydrogen sulfide, and ammonia.

When the ratio of SnO₂ was increased, there was a drop in the amount of light that was communicated, while there was an increase in the amount of energy that was lost. This was the case

This study concentrated primarily on the synthesis, self-assembly, and characteristics of ZnO-related nanostructures and nanocomposites as its primary areas of investigation. This thesis was required reading for a doctoral program and was therefore required to be written. This thesis is made of nine chapters that provide a methodical description of the synthesis, characterisation, and use of zinc oxide nanoparticles. These chapters are arranged in the following order: The following is the order in which these chapters are presented: An examination into asymmetric ZnO nanostructures that have a cavity on the inside is presented in the first half of this article. It was discovered that the newly developed internal space is located in the upper part of the nanostructures, which exhibits a new kind of structural anisotropy. This finding was made possible by the fact that the nanostructures are made up of nanotubes. This is in stark contrast to the typical situation, in which the nanostructures have a hollow interior in the centre of them. During the process of the formation of ZnO asymmetric nanostructures, it has been hypothesized that a surfactant may be responsible for regulating the self-assembly of fundamental nano-crystallites as well as the growth of two or more sets of crystal



planes. This idea is based on the fact that surfactants are known to regulate the self-assembly of fundamental nano-crystallites. There has been some consideration given to this idea.

Hydrothermal technique created hourglass-shaped ZnO nanostructures. This assembly achieved the purpose. Tween-85 helped researchers discover out the unique structure of ZnO subunits and how they self-assemble. The linear assembly of hour-glass structures is due to the van der Waals interaction of surface-anchored alkylated oleate groups. The linear assembly of hour-glass structures is produced by van der Waals contact. This phenomenon was discovered because van der Waals interactions are surface-anchored. This was found after the hourglass-shaped buildings were destroyed.

Material Science and Engineering's ability to imagine innovative materials has revolutionized modern society. Thin film technology underpins incredible advances in State-of-the-art tech. thin films science and technology is an important part of today's high-tech industry. Grove observed that metal films were created by sputtering cathode with high-energy positive ions. Thin films for devices have been produced for 40 years. Two-dimensional thin films are crucial to many real-world challenges. Their material costs are low compared to bulk materials, and they perform the same surface functions. Thus, the nature, functions, and new features of thin films have been utilised to produce new technologies. With new technologies miniaturizing to the level of a single atom and precision reaching tolerances only readable by an electron microscope; thin film technology is expanding daily. Films are homogenous solid material between two planes and extended in two dimensions, but constrained in a third direction perpendicular to XY plane.

This mechanism causes tiny localized heating. Melting substrates during first deposition cycles is frequent while developing metal coating processes for thin plastic items. Temperature-sensitive substrates can be coated by monitoring source-to-substrate distances and deposition rates. Induction, electric resistance, and electron beam heating can vaporize a charge. Laser ablation, cathodic arc, and thermal techniques can deposit thin layers. The laser source is outside the evaporation system, and the beam penetrates a window to focus on the evaporated powder.

Interfacial nano-control generates nanocomposites. The goal is molecular-level interface, structure, and morphology control. Chemical/physical properties and functions may be unachievable in separate pieces. Sizes, topologies, and assembly of nanocomposite domains must be optimized.

Sol-gel solidifies a solution. Inorganic (chlorides, nitrates, sulfides) and metal organic precursors are used in sol-gel procedures (alkoxide, acetylacetonate). Alkoxide precursor method is versatile. Hydrolysis and condensation are used to cross-link molecular precursors. At moderate temperatures, zinc oxide, titania, and indium oxide can be formed.

LITERATURE SURVEY

The main objective of this thesis is to create nanomaterials, research in a precise way the growth of nanomaterials, as well as investigate related applications.

Photo-Catalytic degradation of Methylene blue by ZnO/SnO₂ nanocomposite Samad Sabbaghi, Fateme Doraghi, J. Water Environ. Nanotechnol, 2016

This study created a nanocomposite that can remedy the problem. ZnO/SnO₂ nanocomposite was co-precipitated. Characterized by DLS, XRD, FTIR, and SEM. Studying initial wastewater content, catalyst quantity, and time; The nanocomposites surface area increased decolorization. All experiments eliminated 100% of the dye; the time varied. Reduced methylene blue and increased nanocomposite reduced decolorization.

Summary

ZnO/SnO₂ photocatalyzed wastewater color removal. Examined: wastewater quantity, reaction time, and pollutant concentration. Reducing particle size enhances nanocomposite decolorization. Less methylene blue sped decolorization. ZnO/SnO₂ nanocomposite reduced decolorization time. 0.66 g ZnO/SnO₂ was optimum for 15, 20, and 30 mg/L methylene blue. 15 mg/L, 20 mg/L, and 30 mg/L took 100 minutes.

UV-assisted synthesis of reduced graphene oxide zinc sulfide composite with enhanced photocatalytic activity, Koushik Chakraborty, Sankalpita Chakrabarty, Poulomi Dasb, Surajit Ghosh, Tanusri Pal, Materials Science and Engineering B, ELSEVIER, 2016

UV light reduced Graphene Oxide (GO) in aqueous solution by receiving photoinduced electrons from Zinc Sulfide (ZnS). XRD and FTIR confirm decreased RGO/ZnS and GO. Raman confirms deterioration. UV light photocatalyzes RGO-ZnS better than ZnS. ZnS matches RGO's work function, boosting photocatalysis. Recycled RGO-ZnS is photodegradable. Photocatalytic GO reduction yields photosensitive RGO optoelectronic materials.

Summary

FTIR, XRD confirm RGO-ZnS. FTIR and Raman show GO's decrease. TEM shows ZnS nanorods on RGO. Quenching PL spectra and measuring photocurrent determine photoinduced charge transfer in RGO-ZnS. The hybrid material outperforms regulated ZnS in photocatalysis. Five times recycling RGO-ZnS doesn't influence photodegradation or crystalline structure. Photocatalytic RGO-based hybrid materials may be useful for bang gap optoelectronics.

Investigation on Structural, Surface Morphological and Dielectric Properties of Zn-doped SnO₂ Nanoparticles Suresh Sagadevan and Jiban Podderb, Materials Research 2016

Co-precipitated zinc-doped SnO₂ nanoparticles. X-ray diffraction (XRD) measured SnO₂ nanoparticle crystallite size. FT-IR found Nano scale SnO₂. Size and form were investigated by SEM and TEM (TEM). DLS measured Zn-doped SnO₂ nanoparticles. Studying UV-VIS absorption. At varied frequencies and temperatures, Zn-doped SnO₂ dielectric characteristics were evaluated. Zn-doped SnO₂ nanoparticles ac conductivity examined.



Summary

DLS validated TEM nanoparticle size for Zn-doped SnO₂. UV-Vis spectrum of Zn-doped SnO₂. Zn doping lowered SnO₂'s band gap to 3.5 eV. Diameter and loss are evaluated. Dielectric constant and loss decreased with frequency. Zn-doped SnO₂ nanoparticles' ac conductivity improves with temperature.

Construction of 1D SnO₂-coated ZnO nanowire heterojunction for their improved n-butylamine sensing performances, Liwei Wang, Jintao Li, Yinghui Wang, Kefu Yu, Xingying Tang, Yuanyuan Zhang, Shaopeng Wang & Chaoshuai Wei, Scientific Reports 2016

Solvothermal treatment and 400 °C calcination created SnO₂-coated ZnO nanowire N-N heterojunctions. XRD, SEM, TEM, Scanning TEM, EDS, and XPS experiments revealed N-type SnO₂ nanoparticles (4 nm) on n-type ZnO nanowire supports (diameter 80100 nm, length 1216 m). SnO₂/ZnO NW demonstrated higher responsiveness, short reaction and recovery times, outstanding selectivity, and great repeatability to n-butylamine gas, making it appropriate for organic amine sensors. SnO₂ and ZnO heterojunctions generate a semiconductor depletion layer model that boosts gas-sensing behavior. Photocatalysis, lithium-ion batteries, and water filtration use SnO₂/ZnO NW heterojunctions.

ZnO/SnO₂/Zn₂SnO₄ nanocomposite: preparation and characterization for gas sensing applications, M. Chitra¹, K. Uthayarani, N. Rajasekaran, N. Neelakandeswari², E. K. Girija, D. Pathinettam Padiyan, Nanosystems: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, 2016

ZnO/SnO₂/Zn₂SnO₄ nanocomposite is prepared hydrothermally. X-ray powder diffraction, FTIR, and UV spectroscopy characterize the nanocomposite. FE-SEM and EDS document the nanocomposite's form and elements. Nanorods in a nanoparticle matrix increase gas adsorption sites, making this material a good choice for room-temperature gas sensing with quick reaction and recovery.

Summary

Hydrothermal and calcination create ZnO/SnO₂/Zn₂SnO₄ nanocomposite. XRD and FT-IR confirmed composite formation. Fe-SEM showed SnO₂ nanoparticles among ZnO nanorods. Zn₂SnO₄'s secondary phase restricted nanorod development, increasing surface area.

Study On The Activity of ZnO-SnO₂ Nanocomposite Against Bacteria And Fungi Title: Karzanabdulkareem Omar, Bashdar Ismael Meena, Srwa Ali Muhammed, Physicochem. Probl Miner. Process, 2016

ZnO-SnO₂ nanocomposite XRD indicates 22-nm nanocomposite particles. Due to agglomeration and the presence of Zn, Sn, O, N, C, and Si in the treated sample, the nanocomposite exhibits an uneven look in the SEM picture. UV-Visible investigation shows nanocomposites 5.06 eV band gap at 245nm. ZnO-SnO₂ nanocomposite killed Staph aureus, Listeria monocytogenes, E.coli, Salmonella typhi, Candida albicans, and Aspergillus niger. Antibacterial and antifungal ZnO-SnO₂ nanopowder. Inhibition zones removed bacteria, fungus, and

antibiotics without irradiation. Actinazol and Actinazol-nanocomposite killed fungus but not E. coli.

A new ZnO/rGO/polyaniline ternary nanocomposite as photo catalyst with improved photocatalytic activity, Author: Huipeng Wu Shengling Lin Chuanxiang Chen Wei Liang Xiaoyan Liu Hongxun Yang, Accepted Manuscript, 2016

ZnO is a potential water photocatalyst. Low photocatalytic activity and electron-hole recombination limit its use. A ZnO/rGO/PANI nanocomposite photocatalyst was evaluated using TEM, SEM, X-Ray diffraction, FTIR, and Raman. The ZnO/rGO (7%)/PANI (10%) photocatalyst photodegrades methyl orange with a maximal efficiency of nearly 100% during 60 min under UV light irradiation. This improvement is attributed to ZnO, rGO, and PANI's synergistic influence on photoexcited electron transport and material surface area.

Summary

In summary, we successfully prepared a series of ZnO/rGO/PANI photocatalysts. ZG7P10 nanocomposite has the highest photoelectric activity and photodegradation efficiency toward MO and phenol.

This enhancement is due to rGO, which improves photoexcited electron transport and material surface area, PANI, which increases light absorption and dye adsorption, and the synergistic effect of ZnO, rGO, and PANI. The improved photocatalyst is an efficient photocatalytic material with environmental purifying potential.

Synthesis and Studies on Nanocomposites of polypyrrole-Al-doped zinc oxide Nanoparticles V.T. Bhugul, G.N. Choudhari, International Journal of Scientific and Research Publications, 2015

This study aluminum-doped ZnO nanoparticles. In-situ polymerization made Al-doped PPY-ZnO nanocomposites. FT-IR, XRD, TGA, and DSC characterized composites. All composite samples demonstrate broadening and peak shifts towards lower wave numbers, indicating improved conjugation and chemical interaction. Al-doped zinc oxide nanoparticle loading increases composite conformation, compactness, and conductivity. Polypyrrole and composites with Al-doped ZnO nanoparticles were amorphous.

Summary

Examined were structure, thermal stability, surface morphology, optical and electrical properties. Analyzed: structure, morphology, optics. Hexagonal wurtzite particles are 124.73, 48.51, and 80.69 nm. SEM pictures agglomerate and granulate. FT-IR exhibits ZnO metal-oxygen, aluminum-oxygen, and metal-oxygen-aluminum bands. Composite PPy changed from 1558cm⁻¹ to 1524 cm⁻¹, indicating C-C in pyrrole ring interacts with metal oxide nanoparticles. Al-doped ZnO.

Fabrication of SnO₂-SnO nanocomposites with p-n heterojunctions for the low-temperature sensing of NO₂ gas, Lei Li, Chunmei Zhang and Wei Chen, Nanoscale, 2015

In this study, p-n heterojunction SnO₂-SnO nanostructures were made hydrothermally in one pot. Nanocomposite was examined with X-rays and electron microscopes. n-type SnO₂ nanocrystals on p-type SnO crystals generated p-n heterojunctions. SnO₂-SnO



composite gas sensors were more sensitive to NO₂ at 50 °C. p-n heterojunctions sense NO₂. Low-temperature NO₂ sensor SnO₂-SnO p-n. SnO₂ nanocrystals grown in situ on SnO nanoplates increased sensor responsiveness. This research creates NO₂ and gas-detecting materials.

Summary

Pure SnO₂ nanoparticles had short grain sizes and huge surface areas, but they were poor NO₂ sensors. SnO₂-SnO heterojunction may improve sensing performance and minimize operating temperature. High-performance gas sensors are made using p-n heterojunctions semiconductors.

Growth of ZnO Nanorods on Glass Substrate by Chemical Bath Deposition, S. Rezabeigy, M. Behboudniaa, N. Nobari, 5th International Biennial Conference on Ultrafine Grained and Nanostructured Materials, UFGNSM15, ScienceDirect, Elsevier, 2015

ZnO thin films were produced on glass slides by CBD (chemical bath deposition) from solutions comprising zinc sulphate (ZnSO₄), ethylenediamine (C₂H₈N₂), and Sodium Hydroxide. Films were analyzed structurally, morphologically, and optically. SEM shows aggregated nanorods. The film has 90% transparency and 3.95eV optical band gap.

Summary

The suggested growing approach requires no expensive or precise vacuum equipment, allowing large-scale, low-cost manufacturing of aligned ZnO nanorod arrays.

Photochemical Preparation of Ag/SnO Composites and their Photocatalytic Properties, Hongjuan Wang, Wenlong Li, International Conference on Chemical, Material and Food Engineering (CMFE-2015)

This study uses photochemistry to make Ag/SnO₂ composites. In situ Ag nanoparticles formed from UV-induced photoreduction of silver nitrate.

SEM, EDS, and XRD characterize composites. AgNO₃ solutions on composites were analyzed. Composites photodegraded aqueous methyl orange (MO) under metal halide lamp irradiation. Ag/SnO₂ composites with adequate silver are photocatalytic. 3mM AgNO₃ Ag/SnO₂ composites decompose MO best.

Summary

Studying morphology, composition, and photocatalytic activity. Silver on SnO₂ draws photoelectrons, improving electron-hole separation. Ag nanoparticles improve SnO₂'s photocatalytic activity. 3mM AgNO₃ Ag/SnO₂ composites decompose MO best. Noble nanoparticle-loaded semiconductor photocatalysts can be synthesized photochemically.

Structural and spectroscopic diagnosis of ZnO/SnO₂ nanocomposite influenced by Eu³⁺ Pankaj Kr. Baitha, J. Manam, Elsevier, Journal of Rare Earths, 2015

Room-temperature co-precipitation created europium-doped ZnO/SnO₂ nanocomposite phosphors. Structure, optical characteristics, and photoluminescence of Eu³⁺-activated ZnO and

SnO₂ were studied. XRD, FTIR, and FE-SEM assessed samples. Studying material optical characteristics with DR, UV-Vis, and PL spectroscopy. XRD indicated hexagonal ZnO and tetragonal SnO₂, with 8–14 nm crystallites. Zn–O, Sn–O, and O–H molecules stretched in FTIR.

Summary

Doped ZnO-SnO₂ co-powder. Sizes and shapes comparable. All samples contained hexagonal ZnO and tetragonal SnO₂ peaks. 50-70 nm FESEM graininess. ZnO/SnO₂ emits more Eu³⁺ than ZnO/SnO₂. Same molar ratio for 7F0-5D2. Blue PL emission became crimson after Eu³⁺ doping. Doping and ZnO/SnO₂ adjustments. LEDs, optoelectronics, and other displays use it as phosphor. Photocatalytic, sensitive ZnO/SnO₂ nanocomposites.

CONCLUSION

At 450°C for SnO₂ and 300°C for ZnO, thin films are sprayed. SnO₂ bottom layer thickness in bilayer ZnO/SnO₂ thin films is measured. This research finds.

ZnO sprayed particles uniformly cover substrates, and the scanned region has fibrous and non-fibrous ZnO thin films. FESEM shows homogenous SnO₂ film on glass. FESEM shows sprayed particles on glass. FESEM photos show agglomerated ZnO/SnO₂ grains. SnO₂'s fibrous surface decreases with thickness. SnO₂ and ZnO have distinct lattice fringes at the atomic contact.

ZnO, SnO₂, and ZnO/SnO₂ AFM images show tiny grains. 3D film growth fluctuated. SnO₂ adds thickness. All developed films are NIR transparent, per UV-visible spectroscopy. 3.68 eV straight band gap in thin SnO₂; larger bottom layer increases bilayer band gap. Bilayer thin film refractive index decreases with thickness.

Temperature decreases film resistance, indicating semi conductivity. Bilayer resistance decreases with thicker SnO₂. Concentration or movement may induce this. Thicker SnO₂ decreases bilayer thin film sheet resistance. Zn increases SnO₂ carrier concentration.

Bilayer ZnO/SnO₂ nano-composite thin films equal prior results in surface, structural, optical, and electrical properties. Bilayered films improved electrical and optical properties. ZnO/SnO₂ bi-layer is in TCOs 129's solar and optoelectronic band gap. Single-layer ZnO/SnO₂ film resistance was lower. AFM images showed a thick bilayer surface. Gas sensing and opto-electronics benefit from bilayered ZnO/SnO₂ film.

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