INTERSHIP REPORT

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UV SPECTROSCOPY ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION:

- Ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy or ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometry (UV-Vis or UV/Vis) refers to absorption spectroscopy or reflectance spectroscopy in the ultraviolet-visible spectral region.
- Ultraviolet-visible (UV-VIS) spectroscopy is an analytical method that can measure the analyte quantity depending on the amount of light received by the analyte.

PRINCIPLE:

- ❖ It works on the principle of Beer Lambert's law which says amount of light passed or absorbed is directly proportional to path length and concentration of absorbent.
- ❖ Absorbance is more concentration and more absorbance
- ❖ Transmittance is more concentration and less transmittance
- ❖ Light is absorbed or transmitted in two ways
- ❖ UV range is till 340nm
- ❖ Visible range is till 700nm

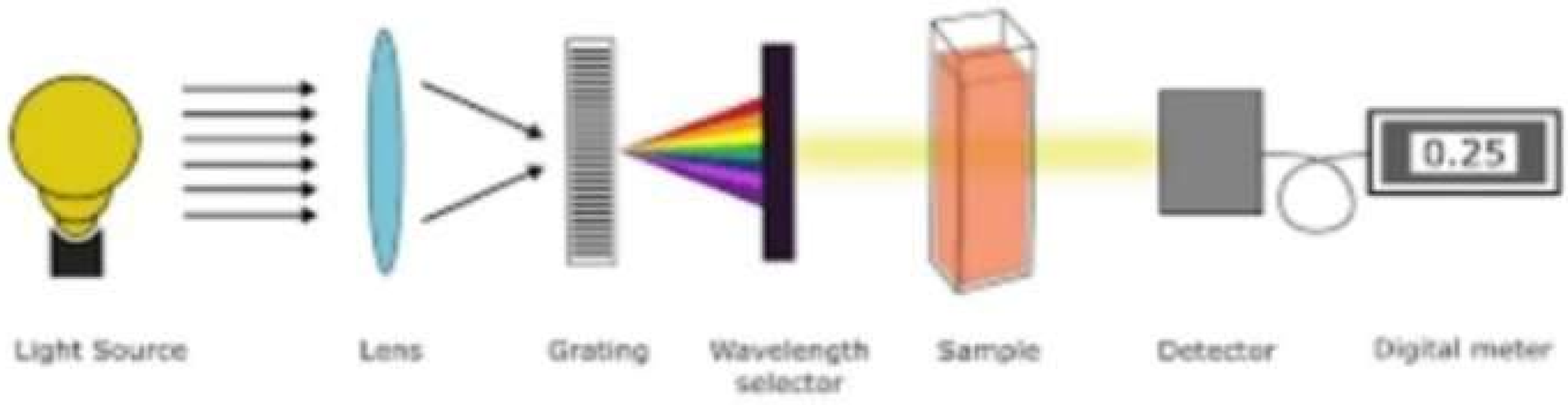






INSTRUMENTATION:

- ❖ Light Source
- ❖ Monochromator
- ❖ Sample Stage
- ❖ Detector
- ❖ Readout Device



Single beam spectrophotometer

ADVANTAGES:

- Simplicity
- Low Cost
- Wide Availability

DISADVANTAGES:

- Low Sensitivity
- Limited Selectivity
- Interference From The Solvent Or Other Impurities.

APPLICATION:

- Molecular weight determination
- Quantitative analysis
- Detection of functional groups
- Detection of impurities

TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF PHOSPHORUS IN WASTEWATER BY UV SPECTROSCOPY

PRINCIPLE:

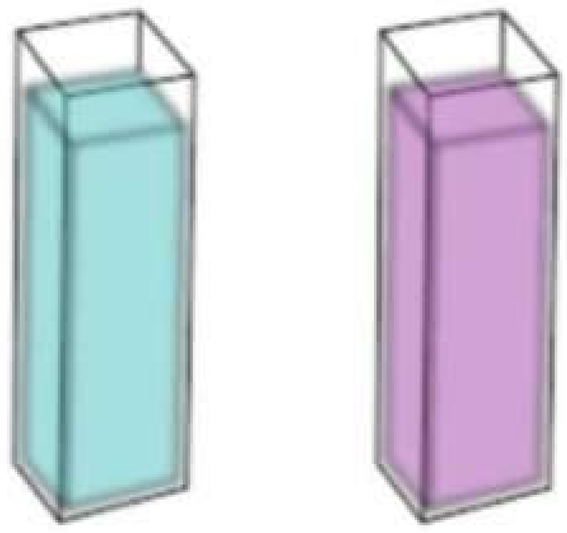
Phosphorus reacts with ammonium molybdate and tin (II) chloride to form blue coloured complex phospho molybdate4 complex.

REAGENT REQUIRED:

- Phosphorus
- Ammonium molybdate
- Tin (II)chloride

PROCEDURE:

- Make 100ml standard with 0.1ppm,0.5ppm,1.0ppm,1.5ppm,2.0ppm.
- Add 4 ml ammonium molybdate.
- Add 0.5ml or 10 drops sncl2 and mix it well.
- It forms blue colour complex.
- Rest it at for 10 mins
- Measure the absorbance at 690nm



sample containers or cuvettes

TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS

DEFINITION:

TSS stands for total suspended solids, and refers to waterborne particles that exceed 2 microns in size. Any particle that is smaller than 2 microns, on the other hand, is considered a total dissolved solid (TDS). The majority of total suspended solids comprise of inorganic materials; however, algae and bacteria may also be considered TSS.

DETERMINATION:

Total suspended solids (TSS) are defined as solids in water that can be trapped by a filter. To measure TSS, the water sample is filtered through a pre-weighed filter. The residue retained on the filter is dried in an oven at 103–105°C until the weight of the filter no longer changes.

FORMULA:

- TSS in mg/L can be calculated as: (dry weight of residue and filter – dry weight of filter alone, in grams)/ mL of sample * 1,000,000.





Conclusion:

In a nutshell, this internship has been an excellent and rewarding experience. I can conclude that there have been a lot I've learnt from my work at Cemosis. Needless to say, the technical aspects of the work I've done are not flawless and could be improved provided enough time.

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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

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During her internship she has shown lot of enthusiasm and found to be sincere, punctual, and inquisitive.

We wish her every success in her future endeavors

For SOFTGEL HEALTHCARE PRIVATE LIMITED

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I consider it is a great privilege and honor to have the opportunity to undergo the industrial training work in SOFTGEL HEALTHCARE PVT LTD.

I want to give a lot of thanks to production manager, quality control manager and all the chemist and workers.

Here I learned & gain many knowledge about the company side. These skills will help me to expand my resume & advance my career.

COMPANY PROFILE

Soft gel is an associate company of madras pharmaceuticals , an over 25-year-old WHO GMS certified manufacturer of complex healthcare drugs. Located at Chennai ,south India , Soft gel is well connected with Air , Rail , Road and ship. With a well-defined organogram and skilled manpower, soft gel is all set to be a leading name in the manufacture of soft gelatin capsules.

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Soft gel healthcare provides outsourcing solutions to the pharmaceuticals and nutraceuticals industry.

The company an associate of the reputed Madras pharmaceuticals , and dedicated encapsulation facility for manufacture of soft gelatin capsules.

Soft gel has assembled the finest infrastructure to ensure seamless production of soft gelatin capsules.

From AHU's to ventilators, water treatment plants and power backup, we are updated with the best in the industry.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

The company is involved in the manufacturing of all segments of products having independent manufacturing section.

- Warehouse
- Quality controlled
- Production
- Analytical development

- Quality assurance
- Information technology
- Marketing department

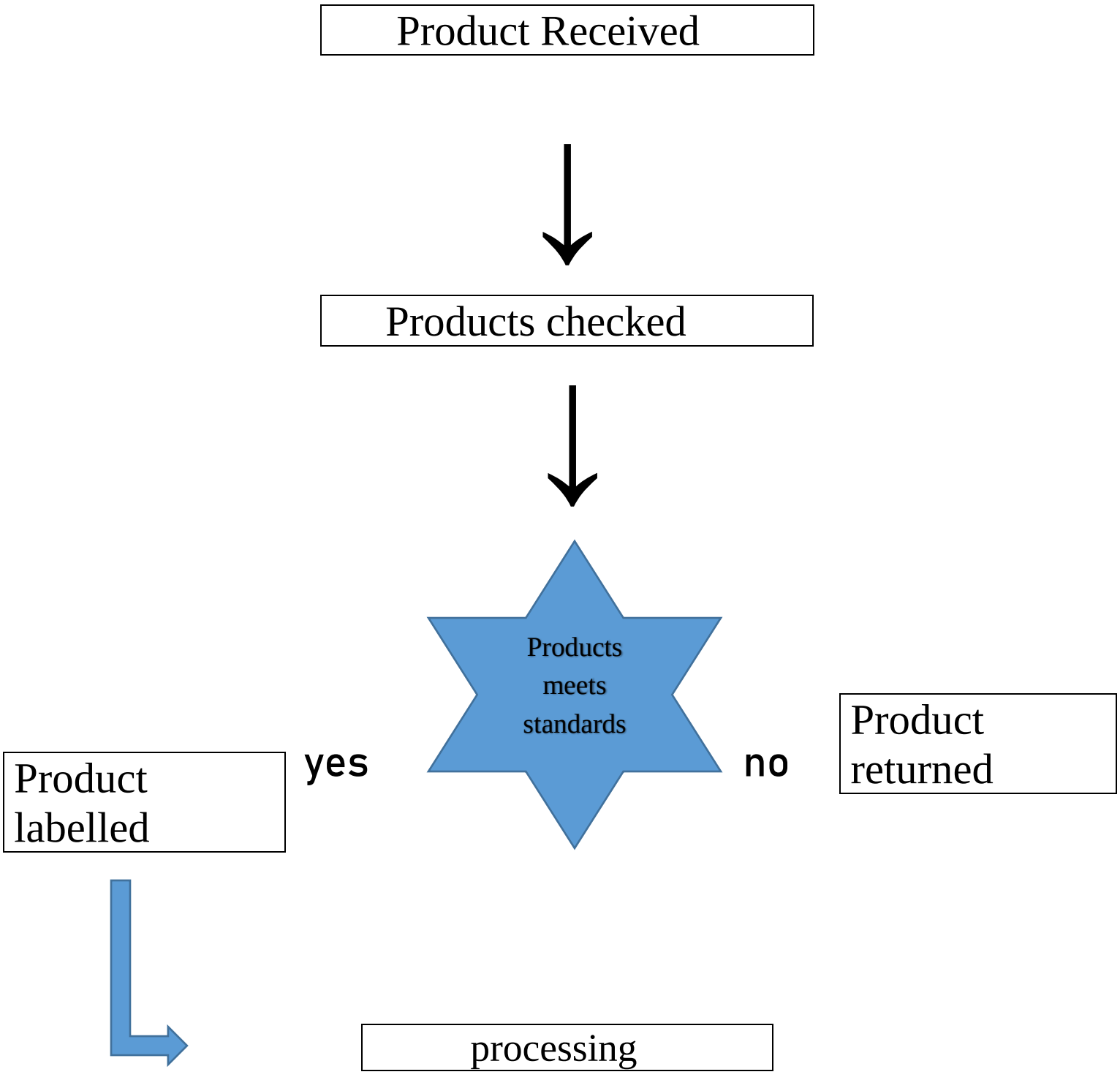
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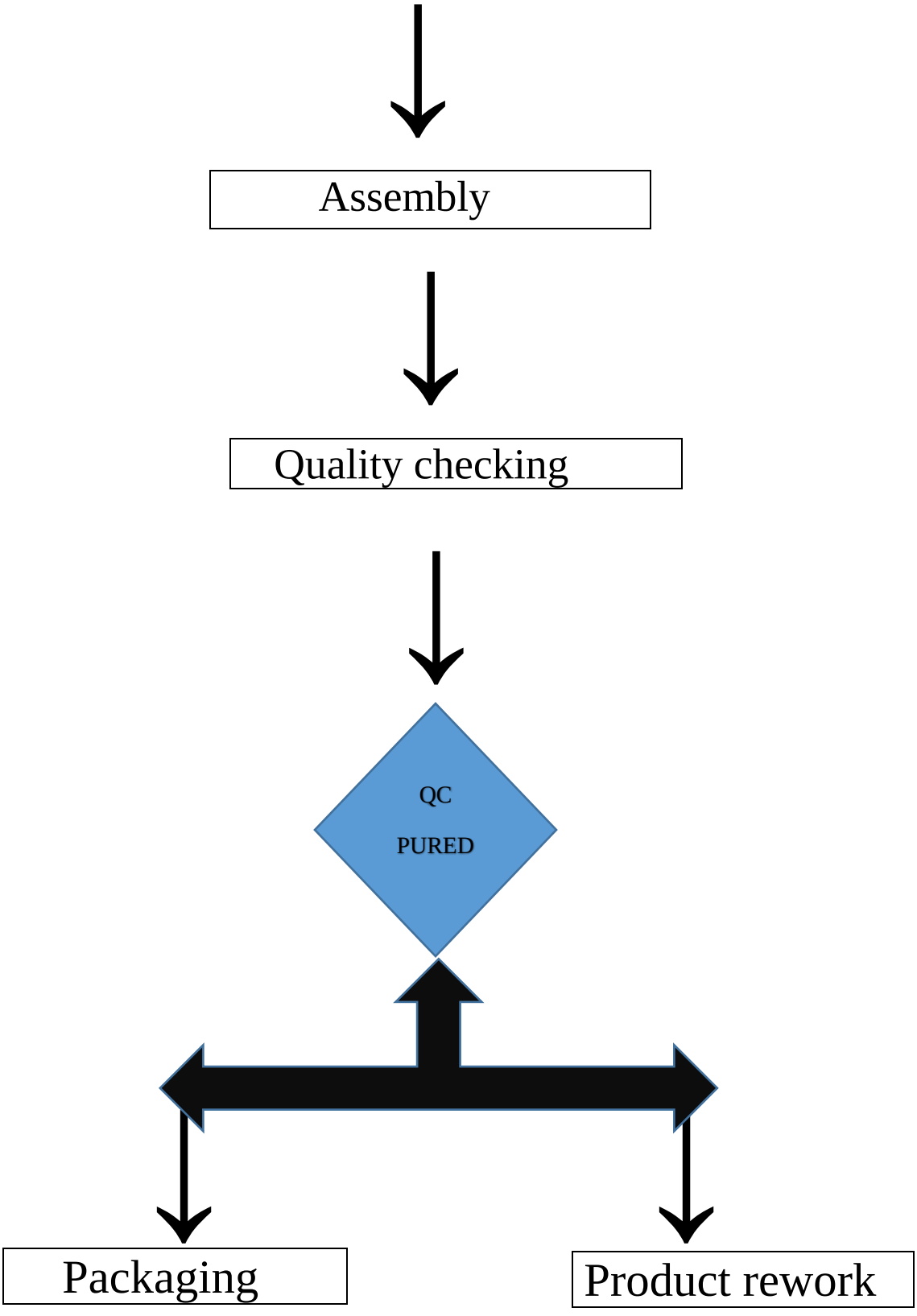
"QUALITY IS OUR PRIORITY"

"QUALITY IS NEVER AN ACCIDENT, ALWAYS THE RESULT OF INTELLIGENT EFFORT"

The QC department is responsible to ensure that all materials meet the established criteria through all the phases. Raw material components, packaging &labelling are examined and tested to assure uniformity from batch to batch. Every raw material received is tested for identify & conformance to specifications. During the manufacture of all batches of all products , samples are tested and the results documented.

FLOWCHART OF QC




Assembly
Quality checking
QC
PURED
Packaging
Product rework

INSTRUMENT&DEVICES SEEN IN AD DEPARTMENT

- HPLC
- GC
- Dissolution Apparatus
- Dessicators
- Oven
- Sonication bath
- Waterbath
- Cooled incubator
- Analytical balance
- pH meter

SOFTWARES KNOWN

- AGILENT
- SHIMADZU

QUALITY ASSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Quality assurance (Q.A) is the sum total of organized arrangements made with the object of ensuring that product will be of the quality required by their intended use.

Role of Quality Assurance in industry

- Temperature check
- Humidity check
- Stability testing
- Maintain record
- Dispatch testing
- In-process checking
- Workers training
- Validation
- Internal audit

FINISH GOOD STORE

Finished products are stored in this area .Temperature and humidity is controlled here to assure stability and effectiveness of products. Products that require cold storage are stored in refrigerator. Finished good received report is also signed.

After passing Q.C tests, quality products after manufacturing and packing are kept here. And then products are supplied to different institutes etc.

CONCLUSION

Though serving on humanity is not only a person's responsibility but also of community. And this community comprises of all the members starting from the very first of disposal of quality products. No work is penniless rather the knowledge it keeps in , internship at any working area is a great learning experience in itself.

Lastly thanks a lot for giving me a chance to come here and becoming a part of its hard team, that’s all improve my knowledge and my skills.

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UV SPECTROSCOPY ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION:

- Ultraviolet-visible (UV-vis) spectroscopy is a technique that measures the interaction of light with matter at the electronic level. It is used to obtain the absorbance spectra of a compound in solution or as a solid
- UV-vis spectroscopy is a type of absorption spectroscopy. Molecules with π-electrons or non-bonding electrons can absorb ultraviolet or visible light energy and be excited to higher anti-bonding molecular orbitals.

PRINCIPLE:

- The Principle of UV-Visible Spectroscopy is based on the absorption of ultraviolet light or visible light by chemical compounds, which results in the production of distinct spectra. Spectroscopy is based on the interaction between light and matter. When the matter absorbs the light, it undergoes excitation and de-excitation, resulting in the production of a spectrum.
- When matter absorbs ultraviolet radiation, the electrons present in it undergo excitation. This causes them to jump from a ground state (an energy state with a relatively small amount of energy associated with it) to an excited state (an energy state with a relatively large amount of energy associated with it). It is important to note that the difference in the energies of the ground state and the excited state of the electron is always equal to the amount of ultraviolet radiation or visible radiation absorbed by it.





INSTRUMENTATION:

- Source Of Light
- Monochromator
- Sample Solution In Cuvette
- Photo Detector
- Readout Device

Advantages:

- Simple and inexpensive experimentation
- Most organic molecules absorb UV/Vis light
- Quantitative beer's law

Disadvantages:

- Mixtures of molecules can be a problem due to overlap
- Spectra are not highly specific for particular molecules
- Expensive instrumentation

Application:

- Molecular weight determination
- Quantitative analysis
- Chemical kinetics
- Detection of impurities
- Qualitative analysis
- Detection of functional groups

TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF SULPHATE IN WASTEWATER

PRINCIPLE:

At acidic PH sulphate (so4) reacts with Bacl2 to form Baso4 as the turbid compound.

- $SO_4^{2-} + BaCl_2 \rightarrow BaSO_4\downarrow + 2\ Cl^-$
- PH is higher at lower temperature
- PH is lower at higher temperature

REAGENTS REQUIRED:

- Buffer solution:CH3CooNA ,MgCl2,KNo3,CH3COOH
- Barium chloride

Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)

- Total dissolved solids (TDS) is a measure of the dissolved combined content of all inorganic and organic substances present in a liquid in molecular, ionized, or micro-granular (colloidal sol) suspended form. TDS are often measured in parts per million (ppm). TDS in water can be measured using a digital meter.

DETRMINATION:

TDS can be determined by two methods:

Gravimetric analysis: This method is a laboratory method and is time taking but results are accurate. Here, water sample is prepared by filtering water by 1.5 micron filter so as to separate suspended solids from the water.

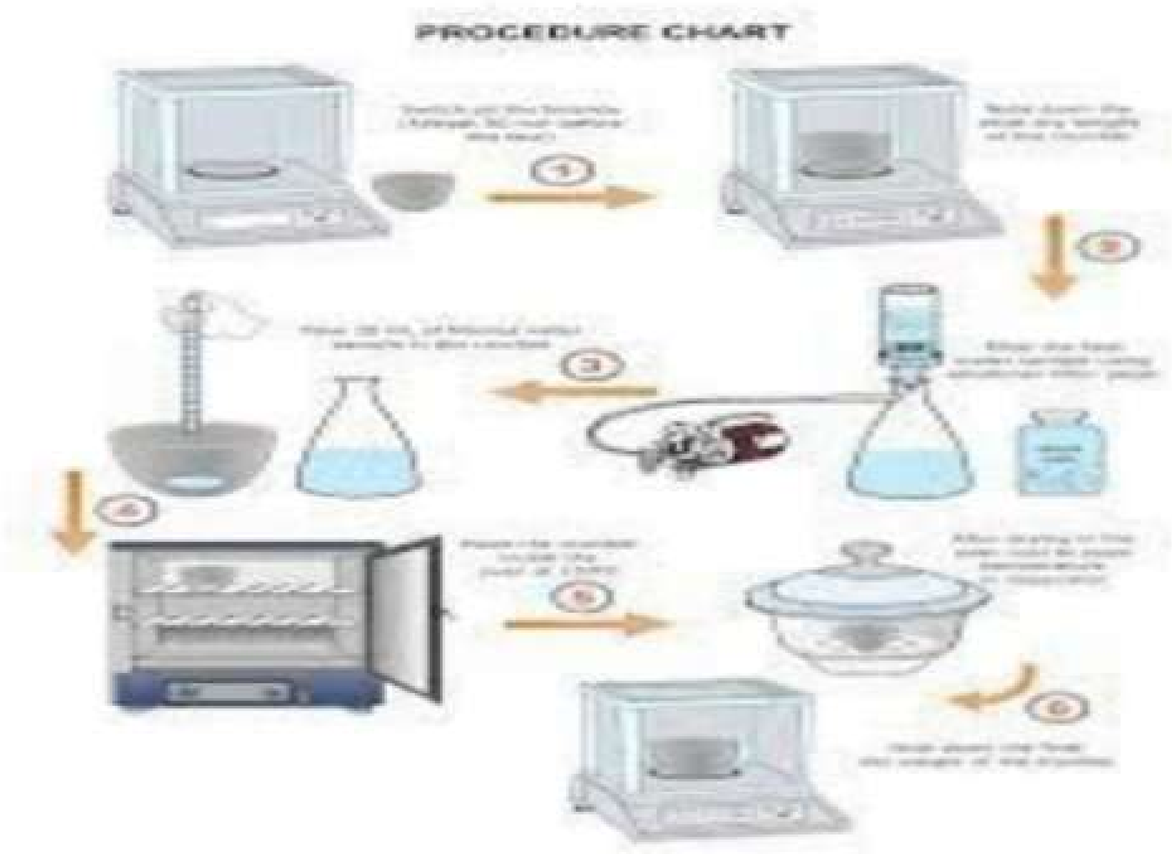
Procedure:

- Step1- Take an empty beaker and note down it's weight, say- 20 g.
- Step2- Put water sample in the beaker and take weight again, say-220 g which, means weight of water=220 g – 20 g=200 g.
- Step3- Heat the beaker to evaporate water and once all the water is evaporated take the weight of beaker along with the residue, say-21 g which means weight of residue is= 21g – 20 g=1 .

Formula:

- The formula for total dissolved solids (TDS) is TDS = Ke × EC.

In this formula, TDS is expressed in mg/L and EC is the electrical conductivity in microsiemens per centimeter at 25 °C.





Conclusion:

- UV-visible spectroscopy is a valid, simple and cost effective method for determining the concentration of absorbing species if applied to pure ESC

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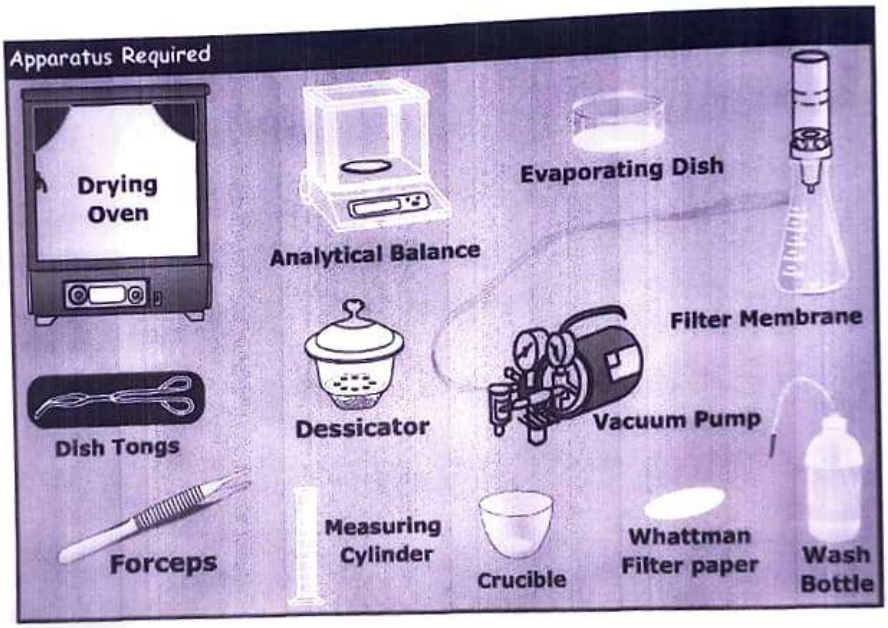
INTRODUCTION

- *Water treatement is any processes that improves the quality of water to make it appropriate for a specific end use. The end use may drinking, industrial water supply irrigation, river flow maintenance, water recreation on many other uses, including being safely returned to the environment.*
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TOTAL DISSOLVED AND SUSPENDED SOLID IN WATER

- The term total dissolved solids refer to materials that are completely dissolved in water. These solids are filterable in nature. It is defined as residue upon evaporation of filterable sample.
- The term total suspended solids can be referred to materials which are not dissolved in water and are non filterable in nature. It is defined as residue upon evaporation of non filterable sample on a filter paper.

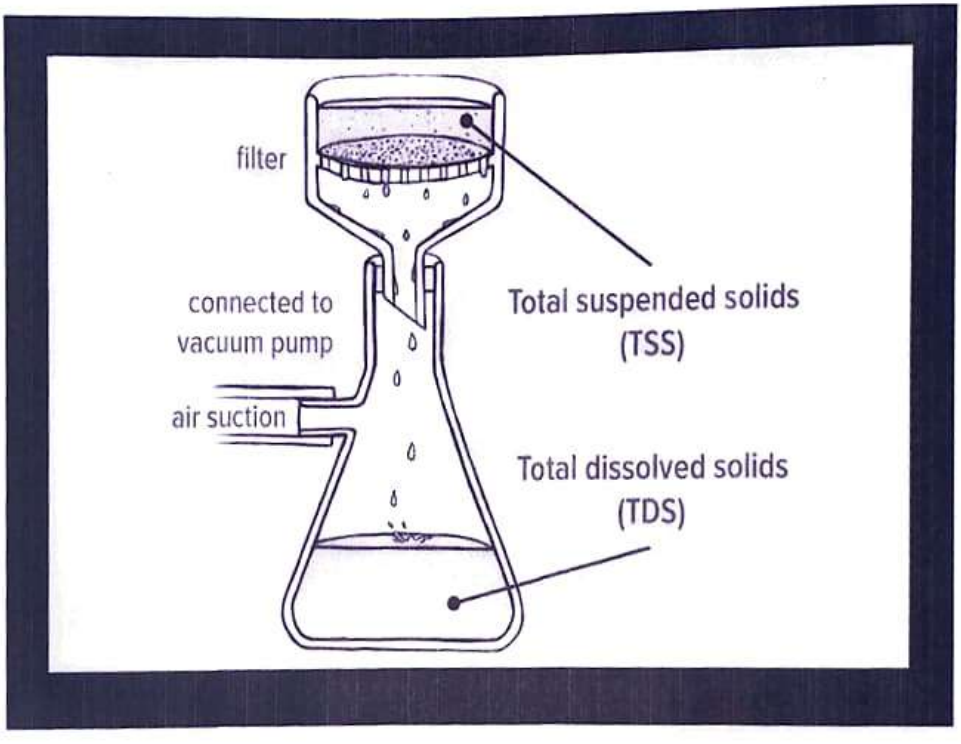
Apparatus Required



PROCEDURE

- The procedure for measuring Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) is usually performed in a laboratory setting. The procedure involves:
- Filtering a water sample using a 1.5 micron filter. The particles that don't pass through the filter are considered to be TSS.
- Drying the filter in an oven at 104°C for an hour.
- Reweighing the filter and calculating the TSS.
- Rinsing the filter with distilled water.
- Drying the filter in an oven at 103-105°C for at least an hour.
- Weighing the filter and the dried residue.

PROCESS OF TSS AND TDS



TDS (TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS)		Weight (g)
Weight of the clean porcelain evaporating dish (g)	W_1	35.4329
Weight of the dish and the residue (g)	W_2	35.4498
Weight of residue(g)	W	0.0169
Volume of the Sample (mL)	V	50. 0
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	**TDS**	**338.0**

Model Calculation:

W_1 = 35. 4329 g
W_2 = 35.44980g
V = 50. 0 mL

Weight of residue (g) W=W2-W1

= 35. 4498 - 35. 4329
= 0. 0169 g

Weight of residue in mg (To convert W (g) to W (mg), multiply W (g) with 1000)

W(MG) = 0.0169 x 1000
= 16.9mg

Multiply the weight of the dry solids (in mg) by 1,000 mL/L to convert the sample size from mL to L.

Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)

V = Volume of the sample (mL) (To convert mL to L, multiply by 1000)
=16.9 mg/50 mL = 0.338 mg/mL
= 0.338 mg/mL x 1,000 mL/L = **338 mg/L**

TSS(TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS)		Weight (g)
ight of the clean filter paper (g)	W_1	1.6329
ight of the filter paper and the residue (g)	W_2	1.6531
ight of residue(g)	W	0.0202
lume of the Sample (mL)	V	100.0
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	**TDS**	**202.0**

odel Calculation

w_1 = 1.6329g

w_2 = 1.6531g

V = 100.0 mL

Weight of residue (g) $w = w_2 - w_1$

= 1.6531 - 1.6329

= 0. 0202 g

Weight of residue in mg (To convert W (g) to W (mg), multiply W (g) with 1000)

W (mg) = 0.0202 x 1000

= 20.2 mg

Multiply the weight of the dry solids (in mg) by 1,000 mL/L to convert the sample size from mL to L.

Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)

V = Volume of the sample (mL) (To convert mL to L, multiply by 1000)

=20.2 mg/100 mL = 0.202 mg/mL

= 0.202 mg/mL x 1,000 mL/L = **202 mg/L**

SULPHATE ;

Turbidity Method

- This method is applicable to surface and ground water in the range of 1 to 40 mg/l SOYSamples having higher concentrations than this can be measured by appropriate dilution of sample.bidity Method

Principle and Theory ;

- Sulphate ion is precipitated in hydrochloric acid medium with barium chloride in such a manner as to form barium sulphate crystals of uniform size. The absorbance of barium sulphate suspension is measured by a nephlometer or transmission photometer (turbidity meter) and the sulphate ion concentration is determined by comparison of the reading with a standard curve.

APPARATUS :

- Turbidity meter or spectrophotometer -for use at 420 nm.
- Usual laboratory glass apparatus

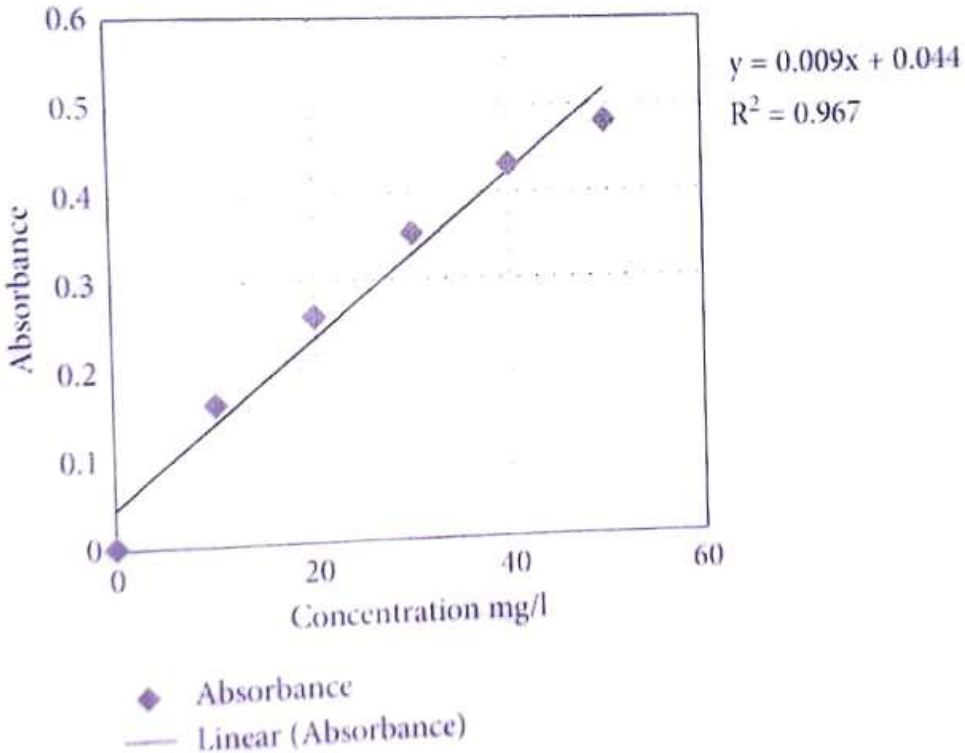
Reagents

- Barium chloride

PROCEDURE :

- Take 20 ml of clear aliquot of the water sample or suitable amount diluted to 20 ml in 1OO-ml conical flask.
- Add 1.0 ml hydrochloric acid solution and 1-ml conditioning reagent and mix well for 30 seconds.
- Read the absorbance on spectrophotometer after 10 minutes if glycerol conditioning reagent is used or 30 minutes if gelatin is used, at 420 nm. or. read the turbidity occurred on turbidity meter following the manufacturer's instructions to operate.

- If water sample is turbid, take 20 ml sample or suitable amount dilute to 20 ml with distilled water. Do not add conditioning reagent. Read the absorbance of this sample and subtract this value from the absorbance
- Calibration curve - Prepare a series of standards taking at least 4 standards and run a blank . Prepare a calibration curve of standards mg/l vs absorbance.
- Read the sulphate concentration of sample directly from the calibration curve.



CONCLUSION ;

- CONCLUSION in a nut shell, I would like to conclude that this internship was a whole new opening of knowledge. From first day to last day of training was an addition of acquiring new information, the work from theoretical to demo all was done in a way which was easy to grab it.
- The workings of the laboratories from the planning to its operation was also Known, in which NABL(National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration laboratories) was the utmost importance.
- Education is they to unlock the world as popular saying, in this internship period I learned many new things that was out of my core and is well satisfied with the outcome

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This is your hard work and how your handling our company internship and project your spent the lots of time for our company

There are no secrets to success.it is the result of preparation,hard work and learning from failure

thank you

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Completing this internship program and being **2021** to **2024** batch of from **SATHYABAMA UNIVERSITY** to do intern in this great organization is a just a blessing and I owe my deepest gratitude to the all the people those who all behind me and helped me to achieve this successfully

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ABSTRACT

Soft drinks are largely produced as acidic beverages (pH 2.5–4.0) and consumed worldwide (Azeredo et al., 2016). Classification of soft drinks can be carried out in several ways. However, soft drinks can be generally defined as nonalcoholic drinks that combine a balance of acidity and sweetness with flavor and color (Ashurst et al., 2017).

The ingredients of soft drinks are water, sweetener, carbon dioxide, flavorings, coloring agents, acidulants, chemical preservatives (within the legal limits), antioxidants, and foaming agents such as saponins (Kregiel, 2015). While regular soft drinks include roughly

90% water, diet soft drinks contain up to 99% water (Azeredo et al., 2016).

SOFT DRINKS

Soft drink, any of a class of nonalcoholic beverages, usually but not necessarily carbonated, normally containing a natural or artificial sweetening agent, edible acids, natural or artificial flavours, and sometimes juice. Natural flavours are derived from fruits, nuts, berries, roots, herbs, and other plant sources. Coffee, tea, milk, cocoa, and undiluted fruit and vegetable juices are not considered soft drinks.

The term soft drink was originated ”o distinguish the flavoured drinks from hard

liquor, or distilled spirits. Soft drinks were recommended as a substitute in the effort to change the hard-drinking habits of early Americans. Indeed, health concerns of modern consumers led to new categories of soft drinks emphasizing low calories.

Cola-T/P Powder Soft Drink Concentrate is a specialization of our company and for this, we are famous in the market. To manufacture this product, we make use of quality ingredients and adhere to all the international industry norms. We are happy to see that our customers are preferring our company over other enterprises to make the purchase of Cola-T/P Powder Soft Drink Concentrate. Try this concentrate once, we guarantee that you will like this product.

Directions for Use:

Add Sugar (Quantity as per flavor from below table) and whole Powder of the Pouch in Water (Quantity as per below table). Also mix liquid of the same flavor stir till sugar dissolves and filter mixture to get 10 Litres Syrup.

SOFT DRINKS USE

Product details	Value of use
Acid Malice	3.62
Form	Powder,Liquid
Pack size	100ML,200ML,5LTR
Brand	Apollo

Pulp content	5% 16%
Nitrogen amino acid	NLT 84mg/200g
Brix	65.2

OBSERVATION AND INFERENCE

Fountain Soda Flavour is the specialization of our company and we have been serving customers for a long with this item. Under the guidance of expert professionals and with the help of manufacturing machines we carry out our daily business work in a smooth manner. Our resourceful company is capable of serving buyers on an immediate basis and this attribute has enabled us to outshine in the market.

Fountain Soda Flavour.



Apollo Soft Drink Flavours Concentrate is one of the most famous products supplied by our company. The ingredients used in the preparation of this item are washed and well-cleaned before using in the production process. After the production process is over concentrate is inspected thoroughly and packed in air-tight packaging material. With the help of renowned shipment partners, we deliver this Apollo Soft Drink Flavours Concentrate at the doorstep of the client within a stipulated time frame.

ENERGY DRINK

Energy drinks are beverages that contain some sort of stimulant, artificial or natural, in order to enhance mental and physical energy. They can be carbonated or noncarbonated, and are marketed in a wide array of flavors and varieties.

Caffeine

B vitamins

Sugar

Taurine

Creatine

ENERGY DRINK USE

Orange, strawberry, and berry flavors are leading the energy drink market due to their refreshing taste and adaptability. However, coffee-flavored drinks have emerged as a

strong contender by combining caffeine with other stimulants for sustained alertness

Beyond offering diverse flavor profiles, manufacturers also cater to increasingly discerning customers seeking healthier alternatives to traditional caffeinated sodas and coffee products. Incorporating natural ingredients such as plant-based extracts, vitamins, minerals, and recipes helps enhance the nutritional value of these beverages while still delivering the much-needed boost need to power through the day or work out at the gym



Beverage Daily provides insights into how these industry dynamics are shaping today’s beverage landscape

TRENDING TOWARDS NATURAL ENERGY DRINK FLAVORS

Apart from caffeine sources, another interesting development space is the use of botanical and other less processed components to add distinct notes and variety, resulting in more sophisticated tasting experiences for consumers looking

beyond typical gas station type offerings. This helps brands differentiate themselves.

Energy drink popularity is skyrocketing thanks to innovative flavor profiles and health-conscious ingredients. Manufacturers are crafting diverse offerings that satisfy taste buds and nutritional needs by keeping tabs on consumer preferences and trends.

Brand :	RITA or OEM/ODM available
Sample :	free sample
Volume :	300 ml
Packaging :	Glass Bottle
Shelf life :	18 months
Payment term :	L/C,T/T
FOB Price :	Get Latest Price
Delivery time :	20 -25 Days after confirm the order
Certification :	ISO, HACCP, FDA, HALAL
Minimum order quantity :	200 Carton
Port :	Ho Chi Minh Port, Vietnam
Supply ability :	300 Twenty-Foot Container per Month Canned bottle production base---10000 tons/month PET bottle production base---10000 tons per month QC LAB--20 professional QC team

TOP SELLING ENERGY DRINK FLAVORS

The energy drink market is a bustling arena, with leading brands constantly innovating to stay ahead. Amidst this dynamic landscape, certain flavors have consistently proven their appeal.

Orange is dominating the list of favorites – its zesty and refreshing taste has made it an enduring choice among consumers. Strawberry and other berry flavors, known for their sweet-tart balance, come in a close second to orange.

Lemonade, blueberry, pomegranate, citrus, and raspberry also find favor for their unique profiles. It’s worth noting that Red Bull has been exploring tropical flavor avenues recently, indicating

potential shifts in consumer preferences toward exotic fruit blends.

INTERNSHIP REPORT

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TO WHOMEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify Ms.Hema .M, b.sc, chemistry final year from SATHYABHAMA UNIVERSITY, Chennai has completed her internship program in KTV HEALTH FOOD PVT LTD., From 18th May 2023 to June 5th 2023

During the mentioned period of her internship program with us she was found industrious, hardworking and inquisitive.

We wish her all the very best in her future endeavors.

Thanking you,

For KTV HEALTH FOOD PRIVATE LIMITED

Authorised Signatory

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With profound sense of gratitude and regard I express my sincere thanks to the for their valuable guidance and patience instilled in me during the period of my internship.

This has helped me to know and understand the varied food and health products based on their income,taste,price of the food and the quality of the food etc..

During The course of time I have explored Industrial based products and it made me improve my skills and vision on it .

Once again, I would like to thank the company for providing me the opportunity to flourish my knowledge for my future career .

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ABOUT COMPANY

KOG-KTV Food Products have the global expertise and the required skill to consistently produce great quality that can be felt and appreciated by discerning consumers.

- The company is a joint venture between KTV Health Foods Pvt Ltd, India and Wilmar International Ltd, Singapore. Wilmar International Limited is Asia's leading agribusiness group and is the largest global processor and merchandiser of palm and lauric oils. Its business activities include oil palm cultivation, edible oils refining, oilseeds crushing, consumer pack edible oils processing and merchandising, specialty fats oleochemicals and biodiesel manufacturing. Headquartered in Singapore, Wilmar's operations are located in more than 20 countries across four continents.

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- KTV Health Foods Pvt. Ltd is the pioneer behind trusted edible oil brands such as Sunland Sunflower oil, Roobini Palm oil, Roobini Vanaspati etc. Apart from serving the end consumer market it offers a wide range of specialty fats and oils to meet the ever growing demand for Bakery, Snack food, Confectionary and Ice cream industries with its Bess brand of bakery shortening products

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FEATURES

- Sunland Sunflower oil,Roobini Palm oil & Vanaspati are manufactured in state-of-art refineries and vegetable oil processing facilities. The company has two factories in Kodingiyur & Tuticorin with huge production capacity.

- The oil processing unit is extremely process driven and has excellent R & D facilities.

- The company has world class facilities such as fractionation, interesterification, and hydrogenation, shortening & packaging to meet

Kodungiyur, Chennai

Physical refining	**300 mts / day**
Consumer packs	**300 mts / day**
Storage capacity	**5000 mts**

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Fractionation	**100 mts / day**

Tuticorin

Physical refining	**400 mts / day**
Consumer packs	**300 mts / day**
Storage capacity	**6000 mts**
Vanaspati	**160 mts / day**
Fractionation	**100 mts / day**
Speciality fats	**100 mts / day**

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TECHNIQUES USED

➢ FRACTIONATION

The process involves cleaning of the seeds, grinding of the seeds, pressing and extraction of crude oil from these seeds and then further refining the oil obtained before packaging.

- A volatile hydrocarbon like hexane is used as a solvent to extract the oil.
- Sunflower is crushed for oil recovery via one of two process methods, hard pressing or prepress solvent extraction. Hard pressing relies upon exerting high pressure on the prepared seed to separate oil from the solids

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fraction, historically recovering about 25% oil from the seed.

- Solvent fractionation of sunflower oil with an increased content of stearic and oleic acids was carried out in one stage.
- The solvent extraction process contains miscella mixture of oil and hexane

➢ INTERSTERIFICATION

Interesterification is a means of modifying the structure and functionality of fats and oils to produce food ingredients for a range of applications, which can help to reduce levels of saturated fatty acids (SFA) and *trans* fatty acids (TFA) in some foods, by providing an alternative to the use of animal fats or partially hydrogenated oils, respectively.

- Interesterification involves a rearrangement or reshuffling of the fatty acids on the glycerol backbone of the triglyceride molecule. Interesterification is catalyzed by an alkaline

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catalyst or by a lipase enzyme. The most commonly used alkaline catalysts are sodium methanolate and sodium ethanolate.

➢ HYDROGENATION

- Hydrogenation is a chemical process that adds hydrogen to the unsaturated bonds on the FA chains attached to the TAG backbone.
- In this way, an unsaturated fat can be turned into a saturated fat and increase its melting point.
- Adds hydrogen to vegetable oil which cause oil to become soild at room temperature .
- This uses nickel catalyst changes the unsaturated fat to saturated fat.

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PRODUCTS PRODUCED

- Sunflower oil:
- Seed preparation and cleaning
- Grading the seeds into large,medium,and small sizes
- Cool press and solvent extraction
- Mixture of oil and hexane
- Distillation
- Hexane vapour
- Condensation
- Solvent waste separator
- Hexane solvent is out
- The oil is obtained after the distillation process and bagged
- Storage

FEATURES :

- It is a light oil and is easily digestible.
- Rich in vitamin A,D & E .

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- Sunflower oil are more with oleic acid are higher in monosaturated fats and lower in polysaturated fats.

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➢PALM OIL :

- ➢ To facilitate manual removal of fruit.
- ➢To remove and sort fruit from spikelets
- ➢Sterilization of the bunches
- ➢Extraction of the palm oil .
- ➢Refined palm oil contains Vitamin E, A and beta carotene .
- ➢It lowers Cholesterol. Beta carotene helps in good night vision.
- ➢ It is good for the skin, and helps in bone growth.
- ➢It plays a vital role in organ protection, tissue membrane structure & metabolism.
- ➢Presence of natural oxidants like Tocopherol plays a protective role in cellular ageing & cancer.

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➢VANASPATI:

- By passing hydrogen gas,vegetable oil unsaturated fatty acids are converted into saturated fatty acid and they undergo hydrogenation to obtained the desired product .

- Vanaspati is purified hydrogenated vegetable oil which is fortified with vitamins A.

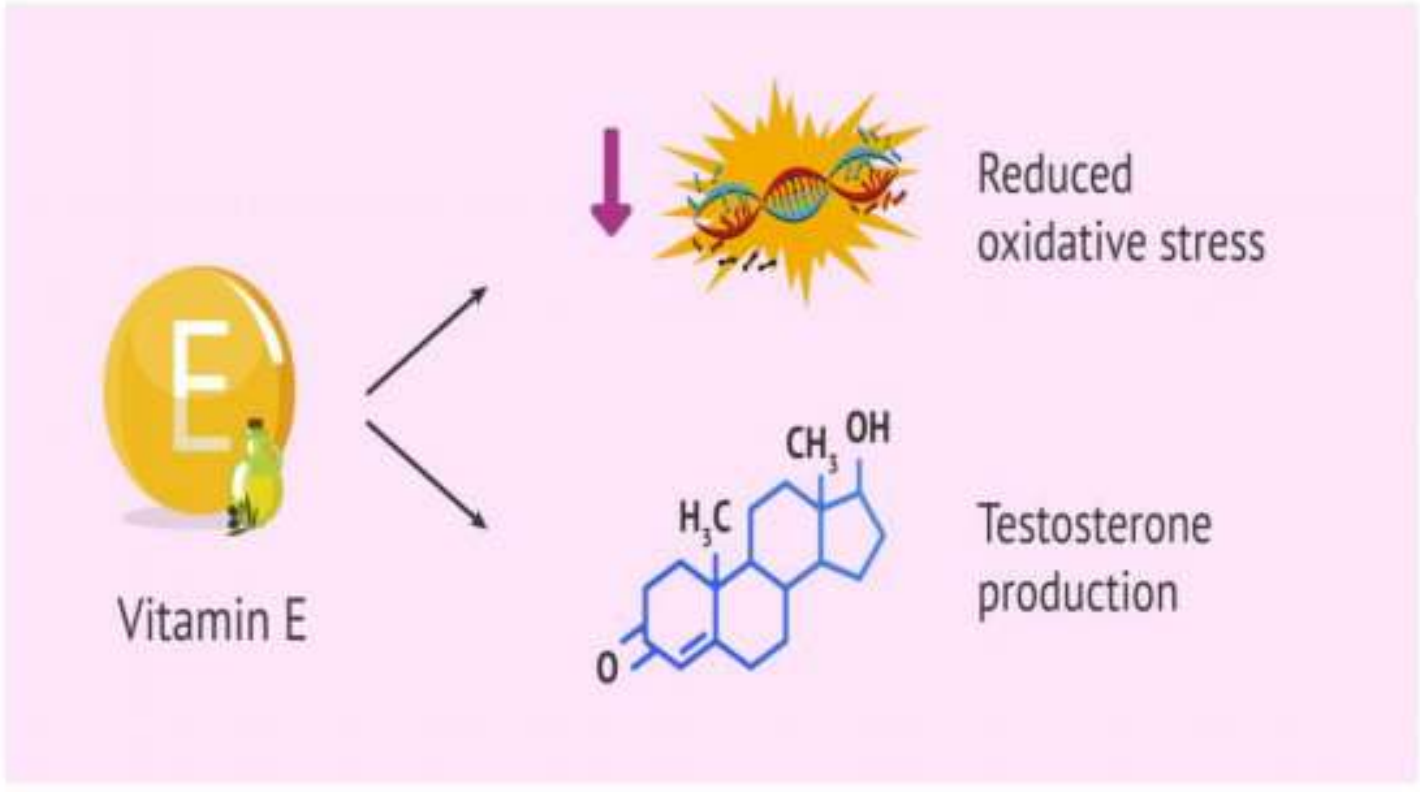
- Its semi solid consistency makes it an ideal medium for the preparation of sweets especially because it's cheaper substitute for ghee.

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➢VITAMIN E OIL :

- ➢Natural vitamin E oil is obtained by vacuum distillation of vegetable fats derived from non-GMO soy sources. It is great for preventing rancidity in cosmetics, and it acts as an anti-oxidant in creams, lotions, baby products, cosmetics and more.

- ➢Natural vitamin E is mainly extracted from vegetable oil deodorizer distillate and other plants rich in vitamin E.



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➢ RAW MATERIAL :

- ➢Fats and oils of vegetable origin as well as their by-products are considered raw materials that originate from various vegetable sources. These mainly include oilseeds such as soybeans, rapeseeds, sunflower or camelina. However, they may also derive from certain fruits like: olives, coconut or palm.
- ➢The most prominent oily seeds used in global industrial oil production are soy, sunflower, cotton, rapeseed, peanut, sesame, safflower, opium, flax, hemp, jojoba, corn, olive, date and coconut and palm oil.
- ➢Vanaspati are made from palm or palm olein oil. Hydrogenation is brought about by using nickel as a catalyst in reactors at low to medium pressure.
- ➢Sunflower oil contains linoleic acid, which is considered as an essential fatty acid for maintaining the normal barrier function of the epidermis .

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- 50% vitamin E (d-alpha tocopherol, d-beta tocopherol, d-gamma tocopherol, d-delta tocopherol.) and 50% (GMO Free) refined soybean oil.

➢ APPLICATIONS AND USES :

- Fats and oils make an important contribution to adequate nutrition, they are a source of energy for the body, they insulate and protect the body's vital organs, they are a source of essential fatty acids and they are required for the absorption of the fat soluble vitamins A, D, E and K.

- Fats and oils are used as shortening to enrich foods, particularly bread, cake, and pastry. Many oils are eaten as salad dressings and as part of fried foods. (See also Food and Nutrition.) Fats and oils are widely used as fuels and lubricants.

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➢ CONCLUSION :

- ➢Through my internship I was able learn how the food and health industry works on and their uses in our day to day life.
- ➢This industrial internship provided a valuable learning experience and taught the facts and ideas applied to them in real – life and I came to know about the basic product validation,the variety of machines used in industry.
- ➢It helped me to enhance my knowledge and have created a interest in learning through an exposure to new educational experience.
- ➢And I would like to thank the staffs for providing me a opportunity to learn about the basic process in industrial level.

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Internship report

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Acknowledgment

I want to thank my advisers and everyone at the company for their patience and assistance during my on-site training. thanks to their guidance, I developed my industrial skills and learned about different chromatography techniques used in tablets. these skills will help to expand my resume and advance my career

ABOUT COMPANY

Softgel Healthcare Pvt Ltd is a new-age manufacturer of soft gelatin capsules for

- Rx
- OTC and
- Nutraceuticals

To cater to the growing needs of Pharmaceutical Companies worldwide, Softgel has newly set up an advanced manufacturing plant with state-of-the-art machinery and technically skilled personnel.

Softgel is an associate company of Madras Pharmaceuticals, an over-25-year-old WHO GMP-certified manufacturer of complex healthcare drugs.

Located in Chennai, South India, Softgel is well-connected with Air, Rail, Road and Ship. With a well-defined organogram and skilled manpower, Softgel is all set to be a leading name in the manufacture of soft gelatin capsules.

ABSTRACT

DEFINITION

- Chrome-colour; graphy -technique
- It was invented by Russian botanist Mikhail Tsvet(1890s)
- They employed the technique to separate plant pigments like chlorophyll and xanthophyll using a column of calcium carbonate
- The separated components appeared as colored bands on components hence the name chromatography

TYPES OF CHROMATOGRAPHY

i. **Reversed-phase chromatography**
ii. **ion exchange chromatography**
iii. **affinity chromatography**
iv. **size exclusion chromatography.**

HPLC

High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) is renowned for its high precision and accuracy. Despite the high costs that are associated with the method, it's a perfect match for the kind of precise identification and quantification required for pharmaceuticals

OBSERVATION

HPLC is used to analyze pharmaceutical products (drug and medicine products) for the ingredients they contain. The method is utilized to separate, quantify, and identify the various components along with their quantities within products.

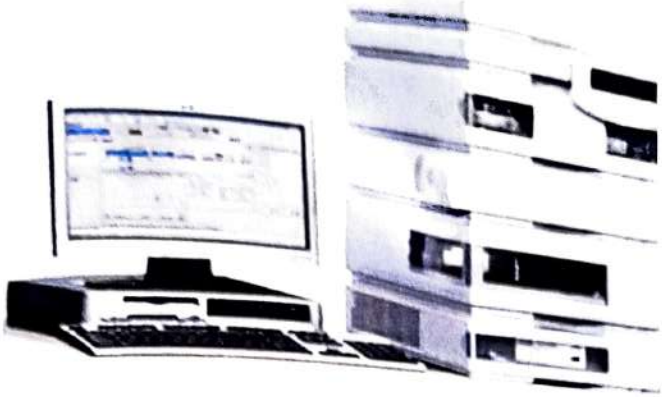
Doing so gives developers a better idea of a drug's properties, with each component's quantities affecting the overall performance and strength of a product, for example. However, it also allows them to identify and quantify any impurities within pharmaceutical products.

Most importantly, the method lends itself to the analysis of difficult components, including high molecular weights, thermal instability, and compounds that are difficult to volatilize. This makes it suitable for the analysis of drugs in both their pure form and dosage form, such as pills, drinks, powders, injections, or inhalers

APPLICATION:

1. **ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY**
2. **GREEN CHEMISTRY**
3. **POLYMER CHEMISTRY**

HPLC



GC (GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY)

Gas chromatography (GC) is a common type of chromatography used In the field of analytical chemistry. for separating and analyzing compounds that can be vaporized without **decomposition**. Typical uses of GC include testing the purity of a particular substance or separating the different components of a mixture. In preparative chromatography, GC can be used to prepare pure compounds from a mixture.

Gas chromatography is also sometimes known as **vapor-phase chromatography** (VPC), or **gas–liquid partition chromatography** (GLPC). These

alternative names, as well as their respective abbreviations, are frequently used in scientific literature.



OBSERVATION

Analytical technique in the pharmaceutical industry for the analysis of volatile compounds. It is a separation technique that separates and analyzes volatile organic compounds

in a sample mixture. GC is a powerful analytical tool that can separate and identify very small quantities of analytes in complex mixtures.

GC is widely used in the pharmaceutical industry for the analysis of active pharmaceutical ingredients (drugs), excipients, and impurities. It is used to determine the purity and potency of drugs, to detect impurities and degradation products, and to quantify residual solvents.

APPLICATION:

- Examining the levels of drugs present in a tablet.
- Percentage of purity of compound
- Analysing of functional group

SOFTGEL
HEALTHCARE PVT. LTD.

03rd June 2023

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that **Ms. Iris Gnana Sheela J (Enroll No. 41030008)** Second Year Bachelor of Science (Chemistry) student from Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Chennai - 600 119 had undergone internship in our manufacturing facility during the period 22nd May 2023 to 03rd June 2023.

During her internship she has shown lot of enthusiasm and found to be sincere, punctual, and inquisitive.

We wish her every success in her future endeavors

For SOFTGEL HEALTHCARE PRIVATE LIMITED

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CONCLUSION

From my internship, I was able to get a better understanding of how the pharmaceutical industry works and how effective it is. I enjoyed working in the Area and I got some different experiences. However, I still have a long way to go in understanding the psychological aspects of chromatography. Overall, I found the industrial internship experience to be positive, and I'm sure I will be able to use the skills I learned in my career later.

INTERNSHIP REPORT

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- *I want to thank my advisers and everyone at the company for their patience and assistance during my on-site training. Thanks to their guidance. I was able to develop my industrial skills and learn about total dissolved solids & total suspended solids. mixed liquid suspended &total solids. phosphorus . ammonical nitrogen . chemical oxygen demand . bio chemical oxygen demand. chorine and sulphate. These skills will help me to expand my resume and advance my career.*

ABOUT COMPANY

- Hiyoshi India Ecological Services Private Limited a 100% subsidiary company of Hiyoshi Corporation. Japan was established in the year 2011.
- To provide Hiyoshi's 70 years of acquired knowledge in the field of drinking water analysis, wastewater analysis, O&M of STP, solid waste etc. in Chennai.
- To be a place where the water test results provided are true and reliable which is extremely essential for environmental conservation.
- "Worldwide environmental problems are constantly changing. These problems have no borders and so it is important for all of us to come and work together irrespective of nationality, culture, race and collectively address the challenges that the entire world is facing so that we leave behind a cleaner environment."

TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLID& SUSPENDEDSOLIDS

- *TDS: Total dissolved solids (TDS) is a measure of the dissolved combined content of all inorganic and organic substances present in a liquid in molecular, ionized, or micro-granular (colloidal sol) suspended form. TDS are often measured in parts per million (ppm). TDS in water can be measured using a digital meter.*
- *PRINCIPLE:*
- *Take the empty weight of the filter paper and kept in oven for half an hour. then cool it in desiccator for 15 min.*
- *Filter the waste water sample by using that filter paper and kept the filtered sample in water bath till it evaporates completely.*
- *Again kept in a oven at 180 c then weight it to calculate the dissolved solids.*
- *TSS: Total suspended solids (TSS) are defined as solids in water that can be trapped by a filter. To measure TSS, the water sample is filtered through a pre-weighed filter. The residue retained on the filter is dried in an oven at 103–105°C until the weight of the filter no longer changes.*

MLSS &TOTAL SOLIDS. PHOSPHOROUS

- MLSS:
- Mixed liquid suspended solids (MLSS) is the concentration of suspended solids, in an aeration tank during the activated sludge process, which occurs during the treatment of waste water.
- MLSS TOTAL SOLIDS:
- Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids or MLSS in wastewater treatment is the measure of the total concentration of solids in an aeration tank. It includes non-biodegradable suspended matter, organic solids and microorganisms.
- PHOUSPHOROUS:
- Phosphorus is a chemical element with the symbol p and atomic number 15.
- It can be determined by adding ammonical molybdate and stannous chloride forming blue colored complex, the absorbance of which is measured spectrophotometrically at 690 nm in uv/vis spectrophotometer. First series of known concentration is known as standard solutions and from there unknown concentration is calculated by comparing its absorbance with that of standard.

AMMONICAL NITROGEN, COD.

- AMMONICAL NITROGEN:
- Ammonical nitrogen is a measure for the nitrogenous organic matter as ammonia, a toxic pollutant that can directly poison humans and upset the equilibrium of water ecology systems.
- COD:
- The chemical oxygen demand (COD) test is commonly used to indirectly measure the amount of organic compounds in liquid waste. It is expressed in milligrams/grams per liter, which indicates the mass of oxygen consumed per liter of solution.
- APPARATUS & REAGENT REQUIRED:
- COD digestion
- Ferroin indicator
- Sodium thio sulphate
- Burette and standard flask
- Waste water
- Volumetric pipette

BOD. CHLORIDE

- BOD:
- Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) represents the amount of oxygen consumed by bacteria and other microorganisms while they decompose organic matter under aerobic (oxygen is present) conditions at a specified temperature. When you look at water in a lake the one thing you don't see is oxygen.
- APPARATUS &REAGENT REQUIRED :
- BOD incubator
- BOD bottles
- Silver nitrate
- Starch indicator
- Standard flask
- Volumetric pipette
- Sulphuric acid
- CHLORIDE:
- Chloride is a mineral naturally found in various foods, but our main dietary source is sodium chloride, otherwise known as table salt. Chloride carries an electric charge and therefore is classified as an electrolyte, along with sodium and potassium.
- PRINCIPLE: To determine the chlorine content in all water and waste water sample using argentometric method. potassium chromate can indicate the end point of the silver nitrate titration of chloride.

SULPHATE

- SULPHATE:
- Sulphate is basically a chemical compound that is composed of sulphur and oxygen atoms. Sulphate forms salts with a variety of elements. including potassium. sodium. calcium. magnesium and barium.
- Sulfates in consumer products are considered surfactants – or detergents – because they bind to oil. fat. grease. and dirt. removing them from the surface. Sulfates also produce a lather. which makes them appealing as ingredients in shampoo and soap.
- PRINCIPLE:
- AT acidic Ph. SO4 (sulphate) reacts with Bacl2 to form Baso4 as the turbid compound.
- We are using buffer solution for this sulphate reagent. We are preparing the buffer solution by using CH3COONa. Mgcl2. KNO3 . &CH3COOH.
- This buffer solution is used to stabilizes the solution and resists any further changes in ph.

SO4 + Bacl2 + mgcl2 +ch3cooh + Kno3 = Baso4 + a compex with acids.

CONCLUSION

- *From my internship , I was able to get a better understanding of how the waste water treatment industry works and how effective it is. I enjoyed working with the area and I get some different experience. However I still have a long way to go in understanding the chemical aspects of waste water treatment. overall, I found the industrial internship experience to be positive , and I am sure I will be able to use the skills learned in my career later.*

HIYOSHI india
Ecological Services Pvt. Ltd.

Certificate of Training

This is to certify that

Ms. D. Jeevadharshini

Of

Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University), Jeppiaar Nagar, Rajiv Gandhi Salai (OMR), Sholinganallur, Chennai - 600 119, Tamilnadu, India

*Successfully completed the "**Internship**" in the field of Water and Wastewater analysis at Hiyoshi India Ecological Services Pvt. Ltd., Chennai - 600 113, Tamilnadu, India*

From 11th to 26th September 2023.

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INTERNSHIP REPORT



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T.Kavitha (41030010) T. Kavitha.

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THIS IS CERTIFY THAT MS.KAVITHA .T [REGISTER NUMBER 41030010] DOING B.Sc., CHEMISTRY FINAL YEAR IN SATHYABAMA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,CHENNAI-600 119 , HAS UNDERGONE INTERNSHIP IN OUR LABORATORY FROM 11TH SEP' 2023 TO 27TH SEP'2023.

DURING THIS PERIOD SHE GOT TRAINING IN ANALYSIS OF RAW MATERIALS AND THEIR FORMULATED PRODUCTS USING SOPHISTICATED INSTRUMENTS LIKE UV-VISIBLE SPECTROPHOTOMETER AND LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY AND ALSO IN GENERAL ANALYSIS.

SHE IS SINCERE IN HER WORK

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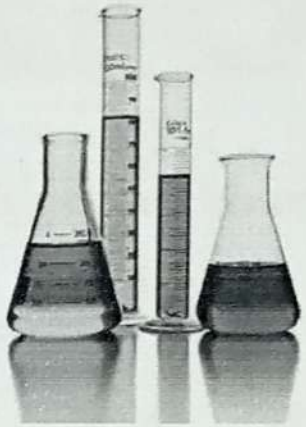
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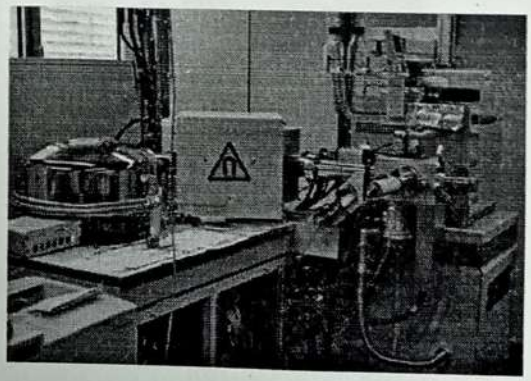




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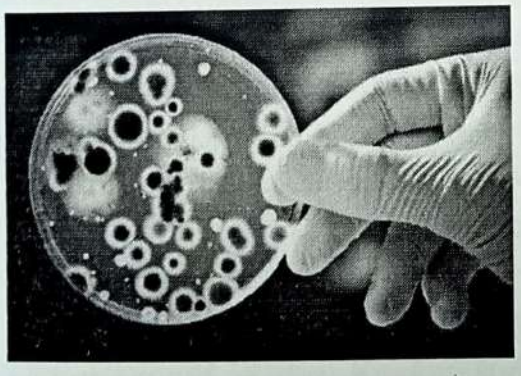


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- Spectrophotometric Analyses (Fourier-Transform Infrared **Spectroscopy(Ftir)**, Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy(**Uv/Vis, Uv-Vis**))
- Metals Analyses (Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (Aa), Graphite Furnace .
- Heavy Metals Testing (**Icp-Ms**)
- Ethylene Oxide And 1,4 – Dioxane Testing
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- Wet Chemistry Analyses

Metoprolol Tartrate



Dosing information

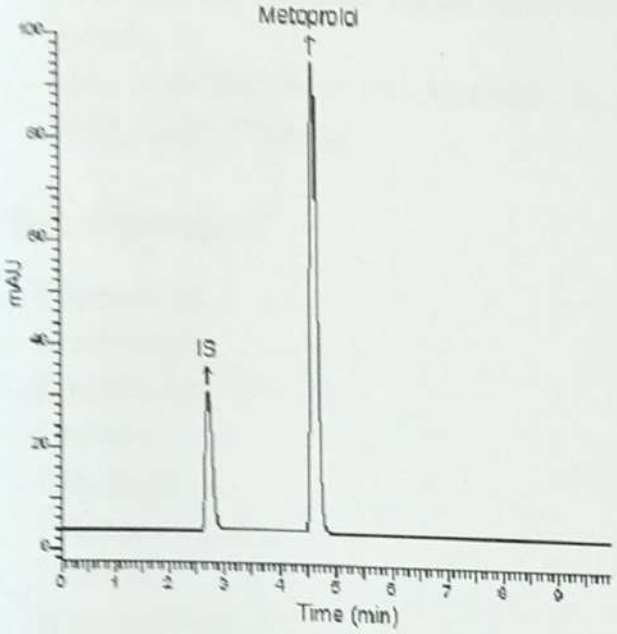
Metoprolol Tartrate Immediate Release Tablets:
Initial dose: 100 mg orally per day in single or divided doses

Maintenance dose: 100 to 450 mg orally per day.

Metoprolol Succinate Extended Release Tablets:
Initial dose: 25 to 100 mg orally once a day

Maintenance dose: 100 to 400 mg orally once a day.

High Performance Liquid Chromatography



HPLC Chromatogram Of Metoprolol (200 Ng Ml -1)

ABSTRACT

A Rapid, Precise And Accurate Reverse Phase High Performance Liquid Chromatographic Method For The Estimation Of Metropolol Tartrate In Tablets Was Developed And Validated . Separation Was Achieved On A Symmetry C_{18} Rp Column (150 x 3.9mm) Using A Mobile Phase Consisting Of Phosphate Buffer Ph – 3.0 And Acetonitrile (80:20,v/v) Mixture ,At A Flow Rate Of 1.0 ml/min And Detection Was Carried Out At 275nm. The Retention Time Of The Drug Was Found To Be 5.45 min. The Method Was Found To Be Linear In The Concentration Range Of 100.52-603.11µg/ml.The Lower Limit Of Quantification For Metoprolol Tartrate Was Found To Be 186 µg. The Proposed Method Can Be Used For The Routine Determination Of Metoprolol Tartrate In Its Tablet Dosage Forms.

Advantages :

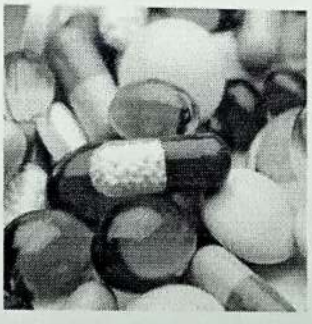
- Lowers Blood Pressure And May Be Used In The Treatment Of High Blood Pressure.
- Relieves Symptoms Of Angina In People With Coronary Heart Disease.

- Immediate-Release Metoprolol Tartrate Has Been Shown To Reduce The Risk Of Death Or Another Heart Attack When Given Immediately Following A Heart Attack.
- May Also Be Used To Decrease The Risk Of A First Heart Attack In People With Heart Disease.

Disadvantages :

- Depression
- Bradycardia
- Pruritus Of Skin
- Drowsy
- Dizziness
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea
- Hypotension
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Conclusion :

From My Internship , I Was Able To Get A Better Understanding Of How The Hi Tech Laboratories Works And How Effective It Is.I Enjoyed Working With The Area And I Get Some Different Experience. However, I Still Have A Long Way To Go In Understanding . Overall , I Found The Industrial Internship Experience To Be Positive, And I'm Sure I Will Be Able To Use The Skills I Learned In My Career Later.

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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

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We wish all success in his future endeavors.

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the company's branded formualtions also are exported to more than 25 countries.

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Maintaining the highest quality is of the atmost importance to our vision and daily routine. Therefore, our instinctive perception is led by the objective of exceeding customer expectations in all quality aspects. Adapting to customer's growing expectations and the dynamic market conditions is the force of our continuous improvements and excellence. It's also the motivation of our unstopping aspiration for higher summits.

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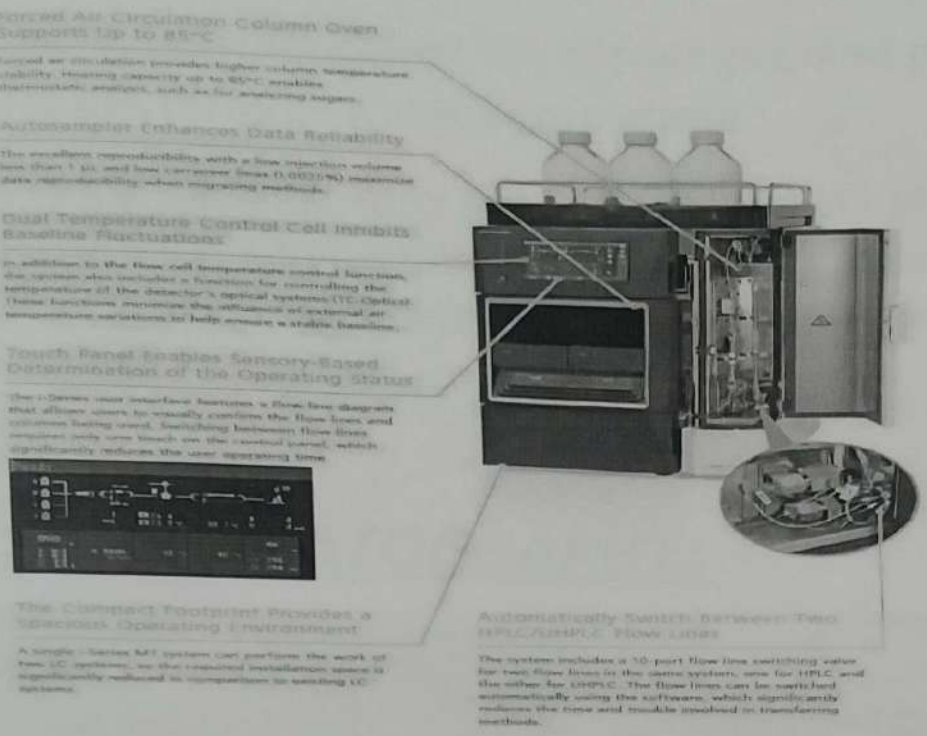
Topic :Quality control department:

Type of quality controls:

- HPLC
- GC
- UV

HPLC:(HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATODRAPHY):

- ❖ It is mobile phase and stationary phase.
- ❖ It is important for determination qualitative and quantitative analysis.
- ❖ It is important for determination of RETENTION TIME
- ❖ The time is requied,after the sample injection maximum angle peak reach to detector.



GC: GAS CHROMATOGARPHY:

- These industries must prove the purity of their products to regulators and must do so quickly and accurately—two things that gas chromatography offers. Often, industries use gas chromatography to analyze compounds to check for trace resides and contaminants in batches of products.
- The process of separating compounds in a mixture by injecting a gaseous or liquid sample into a mobile

phase, typically called the carrier gas, and passing the gas through a stationary phase.

- Gas chromatography has the advantages of high sensitivity, small sample usage, strong separation ability, good selectivity, wide application, and fast analysis.

GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY:



UV SPECTROSCOPY:

❖ Ultraviolet and visible (UV-Vis) absorption spectroscopy is the measurement of the attenuation of a beam of light after it passes through a sample or after reflection from a sample surface. Absorption measurements can be at a single wavelength or over an extended spectral range.

UV APPLICATIONS:

- UV-VIS Spec (Electronic spectrophotometera)
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis.
- Detection of impurities from organic mixture.
- Elucidation of structure – molecules.
- Forensic toxicology.
- Molecular weight determination.
- Fat quality determination.
- Determination of metal contaminants...

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES:

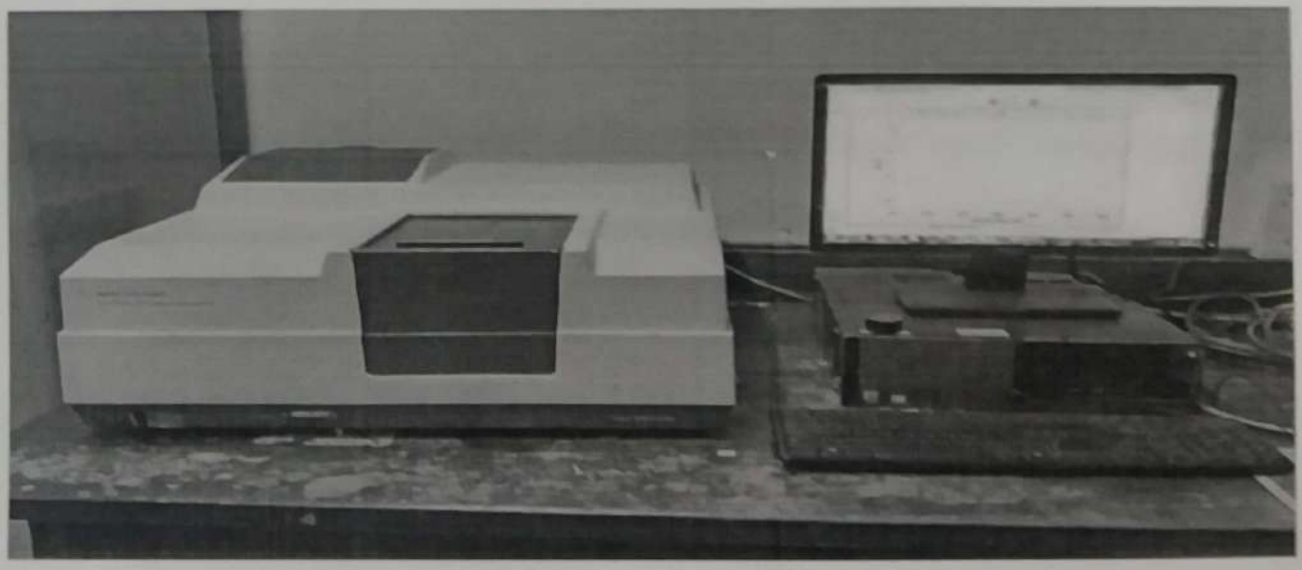
Advantages:

- Simple and inexpensive experimentation.Most organic molecules absorb UV/Vis light. Quantitative(beer's law).

Disadvantages:

- Mixtures of molecules can be a problem due to overlap (hence, routinely significant sample preparation).Spectra are not highly specific for particular molecules.Expensive instrumentation.

UV SPECTROSCOPY:



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During this period, her conduct was found to be good. We wish her all success in his future endeavour.

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Established in the year 2010, IAARI is a novel research based organisation, focus on specializing in Pharmaceutical, Biotechnology and Microbiology industries in the form of research services outsourced on a contract basis. In addition to that we also provide the Hands-on instrumentation training and academic project for students and research scholars. Besides this we also offer instrumentation analysis biochemical and pharmaceutical analysis for external samples. IAARI registered under state/ central Government approval (FDA) Form-37 for testing the pharmacy sample analysis. We undertook nearly hundred pharmaceutical manufacturing companies for their samples analysis.

1. ABSTRACT:

High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), formerly referred to as high-pressure liquid chromatography, is a technique in analytical chemistry used to separate, identify, and quantify each component in a mixture. HPLC is an important qualitative and quantitative technique, generally, used for the estimation of pharmaceutical and biological samples.

PRINCIPLE:

- The purification takes place in a separation column between a stationary and a mobile phase.
- The stationary phase is a granular material with very small porous particles in a separation column.
- The mobile phase, on the other hand, is a solvent or solvent mixture which is forced at high pressure through the separation column.

TYPES OF HPLC:

- Normal phase.
- Reverse phase.
- Ion exchange.
- Size exclusion.

INSTRUMENTATION:

The Pump:

- The development of HPLC led to the development of the pump system.
- The pump is positioned in the most upper stream of the liquid chromatography system and generates a flow of eluent from the solvent reservoir into the system.

Column:

- The separation is performed inside the column.
- The recent columns are often prepared in a stainless steel housing, instead of glass columns.
- The packing material generally used is silica or polymer gels compared to calcium carbonate.

Injector:

- An injector is placed next to the pump.
- The simplest method is to use a syringe, and the sample is introduced to the flow of eluent.

Detector:

- Separation of analytes is performed inside the column, whereas a detector is used to observe the obtained separation.





RECORDER:

- There are various types of data processors; from a simple system consisting of the in-built printer and word processor while those with software that are specifically designed for an LC system which not only data acquisition but features like peak-fitting, baseline correction, automatic concentration calculation, molecular weight determination, etc.

Advantages of HPLC:

- Speed.
- Efficiency.
- Accuracy.
- Versatile and extremely precise when it comes to identifying and quantifying chemical components.

APPLICATION:

- HPLC has many applications in both laboratory and clinical science.
- It is a common technique used in pharmaceutical development, as it is a dependable way to obtain and ensure product purity.

2. DISSOLUTION TEST:

- In the pharmaceutical industry, drug dissolution testing is routinely used to provide critical in vitro drug release information for both quality control purposes, i.e., to assess batch-to-batch consistency of solid oral dosage forms such as tablets, and drug development, i.e., to predict in vivo drug release profiles.



PRINCIPLE:

- Dissolution is a test used throughout the life cycle of a pharmaceutical product to evaluate the rate of release of a drug substance from the dosage form.

3. Disintegration test:

- Disintegration testing measures the ability of a tablet to break down into smaller particles or granules to allow the active drug to be absorbed into the body.



USES:

- The disintegration test is used to show how quickly the tablet breaks down into smaller particles, allowing for a greater surface area and availability of the drug when taken by a patient.

  - TRIVESTIN – Disintegration time 12mins 30sec.
  - LIVAGE PLUS -Disintegration time 3min 2sec.

4. Abstract:

- Spectroscopy is the study of interaction of electromagnetic radiation with matter.
- Basic principle of spectroscopy is the beer-lambert's law.
- In uv-vis spectroscopy, a continuum range of wavelengths from 200nm to 900nm is used.
- Spectrophotometer device is used in uv-vis spectroscopy. see figure1.
  - Components of spectrophotometer.
  - Sources of light(200nm to 900nm).
  - Monochromator.
  - Sample solution in cuvette
  - Detectors.

- Readout devices.

- Types of spectrophotometer single and double beam instruments.
- Applications of uv-vis spectroscopy qualitative &quantitative analyses.



INSTRUMENTATION:

- Source of light.
- Monochromator.
- Smple soliotion in cuvette.
- Photo detector.
- Readout device.

Major advantages of uv-vis spectroscopy are:

- High sensitivity.
- Require only small volume of sample.
- Linearity over wide range of concentration.
- Can be used with gradient elution.

CONCLUSION:

The overall experience was positive, and everything I learned would be useful in my future career in this field.

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UV SPECTROSCOPY ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION

- UV spectroscopy is a technique that measures how much light a chemical substance absorbs. It's also known as UV-Vis spectroscopy or spectrophotometry.
- In UV spectroscopy, a molecule absorbs light in the ultraviolet region (200-400 nm). This causes electrons to move from a ground state to a higher energy state. The amount of light absorbed by the sample is correlated with the concentration of the solute

- Ultraviolet visible (UV-Vis) spectrophotometers use a light source to illuminate a sample with light across the UV to the visible wavelength range (typically 190 to 900 nm).

PRINCIPLE

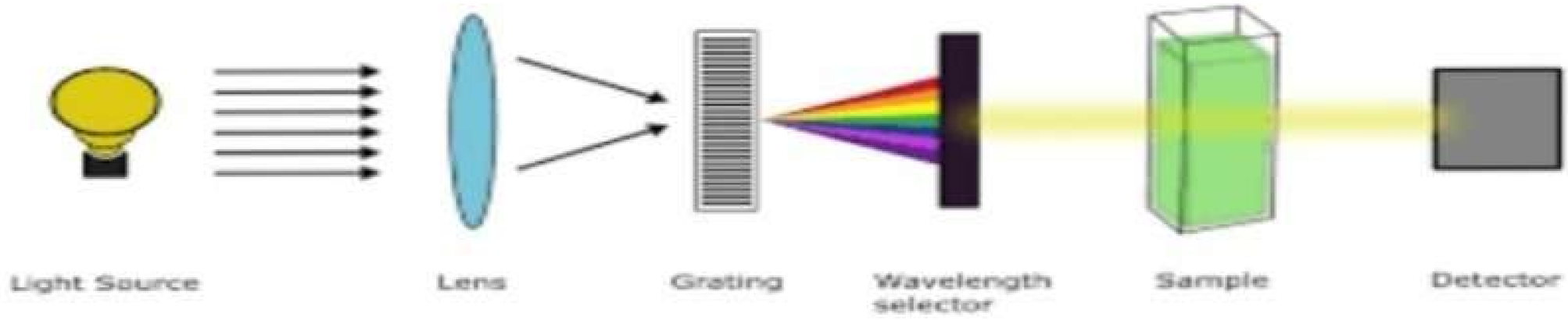
- It works on the principle of Beer Lambert's law.
- The Beer-Lambert law is the principle behind UV spectroscopy. This law states that the absorbance of a solution is directly proportional to the concentration of the absorbing species in the solution and the path length. The greater the number of absorbing molecules, the greater the extent of absorption of the radiation.
- Spectrophotometry is a procedure for determining how much light is reflected by a chemical material by measuring the strength of light as a light beam travels through the sample solution. The wavelength range is from 200nm to 800nm.

Theory

- energy absorbed in the UV –visible region produces changes in the electronic energy of the resulting from transitions of valence electrons in the molecules.
- Three distinct types of electrons are involved in organic molecules. They are as follows

- σ electron,
- π electron
- n electron.

INSTRUMENTATION



1) Light Source

Light sources that lie in the ultraviolet and visible region are used as UV-visible spectrometer sources.

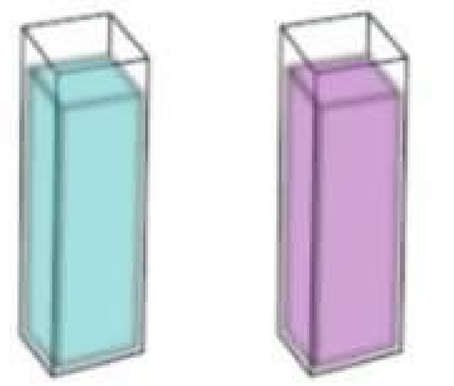
- ✓ Hydrogen & deuterium lamps range 160-380nm
- ✓ Xenon arc lamps range 250-600nm
- ✓ Tungsten halogen lamps range 240-2500nm

2)Wavelength selector

- ❖ UV-Vis spectroscopy requires a single wavelength for proper functioning whereas the ideal output of a single wavelength is not possible. This is so because no real wavelength selector is ideal. Although a single wavelength is not possible, a band of radiation could be used. So an instrument with narrow bandwidth would be better.
- ❖ Types of the wavelength selectors
- ✓ Filters
- ✓ Monochromators

3. Sample container/cells or cuvettes

- ❖ Sample containers or cuvettes may be made up of
- ✓ Quartz
- ✓ Borosilicate
- ✓ Plastic
- ❖ Only quartz is transparent in both UV & visible regions (200-700nm range).
- ❖ Glass & plastic are suitable for the visible region only.



sample containers or cuvettes

4) Detectors

- ❖ Detectors are devices that indicate the existence of some physical phenomenon. Some examples of simple detectors are
  - ✓ Transducers
  - ✓ Photodetectors
  - ✓ Photographic films
  - ✓ Mercury level in thermometers

ADVANTAGES

- ❖ The method is non-destructive so that the sample can be reused.
- ❖ Measurement can be done in a short span of time, helping easy integration into experiments.
- ❖ Data analysis is simple and requires less processing.

Disadvantages

- ❖ Real instruments are not always perfect; hence stray light may interfere with the measurements.
- ❖ Scattering of light due to bubbles or undissolved solid particles in the sample solution causes measurement error.

Application

- ❖ Identification of molecules in a sample.
- ❖ Determining the concentration of a compound in a sample.
- ❖ Determine the purity or concentration of biological samples containing DNA or RNA.
- ❖ It finds application in characterizing the rate of a chemical reaction.

DETERMINATION OF AMMONICAL NITROGEN IN WASTEWATER BY UV SPECTROSCOPY

Principal

- A method for conditioning a sample of water or wastewater for detection of ammonia by a UV spectrometer, comprising: raising the pH of the sample to 11 or 12; and mixing a quantity of a solution of sodium hypochlorite with the sample in an amount sufficient to react with all of the ammonia present to form chloramines.

Reagent required

- Ammonical nitrogen
- Nessler's reagent: Hg+KI in basic medium. NaOH is needed to be added
- Rochelle's reagent

PROCEDURE

- Make 100ml standard solution with blank,0.5ppm,1.0ppm,1.5ppm,2.0ppm,2.5ppm.
- Add few drops of Rochelle's reagent for removing interference of other ions.
- After that add 1ml of Nessler's reagent and mix well.
- After that rest at for 10 mins at room temperature.
- Measure the absorbance at 410nm

CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND(COD)

Chemical oxygen demand (COD) is a measure of the amount of oxygen required to oxidize organic matter in a water sample. The principle behind COD is that a strong oxidizing agent can oxidize almost any organic compound to carbon dioxide under acidic conditions. COD is often used to monitor water treatment plant efficiency

Principle

Potassium dichromate is added to the sample which will digest or oxidize all the organic or other industrial wastes with mercuric sulphate and silver sulphate in the presence of sulphuric acid. The left amount of the potassium dichromate will be estimated against titration by ferrous ammonium sulphate.

PROCEDURE

- 20 ml of aliquote of the sample diluted to 20 ml is taken in COD tube.
- In that add 2ml of mercuric sulphate is added.
- Then add 10ml of potassium dichromate.
- Then through the sides of COD tube of sulphuric acid is added.
- Sample is digested for 2 hours at 150C
- COOLED IN THE DESICATOR FOR 15 mins.
- Titrate against FAS .
- NOTE THE TITRATE VALUE.

FORMULA

COD (mg/l) = (a-b)(N) x 8,000 / sample size (ml) Where: a = ml $Fe(NH4)2(SO4)2$ used for blank. b = ml $Fe(NH4)2(SO4)2$ used for sample. N = normality of FAS titrant.

CONCLUSION

UV-visible spectroscopy is a valid, simple and cost effective method for determining the concentration of absorbing species if applied to pure compounds, and used with the appropriate standard curve.

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ABOUT COMPANY

- Hiyoshi India Ecological Services Private Limited a 100% subsidiary company of Hiyoshi Corporation, Japan was established in the year 2011.
- To provide Hiyoshi's 70 years of acquired knowledge in the field of drinking water analysis, wastewater analysis, O&M of STP, solid waste etc. In Chennai.
- To be a place where the water test results provided are true and reliable which is extremely essential for environmental conservation.
- "Worldwide environmental problems are constantly changing. These problems have no borders and so it is important for all of us to come and work together irrespective of nationality, culture, race and collectively address the challenges that the entire world is facing so that we leave behind a cleaner environment ."

INTRODUCTION

The water treatment process is a series of steps that purify water to make it safe for drinking and other uses. It involves processes like coagulation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection. Each step helps remove impurities and harmful substances, ensuring clean and safe water for everyone. It’s an important process to protect public health and the environment.

SL NO	SYLLABUS
1.	Laboratory tour (Equipment, Glasswares & Chemicals, etc.), pH at 25°C, Electrical
2.	Total Dissolved Solids & Total Suspended Solids
3.	MLSS & Total Solids
4.	Phosphorous
5.	Ammoniacal Nitrogen
6.	Chemical Oxygen Demand
7.	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
8.	Chloride
9.	Sulphate
10.	Biochemical Oxygen Demand

SL NO	Title	Date	Training type
1.	Laboratory tour	11.09.2023	Demo only
2.	Total Dissolved Solids & Total Suspended Solids	12.09.2023	Demo only
3.	MLSS & Total Solids	13.09.2023	Demo only
4.	Phosphorous	14.09.2023	Demo only
5.	Ammoniacal Nitrogen	15.09.2023	Demo only
6.	Chemical Oxygen Demand	18.09.2023	Demo only
7.	Biochemical Oxygen Demand-DO1	19.09.2023	Demo only
8.	Cloride	20.09.2023	Demo only
9.	Sulphate	21.09.2023	Demo only

Day 1(11-09-2023)

1.Ph

- Potential of Hydrogen .It is a measure of how acidic/basic water. The range goes from 0-14. pH value of 7 is neutral, less than 7 is acidic, and more than 7 is base.

=In the training Acidic value was taken as 4.01 and Base as 9.18.

=Temperature interference the Ph, So it should at 25.C as per IS 3025.

PROCEDURE FOR Ph testing of water

=We Calibrate the instrument using Certified reference Material(CRM)
= A sample of Ph was taken and test was conducted. .
= Note that electrode cleaning is must after every test using water and tissue.

2.Electrical conductivity(EC)

The reason that the conductivity of water is important is because **it can tell you how much dissolved substances, chemicals and minerals are present in the water.** Higher amounts of these impurities will lead to a higher conductivity.

Day 2(12-09-2023)

1.TDS(Total dissolved solids)

Total dissolved solids (TDS) is the term used to describe the inorganicsalts and small amounts of organic matter present in solution in water. The principal constituents are usually calcium, magnesium, sodium, and potassium cations and carbonate, hydrogen carbonate, chloride, sulfate, and nitrate anions.

PRINCIPLE: The sample is filtered and the filtrate evaporated in a tared dish on steam –bath. The residue after evaporation is dried to constant mass at 103-105.C or 179-181.C.

2.TSS(Total Suspended Solids)

Total suspended solids (TSS) is the dry-weight of suspended particles, that are not dissolved, in a sample of water that can be trapped by a filter that is analysed usinga filtration apparatus

PRINCIPLE: It measures a similar property to turbidity, but provides an actual weight of particulate matter for a given volume of sample (usually mg/l).

3.Desiccator: It is an apparatus for absorbing the moisture present in a chemical substance. An airtight, usually glass container containing dried silica crystals or some other drying agent for absorbing the moisture of another substance placed in the container.

Day 3(13-09-2023)

1.Total solids

- Total solids are dissolved solids plus suspended and settleable solids in water. In stream water, dissolved solids consist of calcium, chlorides, nitrate, phosphorus, iron, sulfur, and other ions particles that will pass through a filter with pores of around 2 microns (0.002 cm) in size.
- PRINCIPLE: The sample is evaporated in a weighed dish on a steam-bath and is dried to a constant mass in an oven either at 103-105°C or 179-181°C. Total residue is calculated from increase in mass.

2.Mixed liquid suspended solids

- Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids or MLSS in wastewater treatment is the measure of the total concentration of solids in an aeration tank. It includes non-biodegradable suspended matter, organic solids and microorganisms.

Day 4(14-09-2023)

- Phosphorus
- Phosphorus is a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15. Elemental phosphorus exists in two major forms, white phosphorus and red phosphorus, but because it is highly reactive, phosphorus is never found as a free element on Earth.
- PRINCIPLE:It is determined by adding ammonium molybdate and stannous chloride forming blue coloured complex, the absorbance of which is measured spectrophotometrically at 690 nm in UV/Vis spectrophotometer. First series of known concentration is run known a standard solutions and from there unknown concentration is calculated by comparing its absorbance with that of standard.

Day 5(15-09-2023)

1.Uv-Visible spectroscopy

It works on the principal of beer lambert's law which says amount of light passed or absorbed is directly proportional to path length and concentration of absorbent.

$$L \propto bc$$

Here **b** is path length and **c** is the concentration

2.Ammoniacal nitrogen

PRINCIPLE:Ammonia reacts with the Nessler reagent (K_2HgI_4) to form a yellow colored complex which can be detected spectrophotometrically at 410 nm and is directly proportional to the ammonia concentration. Stabilizer solution (potassium sodium tartrate) is added to prevent cloudiness of the Nessler reagent which may occur in some waters due to calcium and magnesium concentrations.This method is suitable for the concentration range of 0 – 7.00 mg/L ammonia in surface, drinking and nitrified waste waters allowing its concentration to be determined without the use of a calibration curve by incorporating the measured absorbance at 410 nm into a known equation.

Day 6(19-09-2023)

1.Digestion:

- To remove or oxidise a the unwanted wastes to its simplest form.In other words, removal of all organic and other wastes in the sample (not organic ions).

2.Chemical oxygen demand(COD)

PRINCIPLE: Potassium dichromate added to the sample which will digest or oxidise all the organic or other industrial wastes with mercuric sulphate and silver sulphate in the presence of sulphuric acid.the left amount of potassium dichromate will be estimated against titration by ferrous ammonium sulphate.

Day 7(20-09-2023)

1.Biochemical oxygen demand(BOD)-DO1

- Biochemical Oxygen Demand is applied to determine the aerobic destructibility of organic substances. BOD is the biological method used for the measurement of the total amount of dissolved oxygen (DO) used by microbes in the biological process of metabolizing organic molecules present in water.
- PRINCIPLE:The biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) test is based on mainly bio-assay procedure which measures the dissolved oxygen consumed by micro-organisms while assimilating and oxidizing the organic matter under aerobic conditions. The standard test condition includes incubating the sample in an air tight bottle, in dark at a specified temperature for specific time
- Air incubator(avoid light to prevent possibility of photosynthetic production of oxygen)- 27.C+- 1.C.

2.PROCEDURE:

•Sample BOD bottles were filled and closed with lids(Bubbles should not be formed)

•2 ml of Magnesium sulphate solution and 2 ml of alkaline iodide was added.

•We shake the bottle and leave it aside undisturbed so that the precipitates settle down.

•Now lids were removed and 2 ml of H2S04 was added, and the lids were closed now it was Shaked till clear solution was obtained.

•The bottle was transferred to 250 ml conical flask till 200ml.

•Now titration of content by sodium thiosulphate solution(0.025N) was done until yellow colour was appeared, now 1-2ml of starch indicator (end point is change of dark blue to calories) but the addition was done slowly in drop by drop order.

•Make the appropriate end point.

Day 8(21-09-2023)

- Chloride
- water containing chlorides is titrated with silver nitrate solution, chlorides are precipitated as white silver chloride. Potassium chromate is used as indicator, which supplies chromate ions.
- PRINCIPLE: To determine the chloride content in all water and waste water sample using **ARGENTOMETRIC** method. In a neutral or slightly alkaline solution potassium dichromate chromate can indicate the end point of the silver nitrate titration of Chloride.silver chloride is precipitated before red silver chromate is formed.
- APPARATUS
- Analytical balance
- Hot air oven
- Desicator
- STD measuring flasks
- Conical flask(250ml)
- Glass burette(50ml)
- Volumetric pipette (100 or 200ml)

Day 9(25-09-2023)

- Sulphate

PRINCIPLE:At acidic ph,SO4(sulphate) reacts with Bacl2 to form BaSO4 as the turbid Compound.

Buffer solution:CH3COONa,MgCl2,KNO3 and CH3COOH

A buffer solution is defined as a solution which resists any change in its pH value even when small amounts of the acid or the base are added to it.

PROCEDURE:

•10ml buffer and then add 100ml of make up solution

•Add spoonful of barium chloride salt

•Then mix for 30 seconds

•Measure the absorbance in UV spectroscopy at 420nm

ABBREVIATION

- PPM- PARTS PER MILLION
- PPB- PARTS PER BILLION
- EC- ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY
- PH- POTENTIAL OF HYDROGEN
- TDS- TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS
- TSS- TOTAL SUSPENDED
- MG/L- MILLIGRAM PER LITRE
- MLSS- MIXED LIQUID SUSPENDED SOLIDS
- BOD- BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND
- COD- CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND

Conclusion

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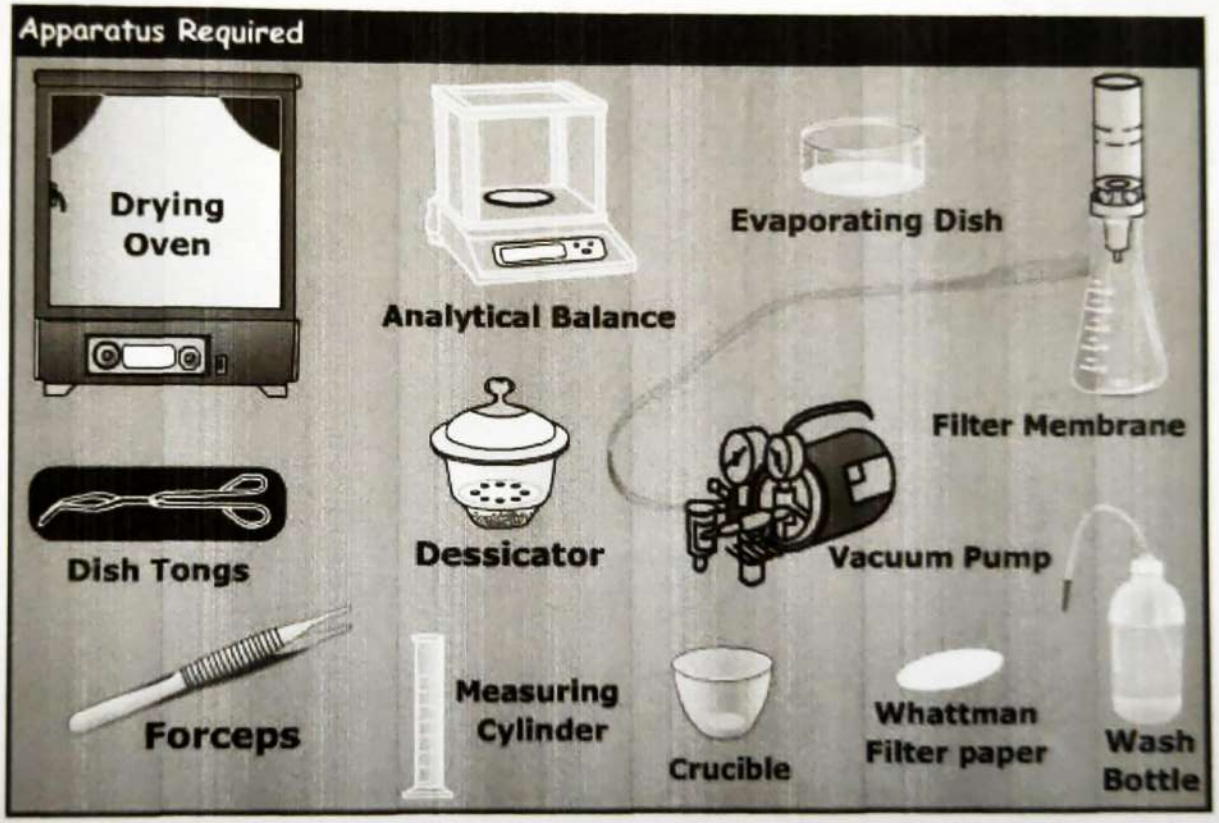
INTRODUCTION

- *Water treatement is any processes that improves the quality of water to make it appropriate for a specific end use. The end use may drinking, industrial water supply irrigation, river flow maintenance, water recreation on many other uses, including being safely returned to the environment.*
- *To provide Hiyoshi's 70 years of acquired knowledge in the field of drinking water analysis, wastewater analysis, O&M of STP, solid waste*

TOTAL DISSOLVED AND SUSPENDED SOLID IN WATER

- *The term total dissolved solids refer to materials that are completely dissolved in water. These solids are filterable in nature. It is defined as residue upon evaporation of filterable sample.*
- *The term total suspended solids can be referred to materials which are not dissolved in water and are non filterable in nature. It is defined as residue upon evaporation of non filterable sample on a filter paper.*

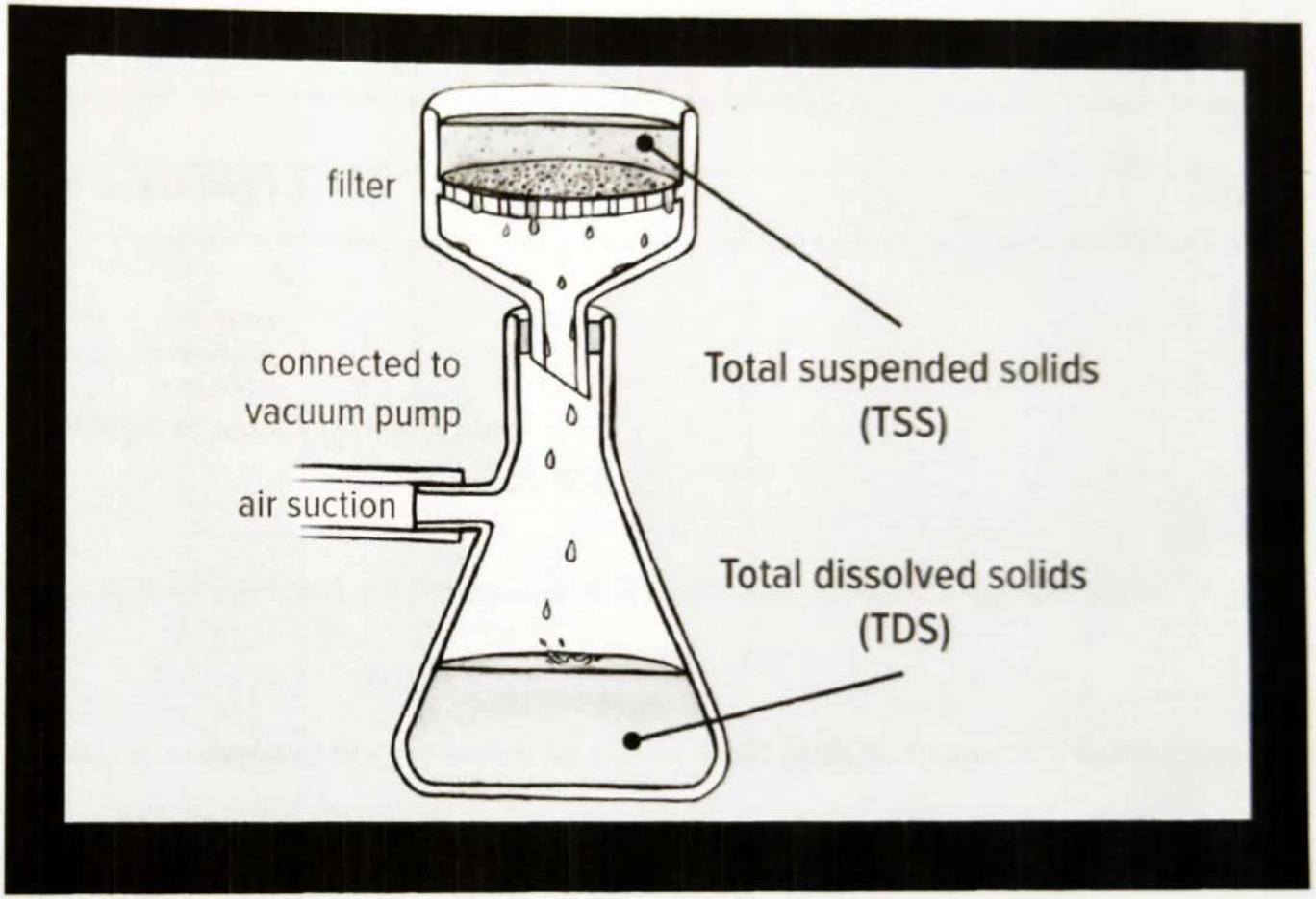
Apparatus Required



PROCEDURE

- *The procedure for measuring Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) is usually performed in a laboratory setting. The procedure involves:*
- *Filtering a water sample using a 1.5 micron filter. The particles that don't pass through the filter are considered to be TSS.*
- *Drying the filter in an oven at 104°C for an hour.*
- *Reweighing the filter and calculating the TSS.*
- *Rinsing the filter with distilled water.*
- *Drying the filter in an oven at 103-105°C for at least an hour.*
- *Weighing the filter and the dried residue.*

PROCESS OF TSS AND TDS



TDS (TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS)		Weight (g)
Weight of the clean porcelain evaporating dish (g)	W_1	35.4329
Weight of the dish and the residue (g)	W_2	35.4498
Weight of residue(g)	W	0.0169
Volume of the Sample (mL)	V	50. 0
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	**TDS**	**338.0**

Model Calculation:

W_1 = 35. 4329 g
W_2 = 35.44980g
V = 50. 0 mL

Weight of residue (g) W=W2-W1

= 35. 4498 - 35. 4329
= 0. 0169 g

Weight of residue in mg (To convert W (g) to W (mg), multiply W (g) with 1000)

W(MG) = 0.0169 x 1000
= 16.9mg

Multiply the weight of the dry solids (in mg) by 1,000 mL/L to convert the sample size from mL to L.

Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)

V = Volume of the sample (mL) (To convert mL to L, multiply by 1000)
=16.9 mg/50 mL = 0.338 mg/mL
= 0.338 mg/mL x 1,000 mL/L = **338 mg/L**

TSS(TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS)		Weight (g)
ıt of the clean filter paper (g)	W_1	1.6329
ıt of the filter paper and the residue (g)	W_2	1.6531
ıt of residue(g)	W	0.0202
ıe of the Sample (mL)	V	100. 0
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	**TDS**	**202.0**

Calculation:

w_1 = 1.6329g

w_2 = 1.6531g

V = 100.0 mL

Weight of residue (g) $W = w_2 - w_1$

= 1.6531 - 1.6329

= 0. 0202 g

Weight of residue in mg (To convert W (g) to W (mg), multiply W (g) with 1000)

W (mg) = 0.0202 x 1000

= 20.2 mg

Multiply the weight of the dry solids (in mg) by 1,000 mL/L to convert the sample size from mL to L.

Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)

V = Volume of the sample (mL) (To convert mL to L, multiply by 1000)

=20.2 mg/100 mL = 0.202 mg/mL

= 0.202 mg/mL x 1,000 mL/L = **202 mg/L**

SULPHATE ;

ırbidity Method

This method is applicable to surface and ground water in the range of 1 to 40 mg/l SOYSamples having higher concentrations than this can be measured by appropriate dilution of sample.bidity Method

rinciple and Theory ;

Sulphate ion is precipitated in hydrochloric acid medium with barium chloride in such a manner as to form barium sulphate crystals of uniform size. The absorbance of barium sulphate suspension is measured by a nephlometer or transmission photometer (turbidity meter) and the sulphate ion concentration is determined by comparison of the reading with a standard curve.

PARATUS ;

Turbidity meter or spectrophotometer -for use at 420 nm.
Usual laboratory glass apparatus

agents

Barium chloride

OCEDURE ;

Take 20 ml of clear aliquot of the water sample or suitable amount diluted to 20 ml in 1OO-ml conical flask.

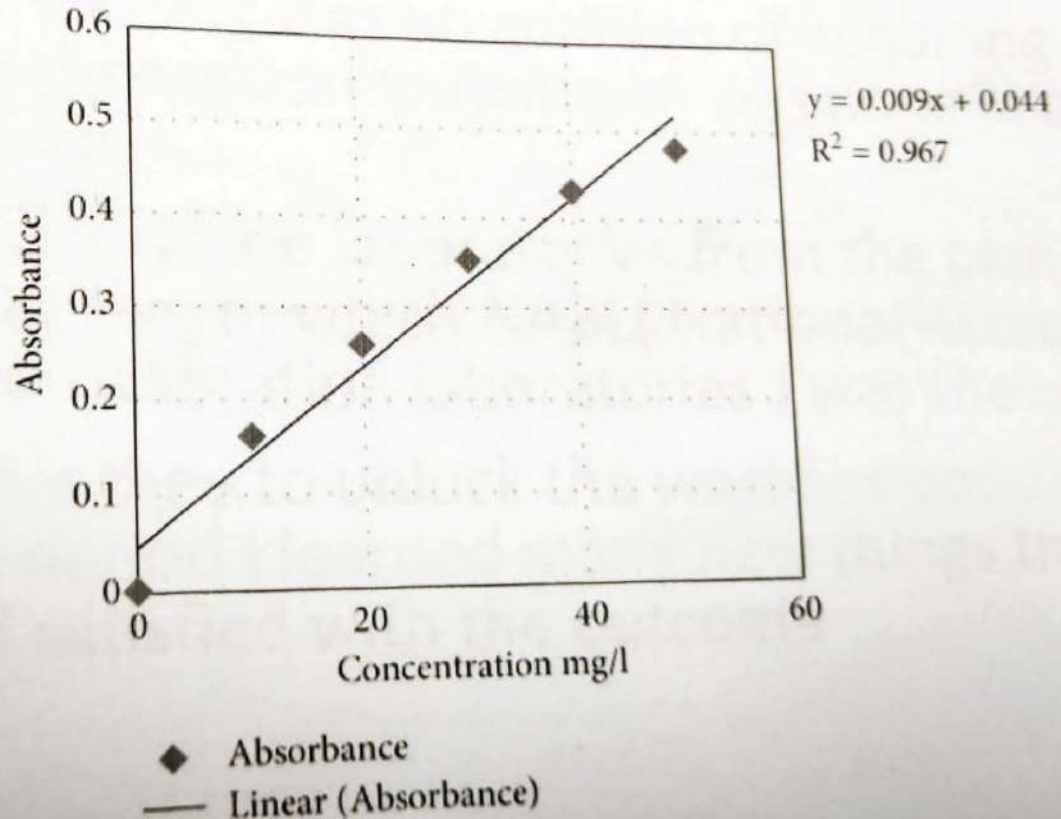
Add 1.0 ml hydrochloric acid solution and 1-ml conditioning reagent and mix well for 30 seconds.

Read the absorbance on spectrophotometer after 10 minutes if glycerol conditioning reagent is used or 30 minutes if gelatin is used, at 420 nm. or. read the turbidity occurred on turbidity meter following the manufacturer's instructions to operate.

If water sample is turbid, take 20 ml sample or suitable amount dilute to 20 ml with distilled water. Do not add conditioning reagent. Read the absorbance of this sample and subtract this value from the absorbance

Calibration curve - Prepare a series of standards taking at least 4 standards and run a blank . Prepare a calibration curve of standards mg/l vs absorbance.

Read the sulphate concentration of sample directly from the calibration curve.



CONCLUSION :

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ABOUT COMPANY



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TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLID& SUSPENDEDSOLIDS

Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) are parameters used to measure the total amount of solids in water, but they refer to different types of solids and are typically expressed separately.

Total Dissolved Solids (TDS):

Total dissolved solids (TDS) is a measure of the dissolved combined content of all inorganic and organic substances present in a liquid in molecular, ionized, or micro-granular (colloidal sol) suspended form. TDS are often measured in parts per million (ppm). TDS in water can be measured using a digital meter.

- TDS represents the total concentration of all inorganic and organic substances that are dissolved in a water sample.
- These substances are typically in a molecular or ionic form and cannot be physically separated from the water using standard filtration methods.

- TDS can include minerals, salts, ions, dissolved organic matter, and other soluble substances.
- TDS is typically measured in milligrams per liter (mg/L) or parts per million (ppm).

Total Suspended Solids (TSS):

Total suspended solids (TSS) are defined as solids in water that can be trapped by a filter. To measure TSS, the water sample is filtered through a pre-weighed filter. The residue retained on the filter is dried in an oven at 103–105°C until the weight of the filter no longer changes.

- TSS refers to the total concentration of solid particles that are suspended in the water but not dissolved.
- These solid particles can include silt, clay, organic matter, microorganisms, and other particulate matter.
- TSS is typically measured by collecting a water sample and filtering it through a fine filter paper or membrane to separate the suspended solids from the liquid phase. The solid material retained on the filter is then dried and weighed.
- TSS is also typically expressed in milligrams per liter (mg/L) or parts per million (ppm).

It's important to note that TDS and TSS are separate measurements, and their values are not additive. The sum of TDS and TSS does not equal the total solids content of the water because they represent different components of the solid material in the water.

MLSS &TOTAL SOLIDS, PHOSPHOROUS

MLSS (Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids), Total Solids, and Phosphorous are important parameters used in wastewater treatment and environmental monitoring to assess water quality and the performance of treatment processes.

MLSS (Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids):

Mixed liquid suspended solids (MLSS) is the concentration of suspended solids, in an aeration tank during the activated sludge process, which occurs during the treatment of waste water.

- MLSS refers to the concentration of suspended solids (biological and non-biological) in the mixed liquor of an activated sludge wastewater treatment system.
- It includes suspended biomass (microorganisms) and any non-biological solids present in the wastewater.
- MLSS is a crucial parameter in the operation of biological wastewater treatment systems, such as activated sludge processes. It indicates the concentration of microorganisms responsible for breaking down organic matter in the wastewater.
- MLSS is typically measured in milligrams per liter (mg/L) or grams per liter (g/L).

Total Solids:

Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids or MLSS in wastewater treatment is the measure of the total concentration of solids in an aeration tank. It includes non-biodegradable suspended matter, organic solids and microorganisms.

- Total Solids represent the total concentration of both suspended and dissolved solids in a water or wastewater sample.
- This parameter includes all solid matter present in the sample, both organic and inorganic, regardless of whether it is in a suspended or dissolved state.
- Total Solids can be measured by evaporating a known volume of the sample and measuring the weight of the remaining solids. It is typically expressed in mg/L or g/L.
- It is an important parameter in water quality assessment and can be used to assess the overall pollution level of a water sample.

Phosphorous (Phosphorus):

- Phosphorous, often expressed as phosphorus (P), is a chemical element that can be found in water in various forms, including orthophosphate (soluble), organic phosphorus (particulate or dissolved), and polyphosphates.
- Phosphorus is a critical nutrient in aquatic ecosystems and plays a role in the growth of aquatic plants and algae. In excessive amounts, it can contribute to eutrophication, which can harm aquatic ecosystems.
- Monitoring and controlling phosphorus levels in wastewater effluents and natural water bodies is essential to manage water quality.
- Phosphorus concentrations are typically measured in mg/L or µg/L (micrograms per liter).

AMMONICAL NITROGEN, COD

Ammonical nitrogen (NH3-N) and Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) are two important parameters used in water quality analysis, often used to assess the pollution level and overall health of water bodies.

Ammonical Nitrogen (NH3-N):

- Ammonical nitrogen is a measure for the nitrogenous organic matter as ammonia, a toxic pollutant that can directly poison humans and upset the equilibrium of water ecology systems.
- This parameter measures the concentration of ammonia nitrogen in water. Ammonia can enter water bodies through various sources, including agricultural runoff, wastewater discharges, and natural processes. High levels of ammonium can negatively impact aquatic life as it can lead to eutrophication, a process in which excessive nutrients in the water cause algae blooms and deplete oxygen levels, harming fish and other organisms. Ammonical nitrogen is usually expressed in milligrams per liter (mg/L) or parts per million (ppm).

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD):

The chemical oxygen demand (COD) test is commonly used to indirectly measure the amount of organic compounds in liquid waste. It is expressed in

milligrams/grams per liter, which indicates the mass of oxygen consumed per liter of solution.

- COD is a measure of the amount of oxygen required to chemically oxidize organic and inorganic contaminants in water. It provides an indication of the overall organic and inorganic pollution in a water sample. High COD levels indicate a higher amount of pollutants that can deplete dissolved oxygen in water bodies, potentially leading to adverse environmental impacts. COD is typically measured in milligrams per liter (mg/L) or parts per million (ppm).
- Both ammonical nitrogen and COD are important parameters in water quality management and are used to assess the impact of pollution on aquatic ecosystems. Monitoring and controlling these parameters are essential to protect the quality of water resources and ensure the health of aquatic life and the environment.

BOD, CHLORIDE

Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) and chloride are two more parameters commonly used in water quality analysis:

Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD):

- BOD is a measure of the amount of dissolved oxygen that microorganisms need to break down organic material present in water. It's a crucial parameter for assessing the organic pollution level in a water body. BOD is typically measured over a specific period, such as 5 days (BOD5), and is expressed in milligrams of oxygen per liter of water (mg/L). High BOD levels indicate a high concentration of biodegradable organic matter, which, when present in excess, can lead to oxygen depletion in the water, harming aquatic life. BOD is a key parameter used in wastewater treatment plant design and monitoring to ensure that the discharged water doesn't negatively impact receiving waters.

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SULFATE

- Sulfate (SO4^2-) is a chemical compound found in water and the environment. It can come from natural sources like minerals and volcanic activity, as well as human activities like industry and mining.
- While sulfate itself is not usually harmful to humans, very high levels in drinking water can cause a mild laxative effect. In the environment, sulfate can contribute to the growth of certain bacteria that produce a gas called hydrogen sulfide, which can be toxic to aquatic life and cause bad odors.
- So, when we talk about sulfate in water quality, we're mainly concerned with its effects on the environment and its potential to affect water quality and aquatic ecosystems. Monitoring sulfate levels helps ensure the health of water bodies and the organisms that depend on them.

CONCLUSION

- Drinking water analysis is primarily concerned with ensuring the safety and quality of water for human consumption, monitoring various parameters to meet regulatory standards, and optimizing treatment processes.
- On the other hand, wastewater analysis focuses on assessing and controlling pollution in wastewater before its discharge into the environment, aiming to protect ecosystems, evaluate treatment efficiency, and maintain compliance with environmental regulations.
- Both analyses play crucial roles in safeguarding public health and environmental well-being, collectively contributing to responsible water resource management.

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During her stay at our organization she took initiative in learning and acquiring knowledge.

We wish her all the best for all her future endeavors.

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ABSTRACT

This report is an attempt to gather all the learnt information about the characteristics, advantages and a detailed description of electroless Nickel plating in surface finishing over the metals.

In the electro less nickel plating the metal ion in solution is reduced to free metal and deposited as a metallic coating without the use of electric current. This reaction involves reduction of metal ion by simultaneous oxidation of a chemical reducing agent.

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INTRODUCTION

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The safety policies are well maintained by the company the working environment is good which support a lot of upliftment of the company. The company is having 5 units. Each unit is equipped with necessary latest technology machines.

RAW MATERIALS

Electroless solution like electro plating solution consist of metallic salts with the number of addition agent having specific functions. The constituents of electroless solution are mainly,

a. Nickel salt-mainly nickel sulphate or nickel chloride
b. Reducing agent -Sodium hypophosphite, dimethyl amino -borane or hydrazine hydrate.
c. Complexing agent – Organic acids like lactic acid, propionic acid or salts like ammonium chloride etc.
d. Stabilizer-Organic and inorganic thio component, some heavy metal ions like Pb, Sn and thiourea.
e. Accelerator-Lactates, succinctness, hydroxyl acetates, glycerine or meliorates fluorides, etc.
f. Brightener-Sodium benzene disulphate, thiourea in acid solution, selenic acid, cadmium ion, lead ion etc.

We are using three solution which contains all the constituents as:

* NI STAR HP PART1
* NI STAR HP PART 2
* NI STAR HP PART 3

PROCESS DESCRIPTION

In electroless nickel plating, metal ions are reduced to free metal by the action of chemical reducing agents, which are simply electron donors. The metal ions are electro acceptors which react with the electron donors. The catalyst is the substance which accelerates the electro less chemical reaction, allowing oxidation of reducing agent. Electroless nickel plating baths are of two distinctly different types: acid and ammonical . Unlike conventional electro plating, no electrical plating current is required for deposition.

The electroless nickel plating bath contains the solution A and B in the ratio of 1:3. It also contains rest of the bath capacity with the D.M water. The bath must be maintained for a temperature of 80-95^{0}C with the pH of 4-5. The optimum range in all the parameters will lead to effective plating. When the plating starts it may decrease the metal concentration and pH of the solutions A and C along with the ammonia. Air agitation is also provided.

A proper work piece provides a catalysed surface and once introduced into the electro less deposition then continues, a uniform deposition begins. Minute amount of the electroless metal itself will catalyst the reaction, so the deposition then continues, providing that the metal ion and reducing agent are replenished.

Catalytic dehydrogenation of hypophosphite with the anhydride transfer for the catalytic surface is the first step in the deposition process.

$$NaH_2PO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow Na^+ + H_2PO_2^- + H_2O$$

The hydride ion can then react with nickel ions to produce the deposit;

$$NiSO_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow Ni^{2+} + SO_4^{2-} + H_2O$$

$$Ni^{2+} + H_2PO_2^- + H_2O \longrightarrow Ni + H_2PO_3^- + 2H^+$$

$$H_2PO_2^- + H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Catalyst}} H_2PO_3^- + H_2$$

Once the plating is completed the alkaline impurities present in them can be removed by nitric acid cleaning. For this process nitric acid of 50% concentration issued. Since nitric acid corrodes metal, we have shortened the time of the treatment compare to others.

The electro less bath provides a deposit which follows all contours of the substrate exactly without building up at the edges and corners. A sharp edge receives the same thickness of deposit as a bling hole.

PROCESS CONTROL

ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE NICKEL METAL IN BATH

To estimate the metallic content in the bath, 5ml of the bath is diluted to 15mL and to it conc. Ammonia is added. It is titrated against 0.1N of EDTA with a pinch of mure xide acting as a indicator. The end point is the appearance of dark violet colour.

Improper cleaning, excessive acidity or alkalinity of the solution may causes improper adhesion which can be rectified by cyclic cleaning, pH check and adjust the remedies as the case may be.

PROS AND CONS

There are many benefits to electroless nickel plating, including that it:

* Provides an even coating on irregular shapes.
* Can be applied to many different base materials, both conductive and non-conductive.
* Can reach the hidden surfaces of complex parts.
* Results in better corrosion resistance due to the coating's consistency.
* Requires no electricity, which decreases its cost.
* Has a customizable finish, from matte to bright.
* Saves money due to the less wasted nickel.

There are some limitation also which includes:

* The solution needs to be heated at very high temperature, so it can be more inconvenient to use
* The nickel is depleted from the solution, not anodes, so it will need to be replenished constantly
* It is more expensive to operate than regular plating.

APPLICATION

Electro less metal plating is used in the variety of applications, including

* Hard disk drives for computer
* Automotive brake cylinders, gears, shock absorbers, brake pistons, heat sinks, etc
* Pumps, valves, and other engineering products
* Circuit boards, with a layer of gold
* Medical instruments
* Aircraft parts
* Oil field valves
* Mixing blades, filter units, heat exchangers, pump housings, impellers, etc. for chemical processing
* Plugs, gates, balls and other valve components, pipe fittings, barrels, pumps, packers, etc. for petroleum and gas industries.



CONCLUSION

The industrial training offered by M/S LEO PRIME COMP.PVT.LTD. helped me to understand the technology of manufacture process of electroless nickel plating.

The exposure of the industry has developed wide spectrum of knowledge about process utilities, safety etc. and the confident to whole in an industry in future.

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The state- of -the- art infrastructural facility at sun gold engineering undergoes regular up-gradation, in order to maximize our presence in the market and our production capacity. For reason of attaining effective management of the firm's operations, the facility has been parted into several highly operational units. The facility placed with all the necessary machinery and equipment help us in the attainment of several of the firms predefined goals and targets.

XRF SPECTROSCOPY

ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION:

- X- ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometry is an elemental analysis technique with broad application in science an industry.
- XRF is routinely used for the simultaneous determination of elemental composition and film thickness.
- Modern XRF instruments are capable of analyzing solid, liquid, and thin-film samples for both major and trace (ppm-level) components.
- The analysis is rapid and usually sample preparation is minimal or not required at all.





PRINCIPLE:

- XRF is based on the principle that individual atoms, when excited by an external energy source, emit X-ray photons of a characteristic energy or wavelength. By counting the number of photons of each energy emitted from a sample, the elements present may be identified and quantitated.

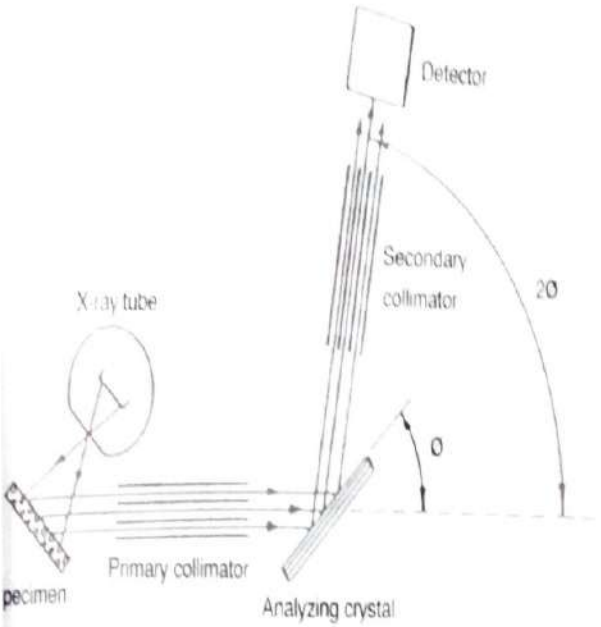
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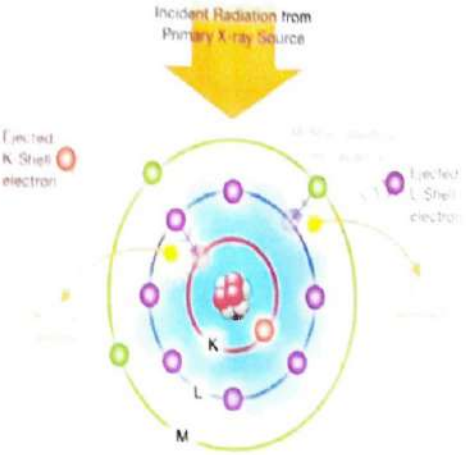
- When an electron beam of high energy strikes a material, one of the interaction is the emission of photons which have a broad continuum of energies. This radiation, called "braking radiation", is the result of the deceleration of the electrons inside the material. The bremsstrahlung continuum is illustrated as a function of electron acceleration voltages for a molybdenum target.

INSTRUMENTATION:

- Most of the XRF instruments in use today fall into two categories: energy Dispersive (ED) and wavelength-dispersive (WD) spectrometers.
- Within these two categories is a tremendous variety of differing configurations, X-ray sources and optics, and detector technologies.
- **WAVELENGTH-DISPERSIVE (WD)**: The instrument operates based on the principle of Bragg diffraction of a collimated X-ray beam, in this case the beam emanating from the sample. A detector is angularly scanned relative to the analyzing crystal, registering the spectrum.

- **ENERGY DISPERSIVE (ED)**: The entire polychromatic spectrum from the sample is incident upon a detector that is capable of registering the energy of each photon that strikes it. The detector electronics and data system then build the X-ray spectrum as a histogram, with number of counts versus energy.





DVANTAGES OF XRF:

- XRF is a versatile, rapid technique.
- It is non destructive method of chemical analysis.
- Applicable to a wide variety of samples from powders to liquids.

ISADVANTAGES OF XRF:

- Disadvantages include fairly high limits of detection (LODs) when compared to other methods.
- Possibility of matrix effects, although these can usually be accounted for using software-based correction procedures.
- PXRF instruments are capable of producing results comparable in many ways to the lab-based XRF at a fraction of the cost.

STRENGTH & LIMITATION OF XRF:

XRF is particularly well-suited for investigations that involve:

- Bulk chemical analysis of major elements.
  (Si, Ti, Fe, Mn, Ca, Na, K, P) in rock and sediment.
- Bulk chemical analysis of trace elements.
  (1greater ppm: Ba, Ce, Co, Cr, Cu, Ga, La, Nb, Ni, Rb, Sc, Sr, Rh, Zr, Zn)

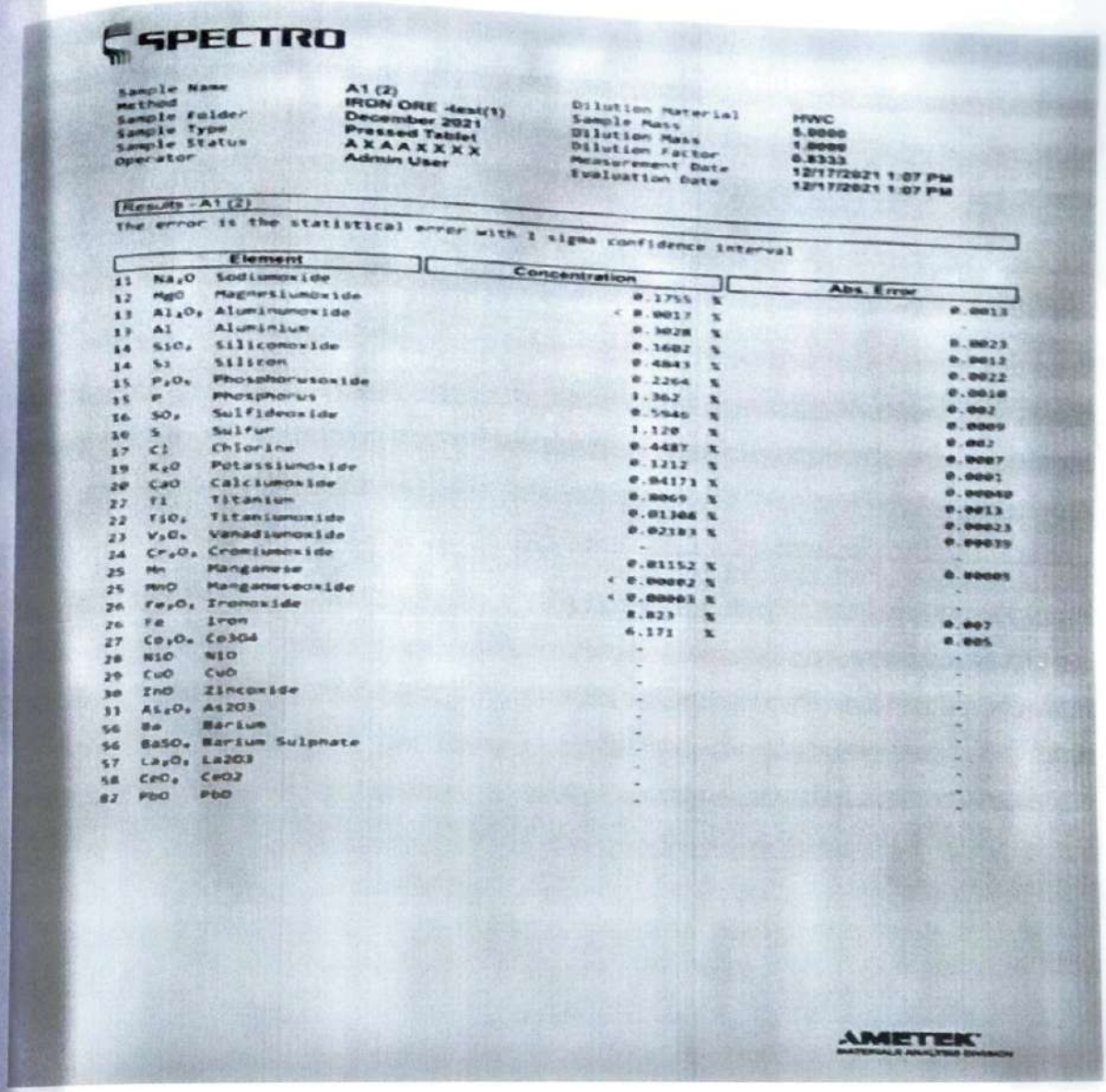
BENEFITS OF XRF ANALYSIS:

- Minimal or no sample preparation.
- Non- destructive analysis.
- Na 11 to U 92 analysis, ppm to high percentage concentration range.
- No wet chemistry --- No acids, no reagents.
- Rapid analysis ---- result in minutes.
- For routine quality control analysis instrument can be used by anyone.

APPLICATION OF XRF:

X-Ray Fluorescence used in many different disciplines.

- GEOLOGY:
  - Major, Precious, Trace elemental analysis.
  - Characterization of Rocks, Ores, and Soils.
- ENVIROMENTAL REMEDIATION:
  - Pb in paint.
  - Heavy metals in soil.
- RECYCLING:
  - Alloy identification.
  - Waste processing.
- MISCELLANEOUS:
  - Art and archeology.
  - Industrial hygiene.
  - Forensics.



SPECTRO

Sample Name	A1 (2)	Dilution Material	HWC
Method	IRON ORE 4test(1)	Sample Mass	5.0000
Sample Folder	December 2021	Dilution Mass	1.0000
Sample Type	Pressed Tablet	Dilution Factor	0.8333
Sample Status	AXAAXXXX	Measurement Date	12/17/2021 1:07 PM
Operator	Admin User	Evaluation Date	12/17/2021 1:07 PM

Results - A1 (2)

The error is the statistical error with 1 sigma confidence interval

	Element		Concentration		Abs. Error
11	Na_2O	Sodiumoxide	0.1755	%	0.0013
12	MgO	Magnesiumoxide	< 0.0017	%	-
13	Al_2O_3	Aluminumoxide	0.3028	%	0.0023
14	SiO_2	Siliconoxide	0.1602	%	0.0012
14	Si	Silicon	0.4843	%	0.0022
15	P_2O_5	Phosphorusoxide	0.2264	%	0.0010
15	P	Phosphorus	1.362	%	0.002
16	SO_3	Sulfideoxide	0.5945	%	0.0009
16	S	Sulfur	1.120	%	0.002
17	Cl	Chlorine	0.4487	%	0.0007
19	K_2O	Potassiumoxide	0.1212	%	0.0001
20	CaO	Calciumoxide	0.84171	%	0.00049
22	Ti	Titanium	0.8069	%	0.0013
22	TiO_2	Titaniumoxide	0.01306	%	0.00023
23	V_2O_5	Vanadiumoxide	0.02183	%	0.00039
24	Cr_2O_3	Chromiumoxide	-		-
25	Mn	Manganese	0.01152	%	0.00005
25	MnO	Manganeseoxide	< 0.00002	%	-
26	Fe_2O_3	Ironoxide	< 0.00001	%	-
26	Fe	Iron	8.823	%	0.007
27	Co_3O_4	Co3O4	6.171	%	0.005
28	NiO	NiO	-		-
29	CuO	CuO	-		-
30	ZnO	Zincoxide	-		-
33	As_2O_3	As2O3	-		-
56	Ba	Barium	-		-
56	$BaSO_4$	Barium Sulphate	-		-
57	La_2O_3	La2O3	-		-
58	CeO_2	CeO2	-		-
82	PbO	PbO	-		-

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CONCLUSION:

Since, X-ray fluorescence analysis can analyze a sample non-destructively and quickly, it can be applied to a wide range of uses such as manufacturing and quality control.

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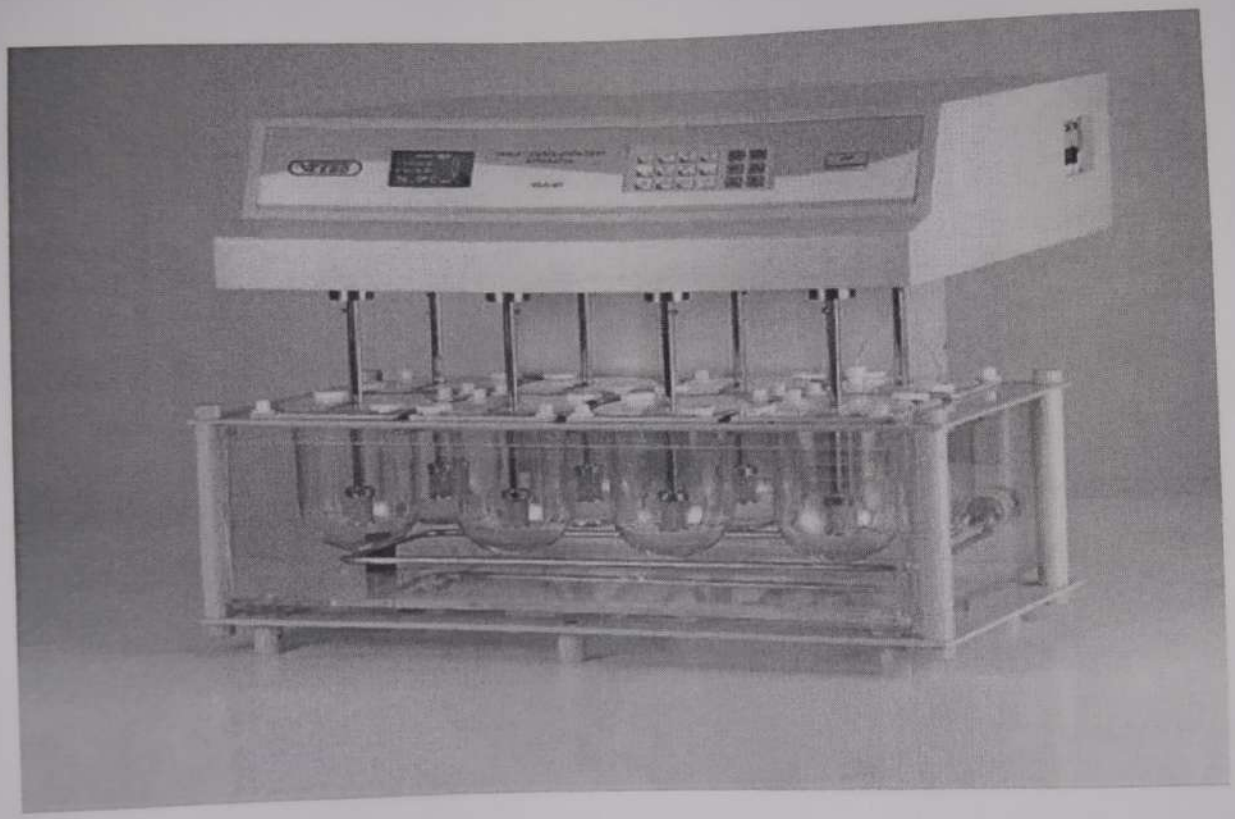
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Dissolution testing

Analysis

Introductio

In the pharmaceutical industry, drug for both quality control purposes, i.e., to assess batch-to-batch consistency of solid oral dosage forms such as tablets, and drug development, i.e., to predict in vivo drug release profiles.[1] There are*dissolution testing* is routinely used to provide critical in vitro drug release information three typical situations where dissolution testing plays a vital role: (i) formulation and optimization decisions: during product development, for products where dissolution performance is a critical quality attribute, both the product formulation and the manufacturing process are optimized based on achieving specific dissolution targets. (ii) Equivalence decisions: during generic product development, and also when implementing post-approval process or formulation changes, similarity of in vitro dissolution profiles between the reference product and its generic or modified version are one of the key requirements for regulatory approval decisions. (iii) Product compliance and release decisions: during routine manufacturing, dissolution outcomes are very often one of the criteria used to make product release decisions.[2][3][4]



Definition :

Dissolution testing measures the extent and rate of solution formation from a dosage form, such as tablet, capsule, ointment, etc. The dissolution of a drug is important for its bioavailability and therapeutic effectiveness. Dissolution and drug release are terms used interchangeably.

Purpose of dissolution testing:

In early phase drug development, dissolution testing aids formulation design and drug delivery optimization .It is primarily carried out to assess product stability, monitor formulation changes over time, and establish in-vitro–in-vivo correlations .

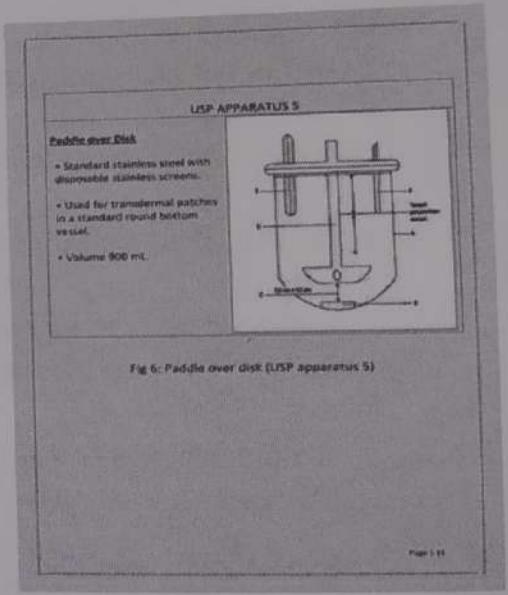


Fig 6: Paddle over disk (USP apparatus 5)

Advantages of dissolution testing:

- The major advantage of dissolution testing is that the rate of release and the extent of absorption of a drug is determined by the dissolution of the dosage form.
- The dissolution test apparatus is robust and simple to use, requiring no specialist to handle.
- It is well standardized and sufficiently flexible to allow perform testing for a broad range of oral solid dosage forms.
- Dissolution testing is used to determine the quality of pharmaceutical products (tablets/capsules) based on the characteristics of in vitro release of the products.
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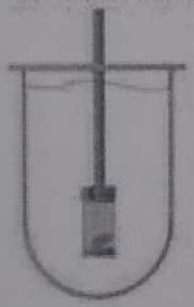
Disadvantages of dissolution testing:

- The major disadvantage of the dissolution process is that the amount of media required to be maintained at each interval time, which feels the analyst uncomfortable.
- The results depend on other instruments, the sample of dissolution needs to be analyzed in UV/VIS spectrophotometer or high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).
- Dissolution requires large amounts of media and takes longer to prepare and adjust the pH of the buffer.
- Liquid dosage forms are not tested using this process; it is suitable only for solid dosage forms.
- Between the processes, it is often difficult to change the pH/media.
- Each drug and product has different properties, so in some cases, there is a problem of sticking and floating.

Dissolution testing methods

At each of the times stated, withdraw a specimen from a zone midway between the surface of the dissolution medium and the top of the rotating blade or basket, not less than 10 mm from the wall of the vessel.

For each of the tablet or capsule tested, calculate the amount of dissolved active ingredient in solution as a percentage of the stated amount .



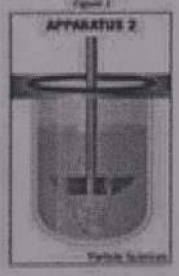
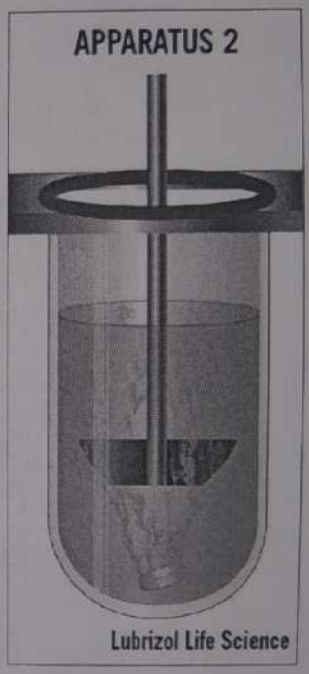


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- Hiyoshi India Ecological Services Private Limited a 100% subsidiary company of Hiyoshi Corporation, Japan was established in the year 2011.
- To provide Hiyoshi's 70 years of acquired knowledge in the field of drinking water analysis, wastewater analysis, O&M of STP, solid waste etc. In Chennai.
- To be a place where the water test results provided are true and reliable which is extremely essential for environmental conservation.
- "Worldwide environmental problems are constantly changing. These problems have no borders and so it is important for all of us to come and work together irrespective of nationality, culture, race and collectively address the challenges that the entire world is facing so that we leave behind a cleaner environment ."

INTRODUCTION

The water treatment process is a series of steps that purify water to make it safe for drinking and other uses. It involves processes like coagulation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection. Each step helps remove impurities and harmful substances, ensuring clean and safe water for everyone. It's an important process to protect public health and the environment.

SL NO	SYLLABUS
1.	Laboratory tour (Equipment, Glasswares & Chemicals, etc.), pH at 25°C, Electrical
2.	Total Dissolved Solids & Total Suspended Solids
3.	MLSS & Total Solids
4.	Phosphorous
5.	Ammoniacal Nitrogen
6.	Chemical Oxygen Demand
7.	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
8.	Chloride
9.	Sulphate
10.	Biochemical Oxygen Demand

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8.	Cloride	20.09.2023	Demo only
9.	Sulphate	21.09.2023	Demo only

Day 1(11-09-2023)

1.Ph

- Potential of Hydrogen .It is a measure of how acidic/basic water. The range goes from 0-14. pH value of 7 is neutral, less than 7 is acidic, and more than 7 is base.

=In the training Acidic value was taken as 4.01 and Base as 9.18.

=Temperature interference the Ph, So it should at 25.C as per IS 3025.

PROCEDURE FOR Ph testing of water

=We Calibrate the instrument using Certified reference Material(CRM)
= A sample of Ph was taken and test was conducted. .
= Note that electrode cleaning is must after every test using water and tissue.

2.Electrical conductivity(EC)

The reason that the conductivity of water is important is because **it can tell you how much dissolved substances, chemicals and minerals are present in the water.** Higher amounts of these impurities will lead to a higher conductivity.

Day 2(12-09-2023)

1.TDS(Total dissolved solids)

Total dissolved solids (TDS) is the term used to describe the inorganicsalts and small amounts of organic matter present in solution in water. The principal constituents are usually calcium, magnesium, sodium, and potassium cations and carbonate, hydrogen carbonate, chloride, sulfate, and nitrate anions.

PRINCIPLE: The sample is filtered and the filtrate evaporated in a tared dish on steam –bath. The residue after evaporation is dried to constant mass at 103-105.C or 179-181.C.

2.TSS(Total Suspended Solids)

Total suspended solids (TSS) is the dry-weight of suspended particles, that are not dissolved, in a sample of water that can be trapped by a filter that is analysed usinga filtration apparatus

PRINCIPLE: It measures a similar property to turbidity, but provides an actual weight of particulate matter for a given volume of sample (usually mg/l).

3.Desiccator: It is an apparatus for absorbing the moisture present in a chemical substance. An airtight, usually glass container containing dried silica crystals or some other drying agent for absorbing the moisture of another substance placed in the container.

Day 3(13-09-2023)

1.Total solids

- Total solids are dissolved solids plus suspended and settleable solids in water. In stream water, dissolved solids consist of calcium, chlorides, nitrate, phosphorus, iron, sulfur, and other ions particles that will pass through a filter with pores of around 2 microns (0.002 cm) in size.
- PRINCIPLE: The sample is evaporated in a weighed dish on a steam-bath and is dried to a constant mass in an oven either at 103-105°C or 179-181°C. Total residue is calculated from increase in mass.

2.Mixed liquid suspended solids

- Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids or MLSS in wastewater treatment is the measure of the total concentration of solids in an aeration tank. It includes non-biodegradable suspended matter, organic solids and microorganisms.

Day 4(14-09-2023)

- Phosphorus
- Phosphorus is a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15. Elemental phosphorus exists in two major forms, white phosphorus and red phosphorus, but because it is highly reactive, phosphorus is never found as a free element on Earth.
- PRINCIPLE:It is determined by adding ammonium molybdate and stannous chloride forming blue coloured complex, the absorbance of which is measured spectrophotometrically at 690 nm in UV/Vis spectrophotometer. First series of known concentration is run known a standard solutions and from there unknown concentration is calculated by comparing its absorbance with that of standard.

Day 5(15-09-2023)

1.Uv-Visible spectroscopy

It works on the principal of beer lambert's law which says amount of light passed or absorbed is directly proportional to path length and concentration of absorbent.

$$L \propto bc$$

Here **b** is path length and **c** is the concentration

2.Ammoniacal nitrogen

PRINCIPLE:Ammonia reacts with the Nessler reagent (K_2HgI_4) to form a yellow colored complex which can be detected spectrophotometrically at 410 nm and is directly proportional to the ammonia concentration. Stabilizer solution (potassium sodium tartrate) is added to prevent cloudiness of the Nessler reagent which may occur in some waters due to calcium and magnesium concentrations.This method is suitable for the concentration range of 0 – 7.00 mg/L ammonia in surface, drinking and nitrified waste waters allowing its concentration to be determined without the use of a calibration curve by incorporating the measured absorbance at 410 nm into a known equation.

Day 6(19-09-2023)

1.Digestion:

- To remove or oxidise a the unwanted wastes to its simplest form.In other words, removal of all organic and other wastes in the sample (not organic ions).

2.Chemical oxygen demand(COD)

PRINCIPLE: Potassium dichromate added to the sample which will digest or oxidise all the organic or other industrial wastes with mercuric sulphate and silver sulphate in the presence of sulphuric acid.the left amount of potassium dichromate will be estimated against titration by ferrous ammonium sulphate.

Day 7(20-09-2023)

1.Biochemical oxygen demand(BOD)-DO1

- Biochemical Oxygen Demand is applied to determine the aerobic destructibility of organic substances. BOD is the biological method used for the measurement of the total amount of dissolved oxygen (DO) used by microbes in the biological process of metabolizing organic molecules present in water.
- PRINCIPLE:The biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) test is based on mainly bio-assay procedure which measures the dissolved oxygen consumed by micro-organisms while assimilating and oxidizing the organic matter under aerobic conditions. The standard test condition includes incubating the sample in an air tight bottle, in dark at a specified temperature for specific time
- Air incubator(avoid light to prevent possibility of photosynthetic production of oxygen)- 27.C+- 1.C.

2.PROCEDURE:

•Sample BOD bottles were filled and closed with lids(Bubbles should not be formed)

•2 ml of Magnesium sulphate solution and 2 ml of alkaline iodide was added.

•We shake the bottle and leave it aside undisturbed so that the precipitates settle down.

•Now lids were removed and 2 ml of H2S04 was added, and the lids were closed now it was Shaked till clear solution was obtained.

•The bottle was transferred to 250 ml conical flask till 200ml.

•Now titration of content by sodium thiosulphate solution(0.025N) was done until yellow colour was appeared, now 1-2ml of starch indicator (end point is change of dark blue to calories) but the addition was done slowly in drop by drop order.

•Make the appropriate end point.

Day 8(21-09-2023)

- Chloride
- water containing chlorides is titrated with silver nitrate solution, chlorides are precipitated as white silver chloride. Potassium chromate is used as indicator, which supplies chromate ions.
- PRINCIPLE: To determine the chloride content in all water and waste water sample using **ARGENTOMETRIC** method. In a neutral or slightly alkaline solution potassium dichromate chromate can indicate the end point of the silver nitrate titration of Chloride.silver chloride is precipitated before red silver chromate is formed.
- APPARATUS
- Analytical balance
- Hot air oven
- Desicator
- STD measuring flasks
- Conical flask(250ml)
- Glass burette(50ml)
- Volumetric pipette (100 or 200ml)

Day 9(25-09-2023)

- Sulphate

PRINCIPLE:At acidic ph,SO4(sulphate) reacts with Bacl2 to form BaSO4 as the turbid Compound.

Buffer solution:CH_3COONa,$MgCl_2$,KNO_3 and CH_3COOH

A buffer solution is defined as a solution which resists any change in its pH value even when small amounts of the acid or the base are added to it.

PROCEDURE:

- 10ml buffer and then add 100ml of make up solution
- Add spoonful of barium chloride salt
- Then mix for 30 seconds
- Measure the absorbance in UV spectroscopy at 420nm

ABBREVIATION

- PPM- PARTS PER MILLION
- PPB- PARTS PER BILLION
- EC- ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY
- PH- POTENTIAL OF HYDROGEN
- TDS- TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS
- TSS- TOTAL SUSPENDED
- MG/L- MILLIGRAM PER LITRE
- MLSS- MIXED LIQUID SUSPENDED SOLIDS
- BOD- BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND
- COD- CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND

Conclusion

- In a nutshell, I would like to conclude that this internship was a whole new opening of knowledge. From the first day to the last day of training was an addition of acquiring new information, the work from theoretical to demo all was done in a way which was easy to grab it. The workings of the laboratories from the planning to its operation was also known, in which NABL(National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories) was the utmost importance. Education is the Key to unlock the world as popular saying, in this internship period I learned many new things that was out of my core and is well satisfied with the outcome

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ABSTRACT

This project aims to study the structural morphological and optical properties of Nickel-doped Iron Oxide.. The thrust to develop eco-friendly procedures for the production of nanoparticles arises from the extremely recent nanotechnology research. Nickel-doped Iron Oxide nanoparticles were synthesized by co-precipitation method The size, structure, and morphology of Nickel-doped Iron oxide nanoparticles were characterized by UV-visible, X-ray diffraction (XRD), and FTIR techniques. The average particle size of Nickel-doped Iron Oxide was calculated from the XRD, SEM images showed that the particles are almost spherical with varying sizes. Nickel-doped Iron Oxide nanoparticles thus synthesized have a large number of potential applications in the field of pharmaceutical industries, sensors, the cermic industry, etc.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

1) nm- Nanometer

2) NPs- Nanoparticles

3) XRD -X-Ray Diffraction

4) UV- Ultra Violet

5) SEM- Scanning Electronic Microscope

6) FTIR- Fourier Transform Infrared

7) Fe_2O_3-Iron oxide

8) 1D - One Dimensional

9) 2D -Two Dimensional

10) 3D - Three Dimensional

11) NaOH-Sodium Hydroxide

12) DI - De-ionized Water

13) PVP- Polyvinyl pyrrolidone

14)Ni- Fe_2O_3-Nickel doped iron oxide

SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF NICKEL-DOPED IRON OXIDE NANOPARTICLES

CHAPTER 1

1. INTRODUCTION

` In 1959, Richard Feynman gave a lecture called "There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom" which is considered to have inspired the field of nanotechnology. Feynman proposed a process where individual atoms and molecules could be manipulated using precise tools that could build and operate even smaller tools proportionally.

After Feynman passed away, a scholar named Chris Toumey concluded that Feynman's role in catalyzing nanotechnology research was limited. The published versions of Feynman's talk had a negligible influence in the twenty years after it was first published, as measured by citations in the scientific literature. Interest in "Plenty of Room" greatly increased in the early 1990s, which was probably due to the term "nanotechnology" gaining serious attention.

Toumey's analysis includes comments from distinguished scientists in nanotechnology who say that "Plenty of Room" did not influence their early work. These and other developments suggest that the retroactive rediscovery of Feynman's "Plenty of Room" gave nanotechnology a packaged history that provided an early date of December 1959 and a connection to the charisma and genius of Richard Feynman.

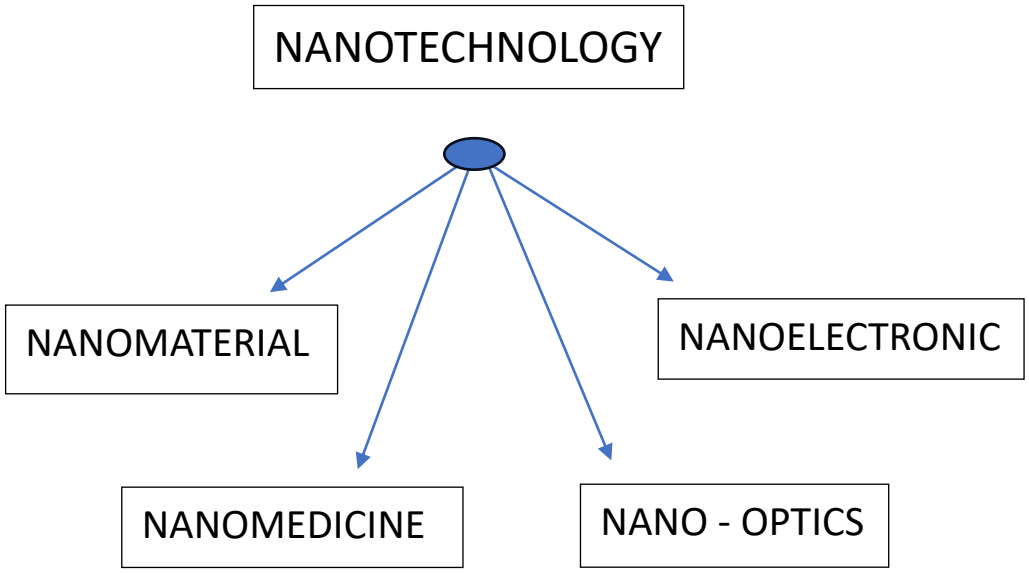
1.1 NANOTECHNOLOGY

Nanotechnology is a type of technology that operates at the nanoscale level and has practical applications in the real world. It involves manipulating matter at the atomic and molecular levels, within the size range of approximately 1 to 100 nanometers.

When the dimensions of a material are reduced from a large size, the properties initially remain the same, but small changes can occur over time.

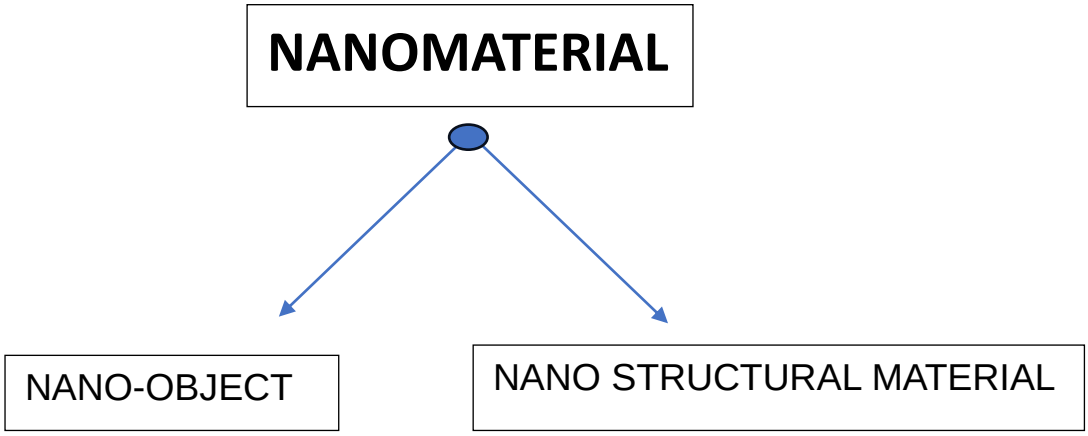
However, when the size drops below 100nm, dramatic changes in properties can occur. The unique physical and chemical properties of nanomaterials can be leveraged for commercial applications and novel performance enhancements that benefit society.

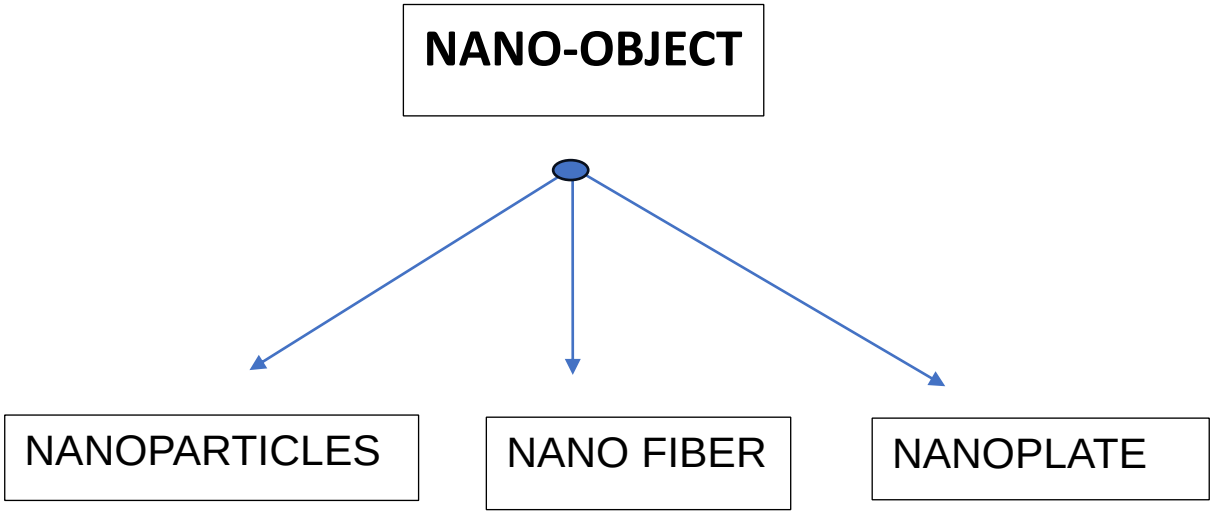
1.2 CLASSIFICATIONS OF NANOTECHNOLOGY



1.2.1 NANOMATERIALS

Nanomaterials are materials with external dimensions or structures in the nanoscale range from roughly 1 nm to 100 nm. This includes both discrete nano-objects and nanostructured materials. The definition of a nanomaterial by the European Commission on October 18, 2011, states that it is a natural, incidental, or manufactured material containing particles where for 50% or more of the particles in the number size distribution, one or more external dimensions is in the size range of 1 nm – 100 nm. In some cases, the 50% threshold can be replaced by a threshold between 1% to N concerns.





1.3 NANOPARTICLES

Nanoparticles are tiny particles that range from 1 to 100 nanometers in diameter. They can also be larger particles up to 500 nm, or fibers and tubes that are less than 100 nm in only two dimensions. Nanoparticles differ from other particles based on their size, leading to unique physical and chemical properties.

Nanoparticles are too small to be seen with ordinary microscopes. They require electron microscopes or microscopes with lasers to be seen. In transparent media, nanoparticles are transparent because they are too small to scatter visible light.

Nanoparticles occur naturally and are studied in various sciences, including chemistry, physics, geology, and biology. They play an important role in atmospheric

pollution and are found in many industrial products such as paints, plastics, metals, ceramics, and magnetic products.

Non-spherical nanoparticles exhibit size-dependent chemical and physical properties and shape-dependent anisotropy. Non-spherical geometries of nano prisms give rise to highly effective cross-sections and deeper colors of the colloidal solutions. Due to their unique optical properties, non-spherical nanoparticles of gold, silver, and platinum are finding diverse applications in molecular labeling, biomolecular assays, trace metal detection, or nanotechnical applications.

1.3.1 TYPES OF NANOPARTICLES

Nanoparticles are classified based on size, morphology, and physical and chemical properties. Types of nanoparticles include carbon-based, ceramic, metal, semiconductor, polymeric, and lipid-based. They are divided into organic and inorganic groups. The organic group includes micelles, dendrimers, liposomes, and hybrid and compact polymeric nanoparticles. The inorganic group includes fullerenes, quantum dots, silica, and metal nanoparticles. Morphology, size, and chemical properties are also used for classification., some of the important classes of nanoparticles are:

- Carbon-based materials have gained significant attention due to their unique set of properties, including electrical conductivity, high strength, structure, electron affinity, and versatility. Fullerenes, for instance, are carbon molecules that form a hollow cage-like structure, while carbon nanotubes are cylindrical carbon molecules with exceptional mechanical strength and conductivity. Graphene, on the other hand, is a two-dimensional carbon nanomaterial with remarkable electrical, thermal, and mechanical properties. Lastly, carbon dots are small carbon nanoparticles with potential applications in biomedicine, sensing, and electronics. Each of these materials has its own distinct properties and potential applications, making them highly valuable for a wide range of industrial and scientific applications.
- Metal precursors are a group of chemical compounds that are used to synthesize metal objects with unique optoelectronic properties. These objects are purely metallic in nature and are characterized by localized surface plasmon resonance (LSPR) properties. LSPR is a phenomenon that occurs

when free electrons in the metal surface resonate in response to incident electromagnetic radiation. This phenomenon generates a strong electric field that is responsible for the unique optical properties of metal objects. These objects exhibit unique optical properties such as color, reflectivity, and the ability to scatter and absorb light. The study of LSPR in metal objects has opened up new avenues in the field of materials science, nanotechnology, and biomedicine. It has the potential to revolutionize the way we design and engineer materials for various applications.

- Ceramic – These inorganic nonmetallic solids are getting great attention of researchers due to their use in applications such as catalysis, photocatalysis, photodegradation of dyes, and imaging applications.
- Semiconductor – Semiconductor materials possess properties between metals and non-metals and have wide bandgaps. Bandgap tuning results in significant alteration in their properties. Therefore, they are very important materials in photocatalysis, photo optics, and electronic devices.
- Polymers – Scientists have developed many techniques to synthesize polymeric nanoparticles for a wide range of applications including surface coating, sensor technology, catalysis, and nanomedicine.

- Liquid-phase eutectic gallium–indium (EGaIn) alloy nanoparticles.
  Lipids – These NPs contain lipid moieties and are used in many biomedical applications as drug carriers (the mRNA Covid-19 vaccines are using lipid nanotechnology). Lipid nanoparticles are also regarded as highly promising systems for delivering nucleic acids in gene therapy.

1.3.2 CLASSIFICATION OF NANOPARTICLES

1. Zero-Dimensional Nanomaterials (0-D):

- These nanoparticles have all three dimensions confined within the nanoscale. They are essentially point-like entities.
- Examples include quantum dots and fullerenes.

2. One-Dimensional Nanomaterials (1-D):

- In this class, nanoparticles have one dimension that extends beyond the nanoscale.
- Carbon nanotubes and nanowires fall into this category.

3. Two-Dimensional Nanomaterials:

- These materials have two dimensions within the nanoscale.
- Graphene, a single layer of carbon atoms arranged in a hexagonal lattice, is a prominent example.

4. Inorganic Nanoparticles:

- These nanoparticles are composed of inorganic materials such as metals, oxides, and semiconductors.
- Gold nanoparticles, iron oxide nanoparticles, and silica nanoparticles are common examples.

5.Organic Nanoparticles:

- Organic nanoparticles include dendrimers, liposomes, and polymeric nanoparticles.
- These are often used in drug delivery systems and medical applications.

1.3.3 APPLICATIONS OF NANOPARTICLES

Nanoparticles, those marvelously tiny entities, find their way into a multitude of applications due to their unique properties. Let's explore some of these fascinating uses:

1.Biomedical Applications:

- Drug Delivery: Nanoparticles act as carriers, delivering drugs precisely to target sites in the body.
- Imaging Agents: They enhance medical imaging, aiding in diagnostics.

- Cancer Therapy: Nanoparticles can selectively destroy cancer cells.

2.Catalysis:

- Nanoparticles catalyze chemical reactions, making processes more efficient and eco-friendly.
- Petroleum Refining and Automotive Catalytic Converters benefit from nanoparticle catalysts.

3.Environmental Remediation:

- Nanoparticles help remove pollutants from water and soil.
- They play a role in wastewater treatment and environmental monitoring.

4.Materials Science and Engineering:

- Nanoparticles enhance material properties.
- They're used in nanocomposites, coatings, and sensors.

5. Electronics and Energy:

- Nanoparticles contribute to quantum dots, solar cells, and batteries.
- They enable miniaturization in electronics.

6.Textile Manufacturing:

- Nanoparticles impart desirable properties to fabrics, such as antibacterial or UV protection features.

7. Lubrication:

- Nanoparticles enhance lubricants, reducing friction and wear.

8.Food and Agriculture:

- Nanoparticles improve food packaging, preservation, and safety.
- In agriculture, they aid in pest control and fertilizer delivery.

9. Quantum Computers:

- Nanoparticles play a role in advancing quantum computing technology.

1.4 IRON OXIDE NANOPARTICLES

Iron oxide nanoparticles are tiny particles of iron oxide with diameters ranging from 1 to 100 nanometers. These particles mainly exist in the form of magnetite (Fe_3O_4) and maghemite (γ-Fe_2O_3) which are highly attractive due to their superparamagnetic properties and potential applications in various fields. Although cobalt and nickel are also highly magnetic, they are toxic and easily oxidized, making iron oxide nanoparticles a safer and more efficient alternative, especially in molecular imaging

Magnetite has an inverse spinel structure with oxygen forming a face-centered cubic crystal system. In magnetite, all tetrahedral sites are occupied by $Fe^{3+}$and octahedral sites are occupied by both $Fe^{3+}$and Fe^{2+}. Maghemite differs from magnetite in that all or most of the iron is in the trivalent state and by the presence of cation vacancies in the octahedral sites. Maghemite has a cubic unit cell in which each cell contains 32 oxygen ions, 21⅓ Fe^{3+}ions and 2⅔ vacancies. The cations are distributed randomly over the 8 tetrahedral and 16 octahedral sites.

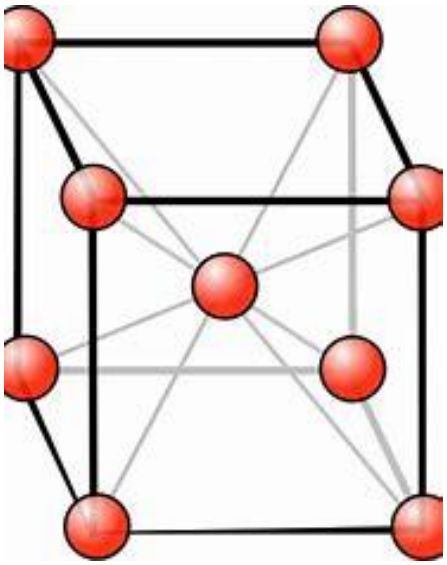


Figure 1.4 Crystal structure of Iron oxide

APPLICATION OF IRON OXIDE

- Molecular imaging
- Terabit magnetic storage devices
- Catalysis
- Sensors
- Superparamagnetic relaxometry

1.5 NICKEL DOPED IRON OXIDE NANOPARTICLES.

Nickel is a metallic element with a unique crystal structure that contributes to its remarkable properties. The crystal structure, known as a face-centered cubic (FCC) lattice, is a repeating pattern of mathematical points that extends throughout space. This lattice is common in metals and many other solids, and it gives nickel its distinctive characteristics, such as its exceptional strength, ductility, and resistance to corrosion. The arrangement of atoms in the FCC lattice allows for efficient packing of atoms, which makes nickel a valuable material in many applications, including industrial alloys, electrical components, and coins.

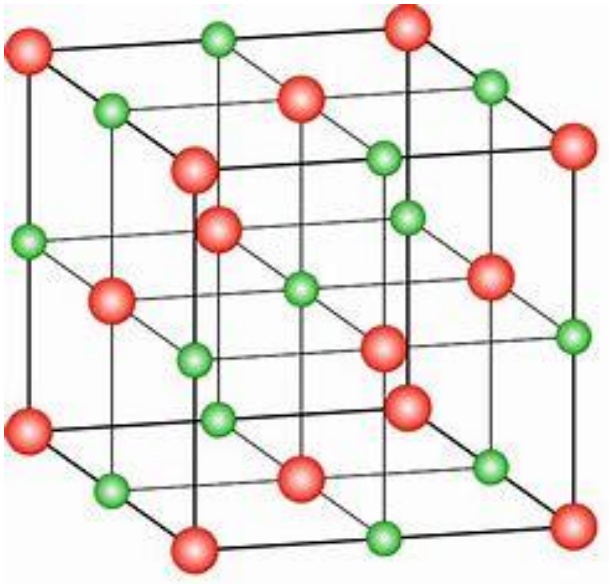


Figure 1.5 Crystalline structure of nickel

CHAPTER 2
LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 LITERATURE SURVEY

Nanoparticles are defined as particles with a size in the range of 1 to 100 nm at least in one of the three dimensions. Because of this microscopic size scale, they possess an immense surface area per unit volume, a high proportion of atoms in the surface and near-surface layers, and the ability to exhibit quantum effects. Nanoparticles exist with great chemical diversity in the form of metals, metal oxides, semiconductors, polymers, carbon materials, organics, or biological. They also exhibit great morphological diversity with shapes such as spheres, cylinders, disks, platelets, hollow spheres tubes, etc. Nanoparticles can be generated via some synthetic routes based on gas, liquid, or solid phase approaches The synthesized nanoparticles have to be surface modified in most cases, to passivate and stabilize them since their nanoscale renders them chemically very reactive and physically aggregative. The nanoparticles are also surface functionalized to meet the needs of specific applications (Nagarajan et al., 2008) (Oskam et al., 2006)

The synthesis of metal oxide nanoparticles is described in terms of precursor formation, nucleation, growth, and aging processes. The main parameters governing these processes are the solution properties, including the solvent viscosity. dielectric constant and the presence of adsorbing anions, the solubility of the metal oxide, and the metal oxide surface energy. Over the last three decades, nanoparticles have received an increasing amount of research interest. This is due to the unique size-dependent properties of nanoparticles, which are often thought to be a separate and intermediate state of matter between individual atoms and bulk material (Schnid, 2004).

Nanoparticles consisting of a large range of transition metals and metal oxides have been found to exhibit advantageous size-dependent catalytic properties and are being investigated Physical vapor deposition, chemical vapor deposition, aerosol processing, Sol-Gel process, reverse micelle method, mechanical alloying/ milling, are some of the commonly used methods by which nanoparticles can be synthesized.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

3.1 AIM

To study the structural, morphological, and optical properties of iron oxide and nickel-doped iron oxide nanoparticles.

3.2 SCOPE

- Characterization of the synthesized nickel-doped iron oxide nanoparticle is crucial for understanding their properties and potential applications.
- Determination of structural properties of nickel-doped iron oxide nanoparticle.
- Determination of optical properties of nickel-doped iron oxide.
- Morphology of nickel-doped iron oxide.
- Techniques such as FTIR, UV-visible, X-ray diffraction, scanning electron microscope(SEM), and spectroscopy can be used to study the size, shape, crystallinity, and surface properties of the nanoparticle.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS

Ferric nitrate, PVP (Polyvinyl pyrrolidone) , NaOH (Sodium Hydroxide) , Nickel Chloride, DI Water , Acetone.

4.2 EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

4.2.1 CO-PRECIPITATION METHOD

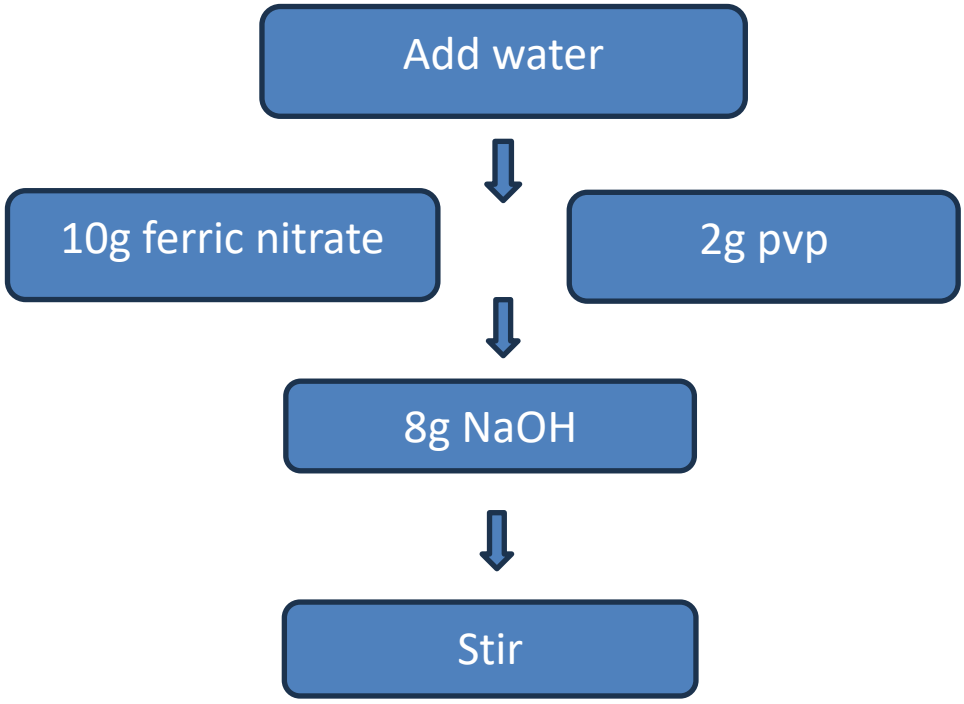
Co-precipitation is the process of carrying down substances that are normally soluble under given conditions by a precipitate. In chemistry, it is problematic in gravimetric analysis, where it causes undesired impurities to co-precipitate with the analyte, leading to excess mass. However, it can also be useful in the analysis of trace elements in radiochemistry. Coprecipitation has three mechanisms: inclusion, occlusion, and adsorption.

In medicine, coprecipitation is referred to as immunoprecipitation. It is an assay designed to purify a single antigen from a complex mixture using a specific antibody attached to a beaded support. Coprecipitation is also relevant to environmental issues related to water resources and is used as a method of magnetic nanoparticle synthesis.

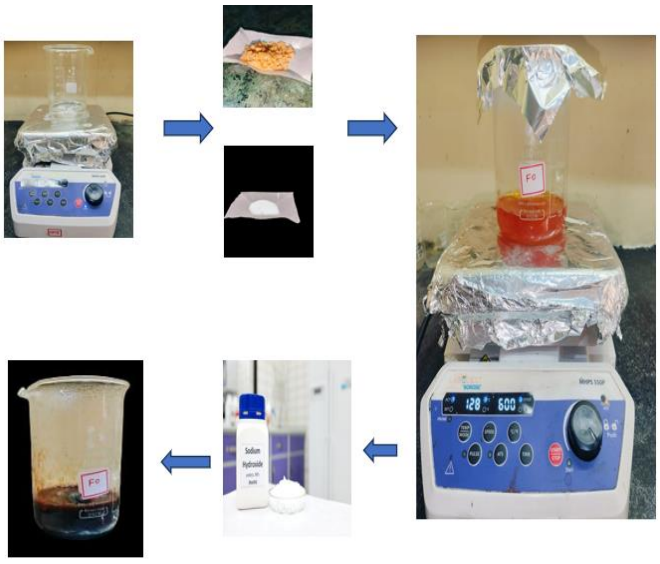
4.3 SYNTHESIS FLOWCHART

4.3.1 SYNTHESIS OF IRON OXIDE

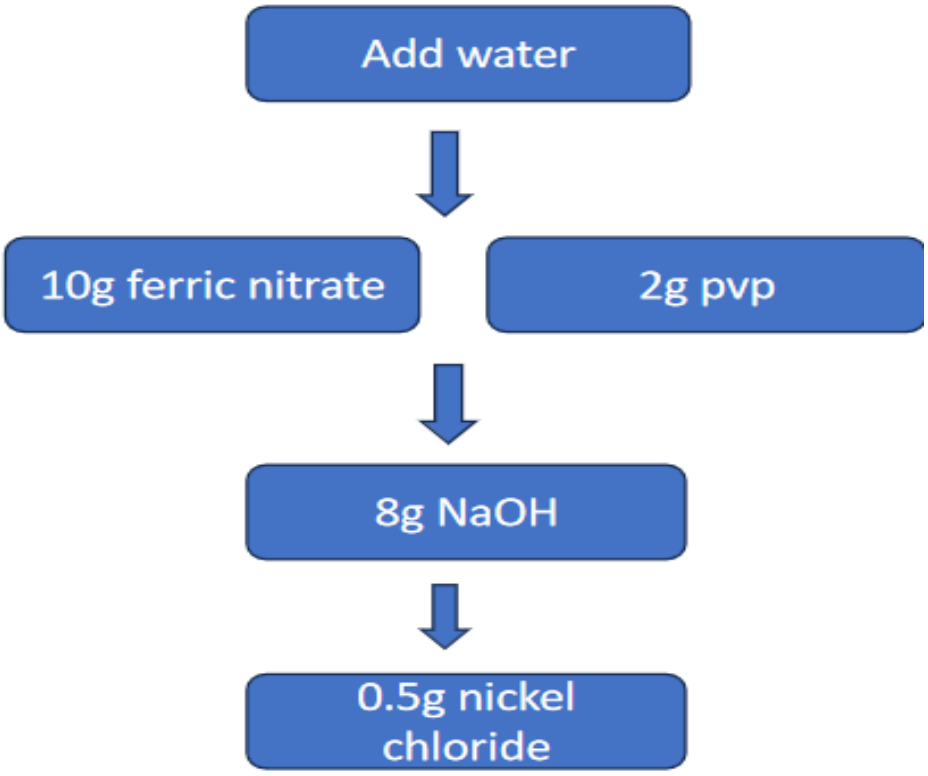
Iron oxide is synthesis by co-precipitation method the process start with 100 ml of water to the beaker after few minutes add 2g of PVP with 10 g of ferric chloride ,stir for a minutes mean while add 50ml of water to the beaker add 8 g of sodium hydroxide to the beaker,add the NaOH solution to the beaker and stir for an hour, After an hour rest it.



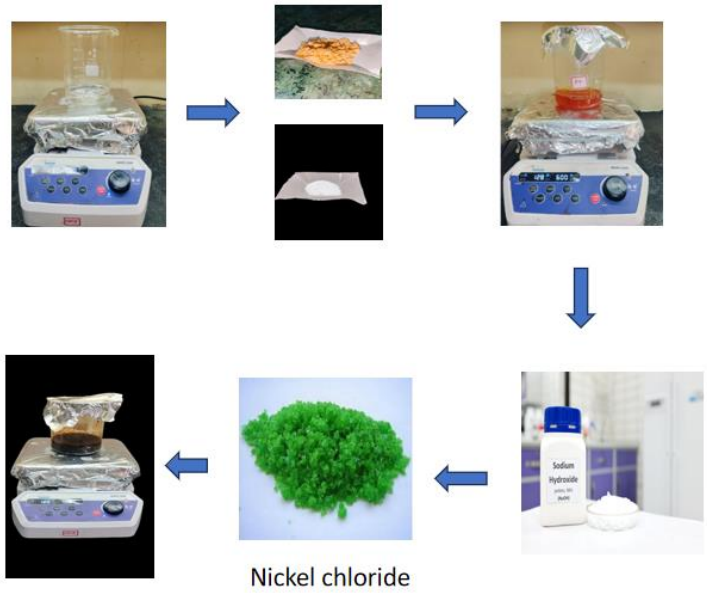
SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



4.3.2 SYNTHESIS OF NICKEL DOPED IRON OXIDE



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



Nickel doped Iron oxide is synthesis by co-precipitation method the process start with 100 ml of water to the beaker after few minutes add 2g of PVP with 10 g of ferric chloride ,stir for a minutes mean while add 50ml of water to the beaker add 8 g of sodium hydroxide to the beaker,add the NaOH solution to the beaker to the beaker add 0.5 g of nickel chloride and stir for an hour ,After an hour rest it.

4.4 CHARACTERIZATION

Nanoparticles are fascinating materials that have captured the attention of scientists and engineers due to their unique properties. These tiny structures have at least one external dimension measuring less than 100 nanometers, making them incredibly small. The characterization of nanoparticles involves measuring their physical and chemical properties, which can be challenging due to their size. However, with the advancement of technology, scientists are now able to explore the fascinating world of nanoparticles and uncover their potential applications in various fields.

- Size and Morphology.
- Crystal Structure.
- Elemental Composition.
- Surface Properties.
- Aggregation State.
- Thermal and Chemical Stability.
- Surface Area and Porosity.

4.3.1 X-ray diffraction (XRD)

X-ray crystallography is an experimental technique that determines the atomic and molecular structure of a crystal by measuring the angles and intensities of diffracted X-ray beams. This technique can determine the size of atoms, the lengths and types of chemical bonds, and the atomic-scale differences between various materials. X-ray crystal structures can also account for unusual properties of a material, shed light on chemical interactions and processes, or serve as the basis for designing pharmaceuticals against diseases. This technique is related to

other methods for determining atomic structures, including electron and neutron diffraction.

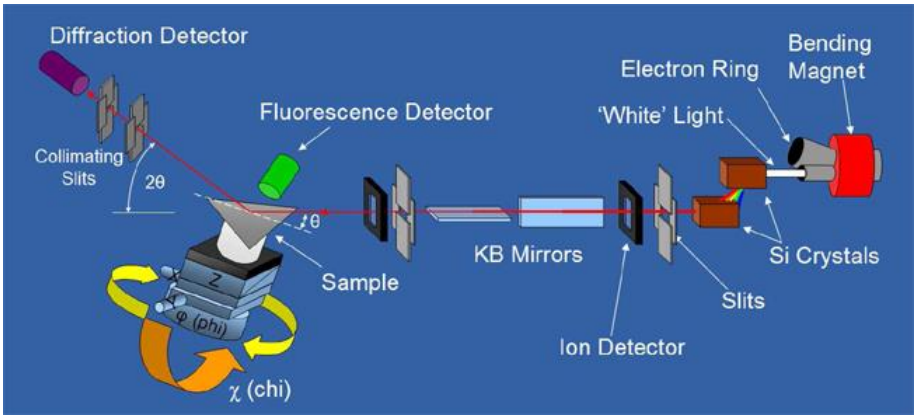


FIGURE 4.1 X-RAY DIFFRACTION

4.3.2 Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR)

FT-IR is a technique used to obtain an infrared spectrum of absorption or emission of a solid, liquid, or gas. It collects high-resolution spectral data over a wide spectral range simultaneously, which is an advantage over a dispersive spectrometer. Fourier-transform spectroscopy shines a beam containing many frequencies of light at once, measures how much of that beam is absorbed by the sample, and rapidly repeats the process. Afterward, a computer works backward to infer what the absorption is at each wavelength. The Fourier transform converts one domain into its inverse domain**.**

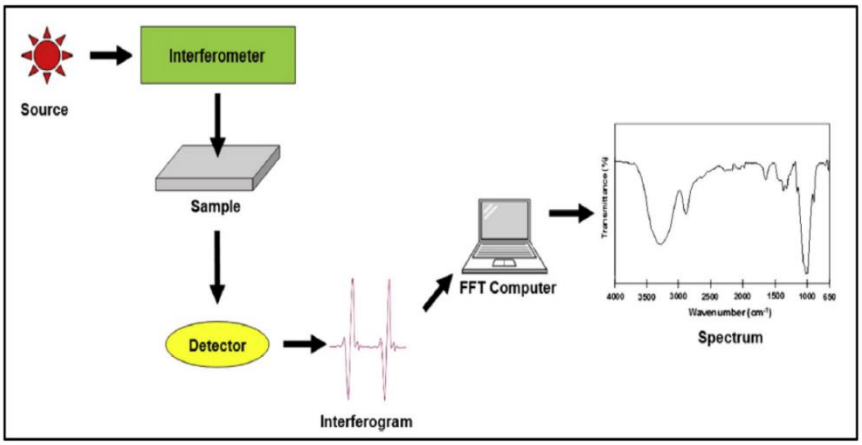


FIGURE 4.2 FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

4.3.3 UV – VISIBLE SPECTROSCOPY

Ultraviolet (UV) spectroscopy, also known as ultraviolet-visible (UV-VIS) spectrophotometry, is a powerful analytical technique that measures the absorption or reflectance of electromagnetic radiation in the ultraviolet and visible regions of the electromagnetic spectrum. It is widely used in both applied and fundamental research fields. UV-VIS spectrophotometers measure the amount of light absorbed by a sample at each wavelength, providing insight into the sample's properties and structure. This method is commonly used in drug discovery, manufacturing quality control, and environmental monitoring.

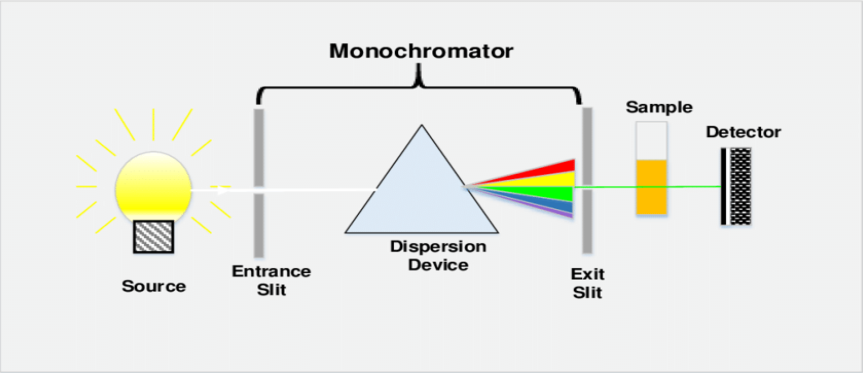


FIGURE 4.3 UV- VISIBLE SPECTROSCOPY

4.3.4 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE (SEM)

A scanning electron microscope (SEM) uses a focused beam of electrons to scan a sample's surface, producing signals with information about its topography and composition. The electron beam is moved across the surface in a raster pattern, and the Everhart-Thornley detector detects emitted secondary electrons. Samples can be observed in a conventional SEM in a high vacuum or a variable pressure or environmental SEM in a low vacuum or wet conditions. Some SEMs can achieve resolutions better than 1 nanometer.

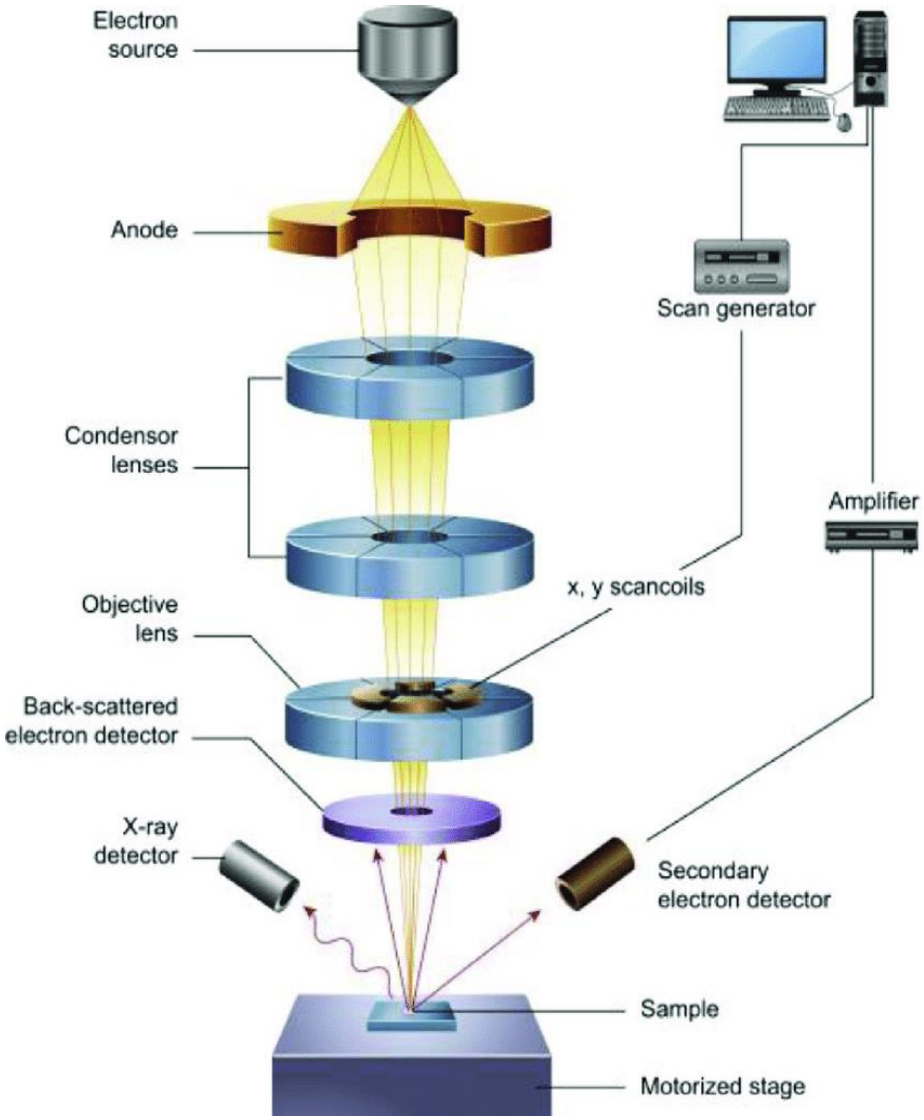


FIGURE 4.4 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

CHAPTER 5

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

X-RAY DIFFRACTION

Figure 5.1 and Figure 5.2 show an X-ray diffraction study of Iron oxide and Nickel-doped Iron oxide nanoparticles synthesized by the co-precipitation method. From the XRD pattern, it is clearly known that Iron oxide and Nickel-doped Iron oxide nanoparticles both are crystalline in nature. The structure of iron oxide nanoparticles is Rhombohedral, its lattice is Rhomb-centered and when we synthesize Iron oxide by doping Nickel we get a cubic structure and the lattice of Ni-Fe_2O_3 is Face-centered.

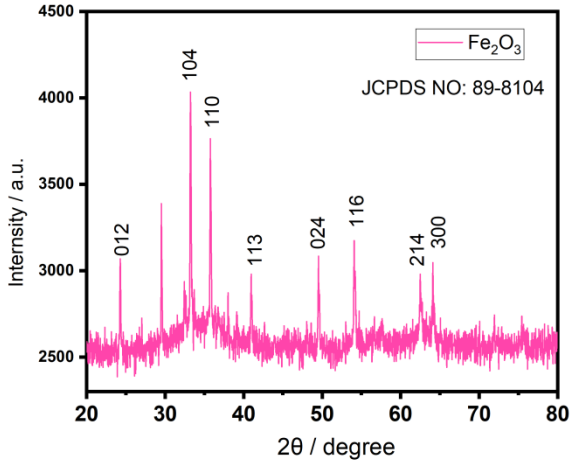


Figure 5.1 Iron oxide

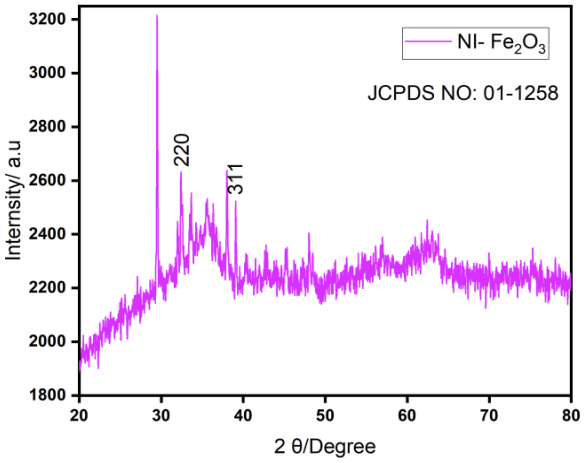


Figure 5.2 Nickel-doped Iron oxide

FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

Figure 5.3 and 5.4 shown FTIR spectra of Iron oxide and Nickel -doped Iron oxide nanoparticles synthesized by co-precipitation method.FTIR spectroscopy was carried out in order to purity and nature of Nickel -doped Iron oxide nanoparticles.

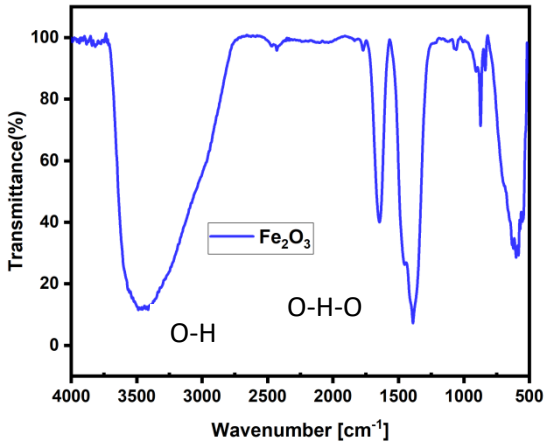


Figure 5.3 Iron oxide

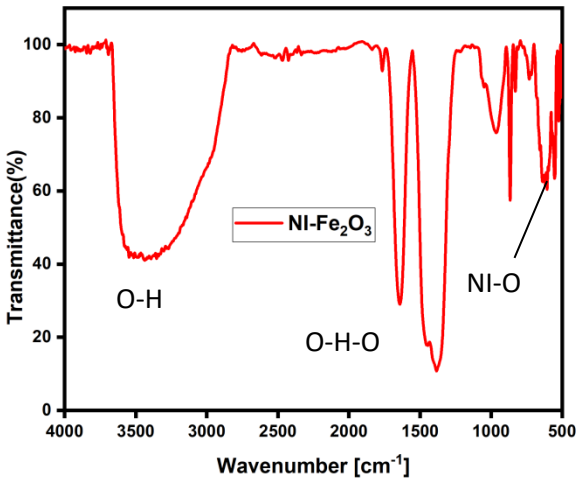


Figure 5.4 Nickel-doped Iron oxide

Oxides and hydroxides of metal nanoparticles generally gives absorption peak in the finger print region i.e. below wavelength of 1000 nm arising from inter-atomic vibrations. The bands at 841 and 517 cm^{-1} corresponded Ni-O bond. From the above result we conclude that the synthesized nanomaterial is Nickel-doped with Iron oxide. For this result, the broad absorption band centered at 3469 cm-1 is assigned to O–H stretching vibrations and the band at 1648 cm-1 is attributable to H–O–H bending vibration for nickel doped iron oxide.

SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

The surface morphology studies of nanoparticles have been performed by scanning electron microscope (SEM).The SEM image of iron oxide and Nickel doped iron oxides nanoparticle are portrayed in Fig 5.5 & 5.6 .it was well documented that surface morphology has significant impact on the performance of nanostructured materials.the uniform distributions of grain are observed in micrographs .The particle size are undefined but it's average size is approximately 3 to 20nm for Iron oxide nanoparticle and for Nickel doped iron oxide nanoparticle average size is approximately 5 to 20 nm.

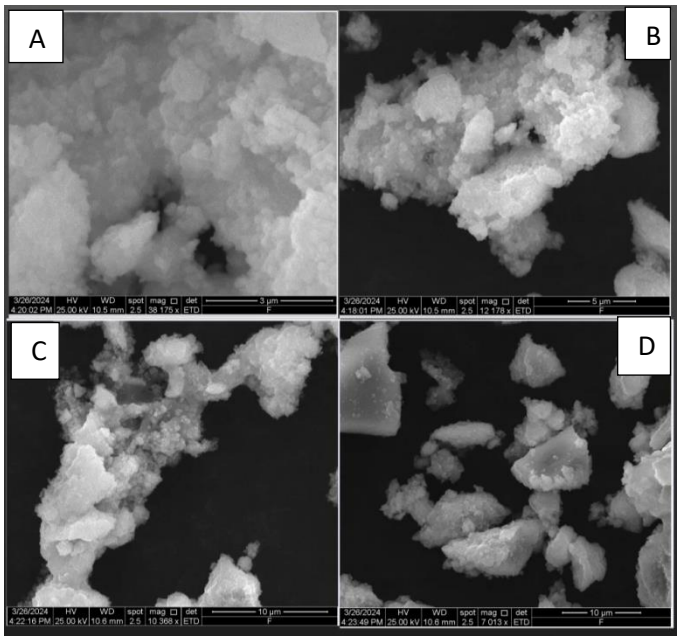


Figure 5.5 (A-D) Iron oxide

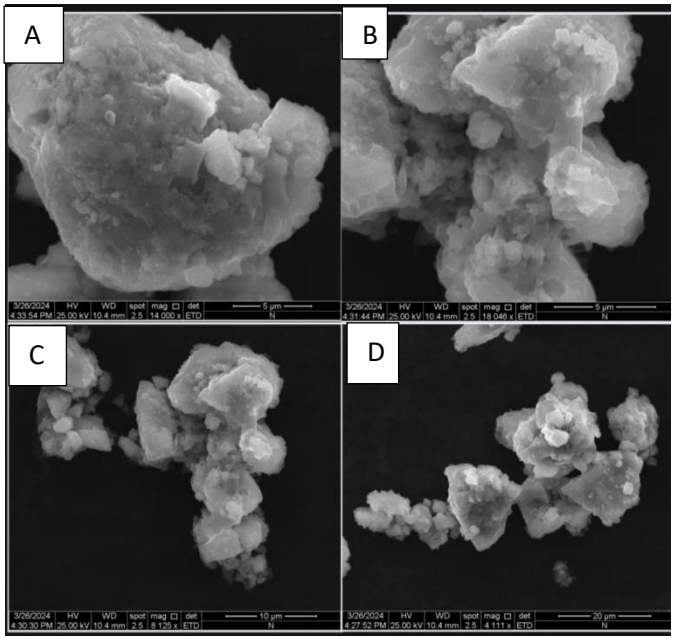


Figure 5.6 (A-D) Nickel-doped Iron

UV-VISIBLE SPECTROSCOPY

Figure 5.7 and 5.8 shows UV-Visible spectra of Iron oxide and Nickel-doped Iron oxide nanoparticles by co-precipitation method as a function of wavelength.The UV-Visible absorption shown sharp absorption at 296 nm for Fe_2O_3 and for Ni-Fe_2O_3 at 303 nm.

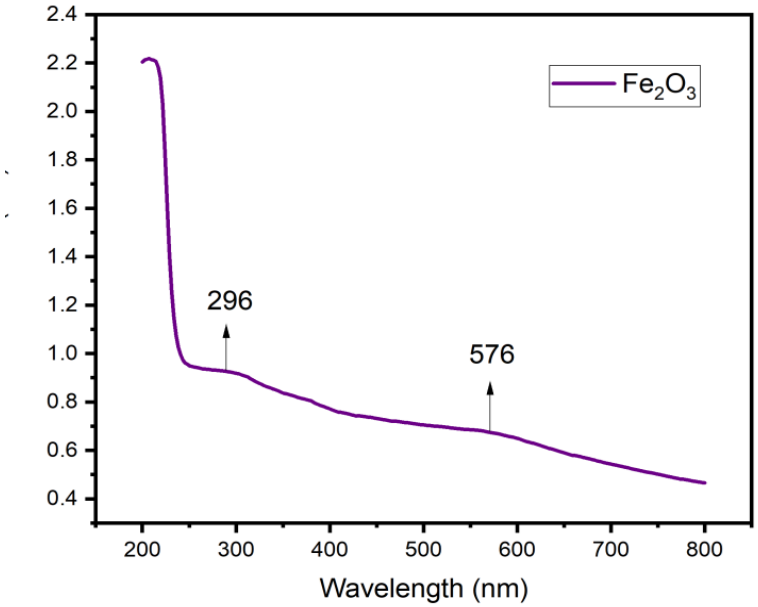


Figure 5.7 Iron oxide

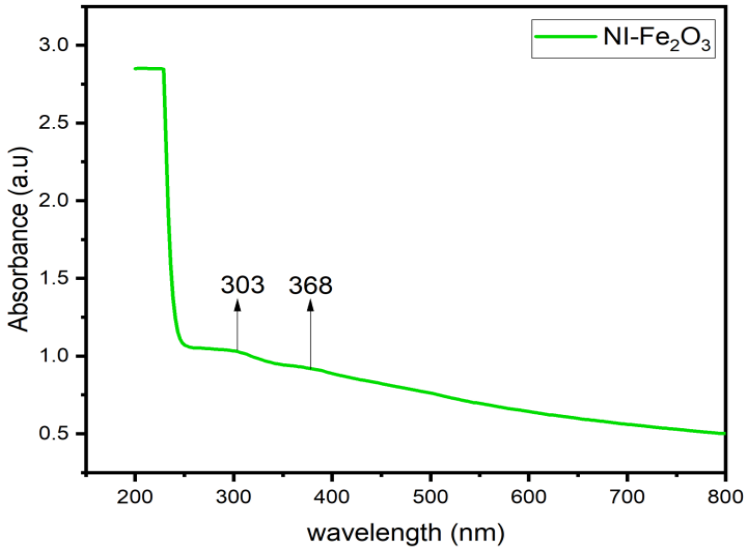


Figure 5.8 Nickel-doped Iron oxide

CHAPTER 6

APPLICATIONS OF PHOTOCATALYST

6.1 PHOTOCATALYST

Materials that cause photocatalytic reactions when exposed to light is called as photocatalyst. A chemical reaction caused by photo absorption of a solid substance, or "photocatalyst," which stays unchanged throughout the reaction is a general description of photocatalysis. As a result, a "photocatalyst" must act catalytically, that is, without modification, when exposed to light.

6.1.1 PHOTOCATALYSIS

Photocatalysis is a combination of the Greek words photo (light) and catalysis (to break apart or decompose). In general, photocatalysis is used to describe a mechanism in which light is used in the excitation of photocatalyst.It is not involved in accelerating the rate of chemical reaction.

It is the acceleration of a photo-reaction in the presence of a catalyst. In catalyzed photolysis, light is absorbed by an adsorbed substrate In photogenerated catalysis, the photocatalytic activity (PCA) depends on the ability of the catalyst to create electron-hole pairs, which generate free radicals (eg hydroxyl radicals: OH) able to undergo secondary reactions. Its practical application was made possible by the discovery of water electrolysis by means of titanium dioxide (TiO_2).

In other words, photo-catalysis is a photo-induced reaction that is stimulated in the presence of a catalyst Photocatalysis is broadly classified into two categories homogeneous and heterogeneous.

Homogeneous catalysis:

When both the photocatalyst and the reactant are in the same phase then the reaction is called as homogeneous catalysis. Most common examples of homogeneous catalysis are dyes, coordination compounds, natural pigments and so on.

Heterogeneous catalysis:

In this type of reaction, the photocatalyst and the reactant exist in different phase. Example of heterogeneous catalysis are transition metal chalcogenides which exhibits unique characteristics.

6.1.2 MECHANISM OF PHOTOCATALYSIS

When the photocatalyst is irradiated with light of a specific wavelength, a electron is excited to the conduction band (CB), leaving a positive hole in the valence band (VB). The hole in the VB can be utilized for oxidizing some compounds whereas the electron in the CB is used to reduce any substrate. This is shown in the figure given below.

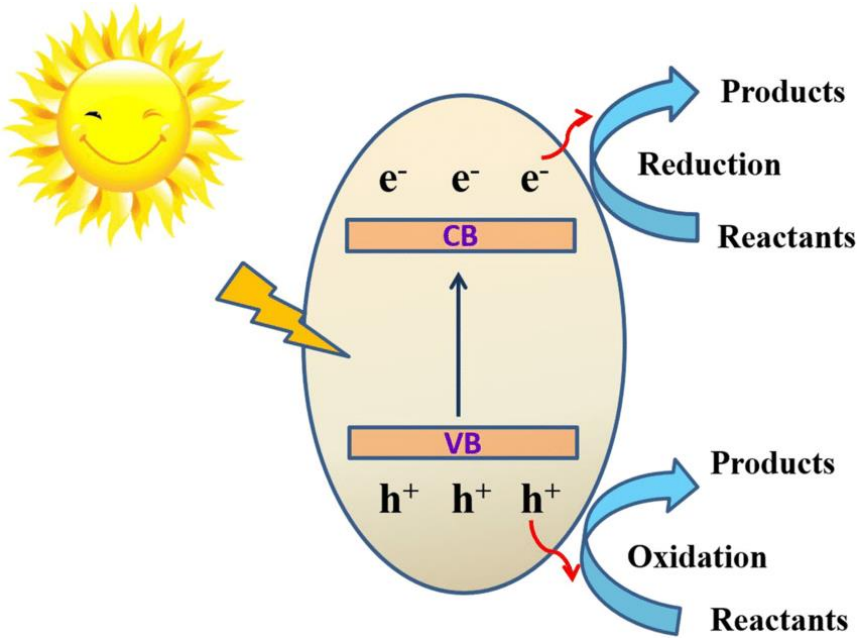


FIGURE 6.1 MECHANISMS OF PHOTOCATALYST

6.1.3. APPLICATION OF PHOTOCATALYSIS

Photocatalytic technique has been proven to be one of the most "green" and successful environmental remediation techniques. Some semi-conducting materials, such as 'photocatalysts, cause or accelerate chemical reactions when exposed to light, resulting in the decomposition of organic molecules, for example, Nanosized catalyst particles have a slightly higher reactivity than larger particles or bulk content owing to their large surface area. Charge separation happens when a photocatalyst is exposed to light with an energy greater than the photocatalyst's band gap energy.

The photocatalyst then initiates an oxidation-reduction reaction using the electrons and holes produced by charge separation. [9] Visible absorption spectroscopy is generally used for the photocatalytic degradation of dyes. The major role of the photocatalyst is shown in the figure.

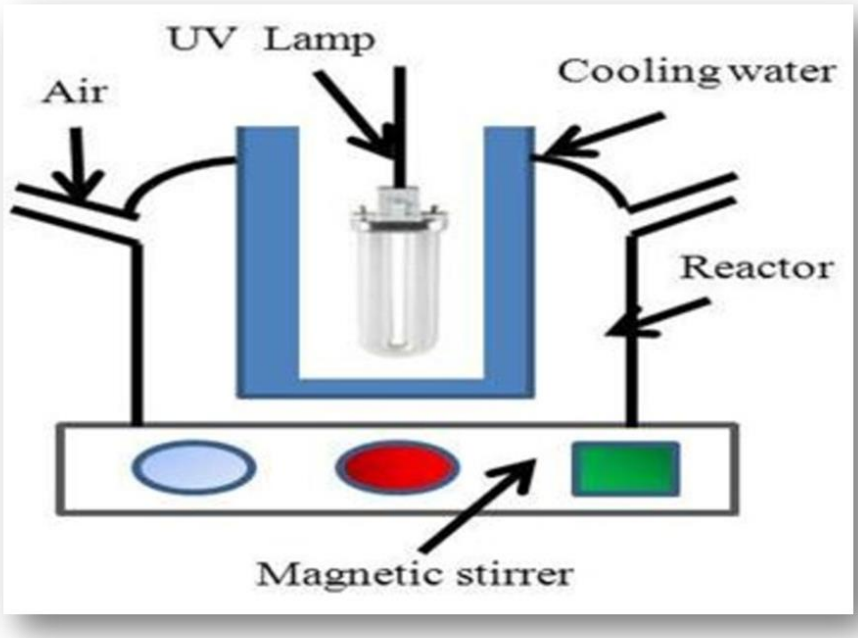


FIGURE 6.2 SET UP OF PHOTOCATALYST

Photocatalytic degradation has gained popularity as and is used as a tool for treating dye-contaminated water among a number of treatment methods. Nanoparticles, nanowires, 2D compounds, planar films, 3D porous films, and complex hierarchical nanostructures are just some of the structures and morphologies found in photocatalysts. A variety of implementations have been developed to get the most out of these photocatalysts

6.2 RESULT

Photocatalytic research and activity are influenced by surface area, visible light absorption, and blending substances. Metal oxide and Ni ion doped Metal oxide catalysts (Fe_2O_3/Ni-Fe_2O_3) were evaluated against organic pollutants using sunlight

irradiation. Fig 6.3 a–c depicts the UV–visible spectra of MB dye in the presence of a catalyst treated for 150 min. The strongest absorption peaks were gradually lowered when the MB solution was handled, and the dramatic colour dilution corroborated this concept. The degrading efficiencies of the Fe_2O_3 and Ni-Fe_2O_3 were 76.30% and 92.47%, respectively. The results reveal that Ni-Fe_2O_3 have the best degradation performance.

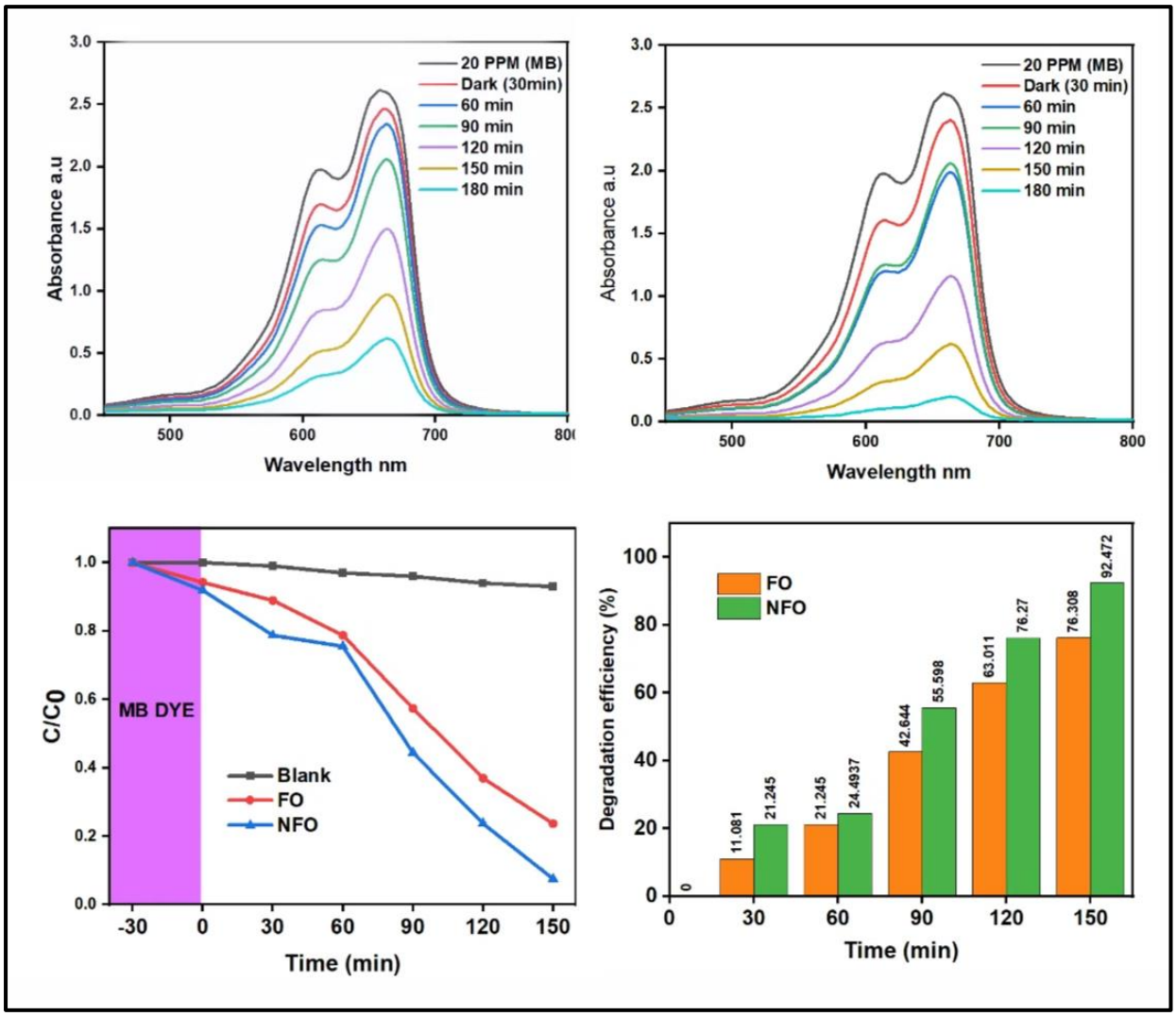


Fig 6.3 UV-Vis spectra of MB for theMetal oxide and Ni ion doped Metal oxide catalysts (a)Fe_2O_3 , (b)Ni-Fe_2O_3 , (c)Fe_2O_3/Ni-Fe_2O_3 , and (d) efficiency plot (C/C_0) of MB

The efficiency plot (C/C_0) of the MB solution is represented in Figure 6.3. TheNi-Fe_2O_3 demonstrated the highest degradation ability and it is represented in the efficiency plot. The higher visible light absorption and lower recombination rates contribute to the production of a significant number of reactive oxygen species (ROS)[43]

S.No	Catalyst	Degradation Efficiency (%)
1.	Fe_2O_3	76.30%
2.	Ni- Fe_2O_3	92.47%

6.3 MECHANISMS OF PHOTOCATALYST

The photocatalytic mechanisms are as mentioned below,

(i) Production of excitons

$$Fe_2O_3/NI\text{-}Fe_2O_3 + hv \rightarrow h^+ (VB) + e^- (CB) \quad (3)$$

(ii) Hydroxyl radicals Generation

$$OH^- + h^+ \rightarrow OH\cdot \quad (4)$$

$$H_2O + h^+ \rightarrow OH\cdot + H^+ \quad (5)$$

(iii) Superoxide radicals Generation

$$O_2 + e^- \rightarrow O_2\cdot^- \quad (6)$$

(iv) Degradation of dye molecules

$$Dye + OH\cdot + O_2\cdot^- \rightarrow \text{Degradation products} \quad (7)$$

In this current analysis,Fe_2O_3/Ni-Fe_2O_3NCs show a higher percentage of efficiency than the NPs of Fe_2O_3/Ni-Fe_2O_3. The enhancement of catalyst behaviour could be

attributable to two basic factors: (i) higher light absorption and (ii) catalytic surface. Inhibiting photogenerated charge carrier recombination in Fe_2O_3/Ni-Fe_2O_3 helps to enrich percentage of degradation.One method for increasing photocatalytic efficiency is to build composite photocatalysts to get Fe_2O_3/Ni-Fe_2O_3 NCs. The advantage of composite photocatalysts is the dramatically improved charge separation and transfer efficiency caused by the difference in band levels between Fe_2O_3/Ni-Fe_2O_3. This results in the migration of excited electrons from one semiconductor's higher CB (LUMO orbital) to another's lower CB, as well as holes from one semiconductor's higher VB (HOMO orbital) to the lower one. Attentively, the Fe_2O_3/Ni-Fe_2O_3 catalyst exhibited brilliant photocatalytic activity under sunlight.

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION

- Ni- Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles have been successfully synthesized by the Co-Precipitation method.
- The nanoparticles are characterized using advanced techniques such as XRD, SEM, UV, and FTIR techniques.
- The synthesized Ni- Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles have been found in cubic crystal structures with high crystal quality.
- The FTIR spectral analysis reveals the characteristic peaks of Ni-O stretching along with some additional surface functional groups due to the surfactant used during the sample preparation.
- The UV-visible absorption shows a sharp absorption peak at 303 nm in the blue region due to metal nanoparticles.
- We were able to achieve a degradation efficiency of 92.47% for nickel-doped iron oxide nanoparticle by using a photocatalyst.

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ABSTRACT

Sunscreens are the most common products used for skin protection against the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation Historically, sunscreens were developed to filter out UVB (290 nm - 320 nm), but now the importance of UVA (320 nm-400 nm) sunscreens is realized. The most common UVA sunscreens are Avobenzone, oxybenzone, meradiate and Parsol etc., however the photochemistry of these materials has been poorly understood. In this work, we have rationally designed core moieties using nitrogen mustards with increased photo protective capacities with a new energy dissipation mechanism. Using these scaffolds, we are planning to synthesize a 1, 7-bis (4-(bis(2-chloroethyl) amino) phenyl) hepta-1,6-diene-3,5-dione of compounds with tunable properties suitable for their use in sunscreens, and enhanced properties in terms of stability and light energy dissipation. This study provides the groundwork for the creation of safer and more efficient.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

NMR - NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE

FTIR -FOURIER-TRANSFORM INFRARED (FTIR) SPECTROSCOPY

UV - ULTRAVIOLET-VISIBILE (UV-VIS) SPECTROSCOPY

TLC -THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 4-(bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)benzaldehyde

4-(bis(2-chloroethyl) amino)benzaldehyde, C11H13Cl2NO, the chloroethyl amino groups are twisted with respect to the amino group,with N—C—C—Cl torsion angles of -177.4 and 179.2. The carbonyl group lies in the plane of the benzene ring to which it is attached; torsion angles are 0.1 and 178.2. In the crystal, C—H- - -Cl and C—H- - -O hydrogen bonds link the molecules,forming sheets parallel. The sheets are linked by C—H- - -pi interactions,forming a three dimensional framework.

2D STRUCTURE

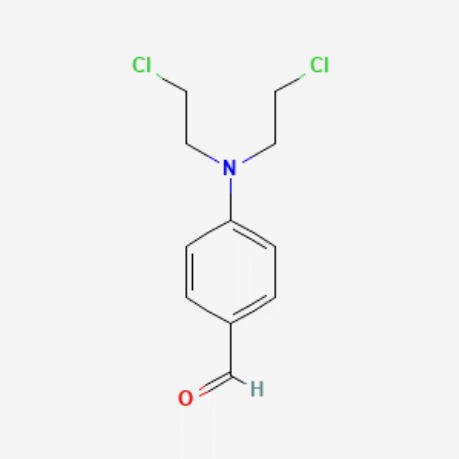


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3D STRUCTURE

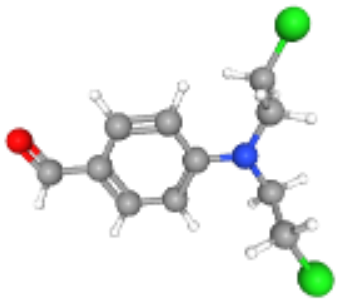


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STRUCTURE DESCRIPTION

An heterocyclic skeleton containing an N atom is the basis of many essential pharmaceuticals and of many physiologically active natural products. Molecules containing heterocyclic substructures continue to be attractive targets for synthesis

since they often exhibit diverse and important biological properties. For example, pyridine is used in the pharmaceutical industry as a raw material for various drugs, vitamins and fungicides, and as a solvent. In the title compound torsion angle indicates antiperiplanar conformation of the chloroethyl amino groups. In the crystal, hydrogen bonds link the molecules, formingsheets parallel. The sheets are linked by inter-actions, forming a three-dimensional framework.

- **Formula:** $C_{11}H_{13}Cl_2NO$
- **Molecular weight:** 246.133
- This structure is also available as a 2d Mol file or as a computed 3d SD file.
- **Other names:** 4-(N,N-Bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)benzaldehyde; p-N,N-bis(2-chloroethyl)aminobenzaldehyde; p-bis(β-chloroethyl)aminobenzaldehyde; p-Bis(2-chloroethyl)aminobenzaldehyde; Benzaldehyde, p-(bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)-; Benzaldehyde, 4-(bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)-; 4-Aminobenzaldehyde.

1.2 ORGANIC SYNTHESIS

Organic synthesis is the process of creating new organic molecules through chemical reactions. Synthesis involves planning a route to a target molecule, selecting appropriate reagents and reaction conditions, and carrying out the reactions in a stepwise manner to yield the desired product. One important aspect of organic synthesis is the characterization of the synthesized compounds. Characterization involves the use of various techniques to determine the identity and purity of the product, as well as its physical and chemical properties. These techniques may include spectroscopic methods, such as nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) and infrared (IR) spectroscopy, as well as chromatographic and elemental analysis techniques.The characterization of the synthesized derivative will involve the use of various techniques, including nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), infrared (IR) spectroscopy, and elemental analysis. By characterizing the

product, we can confirm its identity and purity, and assess the success of the synthetic route.

1.3 PHOTOPROTECTIVE COMPOUND MECHANISM

The synthesis of photoprotective compounds is a crucial area of research, especially in fields such as cosmetics, dermatology, and materials science. Photoprotective compounds are designed to shield the skin or materials from the harmful effects of ultraviolet (UV) radiation, which can lead to skin damage, premature aging, and even skin cancer. Several classes of compounds can serve as photoprotectants, including organic UV filters, inorganic nanoparticles, and antioxidant compounds.

The synthesis begins with the selection of appropriate starting materials, which typically include aromatic compounds or their derivatives. These starting materials should have properties suitable for UV absorption and stability under UV exposure.

1.4 SUN PROTECTION FACTOR

Sun Protection Factor (SPF) is a critical metric used to quantify the effectiveness of sunscreen products in protecting the skin from harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation. It serves as a guide to consumers in selecting appropriate sunscreens based on their intended duration of sun exposure and skin type. SPF values typically range from 2 to 50 or higher, with higher values indicating greater protection against UVB radiation.

SPF 15: Provides moderate protection, allowing individuals to stay in the sun 15 times longer without burning compared to unprotected skin.

SPF 30: Offers high protection, allowing individuals to stay in the sun 30 times longer without burning.

SPF 50: Provides very high protection, allowing individuals to stay in the sun 50 times longer without burning.

It's essential to note that no sunscreen can provide 100% protection, and SPF primarily indicates protection against UVB radiation, which causes sunburn. Broad-spectrum sunscreens protect against both UVB and UVA radiation, which penetrates deeper into the skin and contributes to skin aging and cancer.

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CHAPTER-3

AIM AND SCOPE

The main aim of this project is to synthesis 1,7-bis(4-(bis(2-chloroethyl) amino) phenyl)hepta-1,6-diene-3,5-dione

- To Synthesis 1,7-bis(4-(bis(2-chloroethyl) amino) phenyl) hepta-1,6-diene-3,5-dione.
- To characterize 1,7-bis(4-(bis(2-chloroethyl) amino) phenyl) hepta-1,6-diene-3,5-dione.
- Removal of impurities from the compound.
- Confirmation of product formed by characterization by IR, NMR and uv spectroscopy.

CHAPTER-4

MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

4.1 MATERIALS:

Materials used in this reaction are 4-(bis(2-chloroethyl) amino) benzaldehyde, acetyl acetone, boric anhydride, tributyl borate and butyl amine, which were used to purify and it can be used without further purification.

4.2 CHARACTERIZATION TECHNIQUES:

4.2.1 NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE (NMR)

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy is the study of molecules by recording the interaction of radiofrequency (Rf) electromagnetic radiations with the nuclei of molecules placed in a strong magnetic field.

Zeeman first observed the strange behaviour of certain nuclei when subjected to a strong magnetic field at the end of the nineteenth century, but the practical use of the so-called **"Zeeman effect"** was only made in the 1950s when NMR spectrometers became commercially available.

A Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) instrument is a tool that analyzes the molecular structure of a substance at the atomic level. It does this by observing the interaction of nuclear spins when placed in a powerful magnetic field.

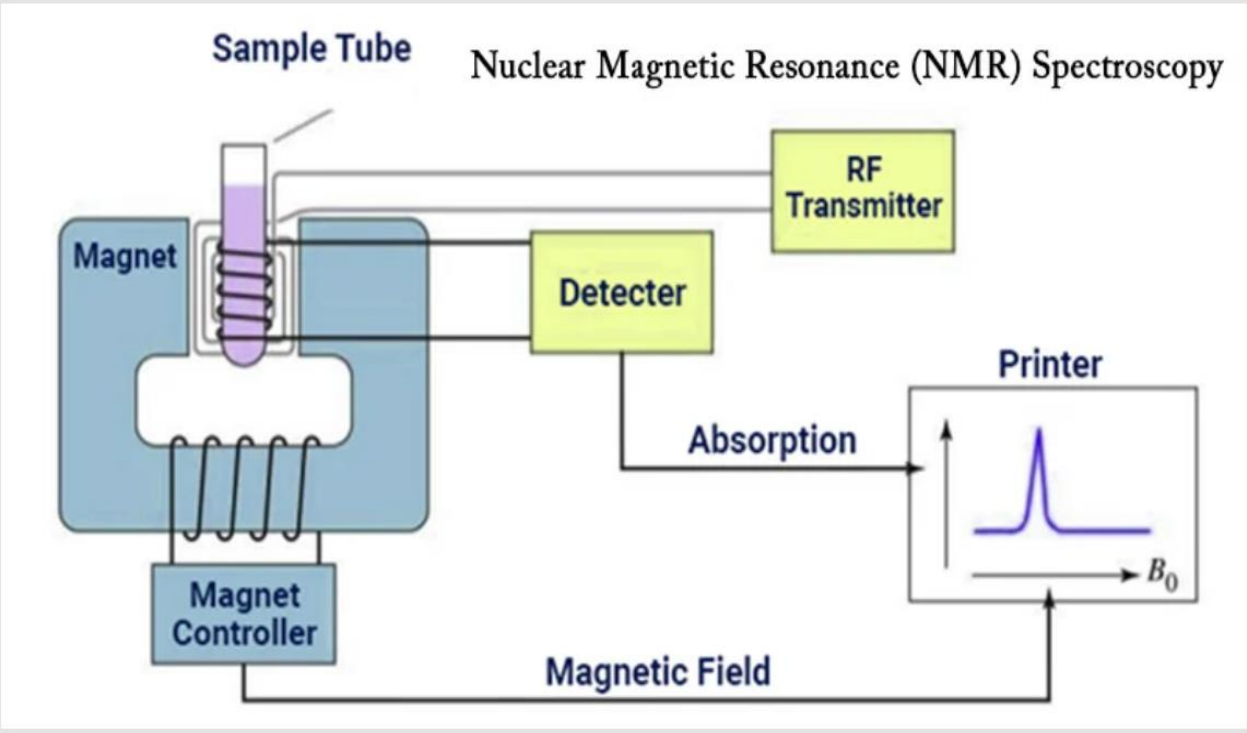
NMR is a non-destructive analytical tool that uses the magnetic properties of atomic nuclei to reveal the structure, concentration, identity, and behavior of molecules in liquid or solid samples.

Research and quality assurance laboratories use NMR to: characterize molecular structures, monitor the composition of mixtures, study molecular dynamics and interactions, and quantify known and unknown components.

NMR is useful in the analysis of organic compounds and polymer materials. It is used in the fields of biology, chemistry, food, and pharmaceutical.

An NMR spectrometer typically consists of:

- A spinning sample-holder inside a strong magnet
- A radio-frequency emitter
- A receiver with a probe that goes inside the magnet to surround the sample
- Optionally gradient coils for diffusion measurements
- Electronics to control the system



NMR SPECTROSCOPY INSTRUMENT

FIG 1:3 NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE

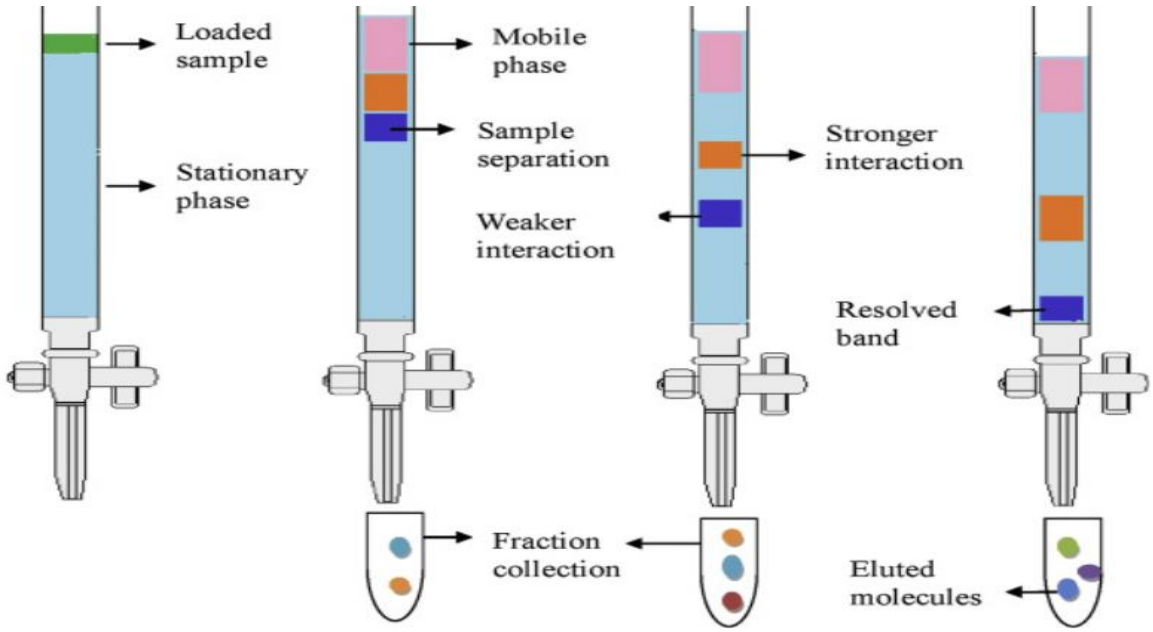
4.2.2 COLUMN CHROMATOGRAPHY

Chromatography is the collective term for a set of laboratory techniques for the separation of mixtures. It involves passing a mixture dissolved in a "mobile phase" through a stationary phase, which separates the analyte to be measured from other molecules in the mixture based on differential partitioning between the mobile and stationary phases. Subtle differences in a compound's partition coefficient result in differential retention on the stationary phase and thus changing the separation.

Chromatography may be preparative or analytical. The purpose of preparative chromatography is to separate the components of a mixture for further use (and is thus a form of purification). Analytical chromatography is done normally with smaller amounts of material and is for measuring the relative proportions of analytes in a mixture. The two are not mutually exclusive.

Column Chromatography is a preparative technique used to purify compounds depending on their polarity or hydrophobicity. In column chromatography, a mixture of molecules is separated based on their differentials partitioning between a mobile phase and a stationary phase.

Column chromatography consists of a stationary solid phase that adsorbs and separates the compounds passing through it with the help of a liquid mobile phase. On the basis of their chemical nature, compounds get adsorbed and elution is based on differential adsorption of a substance by the adsorbent.



COLUMN CHROMATOGRAPHY

FIG 1:4 COLUMN CHROMATOGRAPHY

4.2.3 IR SPECTROSCOPY

An infrared spectrometer, or spectrophotometer, is an instrument that performs infrared spectroscopy. This technique identifies materials, including organic polymers, by recording the amount of energy passing through a sample as a function of its wavelength and frequency.

The most commonly used instruments for obtaining IR spectra are FTIR spectrometers. Some advantages of FTIR spectrometers include:

- A higher signal-to-noise ratio than previous generation infrared spectrometers
- High wavenumber accuracy
- A short scan time of all frequencies
- High resolution
- A wide scan range
- Reduced interference from stray light

An infrared spectrometer consists of four major parts: a light source, an interferometer, a sample chamber, and a detector.

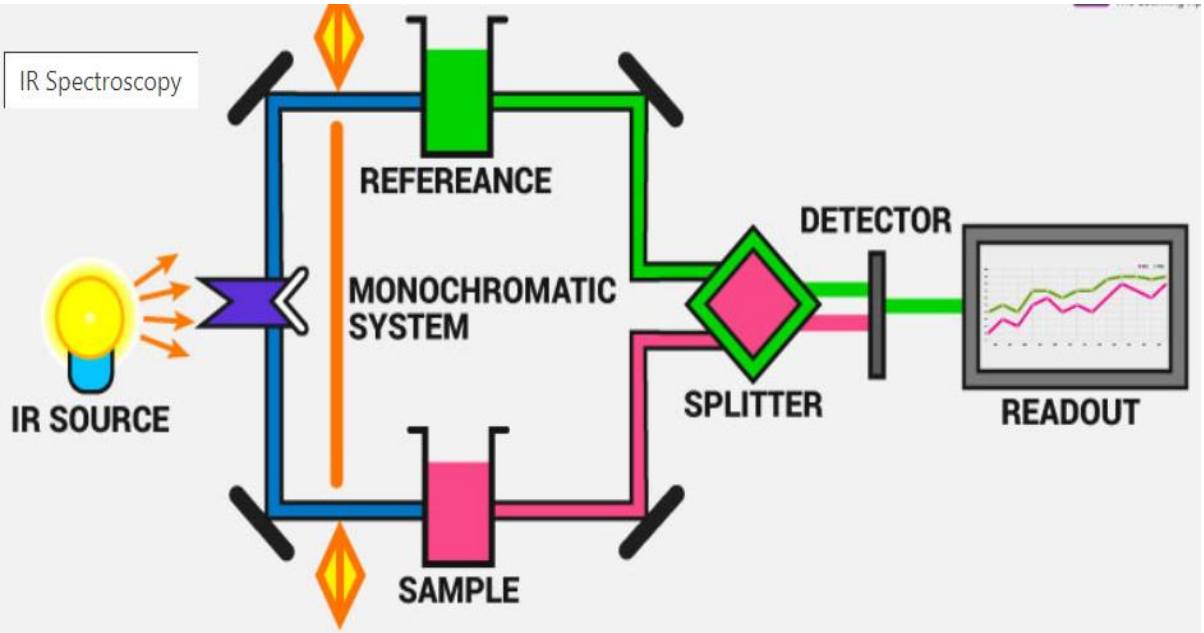


FIG 1:5 IR SPECTROSCOPY

4.3 METHODOLOGY:

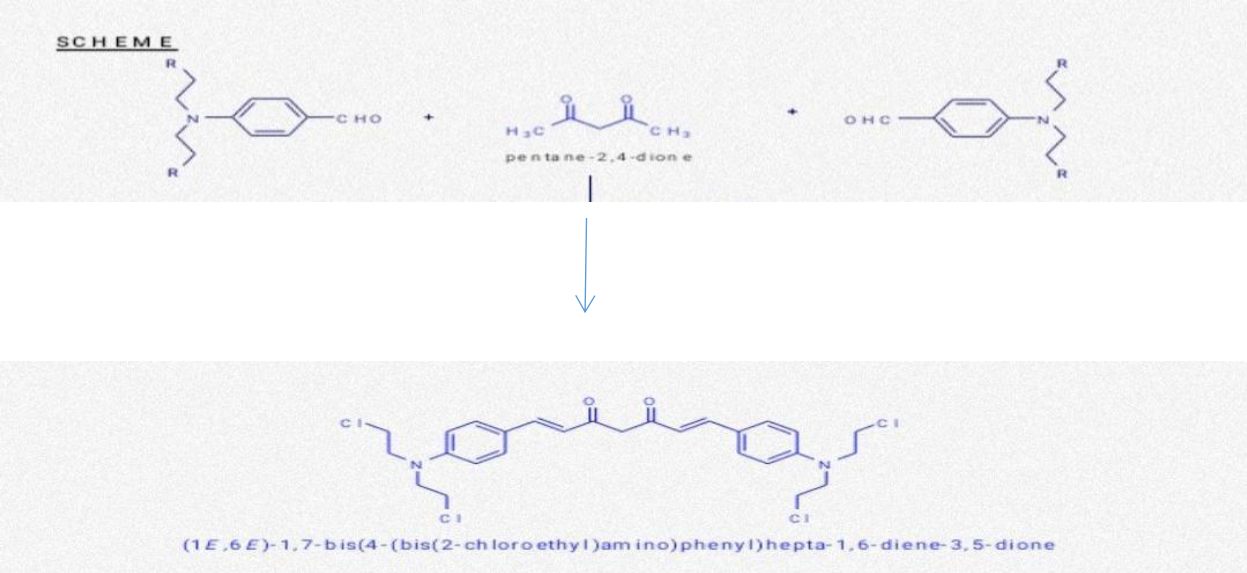
4.3.1 synthesis of 4-bis(2-chloro)amino)benzaldehyde

N,N-bis (2-chloroethyl)aniline. The procedure was a modification of that of ross. To 50 g add 36 ml ,1.1 mole phosphorus oxy chloride chilled in an ice bath 60 g of N-phenyldiethanolamine was slowly added. After the addition was completed, the mixture was warmed on the steam bath for one hour and then taken up in 250ml of benzene. The benzene solution was poured onto 500g of ice and the layers was separated. The aqueous layer was washed with benzene and the combined benzene solutions were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate. Removal of the benzene left an oil which was taken up in the minimum amount of hot absolute methanol. On chilling with stirring 35g of product, m.p,41-45. By use of this inverse quenching of the reaction mixture no difficulty in inducing the crude material to crystallize was encountered, even when the alumina chromatography step included in the procedure of ross was omitted.



FIG:1.6

4.3.2 SYNTHESIS OF 1,7—bis(4-bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)phenyl)hepta-1,6-diene-3,5-dione



4-bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)benzaldehyde (60g, 0.4 mole) and tributyl borate(25.5g, 0.11 mole) were heated to 100. Subsequently the reaction product from 20g of acetylacetone (0.2 mole) and 10g of boric anhydride(0.14 mole) was added and the mixture heated for 30 min, while stirring,in order to get a homogeneous mixture.

After cooling to 85, 1ml of butylamine was added every 5 min (total 4ml). the colour of the mixture immediately changed to yellow colour with metallic lustre. Finally , after having been kept for 30 min at 100*. While stirring, the mixture turned reddish orange.

After cooling to 50*,300 ml of 0.4 N hydrochloric acid (60*) were added; the mixture was then stirred for another 30 min, after which 400 ml of ethyl acetate was added. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted once with 100 ml of ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate layers were washed with acid free, dried over sodium sulphate and evapourated. The residue was dissolved in 100 ml of methanol and subsequently cooled, after which the crystals weresucked off. Yield 33g (45%) orange-red crystals,m.p 177-178*).

4.3.3 REMOVAL OF IMPURITIES

The impurities are removed by the column chromatography by using (20%ethyl acetate and 80%Hexane)



FIG:1.7

CHAPTER-5

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

5.1.1 THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY

TLC stands for Thin Layer Chromatography, which is a common analytical technique used to separate and identify different components in a mixture. In this case, the TLC was performed using 30% ethyl acetate as the mobile phase, which is a polar solvent. During TLC, the mixture is spotted onto a thin layer of a stationary phase (such as silica gel or alumina) on a glass plate. The mobile phase (in this case, 30% ethyl acetate) moves up the stationary phase by capillary action, carrying the components of the mixture with it. The different components of the mixture have different affinities for the stationary and mobile phases, and thus move at different rates. This results in the separation of the components on the stationary phase, which can be visualized by staining or exposure to UV light. In this case, the product and impurities in the mixture are separated on the stationary phase using 20% ethyl acetate as the mobile phase. The polar nature of ethyl acetate allows for good separation of polar compounds in the mixture, making it easier to identify the product and assess its purity level by visualizing the spots on the TLC plate.



FIG:1.8

5.1.2 ULTRAVIOLET-VISIBILE (UV-VIS) SPECTROSCOPY:

UV-Vis spectroscopy is a widely used analytical technique for determining substance concentration by measuring the absorbance of ultraviolet or visible light by a sample.

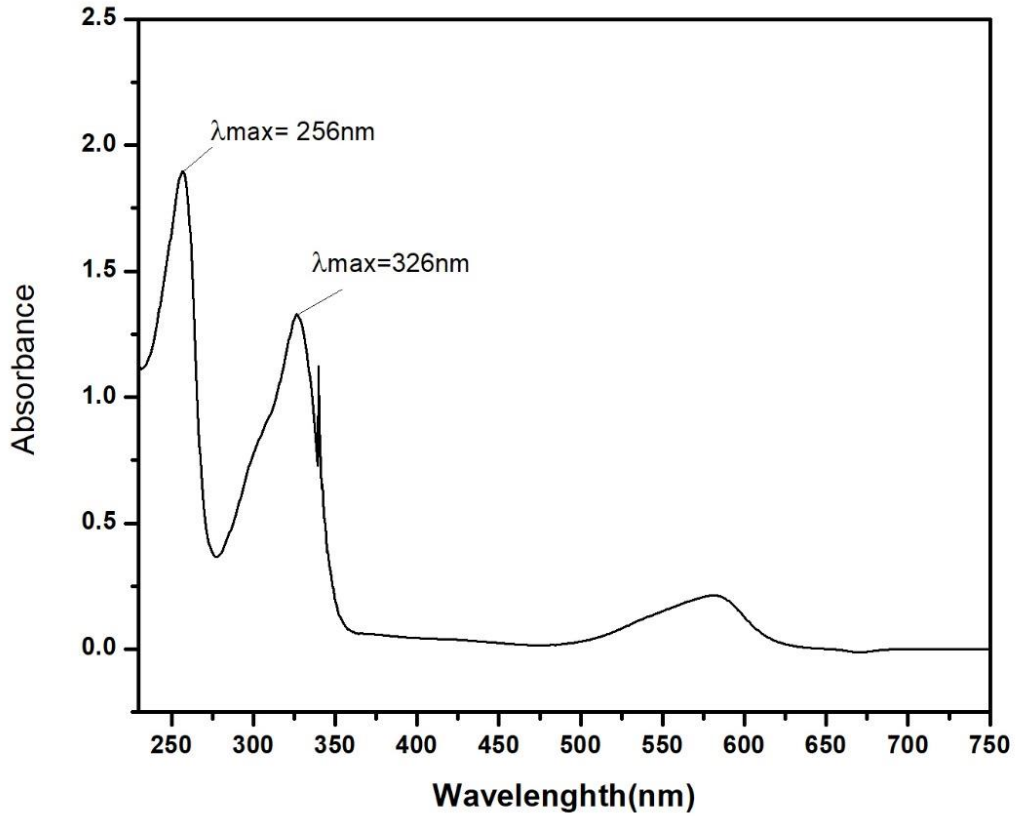


FIG:1.9 SPECTRUM OF UV-VISIBLE

The UV-visible absorption spectrum of the compound was recorded in the region around 200–800 nm using dichloromethane (DCM) as a solvent. α, β-unsaturated carbonyl Compounds usually show two absorption bands pertaining to the n–π* and π–π* transitions. The compound shows intense absorption Peaks above 256 nm and weak bands at around 330–350 nm. The compound studied show two well defined absorption bands consistent with the above. It shows a strong absorption band between 228–256 nm shows a relatively weak band at 330–350 nm which is due to n–π* transition in the conjugated chain including the carbonyl moiety. This λmax value may be attributed to

the molecule in its entirety and is not specific to a single chromophore. The compound shows a weak absorption band at around 330–350 nm (π–π* transitions) due to the benzoyl or acrylophenone chromophore. Compound show a minor peak at around 330–350 nm (Fig. 5.1). Compound Show bathochromic shifts if there are substituents other than hydrogen in the para position of ring. Electron donating groups show a larger shift when they are present on ring compound studied contains the same –N(CH2CH2Cl)2 group. Since the literature reports that ring is more sensitive to substitution there is no significant changes in absorption were not expected. Electron withdrawing groups, however show a large bathochromic shift when present on ring.

5.1.3 FOURIER-TRANSFORM INFRARED (FTIR) SPECTROSCOPY:

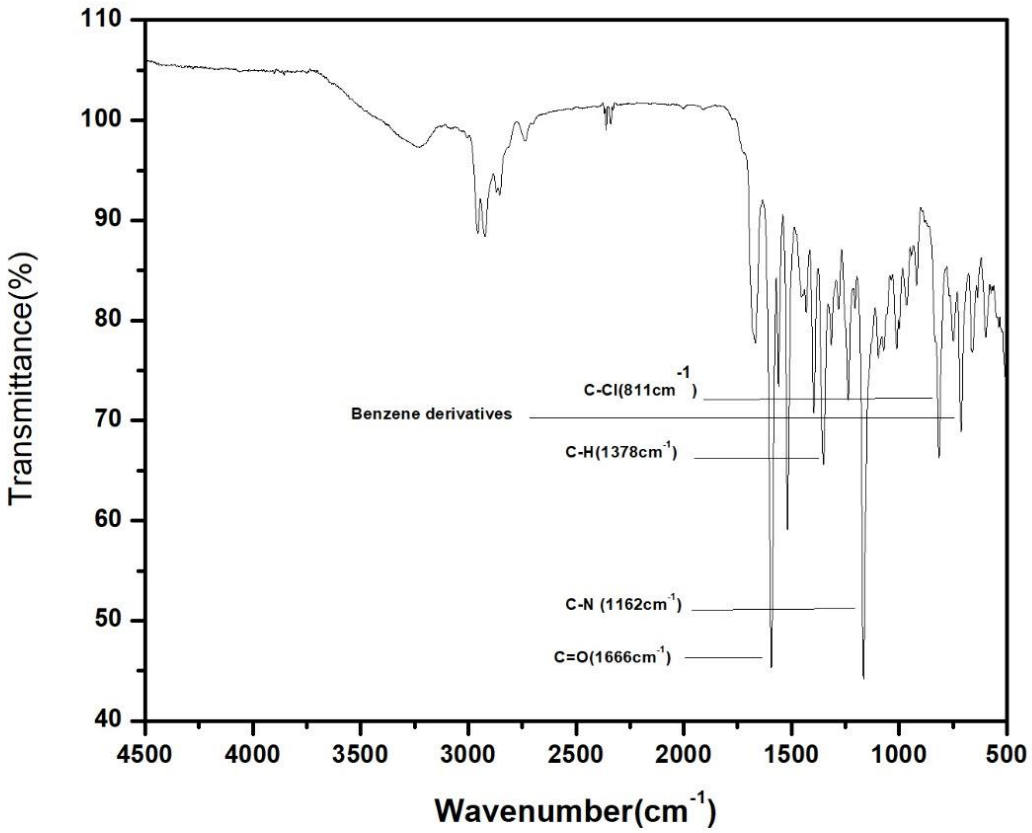


FIG:1:10 Spectrum of FTIR

The IR spectra of compound were Studied. The stretching frequency of α, βunsaturated carbonyl Compounds usually lies in the range of 1660–1685 cm-1. However, Resonance with additional conjugation will lower the stretching Frequency. The carbonyl stretching frequencies for the Compound investigated occur at 1678-1668 cm-1 also the carbonyl stretching frequency is located at 1210-1163 cm-1. This is probably due to the presence of two electron donating methoxy groups and intramolecular hydrogen bonding Between the a-hydrogen and the methoxy oxygen. The C–Cl Stretching frequency occurs at 850–500 cm-1 while aromatic C–N Stretching is observed at 1250-1020 cm-1. Absorption bands at 1433–1517 cm-1 are due to C-C stretching vibrations. Alkyl And aromatic C–H bending occur at 1450-1375 cm-1 respectively. In compound, C–O Stretching occurs at 1210-1163 cm-1. Absorption bands at1265 cm-1 in the compound can be attributed to Aromatic C–O stretching. The C–Cl Stretching occurs at 850-500 cm-1.The benzene derivatives stretching occurs at 680-720 cm-1

Sl. No	Wavenumber(cm-1)	Functional group
1.	1685-1666 cm-1	C=O
2.	1678-1668 cm-1	C=C
3.	1450-1375 cm-1	C-H
4.	1250-1020 cm-1	C-N
6.	850-500 cm-1	C-Cl
7.	680-720 cm-1	Benzene derivative

TABLE 1:1 Spectral data of FTIR

5.1.4 NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE:

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) is a powerful tool used for determining the structure of organic compounds and for studying molecular physics, crystals, and non-crystalline materials. It's also essential in medical applications, particularly in Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).

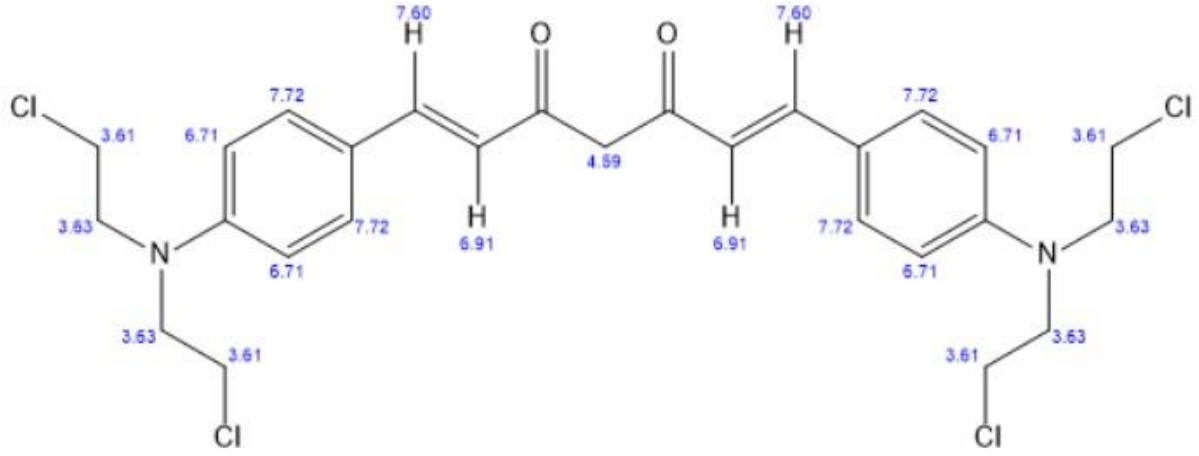


FIG:1:11 Structural analysis in NMR

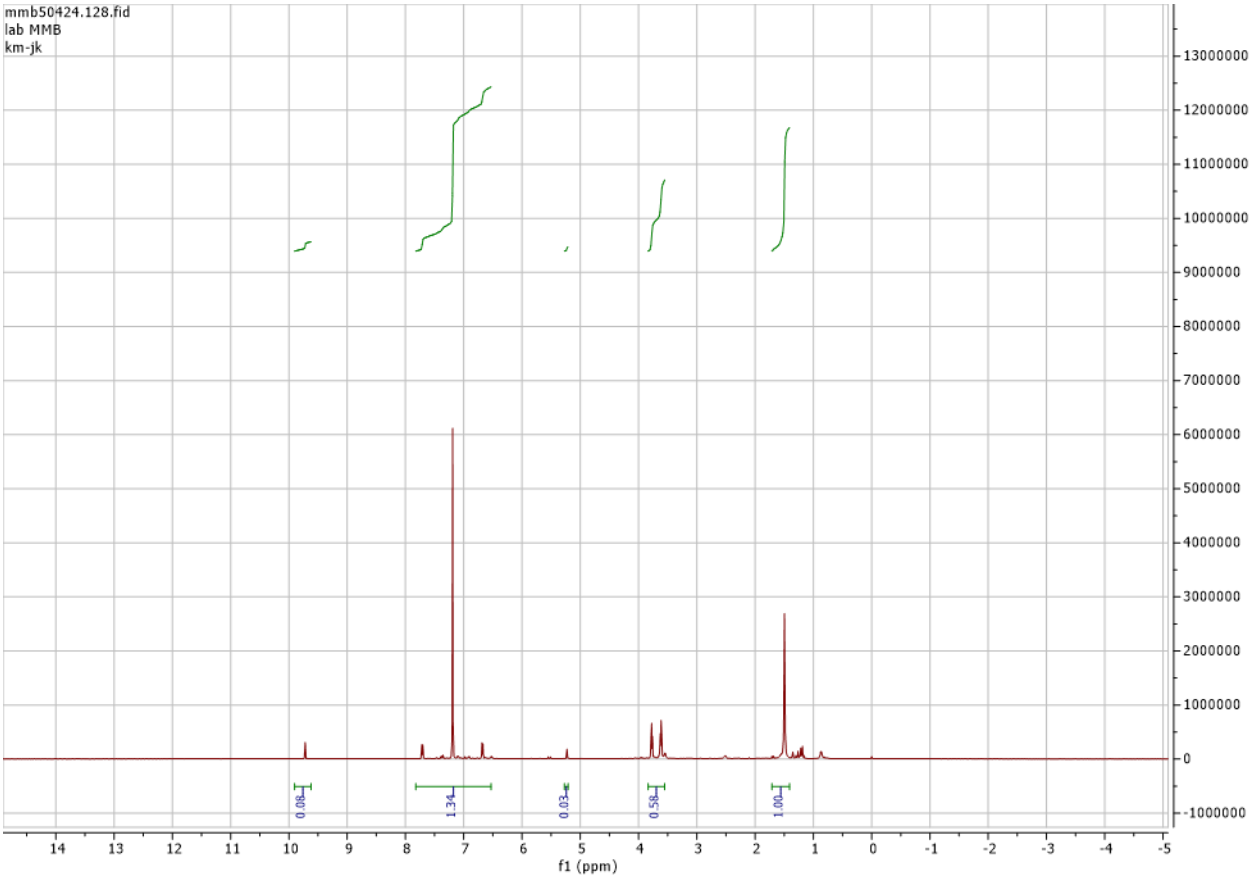


FIG:1:12 Spectrum of NMR

The NMR spectrum was recorded to confirm the various types of protons and for the confirmation of targeted compound. The NMR was recorded for the synthesized compound with d6-DMSO as the solvent. The phenyl protons appeared at ∂= 6.60-7.80 ppm.The signals due to –CH2-CH2- protons gives multiplets at ∂=3.2 to 3.9 ppm. Two chalcone protons appearing at ∂=6.7(doublet,1H,H- α) and ∂= 7.8(doublet 1H,H-ß) confirm the presence of α,ß-unsaturated trans-alkene(-CH=CH) in the compound.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION

The1,7-bis(4-(bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)phenyl)hepta-1,6-diene-3,5-dione were synthesized using p-[N,N-bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]benzaldehyde and acetone via the Claisen–Schmidt condensation reaction. Nitrogen mustard based these derivatives absorbs strongly at 328nm (UV –A) and weak bands at around 220–270nm (UV –B). Which is due to n–π* and π-π* transition respectively including the carbonyl moiety. The stretching frequency of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl compounds usually lies in the range of 1644–1647 cm^{-1}. However, resonance with additional conjugation will lower the stretching frequency. The ^{1}H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded for the synthesized compounds with d^{6}-DMSO as the solvent. The olefinic protons appeared in the region of 7.59 – 7.81 ppm with different splitting patterns. The aromatic protons of both rings appear in the range of 6.70–8.20 ppm and are dependent on the various substituents present in both the rings. The methylene protons of the bis(chloroethyl)amino groups appear in the range of 3.65–3.83 ppm. In the ^{13}C spectrum, the carbonyl carbon appears between 188.20–190.60 ppm. The vinylic carbon atoms give characteristic signals between 123.40–123.80 ppm and 142.60–146.90 ppm respectively. The important parameter SPF for these three compounds ranges from 13.8. The present studies, conclude that the nitrogen mustard-based sunscreens are UV-A filter (oil-soluble) for sun care.

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ABSTRACT

Mannich bases indeed hold significant importance in medicinal chemistry due to their diverse biological activities. The Mannich reaction, involving the nucleophilic addition of an amine to a carbonyl compound followed by an electrophilic addition of a proton source, is a versatile synthetic tool for the construction of β-amino carbonyl compounds.

In the past decade, there has been increasing interest in the exploration of Mannich bases for their potential therapeutic applications. Many studies have revealed the anticancer properties of Mannich bases against various cancer cell lines. These compounds often exhibit cytotoxic effects through mechanisms such as induction of apoptosis, inhibition of cell proliferation, or interference with specific cellular pathways. Additionally, Mannich bases have shown promise as antibacterial and antifungal agents, contributing to the fight against infectious diseases.

Characterization of Mannich bases through various spectroscopic techniques like UV spectroscopy, FTIR spectroscopy, and mass spectrometry is crucial for understanding their chemical structure and properties. Moreover, studying the corrosion behavior of these compounds is important for evaluating their potential application in corrosion inhibition, which is significant in industries such as metalworking and oil refining.

Overall, the review you mentioned likely provides valuable insights into the synthesis, characterization, and biological activities of Mannich bases, shedding light on their potential as therapeutic agents and other applications.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 MANNICH BASE

Mannich bases, beta-amino ketones carrying compounds,is a nucleophilic addition reaction which involves condensation of a compound with active hydrogen(s) with an amine (primary or secondary) and formaldehyde [Tramontini, 1973]. It's fascinating how Mannich bases serve as crucial intermediates in the synthesis of various bioactive compounds with diverse pharmacological activities. The Mannich reaction provides a versatile platform for the construction of these β-amino ketones, which then serve as important pharmacophores or lead compounds for further drug development. (Dimmok 1997)
Mannich bases possess a reactive β-amino group and can be easily modified to yield a range of derivatives with enhanced biological activities or altered physicochemical properties. For instance, they can be reduced to form amino alcohols, which may exhibit different pharmacological profiles compared to the parent Mannich bases (Yadav Y 2011)

The wide range of biological activities attributed to Mannich bases, including anti-inflammatory, anticancer, antifilarial, and antibacterial properties, underscores their potential as valuable candidates for drug discovery and development. Their structural versatility and reactivity make them attractive targets for medicinal chemists seeking to design novel therapeutics with improved efficacy and safety profiles (Neves A.P 2013).

Understanding the mechanisms underlying the biological activities of Mannich bases and their derivatives is crucial for optimizing their pharmacological properties and developing effective drugs for various medical conditions. Further research in this area holds promise for the discovery of new therapeutic agents with significant clinical benefits.

1.2 Biological Activities

The broad spectrum of biological activities exhibited by Mannich bases highlights their potential as versatile pharmacological agents. The ability of Mannich bases to regulate blood pressure and inhibit platelet aggregation, as well as their antiparasitic and anti-ulcer effects, underscores their therapeutic relevance in various medical conditions. One of the key structural features contributing to the diverse biological activities of Mannich bases is the presence of α, β-unsaturated ketone moieties, which can be generated through the deamination of the amine group. These functionalities play a crucial role in the interaction of Mannich bases with biological targets, leading to their pharmacological effects. Synthesis and characterization studies of Mannich bases, suchas diethyl succinate formaldehyde derivatives, provide valuable insights into their chemical properties and biological activities. Understanding the structure-activity relationships of these compounds is essential for rational drug design and optimization. The remarkable reactivity of Mannich bases allows for the synthesis of diverse analogs with tailored pharmacological profiles. This structural flexibility contributes to their potent activities across a wide range of therapeutic areas, including anti-inflammatory, anticancer, antifilarial, antibacterial, antifungal, anticonvulsant, anthelmintic, antitubercular, analgesic, anti-HIV, antimalarial, antipsychotic, and antiviral activities.Continued research into the synthesis, characterization, and biological evaluation of Mannich bases holds promise for the discovery of novel drug candidates with improved efficacy and safety profiles for the treatment of various diseases and disorders.

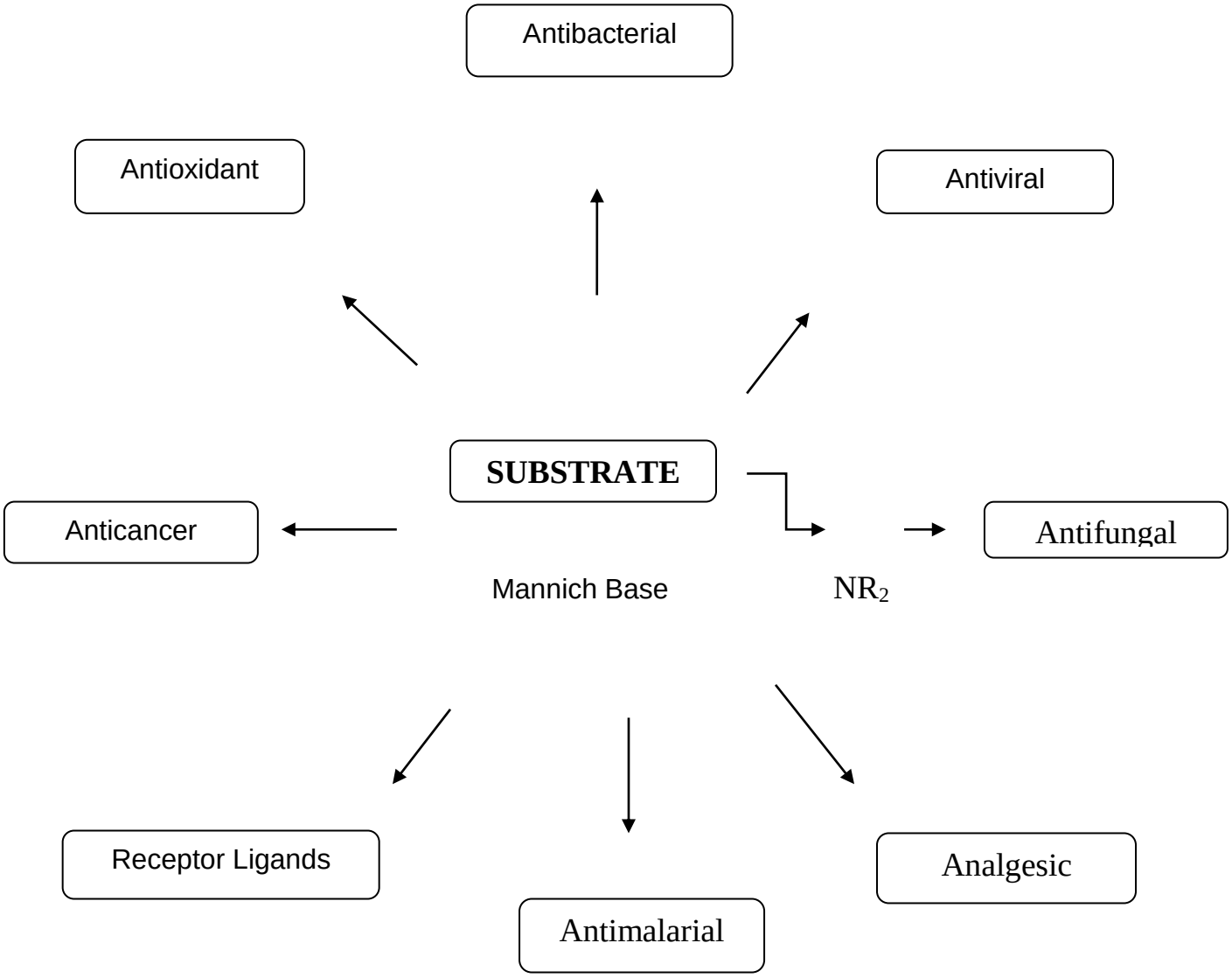


Fig 1.2 General Applications of Mannich Bases

1.3Mannich Bases: Examples

- N-(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-1H-pyrazol-3-aminium chloride (DPZA)
- (2R)-4-methyl-2- ((S)(phenyl amino)(p-tolyl)methyl)cyclohexan-1- one
- N-[1-Morpholino(3-methoxy, 4-hydroxy) Benzyl] benzamide (MBB)
- N-[1-Morpholino(3-methoxy, 4-hydroxy) Benzyl] Urea (MBU)
- N-(3-oxo-3-phenylpro-pyl)thiazol-2-aminium chloride (DTZA)

1.4 Uses of Mannich Base:

Mannich bases indeed exhibit a wide range of applications beyond medicinal chemistry. Their versatile properties make them valuable in various industrial and commercial sectors. Here's a breakdown of some of their practical applications:

*1.**Treatment of Natural Macromolecular Materials:*** Mannich bases are utilized in the treatment of materials such as leather, paper, and textiles to impart specific properties such as increased durability, water repellency, or flame retardancy.

*2. **Production of Synthetic Polymer :*** Mannich bases serve as intermediates in the synthesis of synthetic polymers, contributing to the development of materials with desired mechanical, thermal, or chemical properties.

*3**. Additives in the Petroleum Industry:*** Mannich bases are employed as additives in the petroleum industry to enhance the performance and stability of fuels, lubricants, and other petroleum products.

*4. **Water Treatment**:* Mannich bases are used in water treatment processes to remove impurities, improve water quality, and inhibit microbial growth.

5. ***Analytical Reagents:*** Mannich bases find applications as analytical reagents in chemical analysis and laboratory research, facilitating the detection and quantification of various substances.

6. ***Cosmetics:*** Mannich bases are incorporated into cosmetic formulations for their functional properties such as emulsifying, stabilizing, or preserving effects.

7. ***Dyes:*** Mannich bases are employed in the production of dyes and pigments, contributing to the vibrant coloration of various materials.

The diverse biological activities of Mannich base also make them attractive for pharmaceutical applications, ranging from anti-inflammatory and anticancer effects to antiviral and antipsychotic activities. This broad spectrum of applications underscores the significance of Mannich bases in both industrial and biomedical contexts, highlighting their versatility and potential for innovation across various fields.

CHAPTER 2

2.1LITERATURE SURVEY

Bernhard Biersack Volume 13, 2018 - Issue 1 Recent developments concerning the application of the Mannich reaction for drug design

The versatile multicomponent Mannich reaction occupies a salient position in organic chemistry and drug design. Sound knowledge of its scope and variations and of the biological activities of Mannich bases is crucial for the development and improvement of drugs for various diseases. The following article provides an overview of the latest developments in the field of drugs based on the Mannich reaction. Web-based literature searching tools such as PubMed and SciFinder were applied to obtain useful articles. In addition, pertinent literature that was recently published by the authors is discussed in this manuscript. The chemical structures of bioactive Mannich bases are also given.

Mannich Bases: An Important Pharmacophore in Present Scenario Suman Bala, Neha Sharma, Anu Kajal, Sunil Kamboj, and Vipin Saini M. M. College of Pharmacy, Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Mullana, Ambala, Haryana 133207, India Correspondence should be addressed to Suman Bala; sumankmj7@gmail.com

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This is an open access article distributed under the Creative Commons Attribution License, which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited. Mannich bases are the end products of Mannich reaction and are known as beta-amino ketone carrying compounds. Mannich reaction is a carbon-carbon bond forming nucleophilic addition reaction and is a key

step in synthesis of a wide variety of natural products, pharmaceuticals, and so forth. Mannich reaction is important for the construction of nitrogen containing compounds. There is a number of aminoalkyl chain bearing Mannich bases like fluoxetine, atropine, ethacrynic acid, tri hexyphenidyl, and so forth with high curative value.The literature studies enlighten the fact that Mannich bases are very reactive and recognized to possess potent diverse activities like anti-inflammatory, anticancer, antifilarial, antibacterial, antifungal, anticonvulsant, anthelmintic, antitubercular, analgesic, anti-HIV, antimalarial, antipsychotic, antiviral activities and so forth. The biological activity of Mannich bases is mainly attributed to α, β-unsaturated ketone which can be generated by deamination of hydrogen atom of the amine group.

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The biological activity of Mannich bases, a structurally heterogeneous class of chemical compounds that are generated from various substrates through the introduction of an aminomethyl function by means of the Mannich reaction, is surveyed, with emphasis on the relationship between structure and biological activity. The review covers extensively the literature reports that have disclosed Mannich bases as anticancer and cytotoxic agents, or compounds with potential antibacterial and antifungal activity in the last decade. The most relevant studies on the activity of Mannich bases as antimyco bacterial agents, anti malarials, or antiviral candidates have been included as well. The review contains also a thorough coverage of anticonvulsant, anti-inflammatory, analgesic and antioxidant activities of Mannich bases. In addition, several minor biological activities of Mannich bases, such as their ability to regulate blood pressure or inhibit platelet aggregation, their antiparasitic and anti-ulcer effects, as well as their use as agents for the treatment of mental disorders have been presented. The review gives

in the end a brief overview of the potential of Mannich bases as inhibitors of various enzymes or ligands for several receptors.

João F. Allochio Filho a, Bárbara C. Lemos a, Acácio S. de Souza b, Sergio Pinheiro b, Sandro J. Greco aVolume 73, Issue 50, 14 December 2017, Pages 6977-7004 Multi component Mannich reactions: General aspects, methodologies and applications

The multi component Mannich reaction is a green and classical method for the preparation of β-amino ketones and β-amino aldehydes (Mannich bases) and, as such, is one of the most important reactions in organic chemistry. The resulting Mannich bases are of particular interest due to their biological activity as well as their use as synthetic building blocks and precursors of valuable pharmaceuticals products. In this context, various elegant methods for multi component Mannich reactions have been developing over last years. This review updates these reactions, including naphtho quinone derivatives that possess varied and important biological activities and whose Mannich reaction has been little explored in the literature.

CHAPTER 3

AIM &SCOPE

AIM

The aim of our project is the process of creating the Mannich base compound. The synthesis may involve reacting diethyl succinate with appropriate amine and formaldehyde derivatives under specific conditions to yield the desired Mannich base.

SCOPE

Synthesis and Optimization: To develop an efficient and reproducible method for synthesizing Mannich bases using diethyl succinate as the carbon acid. This may involve exploring different reaction conditions (temperature, solvent, catalysts) to maxi size yield and selectivity. Characterization: To thoroughly characterize the synthesized Mannich bases using various analytical techniques such as UV spectroscopy, IR spectroscopy, EI-MS, and elemental analysis. The objective is to confirm the molecular structure, purity, and composition of the compounds. Biological Evaluation: To assess the biological activities of the synthesized Mannich bases, including their antimicrobial, anticancer, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, or other relevant properties. This could involve in vitro or in vivo assays to determine efficacy and potential mechanisms of action.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS & METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS

Copper glycinate, Formaldehyde, Diethyl succinate.

4.2 METHODS

It seems like you're describing a synthesis procedure for the formation of a Mannich base complex, likely involving copper glycinate, formaldehyde, and diethyl succinate. Here's a breakdown of the steps you've outlined:

i. ***Preparation of Reaction Mixture:***
   a. Start with copper glycinate.
   b. Add 1ml of formaldehyde to the copper glycinate solution.
   c. Then add 0.5ml of diethyl succinate to the mixture.

ii. ***Mixing and UV Exposure:***
   a. Transfer the reaction mixture to a watch glass.
   b. Mix the compounds thoroughly.
   c. Place the watch glass containing the mixture in a UV chamber for 2-3 hours.

iii. ***Formation of Powdered Complex:***
   a. After UV exposure, a powder complex should form as a result of the reaction.

iv. ***Extraction of the Complex:***
   a. Transfer the powder complex to a boiling tube.
   b. Add some water to the boiling tube containing the powder.

v. ***Separation of Liquid Phase:***
   a. Separate the liquid phase from the solid powder, likely by decantation or filtration.

vi. Drying the Final Product:

Dry the separated powder at 50°C in an oven until it’s completely dry.

Vii. Final Product:

The dried powder obtained from the reaction is referred to as CGDES, presumably indicating a complex formed from copper glycinate and diethyl succinate in the presence of formaldehyde.

This synthesis procedure involves handling chemicals and may require appropriate safety precautions. Additionally, the specific amounts and concentrations of reactants, as well as the reaction conditions, should be carefully controlled to ensure reproducibility and yield of the desired product. Validation of the final product’s identity and purity through analytical techniques like spectroscopy or chromatography would be advisable.

PREPARATION OF MANNICH BASE **UV SPECTRAL ANALYSIS**

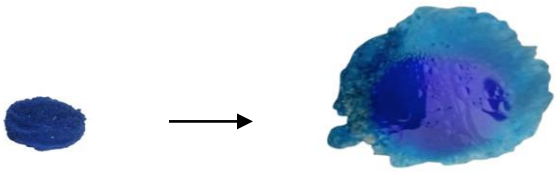
Copper glycinate 0.5g

Formaldehyde (1ml)
DES (0.5ml)

Stirring the Sample

Dry the sample 2- 3 hours

Got the final product CGDES



Cu (gly) 2 0.5g HCHO + DES



Copper Glycinate

Diethyl Succinate



0.01 (CGDES)+ 5ml H2O

Fig 4.2 Preparation of Mannich Base

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 FTIR Spectrum

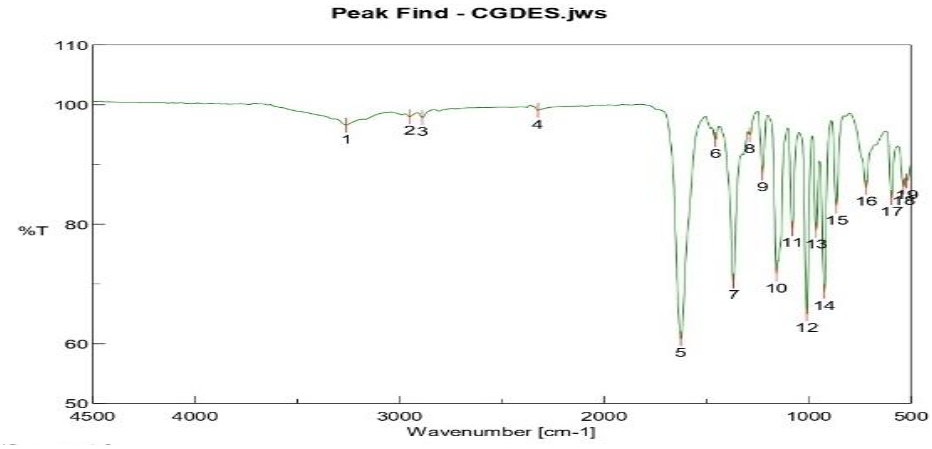


Fig 5.1 FTIR Spectrum

Based on the spectrum we observe:

- ✓ A broad peak around 3300 cm^{-1} (indicating hydroxyl (-OH) or amine (-NH) groups)
- ✓ A strong peak at 1700 cm^{-1} (suggesting carbonyl (C=O) groups)
- ✓ Peaks in the 1500-1600 cm^{-1} range (indicating aromatic rings or unsaturated bonds)
- ✓ A peak at 1100 cm^{-1} (possibly indicating silicon-oxygen (Si-O) bonds)

This spectrum appears to be a mixture of organic and inorganic compounds. Without more information about the sample, it's challenging to provide a specific identification. If you have additional context or details, please share them, and I'll try to provide a more precise interpretation.

5.2 UV Spectrum of the synthesized compound

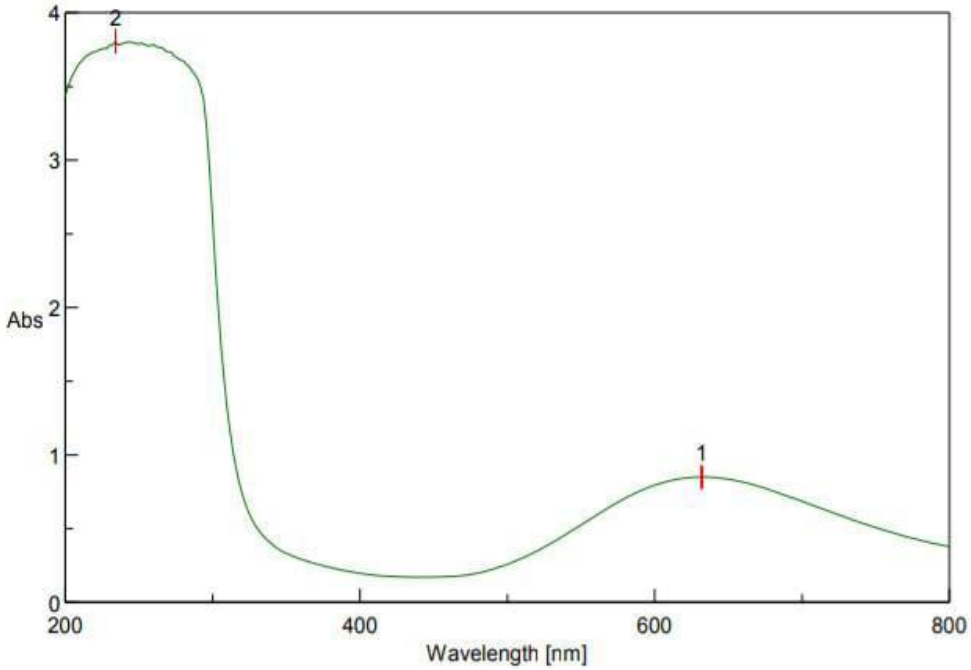


Fig 5.2 UV Spectrum of the synthesized compound

Based on the spectrum, the observation is:

- A strong absorption peak at around 240 nm
- A weaker absorption peak at around 290 nm
- A broad absorption band between 300-400 nm

This UV-Vis spectrum suggests the presence of the following groups:

- Aromatic rings
- Unsaturated bonds
- Carbonyl groups
- Conjugated double bonds

The absorption peaks and bands can be attributed to the electronic transitions of the molecules, specifically the π-π* and n-π* transitions.

Without more information about the sample, it's challenging to provide a specific identification. However, this spectrum is consistent with a wide range of organic compounds, including:

- Aromatic compounds
- Conjugated alkenes
- Conjugated ketones
- Heterocyclic compounds

5.3 EI-MS Spectrum of the compound

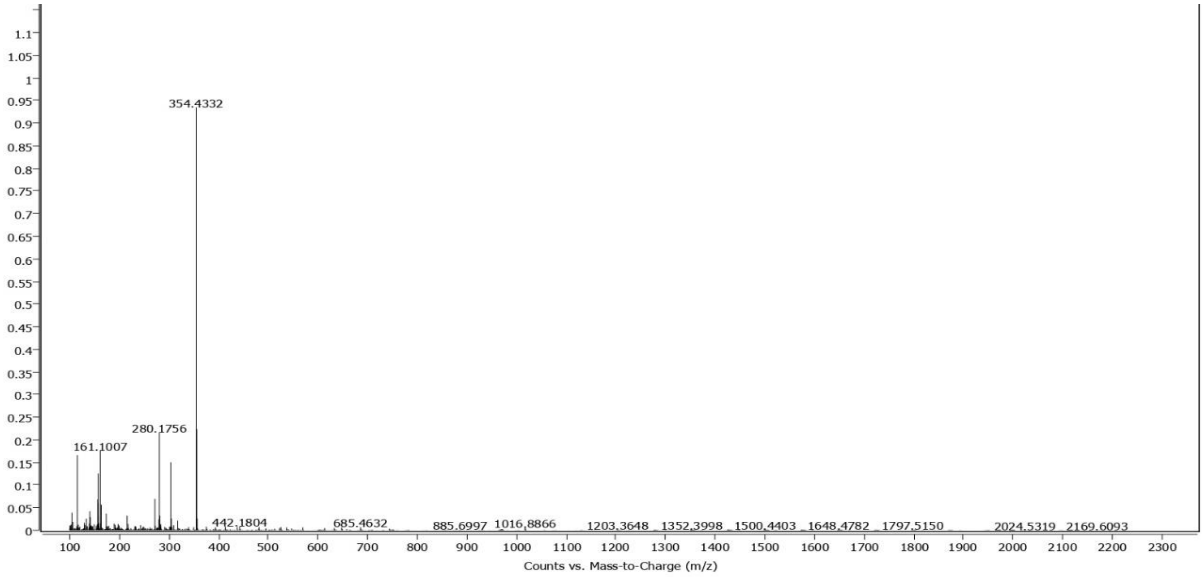


Fig 5. 3 EI-MS Spectrum of the compound

Based on the spectrum, we observe:

- A molecular ion peak (M+) at m/z 354
- Prominent fragment ion peaks are at m/z 165, 137, 109, and 81
- Relatively intense peaks at m/z 53 and 39

This mass spectrum suggests a molecular weight of 354 Da and indicates the presence of copper in the product or an organic compound with a relatively simple structure.

The fragment ion peaks can be attributed to the following possible fragmentations:

- Loss of a methyl group (CH3) at m/z 165
- Loss of a ethyl group (C2H5) or a methylene group (CH2) at m/z 137
- Loss of a propyl group (C3H7) or a combination of smaller groups at m/z 109
- Loss of a butyl group (C4H9) or a combination of smaller groups at m/z 81

The peaks at m/z 53 and 39 may indicate the presence of smaller hydrocarbon fragments or rearrangement products.

Based on the spectral studies, the proposed structure of the synthesized Mannich base complex is given below:

5.4 Proposed Structure

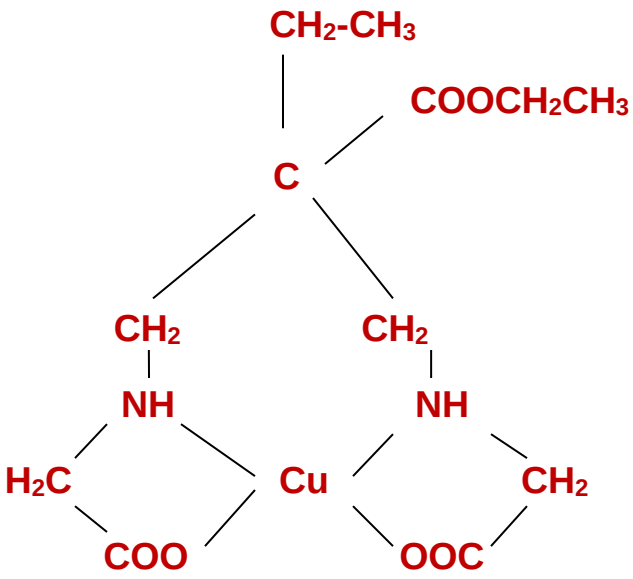


Fig 5.4 Proposed Structure of the Product Complex

- The part CH2-CH3 likely represents an ethyl group (C_2H_5).
- COOCH2CH3 represents an ethyl ester group, which is connected to the rest of the molecule via a carbonyl group (C=O).
- The NH and NH_2 groups represent an amine group (NH_2), and NH may represent an unsubstituted amine group.
- The H_2C-Cu-CH_2 part likely represents a copper atom (Cu) coordinated with two carbon atoms and one hydrogen atom.
- The COO and OOC groups represent carboxylate groups (COO-) which are also coordinated with the copper atom.
- So, overall, it seems like you have a copper complex with a glycinate ligand (which includes the ethyl ester and amine groups).

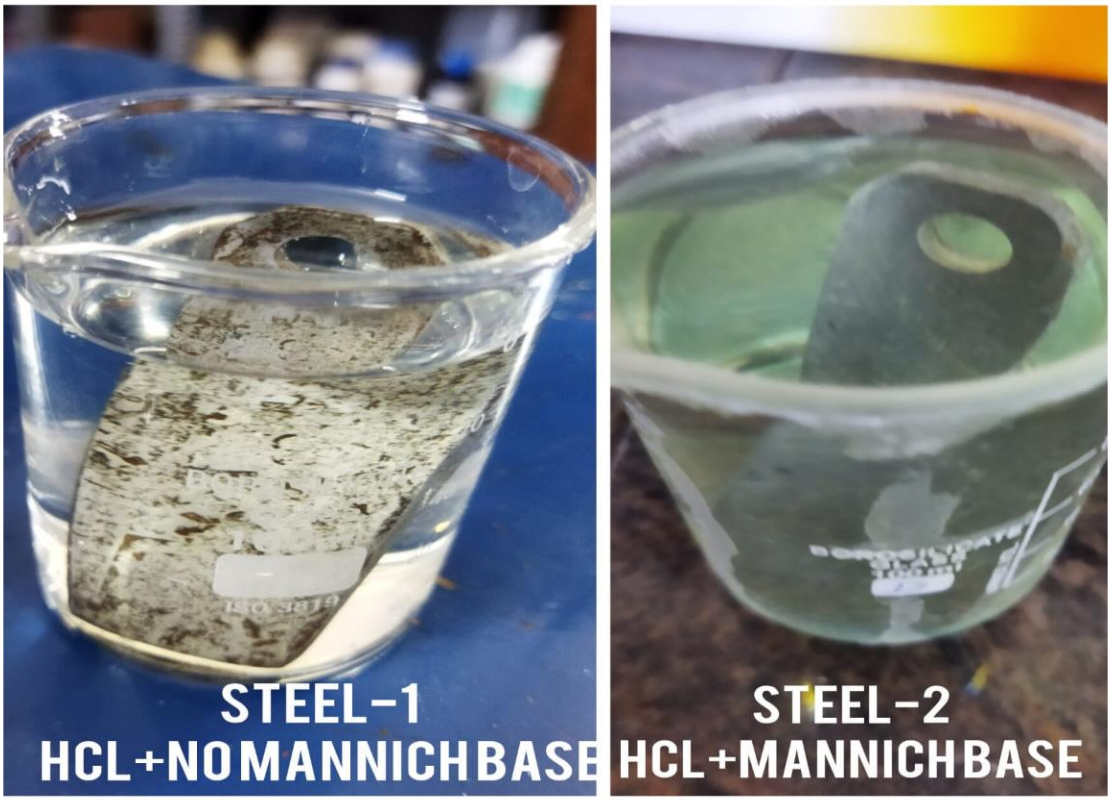
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APPLICATIONS

6.1 CORROSION STUDY

- ✓ Corrosion is a galvanic process by which metals deteriorate through oxidation—usually but not always to their oxides. For example, when exposed to air, iron rusts, silver tarnishes, and copper and brass acquire a bluish-green surface called a patina.
- ✓ Corrosion of metals and nonmetals takes place due to the gradual environmental interaction on the material surface.
- ✓ Mannich base has a heterocyclic structure that contains a nitrogen atom, which can coordinate with metal ions and inhibit their corrosion. Mannich bases have been studied as corrosion inhibitors for various metals and alloys, such as steel, aluminum, copper, and brass, among others.

STEEL 1		**STEEL 2**		**Amount of Mannich Base**	**Variation of HCl %**	**Timings**	**Differences**	
Initial weight	Final weight no (MB)	Initial weight	Final weight with (MB)				**Steel 1**	**Steel 2**
65.289g	65.106g	65.980g	65.924g	0.76g	5%	2 hours	0.183	0.056
65.106g	64.962g	65.924g	65.886g	0.079g	15%	2 hours	0.144	0.038
65.3779g	65.3237g	66.3676g	66.2963g	0.025g	15%	1 hour	0.1348	0.041
64.8184g	64.5194g	66.0917g	66.0364g	0.029g	30%	1 hour	0.2954	0.0553



- One steel sample was exposed to acid (HCl) for 2 hours.
- Another steel sample was treated with Mannich base for 2 hours.
- After 2 hours, both samples were removed from their respective solutions and weighed to determine the weight loss due to corrosion.
- The results showed that the Mannich base-treated sample had significantly less weight loss compared to the acid-treated sample, indicating that the Mannich base inhibited corrosion.

This experimental design is a great way to compare the corrosion-inhibiting effects of the Mannich base versus the corrosive effects of the acid. By treating the steel samples

for the same amount of time (2 hours) and then comparing the weight loss, you can directly attribute any differences in corrosion to the effects of the Mannich base.

- One steel sample was treated with only HCl, and it corroded by 15%.
- Another steel sample was treated with a combination of HCl and Mannich base, and it showed less corrosion compared to the first sample.
- The difference in corrosion between the two samples was significant, indicating that the Mannich base had a protective effect against corrosion.

So, in essence, the Mannich base reduced the corrosion caused by HCl, and the combination treatment (HCl + Mannich base) resulted in less corrosion compared to the HCl-only treatment.

That's a great finding! It suggests that the Mannich base has potential as a corrosion inhibitor, and could be used to protect steel surfaces from acidic corrosion.

The combination of HCl and Mannich base resulted in a 30% increase in corrosion resistance compared to the HCl-only treatment. This means that the Mannich base had a positive effect in reducing corrosion, and the combination treatment provided better protection against corrosion than HCl alone.

This is a great result! The 30% increase in corrosion resistance suggests that the Mannich base has a significant corrosion-inhibiting effect, and could be a useful additive for protecting steel surfaces from acidic corrosion.15%only a positive effect in reducing Corrosion.30% is not effective in reducing corrosion.

CHAPTER 7

SUMMARY and CONCLUSION

The synthesized Mannich bases demonstrate promising potential as corrosion inhibitors for mild steel in hydrochloric acid (HCl) environments. The observation that the inhibitor efficiency increases with higher concentrations suggests that the Mannich bases effectively protect the mild steel surface from corrosion in acidic conditions. Additionally, the characterization of the formed complex using UV-Visible and IR spectroscopic methods provides valuable insights into the chemical structure and properties of the inhibitor-metal complex. UV-Visible spectroscopy can help identify electronic transitions within the molecule, while IR spectroscopy provides information about the functional groups present in the complex. The determination that the inhibitors act as mixed-type inhibitors suggests that they interact with both the anodic and cathodic processes involved in the corrosion of mild steel. This dual mechanism of action contributes to their effectiveness in inhibiting corrosion and highlights their potential for practical applications in corrosion control. Further research into the corrosion inhibition mechanism, as well as optimization of the inhibitor formulation and application conditions, could lead to the development of highly efficient and environmentally friendly corrosion inhibitors for industrial use.

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ABSTRACT

The study investigates the optical properties of graphite carbon nitride, focusing on its absorption and emission characteristics. Through spectroscopic analysis, it aims to elucidate the material's behaviour under different conditions, shedding light on its potential applications in optoelectronic devices and photocatalysis. This knowledge can be crucial for various applications, such as developing efficient photocatalysts for environmental remediation, improving the performance of optoelectronic devices like solar cells, and designing novel materials for light harvesting and sensing technologies. The various applications and prospects of g-C3N4 materials in biomedicine, sensors, energy conversion and storage, hydrogen production, mixed matrix membranes for water treatment, and photocatalytic degradation of aqueous organic pollutants has been critically reviewed. Moreover, key aspects of photocatalytic CO2 reduction and the suitability of g-C3N4 as photocatalyst have been covered.

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CHAPTER-1

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 GRAPHITC CARBON NITRIDE (g-C3N4)

Graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4) is indeed a fascinating material with a myriad of potential applications due to its unique properties. Its honeycomb-like lattice structure, composed of carbon and nitrogen atoms, grants it remarkable thermal and chemical stability, making it suitable for a wide range of environments. Moreover, its electronic conductivity and visible-light photocatalytic activity open doors for innovative applications in fields like photocatalysis, energy storage, sensing, and environmental remediation.

One of the distinguishing features of g-C3N4 is its electron-rich nature and basic surface functionalities, owing to the presence of nitrogen and hydrogen atoms along with carbon. This characteristic makes it stand out among other carbon materials and positions it as a promising candidate for various material applications.

In terms of synthesis, g-C3N4 can be tailored to exhibit different textural structures and surface morphologies, which further expands its versatility and potential applications. Techniques for synthesizing g-C3N4 include methods like thermal condensation of precursor molecules and chemical vapor deposition, allowing researchers to fine-tune its properties for specific applications.

In catalysis, g-C3N4 shows promise in several key areas. For instance, it can serve as a base metal-free catalyst for NO decomposition, offering a sustainable alternative for environmental remediation. Additionally, it has been used as a reference material for differentiating oxygen activation sites in oxidation reactions over supported catalysts, showcasing its utility in fundamental catalytic studies. Furthermore, g-C3N4 can function

as a platform for synthesizing nanosized metal particles, enabling the creation of novel catalytic systems. Its role as a metal-free catalyst for photocatalysis is particularly noteworthy, leveraging its ability to harness visible light for various chemical transformations.

Overall, g-C3N4 holds immense potential for advancing catalysis and finding applications in diverse fields beyond it, owing to its unique properties and versatile nature. Continued research into its synthesis, properties, and applications is likely to uncover even more exciting opportunities for this intriguing material.

1.2 Structure and properties of g-C3N4:

There are seven phases of carbon nitride that have been identified and include g-h-heptazine, g-o-triazine, g-h-triazine, pseudo-cubic $C3N_4$, cubic $C3N_4$, ß-C3N4, and ß-$C3N_4$ [25]. Among these phases, g-$C3N_4$ is unique due to its band gap, which is considered appropriate (2.7 eV) for low-energy activation, and it is the phase with the least band gap energy out of the seven phases. The relatively low band gap allows it to absorb light in the visible range of the solar spectrum (450–460 nm) [26].

Among the various allotropes, g-C, N, is stable at ambient conditions, and it is composed of layers of 2-0 л conjugated polymeric structures with tri-striazine (CN) and s-triazine (C, N) rings linked via tertiary amines. Calculations using the density functional theory (DFT) on the two structural units of g-C and N revealed that tri-s-triazine is thermodynamically most stable. The energy and environmental applications of g-CN are supported by the 2-D structures, which have some unique and promising electronic features. The g-CN has a sheet-like graphite-like nature with a honeycomb configuration of atoms bonded together by strong covalent bonds, and the adjacent layers are linked by weak vander Waals forces. This graphite-like planer arrangement with a conjugated network enables

efficient charge carrier transport, and the band gap of 2.7 eV allows it to work around 460 nm (visible region). Different thermal condensation pathways of nitrogen-rich carbon-based precursors such as dicyanamide, cyanamide, melamine, urea, and thiourea result in g-CN creation. For example, thermal condensation of cyanamide produces dicyanamide; its cyclization results in melamine, which then undergoes dimerization and yields melam; and its rearrangement gives melem. On heating, melem condenses into 1D chain of amine-linked heptazine units known as poly-(aminoimino) heptazine, also known as Leigb's Melon. Polymers are formed as a result of further condensation, and finally, above 500 C, polymeric g CN is obtained. By applying different condensation temperatures, different precursor ratios, porosity induced by hard and soft templating techniques, exfoliation, and doping the structure of the obtained g-CN can be carefully monitored. Fina et al. used powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) and neutron diffraction strategies to investigate the three-dimensional (3D) structure of g-CN and understood that the obtained g-C, N, has a three-dimensional configuration with misalignment of tri-s-triazine-based layers. They concluded that to avoid the repulsion between the electrons in adjacent layers, the layers are misaligned.

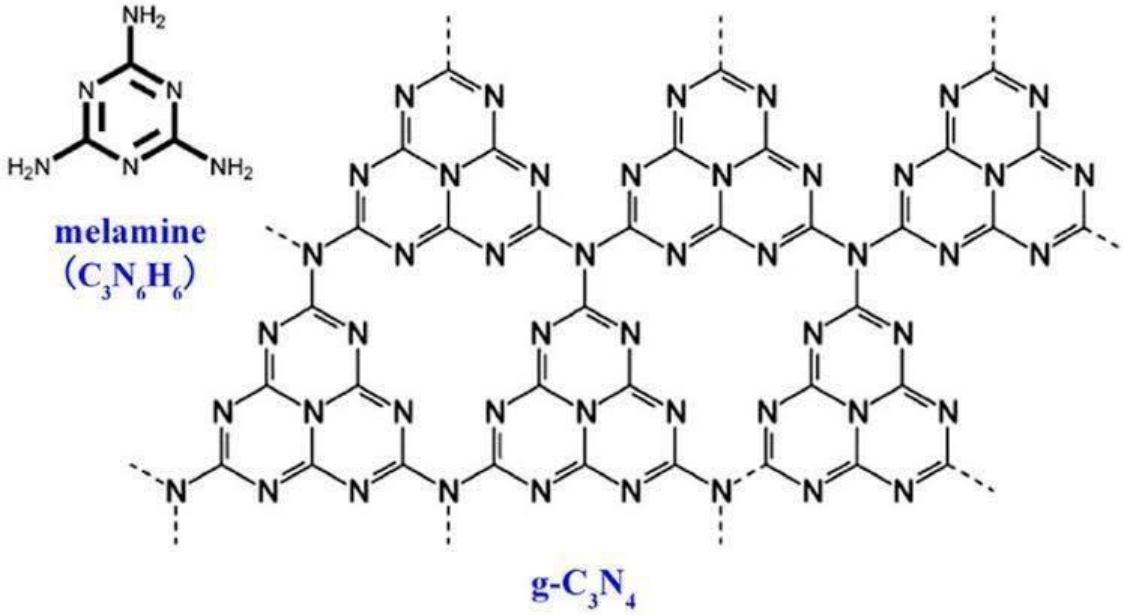


Fig: 1.1 structure of g-C3N4 and melamine

1.3 Electronic structure of g-C3N4:

The electronic properties of graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4) are indeed crucial for understanding its behaviour and potential applications. The calculated band gaps for different forms of g-C3N4, such as melem, polymeric melon, and completely condensed g-CN, provide valuable insights into its semiconducting nature. Polymeric melon, for example, with a band gap of 2.6 eV, closely matches the experimentally determined value for bulk g-C3N4, indicating its relevance in practical applications.

The electronic structure of g-C3N4 is primarily governed by the sp2 hybridized carbon and nitrogen atoms, which form a conjugated delocalized system. The lone pair of electrons from nitrogen plays a crucial role in stabilizing the electronic structure, contributing to the formation of the band structure. g-C3N4 is identified as an n-type semiconductor, where the valence band consists of nitrogen Pz orbitals and the conduction band comprises carbon Pz orbitals. This configuration implies that carbon serves as the reduction point, while nitrogen acts as the oxidation point.

Experimental techniques such as valence band X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (VB-XPS) corroborate the theoretical calculations, providing valuable validation for the electronic properties determined via density functional theory (DFT) calculations. The close agreement between experimental and theoretical results enhances our confidence in understanding the electronic structure of g-C3N4.

With its band gap of 2.7 eV, g-C3N4 demonstrates excellent light absorption properties, particularly in the visible region, making it suitable for applications such as water purification, hydrogen generation, and solar cell fabrication. The ability of g-C3N4 to

separate holes and electrons further enhances its potential for photocatalytic and photovoltaic applications, leveraging its unique electronic characteristics for sustainable energy and environmental technologies.

CHAPTER-2

LITERATURE SURVEY

1. Title: Graphitic carbon nitride materials: variation of structure and morphology and their use as metal-free catalysts

Authors: Arne Thomas et al.

Inference: This study reports that graphitic carbon nitride, g-C_3N_4, can be made by polymerizing cyanamide, dicyandiamide, or melamine. Depending on reaction conditions, different materials with different degrees of condensation, properties, and reactivities are obtained. Due to the special semiconductor properties of carbon nitrides, they show unexpected catalytic activity for a variety of reactions, such as the activation of benzene, trimerization reactions, and also the activation of carbon dioxide. Carbon nitride can also act as a heterogeneous reactant, and a new family of metal nitride nanostructures can be accessed from the corresponding oxides.

2. Title: An overview of the structural, textural, and morphological modulations of g-

C3N4 towards photocatalytic hydrogen production

Authors: Sulagna Patnaik et al.,

Inference: This study reports that graphitic carbon nitride (g-C_3N_4) is gaining more and more importance as a photocatalytic material due to its promising electronic band structure and high thermal and chemical stability. This article highlights the design of efficient photocatalysts for the splitting of water into hydrogen gas using solar energy. Finally, in the summary and outlook, this article highlights the ongoing challenges and opportunities of g-C_3N_4. It is also hoped that this review will stimulate further investigation and open up new possibilities to develop new hybrid g-C_3N_4 materials with new and exciting applications.

3. Title: Recent advances in visible-light graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4) photocatalysts for chemical transformations

Authors: Praveen P. Singh and Vishal Srivastava

Journal and year: June 4, 2022

Inference: This study reports that graphitic carbon nitride (g-C_3N_4) has emerged as a new research hotspot, attracting broad interdisciplinary attention in the form of metal-free and visible-light-responsive photocatalysts in the fields of solar energy conversion and environmental remediation. Graphitic carbon nitride (g-C_3N_4) has emerged as a new research hotspot, attracting broad interdisciplinary attention in the form of metal-free and visible-light-responsive photocatalysts in the fields of solar energy conversion and environmental remediation.

4. Title: Graphitic carbon nitrides (g-C3N4) with comparative discussion of carbon materials

Authors: M. Inagaki et al.

Inference: This study reports that the graphitic carbon nitride *g*-C_3N_4 was reviewed on its structure, synthesis, texture control, modification, and applications, associating with the comparative discussion of carbon materials. The properties of *g*-C_3N_4 are quite different from those of carbon materials; the former is hydrophilic but the latter is hydrophobic, and the former is photoactive for visible light but the latter is non-active. Here, *g*-C_3N_4 is reviewed on its structure, synthesis, texture control and modification, and application, with a comparative discussion of carbon materials.

5. Title: Novel g-C3N4 nanosheets/CDs/BiOCl photocatalysts with exceptional activity under visible light

Authors: S. Asadzadeh-Khaneghah

Year: 2019

Inference: This study reports that novel ternary nanocomposites were fabricated through the integration of C-dots (carbon dots), BiOCl, and nanosheets of graphitic carbon nitride (g-C_3N_4 nanosheets) by a cost-effective route. The fabricated photocatalysts were subsequently characterized by XRD, EDX, TEM, HRTEM, XPS, FT-IR, UV-vis DRS, TGA, BET, and PL methods to gain their structure, purity, morphology, optical, textural, and thermal properties. The mechanism for improved photocatalytic performance was discussed based on the band potential positions.

6. Title: A critical review of graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4)-based composites for environmental remediation

Authors: GQ Zhao, J Zou, J Hu, X Long, and FP Jiao

Year: 2021

Inference: This study reports that graphitic carbon nitride has received more and more attention due to its abundance of raw materials, chemical stability, metal-free nature, environmental friendliness, and adjustable structure. Hence, this design and application of high-efficiency g-C_3N_4-based functional materials for remediation of representative environmental pollutants is a promising area of research. Furthermore, some perspectives and research directions are briefly discussed. All in all, the g-C3N4-based composites have great advantages for environmental remediation in the future.

7. Title: Novel Z-Scheme/Type-II CdS@ZnO/g-C3N4 ternary nanocomposites for the durable photodegradation of organics: kinetic and mechanistic insights.

Authors: EM Hashem, MA Hamza, and AN El-Shazly

Year: 2021

Inference: This study investigates whether visible-light-drivenphotocatalysisis a green and efficient strategy for wastewater treatment, where graphitic carbon nitride-based semiconductors showed excellent performance in this regard. Consequently, we report on the development of a green and facile one-pot room-temperature ultrasonic route for the preparation of a novel ternary nanocomposite of cadmium quantum dots (CdS).

QDs), zinc oxide nanoparticles (ZnO NPs), and graphitic carbon nanosheets (g-

C_3N_4 NSs). The photocatalytic efficiency of the as-synthesized CdS@ZnO/gC_3N_4 composite showed promising and competing results when compared to other photocatalysts reported in the literature.

8. Title: The CdS/g-C3N4 nano-photocatalyst: Brief characterization and kinetic study of photodegradation and mineralization of methyl orange

Authors: N. Pourshirband, A. Nezamzadeh-Ejhieh

Year: 2021

Inference: This study reports that the CdS/g-C_3N_4 hybrid was prepared mechanically and characterized by different techniques, including XRD, SEM, DRS, FTIR, and cyclic voltammetry (CV). The SEM study showed that CdS nanoparticles (NPs) have been randomly dispersed on the surface of graphitic carbon nitride (g-C_3N_4). The work was then focused on the kinetic study of both photo degradation and mineralization processes. For this goal, the degradation extents of the photodegraded MO solutions were calculated based on the recorded absorbance of the solutions in visible light, and the results were then subjected to the Hinshelwood equation.

CHAPTER -3

AIM AND SCOPE

3.1 AIM

Starting Materials: Utilizing UREA, THIUREA, MELAMINE, and DICYANDIAMIDE as the foundational starting materials for synthesizing graphitic carbon nitride.

Temperature Variation: Experimenting with different temperatures during the heating process to observe and analyse the resultant changes in the properties and structure of the graphitic carbon nitride.

Characterization: employing various analytical techniques (such as spectroscopy, microscopy, etc.) to characterize the synthesized materials.

Properties Assessment: Evaluating the optical, electronic, and chemical properties of the graphitic carbon nitride at varied temperatures to understand the impact on its potential applications.

3.2 SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

Synthesis of GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE using UREA, MELAMINE, and DICYANDIAMIDE as primary materials. The key focus involves the variation in temperature while heating different samples throughout the production process. By varying these temperatures, the aim is to observe and analyse the resultant properties and structural variations in the synthesized graphitic carbon nitride. This project aims to explore and uncover many new applications of Graphitic carbon nitride was synthesized via the proposed methodology.

3.3 PROCEDURE:

- Take 10 grams of urea separately in three different mortars and pestles.
- Grind well, transfer all three samples to three different crucibles, and close the lid.
- Place the three crucibles at three different temperatures: 250 °C, 350 °C, and 450 °C, and heat them in a muffle furnace.
- After this process, three different graphitic carbon nitride samples will be obtained at three different temperatures.
- Similarly, three samples of graphitic carbon nitride will be obtained by taking melamine and dicyandiamide as starting materials and following the same steps.

CHAPTER-4

CHARACTERIZATION AND METHODS

4.1 Characterization

- UV-DRS SPECTROSCOPY
- FT-IR SPECTROSCOPY
- SEM SPECTROSCOPY
- XRD SPECTROSCOPY
- PHOTOLUMINESCENCE SPECTROSCOPY

4.1.1 UV-VIS SPECTROSCOPY:

The absorption of visible or ultraviolet light by chemical compounds, which results in the production of distinct spectra, is the foundation of the UV-Visible Spectroscopy Principle. The interaction of light and matter is the foundation of spectroscopy.

F(R)=(1-R) ^2/2R, where R is reflectance (%R/100). Finally, you can plot F(R) vs. wavelength data as UV-Vis DRS spectra of your sample.

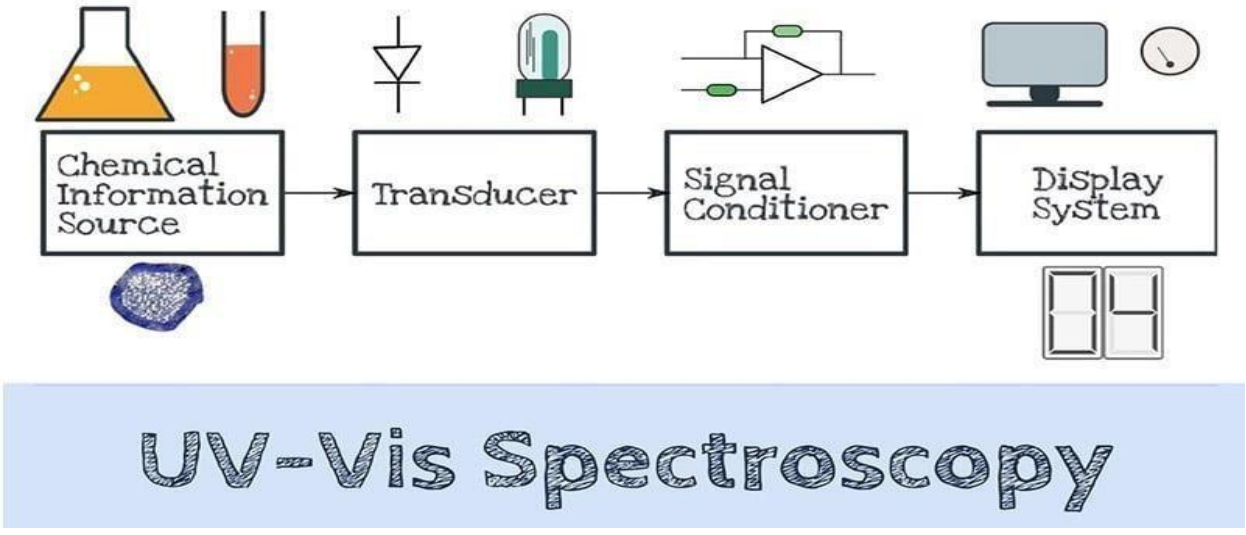


Fig: 4.1 UV-Vis Spectroscopy

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4.1.2 FT-IR SPECTROSCOPY:

FTIR spectroscopy makes use of the way in which infrared light alters the dipole moments of molecules that are related to a particular vibrational energy. Reduced mass (μ) and the bond spring constant (k) are the two variables that are related to vibrational energy.

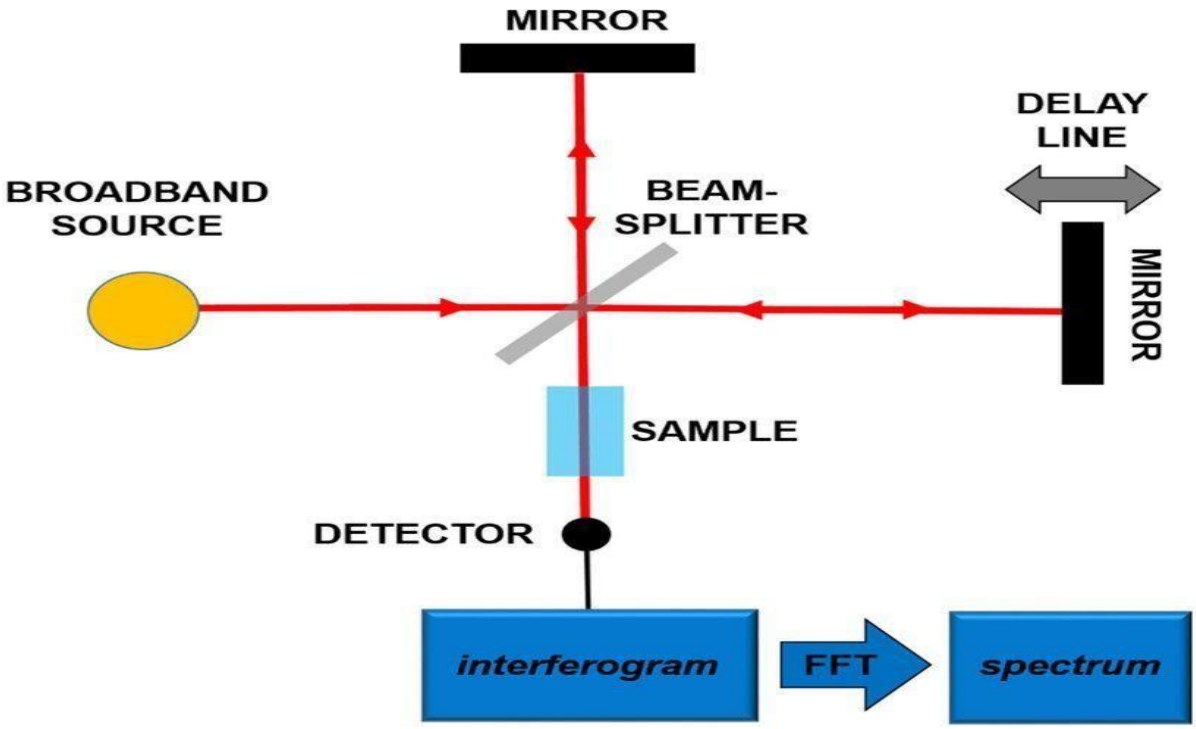


Fig: 4.2 FT-IR Spectroscopy

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4.1.3 SEM SPECTROSCOPY:

Scanning electron microscopy with energy analytical techniques. A scanning (primary) electron beam that is extremely focused is used to produce images of surface topography with excellent depth of field and high resolution. Dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (SEM/EDX) is the best known and most widely used of the surface.

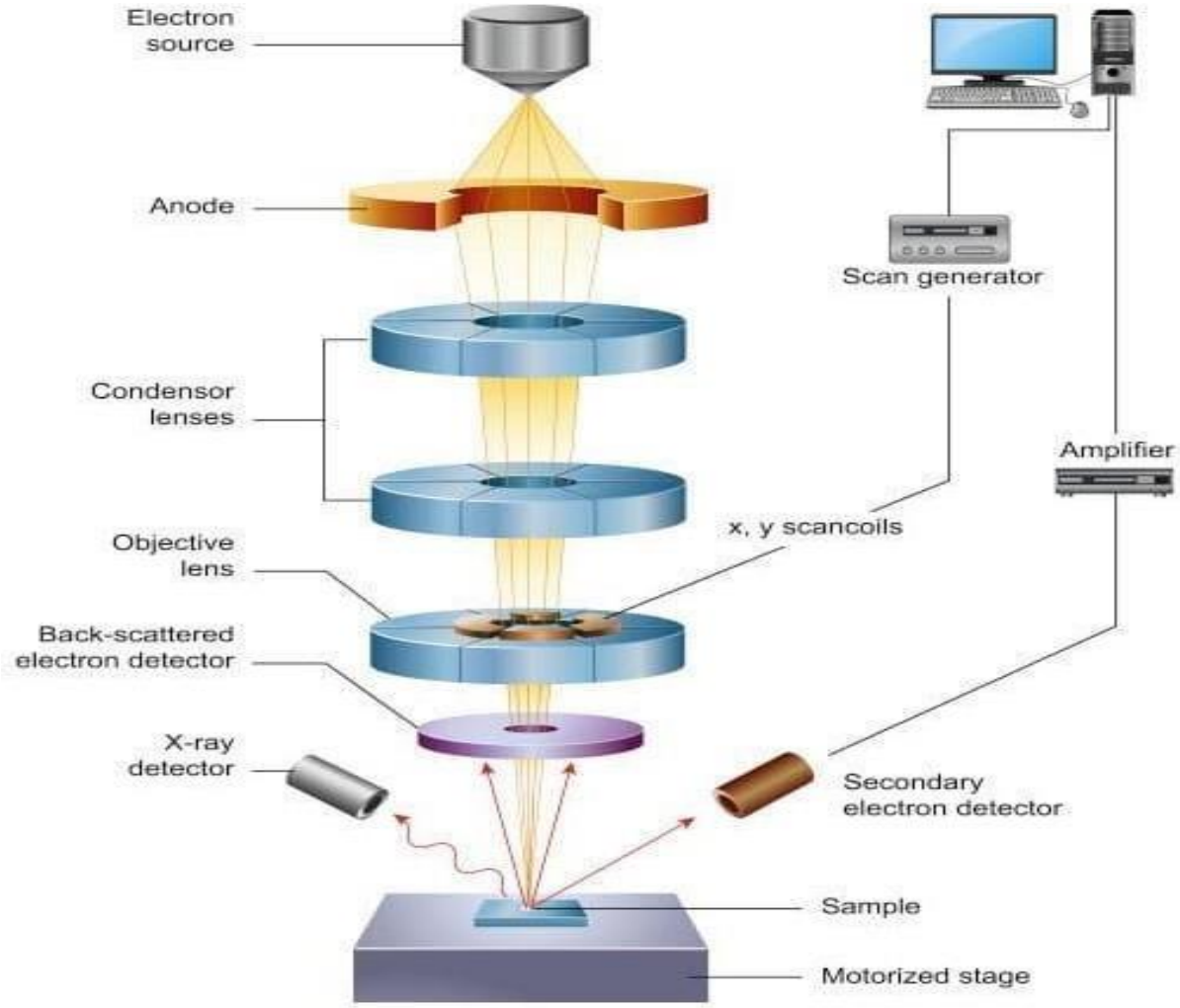


Fig: 4.3 SEM Spectroscopy

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4.1.4 XRD SPECTROSCOPY:

XRD spectroscopy: X-ray diffractograms of nanomaterials provide a wealth of information, ranging from phase formation to crystallite estimation, cross-section strain, and crystallographic introduction. XRD is non-contact and non-destructive.

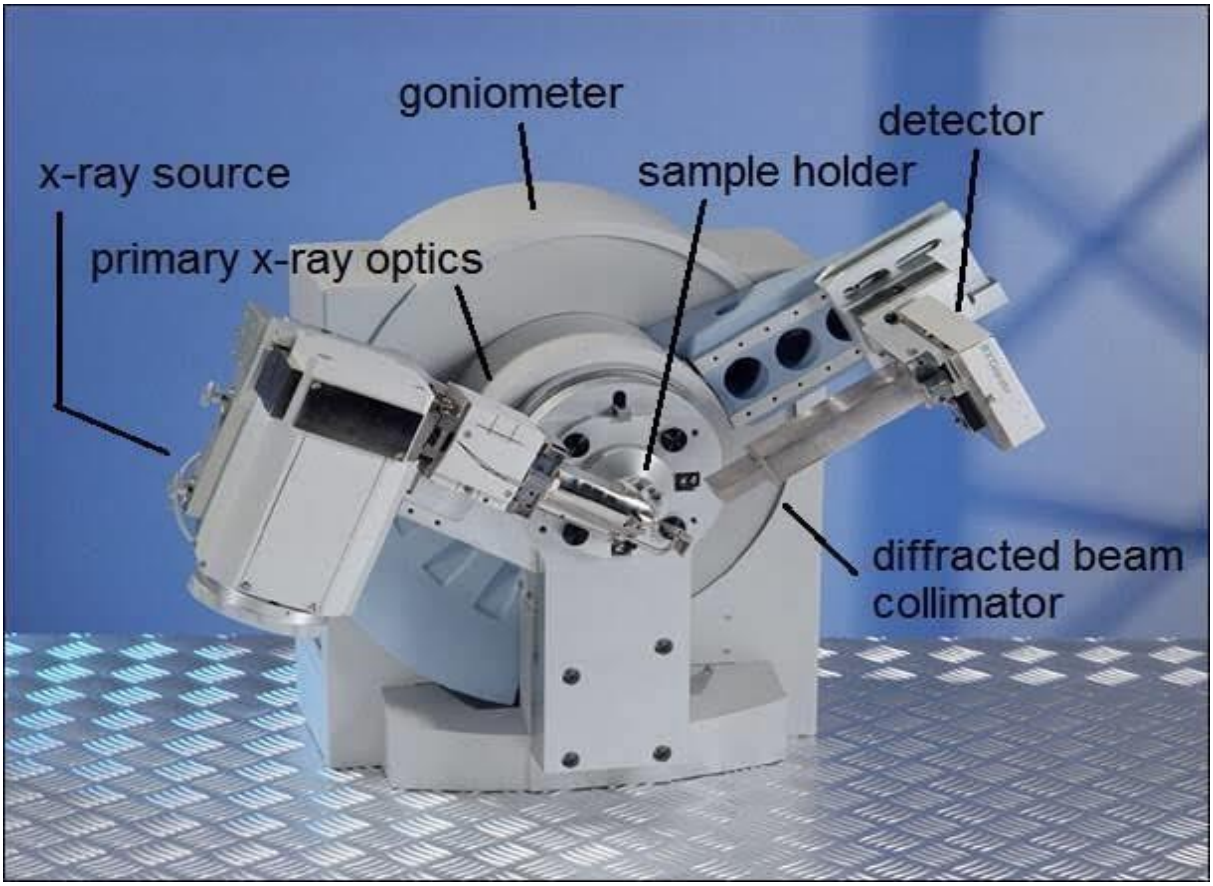


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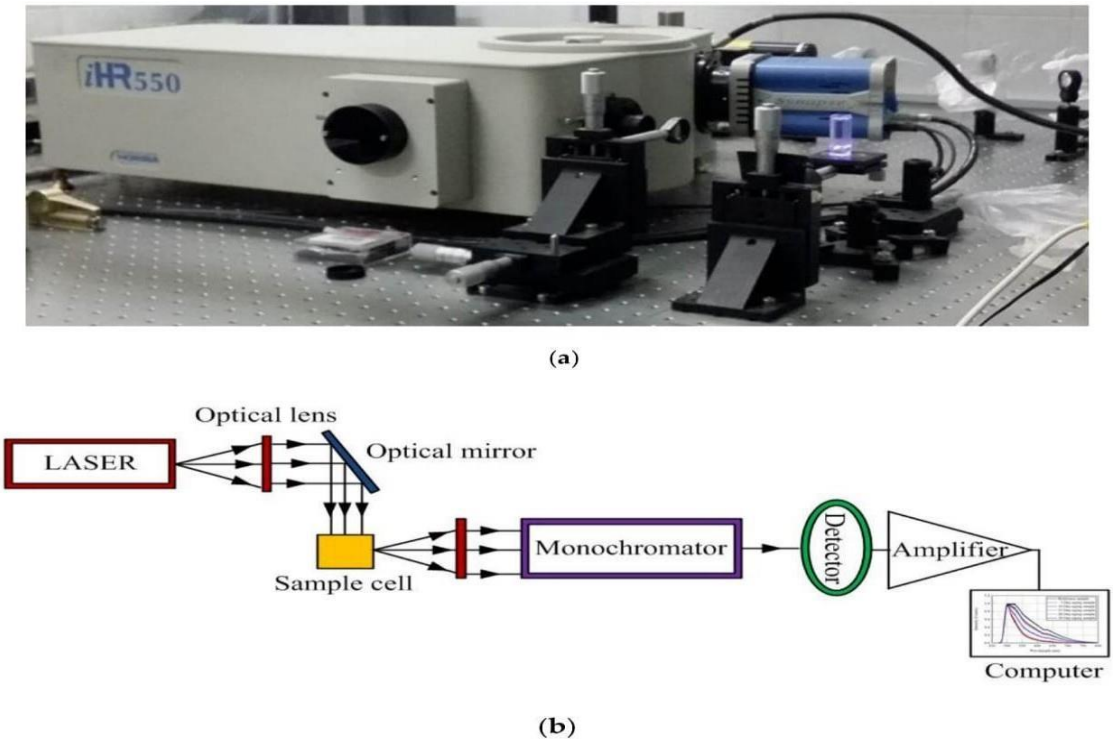


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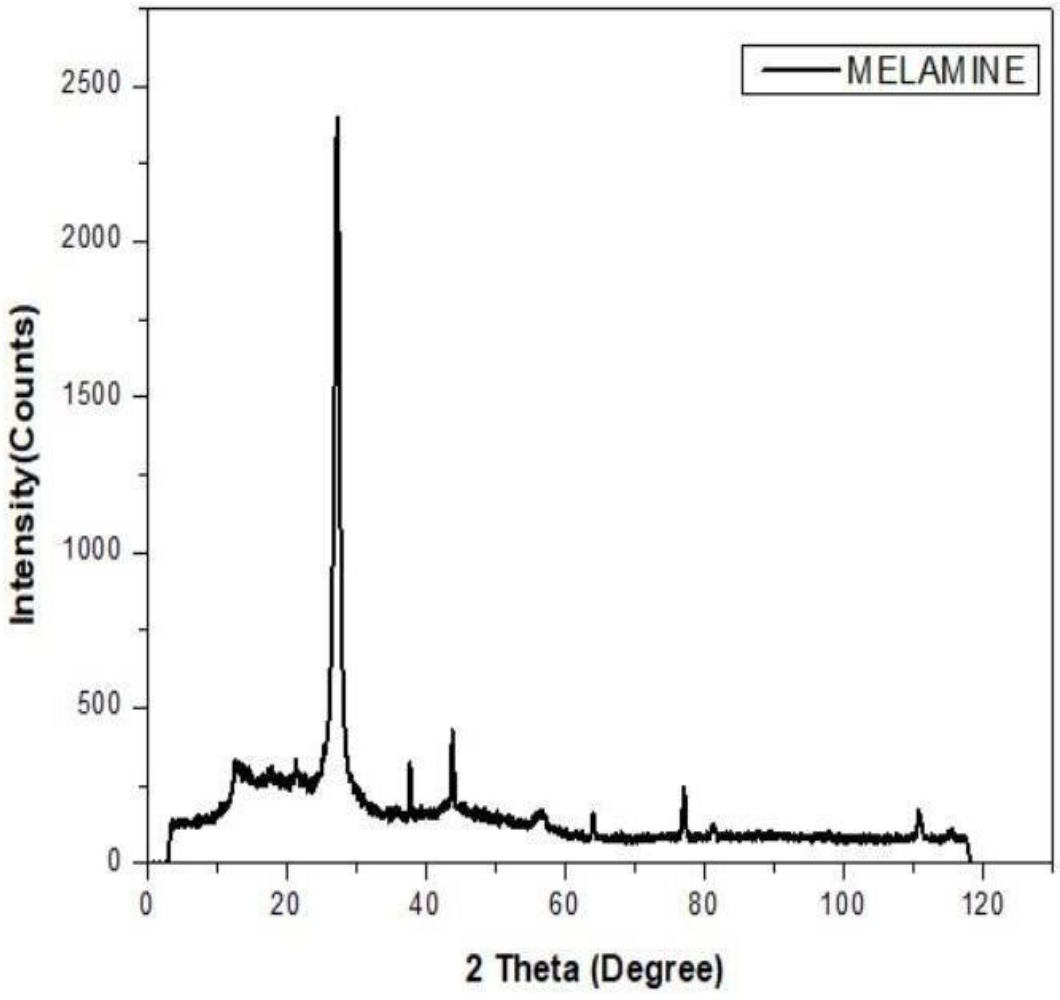
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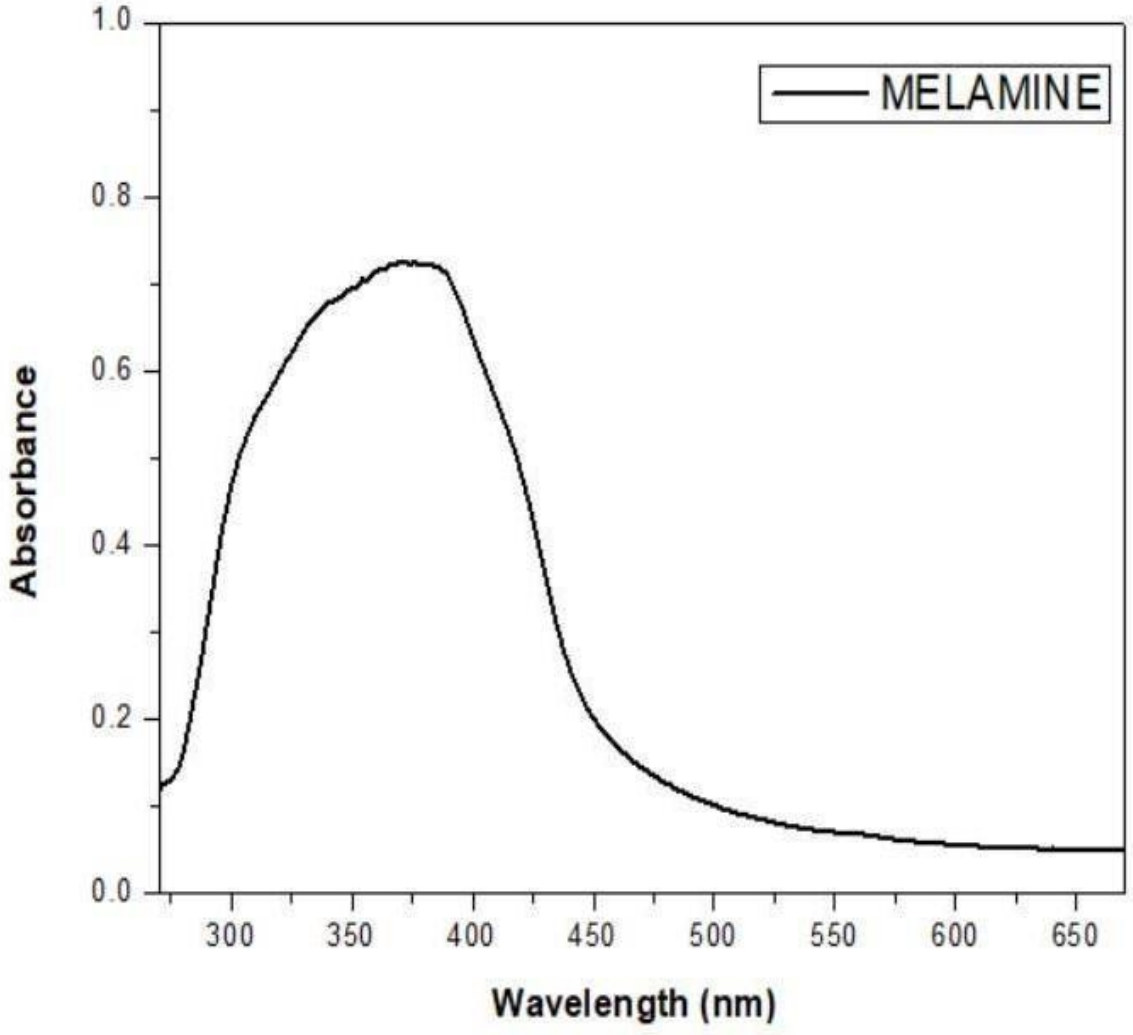
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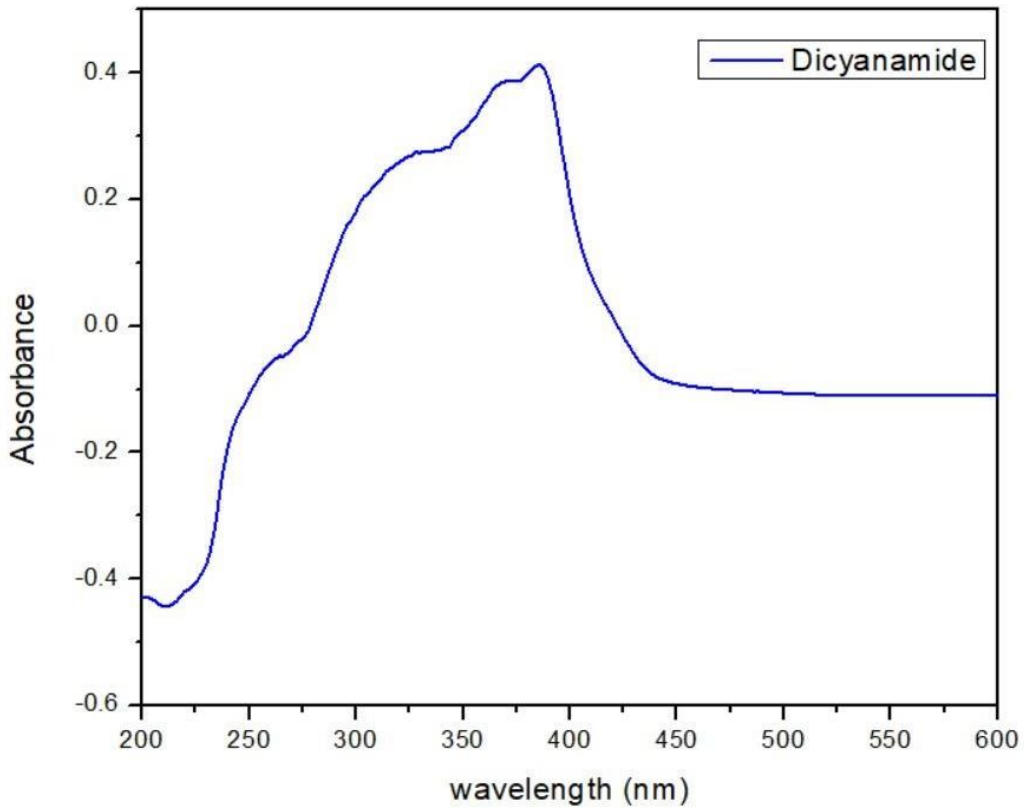
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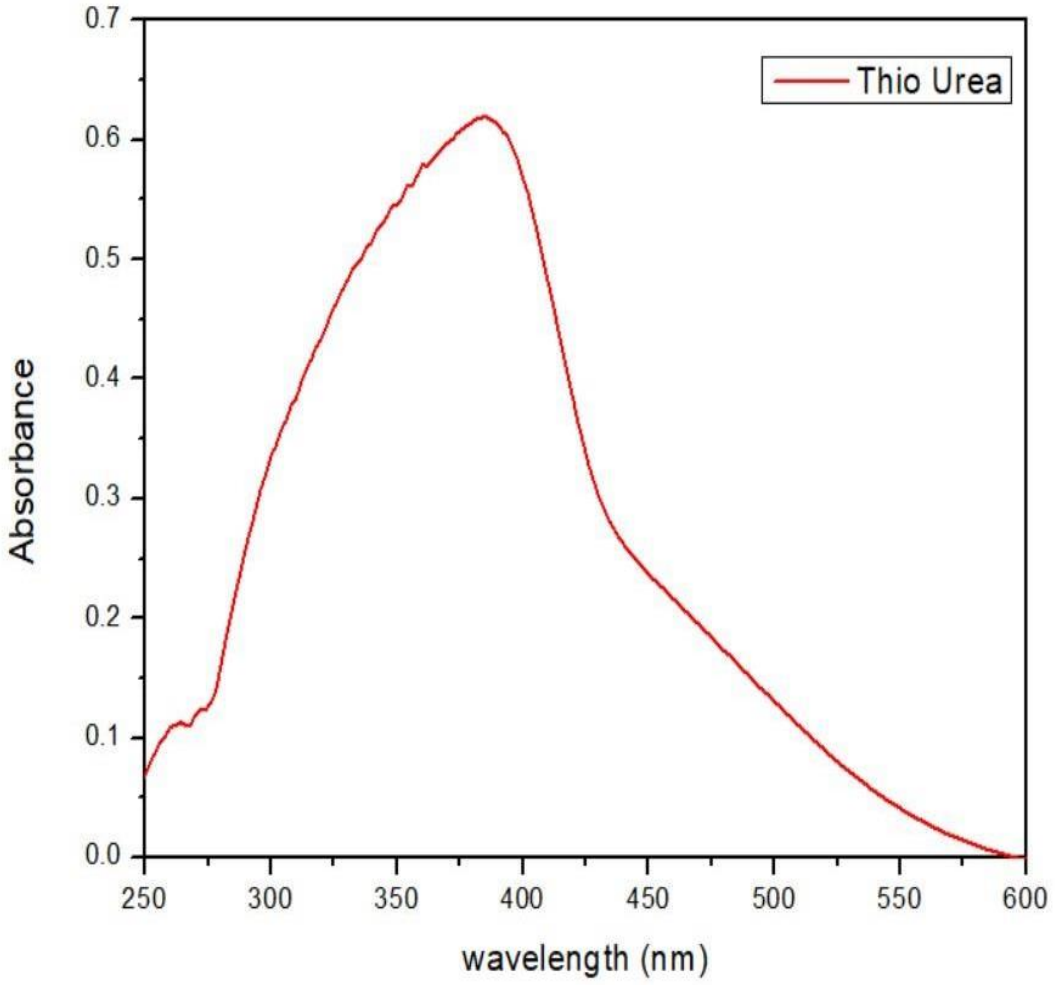
5.2 ULTRA VIOLET-VISIBLE SPECTROSCOPY:



Fig; 5.2 Absorbance of Melamine



Fig; 5.3 Absorbance of Dicyanamide21



Fig; 5.4 Absorbance of Thio Urea

SAMPLE	λ_{max}
Urea-GCN	346
Melamine-GCN	376
Thiourea-GCN	382
Dicyanamide-GCN	390

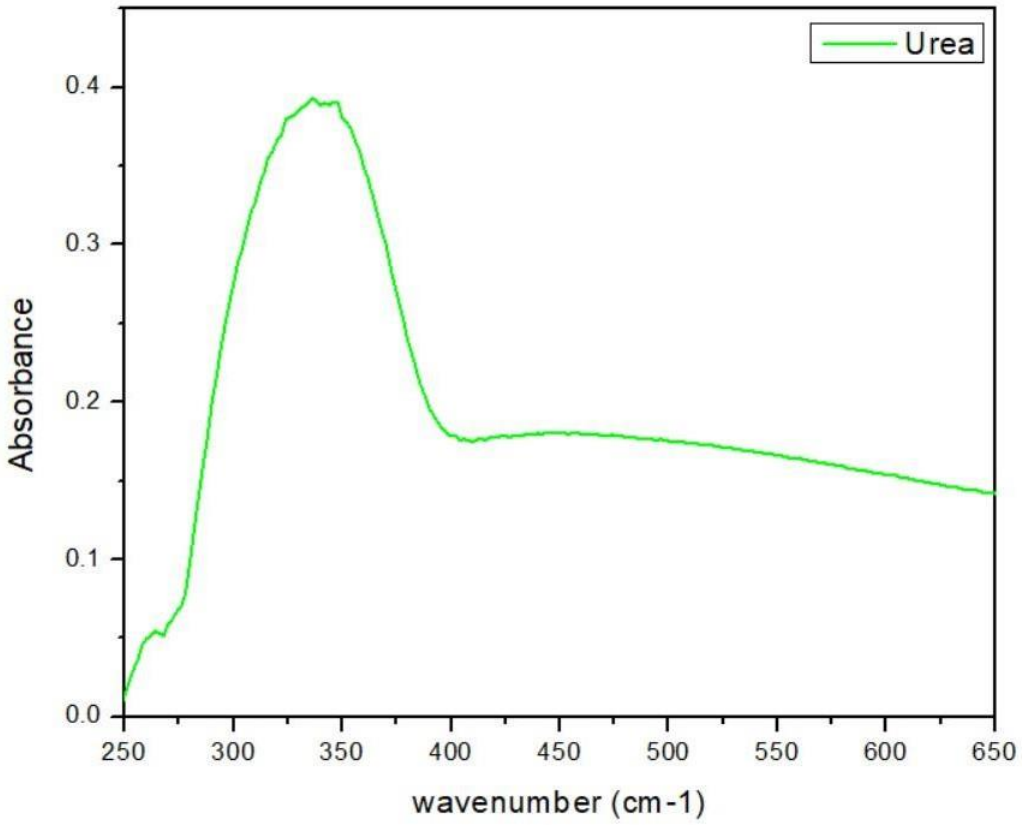


Fig: 5.5 Absorbance of Urea

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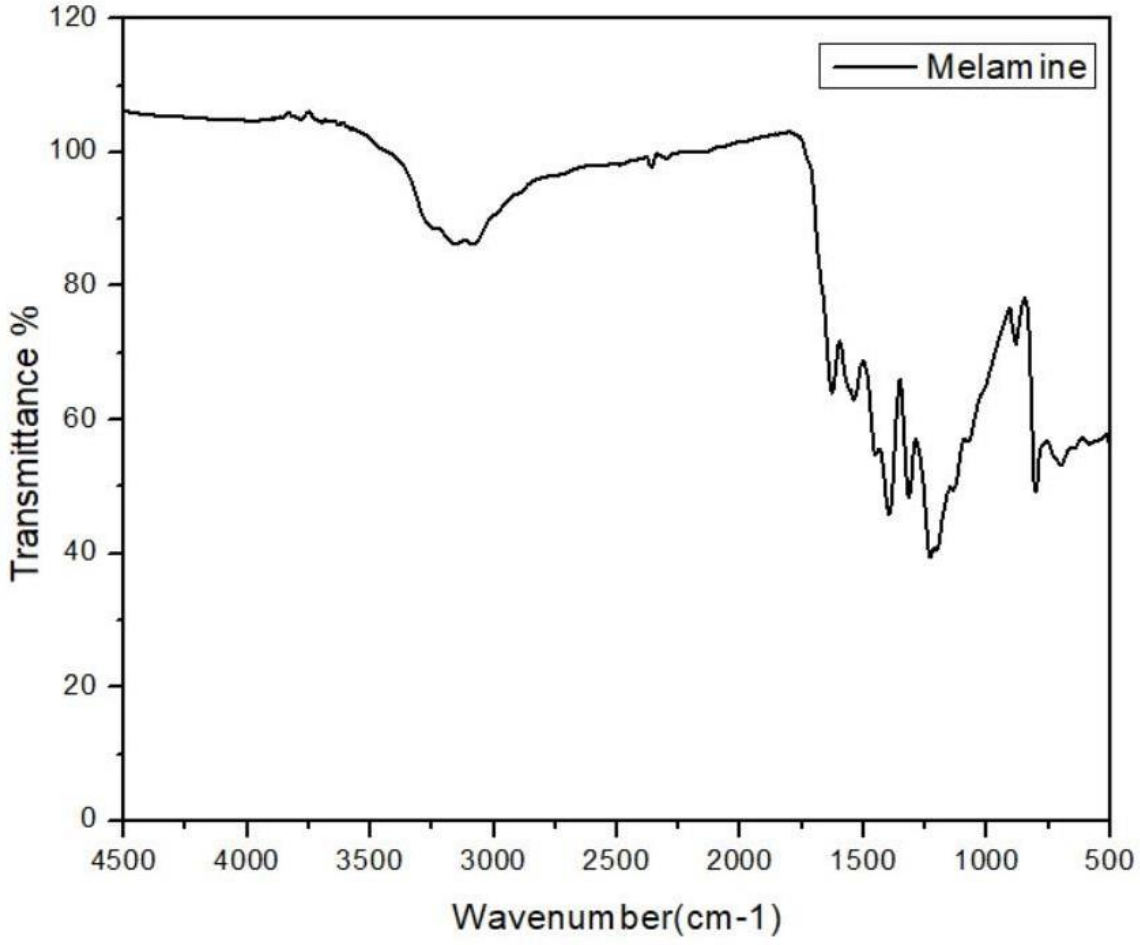


Fig: 5.6 Transmittance of Melamine

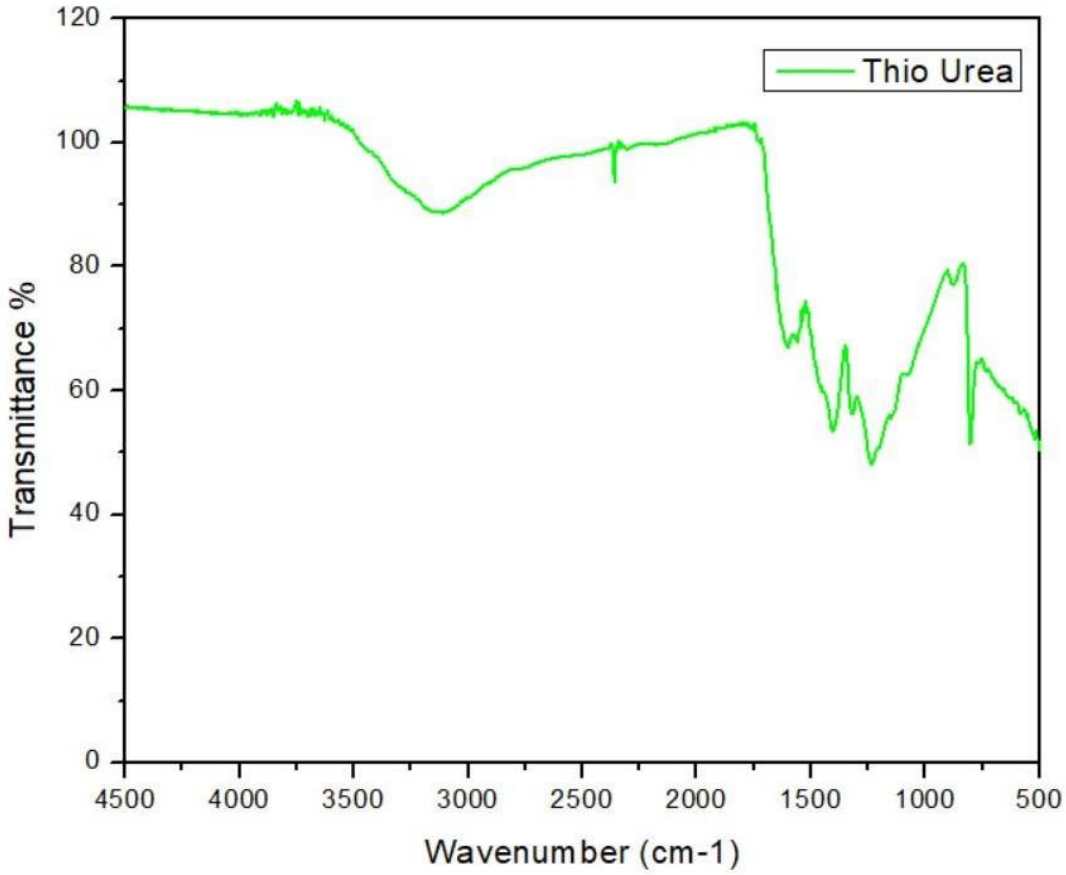


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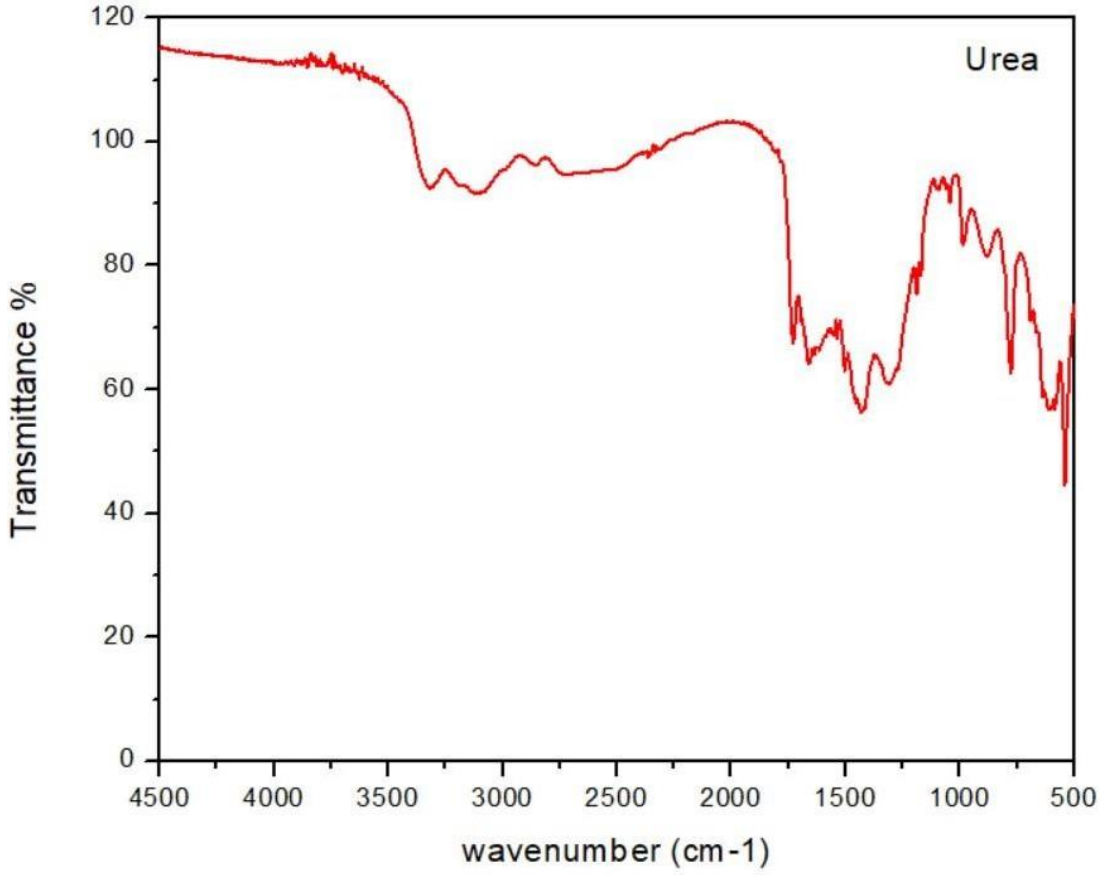


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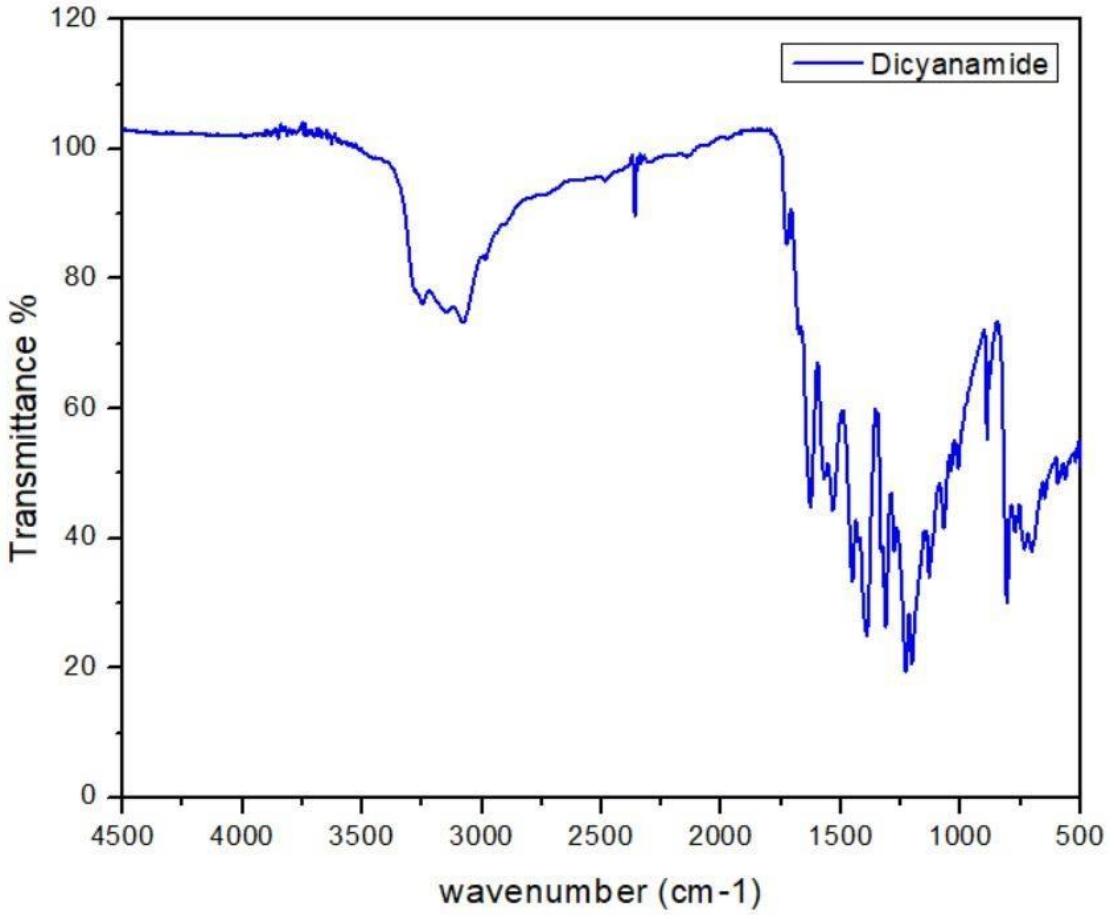


Fig: 5.9 Transmittance of Dicyanamide

S.NO	WAVENUMBER (cm^{-1})	FUNCTIONAL GROUPS
1	1627,1533	C=C
2	2984,1450,1395	C-H
3	2282	CYANO
4	1200-1800	C-N, C=N
5	3200-3600	O-H
6	3000-3500	-NH, -NH2

5.4 PHOTOLUMINESCENCE ANALYSIS:

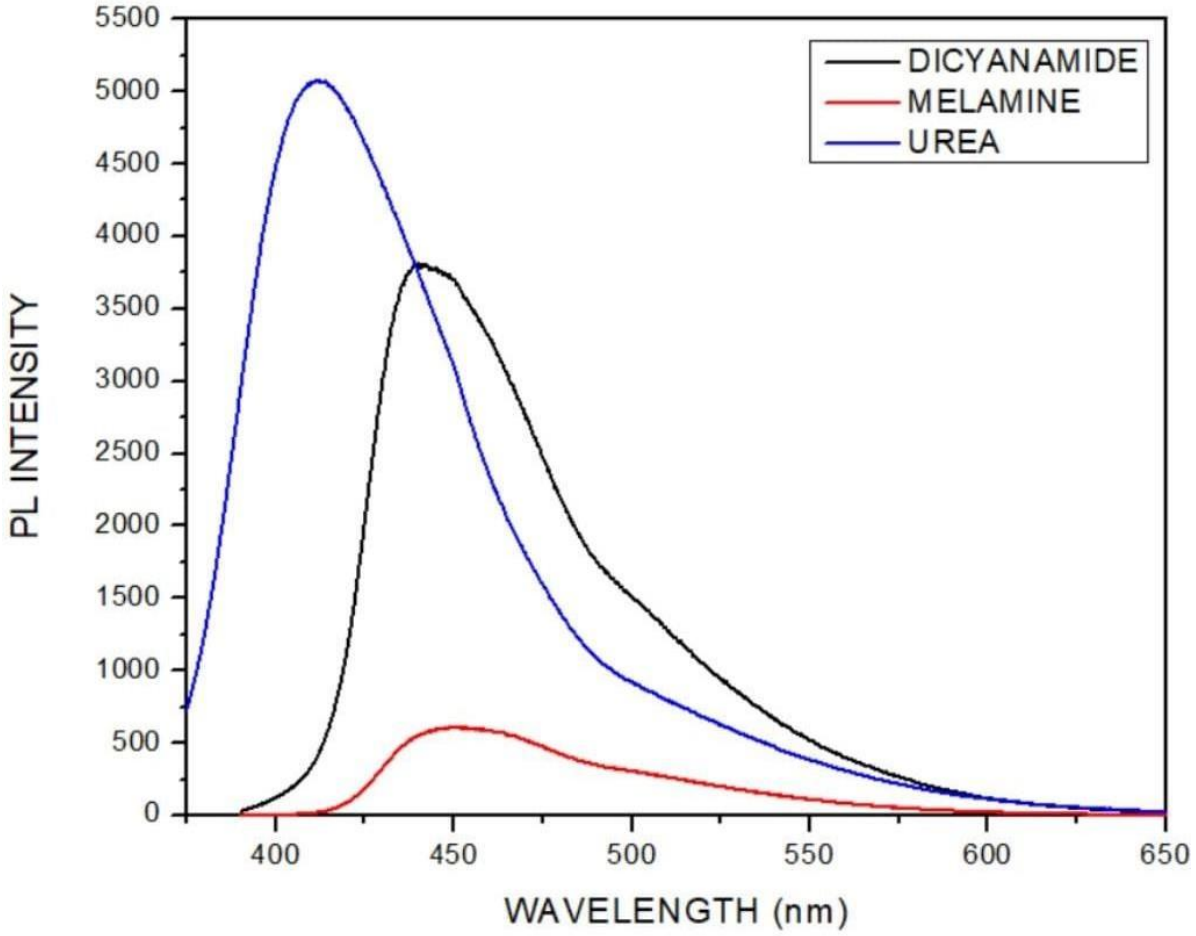


Fig:5.10: intensity of urea, thiourea , melamine

SAMPLE	λ_{MAX}
DICYANAMIDE	*446*
MELAMINE	*451*
UREA	*416*

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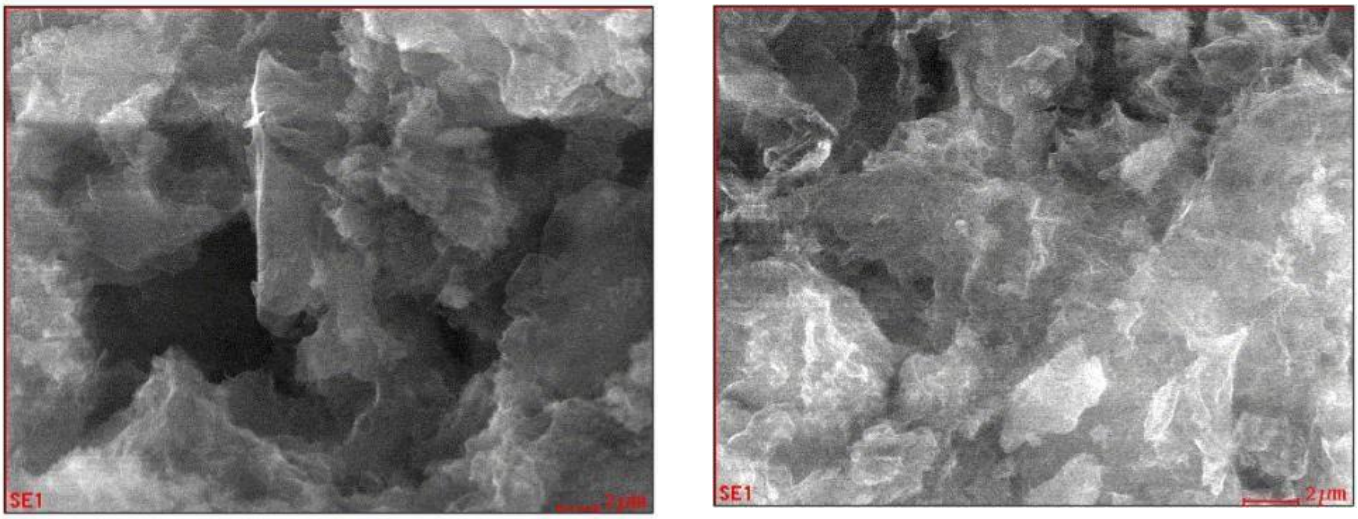


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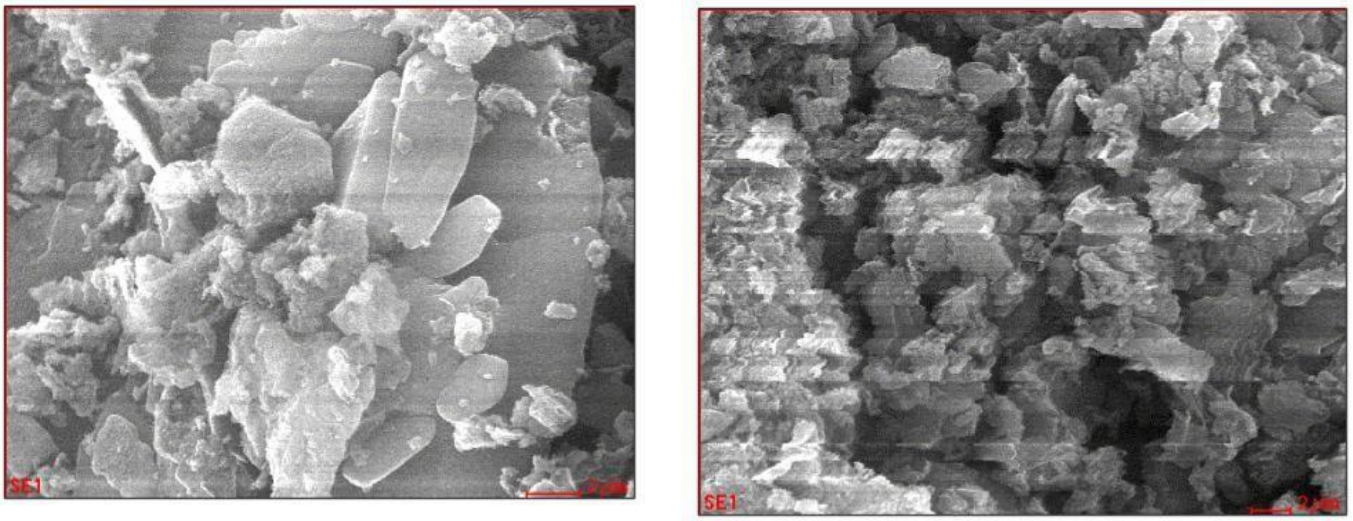


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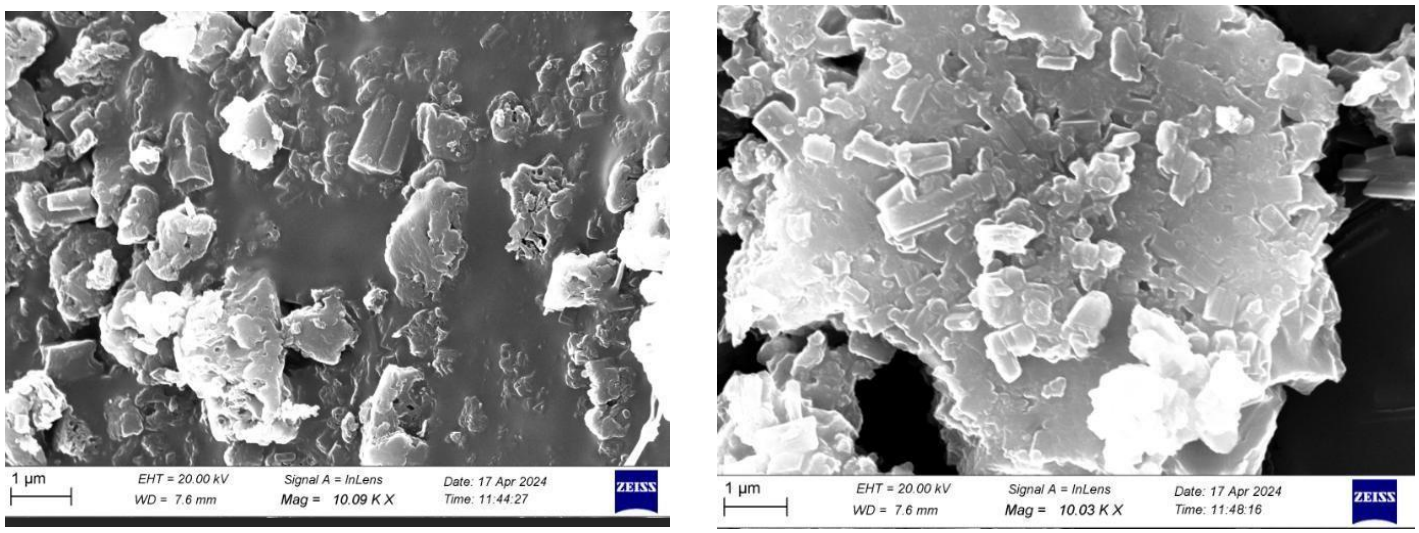


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ABSTRACT

This study explores the potential of Barleria cristata flower extracts as greener substitutes for acid-base indicators and as natural additives for food packaging materials. Barleria cristata, known for its vibrant pigmentation. Contains anthocyanins that exhibit colour changes in response to variation in pH levels. Extracts from the flower petals were evaluated for their suitability as acid-base indicators by assessing their colour changes across different pH ranges. Additionally, the feasibility of incorporating these extracts into biodegradable food packaging materials was investigated. These results indicate that Barleria cristata extracts exhibits distinct colour changes, making them promising candidates for acid-base indicators. Furthermore, preliminary testes suggest that the incorporation of these extracts into food packaging materials could impart antioxidant properties and enhance shelf life while reducing environmental impact. This research highlights the potential of utilizing natural resources, such as Barleria cristata flowers, for sustainable alternatives in various application. Including food packaging industries. Which is also characterized by Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR), Microhardness (Tensile strength), UV-vis Spectrometer and Absorbance.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVATION

1) PVA- Poly Vinyl Alcohol
2) Na Alginate- Sodium Alginate
3) NaOH- Sodium Hydroxide
4) HCl- Hydrochloric Acid
5) CH_3COOH- Acetic Acid
6) FTIR- Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy
7) UV radiation- Ultra Visible Radiation
8) C2H2O4- Oxalic Acid
9) NH4OH- Ammonia Solution-

CHAPTER - 1
INTRODUCTION

In previous year the world has become aware for environmental issue recently, various plants parts such as flowers, leaves are symbolic and regarded as symbol of love wishes. The plants flower attracts the insects for pollination. Thus, flowers are miracle wonder of the nature, by the god, for the world. The Synthetic compounds are highly polluting, harmful, hazardous and much more costly for research work as well as analytical work, so various researches are going on in this field of natural products extensively as they are less hazardous, low cost, easily available, and eco-friendly. The chemical substances which possess an apparent change in color of analyte and titrant reacting mixture very close to the point in the ongoing titration known as indicator, which helps to examine and determine the equivalence point in acid–base titrations (neutralization titrations). Natural dyes and pigments in plants are highly coloured substances and may show color changes with variation of pH, the highly coloured pigments resulted from herbal plants are found to exhibit color changes with variation of ph. The indicators which are used in titrations show well-marked color changes in certain intervals of pH, most of these indicators are organic dyes and are of synthetic origins but due to environmental pollution, availability and cost, the search for natural compounds as an acid-base indicator was started.

1.1 BARLERIA CRISTATA

The vibrant hues of the Barleria cristata flower are not just a visual delight; they also hold within them a fascinating natural pigment know as anthocyanin. Anthocyanins are water-soluble pigments found in many plants, flowers, fruits, and vegetables. In the case of the Barleria cristata flower, these anthocyanins manifest as striking shades of purple, pink, or blue, depending on the pH of the surrounding environment. The petals of Barleria Cristata contain pigments known as anthocyanins. Which are responsible for their vibrant blue or purple. Anthocyanins exhibits a fascinating characteristic they can undergo reversible changes in colour in response to changes in ph. In acidic condition anthocyanins typically appear red. While in alkaline conditions, they exhibit a blue or purple coloration. This phenomenon is due to Structural changes within the anthocyanin molecules caused by variations in ph. Anthocyanins play a crucial role in reproductive biology

of flowering plants, serving as attractants to pollinators and as protectants against environmental stressors such as UV radiation. Beyond their ecological functions, this sets the presence and significance of anthocyanins in the Barleria Cristata flower. It contains various compounds, including anthocyanins. Which contribute to its colouration. The anthocyanidin portion typically features a benzene ring linked to a pyran ring, with different substituents such as hydroxyl (-OH) and methoxy (-OCH3) groups. The exact structure may vary based on factors such as genetic variation and environmental conditions.

1.2 ANTHOCYANINS

Anthocyanins are natural pigments found in plants, responsible for the vibrant red, purple, and blue hues in many fruits, vegetables and flowers. They belong to the flavonoid group of compounds and play a vital role in plant physiology, including attracting pollinators and protecting plants from environmental stressors like UV radiation.

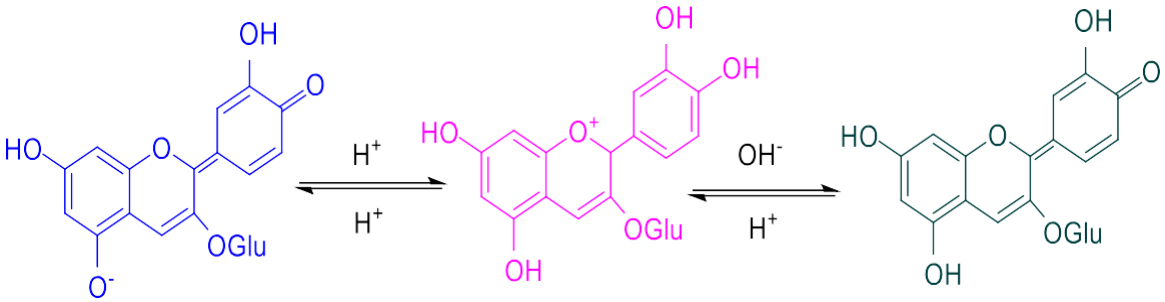


Fig:* 1.1: *Structure of Anthocyanin at different pH

Anthocyanins are a group of pigments responsible for the vibrant colors seen in many flowers, ranging from red and purple to blue. These pigments are water-soluble and belong to the flavonoid family. In flowers, anthocyanins serve several important functions:

1. Pollinator Attraction:

Flowers use anthocyanin pigments to attract pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and birds. The bright colours act as visual signals, guiding pollinators towards pollen. Different pollinators may be attracted to specific colors of anthocyanins.

2. UV Protection:

Anthocyanins can act as natural sunscreens. Protecting delicate floral tissues from damage caused by ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

3. Temperature Regulation:

Anthocyanins can absorb and dissipate excess light energy as heat, helping to regulate the temperature of floral tissues. This can be particularly beneficial in cold climates.

CHAPTER-2
LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 PLANT EXTRACTS AS NATURAL ACID-BASE INDICATORS

1) Title: Flower Extract of Jacaranda acutifolia Used as a Natural Indicator in Acid Base Titration. **Author:** Ramling Patrakar et.al,

The study reported the usage of Jacaranda Acutifolia flower extract as an acid base indicator in different types of acid base titrations. The results obtained by the flower extract matched with the results obtained by mixed indicator in case of weak acid and weak base titration.

2) Title: Rose Anthocyanins as Acid Base Indicators. **Author**: Padma S Vankarand Dhara Bajpai

The report shows that by changing the pH of the extract from 2-9; the hue color changes from dark pink to Mehdi green. The extract showed wavelength maxima change from 517 nm (dark pink) to 592 nm (green) between the pH range 2 to 9. In the present study we have made use of anthocyanin extracted from Rose flowers as natural indicator for acid – base titration.

3) Title: Greening the Chemistry Laboratory: Use of Flower Extracts as Substitutes for Synthetic Acid-Base Indicators. **Author:** Habitamu Baye and Sintayehu Leshe (2020)

The study has been conducted to investigate the indicator property of ethanolic and acidified ethanol extracts of Acanthus senniichiovenda flower and compare the results with that of already existing synthetic indicators. Flower extracts of the plant were characterized with ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer and phytochemical screening test.

4) Title: Extraction and Utilization of Hibiscus Flowers Pigments as an Indicator in Titrimetric Analysis. **Author:** Firoj A. Tamboli et.al,

The results were obtained when it was tested against standard synthetic indicators. Titration shows sharp color change at the equivalence point. The equivalence points obtained by the flower extract coincide with the equivalence points obtained by standard indicators.

5) Title: Extraction of natural dye from waste flowers of Aster (Aster chinensis) and studying its potential application as pH indicator. **Author:** Akhila Nair et.al,

This study was aimed to extract natural dye from waste flowers of Aster chinensis and further test its application as pH indicator in acid-base titrations. Their applicability as natural indicators were studied in various acid-base titrations such as strong base-strong acid, strong base-weak acid, weak acid-strong base, weak base-strong acid and strong acid-weak base.

6) Title: Application of Principles and Tools in Green Chemistry to Education using Rose Flower Extracts as Acid – Base Indicators. **Author:** A. O. Olanrewaju and N.O. Adeosun

This study is used to produce acid-base indicator from Rose flower extract by extraction method, then macerated and extracted again in ethanol, n-hexane and chloroform respectively, it was tested in solution of pH 1-12and found out that Rosa is a good replacement for phenolphthalein, methyl red, etc. indicators for different acid and bases. It is then concluded that natural indicators are substitute to synthetic indicator.

7) Title: Preparation and uses of Acanthus Sennii Chiovenda flower extract as a green substitute for synthetic Acid-Base indicator. **Author:** Habitamu Baye and Sintayehu Lashe (2019)

This study has been conducted to investigate the indicator property of ethanolic and acidified ethanol extracts of Acanthus sennii chiovenda flower and compare the results with that of already existing synthetic indicators. It examined the color change of pH from 1-12 and also examined the titrimetric analysis for four types of acid-base titrations. The results indicated that flower extracts of this plant can be used as acid-base indicators.

8) Title: Spectrophotometric Determination of TAC in costus afer flower extract and its application as pH indicator in Acid-Base Titrations. **Author:** A. Hamilton Amachree et.al, 5

This paper reports the spectrophotometric determination of the total anthocyanin pigments in the extract of the flower costus afer Ker Gawl. The total anthocyanin content (TAC) was spectrophotometrically determined using the pH differential method. The total anthocyanin content was 268.58 µg/g cyanidin-3-glucoside equivalent. The titrations were compared with corresponding values obtained using standard synthetic indicators. The results revealed that the equivalence points for the various titrations using the flower extract as indicator showed no significant difference ($P > 0.05$).

9) Title: Investigation of a Simple and Cheap Source of a Natural Indicator for Acid-Base Titration: Effects of System Conditions on Natural Indicators. **Author:** Daniel A. Abugri et.al,

This study investigated a natural indicator for acid-base titration which is extracted from guinea corn leaves popularly called “waakye leaves”. Four types of acid-base titration were studied. The indicator color change, pH range and the average titre values were determined for each type of acid-base titration. These values were comparable to those obtained from three standard indicators: methyl orange, methyl red and phenolphthalein. Total flavonoids (TF) and condensed tannin (CT) from the crude leaves extract were determined the extract as an indicator for simple acid-base titration.

10) Title: Greener Extraction of Anthocyanin Pigment from Svzvgium samarangenese and flacourtia iangomas: An Alternative to Synthetic pH indicators. **Author:** Sreelakshmi Ajay et.al,

This study was to assess the feasibility of aqueous electrolyte-based extraction of plant pigment from Syzygium samarangenese and Flacourtia jangomas fruits. These extracts were then validated for their potential as acid–base indicator. The pH-based indicator behaviour of the extract was analyzed for various acid–base titrations. pH paper strips from these extracts were developed.

11) Title: Extraction Characterization and Workability of some local plant dyes as Acid- Base indicators. **Author:** Uche I. Onwuachu et.al,

The study is used to investigate the indicator properties of ethanolic extracts of different parts of four local plants; hibiscus rosasinesis, Mangifera indica, zingiber officinale and cola accuminata. A comparative study of these plants extracts with available standard indicators-methyl orange and phenolphthalein was carried out to evaluate the accuracy and workability of local plant dyes as acid-base indicators. The plant extracts can be used as acid-base indicators in titration of strong acid with a strong base, and also weak acid with strong base.

12) Title: Boerhavia Erecta Linn Stem Bark Extract a Natural Acid-Base Indicator. **Author:** Vinayak S Marulkar et.al,

The study reports the natural indicators in different acid - base are strong acid-strong base, strong acid-weak base, weak acid-strong base and weak acid weak base titrations were coincident with the equivalence points obtained by synthetic indicators. Natural pigments in plants are highly colored substances and may show sharp color changes with variation in pH.

13) Title: Rosa sp and Hibiscus sabdariffa extract in ethanol fraction as acid base indicator: Application of green chemistry in education. **Author:** M Paristiowati et.al,

This study shows the natural acid-base indicators from the extract of roses (Rosa sp) and Rosella (Hibiscus sabdariffa L). These indicators are produced by the method of extraction using 96% ethanol solvent in an acidic atmosphere at pH 3-4. The results of maceration then extracted in three different solvents (ethanol, n-hexane, and chloroform). The extract was tested in solution with pH 1-12 and used as an indicator to identify the solutions and titration in acid base.

14) Title: Plant Extracts as Acid Base Indicator. **Author:** Prabhakar Sharma et.al,

This study investigates the synthetic indicators of acid base titrations from plants extracts such as Rosa sinensis, Dahlia pinnata and Butea monosperma etc. They show sharp color change with respect to change in pH; commonly used indicator for neutralization titrations is synthetic in nature. The highly coloured pigments obtained from plants are found to exhibit color changes with variation of pH.

2.2 PLANT EXTRACTS AS INTELLIGENT PACKAGING FILM

15) Title: Anthocyanins Based indicators Sensors for Intelligent Packaging Applications. **Author:** Vivek Shukla et.al,

The extract extracted from red cabbage and rose whose color changed from red to green with increase in pH. On characterization of extracts by UV–Vis spectrophotometer, absorption maximum of 530 nm was observed. The characteristics of sensor including response time, reproducibility, reversibility, stability towards light and the storage stability were also studied changed its color from red to green with increase in pH.

16) Title: Preparation and characterization of a pH-responsive membrane carrier for meso-tetraphenylsulfonato porphyrin. **Author:** Mingxia Wang et.al,

This study shows a pH responsive polysulfone -graft -polyblende PSF membrane was prepared for smart rejection of meso-tetraphenylsulfonato porphyrin in the feed. The pH – responsive characteristics of the PSF-g P4VP blended PSF membrane was determined. The hydraulic permeation results demonstrated the pH responsive characteristics behaved as expects. The pH responsive membrane not only plays the role of a smart membrane for rejecting the aggregates of TPPS increases with decreasing pH.

17) Title: Application of Anthocyanin as a color indicator in gelatin Films. **Author:** Saroat Rawdkuen et.al,

This study investigates the Anthocyanin extracts from different plants were used to develop intelligent gelatin films. Red cabbage, sweet potatoes, roselle, butterfly pea, husks, and peelings from mangosteen and red dragonfruit were used. Anthocyanin extracted from butterfly pea had the highest pH sensitivity, which suggested that the distinct color change at each pH. The intelligent gelatin films were prepared using a casting method from gelatin, glycerol, butterfly pea anthocyanin (BPA) extracts, or resazurin, at pH 6. This film used for packaging will serve as an effective pH indicator.

18) Title: Intelligent pH indicator film composed of agar/Potato Starch and anthocyanin extract from purple sweet potato. **Author:** Inyoung Choi et.al,

This study reports that the new colorimetric pH indicator film was developed using agar, potato starch, and natural dyes extracted from purple sweet potato, *Ipomoea batatas.* Both agar and potato starch are solid matrices used to immobilize natural dyes, anthocyanins. The pH indicator films showed pH changes. Therefore, the developed pH indicator films could be used as a diagnostic tool for the detection of food spoilage.

19) Title: Development and Characterization of ester modified endospermic guar gum/ Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) blown film. Approach towards greener packaging. **Author:** Pooja priyadasini et.al,

This article reports guar gum based bioplastic films were prepared. After the production of film, characterization studies such as mechanical, thermal and morphological properties were analyzed. The tensile strength of films was gradually improved in the machine direction due to modified OSA in GG/PVA having good tear resistance. The morphological analysis also supports better compatibility between GG with PVA with improved chemical interaction. The contact angle test was carried out to measure the hydrophobicity.

20) Title: Bacterial Cellulose based greener packaging material: A bioadheive films. **Author:** Smarak Bandyet.al

This study reports the emphasis has been given to characterize and compare the physicomechanical properties of BC-based polymeric films with 'Neat BC' film. The BC based polymeric films are designated as 'PVP-BC' and 'PVP-CMC-BC'. The results revealed that 'PVP-CMC-BC' film has better tensile strength but lowest elastic properties. The 'PVP-CMC-BC' film can be stretched longer than others with the highest deformation rate. Though elasticity and deformation are a prerequisite for selection of food packaging 'PVP-CMC-BC' film is considered as the best and a novel green packaging material.

21) Title: Physical Characteristics of Natural Films Formed at Crude Oil-Water Interfaces. **Author:** O. K. Kimbler et.al,

This study presents a technique with which a modified Langmuir film balance may be used to study the compressibility and collapse pressure of these films. Experiments data are presented for several crude oil water systems. Data developed are used to infer the phase state of the films as a rate of reduction of interfacial area, iconic composition of the substrate and pH of the substrate. Possible application of these results to petroleum production.

22) Title: Natural polymer-based cling films for food packaging. **Author:** Anu keshwani et.al,

This research is focusing on the blending, layering, and filling cellulose derivatives with different biopolymers or synthetic polymers to enhance the mechanical and barrier properties, therefore strengthening their position in competition with other packaging materials available or food packaging. Cling films are synthesized involving biopolymers and the preparation of their modified derivatives to develop a class of natural packaging films which will revolutionize the food packaging industry using various different formulations. The aim in future is to come up with best films for the food industry by increasing their shelf lives and by validating the films according to ASTM standards for food packaging.

23) Title: Active natural-based films for food packaging applications: The combined effect of chitosan and nanocellulose. **Author:** Sofia M. Costa et.al,

This study reports the potential of chitosan/cellulose nanocrystals (CNC) films to be used as active pads for meat packages. Several CNC concentrations (5, 10, 25, and 50 wt.%) were tested and the films were produced by solvent casting. The films' ability to prolong food shelf-life was studied in real conditions using chicken meat. These films demonstrated bactericidal effect against Gram- positive and Gram-negative bacteria and fungicidal activity against Candida albicans.

24) Title: Development of Biodegradable Films from Marine Ingredients Incorporated with Natural Antimicrobial Agents for Food Packaging. **Author:** S. Matche et.al,

This study investigates the fish gelatin obtained from processed fish waste was used in the development of biodegradable film. The developed film was stable and exhibited good tensile strength. Irish moss-I-Carrageenan and laminarin were added to improve the properties of the developed film. The films were also incorporated with micro- and nano-forms of curcumin to have antimicrobial properties. It was observed that there was 71.4% increase in Nano-curcumin Fish Gelatin Film (NCFGF) film compared to Fish Gelatin Film (FGF). The shelf life of pangasius fish fillets was of 8 days in the control, 10 days in FGF, 12 days in CFGF, and 15 days in NCFGF. Hence, NCFGF film can be used to pack food products like pangasius fish fillet to increase the shelf life.

25) Title: Natural plant extracts as active components in chitosan-based films: A comparative study. **Author:** Marijan Bajića et.al,

This study investigates Chitosan-based films with separately incorporated plant extracts obtained from oak (Quercus robur), hop (Humulus lupulus), and brown algae (Laminaria hyperborea) were evaluated and mutually compared regarding structural, physicochemical, and antibacterial properties. The loaded with oak and hop extract had improved optical properties reflected in the ability to completely block the light transmittance at the wavelengths below ~330 nm. Moreover, the same films exhibited the appearance of inhibition zones implying the antibacterial activity against *Bacillus subtilis*.

26) Title: Effects of anthocyanin-rich purple and black eggplant extracts on the physical, antioxidant and pH-sensitive properties of chitosan film. **Author:** Huimin Yong et.al,

This study reports that Active and intelligent food packaging films were developed by mixing chitosan (CS) with anthocyanin-rich purple eggplant extract (PEE) or black eggplant extract (BEE). Results showed the anthocyanin contents in PEE and BEE were 93.10 and 173.17 mg/g,

respectively. the anthocyanin compositions of PEE and BEE were totally different. PEE and BEE increased the blueness, thickness, UV–vis light barrier and mechanical properties of CS film. It shows remarkable color changes in different buffer solutions, which could be used to monitor milk spoilage.

27) Title: Anthocyanin food colorant and its application in pH-responsive color change indicator films. **Author:** Swarup Roy & Jong-Whan Rhim

This study reports the use of smart packaging films to monitor the freshness of foods such as Milk, Meat, Fish were reviewed. This review highlights the potential and challenges for the use of anthocyanins as pH-responsive color-changing films for intelligent food packaging applications, which may be beneficial for further development of smart color indicator films for practical use. Also Addressed the color indicator films incorporated with anthocyanins.

28) Title: Recent advances in the preparation, physical and functional properties, and applications of anthocyanins-based active and intelligent packaging films. **Author:** Huimin Yong and Jun Liu

This study reports the recent advances in the preparation, structural characterization, physical and functional properties, and potential applications of anthocyanins-rich films in food smart packaging. The structures of anthocyanins-rich films are characterized. The physical properties of the films are influenced by anthocyanins. Moreover, anthocyanins-rich films exhibit excellent antioxidant, antimicrobial and pH-sensitive properties.

29) Title: Characterization and Release Kinetics Study of Active Packaging Films Based on Modified Starch and Red Cabbage Anthocyanin Extract. **Author:** Meng Cheng et.al

This paper investigated the influence of the interaction relationship between RCAE and the film matrix on the structure, barrier, antioxidant and release properties of active films. Sixteen principal compounds in RCAE were identified as anthocyanins based on mass spectroscopic analysis. The concentration of RCAE was not higher than 20%, the moisture absorption and oxygen permeability of films

decreased. This study also established the suitability of the films for applications in active and food packaging.

CHAPTER-3
AIM AND SCOPE

3.1 AIM

This study has been proposed to investigate the Acid-Base indicator and Food Packaging property of flower extract of Barleria Cristata.

3.2 OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the study was

1) To prepare the extract from the flower Barleria Cristata, to be used as natural indicator.
2) To formulate the pH strips using the extract to monitor the pH of the solutions.
3) To prepare the composite film using the extract and PVA by casting method.
4) To apply the composite film as fruit packaging film to monitor the shelf life of the food.

3.2 SCOPE

Green Chemistry is considering as significant tool to control the rise of hazardous chemicals, encourages revolution of product that are eco-friendly, cheaper & waste to valuable material. We are interested in converting my waste material which is not sustainable into valuable material.

In food packaging, there is a growing demand for sustainable materials to reduce environmental impact and enhance food safety. Biodegradable polymer like cellulose-based material film.

CHAPTER-4
MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS USED

Barleria Cristata Flower, Different Buffer-solutions (1-13), Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH), Hydrochloric acid (HCl), Oxalic acid($C_2H_2O_4$), Ammonia solution (NH_4OH), Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA), Acetic Acid (CH_3COOH), Sodium Alginate.

4.2 PREPARATION OF POWDERED FLOWER

Barleria Cristata (December flower) is collected from the nearby local market and kept for drying in sunlight for a minimum of 5-7 days until it becomes brittle. The dried flower is grinded using a domestic mixer to a fine powder content, is sieved and use for further usage.



A **B** **C**

Fig :4.1: A) Barleria Cristata Flower B) Dried Flower C) Powdered Flower

4.3 PREPARATION OF BARLERIA CRISTATA EXTRACT

0.5g of powdered flower is weighed and boiled in 20ml of distilled water till it is decreased into 15ml. Filter the solution using ordinary filter paper and stored in glass bottles for further experiments.



Fig :4.4: *Barleria Cristata extract*

4.4 EXTRACT AS NATURAL pH INDICATORS:

Experiments were performed by adding 3 drops of flower extract to the different buffered pH solutions and observed the colour changes. The buffered pH solutions are prepared as follows:

pH 1.0: To 50ml of 0.2M potassium chloride (KCl) solution, added 130ml of hydrochloric acid made up to 250ml in a standard flask.

pH 2.0: To 50ml of 0.2M potassium Chloride (KCl) Solution, added 13ml of Hydrochloric acid, made up to 250ml in a standard flask.

pH 3.0: To 100ml of 0.1N Potassium Hydrogen Pthalate ($C_8H_5KO_4$) Solution, added 4.5ml of Hydrochloric acid, made up to 250ml in a Standard flask.

pH 4.0: To 100ml of 0.1N Potassium Hydrogen Pthalate ($C_8H_5KO_4$) Solution, added 0.2ml of Hydrochloric acid, made up to 250ml in a standard flask.

pH 5.0: To 100ml of 0.1M Potassium Hydrogen Pthalate($C_8H_5KO_4$) Solution, added 45.2ml of 0.1M Sodium Hydroxide, made up to 250ml in a standard flask.

pH 6.0: To 100ml of 0.1M Potassium dihydrogen Phosphate Solution, added 11.2 ml of 0.1 M Sodium Hydroxide, made up to 250ml in a standard flask.

pH 7.0: To 100 ml of 0.1M Tris hydroxy Solution, added 94ml of 0.1M Hydrochloric acid Methyl Aminomethane, made up to 250ml in a standard flask.

pH 8.0: To 100ml of 0.025 Borax decahydrate Solution, added 40 ml of 0.1 ml Hydrochloric acid, made up to 250ml in a standard flask.

pH 9.0: To 100ml of Borax Solution, added 9.2 ml of 0.1M Hydrochloric acid, made up to 250ml in a standard flask.

pH 10.0: To 100ml of 0.025M Borax Solution, added 36.6 ml of 0.1M Sodium Hydroxide, made up to 250ml in a standard flask.

pH 11.0: To 100ml of 0.05M Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate Solution, added 45.5 ml of 0.1M Sodium Hydroxide, made up to 250ml in a standard flask.

pH 12.0: To 100ml 0f 0.05M Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate Solution, added 53.8 ml of 0.1M NaOH, made up to 250ml in a standard flask.

pH 13.0: To 50ml of 0.2M Potassium Chloride Solution, added 13ml of 0.2 M NaOH, made up to 100ml in a standard flask.

4.5 EXTRACT AS ACID-BASE INDICATORS

The extract exhibits colour changes at different pH which was exploited in volumetric titration as acid-base indicator. The extract is used as indicator for the following neutralization titrations.

1. Titration of strong acid (HCl) with strong base (NaOH)
2. Titration of weak acid (Oxalic acid) with strong base (NaOH)
3. Titration of strong acid (HCl) with weak base (NH_4OH).

The solutions required for the titration is prepared as follows:

0.1 N Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) solution: 1ml of Con.HCl is added to 99ml of distilled water.

0.1N Sodium hydroxide (NaOH) solution: 0.4g of NaOH pellets is dissolve in 100ml of distilled water.

0.1 N Oxalic acid ($C_2H_2O_4$) solution: 0.6g of $C_2H_2O_4$ is dissolved in 100ml of distilled water.

0.1N Ammonium hydroxide (NH_4OH) solution: 0.6ml of NH_4OH is dissolved in 100ml of distilled water.

4.5.1 Titration of Strong Acid (0.1N HCl) with Strong base (0.1 N NaOH)

Pipette out 10ml 0.1 N HCl in conical flask, added 2drops of phenolphthalein indicator and titrated with standardized NaOH solution till the color changes to pale permanent pink color. The above experiment is repeated with extract instead of phenolphthalein and noted the end point. All titrations are repeated for concordant values and the mean titrate value is reported.



Fig: 4.5: *Titration of HCl with NaOH*

4.5.2 Titration of Weak acid (0.1N Oxalic acid) with strong base (0.1N NaOH)

Pipette out 10ml 0.1 N oxalic acid solution in conical flask, added 2drops of phenolphthalein indicator and titrated with standardized NaOH solution till the color changes to pale permanent pink color. The above experiment is repeated with extract instead of phenolphthalein and noted the end point. All titrations are repeated for concordant values and the mean titrate value is reported.



Fig:4.6: ***Titration of Oxalic acid -NaOH***

4.5.3 Titration of Strong acid (0.1N HCl) with weak base (0.1N NH_4OH)

Pipette out 10ml of 0.1N NH_4OH solution and titrated against 0.1N HCl solution taken in the burette using methyl orange as indicator till the color changes to pale pink. The above experiment is repeated with extract instead of methyl orange and noted for the end point. All titrations are repeated for concordant values and the mean titrate value is reported.

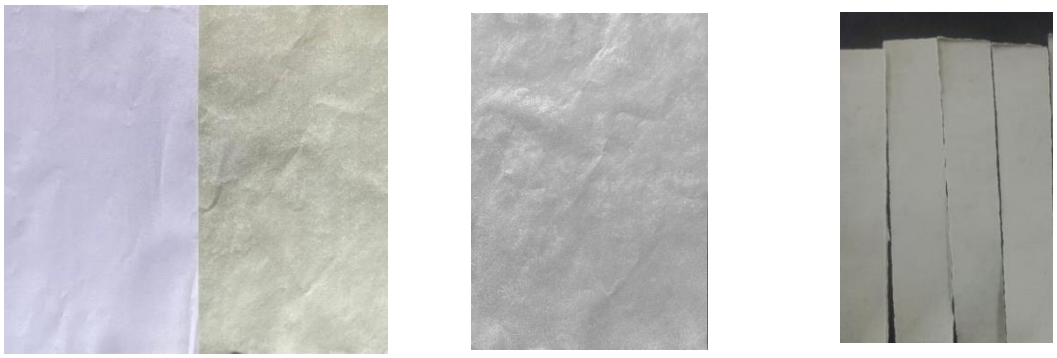


Fig:4.7: ***Titration of NH_4OH -HCl***

4.6 PREPARATION OF pH STRIPS

0.5g of powdered flower is weighed and boiled in 20ml of distilled water till it is decreased into 15ml. Filter the solution using filter paper. The A4

paper sheet is dipped into the prepared extract solution and kept for drying. The dried sheet is made into strips of 1cm×10cm measurement.



A. **B.** **C.**

Fig: 4.8: ***Development of pH strips: A) Extract in A4 Sheet B) Dried Extract sheet C) pH Strips***

4.7 PREPARATION OF PACKAGING FILM USING EXTRACT

4.7.1 PVA film

1g of PVA dissolved in 20ml of distilled water.



Fig: 4.11: ***PVA film***

4.7.2 PVA- Extract Film

1g of PVA is weighed and dissolved in 20ml of distilled water at 60°C until it forms into viscous solution. Then add 4ml of extract solution. Mixed and poured into the petridish and the solution is left for overnight to get the PVA-Extract film.



Fig: 4.10: *PVA- Extract film*

4.7.3 PVA- Extract- Acetic acid film

Similarly, 1g of PVA dissolved in 20ml of distilled water and adding 3ml of Extract solution + 1ml of Acetic acid.



Fig: 4.11: *PVA- Extract with CH_3COOH film*

4.7.4 PVA- Extract- Sodium Alginate film

1g of PVA dissolved in 20ml of distilled water with adding up 0.5g of Sodium Alginate ($NaC_6H_7O_6$) + 2ml of extract solution +1.5ml of Acetic acid; 1g of PVA as viscous solution and 1g of PVA with Na. alginate solution.



Fig: 4.12: *PVA-Na Alginate-Extract*

4.8 CHARACTERIZATION TECHNIQUES

4.8.1 UV-VISIBLE SPECTROSCOPY

UV-Vis spectroscopy is an analytical technique that measures the amount of discrete wavelengths of UV or Visible light that are absorbed by or transmitted through a sample in comparison to sample. This property is influenced by the sample composition, potentially providing information on what is the sample and at what concentration.

PRINCIPLE OF UV-VISIBLE SPECTROSCOPY:

It involves the measuring the absorption of light in UV-visible range by a substance. This absorption is caused by electronic transision within the molecule. The amount of absorption at each wavelength provides information about the chemical structure and concentration of the substance being analyzed.

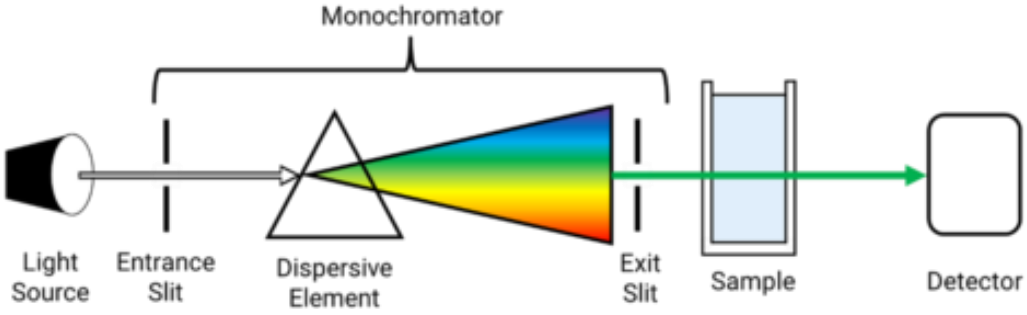


Fig: 4.13: ***Schematic diagram of UV-VIS spectrometry***

WORKING MECHANISM OF UV-VISIBLE SPECTORMERTY:

UV-visible spectrometry measures the absorption of ultraviolet (UV) and visible light by a substance. It works based on the principle that molecules absorb light at specific wavelengths, causing electrons to transition to higher energy levels. The instrument shines light of various wavelengths through a sample and measures the amount of light absorbed. By analyzing the absorption pattern, it provides information about the sample's chemical composition, concentration, and structure. This technique is widely used in fields such as chemistry, biochemistry, pharmaceuticals, and environmental science for qualitative and quantitative analysis.

4.8.2 FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY (FTIR)

For an anthocyanin film would typically show characteristic adsorption peaks corresponding to functional groups present in anthocyanins. Such ass hydroxyl (-OH), carbonyl (C=O), and aromatic (C=C) groups. These peaks help identify the molecular structure and composition of the film.

PRINCIPLE OF FTIR:

The principal behind Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy involves measuring the absorption of infrared radiation by a Film sample. It operates based on the principle that molecules absorb infrared radiation at specific frequencies corresponding to the vibrational modes of their chemical bonds.

Sample Preparation: The sample is prepared by placing it in the path of an infrared beam.

2. Interference Pattern Formation: The infrared beam is split into two paths. One path travel directly to a detector, while the other path is directed through the sample. The infrared radiation passing through the sample interacts with the molecular bonds, leading to absorption at specific frequencies.

3. Interference Measurement: The two beams are recombined, and their interference pattern is measured. This interference pattern contains information about the absorption of the infrared radiation by the sample.

4. Fourier Transform: The interference pattern is analysed using Fourier transform mathematics to obtain the spectrum of infrared absorption as a function of frequency.

5. Spectrum Interpretation: The resulting spectrum provides detailed information about the types of chemical bonds present in the sample and their environment, allowing for qualitative and quantitative analysis of the sample's composition and structure.



Fig: 4.14: *Fourier-Transform Infrared spectroscopy Instrument*.

WORKING MECHANISM OF FTIR:

FTIR, or Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy, operates by exposing a sample to infrared radiation emitted from a source. As the radiation interacts with the sample, its molecular bonds absorb specific wavelengths, resulting in a unique absorption pattern. In FTIR, an interferometer modulates the infrared radiation, splitting it into two beams that follow different paths—one through the sample and the other as a reference. After recombination, the resulting interference pattern is subjected to Fourier transformation, converting it into a spectrum representing absorbed radiation intensities at different wavelengths. Analysing this spectrum reveals characteristic absorption peaks corresponding to functional groups and chemical bonds present in the sample, enabling identification and quantification of compounds or molecular structures. FTIR spectroscopy finds widespread use across chemistry, materials science, pharmaceuticals, and environmental science for qualitative and quantitative analysis of diverse materials. This spectrum displays absorption peaks indicative of the sample's functional groups and chemical bonds, facilitating the identification and quantification of compounds or molecular structures present.

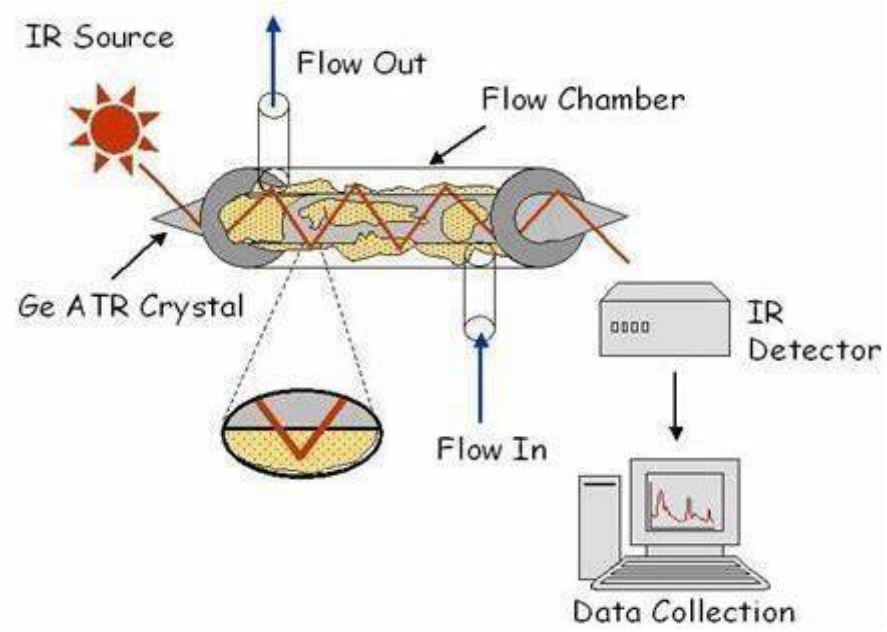


Fig: 4.15: *Schematic diagram of FTIR*

4.8.3 UV-ABSORBANCE AT 600nm

For an anthocyanin film would indicate the intensity of light absorbed by the anthocyanin pigments at that specific wavelength. This measurement can provide information about the concentration and purity of the anthocyanins present in the film.

4.8.4 MICROHARDNESS STRENGTH

TENSILE STRENGTH TEST:

This method is used to determine yield strength, ductility, strain hardening characteristics and Youngs modulus. It is used to find out how long a film material can be stretched.

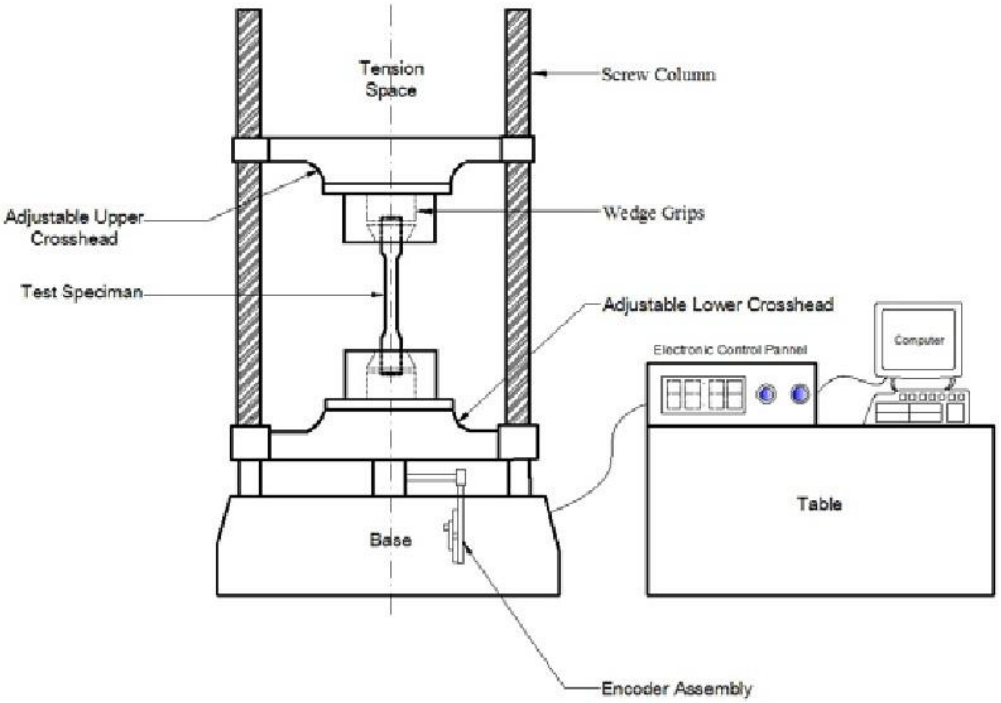


Fig: 4.16: ***Schematic diagram of Tensile Test instrument***

CHAPTER-5
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 EXTRACT AS NATURAL pH-INDICATORS

The Baleria cristata flower extract was tested for different buffered pH solution as described in 4.4). Extract is tested with pH 1-13 in order to see the colour changes. The extract solution is added into the different buffered pH solutions as presented in Fig 5.1, which exhibits pink colour at pH 1 -2, Colourless at pH 3-5, Yellow colour at pH 8-13. The intensity of yellow colour at alkaline pH with increase in pH. The experiment suggests that Baleria cristata flower extract was used as a natural pH indicator

pH	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	13
COLOUR	Pink	Pink	Colour less	Colour less	Colour less	Light yellow	Light yellow	Light yellow	Light yellow	yellow	Yellow
Image											
RBG Colour	210, 179, 176	192, 157, 151	213, 196, 186	223, 212, 206	180, 163, 153	175, 153, 138	159, 146, 129	177, 165, 141	147, 131, 98	134, 111 80	170, 149, 70
Colour Plate											

Fig: 5.1: *Colour of the Baleria Cristata Extract at Different pH.*

The change of absorption spectra of Baleria *Cristata* extract solutions with different pH was shown in Fig. 5.2. When the pH was lower than 6.0, the absorbance peak decreased with increasing pH. The maximum absorption peak was observed at around 525 nm at pH 1.0; after that, it was reduced to 540 nm when the pH was raised to 6.0. When the pH was increased from 8.0 to 13.0, the peak was reduced the wavelength is increased to approximately 595 nm, and the absorbance peak at 595 nm also gradually decreased with increasing pH from 8.0 to 12.0. The maximum absorption peak that is shifted due to the change of pH is known as

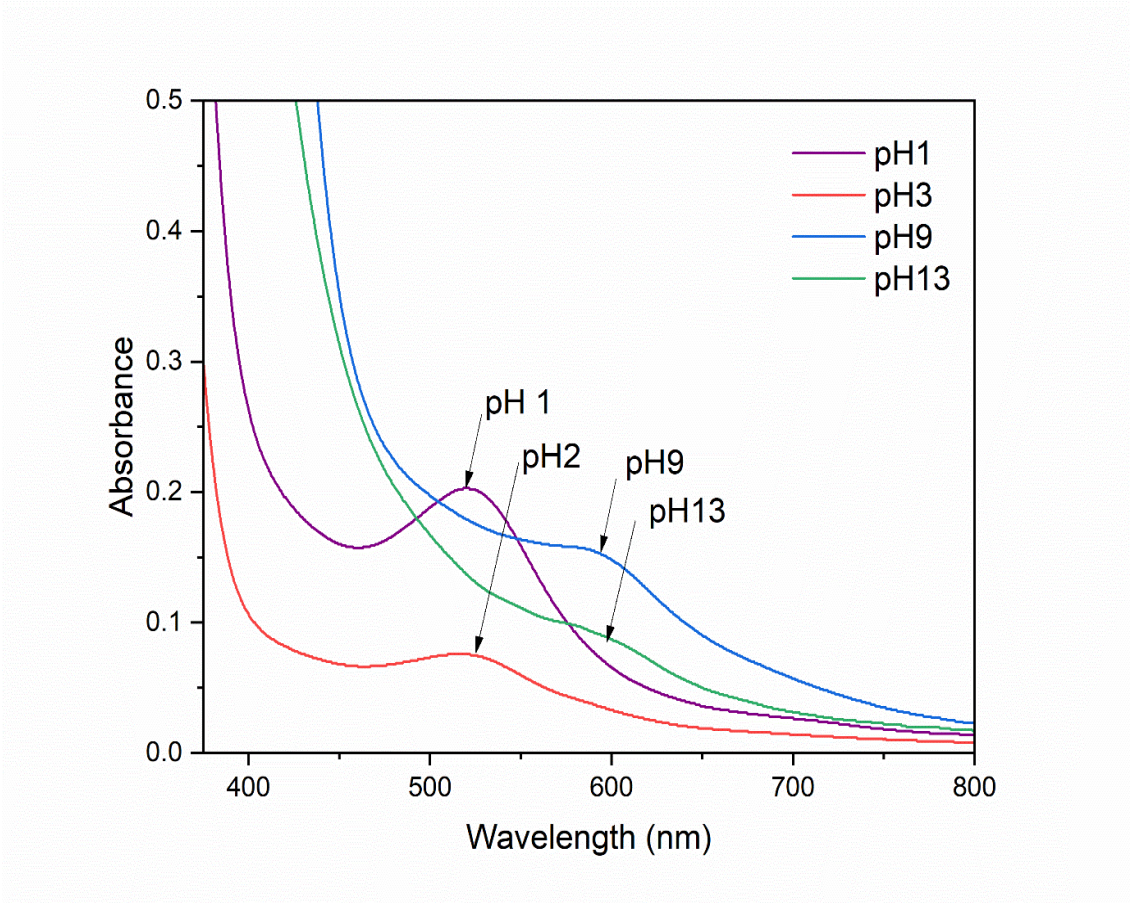


Fig: 5.2: ***Absorbance Spectra of the extract at different pH***

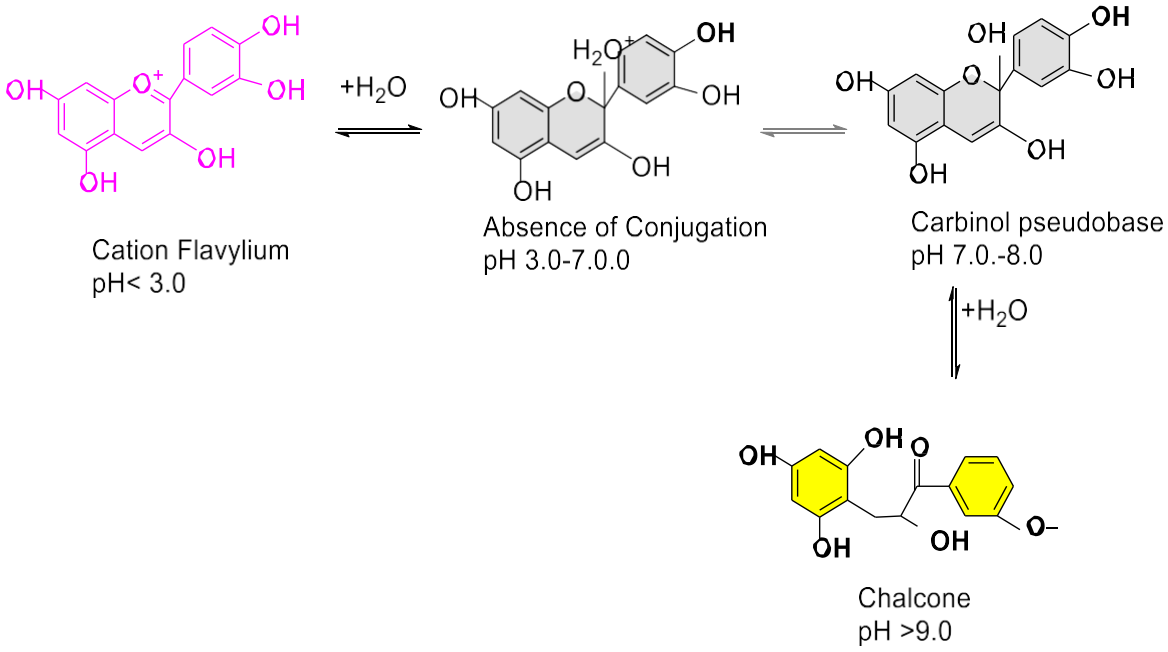


Fig: 5.3: ***Chemical structures of anthocyanin at different pH.***

bathochromic shift. The color variation and the maximum absorption peak shift are caused by the change of the structures of anthocyanin. As shown in Fig. 5.2, the extract solutions had pink color at pH 1.0-3.0, which demonstrates that the solutions mainly exist in the form of salt ions. At pH 5.0-6.0, anthocyanin is converted to a colorless pseudo-base at pH 4.0-9.0, At high pH, anthocyanin is degraded, the color of the solution therefore turned into yellow.

5.2 BARLERIA CRISTATA FLOWER EXTRACT AS NATURAL INDICATOR- ACID-BASE TITRATION

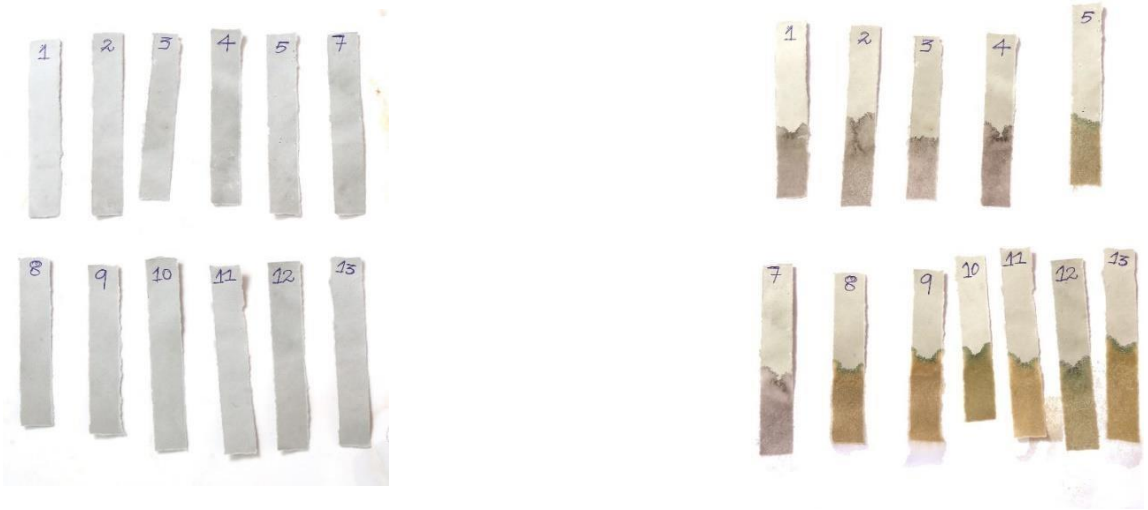
In order to evaluate the potential for the use of the Barleria cristata flower extract as indicators in acid-base titrimetric, a number of demonstrated were conducted. The end points of the titrations are depicted in Table 5.1. The results of the titrations using synthetic and natural indicators with strong acid against strong base (HCl and NaOH), strong acid against weak base (HCl and NH_4OH), and weak acid against strong base (Oxalic acid and NaOH) is shown. The results of these titrations were different for each indicator and were expressed as mean ± standard deviation. For strong acid against strong base titration (HCl and NaOH), the end point obtained using Barleria Cristata flower extract indicator is similar to that of methyl orange with titre mean values of 7.8 ± 0.2 and the end point obtained using Barleria Cristata flower extract indicator is slightly greater to that of phenolphthalein with titre mean values of 13.5 ± 0.100. Hence the flower extract of Barleria Cristata can be used to replace Methyl orange and phenolphthalein respectively for strong acid against strong base titrations. For strong acid against weak base titration (HCL and NH_3), the end point obtained using Barleria Cristata flower extract indicator corresponds to that of methyl orange with titre mean values of 7.6±0.2. Hence the flower extract of Barleria Cristata can be used to replace Phenolphthalein and more strongly methyl orange for acid-base titrations.

Table: 5.1: Titre values for Acid-base Titrations

S.no	Titration	Indicator	Colour Change	End point in mL
1	Strong acid-strong base (HCl- NaOH)	Phenolphthalein	Colourless to Pale Permanent Pink colour	8.8± 0.3
2	Weak acid-Strong base (Oxalic acid - NaOH)	Phenolphthalein	Colourless to Pale Permanent Pink colour	10.7±0.2
3	Strong acid-Weak Base (HCl- NH_4OH)	Methyl Orange	Yellow-Pink	8.4 ± 0.2
4	Strong acid-strong base (HCl- NaOH)	Flower Extract	Pale brown- Yellow	7.8 ± 0.2
5	Weak acid-Strong base (Oxalic acid - NaOH)	Flower Extract	Pale Brown -Yellow	13.5± 0.1
6	Strong acid-Weak Base (HCl- NH_4OH)	Flower Extract	Green- Colourless	7.6 ± 0.2

5.3 TEST WITH PH-STRIPS USING BUFFER SOLUTIONS:

The Baleria cristata flower extract was tested for different buffered pH solution (as described in 4.4). Extract is tested with pH 1-13 in order to see the colour changes. The extract solution is added into the different buffered pH solutions as presented in Fig 5.4, which exhibits pink colour at pH 1 -2, Colourless at pH 3-5, Yellow colour



A B

Fig: 5.4: ***A) Normal pH Strip B) Colour change in pH Strips at different pH***

at pH 8-13. The intensity of yellow colour at alkaline pH with increase in pH. The experiment suggests that Baleria cristata flower extract was used as a natural pH indicator.

5.3.1 pH Strips in Different environment:

The pH strips is exposed to HCl vapours and ammonia vapours for different time intervals up to 30 minutes. In the presence of HCl vapours, the intensity of the pink colour increases as shown in the Figure 5.5 while in the presence of ammonia vapours, the intensity of the yellow colour increases.

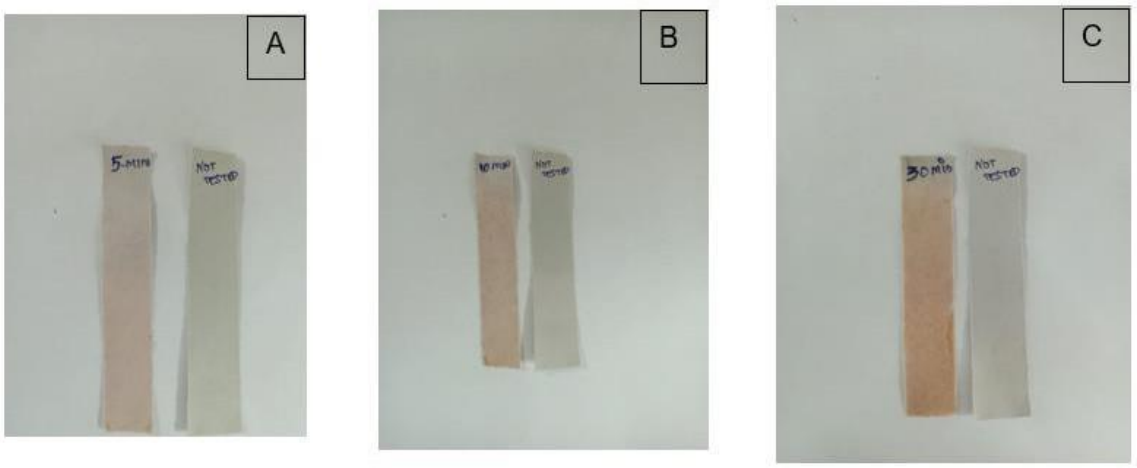


Fig: 5.5: ***Exposure of pH Strips with HCl Vapours. A- 5 minutes; B-10 minutes; C- 30 minutes.***

5.4 PACKAGING FILM AS ACID-BASE SENSOR

Characterization of the film:

5.4.1 FTIR

The FTIR spectra of PVA, PVA-extract and PVA-Alginate -extract sample is presented in Fig 5.5. The spectra of PVA showed a broad peak between around 3600–2481 cm^{-1}, attributed to the stretching OH bonds acting intermolecularly. The bonds at 1716 cm^{-1} correspond to OH bendings. The peak around 1564 cm^{-1} shows CH_2 bendings of aromatic rings The band around 888 cm^{-1} is assigned to C= C vibrations. With the addition of extract, the band in the frequency range of 3600–2855 cm^{-1} was broadened due to the OH groups of the extract, suggesting that extract was integrated into the polyvinyl alcohol matrix . Stronger stretching

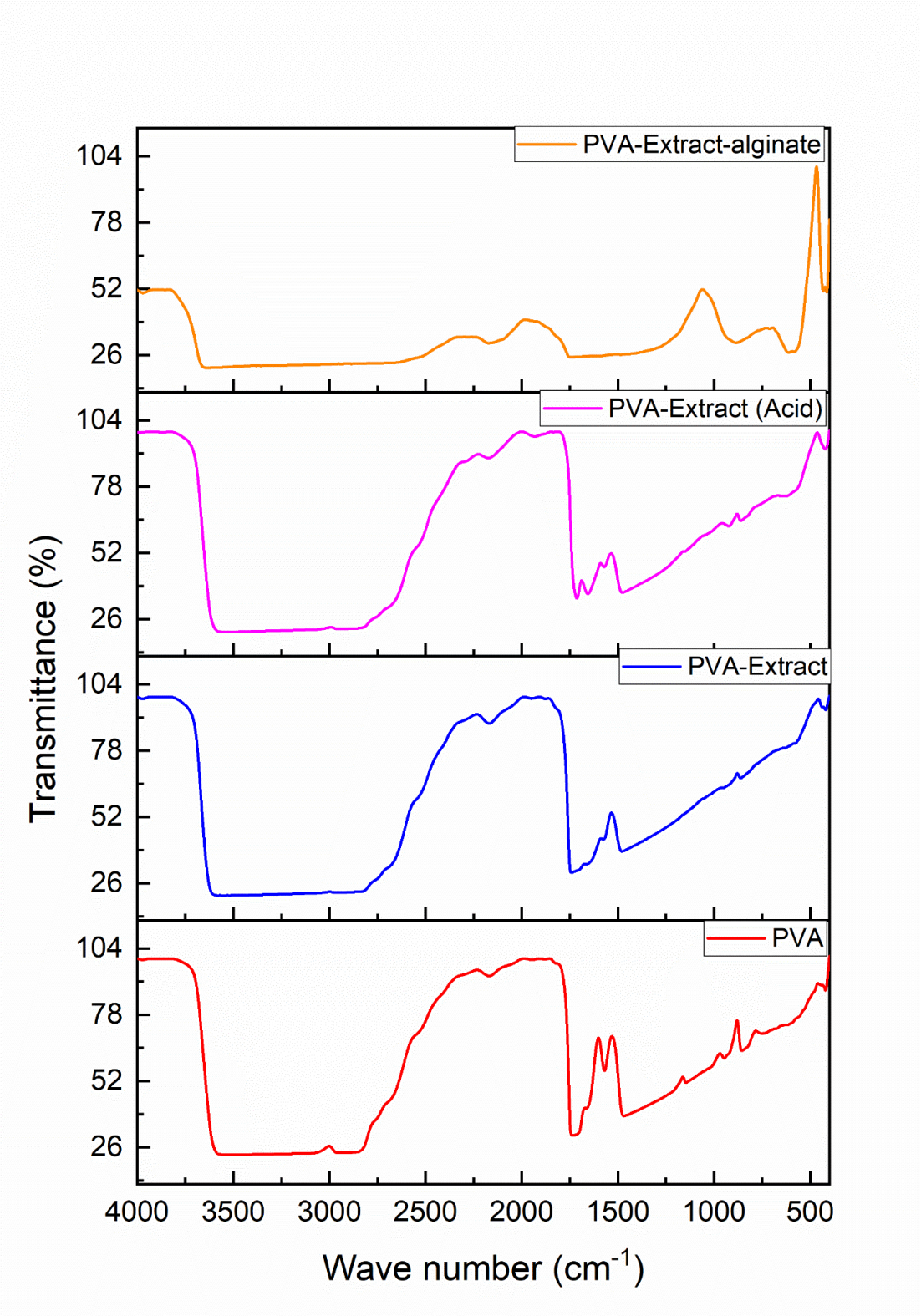


Fig: 5.5 : ***FTIR spectra of PVA, PVA-Extract, PVA-Extract-Alignate***

intensities between 1758 and 1518 cm^{-1} may appear with aliphatic, aromatic groups of HC, and plane deformation peaks of methyl and methylene groups that prove the presence of anthocyanins. With the introduction of alginate, a new band

at 1083 cm^{-1} appeared indicating newer stretching frequency of $-CH_2$ bond and the band at 3600cm^{-1} is flat indicating the integration of PVA-extract to alginate.

5.4.2 Composite Film at different pH

Composite film with extract in PVA and PVA-alginate act as pH sensor exhibiting different colour at different pH and is depicted in Fig 5.6. The composite film of PVA-extract is immersed in different pH solution from pH 1.0 to pH 13.0, exhibits pink colour at pH 1 -2, Colourless at pH 3-5, Yellow colour similar to the extract solution described in section 5.1

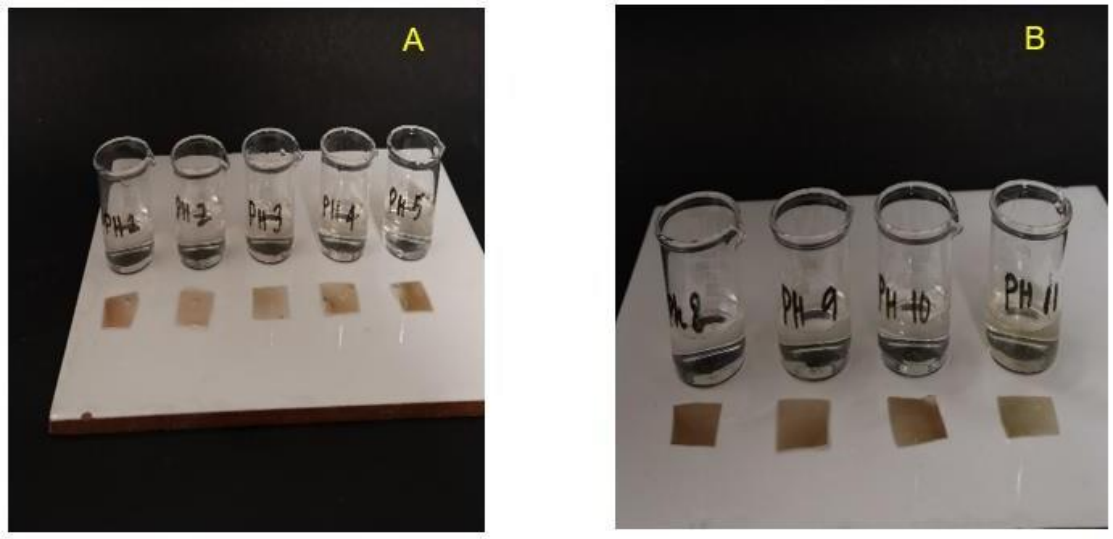


Fig: 5.6: ***PVA-Extract film at different pH solutions, A- pH1 to pH5.0; B-pH 8 to pH 13.0.***

5.4.3 Microhardness Test

Composite film used for food preservation must possess excellent mechanical properties. PVA film thickness 0.214±0.2 mm, PVA-Extract film thickness is 0.196± 0.3 mm, the film thickness of PVA-Extract-Alginate was 0.158±0.3 mm. The mechanical properties of PVA-Extract composite film and PVA-Extract/Alginate composite film were tested and the results are presented in Figures.5.7 and 5.8. By comparing the mechanical properties of pure PVA-Extract film and PVA-Extract/Alginate composite film, the tensile strength and elastic modulus of these films are higher than those of pure PVA films. It shows that PVA-Extract, PVA-Extract/Alginate film has better mechanical properties. This is because the addition of extract changes the intermolecular force between the -OH groups, it is beneficial

to improve the mechanical properties of composite films. The mechanical properties of PVA-Extract/Alginate composite films showed that after the addition of Anthocyanin, the tensile strength of the composite film, the elongation at break and elastic modulus were increased. This is because Anthocyanins were evenly dispersed in PVA-Extract/Alginate blends, improved intermolecular hydrogen bonding. Thus, the tensile strength of the composite film is significantly improved. The water resistance of film is very important for the application of film in preservation. Figure 5.8 shows the result of water absorption and water solubility of the film. The hydrogen bond between extract and PVA is strong, therefore, more hydrophilic groups are present in the thin film matrix resulting in water soluble nature. In case of PVA-Extract/Alginate film, the extract ,alginate and PVA forms a composite film resulting in weak hydrogen bond hence less hydrophilic groups are present resulting in less water soluble nature.

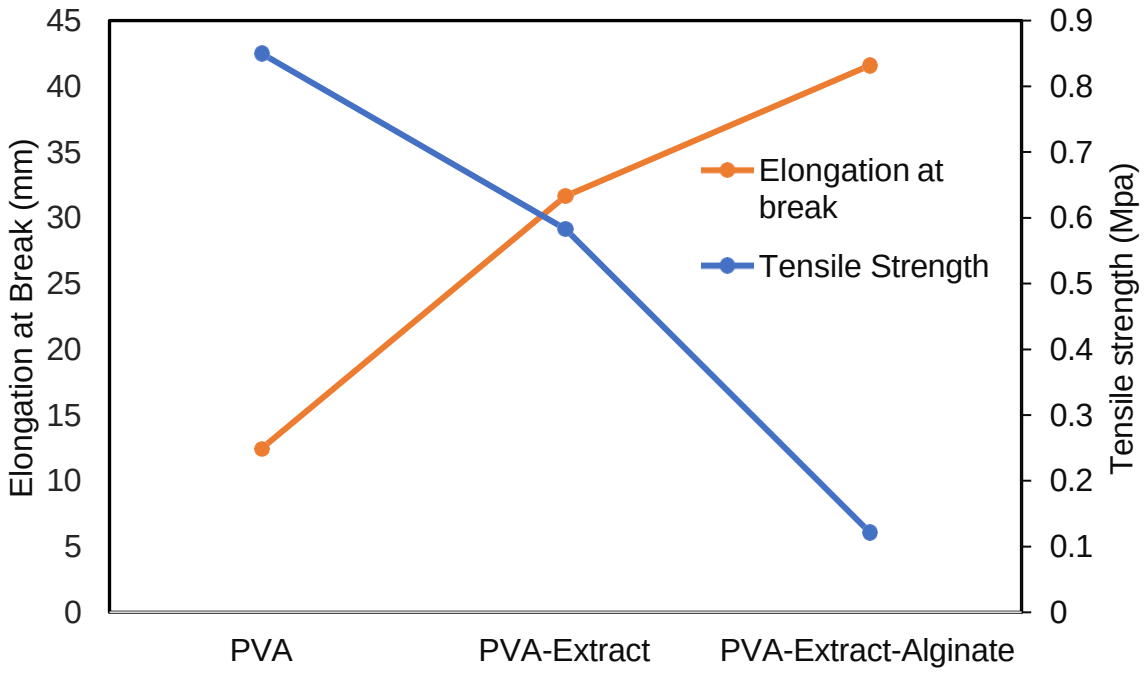


Fig: 5.6 : ***Mechanical property of the composite film***.

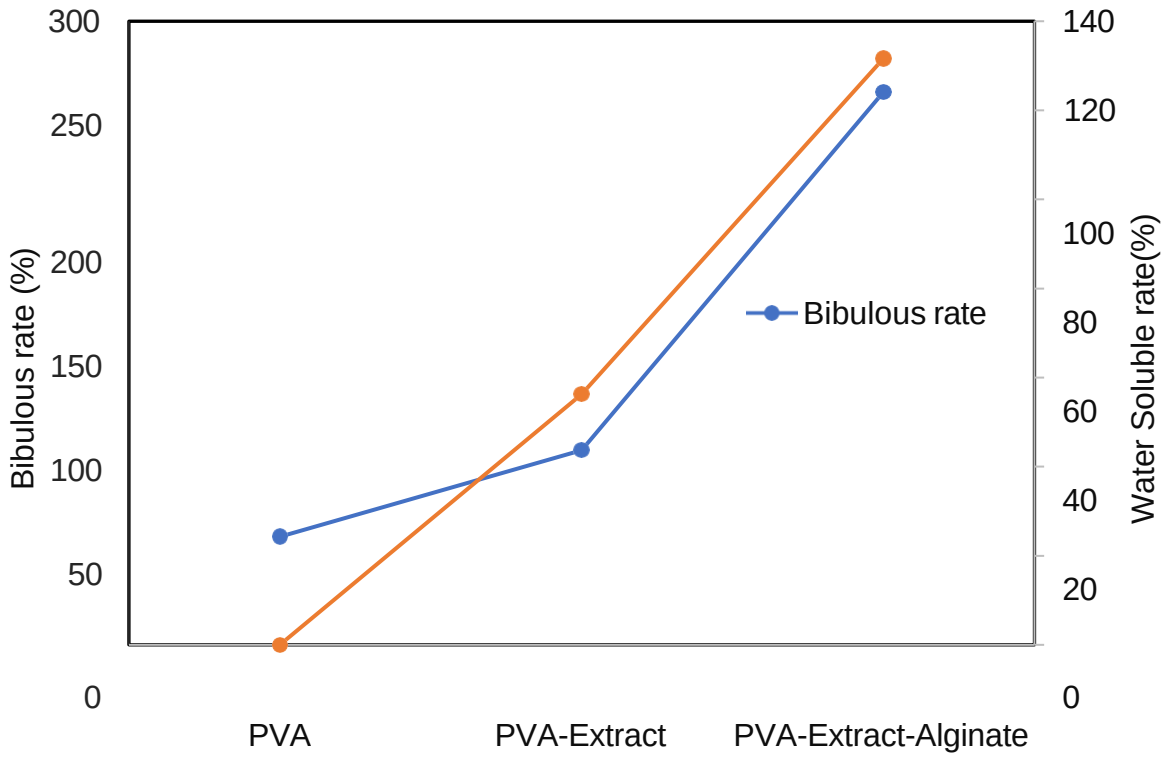


Fig: 5.7: *Water solubility test for the composite film.*

5.4.4 Light Transmittance in the film

UV-vis light barrier property of the film is very important for light-sensitive food packaging. UV-vis light can accelerate food degradation and oxidation, leading to nutrient destruction, color loss and toxic substance formation. As shown in Fig. 5.8, PVA- Extract films showed significantly lower light transmittance in visible wavelength ranges as compared to PVA-Extract- Alginate which show negligible transmittance in both UV and visible regions, suggesting PVA-films possessed higher vis light barrier ability than PVA-extract-Na alginate. The vis light barrier ability of PVA-extract films was mainly attributed to the aromatic rings in the anthocyanins that could absorb Visible light. As the films are dark coloured. In addition, the visible light barrier ability of PVA-extract films was positively correlated with anthocyanins content in the films. Notably, a significant reduction in the light transmittance at about 590 nm was observed.

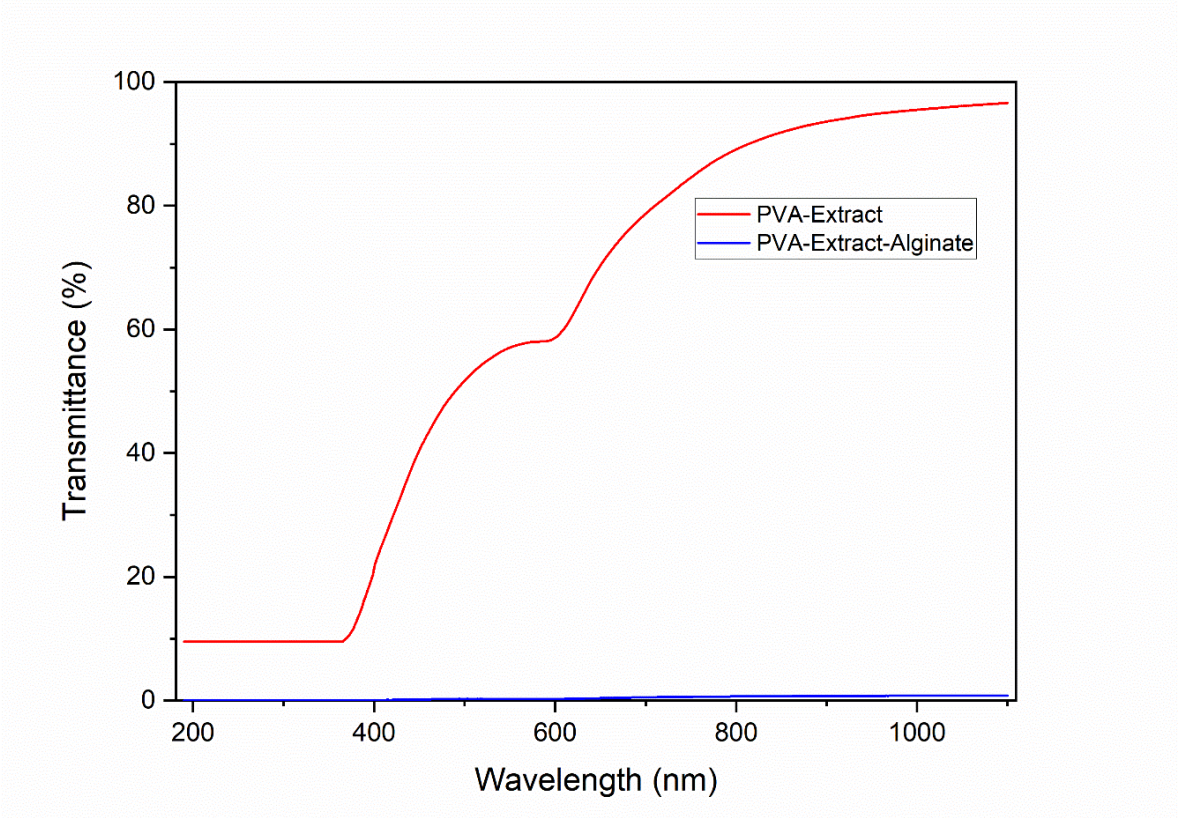


Fig: 5.8: ***Transmittance spectra of PVA-Extract and PVA-Extract-Alginate film***.

5.5 APPLICATION OF THE PVA-EXTRACT FILM AS PACKAGING MATERIAL.

The PVA-extract film is used as a packaging material for fruits and it is used to monitor the shelf life of the fruit. Two sets of experiments were carried out in fresh apple slices covered with film kept at room conditions and at refrigerator. The films at room conditions exhibits shrinkage and colour changes to pale colour indicating the deterioration of the fruit from 4 day. The film at refrigerator last longer and stats to decay from 6 day as witnessed by the shrinkage and paleness of the film with film turning pink.

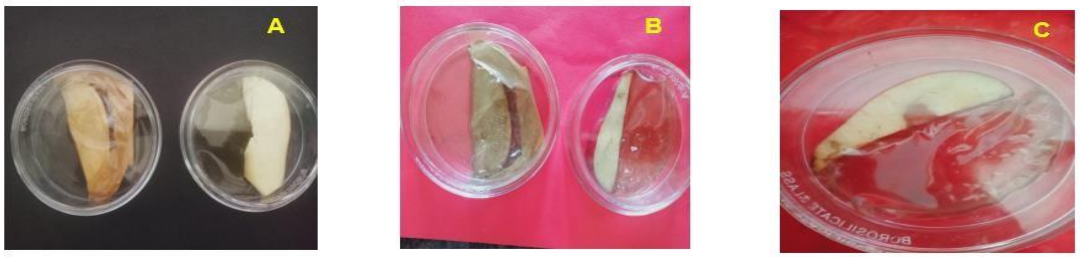


Fig:5.9: ***Apple slices covered with PVA-extract at room conditions. A-1 day; B-2 day; C- 4day***

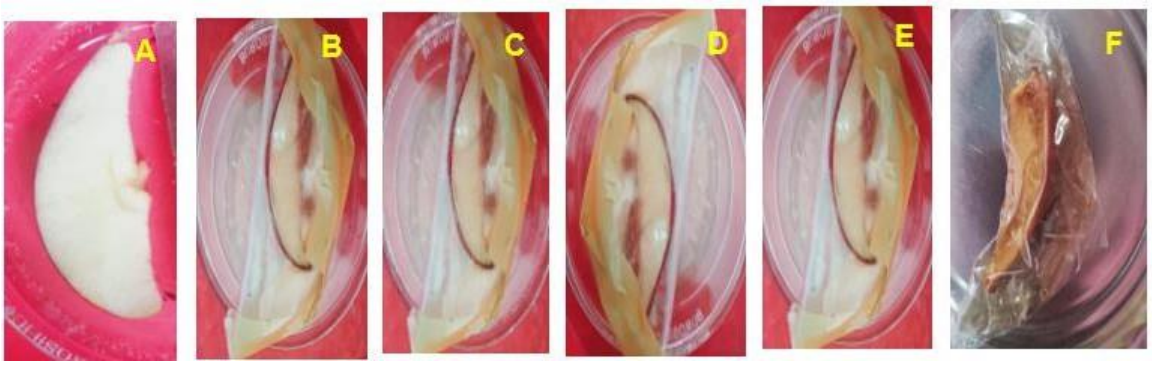


Fig:5.10: ***Apple slices covered with PVA-extract at 4°C. A-1 day; B-2 day; C-3 day; D-4 day; E-5 day; F-6 day.***

CHAPTER 6
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In this study, the extract from Baleria cristata is used as natural indicator, monitor pH and as a sensor to indicate the spoilage of food. The results of te study are summarized as follows:

- The Baleria cristata extract exhibit different colour at different pH with pink at low pH up to 3, colourless at pH 4.0 to 7.0, and yellow at pH 8.0 to 13.0.
- The absorbance peak decreases with increase in pH. The wavelength maxima exhibit a bathochromic shift with increasing pH.
- The extract is applied as natural indicator for acid-base titrations with colour change is from pale brown to yellow for Strong acid/Weak acid -Strong base titration and Green to colourless for Strong acid -Weak base titration.
- The extract solution (in water) is stable for 3 days without any loss in its activity. The stability is enhanced in the ethanolic solution of the extract.
- The extract from Baleria cristata is used as pH strips to monitor the pH of the solutions with pink at low pH up to 3, colourless at pH 4.0 to 7.0, and yellow at pH 8.0 to 13.0.
- The extract is used as a sensor for fruit packaging to indicate the shelf life of the food.
- The extract is made into a film by casting method with PVA and alginate. The FTIR spectra of the composite film indicates that the -OH stretching bond decreases in PVA-extract compare to PVA and there is a band extension of -OH bond in PVA-extract-alginate indicating the complete integration of the extract in both PVA and PVA-alginate matrix.
- The composite film with PVA-Extract and PVA-Alginate-Extract are sensitive pH response. Composite films show different colour changes in different pH environments with pink at low pH up to 3, colourless at pH 4.0 to 7.0, and yellow at pH 8.0 to 13.0.
- The composite film possess a tensile strength of 0.583 MPa and 0.122 Mpa for PVA-Extract and PVA-Extract-alginate with the elongation break at 31.49% for PVA-Extract and 41.58% for PVA-Extract-alginate.
- The composite film exhibits high tensile strength and elongation at break for PVA-extract and PVA-extract-alginate than pure PVA film.

- The water resistance of the composite film is enhanced in PVA-extract and in PVA-alginate due to strong hydrogen bonding compare to PVA films.
- The composite film act as a fruit packaging material to monitor the freshness of the fruit.

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ABSTRACT

Magnesium oxide nanoparticles have been synthesized by sol-gel method. The synthesized nanoparticle has been characterized by FTIR,XRD,SEM With EDAX. XRD studies show that zinc oxide nanoparticle as hexagonal wurtzite structure. The SEM analysis confirms the formation of cubic particles which are agglomerated. FTIR confirms the presence of Zn – O and Mg – O bond stretching. EDAX confirms the presence of Zinc, Magnesium and oxygen in the formed catalyst. The synthesized ZnO/MgO/PEG nanocomposite was used a catalyst for the removal of the congo red from the aqueous solution. The synthesized product was characterized by FTIR technique. The functional groups present in the product and its structure was confirmed by the spectral studies.The freundlich adsorption isotherm is found to be best fit for the removal of congo red dye.The optimal conditions for achieving the highest removal percentage of congo red dye by the ZnO/MgO/PEG nanocomposite are found at the pH of 3.

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LIST OF ABBREVATIONS

CR - Congo Red

XRD - X-Ray Diffraction

FTIR - Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy

SEM - Scanning Electron Microscope

EDAX- Energy Dispersive X-ray Analysis

CHAPTER – 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 CATALYST

A Catalyst is defined as a substance which increases the rate of the reaction and reduce the activation energy without undergoing any change and can be recovered as such at the completion of the reaction. The phenomenon of increase in the rate of a reaction with the help of catalyst is known as catalysis. Catalysts facilitate the production of the final reaction product by reacting with the reactants to form intermediates, and can then be regenerated. Although catalysts affect reaction rates, the equilibrium state remains unchanged.

1.2 TYPES OF CATALYSTS

Mainly catalysts are four types,

- Homogeneous catalyst
- Heterogeneous catalyst
- Heterogenized homogeneous catalyst
- Biocatalyst

1.2.1 HOMOGENEOUS CATALYST

Homogeneous catalysis of chemical reaction is a process where the reactants involved in the reaction and the catalyst are in the same phase. The examples of homogeneous catalyst are Acid catalysis, Transition metal catalysis and enzymatic catalysis. This type of catalysis occur in gas phase or liquid phase. In homogeneous catalysis, the catalyst is mixed into the reaction mixture,allowing very high levels of interaction between the catalyst and reactant

Homogeneous catalysis, however is often irrecoverable after completion of the reaction unlike heterogeneous catalysis. Homogeneous catalysis mechanism is explained by intermediate compound formation theory.

1.2.2 HETEROGENEOUS CATALYST

Heterogeneous catalysts are chemical catalyst whose physical phase differs from the physical phase of the reactants or product participating in the catalyzed chemical reaction.The solid phase heterogeneous catalyst facilitates the chemical reaction between the gaseous reactants.The example of heterogenous catalyst is that reaction of hydrogen and nitrogen in the presence of finely didvided iron to form ammonia.According to the surface adsorption theory heterogeneous catalysis has five stages they are as follows,

- The rate of diffusion of reactants to the surface depends on both their bulk concentration and the thickness of the boundary layer.
- Bonds are formed as the reactants are adsorbed onto the surface of the catalyst.
- Bonds form between atoms and molecules on the surface.
- Bonds are broken as the product desorb from the surface.
- Products are then desorbed from the catalyst surface through diffusion.

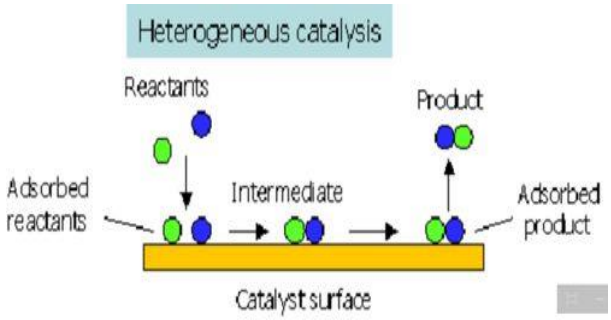


Fig 1.1 Mechanism of Heterogenous Catalysis

1.2.3 HETEROGENIZED HOMOGENEOUS CATALYSTS

The development of heterogenous catalysts is much more challenging than that of homogeneous catalysts. Inorder to design heterogenized homogeneous catalysts, covalent grafting of catalytic active species on solid surface is considered to be the most effective method.

1.2.4 BIOCATALYST

Natural proteins or nucleic acids used to catalyze specific chemical reactions outside the living cells is called Biocatalysis. Enzymes are obtained from animal tissues, plants, microbes. Examples of biocatalyst are in textile industry as amylase is used for removing starch from woven farbics.

1.3 NANOPARTICLES

A nanoparticle are spherical, polymeric particles composed of natural or artificial polymers and it is a small particle that ranges between 1 to 100 nano-metres in size.

1.3.1 TYPES OF NANOPARTICLES

They are classified into different types based on the size, morphology, physical and chemical properties.

- Carbon-based nanoparticles
- Ceramics nanoparticles
- Lipid based nanoparticles
- Semiconductor nanoparticles
- Polymeric nanoparticles
- Metal-oxides nanoparticles

1.3.2 CARBON- BASED NANOPARTICLES

They are classified as,

- Carbon nano-tubes (CNTs)
- Fullerene
- Graphene

Carbon based nanoparticles composed of pure forms of carbon therefore exhibiting high stability, good conductivity and low toxicity. Carbon nanoparticles are used as biosensors to remediation of pollutants.

1.3.3 CERAMICS NANOPARTICLES

The ceramic nanoparticles are primarily made up of oxides, carbides, phosphates and carbonates of matals and metalloids such as calcium, titanium, silicon etc...they are used in automotive engines,aerospace technology,bio medical replacement for bones and teeth and as a cutting tools.

1.3.4 LIPID BASED NANOPARTICLES

The Lipid based nanoparticles is prepared from a liquid nanophase containing water and water miscible organic solvent when both lipid and DNA are separately dissolved by removing the organic solvent astable and homogeneously sized Lipid based nanoparticle is formed and the size ranges between 50 to 1000nm.

1.3.5 SEMICONDUCTOR NANOPARTICLES

Semiconductor nanoparticles are intermediate between the metals and nonmetals and therefore they carry properties from each of those. The applications are nanoelectronics, solar cells, catalysis, detectors and photography.

1.3.6 POLYMERIC NANOPARTICLES

Polymeric nanoparticles are formed by polymer particles within the size range from 1 to 1000nm and can be loaded with active compounds. Polymeric nanoparticles are applied to delivery genes especially in vaccine design and also in cancer gene therapy

1.3.7 METAL-OXIDES NANOPARTICLE

Metal oxide nanoparticles are mainly obtained by hydrolysis of metal salts at room temperature or temperature not greater than 100°C. They have variety of uses as pigments in paints and plastics, catalysts, waste water treatment and energy storage.

1.3.8 MAGNESIUM OXIDE NANOPARTICLES

Magnesium oxide nanoparticles exhibit no odor and are safe for use. They are characterized by their exceptional hardness, purity, and a high melting point.

These nanoparticles are found in the form of a white powder. Magnesium oxide nanoparticles can be prepared using the hydroxide precipitation process, which is followed by thermal decomposition of the hydroxide. MgO can be characterized by X-ray powder diffraction and scanning electron microscopes. Magnesium oxide nanoparticles can be applied in several fields, including electronics, catalysis, ceramics, and petrochemical products. When combined with natural materials such as wood chips and shavings, they can be used to produce lightweight, heat insulating and sound-proofing materials, refractory fiber board, and metallic ceramics. Magnesium oxide is used for relief of heartburn and indigestion, as anantacid, magnesium supplement, and as a short-term laxative. It is also used to improve symptoms of indigestion.

1.3.9 ZINC OXIDE NANOPARTICLES

Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles can be utilized in various biomedical applications due to their unique properties, such as high surface area to volume ratio, biocompatibility, and antimicrobial activity. These nanoparticles have shown promise in areas such as targeted drug delivery, imaging, and therapeutics. The small size of ZnO NPs allows them to penetrate biological barriers and target specific cells or tissues, making them ideal candidates for precision medicine. Additionally, their ability to generate reactive oxygen species (ROS) can be harnessed for cancer treatment through photodynamic therapy. Zinc oxide nanoparticles are increasingly used in various industrial applications such as rubber, paint, coatings, and cosmetics.

1.4 NANOCOMPOSITES

Nanocomposites are materials composed of a matrix (ceramic, metal, or polymer) with embedded nano-sized phases. These phases can be zero-dimensional (e.g., nanoparticles), one-dimensional (e.g., nanowires), or two-dimensional (e.g., nanosheets). If at least one of the component constituents is nanometric, then it is a nanocomposite. Since nanocomposites are heterogeneous materials, their properties are determined by the same factors as in traditional composites.

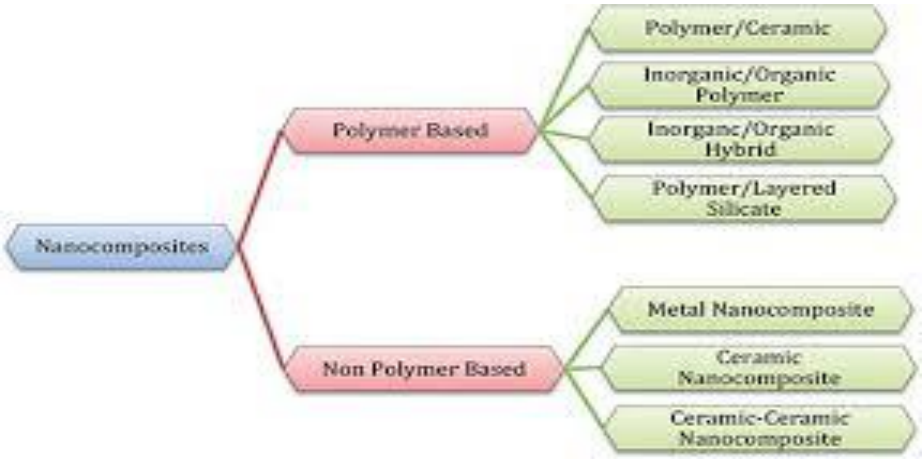


Fig 1.2 Types of Nanocomposites

1.4.1 BIMETALLIC OXIDE NANOCOMPOSITES

Bimetallic oxide nanocomposites are mixture of metallic nanoparticles and can be represented as *MxNy*, where *M* and *N* are different metallic elements. These nanoparticles are non-carbon-based nanomaterials with beneficial electrocatalytic, magnetic, and electrical properties. The properties of bimetallic oxide nanocomposites are determined by the combination of these two elements and their ratio in the nanoparticle structure. Bimetallic oxide-based nanocomposites, including iron oxide, titanium oxide, zinc oxide, and other metal oxides, are widely used across various industries such as biomedical, pharmaceutical, wastewater treatment, catalysis, and energy storage.The example includes TiO_2-CuO, ZnO-MgO,TiO_2-Fe2O_3,WO_3-ZnO,TiO_2- In_2O_3 etc…

1.4.2 BIMETALLIC NANOCOMPOSITES

Bimetallic Nanocomposites are created by combining two different metals in a reaction vessel under specific conditions, leading to a range of structural and morphological modifications. They are widely used in the production of electrical devices due to their small size, which offers a larger surface area and high conductivity. Bimetallic Nanocomposites are used in many sunscreens, catalysts in environmental remediations and also in the production of electrical devices.

Examples of the bimetallic Nanocomposites are Pt-Ag, , Pt-Rh, Ag-Ni, Au-Pt, Ni-Au etc..

1.4.3 ZnO/MgO BIMETALLIC OXIDE NANOCOMPOSITES

The synthesis of bimetal oxide nanocomposites of ZnO and MgO was carried out using the precipitation method, which is a commonly used method for nanoparticle synthesis. The synthesis was performed at low temperature to avoid any unwanted chemical reactions and to ensure the formation of stable nanoparticles. The nanoparticles were then characterized using a range of analytical techniques, including X-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR). XRD was used to analyze the crystal structure of the nanoparticles, while SEM was used to study their morphology and size distribution. FT-IR was used to analyze the functional groups present on the surface of the nanoparticles. The results of these analyses indicated that the synthesized nanoparticles were of high quality and had good stability. To evaluate the efficiency of the nanoparticles in drug delivery, adsorption and release experiments were carried out. The anticancer drug doxorubicin was used as a model drug for the adsorption and release experiments. The experiments were performed in a dark room at room temperature to avoid any potential light-induced degradation of the drug. Overall, the results of the study showed that the bimetal oxide nanocomposites of ZnO and MgO have great potential for use in drug delivery due to their high stability, good adsorption capacity, and efficient release of drugs. The experimental data was used to validate adsorption models including Henry, Freundlich, and Langmuir models. MgO-ZnO composite is a cost-effective and efficient photocatalyst for dye degradation in wastewater.

1.4.4 POLYMERIC NANO-COMPOSITES

Polymeric nanocomposites are polymers that have been reinforced with nanomaterials, such as nanofillers. In the field of polymer nanocomposites, it is crucial to consider the dispersion of nanofillers in the bulk polymer matrix. Polymeric nanocomposites (PNCs) are materials that are widely used in various industries, such as packaging, energy, safety, transportation, electromagnetic shielding, defense systems, sensors, catalysis, and the information industry. The most common biodegradable polymers used in making polymeric nanocomposites

include poly(lactide) (PLA), poly(lactide-co-glycolide) (PLGA) copolymers, poly(ε-caprolactone) (PCL), and poly(amino acids). Some natural polymers such as alginate, chitosan, gelatin, and albumin are also used.

1.5 CONGO RED DYE

Congo-red (CR) is a type of azo dye with the molecular formula of $C_{32}H_{22}N_6Na_2O_6S_2$ and a molecular weight of 696.68 g/mol. It was discovered by Paul Bottinger in 1884 and was recognized as the first direct dye. CR is an anionic di-azo dye that contains two groups (-N=N-) and is made up of a sodium salt of benzidinediazo-bis-1-naphthylamine-4-sulfonic acid. It is also known by various names such as CR 4B, C.I. 22120, Cotton red B, Cotton red C, Direct red 28, Cosmos red, Direct red Y, and Direct red R Congo red was a dye that was once used to color cotton. However, it has been replaced by dyes that are more resistant to light and washing. Congo red is an acidic diazo dye composed of two identical halves, each containing a phenyl ring bound to a naphthalene moiety by a diazo group. Congo Red is a pH indicator dye that turns blue-violet at pH 3.0 and red at pH 5.0. Nowadays, Congo red is used in histology to stain tissues for microscopic examination. It also serves as an acid-base indicator because it turns red in the presence of alkalies and blue when exposed to acids. Congo red can affect different organs such as the eyes, skin, respiratory and reproductive systems. Benzidine, which is its toxic metabolite, can cause an allergic reaction and is known to be a carcinogenic substance. Different methods have been proposed to remove Congo Red from contaminated water, including adsorption, coagulation-flocculation, ultrasound irradiation, ion exchange, mineralization, and photocatalysis.

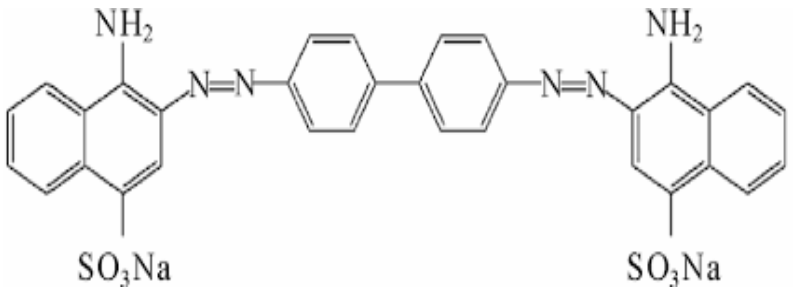


Fig 1.3 Structure of Congo Red dye

1.5.1 ADSORPTION OF DYE

Adsorption, capability of all solid substances to attract to their surfaces molecules of gases or solutions with which they are in contact. Solids that are used to adsorb gases or dissolved substances are called adsorbents; the adsorbed molecules are usually referred to collectively as the adsorbate . Langmuir and Freundlich are two-parameter adsorption isotherms that are widely used in cEOR studies. The Langmuir isotherm is applied to monolayer adsorption on homogeneous sites, whereas the Freundlich isotherm suites are applied to multilayer adsorption on heterogeneous sites.The λ max of Congo red dye was found to be 498 nm.Maximum removal of Congo Red on black cardamom activated carbon occurs at pH 6. Langmuir adsorption capacity was found to be 69.93 mg/g. Uptake of Congo Red follows pseudo-second-order kinetics. Congo Red adsorption was found to be spontaneous, random, and exothermic.

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CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

3.1 AIM

The main aim of this project is to synthesize ZnO/MgO/PEG nanocomposite. ZnO/MgO/PEG nano powders were synthesized with well – defined morphology at the room temperature by using zinc chloride and magnesium nitrate in a stoichiometric ratio via Sol-gel method. ZnO/MgO/PEG Nanocomposite were characterized with the help of SEM, EDAX, FTIR and XRD and utilized to remove the Congo Red dye from aqueous solution.

3.1.1 OBJECTIVES

- To incorporate metal oxide in the polymer and to use it as the catalyst to study its efficiency.
- To synthesize ZnO/MgO/PEG Nanocomposite by Sol-gel method.
- To characterize the catalyst using Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), Ultraviolet-Visible spectroscopy, Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM), Energy-dispersive X-ray analysis (EDAX), X-ray diffraction (XRD).
- Removal efficiency of Congo Red Dye from aqueous solution.

3.1.2 SCOPE

- To synthesize cost effective adsorbent
- To prepare effective adsorbent to reduce the water pollution.
- To degrade the pollutant like Congo red dye from the textile industrial waste water.

CHAPTER 4

EXPERIMENTAL

4.1 MATERIALS

Materials used in this work such as Zinc chloride, Magnesium nitrate, Polyethylene glycol, deionized water and Congo red dye which were purchased from micro fine chemicals and it is used without for further purification.

4.2 CHARACTERIZATION TECHNIQUES

4.2.1 POWDER X-RAY DIFFRACTION (XRD)

X-ray diffraction is a non-destructive technique used to analyze the properties of powder, solid and liquid samples such as phase composition, crystal structure, and orientation. X-ray diffraction is a non-destructive technique used to analyze the properties of powder, solid and liquid samples such as phase composition, crystal structure, and orientation. X-ray diffraction is based on constructive interference of monochromatic X-rays and a crystalline sample. These X-rays are generated by a cathode ray tube, filtered to produce monochromatic radiation, collimated to concentrate, and directed toward the sample. The interaction of the incident rays with the sample produces constructive interference (and a diffracted ray) when conditions satisfy Bragg's law ($n\lambda=2d\sin\theta$). This law relates the wavelength of electromagnetic radiation to the diffraction angle and the lattice spacing in a crystalline sample. These diffracted X-rays are then detected, processed and counted. By scanning the sample through a range of 2θangles, all possible diffraction directions of the lattice should be attained due to the random orientation of the powdered material. Conversion of the diffraction peaks to d-spacings allows identification of the mineral because each mineral has a set of unique d-spacings. Typically, this is achieved by comparison of d-spacings with standard reference patterns.

All diffraction methods are based on generation of X-rays in X-ray tube. These X-rays are directed at the sample, and the diffracted rays are collected. A key

component of all diffraction is the angle between the incident and diffracted rays. Powder and single crystal diffraction vary in instrumentation beyond this. he particle size can be determined by using the Scherrer formula is

Scherrer formula= ($D= K\lambda/\beta\cos\theta$)

Where,

K= e Shape factor (0.9)

λ= wavelength of X-rays,

β= corrected full width at half-maximum,

θ= angle of peak

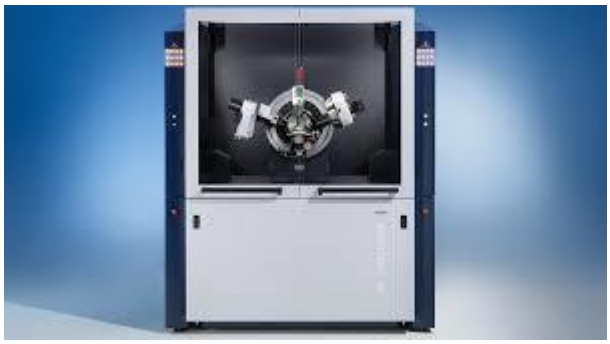


Fig 4.1 X-ray diffractometer

4.2.2 FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY (FTIR)

Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy, which is also referred to as FTIR Analysis is a highly effective analytical technique used to identify organic, polymeric and (in some cases) inorganic materials. The method employs infrared light to scan test samples and observe their chemical properties. FTIR spectrophotometer includes a source, sample cell, detector, amplifier, A/D convertor, and a computer. The FTIR instrument sends infrared radiation with a wavelength of about 10,000 to 100 cm-1 through a sample. Some of the radiation is absorbed by the molecules in the sample while some passes through. The molecules in the sample convert the absorbed radiation into rotational and/or vibrational energy. The resulting signal is detected and presents as a spectrum, typically ranging from 4000 cm-1 to 400cm-1. This spectrum represents a molecular fingerprint of the sample. For this purpose, the sample were mixed potassium bromide and made into pellets for analysis.



Fig 4.2 Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer

4.2.3 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE (SEM)

Scanning Electron Microscope, commonly known as SEM, is a technology that produces highly detailed and magnified images of an object's surface. SEM equipped with EDX can determine the main atomic composition of pf the particle, particle colours cannot be determined by SEM. This is achieved by scanning the object's surface using a focused beam of electrons. The resulting images provide information about the object's physical features and composition. Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) uses electron beams to scan a sample. An electron gun emits these beams, which are then focused by a series of lenses and apertures. This process takes place in a vacuum to prevent any existing molecules or atoms from interacting with the electron beam, ensuring high-quality imaging. Additionally, the vacuum protects the electron source from vibrations and noise. In SEM examination system the zones territory from around 1cm to 5 microns in width can be imaged in a filtering mode utilizing SEM methods and having amplification run from spatial goals of 50nm to 100nm.

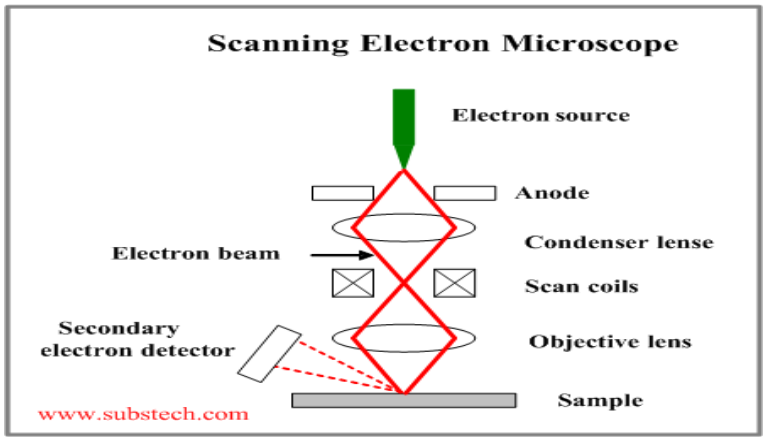


Fig 4.3 Scanning Electron Microscope

4.2.4 UV-VISIBLE SPECTROSCOPY

UV-Visible Spectroscopy is a technique that involves the absorption of ultraviolet or visible light by chemical substances, which leads to the production of various spectra. Spectrophotometer is based on the interaction of light and matter. When matter absorbs light, it undergoes excitation and de-excitation, resulting in the production of a spectrum. When matter absorbs ultraviolet light, the electrons inside it get excited. This leads them to leap from a ground state to an excited state (an energy state having a little amount of energy connected with it) (an energy state with a relatively more amount of energy associated with it). The more easily excited the electrons (i.e., lower energy gap between the HOMO and the LUMO), the longer the absorb energy in the form of ultraviolet or visible light to excite these electrons to higher levels. Molecules containing bonding and non-bonding electrons (n-electrons) can bond molecular orbitals. The wavelength of light a substance can absorb depends on the energy required to excite its electrons. There are four possible types of transitions (π–π*, n–π*, σ–σ*, and n–σ*), and they can be ordered as follows: σ–σ* > n–σ* > π–π* > n–π*. UV/visible spectrophotometer is regularly used in analytical chemistry to quantitatively determine different analytes or samples, such as transition metal ions, highly conjugated organic compounds, and biological macromolecules. Spectroscopic analysis is most usually performed on solutions, but it can also be done on solids and gases. All diluted inorganic solutions are UV active, and solutions of transition metal ions can be colored (i.e., absorb visible light) because d-electrons within the metal atoms can be excited from one electronic state to another. The presence of additional species, such as anions or ligands, has a significant impact on the color of metal ion solutions. For example, a

dilute solution of copper sulfate is a very faint blue color; adding ammonia intensifies the color and shifts the wavelength of maximum absorption (λmax). While charge transfer complexes also give rise to colors, the colors are often too intense to be used for quantitative measurement. According to the Beer–Lambert equation, a solution's absorbance is proportional to the concentration of absorbing species in the solution and the route length. UV/Visible spectrophotometer may thus be used to determine the concentration of the absorber in a solution for a specific route length. It's crucial to understand how rapidly absorbance varies with concentration. References (tables of molar extinction coefficients) or, more precisely, a calibration curve can be used to calculate this. This method is most often used in a quantitative way to determine the concentration of absorbing species in a solution using Beer-Lambert's law (A = εlc), where,

A = absorbance,

I = intensity of the incident is the transmitted intensity,

L = the path length,

c = concentration of absorbing species, and

ε = molar absorptivity coefficient.



Fig 4.4 UV-Visible Spectrophotometer

4.2.5 ENERGY DISPERSIVE X-RAY ANALYSIS (EDAX)

EDX analysis, also known as Energy Dispersive X-ray analysis or EDS/EDAX analysis, is a technique utilized for identifying the elemental composition of a specimen or a specific area of interest within the specimen. It functions as an

integrated feature of a Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) and cannot operate on its own. During EDX analysis, an electron beam is used to bombard the specimen inside the SEM. The bombarding electrons collide with the specimen atoms' own electrons, causing some of them to be knocked off. The position vacated by an ejected inner shell electron is then eventually occupied by a higher-energy electron from an outer shell. However, the transferring outer electron must emit an X-ray and give up some of its energy to be able to do so. The amount of energy released by the transferring electron depends on the shell it is transferring from and the shell it is transferring to. Moreover, every element's atom releases X-rays with unique amounts of energy during the transferring process. Therefore, by measuring the amount of energy present in the X-rays being released by a specimen during electron beam bombardment, the identity of the atom from which the X-ray was emitted can be established.

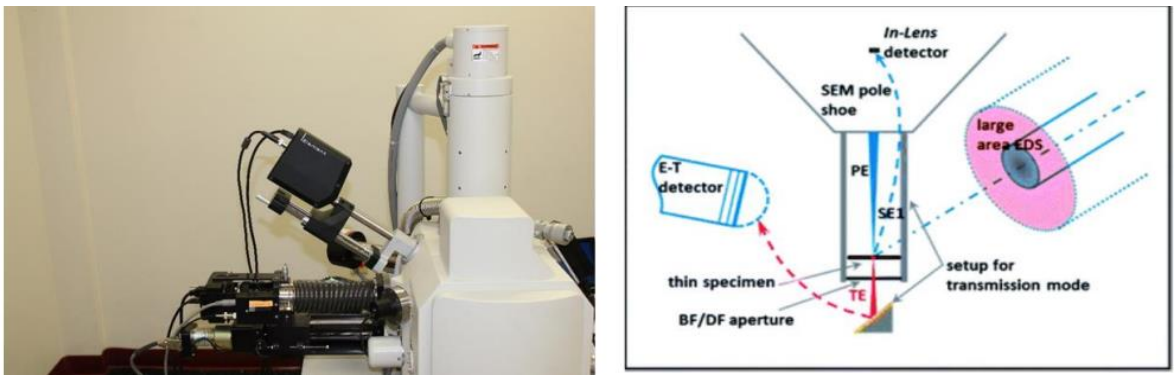


Fig 4.5 Energy Dispersive X-ray Analysis Instrument

4.3 Experimental Procedure

4.3.1 Synthesis of ZnO/MgO Nanocomposites

1 M of $ZnCl_2$ and 1 M of $MgNO_3$ solution is prepared in 100ml distilled water. Take $ZnCl_2$ solution in a beaker and place it in hot plated magnetic stirrer when the solution gets boiled then $MgNO_3$ is added drop by drop and then add ammonia solution to maintain pH at 85°C for 1 hour. The mixture is filtered, washed and dried and used as ZnO/MgO nanocomposite.

4.3.2 Synthesis of ZnO/MgO/PEG Nanocomposites

To a dispersion of ZnO/MgO nanocomposite add PEG solution drop by drop into the round bottom flask which is attached to the condenser and reflux it for 1hr. A gel like consistency is obtained, then turn off the stirrer and then the solution is filtered, washed and dried. The powder substance is obtained is the ZnO/MgO/PEG nanocomposites product.

4.3.3 Removal efficiency of Congo Red dye

Adsorption experiments were conducted for the removal of Congo red using the prepared nanocomposite. It is experimented by preparing 1000ppm by dissolving 1g in 1L of solution of volumetric flask. From the prepared solution, and made up to different concentration like (2ml of solution is make up to 100ml, 4ml in 100ml, 6ml in 100ml, 8ml in 100ml, 10ml in 100ml std flask). The various parameters such as initial dye concentration (10 ppm, 20 ppm, 30 ppm, 40 ppm, 50 ppm), pH (3,7, 10), catalyst weight (0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5) were optimized by performing reactions for in containers which are sealed tightly and continuously stirred at the speed of 1200rpm in a shaker at the temperature of 30℃.

CHAPTER 5

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

5.1 CHARACTERIZATION OF ZnO/MgO/PEG NANOCOMPOSITE

5.1.1 FTIR Spectrum ZnO/MgO/PEG Nano composites

The FTIR spectrum of ZnO/MgO/PEG nanocomposite are shown in Fig.5.1 the IR vibrational frequency obtained at 3445 cm^{-1}, 2360 cm^{-1} ,568 cm^{-1} and 526 cm^{-1} correspond to O-H stretching on ZnO/MgO/PEG, O=C=O stretching, water and C02 molecule adsorption on ZnO/MgO/PEG surface, O-H in plane bending of carboxyl group adsorbed on ZnO/MgO/PEG and metal – oxygen bond Zn-O stretching and Mg-O strecthing respectively. The peak at 568 cm^{-1} and 526 cm^{-1} is the characteristic peak for Zn – O bond and Mg – O bond of nanocomposite.

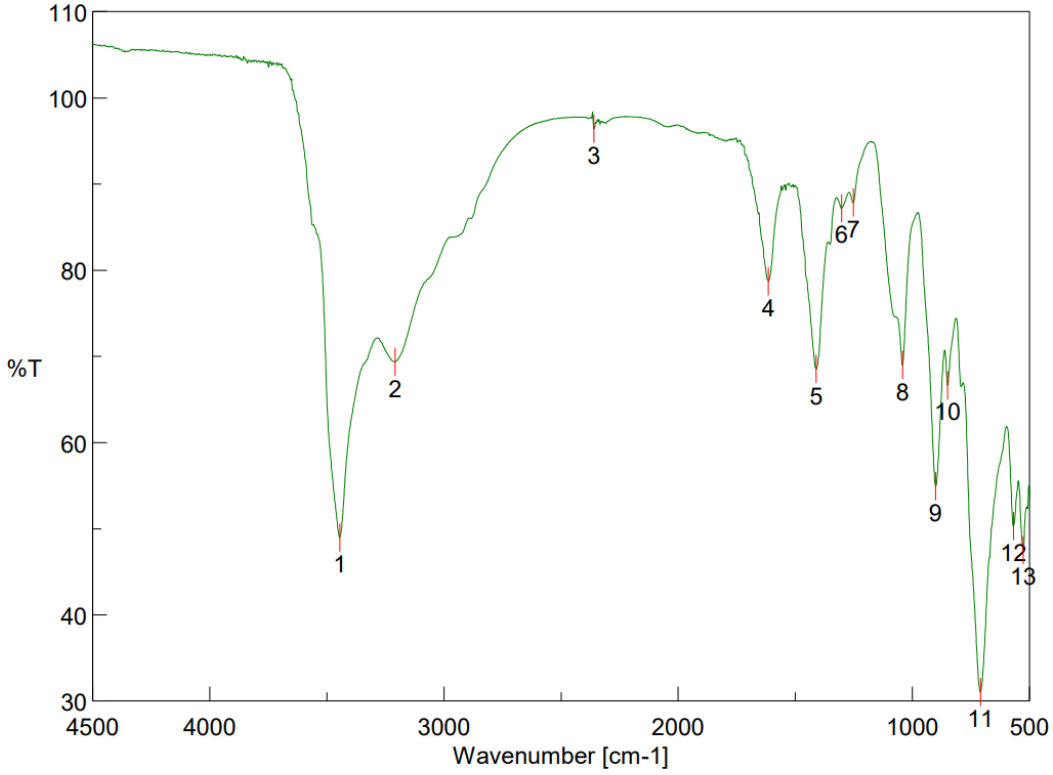


Fig 5.1 FTIR spectrum of ZnO/MgO/PEG Nanocomposite

PEAK NO	VIBRATIONAL FREQUENCY	FUNCTIONAL GROUP INDENTIFICATION
1	3445 cm^{-1}	O-H stretching of absorbable water molecule on magnesium oxide
2	3208 cm^{-1}	O-H stretching
3	2360 cm^{-1}	O=C=O stretching
4	1615 cm^{-1}	C=O stretching
5	1410 cm^{-1}	O-H bending
6	1302 cm^{-1}	C-N stretching
7	1252 cm^{-1}	C-O stretching
8	1042 cm^{-1}	O-C-O stretching
9	900 cm^{-1}	C-H stretching
10	849 cm^{-1}	C-Cl stretching
11	709 cm^{-1}	C-Cl stretching
12	568 cm^{-1}	Zn-O stretching
13	526 cm^{-1}	Mg-O stretching

5.1.2 SEM and EDAX image of ZnO/MgO/PEG Nanocomposite

The SEM image of ZnO/MgO/PEG nanocomposite is shown in the Fig 5.2. The image explains that ZnO/MgO/PEG nanocomposite obtained have cubic shape. The SEM image also shows the presence of agglomerates of ZnO/MgO/PEG nanocomposite. The EDAX spectra shows the presence of Zn, Mg, C and O in the ZnO/MgO/PEG catalyst.

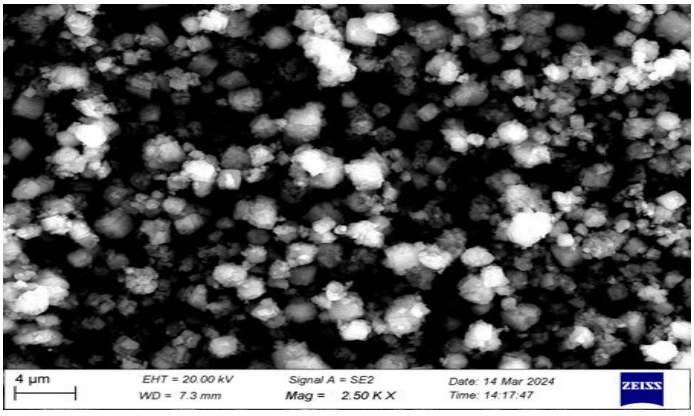
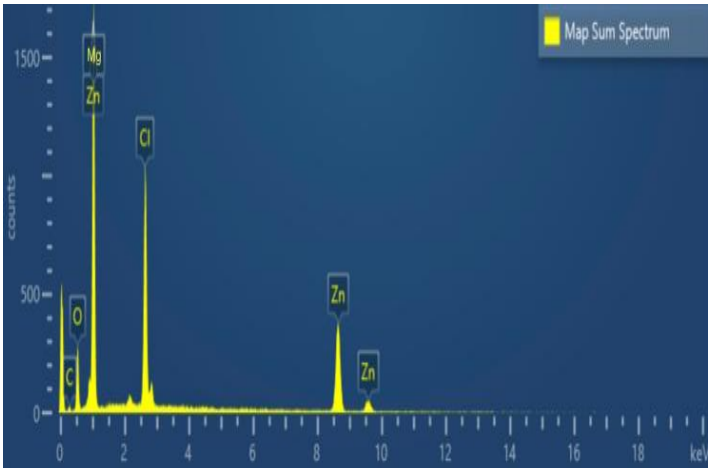


Fig 5.2 SEM image of ZnO/MgO/PEG Nanocomposite



Element	Wt%	At%
C	8.58	22.07
O	15.38	29.71
Mg	5.89	7.92
Cl	17.84	15.56
Zn	52.30	24.73
Total	100.00	100.00

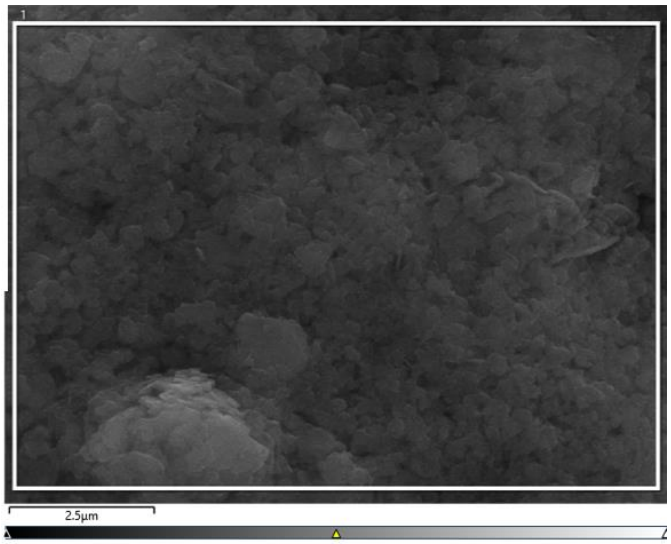


Fig 5.3 EDAX image of ZnO/MgO/PEG NanoComposites

5.1.3 XRD pattern of ZnO/MgO/PEG Nanocomposite

The XRD pattern of ZnO/MgO/PEG nanocomposite is shown in the Fig 5.5 X-ray diffraction. The peak at the 2θ = 34°,38°,46° are coressponding to ZnO, 2θ =43°,54°,60° coresspond to MgO and 22°,25° are ascribing to PEG were found in ZnO/MgO/PEG.This sharp peaks shows the crystalline nature of the nanocomposite.

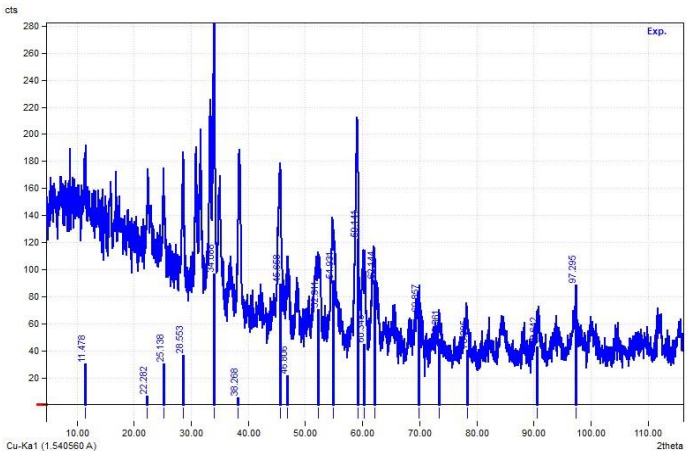


Fig 5.4 XRD pattern for ZnO/MgO/PEG nanocomposite

5.2 ADSORPTION ISOTHERM

Freundlich isotherm is used to examine the absorption of Congo red dye on the ZnO/MgO/PEG Nano-composites. The Freundlich isotherm is generally represented by,

$$qe = K_f C_e^{1/n}$$

$$qe = \frac{(CO - Ce)}{M} = K_f C_e^{1/n}$$

Where qe is the adsorptive capacity (mg g-1),

C_o and C_e are the initial and equilibrium constant (mg L-1) respectively,

k_f and n are Freundlich constant and it's related to adsorption capacity respectively and M is the mass of adsorbent (g), the Freundlich isotherm is represented as

$$\ln q_e = \ln k_f + 1/n \ln C_e$$

The graph plotted between the ln qe versus ln Ce for the adsorption of Congo red on the ZnO/MgO/PEG is shown in figure 5.5. k_f and n are determined from the slope and intercept of the liner plot. The Freundlich adsorption isotherm parameter for adsorption of congo red from the aqueous solution using the adsorbent is shown in the table 5.3. Here the Freundlich isotherm proved to be the better fit from the

regression coefficient. The heterogeneity of ZnO/MgO doped activated PEG adsorbent surface.

Figure 5.6 shows the effect of time on stream for the removal of Congo red by using ZnO/MgO doped activated PEG sample.

S.NO	Ci (mg/L)	Ce (mg/L)	$1/C_e$	Log C_e	Ln C_e	q_e (mg/g)	$1/q_e$	Ln q_e
1	10	2.4	0.4166	0.3802	0.8755	3.8	0.2632	1.3350
2	20	5.98	0.1672	0.7767	1.7888	7.01	0.1426	1.9473
3	30	12.87	0.0777	1.1096	2.5555	8.57	0.1167	2.1482
4	40	16.44	0.0608	1.2159	2.7999	11.78	0.0849	2.4664
5	50	24.5	0.0408	1.3891	3.1987	12.75	0.0784	2.5455

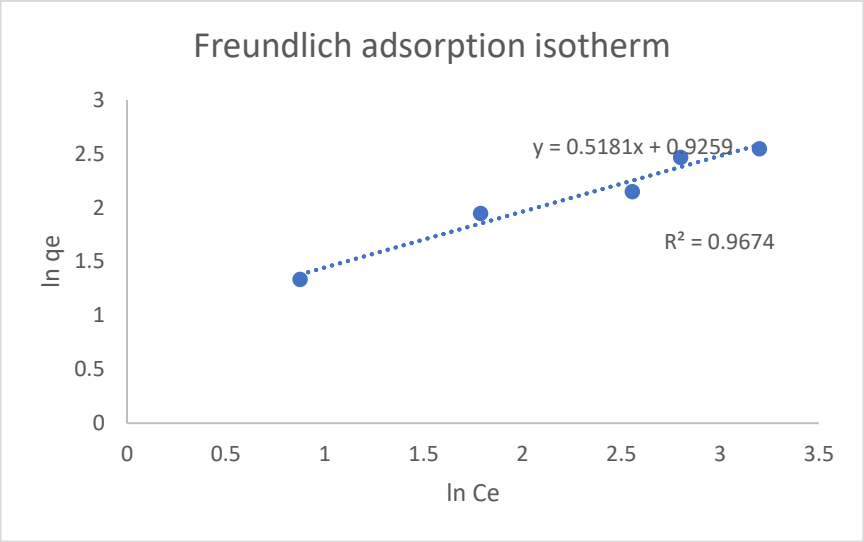
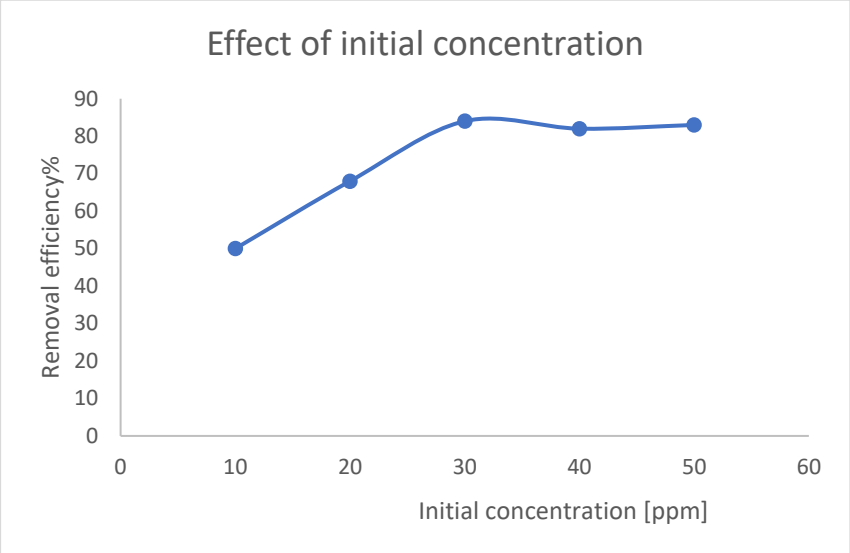


Fig 5.5 Freundlich Adsorption Isotherm

5.3 EFFECT OF ADSORPTION PARAMETERS

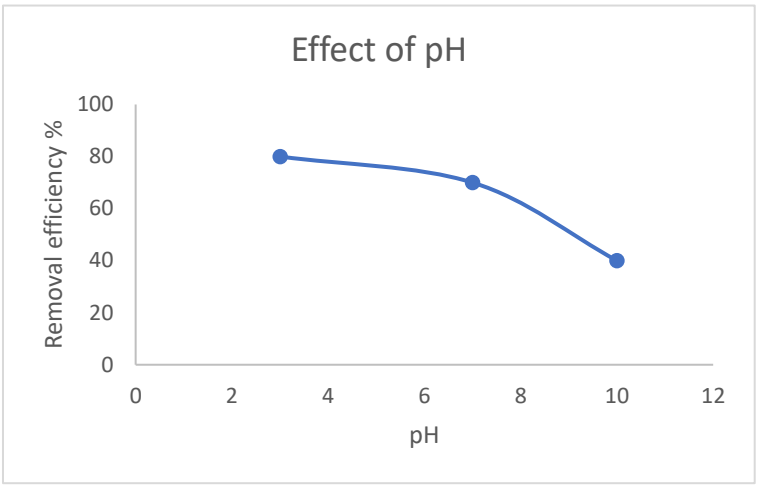
5.3.1 Effect of concentration on removal efficiency [10-50ppm]

About 0.3 g of catalyst is added to (10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 ppm) concentration of dye in a 100ml stoppered bottle kept in the mechanical stirrer at 30°C with constant stirring for 30 min. The removal efficiency of congo red dye from aqueous solution increases with increase in initial concentration of the dye and decreases slightly after 30ppm of initial concentration . Thus 30ppm of initial concentation of congo red dye was chosen as optimized concentration.



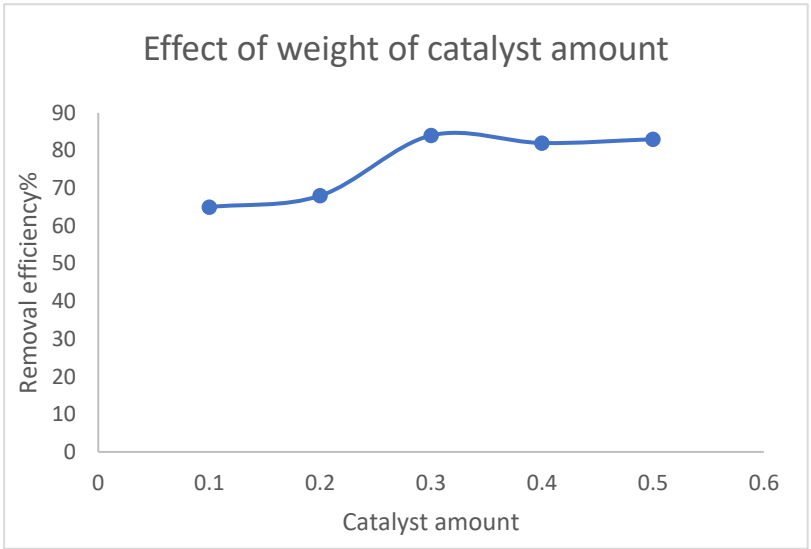
5.3.2 Effect of pH on adsorption of Congo red

One of the parameters that can affect the adsorption process is the pH of a solution because of the pH of the solution of the surface chemistry of the adsorbent, as well as the charges of adsorbent lowers, so that it can influence the chemical interaction between the adsorbent and adsorbate. The result shows that when the pH value decreases from 3-7 and removal effiicency has a maximum the removal efficiency of Congo red dye from aqueous solution at pH of 3. However, by increasing the pH from 7 to 10, the Congo red adsorption decreases. Thus the optimized pH for this reaction is pH at 3.



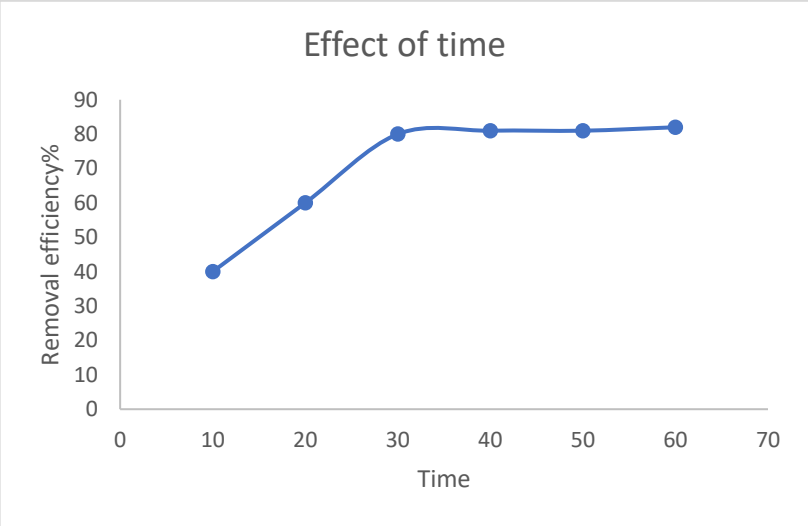
5.3.3 Effect of weight of Catalyst amount [0.1-0.5g]

The effect of adsorbent amount was studied through stirring of several weight (0.1, 02, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5) g, with the dye concentration of 30ppm in 100ml utilizing water bath. The experiment was showed at pH 3.0 contact time at 30 min a constant speed at 1200rpm.



5.3.4 Effect of Time on removal efficiency

The congo red adsorption is increased continuously with the increase with time until it reaches the equilibrium and it decreases, we observed that in earlier stages of the adsorption, the removal of congo red is rapid. Which may be due to the high number of active sites and due to the highest adsorption capacity. We observed that the congo red in the aqueous solution increases sharply for the first 30 mins and then increases slightly. This may be due to saturation of adsorption onto actives sites.



CHAPTER 6

CONCULSION

In summary, ZnO/MgO/PEG Nanocomposite was synthesized using Zinc chloride, Magnesium nitrate and PEG through Sol-Gel method at relatively low temperature (500°C) with PEG as support. XRD pattern revealed that ZnO/MgO/PEG has high crystalline nature. Metal-Oxygen stretching was confirmed by the functional group analysis.

The catalyst prepared works by breaking down the chemical structure of the dye molecules, making them less harmful to the environment. As a result, the water bodies become cleaner and safer for aquatic life and human consumption.

This process of degradation is an important step in reducing the impact of industrial pollution on the environment and promoting sustainability in water management. This conclusion suggests that the catalyst could be a promising solution for addressing water pollution issues caused by substances like Congo red.

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Abstract

The feasibility of using black jeera oil as a collector for non-coking coal flotation was explored in this study. Utilizing the Taguchi L-9 design of experiments (DOE) method, the coal flotation process was effectively optimized. This systematic approach allowed for a comprehensive exploration of various parameters and their impact on the process. Notably, the chosen collector dosages and air flow rates significantly influenced the recovered coal yield (weight %). Interestingly, higher yields were generally observed with slightly higher ash content in the product. At optimized process parameters relatively high yield of 57.65% with a moderate ash content of 10.31% was obtained in the final concentrate. These findings underscore the potential of black jeera oil as a promising green collector in non-coking coal flotation processes. Overall, this work highlights the viability of using this natural alternative in coal washing, emphasizing the importance of optimizing collector dosage, air flow rate, and frother dosage to achieve a desirable balance between recovered coal yield and product quality (ash content). Black jeera oil emerges as a sustainable alternative to traditional collectors in non-coking coal flotation.

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CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1 COAL FLOTATION

One of the most abundant and widely distributed fossil fuel is coal. Coal is a carbon rich material that occurs in the stratified sedimentary deposits. Coal is a heterogeneous material composed of organic and inorganic substances. It is formed from vegetarian that was consolidated between rock strata and converted by the combined effects of pressure and heat over a million years to form coal. However,in recent years, due to the volatility in oil and increase in natural gas costs, coal has gained more interest and is been used as the primary source of raw material for the chemical industry.

Coal is commercially mined in more than 50 countries. On average, the annual world coal consumption is about 5800 million tons, of which about 75% is used for electricity production. The significant uses of coal include steel production, cement manufacture, and as a liquid fuel. The Carboniferous period marks the period of formation of coal which is also known as the first coal age. But the major coal deposits were formed 270-350 million years ago (i.e. Upper Carboniferous period). The geochemical process that transforms plant debris into coal is called coalification and is expressed as follows.

Peat → Lignite → Subbituminous Coal → Bituminous Coal → Anthracite

COMPONENTS OF COAL

- The components of coal include volatile matter is composed of aliphatic carbon atoms or aromatic hydrocarbons and mineral matter. Ash consists of inorganic matter from the earth's crust like limestone, iron, aluminium, clay, silica, and trace elements [concentrations of less than 1000 ppm (<0.1% of a rock composition) of zinc, copper, boron, lead, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, selenium]

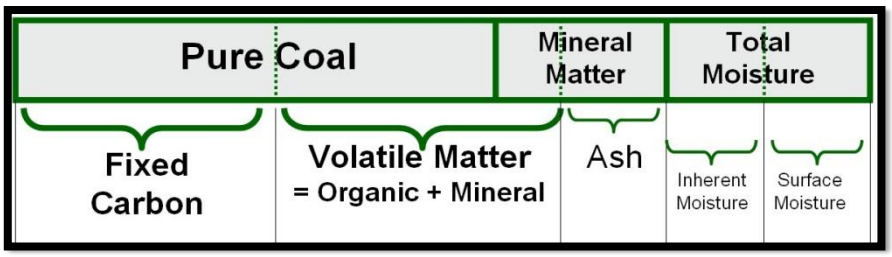


Fig. 1.1: Composition of coal

1.2 TYPES OF COAL

Coal can be classified on basis of geological processes of decomposition of dead biotic material over a period of time as follows:

- **Lignite:** Lignite is a lowgrades brown coal, which has high moisture content and lowest energy content. Lignite coal is a young coal deposit that was not subjected to extreme heat or pressure. The principal lignite reserves are in Neyveli in Tamil Nadu and are used for the generation of electricity.
- **Subbituminous coal:** It has a higher heating value than lignite. Subbituminous coal typically contains 35-45 %carbon, compared to 25-35 % for lignite.
- **Bituminous Coal:** The deep buried coal subjected to increased temperatures is bituminous coal. It is the most popularly utilized coal for commercial use. Metallurgical coal is high-grade bituminous coal that has a special value for smelting iron in blast furnaces.
- **Anthracite:** Anthracite is the highest quality hard coal. In India coal occurs in rock series of two main geological ages, namely Gondwana, which ages 200 million years and in tertiary deposits which are only about 55 million years old.

1.3 GRADING OF COAL

- According to the Indian Ministry of Coal, the gradation of non-coking coal is based on Gross Calorific Value (GCV), the gradation of coking coal is based on ash content and semi coking /weakly coking coal is based on ash and moisture content(Source: Ministry of Coal, Government of India).

1. A - Grades of coking Coal
2. B - Grades of Semi-coking and Weakly Coking Coal
3. C-Grades of Non-coking Coal

1.3.1 A - Grades of Coking Coal

- There are two types of Grade Coal namely Steel and Washery Grades. The steel Grade is less than 18%, and the Washery Grade is more than 21% and less than 49%; these two types of coal have a high ash content.

Table 1.1 Grading of coking coal

GRADE	ASH CONTENT
Steel Grade -I	Not exceeding 15%
Steel Grade- II	15% - 18%
Washery Grade-I	18% - 21%
Washery Grade -II	21% - 24%
Washery Grade -III	24% -28%
Washery Grade –IV	28% - 35%
Washery Grade –V	35% - 42%
Washery Grade –VI	42% - 49%

1.3.2 B- Grades of Semi-coking Weakly Coking Coal

- Semi-coking Grade I: This grade refers to coal with an ash and moisture content not exceeding 19%. In other words, the sum of the ash content and moisture content must be less than 19% for the coal to be classified as Semi-coking Grade I.
- Semi-coking Grade II: This grade applies to coal with an ash and moisture content between 19% and 24%. Here, the combined ash and moisture content

must be at least 19% but no more than 24% for the coal to fall under this category.

Table 1.2 Grading of semi-coking coal

GRADE	ASH+ MOISTURE
Semi coking grade –I	Not exceeding 19%
Semi coking grade -II	19%-24%

This table categorizes semi-coking coal into two grades based on the combined percentage of ash and moisture content in the coal.

1.3.3 C-Grades of Non-coking Coal

- C-grade of Non- coking coal has a higher content and is typically used in thermal power plants as steam coals. The table below shows the grading system for non-coking coal based on its Gross Calorific Value (GCV), which is a measure of the heat it can generate per unit mass.
- Higher GCV Coals (G-1 to G-3): The Powerhouse Options
  Grades G-1, G-2, and G-3 represent non-coking coals with the highest GCV. These coals have the greatest heat content, making them the most desirable for power generation.High GCV coals burn more efficiently, generating more heat per unit of coal compared to lower GCV options. This translates to less coal needed to produce the same amount of steam for electricity generation.Due to their efficiency, these coals offer a more economical solution for power plants, reducing fuel costs.Efficient burning can potentially lead to lower greenhouse gas emissions per unit of electricity produced, compared to using lower GCV coals.

Table 1.3 Grading of non-coking coal

GCV BAND (K.Cal./Kg.)	GRADE
Exceeding 7000	G-1
6700-7000	G-2
6400-6700	G-3
6100-6400	G-4
5800-6100	G-5
5500-5800	G-6
5200-5500	G-7
4900-5200	G-8
4600-4900	G-9
4300-4600	G-10
4000-4300	G-11
3700-4000	G-12
3400-3700	G-13
3100-3400	G-14
2800-3100	G-15
2500-3100	G-16
2200-2500	G-17

- Lower GCV Coals (G-4 onwards): Still usable, but with considerations. Grades G-4 and below represent non-coking coals with progressively lower GCV. While still usable in power plants, they offer less heat content per unit mass. These coals require burning a larger quantity to achieve the same heat output as high GCV coals. This translates to increased fuel consumption and potentially higher operating costs. Burning more coal to generate the same amount of electricity can lead to higher overall emissions. Lower GCV coals might be used in power plants with less stringent efficiency requirements and blending with high GCV coals to create a more cost-effective fuel mix.

1.4 APPLICATIONS OF NON-COKING COAL

The applications of coal in various sectors are as follows:

- ***Electricity Generation (Non-coking coal):***

  Power generation is the primary use for non-coking coal worldwide. Here, coal is burnt to create steam that drives turbines and generators for the production of electricity.

- ***Steel making (Coking coal):***

  Metallurgical (coking) coal is a key ingredient in steel making. Coal converted to coke is used to produce around 70% of the world's steel.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATUR SURVEY

2.1 NON COKING COAL FLOTATION

Non-coking coal isn't suitable for traditional coke production used in steelmaking. However, it remains a significant fuel source for power generation due to its abundance and relatively lower cost. Non-coking coal often contains high levels of ash and other impurities. These impurities reduce the coal's efficiency in power plants. The presence of ash dilutes the actual coal content, leading to less heat generation per unit of coal burned.

Hence, high ash non-coking coal requires beneficiation for reducing the ash content and the most widely used technique for treating coal fines is flotation dur to coal’s natural hydrophobicity.

Flotation is one of the most widely used techniques to separate valuable minerals from gangue minerals in mineral processing because of its ability to treat low-grade and complex raw materials in fine particle size ranges mostly less than 0.5mm [3–7]. Froth flotation takes place in the presence of three different phases, including solid (particles), liquid (water), and gas (air bubbles).The efficiency of the coal flotation process in separating fine particles is primarily influenced by the type of reagent selected. The efforts made for improved recovery of carbonaceous material with minimal ash in clean coal are endless. Today, the coal preparation industry is striving hard through several routes to improve the clean coal recovery for sustainability. The use of mixed collectors, mixed surfactants, and emulsification of oily collectors with surfactantshave shown tremendous advantages over the conventional approach of using individual reagents.Standard flotation tests are performed at a lab-scale with the addition of reagents like frother, collector, depressant, activator, etc., for aiding the separation of coal from impurities.

Non-coking coal flotation is a process gaining traction in the realm of coal beneficiation, particularly for power plants. It focuses on improving the quality of non-coking coal, the primary fuel source for many power plants worldwide.

***Flotation: A Selective Separation Technique*:**

Flotation is a physical separation process widely used in the mining industry.

Process: Finely ground coal particles are suspended in water slurry with the addition of specific chemicals. These chemicals play a crucial role:

Collectors: These selectively adhere to the coal particles, making them hydrophobic (water-repelling).

Frothers: These create air bubbles that rise to the surface of the slurry, carrying the coal particles attached to them.

Separation: The coal particles with attached air bubbles float to the top, forming a froth layer that is skimmed off. The remaining water slurry containing the ash and other impurities is discarded.

Benefits of Non-Coking Coal Flotation:

By removing impurities like ash resulting upgraded coal has a higher concentration of combustible material, leading to more heat generation per unit of fuel. Power plants can use less upgraded coal to achieve the same energy output, lowering fuel costs and potentially reducing emissions. Less coal consumption translates to potentially lower overall emissions from power plants.

Non-coking coal flotation offers a promising approach to improve the quality and efficiency of non-coking coal used for power generation. By removing impurities, it can lead to cost savings, environmental benefits, and a more sustainable energy production process.

FLOTATION REAGENTS

- The role, flotation reagents are classified as collectors, frother and modifiers. All three types of reagents have importance, and are involved in complex interactions.Thus, the three types of reagents constitute the flotation reagent triangle(S. Chander, D.R. Nagaraj 2007).

- The term flotation agent is frequently used to describe flotation reagents. The latter is more meaningful and accurate and is, therefore, preferred. Flotation reagents have two important structural features: a functional group

consisting of donor atom or ligands, and a substituent group, which is hydrophobic consisting of alkyl aryl hydrocarbon chains in the case of collectors and frothersor hydrophilic in the case of modifiers.

- **(Ngoc N. Nguyen, and Anh V. Nguyen, in 2024)** A variety of chemical reagents is involved in the flotation process. These reagents are added to the flotation system to alter interfacial properties for promoting the formation of mineral-bubble aggregates. Technically, flotation reagents can be classified as collectors and frothers depending on their functions. Collectors adsorb onto the mineral surfaces and enhance the hydrophobicity of minerals so that the formation of particle-bubble aggregates is promoted.

COLLECTORS

- These flotation reagents preferentially adsorb at the solid–liquid interface, making the surface of wanted minerals water repellent and facilitating bubble-particle attachment. They are classified based on composition and whether they exist as cations, anions or molecular species in water. Therefore, collector molecules may be ionizing compounds, which dissociate into ions in water, or non-ionizing (non-polar) compounds, which are practically insoluble, and render the minerals water-repellent by covering its surface with a thin film(A.V. Nguyen 2013).

- Collectors play a decisive role in froth flotation by selectively hydrophobizing mineral particles. The new understanding of the molecular design of collectors, their flotation mechanism and green manufacture is reviewed in this paper

- In froth flotation, a collector (a kind of surfactant) selectively attaches to a target mineral using its minerophilic group (Somasundaran and Wang, 2006), and then its hydrophobic group attaches to air/nitrogen bubbles which deliver the mineral particles to the slurry surfaces (Ackerman et al., 1987, Fuerstenau et al., 2007, Nagaraj and Farinato, 2016). The hydrophobic group, termed non-polar portion, is composed of a linear, branch or ring hydrocarbon group. The minerophilic group which anchors on mineral surfaces, is also described as the polar portion

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- The importance of frothers in flotation is widely acknowledged, particularly in terms of their role with respect to bubble size, and the stability and mobility of the froth phase. These factors play a significant role in the kinetic viability of the process, and the overall recovery and the grade that can be achieved from a flotation cell or circuit.

- Frothers such as methyl isobutyl carbinol (4-Methyl-2-pentanol) or MIBC (alcohol frother) and cresylic acid (phenol-type frother) have also been reported for this application. It should be noted that both pine oil and cresylic acid have gradually fallen into disuse in the minerals industry in general, the latter being more environmentally concerning (Khoshdast and Sam, 2011;Fuerstenauet al., 2007).

In non-coking coal flotation, several types of collectors are commonly used, each with its own advantages and considerations.

1. *Hydrocarbon Oils*:

Type: These are traditional collectors, often including: Diesel oil and fuel oil mixtures

Mechanism: These oils selectively adhere to the hydrophobic surfaces of coal particles, promoting their attachment to air bubbles for flotation.

Advantages: Readily available, relatively inexpensive.

Disadvantages: Can be environmentally unfriendly due to their petroleum origin. Research is ongoing to find more eco-friendly alternatives.

2. *Fatty Acids and their Derivatives*:

Type: This category includes:

Fatty acids (like oleic acid)

Soaps derived from fatty acids

Esters of fatty acids

Mechanism: Similar to hydrocarbon oils, they selectively adhere to coal surfaces, promoting flotation.

Advantages: May be more biodegradable and environmentally friendly compared to traditional oils. Some studies suggest good effectiveness for non-coking coal flotation.

Disadvantages: Can be more expensive than traditional oils.

3. Other Collectors:

Emerging options: Researchers are exploring alternative collectors, including:

Vegetable oils: Studies have shown that vegetable oils like soybean or sunflower oil can be effective and potentially renewable options.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

- The primary aim of this study was to evaluate the potential of black jeera oil (also known as Nigella sativa seed oil) as a green collector for the flotation of non-coking coal fines.
- This research explores the feasibility and effectiveness of using black jeera oil as a sustainable and eco-friendly coal collector alternative to traditional collectors in non-coking coal flotation.
- Black Jeera Oil was Characterization by FTIR and GC-MS to understand its potential collector abilities.
- Flotation Performance of Jeera oil as coal collector: To conduct flotation tests using black jeera oil as a collector for non-coking coal fines by using Taguchi design of experiments and evaluate factors namely weight recovery of coal particles successfully separated from the ash forming minerals and the ash content of the recovered coal concentrate.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS

- ✓ To conduct flotation experiment, a non-coking coal was sourced from Jharkhand, a state in eastern India known for its mineral resources.
- ✓ Black jeera oil, a traditional oil derived from the seeds of the Nigella sativa plant and used for various purposes was purchased from local.
- ✓ Finally, MIBC was obtained, from the laboratory's chemical stock

4.2 METHODS

4.2.1 Proximate analysis of coal

The proximate analysis is used to determine moisture content, volatile matter, ash content and fixed carbon of coal (J. G. Speight, 2005).

A) Moisture content

The heating of coal at a temperature slightly above the boiling point of water (100^0C) causes a loss of weight from the sample that is defined as moisture. The percentage of moisture was calculated as

$$\textit{Moisture}\ \text{Content}\ \% = \frac{\textbf{loss}\ in\ weight\ of\ the\ sample}{Wt.of\ \textbf{air}-dried\ sample} \times \mathbf{100}$$

Moisture is an undesirable constituent of coals because it reduces the heating value. The moisture of air-dried, finely powdered coal sample was determined by heating accurately weighed quantity of a sample in a silica crucible at 105^0 – 110^oC for 1 hour in an electric hot air oven. The loss in the weight of sample is found out by the difference in weights.

B) Volatile matter

Volatile matter (VM) in coal refers to the thermally decomposed product which liberates upon heating coal at high temperature in the absence of air. The percentage

of volatile matter is determined by heating an accurately weighed airdried coal sample in a silica crucible covered with lid.

The heating was carried out at 925 ± 5°C in a furnace for exactly seven minutes in the absence of air.

$$\textit{Volatile Matter \%} = \frac{loss\ in\ weight\ of\ the\ sample}{Wt.of\ air{-}dried\ sample} \times 100\% - moisture\%$$

C) Ash content

Ash is residue obtained after complete combustion of coal, which consists of inorganic minerals matter (impurities). The coal sample whose volatile matter was found was then heated in a furnace at 850°C without lid for 1 hour. Cooled and weighed. Process of ignition, cooling and weighing was repeated till combustion is complete which is indicated by constant weight of the residue.

$$\textit{Ash \%} = \frac{weight\ of\ ash(residue)}{Wt.of\ dried\ sample} \times 100$$

D) Fixed Carbon

The Fixed carbon in coal is the amount of carbon that remains in the coal sample after volatile matter is driven off. The fixed carbon in the coal can be calculated as follows:

$$\textit{Fixed carbon (\%) = 100 – (moisture \% + VM \% + ash \%)}$$

Quality of coal depends on percentage of fixed carbon; it should be as high as possible. Fixed carbon varies inversely with volatile matter. More the percentage of fixed carbon, higher is the calorific value.

4.2.2 PROCEDURE

a) Determination of moisture

The following steps were performed:

- The NCC-Head sample was taken.
- The empty weight of the crucible was taken and its value was noted.

- A sample of approximately 0.500g of NCC was taken.
- The weight of the sample was noted.
- The sample was placed in the oven for 1 hour at 100°C.
- After heating, the sample was cooled for a few minutes, and then its weight was noted.

b)Determination of ash

The following procedure was outlined:

- The NCC-Head sample was taken.
- The empty weight of the crucible was measured and the value recorded.
- A sample of NCC-GN-BJ weighing approximately 0.500g was taken.
- The weight of the sample was measured and recorded.
- The sample was placed in the furnace for two and a half hours at 850°C.
- After heating, the sample was cooled for a few minutes, and then its weight was measured and recorded.

*c)**Determination of volatile matter***

The procedure involved the following steps:

- The NCC-Head sample was taken.
- The empty weight of the crucible was measured, and the value was recorded.
- A sample of NCC-GN-BJ, approximately 1.000g, was taken.
- The weight of the sample was measured and recorded.
- The sample was placed in the furnace for 7 minutes at 900°C.
- After heating, the sample was cooled for a few minutes, and then its weight was measured and recorded.

The proximate analysis of non-coking coal (Feed) was carried out as per the above-described methods and the results are shown in table below.

Table 4.1 Proximate analysis of coal

Feed coal	Ash %	Moisture%	Volatile matter (VM)%	Fixed carbon (FC)%
Non-coking coal	32.11	3.15	29.80	34.94

- ✓ **Ash (32.11%)**: This exceptionally high ash content signifies a low heating value. During combustion, a significant portion burns as mineral matter (ash), not the actual coal, reducing heat output.
- ✓ **Moisture (3.15%)**: This represents a moderate moisture level. Moisture content lowers the heating value by absorbing energy for evaporation and adding weight without contributing to heat generation.
- ✓ **Volatile Matter (VM) (29.80%)**: This indicates a moderate VM content. VM refers to the gaseous hydrocarbons released when coal is heated. While lower VM content can suggest a higher coal rank (more mature coal), it's not the only factor.
- ✓ **Fixed Carbon (FC) (34.94%)**: The low FC content is a key indicator of this coal's unsuitability for Power Generation application. Non-coking coals require a high FC content to generate high energy output which is essential in thermal power production, hence this coal requires processing.

4.3 BLACK JEERA OIL

- ❖ Nigella Sativa also known as Black Cumin, Nigella, Kalonji charnushaka is an annual flowering in the family Ranunculaceae, native to the eastern Europe and Western Asia but naturalized over the much wider the area including parts of Europe, Northern Africa and East to Myanmar. It is Used as a spice in many cuisines

4.3.1 Biological activities of black jeera seed oil

- ❖ Nigella sativa has a strong historical basis and is a well-researched herb and has been used for medicinal applications in many countries. Many various studies have been evaluated of the biological activities of nigella Sativa and its oil. Nigella Sativa has been used in the treatment of many diseases around the

world. It was shown that the Nigella Sativa oil hasanti-inflammatory, antioxidant, antitumor, antibacterial, and anticancer activities and may improve glucose homeostasis and lipid profile.

- Thymoquinone(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-1,4-benzoquinone), which is found in Nigella sativa oil and seeds, is widely used in traditional medicine. It has been suggested to exert important health-beneficial effects including antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer effects.
- The biological activities of black jeera were available from the literature and found to be extensively researchedbut it's application in mineral processing was not attempted. Black jeera's documented biological activities, identified through a literature review, provided a foundation for the project's focus on the Black jeera Oil used as a Green Collector.
- Hence, in this study a novel attempt was made to study the effects of flotation performance of Black Jeera Oil as collector for Non-Coking Coal (NCC).

4.3.2 CHEMICAL COMPONENTS OF BLACK JEERA OIL

- Black jeera oil, also known as Nigella sativa oil, is known for its unique fatty acid profile. It contains a significant amount of both saturated fatty acids like Palmitic acid, Stearic acid, Myristic acid and unsaturated fatty acids are Linoleic acid, oleic acid, and this was observed in the characterisation of the oil by FTIR and GC-Ms studies.
- **Complex Mixture:** Black jeera oil is not a single compound but a complex mixture of various fatty acids, triglycerides, and other minor components. The exact composition can vary depending on factors like origin and processing. Alkenes (C=C) - Present in unsaturated fatty acids like linoleic acid (abundant in black jeera oil) and Esters (C-O-R) - present from fatty acids and glycerol/alcohols Amides (C-O-NH2) - Less likely but possible depending on the specific composition.The maximal nutritional value of black jeera can be linked to the presence of substantial amount of vegetable protein, fiber and minerals, and vitamins. The nutritional composition reported from different sources revealed 20-85% of protein, 38.20% of fat, 7-94% of fiber, and 31.94% of total carbohydrates.Many active compounds have been isolated, identified and reported so far in different varieties of black seeds. The most important

active compounds arethymoquinone (30%-48%), thymohydroquinone, dithymoquinone, p-cymene (7%-15%), carvacrol (6%-12%), 4-terpineol (2%-7%), t-anethol (1%-4%), sesquiterpene longifolene (1%-8%) α-pinene and thymol *etc*. Black seeds also contain some other compounds in trace amounts.

4.3.3 MORPHOLOGY OF THE PLANT

- ✓ Nigellasativa is an annual flowering plant which grows to 20-90 cm tall, with finely divided leaves, the leaf segments narrowly linear to threadlike. The flowers are delicate, and usually in white colour, yellow, pink, pale blue or pale purple, with 5-10 petals. The fruit is a large and inflated capsule composed of 3-7 united follicles, each containing numerous seeds.



Fig 4.1 Nigella Sativa Flower (Black Cumin)



Fig 4.2 Black jeera seed

The balck jeera istypically has a small size of 1 to 3mm in lengthwith a slightly elongated shape.



Fig 4.3 Black Cumin Seed Oil

The black jeera oil was used to beneficiatecoal finesby flotation.Flotation relies on efficiency of the oil to altering a surface hydrophobicity modifications non-coking coal that separates desired clean coal particles.

4.4 FTIR (FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY)

- Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR)is a technique used to obtain infrared spectrum of absorption or emission of a solid, liquid, or gas. An FTIR spectrometer simultaneously collects high-resolution spectral data over a wide spectral range. This confers a significant advantage over a dispersive spectrometer, which measures intensity over a narrow range of wavelengths at a time.

- Fourier transform spectrophotometer provides the IR spectrum much more rapidly compared to the traditional spectrophotometer. Basically, the IR spectrum obtained from FTIR spectrometer lies in the mid-IR region 2.5-15 μm between 4000 and 666 cm-1. Transition energies corresponding to changes in vibrational energy state for many functional groups are located in the mid-IR region (4000- 400 cm-1) and hence the appearance of an absorption band in this region can be used to determine whether specific functional groups exist within the molecule.

4.4.1 Principle of FTIR

The Michelson interferometer consists of a beam splitter, a moving mirror, and a stationary mirror. The beam splitter divides the light beam into two halves, which are reflected by the moving and fixed mirrors before being recombined by the beam splitter. As the moving mirror makes reciprocating movements, the optical path difference to the fixed mirror changes, causing the phase difference to shift over time. Interference light is created in the Michelson interferometer by recombining the light beams. An interferogram records the intensity of the interference light, with the optical path difference recorded along the horizontal axis.

4.4.2 FTIR studies of Nigella sativa

From the FTIR results, the single bond (O-H, C-H and N-H) is detectable in higher wave number (2800-4000 cm^{-1}). In addition, the triple bond and double bond are detectable in the middle wave number region 2000-2500 cm^{-1} and 1500- 2000 cm^{-1}, respectively. Additionally, the vibration of the molecule as whole gives rise to a complex pattern of vibrations at low wave number region 700-1500cm^{-1} that characteristic of the molecule as a whole and hence can be used for the identification.

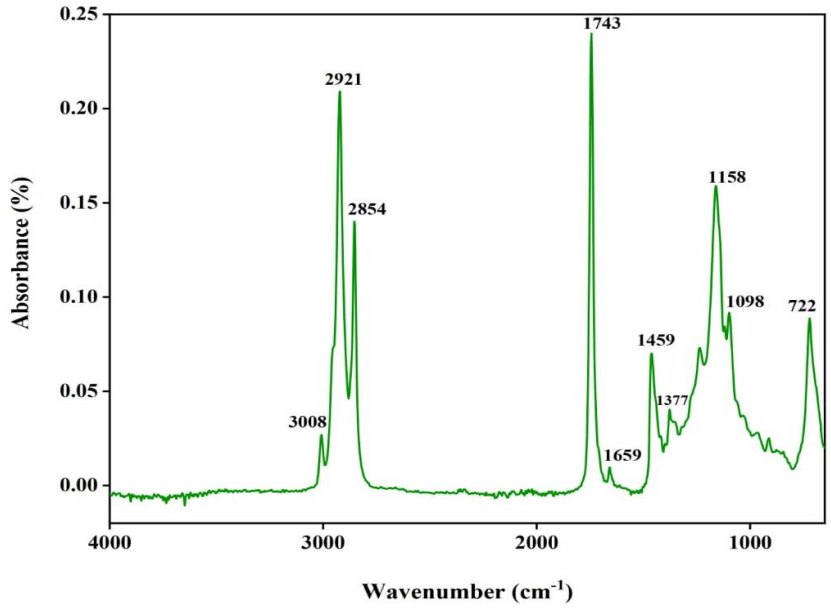


Fig 4.4 FTIR spectrum of black jeera oil

The identified FTIR peaks are listed in the table be

Table 4.2 FTIR functional group of black jeera oil

Sl.no	Frequency Range (cm^{-1})	Functional Group
1	3008	C-H Bond Alkene
2	2921	C – H ketone
3	2854	CH2
4	1743	C=O for ester
5	1659	C=O
6	1459	C-H
7	1377	C-H
8	1058	C-O Bond
9	1098	C-H Bond
10	722	-CH2

The table shows nine entries, each with a wavenumber range (cm^{-1}) and a tentative assignment of a functional group.

The FTIR spectra of the extracted Black jeera oil were recorded in the absorbance mode in the range of 4000 – 400 cm^{-1} as shown Fig.1.5 The band at 3008 cm-1 represents -C-H stretching vibrations of cis- double bond of unsaturation, whereas the band at 2921 and 2854 cm^{-1} are characteristics of asymmetrical and symmetrical vibrations of aliphatic $–CH_2$ fatty acid hydrocarbon chain. The ester carbonyl (C=O) functional group shows characteristic stretching band of triglyceride at 1743 $cm^{-1.}$ The bending vibrations of –CH2 scissoring aliphatic groups observed at 1459, cm^{-1}, while the band at 1377 and 1058 cm^{-1} are due to bending vibration of $–CH_2$ groups. The bands at 1058, and 1012 cm^{-1} belongs to bending vibrations of ester carbonyl group. However, the band at 722 cm-1 is due to overlapping of $–CH_2$ rocking out of plane vibration of cis-di-substituted olefins, characteristics of long chain fatty acids.

4.4.3 Applications of FTIR

- FTIR spectroscopy equipment is commonly used to examine industrially manufactured materials in various quality control processes.
- FTIR spectroscopy is a common first step in material analysis. A change in the spectrometer's absorption band characteristic patterns suggests a change in the material composition or possible contamination.
- It is used to dry polymers, photoresist materials, and polyimides.
- FTIR spectroscopy investigates the interactions between matter and electromagnetic radiation, which appear as a spectrum.

4.4.4 Advantages of FTIR

- It has a higher speed. Because allof the frequencies are detected simultaneously, most FT-IR measurements are completed in seconds rather than minutes. This is also known as Felgett Advantage.
- It is an extremely reliable approach for positively identifying almost any material.

4.5 GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY- MASS SPECTROMETRY

Gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC–MS) is an analytical method that combines the features of gas chromatography and mass spectrometry to identify different substances within a test sample

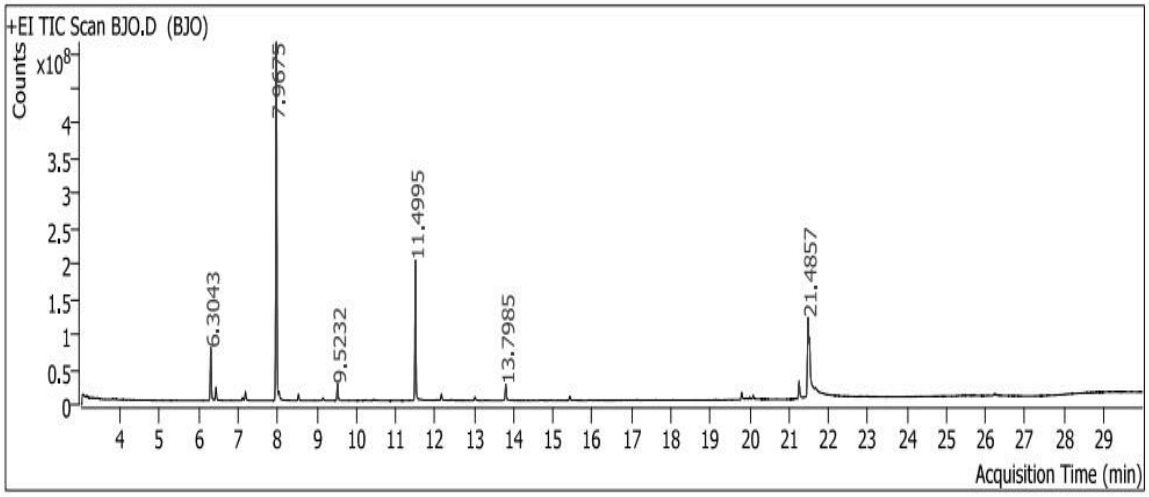
Gas Chromatography (GC): This technique separates and analysis volatile compounds in a sample. It involves vaporizing the sample and passing it through a column where different components separate based on their chemical properties. The time it takes for each component to travel through the **column** provides information about its identity.

Mass Spectrometry (MS): MS identifies and quantifies compounds by measuring their mass-to-charge ratio. It ionizes the separated compounds and then separates them based on their mass. The resulting mass spectrum provides information about the molecular structure of the compounds

4.5.1 Application of GC-MS

- ❖ GC – MS include drug detection, environmental analysis food, and flavour analysis, and identifying unknown sample. It is also used in airport security and forensic substance identification.
- ❖ GC-MS allows detection even in trace amounts of a substance

GASCHROMATOGRAPHY–MASS SPECTROMETRY (GC–MS) SPECTRA



RT	Compound Name	Component Area	Area %	CAS#	Formula	Library Molecular Weight	Match Factor
6.3043	.alpha.-Phellandrene	150964697.8	7.32	99-83-2	C10H16	136.125	87.5
7.9675	p-Cymene	941014597.5	45.62	99-87-6	C10H14	134.11	95.9
9.5232	3-Carene	50261342.9	2.44	13466-78-9	C10H16	136.125	69.6
11.4995	Thymoquinone	371224747.2	17.99	490-91-5	C10H12O2	164.084	96.1
13.7985	Longifolene	48634420.1	2.36	475-20-7	C15H24	204.188	83.1
21.2550	1,2-15,16-Diepoxyhexadecane	53040865.3	2.57	1000192-65-0	C16H30O2	254.225	72.4
21.4857	9,12-Octadecadienoic acid (Z,Z)-	243524457.8	11.80	60-33-3	C18H32O2	280.24	93.0
21.5174	9-Octadecenoic acid (Z)-, octadecyl ester	204269513.5	9.90	17673-49-3	C36H70O2	534.538	61.4

Fig 4.5 GC – MS Spectrum of black jeera oil

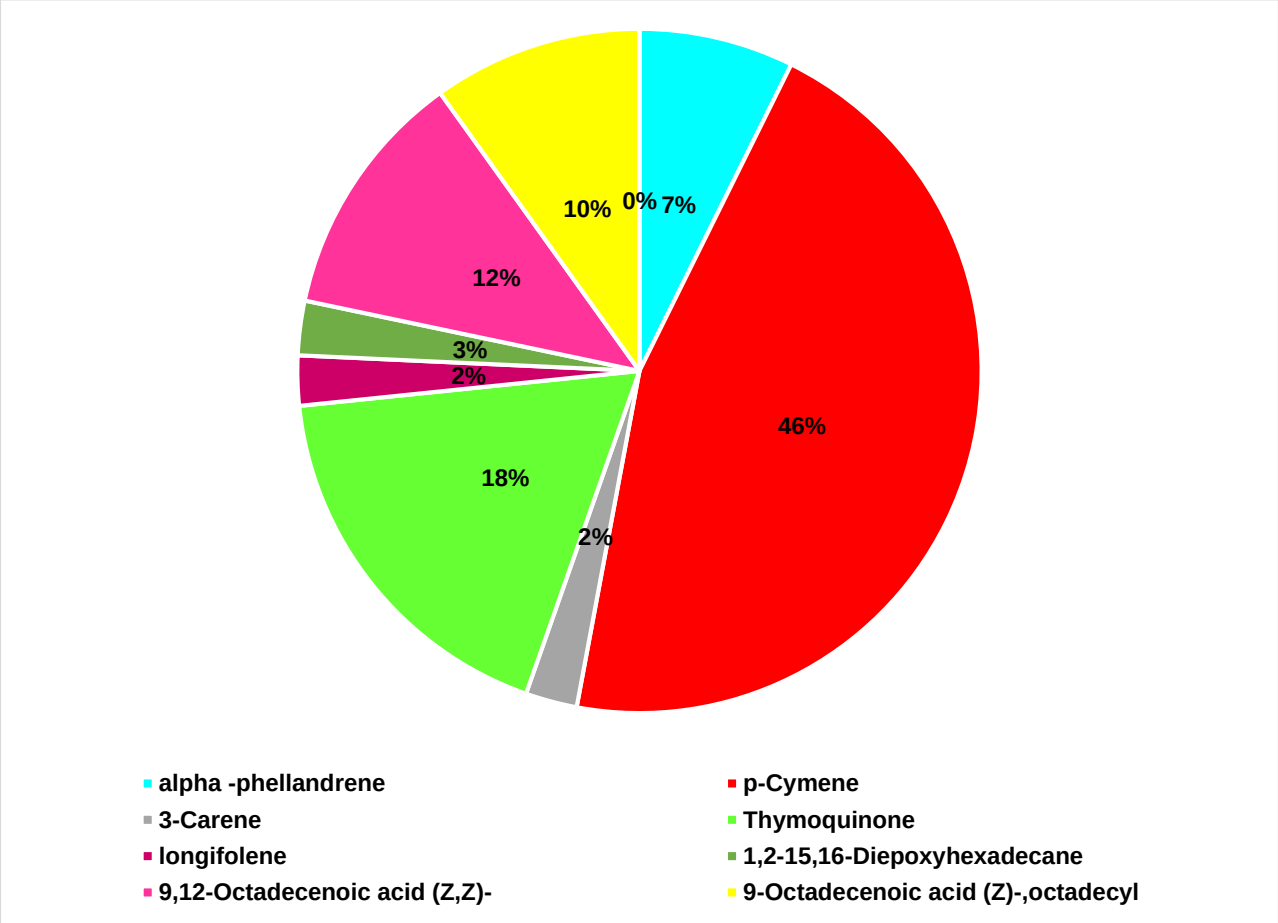


Fig 4.6 GC – MS results of black jeera oil

From the GC-MS studies, the major fatty acids identified in the black jeera oil are given below.

This compound constitute significant 46% of the oil's composition.

Significant Contributors (3-18% each): Three additional compounds play a noteworthy role, each contributing between 3% and 18% of the oil: 9,12-Octadecenoic acid (Z,Z)-, 9-Octadecenoic acid (Z)-, octadecyl, and 1,2-15,16-Diepoxyhexadecane.

Minor Components (2% or less each): The remaining three compounds – 3-Carene, longifolene, and a possible duplicate peak for 1,2-15,16-Diepoxyhexadecane (potentially due to peak splitting in GC-MS) – likely play a minor role, each constituting 2% or less of the total composition.

Table 4.3 GC-MS spectra functional group

Compound name	Percentage %	Functional Group	Saturated Fatty or unsaturated Fatty Acid
P- Cymene	48%	Methylene Group	Unsaturated fatty acid
Thymoquinone	18%	Essential Functional Group (Alkyne)	Unsaturated fatty acid
9,12-Octadecenoic acid (Z,Z)	12%	Alkenes Group	Unsaturated fatty acid
9,Octadecanoic acid	10%	Ester Group	Unsaturated fatty acid

4.6 DESIGN OF EXPERIMENT

Design of experiments (DOE) is a systematic, efficient method that enables scientists and engineers to study the relationship between multiple input variables and key output variables. It is a structured approach for collecting data and making discoveries.

4.6.1 Taguchi method

These statistical methods, sometimes called robust design methods, developed byTaguchi indesigning of experiments.

Table 4.4 Level of variables for flotation of NCC

Parameters	Levels		
	-1	0	+1
Collector dosage (ml)	1.5	1.75	2
Frother dosage (ml)	0.15	0.175	0.2
Airflow rate (lpm)	1.5	2	2.5

Parameters:

Collector Dosage (ml): This refers to the amount of collector (NCC) added at three different levels (-1, 0, 1). These levels likely represent coded values for actual

dosages (e.g., -1 might be low dosage, 0 might be medium, and 1 might be high dosage).

Frother Dosage (ml): This refers to the amount of frother added at three different levels (-1, 0, 1). Similar to collector dosage, these represent coded values for actual frother dosages.

Airflow Rate (lpm): This refers to the airflow rate used in the flotation process at three different levels (-1, 0, 1). Again, these coded values represent different actual airflow rates (e.g., -1 might be low airflow, 0 might be medium, and 1 might be high airflow).

Table 4.5 Taguchi Design of Experiment

RUN NO	Collector dosage (ml)	Frother dosage (ml)	Airflow rate (lpm)
1.	1.5	0.15	1.5
2.	1.5	0.175	2
3.	1.5	0.2	2.5
4.	1.75	0.15	2
5.	1.75	0.175	2.5
6.	1.75	0.2	1.5
7.	2	0.15	2.5
8.	2	0.175	1.5
9.	2	0.2	2

provided table now shows the complete Taguchi design of the flotation experiment results for Black Jeera oil and NCC flotation. This table includes each experimental run (1 to 9).

Collector Dosage (ml):This specifies the actual collector dosage (NCC) used in each run. The values range from 1.5 ml to 2 ml, likely corresponding to the coded levels -1 (low), 0 (medium), and 1 (high) mentioned earlier.

Frother Dosage (ml): This specifies the actual frother dosage used in each run. The values range from 0.15 ml to 0.2 ml, again likely corresponding to coded levels.

Air Flow Rate (LPM):This specifies the actual airflow rate used in each run. The values range from 1.5 lpm to 2.5 lpm, corresponding to the coded airflow levels.

Taguchi Design of Experiment:

This confirms that this is a Taguchi design experiment. Here's what we can further analyse from this data:

Control factors:

- Collector dosage (3 levels)
- Frother dosage (3 levels)
- Airflow rate (3 levels)

The laboratory coal flotation was carried out and the materials and equipment's used for the coal flotation are: Coal Sample, Black jeera oil, MIBC, Water, Ball Mill 2L flotation Cell, Hot air Oven, furnace and crucible.



+Fig 4.7: Laboratory Denver Flotation Cell

The above figure shows a Denver Flotation Cell, a device that utilizes air bubbles to separate particles based on their surface properties and all experiments were carried out using this cell.

4.6.2 Experimental procedure

300g of coal sample was finely ground using the laboratory ball mill and the ball mill output was used as feed to flotation. In the flotation cell, the slurry was conditioned for 2 minutes at 900 rpm. After conditioning, the required amount of collector black jeera oil was added to the slurry and was allowed for thorough mixing for about 3 minutes. Furthermore, required amount of MIBC (Methyl Iso Butyl

Carbinol) frother was added and again conditioned for 3 minutes. Water was filled to increase the pulp height and a specific amount of air was introduced into the slurry, which would initiate the formation of froth that carried hydrophobic coal particles. The elevated froth was collected in a tray. This froth was collected as a float (concentrate) for six minutes while the remaining non-float were collected as tailings. The flotation concentrate and the decanted tailings were dried, weighed, and analyzed for ash content. The test products are shown in the below figures.



Fig 4.8 Ball Mill



Fig.4.9 Addition of oil in flotation cell



Fig 4.10 Froth collection



Fig 4.11 Final concentrate of coal



Fig 4.12 Final concentrate

CHAPTER 5
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 PROXIMATE ANALYSIS

Products: This likely refers to the different test runs or samples from the flotation experiment.

Oil Collector (ml): This indicates the amount of oil collector used in each test run, likely to improve the floatability of coal particles.

Frother MIBC (ml): This indicates the amount of frother (Methyl Isobutyl Carbinol) used in each test run. Frothers help create stable foam to capture the floated coal particles.

Air Flow (lpm): This shows the airflow rate used in each test run. Airflow promotes the formation of bubbles for flotation.

Weight %: This refers to the weight percent of the final coal concentrate sample obtained in each test run.

Ash%: This represents the percentage of incombustible mineral matter remaining after burning the coal sample.

Moisture %: This indicates the percentage of moisture content in the coal sample.

Volatile Matter %: This represents the percentage of volatile gases and liquids released when the coal sample is heated in the absence of air.

Fixed Carbon %: This shows the percentage of non-volatile carbonaceous material remaining after the volatile matter is driven.

This experiment results shows (Table 1.9) the effect of different collector dosages, frother dosages, and airflow rates on the coal flotation process.This table presents the results of nine flotation tests (T1-FC to T9-FC) conducted on a coal sample. Each test varied the combination of oil collector dosage (ml), frother MIBC dosage (ml), and air flow rate (lpm) to assess their quality on the recovered coal product.

Table 5.1:Flotation results of final concentrate using black jeera oil

Products	Oil Collector (ml)	MIBC (ml)	AFR (lpm)	Wt %	Ash%	Moisture %	VM %	FC %
T1-FC	1.5	0.15	1.5	17.71	7.68	3.54	34.86	53.74
T2-FC	1.5	0.175	2	40.16	8.47	4.18	35.24	52.11
T3-FC	1.5	0.2	2.5	57.65	10.31	6.24	32.93	50.52
T4-FC	1.75	0.15	2	43.26	11.13	4.30	32.50	52.07
T5-FC	1.75	0.175	2.5	41.53	10.00	4.45	32.73	52.82
T6- FC	1.75	0.2	1.5	43.73	8.88	8.78	34.51	47.8
T7- FC	2	0.15	2.5	45.62	11.87	7.08	32.54	48.51
T8 –FC	2	0.175	1.5	55.14	11.48	8.16	35.58	44.78
T9 –FC	2	0.2	2	54.13	13.07	4.77	30.69	51.47

Observations

Yield (Wt%): The recovered coal yield varies significantly across the tests, ranging from 17.71% (T1-FC) to 57.65% (T3-FC). This suggests that the chosen collector dosages and air flow rates significantly influence the amount of coal recovered in the froth.

Ash Content (%): Generally, tests with higher yields (T3-FC, T8-FC, T9-FC) have a slightly higher ash content compared to tests with lower yields (T1-FC, T2-FC).

Fixed Carbon (%): Interestingly, some tests with higher ash content (T3-FC, T6-FC, T9-FC) also exhibit a slightly lower fixed carbon percentage, which is the desirable

combustible component of coal. This suggests that these tests might be recovering some ash along with the coal particles.

- **Coal Properties:** The initial coal sample has moderate ash (7.68% - 13.07%) and moisture content (3.54% - 8.78%) with a significant volatile matter content (30.69% - 35.58%). Fixed carbon content varies between 44.78% and 53.74%.
- **Flotation Performance:** The results indicate that all tests achieved some degree of separation, with varying degrees of effectiveness. Higher frother MIBC dosage (0.175 ml - 0.2 ml) seems to improve floatability (higher yield) compared to lower dosages (0.15 ml).
- **Optimized test:** Test T3-FC was optimizes due to its relatively high yield (57.65%) with a moderate ash content (10.31%).

Overall, these results suggest that non-coking coal flotation using a black jeera oil can be a viable method for separating this coal sample.

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

SUMMARY

- **Taguchi Method Optimization**: Employing the Taguchi L-9 design of experiments (DOE) method, the coal flotation process using black jeera oil was optimized. This systematic approach ensured efficient exploration of various parameters and their influence on the process. The flotation study shows the feasibility of using black jeera oil for non-coking coal flotation.
- The chosen collector dosages and air flow rates significantly influence the recovered coal yield (Wt%). Higher yields were generally observed with slightly higher ash content in the product.
- **Green Collector Black Jeera oil:** The overall results suggest that black jeera oil can be a viable collector for non-coking coal flotation. Test T3-FC achieved a relatively high yield (57.65%) with moderate ash content (10.31%), making it a promising green collector in non-coking coal flotation.

CONCLUSION

The study demonstrated the feasibility of utilizing black jeera oil as a collector for non-coking coal flotation. The Taguchi L-9 design of experiments (DOE) method was effectively employed to optimize the coal flotation process using black jeera oil. This systematic approach allowed for thorough exploration of various parameters and their impact on the process. Notably, the chosen collector dosages and air flow rates significantly influenced the recovered coal yield (Wt%). Interestingly, higher yields were generally observed with slightly higher ash content in the product.

In particular, Test T3 collector dosage (1.5ml), MIBC dosage (0.2ml)at AFR (2.5 lpm) stood out, achieving a relatively high yield of 57.65% with a moderate ash content of 10.31%. These results highlight the potential of black jeera oil as a promising green collector in non-coking coal flotation processes and indicatethe viability of using this natural alternative in the coal industry. By optimizing collector dosage, air flow rate, and frother dosage, the process achievesa desirable balance between recovered coal yield and product quality (ash content). Overall, black jeera oil holds potential as a sustainable alternative to traditional collectors in non-coking coal flotation.

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ABSTRACT

This study investigated the spectral, fluorescent, temporal and lasing characteristics of the DDP laser dye in aqueous solution and non-polar were investigated to ascertain the influence of the dye surrounding on the processes of its energy relaxation in the excited state. Quantum yield of fluorescence Qfl and rate constant of radiative Kr and nonradiative Knr transition both in aqueous solution and non-polar solution have been calculated. It was found that the microenvironment of the DDP molecule in an ethanol with DDP dye strongly enhance the processes of radiative relaxation in the S1 state which leads to their significant emitting character. As a result, the quantum yield of fluorescence increases by 85% when compared to that of aqueous solution at the same time the specific yield energy of laser radiation increases almost twice.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

ABBREVIATIONS

SL.NO	ABBREVIATIONS	DEFINITION
1	AO	Atomic Orbital
2	CT	Charge transfer
3	DCM	Dicyanomethylene-2-methyl-6-pdimethylaminostyryl- 4H-pyran
4	DDP	Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran
5	FRET	Fluorescence resonance energy transfer
6	fs	Femtoseconds
7	HOMO	Highest occupied molecular orbital
8	ICT	Intramolecular Charge Transfer
9	LUMO	Lowest occupied molecular orbital
10	MEP	Molecular electrostatic potential
11	MO	Molecular orbital
12	ns	Nanoseconds
13	ps	Picoseconds
14	TAC	Time to Amplitude Convertor
15	TCSPC	Time Correlated Single Photon Counting
16	TICT	Twisted Intramolecular Charge Transfer
17	TRP	Tryptophan
18	TRY	Trypsin
19	TYR	Tyrosine
20	UV-Vis	Ultraviolet-Visible

SYMBOLS		
SL.NO	**SYMBOLS**	**DEFINITION**
1	**χ**	Chi
2	**C**	Concentration
3	**Q**	Concentration of the Quencher
4	**I**	Fluorescence intensity of dye with hydrogen-bonding solutes
5	**Io**	Fluorescence intensity of free dye
6	***f***	Frequency
7	***υ***	Frequency in cm-1
8	**τ**	Lifetime
9	**mol L-1**	Number of moles per litre
10	**π**	Pi
11	***B***	Relative amplitude
12	**K**sv	Stern-Volmer constant
13	**nm**	Wavelength

CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

Fluorescence spectral studies in micro-heterogeneous environments investigate the behaviour of molecules and materials confined or localised within microheterogeneous structures. These studies aim to comprehend how the microenvironment influences the photophysical properties of molecules or materials within this confined system, such as absorption, emission, energy transfer, and photochemistry. In micro-heterogeneous systems, charged interfaces in hydrophilic and hydrophobic domains explain the precise characteristics of more than one homogeneous environment. Species that form molecular aggregates and selfassemblies that are predominantly formed through hydrogen bonding are the two main types of micro-heterogeneous systems. The primary reasons for studying micro heterogeneous system assemblies are (i) photophysical and photochemical processes to probe the dynamic and static properties of these organised systems; and (ii) excited-state molecular processes in a novel microenvironment. The distribution of solutes within a solution or aggregate can be inhomogeneous. Solutes may be able to access unique properties in hydrophobic and hydrophilic cavities/cages/pockets/pools or pores. Charged interfaces where electrostatic effects can have a significant impact on solute distribution and reactions. We need optically transparent (non-turbid) solutions that can be investigated photochemically using a steady state and pulsed photolysis techniques. As the system becomes more complex, no single technique can provide a solution or even clearly resolve various processes that can use a variety of physical and chemical methods.

It is known that, at theoretical and practical levels, the nature of interactions with relatively soluble solutes in aqueous solutions has become increasingly important. Two major interactions that govern and operate are hydrogen bonding and hydrophobic interactions. Among these interactions, hydrogen bonding plays an important role in biology, enabling the reversible formation of aggregates that are not covalently linked and the stability of multiple hydrogen bonding systems is dependent

not only on the number of hydrogen bonds but also on the hydrogen bonding pattern with the solvent molecules.

The characteristics of the DDP molecule and its nearest environment on the relaxation process in the excited S1 state of this molecule. The method of biosensing and bioimaging proposed in promising for studying the deep tissues of biological specimens in vivo by means of the two-photon DDP absorption method.

1.1. EXCITED STATE PROPERTIES:

Fluorescence is a type of luminescence that occurs when certain molecules absorb light at a particular wavelength and subsequently emit light at a longer wavelength after a short time delay, typically in the nanosecond range. This phenomenon is commonly observed in a wide range of natural and synthetic materials, including dyes, proteins, and minerals, and has important applications in fields such as analytical chemistry, biochemistry, and materials science. The fluorescence process involves the excitation of a molecule from its ground state to an excited electronic state upon absorption of a photon of light. The excited state is typically short lived, with a lifetime in the range of picoseconds to nanoseconds, and can decay through several pathways, including fluorescence emission, non-radiative relaxation, and intersystem crossing. If the excited-state molecule decays through fluorescence emission, it emits light at a longer wavelength than the absorbed light, resulting in a characteristic fluorescence spectrum.

The fluorescence properties of a molecule can be affected by various factors, such as the molecular structure, solvent environment, and temperature. These properties can be characterised by various parameters, including the fluorescence quantum yield, fluorescence lifetime, and emission spectrum, which can provide valuable information about the molecular structure, dynamics, and environment. The process is governed by three important events, all of which occur on time scales separated by several orders of magnitude, as illustrated by the Jablonski energy diagram, a graphical representation of photophysical processes that includes the various energy levels that a molecule can occupy and the transitions between those levels and are often used as the starting point for discussing light absorption and emission.

Jablonski diagrams are used in a variety of forms, to illustrate various molecular processes that can occur in excited states. These diagrams are named after Professor Alexander Jablonski, who is regarded as the father of fluorescence spectroscopy. The Frank-Condon principle, on the other hand, is a concept that describes a molecule's vibrational relaxation during electronic transitions. Solvation is the process by which a molecule in a solution is surrounded by solvent molecules.

When a molecule or atom absorbs a photon of light, it is excited to a higher electronic state $\mathbf{S_0}$ - $\mathbf{S_1}$. The time scale for absorption is typically on the order of femtoseconds (10^{-15} s), which is the time it takes for the photon to be absorbed. After absorbing a photon of light, the excited molecule or atom rapidly loses energy through collisions with its surroundings, such as other molecules or solvent molecules. This causes the molecule or atom to vibrate and rotate, eventually reaching the lowest vibrational level of the excited state. The time scale for vibrational relaxation is typically on the order of picoseconds (10^{-12} s).

In some cases, the excited molecule or atom may undergo a non-radiative transition to a lower electronic state, releasing energy as heat $S_2 \rightarrow S_1$. This process is called internal conversion, and it can occur on a time scale of nanoseconds (10^{-9} s) to microseconds (10^{-6} s), depending on the molecule or atom.

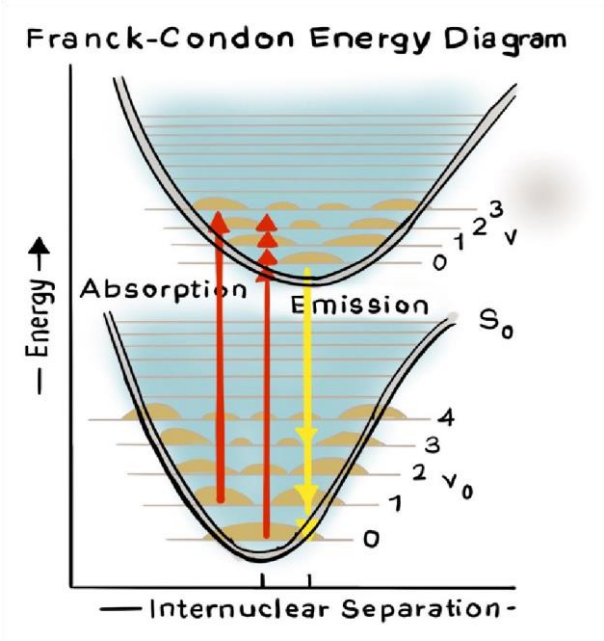


Fig.1.1. A. Franck-Condon Energy Diagram

When the excited molecule or atom returns to the ground state $S_1 \rightarrow S_0$, it can emit a photon of light as fluorescence. The time scale for fluorescence is typically on the order of nanoseconds to microseconds, depending on the molecule or atom. As a consequence of the rapid vibrational relaxation and internal conversion processes described above the fluorescence occurs, with some exceptions, from the lowest vibrational level of the first electronic excited singlet state to the singlet ground state. This energy loss prior to fluorescence is the physical origin of the famous Kasha's Rule which states that: "luminescence (fluorescence or phosphorescence) only occurs with appreciable yield from the lowest excited state of a given multiplicity". It is also responsible for the Stokes-Shift; where the fluorescence occurs at a longer wavelength than the absorption.

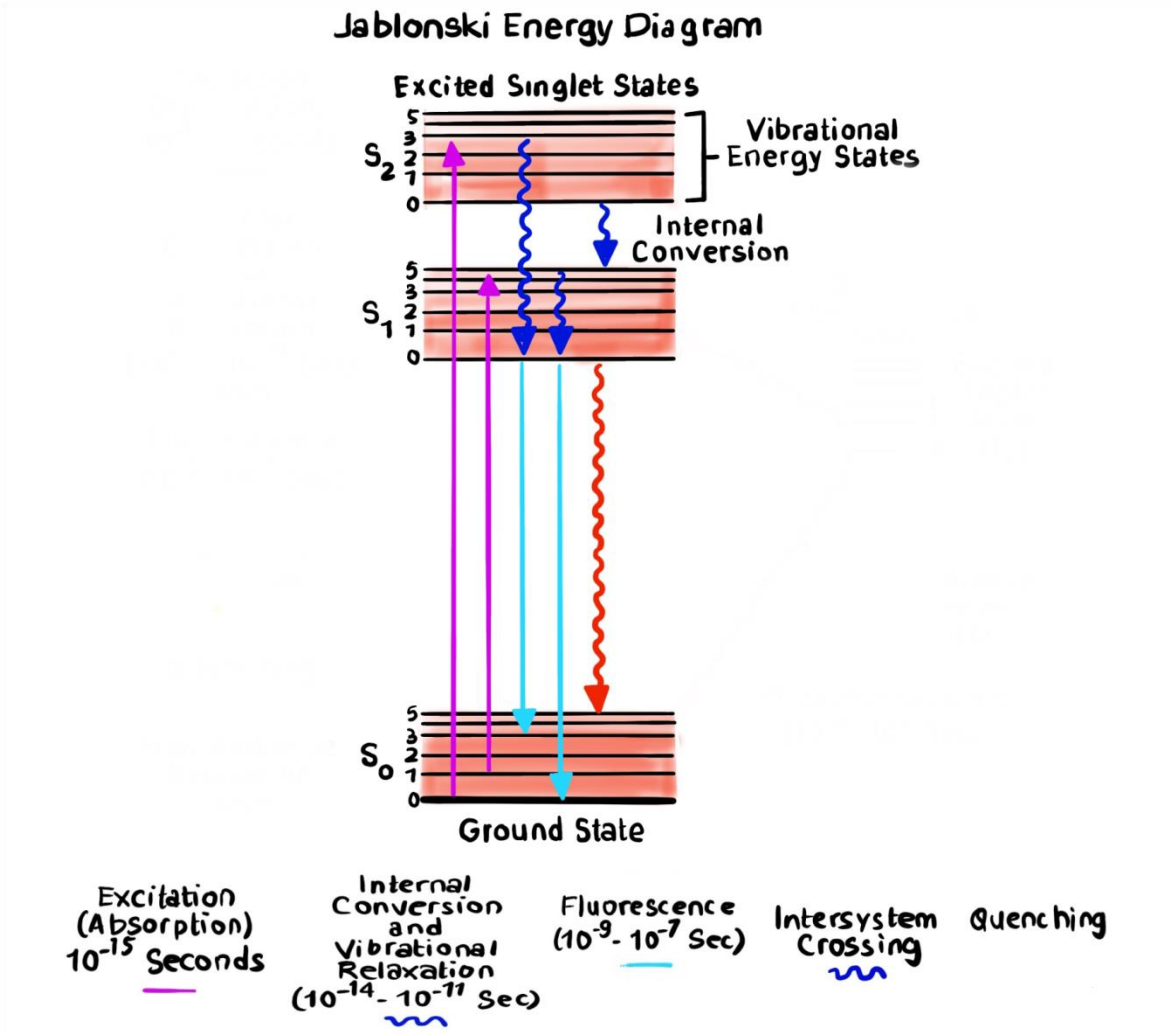


Fig.1.1.B. Jablonski Diagram

1.2. HEXANE:

Hexane is an unbranched alkane containing six carbon atoms. It has a role as a non-polar solvent and a neurotoxin. It is an alkane and a volatile organic compound.Hexane is a nonpolar molecule with a weak intermolecular interaction occur between the molecules of pure liquid hydrocarbons.Hexaneisomers are to a great extent lifeless, and are every now and again utilized as an organic solvent since they are very non-polar.

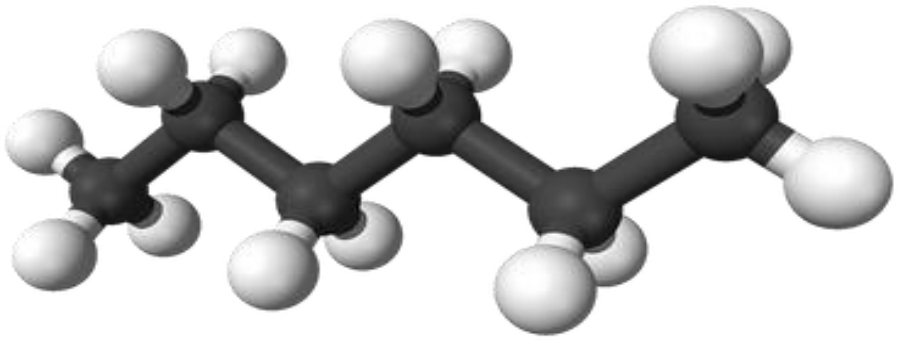


Fig.1.2. STRUCTURE OF HEXANE

1.3. DDP DYE (4-Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran):

DDP dye (Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran) is a water-soluble fluorophore with electroluminescent properties. The structure of DDP dye is similar to that of DCM dye, a well-known ICT dye. There is no possibility of the Twisted Intramolecular Charge Transfer (TICT) phenomenon, unlike DCM dye such that the complexity of DCM dye is completely eliminated. DDP dye contains a strong acceptor moiety (dicyanomethylene, $C(CN)_2$) in the 4th position and a substituted donor moiety (methyl) in the 2nd and 6th positions. DDP dye has a significant advantage over DCM dye in terms of water solubility, and its photophysical nature can be probed by the addition of hydrogen bonding to study the nature of host-guest interaction. DCM dye, on the other hand, is not soluble in water, so no such studies could be carried out in an aqueous solution. DDP dye exhibits excellent luminescence character in the presence of more electron-releasing moieties and acts as an ideal that is used as the host molecule. *(Somasundaram Gayathri, 2018;2019)*

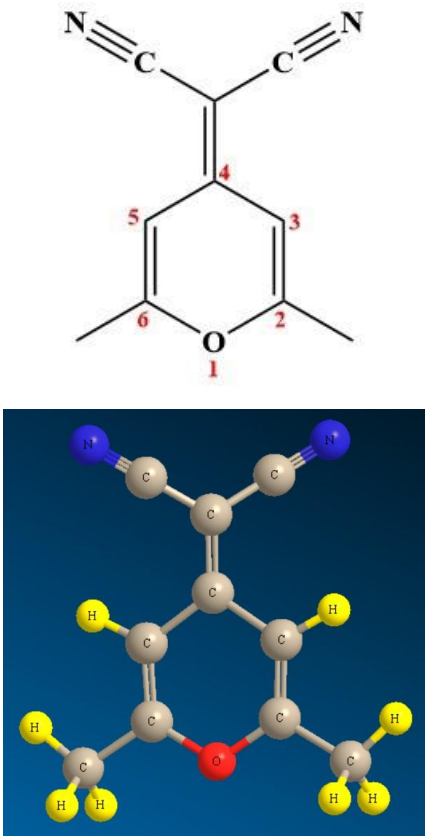


Fig.1.3. 4-Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran (DDP dye)

1.4. PREPARATION OF DDP DYE:

The mixture of 2,6-dimethyl-4-pyrone (4: 1.25 g, 10.06 mmol) and malononitrile (0.783 g, 11.85 mmol) in 5 mL of acetic anhydride was stirred and heated to 140 °C for 1 h under nitrogen atmosphere. The acetic acid was aspirated off, and the residue was washed with 10 mL of boiling water and collected by filtration to give brown material *(WoodsL L,1958).*

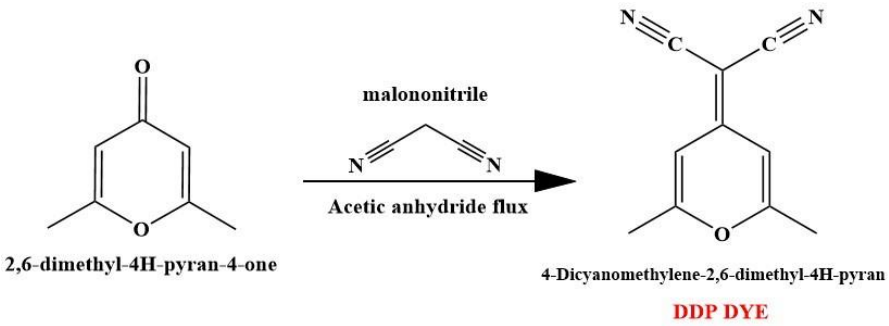


Fig.1.4. Preparation of DDP dye

1.5. INTRAMOLECULAR CHARGE TRANSFER (ICT) BEHAVIOUR OF DDP DYE:

DDP is an example of a donor-acceptor molecule. Its structure is comprised of an electron-donating methyl group and an electron-accepting di-cyano group, where it participates in intramolecular charge transfer. During this process, the excited free electron moves from the donor to the acceptor before relaxing back to a less polar ground state. The intramolecular charge transfer is mediated by a π molecular orbital (MO)that extends from the donor to the acceptor by overlapping the p-orbitals from the constituent carbon atoms or from lone pairs. In the ground state of a conjugated system, the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO)is fully occupied and electrons cannot move. However, if an electron from the donor group is excited into the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital state, it is free to migrate along the delocalised orbital.

The existence of an overlap of the HOMO and LUMO wave functions and transition cannot be attributed to pure charge transfer character. Electron density redistribution clearly suggests $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition character, except for the small fraction of $\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$ coming from donor methyl groups for DDP dye. The position of the absorption maxima in the spectra of the DDP dye is because of the bands that formed with the participation of π-type Molecular Orbitals delocalized on the Atomic Orbitals (AO) of the pyran ring and with any one of the methylene group. The molecular electrostatic potential (MEP) of DCM dye shows that nitrogen atoms of the cyano group and oxygen of the pyran cycle are responsible for the proton-acceptor properties in the ground and excited states of the molecules which give strong evidence for DDP dye where charge-transfer to occur.

The donor group (methyl substituents) of DDP dye is expected to have orbitals that are in between pure sp^3 and sp^2 hybrid orbitals. This is due to resonance structures that involve the delocalisation of the lone pair to the pyran ring of the dye molecule. The dye molecule takes on a more planar conformation with respect to the ring because the orbitals are closer to sp^2 and the lone pair resides in a p-orbital.

CHAPTER 2
LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1. Webster and W. McGolgin. Arylidene dye lasers, US patent 3,852,683, 1974:

DCM is a fluorescent dye developed by the Eastman-Kodak company, in the mid1970s BY F. Webster and W. McGolgin. to extend the range of dye lasers into the red spectrum. Its spectral properties include a broad fluorescence band, long excited-state lifetime, and large solvent-dependent Stokes shift. DCM has been widely studied for its excited-state dynamics and molecular configuration. It is a donor-π-bridge-acceptor molecule, containing an electron-donating dimethylamino group and an electronaccepting dicyano group. Photoinduced intramolecular charge transfer is expected to occur in such systems, involving the migration of the excited free electron from the donor to the acceptor before relaxing back to the ground state. Research on DCM has focused on its energy, excited-state dynamics, and potential applications in sensing and imaging.

2.2. Absorption of DCM Dye in Ethanol: Experimental and Time Dependent Density Functional Study:

Seyed Hassan Nabavia, (2018) has studied Absorption of DCM Dye in Ethanol: Experimental and Time Dependent Density Functional Study in which he describes the synthesis of the DCM intermediate and DCM dye using a combination of malonitirile, 2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran-4-one, (N, N-Dimethyl) benzaldehyde, toluene, piperidine, and acetic acid. The intermediate was obtained through refluxing, washing, and recrystallization, while the dye was produced by refluxing the intermediate under argon gas for 20 hours, followed by column chromatography for purification. The hydrogen NMR spectrum of the final DCM product is available in supporting information. A literature survey may explore the properties and uses of DCM dyes, the synthesis of pyran derivatives, and the potential applications of the intermediate in organic synthesis.

2.3. Fluorescence umpolung enables light-up sensing of N-acetyltransferases and nerve agents:

Chenxu Yan, (2021) discusses the recent advances in the development of Intramolecular Charge Transfer (ICT) based fluorophores along with tailoring their emission properties for high-fidelity bioimaging by investigating the use of highperformance donor-π-acceptor (D-π-A) fluorescent dyes, such as dicyanomethylene4H-pyran (DCM), quinoline-malononitrile (QM), and so on, for biosensing and bioimaging applications. These fluorophores are known for their high sensitivity to electron disturbance and large Stokes shifts, making them promising platforms for developing fluorescent dyes and probes. However, the interaction of the donor receptor with electron-withdrawing targets (EWTs) can suppress the ICT pathway and quench the fluorescence, limiting their applicability. To address this issue, a molecular design strategy has been proposed wherein an indazole building block is inserted into the D-π-A motif to regulate intramolecular rotational driving energy. This strategy leads to a fluorescence umpolung effect, completely overturning the EWT-induced quenching mode into the light-up mode. The straightforward insertion of an indazole building block into the D-π-A fluorophores can substantially increase intramolecular rotation, resulting in a rotation-induced dark state, whereas the incorporation of EWTs can efficiently suppress rotation and enhance fluorescence. This strategy expands our understanding of ICT mechanisms and enables the design of ICT probes for light-up sensing of EWTs, such as N-acetyltransferases and nerve agents.

2.4. Photophysical and Electrochemical studies of 4-dicyanomethylene 2,6dimethyl- 4H-pyran (DDP) dye with amides in water:

Somasundaram Gayathri, (2018) discussed that theDDP dye, also known as Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran, which is an intermediate in the preparation of DCM dye was synthesized and studied the photophysical and electrochemical properties of DDP dye with formamide and alkyl-substituted amides in water were investigated. The addition of amides results in an isosbestic point and fluorescence enhancement of the DDP dye. The position of emission maxima of DDP dye shifted towards the blue and red regions with the addition of ACM and DMF,

respectively. The fluorescence lifetime and relative amplitude of DDP dye vary significantly by the addition of amides in an aqueous solution, which is influenced by the amide water hydrogen-bonding network and hydrophobic influences of the alkyl-substituted amides. The interaction between dye and amide is predominantly through hydrogen bonding. EIS results showed that there are at least three different microenvironments that support the existence of different fluorescence lifetimes of DDP dye. The fluorescence spectral technique is an efficient tool to elucidate the nature of the interaction of water-soluble probes with hydrogen-bonding solutes. Overall, the study provides insights into the photophysical and electrochemical properties of DDP dye and its interactions with different amides in aqueous solution.

2.5. Spectro electrochemical Investigation of 4-dicyanomethylene 2,6-dimethyl4H-pyran (DDP) dye with Guanidine hydrochloride (GuHCl) in water:

Somasundaram Gayathri, (2018) investigates the interaction between guanidine hydrochloride (GuHCl) and 4-dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran (DDP) dye through photophysical and electrochemical techniques. The results indicate that the interaction between DDP dye and GuHCl is primarily through hydrogen bonding, although electrostatic interactions also play a role in the aqueous phase. The addition of amides to the aqueous solution affects the ground state and excited state properties of DDP dye, as evidenced by fluorescence enhancement and shift in the emission maximum. Hydrogen bonding and hydrophobicity of the amides are the main factors influencing this photophysical nature. The formation of a dyewater-amide hydrogen-bonding network along with dye-water and amide-water hydrogen-bonding assemblies is responsible for this effect.

*2.6.*Photophysical and Electrochemical Impedance Spectral studies on the interaction of 4-dicyanomethylene 2, 6-dimethyl- 4H-pyran (DDP) dye with urea derivatives in aqueous solution*:*

Somasundaram Gayathri, and Rajaraman Vasanthi, (2018) performed studied the interaction between urea derivatives and DDP dye using photophysical and electrochemical techniques. The addition of urea derivatives to DDP dye resulted in fluorescence enhancement and a shift in emission wavelength. Fluorescence lifetime

studies showed the coexistence of three different components, indicating a heterogeneous microenvironment around the dye. The urea derivatives influenced the excited state characteristics of the dye, resulting in the formation of different microenvironments. Electrochemical impedance spectral studies validated the existence of multiple environments attributed to urea-water structural behaviour. The urea derivatives' hydrophobicity and hydrogen-bonding properties influenced the dye's photophysical and electrochemical nature.

2.7. Characterization of the toxic mechanism of two fluoroquinolones to trypsin by spectroscopic and computational methods:

Yanxiu Guo, (2019) highlights the quenching of intrinsic fluorescence of trypsin by fluoroquinolones (FQs) ciprofloxacin (CPFX) and enrofloxacin (ENFX) through moderately strong complexes formed via van der Waals forces and hydrogen bonds. The binding of FQs caused conformational and micro-environmental changes in trypsin, altering its molecular activity, which was observed through multiple spectroscopic methods and functional tests.

2.8. Correlation of Tryptophan Fluorescence Spectral Shifts and Lifetimes Arising Directly from Heterogeneous Environment:

Chia-Pin Pan, (2011) investigated the use of tryptophan (Trp) fluorescence as a tool for studying protein conformational ensembles in solution. The interpretation of wavelength-dependent complex fluorescence decays of proteins is controversial due to multiple plausible origins of the typical multiple fluorescence lifetimes. The author demonstrates how multiple conformational populations can result in the same strong wavelength-lifetime correlation in cyclic hexapeptides containing a single Trp residue in this study. The quenching of fluorescence in these peptides is caused by electron transfer. The author calculated fluorescence wavelengths and lifetimes for hexapeptides using simulations and discovered that rotamers with blue-shifted emission spectra have a higher probability of quenching during fluctuations in the environment.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

3.1. AIM:

To investigate the environment effect on emitting characteristics of laser dye 4-dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4h-pyran (DDP) in an aqueous solution.

3.2. SCOPE:

Our study focuses on Fluorescence spectral studies in a micro heterogeneous environment to investigate the behaviour of Host and Guest molecules. These studies aim to comprehend how the microenvironment influences the photophysical properties such as absorption, emission, and fluorescence lifetime of an Intramolecular charge transfer (ICT) based 4- Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran (DDP) dye with the addition of hexane. The presence of both hydrophilic and hydrophobic moieties in the solutes behaves as an ideal host molecule. The majority of the research in the literature on the probe–host interactions took place in non–aqueous and organic solvents, but in the present investigation, the photophysical studies of these probes are carried out in the water, which is considered of biological importance.

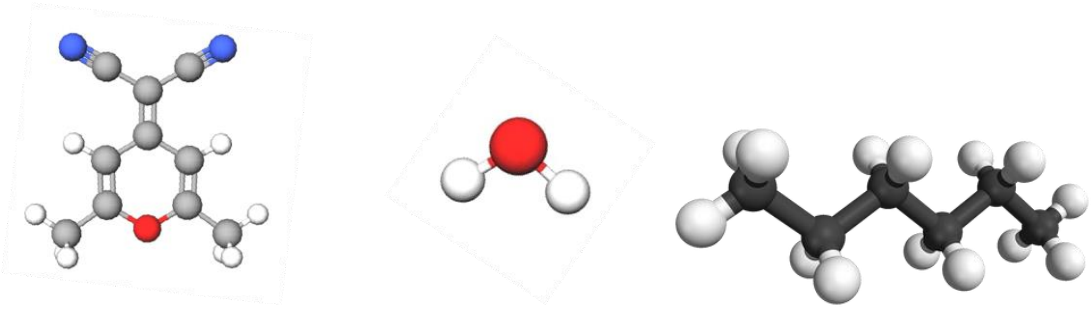


Fig.3.2. Interaction of hexane with DDP dye in water

3.2.1. The objective of the study:

Fluorescence spectral analyses of the interaction of hexane with DDP dye in an aqueous solution have the following objectives:

- Absorption spectroscopy to ascertain the mode of interaction between hexane and the DDP dye.
- Investigate how hexane affects the DDP dye's micro-heterogeneous environment and learn more about the nature of the interaction through emission spectroscopy.
- Examine and analyse the quenching mechanism of the DDP dye by hexane using the Stern-Volmer method.
- Using lifetime analysis, determine the fluorescence lifetime of the DDP dye in the presence and absence of hexane and learn about the interaction mechanism.
- Provide a comprehensive understanding of the interaction between hexane and the DDP dye in an aqueous solution using multiple fluorescence spectroscopic techniques, as well as develop and apply new methodologies and advancements for studying guest-host interactions.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1. MATERIALS:

2,6-dimethyl-4-pyrone; malononitrile; acetic anhydride and trypsin Powder, the porcine pancreas was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich are the chemicals used in the study.

Ultrapure water was used throughout the experiments.

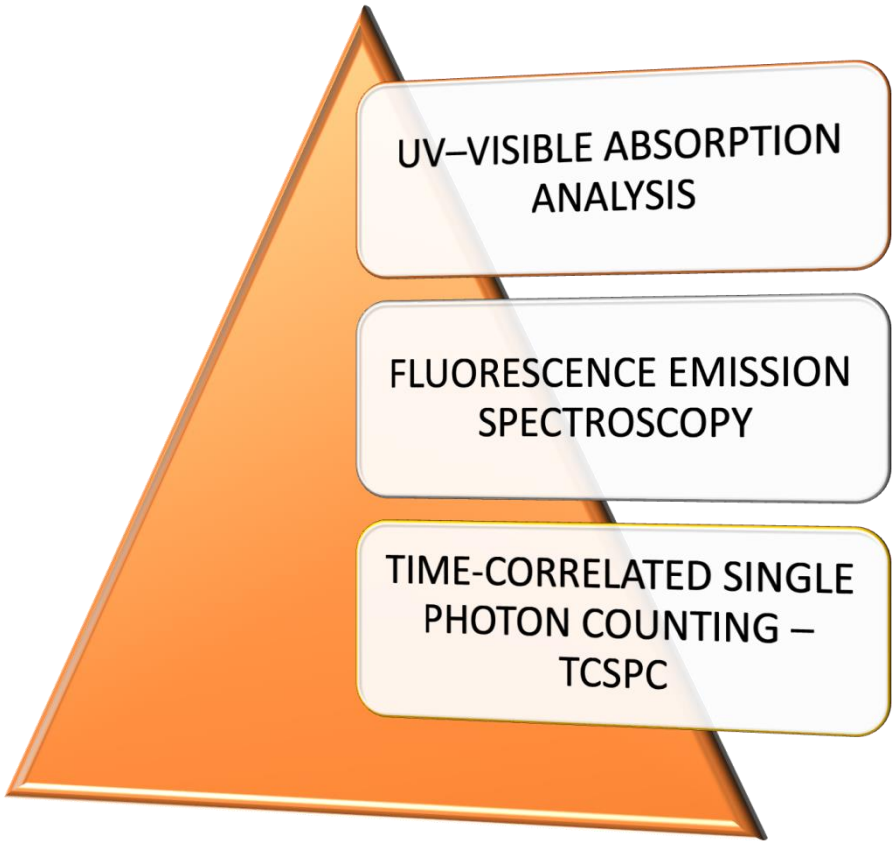
4.2. METHODS:

4.2.1.1 PREPARATION OF DDP DYE AND HEXANE SOLUTIONS FOR SPECTRAL STUDIES:

Hexane was dissolved in ultra-pure water to form a $5x10^{-5}$ mol L^{-1} solution and then preserved at -20°C; different concentrations of hexane (2.0 M, 4.0 M, 6.0 M, and 8.0 M) were prepared where the concentration of DDP dye ($8x10^{-5}$ mol L^{-1}) was fixed for steady-state absorption, emission and time-resolved fluorescence spectral studies.

4.2.2. INSTRUMENTAL TECHNIQUES:

The study employed spectroscopic methods to examine the interaction between DDP dye (the host molecule) and hexane (the guest molecule).



4.2.2.1. UV–VISIBLE ABSORPTION ANALYSIS:

UV-VIS spectroscopy is based on the measurement of light absorbance across the ultraviolet (UV) and visible (VIS) regions of the electromagnetic spectrum with wavelength ranges of 200-800 nm. Incident light hits matter which can either be absorbed, reflected, or transmitted. The absorbance of radiation in the UV-Vis range causes atomic excitation, which refers to the transition of molecules from a low-energy ground state to an excited state.

The working principle of UV spectroscopy is based on the Beer-Lambert principle. When a monochromatic light beam passes through a solution of an absorbing material, the rate at which the intensity of the radiation decreases with the thickness of the solution is proportional to both the incident radiation and the concentration of the solution.

$A=\log (I_o/I) = \epsilon cl$

A – Absorbance; I_o - Intensity of incident light; I - Intensity of emission of light from the sample; ϵ – Molar extinction coefficient (measure of probability of electronic transition); c – Concentration of absorbing species; l – Distance covered by the light throughthe solution

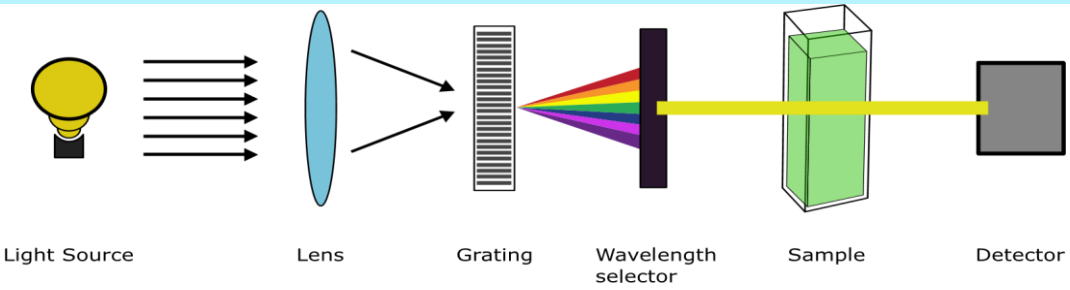


Fig.4.2.2.1.A. Components of UV Spectrophotometer

When a sample is placed in a spectrophotometer, it absorbs light at specific wavelengths determined by its chemical composition and structure. The detector measures the remaining light as it passes through the sample. The detector converts the intensity of the light into an electrical signal, which is then displayed on the screen as an absorbance versus wavelength spectrum.



Fig.4.2.2.1.B. UV–VIS-1900I Spectrophotometer

(Department of Chemistry, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology)

4.2.2.2. FLUORESCENCE EMISSION SPECTROSCOPY:

Fluorescence emission spectroscopy is a potent analytical method that's frequently used for investigating a sample's electronic and molecular characteristics. It is based on the fluorescence phenomenon, which is when a molecule emits light after absorbing light of a particular wavelength.

When electromagnetic radiation interacts with matter's atoms and molecules, the electrons contained within these atoms may absorb energy and jump to a higher energy state, losing their stability. The excited electron is unstable in this higher energy state and rapidly loses its energy by vibrating with the nearby molecules, a process known as vibrational relaxation. A photon of light with a longer wavelength than the absorbed light is released as a result of this energy loss, which causes the excited electron to transition to a lower energy state. This spectrum of radiation emitted by electrons in excited atoms or molecules is known as the emission spectrum.



Fig.4.2.2.2. F-7100 FL Spectrophotometer

(International Research Centre (IRC), Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology)

4.2.2.3. TIME-CORRELATED SINGLE PHOTON COUNTING – TCSPC:

TCSPC stands for time-correlated single photon counting is a technique used to measure the time-of-flight of photons emitted by a sample. It is a method of using the timing of a pulsed excitation source, like a laser or LED, with the timing of the

arrival of single photons on a detector to reconstruct the lifetime decay over many events (repetition of pulses and photons detected). This technique is based on the fact that the probability of detecting a single photon at time, t after an exciting pulse is proportional to the fluorescence intensity at time t.

The repetition of a laser or LED pulsed at a relatively high repetition rate (10 kHz to 100 MHz) is synchronized with the time the next photon arrives at a detector (i.e. PMT). Timing electronics in the form of a time-to-digital converter or time-to-amplitude converter (TAC) are used to record these events in succession until sufficient statistics are collected to reconstruct the decay. The decay is then fit to an exponential function to model the lifetime decay (t). TCSPC is typically used to measure fluorescence lifetimes from the picosecond to the microsecond time scale.



Fig.4.2.2.3. Time-Correlated Single Photon Counting (TCSPC) [Fluorolog– 3]
(Department of Medical Physics, Anna University)

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1. UV–VISIBLE ABSORPTION ANALYSIS:

The UV–Visible absorption spectra of DDP dye with the addition of Trypsin at different concentrations were investigated by a UV–Vis-1900i spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, Japan) at the Department of Chemistry in Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, which was equipped with 1cm quartz and performed from 180nm to 500nm.

DDP dye exhibits absorption peaks at 248 ± 2 nm and 348 ± 2 nm accompanied by a shoulder around 360 nm in water as shown in Fig 5.1.1. The absorption peaks at 248 ± 2 nm and 348 ± 2 nm are attributed to $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ and charge transfer (CT) transitions respectively. (Fig.5.1.1).

The addition of hexane (10^{-5} M to 1.0 M) results in no significant change in the absorbance at the longest wavelength of DDP dye. The absorbance at the ICT absorption maximum remains unaltered even in the presence of more hexane molecules surrounding the close vicinity of the dye but there is a decrease in the intensity of absorption peak upon the addition of trypsin. (Fig.5.1.2)

The results indicate that the addition of trypsin to DDP dye decreased the dye concentration but had no effect on the dye's absorption properties or ICT process. These experiments shed light on the interaction of hexane and dyes, which could be useful in a variety of applications.

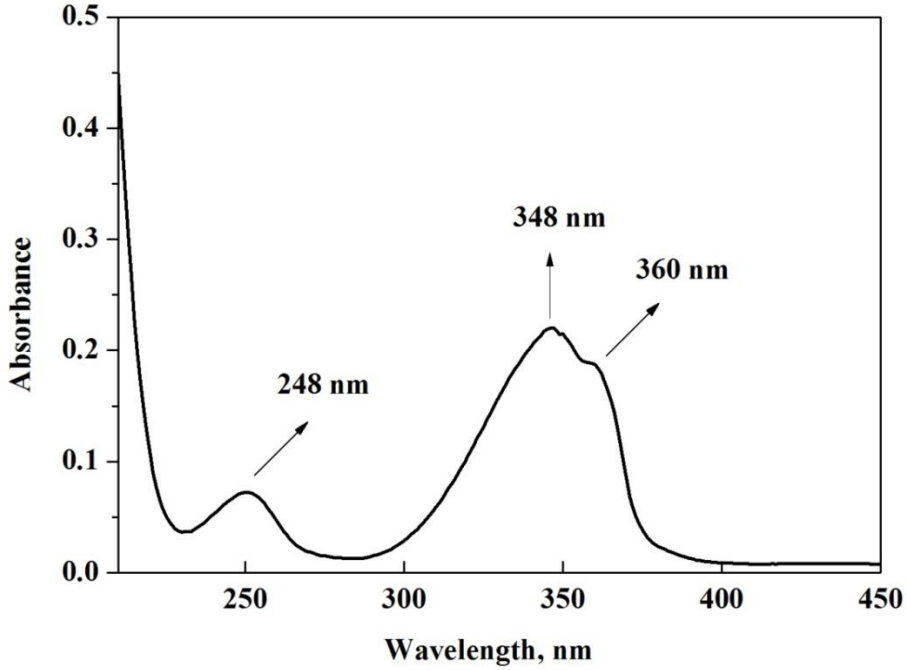


Fig.5.1.1. Absorption spectra of DCM dye (7.1 x 10^{-5} M) in water.

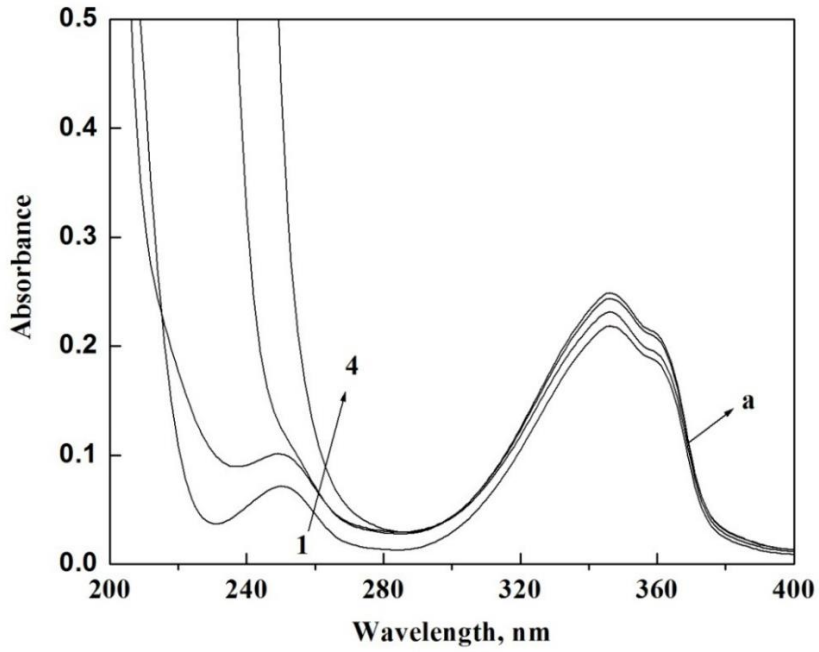


Fig.5.1.2. Absorption spectra of DDP dye (7.1 x 10^{-5} M) with different solvent 1) Tolune 2)Dichloromethane 3)DMF 4)Acetonitrile

The absorption spectrum could not completely resolve the authenticity of the nature of the interaction between dyes and hexane. To determine the precise nature of the interaction between dye and hexane, steady-state and time-resolved fluorescence spectral studies were used to characterise the excited state properties of dye in the absence and presence of hexane.

5.2. FLUORESCENCE SPECTRA ANALYSIS:

All fluorescence spectra were recorded on an F-7100 FL Spectrophotometer (Hitachi, Japan) at the International Research Centre (IRC) in Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, equipped with a 150W Xenon lamp source, and a 10mm quartz cell. The solution was moved to a quartz cell for analysis, and the widths of the emission and excitation slits were both set at 10.0 nm. The fluorescence emission spectra varied from 390 to 600nm, while the wavelength of excitation was chosen to be 370 nm.

The fluorescence spectrum of DDP dye in water exhibits a broad peak at approximately 436 ± 2 nm when excited at the longest wavelength absorption maximum, and this peak is assigned to the LE state emission. fig.5.2.A. Spectroscopy is an effective and efficient way to investigate the conformational changes in proteins, as it allows for non-intrusive measurements of substances at low concentrations under simulated physiological conditions. Trypsin has intrinsic fluorescence primarily due to the tryptophan (Trp) and tyrosine (Tyr) residues, which are highly sensitive to theirUpon adding trypsin to DDP dye, the fluorescence intensitygradually decreases without any new emission band appearing, even at the highest concentration of trypsin (6×10-5M), as shown in fig.5.2.B. This observation rulesoutthe formation of an acceptor moiety of DDP dye, resulting in a large variation in the microenvironment exciplex as aacceptor moiety of DDP dye, resulting in a large variation in the microenvironment around the dyes close vicinity,leading to a quenching of the fluorescence intensity .

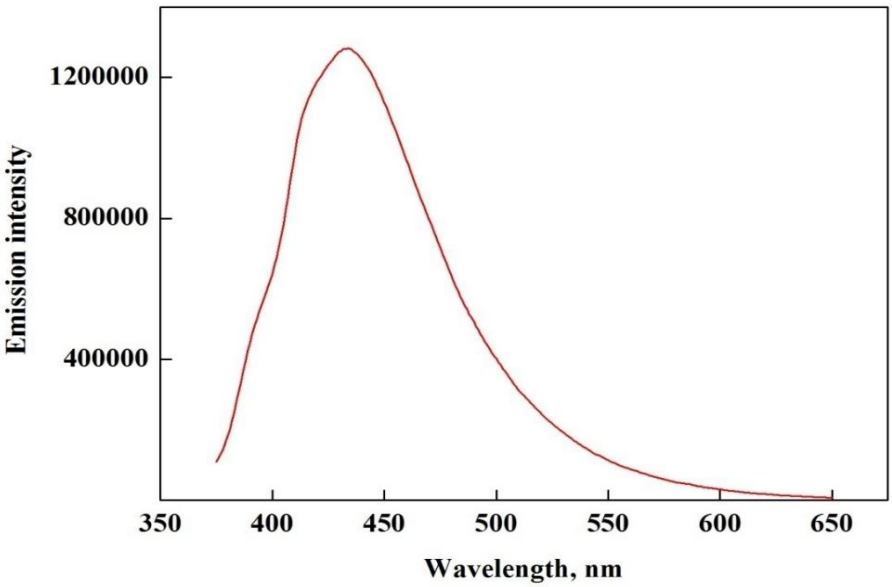


Fig.5.2.A. Emission spectra of DDP dye (7.1 x 10^{-5} M) in Water.

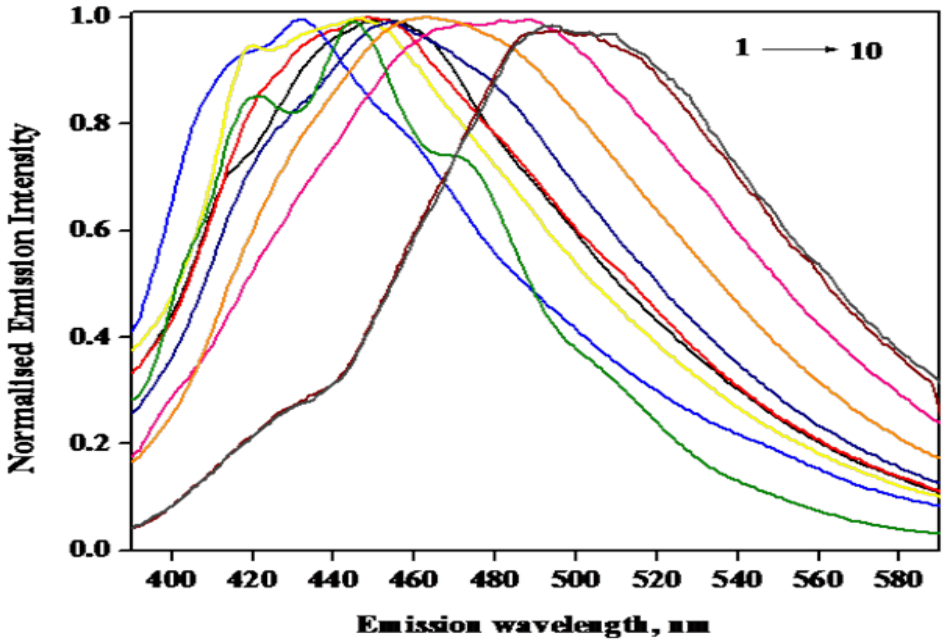
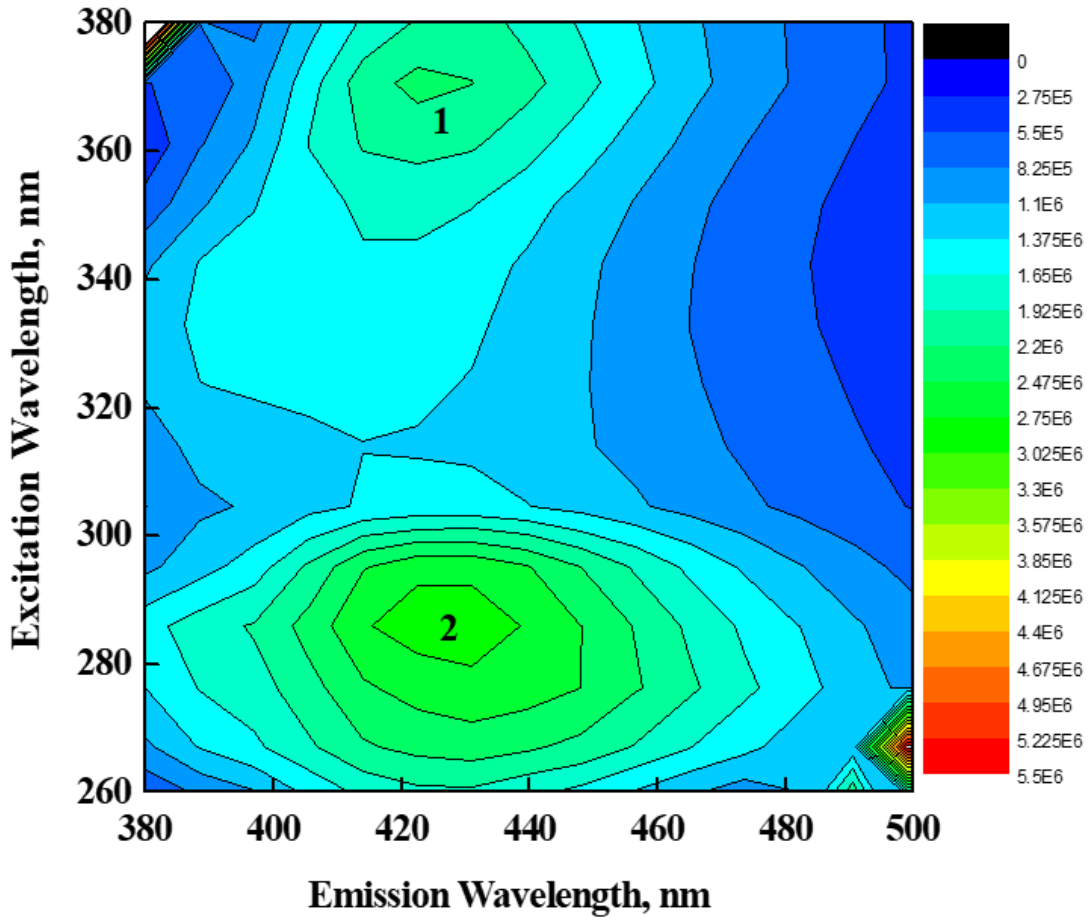


Fig.5.1.B. Emission spectra of DDP dye (7.1 x 10^{-5} M) with varying solvents.1)tolune 2)Dichloromethane 3)DMF 4)THF 5)Ethylacteate 6)DMSO 7)Hexane 8)Acetonitrile 9) Chloroform 10)methonal



3D-Contor spectrum of DDP dye (7.1×10^{-5} M)in waterλ_{ex}375 nm and λ_{em} 436 nm.

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The study investigated the interaction between trypsin and the DDP dye in an aqueous solution through fluorescence spectral analysis. The absorption peak for the DDP dye was found at 248 ± 2 nm, 348 ± 2 nm, and 360 nm, and on adding hexane at different concentrations, the intensity peak decreased, while the absorbance at the ICT absorption maximum remained unaltered. This decrease was attributed to the promotion of an intramolecular charge transfer process between the donor and acceptor moieties of the dye ring structure.

Additionally, the fluorescence emission peak was found at 436 ± 2 nm, and the fluorescence quenching of the DDP dye was identified using Stern Volmer analysis. Furthermore, the fluorescence decay of the DDP dye in the presence of hexane showed a tri-exponential decay, indicating the presence of varying microenvironments around the dye with different fluorescence lifetimes and distributions. Specifically, one component exhibited a significant decrease in fluorescence lifetime, while another showed an increase, and the relative amplitude distribution remained unaltered. This suggests that the dye is located in a heterogeneous environment that causes variations in fluorescence lifetime and distribution.

Overall, the interaction of the DDP dye with hexane was largely hydrophobic, but the presence of hydrogen-bonding functional groups in trypsin influenced the excited-state spectral properties of the DDP dye.

6.1. FUTURE DIRECTIONS:

There are several potential future directions for fluorescence spectral studies on the interaction of hexane with DDP dye in an aqueous solution. One possible direction is to perform molecular modelling and simulations to better understand the structural and dynamic aspects of the interaction between hexane and DDP dye. This could

involve using computational methods to explore how changes in the micro-environment.

Quantum chemical calculations could also be used to investigate the electronic structure and excited state properties of the DDP dye in the presence of hexane. These calculations could help to elucidate the underlying mechanisms of fluorescence quenching observed in the current study. Additionally, such calculations could assist in the design of new probes with improved photophysical properties for use in biosensors or laser applications.

Furthermore, it could be interesting to study the interaction between DDP dye and other proteins or enzymes to determine photophysical properties or are more broadly applicable. This could involve using fluorescence spectral techniques to monitor changes in the dye's emission spectra or fluorescence lifetime in the microenvironment presence of different molecular aggregates components.

Overall, further investigations using advanced computational methods and a broader range of biological targets could help to expand our understanding of the interaction between DDP dye and biomolecules, with potential applications in biosensors and other optical technologies.

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ABSTRACT

Development of inexpensive and highly efficient bifunctional electrocatalysts for overall water-splitting is great significance to produce sustainable hydrogen fuel from a renewable water source. Particularly, the sluggish oxygen evolution reaction kinetics limit the overall efficiency of water-splitting catalysis. Although, precious metal-based catalysts can reduce the energy barrier and drive the reaction at low overpotentials, their scarcity and high-cost limit the commercialization. Herein, C@$CoFe_2O_4$ (Carbon doped) electrocatalysts were synthesized by using the facile calcination approach, speeding up catalytic kinetics for water splitting applications. X-ray diffraction (XRD was used to structurally characterize the synthesized electrocatalysts. Cyclic voltammetry, linear sweep voltammetry, and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy were performed to evaluate the electrochemical performance of the electrocatalysts. C@$CoFe_2O_4$ showed efficient catalytic activity in OER. This simple and successful method proposes a new method for the fabrication of ferrites and oxides, potentially improving the electrochemical performance of systems related to energy.

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LIST OF ABBREVATION:

1. Nm -nanometre
2. NPs -nanoparticles
3. XRD- x-ray diffraction
4. SEM -scanning electronic microscopy
5. FTIR- Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy
6. $CoFe_2O_4$ -cobalt ferrite
7. Co $(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$ -Cobalt (II)nitrate hexahydrate
8. Fe $(NO_3)_3.9H_2O$ -iron (III) nitrate nanohydrate
9. NaOH -Sodium hydroxide
10. PVA -Poly vinyl alcohol.

CHAPTER 1

1.INTRODUCTION

1.1 Energy:

Energy is defined as the capacity or ability to do work. Different forms of energy exist: kinetic energy, potential energy, chemical energy etc. unit of energy is Joule (J).

- power or ability to be active: strength of body or mind to do things or to work. a teacher of great intellectual energy
- natural power exerted with force

1.2 Energy conversion:

- Energy conversion, the transformation of energy from forms provided by nature to forms that can be used by humans.
- The law of Conservation of Energy refers to an isolated system in which there is no net change in energy and where energy is neither created nor destroyed. Although there is no change in energy, energy can change forms, for example from potential to kinetic energy.
- conservation of energy Physics. a fundamental law of physics and chemistry stating that the total energy of an isolated system is constant despite internal changes. It is most commonly expressed as “energy can neither be created nor destroyed” and is the basis of the first law.

1.3 Type of energy

Although there are many forms of energy, it is broadly categorized into:

- Kinetic Energy
- Potential Energy

A heat recovery ventilator is used for energy conservation by transferring heat between incoming and outgoing air in mechanics, there are three fundamental quantities which are conserved. These are energy, momentum and angular momentum

1.3.1. Potential energy and types:

Potential energy is the stored energy in an object due to its position, properties, and forces acting on it. Common types of potential energy include gravitational, elastic,

magnetic, and electric. These energies relate to an object's position or shape, and their potential to convert into kinetic energy.

Potential energy comes in forms that are stored including

- Chemical energy
- Gravitational energy
- Mechanical energy
- nuclear energy
- chemical energy

- Chemical energy is energy stored in the bonds of chemical compounds, like atoms and molecules
- Electrical energy is the power an atom's charged particles have to cause an action or move an object. The movement of electrons from one atom to another is what results in electrical energy.
- Elastic energy is the mechanical potential energy stored in the configuration of a material or physical system as it is subjected to elastic deformation by work performed upon it.
- Gravitational energy or gravitational potential energy is the potential energy a massive object has in relation to another massive object due to gravity. It is the potential energy associated with the gravitational field, which is released (converted into kinetic energy) when the objects fall towards each other.

1.3.2. Kinetic energy and types:

Kinetic energy is a form of energy that an object or a particle has by reason of its motion.

Five main types of kinetic energy:

- Radiant energy
- Thermal energy
- Sound energy
- Electrical energy
- Mechanical-energy

- Mechanical energy (kinetic energy or potential energy) is the energy of either an

object in motion or the energy that is stored in objects by their position. Mechanical energy is also a driver of renewable energy.

- The energy generated by the movement of electrons from one point to another point. The movement of charged particles along/through a medium (say wire) constitute current or electricity.
- Thermal energy refers to the energy contained within a system that is responsible for its temperature. Heat is the flow of thermal energy. A whole branch of physics, thermodynamics, deals with how heat is transferred between different systems and how work is done in the process (see the 1st law of thermodynamics).
- Sound energy is the result when a force, either sound or pressure, makes an object or substance vibrate. That energy moves through the substance in waves. Those sound waves are called kinetic mechanical energy
- Radiant energy is the physical energy resulting from electromagnetic radiation, usually observed as it radiates from a source into the surrounding environment.

1.4. Water splitting reaction:

Water splitting is the chemical reaction in which water is broken down into oxygen and hydrogen: Diagram of the chemical equation of the electrolysis of water, a form of water splitting. Efficient and economical water splitting would be a technological breakthrough that could underpin a hydrogen economy.

1.5 Method of water splitting

Thermochemical water splitting processes use high-temperature heat (500°–2,000°C) to drive a series of chemical reactions that produce hydrogen. The chemicals used in the process are reused within each cycle, creating a closed loop that consumes only water and produces hydrogen and oxygen.

1.6 Cobalt ferrite

- Cobalt ferrite can be also used as electrocatalyst for oxygen evolution reaction and as material for fabricating electrodes for electrochemical capacitors (also named supercapacitors) for energy storage. These uses take advantage of the redox reactions occurring at the surface of the ferrite.
- Cobalt and copper ferrites are p-type semiconductors, whereas zinc and magnesium ferrites are n-type semiconductors.

- Cobalt ferrite ($CoFe_2O_4$) is a well-known hard magnetic material with high coercivity and moderate magnetization.
- water splitting process in cobalt ferrite During electrolysis, the complete water-splitting reaction occurs on two different electrode surfaces. In the cathode, the water is reduced to H2 [hydrogen evolution reaction (HER)], while the opposing water oxidation reaction for O2 generation [oxygen evolution reaction (OER)] takes place in the anode.

Chapter 2
Literature survey

✧ **JENS K. NØRSKOV et, al.** The peculiar properties of nickel ferrite (NFO) and cobalt ferrite (CFO) have led to their exploration as potential electrocatalysts for total water splitting. Nevertheless, slow charge transfer dynamics are caused by the low intrinsic conductivity and few active sites of NFO and CFO. While using silicon dioxide (SiO_2) as a sacrificial shell could be a novel way to improve the specific surface area (SSA) of NFO and CFO, the general approach is to wrap the target products tightly on the sacrificial core of SiO_2 to design the hollow/porous electrode materials. The abundant oxygen vacancies and improved SSA of porous nickel ferrite (P–NFO (VO)) and cobalt ferrite (P–CFO (VO)) microspheres are presented here.***[1]***

✧ **Jiaming Li d, et, al.** The development of sustainable energy has been hampered by the anodic oxygen evolution reaction's (OER) slow kinetics, despite the fact that electrochemical hydrogen synthesis has been seen as a viable method for obtaining sustainable resources. Here, we use a straightforward nano casting technique to create mesoporous cobalt ferrite phosphides hybridized on reduced graphene oxide

(rGO) as a highly effective bifunctional catalyst. Large active sites are provided by the plentiful interface of the hybrid catalyst, and the hybrid rGO speeds up ion diffusion and electron exchange. Furthermore, the mesoporous shape inhibits the accumulation of active sites as well.***[2]***

- **Amit K. Chakraborty et, al.** Due to its low electrical conductivity and hydrogen evolution level being below the conduction band minimum, tungsten oxide suffers from fast recombination of photogenerated electrons and holes, despite having a favourable band gap for photo-electrochemical applications such as water splitting and photooxidation of water pollutants. In order to halt the rapid recombination process, we have included cobalt ferrite nanocrystals as a co-catalyst in a tungsten oxide (WO_3) photoanode that was produced hydrothermally in this work. The nanocomposite with 5 mol% cobalt ferrite was characterized using various techniques, which verified the development of monoclinic WO_3 nanoplate-like structures with stoichiometric $CoFe_2O_4$phase. The optical band gap of the nanocomposite was determined to be 2.1 eV by optical absorption spectroscopy. Mott-Schottky analysis, electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS), and linear ***[3].***

- **G. Francisco Nirmala et, al.** These days, the latent application of $CoFe_2O_4$ (cobalt ferrite) nanoparticles in water treatment has attracted the attention of many researchers. $CoFe_2O_4$ nanoparticles are stable in a variety of conditions and are an inexpensive magnetic material. As a result, they are easily extracted from purified water using an external magnetic field and recovered for a considerable number of cycles. The goal of this investigation was to determine how the magnetic characteristics of $CoFe_2O_4$ nanocomposites and nanoparticles are affected by several factors, such as crystalline size, pH, synthesis process, and dopant type. $CoFe_2O_4$ nanoparticles were fully granted for use in water purification, along with the ability to combine with other nanoparticles for adsorption and photocatalysis. The possibility of recovering and repurposing $CoFe_2O_4$***[4]***

- **Mshari A. Alotaibi et, al.** The flow co-precipitation approach produced the cobalt ferrite Fenton catalysts. Mossbauer spectroscopy, FTIR, and XRD all supported the

spinel structure. The samples that were annealed at 400 and 600 °C had crystallite diameters of 16 and 18 nm, respectively, whereas the as-synthesised sample has a size of 12 nm. The annealed samples contain grain sizes of 0.5 μm–15 μm, whereas the as-synthesised sample has a range of 0.1–5.0 μm. There is a range of 0.87 to 0.97 for the degree of structure inversion. Cobalt ferrites have been studied for their catalytic activity in the oxidation of caffeine and the breakdown of hydrogen peroxide. $CoFe_2O_4$ catalytic activity is increased by annealing ***[5].***

- **Kubisztel Julian Kubisztal et, al**. This work presents two new processes for the fabrication of porous cobalt ferrite ($CoFe_2O_4$) coatings with a metallic and organic binder for use as catalysts in the oxygen evolution reaction (OER). These processes are based on powder sedimentation, heat treatment, and galvanostatic deposition. Using both dc and ac techniques, the electrochemical characteristics of the produced electrode materials were also determined. Cobalt ferrite coatings were shown to have outstanding electrocatalytic capabilities towards the oxygen evolution reaction (OER), with a Tafel slope of 35–45 $mVdec^{-1}$ and an overpotential measured at a current density of 10 $mAcm^{-2}$ from 287 to 295 mV. It was demonstrated that the main cause of the $CoFe_2O_4$ coatings with an organic binder's increased apparent activity is a substantial [***6]***

- Sandhya A. et, al. Hydrogen may be produced efficiently by electrocatalysis. Nevertheless, it is not economical to employ platinum as an electrode; as a result, research must be done to find a new material with catalytic performance comparable to that of platinum. According to studies, ferrite is a material that shows promise for electrocatalysis. Thus, the usage of ferrite as an electrode in the catalytic process is covered in this chapter. The explanation provides the impact of many characteristics, including surface area, active sites, and the shape of ferrite nanoparticles. Moreover, the role of graphene oxide (GO) and graphene itself as conducting loading bases is explained. It has been demonstrated that reduced ferrites loaded on GO are more efficient [7].

Chapter 3

3.Aim & Scope

3.1. Aim:

Synthesis of magnetic nanoparticles carbon-based composite for catalytic application.

3.2. Scope

- Ferrite nanoparticles nanoparticles (crystal structure of magnetic) are the most explored magnetic nanoparticles.
- Determination of structural properties of cobalt ferrite nanoparticles
- Ferrite with shell
- Electrocatalysts.

CHAPTER 4

Materials and Methods

4.1 Materials

Cobalt nitrate $Co(No_3)_2$ iron (III) nitrate hexahydrate $Fe(NO_3)_3.9H_2O$ sodium hydroxide (NaOH), sucrose, polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) , KCL, AgCl.

4.2. Co-precipitation method

Co-precipitation is the simultaneous precipitation of more than one compound from a solution. It is the most convenient inexpensive technique for the preparation of NPs. In this method, metal precipitates in the form of hydroxide from a salt precursor in the presence of a base in a solvent separation of francium from other radioactive elements by coprecipitating it with caesium salts such as caesium perchlorate. precipitation method Precipitation is the formation of a solid in a solution during a chemical reaction.

4.3. Synthesis of $CoFe_2O_4$

The synthesis methodology involves a controlled co-precipitation method to fabricate $CoFe_2O_4$ magnetic nanoparticles (NPs). Cobalt ferrite nanoparticles were synthesized by using $Fe(NO_3)_3.9H_2O$ and $Co(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$ as starting materials. In a typical synthesis process, aqueous solution of $Fe(NO_3)_3.9H_2O$ and $Co(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$ were mixed keeping Fe and Co^{2+} in 2:1 molar ratio. In this mixture an aqueous solution of 6M of NaOH is added dropwise at room temperature and pH of the reaction became ~11. Then, this reaction mixture was refluxed at 120° for 12hr. After cooling this mixture at room temperature the black precipitate thus obtained was collected by centrifugation and washed thoroughly by distilled water. This precipitate was then dried at 100° for 12 hr to obtain $CoFe_2O_4$ NPs

4.4. Synthesis of $C@CoFe_2O_4$

Carbon coated Cobalt ferrite nanoparticles were synthesized by using $Fe(NO_3)_3.9H_2O$ and $Co(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$, Poly Vinyl Alcohol (PVA) and Sucrose as starting materials. In a typical synthesis process, aqueous solution of $CoFe_2O_4$ and Sucrose and PVA. Stir the solution at 90oC until semi liquid form. Then kept in vacuum oven at 80^oC for 12 h. and then grind the material using mortar and pestle. Then material kept in Argon atmosphere

Vacuum furnace for calcinate at 600°C for 2 hr. Finally, C@$CoFe_2O_4$ obtained.

4.5. Characterization and Electrochemical Techniques

The electrochemical performance test for the sample was performed by an electrochemical station (AUTOLAB) with a three-electrode system. The glassy carbon electrode (GCE) coated with the sample was used as the working electrode, the platinum wire was used as the counter electrode, and Ag/AgCl was used as the reference electrode. The process of preparing the working electrode is described as following steps: 1 mg of the sample is dissolved in a 190µL of DMF and 10uL of Nafion is added when ultrasonically obtaining a uniform dispersion solution and continue to sonicate for 10 min. 10 µL of the configured sample was dropped on a GCE with a pipette and dried to finalize the working electrode. The electrochemical properties of the samples were investigated by cyclic voltammetry (CV), electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) and linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) in a 1 mol KOH electrolyte. It should be noted that the working electrode needs to be activated before each formal test to know that the performance is stable.

CHAPTER 5
Results and Discussions

5.1. Structural analysis (XRD)

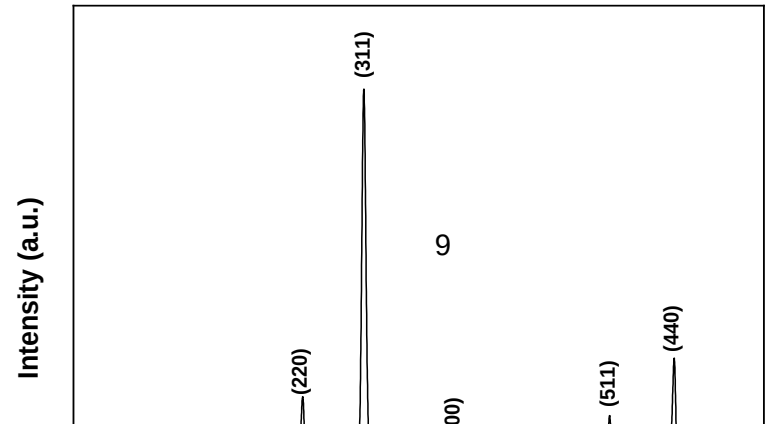


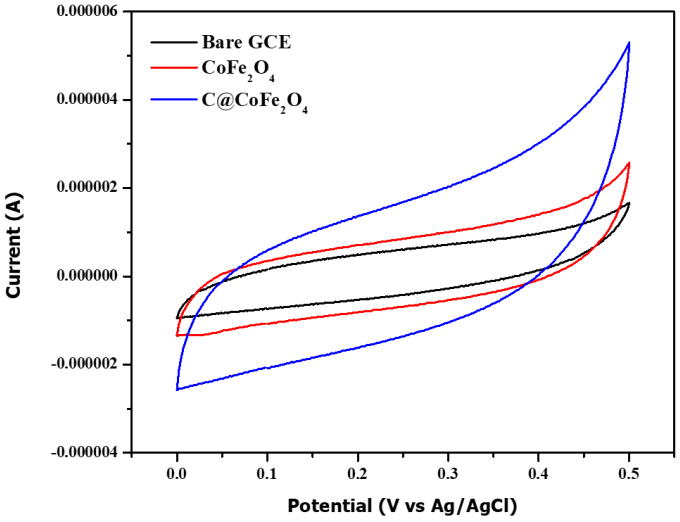
Fig.5.1. XRD spectrum of as synthesized $CoFe_2O_4$ nanoparticles

Fig (5.1) displays XRD pattern for the three peaks observed at 27.63◦, 45.52◦ and 53.90◦ correspond to the film orientations along (311), (111) and (220) planes, respectively. These are typical of inverse spinel ferrite. The locations of the peaks are in good agreement with the $CoFe_2O_4$ material (JCPDS Nos. 22-1086). The small peak intensities in XRD pattern are attributed to the existence of fine grains. The crystallite size was determined using Scherer's formula, D = 0.9 ˇ cos (5) Here, is the wavelength of X-rays emitted from the target, is the Bragg's angle of diffraction and is the full width at half the maximum intensity. The crystallite size of nanostructured $CoFe_2O_4$ was found to be about 34 nm for the (3 1 1) plane.

5.2. Electrochemical studies

The electrocatalytic activities of $CoFe_2O_4$ and C@ $CoFe_2O_4$ were explored using a Cyclic voltammetry (CV), linear sweep voltammogram (LSV) and Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy in 1.0 M KOH with a standard three-electrode electrochemical cell at a scan rate of 10 mV/s (Fig.). The co-existence of amorphous and crystalline phases might be attributed to the strong electrocatalytic activity of $CoFe_2O_4$ and C@ $CoFe_2O_4$. And the electrochemical active surface area (ECSA) for an electrocatalyst plays a significant role in enhancing its electro-catalytic activity. The electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) was achieved to understand the charge transfer process into the devices and to determine the resistance associated with the charge storage at the electrode/electrolyte interface. Electro-chemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) was carried with frequencies from 1 to 1 000 000 Hz and an amplitude of 5 mV

The chemically deposited $CoFe_2O_4$ and $C@CoFe_2O_4$. electrodes were used in the electrocatalysts and their performance was tested using cyclic voltammetry (CV). An electrochemical cell consisted of $CoFe_2O_4$ and Carbon coated $CoFe_2O_4$ as a working electrode, platinum as a counter electrode and SCE as a reference electrode. Fig. (a) shows the variation of voltametric current at the scan rate of 100 mVs^{-1} for Bare GCE, $CoFe_2O_4$ and $C@CoFe_2O_4$ electrodes. This is done to show the background signal of substrate in C–V plots. The similar variation for $CoFe_2O_4$ electrode at different scanning rates is shown in Fig. (b), where it is found that voltametric currents are increased with scan rate, showing the behaviour similar to that of a water splitting. This might be because inner active sites at the electrode surface cannot maintain redox transitions as the scan rate increases. It is desired that the roselike nanostructure will also have some applications in other fields such as electrochemical sensors and supercapacitor.



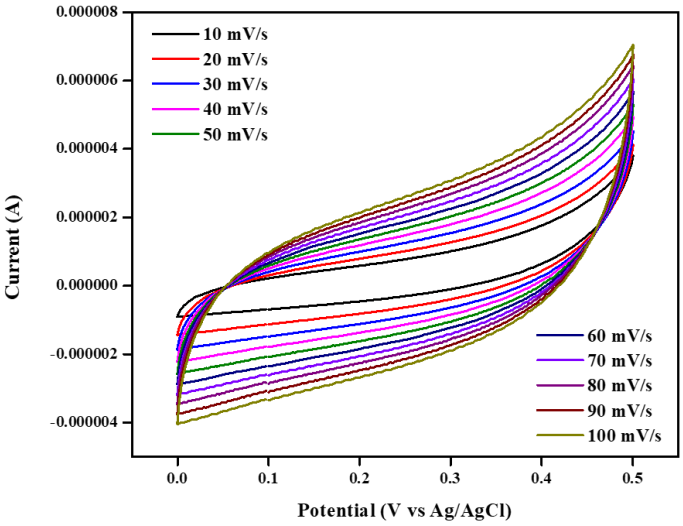
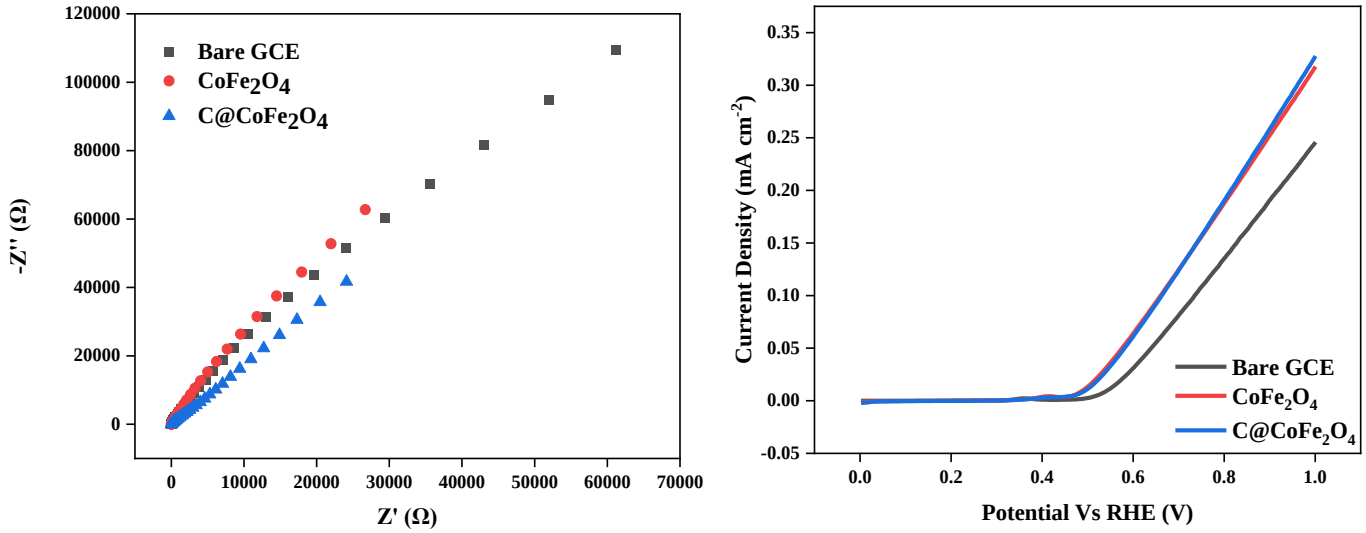


Fig.5.2. **(a)** Double-layer capacitance (CV) Bare GCE, $CoFe_2O_4$, $C@CoFe_2O_4$, **(b)** different scan rates (10 to 100mV/s), **(c)** Electrochemical impedance spectra of Bare GCE, $CoFe_2O_4$ and $C@CoFe_2O_4$, **(d)** Linear sweep OER polarization curve.



CONCLUSION

$CoFe_2O_4$ and C@ $CoFe_2O_4$ were synthesized via the co-precipitation method and Characterized by XRD successfully.Analyzed the electrochemical performance by Circular Voltammetry (CV), Linear Sweep Voltammetry (LSV), and Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS) $C@CoFe_2O_4$ showed efficient catalytic activity in OER.The obtained results reveal the promising potential of efficient, multi-functional, and cost-effective $C@CoFe_2O_4$ electrocatalysts for energy generation and storage systems.

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ABSTRACT

As one of the most serious toxic contaminants, heavy metal ions have severely threatened the living environment and biological system hence developing a novel sensor plays a very important role. A novel fluorescent "turn-off" sensor based on N-Arylcarbamate-Substituted indolo[1,2- a]quinoxalines (**QL**) sensor was synthesized via the reaction between 2-(5-bromo-1H-indol-1-yl)aniline and Indoline-2,3-dione in the presence of n-butanol (n-BuOH) and p-toluenesulfonic acid (pTsOH), which exhibited a maximum yield of 78%. The probe **QL** exhibit an excellent application as a luminescence sensor for sensing Cr(VI) in water with high sensitivity and selectivity based on luminescence quenching effects even in the presence of other interfering metal ion. Under the selected optimized conditions, the emission intensity of the **QL** at λ_{em}=498nm which was obtained when exciting the **QL** at λ_{ex}=360nm was quenched gradually by continuous addition of concentrations of Cr(VI) which results in the linear fitting of fluorescence titration. The limit of detection for Cr(VI) was found to be 19nM or 5ppb which is significantly lower than the maximum contaminant level of 100ppb in drinking water according to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Moreover, Density Functional Theory (DFT) calculations confirmed the binding interaction between the **QL** molecule and dichromate, shedding light on molecular level details of interaction.

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1. QL- butyl(2-(9-bromoindolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-6-yl)phenyl carbamate
2. LOD – Limit of detection
3. FTIR- Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy
4. DFT- Density Functional theory
5. UV– Ultraviolet
6. PL-Photoluminescence
7. TsOH- Toluenesulfonic acid or Tosylic acid
8. DMSO- Dimethyl sulfoxide
9. EtOAc- Ethyl acetate

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CHAPTER 1

Introduction

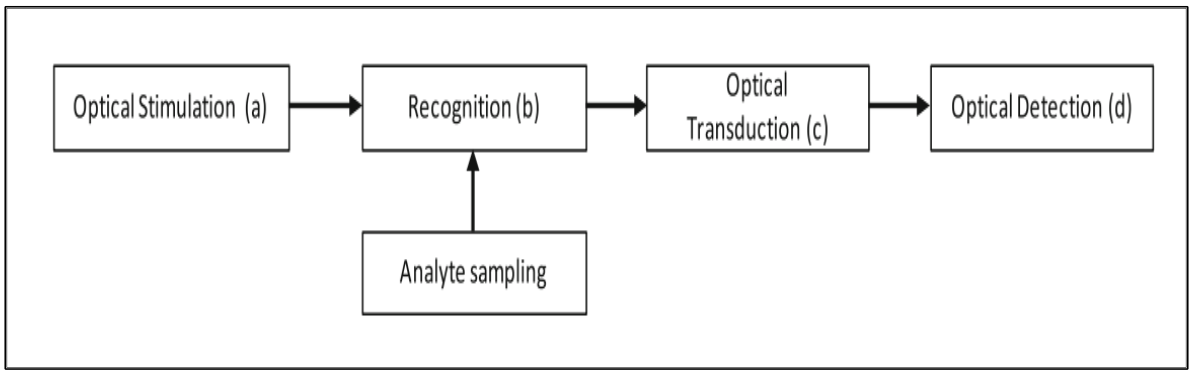
Around the world, heavy metal-induced environmental pollution has emerged as a major threat to life. Metals with high atomic number, atomic weight, and specific gravity greater than 5.0 are referred to as "heavy metals." Several metalloids, transition metals, basic metals, lanthanides, and actinides are among these metals [1]. By combining with various environmental elements (such as water, soil, and air), heavy metals can become extremely poisonous. Humans and other species are exposed to heavy metals through the food chain. When exposed, the metal binds to the living cells, limiting the organ's ability to function normally [2].

One of the most hazardous heavy metals is chromium, which can be found in a variety of oxidation states from +2 to +6. Among them +3 and +6 oxidation state exist most commonly in aqueous solution. Chromium and its salt were widely used in the leather tanning industry, manufacture of catalyst, pigments and paints, fungicides, the ceramic and glass industry. The risks are as many as benefits, due to the improper treating of industrial effluents and releasing them into the environmental bodies such as lake, pond, river etc [3]. It results in the release of hazardous heavy metals like Cr (VI) into the water bodies, since Cr (VI) are more soluble in water than Cr (III), making them relatively mobile. Due to the high oxidation potential of Cr (VI) and relatively high permeability to biological membranes it paved a way to various carcinogenic and mutagenic disorder. The main exposure of the Cr (VI) through inhalation, injection and skin contacts and depending upon the duration their toxicity to the human body can be classified as acute (14 days), intermediate (75-364 days) and chronic (365 days).

The World Health Organization's International Agency for Data on Cancer (IARC) has classified Cr (VI) compounds as group one human carcinogens with several complex modes of action based on epidemiological research tying Cr (VI) to lung cancer. Exposure to high amount of hexavalent chromium causes other disorders like Nasal lining nose ulcers, nasal blockage, coughing, wheezing, face erythema, irritation, anaemia and they can induce oxidative stress in the cell which has been associated with various chronic, cardiovascular and neurodegenerative diseases. Both the US Environmental Protection Agency and the World Health Organisation have established standards for maximum levels of Cr (VI) allowed in drinking water, which are less than

0.1mg/L and 0.05mg/L, respectively [4]. Therefore, it is vital to develop effective techniques for tracking and identifying traces of chromium ions for the sake of public health.

A wide variety of methods such as atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS), Induced coupled plasma mass spectroscopy (ICP-MS), voltammetry, flame absorption spectroscopy, electrothermal absorption spectroscopy and High-Performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) have been used for the detection of chromium. But these methods are costly, time consuming and require precise pretreatments, trained operators and complicated instrumentation. Fluorescent sensor was proved to be most convenient method compared to other sensors due to the low cost, fast response, easy operation, high selectivity and high sensitivity [5]. Due to the strong influence of the surrounding medium on the fluorescence emission, fluorescent molecules are intensely used as probes for analyte recognition or investigation of chemical and biological systems. Many new fluorescent probes with selectivity for specific microenvironmental properties have been designed and developed, leading to an enhanced employment of fluorescence techniques in clinical diagnostics and environmental monitoring. Since about 10 % of all existing molecules are fluorescent itself and many more can be modified by association with fluorescent probes, fluorescence spectroscopy, and fluorescence detection in general, have found widespread application in organic, analytical, and environmental chemistry as well as biochemistry.



Scheme 1: *General scheme of fluorescence chemical sensor*

A fluorescence chemical sensor consists of four main components which are a light source

(a) to optically stimulate a recognition element

(b) specifically interacting with an analyte, an optical transduction element

(c) converting the physical or chemical response of the recognition element to a fluorescence optical output signal

(d) optical detection system

Recognition elements in use are as manifold as analytes to detect ranging from cation, anion, or functional group-specific chemical receptors over enzymes, antibodies, proteins (lectins or avidins), neuroreceptors to DNA, or even living microorganisms. In special cases, the recognition and transduction element are one chemical species and analyte binding to it results in generation or change in fluorescence.[6]

Therefore, the development of a fluorescent-based sensor for biological, environmental, and biomedical applications is necessary to effectively detect chromium even at the nanomolar level.

CHAPTER – 2

Literature survey

Many researchers have created a variety of innovative, reasonably priced chemosenors over the years for the precise and focused detection of chromium metal ions. For instance, in their synthesized metal organic framework, **Zan et al (2017)** detected benzaldehyde and Cr (III) in addition to Cr (VI). Four novel isostructural 2D lanthanide (III)-metal organic frameworks were found by the author; compounds 1 and 4 in particular exhibited good luminescence quenching in methanol and water. Here, there is a significant overlap between the excitation bands and the absorption bands of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ of probes 1 or 4. Therefore, $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ will absorb a significant amount of the excited light's energy, thereby suppressing the luminescence through electron transfer from the ligand to the lanthanide ions. In contrast, the **Rupam et al (2019)** developed a probe for the efficient detection of Cr (VI) and Fe (III), he created luminescent carbon dots with excellent water solubility using native potato. The non-radiative recombination of the electron-hole pair via the electron transfer mechanism is what causes the probe to quench. According to proposal of **Souravi et al (2020)**, nitrogenous-based carbon dots exhibit a massive radical red shift in fluorescence maxima towards a green area when Cr (VI) is present. This shift is clearly visible under a UV lamp. Since Fe (III) and Cr (VI) have an affinity for the electron-rich group found in the C-dot portion of the sensor, their turn-off mechanism is brought on by dynamic quenching, which results in photoelectron transfer. A fluorescent organic nanosheet based on phthalazine derivatives was proposed by **Wakshe et al (2021)** and synthesized using a simple reprecipitation process. The coordination of binding sites in IDP NS with Cr(VI) or Mn(VII) increases the complex formation between positively charged nanosheets and negatively charged $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ and MnO_4^-, which reduced the possible radiative emission that originated from the IDP NS and introduced the Cr(VI) or Mn(VII) induced fluorescence quenching in aqueous medium. This leads to the quenching of fluorescence spectra of IDP NS in the presence of Cr (VI) and Mn (VII). Along with the ability to detect Hg (II) ions, **Jafar et al (2016)** introduced the iminocrown ether based sensor, which is capable of detecting both Cr (III) and Cr (VI) ion. The quenching effect of the Hg (II) is due to the interaction of the ions with the electron-donor oxygen and nitrogen atom of TBC and heavy atom effect. On the other hand, the enhancement of the fluorescence intensity in the presence of Cr (III) is due

to the chelation of TBC with Cr(III) and inhibition of lone pair electrons present in the imine nitrogen atoms from taking part in the photo induced electron transfer mechanism. A dual channel fluorescence chemosensor with an acridine-diphenylacetyl moiety was proposed by **Ravichandiran et al (2021)** to detect Sn^{4+} and $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ ions in pure water effectively. In water, they offer a "off-on-off" fluorescence phase. The suppression and augmentation of the ICT effect was the mechanism by which NDA operated. **Jialu Shen et al (2023)** proposed a fluorescent carbon quantum dot by using natural wattle bark tannin as a multifunctional fluorescent nanoparticle for the effective detection of Cr(VI) and Co(II).CQDs can be assembled with the PVA through hydrogen bonding to yield a fluorescent hydrogel that can be integrated with the smartphone to constitute an intelligent detection system for the rapid and real time monitoring of Cr(VI).Based on the inner-filtering and electron-transfer effects, both CQD and CQD-PVA hydrogen gel function as excellent sensing system . An effective ZIF-8 nanocomposite loaded with Rhodamine 6G was produced by **Han et al (2016).** for the detection of Fe(III), Cr(VI) and aniline. In the presence of Fe(III) and Cr(VI), the fluorescence intensities of ZR-1@M, ZR-2@M, and ZR-3@M were measured. All the luminescence in the study displayed a comparatively quenched fluorescence intensity. Compared with Fe(III) and MnO_4^-, Cr(VI) showed higher fluorescence quenching. N, B CQDs were synthesized by **Lingli et al (2022)** from lignin waste as an efficient fluorescence sensor for Cr(VI) detection. The combined effects of the carbon core state and surface defect state cause the probe to produce triple fluorescence emission when excited at 300, 330, and 90 nm. They show low LOD and are said to have a strong selectivity towards Cr(VI). The sensing mechanism is attributed to the electron-donating amino, carbonyl, and hydroxyl groups on the CQDs, which react with Cr(VI) to produce dynamic fluorescence quenching.

Motivated by the previously covered aspects, we have opted to utilize a novel heterocyclic chemosensor, namely the butyl (2-(9-bromoindolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-6-yl)phenyl)carbamate (**QL**) sensor. We are especially curious in heterocyclic compounds because they provide a highly desirable feature for an effective recognition and detection system. They utilize the unique characteristics of the metal ion in sensing, and the lone pair of electrons on the nitrogen atom permits the recognition system. In contrast to the other sensor stated, the developed **QL** sensor has no interfering metal ions and have an extremely low LOD.

CHAPTER-3

AIM AND SCOPE

3.1 AIM

The aim of the project is to synthesize, characterize and optimize small molecule heterocyclic compound for the effective sensing of chromium with minimal interference and limit of detection.

3.2 SCOPE

The following are the some of the scopes

- The development of highly sensitive and selective sensors could enable rapid detection and quantification of heavy metals, even at trace levels in diverse samples.
- These sensors may offer portability and user-friendly operation, facilitating on-site testing in various settings.
- Furthermore, the exploration of novel small molecules as sensing probes could lead to enhanced selectivity towards specific heavy metal ions, reducing interference from other analytes.
- These scopes hold potential for creating reliable and efficient sensing platforms, crucial for ensuring water safety, pollution monitoring, and early detection of heavy metal-related health risks.
- Fluorescence coupled with separation methods is also routinely used in forensics for the detection of drugs and poison
- It is used to monitor water quality by detecting organic and inorganic pollutants.

CHAPTER 4

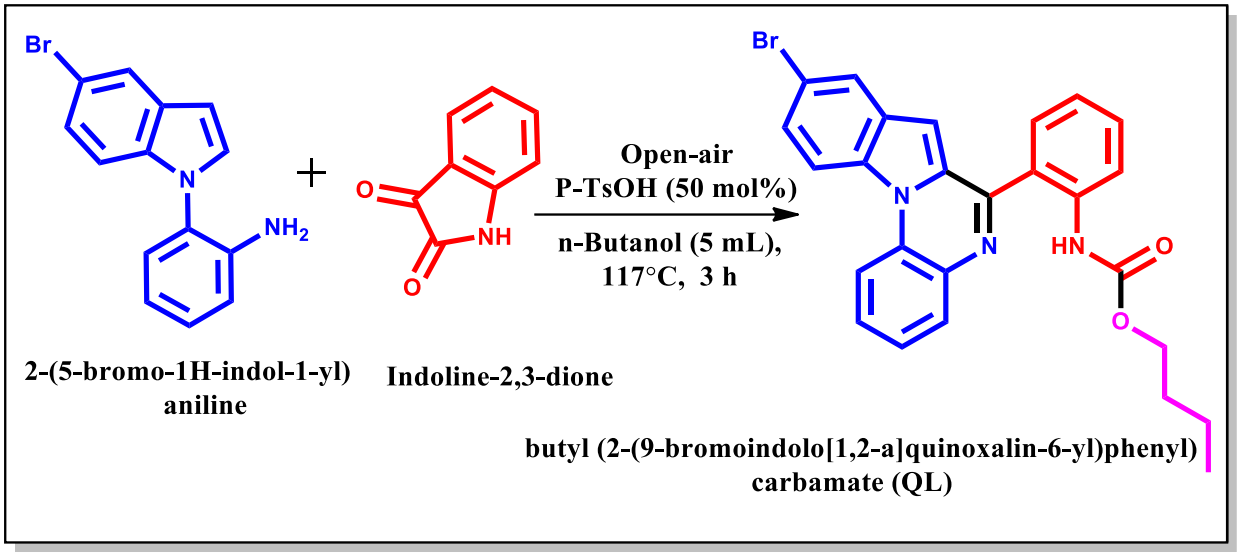
EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

4.1 MATERIALS AND INSTRUMENTATION

The chemicals and solvents used were directly purchased from their commercial sources without any further purification. The chemicals which are used for the synthesis are 2-(5-bromo-1H-indol-1-yl)aniline, Indoline-2,3-dione, n-Butanol, p-TsOH, bicarbonate, anhydrous sodium sulphate and ethyl acetate. The functional group present in **QL** were identified by Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR). High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) with ESI-TOF was employed to precisely determine the compound's molecular mass. Absorption and emission experiment were conducted using UV-Vis—NIR spectrophotometer (Jasco V-670; Japan) and Hitachi F-7100 fluorescence spectrophotometer respectively. These instruments were utilized to gather valuable data regarding the structural, photophysical properties and spectroscopic behaviour of the compound under investigation.

4.2 METHOD OF SYNTHESIS

2-(5-bromo-1H-indol-1-yl)aniline (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Indoline-2,3-dione (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were dissolved in a 5ml of n-Butanol in a 50ml of round bottom flask along with the addition of p-TsOH 50mol% (0.5equiv). The resulting mixture was either refluxed in the oil bath with an air environment at 117 ^{o}C for 3 hours. TLC (Thin layer chromatography) was used to keep track the reaction’s development. After the reaction was completed, a saturated solution of bicarbonate was added to neutralize the remaining acid and the neutralized solution was cleaned up with normal water inorder to remove the residual alcohol and the organic compound was separated using ethyl acetate. The organic layer was separated and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and concentrated to crude residue by vacuum-assisted evaporation of ethyl acetate, and it went through purification by neutral alumina column chromatography with a 1:9 EtOAc : hexane solvent mixture. The maximum yield of 76% was obtained. The generalized synthetic scheme is presented below as **Scheme 2**.



Scheme 2 *Synthetic procedure of* ***QL***

4.3 PREPARATION OF STOCK SOLUTION

The chloride or nitrate or sulphate of inorganic salts such as Mn(II), Ni(II), Hg(II), Co(II), Zn(II), Cd(II), Al(III), Pb(II), Fe(III), Cr(III) and dichromate salt of Cr(VI) were prepared in distilled water as stock solutions. The **QL** solution(2mM) was prepared in DMSO. To prepare fresh stock solutions of the study, the highly concentrated solution of the stock was diluted to the required ratio before starting spectroscopic observations.

4.4 ABSORBANCE AND FLUORESCENCE MEASUREMENTS

By using UV-vis and fluorescence spectroscopy techniques, both the absorption and emission behaviours of the **QL** towards several metal ions and photo physical experiments were studied at optimal condition DMSO/H_2O (v/v=8:2, pH 7).

4.5 CALCULATION OF LIMIT OF DETECTION (LOD)

The limit of detection (LOD) was determined through fluorescence titration, using the formula **LOD = (3 x S.D.) / K.** In this equation, S.D. represents the standard deviation of the free **QL**'s intensity, K corresponds to the slope obtained from the linear fitting of fluorescence data, specifically the plot of fluorescence intensity against [Cr(VI)]. To calculate the standard deviation for the fluorescence intensity of the free **QL**, measurements were taken ten times.

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 CHARACTERIZATION

5.1.1 FTIR and Mass spectra analysis

Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) is used to identify the functional group present in the material by using the beam of infrared radiations. An infrared spectroscopy measured the absorption of the IR radiation made by each bond in the molecule and as result gives the spectra which is commonly designated as % transmittance versus wavenumber (cm^{-1}). Since every functional group is composed of different atoms and bond strengths, vibrations are unique to functional group and classes of functional group. Most of the bands that indicates what functional group is present are found in the region from 4000 cm^{-1} to 1300 cm^{-1} which is known as functional group region. Bands that are unique to each molecule, similar to a fingerprint are found in the region from 1300cm^{-1} to 400cm^{-1}. **Figure 1(a)** represents the FTIR spectra of the **QL**. The N-H stretch was detected at 3439 cm^{-1}, and the C-H stretch in aromatic and aliphatic was identified at 3129 cm^{-1},3064 cm^{-1}, and 2953 cm^{-1}, 2927 cm^{-1}, respectively. C-N, C=N stretch, and N-H bend have been observed at 1307 cm^{-1}, 1590 cm^{-1}, and 1448 cm^{-1} in the fingerprint region. The C=O, C-O, C-C, and C=C stetch was discovered at 1726 cm^{-1}, 1222 cm^{-1}, 1382 cm^{-1}, and 1539 cm^{-1}. The C-H in-plane bend and C-H out-of-plane bend were identified at 1037 cm^{-1}, 1078 cm^{-1}, 1137 cm^{-1}, and 712 cm^{-1}, 751 cm^{-1}, 775 cm^{-1}, 851 cm^{-1},906 cm^{-1}, respectively. **Figure 1(b)** illustrated the mass spectrum of QL which well matched with the theoretically calculated m/z value of QL (HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $[C_{26}H_{23}BrN_3O_2]$, 489.0974; found 490.1010.

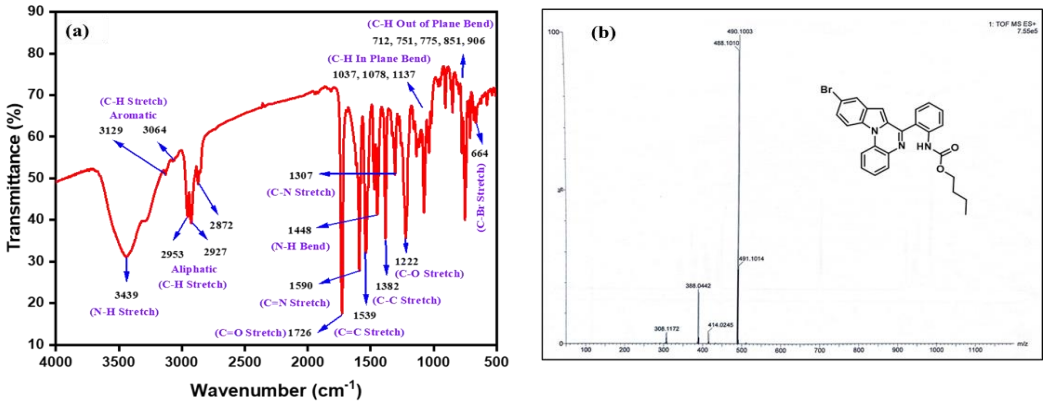


Figure 1 (a) *FTIR spectrum of* ***QL (b)*** *Mass spectrum of* ***QL***

5.1.2 UV-vis spectra analysis

UV-visible spectroscopy is a technique that measures the absorption of the ultraviolet or visible light by the substance. Electrons in an atom or molecule undergo transition, if the frequency of the incident radiation corresponds to the difference in energy state of two electronic states. A plot between absorption and the wavelength (nm) of incident radiation is termed as absorption spectrum. There are three types of electronic transitions: σ bonding, π bonding and n bonding. In addition, two types of anti-bonding orbitals may be involved transition σ^* and π^* orbital. σ are occupied orbital with lowest energy, while σ^* are unoccupied anti-bonding orbital with higher energy levels. π are occupied orbitals with highest energy, while π^* are unoccupied anti-bonding orbital with lower energy compared to σ^*. Atomic orbitals with nonbonding electrons have energy higher than σ and π. A σ to σ^* transition in which an electron from the bonding orbital is excited to an antibonding orbital, while a transition of a lone pair in the bonding orbital to an anti-bonding π orbital is referred to as $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$. Thus, the following electronic transition can occur by the absorption of UV-visible light: $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma^*$, $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$, $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ and $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ The electronic absorption spectra of the **QL** exhibits maximum absorption at 360 nm and 400 nm. Among them, the absorption peak at 360 nm is due to the intraligand $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition which involves the exciting of electrons within the molecule from the π bonding orbital to π* antibonding orbital. The next band at 400 nm is due to the transition of non-bonding orbital of heteroatom (such as nitrogen and oxygen) to the π* antibonding orbital. Non-bonding orbital, or lone pair of electrons in the heteroatom can interact with the π* antibonding orbital resulting in electronic transition at longer wavelength. **Figure 2 (a)** depicts the UV-vis spectra of the **QL**.

5.1.3 Fluorescence spectra analysis

Fluorescence is a type of luminescence caused by photons exciting a molecule, raising it to an electronic excited state. The species is first excited by absorbing a photon, from its ground state to one of the various vibrational states in the excited electronic state. Collisions with other molecule cause the excited molecule to lose vibrational energy until it reaches the lowest vibrational state from the excited electronic state. The molecule then drops down to one of the various vibrational levels of the ground state again, emitting a photon in the process. As molecules may drop down into several levels in the ground state, the emitted photon will have different energies. Therefore, by analysing the different frequencies of light emitted in fluorescent spectroscopy, along with their relative intensities, the structure of the different vibrational levels can be determined. Fluorescence spectroscopy analyses fluorescence from a molecule based on its fluorescent properties. When activated by the ultraviolet light, the **QL** solution emits green fluorescence. The molecule exhibits a stable green colour fluorescence when it is excited at 360 nm. The maximum fluorescence intensity was observed at 498 nm resulting in the higher population in the excited state and higher fluorescence intensity. **Figure 2 (b)** represents the fluorescence spectra of the **QL**

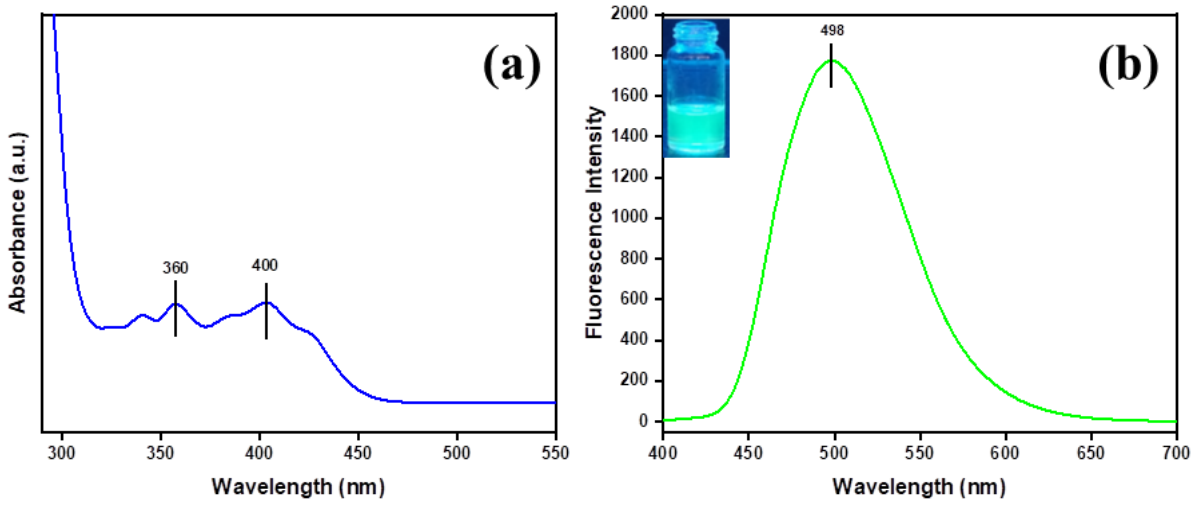


Figure 2 (a) *UV-vis spectra of the* ***QL (b)*** *Fluorescence spectra of the* ***QL***

5.2 Optical properties of QL

The optical property of the **QL** was analysed by using UV-vis spectroscopy and fluorescence spectroscopy. When the excitation wavelength was changed from 280 nm to 440 nm which is shown in the **Figure 3 (a)** where **QL** solution exhibit green emission with a stable emission band centered at 498 nm , indicating a molecule with a specific emission wavelength at 498 nm. Since the centre of emission band remains unchanged in this case, it indicates that the **QL** molecule emits light of a specific colour green regardless of the excitation wavelength but the maximum emission intensity was observed when the molecule is excited at 360 nm. **Figure 3 (b)** shows the excitation and emission spectra of **QL** solution. Steady state fluorescence spectra are when molecules excited by a constant source of light they emit fluorescence and the emitted photons are detected as a function of wavelength. The Fluorescence emission spectra is when the excitation wavelength is fixed and the emission wavelength is scanned to get a plot of intensity vs emission wavelength. In the electronic absorption spectra of the **QL** exhibit maximum absorption at 360 nm and 400 nm. Among them the peak at 360 nm is due to the intraligand π to π* transition and the peak at 400 nm is due to the transition of non-bonding orbital of heteroatom to π* antibonding orbital. **QL** exhibit strong photoluminescence spectra at 498 nm when excited at 360 nm. The emission maximum for the fluorophore is always at the longer wavelength than the excitation maximum. This difference between the excitation and emission maxima is called Stokes shift. The main cause of this stokes shift is due to the fact that some of the energy of the excited fluorophore is lost through ISC (Intersystem crossing), IC (Internal conversion) and heat during the brief lifetime of the molecule's excited state. Due to the energy loss it leads to the emission of photon at lower energy or longer wavelength.

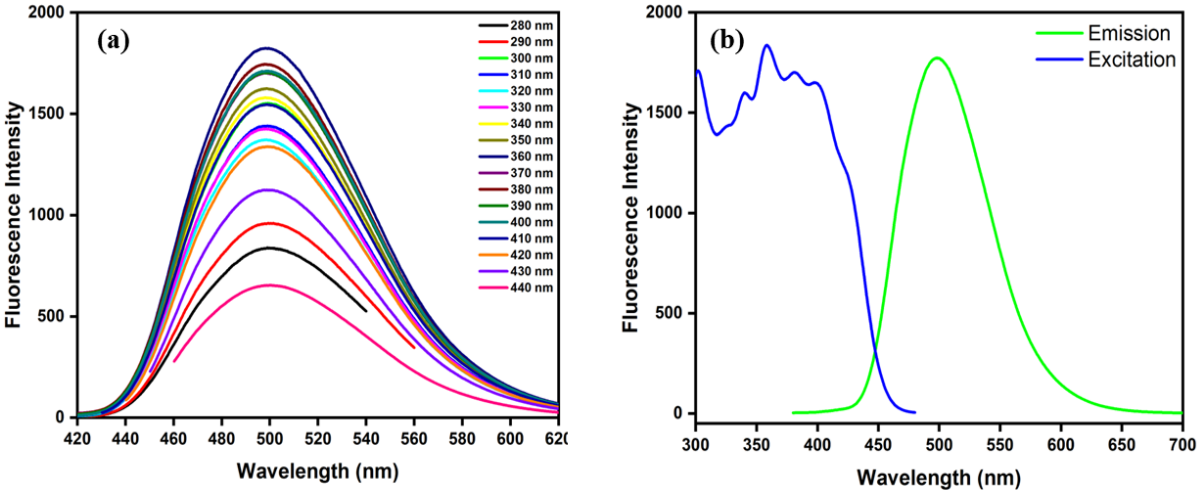


Figure 3 (a) *Fluorescence emission spectra of the QL when it is excited at different wavelength in DMSO/H_2O (v/v = 8:2, pH 7).* ***(b)*** *Fluorescence excitation and emission spectra of the QL in DMSO/H_2O (v/v = 8:2, pH 7)*

5.3 OPTIMIZATION

5.3.1 pH study

The stock solution of 10 mM solution of the sensor molecule was prepared in DMSO/H_2O. The pH solution from 1 to 12 was prepared by using suitable buffer where the pH was adjusted by adding HNO_3 and NaOH. pH dependent measurements and analysis of emission intensity and emission wavelength was performed. The effect of pH in fluorescence maxima of the **QL** was depicted in the **Figure 4**. The maximum intensity was observed at the pH 7. At both low and high pH, the intensity decreased which is due to the carbamate group in the **QL**. The carbamate group is said to be pH sensitive due to the acidic nature of protonatable amine group. At low pH (acid conditions) the amine group can become protonated (NH_3^+), while at higher pH (basic conditions), it can be deprotonated. The fluorescence properties of the molecule appeared to be optimized at the pH environment close to neutral since the maximum intensity was observed at pH 7 and the resulting protonation and deprotonation was balanced at pH 7.

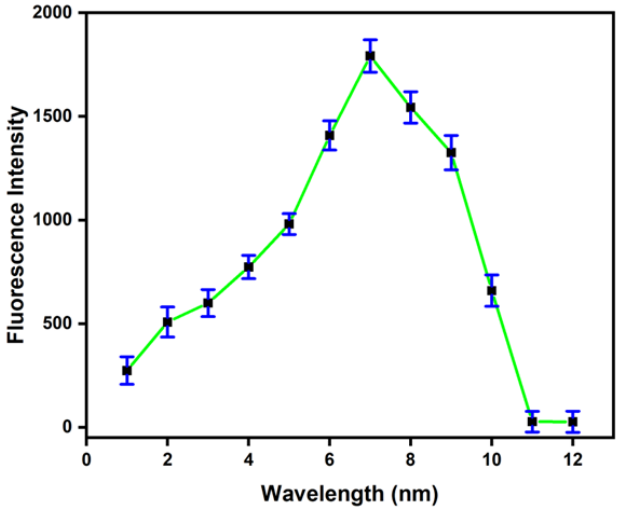


Figure 4 *Effect of pH in fluorescence maxima of the* ***QL*** *in DMSO/H_2O (v/v = 8:2) at (λ_{max}= 498nm) when excited at (λ_{ex}=360nm)*

5.3.2 Selectivity study

To verify the selectivity of the sensing system towards a specific metal ion the experiments were repeated with different metal ions Mn(II), Ni(II), Hg(II), Co(II), Zn(II), Cd(II), Al(III), Pb(II), Fe(III), Cr(III) and Cr(VI) in DMSO under the same condition. The change in the emission intensity of the **QL** in the presence of different metal ion is shown in the **Figure 5(a)**. The emission spectra of the **QL** in the DMSO revealed that fluorescence quenching takes place in the presence of Cr(VI) compare to other competitive metal ions and the solution became totally “non fluorescent”. Reaction of the fluorescent molecule from the excited state S1 with other molecule may leads to the depletion of the excited state by radiationless processes and thus leads to the decrease in the fluorescence intensity and lifetime which is called fluorescence quenching. When the Cr(VI) were added to various solutions of **QL** containing one possible counter metal ions, the fluorescence quenching was not affected in the presence of equivalent amount of other interfering metal ions which is depicted in the **Figure 5(b)**. Thus, the intensity of the fluorescence band of complex at 498nm can be used to identify the presence of other competitive metal ions.

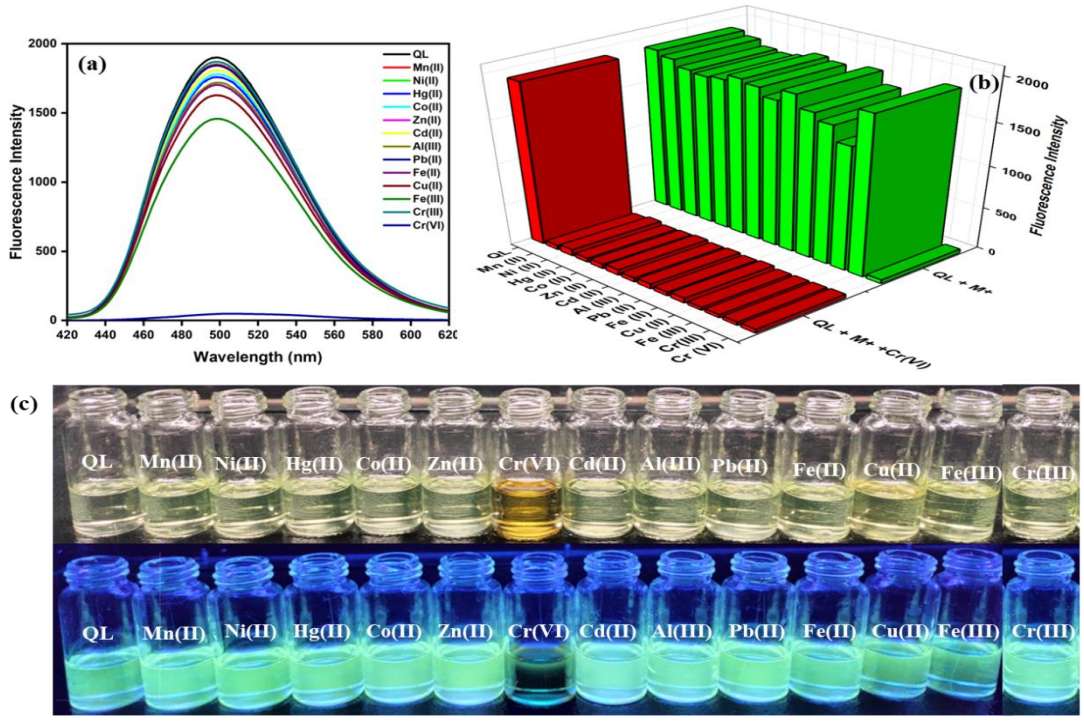


Figure 5 (a) *Fluorescence response of* ***QL*** *in the presence of 3equi of different metal ion in DMSO/H_2O (v/v = 8:2, pH 7)* ***(b)*** *A bar diagram demonstrates the competitive selectivity of* ***QL*** *towards Cr (VI) in the presence of other competitive metal ion in DMSO (v/v = 8:2, pH 7)* ***(c) QL*** *with different metal ion under vis and UV light.*

5.3.3 Sensing mechanism

The mechanism of highly sensitive **QL** towards Cr(VI) was investigated. Cr(VI) exists as a $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ where each of two hexavalent chromium atoms are attached to three oxygen atom as well as bridging oxygen atom in a tetrahedral geometry. The binding between the probe molecule and Cr(VI) occurs through the non-covalent interaction between the Cr(VI) and the functional groups present in the probe. Cr(VI) have an electron deficient centre which has a strong affinity towards electron rich centres of nitrogen and oxygen present in the probe. This interaction leads to the formation of non-covalent interaction between the electron rich and deficient centre. Further, this interaction forms a stable ground state complex between the hydrogen of N-H group and the oxygen atom present in dichromate resulting in the formation of non-covalent bond. As a result of formation of stable non-fluorescent ground state complex static quenching takes place. The static quenching mechanism involves the non-radiative

deactivation of excited state where the quencher (Cr(VI)) forms a stable complex with the fluorophore (**QL**) in its ground state which effectively decrease the number of fluorescent species available for emission. Here, the energy of the excited **QL** molecule is transferred to the Cr(VI) and dissipated in the form of heat. The formation of ground state complex does not significantly alter the electronic structure rather undergo conformational change in a such way that the ground state becomes stable and reduces the fluorescence intensity.

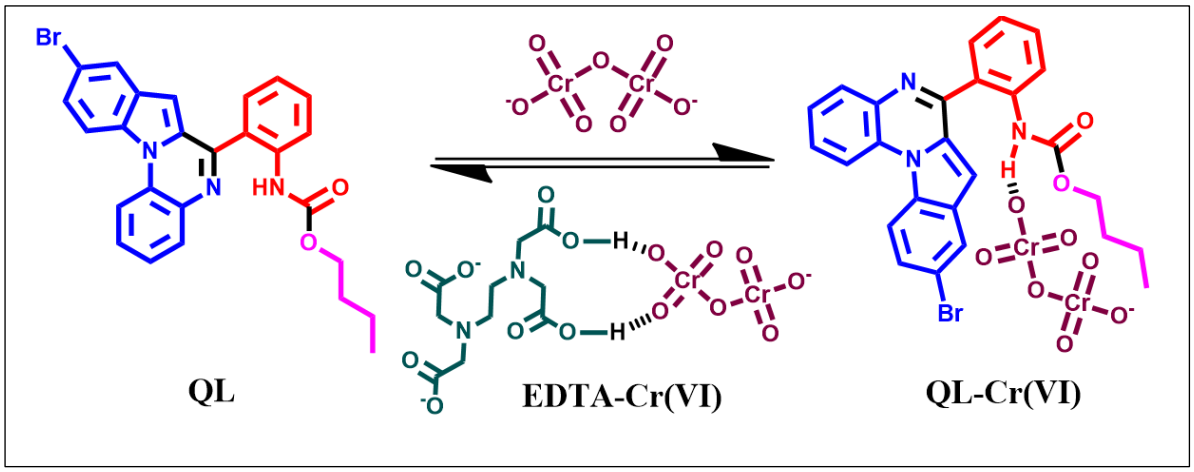


Figure 6 *Sensing mechanism of* ***QL*** *towards Cr(VI)*

5.3.4 Spectrofluorometric titration of the probe

The fluorometric titration of the probe **QL** with Cr (VI) were carried out by recording the fluorescence emission of the probe upon gradual addition of 0-3 equivalent of Cr (VI) in DMSO solvent. In the absence of Cr (VI), a strong fluorescence emission peak was observed at λ_{max} =498nm on exciting at λ_{ex}=360nm. With addition of increasing amount of Cr (VI) the reduction of emission intensity was observed. The emission intensity at 498nm exhibited a highly linear relationship with the concentration of Cr (VI) ions within the range of 6.7984 μM to 37.3914 μM using which LOD was calculated.

5.3.5 Limit of detection (LOD)

Detection limit of metal ion by **QL** was calculated from the plot of fluorescence intensity vs concentration of metal ion. From the plot, the limit of detection was calculated using

the formula LOD = (3 x S.D.) / K, where S.D is a standard deviation and K is the slope obtained from the linear fitting of fluorescence titration data and it was found to be 19nM. Thus, the receptor can be utilized as an efficient Cr (VI) sensor at nanomolar level. The detection limit of Cr (VI) was compared with some reports where among them our sensor exhibits high selectivity, lower limit of detection, no interference and naked eye detection.

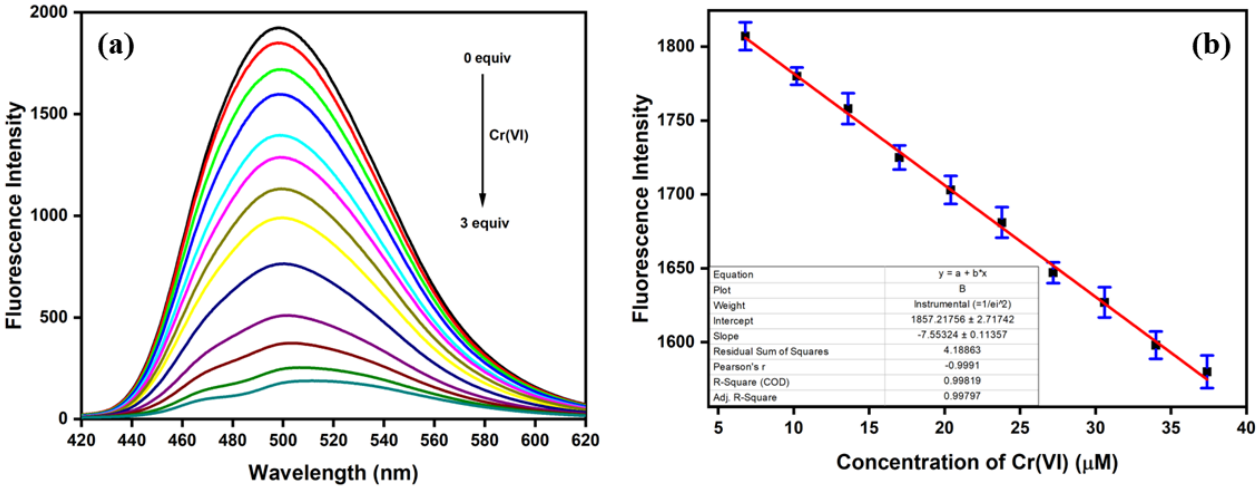


Figure 7 (a) *Fluorescence response of* ***QL*** *with increasing concentration of Cr(VI) (0 to 3 equivalents) in DMSO/H_2O (v/v = 8:2, pH 7)* ***(b)*** *Plot for the determination of limit of detection in DMSO/H_2O (v/v = 8:2, pH 7).*

5.3.6 Density functional theory

Density-functional theory (DFT) is a computational quantum mechanical modelling method used in physics, chemistry and materials science to investigate the electronic structure (or nuclear structure) (principally the ground state) of many-body systems, in particular atoms, molecules, and the condensed phases. This theory states that functionals, or functions of another function, can be used to identify the properties of a many-electron system. These are functionals representing the spatially dependent electron density in DFT terms. In the fields of computational physics, condensed-matter physics, and computational chemistry, DFT is one of the most widely used and adaptable techniques.

To understand the behaviour of the **QL** towards metal ion DFT have been used for the investigation. Highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) for **QL** and their respective metal complex have been

generated from the optimized structure of **QL** and their metal complexes which is picturized in the **Figure 8 (a)**. The geometrical optimization was carried out using 6-31+g(d,p) basis set and b3lyp functional using the density functional theory (DFT). DFT calculations were carried out to specifically examine the interaction of the **QL** with one of the Cr(VI) of dichromate. It describes the way **QL** binds to a coordinated oxygen atom on the chromium centre in the dichromate. The energy gap between HOMO and LUMO in the **QL** and **QL**-chromate adduct is depicted in the **Figure 8 (b**) was found to be 3.45 eV and 3.44eV, respectively, which is in good accordance with the outcome of the experiment. Considering the other possibility, the energy gap between HOMO and LUMO in the **QL** and **QL**-chromic acid was found to be 3.45eV and 3.071eV which was not supporting the experimental observation. Hence, considering only **QL**-chromate adduct. We can confirm that **QL** is following a static fluorescence quenching pathway since the energy gap between **QL** and **QL**-chromate does not alter significantly.

In the optimized structure of the bare **QL** the dihedral angle between the bromopyridyl fluorophore (C13-C3) and the sidearm phenyl group bearing aminoester sidechain (C20-C19) in 52.6° which changes to 51.5° in dichromate-**QL** suggesting slight relaxation and better conjugation. In addition, the dihedral angle between the pyridinic C-N and aminoester C-N is 32.8° in **QL** which changes to 113.9° where due to this huge change in the dihedral angle confirms the rotation of chromophore to accommodate dichromate ion and impart a strong interaction with the **QL** backbone. On analysis, change in the bond length was observed in the amnioester N-H bond from 1.016 Å to 1.036 Å which indicates that hydrogen present in the N-H has been shared with the chromate oxygen via hydrogen bonding. It has been observed that (O···H) hydrogen bond distance of 1.83 Å and a N-H···O bond angle of 170°.

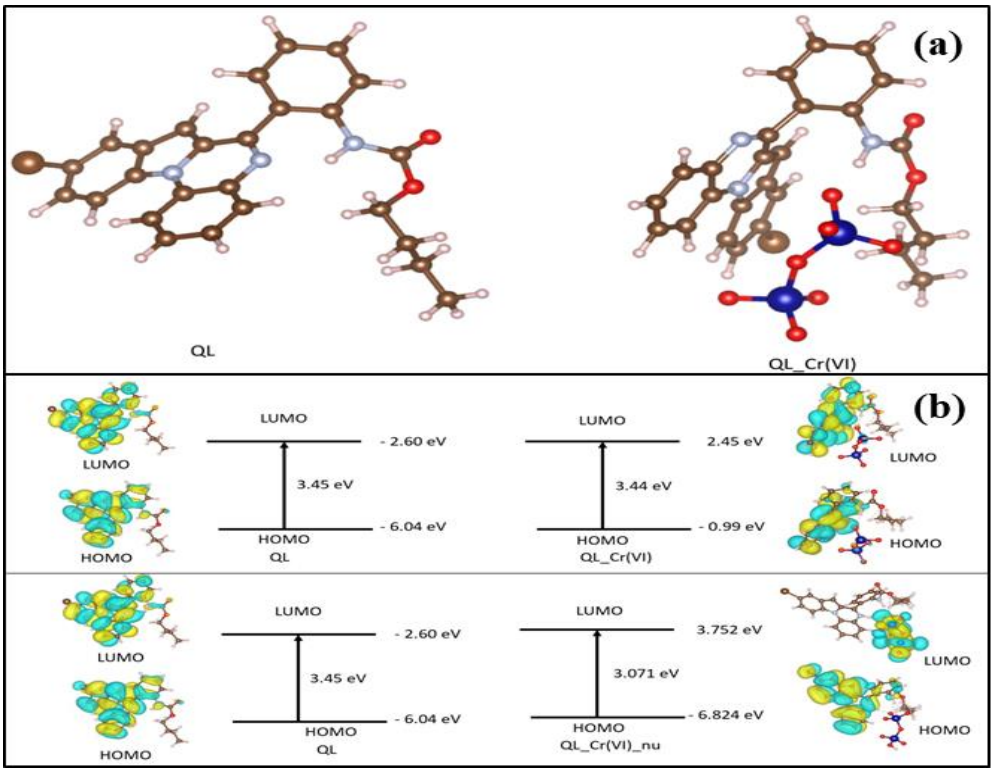


Figure 8 (a) *Optimized geometry of* ***QL*** *and* ***QL****-chromate adduct* ***(b)*** *HOMO-LUMO orbital diagram with the gap between the frontier orbital for both* ***QL****-chromate and* ***QL****-dichromic acid*

CHAPTER 6

Summary and conclusion

In summary, we have synthesized a novel fluorescent “turn off” heterocyclic chemosensor **QL** for the effective detection of Cr(VI). The **QL** was synthesized via the reaction between 2-(5-bromo-1H-indol-1-yl)aniline and Indoline-2,3-dione in the presence of n-butanol (n-BuOH) and p-toluenesulfonic acid (TsOH) with a maximum yield of 78%. In the selectivity experiment, even 3 equivalents of the common competing ions did not interfere in recognition of the target ions which proves the high selectivity of the sensor toward the ions. Further, the titration experiment demonstrated a linear relationship between the concentration of the ion and fluorescence intensity variation. Finally, the limit of detection was calculated to be 19nM or 5ppb. Quite low detection limit acquired, showed the high selectivity of the sensor towards Cr(VI). The capabilities of the sensor makes it a useful, affordable, and quickly deployed tool for monitoring Cr(VI) contamination, since the highest permitted contaminant level for Cr(VI) set by the US Environmental Protection Agency is 100 ppb. Density functional theory study explained the binding mechanism between the **QL** and Cr(VI). Thus, these heterocyclic chemosensor can be used as a fluorescent probe for the qualitative detection of Cr(VI) ion in various water sample.

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In water, photophysical analyses of resorcinol-based acridinedione (ADDR) dyes with basic acids such as formic acid, acetic acid, and chloroacetic acid were conducted. Based on the substitution on the acridinedione ring structure, these ADDR dyes are categorized as either non-PET or photoinduced electron transfer (PET) (Scheme 1). When acetic, chloroacetic, and formic acid were added to a PET dye with a -OCH3 (ADDR1) moiety, the fluorescence was enhanced; however, when another PET dye with a (N (CH3)2) moiety (ADDR2) was added, the fluorescence was quenched. It's interesting to note that adding acetic, chloroacetic, and formic acid to ADDR 1 dye causes a considerable shift in the emission maxima towards the red region in addition to an increase in fluorescence. Conversely, the presence of ADDR2 dye is not associated with any discernible change in the emission maxima towards the blue or red regions. The suppression of the PET process through the gap between the donor and acceptor moiety of the acridinedione dye ring structure is responsible for the fluorescence amplification. The addition of acetic, chloroacetic, and formic acid molecules causes a significant quenching of the local excited state (LE) nature, which is linked to a change in the excited state properties of the N, N-dimethyl moiety and the fluorescence quenching of ADDR2 dye. The fluorescence emission intensity of non-PET based ADDR dyes (ADDR2) remains unchanged upon addition of acetic, chloroacetic, and formic acids. Our study uses fluorescence spectral approaches to describe how both hydrogen-bonding and hydrophobic interactions affect the excited state features of PET-based ADDR dyes in the presence of acetic acid, chloroacetic acid, and formic acid.

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CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION ABOUT ABSORPTION AND EMISSION PHENOMENON

Light absorption can be defined as the process by which photons, the fundamental units of light, are absorbed by atoms, molecules, or other particles. When a photon collides with an atom or molecule, it can transfer its energy to the particles, causing electronic transitions or vibrations within the material. As a result, the energy of the absorbed photon is transformed into internal energy of the material.

The Role of Electrons in Absorption:

One of the key players in the absorption of light is the electrons within atoms and molecules. Electrons orbiting the nucleus of an atom exist in discrete energy levels or orbitals. When a photon with an energy level matching the energy difference between electron orbitals strikes an atom or molecule, it can excite an electron to a higher energy level. This electron transition represents the absorption of the photon's energy.

Interaction Between Light and Matter:

The interaction between light and matter in absorption is intricately linked to the properties of both the incident light and the material. The probability of absorption depends on factors such as the frequency or wavelength of the incoming light, the nature of the material, and the electronic structure of the atoms or molecules within it. Understanding the principles of light absorption is crucial as it forms the foundation for various applications in science and technology. From the colours we perceive to advanced spectroscopic techniques used in chemistry and materials science, light absorption plays a pivotal role in our understanding of the world.

Absorption Spectroscopy

Absorption spectroscopy is a powerful analytical technique that leverages the principles of light absorption to gain insights into the composition and properties of substances. It is widely used in chemistry, physics, biology, and environmental science to identify and quantify the presence of specific molecules and analyze the behavior of materials.

Absorption spectroscopy involves the measurement of the absorption of light as it passes through a sample or interacts with it. This technique relies on the fact that different substances absorb light at characteristic wavelengths, leading to

unique absorption spectra. By examining these spectra, scientists can identify the components of a sample and measure their concentrations. The basic setup of an absorption spectrometer includes a light source, a sample holder, a monochromator, and a detector. The process involves the following steps:

- A light source emits a broad spectrum of light.
- The light passes through the sample, and some of it is absorbed.
- The remaining light, which is not absorbed, is passed through a monochromator to isolate a specific wavelength.
- The intensity of the selected wavelength is measured by a detector.
- A spectrum of absorption versus wavelength is generated, revealing peaks that correspond to the absorbed wavelengths.

Real-World Applications: Absorption spectroscopy finds diverse applications:

- UV-Visible Spectroscopy: Used to study electronic transitions, it's essential in chemistry and biochemistry for quantifying concentrations of substances.
- Infrared (IR) Spectroscopy: Analyzes molecular vibrations, aiding in identifying functional groups in organic compounds.
- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy: Explores the absorption of radio waves by atomic nuclei, helping determine molecular structures.
- X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy (XAS): Examines the absorption of X-rays, shedding light on the local atomic structure of materials.
- Flame Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (FAAS): Quantifies metal elements in environmental and biological samples.

Emission Spectroscopy

Emission spectroscopy, often regarded as a counterpart to absorption spectroscopy, is a powerful technique that studies the emission of light by substances when they return to lower energy states after being excited. This fascinating field provides unique insights into the properties of materials and their atomic or molecular composition. Complementary to Absorption Spectroscopy: Emission spectroscopy complements absorption spectroscopy by focusing on the emission of light rather than its absorption. While absorption spectroscopy reveals the wavelengths of light absorbed by a substance, emission spectroscopy examines

the wavelengths of light emitted when the substance returns to its ground state. Studying Emitted Light and Its Implications: Emission spectra are generated by excited atoms, molecules, or ions releasing energy in the form of photons as they transition to lower energy levels. The emitted light carries critical information about the substance's energy levels, electronic configurations, and interactions with other particles.

Applications in Identifying Elements and Compounds:

Emission spectroscopy is instrumental in identifying elements and compounds. One notable application is the identification of elements in celestial objects such as stars. Astronomers analyse the emission spectra of starlight to determine their chemical composition and temperature. The distinctive spectral lines produced by elements serve as "fingerprints" for their presence.

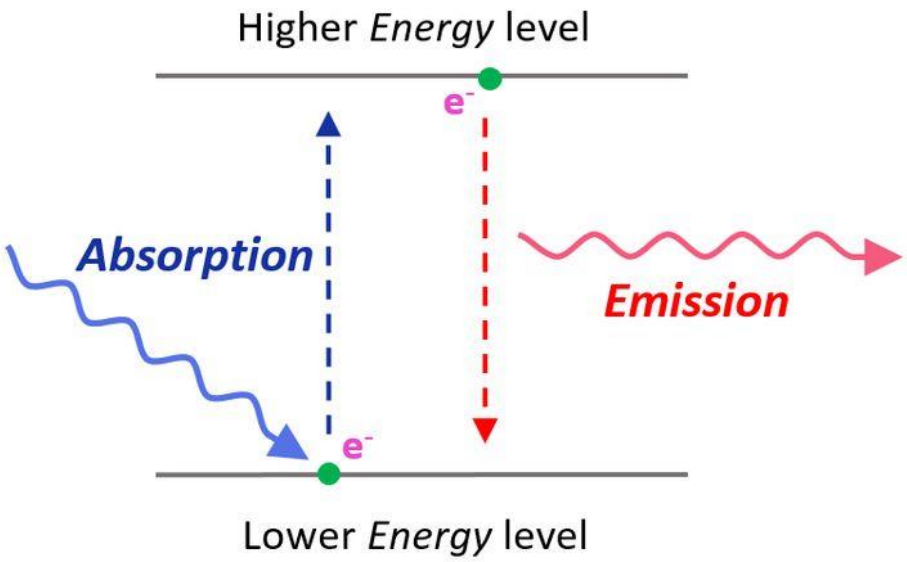
Types of Emission Spectroscopy:

Emission spectroscopy encompasses several techniques, each tailored to specific applications:

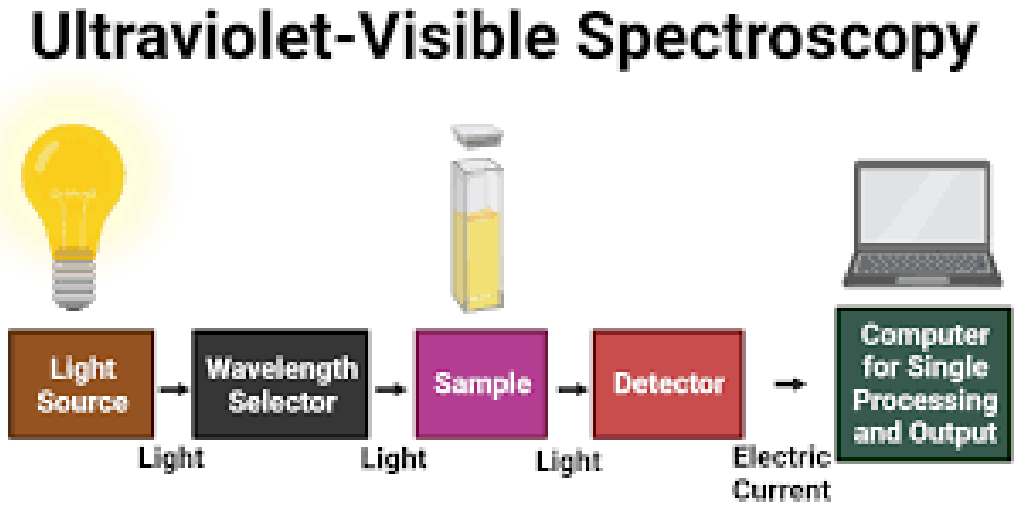
- Fluorescence Spectroscopy: Involves the absorption of photons followed by prompt emission of photons at longer wavelengths. It is used in fields like biochemistry for labeling and detecting biomolecules.
- Phosphorescence Spectroscopy: Similar to fluorescence but involves delayed emission, often associated with longer-lived excited states.
- Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (AES): Analyzes the characteristic emission lines of elements in a sample. It has applications in elemental analysis and environmental monitoring

ABSORPTION AND EMISSION PHENOMENON

Emission occurs when the **electron** falls from an *excited* (**high energy**) to the ground, or in general, a **lower energy level.**



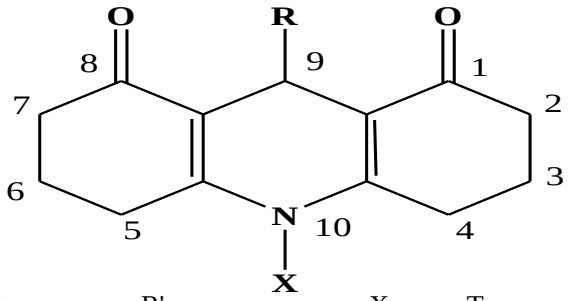
Absorbing light with sufficient energy **moves the electron in a higher energy level.**



1.2 ACRIDINEDIONE DYES

Resorcinol (ADDR) and dimedone (ADD) based acridiidinedione dyes (acridinedione dyes) are members of the laser dye family [Singh *et al*] with good lasing efficiency features. These dyes have a major role in biomedical research as well as the fields of anion and cation sensors [Singh *et al* ,Selvaraju *et al* , Stryer *et al*]. Since reduced NADH plays a crucial function as an electron source and in the reduction of oxygen in the respiratory chain, ADDR dyes closely resemble NADH analogs [Stryer *et al*]. Acridinedione dyes are regarded as promising dyes for usage not only as sensors but also as an effective probe for figuring out how a dye interacts with non-fluorescent water-soluble solutes that have a variety of hydrophobic and hydrogen-bonding moieties.

Being a bifunctional molecule, acridiidinedione can take or donate electrons and, when energized, can participate in a number of fascinating reactions. Because of the type of replacing group in the 9th and 10th positions, as indicated in (**Scheme 1**), this dye has a number of benefits. The dyes are categorized as either non-PET or Photoinduced Electron Transfer (PET) dyes according on how they replace the ninth position in the fundamental acridinedione ring structure. The dye that has the -OCH3 (ADDR1) group substitution in the para position of the phenyl ring at the 9th position among the PET-based ADDR dyes shows PET behaviour through space in acetonitrile, methanol, water, and all other non-polar solvents [Kumaran *et al*]. ADDR dyes (ADDR2) with a -N (CH3)2 moiety in in the 9th position exhibits PET behaviour in acetonitrile and non-polar solvents only.



Dye	R'	X	Type
ADDR1	p-($C_6H_4OCH_3$)	H	PET
ADDR2	C_6H_5	H	non-PET
ADDR3	H	H	non-PET
ADDR4*	p-(C_6H_4)N(CH_3)$_2$	H	PET*
ADDR5*	p-(C_6H_4)N(CH_3)$_2$	CH_3	PET*

*represents dye in the presence of non-aqueous medium

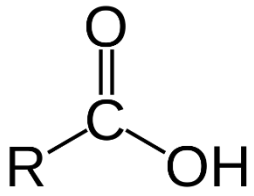
Scheme 1: Structure of Resorcinol based Acridinedione dyes.

The reason behind the non-occurrence of PET phenomenon in aqueous and protic solvents for ADDR2 is due to the protonation of the nitrogen atom in the -N (CH3)2 moiety when hydrogen bonding solvents are present [Thiagarajan *et al* , Thiagarajan *et al* , Kumaran *et al*]. Based on their substitution in the 9th and 10th positions of the acridinedione ring structure, PET-based ADDR dyes differ significantly from non-PET dyes in terms of fluorescence quantum yield, fluorescence emission, and lifetime. In addition to this behavior, the fluorescence quantum yield, lifetime, and microenvironment of the ADDR dyes are also influenced by the solvent and solute types (hydrogen bonding solutes and frameworks, hydrophobic solutes, micelles, metal salts, and anions) [Selvaraju *et al* , Kumaran *et al* , Kumaran *et al* , Kumaran *et al* , Kumaran *et al* , Thiagarajan *et al* , Selavaraju *et al* , Thiagarajan *et al* , Ashok Kumar *et al* , Ashok kumar *et al*, Ashok kumar *et al* , Koteeswari *et al* , Koteeswari *et al*].

ADDR dyes are widely used as fluorophores and are crucial to the fields of photochemistry and photophysics. Acridinedione dyes have several applications such as metal ion sensors [Ashok Kumar *et al* , Ashok kumar *et al*, Ashok kumar *et al* , Koteeswari *et al* , Koteeswari *et al*], photosensitizers [Timpe *et al*], photoinitiators in polymerization operations [Foussier *et al* , Timpe *et al*], and investigations on anion sensing. Fluorescence spectral techniques have been used to explain the variation in the photophysical properties in polymer matrices [Thiagarajan *et al*], cyclodextrin nanocavities [Thiagarajan *et al*, Indirapriydharshini *et al*], organized hydrogen-bonding self-assemblies like urea derivatives [Kumaran *et al*], globular proteins Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA) [Kumaran *et al*, Kumaran *et al*], guanidine hydrochloride (GuHCl) [Kumaran *et al*], amide derivatives [Kumaran *et al*], micellear medium [Shanmugapriya *et al*]. In the fields of chemistry and biology, the ideas of photophysics and photochemistry in micro heterogeneous systems are crucial [Kalyanasundaram *et al* , Lakowicz *et al*]. In order to establish and clarify the interaction and position of the probe molecules in the micro heterogeneous environment, photophysical studies are an essential component [Lakowicz *et al*]. The majority of the heterogeneous system's biophysical and biochemical investigations entail modifications at the microscopic level and can be applied broadly to clarify the structure of big protein molecules or polymer backbones.

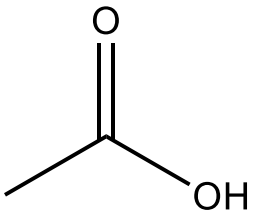
1.3 CARBOXYLIC ACID

Carboxylic acid is a functional group on organic molecules that contains both a carbonyl group and an alcohol group bonded to the same carbon, as shown below, Due to possible resonance structures upon the removal of the H on the alcohol group this molecule is very stable when deprotonated. Because of this, it is fairly acidic and therefore reactive in basic and neutral conditions. In the present studies we have taken formic acid, chloroacetic acid and acetic acid.



1.3.1 ACETIC ACID

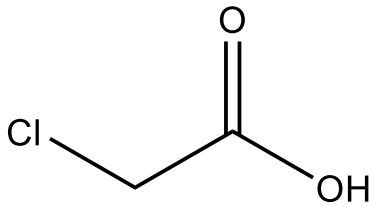
Acetic acid is also known as ethanoic acid, ethylic acid, vinegar acid, and methane carboxylic acid. Acetic acid is a byproduct of fermentation, and gives vinegar its characteristic odor. Vinegar is about 4-6% acetic acid in water. More concentrated solutions can be found in laboratory use, and pure acetic acid containing only traces of water is known as glacial acetic acid. Dilute solutions like vinegar can contact skin with no harm, but more concentrated solutions will burn the skin. Glacial acetic acid can cause skin burns and permanent eye damage, and will corrode metal. Acetic acid is used in the manufacture of acetic anhydride, cellulose acetate, vinyl acetate monomer, acetic esters, chloroacetic acid, plastics, dyes, insecticides, photographic chemicals, and rubber. Other commercial uses include the manufacture of vitamins, antibiotics, hormones, and organic chemicals, and as a food additive (acidulant). It is also used in various textile printing processes. Acetates (salts of acetic acid) are common constituents of animal and plant tissues and are formed during the metabolism of food substances. Acetate is readily metabolized by most tissues and may give rise to the production of ketones as intermediates. Acetate is used by the body as a building block to make phospholipids, neutral lipids, steroids, sterols, and saturated and unsaturated fatty acids in a variety of human and animal tissue preparations.



Acetic acid

1.3.2 CHLOROACETIC ACID

Chloroacetic acid is a carboxylic acid derivative with chlorine substituted on the alkyl group of acetic acid. Its IUPAC nomenclature is 2-chloroethanoic acid. French chemist Felix LeBlanc first prepared it in 1843. He prepared it by chlorinating acetic acid (CH3COOH) in presence of sunlight. In 1857, German chemist Reinhold Hoffmann also prepared chloroacetic acid by refluxing glacial acetic acid in the presence of sunlight and chlorine. The same year, French chemist Charles-Adolphe Wurtz prepared chloroacetic acid by reacting chloroacetyl chloride with water. Chloroacetic acid is a colorless crystalline solid and is soluble in water.It is highly toxic and is a known corrosive to both metals and tissues. It has a molecular mass of 94.49 g mol−1 and a density of 1.58 g cm−3. A 0.1M standard standard solution of chloroacetic acid at STP has a pH of 1.95 indicating it is strongly acidic.

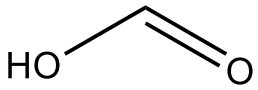


Chloroacetic acid

1.3.3 FORMIC ACID

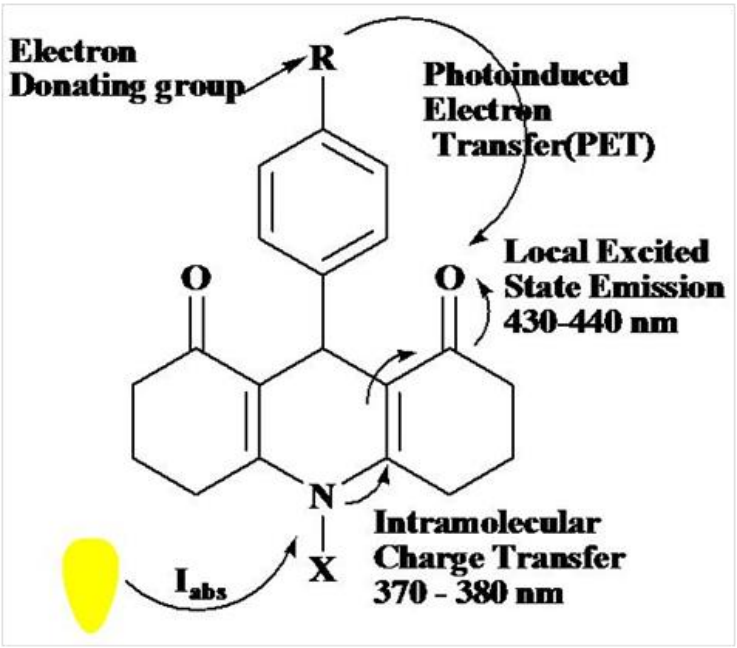
The most basic carboxylic acid is formic acid, which has just one carbon. occurs naturally in a variety of places, such as the venom of ants and bee stings. It is a helpful synthetic organic reagent. mostly utilized in animal feed as an antimicrobial and preservative. causes ocular damage and a severe metabolic acidosis in human subjects. It functions as an astringent, metabolite, protic solvent, antibacterial agent, and solvent. It is a formate's conjugate acid. Formic acid (systematically called methanoic acid) is the simplest carboxylic acid. It is an important intermediate in chemical synthesis and occurs naturally, most famously

in the venom of bee and ant stings. It is commonly used as a preservative and antibacterial agent in livestock feed.



Formic acid

Our present study focuses on how the addition of acetic, chloroacetic, and formic acids affects the LE and CT state emission of ADDR dyes, as well as how the photophysical characteristics of these dyes change in water. The intermolecular charge transfer (ICT) from the ring nitrogen to the carbonyl oxygen in ADDR dyes is responsible for the longest wavelength absorption band (**Scheme 2**). The solvent polarity has a significant impact on this ICT peak maximum. This dye is an interesting fluorophore to explore the photophysical properties in the presence of non-fluorescent solutes because of the shift in the absorption maximum that occurs when the substituent on the nitrogen (10th position) and the 9th position of ADDR dyes is changed [4,7-10].



Scheme 2: Suppression of Photoinduced Electron transfer Process (PET) through space Between the donor moiety (R=OCH_3) and acceptor moiety (C=O). Where X=H.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

1. **Synthesis of acridinedione derivatives as laser dyes**

AUTHORS: Palanisamy Shanmugasundaram, Periyasamy Murugan, Vayalakkavoor T. Ramakrishnan, Narayanan Srividya, Perumal Ramamurthy

Synthesis of 9-alkyl, 10-alkyl, 9,10-dialkyl, and 10-aryl-3,4,6,7,9,10-hexahydro-1,8(2H,5H)acridinedione (2a–r) are described as a new class of laser dyes. Reactions of diamines with methylene bis(cyclohexane-1,3-dione) yielded the respective bisacridinediones (3a–e). These dyes lase around 478–494 nm and are compared with the standard dye coumarin-102.

2. **PET Suppression of Acridinedione Dyes by Urea Derivatives in Water and Methanol**

AUTHORS: R. Kumaran and P. Ramamurthy

Spectroscopic investigations involving the interaction of acridinedione dyes with urea and its derivatives in water and methanol were carried out by absorption, steady-state fluorescence, and time-resolved fluorescence measurements. The hydrogen-bonding properties of urea and derivatives in aqueous solutions are found to be distinctly different from those observed in methanol. Urea, which can serve both as a hydrogen bond donor as well as an acceptor and has a unique hydrogen-bonding feature, helps in studying urea interaction with fluorophores in aqueous solutions, micelles, and alcohol. In our studies, we have used acridinedione dyes as the probe. We report that the hydrophobic interaction of urea with dye predominates by weakening of the hydrogen-bonding interaction of the solvent and urea derivatives with increase in the hydrophobicity of urea derivatives. In methanol, the hydrogen bonding between solvent and urea derivatives predominating over the hydrophobicity of the urea derivatives is observed. The presence of alkyl group substitution in the N−H moiety with a function of increasing concentration resulting in the creation of a more favorable hydrophobic environment to the dye molecule to reside in the hydrophobic shell phase rather than in the bulk aqueous phase is illustrated. The hydrophobic interaction of dye with urea in aqueous solution predominates because of the weakening of the hydrogen bonding of the solvent and urea derivatives, and the photoinduced electron transfer (PET) process is used as a marker to identify the hydrophobic interaction illustrated in our studies

3. **Theoretical Studies on the Hydrogen Bonding Interaction of Complexes of Formic Acid with Water**

AUTHORS: Zhengyu Zhou, Yun Shi, and Xinming Zhou

The hydrogen bonding of the complexes formed between formic acid and water molecules (with up two water) has been completely investigated in the present study using density functional theory (DFT) .Twelve reasonable geometries on the potential energy hypersurface of the formic acid and water system are considered; six are with one water molecule, and six are with two water molecules. For the complexes with one water molecule, three are with the (T)-formic acid and three are with (C)-formic acid, and the most stable structure is a cyclic double-hydrogen-bonded structure.

4. **Hydrogen Bonding between Formic Acid and Water: Complete Stabilization of the Intrinsically Unstable Conformer**

AUTHORS: Kseniya Marushkevich, Leonid Khriachtchev, and Markku Räsänen

Hydrogen bonding between formic acid (FA) and water in solid argon and identified the first water complex with the higher-energy conformer cis-FA. In sharp contrast to cis-FA monomer, cis-FA interacting with water is very stable at low temperatures, which was explained by strong O−H···O hydrogen bonding. These benchmark results show that hydrogen bonding can terminate proton tunneling reactions and efficiently stabilize intrinsically unstable conformational structures in complex asymmetrical hydrogen-bonded networks. This general effect occurs when the energy difference between conformers is smaller than the hydrogen bond interaction energy, which opens perspectives in chemistry on intrinsically unstable conformers.

5. **The hydration of formic acid and acetic acid**

AUTHORS : Stefano Soffientini a, Leonardo Bernasconi b, Silvia Imberti

Formic acid and acetic acid share the unique feature, amongst carboxylic acids, of crystallising in the form of long chains, containing both O–H···O and C–H···O hydrogen bonds. The relative importance of the hydrogen bonds present in the solution is assessed based on geometrical criteria: bond length and directionality as well as number of bonds. At all concentrations, the carbonyl oxygen on the carboxylic group is the most active site for a strong hydrogen bond. The tendency to establish direct interactions between acid molecules in the presence of water is reduced for acetic acid by a larger degree than for formic acid. The overall tendency is for a greater number of hydrogen bonds being formed when the solution is more diluted.

6. **Molecular Dynamics Simulations of the Interaction between Water Molecules and Aggregates of Acetic or Propionic Acid Molecules**

AUTHORS: Bastien Radola, Sylvain Picaud, Delphine Vardanega, and Pál Jedlovszky

Water adsorption around small acetic and propionic acid aggregates has been studied by means of molecular dynamics simulation in the temperature range of 100–265 K as a function of the water content. Calculations have shown that acetic and propionic acid molecules behave similarly and that both the temperature and the water content have a strong influence on the behavior of the corresponding systems. Two situations have been evidenced for the acid–water aggregates, corresponding either to water adsorption on large acid grains at very low temperatures or to the formation of droplets consisting of acid molecules adsorbed at the surface of water aggregates at higher temperatures and high water content. At low water content and high temperature, only a partial mixing between water and acid molecules has been observed. The results of the present simulations emphasize the need for further experimental and simulation works to achieve a better characterization of the effects of both temperature and humidity on the behavior of organic aerosols in the troposphere.

7. **Solvent Effects on the Photodissociation of Formic Acid: A Theoretical Study**

AUTHORS: Yan-Cong Tian and Wei-Hai Fang

Solvent effects are considered as a combination of the hydrogen-bonding interaction from explicit H_2O molecules and the effects from the bulk surrounding H_2O molecules using the polarizable continuum model. It is found that the hydrogen-bonding effect from the explicit water in the complex is the major factor to influence properties of aqueous formic acid, while the bulk surrounding H_2O molecules has a noticeable influence on the structures of the complex. The direct C−O bond fission along the S_1 pathway is predicted to be an important channel upon photolysis of aqueous formic acid at 200 nm, which is consistent with experimental observation that aqueous formic acid dissociates predominantly into fragments of HCO and OH.

8. **A computational study of interactions between acetic acid and water molecules**

AUTHORS: Shinichi Yamabe , Noriko Tsuchida.

Density functional theory calculations were performed for the title reactions to elucidate the difference between the strong cyclic hydrogen bond of (Me-COOH)(2) and the electrolytic dissociation, MeCOOH <==> Me-COO(-) + H(+), as a weak acid. The association of water clusters with acetic acid dimers strengthens the cyclic hydrogen bond. A nucleophilic attack of the carboxylic carbon by a water cluster leads to a first zwitterionic intermediate, MeCOO(-) + H(3)O(+) + (HO)(3)C-Me. The intermediate is unstable and is isomerized to a neutral interacting system, MeCOOH...(HO)(3)C-Me + H(2)O.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE OF THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION

AIM

The present study revolves around the interaction of simple acids like formic acid, chloroacetic acid and acetic acid with PET and non-PET based ADDR dyes in water and fluorescence spectroscopy is used as the technique to probe the influences on the ground and excited state properties of these dyes in the presence of glycine.

SCOPE

The scope of the present study is focused to explore the variation in the photophysical properties of ADDR dyes in water in the presence of simple acids and how the LE and CT state emission of ADDR dyes are influenced by the introduction of simple acids like formic acid, chloroacetic acid and acetic acid. In ADDR dyes, the longest wavelength absorption band is attributed to the intermolecular charge transfer (ICT) in the ring nitrogen to the carbonyl oxygen This ICT peak maximum is highly sensitive to the solvent polarity. The shift in the absorption maximum on varying the substituent on the nitrogen (10th position) and the 9th position of ADDR dyes makes this dye a fascinating fluorophore to study the photophysical properties in the presence of non-fluorescent solutes. Further, the electrochemical investigations and time resolved fluorescence studies has to be carried out to investigate whether the presence of acids develops microenvironments in the presence of ADDR1 and ADDR2 dyes.

CHAPTER 4

EXPERIMENTAL METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

4.1 MATERIALS

The preparation of ADDR dyes were carried out as reported in the literature [Srividya *et al*, Srividya *et al,* Srividya *et al*]. ADDR dye stock solution was freshly prepared in triple distilled water. Acetic acid, formic acid and chloroacetic acid of purity above 99 % was purchased from Merck Life Science Pvt Ltd, India and was used as such. The stock solution of formic acid, acetic acid, and chloroacetic acid was prepared freshly before the start of each experiment. The concentration of ADDR dyes was fixed at 1.5 x 10^{-5} M such that the absorbance at the longest wavelength absorption maximum was less than 0.20.

4.2 EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

Absorption spectra were recorded using an Agilent 8453 diode array spectrophotometer. Fluorescence measurements were performed in Fluoromax-4P spectrometer (Horiba Jobin Yvon). The emission spectrum was recorded by carrying out a corrected spectrum following the literature reported [26 Chi *et al* , 27 Zong *et al*] and the instrument voltage and slits were kept constant during the course of recording the fluorescence intensity.

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 ABSORPTION SPECTRAL STUDIES

The charge transfer (CT) from the ring nitrogen to the carbonyl oxygen centre in the acridinedione ring moiety is responsible for the maximum observed in the absorption spectra of ADDR dyes, which is located at about 370–380 nm, respectively [Kumaran *et al*]. **Figure 5.1.1** depicts the absorption spectrum of ADDR dyes in water.

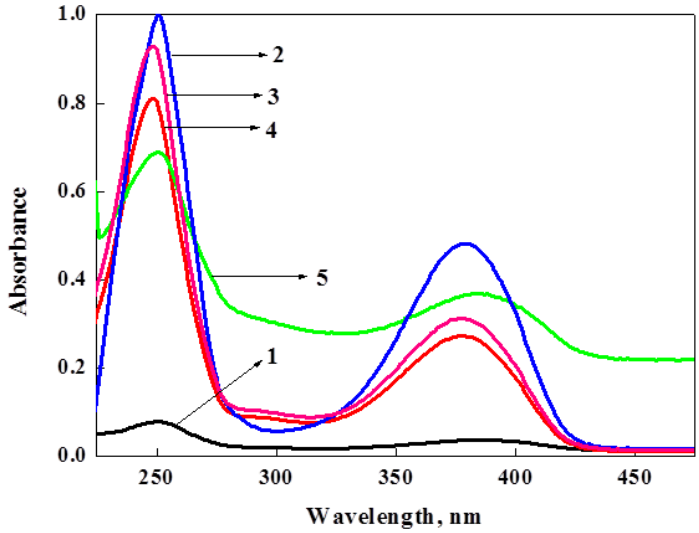


Figure 5.1.1: Normalised Absorption spectra of ADDR dyes in water 1) ADDR5 dye, 2) ADDR3 dye 3) ADDR1 dye 4) ADDR2 dye 5) ADDR4 Dye

The wavelength of excitation for recording steady-state fluorescence measurements of PET and non-PET based ADDR dyes interacting with formic acid, acetic acid, and chloroacetic acid is the ICT absorption maximum. The ICT absorption maximum is unaffected by the ADDR1 dye's absorption spectrum when formic acid, acetic acid, and chloroacetic acid concentration increases (0.6 and 1.2 M) is shown **figures 5.1.2- 5.1.4 respectively**. Similarly, no characteristic change in the absorbance at the dye absorption maximum results on the addition of formic acid, acetic acid, and chloroacetic acid to ADDR2 is also shown in **figures 5.1.5-5.1.7 respectively**. Interaction of ADDR dyes with formic acid, acetic acid, and chloroacetic acid clearly reveals that ICT absorption band of these dyes are not influenced in the presence of formic acid, acetic acid, and chloroacetic acid molecules.

A similar behaviour was also observed in the interaction of both PET and non-PET based ADDR dyes with urea derivatives [4 Kumaran *et al*], BSA [Kumaran *et al,* Kumaran *et al*], GuHCl [Kumaran *et al*], amide derivatives [Kumaran *et al*] and

cyclodextrins [Thiagarajan *et al* , Selavaraju *et al*] in water. The increase in the absorbance value upto 280 nm is presumably associated with the absorbance of glycine and a similar behaviour was also observed in the interaction of ADDR1 dye with urea, wherein the solutes in the absence of dye in general absorb in the spectral range less than 300 nm. Due to the close spacing of the energy levels in the ground state, it is not possible to ascertain the nature of interaction between dye and formic acid, acetic acid, and chloroacetic acid. In order to ascertain the nature of interaction, we carried out emission spectral studies with varying the concentration of formic acid, acetic acid, and chloroacetic acid molecules based on its solubility in water.

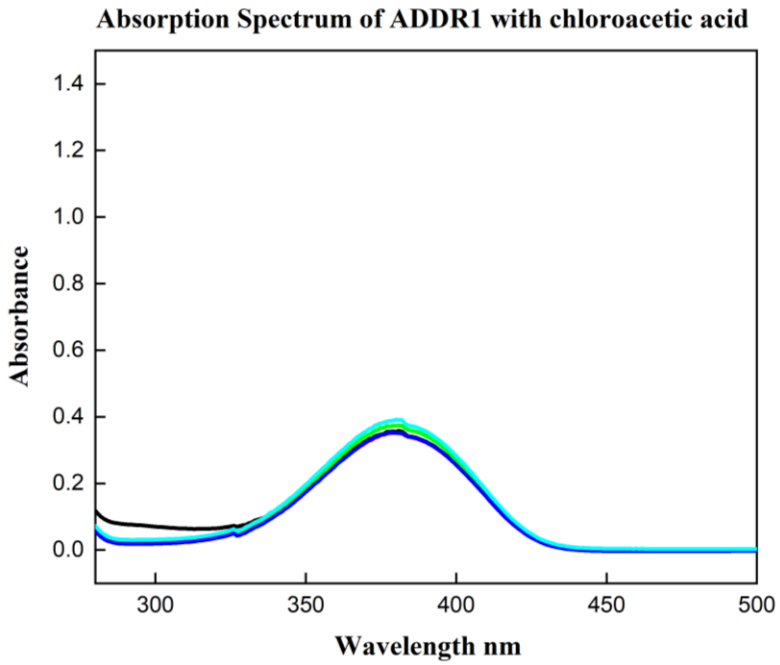


Figure 5.1.2: Absorption spectra of ADDR1 dye with chloroacetic acid in water. 1) Chloroacetic acid 0.6 M, 2) Chloroacetic acid 1.2 M 3) ADDR1 dye +0.0 M Chloroacetic acid, 4)ADDR1 dye + 0.6 M Chloroacetic acid, 5)ADDR1 dye + 1.2 M Chloroacetic acid.

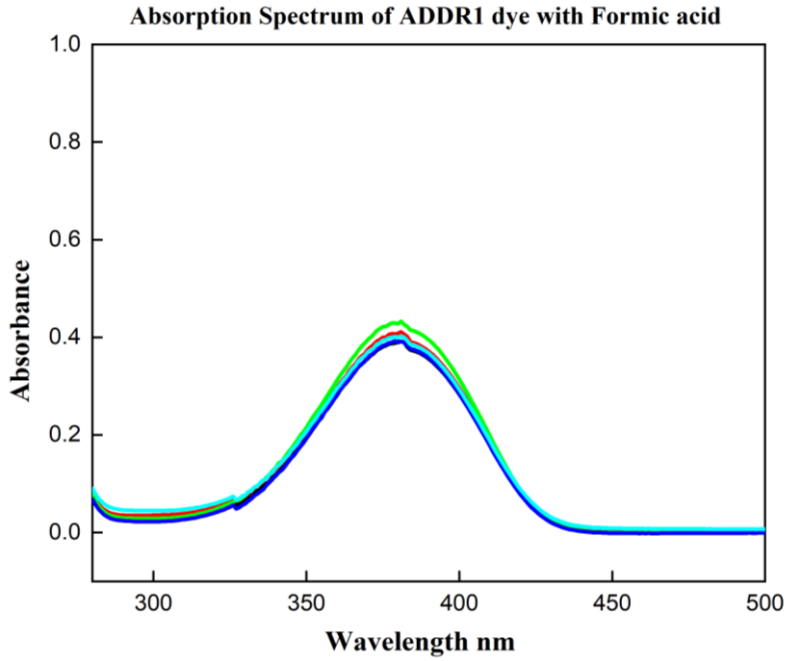


Figure 5.1.3: Absorption spectra of ADDR1 dye with formic acid in water. 1) formic acid 0.6 M, 2) formic acid 1.2 M 3) ADDR1 dye +0.0 M formic acid, 4)ADDR1 dye + 0.6 M formic acid, 5)ADDR1 dye + 1.2 M formic acid.

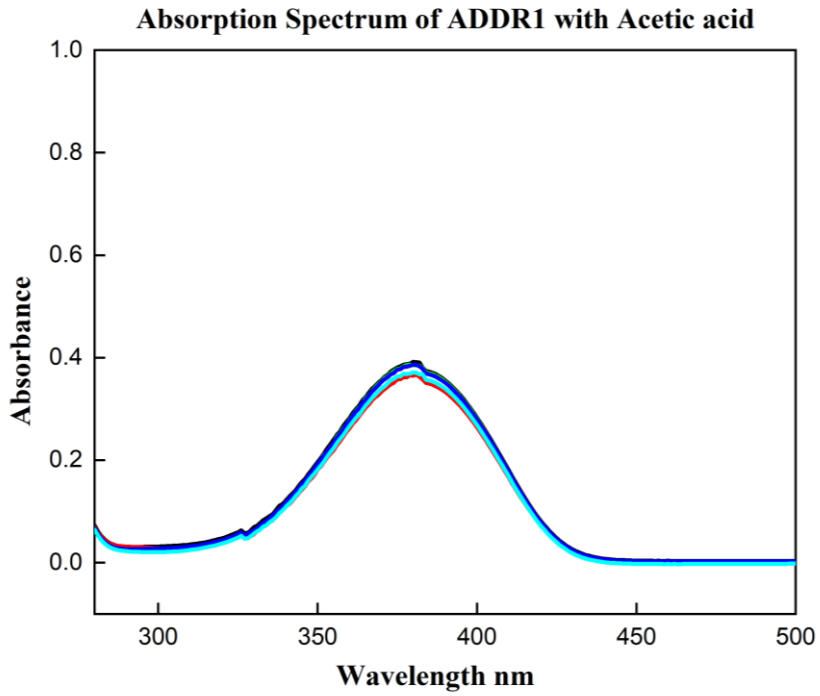


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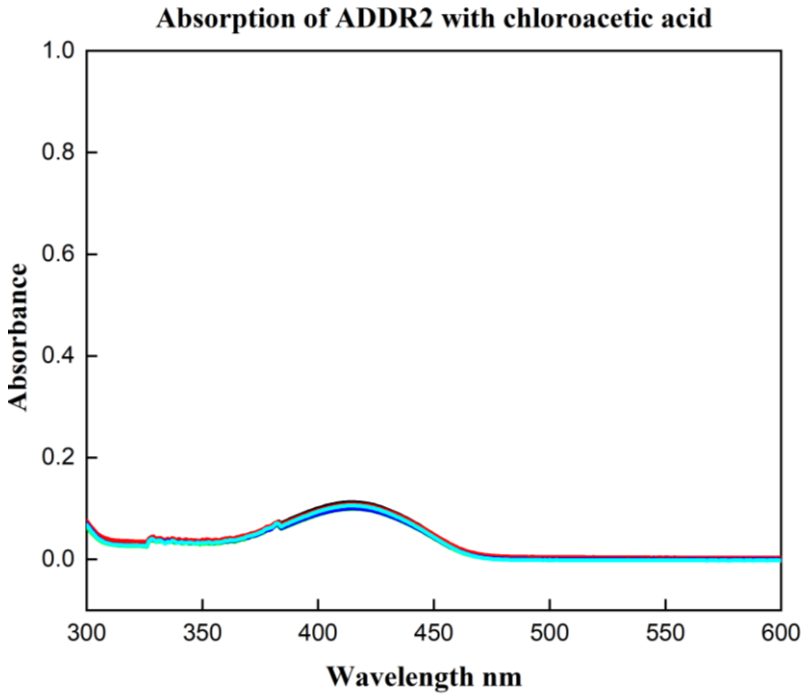


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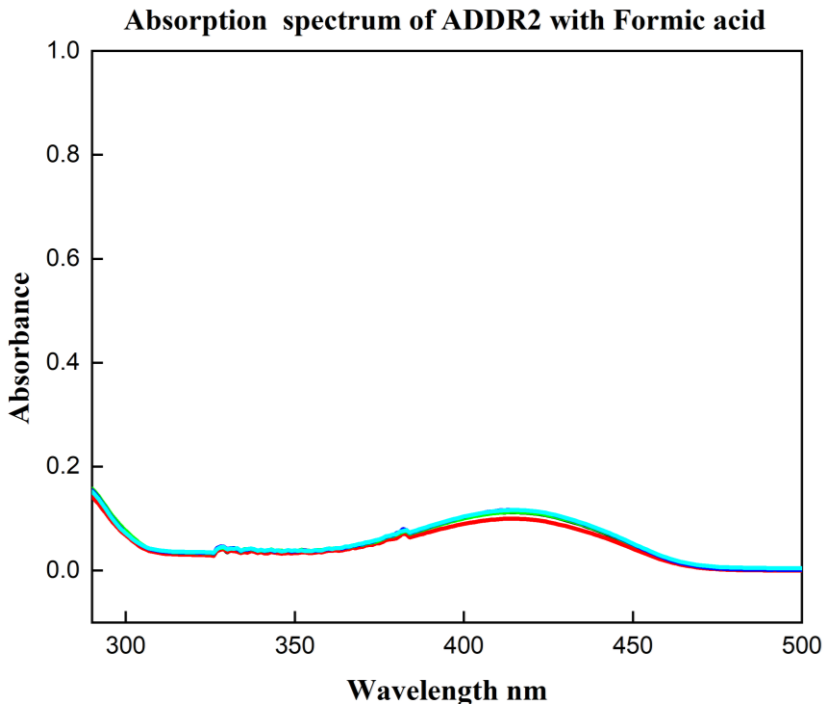


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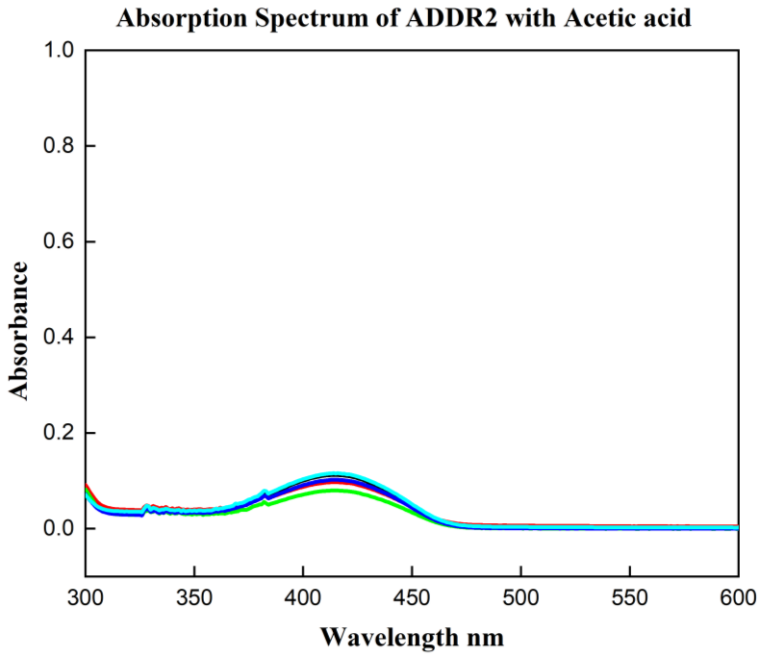


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5.2 EMISSION SPECTRAL STUDIES

The emission maximum occurs at 440 ± 5 nm in the spectral region when excitation occurs at the ICT absorption maximum. **Figure 5.2.1 displays the normalised emission spectra of ADDR dyes in water**

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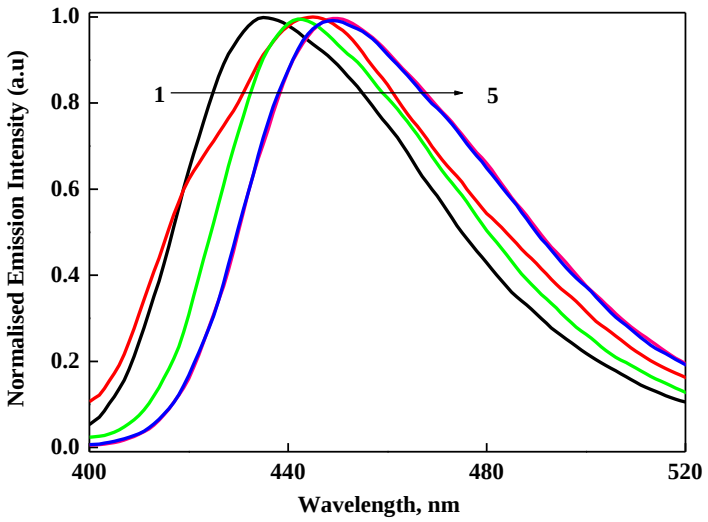


Figure 5.2.1: Normalized emission spectra of ADDR dyes in water. 1) ADDR1 dye, 2) ADDR2 dye 3) ADDR 4 dye 4) ADDR 5 dye 5) ADDR3 dye.

The LE state emission (about 430–450 nm) is the initial excited state in all PET-based ADDR dyes. In water, this LE state has emission maxima between 430 and 440 nm and is still mostly confined to the acridinedione itself [4, 7–12]. In addition to the LE state emission (<430 nm), the PET process from donor to acceptor for ADDR2 dye in acetonitrile results in a low-lying anomalous CT state at about 570 nm [6,16]. Conversely, the protonation of the dimethyl amino group does not entirely eliminate the PET character of ADDR2 dye in water; rather, an equilibrium between the dye's protonated and non-protonated forms persists in aqueous solution.The emission spectrum of ADDR1 dye show maximum around 436 $\pm$ 2 nm. Addition of formic acid, acetic acid, and chloroacetic acid (0.0 to 2.4 M) to ADDR1 dye resulted in a fluorescence enhancement accompanied with a red shift (6 nm) in the emission maxima. The emission spectrum of ADDR1 dye with formic acid is shown in **figure 5.2.2** and a fluorescence increase were seen in our previous investigations examining the interaction of hydrogen-bonding solutes such as urea, amide derivatives, and GuHCl with ADDR1 dye. This suggests that the presence of hydrogen-bonding solutes affects the PET process.

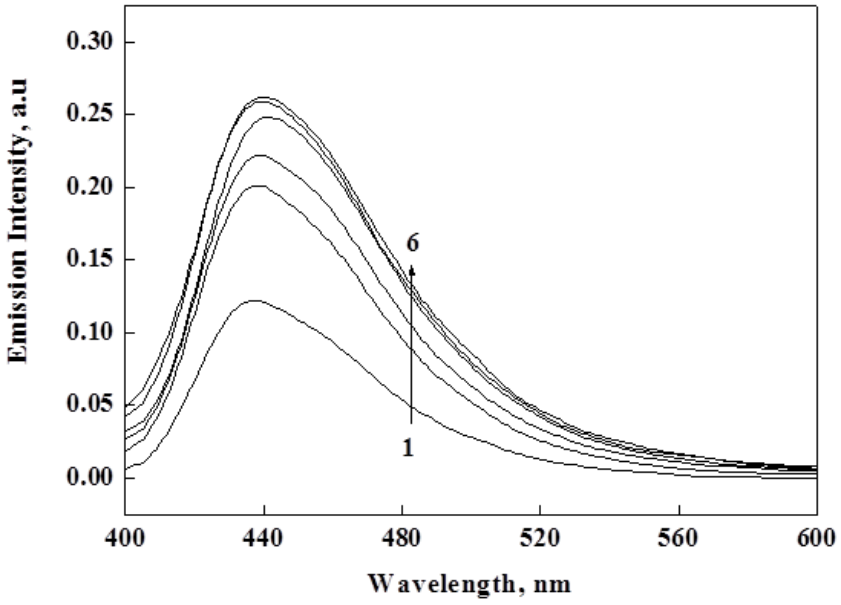


Figure 5.2.2: Emission Spectra of ADDR1 dye with formic acid in water. 1)ADDR1+ formic acid 0.0 M 2) ADDR1 dye + formic acid 0.6 M 3) ADDR1 dye + formic acid 0.9 M 4) ADDR1 dye + formic acid 1.2 M 5) ADDR1 dye+ formic acid 1.8 M. 6) ADDR1 + formic acid.2.4 M

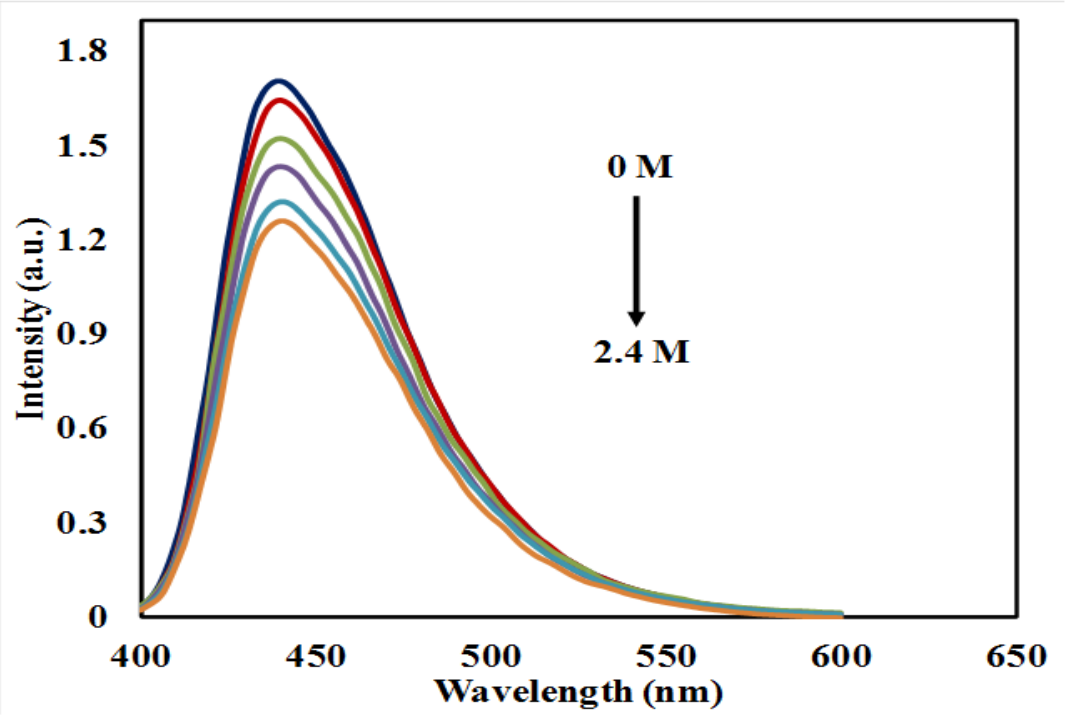


Figure 5.2.3: Emission Spectra of ADDR2 dye with formic acid in water. 1)ADDR2+ formic acid 0.0 M 2) ADDR2 dye + formic acid 0.6 M 3) ADDR2 dye + formic acid 0.9 M 4) ADDR2 dye + formic acid 1.2 M 5) ADDR2 dye+ formic acid 1.8 M. 6) ADDR2 + formic acid.2.4 M

When a water-soluble food hydrocolloid and ADDR1 dye are combined, a fluorescence quenching phenomenon was seen Zong *et al*], which amply demonstrates how the solute and solute-solvent interactions affect the PET process over space. Furthermore, a greater influence on the shift in the microenvironment is exerted by the solute's concentration. It's interesting to note that only the GuHCl example showed a red shift in the emission maximum, whereas the BSA and amide derivatives cases showed a blue shift [Kumaran *et al* , Kumaran *et al*]. Interestingly the emission spectra of ADDR2 dye with formic acid is shown in **figure 5.2.3**, and a similar result were observed for acetic acid, and chloroacetic acid and found to be there is no significant change in the emission wavelength. The excited state characteristics of non-PET dyes are barely affected by hydrophobic and hydrogen-bonding solutes. This occurrence unequivocally establishes that the fluorescence increase only happens in the presence of a suppressed PET process and electron transport from the donor to acceptor moiety across space.

It is clear that an electron-donating group causes a fluorescence amplification when it is present in the para position of the phenyl ring in the acridinedione ring's ninth position. In contrast, there is no discernible shift in the fluorescence intensity when there is no electron-donating group present. The suppression of the PET process through space is responsible for the fluorescence amplification in ADDR dyes having the $-OCH_3$ moiety in the para position of the phenyl ring in the 9th position of the acridinedione ring.

6. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The excited properties of the acridinedione dyes, particularly with ADDR1, showed a slight change followed by fluorescent enhancement, but in the case of ADDR2, no significant change is observed in the emission maximum in simple acids. Phototphysical studies of PET and non-PET based acridinedione dyes with formic acid, acetic acid, and chloroacetic acid in aqueous solution illustrate that no significant changes are observed in the ground state properties. In order to explore the photophysical characteristics of PET and non-PET based acridinedione dyes in water, formic acid, acetic acid, and chloroacetic acid—a class of important simple acids—behave as an excellent host molecule.

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ABSTRACT

The study presents the synthesis and characterization of a novel fluorescent probe, L, for detecting metal ions, focusing on its structural analysis, aggregation behaviour, fluorescence response to metal ions, anion binding selectivity, and sensitivity to S^{2-} ions. Probe L demonstrated strong fluorescence properties in the presence of Cu^{2+}, leading to a color change from yellow to blue. The study highlights L's high selectivity and sensitivity to S^{2-} ions, showcasing its potential as a specific and sensitive sensor for detecting S^{2-} ions even in the presence of other competitive anions

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CHAPTER – 1

INTRODUCTION

1. Introduction-Overview

Metals, anions and amino acids are essential for life and play important roles in biological and environmental process. *Bianchi, et.al., (1997), Da Silva and Williams, (2001), Vázquez, et.al., (2004)* Metals are present in living species (living or non-living) and they are prominent in functioning of many fundamental processes including osmotic regulation, catalysis, metabolism, biomineralization, and signalling. Being important for the existence of life itself over-accumulation and deficiency of these ions in human body can lead to dangerous disorders. Hence, there is a need to detect the levels of these ions considering the impacts on the human body. However, the most challenging tasks is to design and develop a sensors to recognize biologically relevant metal ions ***such as*** (Cu^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, Zn^{2+}, Na^{+}, K^{+})***,*** ***hazardous heavy metal ions (***Hg^{2+}, Pb^{2+} and Cd^{2+}) ***and anions*** (F^{-}, CN^{-}, AcO^{-}, $H_2PO_4^{-}$) with high selectivity and sensitivity. *Kim, et.al., (2012), Yeh, et.al., (2014)* Out of these metals ions certain of them are indispensable for the regular functioning of Human body, one of such is iron. As an important transition metal ion, iron is an essential element in the human body and plays a key part in many cellular processes including energy generation, oxygen transport and DNA synthesis. *Lawen and Lane, (2013)* But excess of iron storage in the body can lead to the creation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) via the Fenton reaction, which in turn leads to several catastrophic diseases, such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disorders *Wang, et.al., (2012), Crichton, et.al., (2008)* Zinc is another such crucial minerals which is required for living, however the undesirable quantities of zinc can result in various disorders including Alzheimer, epilepsy and human ischemic stroke. *Berg and Godwin, (1997), Xu, et.al., (2010).*

Likewise, chromium being essential to human body has been increasingly used in a number of industrial processes including chrome plating, dye and pigment fabrication, leather tanning, and wood preserving, which increases its probability of contamination in various environmental and biological systems. Hence, there is

tremendous need to detect these ions as low as possible in order to keep health and Furthermore, amino acid sensing is required, particularly for low molecular weight intracellular thiols including cysteine (Cys), homocysteine (Hcy), and glutathione (GSH), which play critical roles in biological Cys an is key source for protein synthesis, detoxification and different metabolic function and its insufficiency causes several symptoms, including sluggish growth in children, hair depigmentation, loss of muscle and fat, skin lesion, liver damage and edema *Shahrokhian, (2001).*

Thus, optical chemosensors (artificial receptors) have received widespread recognition for their ability to provide simple, rapid, and sensitive on-site monitoring of target analytes in the presence of supramolecular chemistry, as well as their potential applications.

Although conventional sensing techniques like atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS), inductively coupled plasma/mass spectrometry (ICP-MS), inductively coupled plasma/atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES), ion chromatography, electrochemistry, and stripping voltammetry are highly sensitive and selective, they are also complex. They necessitate time-consuming sample preparation and standardisation methods, costly and complex tools, and skilled workers to conduct experiments, several hours for detection, and cutting-edge clean room facilities for analysis. *Li, et.al., (2013), Mashhadizadeh and Amoli-Diva, (2013), Huang, et.al., (2012)* Aside from that, the main disadvantage is the device's portability or on-site detection. Therefore, optical chemosensor allows design and development of simple, feasible and reliable method for the selective qualitative and quantitative detection of biologically relevant ions.

1.1 Supramolecular chemistry

“Supramolecular Chemistry” the term coined by Jean-Marie Lehn in 1969, it has been defined as “chemis try beyond the molecule” as it aims at designing and implementing functional chemical systems based on molecular components held together by noncovalent intermolecular forces*. Lehn, (1988), Lehn, (1995),* Supramolecular chemistry has opened new doors towards comprehending chemistry as an informational science through the execution of the hypothesis of molecular information with the purpose of gaining progressive control over the spatial (structural) and temporal (dynamic) features of matter and over its complexification

through self-organization, the drive to life. Functional supramolecular devices are based on the structural organization and functional integration of active components

acting with photons, electrons, and ions or showing chemical reactivity. Photoactive and electro-active devices performing energy or electron exchange - transfer processes form the core of molecular and supramolecular photonics and electronics. *Lehn, (2002)*

Moreover, supramolecular chemistry deals with the design and development of various multi-functional colorimetric and fluorescent chemosensors. *Lehn, (2009)* A chemical sensors consists of two basic functional units: a receptor part and a transducer part **(Fig.1.1).**

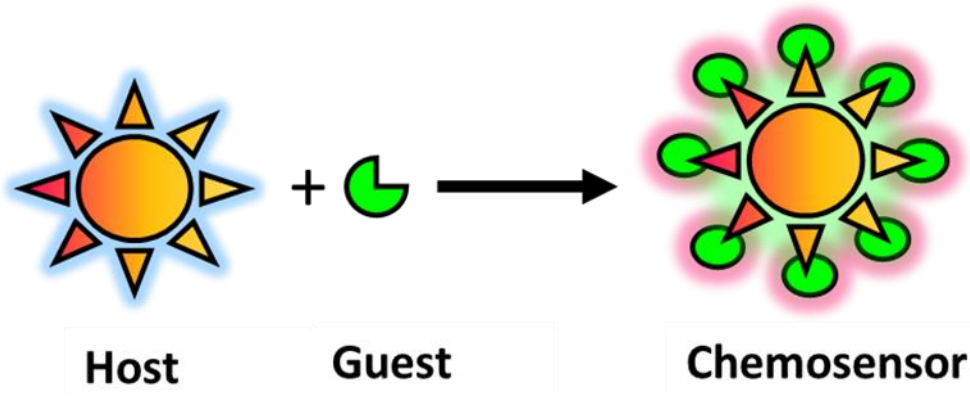


Fig. 1.1 Schematic representation showing binding of an analyte (guest) by a chemosensor (host).

The receptor part of a sensor converts the chemical information into a form of energy which may be measured by the transducer into a useful analytical signal. Thus, optical chemosensors (artificial receptors) have received widespread recognition for their ability to provide simple, rapid, and sensitive on-site monitoring of target analytes in the presence of supramolecular chemistry, as well as their potential applications.

1.2 Optical Chemosensor

Molecular recognition and sensing of biologically important species is surging in recent years and different protocols have been widely applied to the design of probes for anions, cations and neutral molecules. *Quang and Kim, (2010),* Kim and Quang, (2007), *Chen, et.al., (2010)* Chemosensors are systems that rely on the use

of coordinative forces for analyte binding. A chemosensor is a term that refers to "a device that transforms chemical information, ranging from the concentration of a specific sample component to total composition analysis, into an analytically useful signal" . *Hulanicki, et.al., (1991)* Several methods have been developed to analyse the guest species**. (Fig.1.2).**

An optical chemosensor involves the interaction in between guest and recognition unit that is signalled by an easily detectable change. *Jung, et.al., (2017)* The effectiveness of a sensor is directly tied to the detecting process's response time, signal-to-noise (S/N) characteristics, system sensitivity, and selectivity. Thus, the challenges of designing and developing novel detection systems with improved recognition processes, as well as designing new signal transduction mechanisms, have been a source of great concern. Although some colorimetric and fluorescence chemosensors based on moieties, such as pyrene and pyridine, *Jung, et.al., (2017)* coumarin, crown ether, *Li, et.al., (2017)* azo-derivative, *Ishidate, et.al.,(1957)* rhodamine, *Upadhyay, et.al., (2017)* fluorescein, *Ueno, et.al., (2004),* and so on, have already been reported.

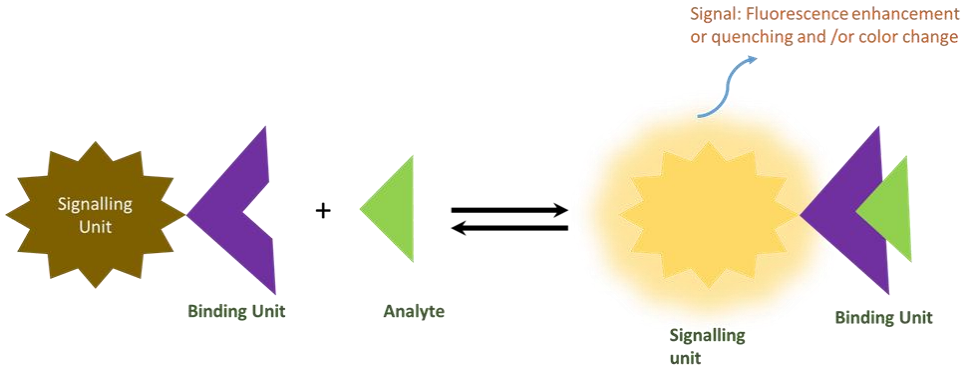


Fig.1.2 Principle of fluorescent chemosensors.

1.3 Fluorescence signalling mechanisms

The design of new fluorescent organic chemosensor, for the selective recognition of the target analyte with the recognition site where the optical property of fluorophore is perturbed lead to the quenching/enhancement/shift in the original fluorescence signal of sensor. These changes in fluorescence could be attributed due to various mechanisms such as photo-induced electron transfer (PET) *Daly, et.al., (2015),* fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET), *Zu ,(2017)* internal charge transfer (ICT), *Guilbault,(1990) , Benesi and Hildebrand , (1945)* Monomer-excimer/exciplex, *Wu, et.al.,(2012)* -C=N isomerization etc formation have been

invoked. Recently, Schiff base based chemosensor have gained wide applications in the sensing field due to the synthetic simplicity, easy structural modification and high yield. *Nigam, et.al., (2009), Chen, et.al., (2007)*

1.4 Photoinduced Electron Transfer

The use of fluorescent PET sensors has grown over time. PET sensor is rational combination of three components including 'fluorophore-spacer-receptor'. The PET sensor has been classified in to two components i) turn-on, ii) turn-off. In its 'on' state, excitation of the fluorophore results in fluorescence only because the PET process is arrested by the arrival of the analyte at the receptor site and when in its 'off" state, excitation of the fluorophore component of the sensor produces an electron transfer from the receptor to the fluorophore as one possibility i.e. the excited state energy of the fluorophore needs to be sufficient to provide both the reduction potential of the fluorophore and the oxidation potential of the receptor. *De Silva ,et.al., (2009)* (**Fig.1.3)**

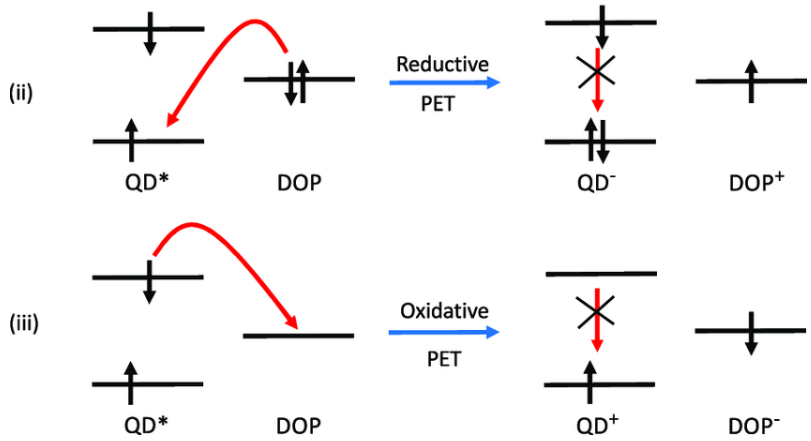


Fig.1.3 Mechanism of PET effect.

1.4.1 Photo induced internal charge transfer

When a fluorophore contains an electron donor functionality (often an amino group) conjugated to an electron withdrawing functional group, it undergoes intramolecular charge transfer (ICT) from the donor to acceptor upon excitation by light. *Zhang,et.al., (2014)* Usually ICT mechanism shows a large stoke shift and ratiometric response. During the cation-receptor interaction, the receptor is reduced; and shift in the emission spectrum is the blue shift. Similarly, if a cation acts as an electron receptor, it strengthens the push-pull effect, resulting in a red shift in the

emission spectrum. In this process the fluorophore undergoes a transition from Local excited state to charge transfer state **(Fig. 1.4.1).** The ICT results normal shift the emission.

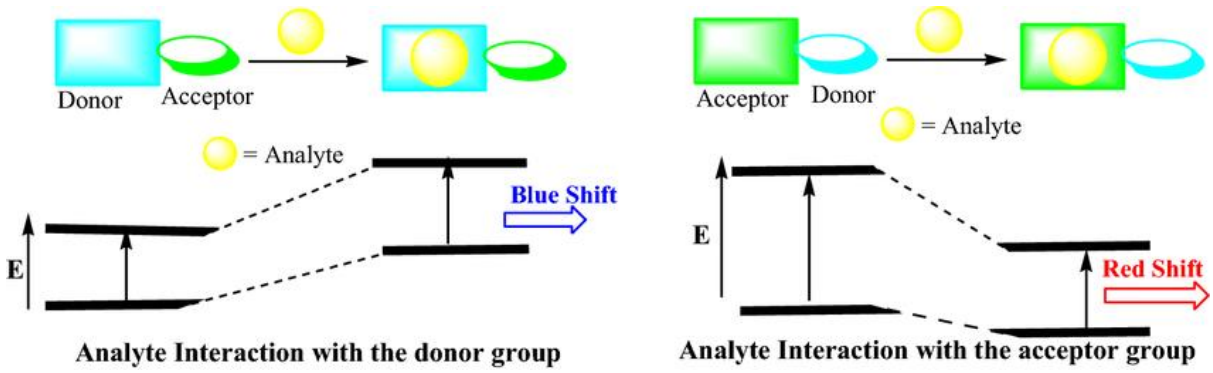


Fig.1.4 schematic representation of ICT mechanism.

1.4.2 Fluorescence resonance energy transfer

The transfer of energy from an excited donor fluorescence to an appropriate acceptor fluorophore is one of the few techniques available for measuring nanometer-scale distances and distance changes, both in vitro and in vivo. *Stryer, (1978)* FRET is a distance-dependent radiation-less energy transfer from a donor to an acceptor fluorophore. The FRET mechanism works on the idea that a donor fluorophore absorbs energy from incident light and transfers it to a neighboring chromophore. FRET's efficiency depends on intermolecular separation, limiting it to short distances of 10 nm or less. In addition to the spatial closeness requirement, the donor's emission spectrum must adequately coincide with the acceptor's absorption spectrum **(Fig. 1.4.2).**

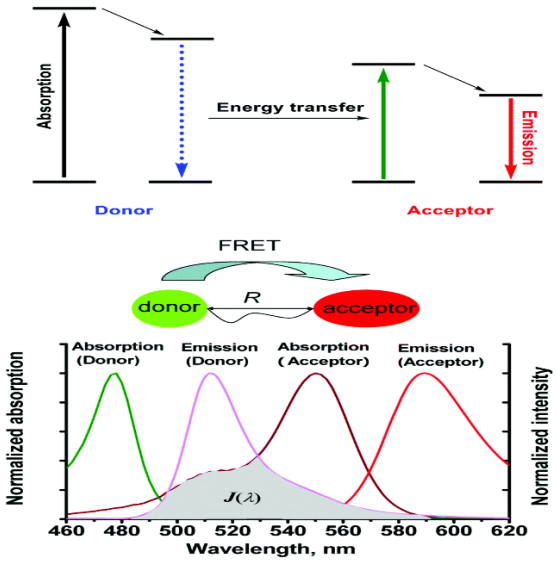


Fig.1.4.2 Schematic representation of FRET mechanism.

1.4.3 Monomer-Excimer Formation

Two identical fluorophores in the excited state can collide and produce collision complexes (excited dimers). These created dimers are classified into two types: excimer, which is formed when two identical fluorophores form a dimer, and exciplex, which is formed when two dissimilar fluorophores combine **(Fig.1.4.3)**. Both excimers and exciplexes involve the affiliation of an excited state species with a ground state entity when one comes into close contact with another throughout the excited state's existence. Fluorophore collisions result in net stabilization, which enhances the lifetime of the excited state dimer. Several fluorophores, such as anthracene and pyrene, typically generate excimers (excited dimers) when an excited molecule comes into close proximity to another throughout the lifespan of the excited state. *Moragues, et.al., (2011)*

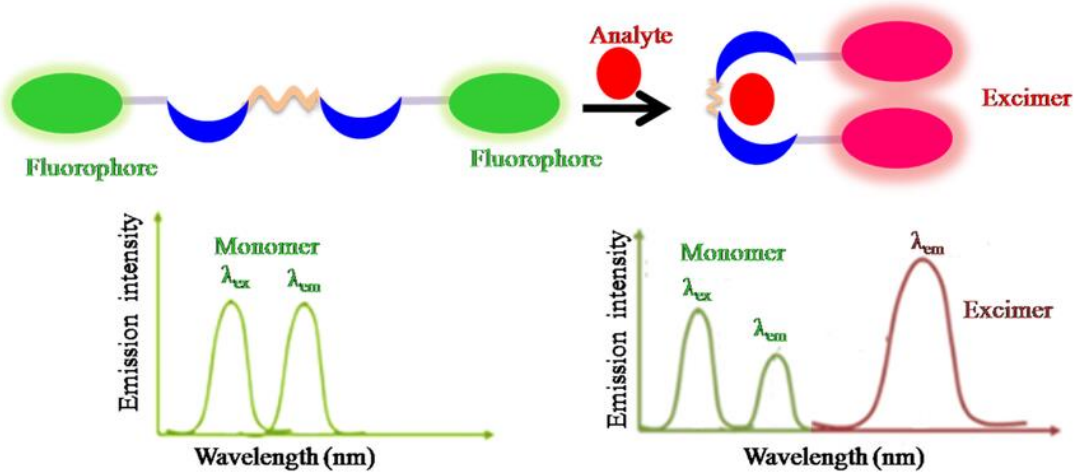


Fig.1.4.3 Schematic representation of Monomer-Excimer mechanism.

1.4.4 Twisted Intra molecular Charge Transfer (TICT):

Typically, the donor and acceptor groups are conjugated in the ground state and experience considerable charge transfer in the excited state. If the two groups can form an orthogonal geometry, full charge separation occurs, resulting in a twisted intramolecular charge transfer (TICT) state. The prototypical example of a chemical that emits both ICT and TICT is p-N,N-dimethylaminobenzonitrile. It was discovered to produce dual fluorescence. The two bands' characteristics are temperature and solvent polarity dependent. In nonpolar liquids, only one fluorescent

band occurs, which originates from the locally excited state (fluorescence), also known as the Franck-Condon state (an excited state formed at the ground state geometry), which is most commonly produced during excitation. Increasing the solvent polarity promotes the creation of the ICT (or TICT) state; a new long-wavelength fluorescent band rises in relative intensity, while the intensity of the first band diminishes. Rotation of the dimethylamino group until it is twisted at a straight angle result in conjugation loss (**Fig-1.4.4).** The ensuing twisted intramolecular charge transfer (TICT), which is stabilized by the polar solvent molecules, involves a 100% charge separation between the dimethylamino group and the cyanophenyl moiety.

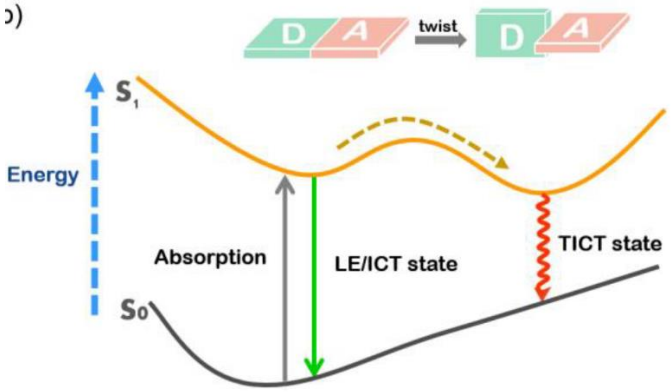


Fig.1.4.4 Schematic representation of TICT mechanism.

1.5 Benefits of sensor

Nanomaterials based probes provides an alternate to organic chemosensors due to high selectivity, sensitivity and aqueous working environment. Now day's attention has been paid towards the shape and size of the nanomaterials due to its magnetic, catalytic, electrical and optical properties of nanostructure. There is various useful attributes such as, size and shape related properties, *Sau, et.al., (2010), Hu,et.al., (2006)* extremely high surface area and low toxicity. *Khlebtsov and Dykman , (2011), Murphy ,et.al., (2008)* Due to its all properties nanomaterial become an important tool in biotechnology, *Torabi and Lu,(2014)* bio-sensing, *Estevez ,et.al., (2014)* catalysis, *Wang, et.al., (2015)* nanomedicine, *Webb and Bardhan,(2014)* and others. *Manikandan , et.al., (2014)*

In order to develop colorimetric sensors, the noble metal nanoparticles such as gold and silver have received great attention in the recent years as they can be

applied for the selective detection of analytes in aqueous medium. Few of reasons for the applications of AuNP in nanotechnology and nanomedicine field due to their shape and size they have received great attention in the research areas specially in DNA labelling , *Alanazi, et.al.,(2010)* microscopy and photoacoustic imaging , surface-enhances Raman spectroscopy, *Kim and Jon, (2012)* drug delivery *Tedesco .et.al., (2010)* and cancer therapy. *Mishra .et.al., (2012)*

Recently, gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) are of high significance owing to unique size and shape dependent properties which attributes to their important physical properties include localized surface plasmon resonance (LSPR), a condition wherein their electrons exhibit a collective oscillation upon exposure to electromagnetic radiation. These key parameters are related to light scattering and surface chemical activity; therefore the production through different methods should be systematic and controlled over morphology and composition. Hence, surface plasmon resonance (SPR) based optical sensors have their own merits and allows label-free detection.

As a part of our ongoing research, we have focussed on synthesis of novel derivatives by using Dansyl as one of the most important reactant. Dansyl compounds have increasingly employed owing to excellent sensing ability towards metal ions, anions and neutral molecule. However, further research is required to design suitable chemosensors that works mostly in aqueous medium with high selectivity and sensitivity for on-site monitoring of analyte in biological and environmental systems.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

Nasomphan, et.al., (2014) A highly water-soluble polymer (DD) was developed and evaluated for its fluorescence response towards various amino acids. The polymer consists of dansyl hydrazine unit conjugated into a dextran template **(Fig 2.1),** intensify the water solubility of the dansyl hydrazine moiety. DD exhibited selective fluorescence quenching in the presence of aspartic acid and glutamic acid. A plot of fluorescence intensity change against the concentration of corresponding amino acids gave a good linear relationship, making DD a potential polymeric sensor for selective sensing of aspartic and glutamic acids.

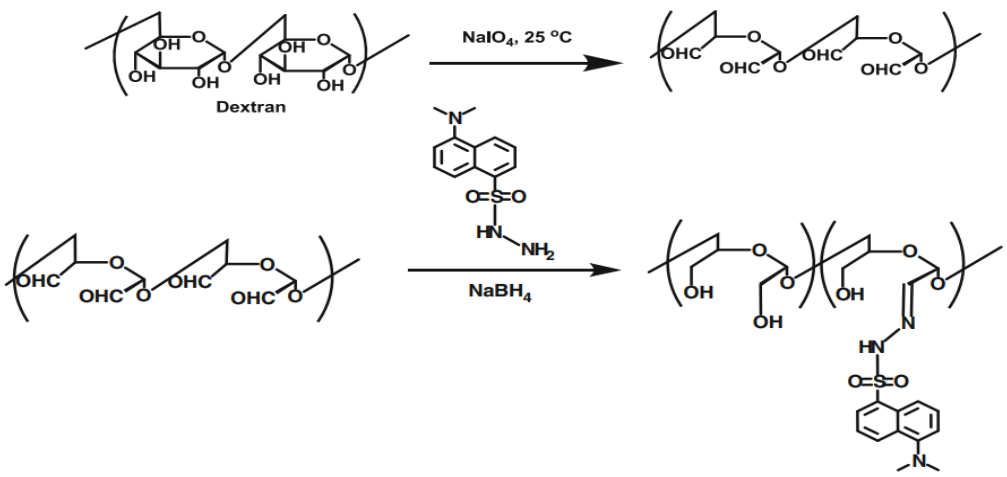


Fig 2.1 Schematic representation of Densyl hydrazine dextran conjugate (DD)

Nonorphan, et.al., (2017) A new fluorescent chemosensor, called compound **1**, was developed to detect copper (Cu^{2+}) ions. It was designed with hydroxyl, imine, and azomethine groups in a Schiff base derivative to bind specifically to Cu^{2+} ions. Compound **1** showed high selectivity towards Cu^{2+} ions, with only mercury (Hg^{2+}) and iron (Fe^{3+}) ions causing a significant degree of fluorescence quenching. Upon binding to Cu^{2+} ions, compound **1** displayed chelation-enhanced fluorescence (CHEF), resulting in increased fluorescence intensity. The optimized sensing ability of compound **1** was found at a physiological pH of 7.2 with an excitation wavelength of 366 nm and a detection limit of 5×10^{-7} M. Due to its non-toxicity and good photophysical properties, compound **1** was extended for detecting Cu^{2+} ions in Vero

cells, making it a potential intracellular fluorescent chemosensor for tracking Cu^{2+} ions.

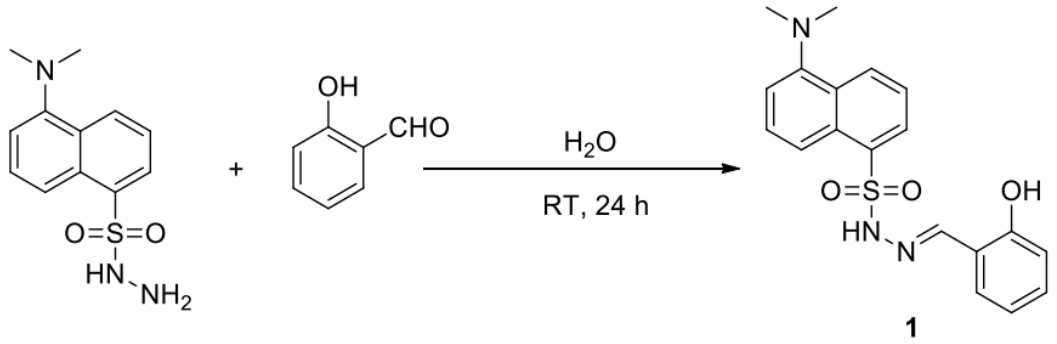


Fig 2.2 Synthetic pathway of compound **1**

Tharmaraj and Pitchumani, (2012) has developed a new fluorescent chemosensor for mercury(II) ions (Hg^{2+}), which exhibits selective on-off fluorescence quenching behavior through a twisted intramolecular charge transfer (TICT) mechanism. The chemosensor is based on 5-(dimethylamino)-N-(2-mercaptophenyl)naphthalene-1-sulfonamide and can detect Hg^{2+} with high sensitivity (5.0×10^{-10} mol L^{-1}) and selectivity over other metal ions (**Fig.2.3**). The system shows visible color change from colorless to gray upon Hg^{2+} binding, and the sensing mechanism is supported by time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) calculations. The chemosensor has been successfully applied for the detection of Hg^{2+} in real samples.

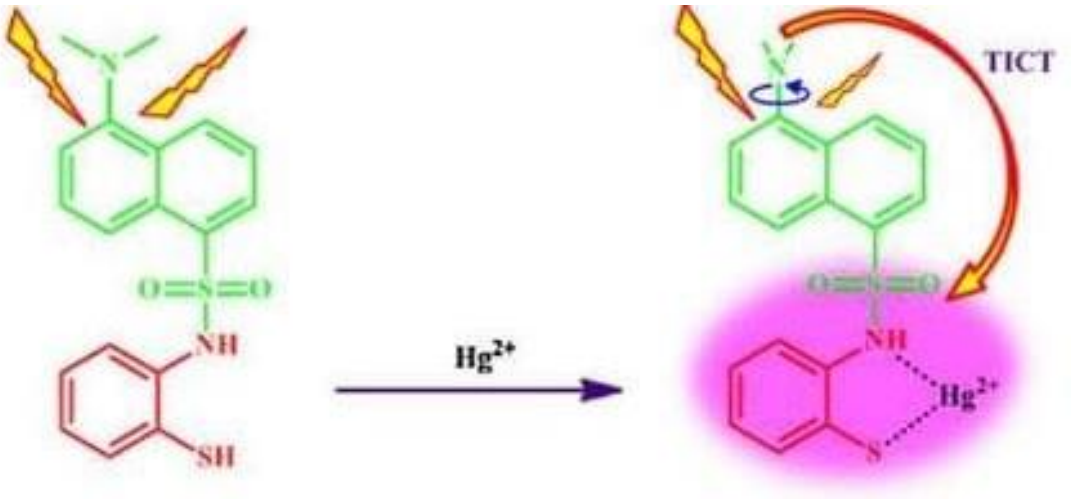


Fig 2.3 Illustration of sensing mechanism of mercury (II) ion

Xiao, et,al., (2017) has mentioned the study reports a new fluorescent probe, DN-C, that detects cysteine (Cys) with high selectivity and sensitivity. DN-C's fluorescence signal increases nearly 28-fold in the presence of Cys due to a d-PeT switching mechanism. The probe can detect intracellular Cys in living cells and is non-toxic, making it suitable for biological applications **(Fig 2.4)**. DN-C is more selective for Cys than other amino acids, including homocysteine and glutathione. The study also demonstrates that DN-C can detect endogenous Cys in biological samples, with a detection limit of 13 nm.

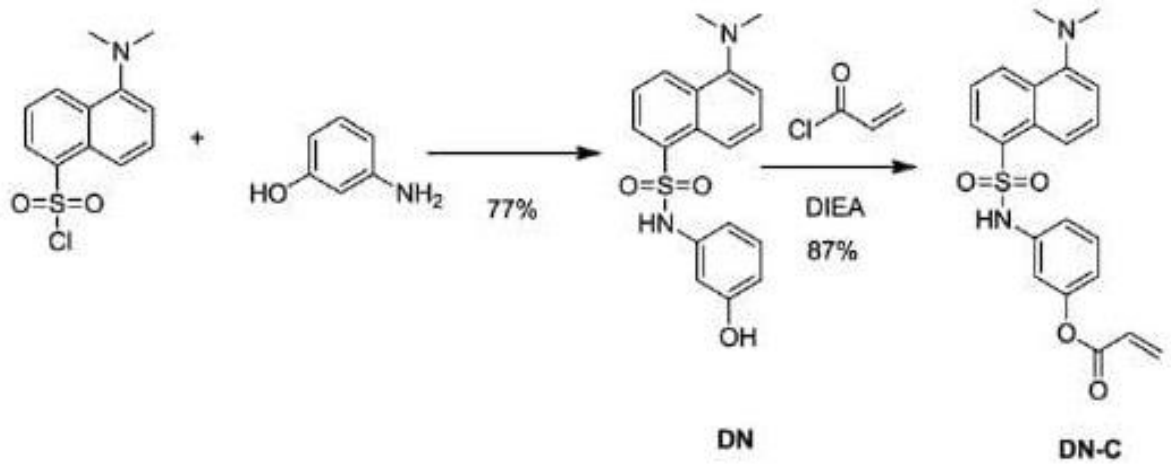


Fig 2.4 The synthetic route of DN-C

Cao, et.al., (2012) has new sulfonamide-based fluorescent probe was developed for detecting copper ions (Cu^{2+}) in aqueous solutions. The probe exhibits high selectivity and sensitivity for Cu^{2+}, with a low detection limit of $2.91x10^{-8}$ M. It is water-soluble, biocompatible, and cell-permeable, making it suitable for bioimaging applications. The binding model between the probe and Cu^{2+} was studied using density functional theory calculations. The probe can detect Cu^{2+} rapidly and visualize it through a color change from colorless to green under visible light **(Fig 2.5).** This method offers simplicity, high selectivity, and sensitivity, making it a promising tool for copper quantification in biological and chemical systems.

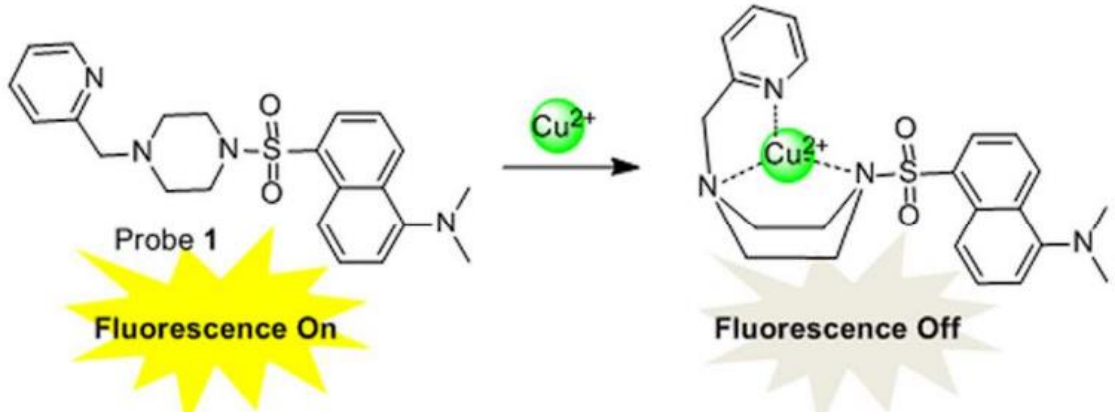


Fig 2.5 Schematic illustration of probe 1 for Cu^{2+} detection.

Wanichacheva, et.al., (2011) A new sensor with three dansyl moieties based on tris[2-(2-aminoethylthio)ethyl]amine was made in two steps **(Fig 2.6**). It detects Hg^{2+} with strong fluorescence quenching in water-acetonitrile, distinguishing metals like Cu^{2+}, Ag^{+}, and Pb^{2+}, along with others like Ca^{2+}, Cd^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, Mn^{2+}, Na^{+}, Ni^{2+}, and Zn^{2+}. It has a low detection limit of 1.15×10^{-7} M.

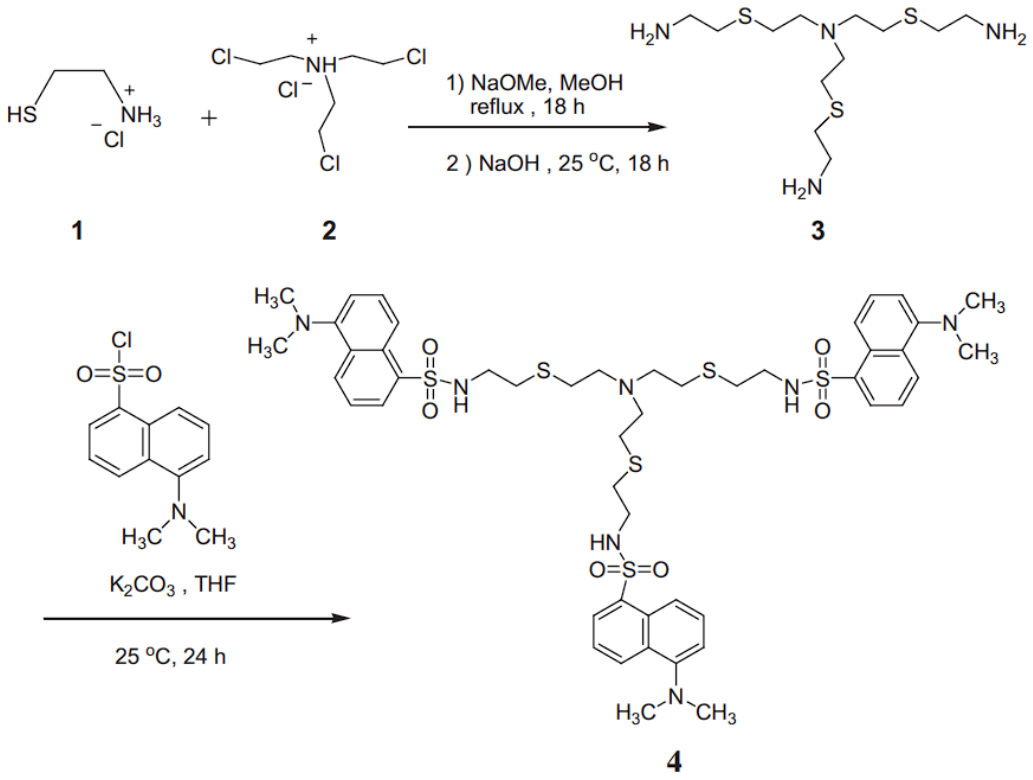


Fig 2.6 Synthesis of compound **4**

Chini, et.al., (2019) has reported a multimodal sensing platform has been developed for detecting heavy metal lead (Pb^{+2}) and organic dye methylene blue using a FRET pair between a fluorescent polymer and a small molecule. The FRET pair, consisting of P(MMA-co-Dansyl-AlaHEMA) and diketopyrrolopyrrole, has an overlap integral of 1.14 × 1016 nm4/(M*cm) and energy transfer efficiency of 25%. The fluorescence intensity of the FRET pair decreases ("Turn Off") in the presence of methylene blue and increases ("Turn On") in the presence of lead **(Fig 2.7)** .The FRET pair has a strong affinity for Pb+2 ions with a low detection limit of 27.8 ppm and high KSV (3.9×10^4 M^{-1}) for MB sensing with an LOD value of 295 ppb. This multimodal FRET sensing probe can be used for the selective detection of a wide range of toxic pollutants, making it suitable for field applications.

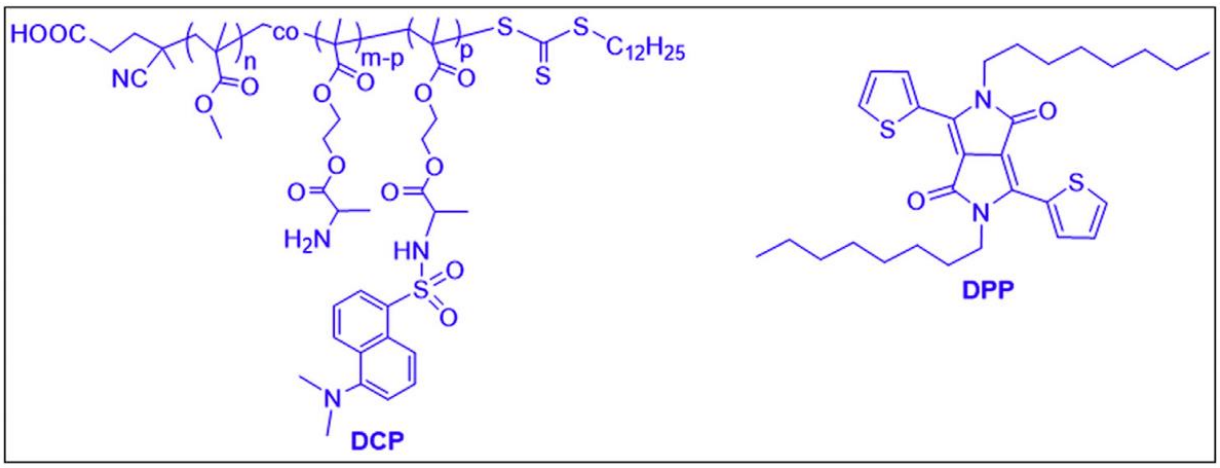


Fig 2.7 Chemical structure of DCP and DPP.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

The main objective of this project is to design and synthesize a new luminescent functionalized organic molecule. The Dansyl moiety is used as a starting material for preparation of compound via nucleophilic substitution reaction. Much attention will be focused to characterize the newly synthesized compound. Detailed photophysical study of the newly synthesized luminescent molecules will be carried out by using UV-Visible absorbance and Fluorescence spectroscopy. The newly synthesized luminescent material will be effectively applied as sensors, for ions. To ascertain the sensing mechanism of the newly synthesized luminescent dansyl materials with guest species were predicted from the studies. The system may be applied into detection of guest species in natural water samples with satisfactory recovery.

CHAPTER 4

EXPERIMENTAL MATERIALS AND METHODS

The details of the materials, instruments used for various analyses and general procedure for the preparation of stock solutions, preparation of buffer solutions, determination of binding constants, detection limit, determination of binding stoichiometry using Job′s plots, and Computational calculations are discussed in this chapter.

4.1 Materials

4.1.1 Chemicals

All chemicals used were analytical grade and used without further purification.

Chemicals	Suppliers
Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)	Aldrich
Dimethyl Formamide (DMF)	Aldrich
Dansyl Chloride	Aldrich
2-Aminobenzhydrazide	Aldrich
Triethylamine	Aldrich
Ethanol	Aldrich

All the TBA anionic salts of (F^-, Cl^-, Br^-, I^-, CN^-, $H_2PO_4^-$, HSO_4^-, ClO_4^-, NO_3^-, N_3^-, AcO^-, S_2^- and $S_2O_3^-$) were purchased from Aldrich chemicals.

4.2 General procedure

4.2.1 Synthesis of L

DMF solution containing Dansyl chloride (0.154 g, 0.74 mmol) and 2-aminobenzohydrazide (0.080 g, 0.74 mmol) was refluxed in the presence of base for four hours. The excess solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure. The viscous brown liquid was poured into ice cold water, the yellowish green color powder was

obtained and washed with diethyl ether. Recrystallized with hot ethanol gives yellowish green powder product **Fig. 4.2.1**. 73%. ATR-FTIR (cm^{-1}): 3478, 3378, 3311, 3213, 1650, 1328, 1145. ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, δ, ppm, DMSO-d_6): 10.26 (s, 1H), 9.96 (s, 1H), 8.45 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, δ, ppm, DMSO-d_6): 168.74, 151.37, 150.00, 136.11, 133.29, 130.72, 130.46, 129.57, 129.22, 129.09, 128.45, 124.41, 121.10, 117.24, 116.02, 115.78, 113.05, 45.85; HRMS, calculated: 384.13 $(M+H)^{+}$, found:385.28.

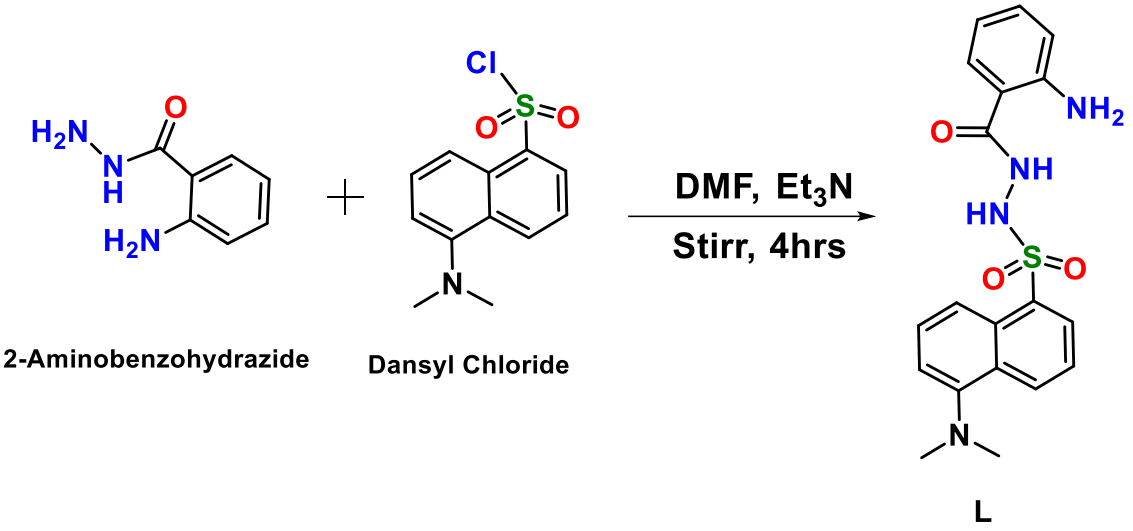


Fig. 4.2.1 Synthetic route of the **L**.

4.2.2 Procedure for aggregation and sensing studies

The aggregation behaviour and sensing ability of **L** were explored by following our reported methods. A 1 mM stock solution of was prepared in DMSO. The fluorescence and absorption spectra were recorded by placing 100 µL of (1 mM, DMSO) in various vials followed by diluted to 2 mL with a DMSO solvent comprising varying water fractions from 0% to 95% to analyze the aggregation behaviour.

4.2.3 Preparation of stock solutions

Stock solutions (1.0×10^{-3}mol L^{-1}) of TBA anions such as F^-, Cl^-, Br^-, I^-, CN^-, $H_2PO_4^-$, HSO_4^-, ClO_4^-, NO_3^-, N_3^-, AcO^-, S_2^- and $S_2O_3^-$were prepared by dissolving the appropriate amount of metal chlorides in 100 ml of double distilled water. Working

stock solutions were obtained from these 1.0 x 10^{-3} mol L^{-1}solutions by further dilution with double distilled water/buffer solution.

4.2.4 Estimation of detection and quantitation limits

Limit of Detection (LOD) and Limit of Quantification (LOQ) were calculated[1] based on the stan**L**rd deviation (SD) of the response and the slope(S) of the calibration curve at levels approximating the LOD according to the formula:

$$\mathrm{LOD} = 3.3\ (\mathrm{SD}/S)$$

and LOQ according to the formula:

$$\mathrm{LOQ} = 10\ (\mathrm{SD}/S)$$

4.2.5 Determination of the binding constants of receptors with analytes

The following equation (1) is employed for determination of the receptor-analyte complexation is where R is the receptor; A is the cation/anion/neutral analytes, and C is the complex.

$$\mathrm{R} + \mathrm{nA} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{C} \qquad (1)$$

The binding constant K of the complex was determined by equation (2), assuming the concentration of free analyte was about equal to its total concentration ($[A] \cong [A]_t$), where F_0, F, and F_m were the corrected fluorescence emission intensity/UV-Vis. absorbance of the complex at initial, interval t, and the final state at which the complex was fully formed upon addition of analytes respectively.

$$\frac{\mathrm{F} - \mathrm{F_0}}{\mathrm{F_m} - \mathrm{F}} = \frac{[\mathrm{C}]}{[\mathrm{R}]} = \mathrm{K}[\mathrm{A}]^{\mathrm{n}} \qquad (2)$$

The binding constant K was determined from the plot of the linear regression of $\log[(F-F_0)/(F_m-F)]$ *Vs.* log[M] in equation (3) derived from equation (2) to obtain the intercept as log K and the slope as n.

$$\log \frac{\mathrm{F} - \mathrm{F_0}}{\mathrm{F_m} - \mathrm{F}} = \log \mathrm{K} + \mathrm{n} \log\ [\mathrm{M}] \qquad (3)$$

4.3 Instrumentation

4.3.1 Spectroscopic techniques

- The ^{1}H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker (Avance) 500 MHz NMR instrument using TMS as internal stan**L**rd and $CDCl_3$ and DMSO-d^6 as solvents. Stan**L**rd Bruker software was used throughout.

- The UV-Vis absorption spectra were recorded on a Cary 50 Varian UV-Vis spectrophotometer at room temperature using quartz cells of 1.0 cm optical path length in the range of 300–700 nm.
- The fluorescence spectra were obtained on a Cary Eclipse Fluorescent spectrophotometer in the emission range of 350–700 nm by keeping the slit width 5:5 nm and the excitation wavelength as 335 nm.
- FT-IR spectrum from 4000 to 600 cm^{-1} was recorded by using a Shimadzu IR Affinity FTIR.
- High Resolution mass spectrometer studies were carried out by using a Xevo G2-S Q Tof instrument in the positive mode.

CHAPTER-5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

5.1 Structural Characterisation

The probe **L** was easily synthesized by one step nucleophilic addition reaction between Dansyl chloride and 2-aminobenzohydrazide in the presence of base in DMF medium. The structure of **L** was characterized by using ^{1}H-NMR, ^{13}C-NMR, ATRFT-IR and HRMS Data (**Fig. 5.1-5.4**). In ^{1}H NMR, the sulphonyl attached amide (O=S=O-NH) and carbonyl (C=O-NH) attached amide-NH shows a singlet peak at 10.26 and 9.96 ppm, primary amine peak appears at 6.01 ppm. The aromatic protons and other Naphthyl aromatic peaks were observed between 6 ppm to 8 ppm. In ^{13}C NMR, the carbonyl carbon was observed around 168.74 ppm. All the aromatic carbons appear in the range of 110-150 ppm. Methyl carbons are observed at 46.07 ppm. Finally, the structure of **L** was confirmed by HRMS Data and then applied for the detection of ions.

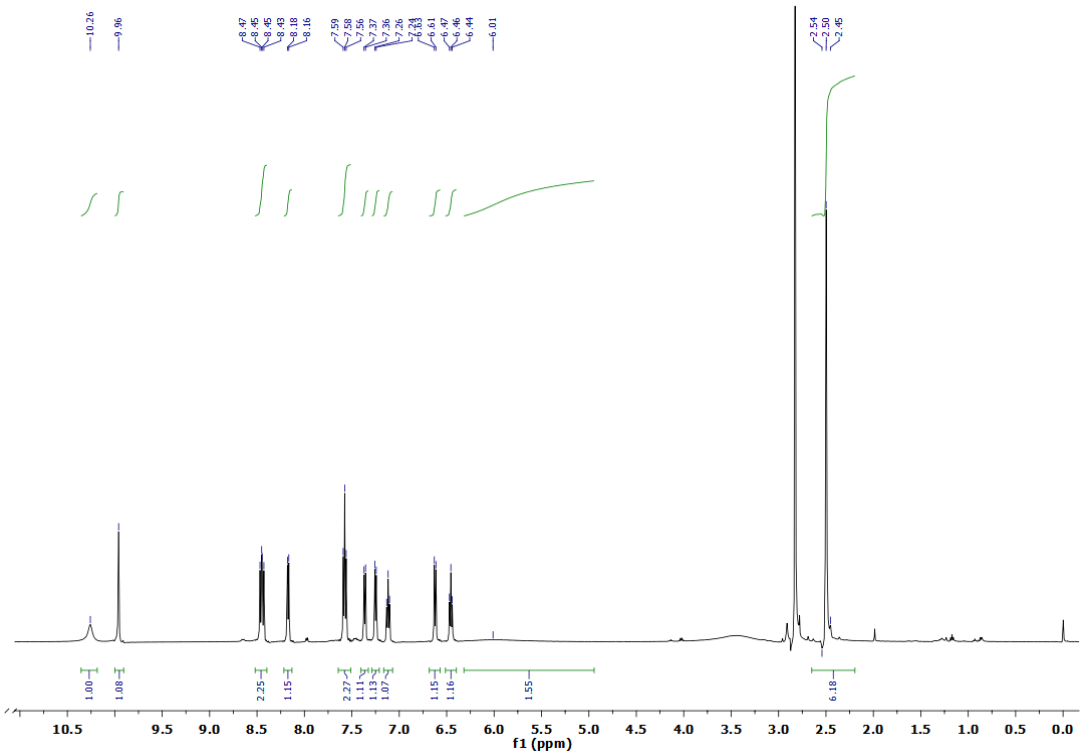


Fig. 5.1. ^{1}H NMR spectrum of **L** in DMSO-d_6.

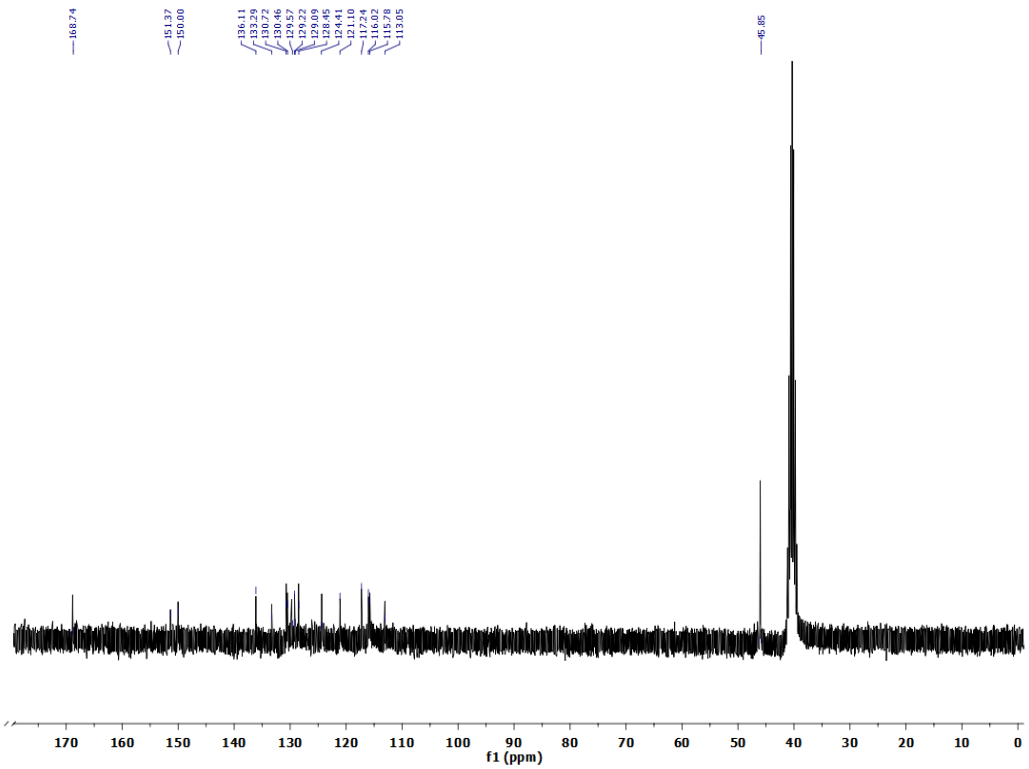


Fig. 5.2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **L** in DMSO-d_6.

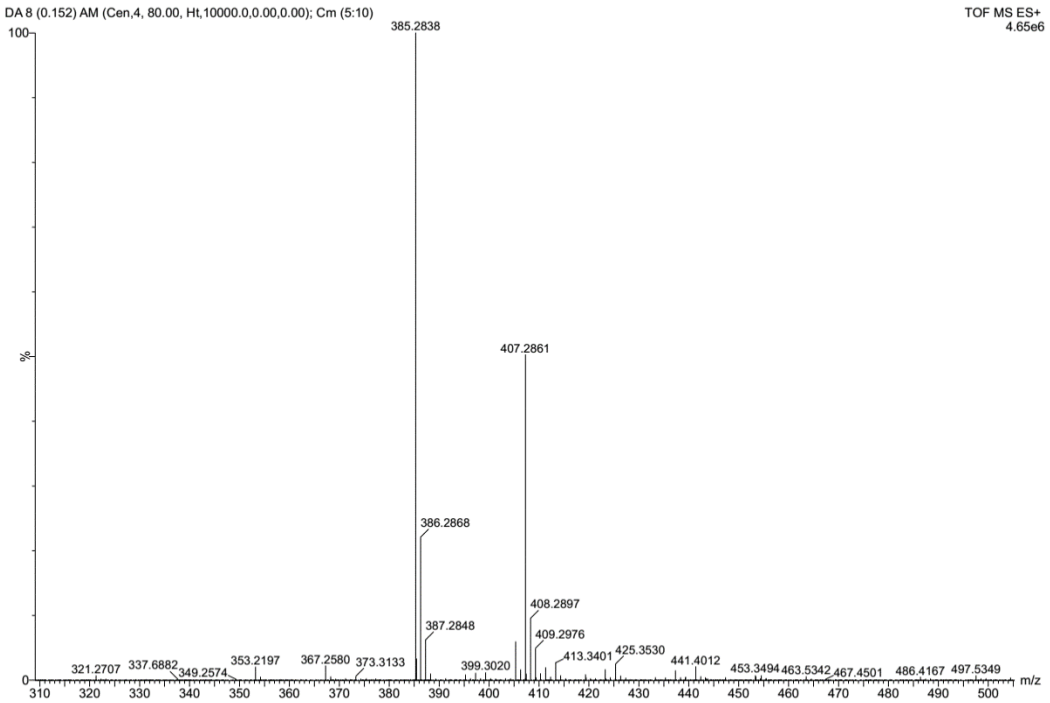


Fig. 5.3. HRMS spectrum of **L**.

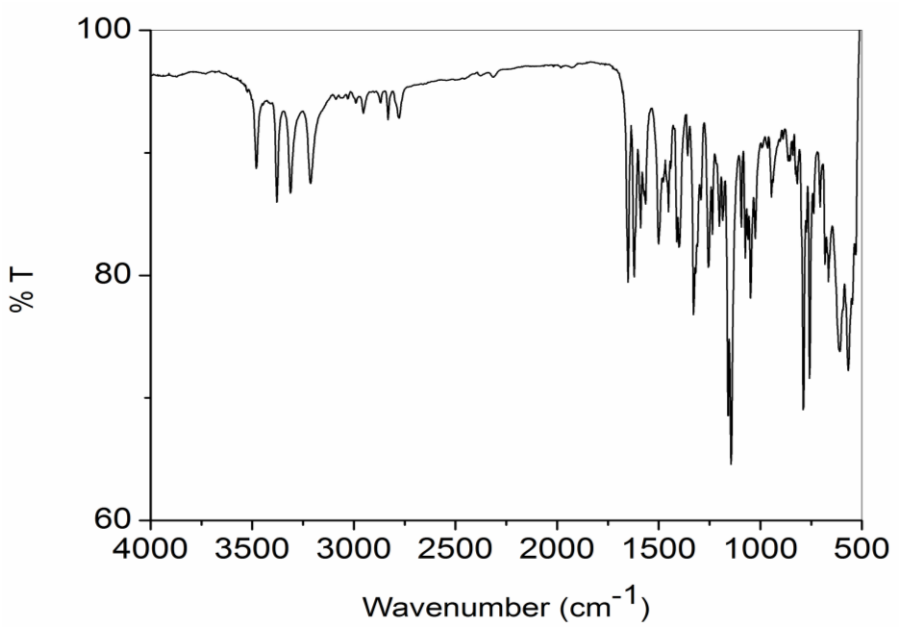


Fig. 5. 4. ATR-FTIR spectrum of **L**.

5.4 Aggregation Studies of L

The synthesized Schiff base **L** is freely soluble in common organic solvents such as DMSO, DMF and THF but insoluble in aqueous medium. For the aggregation studies, DMSO: H_2O mixed medium was chosen where DMSO acts as a good solvent whereas H_2O as a poor solvent. In the DMSO solution of **L**, the water fraction (*f*w) was increased from 0% to 95%, and their fluorescence and absorption spectra were recorded[1,2]. In pure DMSO and DMSO containing *f*w from 10% to 90%, **L** fails to show high fluorescent due to the probe **L** can self-assemble into nonfluorescent nanoaggregates due to the aggregation caused quenching (ACQ) effect and continuous rotation of single bond.

5.5 Fluorescence studies of L with metal ions

The sensor **L** (50 µl, 2.5×10^{-5} M, DMSO: H_2O = 1:1, v/v) shows strong fluorescence band at 483 nm in aqueous DMSO solution when excited at 335nm (**Fig. 5.5**). After the addition of Cu^{2+} (20 µl, 1×10^{-3} M) with **L** it leads to a dramatic change in the fluorescence band as well as the fluorescence color also changed from yellow to blue under UV-lamp. With the addition of Cu^{2+}, the fluorescence band at 483 nm was blue shifted to 474 nm and a new shoulder band at 411 nm was observed with clear isoemissive point at 555 nm. The fluorescence changes of Cu^{2+} was due to the chelation enhanced fluorescence (CHEF) effect and internal charge-

transfer (ICT) mechanism[3,4] between electron donating N-Methyl group and electron withdrawing amide group.

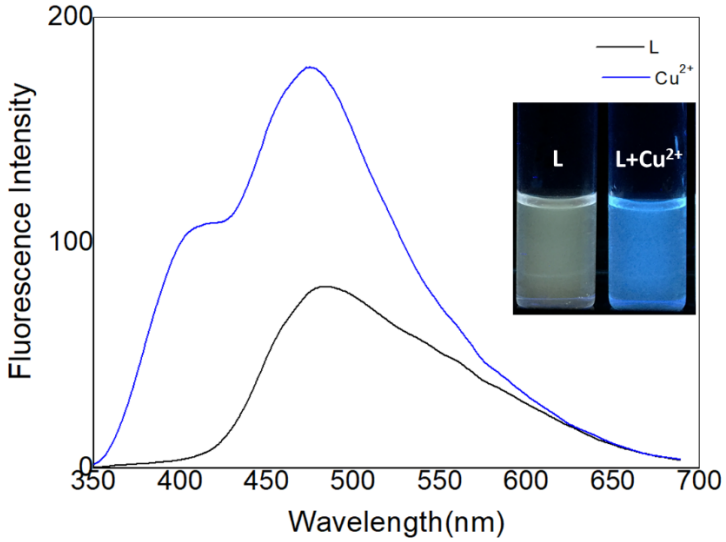


Fig. 5.5. Emission spectrum of **L** in the presence of Cu^{2+} (50µl, 1×10^{-3} M, H_2O) and various metal ions (50µl, 1×10^{-3} M, H_2O).

5.6 Anion Binding Studies - Selectivity

The reversible nature of **L.**Cu^{2+} complex (50 µl, 2.5×10^{-5} M, DMSO: H_2O = 1:1, v/v) was further investigated by monitoring the fluorescence changes with the addition of various anions such as TBA salts of F^-, Cl^-, Br^-, I^-, CN^-, $H_2PO_4^-$, HSO_4^-, ClO_4^-, NO_3^-, N_3^-, AcO^-, S_2^- and $S_2O_3^-$ (30 µl, 1×10^{-3} M, H_2O) in aqueous medium (**Fig. 5.6**). Anion free Cu^{2+} complex shows a major fluorescence band at 411 and 474 nm in aqueous DMSO medium. During the addition of S^{2-} ion, the fluorescence band at 411 nm was again slightly blue shifted to 10 nm and new band was observed at 390 nm. The band at 474 nm was slightly decreased with an isoemissive point at 400 nm which is perceptible by a clear color change from bright blue to green fluorescence under UV-lamp at 365 nm. Selectivity of the receptor was also checked in the presence of other TBA anions. Only S^{2-} ion showed changes in their fluorescence spectrum whereas the addition of other anions did not show any significant changes in the colour and fluorescence spectrum. This result clearly indicates that the probe **L.**Cu^{2+} is a highly selective and irreversible sensor for S^{2-} ion because it is not reverted to probe **L** fluorescence.

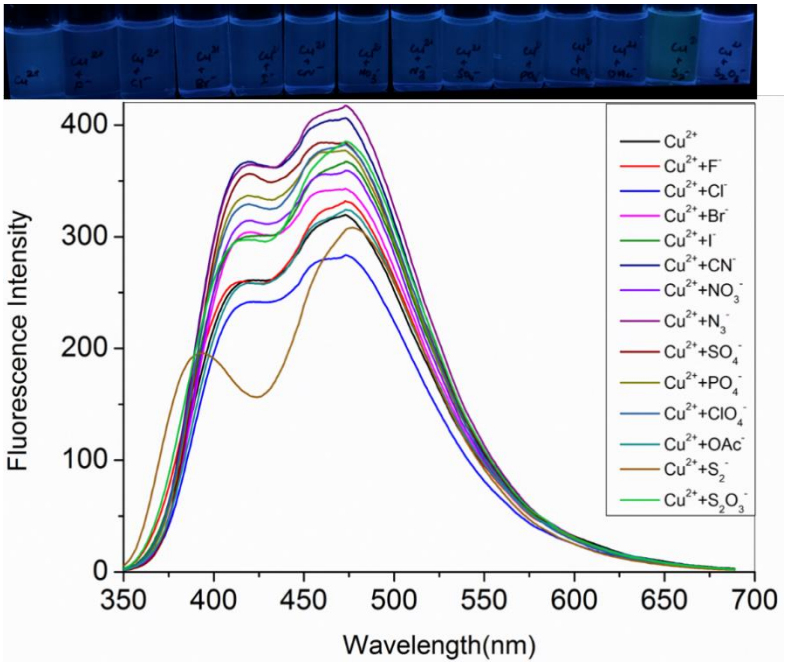


Fig.5.6. Fluorescence spectra of **L.**Cu^{2+} ensemble (50 µl, 2.5×10^{-5} M, DMSO: H_2O = 1:1, v/v) upon addition of sodium sulfide and other TBA anions (30 µl, 1×10^{-3} M, H_2O).

5.7. Fluorescence titration of S^{2-} ion

To study the sensitivity of the complex **L**.Cu^{2+} ensemble with respect to S^{2-} (5µl, 1×10^{-4} M, H_2O) fluorescence continuous titrations were carried out (**Fig. 5.7**). Upon gradual addition of S_2^- ion, the fluorescence band at 411 nm started decreasing and after that a new shoulder band was observed at 390 nm with increasing concentration of S^{2-} ion. The band at 474 nm was slightly increased with the addition of S^{2-} ion and the turn-on emission band at 483 nm was not recovered. The main reason for the changes in the fluorescence corresponds to S^{2-} ion may also forms a stable complex with **L**.Cu^{2+} system (**Fig.5.8)**. The changes in the Fluorescence of simple **L** with S^{2-} ion also studied and it shows minor changes in the spectra.

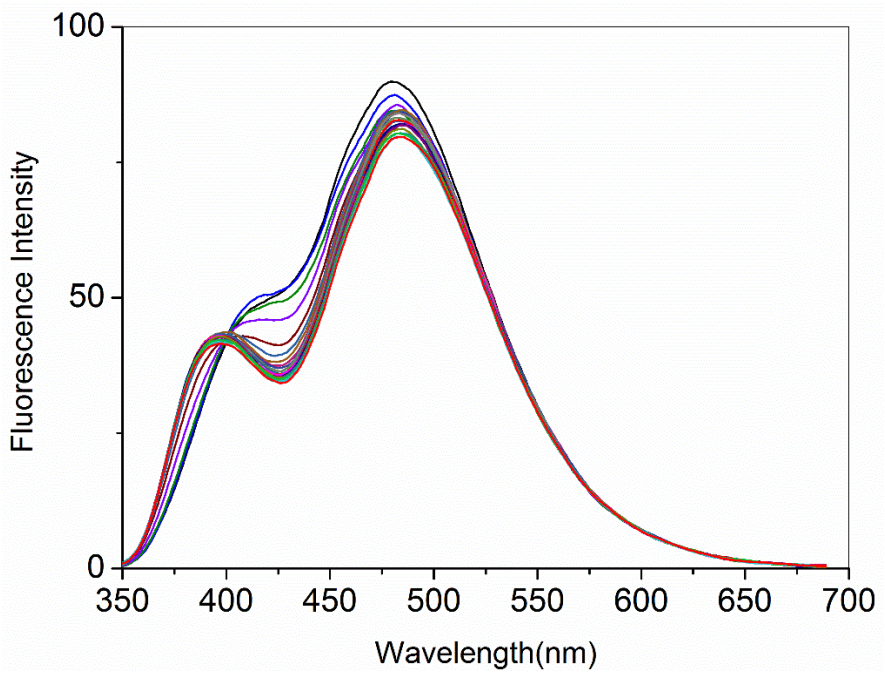


Fig. 5.7 Fluorescence titration spectra of **L.**Cu^{2+} ensemble upon continuous addition of sodium sulfide (5µl, 1×10^{-4} M, H_2O) ion.

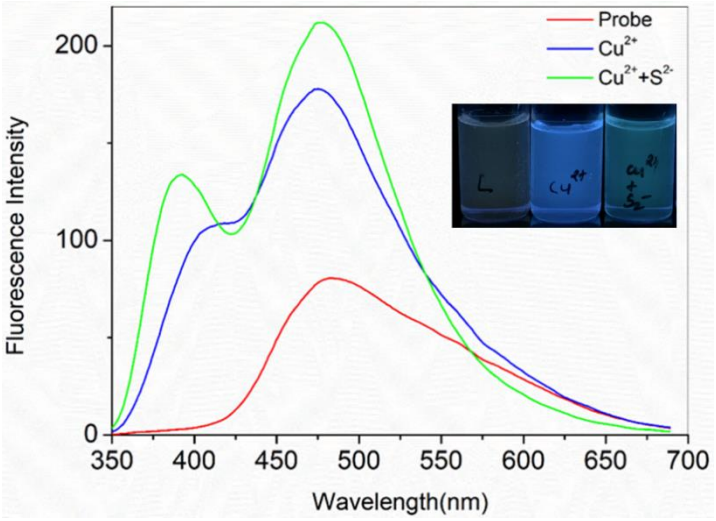


Fig.5.8 Fluorescence spectra of **L** (50 µl, 2.5×10^{-5} M, DMSO:H_2O) and in the presence of Cu^{2+}, and **L**.Cu^{2+} with S^{2-} (30 µl, 1×10^{-3} M, H_2O).

5.8. Fluorescence competition study of S^{2-} ion

In order to check their interference (S^{2-}), equimolar amount of other anions were added to the solution of **L**.Cu^{2+} complex; it was found that Cu^{2+} complex could detect S^{2-} ions even in the presence of other anions (**Fig. 5.9**). All these observation indicate that the **L**.Cu^{2+} complex shows higher and good sensitivity toward S^{2-} over the other competitive anions. The spectral responses of **L** with S^{2-} ion is linearly

proportional to the concentrations of S^{2-} between 2.49×10^{-7} M to 1.23×10^{-6} M and the limit of detection was found to be 1μM which is calculated from 3σ/Slope (**Fig. 5.10**).

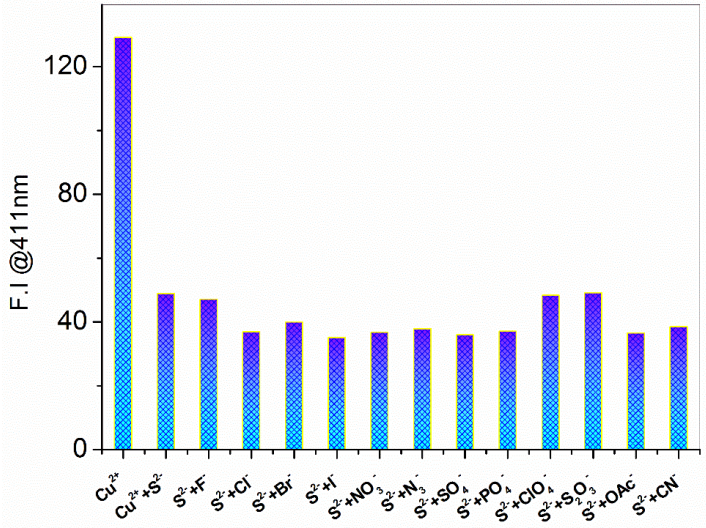


Fig. 5.9. Changes in fluorescence intensity of solution **L.**Cu^{2+} ensemble with S^{2-} and (30 μl, 1×10^{-3} M, H_2O) various anions.

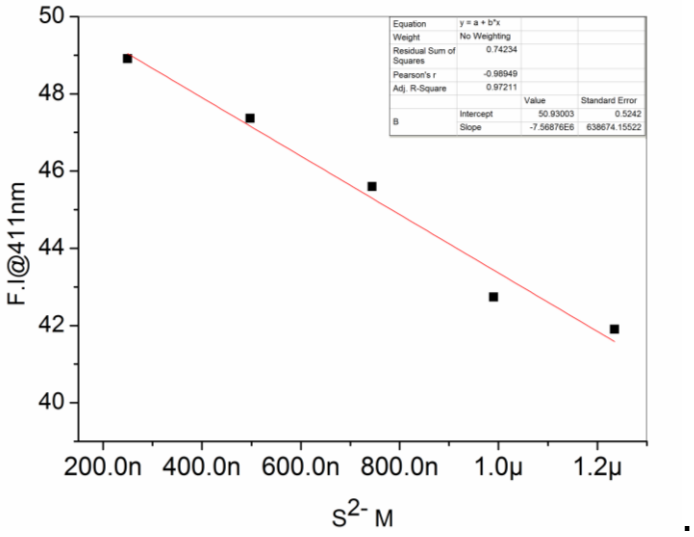


Fig. 5. 10 Calibration curve for calculating detection limit of **L.**Cu^{2+} with S^{2-} ion.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY

A new dansyl-aminobenzohydrazide based sensor **DA** was designed and applied for the fluorescent sensing of metal ions in DMSO: H_2O (1:1, v/v). With high sensitivity, selectivity and specificity, the fluorescence of **DA** at 483 nm was blue shifted and enhanced at 474 nm along with a new shoulder band appeared at 411 nm in the presence of Cu^{2+}. Further, the resultant **DA**-Cu^{2+} complex was applied for the selective sensing of sulphide ion with good detection limit. The selectivity, sensitivity and competitive diagrams confirms the sulphide ion also forms complexation with ensemble system.

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CHAPTER-1

1.INTRODUCTION

ABOUT THE COMPANY

India is well known as the 'Oyster' of the global industry and the largest producer of milk in the entire globe. The cooperatives contribution is high to this total production. In Tamil Nadu, AAVIN is the first cooperative milk society dealing with milk and value-added products of milk. AAVIN union is a government which was founded in the year 1958. Milk is procured from the village level societies twice a day. The milk cost payment is made on the basis of a quality test which consists of Fat and Solid Non-fat content.

1.1. THE PRODUCTION LEVEL OF MILK

The AAVIN Dairy industry produces about 65,000 litres of milk during the Summer period and 80,000 litres of milk during the Winter period. This happens because during the dry summer months there will be a low availability of green fodder for cattle for the fall of milk production.

1.2. DISTRICT UNIONS OF FEDERATIONS

There are about 17 district Co-operative Milk Producers Unions functioning in Tamil Nadu, covering 30 Districts. They are:

- Kancheepuram- Tiruvallur
- Villupuram
- Vellore
- Dharmapuri
- Salem
- Erode
- Coimbatore
- Nilgiris
- Madurai
- Dindigul
- Trichy
- Thanjavur
- Pudukottai
- Sivagangai

- Virudhunagar
- Tirunelveli
- Kanyakumari

1.3. FUNCTIONS OF CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS UNION

01. Establishment of chilling centres.

02. Formation of new milk routes to collect milk produced by the members of the societies.

03. Collection of milk from societies, process, and pack in modern dairy.

04. Supply of Quality of milk.

05. Fixation of procurements and selling milk price of milk.

06. Supply of inputs to the members of the societies.

CHAPTER-2

2.PURPOSE AND SCOPE

2.1 INTERNSHIP PURPOSE AND STUDY:

The purpose of the internship is to obtain extra knowledge about the dairy centre and to know about the function and activities of AAVIN. In this internship, I get to know about the milk and milk-based processing methods of AAVIN situated at Sholinganallur.

I have attained a lot of information which includes production, products, sales, profit, loss etc. In this project, we also took effect to know about, assessing the quality of the milk via various tests and also, I have learned about the waste-water management.

2.2 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

I have started this internship to know about the milk and milk-based processing methods of AAVIN situated at Sholinganallur (Chennai). I have attained a lot of information's which include production, products, sales, profit, loss etc. in this training period, I also took effect to know about

assessing the quality of the milk via various test and also, we have learned about the wastewater management.

2.3 OBJECTIVES

1. To obtain extra knowledge about the dairy centre.

2. To know about the functioning and activities of AAVIN.

3. To know about the financial highlight of the dairy centre.

4. To know about the process of a dairy product in the dairy centre.

5. To know about the waste water management in the dairy centre.

CHAPTER-3

DAIRY PROCESS

3.1 COLLECTION OF MILK

RAW MILK- MILK RECEPTION

The milk is collected from many villages. The milkman gives their milk through dairy form situated on their village. Therefore, both societies and milk givers can earn money with some profits. The collection of milk which is directly got from the milk giver is known as "Raw Milk". The milk can be collected in the morning and evening.

3.2 DAIRY PROCESSING

The milk collected from the chilling centres are brought to the dairy and are kept for assessing the quality. Some of the types of milk viz., standard milk, high fat, high protein milk, are being produced for the requirements of the consumers, the surplus fat is converted into ghee. The high fat and high protein milk are packed in 500ml sachets. In the dairy, milk, ghee, butter, ice-cream flavoured milk, rose milk, butter milk, etc., are being manufactured and marketing.

The overall steps for processing of milk is carried out in five sections. They are

- Storage Section
- Processing Section

- Boiler Section
- Packing section
- Refrigeration

STORAGE SECTION

This tank is used largely at diaries for storing and keeping milk at cool temperature these are insulated storage tanks (silo). Inside the tank welding lines are ground and polished. The silo body material oil stainless steel. The capacity of this silo is 1000000L.

Unloading of tankers is carried out in automated mode with PLC Control. A total of 5.2 lakh litters of milk is received per day on average which comprises mixed milk, Separated skim milk, and concentrated skim milk.



MILK CHILLING

Chilling is not a pasteurization process but it is necessary step when dealing with large volumes of milk. Milk leaves the cow's udder of the temperatures above the ambient, which encourages rapid bacterial multiplication that speeds up spoilage. However, reducing temperature to between 2°C to 5°C arrests bacterial growth and metabolism. This provides a head start at keeping the quality before proper pasteurization commences.

PROCESSING SECTION

STANDARDIZATION STAGE

It is important to standardize milk fat to ensure that you end up with a product of consistent quality in the market. Different consumers prefer different products.

There are customers who will consumes skim milk only while there are those who will take low-fat milk. There are those who will take standardized milk while there are those who prefer high-fat milk.

Standardization is necessary to ensure that all the customers are catered for Again, it is during the process of standardization that you get to separate the butterfat that is used for making cream and other fat-based products such as butter and ghee. This process of cream separation is done in a cream separator.

HOMOGENIZATION

It is the process of breaking fat globules at even size (2p). Homogenization occurs after regeneration -2 at 45°C. Hence the milk is forced through a small passage at high pressure. It has 3 high speed pistons to break the fat molecules. This tank comprises 10,000 Litres capacity.
It has 2 stage:

- Stage 1:1500psi
- Stage 2:500psi

PASTEURIZATION

The process of heading milk to 78°C - 2°C and cooling to below 50° C. Heating of milk to 78°C and holding it for 15 sec kills the harmful bacteria in it. Maintaining at 5°C can improve the self-life of milk and prevent the growth of harmful bacteria. Pasteurization destroys 100% of pathogenic bacteria, yeast and mold and 95% to 99% of other bacteria.

BOILER SECTION

A boiler, often known as a stream generator, is a machine that uses heat to turn water into steam. Depending on the need, different boilers are used to produce different forms of stream, including wet steam, dry steam, and super- heated steam. This, location generates steam that is used for pasteurization among other things.

REFRIGERATION SECTION

The dairy business depends heavily on its refrigeration system. Various refrigeration system types are employed depending on factors like size, application, design, capacity, etc. The compressor, condenser, expansion value, and evaporator are the parts of the refrigeration system vapour our compression refrigeration is the basis of refrigeration. The workforce needed

to transfer heat from a low- temperature body to a high- temperature body is provided by the compressor.

PACKING SECTION

Prepack machine is specially designed for filling 5 litters pouch. Each of the these prepack machine have overhead mini tank with a holding capacity of 40 litres which gravity feeds milk into the pouches via nozzle. Pasteurized milk stored in silos is pumped to prepack overhead tanks each with a capacity of 15000 litres prior to sachet. A plate chiller is installed en-route to maintain the temperature of milk well below 5° C. The quality parameters of pasteurized 37 milk like COB, MBR time, acidity, fat SNF are tested prior to filling in pouches to assure its quality. Samples are acquired every one hour during sachet to keep a check on the keeping quality of milk. Film Per day film usage 8tons. Film thickness - 63 microns for half litre film 110 microns for 5 litre film.

Empty film thickness:

- Mini Sachet (225mL) - 1.9g
- Half-Litre Sachet - 2.7 to 2.9g
- One Litre Sachet - 4.5g
- Five Litre Sachet - 28g



Packing Machines

REFRIGERATION SECTION

Vapour adsorption cooling system is used. The milk is cooled with the help of the refrigeration compressor, where NH_3 is used as strong absorbent by water. A liquid pump is use to increase the pressure of strong solution. Finally the ammonia vapour will be condensed and recycled



3.3 CIP SECTION

Cleaning of dairy equipment and its sanitation are of utmost importance in dairy industry. Cleaning-in-place (CIP) involves circulation or recirculation of appropriate water rinses and chemical cleaning and sanitizing solutions through plants and equipment which is maintained in the assembled state, such that all contaminated contact surfaces cleaned to acceptably high and consistently reproducible standards. It involves usage of hotter, stronger and more soil aggressive chemical solution than manual cleaning. Filters and similar equipment should be taken out during CIP cleaning to prevent their damage.

As the operation of CIP cleaning is inherently hazardous and not without danger and leaking and causing harm to men and material, its operation is automated in most of dairy industry including Sholinganallur dairy.

Cleaning Media

Media	Strength	Temperature	Time
Lye	**0.8%-1%**	**70°-75°C**	**15 minutes**
Acid	**0.3%-0.5%**	**65°-70°C**	**15 minutes**
Hot Water	**-**	**80°-85°c**	**15 minutes**

3.4 TYPES OF AAVIN MILK

There are 5 variants of milk available in AAVIN. They are

NAME OF MILK	FAT%	SNF%
Pasteurized Full Cream Milk (FCM)	6.0%	9.0%
Pasteurized Standardized Milk (SM)	4.5%	8.5%
Pasteurized Delite Milk or Cow Milk (DM)	3.0%	8.5%
Pasteurized Toned Milk (TM)	3.0%	8.5%
Pasteurized Double Toned Milk (DTM)	1.5%	9.0%



CHAPTER 4

QUALITY CONTROL LAB

4.1 TESTS IN INVOLVED IN CHECKING QUALITY OF MILK

There are different kinds of tests involved in checking the quality of milk

A. Organoleptic Test
B. Lactometer Test
C. Testing Adulterants of Milk
D. Fat Test
    1. Gerber Method
    2. Methylene blue Dye Reduction Test

A. ORGANOLEPTIC TEST

The appearance of the surface of the milk and the lid is observed and inspected right away after disposing of the lid of the incoming milk can. Any strange coloration of the milk, seen dirt and particles, changes in viscosity etc. are determined. Any strange odour, if noticed by way of inhalation of air status above the milk inside the upper part of the milk can also determined.

B. LACTOMETER TEST

If the milk appears to be too thin and watery and its colour is "blue thin" it is suspected that milk contains added water. Lactometer test serves as a quick method for determination of adulteration of milk by adding water. The lactometer test is based on the fact that the specific gravity of the whole milk, skim milk and water differ from each other.



LACTOMETER

C. TESTING ADULTERANTS IN MILK

Urea test, ammonia test, sugar test, glucose test, salt test, neutralizers test, hydrogen peroxide test, formalin test, nitrate test, starch test. These tests are carried out in the Milkoscreen apparatus.

Milkoscreen analyses the product using FT-IR technology, using absorption at different wavelengths in the infrared spectrum to detect the presence of specific parameters in the milk including fat, SNF and protein.

i) Detection of Sugar/ Sucrose

Place 3ml of sample milk in a test tube. Add 2ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid and a after that 0.1g of resorcinol. If sugar is present in the milk it turns to red colour.

ii) Detection of Salt

Place 5ml of silver nitrate reagent in a test tube. Add 2-3 drops of potassium

dichromate reagent to this. Further add 1ml of milk to this test tube and shake to mix thoroughly

- If the contents of the test tube turn yellow it means the milk contains salt.
- If the colour of the mixture changes to chocolate or reddish brown it means there is no salt present in the milk.

iii) Detection of Neutralizers

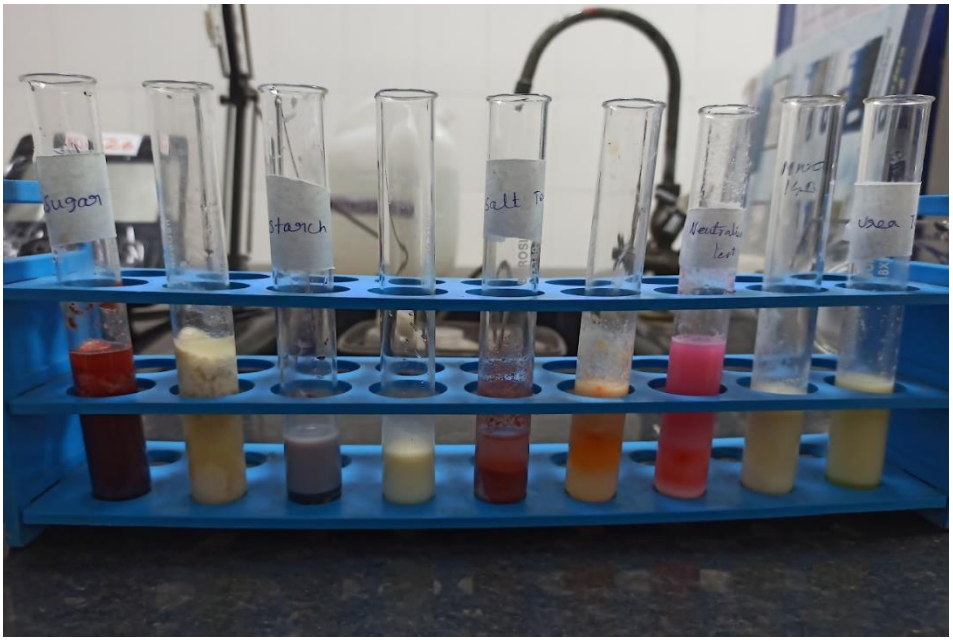
Take 3ml of sample in a test tube and add 5ml of rectified spirit to it, now add 4 drops of rosolic acid solution. Sodium bicarbonate will be present if the colour of the milk changes to red/rosy.

iv) Detection of Formalin

Take about 5ml of milk in a test tube and add equal volume of ferric chloride solution. Keep the test tube in water bath for 3 - 4 minutes and observe the colour.

v) Detection of Starch

Take 5ml of sample milk and add 2ml of iodine solution, if the sample changes into violet/blue colour indicates the presence of starch in the milk.



D. FAT TEST

i) Gerber method

The Gerber method is a primary and historic chemical test to determine the fat content of the substance, most commonly milk and cream. It was developed and patented by Dr. Niklaus Gerber of Switzerland in 1891. The Gerber method is the primary testing method in Europe and much of the world. But, the US is following the Babcock test primarily similar to the Gerber method.

Procedure:

- For performing this test, we should take 10ml of 90% Sulphuric acid and 10.75 ml of milk sample that may be raw milk or packed milk
- Then add 1 ml of amyl alcohol and shake it up and down.
- Centrifuge it by setting 1300 rpm.
- The appearance of the golden yellow proofs that the fat content is separated.



BUTRYOMETER

ii) Methylene Blue Dye Reduction Test

Methylene blue dye reduction test, is commonly known as the MBRT test is used as the quick method to assess the microbiological quality of raw and pasteurized milk. This test is based on the fact that the blue colour of the dye solution to be added to the milk get decolourised when the oxygen present in the milk get exhausted due to microbial activity. The sooner the decolourization, more inferior is the bacteriological quality of milk assumed to be. This test is widely used at the dairy reception dock, processing units and milk chilling centres where it is followed as acceptance/rejection criteria for the raw and processed milk. The test has to be done under sterile conditions. Take 10ml milk sample in a sterile MBRT test tube. Add 1ml MBRT dye solution (dye concentration 0.005%). Stopper the test tubes with a sterilized rubber stopper and carefully place them in a test tube stand dipped in a serological water bath maintained at 37 pm 1°C. Record this time at the beginning of the incubation period. Decolourization is considered complete when only a faint blue ring (about 5mm) persists at the top.

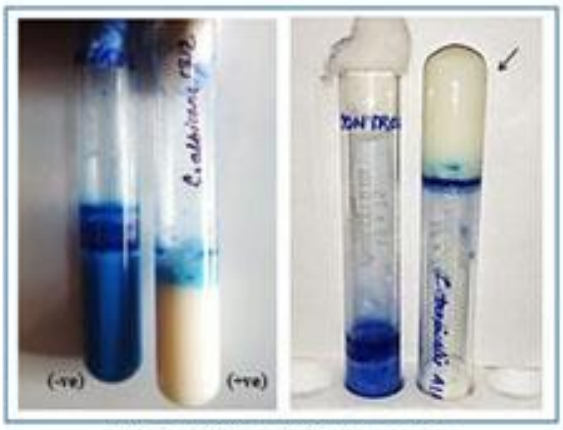


Fig. 2: MBRT and Clot Formation

COLOUR CHANGES OF MILK IN MBRT

Standard for Raw Milk

S.NO	MBR TIME IN HOURS	MILK QUALITY
01.	5 HOURS AND ABOVE	VERY GOOD
02.	3-4 HOURS	GOOD
03.	1-2 HOURS	FAIR
04.	½ AND BELOW HOURS	POOR
05.	LESS THAN 10 MINUTES	NOT ACCEPTED

4.2 ACIDITY IN MILK

Determination of acidity in milk

As a routine method the total titratable acidity is determined by using the titration method where the milk sample is titrated against standard alkali to the phenolphthalein end point. This corresponds to the pH 8.3 or 8.4. and at this end point the colour of the phenolphthalein would change from colourless in the acidic medium to pink in the alkaline medium.

Procedure

- The burette is filled with 0.1 N NaOH and 10 ml of milk sample is taken in the conical flask.
- Two drops of phenolphthalein are added to the sample as an indicator.
- The sample is titrated against NaOH until pale permanent pink colour appears.
- The process to repeated for 2-3 times to get concordant values.

"Acidity of more than 0.18% lactic acid would result in the curdling during heat processing".



ACIDITY IN MILK

4.3 Determination of FFA (Free Fatty Acids)

Procedure

- Weigh 10g of butter and melt it in a burner until it comes to a slight ghee stage
- In a conical flask, take 25ml of Ethanol and add few drops of phenolphthalein indicator to it
- Have a test titration against 0.1N NaOH with few drops of NaOH to check whether ethanol is neutralized
- Then add 5.6ml of melted butter sample to ethanol and add 2 drops of phenolphthalein and titrate against 0.1N NaOH
- Appearance of pink colour is the end point to be noted.

4.4 Hardness in water

Hardness in water is due to the presence of dissolved salts of calcium and magnesium. It is unfit for drinking, bathing, washing and it also forms scales in boilers. Hence it is necessary to estimate the amount of hardness producing substances present in the water sample.

As water plays a major role in dairy industry, hardness of water will check every 6 hours of softening process. Samples like raw water, RO water, sump water, boiler water will be taken for analysis.

Procedure

- The burette is filled with standard EDTA solution to the zero level.
- Take 50ml sample water in flask. If sample having high Calcium content then take smaller volume and dilute to 50ml.
- Add 1ml Ammonia buffer followed by 5 to 6 drops of Erichrome black - T indicator. The solution turns into wine red colour.
- Note the initial reading then titrate the content against EDTA solution.
- At the end point colour change from wine red to blue colour.
- Note the final reading and record it. Repeat the process till we get concordant value.



HARDNESS OF WATER BY EDTA METHOD

Other Parameters of water

It is also necessary to calculate the other parameters of water like pH, TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) etc.,

pH is calculated using both pH paper and pH meter, and TDS is calculated using conductivity meter.

4.5 INSTRUMENTAL METHODS FOR ANALYZING QUALITY OF MILK

There are two instruments that can be used to determine the quality of milk instead of doing it in a manual method. It has time consumption and also avoid several errors.

I. MilkoScreen
II. Lactoscope

1) MILKOSCREEN

Analyses the product using FT-Infrared technology, assessing milk constituents, using absorption at different wavelengths in the infrared spectrum to detect the presence of specific parameters in milk like Fat, SNF and Protein.

Accuracy and repeatability of results are comparable with the chemical methods, but with MilkoScreen, it takes far less time than conventional chemical methods. Results from MilkoScreen are accurate, direct and not calculated, unlike some contemporary techniques.



MILKOSCREEN

2) LACTOSCOPE

The LactoScope is our most versatile mid-infrared analyser capable of testing a wide range of dairy product: milks, creams, whey, concentrates, ice-creams and yoghurt mixes. The latest hardware innovations allow to easily test the most challenging dairy products, such as creams with up to 55% fat and other viscous products. With a typical accuracy under 1% CV, a measuring time of 30 seconds, low cost of ownership and minimal downtime, this instrument is the preferred choice of the large processors and dairy laboratories. It tests raw and processed milk, cream and whey for fat, protein, lactose, solids and solids non-fat. It screens raw milk for abnormal content and can detect adulterants such as urea, ammonium sulphate, maltodextrin, sucrose and water.



LACTOSCOPE

MOISTURE ANALYSER

Moisture analysers sometimes called “Moisture Balances”, are used to measure the moisture content in various types of samples including solids, liquids, and gases.

Moisture analysers are utilised in different industries for many different purposes. They can be used in the food industry to control the moisture. Excess amount of moisture in food may lead to staleness or bacterial growth. Furthermore, there are many food items which are sold by their weight; thus, it is important to make sure customers aren’t overpaying for water weight. On the other hand, too little moisture can reduce the calorie count or make the food dry. Moisture is an important factor affecting the consistency, taste, shelf appearance and many other factors in food.

Moisture Analyser is used to find the moisture content in butter and milk powder in dairy industries.



CHAPTER 5

5.1 UHT PLANT

UHT stands for “Ultra High Temperature Processing,” which is just another way of heating milk to kill bacterial spores. In the pasteurization process, the milk is heated to 72°C (161.6°F) for at least 15 minutes, whereas the UHT process heats the milk at 135°C (275°F) for one to two seconds. This flash of extreme heat is said to kill off any spores in the milk. After the milk is heated to a temperature of 140 C, the milk is passed through the holding tube for 2 seconds. The milk is immediately cooled by 2°C to prevent any off- flavour development. The milk passes through the DTHE to gradually get cooled to 30°C.

The process then enters the packaging section which is maintained under aseptic conditions. The 92-micron 9-layered pouches are rinsed with Hydrogen

Peroxide solution to maintain sterility. Excess H_2O_2 is removed by rubber strips present inside the machine. The processed milk would be packed in tetra packs of 200mL, 500mL, and one litre. The packaged milk is tested for its properties. UHT milk tastes different than its pasteurized milk, it tastes like it comes from a box and it tastes burnt. The processed milk has a shelf life of **90 days** and the **packets need not be preserved in refrigerators.**





UHT MILK PACKET **UHT PLANT IN AAVIN**

5.2 EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT

An Effluent Treatment plant is a unit plant where using multiple methods wastewater is treated for its reuse or safe disposal to the environment. This process reduces the demand of fresh water while keeping environment clean.

There are majorly three stages of wastewater treatment i.e., primary (Separate sludge from liquid), secondary (Reduce biological population) and tertiary water treatment (to reduce harmful Chemicals). There are also substages in these processes such as bar screening, Aeration, Clarification, Chlorination, Water analysis, water testing and water disposal.

List of general chemicals used in ETP:

- For pH neutralization: Acids (HCl) and base (NaOH).

- Coagulant / Settling Aids: Aluminium Sulphate, Ferric Aluminium Sulphate, Ferric Sulphate, Ferric Chloride, these may be independent or in combination with Poly Electrolytes (Polymers).
- Nutrients: Urea, Di-ammonium Phosphate.
- Disinfectant: Chlorine, Bleaching Powder (Sodium Hypo-chlorite).

Tests done in ETP:

- ❖ Chemical oxygen demand (COD)
- ❖ Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)
- ❖ Mixed liquid suspended solids (MLSS)
- ❖ Total suspended solids (TSS)
- ❖ Total dissolved solids (DTS)
- ❖ Oil and grease PH Dissolved oxygen (DO)
- ❖ Volatile fatty acid (VFA) Chlorine Sulphuric

Preliminary Treatment: Its objective is physical separation of large sized contaminants. For example, cloth, paper, plastics, wood logs etc. This level/process include:

Screening: This is the first unit operation that occurs in waste water treatment plants. A screen is a device with uniform openings and its purpose is to remove large floating solids.

Sedimentation: It is a physical water treatment process using gravity to remove suspended solids from water.

Grit Chamber: The wastewater that moves into the grit chamber removes the dense inorganic solids such as gravel, metal fragments and sand which have made their way into the sewers. Removal of grit can prevent damaging of pumps & operational difficulties.

Clarifiers: These are tanks built with mechanical means for continuous removal of solids being deposited by sedimentation before biological treatment.

Primary Treatment: Its aim is removal of floating and settleable materials such as suspended solids and organic matter. In this treatment both physical and chemical methods are used. It includes:

Flocculation: Flocculation is a physical process and does not involve the neutralization of charge. It involves the addition of destabilized particles

together into large aggregates so that they can be easily separated from the water.

Coagulation: is a process in which coagulants are added for the purpose of rapid settlement of minute solid particles in a liquid into larger mass. It permits particle removal by sedimentation and for filtration.

Neutralization: The main purpose of this process helps in maintaining the pH range of 6-9 to meet the requirements of different processing units in ETP system.

Primary Clarifiers: These are used to slow the velocity of the water to a point where organic solids will settle to the bottom of the tank and it contain an equipment that is used to remove floating solids and greases from the surface.

Secondary or Biological Treatment: The objective of this treatment is the further treatment of the effluent from primary treatment to remove the suspended solids and residual organics. In this step biological and chemical processes are involved.

Activated Sludge Process: This is used for treating industrial waste water using air and a biological floc composed of bacteria.

Aerated Lagoons: Is a treatment pond provided with artificial aeration to promote he biological oxidation of waste water.

Trickling Filters: Trickling filters, also known as sprinkling filters, are commonly used for the biological treatment of domestic sewage and industrial waste water.

Rotating Biological Contactor: It involves allowing the wastewater to come in contact with a biological medium in order to remove pollutants in the wastewater before discharge of the treated wastewater to the environment.

Tertiary/advanced/disinfection treatment: The purpose of tertiary treatment is to provide a final treatment stage to raise the effluent quality to the desired level before it is reused, recycled or discharged to the environment.

Chemical Coagulation and sedimentation: It is used to increase the removal of solids from effluent after primary and secondary treatment.

Filtration: The clarified wastewater is first passed through the adjacent filtration plant which contains large filter blocks to ensure high quality water.

Reverse Osmosis: In this process, pressure is used to force effluent through a

membrane that retains contaminants on one side and allows the clean water to pass to the other side.

UV Disinfection: It is considered as an ideal disinfectant for industrial waste water. It leaves no residual disinfectant in the water by ensuring the water quality. It does not produce any disinfection by-products.

The outlet wastewater

The water which is expelled from the industry is considered as non-toxic and purified from harmful bacteria. The water from the outlet is used up for the various purposes like washing or even as helpful for studying the basic parameter. The pollution control board officers will come there for the analysis of the inlet and outlet water sample. This is how wastewater is recycled and managed.

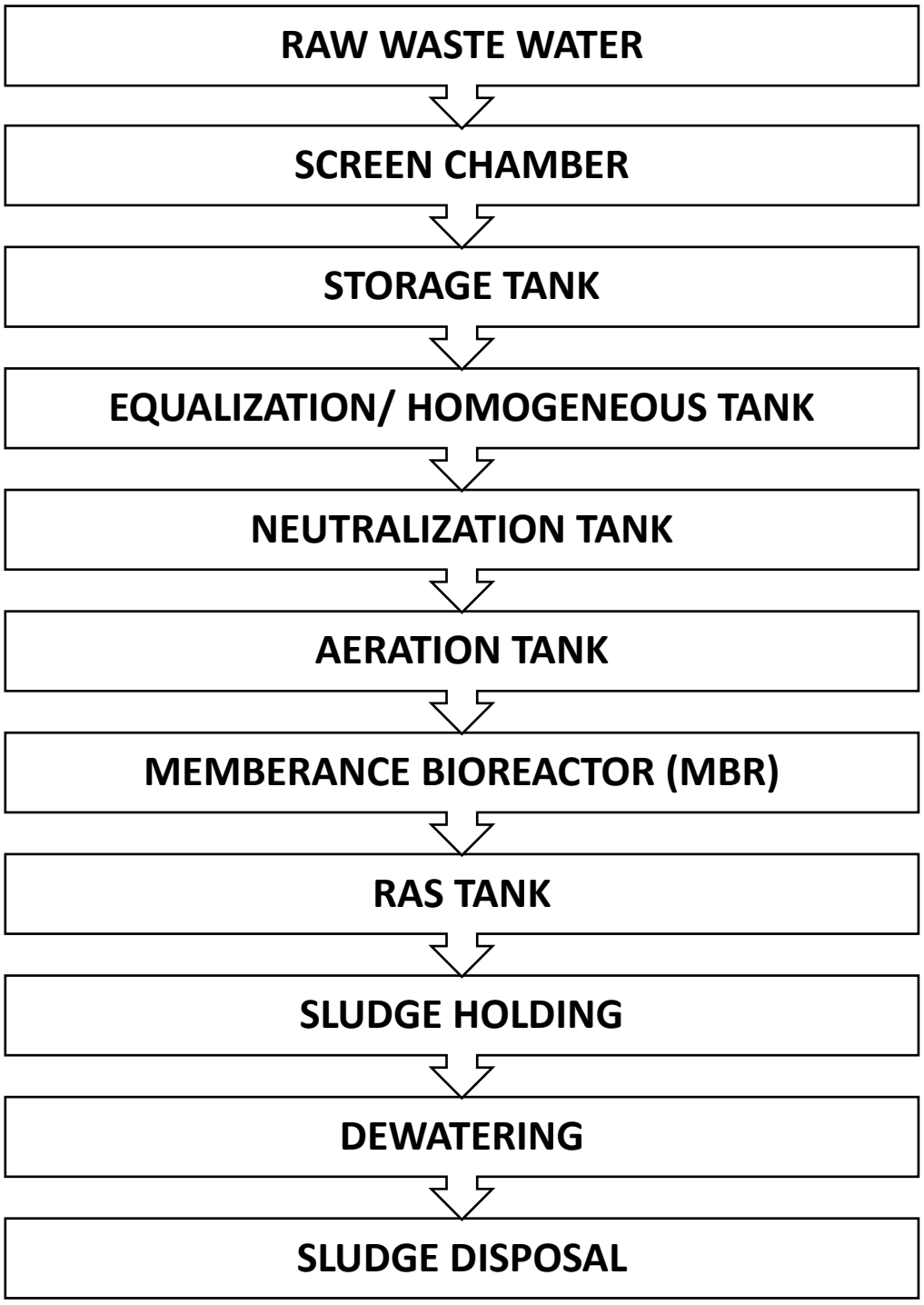
In AAVIN recycled water has been used for Tub wash, Gardening, and study about water parameters.

The space requirement for ETP

This space requirement to treat the wastewater from milk processing up to 65000 litres per day in a dairy plant.

- Equalization tank- 4m x * 3m * 1.3m
- Primary setting tank- 4m x 4m 7 * 2.7
- Secondary setting tank- 1.6m x 1.6m x 2.5m
- Aeration tank- 5.7m x 5.7m x 4m
- Anaerobic tank- 4m x 4m x 4.4m
- Sludge drying beds (4)- 3m x 2m x 2m

FLOW CHART FOR EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT (ETP)





AERATION TANK



RAS TANK



EQUALIZATION TANK

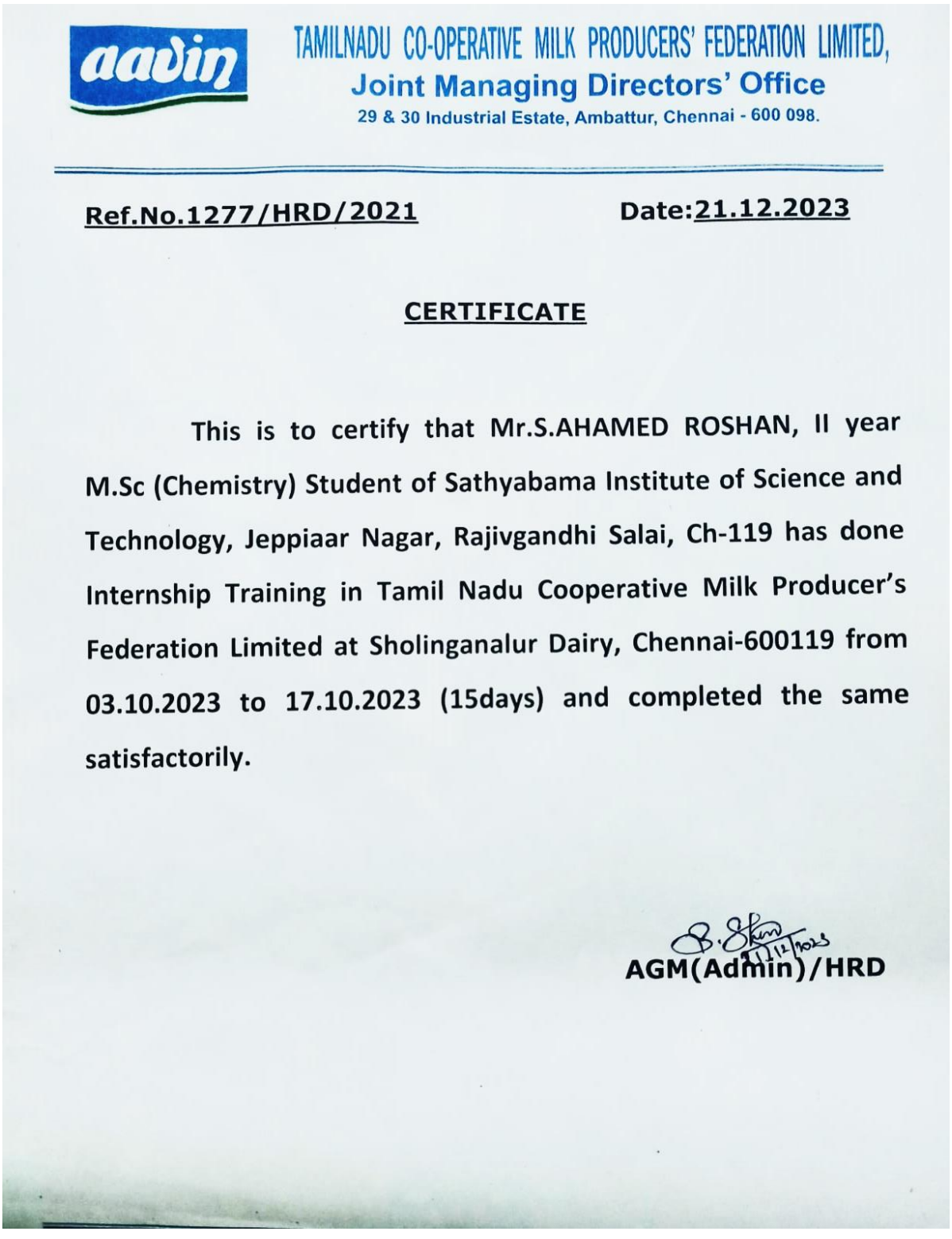


SLUDGE DISPOSAL

CONCLUSION

On the whole, this internship was a useful experience. I have gained new knowledge, skills and met many new people. I achieved several of my learning goals and got insight into professional practices currently advocated in the industry. Related to our study I learned more about the manufacturing of milk.

Furthermore, I have experienced that it is of importance that education is objective and we have to be aware of the industrial aspect of the topics I study. This internship program was not one sided, but it was a way of sharing knowledge, ideas and opinions. The internship was also good to find out what our strengths and weakness are. This helped us to define what skills and knowledge we have to improve in the coming time. I can confidently assert that the knowledge gained through this internship is sufficient to contribute towards our future endeavours. At last, this internship has given us new insights and motivation to pursue a career in core Dairy technology**.**



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1.ABOUT THE COMPANY

- Brake India is one of the largest Brake Manufacturer in India and has three main divisions these are Brake division, Foundry division and Polymer division. With over 50 years of history and rich experience behind it, Brakes India Private Limited as part of the six-billion-dollar TVS group is getting future ready for the opportunities ahead. Established in 1962, Brakes India Private Limited has grown to become the largest Brake manufacturer in India today. Headquartered in Chennai, Brakes India Private Limited has three main divisions; Brake division, Foundry division and Polymer division.

PRODUCTION OF AUTOMOBILE

- Over 25 new components in the air-brake system have been developed over the course of the past few years, and we are going into mass production with large original equipment manufacturers of well-known brands in the next few months, from our wheels and brakes that we typically manufacture, we have gone into the entire pneumatic or air braking system. So, there are a lot of components that we have showcased recently.
- Regarding exports, he said that they already have export contracts in Southeast Asia, while business development activities are going on across North America, Europe and Southeast Asia. The company is exploring the market across Southeast Asia, Europe and North America.

- There is a positive energy in the company right now that is driving our development over the next 5 years. This is also supported by the significant recovery in the automotive market across all segments combined with our growing export order book.

DIVISION OF COMPANY

- The Brake Division manufacturing sites are located at Chennai, Sholinganallur, Nanjing in Karnataka, Gurgaon in Haryana, Sanand & Jagatai in Gujarat, Waki in Maharashtra, Jamshedpur in Jharkhand and Sitar Ganj in Uttarakhand.

FUNCTIONS OF AUTOMOBILE & PRODUCERS UNIT

- Establishment of tyres and brakes into finished products.
- Electroplating the brakes and the equipment's.
- Collection of the products assembled.
- Supply of products.

2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of the internship is to obtain extra knowledge about the automobile and to know about the function and activities of instruments in this internship, I get to know about the automobile and the lab activity's-based processing methods of industry situated at Padi from 13/09/2023 to 30/09/2023 for 15 days.

I have attained a lot of information which includes production, products, sales, profit, loss etc in the company. In this project, we also took effect to know about, assessing the quality of the instruments via various tests and also learnt about the manufacturing of goods into final products.

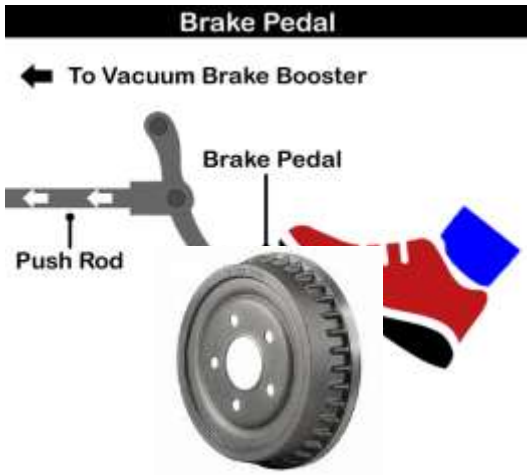
OBJECTIVE

1. To obtain extra knowledge about the work progression in the industry-based company.
2. To know about the functioning and activities of instruments.
3. To know about the financial highlight of the company.
4. To know about the process of a manufacturing in the industry.

3. PREPARATION & MANUFACTURING OF BRAKES



- The first process is from a blank steel sheet where they cut the sheets into circular shape and then comes Blanking, Dragging, Grewing, Filling, Piercing and then checking up the goods into finest product. From all these processes each one of the steels is cut down and made up into a circular hole with sharp edges which is being surrounded by the steel sheets.
- These sheets are being coated with the iron, painted and polished under the rust-free chemicals and manufactured.



- The upcoming process helps us to know on which basis the setup is being constructed and also the mechanism - Input rod crimping, Key assembly, Diaphragm plate crimping, Shear riveting, Stroking, Server crimping.

the systematic mechanism and the chemicals used behind the drum break. Asbestos is the chemical used to line up the rear shell and the drum break by the

processes of Greasing, Sagging, Performance testing, Drum fouling, Final viewing. As we all know that Asbestos is used in a wide range of manufactured goods, mostly in building material, ceiling and floor tiles, paper products, mainly in automobile clutch, brake, transmission parts etc.

4. INSTRUMENTATION

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LABROTARY-

It was a great pleasure and a generous experience to know and to learn about the instruments which were kept under the laboratory. The first instrument was

1. METTER BALANCE WITH THE SPECIFIC GRAVITY

PRINCIPLE:

It is an electronic balance density set up, to weigh weight in air and weight in wate. the setup is made with a plastic as a sample which is immersed in IPA (iso propyl alcohol)

CALCULATION:

For the calculation we 1st weigh in air (W1) and then weigh in solvent(W2) and calculate its weight difference. Now the specific gravity = weight of plastic in air(W1) / weight difference which is multiplied by density of the solvent used (IPA = 0.786).



METTER BALANCE TO CALCULATE THE SPECIFIC GRAVITY



2. MELTING RANGE APPARATUS

PRINCIPLE

To find out the Melting point of the Polymer.

- The plastic is made into a small particle and put in glass slide.
- This setup is made inside the apparatus.
- Melting point is being observed.



MELTING RANGE APPARRATUS



3. LE CO APPARATUS

PRINCIPLE: CARBON CASTE IN IRON AND STEEL

- Carbon and Sulphur present in the sample are oxidised to carbon dioxide (CO2) and sulphur dioxide (SO2) and swept by the oxygen carrier through a drying reagent and then through the non-dispersive Infrared NDIR cell, where sulphur is detected as SO2.
- Here the known value of carbon is given as 0.809±0.010
- The standard sample in kept in the crucible and heated while we get the infrared peaks. Broad peak for sulphur is obtained as 0.0936 and carbon is obtained as 0.804 which is Narrowed.
- The main purpose is to estimate the carbon content present in the sample.



LE CO APPARATUS

4. NEUTRAL SALT SPRAY CHAMBER

- This is used to check the life of a material & to qualify it as corrosion-free material. It contains salt water, 5% of NaCl, we take 5kg of NaCl and dissolve it in 100 liters of water. While this water contains many other gases like Oxygen, Carbon. Thus, it becomes lesser ph. So as to remove these gases we 1st take the ph. as 6-6.5

- This process is called as before atomization. After that the ph. increases to 6.5-7 which is said to be After atomization period.
- Here the temperature and pressure are maintained as constant. Cabinet temperature is 35±2℃. The whole chamber's temperature ranges 47±2℃. The pressure is kept as 14-16psi.

PRINCIPLE:

- Water is being formed as fog & sprayed in the materials. Fog collection is from 1-2mil. Sample kept in the chamber are mostly METALS or PAINTS. Inside the chamber there will be temperature, humidity sensor, & nozzles The position of the sample is kept in the angles of 15-30℃
- To create the fog, we keep the pressure in 14psi with temperature as 47 degrees as the tower temperature.
- To create the for we keep the pressure in 14psi with temperature as 47 degrees as the tower temperature.
- After the duration of Rusting the metal Zinc on oxidation forms Zano which is WHITE DUST forms as the 1st layer.

- Then, when the duration becomes longer it forms Iron rust which on oxidation forms Ferrous RED DUST which are usually seen in the iron metals or iron rods etc.



NEUTRAL SALT SPRAY CHAMBER



5. HUMIDITY CHAMBER

- This is used to check the life of a material & to qualify it as corrosion free material with which we can change the climatic condition inside the chamber.

- A humidity chamber creates controlled levels of humidity and temperature to simulate specific environmental conditions for testing or storing materials, products.

- It typically combines a heating and cooling system with a humidifier to achieve desired conditions, allowing researchers and manufacturers to assess how items react to various humidity and temperature levels.

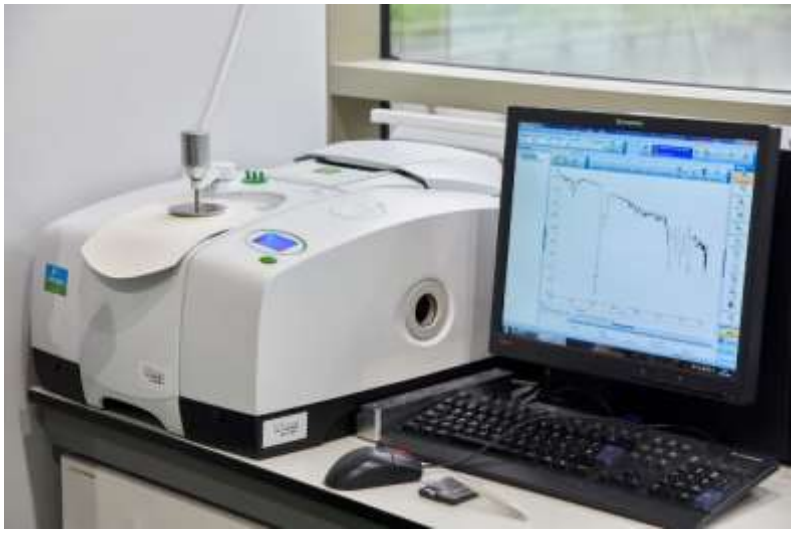


HUMIDITY CHAMBER

6. FTIR (Fourier-Transform Infrared Spectroscopy)

PRINCIPLE:

- FTIR SPECTROSCOPY works on the principle of measuring the absorption of infrared light by molecules and then converting the resulting interferogram into an infrared spectrum, which can be used for qualitative and quantitative analysis of chemical compounds. This technique is valuable in various fields, including chemistry, pharmaceuticals, polymer science, and environmental analysis.
- Material identification by FTIR. It works by passing infrared light through a sample, measuring how much is absorbed at specific frequencies, and using this data to create an infrared spectrum that reveals information about the sample's chemical composition its functional group and molecular structure.



FTIR SPECTROSCOPY

7. MUFFEL FURNANCE



PRINCIPLE:

- A muffle furnace is a heating device used in labs and industries. It consists of a chamber with a heating element that can reach high temperatures. Samples are placed in a separate compartment called the "muffle" to protect them from direct contact with the heating element. The furnace has digital temperature control for precise heating, and it's used for processes like aching, annealing, sintering, and heat-treating materials.



MUFFEL FURNACE



7. OPTICAL EMISSION SPECTROSCOPY

It is a thermal method to find out the presence of percentage carbon present in the sample material.

PRINCIPLE:

- Optical emission spectroscopy (OES), also known as atomic emission spectroscopy (AES), is a technique used to analyze the elemental composition of materials based on the principles of atomic emission. It works by exciting a sample, making its atoms emit light at characteristic wavelengths. By measuring this emitted light, it identifies the elements and their concentrations in the sample. Inside the spectroscopy it contains an inert gas ARGON which lets the sample to excite and emit the radiation and thus the other elements and carbon percentage is being detected.
- Its application is Chemical analysis of steel aluminum, copper, zinc.
- Parameter obtained Carbon, Silicon, Chromium, Manganese, Lead, Phosphorus, Sulphur, Cobalt, Titanium, Vanadium, Tin etc.
- It is being classified as HIGH ALLOW STEEL, LOW ALLOW STEEL
- Carbon obtained can be MILD CARBON STEEL, MEDIUM CARBON STEEL, HIGH CARBIN STEEL.

- Only the elements are formed as percentage and are detected.



OPTICAL EMISSION SPECTROSCOPY

8. ELECTROPLATING

- Electroplating is commonly used to improve the appearance and durability of metal parts. For example, chrome plating is used to provide a shiny, corrosion-resistant finish on automotive trim, bathroom fixtures, and motorcycle parts.
- Many industries employ electroplating to protect metal components from corrosion. A thin layer of a corrosion-resistant metal, such as zinc or nickel, is plated onto steel or other metals to prevent rust and extend the life of the components. This is common in the construction of bridges, pipelines, and machinery.
- Besides decorative chrome plating, electroplating is employed in various automotive components for corrosion protection and wear resistance.

PRINCIPLE:

- **Preparation:**

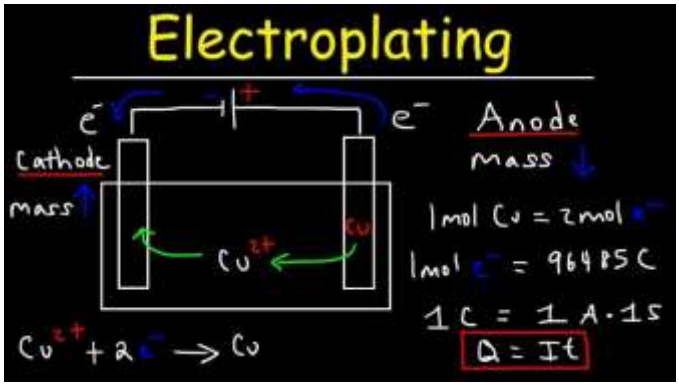
  The object to be plated (the substrate) is thoroughly cleaned to remove any dirt, grease, or oxides that could interfere with adhesion.

- **Electrolyte Bath:** The substrate is immersed in an electrolyte bath containing a solution of metal ions (e.g., copper, nickel, or gold) and a corresponding metal electrode.

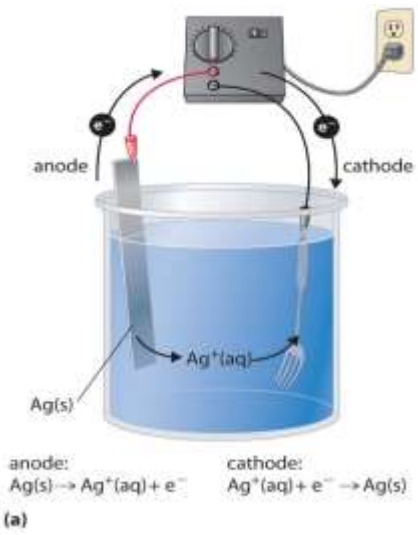
- **Electroplating:** When an electric current is applied, metal cations from the electrolyte are reduced at the substrate's surface, forming a thin, adherent metal coating.

- **Finishing:** After electroplating, the coated object is typically rinsed and sometimes treated further (e.g., polished or passivated) to achieve the desired surface finish and quality.

  This process results in a metal-plated surface with improved properties such as corrosion resistance, aesthetics, and conductivity.







(a)


(b)

CONCLUSION

On the whole, this internship was a useful experience. I have gained new knowledge, skills and met many new people. I achieved several of my learning goals and got insight into professional practices currently advocated in the industry. Related to our study I learned more about the Instruments. Furthermore, I have experienced that it is of importance that education is objective and we have to be aware of the industrial aspect of the topics to study. This internship program was not one sided, but it was a way of sharing knowledge, ideas and opinions. The internship was also good to find out what our strengths and weakness are. This helped us to define what skills and knowledge we have to improve in the coming time. I can confidently assert that the knowledge gained through this internship is sufficient to contribute towards our future endeavours. At last, this internship has given us new insights and motivation to pursue a career in chemical-based industry.

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CHAPTER-1

1.INTRODUCTION

ABOUT THE COMPANY

India is well known as the 'Oyster' of the global industry and the largest producer of milk in the entire globe. The cooperatives contribution is high to this total production. In Tamil Nadu, AAVIN is the first cooperative milk society dealing with milk and value-added products of milk. AAVIN union is a government which was founded in the year 1958. Milk is procured from the village level societies twice a day. The milk cost payment is made on the basis of a quality test which consists of Fat and Solid Non-fat content.

1.1. THE PRODUCTION LEVEL OF MILK

The AAVIN Dairy industry produces about 65,000 litres of milk during the Summer period and 80,000 litres of milk during the Winter period. This happens because during the dry summer months there will be a low availability of green fodder for cattle for the fall of milk production.

1.2. DISTRICT UNIONS OF FEDERATIONS

There are about 17 district Co-operative Milk Producers Unions functioning in Tamil Nadu, covering 30 Districts. They are:

- Kancheepuram- Tiruvallur
- Villupuram
- Vellore
- Dharmapuri
- Salem
- Erode
- Coimbatore
- Nilgiris
- Madurai
- Dindigul
- Trichy
- Thanjavur
- Pudukottai
- Sivagangai

- Virudhunagar
- Tirunelveli
- Kanyakumari

1.3. FUNCTIONS OF CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS UNION

01. Establishment of chilling centres.

02. Formation of new milk routes to collect milk produced by the members of the societies.

03. Collection of milk from societies, process, and pack in modern dairy.

04. Supply of Quality of milk.

05. Fixation of procurements and selling milk price of milk.

06. Supply of inputs to the members of the societies.

CHAPTER-2

2.PURPOSE AND SCOPE

2.1 INTERNSHIP PURPOSE AND STUDY:

The purpose of the internship is to obtain extra knowledge about the dairy centre and to know about the function and activities of AAVIN. In this internship, I get to know about the milk and milk-based processing methods of AAVIN situated at Sholinganallur.

I have attained a lot of information which includes production, products, sales, profit, loss etc. In this project, we also took effect to know about, assessing the quality of the milk via various tests and also, I have learned about the waste-water management.

2.2 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

I have started this internship to know about the milk and milk-based processing methods of AAVIN situated at Sholinganallur (Chennai). I have attained a lot of information's which include production, products, sales, profit, loss etc. in this training period, I also took effect to know about

assessing the quality of the milk via various test and also, we have learned about the wastewater management.

2.3 OBJECTIVES

1. To obtain extra knowledge about the dairy centre.

2. To know about the functioning and activities of AAVIN.

3. To know about the financial highlight of the dairy centre.

4. To know about the process of a dairy product in the dairy centre.

5. To know about the waste water management in the dairy centre.

CHAPTER-3

DAIRY PROCESS

3.1 COLLECTION OF MILK

RAW MILK- MILK RECEPTION

The milk is collected from many villages. The milkman gives their milk through dairy form situated on their village. Therefore, both societies and milk givers can earn money with some profits. The collection of milk which is directly got from the milk giver is known as "Raw Milk". The milk can be collected in the morning and evening.

3.2 DAIRY PROCESSING

The milk collected from the chilling centres are brought to the dairy and are kept for assessing the quality. Some of the types of milk viz., standard milk, high fat, high protein milk, are being produced for the requirements of the consumers, the surplus fat is converted into ghee. The high fat and high protein milk are packed in 500ml sachets. In the dairy, milk, ghee, butter, ice-cream flavoured milk, rose milk, butter milk, etc., are being manufactured and marketing.

The overall steps for processing of milk is carried out in five sections. They are

- Storage Section
- Processing Section

- Boiler Section
- Packing section
- Refrigeration

STORAGE SECTION

This tank is used largely at diaries for storing and keeping milk at cool temperature these are insulated storage tanks (silo). Inside the tank welding lines are ground and polished. The silo body material oil stainless steel. The capacity of this silo is 1000000L.

Unloading of tankers is carried out in automated mode with PLC Control. A total of 5.2 lakh litters of milk is received per day on average which comprises mixed milk, Separated skim milk, and concentrated skim milk.



MILK CHILLING

Chilling is not a pasteurization process but it is necessary step when dealing with large volumes of milk. Milk leaves the cow's udder of the temperatures above the ambient, which encourages rapid bacterial multiplication that speeds up spoilage. However, reducing temperature to between 2°C to 5°C arrests bacterial growth and metabolism. This provides a head start at keeping the quality before proper pasteurization commences.

PROCESSING SECTION

STANDARDIZATION STAGE

It is important to standardize milk fat to ensure that you end up with a product of consistent quality in the market. Different consumers prefer different products.

There are customers who will consumes skim milk only while there are those who will take low-fat milk. There are those who will take standardized milk while there are those who prefer high-fat milk.

Standardization is necessary to ensure that all the customers are catered for Again, it is during the process of standardization that you get to separate the butterfat that is used for making cream and other fat-based products such as butter and ghee. This process of cream separation is done in a cream separator.

HOMOGENIZATION

It is the process of breaking fat globules at even size (2p). Homogenization occurs after regeneration -2 at 45°C. Hence the milk is forced through a small passage at high pressure. It has 3 high speed pistons to break the fat molecules. This tank comprises 10,000 Litres capacity.
It has 2 stage:

- Stage 1:1500psi
- Stage 2:500psi

PASTEURIZATION

The process of heading milk to 78°C - 2°C and cooling to below 50° C. Heating of milk to 78°C and holding it for 15 sec kills the harmful bacteria in it. Maintaining at 5°C can improve the self-life of milk and prevent the growth of harmful bacteria. Pasteurization destroys 100% of pathogenic bacteria, yeast and mold and 95% to 99% of other bacteria.

BOILER SECTION

A boiler, often known as a stream generator, is a machine that uses heat to turn water into steam. Depending on the need, different boilers are used to produce different forms of stream, including wet steam, dry steam, and super- heated steam. This, location generates steam that is used for pasteurization among other things.

REFRIGERATION SECTION

The dairy business depends heavily on its refrigeration system. Various refrigeration system types are employed depending on factors like size, application, design, capacity, etc. The compressor, condenser, expansion value, and evaporator are the parts of the refrigeration system vapour our compression refrigeration is the basis of refrigeration. The workforce needed

to transfer heat from a low- temperature body to a high- temperature body is provided by the compressor.

PACKING SECTION

Prepack machine is specially designed for filling 5 litters pouch. Each of the these prepack machine have overhead mini tank with a holding capacity of 40 litres which gravity feeds milk into the pouches via nozzle. Pasteurized milk stored in silos is pumped to prepack overhead tanks each with a capacity of 15000 litres prior to sachet. A plate chiller is installed en-route to maintain the temperature of milk well below 5° C. The quality parameters of pasteurized 37 milk like COB, MBR time, acidity, fat SNF are tested prior to filling in pouches to assure its quality. Samples are acquired every one hour during sachet to keep a check on the keeping quality of milk. Film Per day film usage 8tons. Film thickness - 63 microns for half litre film 110 microns for 5 litre film.

Empty film thickness:

- Mini Sachet (225mL) - 1.9g
- Half-Litre Sachet - 2.7 to 2.9g
- One Litre Sachet - 4.5g
- Five Litre Sachet - 28g



Packing Machines

REFRIGERATION SECTION

Vapour adsorption cooling system is used. The milk is cooled with the help of the refrigeration compressor, where NH_3 is used as strong absorbent by water. A liquid pump is use to increase the pressure of strong solution. Finally the ammonia vapour will be condensed and recycled



3.3 CIP SECTION

Cleaning of dairy equipment and its sanitation are of utmost importance in dairy industry. Cleaning-in-place (CIP) involves circulation or recirculation of appropriate water rinses and chemical cleaning and sanitizing solutions through plants and equipment which is maintained in the assembled state, such that all contaminated contact surfaces cleaned to acceptably high and consistently reproducible standards. It involves usage of hotter, stronger and more soil aggressive chemical solution than manual cleaning. Filters and similar equipment should be taken out during CIP cleaning to prevent their damage.

As the operation of CIP cleaning is inherently hazardous and not without danger and leaking and causing harm to men and material, its operation is automated in most of dairy industry including Sholinganallur dairy.

Cleaning Media

Media	Strength	Temperature	Time
Lye	**0.8%-1%**	**70°-75°C**	**15 minutes**
Acid	**0.3%-0.5%**	**65°-70°C**	**15 minutes**
Hot Water	**-**	**80°-85°c**	**15 minutes**

3.4 TYPES OF AAVIN MILK

There are 5 variants of milk available in AAVIN. They are

NAME OF MILK	FAT%	SNF%
Pasteurized Full Cream Milk (FCM)	6.0%	9.0%
Pasteurized Standardized Milk (SM)	4.5%	8.5%
Pasteurized Delite Milk or Cow Milk (DM)	3.0%	8.5%
Pasteurized Toned Milk (TM)	3.0%	8.5%
Pasteurized Double Toned Milk (DTM)	1.5%	9.0%



CHAPTER 4

QUALITY CONTROL LAB

4.1 TESTS IN INVOLVED IN CHECKING QUALITY OF MILK

There are different kinds of tests involved in checking the quality of milk

A. Organoleptic Test
B. Lactometer Test
C. Testing Adulterants of Milk
D. Fat Test
    1. Gerber Method
    2. Methylene blue Dye Reduction Test

A. ORGANOLEPTIC TEST

The appearance of the surface of the milk and the lid is observed and inspected right away after disposing of the lid of the incoming milk can. Any strange coloration of the milk, seen dirt and particles, changes in viscosity etc. are determined. Any strange odour, if noticed by way of inhalation of air status above the milk inside the upper part of the milk can also determined.

B. LACTOMETER TEST

If the milk appears to be too thin and watery and its colour is "blue thin" it is suspected that milk contains added water. Lactometer test serves as a quick method for determination of adulteration of milk by adding water. The lactometer test is based on the fact that the specific gravity of the whole milk, skim milk and water differ from each other.



LACTOMETER

C. TESTING ADULTERANTS IN MILK

Urea test, ammonia test, sugar test, glucose test, salt test, neutralizers test, hydrogen peroxide test, formalin test, nitrate test, starch test. These tests are carried out in the Milkoscreen apparatus.

Milkoscreen analyses the product using FT-IR technology, using absorption at different wavelengths in the infrared spectrum to detect the presence of specific parameters in the milk including fat, SNF and protein.

i) Detection of Sugar/ Sucrose

Place 3ml of sample milk in a test tube. Add 2ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid and a after that 0.1g of resorcinol. If sugar is present in the milk it turns to red colour.

ii) Detection of Salt

Place 5ml of silver nitrate reagent in a test tube. Add 2-3 drops of potassium

dichromate reagent to this. Further add 1ml of milk to this test tube and shake to mix thoroughly

- If the contents of the test tube turn yellow it means the milk contains salt.
- If the colour of the mixture changes to chocolate or reddish brown it means there is no salt present in the milk.

iii) Detection of Neutralizers

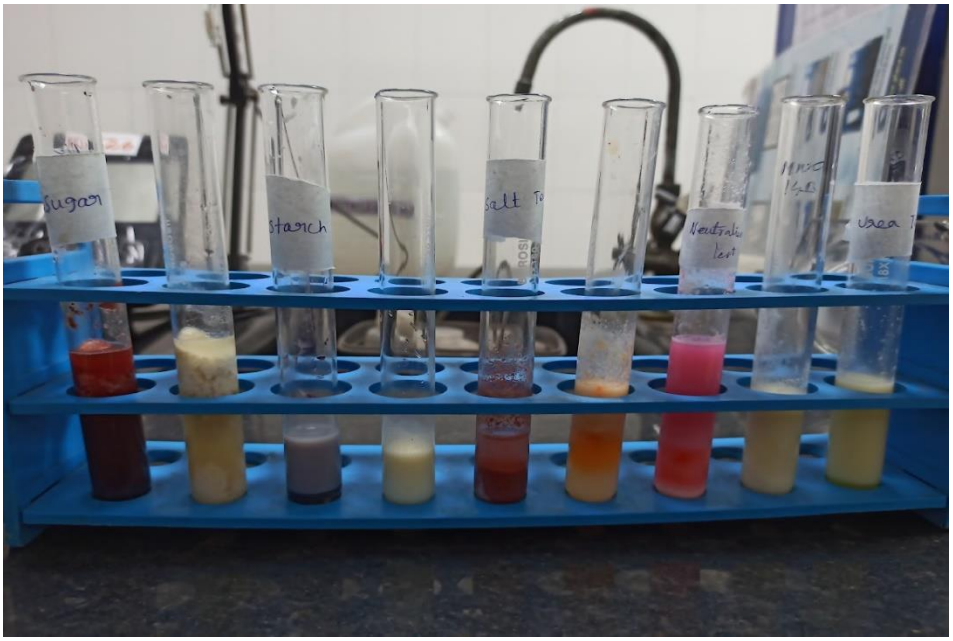
Take 3ml of sample in a test tube and add 5ml of rectified spirit to it, now add 4 drops of rosolic acid solution. Sodium bicarbonate will be present if the colour of the milk changes to red/rosy.

iv) Detection of Formalin

Take about 5ml of milk in a test tube and add equal volume of ferric chloride solution. Keep the test tube in water bath for 3 - 4 minutes and observe the colour.

v) Detection of Starch

Take 5ml of sample milk and add 2ml of iodine solution, if the sample changes into violet/blue colour indicates the presence of starch in the milk.



D. FAT TEST

i) Gerber method

The Gerber method is a primary and historic chemical test to determine the fat content of the substance, most commonly milk and cream. It was developed and patented by Dr. Niklaus Gerber of Switzerland in 1891. The Gerber method is the primary testing method in Europe and much of the world. But, the US is following the Babcock test primarily similar to the Gerber method.

Procedure:

- For performing this test, we should take 10ml of 90% Sulphuric acid and 10.75 ml of milk sample that may be raw milk or packed milk
- Then add 1 ml of amyl alcohol and shake it up and down.
- Centrifuge it by setting 1300 rpm.
- The appearance of the golden yellow proofs that the fat content is separated.



BUTRYOMETER

ii) Methylene Blue Dye Reduction Test

Methylene blue dye reduction test, is commonly known as the MBRT test is used as the quick method to assess the microbiological quality of raw and pasteurized milk. This test is based on the fact that the blue colour of the dye solution to be added to the milk get decolourised when the oxygen present in the milk get exhausted due to microbial activity. The sooner the decolourization, more inferior is the bacteriological quality of milk assumed to be. This test is widely used at the dairy reception dock, processing units and milk chilling centres where it is followed as acceptance/rejection criteria for the raw and processed milk. The test has to be done under sterile conditions. Take 10ml milk sample in a sterile MBRT test tube. Add 1ml MBRT dye solution (dye concentration 0.005%). Stopper the test tubes with a sterilized rubber stopper and carefully place them in a test tube stand dipped in a serological water bath maintained at 37 pm 1°C. Record this time at the beginning of the incubation period. Decolourization is considered complete when only a faint blue ring (about 5mm) persists at the top.

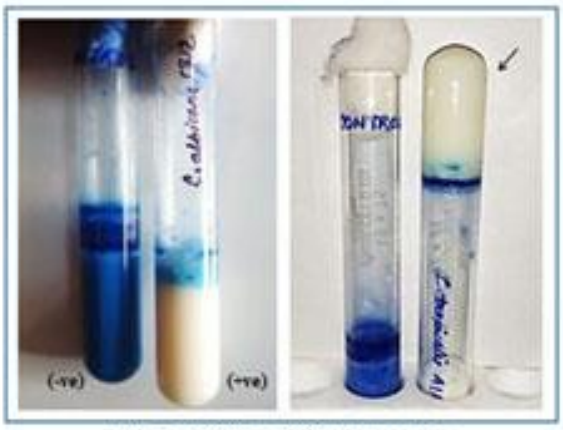


Fig. 2: MBRT and Clot Formation

COLOUR CHANGES OF MILK IN MBRT

Standard for Raw Milk

S.NO	MBR TIME IN HOURS	MILK QUALITY
01.	5 HOURS AND ABOVE	VERY GOOD
02.	3-4 HOURS	GOOD
03.	1-2 HOURS	FAIR
04.	½ AND BELOW HOURS	POOR
05.	LESS THAN 10 MINUTES	NOT ACCEPTED

4.2 ACIDITY IN MILK

Determination of acidity in milk

As a routine method the total titratable acidity is determined by using the titration method where the milk sample is titrated against standard alkali to the phenolphthalein end point. This corresponds to the pH 8.3 or 8.4. and at this end point the colour of the phenolphthalein would change from colourless in the acidic medium to pink in the alkaline medium.

Procedure

- The burette is filled with 0.1 N NaOH and 10 ml of milk sample is taken in the conical flask.
- Two drops of phenolphthalein are added to the sample as an indicator.
- The sample is titrated against NaOH until pale permanent pink colour appears.
- The process to repeated for 2-3 times to get concordant values.

"Acidity of more than 0.18% lactic acid would result in the curdling during heat processing".



ACIDITY IN MILK

4.3 Determination of FFA (Free Fatty Acids)

Procedure

- Weigh 10g of butter and melt it in a burner until it comes to a slight ghee stage
- In a conical flask, take 25ml of Ethanol and add few drops of phenolphthalein indicator to it
- Have a test titration against 0.1N NaOH with few drops of NaOH to check whether ethanol is neutralized
- Then add 5.6ml of melted butter sample to ethanol and add 2 drops of phenolphthalein and titrate against 0.1N NaOH
- Appearance of pink colour is the end point to be noted.

4.4 Hardness in water

Hardness in water is due to the presence of dissolved salts of calcium and magnesium. It is unfit for drinking, bathing, washing and it also forms scales in boilers. Hence it is necessary to estimate the amount of hardness producing substances present in the water sample.

As water plays a major role in dairy industry, hardness of water will check every 6 hours of softening process. Samples like raw water, RO water, sump water, boiler water will be taken for analysis.

Procedure

- The burette is filled with standard EDTA solution to the zero level.
- Take 50ml sample water in flask. If sample having high Calcium content then take smaller volume and dilute to 50ml.
- Add 1ml Ammonia buffer followed by 5 to 6 drops of Erichrome black - T indicator. The solution turns into wine red colour.
- Note the initial reading then titrate the content against EDTA solution.
- At the end point colour change from wine red to blue colour.
- Note the final reading and record it. Repeat the process till we get concordant value.



HARDNESS OF WATER BY EDTA METHOD

Other Parameters of water

It is also necessary to calculate the other parameters of water like pH, TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) etc.,

pH is calculated using both pH paper and pH meter, and TDS is calculated using conductivity meter.

4.5 INSTRUMENTAL METHODS FOR ANALYZING QUALITY OF MILK

There are two instruments that can be used to determine the quality of milk instead of doing it in a manual method. It has time consumption and also avoid several errors.

I. MilkoScreen
II. Lactoscope

1) MILKOSCREEN

Analyses the product using FT-Infrared technology, assessing milk constituents, using absorption at different wavelengths in the infrared spectrum to detect the presence of specific parameters in milk like Fat, SNF and Protein.

Accuracy and repeatability of results are comparable with the chemical methods, but with MilkoScreen, it takes far less time than conventional chemical methods. Results from MilkoScreen are accurate, direct and not calculated, unlike some contemporary techniques.



MILKOSCREEN

2) LACTOSCOPE

The LactoScope is our most versatile mid-infrared analyser capable of testing a wide range of dairy product: milks, creams, whey, concentrates, ice-creams and yoghurt mixes. The latest hardware innovations allow to easily test the most challenging dairy products, such as creams with up to 55% fat and other viscous products. With a typical accuracy under 1% CV, a measuring time of 30 seconds, low cost of ownership and minimal downtime, this instrument is the preferred choice of the large processors and dairy laboratories. It tests raw and processed milk, cream and whey for fat, protein, lactose, solids and solids non-fat. It screens raw milk for abnormal content and can detect adulterants such as urea, ammonium sulphate, maltodextrin, sucrose and water.



LACTOSCOPE

MOISTURE ANALYSER

Moisture analysers sometimes called “Moisture Balances”, are used to measure the moisture content in various types of samples including solids, liquids, and gases.

Moisture analysers are utilised in different industries for many different purposes. They can be used in the food industry to control the moisture. Excess amount of moisture in food may lead to staleness or bacterial growth. Furthermore, there are many food items which are sold by their weight; thus, it is important to make sure customers aren’t overpaying for water weight. On the other hand, too little moisture can reduce the calorie count or make the food dry. Moisture is an important factor affecting the consistency, taste, shelf appearance and many other factors in food.

Moisture Analyser is used to find the moisture content in butter and milk powder in dairy industries.



CHAPTER 5

5.1 UHT PLANT

UHT stands for “Ultra High Temperature Processing,” which is just another way of heating milk to kill bacterial spores. In the pasteurization process, the milk is heated to 72°C (161.6°F) for at least 15 minutes, whereas the UHT process heats the milk at 135°C (275°F) for one to two seconds. This flash of extreme heat is said to kill off any spores in the milk. After the milk is heated to a temperature of 140 C, the milk is passed through the holding tube for 2 seconds. The milk is immediately cooled by 2°C to prevent any off- flavour development. The milk passes through the DTHE to gradually get cooled to 30°C.

The process then enters the packaging section which is maintained under aseptic conditions. The 92-micron 9-layered pouches are rinsed with Hydrogen

Peroxide solution to maintain sterility. Excess H_2O_2 is removed by rubber strips present inside the machine. The processed milk would be packed in tetra packs of 200mL, 500mL, and one litre. The packaged milk is tested for its properties. UHT milk tastes different than its pasteurized milk, it tastes like it comes from a box and it tastes burnt. The processed milk has a shelf life of **90 days** and the **packets need not be preserved in refrigerators.**





UHT MILK PACKET **UHT PLANT IN AAVIN**

5.2 EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT

An Effluent Treatment plant is a unit plant where using multiple methods wastewater is treated for its reuse or safe disposal to the environment. This process reduces the demand of fresh water while keeping environment clean.

There are majorly three stages of wastewater treatment i.e., primary (Separate sludge from liquid), secondary (Reduce biological population) and tertiary water treatment (to reduce harmful Chemicals). There are also substages in these processes such as bar screening, Aeration, Clarification, Chlorination, Water analysis, water testing and water disposal.

List of general chemicals used in ETP:

- For pH neutralization: Acids (HCl) and base (NaOH).

- Coagulant / Settling Aids: Aluminium Sulphate, Ferric Aluminium Sulphate, Ferric Sulphate, Ferric Chloride, these may be independent or in combination with Poly Electrolytes (Polymers).
- Nutrients: Urea, Di-ammonium Phosphate.
- Disinfectant: Chlorine, Bleaching Powder (Sodium Hypo-chlorite).

Tests done in ETP:

- ❖ Chemical oxygen demand (COD)
- ❖ Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)
- ❖ Mixed liquid suspended solids (MLSS)
- ❖ Total suspended solids (TSS)
- ❖ Total dissolved solids (DTS)
- ❖ Oil and grease PH Dissolved oxygen (DO)
- ❖ Volatile fatty acid (VFA) Chlorine Sulphuric

Preliminary Treatment: Its objective is physical separation of large sized contaminants. For example, cloth, paper, plastics, wood logs etc. This level/process include:

Screening: This is the first unit operation that occurs in waste water treatment plants. A screen is a device with uniform openings and its purpose is to remove large floating solids.

Sedimentation: It is a physical water treatment process using gravity to remove suspended solids from water.

Grit Chamber: The wastewater that moves into the grit chamber removes the dense inorganic solids such as gravel, metal fragments and sand which have made their way into the sewers. Removal of grit can prevent damaging of pumps & operational difficulties.

Clarifiers: These are tanks built with mechanical means for continuous removal of solids being deposited by sedimentation before biological treatment.

Primary Treatment: Its aim is removal of floating and settleable materials such as suspended solids and organic matter. In this treatment both physical and chemical methods are used. It includes:

Flocculation: Flocculation is a physical process and does not involve the neutralization of charge. It involves the addition of destabilized particles

together into large aggregates so that they can be easily separated from the water.

Coagulation: is a process in which coagulants are added for the purpose of rapid settlement of minute solid particles in a liquid into larger mass. It permits particle removal by sedimentation and for filtration.

Neutralization: The main purpose of this process helps in maintaining the pH range of 6-9 to meet the requirements of different processing units in ETP system.

Primary Clarifiers: These are used to slow the velocity of the water to a point where organic solids will settle to the bottom of the tank and it contain an equipment that is used to remove floating solids and greases from the surface.

Secondary or Biological Treatment: The objective of this treatment is the further treatment of the effluent from primary treatment to remove the suspended solids and residual organics. In this step biological and chemical processes are involved.

Activated Sludge Process: This is used for treating industrial waste water using air and a biological floc composed of bacteria.

Aerated Lagoons: Is a treatment pond provided with artificial aeration to promote he biological oxidation of waste water.

Trickling Filters: Trickling filters, also known as sprinkling filters, are commonly used for the biological treatment of domestic sewage and industrial waste water.

Rotating Biological Contactor: It involves allowing the wastewater to come in contact with a biological medium in order to remove pollutants in the wastewater before discharge of the treated wastewater to the environment.

Tertiary/advanced/disinfection treatment: The purpose of tertiary treatment is to provide a final treatment stage to raise the effluent quality to the desired level before it is reused, recycled or discharged to the environment.

Chemical Coagulation and sedimentation: It is used to increase the removal of solids from effluent after primary and secondary treatment.

Filtration: The clarified wastewater is first passed through the adjacent filtration plant which contains large filter blocks to ensure high quality water.

Reverse Osmosis: In this process, pressure is used to force effluent through a

membrane that retains contaminants on one side and allows the clean water to pass to the other side.

UV Disinfection: It is considered as an ideal disinfectant for industrial waste water. It leaves no residual disinfectant in the water by ensuring the water quality. It does not produce any disinfection by-products.

The outlet wastewater

The water which is expelled from the industry is considered as non-toxic and purified from harmful bacteria. The water from the outlet is used up for the various purposes like washing or even as helpful for studying the basic parameter. The pollution control board officers will come there for the analysis of the inlet and outlet water sample. This is how wastewater is recycled and managed.

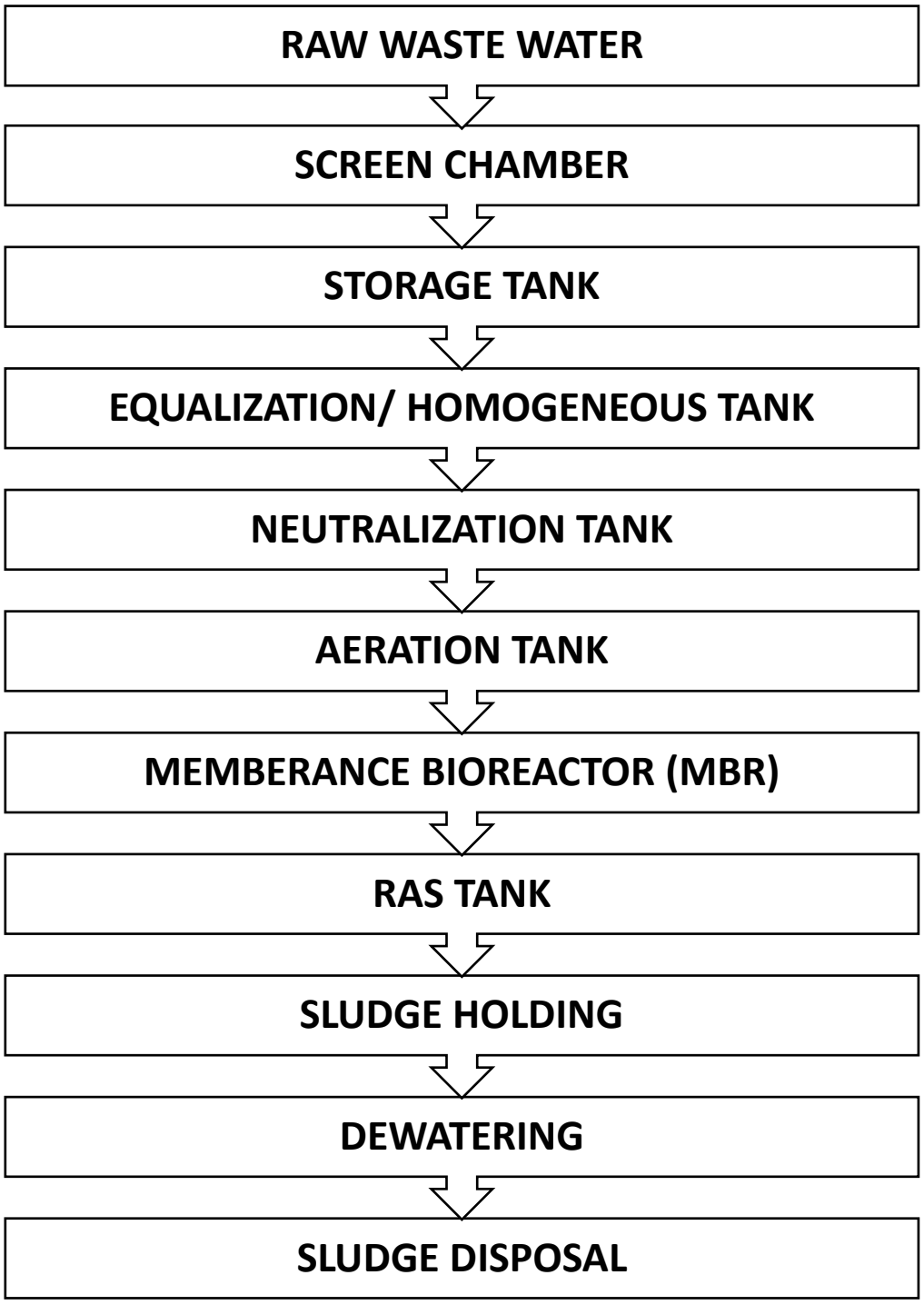
In AAVIN recycled water has been used for Tub wash, Gardening, and study about water parameters.

The space requirement for ETP

This space requirement to treat the wastewater from milk processing up to 65000 litres per day in a dairy plant.

- Equalization tank- 4m x * 3m * 1.3m
- Primary setting tank- 4m x 4m 7 * 2.7
- Secondary setting tank- 1.6m x 1.6m x 2.5m
- Aeration tank- 5.7m x 5.7m x 4m
- Anaerobic tank- 4m x 4m x 4.4m
- Sludge drying beds (4)- 3m x 2m x 2m

FLOW CHART FOR EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT (ETP)





AERATION TANK



RAS TANK



EQUALIZATION TANK



SLUDGE DISPOSAL

CONCLUSION

On the whole, this internship was a useful experience. I have gained new knowledge, skills and met many new people. I achieved several of my learning goals and got insight into professional practices currently advocated in the industry. Related to our study I learned more about the manufacturing of milk.

Furthermore, I have experienced that it is of importance that education is objective and we have to be aware of the industrial aspect of the topics I study. This internship program was not one sided, but it was a way of sharing knowledge, ideas and opinions. The internship was also good to find out what our strengths and weakness are. This helped us to define what skills and knowledge we have to improve in the coming time. I can confidently assert that the knowledge gained through this internship is sufficient to contribute towards our future endeavours. At last, this internship has given us new insights and motivation to pursue a career in core Dairy technology**.**

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CHAPTER-1

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 ABOUT THE COMPANY

India is well known as the 'Oyster' of the global industry and the largest producer of milk in the entire globe. The cooperatives contribution is high to this total production. In Tamil Nadu, Aavin is the first cooperative milk society dealing with milk and value added products of milk. Aavin union is a government which was founded in the year 1958. Milk is procured from the village level societies twice a day. The milk cost payment is made on the basis of a quality test which consists of Fat and Solid Non-fat content.

1.2 THE PRODUCTION LEVEL OF MILK

Approximately, the Aavin Dairy Industry produces 5,60,000 liters of milk everyday. The Aavin Dairy industry produces comparatively less liters of milk during the Summer period when compared to that of the Winter period. This happens because during the dry summer months there will be a low availability of green fodder for cattle for the fall of milk production.

1.3 DISTRICT UNION OF FEDERATIONS

There are about 17 district Co-operative Milk Producers Unions functioning in

Tamil Nadu, covering 30 Districts. They are:

- Kancheepuram- Tiruvallur
- Villupuram
- Vellore
- Dharmapuri
- Dharmapuri
- Salem
- Erode
- Coimbatore
- Nilgiris
- Madurai
- Dindigul
- Trichy
- Thanjavur
- Pudukottai
- Sivagangai
- Virudhunagar
- Thirunelveli
- Kanyakumari

1.4 FUNCTIONS OF CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS UNION

a. Establishment of chilling centres.
b. Formation of new milk routes to collect milk produced by the members of the
c. societies.
d. Collection of milk from societies, process, and pack in modern dairy.
e. Supply of quality milk.
f. Fixation of procurements and selling price of milk.
g. Supply of inputs to the members of the societies.

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2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

2.1 INTERNSHIP PURPOSE AND STUDY

The purpose of the internship is to obtain extra knowledge about the dairy center and to know about the function and activities of Aavin. In this internship, I get to know about the milk and milk based processing methods of Aavin situated at Sholinganallur from 15/09/2023 to 29/09/2023 for 15 days. I have attained a lot of information which includes production, products, sales, profit, loss etc. In this project, we also took effect to know about, assessing the quality of the milk via various tests and also I have learned about the waste-water management.

2.2 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

I have started this internship to know about the milk and milk-based processing methods of Aavin situated at Sholinganallur (Chennai). I have attained a lot of informations which include production, products, sales etc. In this training period, I also took effect to know about assessing the quality of the milk via various test and also we have learned about the wastewater management.

2.3 OBJECTIVES

A. To obtain extra knowledge about the dairy center.
B. To know about the functioning and activities of Aavin.
C. To know about the process of a dairy product in the dairy center.
D. To know about the waste water management in the dairy center.

2.4 METHADOLOGY

The present report data was obtained from the staff member of Aavin dairy center.



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3. DAIRY PROCESS

3.1 COLLECTION OF MILK

Raw milk- Milk reception :- The milk is collected from many villages where milkers give their milk through dairy form situated on their village. Therefore, both societies and milk givers can earn money with some profits. The collection of milk which is directly got from the milk giver is known as “Raw Milk”. The milk can be collected in the morning and evening.

3.2 DAIRY PROCESSING

The milk collected from the chilling centers are brought to the dairy and are kept for assessing the quality. Some of the types of milk viz., standard milk, high fat, high protein milk, are being produced for the requirements of the consumers, the surplus fat is converted into ghee. In the dairy, milk, ghee, butter, ice-cream flavored milk, rose milk, butter milk, etc., are being manufactured and marketing. The overall steps for processing of milk is carried out in five sections. They are Milk Reception, Storage Section, Processing Section, Boiler Section and Refrigeration.

Milk chilling

Chilling is a necessary step when dealing with large volumes of milk. Milk leaves the cow’s udder of the temperatures above the ambient, which encourages rapid bacterial multiplication that speeds up spoilage. However, reducing temperature to between 2 degree celcius to 5 degree celcius arrests bacterial growth and metabolism. This provides a head start at keeping the quality before proper pasteurization commences.

Pre-heating (regeneration)

After bulking, the chilled milk is heated to about 37degree celcius to facilitate easy separation of butter fat during standardization. The system uses regenerative heating, i.e., it uses the heat of the already pasteurized milk to heat up the incoming chilled milk. The chilled milk, in a counter-current flow, cools down the pasteurized milk. The purpose of standardization is to obtain a product with uniform butter-fat.

Standardization stage

It is important to standardize milk fat to ensure that you end up with a product of consistent quality in the market. Different consumers prefer different products. There are customers who will consumes skim milk, low-fat milk, standardized milk and also prefer high-fat milk. During the process of standardization you get to separate the butterfat that is used for making cream, butter and ghee. This process of cream separation is done in a cream seperator.

Heating section

This section happens in the pasteurizer to reach the required temperature for homogenization. The milk is homogenized and is heated upto 60 degree celcius.

Homogenization

Homogenization reduces the size of the fat globules by forcing pressurized hot milk through small whole causing turbulence, the break up of larger fat globules so that they remain suspended rather than separating in a cream layer at the top. It may be total or partial. Partial homogenization is more economical solution because a small homogenizer can be used. It must always be sufficiently efficient to prevent creaming. This tank comprises 10,000 litre capacity.

Pasteurization

It is a process by which the disease-causing bacteria in the milk are destroyed without losing its nutritive values. The milk, the coloration distinction between pasteurized and raw milk is associated with the homogenization step that takes region prior to pasteurization. Before pasteurization, milk is homogenized to separate the solids (fat) from the

liquid, which ends within the pasteurized milk having a whiter look as compared to raw milk. Pasteurization destroys 100% of pathogenic bacteria, yeast and mold and 95% to 99% of other bacteria.

Holding section

After heating, milk flows into holding tubes whose lengths have been calibrated with the milk flow rate to ensure that milk takes at least 15 seconds in the tubes. All the milk must maintain the required pasteurization temperatures at the end of the tubes. Once the chilled milk has attained the required temperature at the end of the holding tubes, milk flows back to the regeneration section to heat the incoming chilled milk while in itself being cooled down to above 30 degree celcius.

Cooling section

After regenerative cooling os pasteurized milk, it move to the cooling section of the PHE where chilled water/PHE coolant lowers the temperature of pasteurized milk to 4degree celcius. The chilled milk is stored in pasteurized milk storage tank and in specific packets and stored in the cold room (7degree celcius to 8degree celcius). Finally, these packet milk are distributed to various market places for sale.

Boiler Section

A horizontal multi tubular thermo dyne boiler with 1 ton capacity is used for generating steam which serve the purpose of heating in all stages.

Refrigeration system

Vapour adsorption cooling system is used. The milk is cooled with help of the refrigeration compressor, where NH3 is used as strong adsorbent by water. A liquid pump is used to increase the pressure of the strong solution. Finally the ammonia vapour will be condensed and recycled.

3.3 CIP SECTION

Cleaning of dairy equipment and its sanitation are of utmost importance in dairy industry. Cleaning-in-place (CIP) involves circulation or recirculation of appropriate water rinses and chemical cleaning and sanitizing solutions through plants and equipment which is maintained in the assembled state, such that all contaminated contact surfaces cleaned to acceptably high and consistently reproducible standards. It involves usage of hotter, stronger and more soil aggressive chemical solution than manual cleaning. Filters and similar equipment should be taken out during CIP cleaning to prevent their damage. As the operation of CIP cleaning is inherently hazardous and not without danger and leaking and causing harm to men and material, its operation is automated in most of dairy industry including Sholinganallur dairy.

Cleaning Media

Media	Strength	Temperature	Time
Lye	0.8%-1%	70 deg cel - 75 deg cel	15 minutes
Acid	0.3%-0.5%	65 deg cel – 70 deg cel	15 minutes
Hot Water	-	80 deg cel – 85 deg cel	15 minutes

Cleaning Schedule

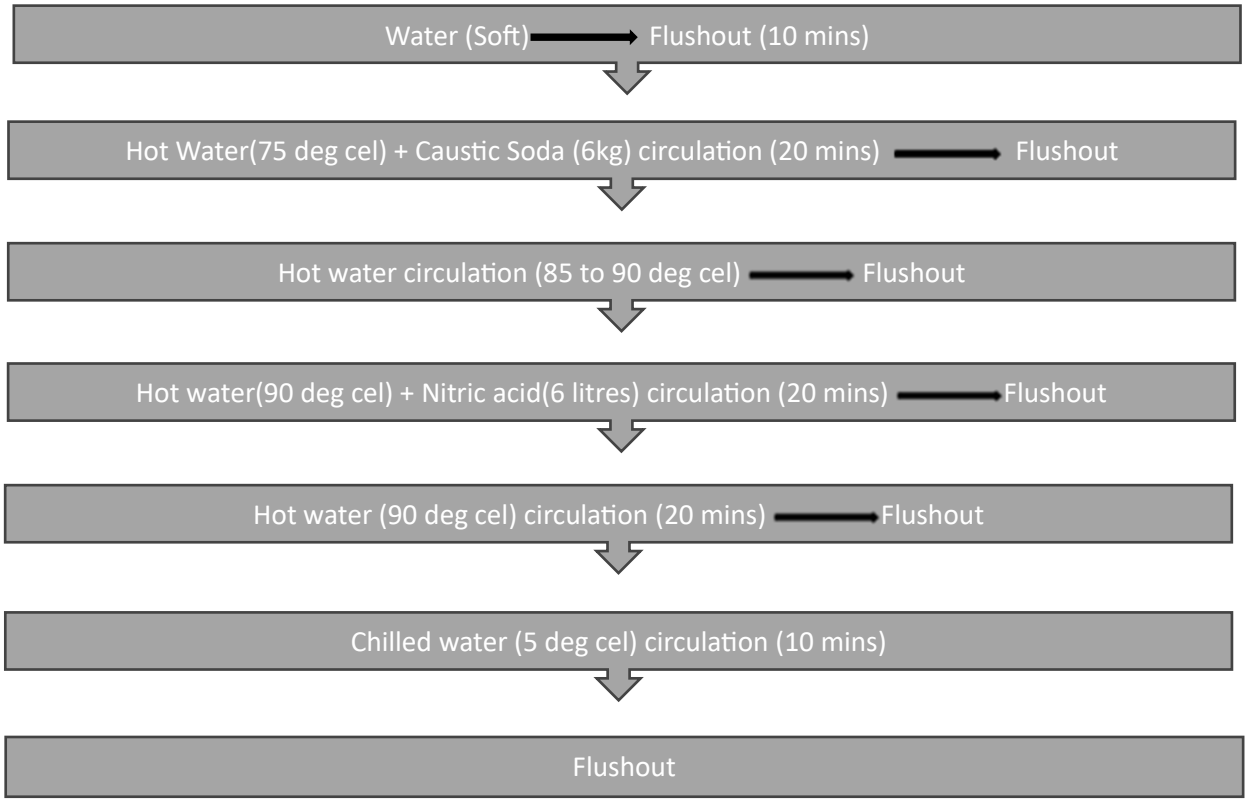
Lye cleaning:

- Reception lines, silos, prepack mini tanks and machines – once in 24 hours
- Dispatch lines- twice in 24 hours

Lye-Acid-lye:

- Reception lines, dispatch lines, silos, prepack mini tanks and machines-once in a month.
- Processing plants- once in six months.

CIP Process



Test for Lye Strength

A. Add 8ml of lye solution in a conical flask.
B. Add 1ml phenolphthalein indicator.
C. Titrate against 0.6% H_2SO_4.
D. End point is the disappearance of pink colour.

Test for Acid Strength

A. Add 6ml HNO_3 in a conical flask.
B. Add 1ml phenolphthalein indicator.
C. Titrate against 0.1N NaOH.
D. End point is the appearance of pink colour.

3.4 TYPES OF MILK



NAME OF THE MILK	FAT %	SNF %
Nice Toned Milk (Blue)	3.0%	8.5%
Standardized Milk (Green)	4.5%	8.5%
Premium Full Cream Milk (Orange)	6.0%	9.0%
Delite Pasteurized Milk (Violet)	3.5%	8.5%
Diet Pasteurized Double Toned Milk (Pink)	1.5%	9.0%





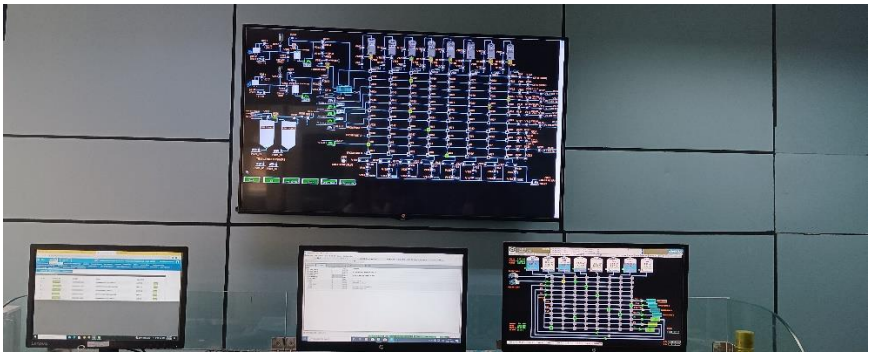






3.5 PROCESS CONTROL ROOM

The process control system facilitates mass production of continuous process such as pasteurization of milk, milk powder, ghee, oil refining, CIP etc. Process control in completely automatic with the requirement of a small number of staff to monitor and operate the complex process in the control room. The sequence and timing of pumping of cleaning solutions are controlled by PLC controller that are programmed. Plate Heat Exchanges are used to maintain the temperatures of the solutions.



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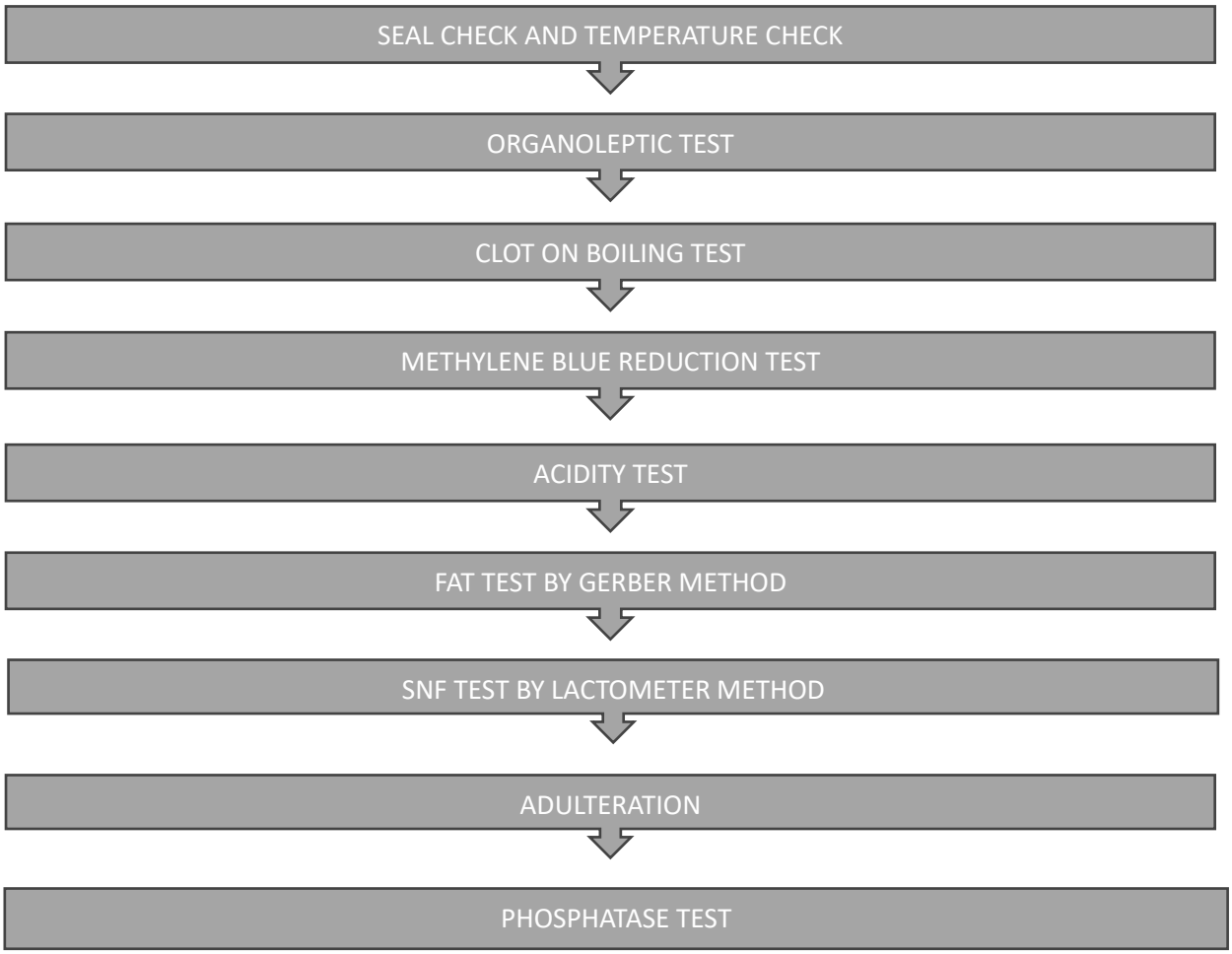
4. SNR DAIRY – QUALITY CONTROL LAB

4.1 TESTS INVOVLVED IN CHECKING THE QUALITY OF MILK

There are different kinds of tests involved in checking the quality of milk :-

- Organoleptic test
- Lactometer test
- Clot-on-boiling test
- Fat test
    - i) Gerber method
    - ii) Methylene blue Dye Reduction Test
- Testing Adulterants of milk
- Phosphatase test

4.2ORDER OF CHECKING MILK:-



1. ORGANOLEPTIC TEST

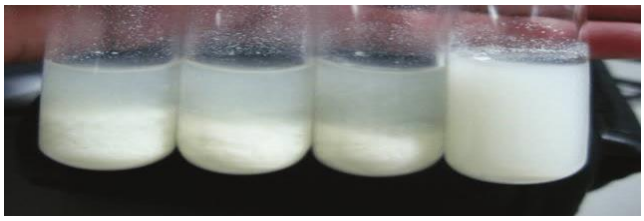
- The appearance of the surface of the milk and the lid is observed and inspected right away after disposing of the lid of the incoming milk can.
- Any strange coloration of the milk, seen dirt and particles, changes in viscosity etc. are determined.
- Any strange odour, if noticed by way of inhalation of air status above the milk inside the upper part of the milk can also determined. Also milk should not be in unpleasant taste.



2 . CLOT ON BOILING TEST

This test is used for rapid test of increased acidity of milk. Procedure is as follows :-

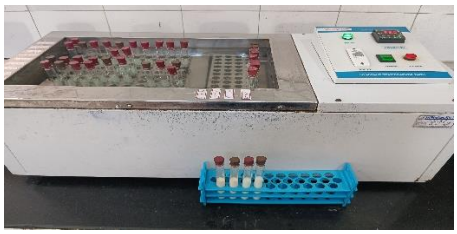
- Take 5ml of milk in a clean test tube.
- Heat it for just boiling and observe clotting on the side of the test tube.
- When whole of the milk clots are seen to be adhering to the sides of the tube, then the result shall be recorded as “POSITIVE”.
- If the clots are not present, then the result shall be recorded as “NEGATIVE”.

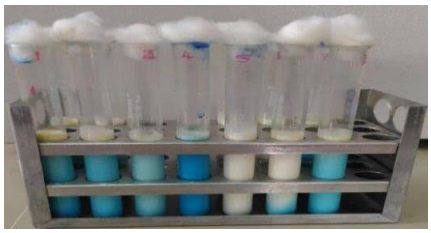


3. METHYLENE BLUE DYE REDUCTION TEST

Methylene blue dye reduction test, known as the MBRT test is used as the quick method to access the microbiological quality of raw and pasteurized milk. This test is based on the fact that the blue color of the dye solution to be added to the milk get decolourised when the oxygen present in the milk get exhausted due to microbial activity. The sooner the decolourisation , more inferior is the bacteriological quality of milk assumed to be. The test has to be done under sterile conditions. Procedure is as follows :-

- Take 10ml of milk in a sterilized test tube.
- Add 1ml Methylene Blue solution to get a concentration of 1 part of dye to 3,00,000 parts of milk.
- Plug with a sterilized cork.
- Invert the tube to mix the contents and incubate at 37 degree celcius in a water bath.
- The colour of the milk in the tube is examined first 10 mins and then after every half an hour and the time required for complete decolourisation is noted.
- The difference between the initial time and the final time is the MBRTime.





Standard for Raw Milk

S. No:	MBR TIME IN HOURS	MILK QUALITY
1	5 hours and above	Very good
2	3 – 4 hours	Good
3	1 – 2 hours	Fair
4	Half and below hours	Poor
5	Less than 10 minutes	Not accepted

4. ACIDITY TEST

The total titratable acidity is determined by using the titration method. Procedure is as follows :-

- Take 10ml of milk in a conical flask.
- Add 10ml of distilled water.
- Add 1ml of 0.5% phenolphthalein solution.
- Titrate with N/9 (0.11N) NaOH.
- Appearance of pink colour is an end point.

CALCULATION:- % of Acidity of Milk

$$\frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times \text{Normality of NaOH} \times \text{Eq.wt of lactic acid} \times 100}{\text{Vol of Milk} \times 1000}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times N/9(0.11) \times 90 \times 100}{\text{Vol of Milk} \times 1000}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Vol of 0.11N NaOH}}{\text{Vol of Milk}}$$

NOTE :- Acidity of more than 0.18% lactic acid would result in the curdling during heat processing.

Acidity of below 0.16% is fit for processing and for products it should be below 0.14%.



5. FAT TEST BY GERBER METHOD

The Gerber method is a primary and historic chemical test to determine the fat of milk and cream. . Procedure is as follows :-

- Take 10ml of Gerber Acid (90% Sulphuric Acid H_2SO_4) in a Butyrometer.
- Add 10.75ml of milk sample along the sides of Butyrometer.

- Add 1ml of Amyl Alcohol.
- Close the neck with stopper.
- Mix the contents thoroughly until the curd has been dissolved.
- Dry the butyrometer into a centrifuge for centrifugation at 1100rpm for 5 minutes.
- The surface of separation of fat and acid gives the percentage of fat.




6. SNF TEST BY LACTOMETER METHOD

Lactometer test serves as a quick method for determination of adulteration of milk by adding water. The lactometer test is based on the fact that the specific gravity of the whole milk, skim milk and water differ from each other. Procedure is as follows :-

- Adjust the temperature of the milk sample to 84 degree celcius.
- Fill the lactometer cylinder with the milk sample.
- Allow the lactometer to flow freely on the milk without touching the sides of the cylinder. Some milk should overflow.
- Allow the lactometer to come to rest and then take the visible lactometer reading which is the corrected lactometer reading (CLR).

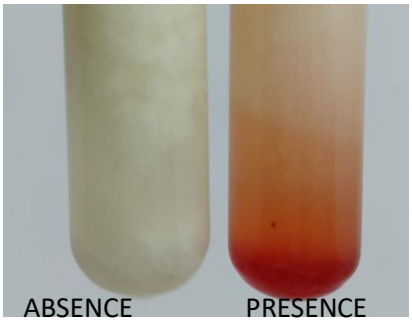
CALCULATION:- For SNF (Solid non fat)

CLR/4+(0.2×Fat)+0.36



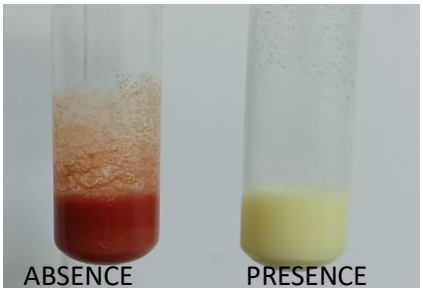
7. ADULTERATION TEST

I. SUGAR TEST
   - In test tube add 10ml milk.
   - Add 1ml concentrated hydrochloric acid.
   - Add 0.1g Resorcinol.
   - Keep in boiling water bath for 10minutes.
   - PRESENCE :- Red , ABSENCE :- White (no change)



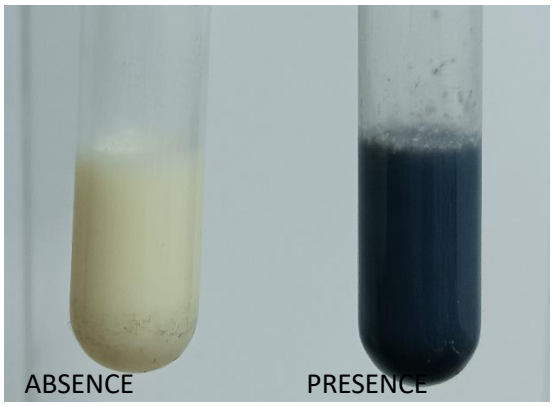
II. SALT TEST

- In test tube add 5ml $AgNO_3$ solution.
- Add 1ml $K_2Cr_2O_7$ indicator.
- Add 1ml of milk.
- PRESENCE :- Yellow, ABSENCE :- Brown(no change)



III. STARCH TEST

- In test tube add 3ml milk.
- Add 1ml iodine solution.
- PRESENCE :-Intensive blue, ABSENCE :- White (no change)



IV. NEUTRALIZER TEST

- In test tube add 10ml milk.
- Add 5ml ethanol.
- Add 1ml rosalic acid.
- PRESENCE :-Pink/Rose red, ABSENCE :- Orange(no change)



V. UREA TEST

- In test tube add 5ml milk.
- Add 5ml of p-dimethylamino benzaldehyde.
- PRESENCE :- Yellow , ABSENCE :- White(no change)



PRESENCE ABSENCE

8. PHOSPHATASE TEST

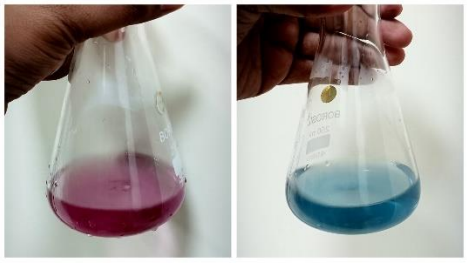
- Weigh 3.5g of Sodium Carbonate and 1.5g of Sodium Bicarbonate.
- Dissolve in 1litre of distilled water and sterilize which is served as buffer.
- With this buffer add 1.5g of p-nitrophenyl disodium ortho phosphate and used as substrate.



4.3 TESTS IN WATER

1) TOTAL HARDNESS (TH):- Hardness in water is due to the presence of dissolved salts of calcium and magnesium. It is unfit for drinking, bathing, washing and it also forms scales in boilers. Hence it is necessary to estimate the amount of hardness producing substances present in the water sample. As water plays a major role in dairy industry, hardness of water will checked every 6 hours of softening process. Samples like raw water, RO water, sump water etc., will be taken for analysis. Procedure is as follows :-

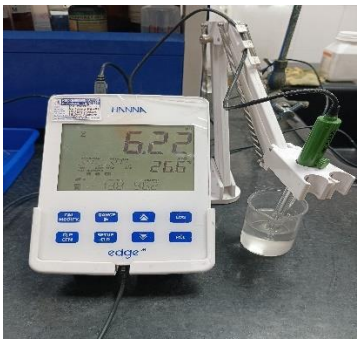
- Take 100ml sample water in conical flask.
- Add 1ml Ammonia buffer followed by 1 to 2 times tap of Erichrome black dye indicator. The solution turns into pink colour.
- Note the initial reading then titrate the content against EDTA solution.
- End point is the colour change from pink to blue colour.
- Note the final reading and multiply by 10.



2) TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLID(TDS) :- TDS of water can be found with the help of TDS Meter.



3) pH of Water :- It can be found with the help of pH meter.



4.4 INSTRUMENTAL METHODS TO ANALYZE THE QUALITY OF MILK

There are instruments that can be used to determine the quality of milk or milk products instead of doing it in a manual method. It has time consumption and also avoid several errors.

Milkoscreen

It analyses the product using FTIR technology, assessing milk constituents, using absorption at different wavelengths in the infrared spectrum to detect the presence of specific parameters in milk like SNF, Fat and Protein. Accuracy and repeatability of results are comparable with the chemical methods, but with Milkoscreen, it takes far less time than conventional chemical methods. Results from MilkoScreen are accurate, direct and not calculated, unlike some contemporary techniques.



Moisture Analyser

Moisture analyzers (moisture balances), are used to measure the moisture content in solids, liquids, and gases. It is used to find the moisture content in butter and milk powder in dairy industry. It analyses the product using FTIR technology, assessing milk constituents, using absorption at different wavelengths in the infrared spectrum to detect the presence of specific parameters in milk like SNF, Fat and Protein.



Lactoscope

The Lactoscope is our most versatile mid-infrared analyzer capable of testing a wide range of dairy product: milks, creams, whey, concentrates, ice-creams and yogurt mixes. The latest hardware innovations allow to easily test the most challenging dairy products, such as creams with up to 55% fat and other viscous products. With a typical accuracy under 1% CV, a measuring time of 30 seconds, low cost of ownership and minimal downtime, this instrument is the preferred choice of the large processors and dairy laboratories. LactoScope tests raw and processed milk, cream and whey for fat, protein, lactose, solids and solids non-fat. It screens raw milk for abnormal content and can detect adulterants such as urea, ammonium sulphate, maltodextrin, sucrose and water.



4.5 TESTS IN CURD



1) Acidity Test

- Add 10g of curd in conical flask.
- Add 10ml distilled water to it.
- Add 1ml phenolphthalein indicator.
- Titrate against 0.1N NaOH.
- End point is the appearance of pale pink colour.
- **Calculation :-**

$$\frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times \text{Normality of NaOH} \times \text{Eq.wt of lactic acid} \times 100}{\text{Weight of curd} \times 1000}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times \text{N/10(0.1)} \times 90 \times 100}{\text{Weight of curd} \times 1000}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times 0.1 \times 9}{\text{Weight of curd}}$$

2) pH test:- pH can found with the help of pH meter.

4.6 TESTS IN MILK POWDER



1) Acidity Test

- Add 5.2g of milk powder in a conical flask.
- Add 50ml distilled water and mix well.
- Add 1ml phenolphthalein indicator.
- Titrate against 0.11N NaOH.
- End point is the appearance of pale pink colour.
- Calculation :- VALUE × 2

2) Moisture Test
   - Weigh 1g of milk powder.
   - Test its moisture using moisture balance.

4.7 TESTS IN BUTTER



1) Acidity Test
   - Weigh 5g of butter in a conical flask.
   - Add 22.5ml of distilled water to it.
   - With the help of oven dissolve all the contents thoroughly.
   - Add 1ml phenolphthalein indicator.
   - Titrate it against 0.02N NaOH.
   - End point is the appearance of pale pink colour.

Calculation :-

$$\frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times \text{Normality of NaOH} \times \text{Eq.wt of lactic acid} \times 100}{\text{Weight of butter} \times 1000}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times 0.02\text{N} \times 90 \times 100}{\text{Weight of butter} \times 1000}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times 0.02 \times 9}{\text{Weight of butter}}$$

2) Determination of Free Fatty Acids (FFA)
   - Weigh 10g of butter and melt it in a burner until it comes to a slight ghee stage.
   - In a conical flask, add 25ml of ethanol and add few drops phenolphthalein indicator to it.
   - Titrate it against 0.1N NaOH with few drops of NaOH to check whether ethanol is neutralized.
   - Then add 5.6ml of melted butter to ethanol and add 2 drops of phenolphthalein and titrate against 0.1N NaOH.
   - End point is the appearance of pink colour.

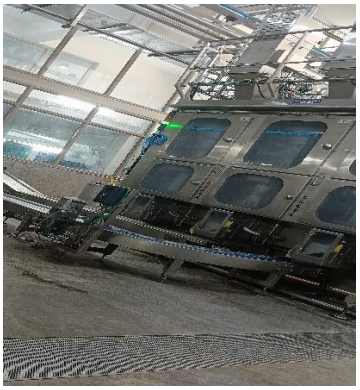


CHAPTER-5

ULTRA HIGH TEMPERATURE (UHT) PLANT

5.1 UHT IN BRIEF

UHT stands for “Ultra High Temperature processing,” which is just another way of heating milk to kill bacterial spores. In the pasteurization process, the milk is heated to 72°C (161.6°F) for at least 15 minutes, whereas the UHT process heats the milk at 140°C for one to two seconds. This flash of extreme heat is said to kill off any spores in the milk, and is currently a process that is being used for other products such as fruit juices, cream, yogurt, wine, and soups.In the UHT milk processing plant, the milk procured from the farmers would be boiled at 140 degrees Celsius to ensure it is zero bacteria milk. The processed milk would be packed in tetra packs of 200 ml, 500 ml and one litre. It consists of 16 types of information at the back of the packet. The processed milk has a shelf life of 90 days and the packets need not be preserved in refrigerators. The UHT plant has the capacity to process one lakh litres per day initially and would be expanded in the future to cater the growing needs, said the officials of dairy department.







5.2 STERLIZATION OF MILK

Milk is allowed to flow to silo capacity of 10,000 litres. This milk is pumped to Sterilizer. Here the milk is heated to 140^0C and cooled to 30^0C. This sterilizer consists of a Balance Tank capacity of 500litre. It is always maintained to 60% when the level is above 250litre. Procedure is as follows :-

1. Milk is pumped to REGENERATION 1 where the temperature is set to be 140^0C.
2. This milk undergoes a process called as HOMOGENATION.
3. Then this milk flows to REGENERATION 2.
4. Then it goes to MAIN HEATER where the milk is being hold for 2 seconds.
5. Then the temperature of the milk is reduced from 140^0C to 138^0C in MINI COOLER.
6. As a reverse the milk flows to REGENERATION 2 where the temperature of the milk is still reduced.
7. And finally it arrives at REGENERATION 1 where it is at 30^0C.
8. For cleaning purpose Nitric acid is used and Caustic soda is used for acid dosage.



5.3 ALCOHOL TEST

A. FOR 75% ALCOHOL TEST

- Add 7ml ethanol and 3ml distilled water in a beaker.
- Add 5ml of milk in a petridish.
- To the same petridish add 5ml of the dissolved ethanol solution to it and mix well.
- Observe for first few seconds if clumps are formed.
- Here no clumps are formed so this can be used for the production.



B. FOR 99.9% ALCOHOL TEST

- Add 5ml of milk in a petridish.
- To the same petridish add 5ml of ethanol solution to it and mix well.
- Observe for first few seconds if clumps are formed.
- Here clumps are formed so this cannot be used for the production.



5.4 TITRINO PLUS

The 848 Titrino plus range is Metrohm's entry class in potentiometric titration. Its price-performance ratio borders on the incredible. The Titrino plus range of instruments offers significantly more than what we would expect from this price segment: large live display with titration curve, Plug & Play functionality of Exchange Unit, stirrer and USB printer, high-resolution measuring interface, operation via mouse-click. The instrument dialog is tailored for routine users and makes operation of the Titrino plus instruments so easy that the familiarization period is very short. Add to this their robustness, which makes them the ideal titrators for daily routine determinations. It is an advanced technique used for determining acidity and pH in UHT milk and also used for the standardization of NaOH. On the day of production, milk packets from every 15 minutes are kept in two incubation units at 37^0C and 55^0C for 7 days. On the 7th day acidity and pH of these milks are determined using Titrino Plus. After the results of these tests only it will be decided whether to dispatch these milk packets or not.



CHAPTER-6

EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT (ETP)

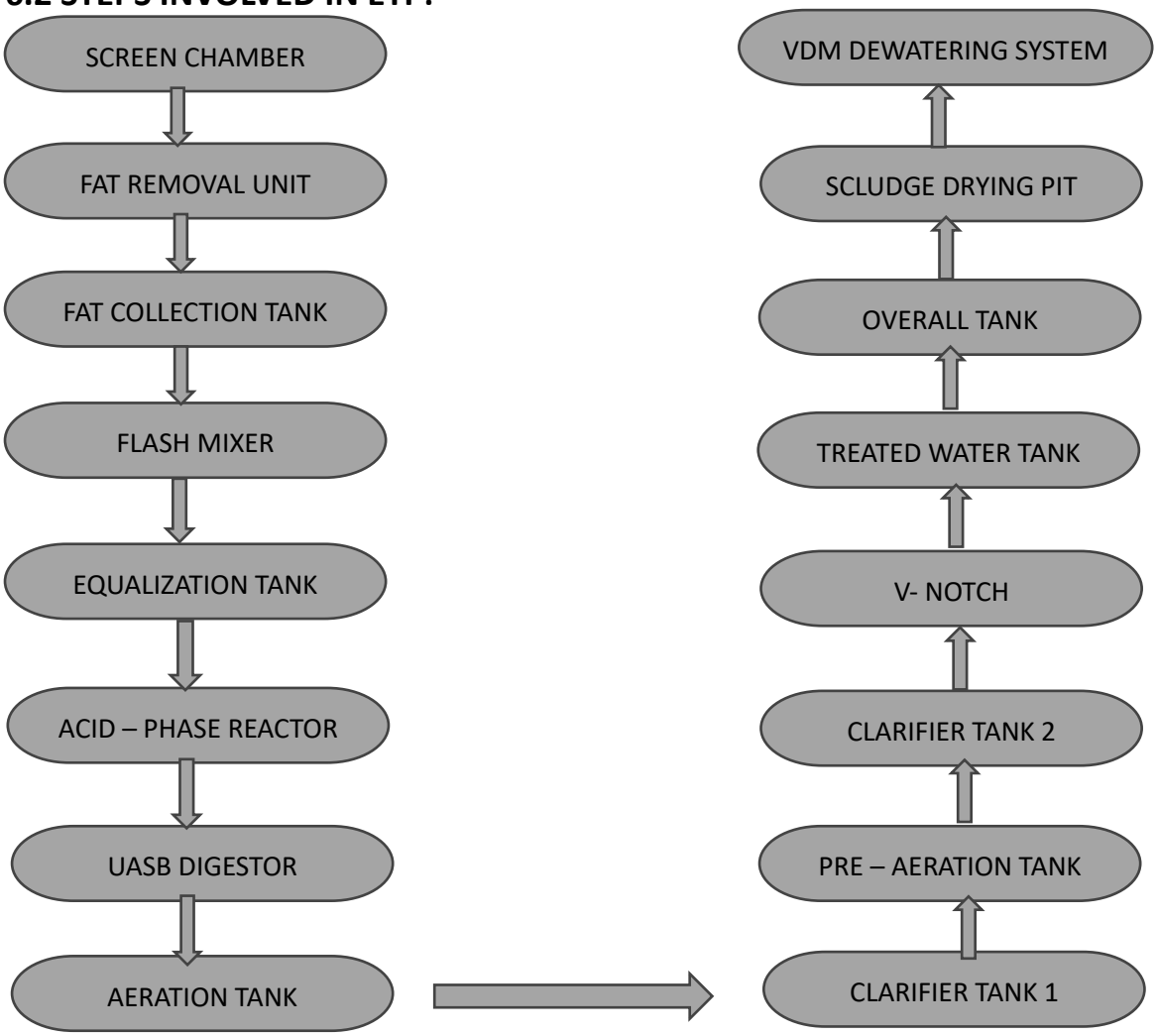
6.1 ETP IN BRIEF

ETP is the process that is used to treat waste water or recycle the waste water obtained from the plant. The treated water can be reused for gardening purposes and tray washing. The waste water comes from UHT, Refrigeration, Pre-pack section, Tub washing, Butter room, Powder room, PLC, Silo – 8, Lye room. The effluent treatment plant studies shows that how the Aavin industry is recycling the waste water for further use. Effluent from the collection tank comes to the equilization tank in waste water treatment. The main function is to act as a buffer. To collect the incoming raw effluent that comes at widely fluctuating rates and position to the rest of the ETP at a steady flow rate. During the peak hours, ETP comes at a high flow rate. The equilization tank stores this effluent and lets it out during the peak time when there is no incoming effluent. The inlet pipe of equilization tank carries filtered effluent from cooling tower. The raw effluent in the industry includes the washing of some instruments, milk tubs, gardening etc.





6.2 STEPS INVOLVED IN ETP:-



6.3 PROCEDURE:-

- Waste water comes through gravity force through three chamber into **SCREEN CHAMBER**. Manual cleaning takes place to remove unwanted waste. In **FAT REMOVAL UNIT** it removes fat from the water coming from screen chamber with the help of a machine which consists of a skimmer. The removal fat is collected in **FAT COLLECTION TANK**. Remaining water is collected in **FLASH MIXER**. Here lye acid is dosed for neutralization.
- Then everything arrives at **EQUALIZATION TANK** which consists of two tanks which can be used alternatively. This uses air blower to even pH & etc (temperature). Now everything is collected in **ACID – PHASE REACTOR** where pH is permanently maintained between 6.8 – 7.2/3. Now comes **UASB DIGESTOR** (upflow anaerobic scludge blanket) where outlet is towards up and inlet is towards down. Flow is maintained at $30m^3$/min. It does anaerobic process as acetogenics, acetonegenics, hydrolysis and methanogenics(gas and CO_2 is formed). Here digestion also happens where 80% is dissolved.
- Now everything is collected in **AERATION TANK** is of two types. Type 1 happens at $20m^3$/min. Type 2 proceeds with recirculation and goes to acid – phase reactor which happens at $10m^{3/}$min. This is aerobic process where air blower works at 40Hp which is continuously running. Aeration colour is brown as the oxygen is continuously pumping. It is attached with several DIFFUSION LINE which is T-shaped from bottom and to give air from air blower.
- **CLARIFIERS** are setting tanks built with a mechanical approach for non-stop removal of solids being deposited with the aid of sedimentation. A clarifier is commonly used to cast off strong particulates or suspended solids from the liquid for explanation or thickening. Concentrated impurities, discharged from the lowest the tank are referred to as sludge, whist the particles that waft to the surface of the liquid are referred to as scum.
- **CLARIFIER TANK 1** - Primary waste water treatment systems may include both clarification and physical-chemical treatment equipment, depending on the components in the wastewater. Clarification, through the process of sedimentation, is the separation of suspended particles by gravitational setting. This operation can be used for grit and solids removal of chemically treated solids when the chemical coagulation process is used or solid concentrations in the sludge thickeners. Primary clarifiers reduce the content of suspended solids. Because of the huge quantity of reagent necessary to treat home wastewater, preliminary chemical coagulation and flocculation are generally no longer used, last suspended solids being reduced through following ranges of the machine. However, coagulation and flocculation can be used for constructing a compact treatment plant (also called as “package deal treatment plant”), or for further polishing of the handled water.
- **CLARIFIER TANK 2** - Secondary treatment is a treatment process for wastewater (or sewage) to achieve a certain degree of effluent quality by using a sewage treatment plant with physical phase separation to remove settable solids and a biological process to remove dissolved and suspended organic compounds. After this kind of treatment, the wastewater may be called as secondary-treated wastewater. Secondary treatment is the part of a sewage treatment series disposing of dissolved and colloidal compounds measured as biochemical oxygen demand (BOD). The secondary remedy is traditionally implemented to the liquid portion of sewage after number one treatment has removed settable solids and floating solids. Overflow water arrives at PRE-AERATION TANK which is attached with an Agitator Fan.
- Overall water from clarifier tank 2 arrives at **V-NOTCH** and the treated water from here arrives at **TREATED WATER TANK**. In **OVERALL TANK**, filtration occurs in two types with sand filter and carbon filter. Pure water is collected here. These water are used for tub wash, garden purpose and cloth wash. But we cannot drink this water. Scludge from aeration tank comes here. If the scludge from clarifier is in right amount then it goes to aeration tank but if its in more amount it goes to **SCLUDGE DRYING PIT**. In **VDM – DEWATERING SYSTEM**, it separates scludge and water in one hour which is recirculated and goes to Equalization Tank. When the scludge dries in 2 hours it is used in garden and in burner.
- **OUTLET WASTE WATER** :- The water which is expelled from the industry is considered as non-toxic and purified from harmful bacteria. The water from the outlet is used up for the various purposes like washing or even as helpful for studying the basic parameter. The pollution control board officers will come there for the analysis of the inlet and outlet water sample. This is how wastewater is recycled and managed.





6.4 THE SPACE REQUIREMENT FOR ETP :- This space requirement to treat the wastewater from milk processing upto 65000 litres per day in a dairy plant.

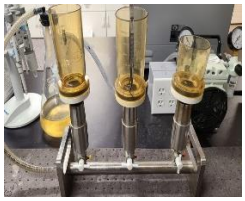
- Equalization tank- 4m x 3m x 1.3m
- Primary setting tank- 4m x 4m x 2.7m
- Secondary setting tank- 1.6m x 1.6m x 2.5m
- Aeration tank- 5.7m x 5.7m x 4m
- Anaerobic tank- 4m x 4m x 4.4m
- Sludge drying beds(4)- 3m x 2m x 2m

6.5 TESTS DONE IN ETP

Samples are pH, Raw, Fat removal, Digesting in out, Aeration 1 & 2, Clarifier 1, Final outlet.

1. Aeration Scludge Settlement
2. Dissolved Oxygen
3. VFA - Bio Alkanity Volatile Fatty Acid
4. COD – Chemical Oxygen Demand
5. BOD – Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand
6. Oil Increase – Oil content in water.
7. TSS – Total Suspended Solid
8. TDS – Total Dissolved Solid
9. MLSS – Mixed Liquid Suspended Solid
10. SVI – Scludge Volume Index







COD **BOD** **MLSS** **TSS** **SVI**

CHAPTER-7

CALCULATIONS, RESULTS AND PREPARATIONS

7.1 Determination of FAT and SNF

FORMULA :- $\mathbf{SNF = CLR/4 + (FAT\ X\ 0.2) + O.36}$

- Standard Milk (SM):

  Fat- 4.5%

  Correct Lactometer Reading(CLR)- 28.5^0C

  SNF = 7.125 + 4.5 X 0.2 + 0.36

  SNF = 8.385%

- Toned Milk (TM):

  Fat- 3%

  Correct Lactometer Reading(CLR)- 30^0C

  SNF = 7.5 + 3 X 0.2 + 0.36

  SNF = 8.46%

- Full Cream Milk (FCM):

  Fat- 6%

  Correct Lactometer Reading(CLR)- 29.8^0C

  SNF = 7.45 +6 X 0.2 + 0.36

  SNF = 9.03%

7.2 Determination of Acidity in Milk

FORMULA :- $\frac{\text{Molecular weight of NaOH X Normality of NaOH X Volume of Titrant}}{\text{Weight of the sample}}$

ACIDITY = (9 X 0.1 X 1.4) / 10

Acidity of Milk = 0.126%

7.3 Determination of Acidity in Curd

FORMULA :- $\frac{\text{Volume of NaOH} \times 0.1 \times 9}{\text{Weight of Curd}}$

ACIDITY = (9 × 0.1 × 8.0) / 10.1342 ⟶ **Acidity of Curd = 0.71%**

7.4 Determination of Acidity in Butter

FORMULA :- :- Volume of NaOH × 0.02 × 9

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Weight of Butter

ACIDITY = (9 × 0.02 × 1.7) / 5.034

Acidity of Butter = 0.0607%

7.5 Determination of Acidity in Milk Powder

FORMULA :- Volume of NaOH × 2

ACIDITY = 8.3 × 2 = 16.6

7.6 Determination of Hardness, TDS and pH of Water

S. NO:	TYPE OF WATER	TOTAL HARDNESS	TDS	pH
1	Raw Water	84ppm	660	7.62
2	Sump-1 Water	76ppm	630	7.60
3	Sump-2 Water	76ppm	620	7.58
4	RO Water	40ppm	400	6.45
5	Blow Down	-	1500	9.51

7.7 Determination of Moisture in Milk Powder and Butter

Moisture content in butter – **14.65%**

Moisture content in milk powder – **5.04%**

7.8 Determination of Fat in Butter

The butter which is taken for the fat estimation contains **80% of fat.**

7.9 Determination of FFA

FORMULA :- Titrant value X 0.6

Titrant value=0.1ml

FFA% = 0.6 X 0.1 ⟶ **FFA% = 0.06%**

7.10 PREPARATION OF SOLUTIONS

1. Methylene blue solution – 1 methylene blue tablet in 800ml water.

2. 1N NaOH Mother Solution – 40g of NaOH in 1000 ml distilled water.

3. 0.1N NaOH solution – 100 ml of mother solution in 900ml of distilled water.

4. 2% phenolphthalein indicator – 2g of phenolphthalein powder in 100ml of ethanol.

5. 0.5% oxalic acid – 0.2g in 100ml distilled water

8. GLIMPSE OF MY INVOLVEMENT







CONCLUSION

On the whole, this internship was a useful experience. I have gained new knowledge, skills and met many new people. I achieved several of my learning goals and got insight into professional practices currently advocated in the industry. Related to our study I learned more about the manufacturing of milk.

Furthermore, I have experienced that it is of importance that education is objective and we have to be aware of the industrial aspect of the topics I study. This internship program was not one sided, but it was a way of sharing knowledge, ideas and opinions. The internship was also good to find out what our strengths and weakness are. This helped us to define what skills and knowledge we have to improve in the coming time. I can confidently assert that the knowledge gained through this internship is sufficient to contribute towards our future endeavours. At last, this internship has given us new insights and motivation to pursue a career in core Dairy technology.

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This is to certify that Ms.J.BENISHA, II year M.Sc (Chemistry) Student of Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Jeppiaar Nagar, Rajivgandhi Salai, Ch-119 has done Internship Training in Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Producer's Federation Limited at Sholinganalur Dairy, Chennai-600119 from 15.09.2023 to 29.09.2023 (15days) and completed the same satisfactorily.

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This is to certify that **Mr. BINO JEBA SINGH G B, (Reg.No.42910005) M.Sc, (Chemistry)** second year student from Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Jeppiaar Nagar, Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Chennai-600 119, Tamil Nadu, underwent **Internship** at our API Business Unit - Alathur during the period from **November 29, 2023** to **December 19, 2023.** During the above said tenure, we found him satisfactory to the job assigned to him by our Organization.

We wish him success in his career.

For Orchid Pharma Ltd.

K Karunakaran
Asst.Manager-Human Resources

Preface

The requirement of practical knowledge by internship is met by professional training and ability of correlating theoretical knowledge to practical exercises under the proper guideline of the related professional staff. The training equips the students with skill, knowledge and professional values sufficient for building professionalism in them. This also guides the students to flourish in their career by imparting the ability of unending learning process.

My university (Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai) has therefore been seized with the need of developing practical guideline with would help in providing experience to students to meet the future needs of the industry. In this regard I have been given an opportunity to experience 15 days internship at **ORCHID CHEMICALS & PARMACEUTICALS LIMITED (ALATHUR)**. During this time, I have visited different sections of the company and I have been guided properly and I am very glad to compile what I have learnt in this report.

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I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who supported me throughout my internship and the creation of this report.

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Sincerely,

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CEFAZOLIN PREPARATION

INTRODUCTION:

Cefazolin is a widely used antibiotic belonging to the class of medications known as first-generation cephalosporins. It's primarily utilized for the treatment of bacterial infections caused by susceptible organisms.

Cefazolin works by inhibiting the synthesis of bacterial cell walls. It achieves this by binding to and disrupting the formation of peptidoglycan, a key component of the bacterial cell wall. This interference weakens the cell wall structure, ultimately leading to the death of the susceptible bacteria.

ANALYTICAL PROCEDURE

Standard preparation

Approximately 50 mg of cefazolin sodium was weighed as the reference standard in a 100 mL volumetric flask, dissolved by sonication, and made up to the required volume with mobile phase, giving 500 µg/mL of cefazolin sodium as the stock standard solution used in further processing. For a working standard solution, 10 mL of stock standard solution was diluted in a 100 mL flask with the same diluent. Further dilutions were made to obtain the concentrations required.

Sample preparation

To make a stock sample of cefazolin sodium 500 µg/mL, 10 vials were emptied and the contents were mixed to obtain an evenly homogenized 50 mg sample, which was added to a 100 mL volumetric flask along with 50 mL of mobile phase. The sample was sonicated for 10 minutes, placed on a stirrer for 10 minutes, and the same diluent was added up to the mark level of the flask. This was used as the stock sample solution, 10 mL of which was diluted further in 100 mL of diluent to prepare a working sample solution. The sample was then filtered through 0.45 □m filter paper and injected into the HPLC system.

Preparation of serum sample for in vitro study

Blood samples were taken from healthy volunteers who were aged 20–30 years, not taking any medications, and not participating in any strenuous activity. All volunteers were informed of the aims and risks of the study, and written informed consent was obtained. Our ethics committee approved the study protocol. Blood was collected into an evacuated glass tube through an indwelling cannula in a forearm vein by a clinical laboratory technician. The blood was shaken and centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes to separate out the plasma. Next, 90 mL acetonitrile was added to 10 mL of plasma, and the mixture was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes to remove the protein. The supernatant serum obtained was filtered through Whatman 42 filter paper and stored at -20°C. To make a working sample, 5 mL of the stock sample was put into a 50 mL flask and diluted with10 mL of mobile phase, followed by addition of 25 mL of serum. The sample obtained was stirred for 10 minutes and the same diluent was then added up to the mark level of the flask. All samples prepared were filtered through 0.45 □m filter paper and injected in triplicate into the HPLC system. A blank serum sample was made and run to establish the specificity of the method in biological fluid.

Preparation of sample for study of drug degradation

First, 5 mL samples of stock solution were added to four separate 50 mL volumetric flasks. Next, 15 mL of degrading agent was added to each flask individually, with the exception of one flask, to which diluent (mobile phase) only was added. The degrading agents included 0.1 N HCl, 0.1 N NaOH, and 10% H2O2, and the same diluent was added to each flask up to the mark level. In one experiment, all four samples were placed in a water bath at 60□C for one hour, and in another experiment, the samples were analyzed without heat. The samples were then filtered through 0.45 □m filter paper and injected into the HPLC system. Force degradation data are

Stability studies

For the stability studies, commercially available parenteral samples were stored in accelerated conditions of temperature, ie, 40°C with 75% relative humidity, and in ambient conditions of 30°C temperature with 65% relative humidity, in an environmental chamber for 6 months. The stability protocol

Validation of methods

International Conference on Harmonization guidelines were used for the method validation studies. Various parameters, including specificity, linearity, range, accuracy, robustness, and intraday and interday precision were evaluated. To study linearity, 20 dilutions were prepared from a stock standard solution with a drug content range of 10%–200%. A standard calibration curve was generated using regression analysis.

Precision was investigated by identifying any intraday and interday variations in the results of the testing method used for cefazolin sodium in the concentration range of 40– 60 µg/mL. Precision was determined by analyzing a homogeneous bulk sample against a freshly prepared standard daily three times daily at 8-hour intervals for 3 consecutive days. To determine accuracy, the reference standard for cefazolin sodium was spiked at three different concentration levels into samples for injection and into serum. Samples were prepared in triplicate for each concentration and percent recovery was determined. The limits of detection and quantification for the method were established from a linearity curve with formula (limit of detection, 3 □/S, and limit of quantification, 10 □/S) where □ is the standard deviation and S is the slope. This empirical formula was used to obtain the limit of quantification as shown in the chromatogram.

To study the robustness of the method, injectable cefazolin sodium formulation samples were assayed with intentional variation in the method parameters, including chromatographic conditions, mobile phase, flow rate, and temperature. Suitability of the system was established by calculating the percent relative standard deviation of repeat injections and analyzing the symmetry of the peak and theoretical plates of the column.

Results and discussion

Development of an HPLC method and its validation are important issues for any drug entering the marketplace, and is a regulatory requirement for quality assurance. Cefazolin sodium is very vulnerable to hydrolysis, so stability studies have an important role in this context. However, very few methods are available for effective assessment of the stability of cefazolin sodium. Calorimetry gamma irradiation, and electrophoresis can be used to indicate stability, but are not widely used, especially at an industrial level. Chromatographic methods developed by Mayerand cannot assess stability. Lalitha et al developed an HPLC method for assessment of stability, but this cannot be used to quantify cefazolin sodium in physiological fluid. However, good results for recovery in studies involving human serum and a low limit of quantification make this method useful for pharmacokinetic studies and routine quality control purposes because it is simple to process, has a short run time, does not require complicated instrumentation, and uses inexpensive reagents.



INSTRUMENTAL TECHNIQUES

ION EXCHANGE CHROMATOGRAPHY



Ion exchange chromatography can be defined as a reversible process in which ions of same sign are exchanged between solid and liquid, a highly insoluble body in contact with it. The soil is known as an ion exchanger and no substantial organic polymer has been used as ion exchanger [1, 2]. It is also known as cation-anion exchange chromatography. Ion exchange chromatography, which is also known as adsorption chromatography, is a useful and popular method due to it's • .High capacity,

- High resolving power,
- Mild separation conditions,
- Versatility and wide speared applicability, Tendency to concentrate the sample relatively low

PROPERTIES OF ION EXCHANGE CHROMATOGRAPHY:

The most common properties of all ion exchangers which have been used in analysis are:

- It should be almost insoluble in water and organic solvents, like benzene, carbon tetrachloride, ether etc.
- It should be complex in nature and in fact they are polymeric

It should contain active or counter ions that will leads to exchange reversibility with other ions in a surrounding solution without any substantial change in the material

ADVANTAGES:

* **Detectability**: Useful for the detection of many inorganic salts and also for the detection of organic ions with poor UV absorptivity likes alkyl amines or sulfonates.
* **Preparative separations:** Usually preferred because of the availability of volatile buffers. Volatile buffer makes the removal of mobile phase easier.
* Useful to resolve very complex samples i.e., in the case of multi-step separation.
* Useful for separation of mixtureof biological origin, in organic salts and some organometallics.
* Provides long life to resin
* Cheap maintenance
* Environmental friendly because it deals only with substance occurring in water.

THEORY:

The principle of separation is by reversible exchange of ions between the ions present in the solution and those present in the ion exchange resin. Ion exchange separations are mainly carried out in columns packed with an

ion exchanger. There are two types of ion exchanger, namely 1. Cationic exchangers

2. Anionic exchanger

Cationic exchangers:

It possesses negatively charged groups and these will attract positively charged groups. These exchangers are also called acidic ion exchange materials since their negative charges result from the proteolysis of acidic groups.

Anionic exchangers:

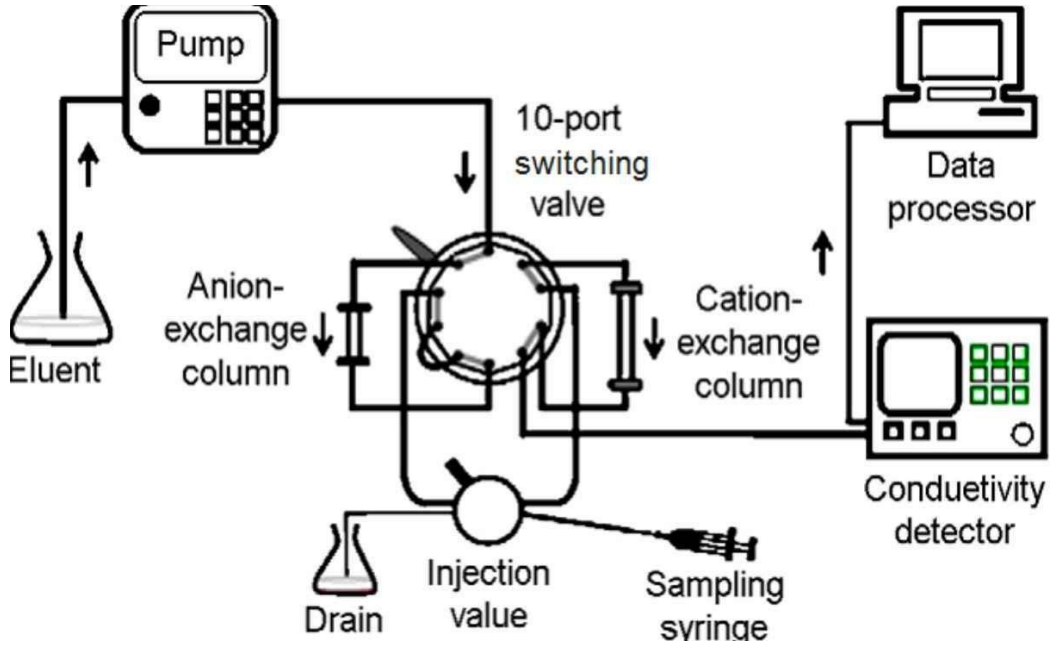
It has positively charged groups, which will attract negatively charged molecules. This exchanger is termed as basic ion exchange materials since their positive charges generally result from the association of protons with basic groups. Based upon the affinity of ions towards the matrix the ions like cation and anion are separated. The ions that have less affinity towards matrices will elute first and the ions that have more affinity towards matrices it will elute later.

The actual ion exchange mechanism is thought to be composed of five distinct steps:

1. Diffusion of the ion to the exchanger surface. This occurs very quickly in homogeneous solutions.
2. Diffusion of the ion through the matrix to the exchanger site. This is dependent upon the degree of cross linkage of the exchanger and the concentration of the solution.
3. Exchange of ions at the exchange site occurs.

This occur instantaneously in an equilibrium process: Resin - SO3H + Na+ Resins - SO3Na + H+ Resin-N(CH3)3OH + Cl- Resin - N(CH3)3Cl + OH4. Diffusion Of the exchanged ion through the exchanger to the surface 5. Selective desorption by the eluent and diffusion of the molecule into the external solution takes places.

INSTRUMENTATION



ION EXCHANGE TECHNIQUES

Two techniques are generally used to bring the solution in contact with ion exchange resins. They are:

1. Batch method
2. Column method

1. **Batch method:** This method involves single step equilibrium. The resin and the solution are mixed in a vessel until equilibrium is attained. The solution which is obtained filtered. In single step equilibrium of this type, only a single portion of the exchange capacity of the resin is utilized. This method is used for softening of water and the production of deionised or demineralised water

2. **Column method:**

Ion exchange chromatography is technique in which separation of the components of a mixture is based upon the different selective coefficients for the resin which leads to different migration rates on an ion exchange column. Chromatography process is classified according to physically state of mobile and stationery phases, whether they are gases, liquid and gases . This are

1) Frontal analysis
2) Elution analysis

APPLICATIONS

Ion exchange chromatography can be applied for the separation and purification of many charged or ionisable molecules such as proteins, peptides, enzymes, nucleotides, DNA, antibiotics, vitamins and etc. from natural sources or synthetic origin . Some of its applications are as follows

1. **Separation of similar ions:**The ion exchange chromatography is used for separation of similar ions as different ions undergo exchange reactions to different extent E.g.: A mixture of H+ , Na+ , and K+ can be separated by using cation exchange resin. Similarly Cl- , Br- , Ican be separated by passing through basic anion exchanger. The apparatus used in the column method consist of a glass column fitted with a glass wool plug or a sintered glass disc at the lower end. An ordinary burette can also be used. The resin used should have small particle size and the diameter of the resin should be less than one tenth of the column. The slurry is slowly poured into the column containing some water. The resin is allowed to settle and then excess water is drained off

2. **Softening of hard water:**

Hardness of water is due to the presences of Ca2+,Mg2+ and other divalent ions may be removed by passing the hard water through the cation exchanger charged with Na+ ions. Then the following exchange reaction takes place:

TheCa+ , Mg+ ions from water are retained on the column while Na + ions pass into the solution. These Na+ ions are harmless for washing

purpose. After using the ion exchange for a time, it becomes in active. Percolating through it a concentrated solution of NaCl when the following reverse reaction takes place can revive its activity

3. **Complete demineralization of water:**

This requires complete removal of ions i.e., both cations and anions. For this, water is passed through an acidic cation exchanger then metallic cations are exchanged with H+ ions. The water obtained is then passed through a basic anion exchanger then the anions present in the water are exchanged by OHof the exchanger. The H+ and OHions which pass into solution combine to form unionized water [5, 12, and 14]. E.g.: Cation exchanger

– Sulphonic acid resin is commonly used Anion exchanger – Strong basic resin is use

4. **Purification of organic compounds**:

Many natural products extracted in water have been found to contain ions originally present in water. Those ions can be removed by using ion exchange process

5. **Separation of sugars**:

This method is developed by Khym and Zill in 1951. Sugars are first converted into borate complex and the separation of borate complexes have been achieved quantitatively on columns by using ion exchange chromatography. In this, disaccharide can be separated from monosaccharide's and the individual compounds of hexose, pentose from the mixture can be resolved

6. **Separation of amino acids**:

Ion exchange methods can be used to separate the complex mixture of 18 amino acids obtained by the acid hydrolysis of proteins. The mixture of amino acids is first introduced on a very short column at pH 2 and eluted with 0.35 N sodium citrate buffers at pH 5.25. Acidic and neutral amino acids at first leave the column unseparated and after that other amino acids are separated . Similarly, a mixture of vitamins like vitamin B1, B2, B6, Niacin, Folic acid, B12 etc. can be separated using ion exchange technique .

PROCESS DEVOLOPMENT LAB POLARIMETER

- A Polarimeter is a scientific instrument used to measure the angle of rotation caused passing polarised light through an optically active substance
- The machine used in industries is JASCOP 1020
- Polarimetery is a type of qualitative and quantitative technique, used for optically active compounds.
- The tendency of molecules to rotate the plane of polarised light (clockwise or anticlockwise) and the extent of rotation is measured.
- Thus polarimeter can be used to identify and estimate the compounds.



PHARMACEUTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. To determine the product purity by measuring specific rotation and optical rotation of :Amino acids, Amino sugar , Analgesics , Antibiotics, Cocacine, Dextrose, Diuretics , Steroids, Serums Transquilizers, Vitamins etc .
2. For raw material inspection of : Camphors, Citric acid, Glyceric acid gums

   Lavender oil, Lemon oil, Spearmint oil.

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INTERNAL EXAMINER **EXTERNAL EXAMINER**

PREFACE

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) is an analytical method used to examine the dynamics and structure of molecules. It depends on the magnetic characteristics of some atomic nuclei, such carbon-13 and hydrogen. These nuclei generate signals that may be examined to provide details about the chemical environment, structure, and interactions inside a sample when they are subjected to radiofrequency pulses and put in a high magnetic field. NMR is frequently used to analyse molecular interactions, look into biomolecular structures, and determine the chemical composition of organic molecules.



WORKING PRINCIPLE

The basic working principle of NMR spectroscopy involves the interaction of nuclear spins with an external magnetic field and the absorption of radiofrequency energy.

Here are the key steps in the working principle of NMR spectroscopy:

- **Nuclear Spin:**

  Certain nuclei possess a property called nuclear spin. Nuclei with a non-zero spin, such as hydrogen nuclei and carbon-13 nuclei, are commonly studied in NMR spectroscopy.

- **External Magnetic Field (B_0):**

  When a sample containing nuclei with a non-zero spin is placed in an external magnetic field, the nuclear spins align either parallel or antiparallel to the magnetic field. The energy associated with these alignments is influenced by the external magnetic field.

- **Resonance Condition:**

  The energy difference between the two spin states (parallel and antiparallel) can be matched by applying radiofrequency energy. The RF energy is applied perpendicular to the external magnetic field, and when it matches the energy gap, it induces a transition between the two spin states. This is known as the resonance condition.

- **Absorption of RF Energy:**
  When the RF energy matches the energy gap, nuclei absorb the energy and temporarily move to a higher energy state. The absorption of RF energy is detected and measured.

- **Relaxation:**

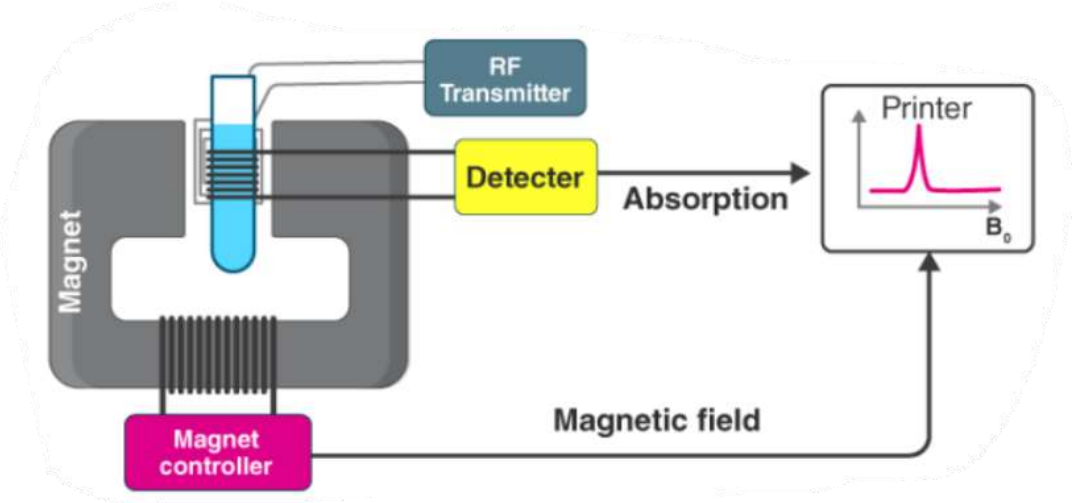
  After absorbing RF energy, the nuclei return to their original spin states, releasing the absorbed energy. These processes influence the NMR signals and provide additional information about the sample.

- **NMR Signal Detection:**

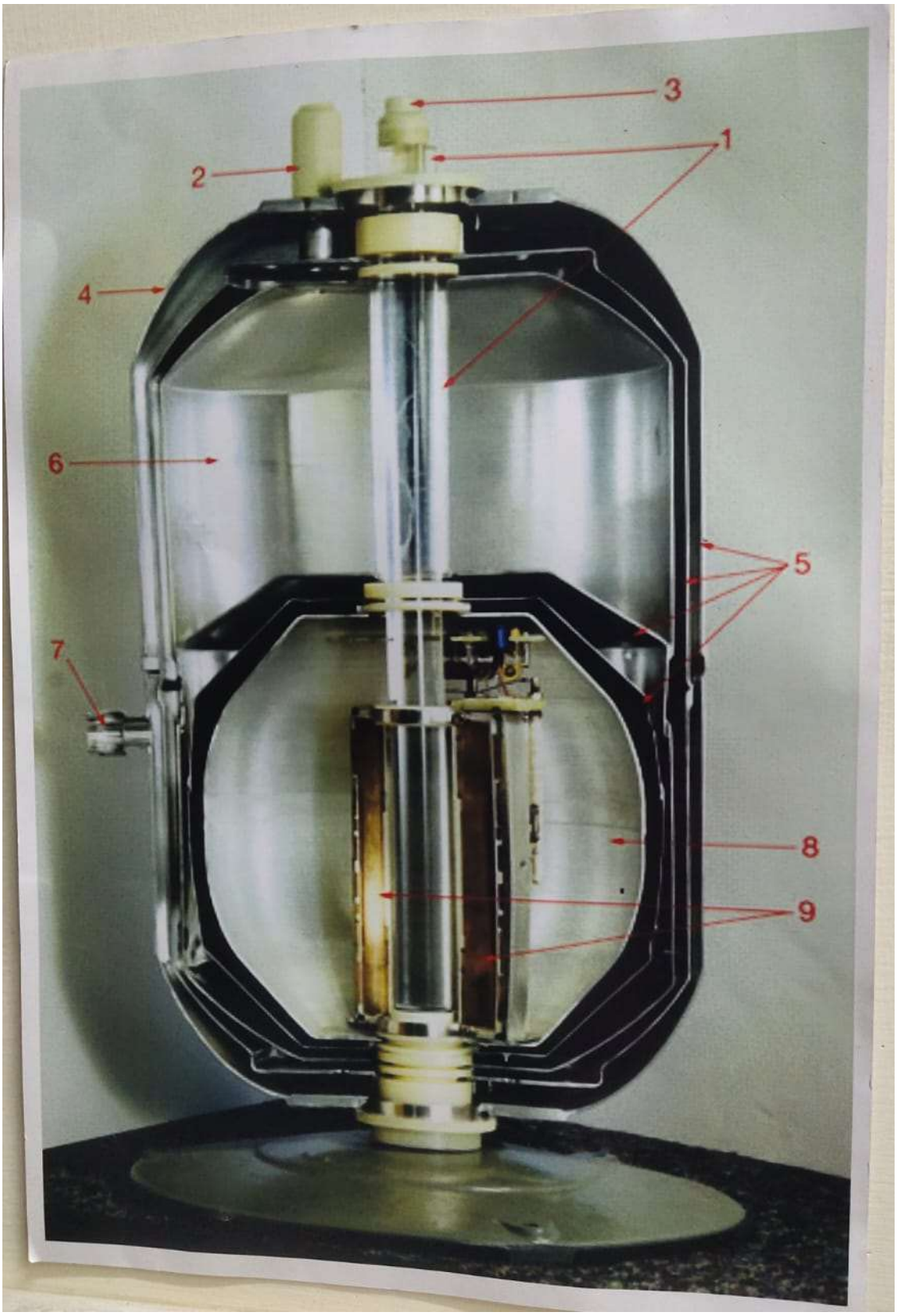
  The emitted RF signals during relaxation are detected by a coil or antenna. The resulting NMR signal is then processed to generate a spectrum, which represents the distribution of nuclear spins in the sample.

- **Chemical Shift and Coupling:**

  The NMR spectrum provides information about the chemical environment of the nuclei, known as chemical shift. Additionally, coupling between neighbouring nuclei provides information about their spatial proximity and connectivity within a molecule.



INSTRUMENTATION



1. **Bore Tube of the magnet**

   The bore tube in an NMR instrument is the cylindrical space within the magnet where the sample is placed, crucial for the proper functioning of the experiment. In high-field NMR instruments, it is a narrow, elongated space where the sample is inserted, requiring precise placement within the homogeneous magnetic field region for accurate measurements.

2. **Liquid Nitrogen Vent Port**

   Liquid nitrogen is commonly used in high-field NMR spectrometers for cryogenic purposes, ensuring the proper functioning of components like the cryogenic probe and superconducting magnet. The liquid nitrogen filling port allows users to refill the system when needed, ensuring low temperatures. The superconducting magnet is typically cooled to low temperatures, close to the boiling point of liquid helium, but due to its high cost and limitations, liquid nitrogen is often used to maintain a stable cryogenic environment.

3. **Liquid Helium Vent Port**

   Liquid helium is commonly used in high-field NMR instruments, particularly those with superconducting magnets. It cools the magnet to extremely low temperatures, close to absolute zero, allowing it to operate in a superconducting state. A designated liquid helium filling port is connected to a reservoir, allowing users to replenish the supply when needed. This low temperature is crucial for maintaining a strong and stable magnetic field. Regular maintenance, including monitoring and refilling the liquid helium, is essential for the proper functioning of these instruments.

4. **Aluminium Outer shell**

   The outer shell of an NMR machine is often made of aluminium for its non-magnetic properties, lightweight and durable nature, excellent thermal conductivity, corrosion resistance, and effectiveness as a radiofrequency shield. Additionally, aluminium provides an aesthetically pleasing finish

5. **Vacuum Chamber**

   A vacuum chamber in NMR spectroscopy is used to eliminate air and gases around the sample. This helps reduce interference, prevents signal broadening caused by paramagnetic molecules, enhances sensitivity by minimizing signal loss, and can contribute to maintaining sample purity in certain experiments.

6. **Liquid Nitrogen cryostat**

   Liquid nitrogen cryostat is utilized to cool the sample or magnets to very low temperatures. This enhances spectral resolution and stability in high-field NMR experiments. The cryostat includes a Dewar flask for liquid nitrogen, temperature control mechanisms, and may be used with cryogenic probes to improve sensitivity.

7. **Vacuum outlet**

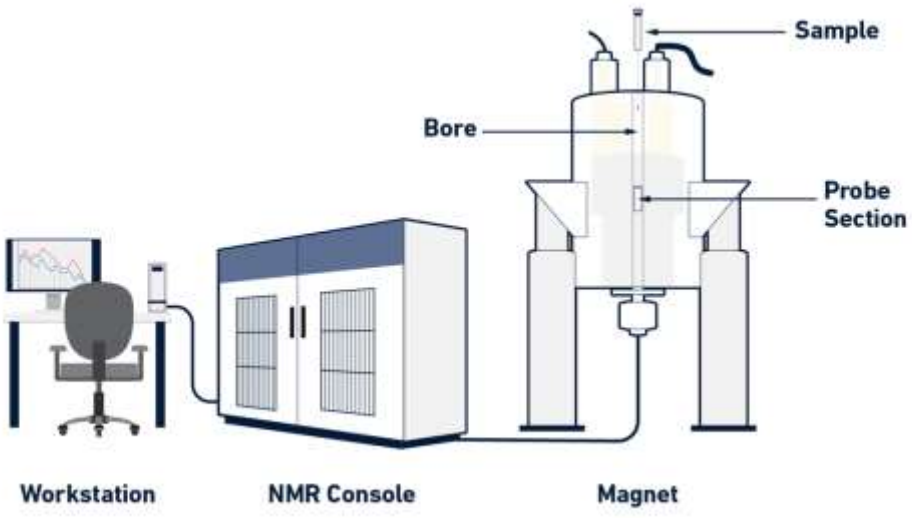
   A vacuum outlet is a feature in NMR instruments, particularly those used for solid-state NMR or experiments involving volatile samples. It serves several purposes, including sample preparation, sample transfer, reducing air interference, and preserving sample sensitivity. The outlet allows for the attachment of a vacuum pump to remove residual solvents or volatile components, ensuring a dry and stable sample before analysis. It also helps maintain a low-pressure environment, which is crucial for accurate data acquisition.

8. Liquid Helium cryostat

In NMR spectroscopy, a liquid helium cryostat is used to cool the superconducting magnets, which are crucial for generating strong and stable magnetic fields in high-field NMR spectrometers. The cryostat maintains the low temperatures necessary for superconductivity, ensuring the accuracy and stability of NMR measurements.

9. Super conducting magnet

Superconducting magnets are essential in high-field NMR instruments for generating strong and stable magnetic fields. They generate higher magnetic fields than resistive magnets, enabling high-resolution NMR spectra. Superconducting magnets exhibit zero electrical resistance when cooled to cryogenic temperatures, ensuring constant magnetic field without energy losses. They require cryogenic cooling, typically liquid helium, to maintain the superconducting state. They provide homogeneity across the sample region, ensuring reliable results. These magnets are valuable for experiments requiring stronger magnetic fields, such as large biological molecules or materials science applications. They also reduce operating costs compared to resistive magnets.



SAMPLE PREPARATION

10 mg of the solid sample is taken NMR tube

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Then the needed solvent is added in drops using micro pipette and shaken well till the solute particles completely dissolves.

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Next the NMR tube is placed in a spinner.

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Then the sample is loaded in NMR machine

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After which required experiment is selected in Top Spin software

SOLVENT USED IN SAMPLE PREPARATION

When it comes to solvent selection, we need to consider two parameters in account

- The selected solvent should not react with the sample particles.
- We need to know the exact peak range for the chosen sample.

On basis of this parameters some solvents have been given below:

Solvent used in NMR	Peak Range
D2O	4.7
CDCl3	7.26
DMSO	2.5
ACETONE	2.05
BENZENE	7.16

TMS – Tetramethylsilane $(CH_3)_4Si$ is used as a reference.

The peak of TMS will be at 0 due to its most shielded nuclei's.





TOP SPIN SOFTWARE

The Top spin software is used for Bruker's NMR machine to carry out the experimental part. Once the sample is loaded in the machine, we can customize our experiment in this software. On selecting the experiment, it will check whether other parameters are ready to proceed the experiment.

The parameters are:

- **Auto tuning and matching (ATM)**

  Auto tuning and matching is an automated process in NMR spectroscopy, which optimizes the performance of an NMR spectrometer. It ensures efficient transmission and reception of radiofrequency pulses, resulting in high-quality NMR spectra. The tuning process optimizes the resonance frequency of the RF coil with the applied RF pulses, while the matching process ensures the impedance of the RF coil is matched to the RF electronics, minimizing signal losses.

- **Locking**

  The NMR experiment uses RF pulses to manipulate nuclear spins, maintaining resonance by matching the Larmor frequency. A locking system monitors and adjusts the RF pulse frequency, typically with a feedback loop, to detect deviations between the Larmor frequency and the RF pulse frequency.

- **Shimming**

  Shimming in NMR spectroscopy is a process used to optimize the homogeneity of the magnetic field within the NMR sample. A homogeneous magnetic field is crucial for obtaining high-quality NMR spectra with well-defined and sharp peaks. Shimming involves adjusting the magnetic field to minimize variations in strength across the sample, ensuring that different nuclei experience the same magnetic environment.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF 1D EXPERIMENTS IN NMR

- **Proton NMR**

  This experiment analyses the structure and environment of hydrogen atoms in a sample molecule. Chemical shifts indicate electron density, identifying functional groups. Proton NMR shows splitting patterns, revealing molecule connectivity. Different chemical environments lead to different shifts, confirming structure. Coupling patterns determine hydrogen atom connectivity.

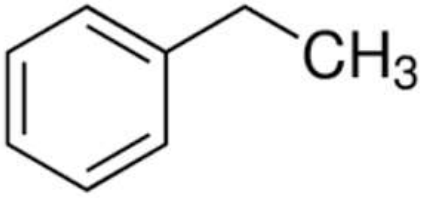
- **Carbon 13 NMR**

  This experiment is used to provide information about the structure and environment of Carbon atom within the sample molecule. Carbon 13 being a stable isotope of carbon allows to study the isotopic labelling to trace the fate of isotope labelling in carbon atom.

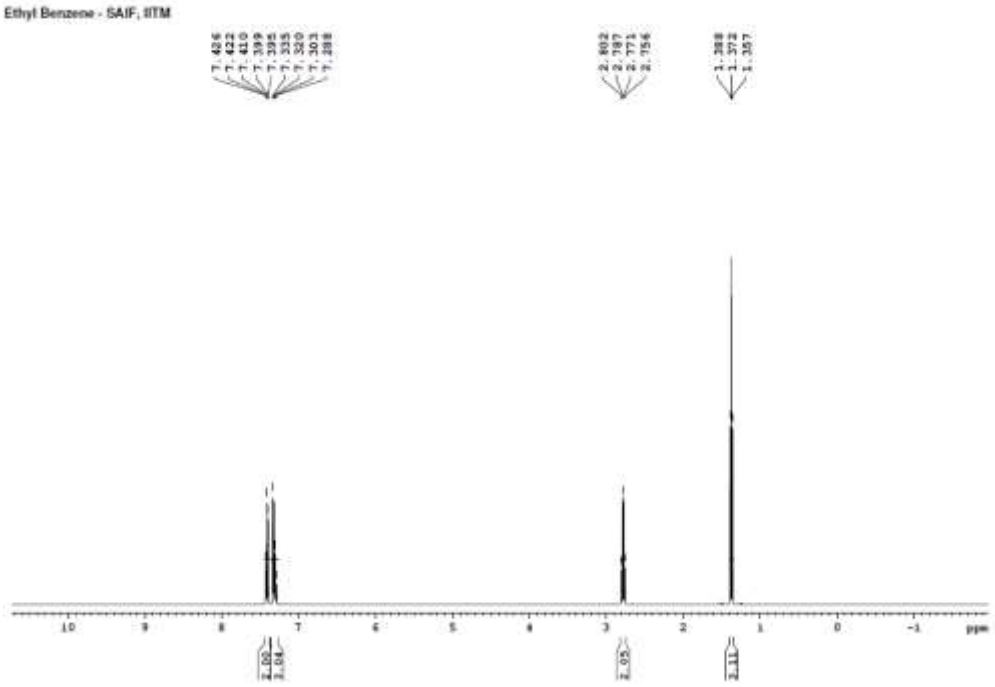
- **DEPT – Distortion less Enhancement By Polarization Transfer**

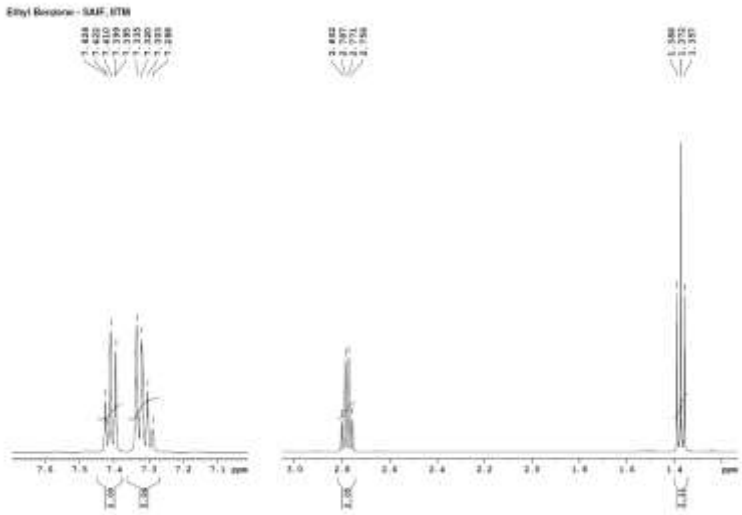
  This experiment is used to determine the multiplicity of carbon atom like they are C, CH, CH_2 or CH_3. Used to enhance the signals of specific types of carbon or proton atoms in a molecule

For further understanding of the 1D experiments, the compound **ETHYL BENZENE** – (C_6H_5-CH_2-CH_3) has been done with 1H Proton NMR, C13 NMR and DEPT. The results have been given in upcoming pages



PROTON NMR FOR ETHYL BENZENE

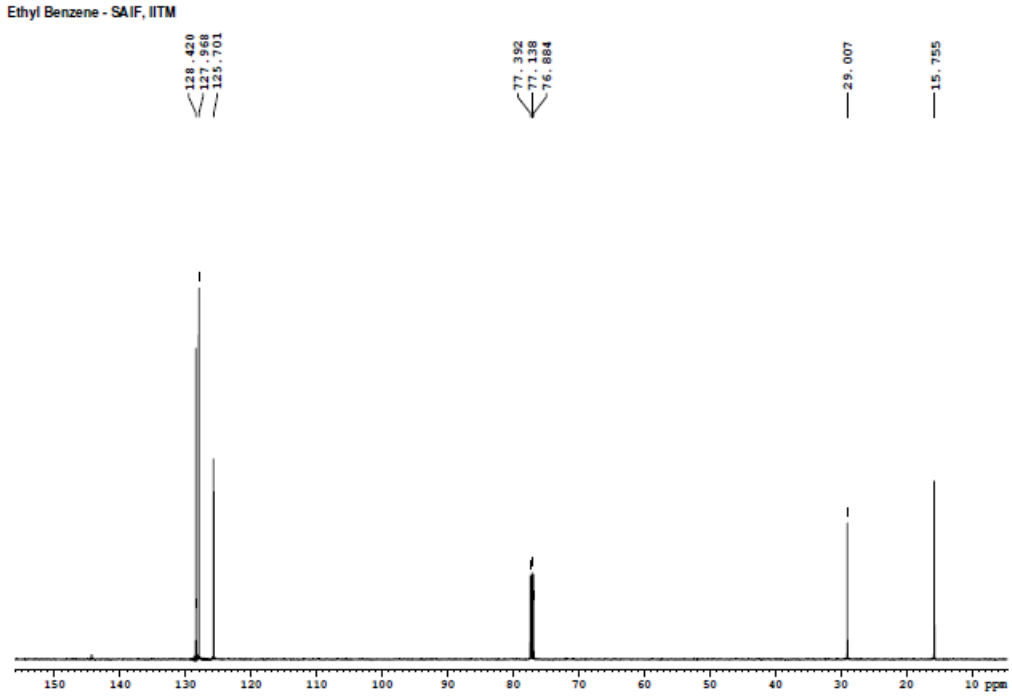




Key Inference

- Triplet peaks at the at 1.3 ppm region denotes CH_3.
- Quartet peaks at 2.8 ppm region denotes CH_2.
- The group of peaks at 7.4 ppm region denotes the C_6H_5

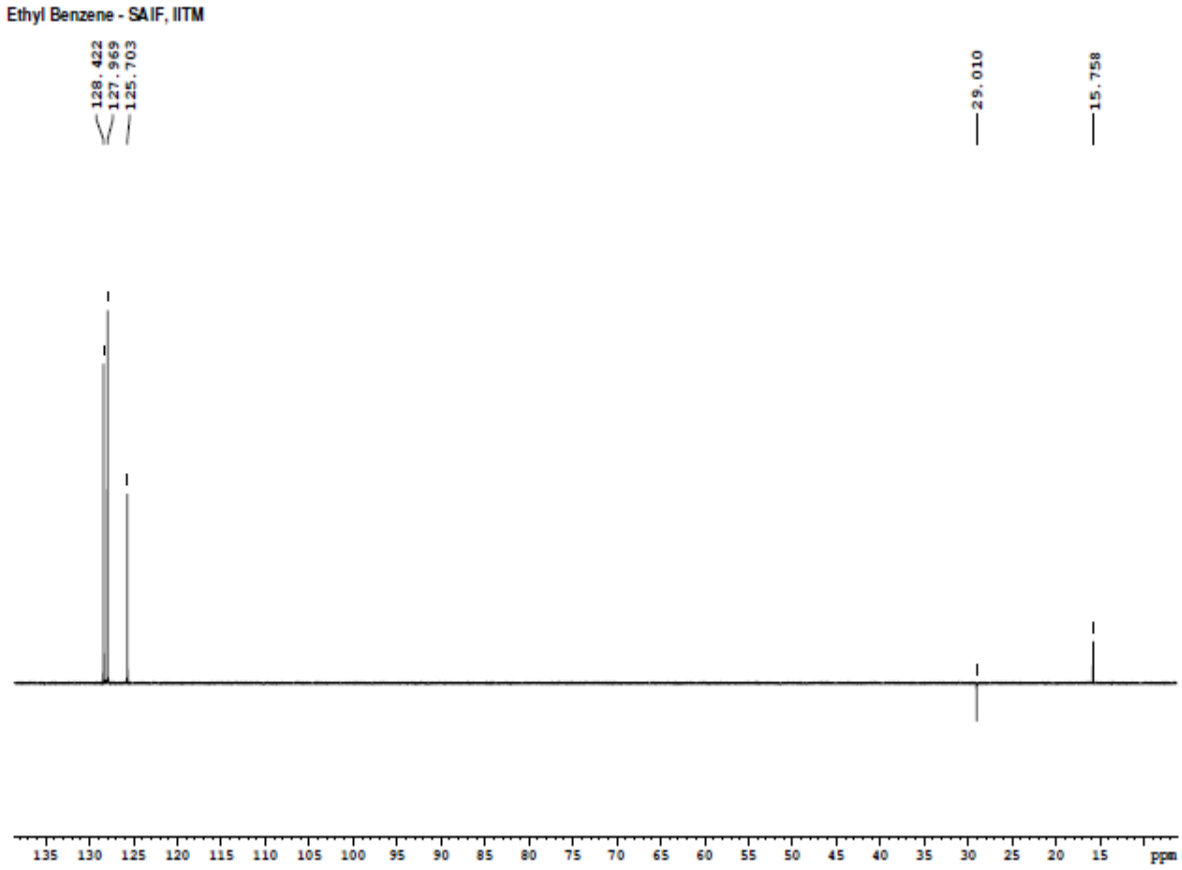
C13 NMR FOR ETHYL BENZENE



Key Inference

- The peak at 15.75 ppm denotes the Carbon atom in CH_3.
- The peak at 29 ppm denotes the Carbon atom in CH_2.
- Three peaks at 128 ppm region denotes the Carbon atom in C_6H_5.
- The peak at 77 ppm denotes the Carbon atom in solvent $CDCL_3$.

DEPT FOR ETHYL BENZENE



Here CH and CH_3 peak will be formed on upside of the graph. Whereas CH_2 peak will be formed downside. This phenomenon is to differentiate the Carbon present Ethyl benzene

Key Inference

- The upside peak at 15.75 ppm denotes the Carbon atom in CH_3.
- The downside peak at 29 ppm denotes the Carbon atom in CH_2.
- Three upside peaks at 128 ppm region denotes the Carbon atom in C_6H_5.

CLOSURE

In this Internship report, I have conveyed everything that has been taught to me in SAIF, IITM during this training period. I have learnt the basics of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance. I have seen and understood all the methodologies starting from sample preparation to sample loading till getting the final spectrum of the experiment. On successful completion of this training program, I was awarded with a certificate from that organization which I would like to attach in this report with a NPTEL course merit certificate on Analytical Chemistry.

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- Investigations on failure analysis of metallurgical components, root cause analysis and remedial measures

- Development of value added products from mineral/mines wastes/rejects.

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1.1. INTRODUCTION

1.1.1. COAL

One of the most abundant and widely distributed fossil fuel is coal. Coal is a carbon rich material that occurs in the stratified sedimentary deposits. Coal is a heterogeneous material composed of organic and inorganic substances. It is formed from vegetarian, that was consolidated between rock strata and converted by the combined effects of pressure and heat over a million of year to form coal. However in recent years, due to the volatility in oil and increase in natural gas cost; coal has gained more interest and is been used as the primary source of raw material for chemical industry.

It is commercially mined in more than 50 countries. On an average the annual world coal consumption is about 5800 million tons of which about 75% is used for electricity production. The significance uses of coal includes steal production, cements manufacture and as a liquid fuel. The Carboniferous period marks the period of formation of coal which is also known as the first coal age. But the major coal deposits were formed 270-350 million years ago (i.e. Upper Carboniferous period). The geochemical process that transformed plant debris to coal is called coalification and is expressed as follows.

Peat → Lignite → Subbituminous Coal → Bituminous Coal → Anthracite

1.1.2 COMPONENTS OF COAL

The components of coal includes volatile matter is composed of aliphatic carbon atoms or aromatic hydrocarbons and mineral matter. Ash consists of inorganic matter from the earth's crust like limestone, iron, aluminum, clay, silica, and trace elements (concentrations of less than 1000 ppm [<0.1% of a rock's composition] of zinc, copper, boron, lead, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, selenium)

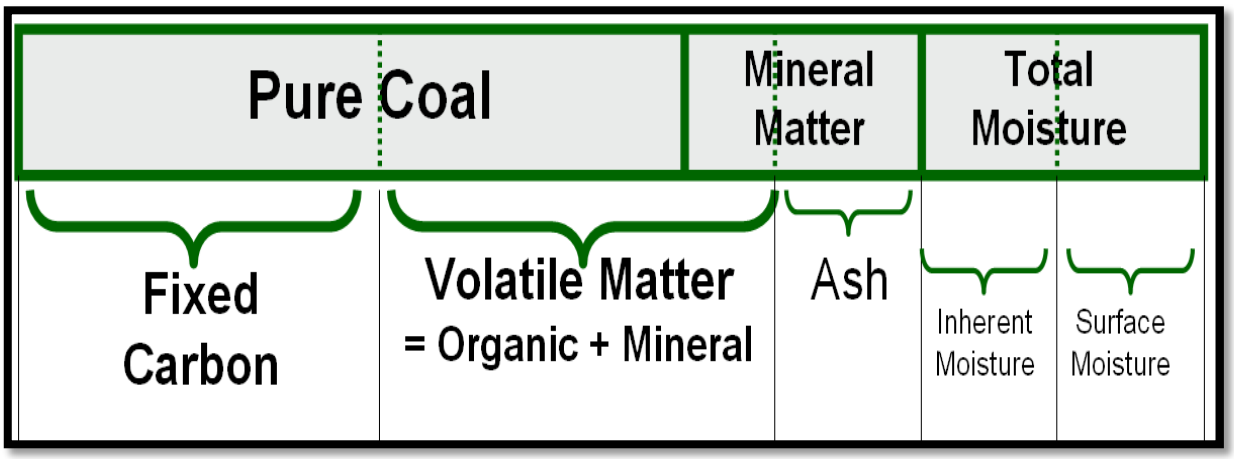


Fig.1.1. Composition of coal

1.1.3 TYPES OF COAL

Coal can be classified on basis of geological processes of decomposition of dead biotic material over a period of time as follows-

Lignite: Lignite is a low grade brown coal, which has high moisture content and lowest energy content. Lignite coal is a young coal deposits that were not subjected to extreme heat or pressure. The principal lignite reserves are in Neyveli in Tamil Nadu and are used for generation of electricity.

Subbituminous coal: It has a higher heating value than lignite. Subbituminous coal typically contains 35-45 %carbon, compared to 25-35 % for lignite.

Bituminous Coal: The deep buried coal subjected to increased temperatures is bituminous coal. It is the most popularly utilized coal in commercial use. Metallurgical coal is high grade bituminous coal which has a special value for smelting iron in blast furnaces.

Anthracite: Anthracite is the highest quality hard coal. In India coal occurs in rock series of two main geological ages, namely Gondwana, which ages 200 million years and in tertiary deposits which are only about 55 million years old.

1.1.4 GRADING OF COAL

According to the Indian Ministry of Coal, the gradation of non-coking coal is based on Gross Calorific Value (GCV), the gradation of coking coal is based on ash content and for semi coking /weakly coking coal it is based on ash and moisture content(Source: Ministry Of Coal, Government of India).

A. Grades of Coking Coal

Table 1.1 Grading of coking coal

GRADE	ASH CONTENT
Steel Grade -I	Not exceeding 15%
Steel Grade- II	15% - 18%
Washery Grade-I	18% - 21%
Washery Grade -II	21% - 24%
Washery Grade -III	24% -28%
Washery Grade –IV	28% - 35%
Washery Grade –V	35% - 42%
Washery Grade –VI	42% - 49%

B. Grades of Semi-coking and Weakly Coking Coal

Table 1.2 Grading of semi coking coal

GRADE	ASH+ MOISTURE
Semi coking grade –I	Not exceeding 19%
Semi coking grade -II	19%-24%

C. Grades of Non-coking Coal

Table 1.3 Grading of non-coking coal

GCV BAND (K.Cal./Kg.)	GRADE
Exceeding 7000	G-1
6700-7000	G-2
6400-6700	G-3
6100-6400	G-4
5800-6100	G-5
5500-5800	G-6
5200-5500	G-7
4900-5200	G-8
4600-4900	G-9
4300-4600	G-10
4000-4300	G-11
3700-4000	G-12
3400-3700	G-13
3100-3400	G-14
2800-3100	G-15
2500-3100	G-16
2200-2500	G-17

1.1.5 APPLICATIONS OF COAL

The uses of coal in various sectors are as follows:

- Electricity Generation

Power generation is the primary use for coal worldwide. Here, coal is burnt to create steam that drives turbines and generators for the production of electricity.

❖ Metal Production

Metallurgical (coking) coal is a key ingredient in steelmaking. Coal converted to coke is used to produce around 70% of the world's steel. Coal is also widely used in the production of other metals including aluminium and copper.

❖ Cement Production

Coal is used as a key energy source in cement production. By-products of coal combustion such as fly ash also play an important role in cement manufacture and the wider construction industry.

❖ Chemical And Pharmaceutical Industries

Many chemical products are manufactured from the by-products of coal. Refined coal tar is used to make chemicals such as creosote oil, naphthalene, phenol and benzene.

❖ Other Industries

Other major users of coal include the paper, textile and glass industries. Coal is also used in the manufacture of carbon fibre and specialist ingredients such as silicon metals, which are used to produce ingredients for the household and personal care sectors.

1.1.7 COAL ANALYSIS METHODOLOGIES

The chemical and physical composition of coal can be analyzed according to International and national standards coal analyses guidelines i.e. American Society for Testing and Materials standards for coal analyses (ASTM). The Quality of coal can be determined by two ways

i) Proximity analysis
ii) Ultimate analysis

i. Proximity Analysis Of Coal

The proximity analysis gives the amount of gross impurities present in the coal sample . This method is used to determine moisture content, volatile matter, ash content and fixed carbon of coal (J. G. Speight, 2005).

a) Moisture Content

The heating of coal at a temperature slightly above the boiling point of water causes a loss of weight from the sample that is defined as moisture. The moisture content of coal ranges from about 5% to almost 70%. Moisture is an undesirable constituent of coals because it reduces the heating value .The moisture of air-dried, finely powdered coal sample was determined by heating accurately weighed quantity of a sample in a silica crucible at 105^0 – 110^oC for 1 hour in an electric oven. The loss in the weight of sample is found out by the difference in weights. The percentage of moisture was calculated as

$$\text{Percentage of moisture} = \frac{Loss\ in\ weight\ of\ the\ sample}{Weight\ of\ air-dried\ sample} \times 100$$

b) Volatile Matter

Volatile matter (VM) in coal refers to the thermally decomposed product which liberates upon heating coal at high temperature in the absence of air. The percentage of volatile matter is determined by heating an accurately weighed air-

dried coal sample in a silica crucible covered with lid. The heating is carried out at 925 ± 5°C in a furnace for exactly seven minutes in the absence of air.

$$\text{Percentage of volatile matter} = \frac{\text{Loss in weight of the sample}}{\text{Weight of air-dried sample}} \times 100\% \text{ - moisture \%}$$

c) Ash content

Ash is residue obtained after complete combustion of coal, which consists of CaO, MgO, SiO2, Al2O3 and etc. The coal sample whose volatile matter was found was then heated in a furnace at 725 -750°C without lid for 1 hour. Cooled and weighed. Process of ignition, cooling and weighing was repeated till combustion is complete which is indicated by constant weight of the residue.

$$\text{Percentage of Ash} = \frac{\text{Weight of ash(residue)}}{\text{Weight of dried sample}} \times 100$$

d) Fixed Carbon

The Fixed carbon in coal is the amount of carbon that remains in the coal sample after volatile matter is driven off. The fixed carbon in the coal can be calculated as follows

Percentage of fixed carbon = 100 – (moisture% + volatile matter% + ash%)

Quality of coal depends on Percentage of fixed carbon; it should be as high as possible. Fixed carbon varies inversely with volatile matter. More the percentage of fixed carbon, higher is the calorific value.

1.2 PROCEDURE

1.2.1 DETERMINATION OF MOISTURE

* Take the given sample Seam VI-(WBC-Head sample).

* Take the empty weight of the crucible and note the value.

* The given sample Seam VI-(WBC-Head sample) of 0.5000-0.5050g is taken.

* Note the value by weighing the sample approximately.

* And the sample is placed in the oven for 1 hour at 100°c.

* After heating the sample cool for few minutes and then note the sample weight.

1.2.2 DETERMINATION OF ASH

*Take the given sample Seam VI- (WBC-Head sample).

*Take the empty weight of the crucible and note the value.

* The given sample Seam VI-(WBC-Head sample) of 0.5000-0.5050g is taken.

*Note the value by weighing the sample approximately.

*And the sample is placed in the Furnace for 2 1/2 hour at 900°c.

*After heating the sample cool for few minutes and then note the sample weight.

1.2.3 DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER

*Take the given sample Seam VI- (WBC-Head sample).

*Take the empty weight of the crucible and note the value.

*The given sample Seam VI- (WBC-Head sample) of 1.000-1.050g is taken.

*Note the value by weighing the sample approximately.

*And the sample is placed in the Furnace for 7 minutes at 900°c.

*After heating the sample cool for few minutes and then note the sample weight.

MOISTURE %

1. A-B/C × 100

A-B = 0.0036

A-B/C = 0.0071

A-B/C × 100 = 0.7179 %

A = 26.0811

B = 26.0775

C = 0.5014

2. A-B/C × 100

A-B = 0.0055

A-B/C = 0.0109

A-B/C × 100 = 1.0973 %

A = 25.8513

B = 25.8458

C = 0.5012

ASH %

1. D-C/A × 100

D-C = 0.1319

D-C/A = 0.26123

D-C/A × 100 = 26.1239 %

D = 23.4357

C = 23.3038

A = 0.5049

2. D-C/A × 100

D-C = 0.133

D-C/A = 0.2651

D-C/A × 100 = 26.5151 %

D = 25.7352

C = 25.6022

A = 0.5016

VOLATILE MATTER %

1. $\frac{[M2 - M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 - M$

$\frac{[M2 - M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 = 25.6071$

M1 = 13.4975

M2 = 14.498

M3 = 14.2418

(M) % = 0.7179

$\frac{[M2 - M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 - M = 24.8892\ \%$

2. $\frac{[M2 - M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 - M$

$\frac{[M2-M3]}{[M2-M1]} \times 100 = 26.0878$

M1 = 12.5663

M2 = 13.5683

M3 = 13.3069

(M) % = 1.0973

$\frac{[M2 - M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 - M = 24.9905\ \%$

FIXED CARBON %

100 - (Ash% + Moisture % + Volatile matter %)

1. 100 - (26.1239 + 0.7179 + 24.8892)

100 - 51.731 = 48.269

Fixed carbon = 48.269%

2. 100 - (Ash % + Moisture % + Volatile matter %)

100 - (26.5151 + 1.0973 + 24.9905)

100 - 52.6029 = 47.3971

Fixed carbon = 47.3971%

1.3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

MOISTURE %

Sample name : Seam VI- (WBC-Head sample)

Empty weight	Sample weight(C)	Total weight before(A)	Total weight after(B)	Moisture % $\frac{A-B}{C}\times 100$
1. 25.5797	0.5014	26.0811	26.0775	0.7179
2. 25.3501	0.5012	25.8513	25.8458	1.0973

ASH %

Empty weight(C)	Sample weight(A)	Total weight before	Total weight after(D)	Ash % $\frac{D-C}{A}\times 100$
1. 23.3038	0.5049	23.8087	23.4357	26.1239
2. 25.6022	0.5016	26.1038	25.7352	26.5151

VOLATILE MATTER %

Empty weight	Sample weight	Total weight before(M2)	Total weight after 7 minutes (M3)	VM % $\frac{[M2-M3]}{[M2-M1]}\times 100$
1. 13.4975	1.0005	14.498	14.2418	24.8892
2. 12.5663	1.0020	13.5683	13.3069	24.9905

FIXED CARBON %

Ash%	Moisture%	Volatile matter%	Fixed carbon% 100-(Ash%+ Moisture%+Volatile matter%)
1. 26.1239	0.7179	24.8892	48.269
2. 26.5151	1.0973	24.9905	47.3971

1.4 CONCLUSIONS

* From the given sample the moisture percentage obtained = (I) 0.7179 %
(II)1.0973 %

*From the given sample the ash percentage obtained = (I) 26.1239 %
(II) 26.5151 %

* From the given sample the volatile matter obtained = (I) 24.8892 %
(II) 24.9905 %

*From the given sample the fixed carbon obtained= (I) 48.269 %
(II) 47.3971 %

CHAPTER 2
INSTRUMENTAL TECHNIQUES

2.1 TENSIOMETER

Basically, a tensiometer is an instrument used to measure the surface tension of liquids. This can include liquid coatings, liquid adhesives and liquid lacquers. In practical application, they help a scientists predict and develop the behavior of a whole host of products, including cleaning agents industrial parts cleaning, of electroplating processes, measure soil moisture, and the wettability absorption and density of powders. Here, force tensiometry is utilized and it is a powerful and accurate technique to measure static surface and interfacial that tension of liquids. These direct measurements allow determination of a number of material and surface properties, such as dynamic contact angle, surface free energy, critical micelle concentration and wettability. This information can be used to determine adhesion, absorption, adsorption, cleanliness, surface tension surface heterogeneity, density, spreading, porosity, powder or sedimentation of wettability, material solubility, biocompatibility and lubricity of solid surfaces.

2.1.1PRINCIPLE OF TENSIOMETER

These devices typically rely on placing a solid object into the liquid of interest, determining the length of the macroscopic solid-liquid contact line (hereafter referred to as the wetted perimeter), and measuring the added force on the object resulting from its contact with the liquid. The interfacial surface tension is then recovered by dividing the measured force by the wetted perimeter. Implicit in these techniques are the assumptions that: i) surface tension does not depend on liquid-surface curvature, ii) the liquid does not apply any force to the submerged portion of the solid beyond hydrostatic pressure, and iii) the angle that the interface makes with the vertical at the contact line is known (usually assumed to be zero for the receding contact angle in the experimental determination of surface tension).

2.1.2.TYPES OF TENSIOMETERS

There are several different types of tensiometer, each measuring the surface tension of a fluid in a distinct way. The best method to use depends on the volume, viscosity, and availability of the fluid.

a) CONTACT ANGLE GONIOMETER/ TENSIOMETER

The Goniometer is most commonly used to measure the surface tension and interfacial tension of expensive liquids, as it only requires a few drops to get a reading. Using either the pendant or sessile drop methods, drops of fluid are captured by the Charge-Coupled Device camera, a device used to capture the movement of electrical charge.

The digital image of the charge is processed through computer software using the Young-Laplace equation, which describes the capillary pressure difference at the interface between two fluids.

b) WILHELMY PLATE TENSIOMETER

The simplest and most accurate form of tensiometer, the Wilhelmy Plate only requires a plate to make contact with a liquid to provide a result. The plate is usually made from filter paper, glass or platinum. In truth, it doesn't matter what the plate is made from as long as the material can be 'wetted' by the fluid. The measurement is of the force exerted on the plate. Because the plate doesn't move, it is generally a highly accurate measurement.

c) DU NOÜY-PADDAY METHOD TENSIOMETER

The Du Noüy-Padday method works by dipping a rod in and out of a pool of liquid and measuring the precise force used to extract the rod from the fluid. The main advantages of this method are that it is repeatable and accurate even on fluids with high viscosity. The main drawback is that it requires a pool of fluid so it might not be realistic for expensive liquids.

d) DU NOÜY RING TENSIOMETER

Similar to the above method, only the Du Noüy Ring tensiometer uses a platinum ring which is submersed and held horizontally in liquid and then pulled out. The ring has to be almost exactly perfect. Any scratches or damage to the ring material can alter the ring significantly.

e) BUBBLE PRESSURE TENSIOMETER

By pumping a gas stream into a capillary that is immersed in fluid, this tensiometer is able to measure surface tension through the behaviour expected by bubbles forming at the tip of the capillary.

2.1.3APPLICATIONS OF TENSIOMETERS

The key areas of application of the tensiometers are listed below:

- In research and development laboratories to determine the surface tension of liquids like coatings, lacquers or adhesives
- For monitoring industrial production processes like part's cleaning or electroplating
- For monitoring the detergent concentration in cleaning or electroplating processes
- To determine not only surface tension measurements but also powder wettability, absorption, cleanliness, surface heterogeneity and density.



Fig.2.1 Tensiometer

MODEL: Tensiometer K 100

MANUFACTURER: Kruss company

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REPORT ON INTERNSHIP TRAINING

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INTRODUCTION

COMPANY PROFILE:

Aavin is a milk product brand name of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers Federation Limited. It is an Indian dairy company, which headquarter is in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India TCMPF manages the activities such as milk procurement, processing, and marketing of milk and milk products.

The company formed as an apex body of three tire cooperatives set up in Tamil Nadu and the district-level milk producer unions. The Foundation of the Milk Co-operative Movement lies in the conviction that the country's socioeconomic development is intertwined with the development of rural India.

The company has taken various measures such as payment of attractive procurement prices to milk producers, huge investment in dairy infrastructure at all levels starting from Primary Dairy Co-operative Societies, to State level Federation Aavin was established in 1972. In 1972, the company set up its first dairy plans in Chennai. In 1981, the company developed the "Anand pattern by Dr. Kurian. In 2017-2018, the per capita availability of milk in Tamil Nadu increased from 169 gm/day in 1993-94 to 268 gm/day

2017-2018, due to an increase in Milk production, the rise in per capita income, changing lifestyle, food habits, and export opportunities contributed to the rise in the demand for milk and milk product. The company expands the organization all over the world and provides the best quality milk products with customer satisfaction.

TAMILNADU CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED:

The Dairy Development Department was established in 1958 in Tamil Nadu. The administrative and statutory control over all the milk cooperatives in the State was transferred to the Dairy Development Department on 1.8.1965. The Commissioner for Milk Production and Dairy Development was made the functional Registrar under the Cooperative Societies Act. With the adoption of the 'Anand pattern' in the State of TamilNadu, Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited was registered in the State on 1st February 1981. The commercial activities of the Department such as Milk Procurement, Processing. Chilling, packing, and sale of milk to the consumers, etc., hitherto dealt with by the Tamilnadu Dairy Development Corporation Ltd., were transferred to the newly registered Tamilnadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited, popularly known as "Aavin". Tamilnadu Co-Operative Milk Producers Federation Limited was constituted on 1st February 1981. Federation is Procuring, Processing, and Marketing Milk and Milk Products. The Federation has implemented Dairy Development activities under Operation Flood. Programme with the financial and technical assistance of the National Dairy Development Board. Chennai Metro is having 4 Dairies. Milk Procurement, Processing, and distribution are being attended by the District Unions in the respective areas. In the wake of liberalization policy, private dairies have also entered into the field of dairying. As per the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu high priority has been given to improving the performance of milk Co-operatives by adopting a systematic approach and proper strategy in Milk Co-operatives. Significant achievement has been made by Milk Producers' Cooperative Societies, Unions, and Federations in the State of Tamilnadu. The cattle population in India is approximately 15% of the total cattle population in the world. India stood no. 1 position in milk production. Tamilnadu is one production. The milk production in Tamilnadu per day is 145.88 Lakh litres. TCMPF is a Cooperative Apex Body in the State of Tamil Nadu representing organizations of milk producers and implementing all round dairy development activities to achieve the following objectives

OBJECTIVE:

- To ensure an desired and conceptive market around the year for the milk produced by the farmer sombre.

- To make availaits quality milk and value-added dairy products to consumers.
- To build & develop village-level institutions as cooperative model units to manage.

- dairy activities o ensure the provision of inputs for milk production, processing facilities, and dissemination of know-how,

- To facilitate rural development by providing opportunities for self-employment at the village level, preventing migration to urban areas, and introducing a cash economy and opportunity for a sustained income.

IN-PLANT VISIT

• RECEPTION DOCK:

Milk is received in insulated tankers of 9000 litters and 15000 litters capacity from different unions. Tankers are weighbridge before and after emptying. The reception section has two reception points for tankers which can be used alternately. Cleaning of tankers by flushing hot water is carried out at reception points, Milk pump with a capacity of 20000/hr is installed in the reception section.

Unloading of tankers is carried out in automated mode with PLC Control. A total of 5.2 lakh litters of milk is received per day on average which comprises mixed milk, Separated skim milk, and concentrated skim milk.

• TYPES OF SILOS:

1.RAW MILK SILO:

This tank is used largely at diaries for storing and keeping milk at cool temperature these are insulated storage tanks (silo). Inside the tank welding lines are ground and polished. The silo body material oil stainless steel. The capacity of this silo is 1000000L.

The pumping raw milk is stored in this silo. This silo milk only goes to the plant to pasteurize and homogenization and from the processed milk. These milks are stored in the processed milk silo.

2.PROCESSED MILK SILO:

The processed silo was comparatively smaller than the raw milk silo. The capacity of silo less than the raw milk silo. The capacity 0 this silo is 30000 L. This silos are washed using CIP and sterilised after every refill.

<u>This silos contain different types of milk such as:</u>

1. **TM - TONED MILK**
2. **DTM- DOUBLED TONED MILK**
3. **SM - STANDARISED MILK**
4. **FCM - FULL CREAME MILK**
5. **TEAMATE**
6. **COW MILK**

so these milks only storage tank and go into the packing section to packed...

• STORAGE SECTION:

Milk is kept in enormous containers known as SILOS. There are & SILOS IN total, each with a volume of one million square meters. After entering the balancing tank and passing through a plant chiller, the milk from the tanker is pumped into the SILOS. different types of milk are kept in each SILO. Three SILOS are set aside for the storage of mixed milk (cow and buffalo milk combined). One for full cream milk. One toned milk.one for standardized milk. And the remaining two for separated skim milk (butter is removed from the milk).



- **BALANCE TANK:**

The float control balance tank maintains the milk flow at a constant. It generally has a sensor to maintain the flow of milk. It also receives the milk from flow diversion value (FDV) When the pasteurization occurs improperly.

- **PROCESS CONTROL ROOM (PLC AND SCADA)**

PLC and SCADA are both used to monitor and control equipment in process automation across many different industries, such as telecommunication, water and waste control, energy, oil and gas, and transportation.

In this plant, PLC and SCADA systems are used to control all the operations, mainly opening and closing of every pneumatic value.

- **PRODUCTION SECTOR:**

PASTEURIZATION:

The process of heading milk to 78°C - 2°C and cooling to below 50° C. Heating of milk to 78°C and holding it for 15 sec kills the harmful bacteria in it. Maintaining at 5°C can improve the self-life of milk and prevent the growth of harmful bacteria.

PASTEURIZER:

The pasteurizer has 5 section namely,

- **Heating**
- **Regeneration**
- **Cooling section**
- **Holding coil**

- **CLEANING IN PLACE SECTION:**

In order to ensure that all contaminated contact surface are cleaned to acceptably high and consistently reproducible standards, cleaning – in- place (CIP) Involves the circulation or recirculation of appropriate water rinses and chemical cleaning and sanitizing solution through plants and equipment that are kept in the assembled state.

- ## DUPLEX FILTER:

  Duplex filter is used to filter the foreign matter present in milk. Here the duplex is placed after regeneration-1 to improve the quality of filtration (increased temperature of milk after the regeneration-1 process, promotes good filtration).

- ## HOMOGENIZATION:

  It is the process of breaking fat globules at even size (2p). Homogenization occurs after regeneration -2 at 45°C. Hence the milk is forced through a small passage at high pressure.

  It has 2 stage.

  Stage 1:1500psi
  Stage 2:500psi

  It has 3 high speed pistons to break the fat molecules.

- ## FLOW DIVERSION VALUE:

  It is to prevent the unpasteurized milk. It is a 3-way value. It returns the unpasteurized milk to balanced tank to make it pasteurized since it cannot allow milk to the packing area.

- ## TRIBLENDER:

  Tri blenders are used to mix dry SMP powder with a liquid in a continuous basis. It uses a centrifugal pump as the primary drive for the mixing and the infeed of the both liquid and the dry powder.

- ## BUTTER MELTING VAT:

  Butter melting vat is used by people for melting butter owing to its operational fluency and temperature resistant design. Its coverts butter oil. The butter oil gets filtered and joins the homogenization process.

- ## RO (REVERSE OSMOSIS) PLANT:

  Plant capacity production is 10kl per hour purpose the of RO plant is to reduce the scale forming and to allow contamination.

  RO water is used for:

  - Solar panel
  - Processing
  - UHT plant
  - Boiler

- ## BOILER HOUSE:

A boiler, often known as a stream generator, is a machine that uses heat to turn water into steam. Depending on the need, different boilers are used to produce different forms of stream, including wet steam, dry steam, and super- heated steam. This, location generates steam that is used for pasteurization among other things.

- ## REFRIGERATION SECTION:

The dairy business depends heavily on its refrigeration system. Various refrigeration system types are employed depending on factors like size, application, design, capacity, etc. The compressor, condenser, expansion value, and evaporator are the parts of the refrigeration system vapour our compression refrigeration is the basis of refrigeration. The workforce needed to transfer heat from a low- temperature body to a high- temperature body is provided by the compressor.

- ## PREPACKING SECTION

one Prepack machine is specially designed for filling 5 litters pouch. Each of the these prepack machine have overhead mini tank with a holding capacity of 40 litres which gravity feeds milk into the pouches via nozzle. Pasteurized milk stored in silos is pumped to prepack overhead tanks each with a capacity of 15000 litres prior to sachet. A plate chiller is installed en-route to maintain the temperature of milk well below 5° C. The quality parameters of pasteurized 37 milk like COB, MBR time, acidity, fat SNF are tested prior to filling in pouches to assure its quality. Samples are acquired every one hour during sachet to keep a check on the keeping quality of milk.

- ## FILM:

Per day film usage 8 tons

Film thickness:

63 microns for half litre film 110 microns for 5 litre film

Empty film thickness:

A mini sachet (225ml)-1.9g
A half-litre sachet -2.7 to 2.9g
one litre sachet- 4.5g
A five-litre sachet 28g

MILK SACHET VARIETIES:

- Double toned milk: half litre sachet
- Toned milk: half and one litre sachet
- Standardized milk: 5 litter, half litre and 225 ml sachets.
- Full cream milk: half litre sachet


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Green
MAGIC
Pasteurised Standardised Milk
ஆவின்
கிரீன்
மேஜிக்


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Nice
Pasteurised Toned Milk
ஆவின்
நைஸ்


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Premium
Pasteurised Full Cream Milk
ஆவின்
ப்ரீமியம்


ஆவின்
+F
FORTIFIED WITH
PREMIUM
Cow Milk
Pasteurized
பசும்பால்


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0% Bacteria
Long Shelf Life
Delite
ஆவின்
டிலைட்
FRESH
No Preservatives
Ready to use
COW MILK


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Diet
Pasteurised Double Toned Milk
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- **PACKAGING SECTION:**
  - **FULL CREAM MILK: (FAT 6% AND SNF 9%)**
  - **TONED MILK: (FAT 3% AND SNF 8.5%)**
  - **STANDARDIZED MILK: (FAT 4.5% AND SNF 8.5 %)**
  - **DOUBLE TONED MILK: (FAT 1.5% AND SNF 9%)**
  - **DELITE MILK: (FAT 3% AND SNF 8.5%)**
  - **TEA MATE MILK:(FAT 6.5 % AND SNF 9.0%)**

- **EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT:**

Oil, sludge, grease, and other pollutants can contaminate water, which can be treated using the ETP mechanism and method. This method is intended to clean industrial wastewater so that it can be reused or safely dumped into the environment. The effluent treatment plant is utilised to purify water used in the dairy industry's butter, powder, packaging, loading, and tray wash sections as well as tanker cleaning.

Tests done in ETP:

Chemical oxygen demand (COD)

Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)

Mixed liquid suspended solids (MLSS)

Total suspended solids (TSS)

Total dissolved solids (DTS)

Oil and grease PH Dissolved oxygen (DO)

Volatile fatty acid (VFA) Chlorine Sulphuric.

NOTE:

Chemicals added in aeriation tank urea, DAP, etc. if it is necessary.

ADVANTAGES:

1. ETP converts wastewater into clean & safe water and it saves us money.
2. It protects our environment from pollution and ETP eliminates the need to transport clean water.
3. It protects humans from various diseases caused by wastewater.
4. ETP helps in minimizing waste and It saves water by recycling the old or polluted water.

ULTRA-HIGH-TEMPERATURE HEATING TREATMENT:

Just like the Pasteurization of milk, Ultra High-Temperature processing is a heating method that is used to reduce the microbial load to an acceptable level. In this processing technique. the milk is heated to a temperature of 140°C for 2 seconds. The milk used here is pure cow milk without any adulteration or processing. The milk is received at 5°C and stored in SILOS. The equipment used for heating milk is called Double Tube Heat Exchanger. The raw milk is gradually heated through a series of heating coils within DTHE.

After the milk is heated to a temperature of 140 C, the milk is passed through the holding tube for 2 seconds. The milk is immediately cooled by 2°C to prevent any off- flavour development. The milk passes through the DTHE to gradually get cooled to 30°C. The process then enters the packaging section which is maintained under aseptic conditions. The 92-micron 9-layered pouches are rinsed with Hydrogen Peroxide solution to maintain sterility. Excess H_2O_2 is removed by rubber strips present inside the machine. The packaged milk is tested for its properties. The milk produced by this method has a shelf-life of 3 months until opened.

SOLAR WATER HEATING UNIT (CST):

Water fed to the boiler is heated using solar water heating system heating system. Water from the soft water tank is circulated through tubes underneath the solar heating panels where the temperature is raised around 65°C, the heated water is stored in feed water tank from where it is pumped to the boiler. There are two feed water tanks catch with holding capacity 10,000 litres. The main advantage of using solar heating system is reducing in fuel consumption

QUALITY CONTROL LABORATORY

- ORGANOLEPTIC TEST
- TEMPERATURE
- CLOT ON BOILING TEST
- METHYLENE BLUE REDUCTION TIME TEST
- FAT
- SOLID NOT FAT
- C0RRECTED LACTOMETER READING
- ACIDITY
- ADULTERANTS TEST
- STANDARD PLATE COUNT
- SWAB

PRELIMINARY TEST
ORGANOLEPTIC TESTS

1) **ODOUR:**
   The raw milk should be free of any unpleasant smell such as acidic smell. Normal milk should not have any off -or unnatural smell in it. If the smell is slightly sour, the milk might have undergone microbial deterioration.
2) **TASTE:**

   The milk should be free of unpleasant taste. Adulteration of milk with salt, sugar, etc. can also be detected by taste ,and if found positive must be rejected.

3) **APPEARANCE:**

The raw milk should be free from any foreign matters and offcolors. Normal milk should be free from these. The presence of visible dirt, straw, or manure indicates that milk has been handled in an unhygienic way. The color of the milk of cows and sheep should be slightly yellowish-white and that of buffaloes and goats absolutely white. If the color is reddish, the milk may contain blood; if it is yellowish, it may contain pus. Such milk may be secreted from the infected udder (mastitis) and should not be accepted.

4) TEMPERATURE:

The temperature of the milk sample is checked using a thermometer. The temperature of the received milk should not exceed 8-9°c.

CLOT ON BOILING (COB)

- Take 5 ml of milk in a sterilized test tube.
- Heat it for just boiling and observe clotting on the side of the tube.
- When the whole of the milk clots to be adhering to the sides of the tube the result can be recorded as" positive".
- If clots are absent the result shall be recorded as negative.
- Remark COB positive milk is not accepted for processing. The removal of the oxygen from milk and the formation of reduction substances during bacterial metabolism causes the color to disappear.

STANDARDS FOR RAW MILK:

METHYLENE BLUE REDUCTION TIME (MBRT)

Methylene blue dye is prepared by dissolving 1tablet of standard methylene blue tablet in 200ml of cold, sterile, distilled water in a sterile flask. Allow to stand for an hour and ensure the complete dissolution of the tablet. This is further diluted with 600ml of sterilized distilled water and kept as a stock solution.

PROCEDURE:

- Take 10ml of milk in a sterilized test tube.

- Add 1ml of MB dye to get a concentration of 1 part of dye to 300000 parts of milk and plug with a sterilized cork.
- Invert the tube to mix the contents and incubate at 37°c in a water bath.
- The color of milk in the tube is examined first 10 minutes and then every half an hour and the time required for complete decolorization is noted.
- Incubate two control tubes with each batch consisting of

a)10 ml of milk mixed with 1ml of methylene blue solution.
b)10ml of milk mixed with 1 ml of water.

- Immerse both tubes in boiling water 3 minutes to destroy to the natural reduction of the milk.
- Comparison of tests with (a) Will show when decolorization is beginning and comparison with (b) will show it is complete.

MBRT TIME IN HOURS	QUALITY OF MILK
5 hours and above	Very good
3-4 hours	Good
1-2	Fair
1/2	Poor
Less than 10 mins	Not accepted

ACIDITY TEST

- The clean conical flask is taken and 10 ml of thoroughly mixed milk sample is added.
- 10 ml of distilled water ids added and a few drops of 2 percentage phenolphthalein solution is added.
- The mixture is titrated against 0.1N NaOH filled in the burette. The titrated reading is note down at the appearance of pale color.

Calculation:

Percentage of acidity in milk=M*N*V/W

Where the M- Molecular weight of NaOH

N – Normality of NaOH

V – Volume of NaOH

W – Weight of NaOH

Note: Fresh milk contains 0.1 percentage to 0.11 percentage of existing acidity due to the presence of milk proteins etc. milk acidity will increase due to the presence of micro-organisms (developed acidity). The milk will be started to clot at the boiling when milk's total acidity reached 0.17 percentage to 0.18 percentage. The milk acidity below 0.16 percentage is fit for processing and for products it should be below 0.14 percentage.

DETERMINATION OF FAT BY GERBER METHOD:

PROCEDURE

- Take 10 ml of Gerber acid (90 percentage sulfuric acid in a butyrometer.
- Add 1ml of amyl alcohol (C*H-{3} – C*H-{2}- CH(2) CH(2)CH(3)+ close the neck with a stopper.
- Mix the contents thoroughly until the curd has dissolved.
- Transfer the butyrometer into a water bath of 65 degrees c+2°c and keep it for 5 mins.
- Dry the butyrometer into a centrifuge for centrifugation at 1100ppm for 5 mins.
- Take the butyrometer and place it in the water bath of 65°c + 2 degrees c and keep it for 5 mins.
- The scale of separation of fat and acid gives the percentage of fat.

  Note: For raw milk minimum fat is 3.0 percentage below will be confiscated.

CORRECTED LACTOMETER READING (CLR)

- Adjust the temperature of the milk sample to 84°F Mix the milk gently by pouring it several times from one bottle to another avoiding the

incorporation of air. Fill the lactometer cylinder with the milk sample Allow the lactometer to float freely on the milk without touching it. The sides of the cylinder. Ensure some quantity of milk overflows the cylinder when the lactometer is inserted. Allow the lactometer to come to rest and then take the visible lactometer reading.

SOLID NOT FAT (SNF)

Take the average of the two visible lactometer readings, modified RICHMONDS formulae:

SNF = CLR/4 + (0.2 *FAT) + 0.36

PHOSPHATE TEST:

The manufacture of milk that is safe and pathogen – free depends on the pasteurization process. An enzyme called alkaline phosphate is naturally found in milk, but it is destroyed at a temperature that is very close to the pasteurization temperature. When determining whether milk has been effectively pasteurized or whether it has been tainted with raw milk after pasteurized, the alkaline phosphate test is utilized. This test is based on the idea that, at an alkaline pH, the alkaline phosphatase enzyme in raw milk releases phenol from a disodium para-nitro phenyl phosphate and creates a complex that is yellow in color. The amount of yellow color created is inversely related to the enzyme's activity.

- 3.5g of sodium carbonate and 1.5g of sodium bicarbonate are weighted and dissolved in 1liter of distilled water and the solution is sterilized, which serves as a buffer.
- 1.5g of p-nitro phenyl disodium orthophosphate is added to the buffer and acts as A substate.
- 1 ml of milk sample is taken in a test tube.5 ml of the above prepared buffer is added to the milk sample.
- The test tube is placed in a water bath maintained at 37 degrees c
- The appearance of yellow color confirms the presence of phosphatase enzyme indicating an improper pasteurization process.

ADULTERATION TESTS:

SUGAR:

- Take 5ml of milk in the test tube.
- Add .1ml of conc. HCl.
- Add 0.1g of resorcinol powder and mix thoroughly.
- Place the test tube in boiling water bath for 5 mins.
- Withdraw the tube and observe the color.
- Appearance of deep red color indicates presence of sucrose or ketose sugar.

STARCH:

- Take 5 ml of milk in a test tube.
- Bring to boiling condition and allow test tube to cool to room temperature.
- Add 1-2 drop iodine solution to test tube dissolve 1.3 gm of iodine and 1.5 gm of potassium iodine in sufficient distilled water and make up to 100 ml.
- Development of blue color indicates the presence of starch which disappears when the sample is boiling and appears on cooling.

UREA:

- Take 5 ml of milk in a test tube.
- Add 5 ml dimethyl amino benzaldehyde and dissolve 1.6 gm of p-dimethyl amino benzaldehyde in 100 ml of 10 percentage HCl.
- Distinct yellow color is observed in milk containing added urea shows a slight yellow color due to the presence of natural urea.

SALT (SODIUM CHLORIDE):

- Take 2 ml of milk in a test tube.
- Add 1 ml of 5 percentage potassium chromate.
- Add 2 ml of 0.1 N silver nitrate.
- Appearance of yellow color indicates presence of dissolved chloride.

MOLTO DEXTRIN:

- Take 5 ml of milk in a test tube and add equal vol of 10 percent acetic acid the milk will curded.
- Filter it and take 1 ml of filtrate in a test tube and add a few drops of oro Appearance of brown color indicates the presence of molto dextrin.

NEUTRALISERS:

- Rosa acid test for the presence of carbonate.
- Take 5 ml of milk in a tube and add an equal vol of 95 percent alcohol.
- Add red color indicates the presence of alkali. Normal milk shows only a brownish color.

HYDROGEN PEROXIDE:

- Take 10 ml of milk in a test tube.
- Add 5 drops of 2 percent phenylene diamine hydrochloride.
- Mix thoroughly and observe the color.
- Development of an intense blue color shows the presence of hydrogen peroxide**.**

FORMALDEHYDE:

- Take about 10 ml of milk in a test tube.
- Add 0.5 ml of ferric chloride solution.
- Add carefully about 1 ml of conc H2So4.
- Down the side of the test tube in such a way that is forms a separate layer at the bottom of the test tube without with the milk.
- Development of violet or blue color at the junction of the two liquids indicates the presence of formaldehyde.

AMMONIUM SULPHATE:

- Take 1 ml of milk and add 0.5 ml of 2 percent sodium hydroxide Add 0.5 ml of 2 percent sodium hypo chloride.
- Add 0.1 ml of phenol solution and heat for 20 mins in a boiling water bath.
- Bluish color turns deep blue indicates presence of ammonium sulphate.

AUTOMATIC TESTING MACHINE MILK

O SCAN MINOR:

USAGE: Measure the fat, SNF, and protein in a raw milk and pasteurized milk.

Milk o scan analyses the product using the absorption of different wavelength the of “INFRARED” spectrum to detect the presence of specific parameter in milk like fat, SNF, auto cleaning and auto zero setting.

MILK O SCREEN:

USAGE:

- Measure the fat, SNF, and adulteration in raw milk.
- Fourier transform infrared, spectroscopy technology **PRINCIPLE:**
- Milk O Screen analysis the product using FT- infrared technology, assessing milk constituents, using absorption at different wavelengths in the in the infrared spectrum to detect the presence of specific parameters in milk like fat, SNF, and protein
- FTIR technology offers unique ability to screen milk for adulterants. Natural raw milk has particular spectrum like a unique finger print. Fourier Transform Infrared spectrum of absorbing or emission of a solid, liquid or gas.
- The milk o screen detects milk parameters fat, SNF, protein and adulteration like added water, maltodextrin, ammonium, sulphate, sucrose, urea, presence of other absorbing adulterants is displayed as abnormal milk.

MICROBILOLOGICAL LAB

- **A microbiology laboratory is a laboratory devoted to the culturing, examination, and identification of microorganisms including bacteria, fungi, yeasts, etc. The microbiology laboratory has a crucial role in effective infection prevention and control**

- **Among innovations in the dairy industry, the study of fermenting microorganisms takes an important part as the are essential ingredients in product manufacturing. Among beneficial microbes, probiotic used in dairy products brings health benefits through its consumption.**

TESTS IN MICRO LAB:

- **COLIFORM**
- **SPC (Standard plate count)**
- **SWAB**

MEDIAS AND BROTH REQUIRED:

- **Coliform selective media Violet Red Bile Agar**
- **SPC selective media-Tryptone Glucose Extract agar**
- **SWAB Test-Micron broth**
- **Saline solution Preparation:**

- **COLIFORM**

  Weigh about 41.53g of Violet, Red Bile Agar.
  Measure 100ml of distilled water in a conical flask and add Violet Red Bile Agar and mix well.
  Close the conical flask using aluminum foil.
  Incubation time – 24 hours.

- **STANDARD PLATE COUNT (SPC)**

  Weigh about 24.0g of Tryptone Glucose Extract agar. Take 1000ml of distilled water in a conical flask and add Tryptone Glucose Extract agar and mix well.
  Close the conical flask with aluminum foil.
  Incubation time is 48 hours.

- **SALINE SOLUTION:**

Weigh about 18g of sodium chloride. Take 1000ml of distilled water in a beaker add sodium chloride to it and mix it well.
Transfer it to the test tube about 9ml each for serial dilution.
Close the test tube with aluminum foil.
Autoclave the prepared media, broth, saline solution, and 1ml micro pipette used during serial dilution for 2 hours.

Note: On the laminar air flow chamber before the plating starts, check the burner, and clean the work area with a cleaning spirit and sponge. During plating control plate is the most important which to observe the changes in plating.

- **PROCEDURE:**

- **The prepared media, saline tubes and pipettes are to be autoclaved initially at 121 degree C for 15 mins.**
- **Make sure the plates are sterilized in the hot air oven at 160C. The milk samples, Raw Mile, Std milk, Toned milk, and Full Cream milk are used respectively. The samples are then serially diluted, marking 5 dilutions for raw milk and 3 dilutions for each processed milk sample (TM, SM, and FCM).**

- **From this, for coliform**
  Raw milk – Take 1ml of sample from the 3rd dilution.

  Pasteurized milk – Take 1ml of sample from 1st dilution. Pour the sample in petri plate and add about 5ml of selective media for coliform.

- **For SPC (Standard Plate Count)**

  Raw milk – Take 1ml of sample from the 5th dilution.

Pasteurized milk – Take 1ml of sample from the 3rd dilution. Pour the sample in petri plate and add about 5ml of selective media form Standard media for Standard Plate Count (SPC).

Pour 1ml of the sample in a petri plate fand add the media and allow it to solidify and incubate it for 48 hours at 37C. Repeat the process for Day 2 and Day 3 refrigerated samples.

RESULT:

The formation of yellow color in the test tube indicates the presence of coliform bacteria, it indicates acid production and if bubbles collected in tube, then it indicates gas production.

CONCLUSION

To end with, the internship/ training that I received from the wonderful staff members was a useful experience. I have gained new knowledge, skills and met many new people. Related to our study. I learned more about the manufacturing of milk Furthermore I have experienced that it is of important that education is manufacturing is objective and we have to be aware of the industrial aspect of the topics we study. This internship program was not one-side, but it was industrial aspect of the topic we study. This internship program was good to find out what my strengths and weakness are, which helped me to define the skills and knowledge that are to be strengths and weakness are, which helped me to define the skills and knowledge that are to be improved in the future. At last, this internship has given us the new insights and motivation to pursue a career in the field.

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We wish him success in his career.

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Preface

The requirement of practical knowledge by internship is met by professional training and ability of correlating theoretical knowledge to practical exercises under the proper guideline of the related professional staff. The training equips the students with skill, knowledge and professional values sufficient for building professionalism in them. This also guides the students to flourish in their career by imparting the ability of unending learning process. My university (Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai) has therefore been seized with the need of developing practical guideline with would help in providing experience to students to meet the future needs of the industry. In this regard I have been given an opportunity to experience 15 days internship at **ORCHID CHEMICALS & PARMACEUTICALS LIMITED (ALATHUR)**. During this time, I have visited different sections of the company and I have been guided properly and I am very glad to compile what I have learnt in this report.

Acknowledgement

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who supported me throughout my internship and the creation of this report.

I am deeply thankful to **Mr. D. SARAVANAN (Manager), Mr. K. SUNDRA KUMAR (Assistant Manager), Mr. R. Prasanna (Human Resources), Mr. S. Kathir (Executive of PD Lab)** for their invaluable guidance, mentorship, and unwavering support during my internship tenure. Their expertise and encouragement have been instrumental in shaping my learning experience.

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Lastly, I am grateful to my family and friends for their unwavering support and understanding during this journey.

Thank you all for being part of this incredible learning experience.

Sincerely,

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Mission

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CEFAZOLIN PREPARATION

INTRODUCTION:

Cefazolin is a widely used antibiotic belonging to the class of medications known as first-generation cephalosporins. It's primarily utilized for the treatment of bacterial infections caused by susceptible organisms.

Cefazolin works by inhibiting the synthesis of bacterial cell walls. It achieves this by binding to and disrupting the formation of peptidoglycan, a key component of the bacterial cell wall. This interference weakens the cell wall structure, ultimately leading to the death of the susceptible bacteria.

ANALYTICAL PROCEDURE Standard preparation

Approximately 50 mg of cefazolin sodium was weighed as the reference standard in a 100 mL volumetric flask, dissolved by sonication, and made up to the required volume with mobile phase, giving 500 µg/mL of cefazolin sodium as the stock standard solution used in further processing. For a working standard solution, 10 mL of stock standard solution was diluted in a 100 mL flask with the same diluent. Further dilutions were made to obtain the concentrations required.

Sample preparation

To make a stock sample of cefazolin sodium 500 µg/mL, 10 vials were emptied and the contents were mixed to obtain an evenly homogenized 50 mg sample, which was added to a 100 mL volumetric flask along with 50 mL of mobile phase. The sample was sonicated for 10 minutes, placed on a stirrer for 10 minutes, and the same diluent was added up to the mark level of the flask. This was used as the stock sample solution, 10 mL of which was diluted further in 100 mL of diluent to prepare a working sample solution. The sample was then filtered through 0.45 m filter paper and injected into the HPLC system.

Preparation of serum sample for in vitro study

Blood samples were taken from healthy volunteers who were aged 20–30 years, not taking any medications, and not participating in any strenuous activity. All volunteers were informed of the aims and risks of the study, and written informed consent was obtained. Our ethics committee approved the study protocol. Blood was collected into an evacuated glass tube through an indwelling cannula in a forearm vein by a clinical laboratory technician. The blood was shaken and centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes to separate out the plasma. Next, 90 mL acetonitrile was added to 10 mL of plasma, and the mixture was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes to remove the protein. The supernatant serum obtained was filtered through Whatman 42 filter paper and stored at -20°C. To make a working sample, 5 mL of the stock sample was put into a 50 mL flask and diluted with10 mL of mobile phase, followed by addition of 25 mL of serum. The sample obtained was stirred for 10

minutes and the same diluent was then added up to the mark level of the flask. All samples prepared were filtered through 0.45 m filter paper and injected in triplicate into the HPLC system. A blank serum sample was made and run to establish the specificity of the method in biological fluid.

Preparation of sample for study of drug degradation

First, 5 mL samples of stock solution were added to four separate 50 mL volumetric flasks. Next, 15 mL of degrading agent was added to each flask individually, with the exception of one flask, to which diluent (mobile phase) only was added. The degrading agents included 0.1 N HCl, 0.1 N NaOH, and 10% H_2O_2, and the same diluent was added to each flask up to the mark level. In one experiment, all four samples were placed in a water bath at 60 C for one hour, and in another experiment, the samples were analyzed without heat. The samples were then filtered through 0.45 m filter paper and injected into the HPLC system. Force degradation data are **Stability studies**

For the stability studies, commercially available parenteral samples were stored in accelerated conditions of temperature, ie, 40°C with 75% relative humidity, and in ambient conditions of 30°C temperature with 65% relative humidity, in an environmental chamber for 6 months. The stability protocol

Validation of methods

International Conference on Harmonization guidelines were used for the method validation studies. Various parameters, including specificity, linearity, range, accuracy, robustness, and intraday and interday precision were evaluated. To study linearity, 20 dilutions were prepared from a stock standard solution with a drug content range of 10%–200%. A standard calibration curve was generated using regression analysis.

Precision was investigated by identifying any intraday and interday variations in the results of the testing method used for cefazolin sodium in the concentration range of 40– 60 µg/mL. Precision was determined by analyzing a homogeneous bulk sample against a freshly prepared standard daily three times daily at 8-hour intervals for 3 consecutive days. To determine accuracy, the reference standard for cefazolin sodium was spiked at three different concentration levels into samples for injection and into serum. Samples were prepared in triplicate for each concentration and percent recovery was determined. The limits of detection and quantification for the method were established from a linearity curve with formula (limit of detection, 3

/S, and limit of quantification, 10 /S) where is the standard deviation and S is the slope. This empirical formula was used to obtain the limit of quantification as shown in the chromatogram.

To study the robustness of the method, injectable cefazolin sodium formulation samples were assayed with intentional variation in the method parameters, including chromatographic conditions, mobile phase, flow rate, and temperature. Suitability of the system was established by calculating the percent relative standard deviation of repeat injections and analyzing the symmetry of the peak and theoretical plates of the column.

Results and discussion

Development of an HPLC method and its validation are important issues for any drug entering the marketplace, and is a regulatory requirement for quality assurance. Cefazolin sodium is very vulnerable to hydrolysis, so stability studies have an important role in this context. However, very few methods are available for effective assessment of the stability of cefazolin sodium. Calorimetry gamma irradiation, and electrophoresis can be used to indicate stability, but are not widely used, especially at an industrial level. Chromatographic methods developed by Mayerand cannot assess stability. Lalitha et al developed an HPLC method for assessment of stability, but this cannot be used to quantify cefazolin sodium in physiological fluid. However, good results for recovery in studies involving human serum and a low limit of quantification make this method useful for pharmacokinetic studies and routine quality control purposes because it is simple to process, has a short run time, does not require complicated instrumentation, and uses inexpensive reagents.


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HIGH-PRESSURE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY:

High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) is an analytical technique used to separate, identify, and quantify individual components within a mixture. It operates on the principle of chromatography, a method used to separate different components based on their interaction with the stationary phase and mobile phase within a column.

Here's an in-depth explanation of the key components and process involved in HPLC:

Components of HPLC:

Mobile Phase: This refers to the solvent or mixture of solvents used to
e through the chromatographic system. It is usually a
water and organic solvents like methanol or acetonitrile.

Stationary ase: It is a crucial part of the separation process and is
n the column. The stationary phase can be made of various
ilica, polymers, or other chemically modified substances. The
nary phase depends on the specific compounds being
analyzed.

Column: The olumn is packed with the stationary phase material. It
paration based on the interactions between the sample
d the stationary phase.

Injector: omponent is responsible for introducing the sample into the
mobile phase s am. It ensures precise and consistent injection of the
sample onto the
column.

Detector: The detector monitors the separated components as they elute from the column. Various detectors are used in HPLC, including UV-Vis detectors, fluorescence detectors, mass spectrometers, and more. The detector generates signals that are used to create chromatograms, displaying the separation of components.

Pump: The pump delivers the mobile phase through the system at a constant flow rate and pressure, which is essential for the efficiency and reproducibility of the separation.

Principle of Operation:

Sample Injection: A small amount of the sample is injected into the mobile phase stream. The sample travels through the column containing the stationary phase.

Separation: As the mobile phase carries the sample through the column, each component interacts differently with the stationary phase based on factors like polarity, size, and chemical properties. This results in differential retention times within the column.

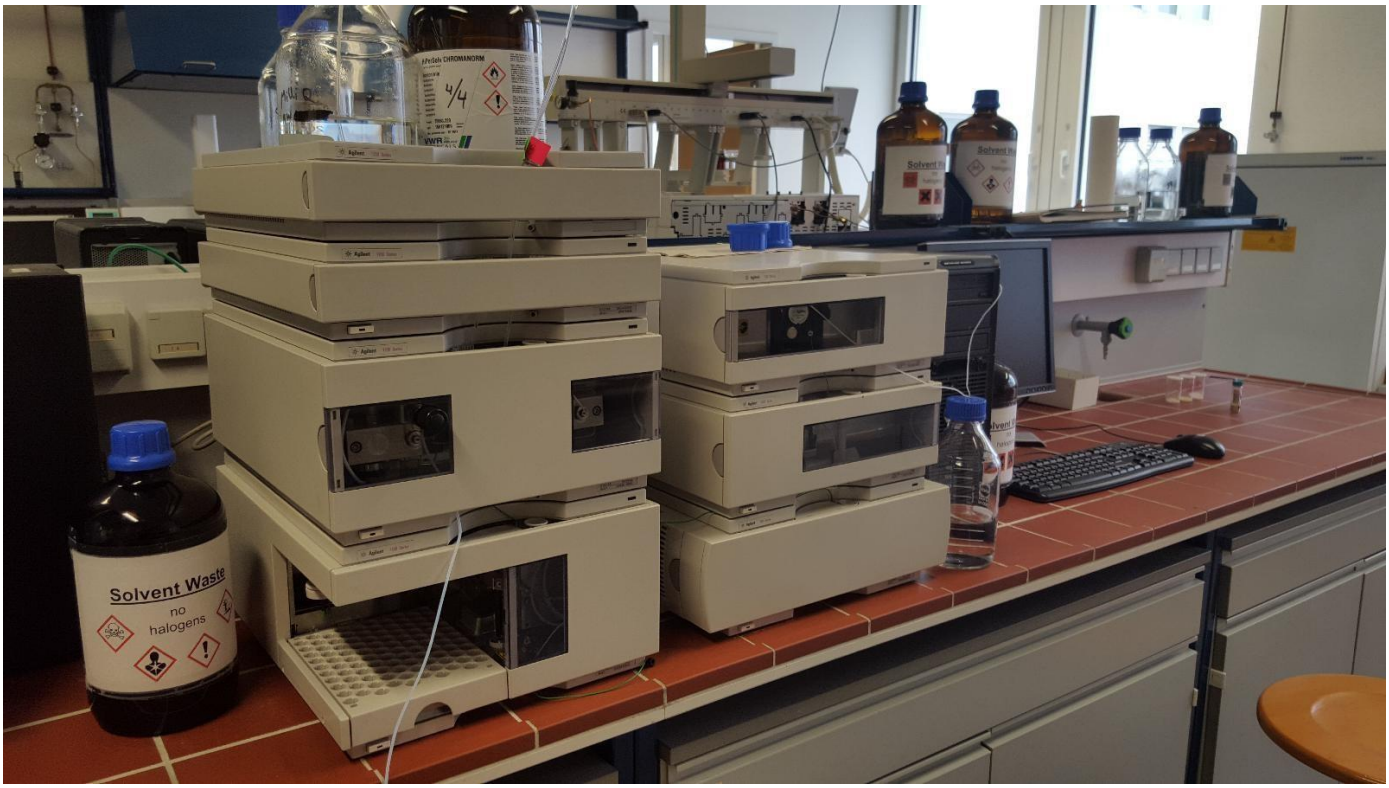
Detection: The separated components exit the column and pass through the detector. The detector records the signal generated as each component elutes from the column, producing peaks on a chromatogram.

Data Analysis: The chromatogram displays peaks corresponding to individual components. The area and height of the peaks are used to quantify the amount of each compound present in the sample.

Applications of HPLC:

- Pharmaceutical analysis (drug development, purity testing)
- Environmental analysis (pollutant detection)
- Food and beverage analysis (nutrient analysis, contaminants)
- Clinical diagnostics (detection of biomarkers)
- Chemical research and analysis

HPLC is a versatile and widely used analytical technique due to its high sensitivity, selectivity, and ability to separate a wide range of compounds in various industries and research fields.



GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY

Gas Chromatography (GC) is another powerful analytical technique used for separating, identifying, and quantifying volatile and semi-volatile compounds within a sample mixture. It operates on the principle of chromatography, similar to HPLC, but with a different mobile phase (gas instead of liquid) and specific components tailored for gas-based analysis.

Components of Gas Chromatography:

Injector: The injector introduces the sample into the GC system. The sample is vaporized and injected into the carrier gas stream.

Carrier Gas: Unlike HPLC's liquid mobile phase, GC uses an inert gas such as helium, nitrogen, or hydrogen as the carrier gas. This gas moves the sample through the column.

Column: The column is a long, coiled tube usually coated with a stationary phase such as a liquid or solid material. The interaction between the sample components and the stationary phase in the column causes separation based on their different affinities.

Oven: The oven maintains a controlled temperature, crucial for the separation process. Different temperatures can impact the separation efficiency and selectivity.

Detector: GC employs various types of detectors, including Flame Ionization Detectors (FID), Thermal Conductivity Detectors (TCD), Electron Capture Detectors (ECD), and Mass Spectrometers (MS). These detectors measure the concentration of compounds eluting from the column and generate signals used to create chromatograms.

Data System: A data system processes the detector signals and generates chromatograms, which represent the separation of compounds over time.

Principle of Operation:

Sample Introduction: The sample is vaporized and introduced into the carrier gas stream usin
injector.

arrier gas carries the sample through the column. As

Separation: the

the column, different compounds interact with the

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Data Analysis: The ducing peaks on the chromatogram. ks on the pea nt individual

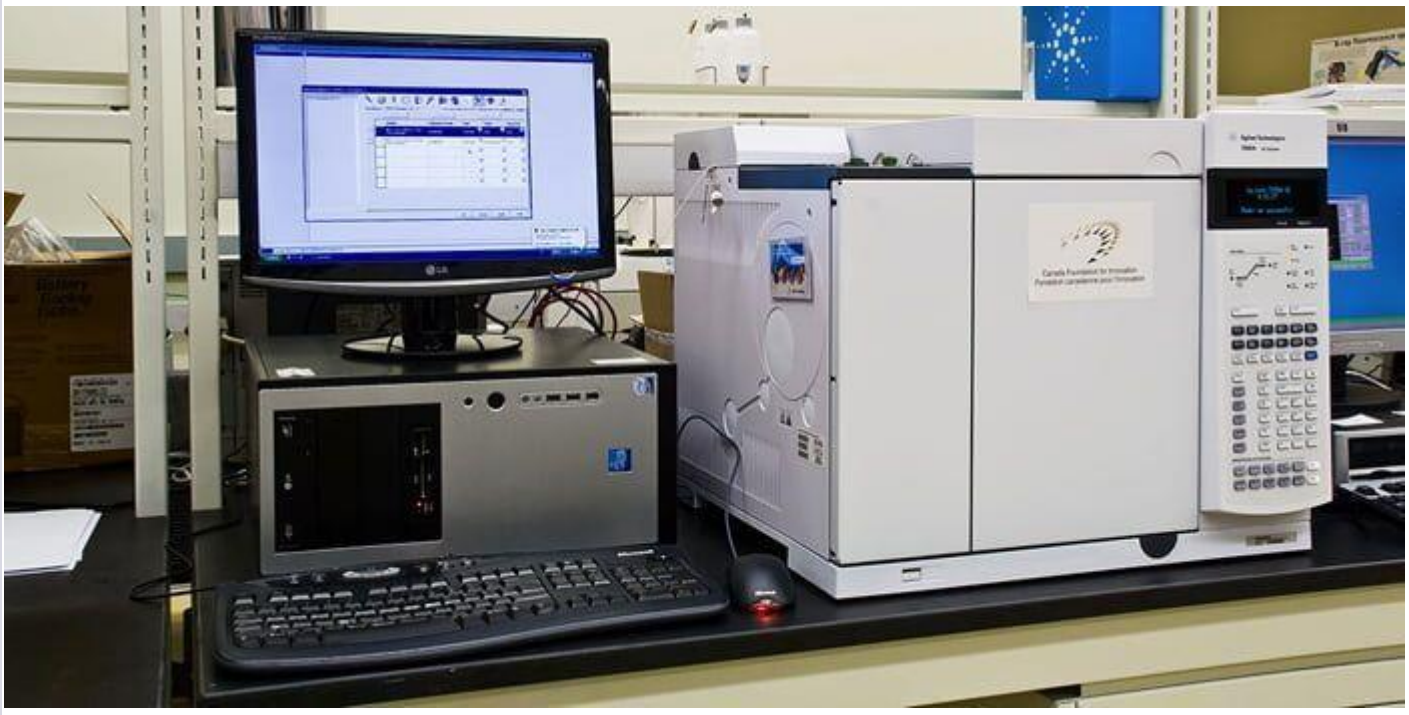
and height of these peaks are analysed to determine y of each compound in the sample.

Applications of Gas Chromatography:

- Environmental analysis (air, water, soil contaminants)
- Pharmaceutical analysis (drug purity, composition)
- Petrochemical industry (analysis of hydrocarbons)

- Forensic science (analysis of trace evidence)
- Food and beverage analysis (flavor and fragrance analysis)

Gas Chromatography is highly versatile, offering excellent separation efficiency and sensitivity, making it a valuable tool in various industries for analysing complex mixtures of volatile compounds. The choice between HPLC and GC depends on the nature of the sample and the specific compounds being analysed.



CONCLUSION

To conclude, this internship experience with the ORCHID Pharmaceutical company has been an illuminating journey, offering first hand insights into the intricate workings of the industry. Navigating the intersection of theory and practice has not only enhanced my understanding of Pharmaceutical operation but has also cultivated a profound appreciation for the collaborative efforts driving innovations. As I transition from this internship, I carry forward a wealth of knowledge, practical skills and a new found passion for contributing to the dynamic landscape of Pharmaceutical advancement.

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INTRODUCTION

The Internship at the Siddha Central Research Institute and Hospital affiliated with Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) for a period of **16th Sep 2023** to **09th Oct 2023,** provided me with a valuable opportunity to gain practical experience in the field of Phytochemistry Research works in Siddha medicine. This report outlines the tasks I undertook, the skills I developed, and the knowledge I gained during the internship period.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Siddha Central Research Institute was established in 1971 at Arumbakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu under the aegis of CCRS, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India. This Institute houses facilities for trans-disciplinary research in Siddha system of medicine through various departments. The Department of literary research does collection, preservation, annotation, cataloguing, transcription and publication of palm leaf manuscripts and rare Siddha books.

The Phytochemistry Laboratory at Siddha Central Research Institute is dedicated to conducting research on the chemical constituents and properties of medicinal plants used in Siddha medicine. The laboratory employs advanced analytical techniques and state-of-the-art equipment to identify and isolate bioactive compounds present in herbal materials. Researchers investigate the phytochemical composition of Siddha formulations, study their pharmacological activities, and evaluate their safety and efficacy. This research work in the Phytochemistry Laboratory contributes to the standardization and quality control of Siddha medicines, as well as the discovery of new therapeutic compounds from natural sources. The findings from this laboratory help in establishing evidence-based practices in Siddha medicine and contribute to the growing body of knowledge in the field of phytochemistry and natural product research.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of my internship were as follows:

a) To understand the principles and concepts of Siddha medicine, it is essential to explore its key elements and guiding principles.

b) To observe and assist in ongoing research projects conducted at SCRI.

   To fulfill the objective of observing and assisting in ongoing research projects conducted at Siddha Central Research Institute (SCRI), interns are provided with opportunities to actively engage in various research activities.

   Such as:

   - ***Research Project Observations*:** Interns have the chance to observe and learn from ongoing research projects conducted by experienced researchers at SCRI. This exposure provides insights into the research methodology, experimental design, data collection, and analysis techniques employed in Siddha medicine research.

   - ***Data Collection and Analysis*:** Interns may be assigned tasks related to data collection, including literature reviews. Also, they are encouraged to participate in the analysis of research data, assisting in organizing, interpreting, and summarizing the findings.

- ***Laboratory Work*:** Depending on the nature of the research projects, interns may be involved in laboratory work under the guidance of researchers. This can include preparing and analyzing Siddha formulations, conducting experiments to evaluate the pharmacological properties of medicinal plants, or performing biochemical assays to assess the efficacy of Siddha treatments.

- ***Documentation and Reporting*:** Interns are often responsible for documenting their observations and research activities. This involves maintaining accurate records, preparing progress reports, and summarizing their findings. It provides interns with an opportunity to enhance their scientific writing and communication skills.

c) To gain hands-on experience in the preparation and analysis of Siddha medicines. By gaining hands-on experience in the preparation and analysis of Siddha medicines, interns develop practical skills, enhance their knowledge of traditional formulation techniques, and gain a deeper understanding of the quality control and regulatory aspects of Siddha medicine. This experiential learning equips them with the necessary skills and competencies required for future research, formulation development, and the promotion of evidence-based practice in Siddha medicine.

d) To contribute to the research and development activities of the institute, so interns can make a valuable impact on the institute's research outcomes and contribute to the advancement of Siddha medicine. Their fresh perspectives,

dedication, and willingness to learn can foster a collaborative and dynamic research environment, benefiting both their own growth and the progress of the institute's research endeavors.

e) To learn about the regulatory framework and ethical considerations in Siddha medicine research. By learning the regulatory framework and ethical considerations in Siddha medicine research, interns develop a strong understanding of the principles and guidelines that govern responsible research conduct. This knowledge equips them with the necessary skills and awareness to conduct research in an ethical, compliant, and transparent manner, ensuring the protection of research participants' rights and contributing to the credibility and advancement of Siddha medicine as a scientific discipline.

ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

During my internship, I was involved in various activities and tasks, including:

a) Observing and assisting researchers in ongoing research projects.

We worked on Research works such as:

- Tests for determining the constituents present in Siddha medicine related plants and roots and the separation of products using Extraction and Column Chromatography.

- Determining Solubility of Samples and medicines provided in water, alcohol and ash contents.

- Determining of total soluble solids in the given samples and Contents in order to determine its consumability

b) Preparing and analyzing Siddha formulations under the supervision of experts. Interns are provided with knowledge on research works done by research experts in the Organization.

c) Participating in discussions on Siddha medicine experiments and research works.

d) Assisting in the documentation and record-keeping of research activities.

EXPERIMENTS

1) COLUMN CHROMATOGRAPGHY:

Column chromatography separates substances based on differential adsorption of compounds to the adsorbent as the compounds move through the column at different rates which allows them to get separated in fractions.



Thus, interns are provided with a plant sample and required to undergo products separation using column chromatography with the help of research staffs. The process undergone are:

a) **Sample Preparation:** Interns receive a given sample that needs to be separated or purified using column chromatography. They work with experts to prepare

the sample by dissolving it in an appropriate solvent and ensuring it is free from any impurities that may interfere with the separation process.

b) **Column Packing:** Interns learn the process of packing a column with an appropriate stationary phase. This typically involves using a glass column and packing it with a solid support material, such as silica gel or a resin, which acts as the stationary phase for the separation. Interns are guided in the proper technique to ensure an even and compact packing.

c) **Sample Loading:** Interns carefully load the prepared sample onto the top of the packed column. They may use a suitable solvent or solvent mixture to dissolve the sample and ensure its complete adsorption onto the stationary phase. The sample is loaded using a syringe or pipette, and the column is carefully monitored to prevent sample leakage or air bubbles.

d) **Elution:** Once the sample is loaded, interns begin the elution process. They add a suitable solvent or solvent mixture to the column and collect the eluent fractions as they pass through the column. The eluent is carefully chosen based on the desired separation characteristics and the properties of the compounds in the sample. Interns closely monitor the elution process to collect the desired compounds in separate fractions.

e) **Fraction Collection and Analysis:** Interns collect the eluent fractions in separate vials or containers. These fractions represent different components of the sample that have been separated by the column chromatography. Interns

may analyze these fractions using various analytical techniques, such as thin-layer chromatography (TLC), high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), or spectroscopic methods, to determine the purity and identity of the separated compounds.

f) **Evaluation and Documentation:** Throughout the experiment, interns record observations, elution times, and any notable changes or observations. They maintain accurate documentation of the experiment, including the column packing procedure, elution conditions, and analytical results. This documentation ensures traceability and serves as a reference for future analysis and research.

By conducting column chromatography experiments with a given sample, interns gain practical experience in the separation and purification of compounds. They learn about the factors that influence the separation process, such as column packing, solvent choice, and elution conditions. This hands-on experience provides interns with valuable skills in chromatographic techniques and enhances their understanding of the principles and applications of column chromatography in Siddha medicine research.

2) THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY:

During the internship at Siddha Central Research Institute (SCRI), interns are given the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with thin-layer chromatography

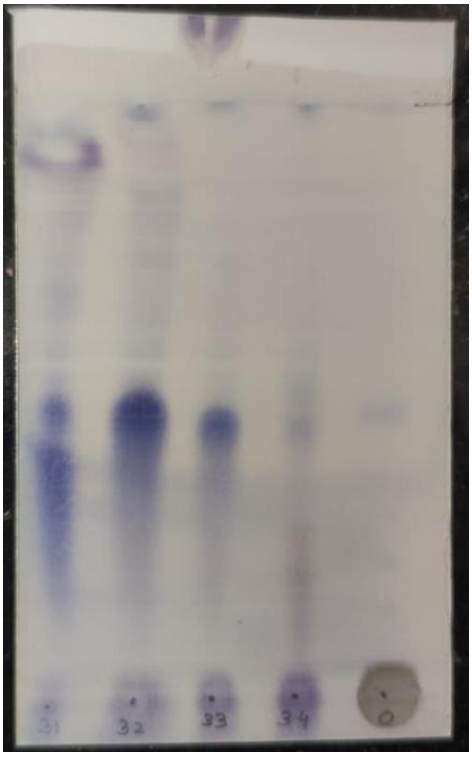
(TLC), a commonly used technique for qualitative analysis and compound identification. Under the guidance of experts, interns can conduct TLC experiments using a given sample. Here's an overview of the process:

a) **Sample Preparation:** Interns receive a given sample that needs to be analyzed using TLC. They work with experts to prepare the sample by dissolving it in a suitable solvent to obtain a concentrated solution. The sample is then filtered to remove any particulate matter or impurities that may interfere with the TLC analysis.

b) **TLC Plate Preparation:** Interns learn the process of preparing the TLC plates. They carefully select the appropriate stationary phase, typically a thin layer of adsorbent material such as silica gel or alumina, and coat it uniformly onto a glass or plastic plate. Interns ensure that the TLC plate is properly activated and dried before use to ensure optimal separation.

c) **Spotting:** Interns spot the prepared sample onto the TLC plate using a capillary tube or micropipette. They carefully apply a small volume of the sample solution as a spot on the starting line of the TLC plate. It is important to ensure that the spots are small and concentrated to avoid overlapping and smearing during the separation process.





d) Development: Interns place the spotted TLC plate in a developing chamber containing a suitable mobile phase or solvent system. The TLC plate is carefully positioned in the chamber to allow the solvent to rise up the plate through capillary action. The development process is monitored closely to prevent over-development or insufficient separation.

e) Visualization and Analysis: Once the development is complete, interns remove the TLC plate from the developing chamber. They visualize the separated spots on the TLC plate using appropriate visualization techniques. This may include exposing the plate to ultraviolet (UV) light, using chemical reagents, or staining with specific dyes. The separated spots are analyzed for

their positions, colors, and any additional characteristics that may aid in compound identification.

f) **Comparison and Interpretation:** Interns compare the separated spots on the TLC plate with reference compounds or known standards to identify the compounds present in the given sample. They consider factors such as the Rf (retention factor) values, spot colors, and other visual characteristics to make informed interpretations. The results are documented, and conclusions are drawn regarding the presence or absence of specific compounds in the given sample.

By conducting TLC experiments with a given sample, interns gain practical experience in qualitative analysis and compound identification. They learn about the principles of chromatography, the selection of stationary and mobile phases, and the interpretation of TLC results. This hands-on experience enhances their analytical skills and understanding of TLC as a valuable technique in Siddha medicine research.

3) ROTARY EVAPORATER AND WATER BATH DISTILLATION:

During the internship at a Siddha Research Institute, interns may have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with rotary evaporators and water bath distillation for the purification and concentration of compounds. These techniques are commonly used in the extraction and isolation of active

components from plant materials or other samples. Here's an overview of the process:



a) **Sample Preparation:** Interns gathers the sample from the column chromatography containing solvent and products that needs to be purified or concentrated using a rotary evaporator or water bath distillation. By guidance of experts to prepare the sample, ensuring it is properly ground, crushed, or macerated to increase the surface area for efficient extraction.

b) **Setup and Operation:** Interns are trained in the setup and operation of the rotary evaporator or water bath distillation apparatus. They learn to assemble the necessary components, including the glassware, condenser, heating

element, and vacuum pump. The apparatus is properly connected, and all joints are securely tightened to ensure efficient operation.

c) **Rotary Evaporation:** If working with a rotary evaporator, interns place the sample solution in a round-bottom flask and attach it to the rotary evaporator setup. The sample is then heated under vacuum, allowing the solvent to evaporate while leaving behind the desired compounds. The evaporated solvent is condensed in the condenser and collected separately.

d) **Water Bath Distillation:** If using a water bath distillation setup, interns transfer the sample solution to a distillation flask and place it in a heated water bath. The water bath is gradually heated, causing the solvent to evaporate. The vapor is then condensed in a condenser and collected in a separate container.

e) **Monitoring and Control:** Interns closely monitor the process throughout the distillation or evaporation. They regulate the temperature, vacuum level, and other parameters as needed to optimize the separation and prevent excessive heating or loss of volatile components. Regular checks are made to ensure the apparatus is functioning properly.

f) **Collection and Analysis:** Once the distillation or evaporation process is complete, interns collect the purified or concentrated sample. They transfer it to suitable containers for further analysis or storage. The collected sample may

undergo additional analytical techniques, such as chromatography or spectroscopy, to confirm its purity and identify the desired compounds.

g) **Cleanup and Maintenance:** After the experiment, interns clean the glassware and equipment thoroughly to maintain cleanliness and prevent cross-contamination. They ensure that all components are properly stored and maintained for future use.

By gaining hands-on experience with rotary evaporators and water bath distillation, interns develop practical skills in the purification and concentration of compounds. They learn about the proper setup, operation, and monitoring of these techniques, as well as the importance of safety precautions. This experience enhances their understanding of the extraction and purification processes involved in Siddha medicine research and prepares them for further laboratory work in the field**.**

4) SOLUBILITY IN WATER AND ALCOHOL:

During the internship at a Siddha Research Institute, interns are given the opportunity to conduct experiments to determine the solubility of a given sample in water and alcohol. These experiments provide valuable information about the solubility characteristics of the sample and can guide the selection of

appropriate solvents for further analysis or formulation development. Here's an overview of the process:

a) **Sample Preparation:** Interns receive a given sample and prepare it for the solubility experiment. The sample is typically in solid form and may be in the form of powder, granules, or small particles. If necessary, interns crush or grind the sample to ensure uniformity.

b) **Solvent Selection:** Interns select two solvents for the experiment: water and alcohol. Water is a commonly used polar solvent, while alcohol (such as ethanol) is often used as a representative non-polar solvent. These solvents cover a broad range of solubility characteristics and provide valuable information about the sample's solubility behaviour.

c) **Solubility Testing:** Interns set up separate containers or test tubes and add a small amount of the sample to each. They then add water to one container and alcohol to another, creating two separate solutions. Interns ensure that the sample and solvent are thoroughly mixed by stirring or shaking the containers.

d) **Observation and Analysis:** After the samples are mixed with the solvents, interns observe and note the solubility behavior. We look for signs of dissolution, such as the disappearance of solid particles or the formation of a

clear solution. Interns assess the degree of solubility, ranging from completely soluble to partially soluble or insoluble, for each solvent.

e) **Solubility Comparison:** Interns compare the solubility of the sample in water and alcohol. They evaluate which solvent resulted in better solubility or dissolution of the sample. This comparison provides insights into the sample's solubility characteristics and helps determine the most appropriate solvent for further analysis or formulation development.

f) **Documentation and Analysis:** Interns document their observations, including the appearance of the solutions, the solubility behavior, and any other relevant information. They may also take photographs or record the results for future reference and analysis.

By conducting solubility experiments in water and alcohol, interns gain practical experience in assessing the solubility characteristics of a given sample. They learn about the influence of solvent polarity and other factors on solubility behavior. This hands-on experience enhances their understanding of the solubility properties of substances used in Siddha medicine research, aiding in the selection of appropriate solvents for extraction, formulation, and further analysis.

5) ASH CONTENT:

- ***Loss on Drying:***

During the internship at Siddha Central Research Institute (SCRI), interns are given the opportunity to conduct experiments to determine the loss on drying (LOD) of a given sample. The LOD test is commonly used to assess the moisture content of a substance, which is crucial for maintaining the quality, stability, and storage conditions of Siddha medicines. Here's an overview of the process:



a) Sample Preparation: Interns receive a given sample and prepare it for the LOD experiment. The sample is typically in solid form, such as powder or granules. Interns ensure that the sample is homogenous and representative of the entire batch to obtain accurate results.

b) **Weighing and Recording:** Interns accurately weigh a specific amount of the sample using an analytical balance. The weight of the sample is recorded as the initial weight (W1) before the drying process begins. This weight serves as the baseline for calculating the loss on drying.

c) **Drying Process:** Interns place the weighed sample in a suitable container, such as a pre-weighed crucible or a moisture determination apparatus. The container is then placed in an oven or drying chamber set at a specific temperature, typically between 110°C to 150°C. The sample is left to dry for a predetermined period, ensuring complete evaporation of moisture.

d) **Cooling and Weighing:** Once the drying period are complete, interns remove the container from the oven and allow it to cool in a desiccator to prevent moisture absorption from the surrounding environment. After cooling, the container is weighed again to obtain the final weight (W2) of the dried sample.

e) **Calculation and Analysis:** Using the initial and final weights, interns calculate the loss on drying using the following formula:

LOD (%) = [(W1 - W2) / W1] x 100.

The result represents the percentage of moisture lost during the drying process. Interns analyze the LOD value to assess the moisture content of the sample and evaluate its suitability for storage and formulation.

f) **Documentation and Reporting:** Interns document the entire experiment, including the initial and final weights, drying conditions, and calculations performed. They record any observations or notable changes observed during the drying process. The results are compiled and reported, highlighting the LOD value and its implications for the sample's quality and stability.

By conducting loss on drying experiments, interns gain practical experience in assessing the moisture content of a given sample. They learn about the importance of moisture determination in Siddha medicine research and the impact of moisture on the quality and stability of formulations. This hands-on experience enhances their understanding of proper drying techniques, documentation, and analysis, contributing to their overall proficiency in research and development activities at the Siddha Central Research Institute.

- ***Total Ash:***

During the internship at Siddha Central Research Institute (SCRI), interns are given the opportunity to conduct experiments to determine the total ash content of a given sample. The total ash test is commonly performed to assess the inorganic residue left behind after complete combustion of a substance. Here's an overview of the process:

a) **Sample Preparation:** Interns receive a given sample and prepare it for the total ash experiment. The sample is typically in solid form, such as powder or plant material. Interns ensure that the sample is representative and homogenous to obtain accurate results.



b) **Weighing and Recording:** Interns accurately weigh a specific amount of the sample using an analytical balance. The weight of the sample is recorded as the initial weight (W1). This weight serves as the baseline for calculating the total ash content.

c) **Ashing Process:** Interns place the weighed sample in a suitable crucible or ashing dish. The crucible is then placed in a muffle furnace or a furnace set at a specific temperature, typically between 500°C and 600°C. The sample is subjected to controlled combustion, allowing the organic matter to burn off completely and leaving behind the inorganic ash.

d) **Cooling and Weighing:** Once the ashing process is complete, interns remove the crucible from the furnace and allow it to cool in a desiccator to prevent moisture absorption. After cooling, the crucible with the residual ash is weighed again to obtain the final weight (W2) of the ash.

e) **Calculation and Analysis:** Using the initial and final weights, interns calculate the total ash content using the following formula:

Total Ash (%) = [(W2 - W1) / W1] x 100.

The result represents the percentage of inorganic ash content in the sample. Interns analyze the total ash value to assess the inorganic residue present and evaluate its significance for quality control and standardization purposes.

f) **Documentation and Reporting:** Interns document the entire experiment, including the initial and final weights, ashing conditions, and calculations performed. They record any observations or notable changes observed during the ashing process. The results are compiled and reported, highlighting the total ash value and its implications for the sample's purity and quality.

By conducting total ash experiments, interns gain practical experience in assessing the inorganic content of a given sample. They learn about the importance of total ash determination in Siddha medicine research and the impact of inorganic impurities on

the formulation's quality. This hands-on experience enhances their understanding of proper ashing techniques, documentation, and analysis, contributing to their overall proficiency in research and development activities at the Siddha Central Research Institute.

- ***Water Soluble Ash (WSA):***

The Ash Obtained from the total ash experiment is subjected to the water-soluble ash experiment. The process occurs as follows:

a) **Water-Soluble Extraction:** Interns transfer the ash from the crucible to a suitable container and add a known volume of distilled water. The mixture is stirred or shaken to ensure thorough mixing and dissolution of the water-soluble components present in the ash.
b) **Filtration and Collection:** Interns filter the mixture using a filter paper or other suitable filtration apparatus to separate the water-soluble extract from the insoluble residues. The filtrate containing the water-soluble ash is collected in a clean container.



c) **Drying and Weighing:** The collected filtrate is transferred to a pre-weighed crucible or evaporating dish. The crucible is then heated gently to evaporate the water and dry the residue. Once the residue is dry, the crucible is weighed to obtain the final weight (W3) of the water-soluble ash.

d) **Calculation and Analysis:** Using the initial and final weights, interns calculate the water-soluble ash content using the following formula:

Water-Soluble Ash (%) = [(W3 - W1) / W1] x 100.

The result represents the percentage of inorganic ash content that is soluble in water. Interns analyze the water-soluble ash value to assess the water-soluble inorganic impurities present in the sample.

e) **Documentation and Reporting:** Interns document the entire experiment, including the initial and final weights, ashing conditions, filtration process, and calculations performed. They record any observations or notable changes observed during the experiment. The results are compiled and reported, highlighting the water-soluble ash value and its implications for the sample's purity and quality.

By conducting water-soluble ash experiments, interns gain practical experience in assessing the inorganic content of a given sample that is soluble in water. They learn about the importance of water-soluble ash determination in Siddha medicine research and the impact of water-soluble inorganic impurities on the formulation's quality. This

hands-on experience enhances their understanding of proper ashing techniques, filtration, documentation, and analysis, contributing to their overall proficiency in research and development activities at the Siddha Central Research Institute

- ***Acid Insoluble Ash:***

  This Experiment uses ash formed from the total ash experiment similarly as water soluble ash experiment. The process occurs as follows:

a) **Acid Treatment:** Interns transfer the ash from the crucible to a beaker or suitable container. They add a specific volume of dilute acid, such as hydrochloric acid (HCl), to the container. The acid serves to dissolve the soluble inorganic components, leaving behind the acid insoluble impurities.

b) **Heating and Filtration:** The mixture of ash and acid is heated gently on a hot plate or heating mantle. This heating step ensures complete reaction between the acid and the soluble inorganic components. After heating, the mixture is filtered using a filter paper or other suitable filtration apparatus to separate the insoluble residue from the acid solution.

c) **Washing and Drying:** Interns wash the residue on the filter paper with distilled water to remove any remaining acid and soluble impurities. The washed residue is carefully transferred back to the crucible and dried in an oven or at a controlled temperature to remove any remaining moisture.

d) **Weighing and Calculation:** Once the residue is dry, the crucible with the acid insoluble ash is weighed to obtain the final weight (W3) of the acid insoluble ash. Using the initial and final weights, interns calculate the acid insoluble ash content using the following formula:

Acid Insoluble Ash (%) = [(W3 - W1) / W1] x 100.

The result represents the percentage of inorganic ash content that is insoluble in acid.

e) **Documentation and Reporting:** Interns document the entire experiment, including the initial and final weights, ashing conditions, acid treatment process, filtration, and calculations performed. They record any observations or notable changes observed during the experiment. The results are compiled and reported, highlighting the acid insoluble ash value and its implications for the sample's purity and quality.

By conducting acid insoluble ash experiments, interns gain practical experience in assessing the inorganic content of a given sample that is insoluble in acid. They learn about the importance of acid insoluble ash determination in Siddha medicine research and the impact of insoluble impurities on the formulation's quality. This hands-on experience enhances their understanding of proper ashing techniques, acid treatment, filtration, documentation

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

During my internship at Siddha Central Research Institute, I had the opportunity to develop a range of valuable skills and expand my knowledge in Siddha medicine.

In terms of skills, through hands-on experience, I learned how to prepare and analyze Siddha formulations, which involved working with medicinal plants and understanding their properties and applications. This hands-on experience not only improved my technical skills but also enhanced my attention to detail and precision in conducting experiments.

Additionally, I developed strong research skills throughout the internship. I conducted literature reviews to gather relevant information, analyzed data using statistical methods, and honed my scientific writing abilities to effectively communicate research findings. These skills are vital in the field of Siddha medicine research as they contribute to the dissemination of knowledge and the advancement of the field.

Furthermore, my internship provided ample opportunities for effective communication and teamwork. I regularly interacted with experienced researchers and

collaborated with fellow interns, which enhanced my communication skills and fostered a collaborative mindset. I learned to articulate ideas, actively listen to others, and work collectively towards common research goals.

The internship also emphasized the importance of time management and organizational skills in a research environment. Balancing multiple tasks, meeting deadlines, and adapting to the dynamic nature of research projects helped me refine my ability to manage time effectively and organize my work efficiently.

In terms of knowledge, I gained insight into the regulatory and ethical considerations involved in Siddha medicine research and clinical trials. Understanding the ethical guidelines and regulatory frameworks governing research ensures the responsible conduct of studies and the protection of participants.

The internship also provided valuable knowledge about the standardization and quality control of Siddha formulations. I learned about the importance of ensuring the purity, potency, and safety of Siddha medicines through rigorous quality control processes

CONCLUSION

The internship at Siddha Central Research Institute, affiliated with Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) was a valuable and enriching experience. I gained practical knowledge, developed essential skills, and expanded my understanding of Siddha medicine. The exposure to ongoing research projects and the opportunity to work alongside experienced researchers provided me with a solid foundation for my future career in the field of Siddha medicine.

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Overall, the internship at Siddha Central Research Institute was a fulfilling experience that has contributed significantly to my personal and professional growth. I am confident that the knowledge and skills I acquired will be instrumental in m future endeavors in the field of Siddha medicine.

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CHAPTER-1

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 ABOUT THE COMPANY

India is well known as the 'Oyster' of the global industry and the largest producer of milk in the entire globe. The cooperatives contribution is high to this total production. In Tamil Nadu, Aavin is the first cooperative milk society dealing with milk and value added products of milk. Aavin union is a government which was founded in the year 1958. Milk is procured from the village level societies twice a day. The milk cost payment is made on the basis of a quality test which consists of Fat and Solid Non-fat content.

1.2 THE PRODUCTION LEVEL OF MILK

Approximately, the Aavin Dairy Industry produces 5,60,000 liters of milk everyday. The Aavin Dairy industry produces comparatively less liters of milk during the Summer period when compared to that of the Winter period. This happens because during the dry summer months there will be a low availability of green fodder for cattle for the fall of milk production.

1.3 DISTRICT UNION OF FEDERATIONS

There are about 17 district Co-operative Milk Producers Unions functioning in

Tamil Nadu, covering 30 Districts. They are:

- Kancheepuram- Tiruvallur
- Villupuram
- Vellore
- Dharmapuri
- Dharmapuri
- Salem
- Erode
- Coimbatore
- Nilgiris
- Madurai
- Dindigul
- Trichy
- Thanjavur
- Pudukottai
- Sivagangai
- Virudhunagar
- Thirunelveli
- Kanyakumari

1.4 FUNCTIONS OF CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS UNION

- Establishment of chilling centres.
- Formation of new milk routes to collect milk produced by the members of the societies.
- Collection of milk from societies, process, and pack in modern dairy.
- Supply of quality milk.
- Fixation of procurements and selling price of milk.
- Supply of inputs to the members of the societies.

CHAPTER-2

2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

2.1 INTERNSHIP PURPOSE AND STUDY

The purpose of the internship is to obtain extra knowledge about the dairy centre and to know about the function and activities of Aavin. In this internship, I get to know about the milk and milk based processing methods of Aavin situated at Sholinganallur from 15/09/2023 to 29/09/2023 for 15 days. I have attained a lot of information which includes production, products, sales, profit, loss etc. In this project, we also took effect to know about, assessing the quality of the milk via various tests and also I have learned about the waste-water management.

2.2 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

I have started this internship to know about the milk and milk-based processing methods of Aavin situated at Sholinganallur (Chennai). I have attained a lot of informations which include production, products, sales etc. In this training period, I also took effect to know about assessing the quality of the milk via various test and also we have learned about the wastewater management.

2.3 OBJECTIVES

- To obtain extra knowledge about the dairy center.
- To know about the functioning and activities of Aavin.
- To know about the process of a dairy product in the dairy center.
- To know about the waste water management in the dairy center.

2.4 METHADOLOGY

The present report data was obtained from the staff member of Aavin dairy center.



CHAPTER-3

3. DAIRY PROCESS

3.1 COLLECTION OF MILK

Raw milk- Milk reception :- The milk is collected from many villages where milkers give their milk through dairy form situated on their village. Therefore, both societies and milk givers can earn money with some profits. The collection of milk which is directly got from the milk giver is known as “Raw Milk”. The milk can be collected in the morning and evening.

3.2 DAIRY PROCESSING

The milk collected from the chilling centers are brought to the dairy and are kept for assessing the quality. Some of the types of milk viz., standard milk, high fat, high protein milk, are being produced for the requirements of the consumers, the surplus fat is converted into ghee. In the dairy, milk, ghee, butter, ice-cream flavored milk, rose milk, butter milk, etc., are being manufactured and marketing. The overall steps for processing of milk is carried out in five sections. They are Milk Reception, Storage Section, Processing Section, Boiler Section and Refrigeration.

Milk chilling

Chilling is a necessary step when dealing with large volumes of milk. Milk leaves the cow’s udder of the temperatures above the ambient, which encourages rapid bacterial multiplication that speeds up spoilage. However, reducing temperature to between 2 degree celcius to 5 degree celcius arrests bacterial growth and metabolism. This provides a head start at keeping the quality before proper pasteurization commences.

Pre-heating (regeneration)

After bulking, the chilled milk is heated to about 37degree celcius to facilitate easy separation of butter fat during standardization. The system uses regenerative heating, i.e., it uses the heat of the already pasteurized milk to heat up the incoming chilled milk. The chilled milk, in a counter-current flow, cools down the pasteurized milk. The purpose of standardization is to obtain a product with uniform butter-fat.

Standardization stage

It is important to standardize milk fat to ensure that you end up with a product of consistent quality in the market. Different consumers prefer different products. There are customers who will consumes skim milk, low-fat milk, standardized milk and also prefer high-fat milk. During the process of standardization you get to separate the butterfat that is used for making cream, butter and ghee. This process of cream separation is done in a cream seperator.

Heating section

This section happens in the pasteurizer to reach the required temperature for homogenization. The milk is homogenized and is heated upto 60 degree celcius.

Homogenization

Homogenization reduces the size of the fat globules by forcing pressurized hot milk through small whole causing turbulence, the break up of larger fat globules so that they remain suspended rather than separating in a cream layer at the top. It may be total or partial. Partial homogenization is more economical solution because a small homogenizer can be used. It must always be sufficiently efficient to prevent creaming. This tank comprises 10,000 litre capacity.

Pasteurization

It is a process by which the disease-causing bacteria in the milk are destroyed without losing its nutritive values. The milk, the coloration distinction between pasteurized and raw milk is associated with the homogenization step that takes region prior to pasteurization. Before pasteurization, milk is homogenized to separate the solids (fat) from the

liquid, which ends within the pasteurized milk having a whiter look as compared to raw milk. Pasteurization destroys 100% of pathogenic bacteria, yeast and mold and 95% to 99% of other bacteria.

Holding section

After heating, milk flows into holding tubes whose lengths have been calibrated with the milk flow rate to ensure that milk takes at least 15 seconds in the tubes. All the milk must maintain the required pasteurization temperatures at the end of the tubes. Once the chilled milk has attained the required temperature at the end of the holding tubes, milk flows back to the regeneration section to heat the incoming chilled milk while in itself being cooled down to above 30 degree celcius.

Cooling section

After regenerative cooling os pasteurized milk, it move to the cooling section of the PHE where chilled water/PHE coolant lowers the temperature of pasteurized milk to 4degree celcius. The chilled milk is stored in pasteurized milk storage tank and in specific packets and stored in the cold room (7degree celcius to 8degree celcius). Finally, these packet milk are distributed to various market places for sale.

Boiler Section

A horizontal multi tubular thermo dyne boiler with 1 ton capacity is used for generating steam which serve the purpose of heating in all stages.

Refrigeration system

Vapour adsorption cooling system is used. The milk is cooled with help of the refrigeration compressor, where NH3 is used as strong adsorbent by water. A liquid pump is used to increase the pressure of the strong solution. Finally the ammonia vapour will be condensed and recycled.

3.3 CIP SECTION

Cleaning of dairy equipment and its sanitation are of utmost importance in dairy industry. Cleaning-in-place (CIP) involves circulation or recirculation of appropriate water rinses and chemical cleaning and sanitizing solutions through plants and equipment which is maintained in the assembled state, such that all contaminated contact surfaces cleaned to acceptably high and consistently reproducible standards. It involves usage of hotter, stronger and more soil aggressive chemical solution than manual cleaning. Filters and similar equipment should be taken out during CIP cleaning to prevent their damage. As the operation of CIP cleaning is inherently hazardous and not without danger and leaking and causing harm to men and material, its operation is automated in most of dairy industry including Sholinganallur dairy.

Cleaning Media

Media	Strength	Temperature	Time
Lye	0.8%-1%	70 deg cel - 75 deg cel	15 minutes
Acid	0.3%-0.5%	65 deg cel – 70 deg cel	15 minutes
Hot Water	-	80 deg cel – 85 deg cel	15 minutes

Cleaning Schedule

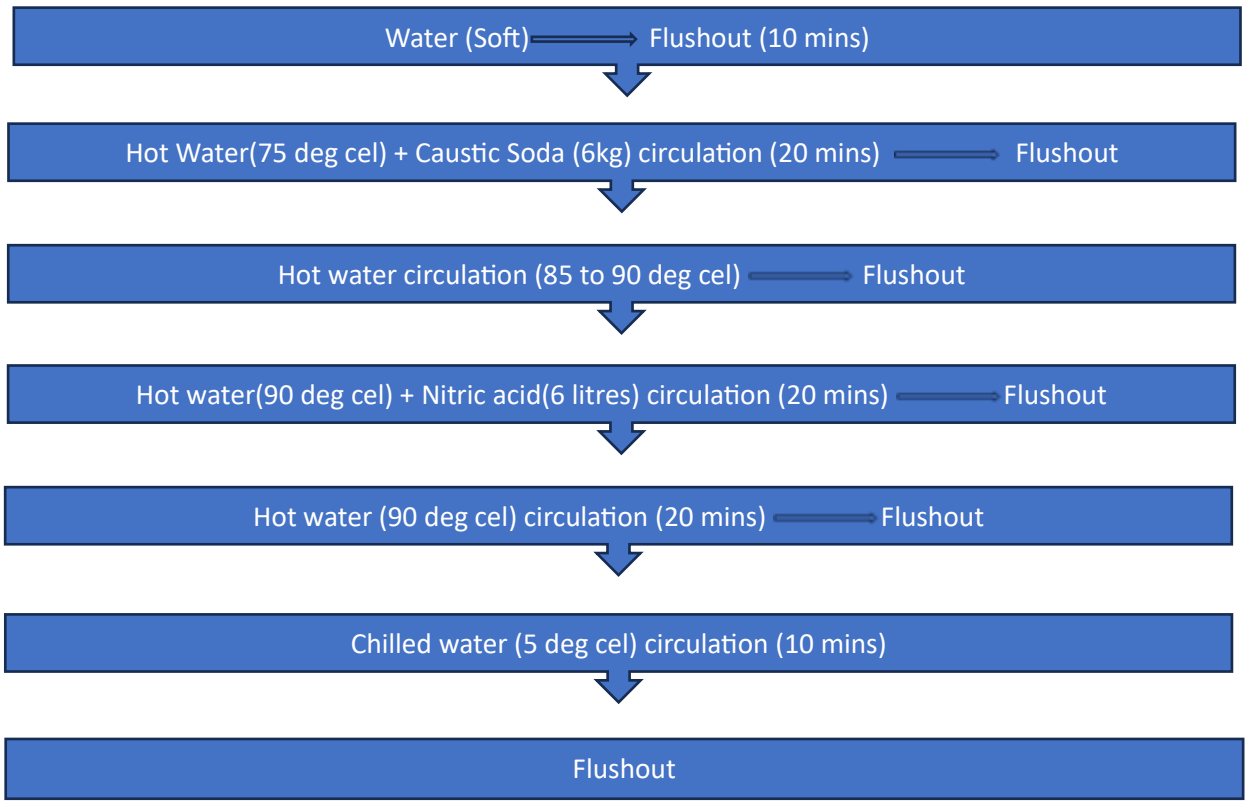
Lye cleaning:

- Reception lines, silos, prepack mini tanks and machines – once in 24 hours
- Dispatch lines- twice in 24 hours

Lye-Acid-lye:

- Reception lines, dispatch lines, silos, prepack mini tanks and machines-once in a month.
- Processing plants- once in six months.

CIP Process



Test for Lye Strength

- Add 8ml of lye solution in a conical flask.
- Add 1ml phenolphthalein indicator.
- Titrate against 0.6% H_2SO_4.
- End point is the disappearance of pink colour.

Test for Acid Strength

- Add 6ml HNO_3 in a conical flask.
- Add 1ml phenolphthalein indicator.
- Titrate against 0.1N NaOH.
- End point is the appearance of pink colour.

3.4 TYPES OF MILK



NAME OF THE MILK	FAT %	SNF %
Nice Toned Milk (Blue)	3.0%	8.5%
Standardized Milk (Green)	4.5%	8.5%
Premium Full Cream Milk (Orange)	6.0%	9.0%
Delite Pasteurized Milk (Violet)	3.5%	8.5%
Diet Pasteurized Double Toned Milk (Pink)	1.5%	9.0%



3.5 PROCESS CONTROL ROOM

The process control system facilitates mass production of continuous process such as pasteurization of milk, milk powder, ghee, oil refining, CIP etc. Process control in completely automatic with the requirement of a small number of staff to monitor and operate the complex process in the control room. The sequence and timing of pumping of cleaning solutions are controlled by PLC controller that are programmed. Plate Heat Exchanges are used to maintain the temperatures of the solutions.



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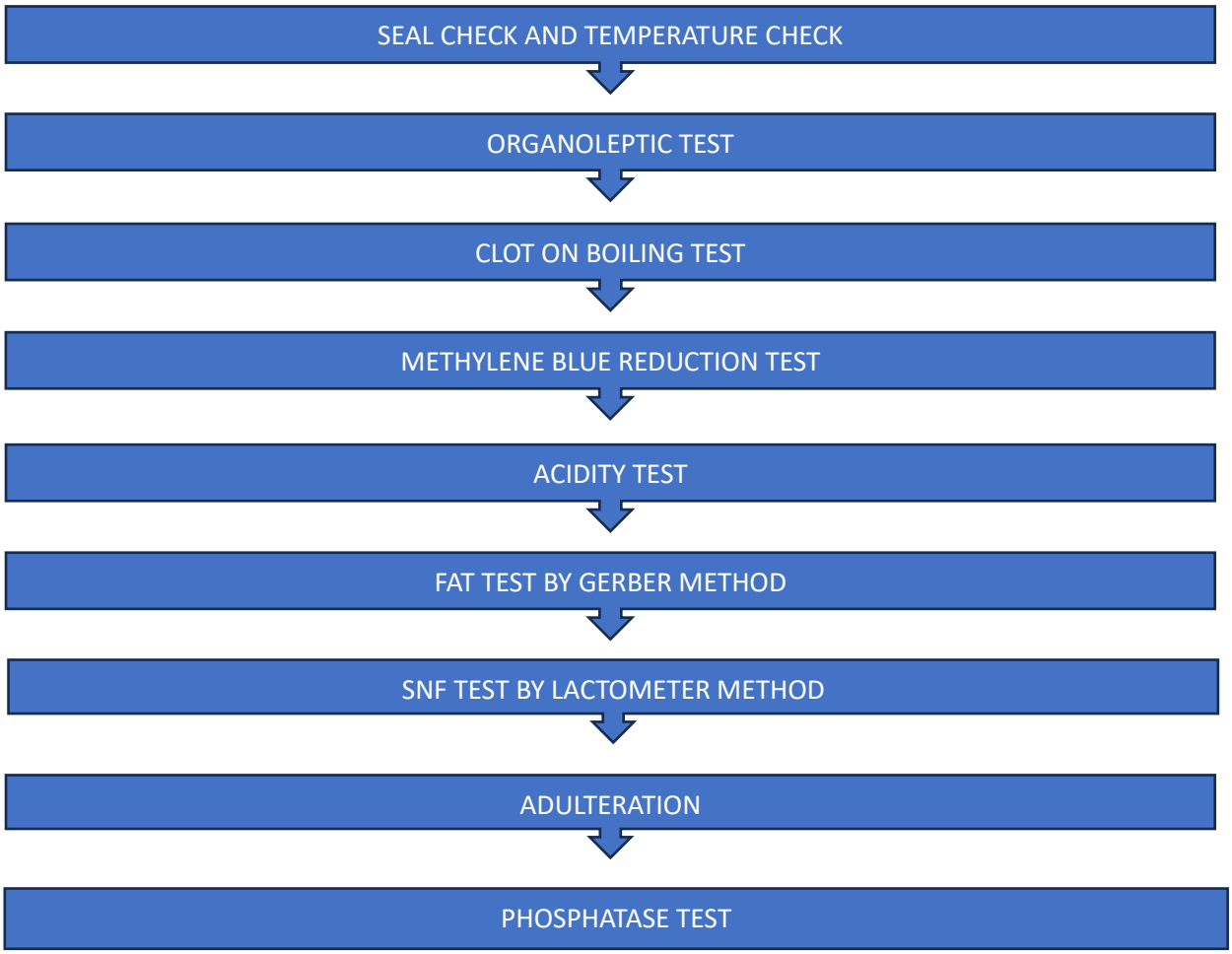
4. SNR DAIRY – QUALITY CONTROL LAB

4.1 TESTS INVOVLVED IN CHECKING THE QUALITY OF MILK

There are different kinds of tests involved in checking the quality of milk :-

- Organoleptic test
- Lactometer test
- Clot-on-boiling test
- Fat test
    - i) Gerber method
    - ii) Methylene blue Dye Reduction Test
- Testing Adulterants of milk
- Phosphatase test

4.2 ORDER OF CHECKING MILK:-



1. ORGANOLEPTIC TEST

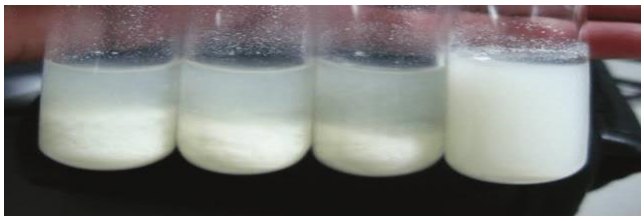
- The appearance of the surface of the milk and the lid is observed and inspected right away after disposing of the lid of the incoming milk can.
- Any strange coloration of the milk, seen dirt and particles, changes in viscosity etc. are determined.
- Any strange odour, if noticed by way of inhalation of air status above the milk inside the upper part of the milk can also determined. Also milk should not be in unpleasant taste.



2 . CLOT ON BOILING TEST

This test is used for rapid test of increased acidity of milk. Procedure is as follows :-

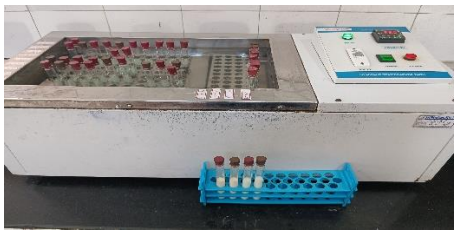
- Take 5ml of milk in a clean test tube.
- Heat it for just boiling and observe clotting on the side of the test tube.
- When whole of the milk clots are seen to be adhering to the sides of the tube, then the result shall be recorded as “POSITIVE”.
- If the clots are not present, then the result shall be recorded as “NEGATIVE”.

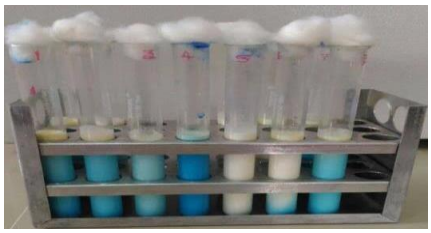


3. METHYLENE BLUE DYE REDUCTION TEST

Methylene blue dye reduction test, known as the MBRT test is used as the quick method to access the microbiological quality of raw and pasteurized milk. This test is based on the fact that the blue color of the dye solution to be added to the milk get decolourised when the oxygen present in the milk get exhausted due to microbial activity. The sooner the decolourisation , more inferior is the bacteriological quality of milk assumed to be. The test has to be done under sterile conditions. Procedure is as follows :-

- Take 10ml of milk in a sterilized test tube.
- Add 1ml Methylene Blue solution to get a concentration of 1 part of dye to 3,00,000 parts of milk.
- Plug with a sterilized cork.
- Invert the tube to mix the contents and incubate at 37 degree celcius in a water bath.
- The colour of the milk in the tube is examined first 10 mins and then after every half an hour and the time required for complete decolourisation is noted.
- The difference between the initial time and the final time is the MBRTime.





Standard for Raw Milk

S. No:	MBR TIME IN HOURS	MILK QUALITY
1	5 hours and above	Very good
2	3 – 4 hours	Good
3	1 – 2 hours	Fair
4	Half and below hours	Poor
5	Less than 10 minutes	Not accepted

4. ACIDITY TEST

The total titratable acidity is determined by using the titration method. Procedure is as follows :-

- Take 10ml of milk in a conical flask.
- Add 10ml of distilled water.
- Add 1ml of 0.5% phenolphthalein solution.
- Titrate with N/9 (0.11N) NaOH.
- Appearance of pink colour is an end point.

CALCULATION:- % of Acidity of Milk

$$\frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times \text{Normality of NaOH} \times \text{Eq.wt of lactic acid} \times 100}{\text{Vol of Milk} \times 1000}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times N/9(0.11) \times 90 \times 100}{\text{Vol of Milk} \times 1000}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Vol of 0.11N NaOH}}{\text{Vol of Milk}}$$

NOTE :- Acidity of more than 0.18% lactic acid would result in the curdling during heat processing.

Acidity of below 0.16% is fit for processing and for products it should be below 0.14%.



5. FAT TEST BY GERBER METHOD

The Gerber method is a primary and historic chemical test to determine the fat of milk and cream. . Procedure is as follows :-

- Take 10ml of Gerber Acid (90% Sulphuric Acid H_2SO_4) in a Butyrometer.
- Add 10.75ml of milk sample along the sides of Butyrometer.

- Add 1ml of Amyl Alcohol.
- Close the neck with stopper.
- Mix the contents thoroughly until the curd has been dissolved.
- Dry the butyrometer into a centrifuge for centrifugation at 1100rpm for 5 minutes.
- The surface of separation of fat and acid gives the percentage of fat.




6. SNF TEST BY LACTOMETER METHOD

Lactometer test serves as a quick method for determination of adulteration of milk by adding water. The lactometer test is based on the fact that the specific gravity of the whole milk, skim milk and water differ from each other. Procedure is as follows :-

- Adjust the temperature of the milk sample to 84 degree celcius.
- Fill the lactometer cylinder with the milk sample.
- Allow the lactometer to flow freely on the milk without touching the sides of the cylinder. Some milk should overflow.
- Allow the lactometer to come to rest and then take the visible lactometer reading which is the corrected lactometer reading (CLR).

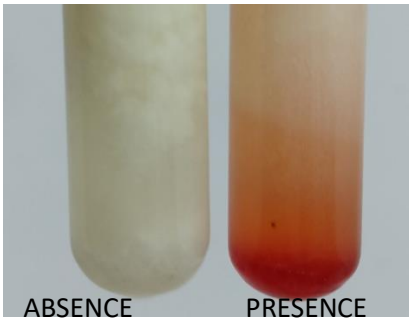
CALCULATION:- For SNF (Solid non fat)

CLR/4+(0.2×Fat)+0.36



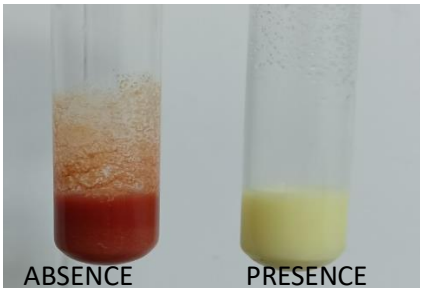
7. ADULTERATION TEST

I. SUGAR TEST
   - In test tube add 10ml milk.
   - Add 1ml concentrated hydrochloric acid.
   - Add 0.1g Resorcinol.
   - Keep in boiling water bath for 10minutes.
   - PRESENCE :- Red , ABSENCE :- White (no change)



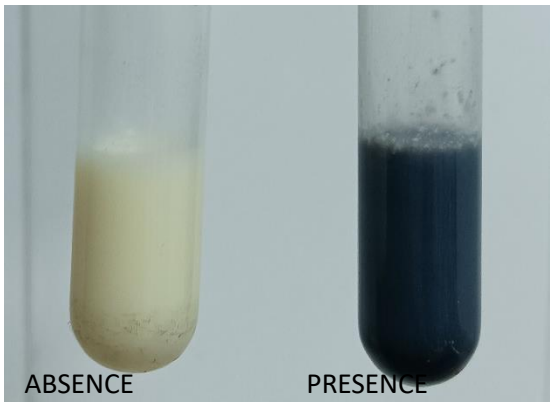
II. SALT TEST

- In test tube add 5ml $AgNO_3$ solution.
- Add 1ml $K_2Cr_2O_7$ indicator.
- Add 1ml of milk.
- PRESENCE :- Yellow, ABSENCE :- Brown(no change)



III. STARCH TEST

- In test tube add 3ml milk.
- Add 1ml iodine solution.
- PRESENCE :-Intensive blue, ABSENCE :- White (no change)



IV. NEUTRALIZER TEST

- In test tube add 10ml milk.
- Add 5ml ethanol.
- Add 1ml rosalic acid.
- PRESENCE :-Pink/Rose red, ABSENCE :- Orange(no change)



V. UREA TEST

- In test tube add 5ml milk.
- Add 5ml of p-dimethylamino benzaldehyde.
- PRESENCE :- Yellow , ABSENCE :- White(no change)



PRESENCE ABSENCE

8. PHOSPHATASE TEST

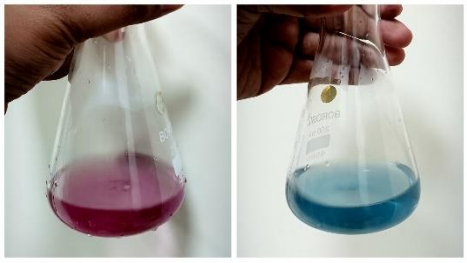
- Weigh 3.5g of Sodium Carbonate and 1.5g of Sodium Bicarbonate.
- Dissolve in 1litre of distilled water and sterilize which is served as buffer.
- With this buffer add 1.5g of p-nitrophenyl disodium ortho phosphate and used as substrate.



4.3 TESTS IN WATER

1) TOTAL HARDNESS (TH):- Hardness in water is due to the presence of dissolved salts of calcium and magnesium. It is unfit for drinking, bathing, washing and it also forms scales in boilers. Hence it is necessary to estimate the amount of hardness producing substances present in the water sample. As water plays a major role in dairy industry, hardness of water will checked every 6 hours of softening process. Samples like raw water, RO water, sump water etc., will be taken for analysis. Procedure is as follows :-

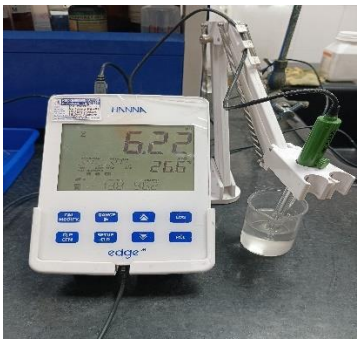
- Take 100ml sample water in conical flask.
- Add 1ml Ammonia buffer followed by 1 to 2 times tap of Erichrome black dye indicator. The solution turns into pink colour.
- Note the initial reading then titrate the content against EDTA solution.
- End point is the colour change from pink to blue colour.
- Note the final reading and multiply by 10.



2) TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLID(TDS) :- TDS of water can be found with the help of TDS Meter.



3) pH of Water :- It can be found with the help of pH meter.



4.4 INSTRUMENTAL METHODS TO ANALYZE THE QUALITY OF MILK

There are instruments that can be used to determine the quality of milk or milk products instead of doing it in a manual method. It has time consumption and also avoid several errors.

Milkoscreen

It analyses the product using FTIR technology, assessing milk constituents, using absorption at different wavelengths in the infrared spectrum to detect the presence of specific parameters in milk like SNF, Fat and Protein. Accuracy and repeatability of results are comparable with the chemical methods, but with Milkoscreen, it takes far less time than conventional chemical methods. Results from MilkoScreen are accurate, direct and not calculated, unlike some contemporary techniques.



Moisture Analyser

Moisture analyzers (moisture balances), are used to measure the moisture content in solids, liquids, and gases. It is used to find the moisture content in butter and milk powder in dairy industry.



Lactoscope

The Lactoscope is our most versatile mid-infrared analyzer capable of testing a wide range of dairy product: milks, creams, whey, concentrates, ice-creams and yogurt mixes. The latest hardware innovations allow to easily test the most challenging dairy products, such as creams with up to 55% fat and other viscous products. With a typical accuracy under 1% CV, a measuring time of 30 seconds, low cost of ownership and minimal downtime, this instrument is the preferred choice of the large processors and dairy laboratories. LactoScope tests raw and processed milk, cream and whey for fat, protein, lactose, solids and solids non-fat. It screens raw milk for abnormal content and can detect adulterants such as urea, ammonium sulphate, maltodextrin, sucrose and water.



4.5 TESTS IN CURD



1) Acidity Test

- Add 10g of curd in conical flask.
- Add 10ml distilled water to it.
- Add 1ml phenolphthalein indicator.
- Titrate against 0.1N NaOH.
- End point is the appearance of pale pink colour.
- **Calculation :-**

$$\frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times \text{Normality of NaOH} \times \text{Eq.wt of lactic acid} \times 100}{\text{Weight of curd} \times 1000}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times \text{N/10(0.1)} \times 90 \times 100}{\text{Weight of curd} \times 1000}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times 0.1 \times 9}{\text{Weight of curd}}$$

2) pH test:- pH can found with the help of pH meter.

4.6 TESTS IN MILK POWDER



1) Acidity Test

- Add 5.2g of milk powder in a conical flask.
- Add 50ml distilled water and mix well.
- Add 1ml phenolphthalein indicator.
- Titrate against 0.11N NaOH.
- End point is the appearance of pale pink colour.
- Calculation :- VALUE × 2

2) Moisture Test
   - Weigh 1g of milk powder.
   - Test its moisture using moisture balance.

4.7 TESTS IN BUTTER



1) Acidity Test
   - Weigh 5g of butter in a conical flask.
   - Add 22.5ml of distilled water to it.
   - With the help of oven dissolve all the contents thoroughly.
   - Add 1ml phenolphthalein indicator.
   - Titrate it against 0.02N NaOH.
   - End point is the appearance of pale pink colour.

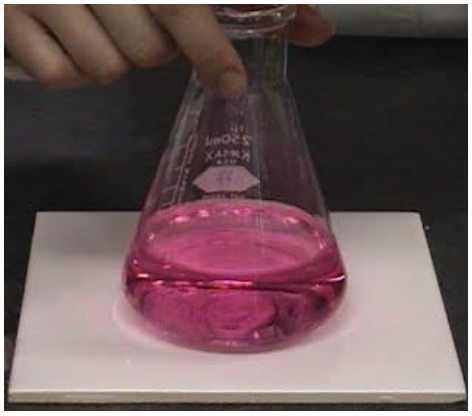
Calculation :-

$$\frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times \text{Normality of NaOH} \times \text{Eq.wt of lactic acid} \times 100}{\text{Weight of butter} \times 1000}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times 0.02\text{N} \times 90 \times 100}{\text{Weight of butter} \times 1000}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Vol of NaOH} \times 0.02 \times 9}{\text{Weight of butter}}$$

2) Determination of Free Fatty Acids (FFA)
   - Weigh 10g of butter and melt it in a burner until it comes to a slight ghee stage.
   - In a conical flask, add 25ml of ethanol and add few drops phenolphthalein indicator to it.
   - Titrate it against 0.1N NaOH with few drops of NaOH to check whether ethanol is neutralized.
   - Then add 5.6ml of melted butter to ethanol and add 2 drops of phenolphthalein and titrate against 0.1N NaOH.
   - End point is the appearance of pink colour.



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ULTRA HIGH TEMPERATURE (UHT) PLANT

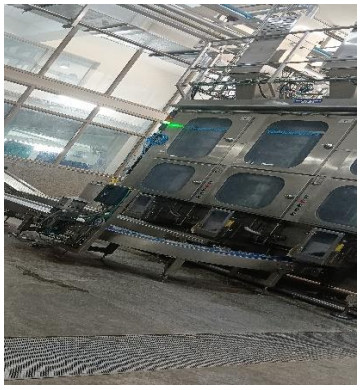
5.1 UHT IN BRIEF

UHT stands for “Ultra High Temperature processing,” which is just another way of heating milk to kill bacterial spores. In the pasteurization process, the milk is heated to 72°C (161.6°F) for at least 15 minutes, whereas the UHT process heats the milk at 140°C for one to two seconds. This flash of extreme heat is said to kill off any spores in the milk, and is currently a process that is being used for other products such as fruit juices, cream, yogurt, wine, and soups.

In the UHT milk processing plant, the milk procured from the farmers would be boiled at 140 degrees Celsius to ensure it is zero bacteria milk. The processed milk would be packed in tetra packs of 200 ml, 500 ml and one litre. It consists of 16 types of information at the back of the packet. The processed milk has a shelf life of 90 days and the packets need not be preserved in refrigerators. The UHT plant has the capacity to process one lakh litres per day initially and would be expanded in the future to cater the growing needs, said the officials of dairy department.







5.2 STERLIZATION OF MILK

Milk is allowed to flow to silo capacity of 10,000 litres. This milk is pumped to Sterilizer. Here the milk is heated to 140^0C and cooled to 30^0C. This sterilizer consists of a Balance Tank capacity of 500litre. It is always maintained to 60% when the level is above 250litre. Procedure is as follows :-

- Milk is pumped to REGENERATION 1 where the temperature is set to be 140^0C.
- This milk undergoes a process called as HOMOGENATION.
- Then this milk flows to REGENERATION 2.
- Then it goes to MAIN HEATER where the milk is being hold for 2 seconds.
- Then the temperature of the milk is reduced from 140^0C to 138^0C in MINI COOLER.
- As a reverse the milk flows to REGENERATION 2 where the temperature of the milk is still reduced.
- And finally it arrives at REGENERATION 1 where it is at 30^0C.
- For cleaning purpose Nitric acid is used and Caustic soda is used for acid dosage.



5.3 ALCOHOL TEST

A. FOR 75% ALCOHOL TEST

- Add 7ml ethanol and 3ml distilled water in a beaker.
- Add 5ml of milk in a petridish.
- To the same petridish add 5ml of the dissolved ethanol solution to it and mix well.
- Observe for first few seconds if clumps are formed.
- Here no clumps are formed so this can be used for the production.



B. FOR 99.9% ALCOHOL TEST

- Add 5ml of milk in a petridish.
- To the same petridish add 5ml of ethanol solution to it and mix well.
- Observe for first few seconds if clumps are formed.
- Here clumps are formed so this cannot be used for the production.



5.4 TITRINO PLUS

The 848 Titrino plus range is Metrohm's entry class in potentiometric titration. Its price-performance ratio borders on the incredible. The Titrino plus range of instruments offers significantly more than what we would expect from this price segment: large live display with titration curve, Plug & Play functionality of Exchange Unit, stirrer and USB printer, high-resolution measuring interface, operation via mouse-click. The instrument dialog is tailored for routine users and makes operation of the Titrino plus instruments so easy that the familiarization period is very short. Add to this their robustness, which makes them the ideal titrators for daily routine determinations. It is an advanced technique used for determining acidity and pH in UHT milk and also used for the standardization of NaOH. On the day of production, milk packets from every 15 minutes are kept in two incubation units at 37^0C and 55^0C for 7 days. On the 7th day acidity and pH of these milks are determined using Titrino Plus. After the results of these tests only it will be decided whether to dispatch these milk packets or not.



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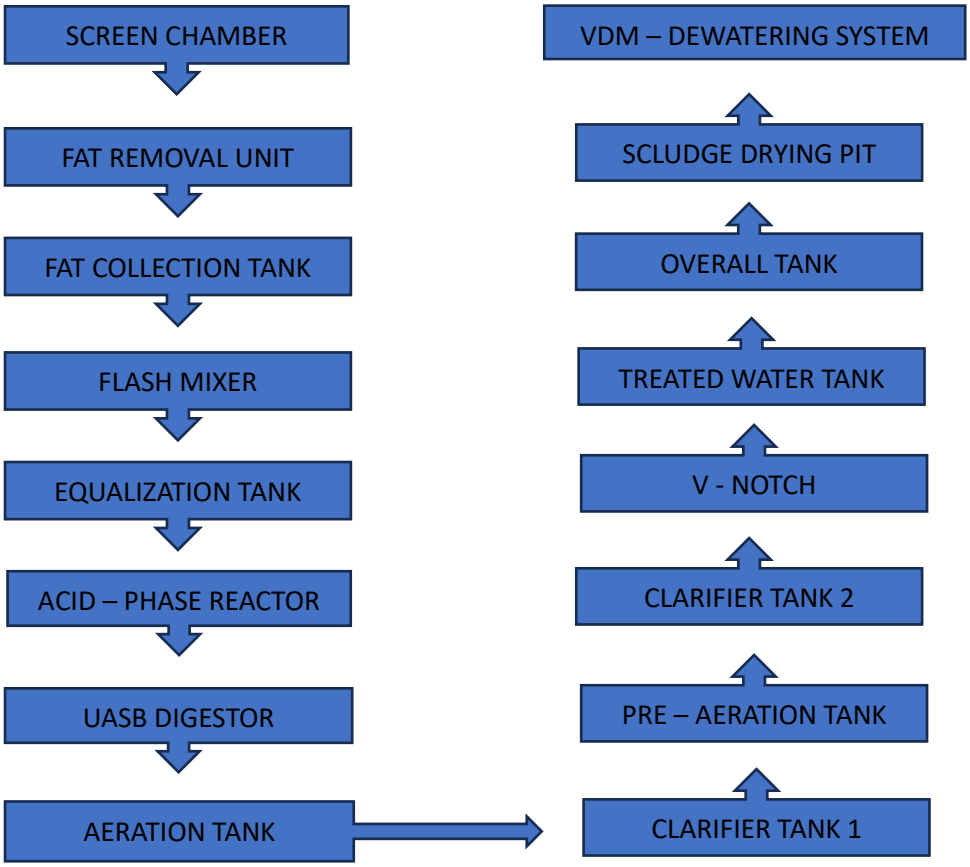
EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT (ETP)

6.1 ETP IN BRIEF

ETP is the process that is used to treat waste water or recycle the waste water obtained from the plant. The treated water can be reused for gardening purposes and tray washing. The waste water comes from UHT, Refrigeration, Pre-pack section, Tub washing, Butter room, Powder room, PLC, Silo – 8, Lye room.

The effluent treatment plant studies shows that how the Aavin industry is recycling the waste water for further use. Effluent from the collection tank comes to the equilization tank in waste water treatment. The main function is to act as a buffer. To collect the incoming raw effluent that comes at widely fluctuating rates and position to the rest of the ETP at a steady flow rate. During the peak hours, ETP comes at a high flow rate. The equilization tank stores this effluent and lets it out during the peak time when there is no incoming effluent. The inlet pipe of equilization tank carries filtered effluent from cooling tower. The raw effluent in the industry includes the washing of some instruments, milk tubs, gardening etc.

6.2 STEPS INVOLVED IN ETP:-







6.3 PROCEDURE:-

Waste water comes through gravity force through three chamber into **SCREEN CHAMBER**. Manual cleaning takes place to remove unwanted waste. In **FAT REMOVAL UNIT** it removes fat from the water coming from screen chamber with the help of a machine which consists of a skimmer. The removal fat is collected in **FAT COLLECTION TANK**. Remaining water is collected in **FLASH MIXER**. Here lye acid is dosed for neutralization.

Then everything arrives at **EQUALIZATION TANK** which consists of two tanks which can be used alternatively. This uses air blower to even pH & etc (temperature). Now everything is collected in **ACID – PHASE REACTOR** where pH is permanently maintained between 6.8 – 7.2/3. Now comes **UASB DIGESTOR** (upflow anaerobic scludge blanket) where outlet is towards up and inlet is towards down. Flow is maintained at $30m^3$/min. It does anaerobic process as acetogenics, acetonegenics, hydrolysis and methanogenics(gas and CO_2 is formed). Here digestion also happens where 80% is dissolved.

Now everything is collected in **AERATION TANK** is of two types. Type 1 happens at $20m^3$/min. Type 2 proceeds with recirculation and goes to acid – phase reactor which happens at $10m^{3/}$min. This is aerobic process where air blower works at 40Hp which is continuously running. Aeration colour is brown as the oxygen is continuously pumping. It is attached with several DIFFUSION LINE which is T-shaped from bottom and to give air from air blower.

CLARIFIERS are setting tanks built with a mechanical approach for non-stop removal of solids being deposited with the aid of sedimentation. A clarifier is commonly used to cast off strong particulates or suspended solids from the liquid for explanation or thickening. Concentrated impurities, discharged from the lowest the tank are referred to as sludge, whist the particles that waft to the surface of the liquid are referred to as scum.

CLARIFIER TANK 1 - Primary waste water treatment systems may include both clarification and physical- chemical treatment equipment, depending on the components in the wastewater. Clarification, through the process of sedimentation, is the separation of suspended particles by gravitational setting. This operation can be used for grit and solids removal of chemically treated solids when the chemical coagulation process is used or solid concentrations in the sludge thickeners. Primary clarifiers reduce the content of suspended solids. Because of the huge quantity of reagent necessary to treat home wastewater, preliminary chemical coagulation and flocculation are generally no longer used, last suspended solids being reduced through following ranges of the machine. However, coagulation and flocculation can be used for constructing a compact treatment plant (also called as “package deal treatment plant”), or for further polishing of the handled water.

CLARIFIER TANK 2 - Secondary treatment is a treatment process for wastewater (or sewage) to achieve a certain degree of effluent quality by using a sewage treatment plant with physical phase separation to remove settable solids and a biological process to remove dissolved and suspended organic compounds. After this kind of treatment, the wastewater may be called as secondary-treated wastewater. Secondary treatment is the part of a sewage treatment series disposing of dissolved and colloidal compounds measured as biochemical oxygen demand (BOD). The secondary remedy is traditionally implemented to the liquid portion of sewage after number one treatment has removed settable solids and floating solids. Overflow water arrives at PRE-AERATION TANK which is attached with an Agitator Fan.

Overall water from clarifier tank 2 arrives at **V-NOTCH** and the treated water from here arrives at **TREATED WATER TANK**. In **OVERALL TANK**, filtration occurs in two types with sand filter and carbon filter. Pure water is collected here. These water are used for tub wash, garden purpose and cloth wash. But we cannot drink this water. Scludge from aeration tank comes here. If the scludge from clarifier is in right amount then it goes to aeration tank but if its in more amount it goes to **SCLUDGE DRYING PIT**. In **VDM – DEWATERING SYSTEM**, it separates scludge and water in one hour which is recirculated and goes to Equalization Tank. When the scludge dries in 2 hours it is used in garden and in burner.

OUTLET WASTE WATER :- The water which is expelled from the industry is considered as non-toxic and purified from harmful bacteria. The water from the outlet is used up for the various purposes like washing or even as helpful for studying the basic parameter. The pollution control board officers will come there for the analysis of the inlet and outlet water sample. This is how wastewater is recycled and managed.

6.4 THE SPACE REQUIREMENT FOR ETP :- This space requirement to treat the wastewater from milk processing upto 65000 litres per day in a dairy plant.

- Equalization tank- 4m x 3m x 1.3m
- Primary setting tank- 4m x 4m x 2.7m
- Secondary setting tank- 1.6m x 1.6m x 2.5m
- Aeration tank- 5.7m x 5.7m x 4m
- Anaerobic tank- 4m x 4m x 4.4m
- Sludge drying beds(4)- 3m x 2m x 2m



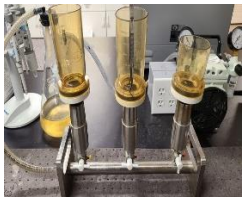


6.5 TESTS DONE IN ETP

Samples are pH, Raw, Fat removal, Digesting in out, Aeration 1 & 2, Clarifier 1, Final outlet.

1. Aeration Scludge Settlement
2. Dissolved Oxygen
3. VFA - Bio Alkanity Volatile Fatty Acid
4. COD – Chemical Oxygen Demand
5. BOD – Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand
6. Oil Increase – Oil content in water.
7. TSS – Total Suspended Solid
8. TDS – Total Dissolved Solid
9. MLSS – Mixed Liquid Suspended Solid
10. SVI – Scludge Volume Index







COD **BOD** **MLSS** **TSS** **SVI**

CHAPTER-7

CALCULATIONS, RESULTS AND PREPARATIONS

7.1 Determination of FAT and SNF

FORMULA :- $\mathbf{SNF = CLR/4 + (FAT\ X\ 0.2) + O.36}$

- Standard Milk (SM):

  Fat- 4.5%

  Correct Lactometer Reading(CLR)- 28.5^{0}C

  SNF = 7.125 + 4.5 X 0.2 + 0.36

  SNF = 8.385%

- Toned Milk (TM):

  Fat- 3%

  Correct Lactometer Reading(CLR)- 30^{0}C

  SNF = 7.5 + 3 X 0.2 + 0.36

  SNF = 8.46%

- Full Cream Milk (FCM):

  Fat- 6%

  Correct Lactometer Reading(CLR)- 29.8^{0}C

  SNF = 7.45 +6 X 0.2 + 0.36

  SNF = 9.03%

7.2 Determination of Acidity in Milk

FORMULA :- $\frac{\text{Molecular weight of NaOH X Normality of NaOH X Volume of Titrant}}{\text{Weight of the sample}}$

ACIDITY = (9 X 0.1 X 1.3) / 10

Acidity of Milk = 0.117%

7.3 Determination of Acidity in Curd

FORMULA :- $\frac{\text{Volume of NaOH} \times 0.1 \times 9}{\text{Weight of Curd}}$

ACIDITY = (9 × 0.1 × 8.2) / 10.2145 ⟶ **Acidity of Curd = 0.72%**

7.4 Determination of Acidity in Butter

FORMULA :- :- Volume of NaOH × 0.02 × 9

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Weight of Butter

ACIDITY = (9 × 0.02 × 1.8) / 5.026

Acidity of Butter = 0.0644%

7.5 Determination of Acidity in Milk Powder

FORMULA :- Volume of NaOH × 2

ACIDITY = 8.5 × 2 = 17

7.6 Determination of Hardness, TDS and pH of Water

S. NO:	TYPE OF WATER	TOTAL HARDNESS	TDS	pH
1	Raw Water	85ppm	670	7.64
2	Sump-1 Water	80ppm	640	7.59
3	Sump-2 Water	80ppm	630	7.60
4	RO Water	45ppm	440	6.50
5	Blow Down	-	1700	9.49

7.7 Determination of Moisture in Milk Powder and Butter

Moisture content in butter – **14.74%**

Moisture content in milk powder – **5.05%**

7.8 Determination of Fat in Butter

The butter which is taken for the fat estimation contains **80% of fat.**

7.9 Determination of FFA

FORMULA :- Titrant value X 0.6

Titrant value=0.1ml

FFA% = 0.6 X 0.1 ⟶ **FFA% = 0.06%**

7.10 PREPARATION OF SOLUTIONS

1. Methylene blue solution – 1 methylene blue tablet in 800ml water.

2. 1N NaOH Mother Solution – 40g of NaOH in 1000 ml distilled water.

3. 0.1N NaOH solution – 100 ml of mother solution in 900ml of distilled water.

4. 2% phenolphthalein indicator – 2g of phenolphthalein powder in 100ml of ethanol.

5. 0.5% oxalic acid – 0.2g in 100ml distilled water

8. GLIMPSE OF MY INVOLVEMENT







CONCLUSION

On the whole, this internship was a useful experience. I have gained new knowledge, skills and met many new people. I achieved several of my learning goals and got insight into professional practices currently advocated in the industry. Related to our study I learned more about the manufacturing of milk.

Furthermore, I have experienced that it is of importance that education is objective and we have to be aware of the industrial aspect of the topics I study. This internship program was not one sided, but it was a way of sharing knowledge, ideas and opinions. The internship was also good to find out what our strengths and weakness are. This helped us to define what skills and knowledge we have to improve in the coming time. I can confidently assert that the knowledge gained through this internship is sufficient to contribute towards our future endeavours. At last, this internship has given us new insights and motivation to pursue a career in core Dairy technology.

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INTRODUCTION:

The Department of Dairy Development in Tamil Nadu was set up in the year 1958.
The Tamil Nadu Dairy Development Corporation Limited was formed in July 1972 to manage the activities such as milk procurement, processing and marketing of the milk and milk products. Based on the “Anand” pattern developed by Dr.Kurien, Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers’ Federation (TCMPF) was formed in February’1981 as an apex body of three tier cooperatives set up in Tamil Nadu and the District level milk producer unions were formed in the year 1982. Tamil Nadu ranks among the top ten States with a daily milk production of 201 lakh liters per day (LLPD) and fourth among the State Co-operatives with a daily average procurement of 29.46 LLPD in 2017-2018. The per capita availability of milk in Tamil Nadu has increased from 169 gm/day in 1993-94 to 268 gm/day in 2017-2018. This is due to increase in Milk production, the rise in per capita income, changing life style, food habits and export opportunities contributed to the rise inthe demand for milk and milk products.

The dairy development was established in 1958 in Tamilnadu. The administrative and statuary controls over all the milk cooperatives in the state were transferred to the dairy development department on 1.8.1965. The commissioner for milk production and dairy development was made as the functional register under the Tamilnadu cooperative societies act.Co-operative MilkProducers’ Federation limited was registered in the state of 1stFebruary 1981.The commercial activities of the departmenthas implemented the dairy development activities under operation flood programmed with afinancial and technical assistance of national dairy development board. Chennai metro is havingfour dairies. Milk procurement, processing and distribution are being attended by the districtunions in the respective areas.

Milk is essentially an emulsion of fat and protein in water, along with dissolved sugar, minerals (includes calcium and phosphorus), and vitamins, particularly vitamins A and D.Milk is nutrient rich food that provides a large number of nutrients relative to the calories consumed milk is delicious as a beverage and can be used as a base for other drink such as hot chocolate and so on. Children and adolescents should be encouraged to consume milk products because this is the period of their lives in which they are building their peak bone mass and developing lifelong habits. This article highlights the benefits of milk and milk products, as well as common misconceptions. Milk is a nutrient-rich, white liquid food produced by the mammary glands of mammals. It is the primary source of nutrition for infant mammals (including humans who are breastfed) before they are able to digest other types of food. Early-lactation milk contains colostrum, which carries the mother's antibodies to its young and can reduce the risk of many diseases. It contains many other nutrients including protein and lactose. Interspecies consumption of milk is not uncommon, particularly among humans, many of whom consume the milk of other mammals.

CHEMISTRY IN CLEANING:

Cleaning of Silo tanks,Tubs, Homogeniser is carried out by following steps

#HOT WATER CLEANING
CAUSTIC SODA CLEANING
#ACID CLEANING
#RAW WATER CLEANING

CAUSTIC SODA (LYE) CLEANING(1%):

10KG of caustic soda is dissolved in 1000L of water and poured into the silo at 75’C and cleaned for 7-10mins.

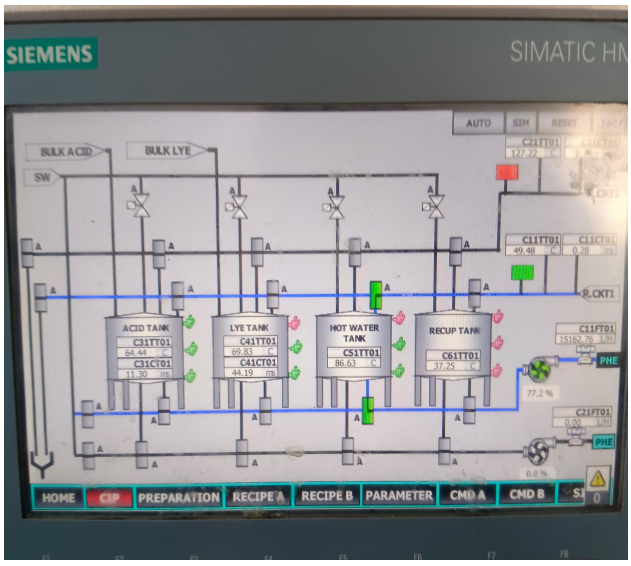
NaOH is specially used due to pH(7)which is more basic in nature which attacks the fat and protein residues on all type of dairy processing equipments.

ACID CLEANING (HNO3)(0.6%) :

6KG of Nitric Acid is dissolved in1000L of Water and at 65’C It is poured into the silo and cleaned upto 7-10 mins once in week.

HNO3 is used to remove the scales inside the containers,To remove milk proteins and fat contamination, to passivate stainless steel containers.

It is followed by Raw water cleaning.



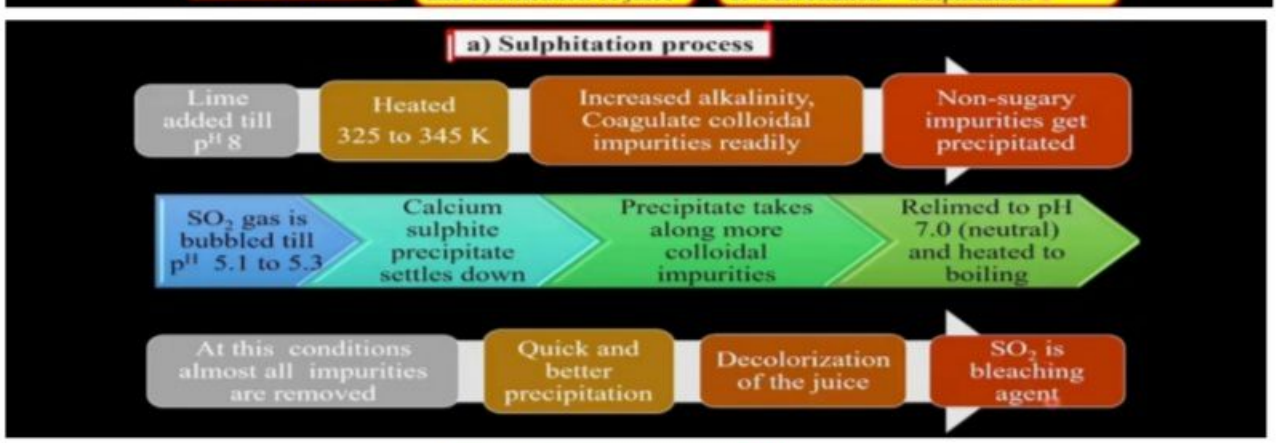


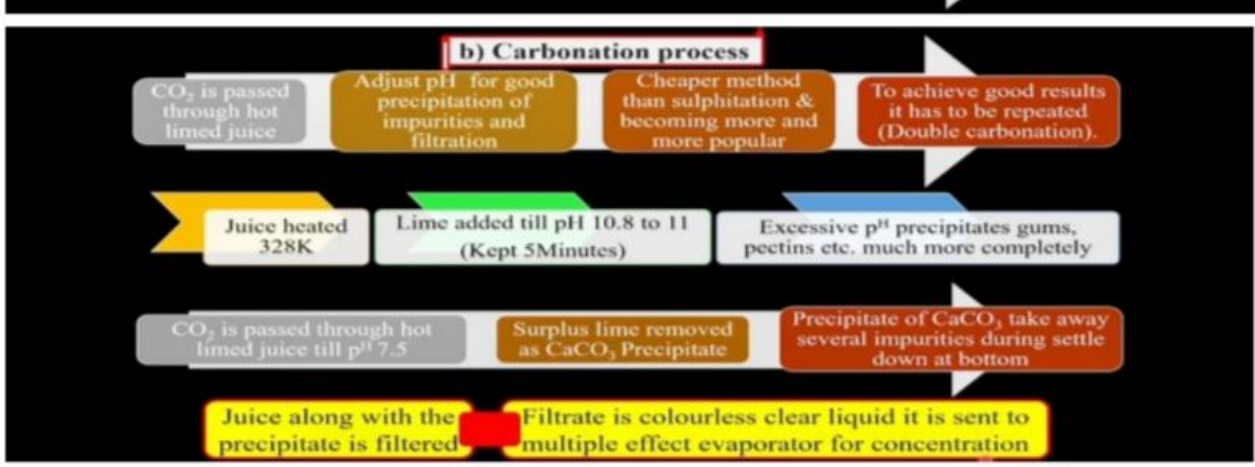
DOUBLE SULPHITATED SUGAR (SUCROSE-99.8%):

Addition of Sulphur dioxide gas(SO2) with Lime(CaO) till the acidic mix of sugar syrup reaches the pH-7.0.

Sulphitation inhibit maillard type reactions by blocking carbonyl function.







CHEMISTRY IN HYDROFLOW UNIT:

Used for softening of water.

Hardness of water is due to the presence of Ca, Mg ions.

Hardness of water can be reduced by following methods such as
1.Ion exchange Method
2.Reverse Osmosis Method
3.Salt free Method
4.Magnetic Method

ION EXCHANGE METHOD:

It consists of 3 layers of packing
Top layer-Filled with Resin which acts as Inlet
Middle layer-Filled with sand
Bottom layer-Filled with pebble stones which acts as oulet.

It is a 8hour process.

Resins used for Ion exchange Method in Aavin

1.Indion 225-Na
2.Thermax T 42 H

Both these resins are cation exchange resins that is strongly acidic.
Made up of cross-linked polystyrene and has gel like structure.
They contains Sulphonic acid Functional group.

Cleaning:

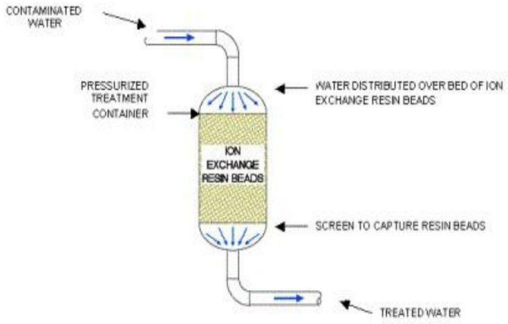
150kg of NaCl is dissolved in 900 litres of Water and poured into the inlet and kept for 1hour for the removal of ions for the resin bed.
It is then drained for 3 hours.

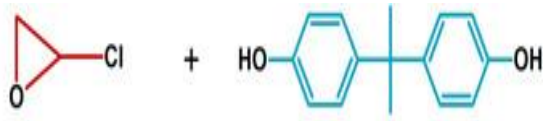
Use of Epoxy Paints:

Epoxy paints are used to prevent the corrosion of water containers, pipes,tanks etc.
The corrosion is caused due to presence of ion and impurities in water.Epoxy paints are made up of **POLYEPOXIDE** with **POLYAMINE HARDENER** which resists corrosion, turbulence,extreme temperatures.

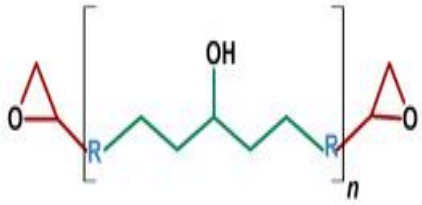
Common epoxy paints are made from Epichlorohydrin and Bisphenol'A'.

ION EXCHANGE PROCESS





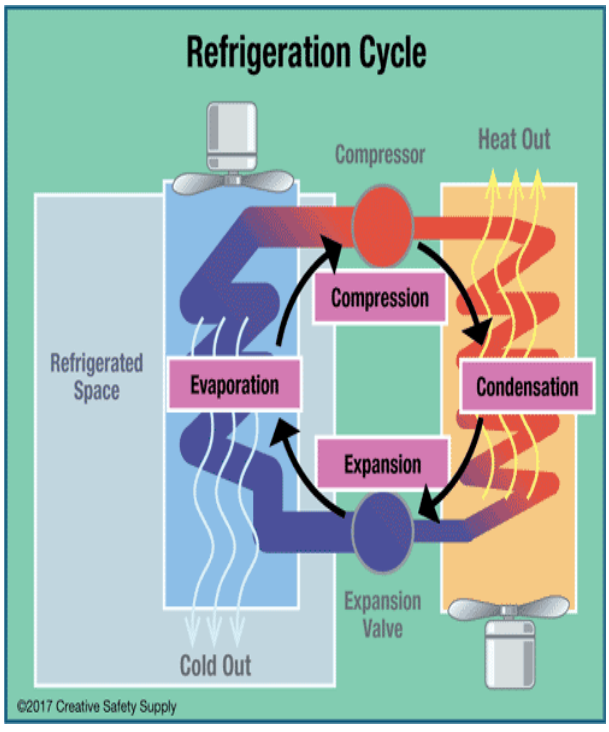
Epichlorohydrin Bisphenol 'A'

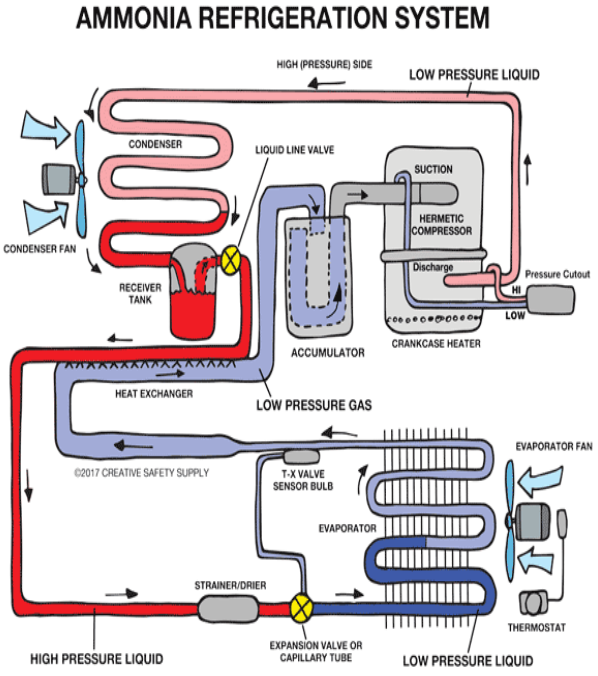


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CHEMISTRY IN REFRIGERATION SYSTEM:





USE OF AMMONIA IN REFRIGERATION UNIT:

AMMONIA (NH3) is a colourless, Nonflammable liquid gas.

Anhydrous ammonia (99.98%) is used because it is cost effective, environmental friendly Nature.

In India, ammonia based vapour compression systems are more preferred mode of cooling milk in dairy industries.

Ammonia based systems are low pressure systems with ver less sophistication.

It has low boiling point.

It absorbs large amount of heat without any changes in temperature.

Ammonia is **3-10%** more effective than **CFC-CHLORO FLURO CARBON.**

It requires less electricity compared to CFC.

Ozone depletion potential of Ammonia is zero.

Anhydrous ammonia is illegal because it is a key ingredient in the production of **Methamphetamine.**



DIFFERENT VARIANTS OF AAVIN MILK:

There 6 different variants available in Aavin.They are,

#Magenta Colour (DIET) with 2.5% fat and 9% SNF.
#Sky Blue Colour (Toned Milk) with 3.5% fat and 8.5% SNF.
#Green Colour (Standardised Milk) with 4.5% fat and 8.5% SNF.
#Purple Colour (Delight Milk) with 3.5% fat and 8.5 %SNF(FORTIFIED).
#Orange Colour (Full Creamed Milk) with 6% fat and 9% SNF.
#Red Colour (Tea mate) with 6.5% fat and 9% SNF.









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FORTIFIED MILK:

Process of adding vitamins and minerals in milk is called **Fortification**.

ADDITION OF **VITAMIN A** and **VITAMIN D2** in the milk in a appropriate amount.

It is a two-step process:

a) Preparing the pre-blend

b) Mixing the pre-blend with milk.

a) Preparing the pre-blend Based on batch size, fix the rate of addition of the premix. Ensure that once the bottle is opened it should be used completely.

Take one bottle of premix (llt.)

Heat premix to 45° C in water bath for 15 min

Prepare a pre-blend first by gradualllly mixing the pre-mix with small. amount of milk.

Stir continuously for 10-15 mins with a clean stainless steel rod

Rinse the premix bottle at least 3 times with the milk

Pour the pre-blend into the bulk tank before pasteurization of milk

Note:
Calculate the vitamin required according to the batch quantity to get the fortification level of Vitamin A: 900-1500 IU or 270-450 µg RE and Vitamin D: 200-300 IU or 5.0-7.5 µg per litre of milk.

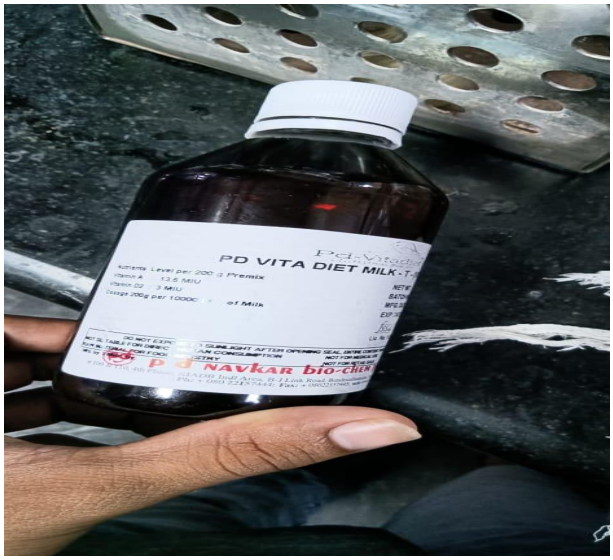
Take premix bottle to suit the batch size. The ratio is: for a batch of 50,000 litres of milk, add 1 litre of premix.

b) Mixing the pre-blend with milk

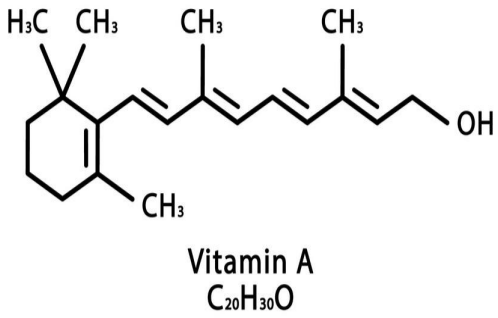
Batch mixing: Prepare a pre-blend first by mixing the pre-mix with small amount of milk. Before adding this pre-blend to bulk milk, mix it well with a stainless steel stirrer and then add it to bulk tank before pasteurization of milk.

Continuous mixing: It the process in which premix is added continuously into milk with the help of dozers. Maintain a constant flow rate of the pre- mix concentrate during continuous mixing.

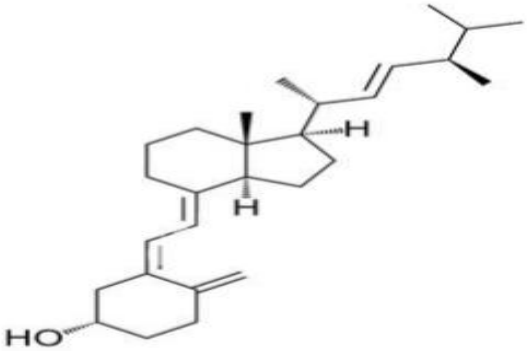
VITAMIN SYRUP AND FORTIFIED DELIGHT MILK:







Vitamin A
$C_{20}H_{30}O$



Vitamin D_2
Ergocalciferol
$C_{28}H_{44}O$

EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT (ETP):





CHEMISTRY IN EFFECTIVE TREATMENT PLANT:

ETP in which the waste water from the production plant is treated and released in to the environment.
It is carried out in following methods.

Collection of waste water (Inlet pH 5.5-6.9)
#Fat removal
#Buffer tank
UASB(UPFLOW ANAEROBIC SLUDGE BLANKET)(pH 7.3-8.7)
#Aeration Tank
#Clarification
Outlet treated Water (pH 7.0-8.0)

USES OF DAP AND UREA:

DI-AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE is rich in Nitrogen and Phosphorus.
UREA is rich in Nitrogen.

These are primary macronutrients and part of 18 essential plant nutrients.

These DAP and Urea are used to feed the microorganisms living in the sludge of waste Water which helps to breakdown the organic waste present in the waste Water.
These DAP and Urea are the primary fertilizers in farming.

Microbacteria is suggested by the by microbiologist for the ETP treatment.
These bacteria grow by breaking and feeding the sludge as food for it.



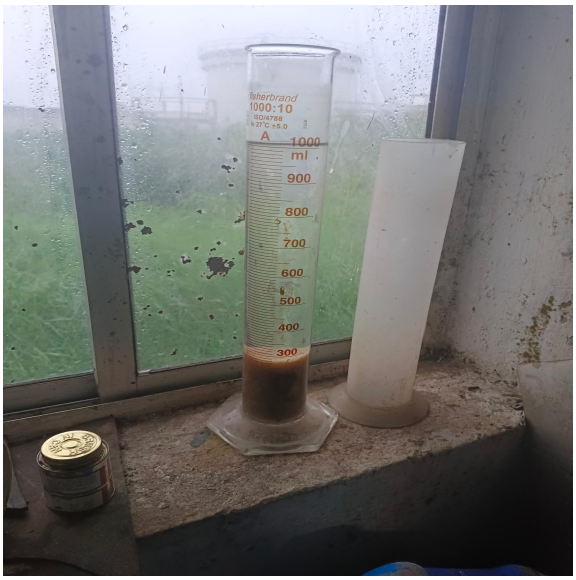


PRODUCTION AND EMMISION OF METHANE GAS:

Methane gas along with CO2 and other gases are produced during the breaking down of organic waste inside the UASB tank by the microorganisms.

These microorganisms produce METHANE gas as major gas and which is collected and released into the atmosphere.





LABORATORY TESTS / QUALITY CONTROL TESTS FOR MILK:

PLATFORM TESTS:

1.TEMPERATURE

2.ORGANOLEPTIC

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

3.CLOT ON BOILING TEST

4..ACIDITY

5..FAT TEST

6.SNF TEST

7.HOMOGENISATION EFFICIENCY

8.PHOSPHASTASE TEST

9.KEEPING QUALITY TEST

10.MBR TEST

11.COLIFORM TEST

12.STANDARD PLATE COUNT TEST

13.ANIBIOTIC RESIUDUE TEST

ADULTERATION TESTS:

14.UREA DETECTION

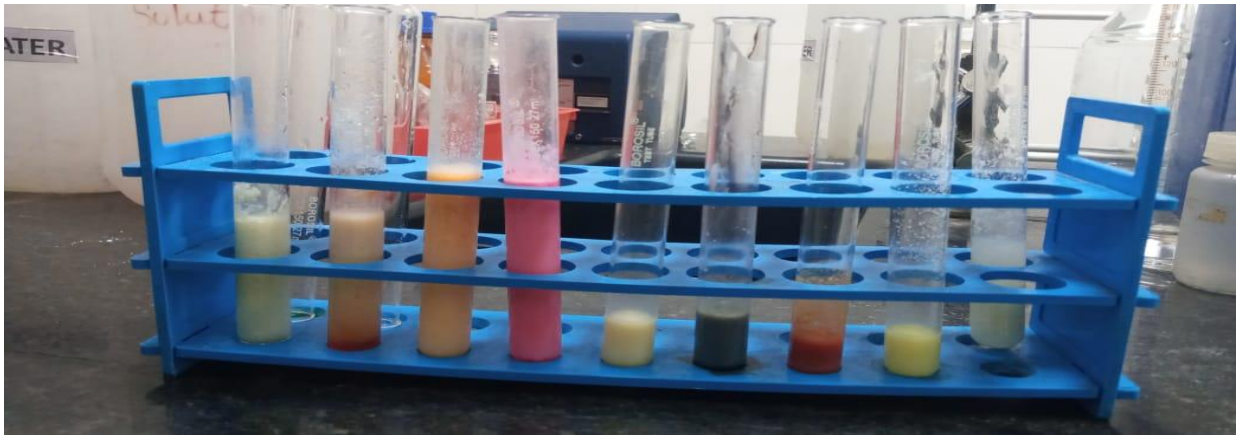
15.NEUTRALIZER TEST

16.STARCH CERAL FLOURS DETECTION TEST

17.SUGAR AND GLUCOSE TEST

19. SALT DETECTION

18.HYDROGEN PEROXIDE TEST



METHYLENE BLUE REDUCTION TEST:

PROCEDURE:

Methyene Blue (MB) solution is prepared by dissolving 1 tablet of standard methylene blue tablet in 200 ml of cold sterile distilled water in a sterile flask. Allow to stand for several hours and ensure the complete dissolution of the tablet and further diluted with 600ml of cold sterile distilled water and keep this mixture as stock solution.

Take 10ml of milk in a sterilized test tube.

Add 1 ml of Methylene blue solution to get a concentration of 1 part of dye to 3,00,000 parts of milk.

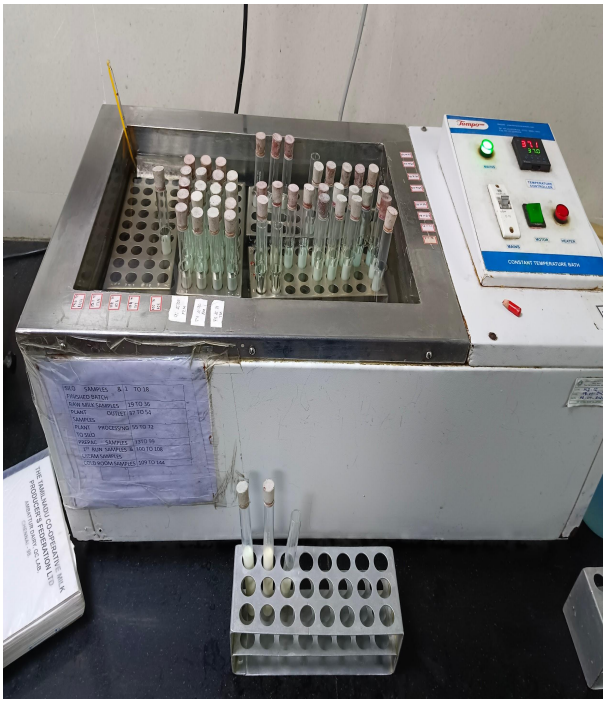
Plug with a sterilized cork.

Invert the tube to mix the contents and incubate at 37°C in a water bath.

The colour of milk in the tubes is examined first 10 minutes and then after every half an hour and the time required for complete decolourisation is noted.

INTERFERENCE :
The difference between the initial time and final time is the MBR time.





PHOSPHATASE TEST:

PROCEDURE:

Buffer Substrate :
• Weigh 3.5g of sodium carbonate and 1.5g of sodium bicarbonate dissolve in one litre of distilled water and sterilize. This serves as buffer. With this add 1.5g of Para Nitro Phenyl disodium Ortho Phosphate. This serves as substrate.

• Transfer 5m1 of the Buffer substrate solution to a clean dry test tube using a pipette.

• Add 1m1 of milk sample and close the tube with stopper.

• Mix the content by inverting the test tube

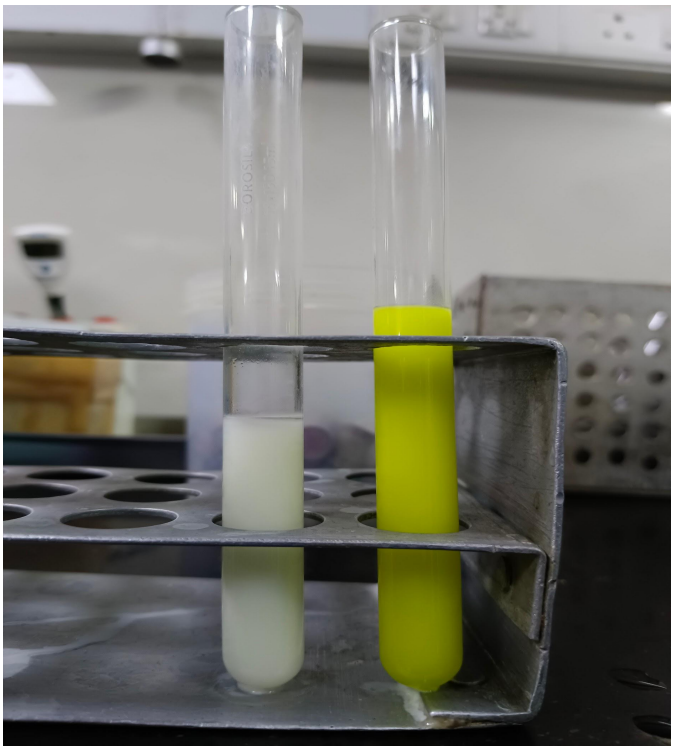
• Incubate the test tube for exactly 30 minutes at 37°C.

• Note the colour at the end of 30 minutes.

INTERPRETATION :
• If the colour of the sample shows yellow it indicates that the pasteurization inadequate.

• Compare this with a negative control using boiled milk.





PASTEURIZATION AND HOMOGENISATION:

PASTEURIZATION is a process that heats milk to a specific temperature for a set amount of time to kill harmful bacteria. This makes milk safe to drink and extends its shelf life.
Heating to a higher temperature, 72'C-78'C, and holding for 15 seconds (and yet higher temperatures for shorter periods of time).

HOMOGENISATION is a process that breaks up milk fat globules and disperses them evenly throughout milk. This process prevents milk from separating and gives it a more homogeneous texture.In AAVIN the cream separated milk is mixed with butter and milk solids in an appropriate amount to get the target fat % of milk.Proces is maintained at 80*C.

DETERMINATION OF HOMOGENISATION EFFICIENCY:

PROCEDURE:

• Take 100 ml of milk sample and bring the temperature to 20°C ±1°C.

• Pour the well mixed 50 ml milk sample into the centrifuge tube.

• Place the tube in the centrifuge and centrifuge at 1500 RPM for 10 minutes.

• Remove the top fat layer using spatula and insert the pipette to the bottom of the centrifuge tube by closing the sucking end of the pipette

• Take out 10.75 ml of milk sample from the bottom of the tube and estimate the fat content.

INTERPRETATION :

$$\text{Homogenisation Efficiency} = \frac{\text{Fat in the bottom layer}}{\text{Fat in the milk sample}} \times 100$$

STANDARDS:
Minimum 70%

DETERMINATION OF MILK FAT BY GERBER METHOD:

PROCEDURE:

• Take 10ml of Gerber acid in a Milk butyrometer.

• Add 10.75ml of milk sample along the sides of Butyrometer.

• Add 1ml of amyl alcohol.

• Close the neck with the stopper.

• Mix the contents thoroughly until the curd has been dissolved.

• Place the butyrometer in a centrifuge for centrifugation at 1100 rpm for 5 minutes.

• Take out the butyrorneter and place it in the water bath 65°C ± 2°C and keep it for 5 minutes.

INTERPRETATION
• The scale reading that corresponds to the lowest point of fat meniscus and the surface of separation of fat and acid gives the percentage of fat.





DETERMINE THE PERCENTAGE OF SNF IN MILK BY **LACTOMETER , MILKOSCAN** and **LACTOSCREEN:**

PROCEDURE:

. Adjust the temperature of the milk sample to 84cF.

Mix the milk gently by pouring several times from one bottle to another, avoiding incorporation of air.

Fill the Lactometer cylinder with the milk sample.

Allow the Lactometer to float freely on the milk without touching the sides of the cylinder. Ensure some quantity of milk overflows from the cylinder when lactometer is inserted.

Allow the Lactometer to come to stationary position and then take the Lactometer reading.

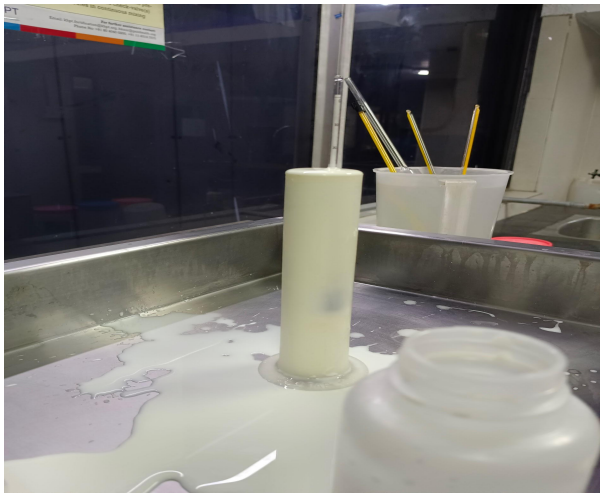
INTERPRETATION:
MODIFIED RICHMONDS FORMULA

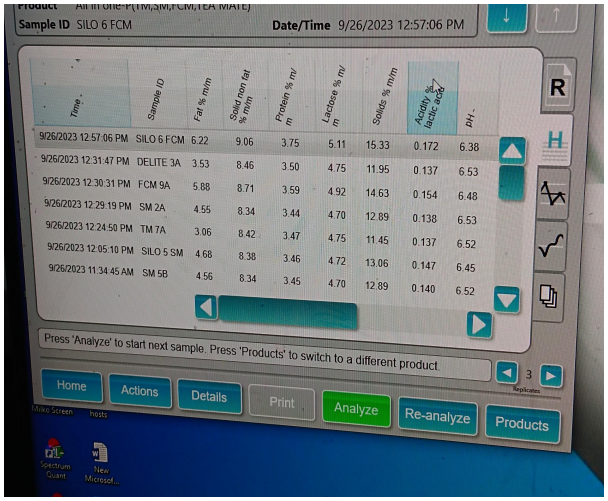
SNF%= CLR/4+(0.2 x F)+0.36

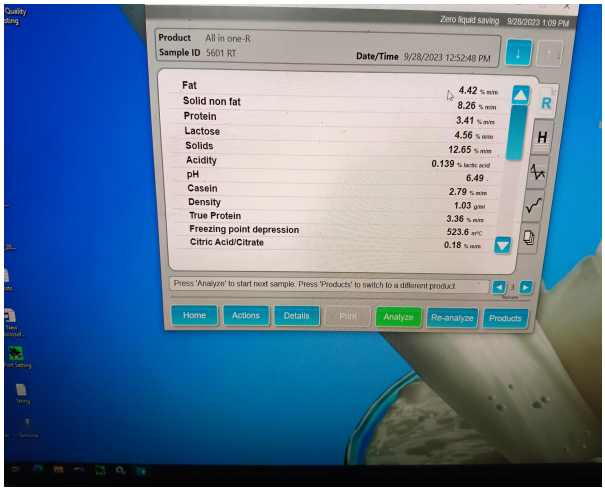
• CLR-Corrected Lactometer Reading

F-Fat percentage in milk sample

Substituting the Corrected Lactometer Reading and the Fat % in the formula, the SNF content of the milk can be found out.









DETERMINATION OF STRENGTH OF LYE SOLUTION:

• Pipette 8 ml of lye solution in a conical flask.

• Add few drops of phenolphthalein indicator.

• Titrate against 0.6% Sulphuric acid (0.22N) till end point.

• End Point: Decolourisation of pink colour.

• Note the volume of Sulphuric acid consumed - (X ml).

INTERFERENCE:
• Strength of Lye Solution = X /10 = %

DETERMINATION OF STRENGTH OF NITRIC ACID SOLUTION:

• Pipette 6 ml of acid solution in a conical flask.

• Add few drops of phenolphthalein indicator.

• Titrate against N/10 sodium hydroxide solution till end point.

• End Point: Appearance of pale pink colour.

• Note the volume of NaOH consumed (X ml).

INTERFERENCE:
• Strength of acid Solution = X / 10 = %





SWAB TEST:

SWAB:
Swabbing involves the microbiological testing of food preparation surfaces, equipment and utensils using various swab techniques to find out if pathogens are present.

SWAB CONTACT SURFACE METHOD:
Swab consist of a column wool wound round at the end of the metal wire. The swab test consist of applying a sterile swab clipped in a saline solution over a measured surface such as pipe lines, valves, inside the storage tank etc.

Procedure:

Swab is collected after cleaning the surface and the sample is noted where it is taken from.

The collected swab is stored in the saline solution in the test tubes.

Methyl broth is prepared in the autoclave machine and UTG stored in test tubes separately.

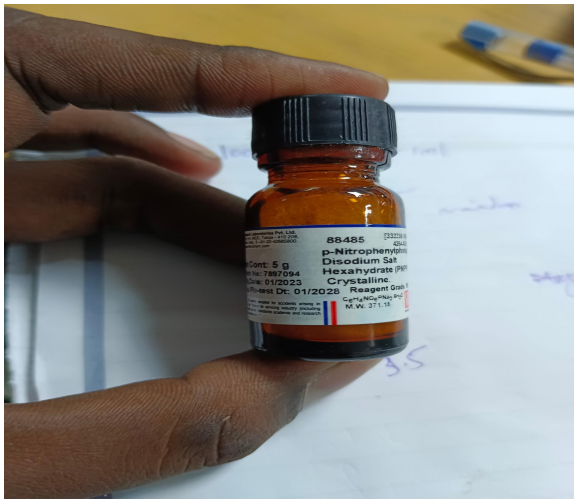
Add 2 drops of saline solution in the methyl broth and incubate it for 24 hrs.

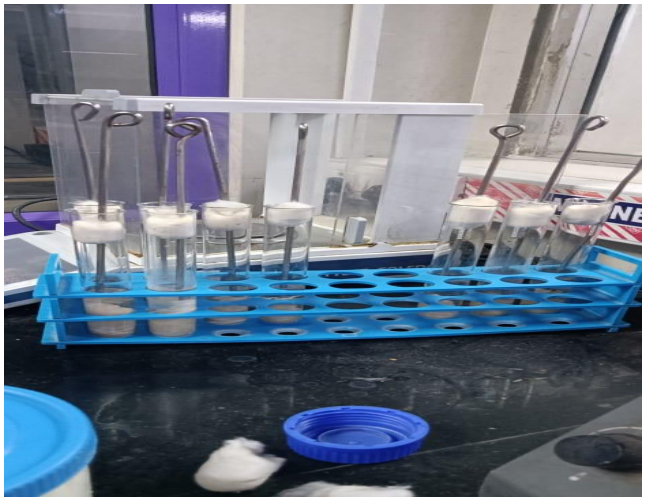
Note the test tubes using numbers or code to identify the swab collected area.

Interference:

If the methyl broth remains in the same color It indicates there is no bacteria present in the surface area and the area is cleaned well.

If the color of the methyl broth changes into yellow colour then there is bacteria present in the surface area and that test tube is traced and the area is cleaned well again.





DETERMINATION OF HARDNESS:

Total hardness may be defined as the sum of the calcium and magnesium concentrations, both expressed as calcium carbonate in milligrams per litre. The amount of hardness equivalent to the total alkalinity is called "carbonate hardness". The amount of hardness in excess of total alkalinity is called "non-carbonate hardness". In common usage, water is classified as soft, if it contains less than 75 ppm of hardness as calcium carbonate.

Reagents required:

Standard EDTA solution, 0.01M: Dissolve 0,3723 g Ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid disodium salt extra pure in 100 ml. in distilled water.

Ammonia buffer solution: Add 1 ml of Ammonia buffer solution in the sample.

Eriochrome Black T: Dissolve 0.5 g of EBT in 100 mL in distilled water.

Procedure:

Take 20 ml of the sample in a conical flask.

Add 1 ml of the Ammonia buffer solution.

Add 2 drops of the Erichrome Black T indicator solution.

Titrate the contents with EDTA with continuous stirring.
The last few drops may be added at 3-5 seconds intervals.
At the end point color changes from wine red to blue.

Observation:

In this titration,the color changes from wine red to blue sharply at the end-point.



ADULTERATION TESTS:

1.SUGAR:
Take 5ml of milk in the test tube.
Add .1ml of conc. HCl.
Add 0.1g of resorcinol powder and mix thoroughly.Place the test tube in boiling water bath for 5 mins.
Withdraw the tube and observe the color.
Appearance of deep red color indicates presence of sucrose or ketose sugar.

2.STARCH:
Take 5 ml of milk in a test tube.
Bring to boiling condition and allow test tube to cool to room temperature.
Add 1-2 drop iodine solution to test tube dissolve 1.3 gm of iodine and 1.5 gm of potassium iodine in sufficient distilled water and make up to 100 ml.
Development of blue color indicates the presence of starch which disappears when the sample is boiling and appears on cooling.

3.UREA:
Take 5 ml of milk in a test tube.
Add 5 ml dimethyl amino benzaldehyde and dissolve 1.6 gm of p- dimethyl amino benzaldehyde in 100 ml of 10 percentage HCl.
Distinct yellow color is observed in milk containing added urea shows a slight yellow color due to the presence of natural urea.

4.SALT(NaCl):
Take 2 ml of milk in a test tube.
Add 1 ml of 5 percentage potassium chromate.
Add 2 ml of 0.1 N silver nitrate.
Appearance of yellow color indicates presence of dissolved chloride.

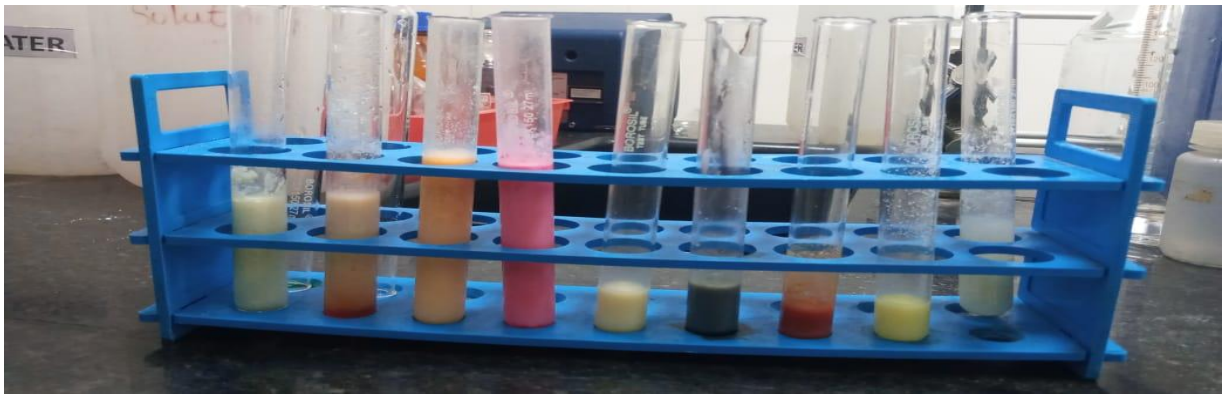
5.MOLTO DEXTRIN:
Take 5 ml of milk in a test tube and add equal vol of 10 percent acetic acid the milk will curded.
Filter it and take 1 ml of filtrate in a test tube and add a few drops of oro
Appearance of brown color indicates the presence of molto dextrin.

6.NEUTRALISERS:
Rosa acid test for the presence of carbonate.
Take 5 ml of milk in a tube and add an equal vol of 95 percent alcohol.
Add red color indicates the presence of alkali.
Normal milk shows only a brownish color

HYDROGEN PEROXIDE:
Take 10 ml of milk in a test tube.
Add 5 drops of 2 percent phenylene diamine hydrochloride.
Mix thoroughly and observe the color.
Development of an intense blue color shows the presence of hydrogen peroxide.

FORMALDEHYDE:
Take about 10 ml of milk in a test tube.
Add 0.5 ml of ferric chloride solution.
Add carefully about 1 ml of conc H2So4.
Down the side of the test tube in such a way that is forms a separate layer at the bottom of the test tube without with the milk.
Development of violet or blue color at the junction of two liquids indicates the presence of formaldehyde.

AMMONIUM SULPHATE:
Take 1 ml of milk and add 0.5 ml of 2 percent sodium hydroxide
Add 0.5 ml of 2 percent sodium hypo chloride.
Add 0.1 ml of phenol solution and heat for 20 mins in a boiling water bath.
Bluish color turns deep blue indicates presence of ammonium sulphate.



pH TESTS FOR VARIOUS WATER SAMPLES:





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1.	Laboratory tour (Equipment, Glassware & Chemicals, etc), pH at 25°C, Electrical conductivity etc
2.	Total Dissolved Solids & Total Suspended Solids
3.	MLSS & Total Solids
4.	Phosphorous
5.	Ammoniacal Nitrogen
6.	Chemical Oxygen Demand
7.	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
8.	Chloride
9.	Sulphate
10.	Biochemical Oxygen Demand

INTRODUCTION

The water treatment process is a series of steps that purify water to make it safe for drinking and other uses. It involves processes like coagulation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection. Each step helps remove impurities and harmful substances, ensuring clean and safe water for everyone. It's an important process to protect public health and the environment.

INSTRUMENTS

- ❖ PH METER
- ❖ CONDUCTIVITY METER
- ❖ TURBIDITY METER
- ❖ ANALYTICAL BALANCE
- ❖ DESSICATOR
- ❖ UV VIS SPECTROPHOTOMETER
- ❖ HOT AIR OVEN
- ❖ FUME EXHAUST HOOD
- ❖ BOD INCUBATOR
- ❖ COD DIGESTOR

1. pH

pH value of water indicates the hydrogen ion concentration in water. pH is expressed as the logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen ion concentration in moles/ litre at a given temperature. The pH scale extends from 0 (very acidic) to 14 (very alkaline) with 7 corresponding to exact neutrality at 25°C.

The temperature interference the pH, so it should be at 25.C as per IS 3025.

Procedure:

Calibrate the instrument using Certified reference Material (CRM). A sample of Ph was taken and test was conducted.

Note that electrode cleaning is must after every test using water and tissue.

Electrical conductivity

Electrical conductivity is a measurement of water's ability to conduct electricity. EC is related to water temperature and the total concentration, mobility, valence and relative concentration of ions. Higher EC means more electrolytes in the water. So that, high amount of impurities are present which will lead to a higher conductivity. Before going for UV VIS Spectrophotometer, get some rough idea with the value of EC.

2. TDS (Total Dissolved solids)

Filterable residue (TDS). Total dissolved solids (TDS) are the amount of organic and inorganic materials, such as metals, minerals, salts, and ions, dissolved in a particular volume of water. TDS are essentially a measure of anything dissolved in water. This method is applicable to all type of water and waste water.

Principle:

The sample is filtered and the filtrate evaporated in a tared dish on steam-bath. The X residue after evaporation is dried to constant mass at 103-105°C.

Procedure:

First heat the evaporating dish to 180.C for 1 hr. Then cool it in desiccator, weigh and store in desiccator for use. Filter the sample, pipette the volume required to the weighed evaporating dish placed in steam bath. Leave some time after complete evaporation of water from residue transfer the dish to oven and dry it. Weigh the dish as soon as it has cooled.

Calculation:

Filterable residue, mg/l = 1000 M/V

3. TSS (Total Suspended Solids)

TSS is the dry-weight of suspended particles, that are not dissolved in a sample of water that can be trapped by a filter that is analysed by Filtration. A filter paper pore is 1.2 microns.

Principle:

The sample is evaporated in a weighed dish on a steam-bath and is dried to a constant mass in hot air oven either at 103-105°C or 179-181°C.Cool in desiccator. Total residue is calculated from increase in mass (usually mg/l).

Calculation:

TSS = (w2-w1)/volume×1000×1000

4. MLSS (Mixed Liquor suspended solids)

The overall concentration of solids in an aeration tank is measured by Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids (MLSS) in wastewater treatment. Non-biodegradable suspended particles, organic materials, and microbes are all included.

Procedure:

Take the MLSS grab sample and filter it. The filter was ignited for around 15-20 mins in a muffle furnace. When the filter has cooled, the residue was transferred to a desiccator for chilling purpose. Finally weigh the residue that we got on the filter paper.

5. TS (Total Solids)

Total solids are dissolved solids, suspended solids and settleable solids in water. In stream water, dissolved solids consist of calcium, chlorides, nitrate, phosphorus, iron, sulphur, and other ions particles that will pass through a filtration.

UV-Vis Spectrophotometer:

It works on the principle of Beer-Lamberts law which says the amount of light passed or absorbed is directly proportional to the concentration and the path length of the material/absorbent.

$$\mathbf{I \propto b\ c}$$

• Absorbance- light absorbed like 0.123, 0.056 etc…

• Transmittance- Light transmitted

A= 1/T

6. Phosphorous

It works on the principle of phosphorous reacts with ammonium molybdate and stannous chloride. The molybdo-phosphoric acid formed is reduced to an intensely coloured complex molybdenum blue by stannous chloride.

Procedure:

Prepare 100ml of 0.1, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0ppm from 100ppm.

100xV1= 0.1x100 V1

= 10/100 = 0.1ml

Like this prepare std for other concentration. Make the above ml of phosphorous in 100ml std flask for blank use distilled water and in another take the sample to be analysed. Add 4 ml of ammonium molybdate. To that add 0.5ml or 10drops of stannous chloride. We can observe blue colours of solution. Now measure the absorbance in UV -vis spectrophotometer. Spectrophotometer- suitable range for phosphorous is 690nm.The graph obtained will give the unknown concentration from which calculation can be done

Calculation:

Phosphorus, mg/l =mg of phosphorus corresponding to control standard x 1000 / volume of sample in ml.

7. Ammoniacal Nitrogen

Principle:

The sample is buffered and distilled. The, ammonia in the distillate or in the sample is treated with Nessler's reagent and the colour developed is matched with that of a series of standard ammonia solutions or measured absorbance at 410 nm.

Nessler's Reagent: HgI + KI in basic medium i.e. NaOH need to be added.

Rochelle's salt: Potassium sodium tartrate in water, but it is used for removing interference like Ca, Mg, Fe as well as other ions.

Procedure:

Remove any interference of other ions by adding few drops of Rochelle's salt. After that add 1ml of Nessler's reagent where it will form brown coloured complex and then measured the absorbance at 410nm.For blank 0, and other conc. Like 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5 ppm of ammoniacal nitrogen is made up in 100ml std flask. For std no need Rochelle's reagent because we are using only distilled water. But for sample we must use it. After mixing all, keep the Solution for 10 mins incubation, this depends on parameter. Now check the absorbance in UV spectrophotometer. The reaction and result depends on the procedure and temperature of environment.

8. COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand)

It is a test that measures the amount of oxygen required to chemically for organic material and inorganic nutrients, such as Ammonia or Nitrate, present in water. This undergoes a reverse titration.

Digestion:

To remove all unsaturated materials and reduce the material to its simplest form. In other word, all organic and other wastes will be removed/oxidised.

Principle:

Most of the organic matters are-destroyed when boiled with mixture of potassium bichromate and sulphuric acid producing carbon dioxide and water. A sample is refluxed with a known amount of potassium bichromate in sulphuric acid medium and the excess of bichromate is titrated against ferrous ammonium sulphate. The amount bichromate consumed is proportional to the oxygen required to oxidize organic matter. It is a reverse titration, blank titrate value will occur more than the sample value. Here we calculate the leftover oxygen present in the sample, So FAS consumes less than the blank.

Reagents:

Mercuric sulphate, Std Potassium dichromate, Silver sulphate in the presence of H_2SO_4, Std Ferrous ammonium sulphate, Indicator- Ferroin.

Procedure:

20ml or adequate of sample made up to 20ml will be added in COD tube. To this adda half spatula of Mercuric sulphate. Now add 10ml of potassium dichromate followed by 30ml of silver H2SO4.Keep it for 2 hours digestion. Cool it and titrate against 0.1N ferrous ammonium sulphate using ferroin indicator. The end point is the colour change sharply from green to wine red.

Calculation:

Normality of FAS = 10 x 0.25/ V

Where V= volume of Fe (NH4)2 (SO4)2 required for titration, in ml.

COD, mg/1 = (V1-V2) N x 8000/Volume

9. BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand)

It represents the amount of oxygen consumed by bacteria and other microorganisms while they decompose organic matter under aerobic (oxygen is present) conditions at a specified temperature.

Principle:

The biochemical oxygen demand test is based on mainly bio-assay procedure which measures the dissolved oxygen consumed by micro-organisms while assimilating and oxidizing the organic matter under aerobic conditions. The standard test condition includes incubating the sample in an air tight bottle, in dark at a specified temperature for specific times.

Eutrophication:

It is the process in which a water body becomes overly enriched with nutrients, leading to the plentiful growth of simple plant life. The excessive growth (or bloom) of algae and plankton in a water body are indicators of this process.

Seeding method:

It is necessary to have present in each BOD bottle a population of microorganisms capable of oxidizing the biodegradable organic matter in the sample. Sometimes only Cod will present, in that case it should contain some BOD. So that we are using seeding method.

Apparatus:

Incubation bottle - 300 ml capacity narrow neck special BOD bottles with planed mouth with ground glass stoppers.

Reagent:

Phosphate buffer, Magnesium sulphate, Calcium chloride, Ferric chloride, acid and alkali Solution, Starch indicator, alkaline iodide, sulphuric acid, Std sodium Thio sulphate soln.

Dissolved oxygen

O_2(in sample) + $MnSO_4$+KOH + KI $\longrightarrow$ I_2O + KMNSO4

I_2O – measure from brown precipitate

Procedure:

Take sample in two 300ml bottle one for BOD day1 and Other for Day 3. To that add 2ml$MnSO_4$ +2ml alkaline iodide solution which turns into a brown ppt. shake nicely and keep it to settle. Day one bottle add the following and keep the day 3 bottle inside BOD incubator. After that dissolve ppt by adding 5ml H_2SO_4. From that take 200ml in conical flask. Titrate against 0.25N sodium Thio sulphate till pale yellow. Add starch as indicator and blue colour formed. The end point is the blue to colourless.

10. Chloride

The Argentometric method is suitable for use in relatively clear waters when O-1.5 to 10 mg of chloride is present in the portion titrated. This involves the direct titration.

Principle:

In a neutral or slightly alkaline solution, potassium chromate can indicate the end point of the silver nitrate titration of chloride. Silver chloride is precipitated before red silver chromate is formed.

Reagents:

Std silver nitrate (0.0141 N), std sodium chloride, potassium chromate as indicator.

Procedure:

Take 20 ml of NaCl in conical flask add potassium chromate as indicator and titrate against silver nitrate. The end point is the brick red colour. This is done to find the give the normality of silver nitrate soln. Now follow the sample procedure for blank and sample solutions. Note the reading and calculate to find the amount of chlorine present in sample.

Calculation:

Chloride, mg/l = (V1-V2) x N x 35450 /V3

V1= volume in ml of silver nitrate used by the sample,

V2 = volume in ml of silver nitrate used in the blank titration, V3 = volume in ml of sample taken for titration, and

N =normality of silver nitrate solution.

11. Sulphate

To determine the amount of sulphate present in the given samples. Sulphate is widely distributed in nature. Sulphates are considerable concern because they are indirectly responsible for two serious problems often associated with the handling and treatment of wastewater.

Principle:

The turbidimetric method of measuring sulphate is based upon the fact that barium sulphate tends to precipitate in a colloidal form and that this tendency is enhanced in presence of a sodium chloride-hydrochloric acid. The absorbance(420nm) of the barium sulphate solution is measured by UV vis spectrometer and the sulphate iron concentration, determined by comparison of the reading with a standard curve.

Buffer solution which resists any changes in pH due to atmospheric conditions. pH is inversely proportional to Temperature.

Reagents:

Barium chloride, Acidic buffer solution, Standard sulphate solution.

Procedure:

Take 5ml,10ml,15ml etc of std sulphate solution in 100ml std flasks. Likewise make up the blank and sample also. Transfer this to the beaker and add 10ml of buffer Solution containing 30g MgCl2, 5g CH3COONa, 1g

KNO3 and 20ml CH3COOH in 1 litre. Add a spoonful of barium chloride crystals and begin timing immediately. Stir at constant speed exactly for one minute. After stirring pour some of the solution into the absorption cell of the photometer. Absorbance versus sulphate concentration is plotted and a curve is obtained. Finding the absorbance for a given sample, the concentration of sulphates in the solution is determined with the help of calibration curve.

12. BOD (Biochemical oxygen demand)

The BOD test is among the most important method in sanitary analysis to determine the polluting power, or strength of sewage, industrial wastes or polluted water. The test consists in taking the given sample in suitable concentrations in dilute water in BOD bottles. Two bottles are taken for each concentration and three concentrations are used for each sample. One set of bottles is incubated in a BOD incubator for 3 days at 20°C; the dissolved oxygen (initial) content (D1) in the other set of bottles will be determined immediately. At the end of 3 days, the dissolved oxygen content (D2) in the incubated set of bottles is determined.

Procedure:

Place the set of bottles to be incubated in a BOD incubator for 3 days at 20°C. Care should be taken to maintain the water seal over the bottles throughout the period of incubation. Determine the initial dissolved oxygen contents in the other set of bottles and note down the results. Determine the dissolved oxygen content in the incubated bottles at the end of 3 days and note down the results. Proceed as like titration done in BOD day 1 and note down the titre value. Calculate the BOD of the given sample.

Calculation:

1. **COD =** 2 to 3 times of **BOD**

BOD = COD/3 = expected BOD in mg/l

Total volume required for BOD = 3/expected BOD×300

2. DO = Burette Reading ×Normality of Na2S2O3×8000

BOD = DO1 – DO3 / Sample volume × 300

CONCLUSION

In a nutshell, I would like to conclude that this internship was a whole new opening of knowledge. From the first day to the last day of training was an addition of acquiring new information, the work from theoretical to demo all was done in a way which was easy to grab it. The workings of the laboratories from the planning to its operation was also known, in which NABL (National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories) was the utmost importance. Education is the Key to unlock the world as popular saying, In this internship period I have learned many new things that was out of my core and is well satisfied with the outcome.

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Introduction

Water analysis is a critical process for assessing water quality, impacting public health, ecosystems, and sustainable development. This internship report serves as a comprehensive documentation of my experiences and learning during my internship in the field of water analysis. Over the course of (11.09.2023 – 26.09.2023), I had the privilege of working with a team of dedicated professionals at HIYOSHI India Ecological Service Private Limited, gaining practical exposure to various facets of water quality assessment and analysis. This report not only outlines the methodologies and techniques employed in water analysis but also highlights the significance of this field in safeguarding human health, preserving ecosystems, and addressing pressing environmental challenges.

In the following sections, I have given the specific objectives of my internship, the methodologies and equipment used for water analysis, the data collection and interpretation processes, and the broader implications of water quality assessment in today's world. This report aims to provide a comprehensive overview of my internship experience, offering insights into the critical role of water analysis in ensuring a sustainable and healthy environment.

Laboratory Tour

One of the most enriching experiences during my internship at Hiyoshi was the opportunity to explore the inner workings of their laboratory facilities. This section of the report provides a detailed account of the captivating lab tour, during which I gained firsthand insight into the technologies, methodologies, and research practices employed by the company.



pH

pH value of water indicates the hydrogen ion concentration in water. pH is expressed as the logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen ion concentration in moles/ litre at a given temperature. The pH scale extends from 0 (very acidic) to 14 (very alkaline) with 7 corresponding to exact neutrality at 25°C

- In the training we was thought, the temperature interference the pH, so it should be at 25.C as per IS 3025.
- PROCEDURE FOR pH TESTING OF WATER
- We Calibrated the instrument using CRM (Certified reference material)
- A Sample of pH was taken and test was conducted.



Electrical conductivity

Electrical conductivity is a measurement of water's ability to conduct electricity. EC is related to water temperature and the total concentration, mobility, valence and relative concentration of ions. Higher EC means more electrolytes in the water. i.e higher amount of impurities are present which will lead to a higher conductivity.

TDS (Total Dissolved solids)

Filterable residue (TDS). Total dissolved solids (TDS) are the amount of organic and inorganic materials, such as metals, minerals, salts, and ions, dissolved in a particular volume of water. TDS are essentially a measure of anything dissolved in water.

This method is applicable to all type of water and waste water.

Principle: The sample is filtered and the filtrate evaporated in a tared dish on steam-bath. The X residue after evaporation is dried to constant mass at 103-105°C

Procedure: First we should heat the evaporating dish to 180.C for 1 hr.

- Then cool it in desiccator, weigh and store in desiccator for use.
- Filter the sample, pipette the volume required to the weighed evaporating dish placed in steam bath

- Leave some time after complete evaporation of water from residue transfer the dish to oven and dry it.
- Weigh the dish as soon as it has cooled



Calculation: Filterable residue, mg/I = 1000 M/V

Where M = mass in mg of filterable residue, and V - volume in ml of the sample.

TSS (Total Suspended Solids)

Gravimetric analysis is the most widely used method for measuring total suspended solids in water. It is a quantitative technique that involves weighing the residues collected on glass-Fibre or cellulose ester membrane filters after filtration.

- This method can be applied to various types of water, including drinking water, surface water, saline water, as well as domestic and industrial wastewater.
- The practical range for determining total suspended solids using this method is from 4 mg/L to 20,000 mg/L.

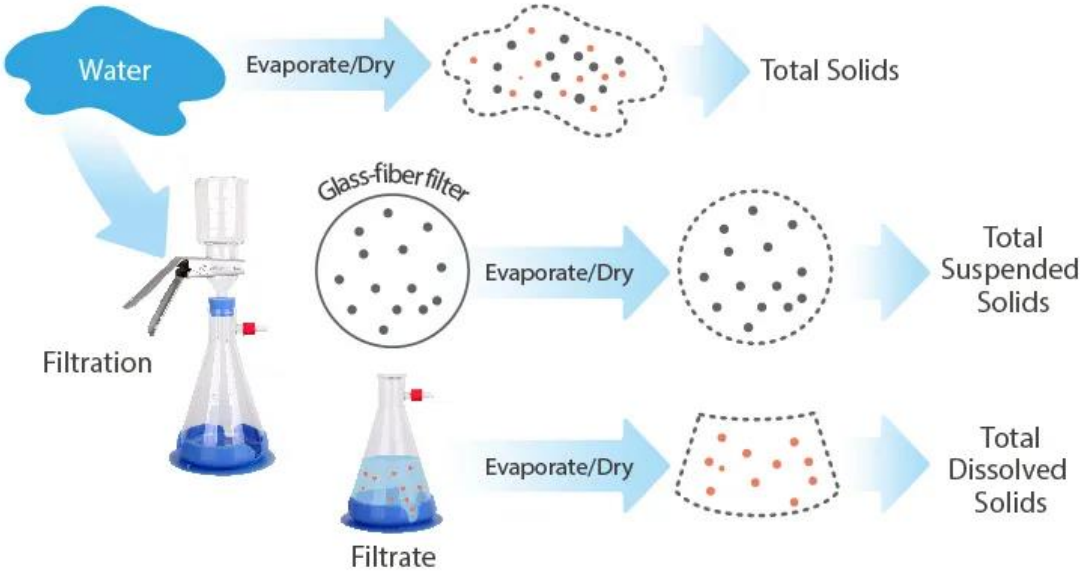
Principle: The sample is evaporated in a weighed dish on a steam-bath and is dried to a constant mass in an oven either at 103-105°C or 179-181°C. Total residue is calculated from increase in mass.

Calculate the non-filterable residue.

$$\text{TSS (mg/L)} = \frac{(C - D) \times 1000}{V}$$

TS (Total Solids)

Total solids are dissolved solids plus suspended and settleable solids in water. In stream water, dissolved solids consist of calcium, chlorides, nitrate, phosphorus, iron, sulphur, and other ions particles that will pass through a filter.



MLSS (Mixed Liquor suspended solids)

The overall concentration of solids in an aeration tank is measured by Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids (MLSS) in wastewater treatment. Non-biodegradable suspended particles, organic materials, and microbes are all included**.**



Procedure: Take the MLSS grab sample and filter it

- The filter was ignited for around 15-20 mins in a muffle furnace.
- When the filter has cooled, the residue was transferred to a desiccator for chilling purpose.
- Finally weigh the residue that we got on the filter paper.

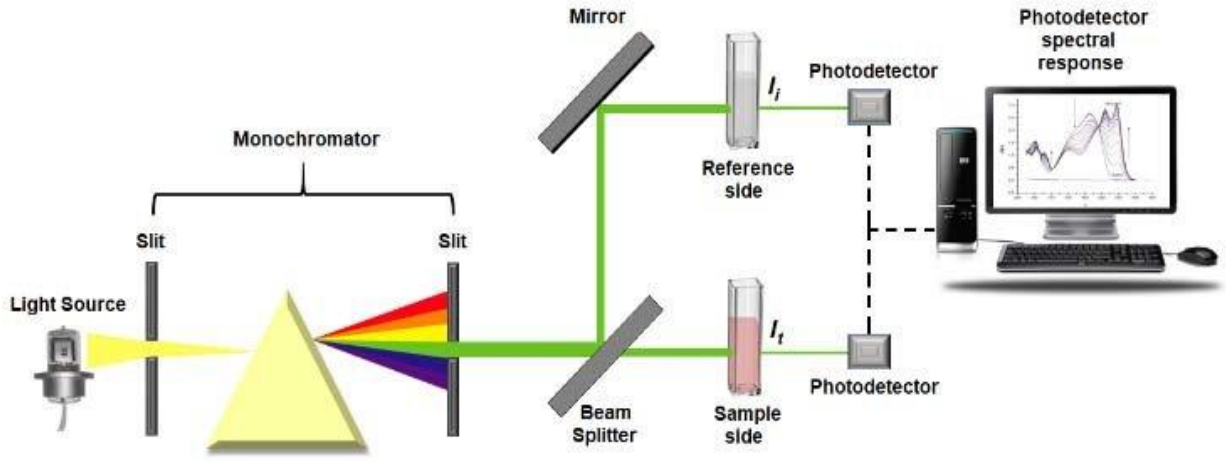
Desiccator:

It is an apparatus for absorbing the moisture present in a chemical substance. An airtight, usually glass container containing dried silica crystals or some other drying agent for absorbing the moisture of another substance placed in the container.

UV-Vis Spectrophotometer:

It works on the principle of Beer-Lamberts law which says the amount of light passed or absorbed is directly proportional to the concentration and the path length of the material/absorbent.

- Absorbance- light absorbed Eg, 0.123, 0.056 etc…
- Transmittance- Light transmitted
  A= 1/T



Phosphorous:

Phosphorous is a chemical element having atomic number 15.

Principle: It works on the principle of phosphorous reacts with ammonium molybdate and stannous chloride giving molybdo complex. The molybdo-phosphoric acid formed is reduced to an intensely coloured complex molybdenum blue by stannous chloride.

Procedure: Prepare 100ml of 0.1, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0ppm from 100ppm.



100xV1= 0.1x100

V1= 10/100= 0.1ml. Like this prepare std for other concentration.

- Make the above ml of phosphorous in 100ml std flask for blank use distilled water and in another take the sample to be analysed.
- Add 4 ml of ammonium molybdate.
- To that add 0.5ml or 10drops of stannous chloride. We can observe blue colours of solution. Now measure the absorbance in UV -vis spectrophotometer.
- Spectrophotometer- suitable range for phosphorous is 690nm.
- The graph obtained will give the unknown concentration from which calculation can be done

Calculation: Phosphorus, mg/l =mg of phosphorus corresponding to control standard x 1000 / volume of sample in ml

Ammoniacal Nitrogen:`

Nesslerization Method:

Principle: The sample is buffered and distilled. The, ammonia in the distillate or in the sample is treated with Nessler's reagent and the colour developed is matched with that of a series of standard ammonia solutions or measured photometrically at 400 to 425 nm.

Nessler's Reagent: HgI + KI in basic medium i.e. NaOH need to be added.

Rochelle's salt: Potassium sodium tartrate in water, but it is used for removing interference like Ca, Mg, Fe as well as other ions.

Procedure: Remove any interference of other ions by adding few drops of Rochelle's salt.

- After that add 1ml of Nessler's reagent where it will form brown coloured complex and then measured the absorbance at 410nm.
- For blank 0, and other conc. Like 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5 ppm of ammoniacal nitrogen is made up in 100ml std flask.
- For std no need Rochelle's reagent because we are using only distilled water.
- But for sample we must use it. After mixing all, keep the Sol for 10 mins….this depends on parameter.
- Now check the absorbance in UV spectrophotometer.
- The reaction and result depends on the procedure and temperature of environment.

COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand)

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) is a test that measures the amount of oxygen required to chemically for organic material and inorganic nutrients, such as Ammonia or Nitrate, present in water. This undergoes a reverse titration.



Digestion: To remove all unsaturated materials and reduce the material to its simplest form. In other words all organic and other wastes will be removed/oxidised.

PRINCIPLE :

Most of the organic matters are-destroyed when boiled with mixture of potassium bichromate and sulphuric acid producing carbon-di-oxide and water. A sample is refluxed with a known amount of potassium bichromate in sulphuric acid medium and the excess of bichromate is titrated against ferrous ammonium sulphate. The amount bichromate consumed is proportional to the oxygen required to oxidize organic matter.

Apparatus: Reflux apparatus, Hot plate- Digester block,

Reagents: Std Potassium dichromate, H2SO4, Std Ferrous ammonium sulphate**, INDICATOR**- Ferroin.

Procedure: 20ml or adequate of sample made up to 20ml will be added in COD tube.

- To this adda half spatula of Mercuric sulphate.
- Now add 10ml of potassium dichromate followed by 30ml of silver H2SO4.
- Keep it for digestion.
- Cool it and titrate against 0.1N ferrous ammonium sulphate using ferroin indicator.
- The end point is the colour change sharply from green to wine red.

Calculation:

Normality of ferrous ammonium sulphate v = 10 x 0.25/ V

Where V= volume of Fe (NH4)2 (SO4)2 required for titration, in ml
COD, mg/1 = (V1-V2) N x 8000/V0

BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand): DAY 1





Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) represents the amount of oxygen consumed by bacteria and other microorganisms while they decompose organic matter under aerobic (oxygen is present) conditions at a specified temperature.

Principle: The biochemical oxygen demand test is based on mainly bio-assay procedure which measures the dissolved oxygen consumed by micro-organisms while assimilating and oxidizing the organic matter under aerobic conditions. The standard test condition includes incubating the sample in an air tight bottle, in dark at a specified temperature for specific times.

Apparatus: Incubation bottle - 300 ml capacity narrow neck special BOD bottles with planed mouth with ground glass stoppers.

Reagent: Phosphate buffer, Magnesium sulphate, Calcium chloride, Ferric chloride, acid and alkali Solution, Starch indicator, alkaline iodide, sulphuric acid, Std sodium Thio sulphate soln.

Dissolved oxygen: O2(in sample)+ MnSO4+KOH

Procedure: Take sample in two 300ml bottle one for BOD day1 and Other for Day 3.

- To that add 2mlMnSO4 +2ml alkaline iodide solution which turns into a brown ppt. shake nicely and keep it to settle.
- Day one bottle add the following and keep the day 3 bottle inside BOD incubator.
- After that dissolve ppt by adding 5ml H2SO4.
- From that take 200ml in conical flask.
- Titrate against 0.25N sodium Thio sulphate till pale yellow.
- Add starch as indicator and blue colour forms
- The end point is the blue to colourless

Chloride

The argentometric method is suitable for use in relatively clear waters when O-1 5 to 10 mg of chloride is present in the portion titrated. This involves the direct titration.

Principle : In a neutral or slightly alkaline solution, potassium chromate can indicate the end point of the silver nitrate titration of chloride. Silver chloride is precipitated before red silver chromate is formed.

Reagents: Std silver nitrate , std sodium chloride, potassium chromate as indicator.

Procedure: Take NaCl in conical flask add potassium chromate as indicator and titrate against silver nitrate. The end point is the brick red colour. This is done to find the give the normality of silver nitrate soln. Now follow the sample procedure for blank and sample solutions. Note the reading and calculate to find the amt of chlorine present in sample.

Calculation: Chloride, mg/l = (V1-V2) x N x 35 450 /V3

Where, V1= volume in ml of silver nitrate used by the sample,

V2 = volume in ml of silver nitrate used in the blank titration,

V3 = volume in ml of sample taken for titration, and

N =normality of silver nitrate solution.

BOD (Biochemical oxygen demand) DAY 2

The B.O.D. test is among the most important method in sanitary analysis to determine the polluting power, or strength of sewage, industrial wastes or polluted water. The test consists in taking the given sample in suitable concentrations in dilute water in B.O.D. bottles. Two bottles are taken for each concentration and three concentrations are used for each sample. One set of bottles is incubated in a B.O.D. incubator for 3 days at 20°C; the dissolved oxygen (initial) content (D1) in the other set of bottles will be determined immediately. At the end of 3 days, the dissolved oxygen content (D2) in the incubated set of bottles is determined.

Procedure: Place the set of bottles to be incubated in a B.O.D. incubator for 3 days at 20°C. Care should be taken to maintain the water seal over the bottles throughout the period of incubation.

- Determine the initial dissolved oxygen contents in the other set of bottles and note down the results.
- Determine the dissolved oxygen content in the incubated bottles at the end of 3 days and note down the results.
- Proceed as like titration done in BOD day1 and note down the titre value.
- Calculate the B.O.D. of the given sample.

mg/L of B.O.D. = (D1 – D2) / P

Sulphate

To determine the amount of sulphate present in the given samples. Sulphate is widely distributed in nature and may be present in natural water in concentrations ranging from a few to several thousand milligrams/litre. Sulphates are of considerable concern because they are indirectly responsible for two serious problems often associated with the handling and treatment of wastewater.

Turbidimetric Method

Principle: The turbidimetric method of measuring sulphate is based upon the fact that barium sulphate tends to precipitate in a colloidal form and that this tendency is enhanced in presence of a sodium chloride-hydrochloric acid. The absorbance of the barium sulphate solution is measured by UV vis spectrometer and the sulphate iron concentration, determined by comparison of the reading with a standard curve.

Reagents: Conditioning agent, Barium chloride, Standard sulphate solution.

Procedure: Take 5ml,10ml,15ml,20ml,30ml of std barium sulphate solution in 100ml std flasks.

- Like wise make up the blank and sample also.
- Transfer this to the beaker and add 10ml of buffer Solution containing $MgCl_2$, CH_3COONa, KNo_3 and CH_3COOH.
- Add a spoonful of barium chloride crystals and begin timing immediately. Stir at constant speed exactly for one minute.
- After stirring pour some of the solution into the absorption cell of the photometer.
- Absorbance versus sulphate concentration is plotted and a curve is obtained.
- Finding the absorbance for a given sample, the concentration of sulphates in the solution is determined with the help of calibration curve.

Calculation:

SO_4 in mg/L = $\frac{\text{mg of } BaSO_4}{\text{mL of sample}}$ x 411.6 = ...

CONCLUSION

My internship experience at HIYOSHI has been a profoundly enlightening journey into the world of water quality assessment. Throughout my tenure of 10days I have had the privilege of contributing to critical initiatives and gaining practical insights into the significance of water analysis in safeguarding our planet's most precious resource.

Looking ahead, I am excited to apply the knowledge and skills acquired during this internship in my academic studies and future career. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the company for this invaluable opportunity and to everyone who has contributed to making this internship a meaningful and enriching experience.

As I move forward, I am confident that the lessons learned and experiences gained during this internship will continue to shape my personal and professional growth.

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PREFACE

In this internship report I will describe my experiences during my internship period. The internship report contains an overview of the internship company and the activities, tasks and projects that I have worked on during my internship. Writing this report, I also will describe and reflect on my learning objects and personal goals that I have set during my internship period. In compiling this report, I have intended to provide a synthesis of theoretical approaches and methods of implementing them in the world of business. I have tried to bridge the gap between theoretical assumptions and practical necessities. During the entire course of our academic study, I remain engaged in theoretical learning where the primary objective is academic success. The report first shall give an overview of the tasks completed during the period of internship with technical details.

My university (Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai) has therefore been seized with the need of developing practical guideline with would help in providing experience to students to meet the future needs of the industry. In this regard I have been given an opportunity to experience 15 days internship at **Viyen Biotech - LLP, Coimbatore**. During this time, I have visited different sections of the company and I have been guided properly and I am very glad to compile what I have learnt in this report.

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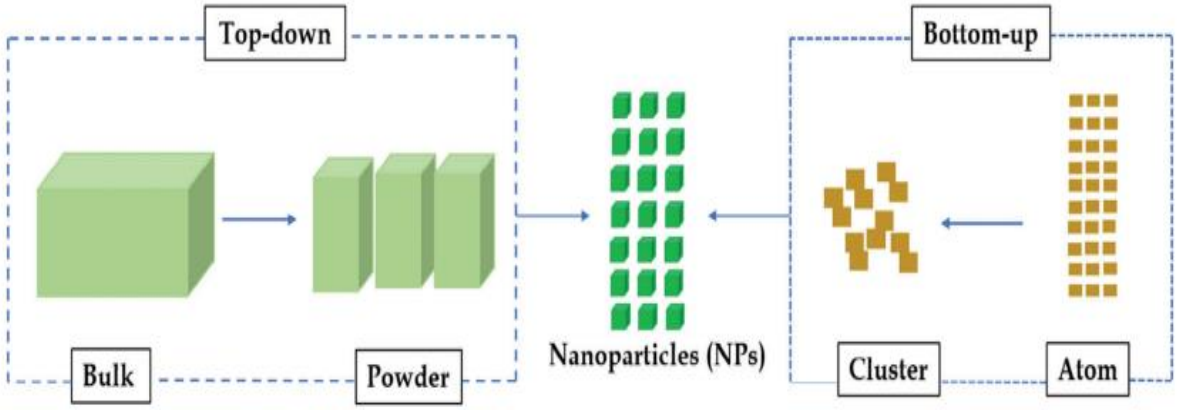
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1. Introduction

The most advanced industry in the 21st century is Nanomaterials. Due to their unique and captivating qualities with a variety of applications, nanoparticles have attracted a lot of attention. Nanotechnology is a multidisciplinary, promising area of research that offers numerous prospects in industries like agriculture, electronics, pharmaceuticals, and medicine. Typically, materials with a size between 1 and 100 nm are referred to as nanomaterials. Nanomaterials have unique optical, physical, and biological features because of their small size and large surface area. The creation of nanoparticles can be accomplished through chemical, physical, or biological means. Due to their unique physical and chemical characteristics, nanoparticles have been in the spotlight of modern nanotechnology for the past few decades. Nanoparticles are useful in a wide range of application areas, including the biomedical and pharmaceutical sectors, wastewater treatment, remediation of environmental pollutants, and food preservation, thanks to several features, including their catalytic, superparamagnetic, antibacterial, and anticancer activities. The recent focus of nanotechnology has been on the detection and control of plant diseases as well as the creation of nano nutrients to promote plant growth. A technique to transport various macro- and micronutrients into the soil gradually and in a controlled way, preventing accumulation and polluting of diverse natural resources, is to replace traditional techniques of fertilizer delivery with nano fertilizers. Nano fertilizer innovation necessitates a multidisciplinary approach because it has the ability to outperform conventional fertilizers. In nano fertilizer, nutrients can be delivered as emulsions or nanoparticles, encapsulated by nanomaterials, or coated with a thin protective layer. Numerous physical and chemical

procedures, including coprecipitation, microemulsion, laser pyrolysis, sol–gel, and laser ablation techniques, can be used to create nanoparticles. Green synthesis of Nanoparticles is a low-cost and environmentally friendly manufacturing process that leverages natural biogenic platforms like plant extracts, microbes, or fermented extracts.



2. Conventional

Nano fertilizers have emerged as a promising solution to address the challenges faced by traditional fertilizers in modern agriculture. These nanoscale materials, typically ranging from 1 to 100 nm in size, offer unique properties that enhance nutrient delivery and uptake efficiency in plants. By encapsulating essential nutrients within nanoparticles, conventional nano fertilizer provides controlled release mechanisms, ensuring a sustained and targeted nutrient supply to crops. However, despite their potential benefits, conventional nano fertilizers also raise concerns regarding their environmental impact and long terms sustainability. The widespread application of these nanoparticles may inadvertently lead to the accumulation of toxic residues in soil and water bodies. Additionally, their production processes often involve resource-intensive techniques that may have adverse ecological consequences.

3. Green Synthesis

Due to its eco-friendliness and ease of manufacturing compared to other methods, the creation of green nanoparticles generated from plants and microorganisms has gained more interest in the field of green synthesis Nanoparticles.

The plant is demonstrated to be protected from infection by bacteria, fungus, and pests by NPs such as silver (AgNPs), gold (AuNPs), copper (CuNPs), palladium (PdNPs), selenium (SeNPs), zinc oxide (ZnONPs), magnesium oxide (MgONPs), titanium dioxide (TiO_2NPs), and iron oxide NPs, among others of the green synthesis approach.

Their findings indicated that an increase in nanoparticle concentration led to increased seedling length (in cm), the average number of seedlings with leaves, and root length (in cm) compared to the control. Furthermore, greater levels of iron oxide nanoparticles (Fe_2O_3NPs 1000 mg L−1) have increased the activity indicated a suppression and promoted plant growth. Besides, the effectiveness of a strategy for producing magnesium hydroxide nanoparticles [$Mg(OH)_2$NPs] green synthesis on various concentrations for seed germination, in vitro and in vivo plant growth promotion. The findings showed that plants treated with $Mg(OH)_2$NPs had greater Mg levels in their leaves and roots. The fungus extract, which was employed to create $Mg(OH)_2$NPs, demonstrated significant promise. The percentage of seed germination was dramatically increased by the biogenic $Mg(OH)_2$NPs.

4. Impact of Green Synthesis

Green synthesis mediated nanomaterials approaches offer a promising strategy for enhancing stress tolerance in plants through biochemical, molecular, and cellular interventions. They provide insights

into the role of the plant's photosynthetic apparatus in stress tolerance and help in understanding the mechanisms observed at the cellular level. This knowledge opens up new possibilities for designing biomimetic materials with improved performance against environmental stresses, which could have applications in human health. Additionally, these nanomaterials possess unique properties that make them valuable in applications requiring high standards, such as gas storage and separation, catalysis, sensing, and chemical/biochemical separations. They also show potential for use as sacrificial materials in environmental cleanup and wastewater treatment. Silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) have gained increasing popularity in agriculture due to their impact on stress tolerance. They have been explored in various forms for their potential role in protecting against abiotic stress. AgNPs have been shown to improve crop stress tolerance by addressing nutritional deficiencies, enhancing enzymatic activities, and promoting the adherence of plant growth-promoting bacteria to plant roots under abiotic stresses.

Green synthesized nanomaterials can also facilitate the breakdown of contaminants in the soil, facilitating nutrient absorption and growth in plants, while simultaneously reducing overall soil contamination levels. Scientists have engineered bioinspired metal-based nanoparticles such as AgNPs, ZnNPs, AuNPs, FeNPs, CdNPs, PdNPs, TiO_2 NPs, and CuNPs.

5. Green Synthesis for Environmental Applications

The green synthesis nanoparticle approach is being employed for the remediation of contaminated soil in agriculture. These nanoparticles have proven effective in removing contaminants from the soil and restoring its quality. Nanomaterials, particularly those produced through

green synthesis approaches, show great promise in environmental remediation due to their cost effectiveness and eco-friendliness. Soil contamination is a significant issue in agricultural regions, leading to substantial agronomic losses. The contamination often arises from the use of harmful pesticides and industrial effluent dyes. This contamination negatively impacts plant growth and crop yields by disrupting the soil's nutrient balance, hindering plants' access to essential nutrients, and ultimately causing wilting and death. In addition to affecting plant growth, soil contamination poses risks to human health as contaminants are absorbed by plants, and certain industrial heavy metals can leach into groundwater, rendering it unsafe for consumption. The biological synthesis of nanomaterials offers a solution to mitigate the harmful effects of soil contamination by providing a protective barrier against contaminants. This barrier safeguards plants, allowing them to thrive in contaminated soils and promoting plant growth and crop yields.

6. Future Perspective of Green Synthesis Approach

Green synthesis technology holds great promise due to its potential for simplicity, effectiveness, cleanliness, non-toxicity, and environmental acceptability in the synthesis of metallic nanoparticles. Metallic Nano particles can be efficiently biosynthesized using various microbes and plant extracts. However, further extensive research is needed to fully understand and enhance the wide range of applications and transformative potential of biosynthesized Nanoparticles. Significant progress has been made in the past decade regarding the production of chemical nanoparticles.

7. Conclusion

This internship covers a major role in environmental studies and how they impact biologically and chemically.

The primary focus lies in the domain of agricultural nanotechnology. I have gained the valuable knowledge of the outlook of the green synthesis approach in crop production system.

Although by this internship the main criteria I came to learn is green synthesized nanoparticles are still in early stages with significant process have been achieved.

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- Development of value added products from mineral/mines wastes/rejects.

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1.1. INTRODUCTION

1.1.1. COAL

One of the most abundant and widely distributed fossil fuel is coal. Coal is a carbon rich material that occurs in the stratified sedimentary deposits. Coal is a heterogeneous material composed of organic and inorganic substances. It is formed from vegetarian, that was consolidated between rock strata and converted by the combined effects of pressure and heat over million of year to form coal. However in recent years, due to the volatility in oil and increase in natural gas cost; coal has gained more interest and is been used as the primary source of raw material for chemical industry.

It is commercially mined in more than 50 countries. On an average the annual world coal consumption is about 5800 million tons of which about 75% is used for electricity production. The significance uses of coal includes steal production, cements manufacture and as a liquid fuel. The Carboniferous period marks the period of formation of coal which is also known as the first coal age. But the major coal deposits were formed 270-350 million years ago (i.e. Upper Carboniferous period). The geochemical process that transformed plant debris to coal is called coalification and is expressed as follows.

Peat → Lignite → Subbituminous Coal → Bituminous Coal → Anthracite

1.1.2 COMPONENTS OF COAL

The components of coal includes volatile matter is composed of aliphatic carbon atoms or aromatic hydrocarbons and mineral matter. Ash consists of inorganic matter from the earth's crust like limestone, iron, aluminum, clay, silica, and trace elements (concentrations of less than 1000 ppm [<0.1% of a rock's composition] of zinc, copper, boron, lead, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, selenium)

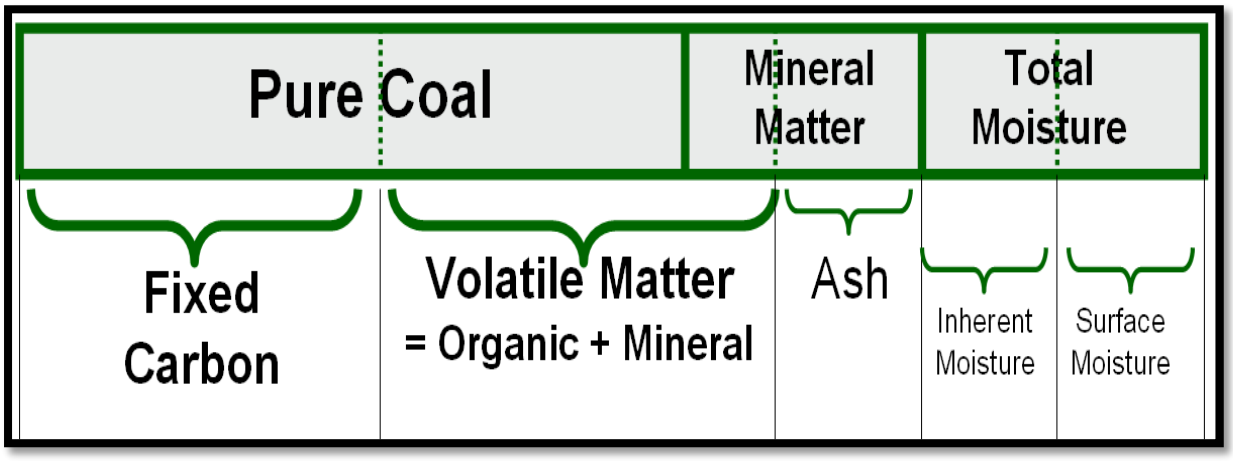


Fig.1.1. Composition of coal

1.1.3 TYPES OF COAL

Coal can be classified on basis of geological processes of decomposition of dead biotic material over a period of time as follows-

Lignite: Lignite is a low grade brown coal, which has high moisture content and lowest energy content. Lignite coal is a young coal deposits that were not subjected to extreme heat or pressure. The principal lignite reserves are in Neyveli in Tamil Nadu and are used for generation of electricity.

Subbituminous coal: It has a higher heating value than lignite. Subbituminous coal typically contains 35-45 %carbon, compared to 25-35 % for lignite.

Bituminous Coal: The deep buried coal subjected to increased temperatures is bituminous coal. It is the most popularly utilized coal in commercial use. Metallurgical coal is high grade bituminous coal which has a special value for smelting iron in blast furnaces.

Anthracite: Anthracite is the highest quality hard coal. In India coal occurs in rock series of two main geological ages, namely Gondwana, which ages 200 million years and in tertiary deposits which are only about 55 million years old.

1.1.4 GRADING OF COAL

According to the Indian Ministry of Coal, the gradation of non-coking coal is based on Gross Calorific Value (GCV), the gradation of coking coal is based on ash content and for semi coking /weakly coking coal it is based on ash and moisture content(Source: Ministry Of Coal, Government of India).

A. Grades of Coking Coal

Table 1.1 Grading of coking coal

GRADE	**ASH CONTENT**
Steel Grade -I	Not exceeding 15%
Steel Grade- II	15% - 18%
Washery Grade-I	18% - 21%
Washery Grade -II	21% - 24%
Washery Grade -III	24% -28%
Washery Grade –IV	28% - 35%
Washery Grade –V	35% - 42%
Washery Grade –VI	42% - 49%

B. Grades of Semi-coking and Weakly Coking Coal

Table 1.2 Grading of semi coking coal

GRADE	**ASH+ MOISTURE**
Semi coking grade –I	Not exceeding 19%
Semi coking grade -II	19%-24%

C. Grades of Non-coking Coal

Table 1.3 Grading of non-coking coal

GCV BAND (K.Cal./Kg.)	GRADE
Exceeding 7000	G-1
6700-7000	G-2
6400-6700	G-3
6100-6400	G-4
5800-6100	G-5
5500-5800	G-6
5200-5500	G-7
4900-5200	G-8
4600-4900	G-9
4300-4600	G-10
4000-4300	G-11
3700-4000	G-12
3400-3700	G-13
3100-3400	G-14
2800-3100	G-15
2500-3100	G-16
2200-2500	G-17

1.1.5 APPLICATIONS OF COAL

The uses of coal in various sectors are as follows:

- Electricity Generation

Power generation is the primary use for coal worldwide. Here, coal is burnt to create steam that drives turbines and generators for the production of electricity.

❖ Metal Production

Metallurgical (coking) coal is a key ingredient in steelmaking. Coal converted to coke is used to produce around 70% of the world's steel. Coal is also widely used in the production of other metals including aluminium and copper.

❖ Cement Production

Coal is used as a key energy source in cement production. By-products of coal combustion such as fly ash also play an important role in cement manufacture and the wider construction industry.

❖ Chemical And Pharmaceutical Industries

Many chemical products are manufactured from the by-products of coal. Refined coal tar is used to make chemicals such as creosote oil, naphthalene, phenol and benzene.

❖ Other Industries

Other major users of coal include the paper, textile and glass industries. Coal is also used in the manufacture of carbon fibre and specialist ingredients such as silicon metals, which are used to produce ingredients for the household and personal care sectors.

1.1.7 COAL ANALYSIS METHODOLOGIES

The chemical and physical composition of coal can be analyzed according to International and national standards coal analyses guidelines i.e. American Society for Testing and Materials standards for coal analyses (ASTM). The Quality of coal can be determined by two ways

i) Proximity analysis
ii) Ultimate analysis

i. Proximity Analysis Of Coal

The proximity analysis gives the amount of gross impurities present in the coal sample . This method is used to determine moisture content, volatile matter, ash content and fixed carbon of coal (J. G. Speight, 2005).

a) Moisture Content

The heating of coal at a temperature slightly above the boiling point of water causes a loss of weight from the sample that is defined as moisture. The moisture content of coal ranges from about 5% to almost 70%. Moisture is an undesirable constituent of coals because it reduces the heating value .The moisture of air-dried, finely powdered coal sample was determined by heating accurately weighed quantity of a sample in a silica crucible at 105^0 – 110^oC for 1 hour in an electric oven. The loss in the weight of sample is found out by the difference in weights. The percentage of moisture was calculated as

$$\text{Percentage of moisture} = \frac{Loss\ in\ weight\ of\ the\ sample}{Weight\ of\ air-dried\ sample} \times 100$$

b) Volatile Matter

Volatile matter (VM) in coal refers to the thermally decomposed product which liberates upon heating coal at high temperature in the absence of air. The percentage of volatile matter is determined by heating an accurately weighed air-

dried coal sample in a silica crucible covered with lid. The heating is carried out at 925 ± 5°C in a furnace for exactly seven minutes in the absence of air.

$$\text{Percentage of volatile matter} = \frac{Loss\ in\ weight\ of\ the\ sample}{Weight\ of\ air{-}dried\ sample} \times 100\% \text{ - moisture \%}$$

c) Ash content

Ash is residue obtained after complete combustion of coal, which consists of CaO, MgO, SiO2, Al2O3 and etc. The coal sample whose volatile matter was found was then heated in a furnace at 725 -750°C without lid for 1 hour. Cooled and weighed. Process of ignition, cooling and weighing was repeated till combustion is complete which is indicated by constant weight of the residue.

$$\text{Percentage of Ash} = \frac{Weight\ of\ ash(residue)}{Weight\ of\ dried\ sample} \times 100$$

d) Fixed Carbon

The Fixed carbon in coal is the amount of carbon that remains in the coal sample after volatile matter is driven off. The fixed carbon in the coal can be calculated as follows

$$\text{Percentage of fixed carbon} = 100 - (\text{moisture\%} + \text{volatile matter\%} + \text{ash\%})$$

Quality of coal depends on Percentage of fixed carbon; it should be as high as possible. Fixed carbon varies inversely with volatile matter. More the percentage of fixed carbon, higher is the calorific value.

1.2 PROCEDURE

1.2.1 DETERMINATION OF MOISTURE

* Take the given sample (Raw coal-Head sample).
* Take the empty weight of the crucible and note the value.
* The given sample (Raw coal-Head sample) of 0.5000-0.5050g is taken.
* Note the value by weighing the sample approximately.
* And the sample is placed in the oven for 1 hour at 100°c.
* After heating the sample cool for few minutes and then note the sample weight.

1.2.2 DETERMINATION OF ASH

* Take the given sample (Raw coal-Head sample).
* Take the empty weight of the crucible and note the value.
* The given sample (Raw coal-Head sample) of 0.5000-0.5050g is taken.
* Note the value by weighing the sample approximately.
* And the sample is placed in the Furnace for 2 1/2 hour at 900°c.
* After heating the sample cool for few minutes and then note the sample weight.

1.2.3 DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER

* Take the given sample (Raw coal-Head sample).
* Take the empty weight of the crucible and note the value.
* The given sample (Raw Coal-Head sample) of 0.5000-0.5050g is taken.
* Note the value by weighing the sample approximately.
* And the sample is placed in the Furnace for 7 minutes at 900°c.
* After heating the sample cool for few minutes and then note the sample weight.

CALCULATIONS

1. A-B/C × 100 A = 18.1547

MOISTURE %

1. A-B/C × 100 A = 18.1547
B = 18.1501
A-B = 0.0046 C = 0.5022
A-B/C = 0.0091
A-B/C × 100 = 0.9159

2.A-B/C × 100
A = 25.3391
A-B = 0.0058 B = 25.3333
A-B/C = 0.0115 C = 0.5031
A-B/C × 100 = 1.1528

ASH %

1. D-C/A × 100 D = 25.4426
C = 25.2989
D-C = 0.1437 A = 0.5004
D-C/A = 0.2871
D-C/A × 100 = 28.7170

2. D-C/A × 100 D = 24.2882
C = 24.1438
D-C = 0.1444 A = 0.5034
D-C/A = 0.2868
D-C/A × 100 = 28.6849

VOLATILE MATTER %

1. $\frac{[M2 - M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 - M$

$\frac{[M2 - M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 = 21.8715$

M1 = 15.1107
M2 = 16.112
M3 = 15.8927
(M) % = 0.9159

$\frac{[M2 - M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 - M = 20.9841$

2. $\frac{[M2 - M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 - M$

$\frac{[M2-M3]}{[M2-M1]} \times 100 = 21.7378$

M1 = 15.0054
M2 = 16.0101
M3 = 15.7917
(M) % = 1.1528

$\frac{[M2- M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 - M = 20.5850$

Fixed carbon %

100 - (Ash %+Moisture %+Volatile matter %)

1. 100 - (28.7170+0.9159+20.9856)

   100 - 50.6185 = 49.3815

   Fixed carbon = 49.3815 %

2. 100 - (Ash %+Moisture %+Volatile matter %)

   100 -(28.6894+1.1528+20.5850)

   100 - 50.4227 = 49.5773

   Fixed carbon = 49.5773 %

1.4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Moisture %

Sample Name: (Raw Sample- Head Sample)

Empty weight	Sample weight(C)	Total weight before (A)	Total weight after (B)	Moisture % A-B/C×100
1. 17.6525	0.5022	18.1547	18.1501	0.9159
2. 24.8360	0.5031	25.3391	25.3333	1.1528

Ash %

Empty weight(C)	Sample weight(A)	Total weight before	Total weight after (D)	Ash % D-C/A×100
1. 25.2989	0.5004	25.7993	25.4426	28.7170
2. 24.1438	0.5034	24.6472	24.2882	28.6894

volatile matter %

Empty weight	sample weight	Total weight before (M2)	Total weight after (M3)	Volatile matter % $\frac{M2-M3}{M2-M1}$ ×100-M
1. 15.1107	1.0013	16.1124	15.8927	20.9841
2, 15.0054	1.0047	16.0101	15.7917	20.5850

Fixed carbon %

Ash %	Moisture %	volatile matter %	Fixed carbon 100-(Ash %+Moisture % +volatile matter %)
1. 28.7170	0.9159	20.9856	49.3815
2. 28. 6849	1.1528	20.5850	49.5773

1.5 CONCLUSION

* From the given sample the moisture percentage obtained = (I)0.9159%
(II)1.1528%

* From the given sample the ash percentage obtained = (I)28.7170%
(II) 28.6849%

* From the given sample the volatile matter percentage obtained =(I) 20.9856%
(II) 20.5850%

* From the given sample the fixed carbon percentage obtained =(I) 49.3815%
(II) 49.5773%

CHAPTER 2

INSTRUMENTAL TECHNIQUES

2.1. UV-VISIBLE SPECTROPHOTOMETER(ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY):

The principle of UV- Visible spectrophotometer is that the greater the number of molecules capable of absorbing light of a given wavelength, the greater the extent of light absorption. Furthermore, the more effectively a molecule absorbs light of a given wavelength, the greater the extent of light absorption. From these guiding ideas, the following empirical expression, known as the Beer–Lambert Law, may be formulated.

$$A = \log(I_0/I) = ecl$$

Where,

A = absorbance

I_0 = intensity of light incident upon sample cell

I = intensity of light leaving sample cell

c = molar concentration of solute

l = length of sample cell (cm)

e = molar absorptivity

The term log (I_0/I) is also known as the absorbance (or the optical density in older literature) and may be represented by A. The molar absorptivity (formerly known as the molar extinction coefficient) is a property of the molecule undergoing an electronic transition and is not a function of the variable parameters involved in preparing a solution. The size of the absorbing system and the probability that the electronic transition will take place control the absorptivity, which ranges from 0 to 106. Values above 104 are termed high-

intensity absorptions, while values below 103 are low-intensity absorptions. Forbidden transitions have absorptivities in the range from 0 to 1000.

The Beer–Lambert Law is rigorously obeyed when a single species gives rise to the observed absorption. The law may not be obeyed, however, when different forms of the absorbing molecule are in equilibrium, when solute and solvent form complexes through some sort of association, when thermal equilibrium exists between the ground electronic state and a low-lying excited state, or when fluorescent compounds or compounds changed by irradiation are present.

2.1.2. WORKING PRINCIPLE

The typical ultraviolet–visible spectrophotometer consists of a light source, a monochromator and a detector. The light source is usually a deuterium lamp, which emits electromagnetic radiation in the ultraviolet region of the spectrum. A second light source, a tungsten lamp, is used for wavelengths in the visible region of the spectrum. The monochromator is a diffraction grating and its role is to spread the beam of light into its component wavelengths. A system of slits focuses the desired wavelength on the sample cell. The light that passes through the sample cell reaches the detector, which records the intensity of the transmitted light I. The detector is generally a photomultiplier tube, although in modern instruments photodiodes are also used. In a typical double-beam instrument, the light emanating from the light source is split into two beams, the sample beam and the reference beam. When there is no sample cell in the reference beam, the detected light is taken to be equal to the intensity of light entering the sample I_0.



Fig.2.1 UV-Visible Spectrophotometer

Model: UV-160A, Manufacturer: Shimadzu Corporation

The sample cell must be constructed of a material that is transparent to the electromagnetic radiation being used in the experiment. For spectra in the visible range of the spectrum, cells composed of glass or plastic are generally suitable. For measurements in the ultraviolet region of the spectrum, however, glass and plastic cannot be used because they absorb ultraviolet radiation. Instead, cells made of quartz must be used since quartz does not absorb radiation in this region.

The instrument design just described is quite suitable for measurement at only one wavelength. If a complete spectrum is desired, this type of instrument has some deficiencies. A mechanical system is required to rotate the monochromator and provide a scan of all desired wavelengths. This type of system operates slowly, and therefore considerable time is required to record a spectrum. A modern improvement on the traditional spectrophotometer is the diode-array spectrophotometer. A diode array consists of a series of photodiode detectors positioned side by side on a silicon crystal. Each diode is designed to

record a narrow band of the spectrum. The diodes are connected so that the entire spectrum is recorded at once. This type of detector has no moving parts and can record spectra very quickly. Furthermore, its output can be passed to a computer, which can process the information and provide a variety of useful output formats. Since the number of photodiodes is limited, the speed and convenience described here are obtained at some small cost in resolution. For many applications, however, the advantages of this type of instrument outweigh the loss of resolution.

2.1.3 SAMPLE ANALYSIS

By the use of wavelength selector in the spectrophotometer, the light then passes through a sample. For all analyses, measuring a reference sample, often referred to as the "blank sample", such as a cuvette filled with a similar solvent used to prepare the sample. If an aqueous buffered solution containing the sample is used for measurements, then the aqueous buffered solution without the substance of interest is used as the reference. The reference sample signal is then later used automatically by the instrument to help obtain the true absorbance values of the analytes.

The quartz sample holders are required for UV examination because quartz is transparent to the majority of UV light. Air may also be thought of as a filter because wavelengths of light shorter than about 200 nm are absorbed by molecular oxygen in the air. A special and more expensive setup is required for measurements with wavelengths shorter than 200 nm, usually involving an optical system filled with pure argon gas. Cuvette-free systems are also available that enable the analysis of very small sample volumes, for example in DNA or RNA analyses.

2.1.4 THE ORIGIN OF UV BAND STRUCTURE

For an atom that absorbs in the ultraviolet, the absorption spectrum sometimes consists of very sharp lines, as would be expected for a quantized process occurring between two discrete energy levels. For molecules, however, the UV absorption usually occurs over a wide range of wavelengths because molecules (as opposed to atoms) normally have many excited modes of vibration and rotation at room temperature. In fact, the vibration of molecules cannot be completely "frozen out" even at absolute zero. Consequently, a collection of molecules generally has its members in many states of vibrational and rotational excitation. The energy levels for these states are quite closely spaced, corresponding to energy differences considerably smaller than those of electronic levels. The rotational and vibrational levels are thus "superimposed" on the electronic levels. A molecule may therefore undergo electronic and vibrational–rotational excitation simultaneously. Because there are so many possible transitions, each differing from the others by only a slight amount, each electronic transition consists of a vast number of lines spaced so closely that the spectrophotometer cannot resolve them. Rather, the instrument traces an "envelope" over the entire pattern. What is observed from these types of combined transitions is that the UV spectrum of a molecule usually consists of a broad band of absorption centered near the wavelength of the major transition.

2.1.5 APPLICATIONS OF UV SPECTROSCOPY

- Detection of Impurities

It is one of the best methods for the determination of impurities in organic molecules. Additional peaks can be observed due to impurities in the sample and it can be compared with that of standard raw material. By also measuring the absorbance at a specific wavelength, the impurities can be detected.

- Structure elucidation of organic compounds

It is useful in the structure elucidation of organic molecules, such as in detecting the presence or absence of unsaturation, the presence of heteroatoms.

- UV absorption spectroscopy can be used for the quantitative determination of compounds that absorb UV radiation. UV absorption spectroscopy can characterize those types of compounds that absorb UV radiation thus used in the qualitative determination of compounds. Identification is done by comparing the absorption spectrum with the spectra of known compounds. This technique is used to detect the presence or absence of a functional group in the compound. The absence of a band at a particular wavelength is regarded as evidence for the absence of particular group.
- Kinetics of reaction can also be studied using UV spectroscopy. The UV radiation is passed through the reaction cell and the absorbance changes can be observed. Many drugs are either in the form of raw material or in the form of the formulation. They can be assayed by making a suitable solution of the drug in a solvent and measuring the absorbance at a specific wavelength.
- Molecular weights of compounds can be measured spectrophotometrically by preparing the suitable derivatives of these compounds.
- UV spectrophotometer may be used as a detector for HPLC.

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Industry profile

FOAMS INDIA BED PRODUCTS is 100% natural latex foam manufacturing company situated in Thiruverdkadu, Chennai. They are one of the leading producers of Rubber foam Mattresses, Pillows, Cushions and Slabs confirming to comfort, Safety and Durability.

The products are anti - allergic and keep you warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

Independent tests prove that their latex foam is three time more resistant to dust, mites and bacteria than ordinary mattress. Foam mattress can last up to 20 years and No problem of sagging and no inconvenience. It conforms to the contours of the body creating a cushion and no pressure point are caused during rest .

INTRODUCTION:

History of Latex

Natural rubber originates from the rubber tree, Hevea brasiliensis. During his second journey to Central America in 1493, the explorer Christopher Columbus was the first European to come across rubber. The Maya, who had been living in the Amazon region for centuries, had long been extracting the white sap from these slender trees, which can grow up to thirty metres tall. At the time of Columbus, they were using it to make balls and toys.

The name Rubber

A major breakthrough occurred in 1770, when chemist Joseph Priestley noticed that lines drawn with a pencil can be removed using rubber. That is how the name ‘rubber’ – derived from the English verb ‘to rub out’ – came to be used.

The background of rubber

In 1839, Charles Goodyear discovered that the properties of rubber can be greatly improved by heating it with a small percentage of sulphur. This process is called vulcanisation. When rubber is vulcanised, it retains its elasticity but becomes stronger and less sticky.

Vulcanised rubber could be reinforced even further by adding other materials such as soot. Goodyear had discovered the process of vulcanisation by accident when a mixture of rubber and sulphur happened to land on the stove in his workshop and he noticed the result. Following his discovery, rubber trees were planted on a large scale in countries all over the tropics, such as India, Ceylon and Indonesia.

Thanks to these plantations, rubber products became available worldwide. Goodyear applied for a patent for his discovery in June 1844.

Extraction of the white sap

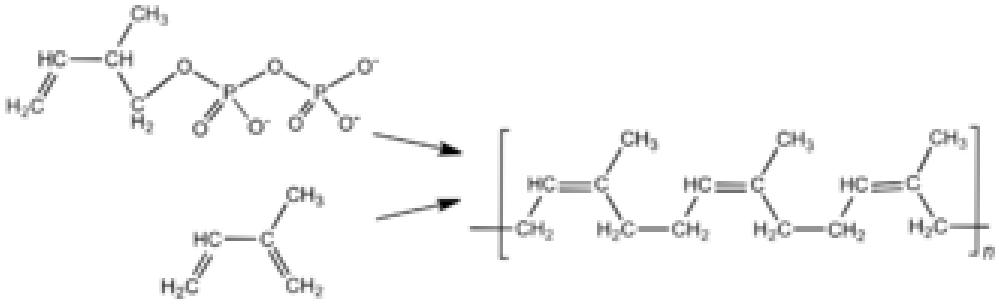
The milky sap of Hevea brasiliensis is extracted by making a groove through the bark into the cambium layer. The veins of latex are cut through so that the sap flows out. Collection trays are suspended under each groove so that the milky white sap can be collected.

About 30% of the collected sap consists of rubber. A number of steps need to be taken to extract the rubber from the sap. The latex must first be filtered and diluted with water, after which the mixture is treated with acid so that the rubber particles coagulate.

The coagulated rubber is then rolled into thin slices in a drum. At this point, the rubber still contains too much protein; these proteins may start to rot and must therefore be removed.

The sheets are smoked in a dedicated chamber to remove the proteins, leaving brown, smoked sheets. These are stacked into bales and transported to rubber mixing mills.

STRUCTURE



Latex is the polymer cis-1,4-polyisoprene – with a molecular weight of 100,000 to 1,000,000 daltons. Typically, a small percentage (up to 5% of dry mass) of other materials, such as proteins, fatty acids, resins, and inorganic materials (salts) are found in natural rubber.

Polyisoprene can also be created synthetically, producing what is sometimes referred to as "synthetic natural rubber", but the synthetic and natural routes are distinct.

Some natural rubber sources, such as gutta-percha, are composed of trans-1,4-polyisoprene, a structural isomer that has similar properties. Natural rubber is an elastomer and a thermoplastic.

Cultivation of latex

Latex is a milky-white liquid sap that comes from the rubber tree. It consists of rubber particles, water and little contents of resins, sugar and ash. Due to its high elasticity.

it is used to make rubber and other related products such as shoes, balloons, gloves, mattresses and many more. In fact, latex is one of the best natural materials to make mattresses because of its intrinsic characteristics: elastic, anti-dust mite and mould resistant.

Natural latex is extracted from the Hevea Brasilienesis rubber tree as mentioned above and requires precise skill when harvesting latex from the tree barks.

A worker cuts a strip of the bark halfway around the tree, about 0.84cm deep allowing the latex to exude into a collecting vessel for some hours about six hours. Large amount of organic latex is required to make a single mattress, for a king size.

It would take at least a whole day's output of 12 acres of rubber trees. Important to note that harvesting the sap does not harm the tree. After the sap is collected, the tree bark heals quickly.

The trees can yield latex milk for up to 25 to 30 years. After that, the trees are felled to be used for other purposes such as furniture and new trees can be replanted.

Executive summary

As this is all about the latex foam production ,There are certain fundamental steps in the production of latex foam rubber,

(1) The foaming of the compounded latex by the introduction of air or other latex.

(2) The gelling of foamed latex in a suitable mould to give a sheet material.

(3) The vulcanization process of the rubber.

Basically there are two types of methods for the production of latex foam such as Dunlop and Talalay . Foams india employ Dunlop method.

The DUNLOP method

If pure natural latex is used, the latex “milk” is mixed with the required chemicals. Once matured, the compound is foamed up with a mechanical mixer (SBR-latex can be foamed up without maturing) and filled into metal molds. A gelling agent is added to the mixture, to generate a fast reaction that stabilizes the foam structure. The molds are then placed in a steam oven or tunnel to vulcanize the cores. Since foamed products are good thermal insulators, the molds are fitted with a large number of pins to transfer the heat into the foam itself. Once vulcanized, the pillow or mattress core is stripped, washed, dried and is finally ready for sale.

The several operations involved in this method of making latex foam is as follows,

- De ammonization of latex
- latex compounding
- Mixing
- Moulding
- Vulcanization
- Washing and drying

The Talalay method

The Talalay process is a bit more involved. It was developed in the 1940s and has been tweaked over the decades. Here is the modern process,

- Liquid latex extract is mechanically whipped to form a frothy foam
- The foam is injected into a mold; however, the mold is filled only partially
- The filled mold is vacuum-sealed, which causes the latex to expand
- The filled mold is then frozen rapidly, pushing carbon dioxide through the latex
- The frozen material is baked to set
- The latex is removed from the mold, washed, and dried

The Talalay process is designed to produce softer, fluffier latex with a more homogenous consistency. The resulting foam is softer and much less dense, which makes it well-suited for comfort layers, but not ideal for support cores.

Differences Between Dunlop and Talalay Latex in Mattresses

The main difference between these two foams is that Dunlop is firmer and more dense, while Talalay is softer, less dense and more homogenous in nature. When it comes to mattresses, here are the most noticeable differences between Talalay and Dunlop

Durability

Dunlop is generally considered to be more durable than Talalay latex. This is due to the much higher density of Dunlop. With that said, both versions are exceptionally durable when compared to most other mattress materials.

Cost

Dunlop is generally less expensive to manufacture, mostly because the process is far less intensive. This can often be reflected in the final price of new mattresses, although the difference in price-points is generally small.

Feel

Generally speaking, Dunlop latex is firmer and more dense than Talalay latex. Often, this means that Dunlop is used for the support core in latex mattresses, while Talalay is reserved for top comfort layers. However, both versions can be engineered to a variety of firmness levels.

Temperature Neutrality

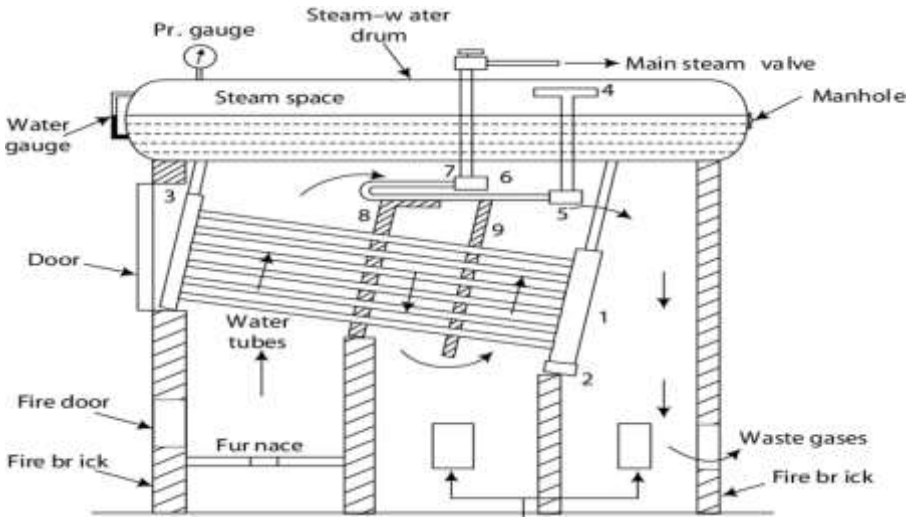
Talalay latex is generally more breathable than Dunlop latex, as it is less dense, and allows for better airflow. This results in Talalay offering slightly better temperature neutrality in most circumstances.
Environmental Sustainability

Latex in general, regardless of the manufacturing process, is considered to be more sustainable than alternatives such as memory foam. It's naturally derived from a sustainable source, and it's more durable than alternatives, offering a lower environmental cost in the long run.

The Dunlop process is slightly less energy-intensive, so it may be somewhat more sustainable than Talalay.

Both manufacturing processes can produce high-quality, durable, and comfortable latex. Ultimately, the overall quality of the mattress and the reputation of the manufacturer are typically more important than whether the bed utilizes Talalay or Dunlop latex.

Boiler operations



Water tube boilers pass water through the tubes, which are then heated externally by hot gas from the furnace flue gas. The heated water rises into a steam drum, where it can then be reheated by a superheater to achieve even higher steam temperatures - this superheated steam is a dry gas most commonly used to drive turbine engines used in thermal power stations.

As we know one of the latest advances in steam production technology is the use of water tube boilers .

This type of boiler is distinct from conventional boilers that use a fire tube system. Water tube boilers are more efficient than fire tube boilers ,generating more steam but using less fuel and they are much safer than fire tube boilers and easier to manage when it comes to routine inspections an maintenance.

I believe using a water tube boiler for this manufacturing process it’s a brilliant idea as its overall efficiency with an economizer is up to 90% and it occupies less space moreover it happens to be very low maintenance costs.

MANUFACTURING PROCESS

(1) Preparation of latex compound :

Natural rubber latex is used for foam productions. The compounding is done in two stages. The gelling process is dependent on pH reduction and its desirable therefore that the ammonium concentration of the latex is adjusted to a controlled level, usually 0.2-0.25%

When a high ammonia natural latex is used, it is necessary to reduce the ammonia to this level prior to compound preparation. This is achieved by stirring the latex with an air steam over the surface During this process , a small amount (0.25-0.5%) of potassium oleate can advantageously be added to minimize any risk of destabilization .

Deammoniated latex is compounded by adding Sulphur ,ZDC ,ZMBT and antioxidant dispersions are allowed to mature for 24 hours .

Followed by this to the matured latex compound ,the ingredients are added as per the second stage compounding during the course of the foaming operations .Zinc Oxide, DPG and sodium silico fluoride dispersions need not be added at this stage.

(2) Foaming process :

Potassium oleate is first added in to the latex compound and is weighed into the bow of a planetary mixer with the whip rotating at a very high speed so as to expand the foam and raise it to the required height as rapidly as possible As the density of the finished product depends directly on the forth density and therefore the forth height it is measured accurately.

After attainment of the required height , the whip speed is reduced o comminute the bubbles and refine the forth without further reducing the density and the filler paste is added just before the required volume is reached it is basically required accordingly.

Zinc oxide and sodium silico fluoride are used as gelling agent and DPG is used a s secondary gelling agent. A measured amount of zinc oxide dispersion and DPG dispersion are added to the bowl and stirred in to the forth followed by a measured quantity of sodium silico fluoride dispersion after a further period of blending and the liquid sensitized, froth is pured from the bowl into a mould .

Through mechanical agitation in the presence of air in the planetary mixer the foaming of the latex compound is achieved.

(3) Molding :

In the process the molds used are usually made from cast aluminum the lids containing the familiar domed cavity formers. This type of cast aluminum alloy molds combine the desired properties of good heat transfer ,resistance to corrosion ,lightness and smooth surface to facilitate striping.

Each mold is conditioned to ensure that its temperature is uniform and constant, generally about 40- 50°C an treated with a mould release agent . There are many alternative mould release agent employed ,out of the most widely used are aqueous solutions of sodium carboxy methyl cellulose or medium molecular weight polyethylene glycols or a mixture of both.

To Ensure good demolding the mold release solution should be applied evenly and uniformly.

According to the inches the moulds differs accordingly, if the mattress is about 3 inches multicore mould is applied and for two inches mattress pincore mould is applied .

(4) Foam gelling :

After settling the foam in to the mould and positioned the lid, a short interval allowed before the mould passes in to the curing chamber. During the interval, zinc oxide and sodium silico fluoride adding them bring about gelation of the foam.

The addition of gelling agent is adjusted so that gelation is complete in about 5-10 minutes. Control of the gelling reactions is vital for good foam production .Mould temperatures are usually controlled to 30-35°C for the pan and 40-45°C for the lids .

If something goes wrong about maintaining the mould temperatures can lead to defects which includes loose skin or thick skin on the surface of the product**.**

(5) Curing process :

The moulds pass in to a curing chamber where they are exposed to live stream at atmospheric pressure for 20 to 30 minutes the time duration is all depends on the thickness of the product.

As the thin sheet requires less time and the thick sheet requires more time after the process though the foam is not fully cured but it is strong enough to allow the lid to be automatically opened and the product is removed from the mould and the surface which is interior is sprayed with mould lubricant.

(6) Washing and drying process :

As the foam may contain number of water soluble non rubber constituents such as soap which could lead to poor ageing, bad odour and poor resilience so it is necessary to get this contaminants removed so the process shall go ahead with passing the moulding through a series of roller and water is sprayed simultaneously to clean it effectively and the containing water Is removed by a squeeze rolling machine.

It is followed by the drying process in which the foam containing less moisture after coming through the squeeze roller the wet products are placed in an open mesh conveyer which passes through a chamber with hot sir circulation.

The temperatures are generally between 100-110°C and the drying time is about 1 to 2 hours . The drying temperature should not exceed more than 110°C if it happens it might lead to charring of dry foam.

(7) Defects and Remedies :

If there happens to be a defect there should be a possible cause and the remedies which already kept as suggested for it, so in case of defects those remedies shall be applied.

If the defect happens to be like Coarse structure and rat holes the cause should be the gelation at a low ph so increasing pf secondary gelation agent shall help it .

when it is like loose skin due to the insufficient gelling agent or cold mould increasing gelling agent and using warm mould shall help as a good remedy

Flow marks or splitting in the centre due to gelation is too hot using cooler mould than before will help it

when it is foam collapse before gelation due to the poor foam stability increasing foam stabilization and gelling agent shall act as a remedy and help it.

Though there are possible cause and remedies for it is already been sorted out it is very rare or no chance of a defect as the whole Manufacturing process is monitored with great care.

Benefits of latex mattress

Natural latex beds are preferable to synthetic and blended latex for their eco-friendliness, durability, and health benefits.

1. Pain Relieving

The gentle cushioning and buoyant support of latex foam mattresses are especially beneficial for sleepers with back and joint pain.

Latex foam softly cradles heavy body parts, such as the hips and shoulders. This light contouring provides pressure relief near the joints and lower back, while latex's natural elasticity maintains natural spinal alignment by gently supporting lighter areas, like the neck and back.

2. Hypoallergenic and Low Maintenance

If a bed is not continually cleaned, microorganisms, such as bacteria, fungi, and viruses can easily collect on the top of the mattress and cause mold, mildew, and dust mites.

This results in bedroom allergies and an unsafe sleeping environment. However, latex is naturally antimicrobial, meaning it repels harmful microorganisms, making latex an excellent choice for people with year-round allergies or anyone too tight on time to sanitize their mattress.

3. Eco-friendly

As mentioned above, natural latex is refined from the sap of the rubber tree. The trees are not cut down or damaged during this process and can produce sap for up to 30 years.

Therefore, the processing of latex mattresses encourages tree growth and is extremely sustainable. Natural latex is also biodegradable, ensuring it won't sit in a landfill for years.

Although harvesting latex is a sustainable process, latex mattresses are not always manufactured responsibly. Some manufacturers use chemicals harmful to our health and environment.

A GREENGUARD Gold, OEKO-TEX Standard 100, eco-INSTITUT, or GOLS certification will guarantee the mattress is primarily composed of natural materials and safe for use. We will further discuss these certifications later.

4. Breathable

Natural latex foam has an open-cell structure to permit constant airflow. The foam layers are also constructed with pinholes, enhancing breathability. Most importantly, chemicals found in synthetic materials retain body heat and natural latex mattresses contain little to no additives.

If you want an especially cool mattress, opt for a breathable cover made from cotton or wool.

5. Durable

Natural latex mattresses are best known for their long-term comfort. High-quality latex mattresses have an average lifespan of 12 to 20 years—significantly longer than other types of mattresses. The resiliency of natural rubber is often credited for this longevity. A natural latex mattress effortlessly bounces back once the pressure is removed, maintaining its original shape over years of use.

QUALITY CONTROL OPERATIONS

The Compression Set test is conducted which involves compressing a test sample to half its original thickness for 22 hours at an elevated temperatures of 158°F and then allowing it to decompress.

The greater the loss of thickness, the more likely the material is to take an impression over time.

The Impact test is conducted its about the weight of 45 pounds is dropped repeatedly on the mattress core for 24 hours. The core is allowed to recover for 24 hours, then its firmness is measured again.

The greater the loss of firmness from the first measurement to the second indicates how likely the material is to break down over time.

It is necessary to check whether the final products are within the specifications and also incase of the needs for corrective actions is the manufacturing process.

TECHNOLOGICAL SUGESSTIONS

Instead of using a normal dryer making use of a radio frequency dryer in the manufacturing process shall help with the more production and also in a less time as it is high energy transfer efficiency, uniform heating within the product, reduced equipment dimension and better preservation of sensorial, chemical and physical characteristics of the product.

The major advantage is that it gives thorough, consistent drying in less time and also occupies less space.

In addition to these following advantages are prominent:

1. Faster Drying
2. Faster Production
3. Decreased Labor Production
4. Less work in progress
5. Energy Saving
6. Less Down Time
7. Lower Maintenance
8. Space savings

So I believe though it is way too expensive, but shall help with the production rate and the time as well.

Dry Rubber Content (DRC) TEST

As we know Centrifuged latex is today available commercially in two different verities with high ammonia (min. 0.7% of ammonia) and low ammonia (max. 0.3% of ammonia). ... High Ammonia (HA) -Foam products, dipped goods, adhesives, elastic thread, household and industrial gloves, balloons, rubber bands and finger caps.

It contains 60% Dry Rubber Content (DRC) It is a general purpose latex widely used in many latex applications mainly foams.

Separate the preserved field latex into two fractions , one containing the concentrated latex of more than 60% dry rubber content and the other containing 4-8% dry rubber in other words (skim latex)

Skim latex is generally coagulated with sulphuric acid , made in crepe, dried marketed as skim rubber ,which is basically low grade rubber.

It is calculated but taking 10ml of latex and adding up

CH_2O_2 + CH_3COOH

(formic acid) (Acetic acid)

◉ W1 / W2 x 100

→ W1- Weight of the wet of the latex

→ W2- Dry weight of the latex.

Ammonia content test

Ammonia is used to stabilize latex and prevent premature coagulation in rubber during transportation to the factory so it is necessary to check the ammonia content in order to pursue with the next steps of manufacturing.

Ammonia content test is followed by taking 10g of latex as a 4 batch from 100g of latex milk .

So it happens to be a four set of samples and the concordant value shall be observed.

The concentrated hydrochloric acid is taken as the burette solution with 0.1% Normality and the Indicator is methyl red solution with (0.1% alcohol) added as 6 drops to the 250ml beaker and the appearance of pale pink white is the end point of the titration

◉ 1. 7 x N x V / W

→ N- Normality of hcl

→ V- Volume of the hcl

→ W- Weight of latex in grams.

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- Development of value added products from mineral/mines wastes/rejects.

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1.1. INTRODUCTION

1.1.1. COAL

One of the most abundant and widely distributed fossil fuel is coal. Coal is a carbon rich material that occurs in the stratified sedimentary deposits. Coal is a heterogeneous material composed of organic and inorganic substances. It is formed from vegetarian, that was consolidated between rock strata and converted by the combined effects of pressure and heat over million of year to form coal. However in recent years, due to the volatility in oil and increase in natural gas cost; coal has gained more interest and is been used as the primary source of raw material for chemical industry.

It is commercially mined in more than 50 countries. On an average the annual world coal consumption is about 5800 million tons of which about 75% is used for electricity production. The significance uses of coal includes steal production, cements manufacture and as a liquid fuel. The Carboniferous period marks the period of formation of coal which is also known as the first coal age. But the major coal deposits were formed 270-350 million years ago (i.e. Upper Carboniferous period). The geochemical process that transformed plant debris to coal is called coalification and is expressed as follows.

Peat → Lignite → Subbituminous Coal → Bituminous Coal → Anthracite

1.1.2 COMPONENTS OF COAL

The components of coal includes volatile matter is composed of aliphatic carbon atoms or aromatic hydrocarbons and mineral matter. Ash consists of inorganic matter from the earth's crust like limestone, iron, aluminum, clay, silica, and trace elements (concentrations of less than 1000 ppm [<0.1% of a rock's composition] of zinc, copper, boron, lead, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, selenium)

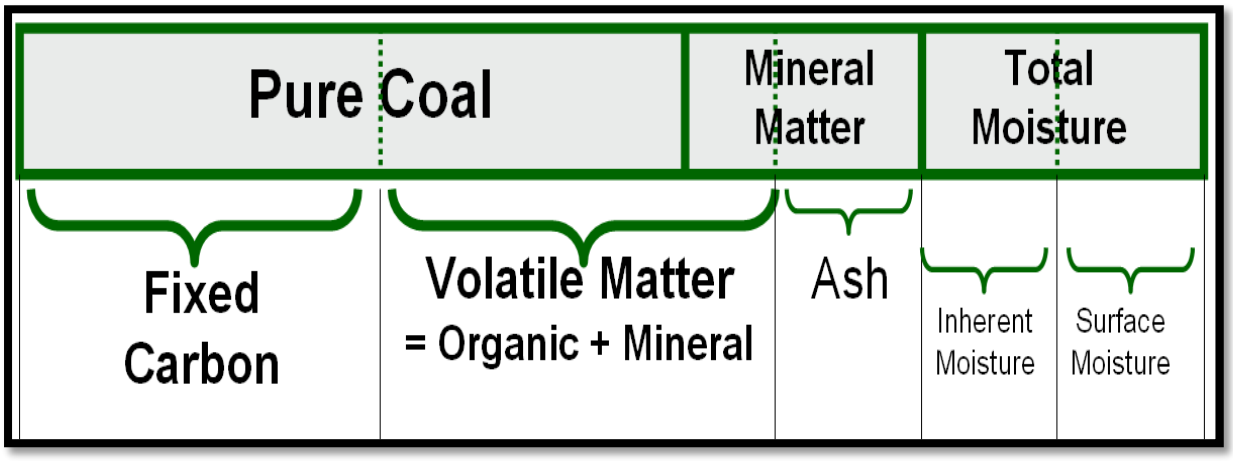


Fig.1.1. Composition of coal

1.1.3 TYPES OF COAL

Coal can be classified on basis of geological processes of decomposition of dead biotic material over a period of time as follows-

Lignite: Lignite is a low grade brown coal, which has high moisture content and lowest energy content. Lignite coal is a young coal deposits that were not subjected to extreme heat or pressure. The principal lignite reserves are in Neyveli in Tamil Nadu and are used for generation of electricity.

Subbituminous coal: It has a higher heating value than lignite. Subbituminous coal typically contains 35-45 %carbon, compared to 25-35 % for lignite.

Bituminous Coal: The deep buried coal subjected to increased temperatures is bituminous coal. It is the most popularly utilized coal in commercial use. Metallurgical coal is high grade bituminous coal which has a special value for smelting iron in blast furnaces.

Anthracite: Anthracite is the highest quality hard coal. In India coal occurs in rock series of two main geological ages, namely Gondwana, which ages 200 million years and in tertiary deposits which are only about 55 million years old.

1.1.4 GRADING OF COAL

According to the Indian Ministry of Coal, the gradation of non-coking coal is based on Gross Calorific Value (GCV), the gradation of coking coal is based on ash content and for semi coking /weakly coking coal it is based on ash and moisture content(Source: Ministry Of Coal, Government of India).

A. Grades of Coking Coal

Table 1.1Grading of coking coal

GRADE	**ASH CONTENT**
Steel Grade -I	Not exceeding 15%
Steel Grade- II	15% - 18%
Washery Grade-I	18% - 21%
Washery Grade -II	21% - 24%
Washery Grade -III	24% -28%
Washery Grade –IV	28% - 35%
Washery Grade –V	35% - 42%
Washery Grade –VI	42% - 49%

B.Grades of Semi-coking and Weakly Coking Coal

Table1.2Grading of semi coking coal

GRADE	**ASH+ MOISTURE**
Semi coking grade –I	Not exceeding 19%
Semi coking grade -II	19%-24%

C.Grades of Non-coking Coal

Table 1.3Grading of non-coking coal

GCV BAND (K.Cal./Kg.)	GRADE
Exceeding 7000	G-1
6700-7000	G-2
6400-6700	G-3
6100-6400	G-4
5800-6100	G-5
5500-5800	G-6
5200-5500	G-7
4900-5200	G-8
4600-4900	G-9
4300-4600	G-10
4000-4300	G-11
3700-4000	G-12
3400-3700	G-13
3100-3400	G-14
2800-3100	G-15
2500-3100	G-16
2200-2500	G-17

1.1.5 APPLICATIONS OF COAL

The uses of coal in various sectors are as follows:

- Electricity Generation

Power generation is the primary use for coal worldwide. Here, coal is burnt to create steam that drives turbines and generators for the production of electricity.

❖ Metal Production

Metallurgical (coking) coal is a key ingredient in steelmaking. Coal converted to coke is used to produce around 70% of the world's steel. Coal is also widely used in the production of other metals including aluminium and copper.

❖ Cement Production

Coal is used as a key energy source in cement production. By-products of coal combustion such as fly ash also play an important role in cement manufacture and the wider construction industry.

❖ Chemical And Pharmaceutical Industries

Many chemical products are manufactured from the by-products of coal. Refined coal tar is used to make chemicals such as creosote oil, naphthalene, phenol and benzene.

❖ Other Industries

Other major users of coal include the paper, textile and glass industries. Coal is also used in the manufacture of carbon fibre and specialist ingredients such as silicon metals, which are used to produce ingredients for the household and personal care sectors.

1.1.7 COAL ANALYSIS METHODOLOGIES

The chemical and physical composition of coal can be analyzed according to International and national standards coal analyses guidelines i.e. American Society for Testing and Materials standards for coal analyses (ASTM). The Quality of coal can be determined by two ways

i) Proximity analysis
ii) Ultimate analysis

i. Proximity Analysis Of Coal

The proximity analysis gives the amount of gross impurities present in the coal sample . This method is used to determine moisture content, volatile matter, ash content and fixed carbon of coal (J. G. Speight, 2005).

a) Moisture Content

The heating of coal at a temperature slightly above the boiling point of water causes a loss of weight from the sample that is defined as moisture. The moisture content of coal ranges from about 5% to almost 70%. Moisture is an undesirable constituent of coals because it reduces the heating value .The moisture of air-dried, finely powdered coal sample was determined by heating accurately weighed quantity of a sample in a silica crucible at 105^0 – 110^oC for 1 hour in an electric oven. The loss in the weight of sample is found out by the difference in weights. The percentage of moisture was calculated as

$$\text{Percentage of moisture} = \frac{Loss\ in\ weight\ of\ the\ sample}{Weight\ of\ air-dried\ sample} \times 100$$

b) Volatile Matter

Volatile matter (VM) in coal refers to the thermally decomposed product which liberates upon heating coal at high temperature in the absence of air. The percentage of volatile matter is determined by heating an accurately weighed air-

dried coal sample in a silica crucible covered with lid. The heating is carried out at 925 ± 5°C in a furnace for exactly seven minutes in the absence of air.

$$\text{Percentage of volatile matter} = \frac{Loss\ in\ weight\ of\ the\ sample}{Weight\ of\ air{-}dried\ sample} \times 100\% \text{ - moisture \%}$$

c) Ash content

Ash is residue obtained after complete combustion of coal, which consists of CaO, MgO, SiO2, Al2O3 and etc. The coal sample whose volatile matter was found was then heated in a furnace at 725 -750°C without lid for 1 hour. Cooled and weighed. Process of ignition, cooling and weighing was repeated till combustion is complete which is indicated by constant weight of the residue.

$$\text{Percentage of Ash} = \frac{Weight\ of\ ash(residue)}{Weight\ of\ dried\ sample} \times 100$$

d) Fixed Carbon

The Fixed carbon in coal is the amount of carbon that remains in the coal sample after volatile matter is driven off. The fixed carbon in the coal can be calculated as follows

$$\text{Percentage of fixed carbon} = 100 - (\text{moisture\%} + \text{volatile matter\%} + \text{ash\%})$$

Quality of coal depends on Percentage of fixed carbon; it should be as high as possible. Fixed carbon varies inversely with volatile matter. More the percentage of fixed carbon, higher is the calorific value.

1.2 PROCEDURE

1.2.1 DETERMINATION OF MOISTURE

* Take the given sample (G.E-Non coking coal -HS).
* Take the empty weight of the crucible and note the value.
* The given sample (G.E-Non Coking Coal-HS) of 0.5000-0.5050g is taken.
* Note the value by weighing the sample approximately.
* And the sample is placed in the oven for 1 hour at 100°c.
* After heating the sample cool for few minutes and then note the sample weight.

1.2.2 DETERMINATION OF ASH

* Take the given sample (G.E-Non Coking Coal-HS).
* Take the empty weight of the crucible and note the value.
* The given sample (G.E-Non Coking Coal-HS) of 0.5000-0.5050g is taken.
* Note the value by weighing the sample approximately.
* And the sample is placed in the Furnace for 2 1/2 hour at 900°c.
* After heating the sample cool for few minutes and then note the sample weight.

1.2.3 DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER

* Take the given sample (G.E-Non Coking Coal-HS).
* Take the empty weight of the crucible and note the value.
* The given sample (G.E-Non Coking Coal-Hs) of 0.5000-0.5050g is taken.
* Note the value by weighing the sample approximately.
* And the sample is placed in the Furnace for 7 minutes at 900°c.
* After heating the sample cool for few minutes and then note the sample weight.

1.3 CALCULATIONS

Moisture %

1. A-B/C ×100

A = 27. 7147

B = 27. 6989

C = 0.5043

A-B = 0.0158

A-B/C = 0.031330

A-B/C × 100 = 3.1330

2. A-B/C × 100

A = 38.6055

B = 38.5875

C = 0.5005

A-B/C = 0.018

A-B/C = 0.035964

A-B/C × 100 = 3.5964

Ash %

1. D-C/A × 100

D = 20.9890

C = 20.8206

A = 0.5047

D-C = 0.1684

D-C = 0.0333663

D-C/A × 100 = 33.3663

2. D-C/A × 100

D = 15.8229

C = 15.6546

A = 0.5045

D-C = 0.1683

D-C/A = 0.3333597

D-C/A × 100 = 33.3597

VOLATILE MATTER %

1. $\frac{[M2 - M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 - M$

M1 = 12.6382
M2 = 13.6418
M3 = 13.3510
(M) % = 3.1330

$\frac{[M2 - M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 = 28.9756$

$\frac{[M2 - M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 - M = 25.8426$

2. $\frac{[M2 - M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 - M$

M1 = 13.0686
M2 = 14.0697
M3 = 13.7762
(M) % = 3.5964

$\frac{[M2-M3]}{[M2-M1]} \times 100 = 29.3177$

$\frac{[M2-M3]}{[M2 - M1]} \times 100 - M = 25.7213$

Fixed carbon %

100 - (Ash %+Moisture %+Volatile matter %)

1. 100 - (33.3663+3.1330+25.8426)

   100 - 62.3419 = 37.6581

   Fixed carbon = 37.6581 %

2. 100 - (Ash %+Moisture %+Volatile matter %)

   100 - (33.3597+3.5964+25.7213)

   100 - 62.6774 = 37.3226

   Fixed carbon = 37.3226 %

1.4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

MOISTURE%

Sample Name: (G.E-Non Coking Coal- Hs)

Empty weight	Sample weight(C)	Total weight before(A)	Total weight after(B)	Moisture% A-B/C×100
1. 27.2104	0.5043	27.7147	27.6989	3.1330
2. 38.1050	0.5005	38.6055	38.5875	3.5964

ASH %

Empty weight(C)	Sample weight(A)	Total weight before	Total weight after	Ash % D-C/A×100
1. 20.8206	0.5047	21.3253	20.9890	33.3663
2. 15.6546	0.5045	16.1591	15.8229	33.3597

VOLATILE MATTER %

Empty weight	sample weight	Total weight before(M2)	Total weight after(M3)	VM % $\frac{M2-M3}{M2-M1}\times 100$
1. 12.6382	1.0036	13.6418	13.3510	25.8426
2. 13.0686	1.0011	14.0697	13.7762	25.7213

FIXED CARBON%

Ash %	Moisture %	Volatile matter %	Fixed carbon % 100-(Ash %+Moisture %+Volatile matter %)
1. 33.3663	3.1330	25.8426	37.6581
2. 33.3597	3.5964	25.7213	37.3226

1.5 C0NCLUSIONS

* From the given sample the moisture percentage obtained =(I) 3.1330%
(II) 3.5964%

* From the given sample the ash percentage obtained = (I) 33.3663%
(II) 33.3597%

* From the given sample the volatile matter percentage obtained =(I) 25.8426%
(II) 25.7213%

* From the given sample the fixed carbon obtained =(I) 37.6581%
(II) 37.3226%

CHAPTER - 2

INSTRUMENTAL TECHNIQUES

2.1. X-RAY FLUORESCENCE SPECTROMETER

XRF is an analytical method to determine the chemical composition of all kinds of materials. The materials can be in solid, liquid, powder, filtered or other form. XRF can also be used to determine the thickness and composition of layers and coatings. The method is fast, accurate and the a non-destructive and usually requires only a minimum of sample. Applications are very broad and includes the metal, cement, oil, polymers and plastic and food industries along with a mining, mineralogy, geology and environmental analysis of water and waste materials. XRF is also a very useful technique for research and pharmaceutical analysis.

2.1.1.PRINCIPLE OF XRF SPECTROMETER

In XRF, X-rays produced by a source is irradiated on the sample. In most cases, the sources is an X-ray tube but alternatively it could be a synchrotron or a radioactive material. The analysis of major and trace elements in geological materials by x-ray fluorescence is made possible by the behavior of atoms when

they interact with radiation. When materials are excited with high-energy, short wavelength radiation (e.g., X-rays), they can become ionized. If the energy of the radiation is sufficient to dislodge a tightly-held inner electron, the atom becomes unstable and an outer electron replaces the missing inner electron. When this happens, energy is released due to the decreased binding energy of the inner electron orbital compared with an outer one. The emitted radiation is of lower energy than the primary incident X-rays and is termed fluorescent radiation. Because the energy of the emitted photon is characteristic of a transition between specific electron orbitals in a particular element, the resulting fluorescent X-rays can be used to detect the abundances of elements that are present in the sample. The elements present in the sample will emit fluorescent X-ray radiation with discrete energies (equivalent to colors in optical light) that are characteristic for these elements. By measuring the energies of the emitted radiation it is possible to determine which elements are present and by measuring the intensities of the emitted energies it is possible to determine how much of each elements is present in the sample. Thus, the net intensities are used in the quantitative analysis to calculate the concentrations of the elements present in the sample.

2.1.2. WORKING OF XRF

The basic components of XRF is source, sample and detector. The source irradiates a sample and the detector measures the radiation coming from the sample. Generally, the XRF are of two types

i) Energy Dispersive systems

ii) Wavelength Dispersive systems

The difference between the two systems is found in the detection system. EDXRD spectrometers have a detector that is able to measure the different energies of the characteristic radiation coming directly from the sample. The detector can separate the radiation from the sample into the radiation from the

elements in the sample. Thus, this separation is called dispersion. WDXRF spectrometers use an analyzing crystal to disperse the different energies. All the radiations from the sample falls on the crystal. The crystals diffracts the different energies in different directions, similar to a prism.

2.1.3 APPLICATIONS OF XRF SPECTROMETER

X-Ray fluorescence is used in a wide range of applications, including

- research in igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic petrology
- soil surveys
- mining (e.g., measuring the grade of ore)
- cement production
- ceramic and glass manufacturing
- metallurgy (e.g., quality control)
- environmental studies (e.g., analyses of particulate matter on air filters)
- petroleum industry (e.g., sulfur content of crude oils and petroleum products)
- field analysis in geological and environmental studies (using portable, hand-held XRF spectrometers)
- X-Ray fluorescence is particularly well-suited for investigations that involve bulk chemical analyses of major elements (Si, Ti, Al, Fe, Mn, Mg, Ca, Na, K, P) in rock and sediments.



Fig.2.1 XRF Spectrometer

MODEL: XEPOSC-147679

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Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research

Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research [IGCAR], the second largest establishment of the Department of Atomic Energy next to Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, was set up at Kalpakkam, 80 KMs south of Chennai [MADRAS], in 1971 with the main objective of conducting broad based multidisciplinary programme of scientific research and advanced Engineering, directed towards the development of sodium cooled Fast Breeder Reactor [FBR] technology, in India. This is part of the second stage of Indian Atomic Energy Programme, which is aimed at preparing the country for utilization of the extensive Thorium reserves and providing means to meet the large demands of electrical energy in 21st century. In meeting the objectives, a modest beginning was made by constructing a sodium cooled Fast Breeder Test Reactor [FBTR], with a nominal power of 40 MWt, based on the French Reactor, RAPSODIE. The reactor attained its first criticality on 18th Oct, 1985 and has been in operation at its maximum attainable power level of 10.5 MWt with a small core. It is the first of its kind in the world to use Plutonium Uranium mixed carbide as a driver fuel. Over the years, the centre has established comprehensive R & D facilities covering the entire spectrum of FBR technology related to Sodium Technology, Reactor Engineering, Reactor Physics, Metallurgy and Materials, Chemistry of Fuels and its materials, Fuel Reprocessing, Reactor Safety, Control and Instrumentation, Computer Applications etc., and has developed a strong base in a variety of disciplines related to this advanced technology. With the experience and expertise gained by the successful operation of FBTR, the Centre has embarked upon the design and construction of 500

MWe, Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor [PFBR]. Various R & D activities in the areas of Structural Mechanics, Thermal Hydraulics and flow induced vibration, Component Testing in high temperature sodium environment, sodium-water reaction, hydraulic development of sodium pumps etc., were pursued and the design was completed. The PFBR is under advanced stage of construction and commissioning by BHAVINI.

As a part of efforts for closing the fuel cycle, a Fast Reactor Fuel Reprocessing Plant is under construction.

A 30 KWt, U233 fuelled mini reactor [KAMINI] has been made operational for neutron radiography, neutron activation analysis etc., IGCAR utilizes its expertise and resources in enhancing its standing as a leading Centre of research in various branches of basic, applied and engineering sciences that have a bearing on Nuclear Technology like Structural Mechanics, Heat and Mass Transfer, Material Science, Fabrication Processes, Non-Destructive Testing, Chemical sensors, High temperature thermodynamics, Radiation Physics, Computer science etc.,

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INTERNSHIP COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

Ms. D. SHARMILA doing Second year M.Sc (Chemistry) in the Sathyabma Institute of Science and Technology has undergone an internship course for 12 days from 11/12/2023 to 22/12/2023 at the INTEGRATED RADIATION MONITORING FACILITY, ANUPURAM.

The student was sincere, regular and showed keen interest in LEARNING and Executing the assigned works.

The internship provided are

- Basics of radioactivity
- Radioanalytical procedure for the quantification of radioactivity content in the urine samples of radiation workers
- Preparation of samples for Radiometric counting and efficiency calibration.
- Hands-on experience to use Alpha Spectrometer.
- Radiation safety aspects to work in radiological laboratories.

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INTEGRATED RADIATION MONITORING FACILITY-ANUPURAM

Estimation of Uranium (^{233}U) using Alpha Spectrometer

1. Kalpakkam Nuclear Complex consists of Reactors, Fuel Reprocessing Plants, Waste Management Plants and other Radiological R & D Laboratories. In these facilities safety is given top most priority. occupational workers are well trained in radiological and industrial safety aspects. However, radiological exposures to a very few personnel cannot be ruled out in extreme cases due to human error. Integrated Radiation Monitoring Facility located at Anupuram has been established to monitor internal exposures of any worker. Sophisticated advanced instruments and well established procedures are available for the measurement of radioactivity content in the body even if it isa trace quantity. Workers are periodically monitored by collecting the urine samples and subjected to chemical treatment and radiometric counting.
2. **we have learnt the chemical treatment procedures for the estimation of uranium - 233 in spiked urine samples.**
3. **we have learnt the procedure of electro deposition on a ss disk.**
4. **we have learnt the functioning of alpha counting system for the estimation of radioactivity in the given sample.**
5. **we have also learnt how to handle state of the art sophisticated alpha spectrometer to identify the alpha emitting radionuclides in the given samples.**

radioanalytical chemistry lab staff demonstrated and explained the chemical treatment procedures. we were instructed to prepare chemical reagents required for the work such as : 6.2n hcl, 0.2n h_2so_4, 1:1 ammonium oxalate, ammonium hydroxide independently. these were checked by their laboratory assistants and found to be in good agreement.wet oxidation, pre concentration, co precipitation, ion exchange column, electro deposition, alpha spectrometry are the steps involved in the quantification of radioactivity content in the samples.

Wet Oxidation :

The Urine Sample Collected Is Poured In A 2 L Beaker And The Volume Is Noted. Then 50 Ml Hno_3 And 10 Ml H_2o_2 Is Added In Sequence. This Content Is

Heated Continuously For About 6 To 7 Hours. This Step Is Completed When A Pale Yellow Colour Appears.

I Was Shown Wet Oxidation Procedure.

Co Precipitation:

The Above Sample Is Stirred On Adding 200 Mg Hydroxylamine Hydrochloride, 50 Ml - 90 Ml Ammonia With 0.5 Ml Calcium Carrier Using A Magnetic Stirrer For About 1 Hour And The Precipitate Is Allowed To Settle. After Half An Hour The Precipitate And Supernatant Is Separated And Supernatant Is Thrown Out. To The Precipitate 8m Hno_3 Is Added And Heated Until A White Colour Precipitate Is Formed. To This Precipitate 200 Mg Sodium Nitrate And 10 Ml Of 8m Hno_3 Is Added And Stirred For 30 Minutes. The Content Is Then Filtered.

Ion Exchange Column:

The Ion Exchange Column Containing Dowex Resin Is Conditioned With 8m Hno_3 And Hcl. The Sample Filtered From Coprecipitation Is Loaded In The Column Such That 5 Drops Per Minute Flows In To The Column. Then The Plutonium Is Collected By Loading 1.5n Nh_2oh.Hcl And 1.2n Hcl

Then We Were Taught How To Do Electrodeposition .

Electrodeposition:

I Did The Electro Deposition Process By Adding The Prepared Electrolyte (Hydrochloric Acid, Sulphuric Acid, Ammonium Oxalate And Ammonium Hydroxide) In Respective Quantities. The Electrolytes And The Sample Obtained After The Ionic Exchange Process Are Mixed Thoroughly Using A Glass Rod And The Contents Are Poured Into Electrodeposition Setup. The Current Is Set At 0.60 Amperes. The Current Must Be Constant Throughout The Process. The Sample Undergoes Electrolysis For 2 Hours And 45 Minutes After The Completion Of The Time The Set Up Is Turned Off And The

Planchette Is Taken Out Carefully And Placed In A Petri Dish And Heated For 10 Minutes And Cooled Down For 15 Minutes. The Planchet Is Taken For Alpha Counting.

I Carried Out Electrodeposition Process Under Their Supervision.

Alpha Counting:

I Placed The Planchet Inside The Chamber Of The Alpha Counter Using A Glass Slide. Then The Dc Voltage Of 50v And Vacuum Pressure Of 100 Torr Is Set As Configuration. And The Time For The Counting Process Is Set As 86,400Seconds And The Sample Is Proceeded For Alpha Counting By Clicking *Run.* After The Completion Of Set Time The Configuration Is Turned Off In AReverse Manner. The Screen Displays A Spectrum With X-Axis In Energy (Kev)Vs Y-Axis As Alpha Counts (Cps) The Sharp Peak At 4.8 Kev Energy Level Shows That The Radioactive Element Is Uranium 233 And Its Alpha Counts Are
237 And 259 Respectively. With These Alpha Counts The Activity Of The Sample Is Calculated Using The Following Formula.

Activity = Cps (Measured) - Cps (Blank) / Efficiency

We Were Taught The Basics Of Alpha Activity Estimation Using Alpha Counting System.

Outcome Of Internship:

1. **Learnt A Lot About The Basics Of Radioactivity, Monitoring Methods, Quantification, Safety Precautions Involved In Various Stages Of Sample Analysis.**
2. Exposure To Handle Advanced Instruments.

Acknowledgement:

We Sincerely Acknowledge Director Igcar , Director Hseg, Head Hisd, And TheOfficials Of Integrated Radiation Monitoring Facility At Anupuram For Providing A Very Good Opportunity For Us To Learn Entirely A New Topic.WeAre Grateful To The Staffs Of Irmf For Their Valuable Guidance And Necessary Assistance. We Got A Good Inspiration To Take Up A Employment Carrier In Department Of Atomic Energy Which We Are Eagerly Looking For.

Alpha spectrometry is an effective tool for the identification of alpha emitting radio nuclei in any given sample. This technique is commonly used to obtain the uranium composition in urine samples. The uranium isotope measurements at low level activity concentration are of great interest in nuclear fields. A proper Uranium source for alpha spectrometer must be prepared by Electrodeposition method at constant current mode. A combination of these two techniques- electrodeposition followed by alpha spectrometry using planar detectors (PIPS) can produce a very good resolution up to 19.5 KeV at 26 mm STDD. Alpha source produced by electrodeposition consists of a thin uniform radioactive deposit onto a stainless steel cathode (Electrodeposition cell cathode).

The in-vitro Bioassay techniques at Integrated radiation monitoring Facility (IRMF) is used for the determination of radionuclides present in the excretion samples like urine and faeces. In IGCAR, the occupational workers from Compact Reprocessing Facility for Advanced Fuels in Lead Cell (CORAL), Demonstration Fuel Reprocessing Plants (DFRP) and Chemical Group (CG) are involved in the reprocessing of spent carbide fuels of Plutonium and Uranium. During the course of plant operation, there is a chance of radionuclides may become air borne and pose inhalation hazard to occupational worker incidentally or accidently. Urine assay is the preferred method of estimating internally deposited Uranium. Routine monitoring of occupational workers at various nuclear facilities in IGCAR are being carried out by Bioassay Laboratory of HISD Division. The analysis of alpha emitters in urine samples is difficult because very low activity of radioisotopes is excreted in urine following the intake. An anion exchange method followed by alpha spectrometric measurement is used to estimate U present in urine is adopted which is being used for the analysis of U in urine samples. This procedure is chosen due to its ease of handling and consistently good recovery obtained with tracer. At this context, the isotopes are separated by co-precipitation and further purified by passing through anion exchange resin. Afterwards, it is deposited on stainless steel disc and this source is used for alpha spectrometric measurements.

In the present internship project work, designing and developing of electrodeposition cell for uniform plating of uranium isotope which is leak proof and simple in construction and operation has been reported .The present study was used to quantify the Uranium activity concentration present in the sample .The goal of the work was used to prepare uniform thin alpha source with good spectral properties and maximum percentage yield of the study. The

report discusses the estimation of Uranium (^{233} U) spiked activity present in the sample using alpha spectrometer.

Materials and Methods

2.1 Instrumentation

Alpha spectroscopic measurements of samples were done with an alpha spectrometer with Maestro basic alpha spectrometry software and a vacuum pump (Edward model RV8). Each chamber has a Passivated ion implanted planar silicon (PIPS) detector of surface area 450 mm^2 with 100 µm depth. The Maestro software was used for the alpha spectral analysis. The resolution of the detector is 19.5 KeV (FWHM) at source to detector distance of 26 mm which is equal to detector diameter. The counting efficiency of the PIPS detector at the closest distance is approximately 21 % for all the eight chambers.

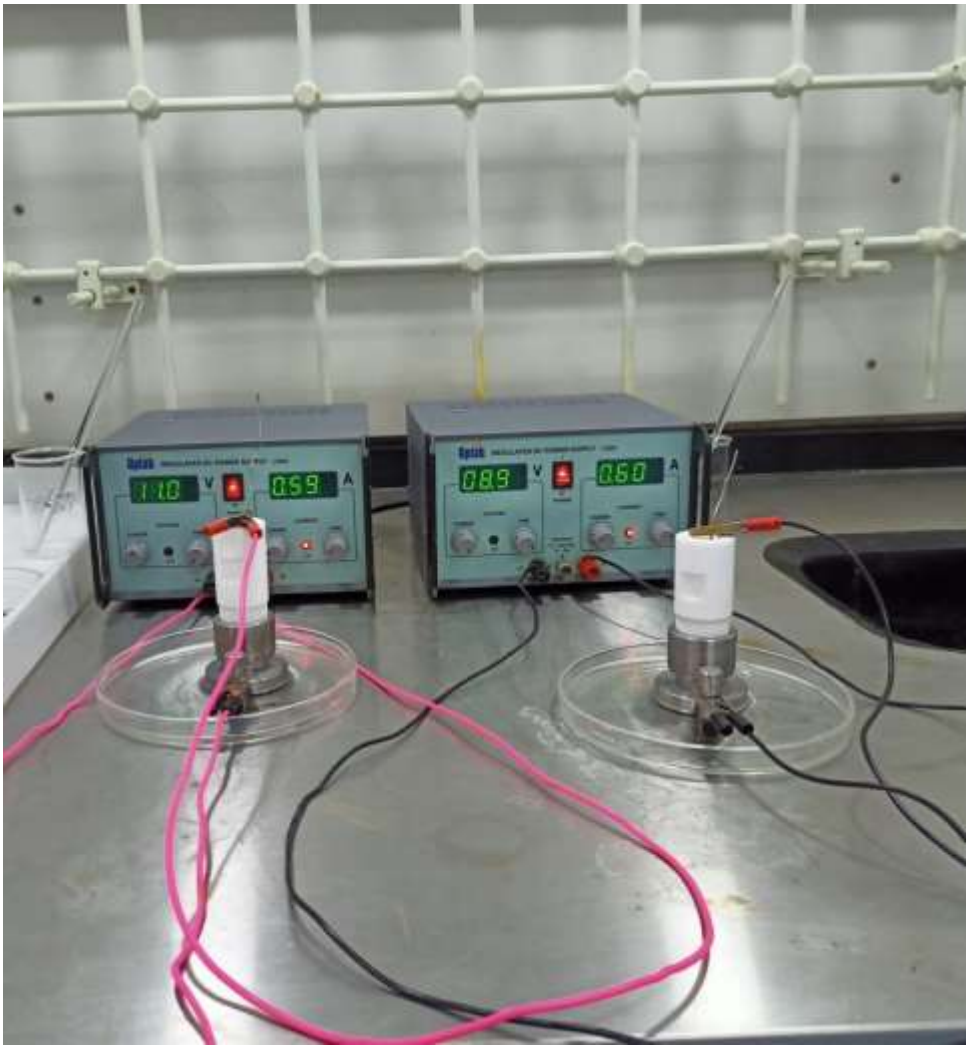


FIG 1:ALPHA COUNTING INSTRUMENTATION

2.2 Electro deposition device

An Electro deposition cell made of Teflon was used for the uniform deposition of Pu activity in urine. During the process, Plutonium isotopes were electrochemically deposited on the cathode (stainless

steel disc, thickness: 1 mm; diameter: 25 mm), which was placed at the bottom of the cell. The platinum electrode was used as anode. The effective area of the electro deposition on the disc was 2.14 cm^2. The DC Regulated Power Supply (Aplab Model: 3005) was used as an external electrical source during the reaction. The schematic representation of Electrolytic Cell is depicted below.



2.3Samples

Two spiked samples (Code No: SP-1 andSP-2) of each 1000 ml were spiked with known activity of ^{233}U in mBq level to estimate recovery factor of each sample.

2.4 Tracer

^{233}U tracer obtained from the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) was purified to remove its daughter product ^{228}Th. Purified activity was estimated by alpha spectrometry and stock solution of tracer having known activity (48.76±1.8mBq/ml) was prepared.

2.5 Chemicals

All chemicals were of analytical reagent grade and used without further purification.

3 Experimental

A Known activity of ^{233}U were spiked in clean dry 150 ml beaker and evaporated to dryness the candidates were asked to estimate activity of electro deposition method using alpha spectrometry. Blank experiments are also conducted to determine the background activity in the same ROI.

3.1 Electrodeposition of Uranium samples

- Leak test of the cell was conducted by putting 10 ml of distilled water into it and keep for half an hour. If leak is not found, pour out the water and preserve for the cell for electrolytic deposition.
- Add 0.5 ml of 6.2N Hydrochloric acid solution and 1.4 ml of 0.2N Sulfuric acid solution (Electrolytes) to the beaker.
- Warm up the solution and transfer the electrolytes effectively to the cell.
- Wash the beaker thrice with each time 3 ml of 5% Ammonium oxalate solution by rubbing thoroughly the sides of the beaker with glass rod.
- Transfer all the washings effectively to the cell.
- Keep Spiral Platinum electrode inside the cell at 0.5 mm distance above the S.S.planchette.
- Connect the DC power supply to cell by **Stainless steel body as cathode and platinum electrode as anode**.
- Start the electro deposition reaction at a voltage of **6V** and a constant current of **0.6 amps.**
- Continue the reaction for 2 hours 45 minutes.
- Add 0.5 ml of 1:1 NH_4OH solution to the cell before stopping the current.
- Continue the reaction for 1 minute and switch off the DC power supply.
- Allow the cell to cool down for half an hour.
- Dismantle the parts of electrolytic cell slowly.
- Remove the planchette carefully from the cell.
- Wash the planchette with distilled water then with 99 % alcohol.
- Heat the planchette for 10 minute at a temperature of 40^0C.
- Allow the planchette to cool down for 1 hour

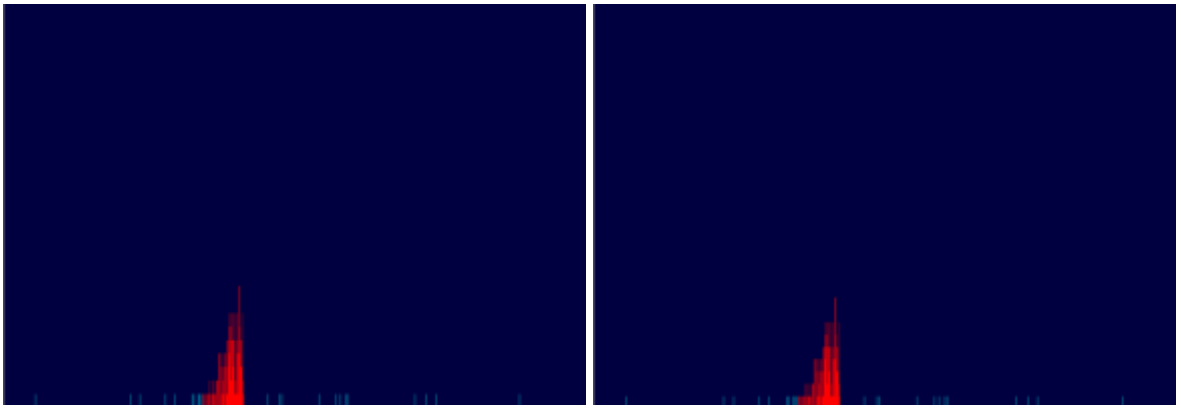
- Label the planchette with same identification number and preserved it for alpha counting.

3.2 Estimation of Uranium activity concentration using Alph spectrometry

The electroplated plutonium samples were counted using Passivated Ion implanted Planar Silicon (PIPS) detector.

1. Place the mixed Electroplated planchette containing the unknown activity on the 1st rack (6 mm STDD).
2. Open the MAESTRO MCA application software. Go to the MCB properties and select parameters like preset time, amplifier, ADC and vacuum state of theALPHA ENSEMBLE.
3. Activate the vacuum pump by selecting the pump mode from the pull down menu of MCB properties. Wait for the vacuum gauge to read < 100 mTorr.
4. After the desired vacuum pressure is obtained, put on the bias voltage and wait for at least 10 minutes (for warming up of electronic components).
5. Stabilize all the parameters before starting the energy calibration.
6. Acquire spectrum in such a way that counts in the peak channel exceeds 1000 counts. For mixed alpha source live time preset of 300 seconds is selected.
7. After acquiring spectrum, select the region of interest (ROI) in the energy rage of 4620 to 4896 KeV.
8. Note down the Gross are counts in the marked ROI and save the spectrum for the further studies.

SPECTRUM 1 SPECTRUM 2



A blank experiment also conducted to estimate the background counts of samples in the alpha spectrometric estimation of actinides.

4 Result and Discussion

The present work is used for the estimation of the alpha activity concentration of Uraniumpresent in the spiked sample (Code No: SP1 & SP2).

Table 1 : The activity present in the spiked samples

Sample Code	Alpha Chamber	Average Gross counts in the ROI (C1)	Average Background counts in the ROI (C2)	Calculated Activity (mBq)
SP 1	309 Input 1 (D1)	259	1	14.21(+,_)0.88mBq
SP2	309 input 2 (D2)	237	1	13.00(+,-)0.84mBq

Figures 3 & 4 shows typical alpha spectra of spiked sample with known activity of ^{233}U tracer solution. ^{233}U peak marked in the Region of Interest (ROI) of the alpha spectrum is 4620 - 4896 KeV.

4.1 Estimation of Activity concentration of ^{233}U in spiked samples

The activity of recovered ^{233}U tracer is given by the following formulae

The activity obtained for ^{233}U is . The counts were taken from Region of Interest (ROI) of thealpha spectrum of ^{233}U (4620 - 4896 keV). The Samples are counted for 86400 seconds.

Conclusion

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INTRODUCTION

In August 2011, M/s Sekisui DLJM Molding Pvt. Ltd. was established as a joint venture between Sekisui Chemical Ltd., Japan, and M/s Dipty Lal Judge Mal Pvt. Ltd., India.

Utilizing state-of-the-art engineering polymers such as PA 46, PA 66, PBT, ASA, PC, ABS, etc., the company designs, develops, manufactures, injects, paints, chrome plates, performs special decoration, and manufactures sub assembled systems.

Car Lighting Parts, Steering Garnishes, Air Bag Cover, Door Trims, Air Vent Module Assembly, In-Mold Decoration Technology, Steam Injection, Metal to Plastic Converted Precision Engine Components like Air Intake Manifold, Cylinder Head Cover, Electroplated Parts like Emblems, Tailgate Garnishes, Door Handles, Steering Bezels, Grill Surrounds, Head Lamp & Fog Lamp Garnish are among the product categories. Air Filter Body in the HMV category. World-class manufacturing is available at Sekisui DLJM. The company is IATF 16949, ISO 14001, OHSAS Certified.

PURPOSE OF INTERNSHIP

An internship is a professional learning experience that offers meaningful, practical work related to a student's field of study or career interest. An internship gives a student the opportunity for career exploration and development, and to learn new skills. It offers the employer the opportunity to bring new ideas and energy into the workplace, develop talent and potentially build a pipeline for future full-time employees.

The internship providing insight into the structure and function of each component; vehicle integration; and related terms and working. The students will gain all automotive programs combine work in the classroom, lab activities, and practical on -the job experience in industry approved work sites.



MOLDING

An exact replica of a material used in its preparation, a mold is a structure manufactured from that substance. Creating materials with molds is called molding. From a practical standpoint, a mold is essentially a hollow hole that is filled with hot liquid metal, plastic, glass, or ceramic, which solidifies into the shape of the hole as it cools. Mold makers are manufacturers that create molds. When removing the hardened or set substance from the mold, a release agent is usually employed to facilitate the process. In general, molded plastics are used to make cases, furniture, household products, and structural elements.

PLATING

Plating is a manufacturing process in which a thin layer of metal coats a substrate. As long as the treating duration is brief, plating techniques using mild acid at 80°C or lower won't significantly alter the characteristics of CFRP. Typical 130°C curing epoxy resins can be utilised with plated roller shells. Teflon, urethane, or silicone-coated rollers require heat-resistant resin with a high glass transition temperature (Tg) because the heat distortion temperature (HDT) of regular epoxy resin will be exceeded during treatment.

QUALITY CONTROL MEASURES

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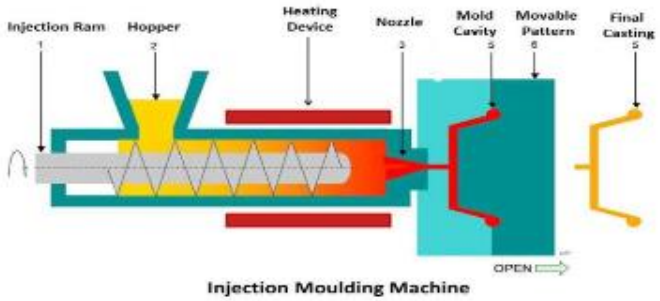
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TYPES OF PLASTIC MOLDING

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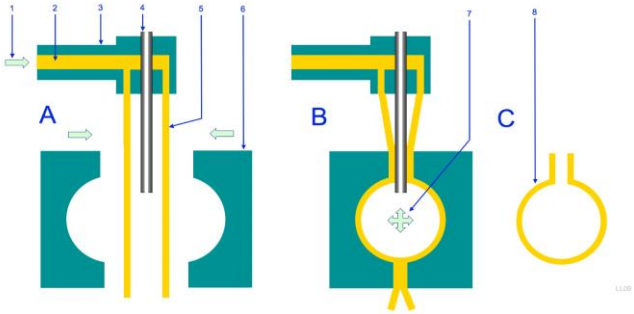
Injection molding is a precise and efficient process for creating complex plastic parts by injecting molten material into a mold under high pressure.



Injection Moulding Machine

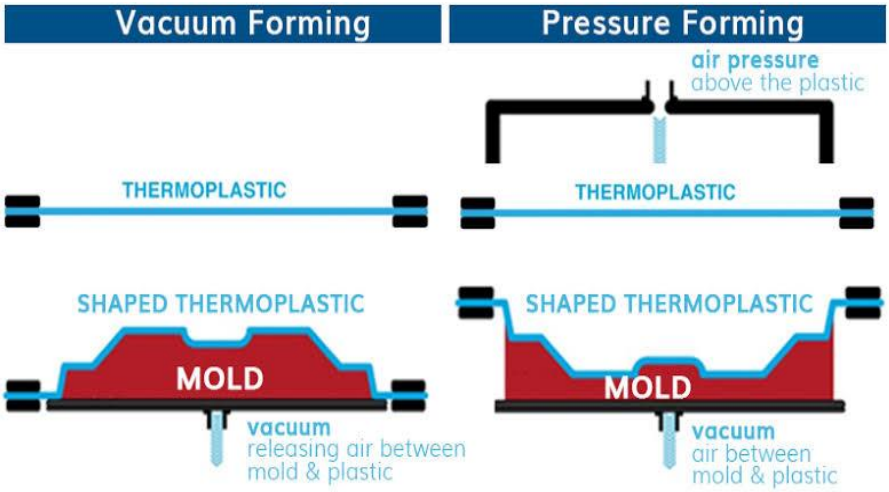
BLOW MOLDING:

Blow molding is used to manufacture hollow and seamless objects, such as bottles, using air pressure to expand the material into the desired shape.

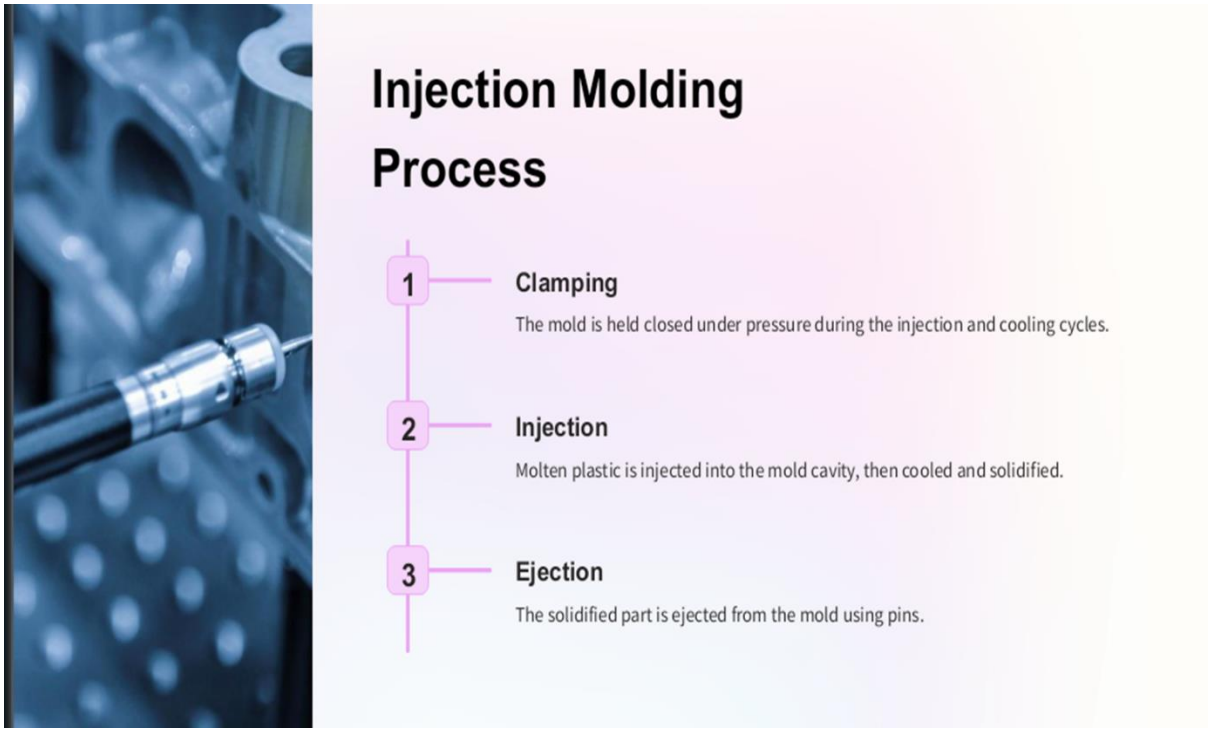


THERMOFORMING:

Thermoforming involves heating a plastic sheet until it is pliable, then molding it into the desired shape using a mold and vacuum or pressure.



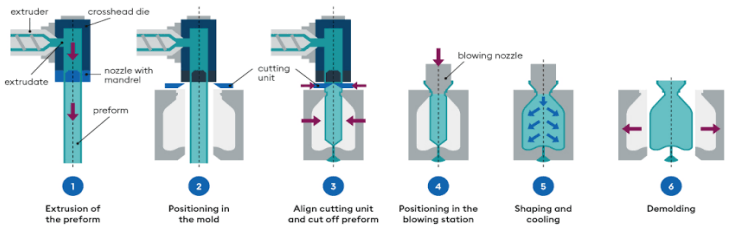
INJECTION MOLDING PROCESS



BLOW MOLDING PROCESS

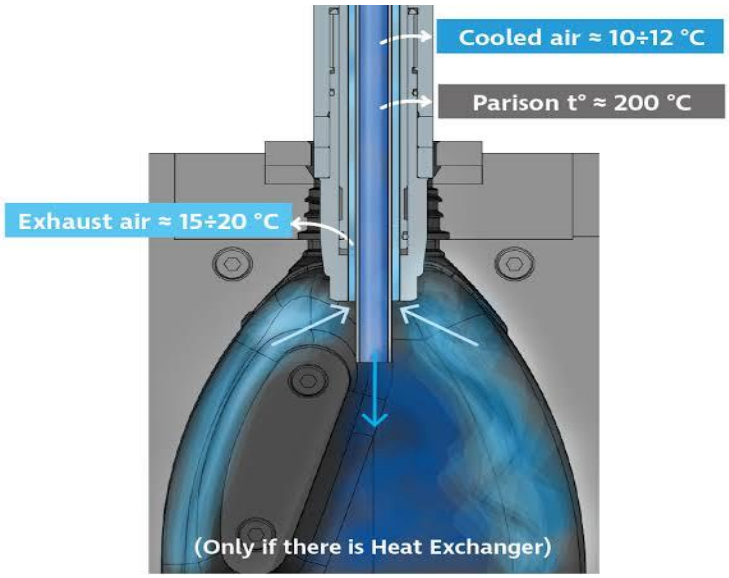
Extrusion:

A tube of molten plastic is extruded and clamped into the mold.



Blow and Cooling:

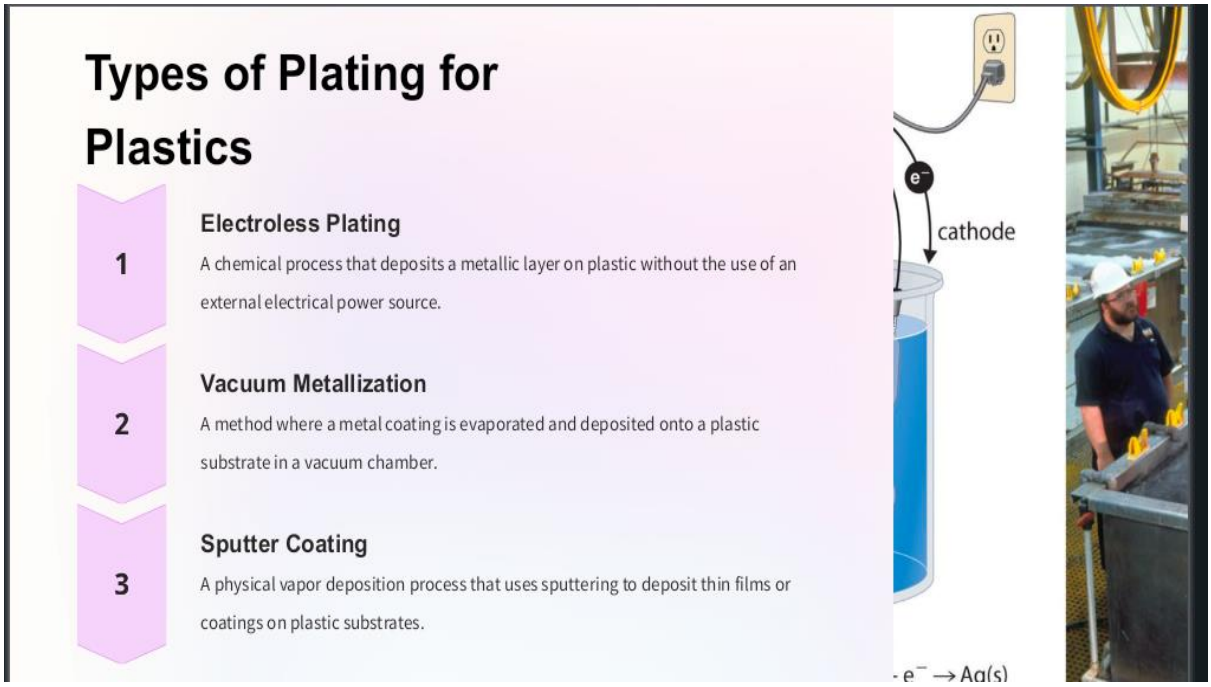
Compressed air is blown inside to expand the plastic into the shape of the mold, then it's cooled and solidified.



THERMOFORMING PROCESS



TYPES OF PLATING



BENEFITS OF PLATING

Enhanced Aesthetics

Plating provides a stunning metallic finish, enhancing the appearance of plastic parts.

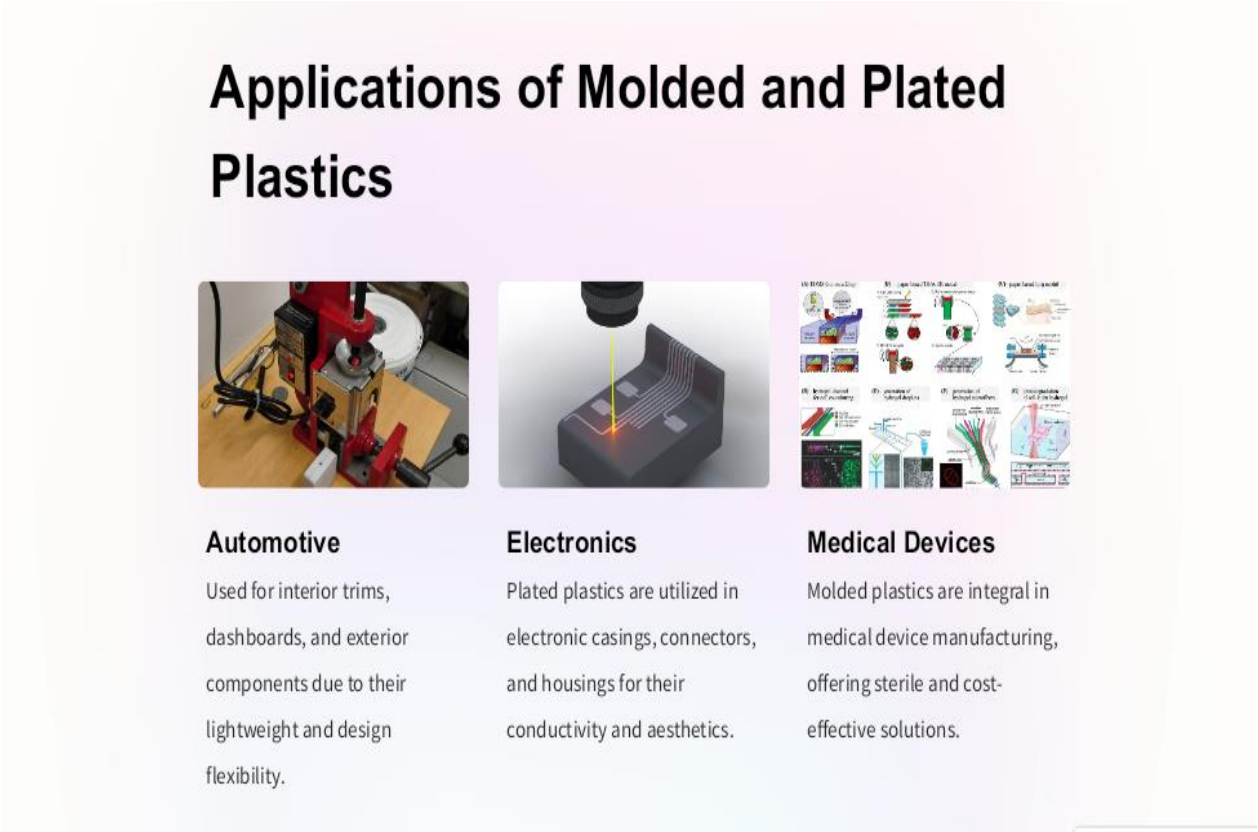
Improved Durability

Plating adds a protective layer, increasing the resilience and lifespan of plastic components.

Corrosion Resistance

Metal plating offer resistance to corrosion, crucial for applications in challenging environments.

APPLICATIONS



CONCLUSION

On the whole, this internship was a useful experience. I have gained new knowledge, skills and met many new people. I achieved several of my learning goals and got insight into professional practices currently advocated in the industry. Related to our study I learned more about the manufacturing of automotive parts. Furthermore, I have experienced that it is of importance that education is objective and we have to be aware of the industrial aspect of the topics I study. This internship program was not one sided, but it was a way of sharing knowledge, ideas and opinions. The internship was also good to find out what our strengths and weakness are. This helped us to define what skills and knowledge we have to improve in the coming time. I can confidently assert that the knowledge gained through this internship is sufficient to contribute towards our future endeavours. At last, this internship has given us new insights and motivation to pursue a career in core automotive industry.

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To WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

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We wish him all the successes for his future endeavours.

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AAVIN INTERNSHIP REPORT (25/09/2023-09/10/2023)



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INTRODUCTION :

Milk is nutrient rich food that provides a large number of nutrients relative to the calories consumed. Milk is delicious as a beverage and can be used as a base for other drink such as hot chocolate. The Milk of domesticated animals is also an important food source for humans. Most Milk consumed in Western countries from cows; other important sources include sheep, goats, water buffalo, and camels. Milk is essentially an emulsion of fat and protein in water, along with dissolved sugar, minerals (including calcium and phosphorus), and vitamins,particularly vitamin B complex.

Commercially processed cow's Milk is commonly enriched with **vitamins A and D.** Many Countries require pasteurization to protect against naturally occurring and artificially introduced microorganisms.Cooling further prevents spoilage (souring and curdling). Fat from whole Milk (about 3.5% fat content) can be removed in a separator to produce cream and leave lowfat Milk (1–2% fat) or skim Milk (0.5% fat). Milk is usually homogenized,forced under high pressure through small openings to distribute the fat evenly. It may also be condensed, evaporated,or dehydrated for preservation and ease of transport. Other dairy products include butter, cheese, and yogurt.

WORLDWIDE June 1 is the world Milk day as announced by Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO). Milk helps to children to promote the growth of their muscles, bones, teeth, and brain. Pediatricians and nutrientionist agree that the balanced diet with a proportion of the necessary carbohydrate,and proteins, moreover , the high content of vitamin D in Milk is key component to Milk bone structure, bone recovery and bone health. In addition help to maintain the health of the teeth.

The dairy development was established in 1958 in Tamilnadu. The Administrative and statutory controls over all the Milk cooperatives in the state were transferred to the dairy development department on 1.8.1965.The commercial activities of the department such as Milk procurement, chilling, processing, packing and sale of Milk to the consumer etc., hitherto dealt with by the Tamilnadu Dairy Development Cooperation Limited,were transferred to the newly registered Tamilnadu Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited, popularly known as "**Aavin**".

Chennai metro is having four dairies. Milk procurement, processing and distribution are being attended by the district unions in the respective areas.The cattle population in India isapproximately 15% of total cattle population in the world. India stood at no.1 position in Milk production. Tamilnadu is one of the leading state in Milk production. The Milk production in Tamilnadu per day is 145.88 lakh Literers.

Functions of Cooperative Milk Producers Union:

1. Establishment of chilling centers

2. Formation of new Milk routes to collect Milk produced by the members of the societies.

3. Collection of Milk from societies, process and pack in modern dairy.

4. Supply of quaLitery Milk.

5. Fixation Of procurement and prepacking of Milk.

6. Supply of inputs to the members of the societies. Nourishment of Milk Contains calories, proteins, carbohydrate, fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, vitamin A, vitamin C, foliate, calcium,magnesium, zinc, phosphorus, iron.

CHEMISTRY IN CLEANING:

Cleaning of Silo tanks,Tubs, Homogeniser is carried out by following steps

#HOT WATER CLEANING
CAUSTIC SODA CLEANING
#ACID CLEANING
#RAW WATER CLEANING

CAUSTIC SODA (LYE) CLEANING(1%):

10KG of caustic soda is dissolved in 1000L of water and poured into the silo at 75’C and cleaned for 7-10mins.

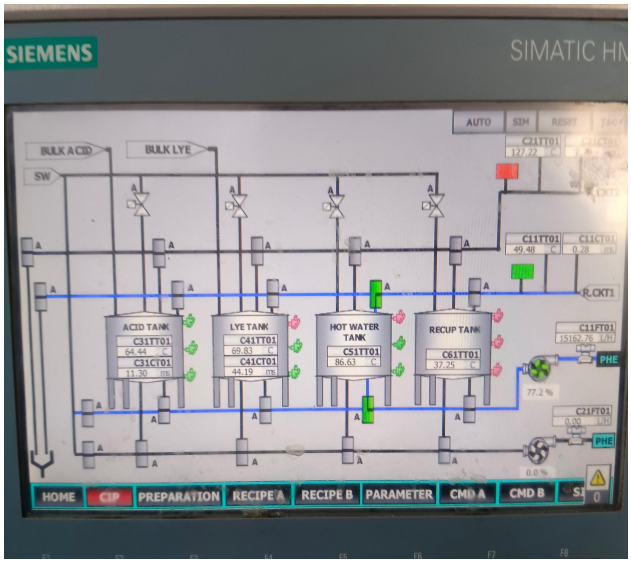
NaOH is specially used due to pH(7)which is more basic in nature which attacks the fat and protein residues on all type of dairy processing equipments.

ACID CLEANING (HNO3)(0.6%) :

6KG of Nitric Acid is dissolved in1000L of Water and at 65’C It is poured into the silo and cleaned upto 7-10 mins once in week.

HNO3 is used to remove the scales inside the containers,To remove milk proteins and fat contamination, to passivate stainless steel containers.

It is followed by Raw water cleaning.





CHEMISTRY IN HYDROFLOW UNIT:

Used for softening of water.

Hardness of water is due to the presence of Ca, Mg ions.

Hardness of water can be reduced by following methods such as
1.Ion exchange Method
2.Reverse Osmosis Method
3.Salt free Method
4.Magnetic Method

ION EXCHANGE METHOD:

It consists of 3 layers of packing
Top layer-Filled with Resin which acts as Inlet
Middle layer-Filled with sand
Bottom layer-Filled with pebble stones which acts as oulet.

It is a 8hour process.

Resins used for Ion exchange Method in Aavin

1.Indion 225-Na
2.Thermax T 42 H

Both these resins are cation exchange resins that is strongly acidic.
Made up of cross-linked polystyrene and has gel like structure.
They contains Sulphonic acid Functional group.

Cleaning:

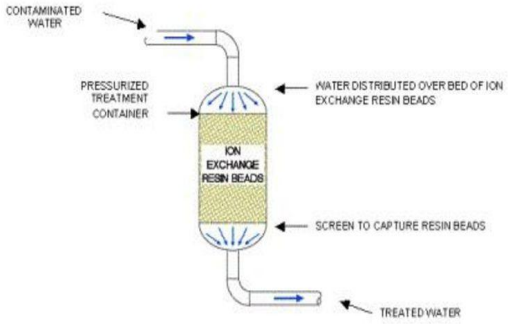
150kg of NaCl is dissolved in 900 litres of Water and poured into the inlet and kept for 1hour for the removal of ions for the resin bed.
It is then drained for 3 hours.

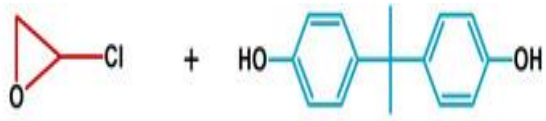
Use of Epoxy Paints:

Epoxy paints are used to prevent the corrosion of water containers, pipes,tanks etc.
The corrosion is caused due to presence of ion and impurities in water.Epoxy paints are made up of **POLYEPOXIDE** with **POLYAMINE HARDENER** which resists corrosion, turbulence,extreme temperatures.

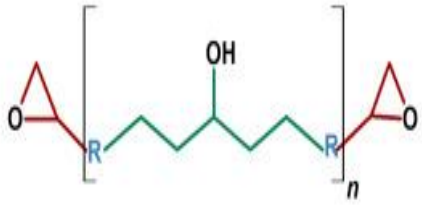
Common epoxy paints are made from Epichlorohydrin and Bisphenol'A'.

ION EXCHANGE PROCESS





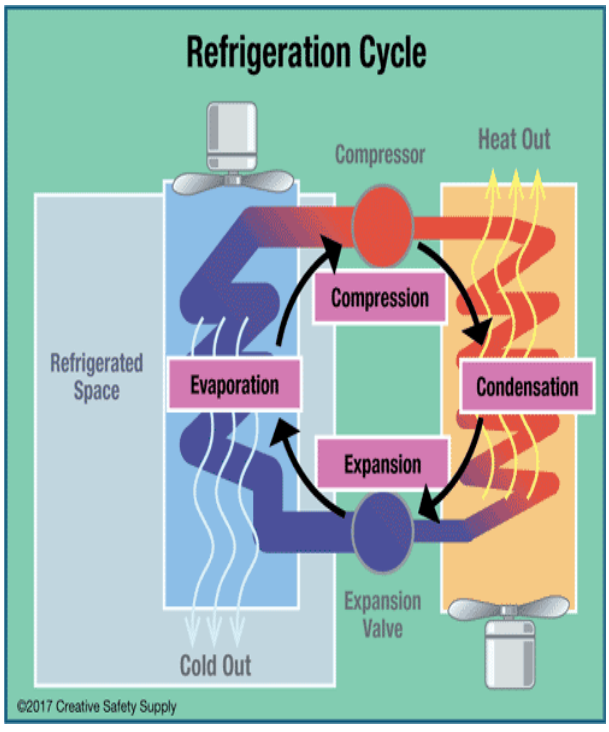
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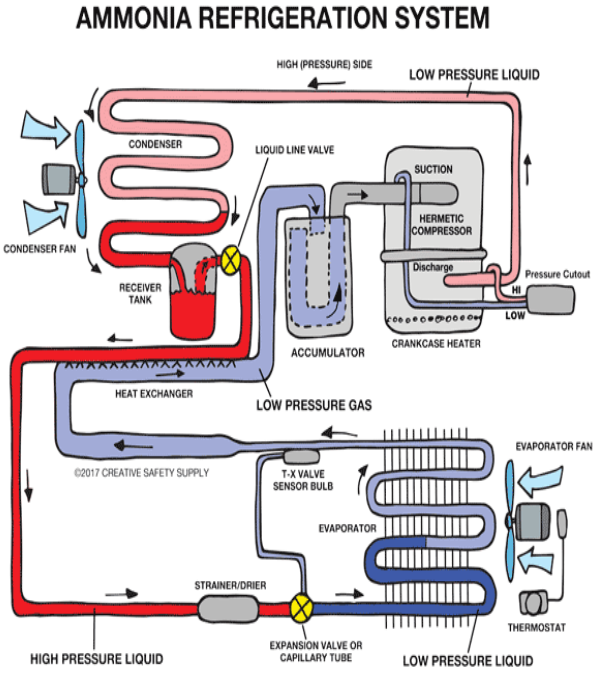


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CHEMISTRY IN REFRIGERATION SYSTEM:





USE OF AMMONIA IN REFRIGERATION UNIT:

AMMONIA (NH3) is a colourless, Nonflammable liquid gas.

Anhydrous ammonia (99.98%) is used because it is cost effective, environmental friendly Nature.

In India, ammonia based vapour compression systems are more preferred mode of cooling milk in dairy industries.

Ammonia based systems are low pressure systems with ver less sophistication.

It has low boiling point.

It absorbs large amount of heat without any changes in temperature.

Ammonia is **3-10%** more effective than **CFC-CHLORO FLURO CARBON.**

It requires less electricity compared to CFC.

Ozone depletion potential of Ammonia is zero.

Anhydrous ammonia is illegal because it is a key ingredient in the production of **Methamphetamine.**



DIFFERENT VARIANTS OF AAVIN MILK:

There 6 different variants available in Aavin.They are,

#Magenta Colour (DIET) with 2.5% fat and 9% SNF.
#Sky Blue Colour (Toned Milk) with 3.5% fat and 8.5% SNF.
#Green Colour (Standardised Milk) with 4.5% fat and 8.5% SNF.
#Purple Colour (Delight Milk) with 3.5% fat and 8.5 %SNF(FORTIFIED).
#Orange Colour (Full Creamed Milk) with 6% fat and 9% SNF.
#Red Colour (Tea mate) with 6.5% fat and 9% SNF.









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FORTIFIED MILK:

Process of adding vitamins and minerals in milk is called **Fortification**.

ADDITION OF **VITAMIN A** and **VITAMIN D2** in the milk in a appropriate amount.

It is a two-step process:

a) Preparing the pre-blend

b) Mixing the pre-blend with milk.

a) Preparing the pre-blend Based on batch size, fix the rate of addition of the premix. Ensure that once the bottle is opened it should be used completely.

Take one bottle of premix (llt.)

Heat premix to 45° C in water bath for 15 min

Prepare a pre-blend first by gradualllly mixing the pre-mix with small. amount of milk.

Stir continuously for 10-15 mins with a clean stainless steel rod

Rinse the premix bottle at least 3 times with the milk

Pour the pre-blend into the bulk tank before pasteurization of milk

Note:
Calculate the vitamin required according to the batch quantity to get the fortification level of Vitamin A: 900-1500 IU or 270-450 µg RE and Vitamin D: 200-300 IU or 5.0-7.5 µg per litre of milk.

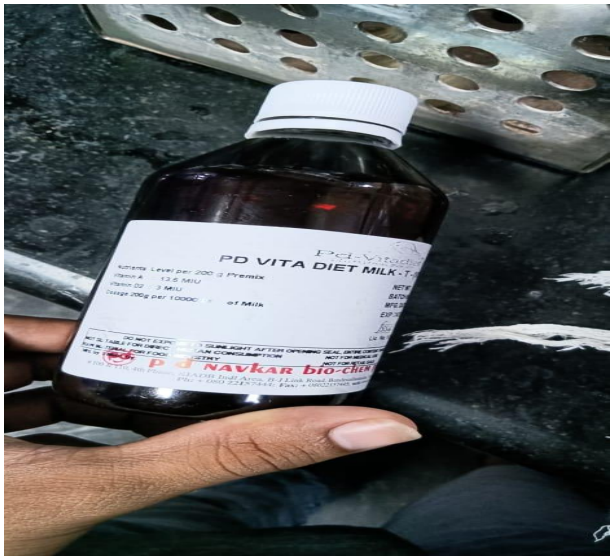
Take premix bottle to suit the batch size. The ratio is: for a batch of 50,000 litres of milk, add 1 litre of premix.

b) Mixing the pre-blend with milk

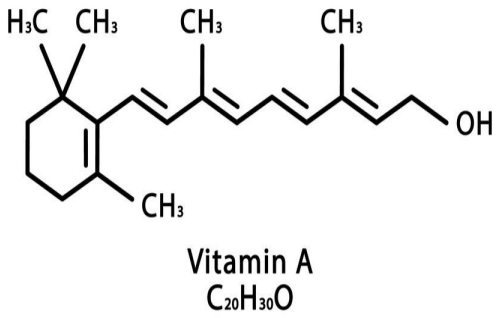
Batch mixing: Prepare a pre-blend first by mixing the pre-mix with small amount of milk. Before adding this pre-blend to bulk milk, mix it well with a stainless steel stirrer and then add it to bulk tank before pasteurization of milk.

Continuous mixing: It the process in which premix is added continuously into milk with the help of dozers. Maintain a constant flow rate of the pre- mix concentrate during continuous mixing.

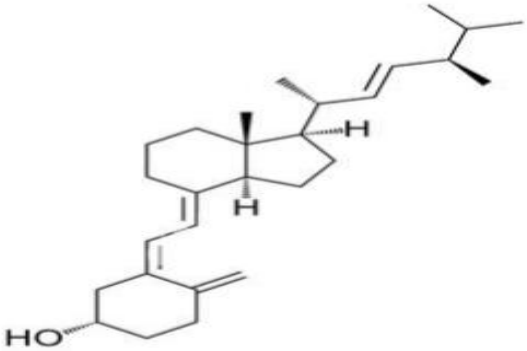
VITAMIN SYRUP AND FORTIFIED DELIGHT MILK:







Vitamin A
$C_{20}H_{30}O$



Vitamin D_2
Ergocalciferol
$C_{28}H_{44}O$

EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT (ETP):





CHEMISTRY IN EFFECTIVE TREATMENT PLANT:

ETP in which the waste water from the production plant is treated and released in to the environment.
It is carried out in following methods.

Collection of waste water (Inlet pH 5.5-6.9)
#Fat removal
#Buffer tank
UASB(UPFLOW ANAEROBIC SLUDGE BLANKET)(pH 7.3-8.7)
#Aeration Tank
#Clarification
Outlet treated Water (pH 7.0-8.0)

USES OF DAP AND UREA:

DI-AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE is rich in Nitrogen and Phosphorus.
UREA is rich in Nitrogen.

These are primary macronutrients and part of 18 essential plant nutrients.

These DAP and Urea are used to feed the microorganisms living in the sludge of waste Water which helps to breakdown the organic waste present in the waste Water.
These DAP and Urea are the primary fertilizers in farming.

Microbacteria is suggested by the by microbiologist for the ETP treatment.
These bacteria grow by breaking and feeding the sludge as food for it.



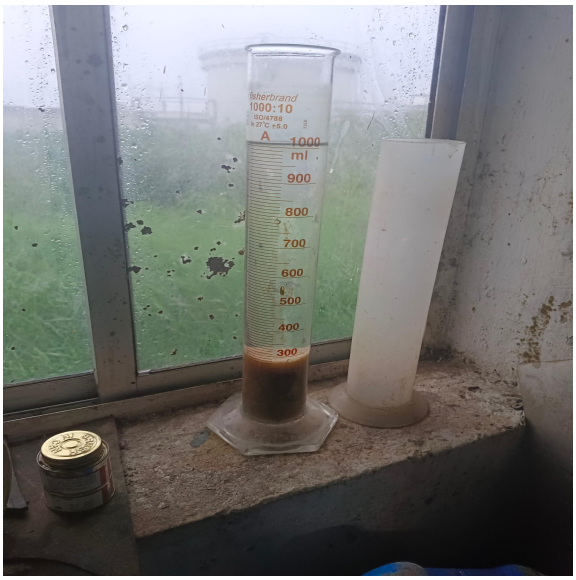


PRODUCTION AND EMMISION OF METHANE GAS:

Methane gas along with CO2 and other gases are produced during the breaking down of organic waste inside the UASB tank by the microorganisms.

These microorganisms produce METHANE gas as major gas and which is collected and released into the atmosphere.





LABORATORY TESTS / QUALITY CONTROL TESTS FOR MILK:

PLATFORM TESTS:

1.TEMPERATURE

2.ORGANOLEPTIC

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

3.CLOT ON BOILING TEST

4..ACIDITY

5..FAT TEST

6.SNF TEST

7.HOMOGENISATION EFFICIENCY

8.PHOSPHASTASE TEST

9.KEEPING QUALITY TEST

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ADULTERATION TESTS:

14.UREA DETECTION

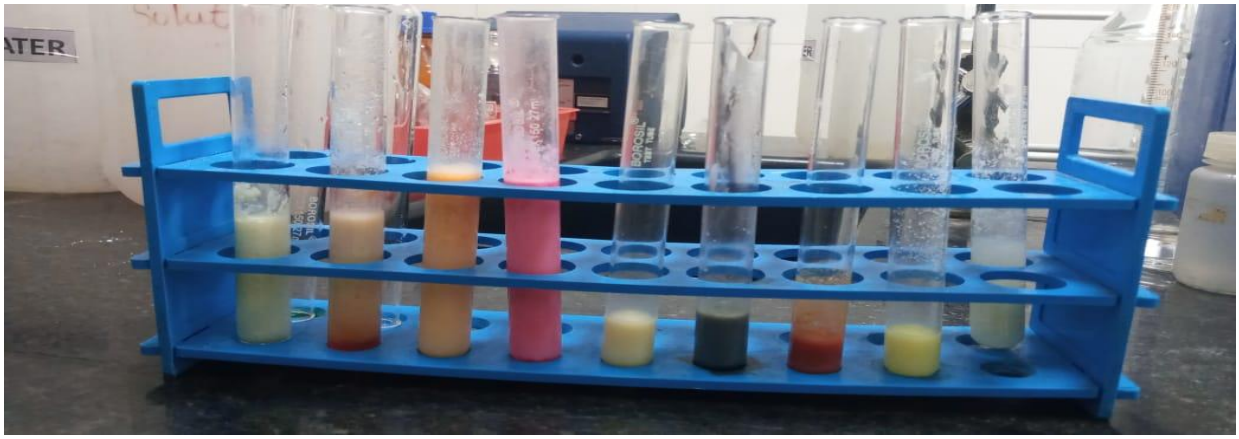
15.NEUTRALIZER TEST

16.STARCH CERAL FLOURS DETECTION TEST

17.SUGAR AND GLUCOSE TEST

19. SALT DETECTION

18.HYDROGEN PEROXIDE TEST



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METHYLENE BLUE REDUCTION TEST:

PROCEDURE:

Methyene Blue (MB) solution is prepared by dissolving 1 tablet of standard methylene blue tablet in 200 ml of cold sterile distilled water in a sterile flask. Allow to stand for several hours and ensure the complete dissolution of the tablet and further diluted with 600ml of cold sterile distilled water and keep this mixture as stock solution.

Take 10ml of milk in a sterilized test tube.

Add 1 ml of Methylene blue solution to get a concentration of 1 part of dye to 3,00,000 parts of milk.

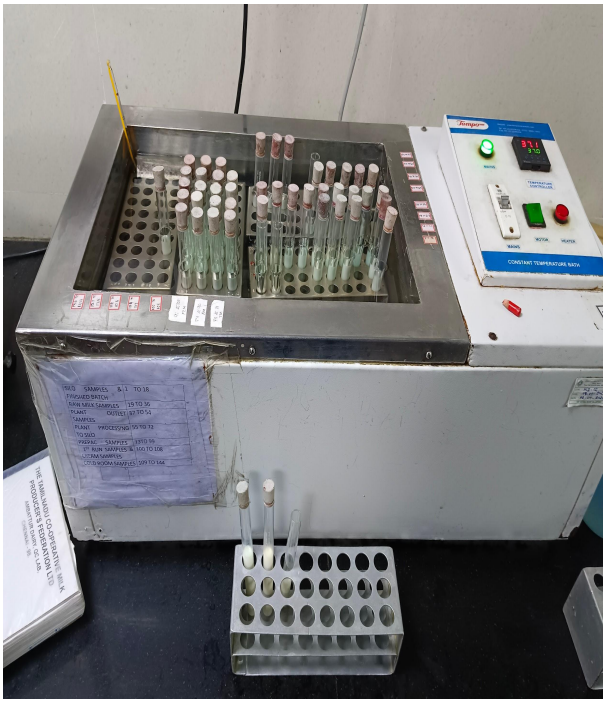
Plug with a sterilized cork.

Invert the tube to mix the contents and incubate at 37°C in a water bath.

The colour of milk in the tubes is examined first 10 minutes and then after every half an hour and the time required for complete decolourisation is noted.

INTERFERENCE :
The difference between the initial time and final time is the MBR time.





PHOSPHATASE TEST:

PROCEDURE:

Buffer Substrate :
• Weigh 3.5g of sodium carbonate and 1.5g of sodium bicarbonate dissolve in one litre of distilled water and sterilize. This serves as buffer. With this add 1.5g of Para Nitro Phenyl disodium Ortho Phosphate. This serves as substrate.

• Transfer 5m1 of the Buffer substrate solution to a clean dry test tube using a pipette.

• Add 1m1 of milk sample and close the tube with stopper.

• Mix the content by inverting the test tube

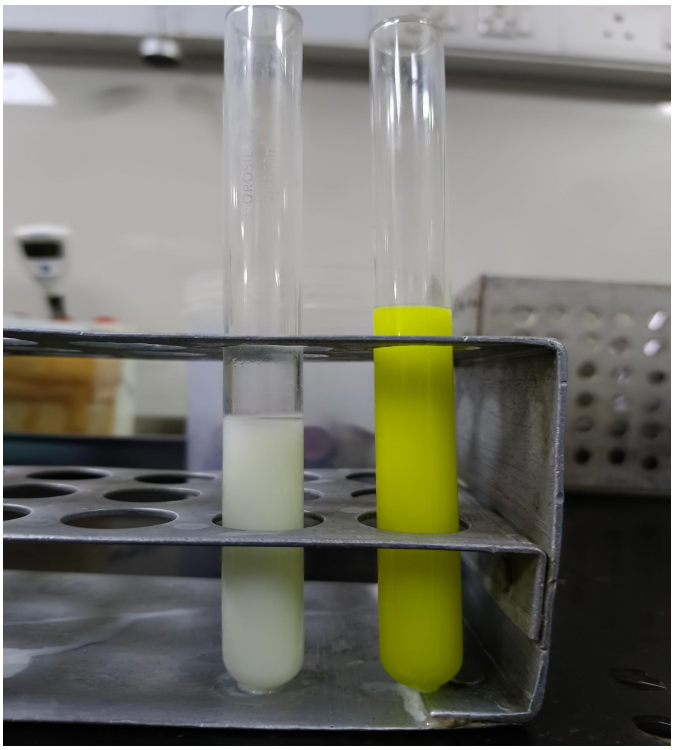
• Incubate the test tube for exactly 30 minutes at 37°C.

• Note the colour at the end of 30 minutes.

INTERPRETATION :
• If the colour of the sample shows yellow it indicates that the pasteurization inadequate.

• Compare this with a negative control using boiled milk.





PASTEURIZATION AND HOMOGENISATION:

PASTEURIZATION is a process that heats milk to a specific temperature for a set amount of time to kill harmful bacteria. This makes milk safe to drink and extends its shelf life.
Heating to a higher temperature, 72'C-78'C, and holding for 15 seconds (and yet higher temperatures for shorter periods of time).

HOMOGENISATION is a process that breaks up milk fat globules and disperses them evenly throughout milk. This process prevents milk from separating and gives it a more homogeneous texture.In AAVIN the cream separated milk is mixed with butter and milk solids in an appropriate amount to get the target fat % of milk.Proces is maintained at 80*C.

DETERMINATION OF HOMOGENISATION EFFICIENCY:

PROCEDURE:

• Take 100 ml of milk sample and bring the temperature to 20°C ±1°C.

• Pour the well mixed 50 ml milk sample into the centrifuge tube.

• Place the tube in the centrifuge and centrifuge at 1500 RPM for 10 minutes.

• Remove the top fat layer using spatula and insert the pipette to the bottom of the centrifuge tube by closing the sucking end of the pipette

• Take out 10.75 ml of milk sample from the bottom of the tube and estimate the fat content.

INTERPRETATION :
Homogenisation Efficiency= Fat in the bottom layer
----------X100
Fat in the milk sample
STANDARDS:
Minimum 70%

DETERMINATION OF MILK FAT BY GERBER METHOD:

PROCEDURE:

• Take 10ml of Gerber acid in a Milk butyrometer.

• Add 10.75ml of milk sample along the sides of Butyrometer.

• Add 1ml of amyl alcohol.

• Close the neck with the stopper.

• Mix the contents thoroughly until the curd has been dissolved.

• Place the butyrometer in a centrifuge for centrifugation at 1100 rpm for 5 minutes.

• Take out the butyrorneter and place it in the water bath 65°C ± 2°C and keep it for 5 minutes.

INTERPRETATION
• The scale reading that corresponds to the lowest point of fat meniscus and the surface of separation of fat and acid gives the percentage of fat.





DETERMINE THE PERCENTAGE OF SNF IN MILK BY **LACTOMETER , MILKOSCAN** and **LACTOSCREEN:**

PROCEDURE:

. Adjust the temperature of the milk sample to 84cF.

Mix the milk gently by pouring several times from one bottle to another, avoiding incorporation of air.

Fill the Lactometer cylinder with the milk sample.

Allow the Lactometer to float freely on the milk without touching the sides of the cylinder. Ensure some quantity of milk overflows from the cylinder when lactometer is inserted.

Allow the Lactometer to come to stationary position and then take the Lactometer reading.

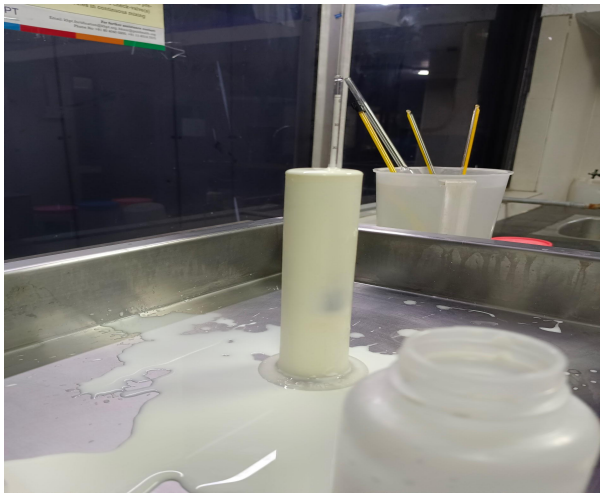
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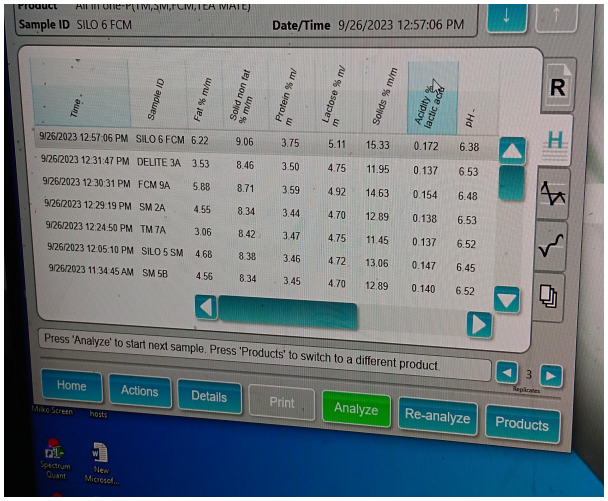
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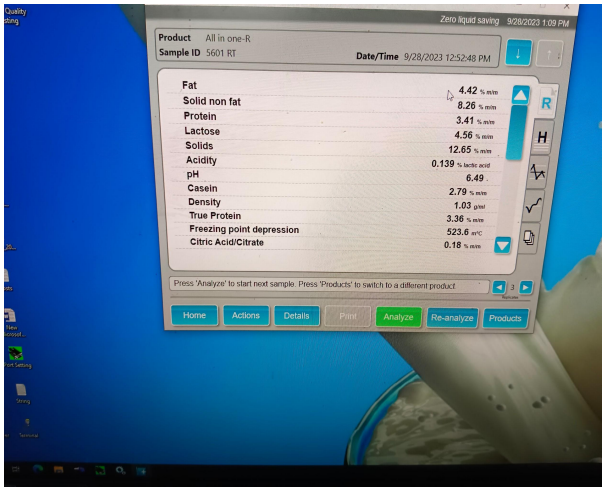
• CLR-Corrected Lactometer Reading

F-Fat percentage in milk sample

Substituting the Corrected Lactometer Reading and the Fat % in the formula, the SNF content of the milk can be found out.









SWAB TEST:

SWAB:
Swabbing involves the microbiological testing of food preparation surfaces, equipment and utensils using various swab techniques to find out if pathogens are present.

SWAB CONTACT SURFACE METHOD:
Swab consist of a column wool wound round at the end of the metal wire. The swab test consist of applying a sterile swab clipped in a saline solution over a measured surface such as pipe lines, valves, inside the storage tank etc.

Procedure:

Swab is collected after cleaning the surface and the sample is noted where it is taken from.

The collected swab is stored in the saline solution in the test tubes.

Methyl broth is prepared in the autoclave machine and UTG stored in test tubes separately.

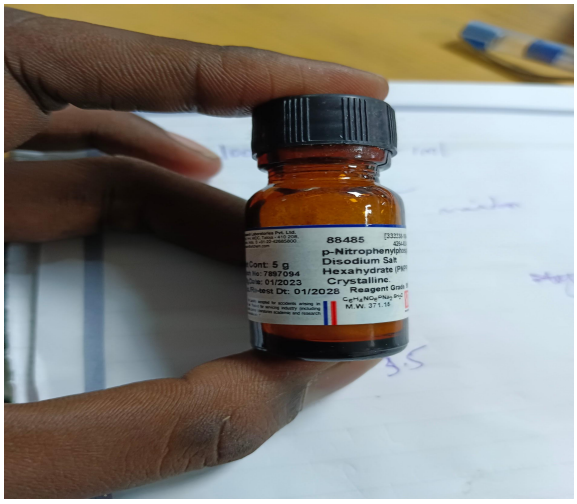
Add 2 drops of saline solution in the methyl broth and incubate it for 24 hrs.

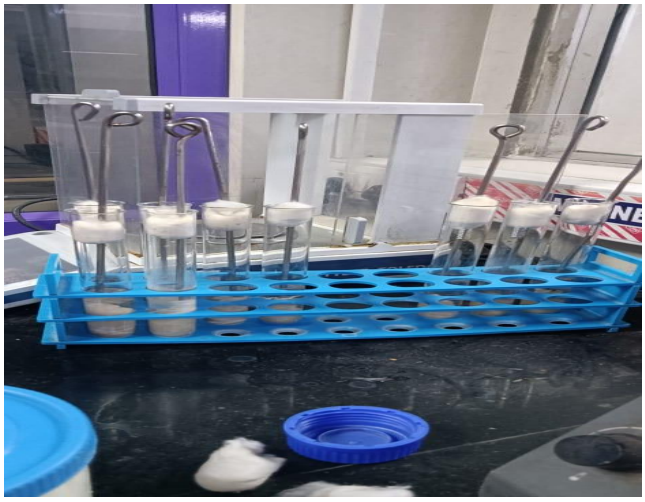
Note the test tubes using numbers or code to identify the swab collected area.

Interference:

If the methyl broth remains in the same color It indicates there is no bacteria present in the surface area and the area is cleaned well.

If the color of the methyl broth changes into yellow colour then there is bacteria present in the surface area and that test tube is traced and the area is cleaned well again.





DETERMINATION OF HARDNESS:

Total hardness may be defined as the sum of the calcium and magnesium concentrations, both expressed as calcium carbonate in milligrams per litre. The amount of hardness equivalent to the total alkalinity is called "carbonate hardness". The amount of hardness in excess of total alkalinity is called "non-carbonate hardness". In common usage, water is classified as soft, if it contains less than 75 ppm of hardness as calcium carbonate.

Reagents required:

Standard EDTA solution, 0.01M: Dissolve 0,3723 g Ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid disodium salt extra pure in 100 ml. in distilled water.

Ammonia buffer solution: Add 1 ml of Ammonia buffer solution in the sample.

Eriochrome Black T: Dissolve 0.5 g of EBT in 100 mL in distilled water.

Procedure:

Take 20 ml of the sample in a conical flask.

Add 1 ml of the Ammonia buffer solution.

Add 2 drops of the Erichrome Black T indicator solution.

Titrate the contents with EDTA with continuous stirring.
The last few drops may be added at 3-5 seconds intervals.
At the end point color changes from wine red to blue.

Observation:

In this titration,the color changes from wine red to blue sharply at the end-point.



ADULTERATION TESTS:

1.SUGAR:
Take 5ml of milk in the test tube.
Add .1ml of conc. HCl.
Add 0.1g of resorcinol powder and mix thoroughly.Place the test tube in boiling water bath for 5 mins.
Withdraw the tube and observe the color.
Appearance of deep red color indicates presence of sucrose or ketose sugar.

2.STARCH:
Take 5 ml of milk in a test tube.
Bring to boiling condition and allow test tube to cool to room temperature.
Add 1-2 drop iodine solution to test tube dissolve 1.3 gm of iodine and 1.5 gm of potassium iodine in sufficient distilled water and make up to 100 ml.
Development of blue color indicates the presence of starch which disappears when the sample is boiling and appears on cooling.

3.UREA:
Take 5 ml of milk in a test tube.
Add 5 ml dimethyl amino benzaldehyde and dissolve 1.6 gm of p- dimethyl amino benzaldehyde in 100 ml of 10 percentage HCl.
Distinct yellow color is observed in milk containing added urea shows a slight yellow color due to the presence of natural urea.

4.SALT(NaCl):
Take 2 ml of milk in a test tube.
Add 1 ml of 5 percentage potassium chromate.
Add 2 ml of 0.1 N silver nitrate.
Appearance of yellow color indicates presence of dissolved chloride.

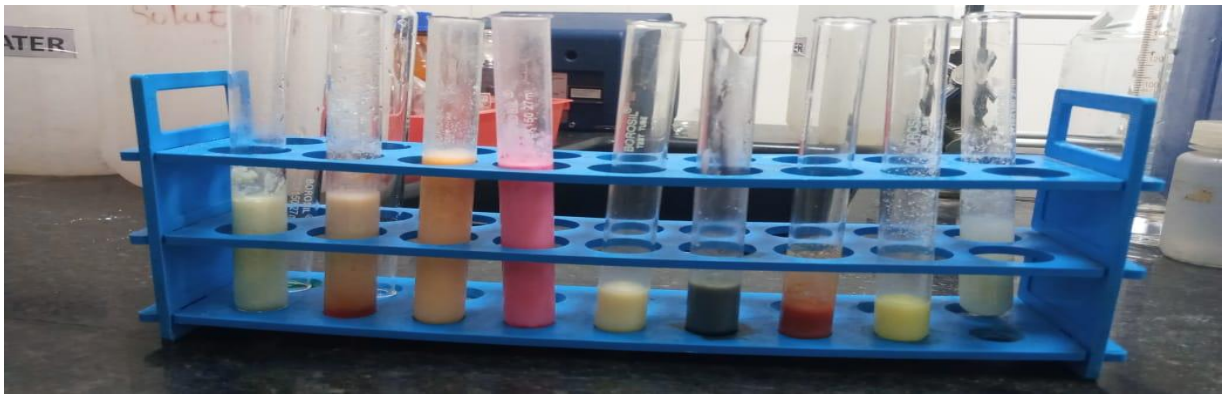
5.MOLTO DEXTRIN:
Take 5 ml of milk in a test tube and add equal vol of 10 percent acetic acid the milk will curded.
Filter it and take 1 ml of filtrate in a test tube and add a few drops of oro
Appearance of brown color indicates the presence of molto dextrin.

6.NEUTRALISERS:
Rosa acid test for the presence of carbonate.
Take 5 ml of milk in a tube and add an equal vol of 95 percent alcohol.
Add red color indicates the presence of alkali.
Normal milk shows only a brownish color

HYDROGEN PEROXIDE:
Take 10 ml of milk in a test tube.
Add 5 drops of 2 percent phenylene diamine hydrochloride.
Mix thoroughly and observe the color.
Development of an intense blue color shows the presence of hydrogen peroxide.

FORMALDEHYDE:
Take about 10 ml of milk in a test tube.
Add 0.5 ml of ferric chloride solution.
Add carefully about 1 ml of conc H2So4.
Down the side of the test tube in such a way that is forms a separate layer at the bottom of the test tube without with the milk.
Development of violet or blue color at the junction of two liquids indicates the presence of formaldehyde.

AMMONIUM SULPHATE:
Take 1 ml of milk and add 0.5 ml of 2 percent sodium hydroxide
Add 0.5 ml of 2 percent sodium hypo chloride.
Add 0.1 ml of phenol solution and heat for 20 mins in a boiling water bath.
Bluish color turns deep blue indicates presence of ammonium sulphate.



pH TESTS FOR VARIOUS WATER SAMPLES:





DECLARATION

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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that **Ms. SHWETA D, (Reg.No.42910023) M.Sc, (Chemistry)** second year student from Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Jeppiaar Nagar, Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Chennai-600 119, Tamil Nadu, underwent **Internship** at our API Business Unit - Alathur during the period from **November 29, 2023** to **December 19, 2023.** During the above said tenure, we found her satisfactory to the job assigned to her by our Organization.

We wish her success in her career.

For Orchid Pharma Ltd.

K Karunakaran
Asst.Manager-Human Resources

Preface

The requirement of practical knowledge by internship is met by professional training and ability of correlating theoretical knowledge to practical exercises under the proper guideline of the related professional staff. The training equips the students with skill, knowledge and professional values sufficient for building professionalism in them. This also guides the students to flourish in their career by imparting the ability of unending learning process. My university (Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai) has therefore been seized with the need of developing practical guideline with would help in providing experience to students to meet the future needs of the industry. In this regard I have been given an opportunity to experience 15 days internship at **ORCHID CHEMICALS & PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED (ALATHUR)**. During this time, I have visited different sections of the company and I have been guided properly and I am very glad to compile what I have learnt in this report.

Acknowledgement

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who supported me throughout my internship and the creation of this report.

I am deeply thankful to **Mr. D. SARAVANAN (Manager), Mr. K. SUNDRA KUMAR (Assistant Manager), Mr. R. Prasanna (Human Resources), Mr. S. Kathir (Executive of PD Lab)** for their invaluable guidance, mentorship, and unwavering support during my internship tenure. Their expertise and encouragement have been instrumental in shaping my learning experience.

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Furthermore, I am thankful to my university **(SATHYABAMA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY)** for their continuous support and encouragement throughout this internship period.

Lastly, I am grateful to my family and friends for their unwavering support and understanding during this journey.

Thank you all for being part of this incredible learning experience.

Sincerely,

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ABSTRACT

This report contains detailed information about each and every single process, equipment, plant investigated by me during the internship. In this report all the types of equipment are mentioned and the ones being used in the industry are especially distinguished. All the operating parameters of a specific plant are specified. A brief study on the flow path of Profile of the company, safety measures, Process of Batch distillation Process, preparing Cefazolin Sodium using latest instruments and reactors. Second phase of the internship contains High-Performance liquid chromatography .

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Established in 1992 as an export - oriented unit (EOU), Orchid Pharma Ltd. (Orchid) is a vertically integrated company spanning the entire pharmaceutical value chain from discovery to delivery with established credentials in research, manufacturing and marketing. They today rank among the top 50 pharmaceutical companies in India and enjoy a multi-therapeutic presence across segments like anti-infective, anti-inflammatory, central nervous system (CNS), cardio vascular segment (CVS), nutraceuticals and other oral and sterile products. Our pharmaceutical solutions include active pharmaceutical ingredients , finished dosage forms. They are globally present across 40+ countries through alliances and partnerships with globally reputed majors.

Their integrated business model enables us to cater to business opportunities throughout the value chain, from research to delivery of drugs across therapeutic segments. Our niche product basket helps us maintain an edge over our peers in the markets where they are present. In the years to come , driven by a highly competent and motivated team, they will move from strength to strength in the key domains of API, and global generics

WHAT WE DID:

On first we go to know about the safety class and then we learned about instrumentation of HPLC, GC, polarimeter and then how they make and preparation of cefazolin sodium in the Pharmaceutical limited.

PURPOSE OF THE INTERNSHIP:

Various reasons for selecting ORCHID Pharma company for the internship are as follows:

- To gain detailed knowledge about chemical applications and analysis, lab equipments making bulk products of tablet product and also to get the experience of field work.
- To get the technical ideas by trouble shooting the case studies done by organisation. This helps to become a part of project and helps to apply the knowledge in future profession.

PRODUCTION REVIEW

- They were using Methyl di chloride, Tetra hydro fluorine, Toluene, Dimethyl acetylene, ethyl acetylene as more than 50 solvents.
- Cephalexin, Cephaloridine.,Cefixime etc. as like they are creating 150 types of tablet
- They were using two type of reactors called gas line reactor and SSR reactor
- Gas line reactor for acid solution and SSR reactor for base solution.
- They also used +7”, -10”,-25’, -40”, -70”, in three utilities. =7” is used for only watering other “ for cooling methanol.

PROCESS DEVOLOPMENT LAB

POLARIMETER

- A Polarimeter is a scientific instrument used to measure the angle of rotation caused passing polarised light through an optically active substance
- The machine used in industries is JASCOP 1020
- Polarimeteey is a type of qualitative and quantitative technique, used for optically active compounds.
- The tendency of molecules to rotate the plane of polarised light (clockwise or anticlockwise) and the extent of rotation is measured.
- Thus polarimeter can be used to identify and estimate the compounds.



PHARMACEUTICAL APPLICATIONS

- To determine the product purity by measuring specific rotation and optical rotation of :Amino acids, Amino sugar , Analgesics , Antibiotics, Cocacine, Dextrose, Diuretics , Steroids, Serums Transquilizers, Vitamins etc .
- For raw material inspection of : Camphors, Citric acid, Glyceric acid gums , Lavender oil, Lemon oil, Spearmint oil.

GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY

Gas Chromatography is a widely used analytical technique used to separate & analyze the gaseous & volatile compounds. In 1952, Modern Gas Chromatography was invented by James & Martin. Since early 1950's this technique was first used for the separation of amino acids now GC has large number of applications as this technique is rapid & has a great sensitivity. Both qualitative & quantitative analysis can be done through GC. Even minute quantity sample can be analyzed through GC .In gas chromatography, the sample is dissolved in a solvent and vaporized in order to separate the analytes. The sample is distributed between two phases: a stationary phase and a mobile phase. The mobile phase is a chemically inert gas such as helium, nitrogen etc. Gas chromatography is one of the unique forms of chromatography that does not need the mobile phase for interacting with the analyte. The stationary phase is either a solid adsorbent, termed gas-solid chromatography (GSC), or a liquid on an inert support, termed gas-liquid chromatography (GLC).The criteria for the compounds to be analyzed in GC is volatility & thermostability.

Instrumentation

Generally, all the chromatographs (GSC or GLC) consists of six basic components:

Sample injection system:

A sample port is necessary for introducing the sample at the head of the column. A calibrated microsyringe is used to transfer a volume of sample through a rubber septum and thus into the vaporization chamber. Most of the separations require only a small fraction of the initial sample volume and a sample splitter is used to direct excess sample to waste. Commercial gas chromatographs involves the use of both split and splitless injections when alternating between packed columns and capillary columns. The vaporization chamber is typically heated 50 °C above the lowest boiling point of the sample and subsequently mixed with the carrier gas to transport the sample into the column

2. CARRIER GAS

A carrier gas plays a vital role in GC. It should be inert ,dry & free of oxygen. Helium , Nitrogen, argon & hydrogen gases are used as carrier gas depending upon the desired performance & detector being used .Carrier gas is supplied at high pressure & is passed to instrument at a rapid & reproducible rate.

3. Separation column

Open tubular columns or capillary columns & packed columns are used in GC. The first type of capillary column is a wall-coated open tubular (WCOT) column and the second type is a support-coated open tubular (SCOT) column. WCOT columns are have a thin later of the stationary phase coated along the column walls. In SCOT columns, the column walls are first coated with a thin layer of adsorbant solid, such as diatomaceous earth, a material which consists of single-celled, sea-plant skeletons. The adsorbant solid is then treated with the liquid stationary phase. While SCOT columns are capable of holding a greater volume of stationary phase than a WCOT column due to its greater sample capacity, WCOT columns still have greater column efficiencies. One of the most popular types of capillary columns is called the coated Fused Silica open tubular column.

4. Column Oven or Thermostat chambers:

The thermostat oven are there to control the temperature of the column to conduct precise work. The oven can be operated in two manners: isothermal programming or temperature programming. In isothermal programming, the temperature of the column is held constant throughout the whole separation. In the temperature programming method, the column temperature is either increased continuously or in steps as the separation progresses.

5. Detectors:

Most common types of detectors used in GC are: Mass Spectrometer , Flame ionization detector (FID), Electron capture detector (ECD), Thermal conductivity detector (TCD),Atomic emission detector (AED), Photoioniztion detector (PID), Chemilumnescence detector. Detector is present at the end of the column & gives the quantitative measurement of the components of the mixture as they elute in combination with the carrier gas.

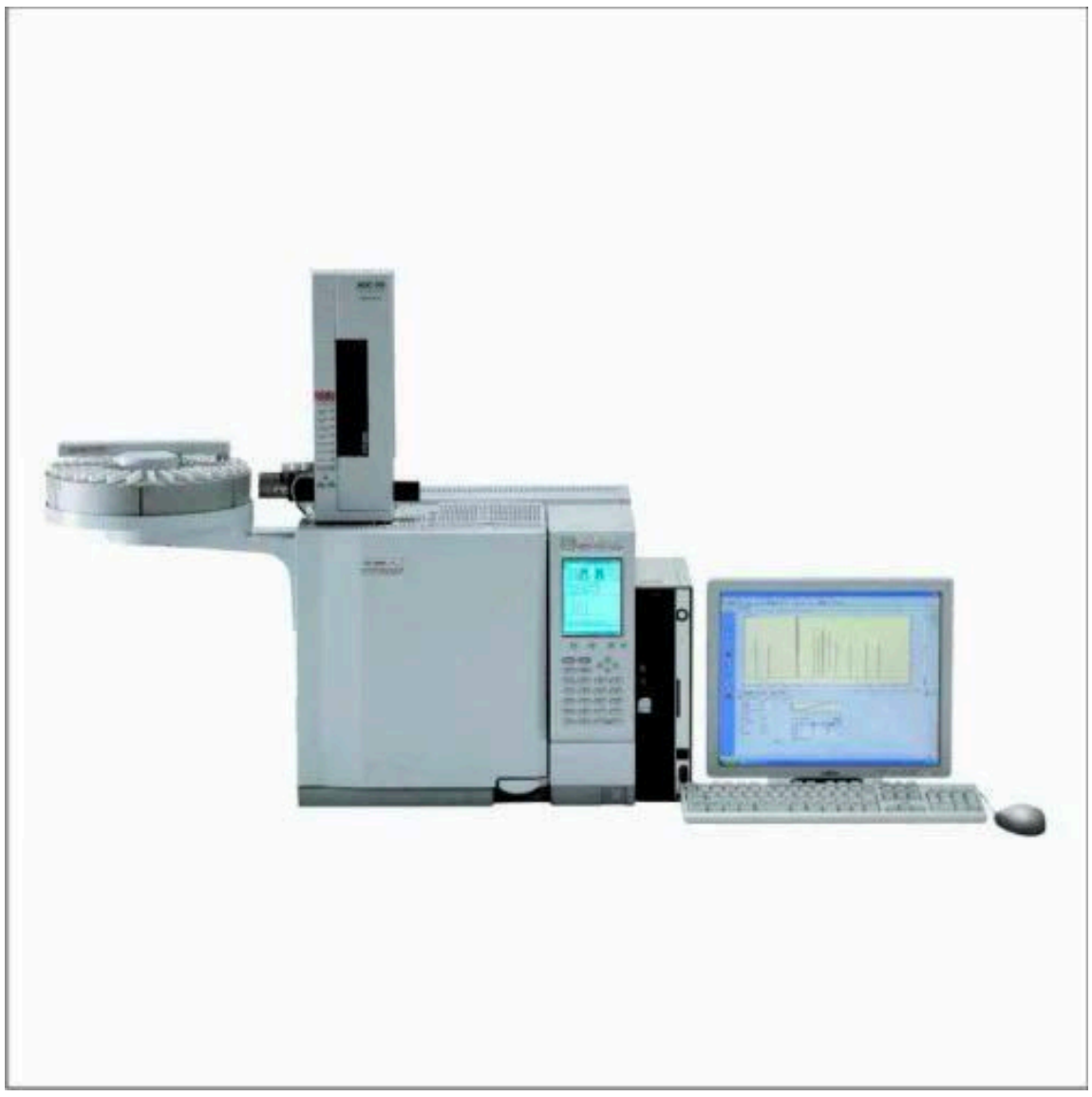
6. Amplification & Recorder system:

These are the last & final components of GC instrumentation. These are meant to record the signals that come from the detector. These use special electronic circuits the process & amplify the signals so as to display in an understandable graphical format that represents several peaks of the constituents of the sample under analysis.

APPLICATIONS

Identification of hazardous compounds in waste damps.

1. Quantification of drugs & their metabolites in blood & urine for both pharmacological & forensic applications.
2. Identification of reaction products.
3. Quantification of pollutants in drinking & waste water.
4. Analysis of industrial products for quality control.
5. Skin sample analysis.
6. RNA isolation.
7. Astro chemistry & geochemical search



ION EXCHANGE CHROMATOGRAPHY



Ion exchange chromatography can be defined as a reversible process in which ions of same sign are exchanged between solid and liquid, a highly insoluble body in contact with it. The soil is known as an ion exchanger and no substantial organic polymer has been used as ion exchanger [1, 2]. It is also known as cation-anion exchange chromatography. Ion exchange chromatography, which is also known as adsorption chromatography, is a useful and popular method due to it's

- .High capacity,
- High resolving power,
- Mild separation conditions,
- Versatility and wide speared applicability,

Tendency to concentrate the sample relatively low

PROPERTIES OF ION EXCHANGE CHROMATOGRAPHY:

The most common properties of all ion exchangers which have been used in analysis are:

- It should be almost insoluble in water and organic solvents, like benzene, carbon tetrachloride, ether etc.
- It should be complex in nature and in fact they are polymeric

It should contain active or counter ions that will leads to exchange reversibility with other ions in a surrounding solution without any substantial change in the material

ADVANTAGES:

* **Detectability**: Useful for the detection of many inorganic salts and also for the detection of organic ions with poor UV absorptivity likes alkyl amines or sulfonates.
* **Preparative separations:** Usually preferred because of the availability of volatile buffers. Volatile buffer makes the removal of mobile phase easier.
* Useful to resolve very complex samples i.e., in the case of multi-step separation.
* Useful for separation of mixtureof biological origin, in organic salts and some organometallics.
* Provides long life to resin
* Cheap maintenance
* Environmental friendly because it deals only with substance occurring in water.

THEORY:

The principle of separation is by reversible exchange of ions between the ions present in the solution and those present in the ion exchange resin. Ion exchange separations are mainly carried out in columns packed with an ion exchanger. There are two types of ion exchanger, namely

1.Cationic exchangers
2.Anionic exchanger

Cationic exchangers:

It possesses negatively charged groups and these will attract positively charged groups. These exchangers are also called acidic ion exchange materials since their negative charges result from the proteolysis of acidic groups.

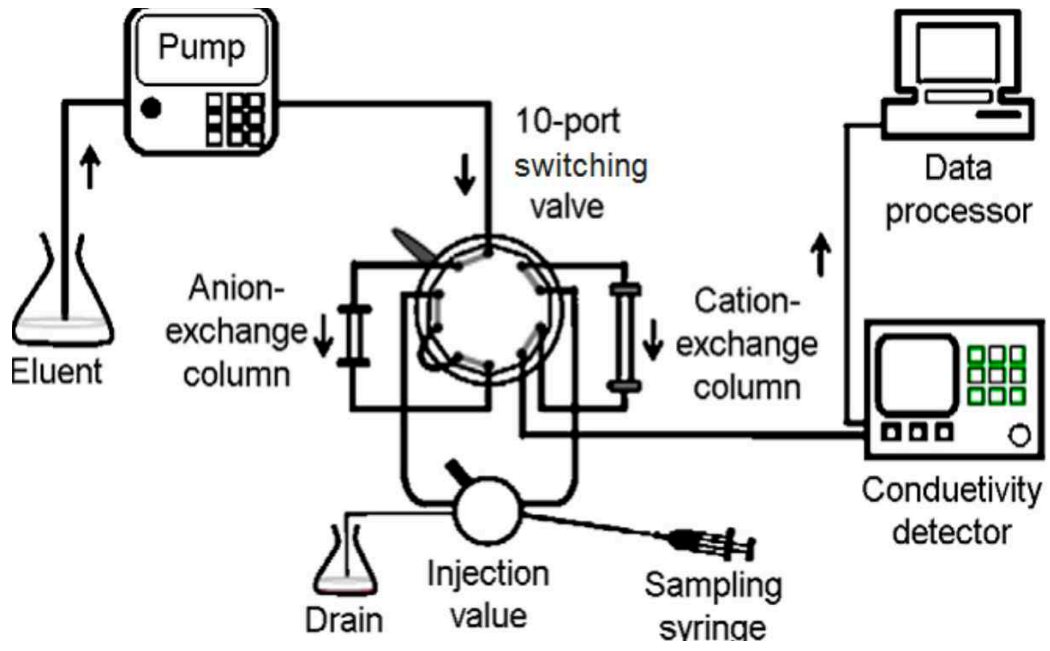
Anionic exchangers:

It has positively charged groups, which will attract negatively charged molecules. This exchanger is termed as basic ion exchange materials since their positive charges generally result from the association of protons with basic groups. Based upon the affinity of ions towards the matrix the ions like cation and anion are separated. The ions that have less

affinity towards matrices will elute first and the ions that have more affinity towards matrices it will elute later.

The actual ion exchange mechanism is thought to be composed of five distinct steps:
1. Diffusion of the ion to the exchanger surface. This occurs very quickly in homogeneous solutions.
2. Diffusion of the ion through the matrix to the exchanger site. This is dependent upon the degree of cross linkage of the exchanger and the concentration of the solution.
3. Exchange of ions at the exchange site occurs.
This occur instantaneously in an equilibrium process: Resin - SO3H + Na+ Resins - SO3Na + H+ Resin-N(CH3)3OH + Cl- Resin - N(CH3)3Cl + OH4. Diffusion Of the exchanged ion through the exchanger to the surface 5. Selective desorption by the eluent and diffusion of the molecule into the external solution takes places.

INSTRUMENTATION



ION EXCHANGE TECHNIQUES

Two techniques are generally used to bring the solution in contact with ion exchange resins. They are:
1.Batch method
2.Column method

1.**Batch method:** This method involves single step equilibrium. The resin and the solution are mixed in a vessel until equilibrium is attained. The solution which is obtained filtered. In single step equilibrium of this type, only a single portion of the exchange capacity of the resin is utilized. This method is used for softening of water and the production of deionised or demineralised water

2. Column method:
Ion exchange chromatography is technique in which separation of the components of a mixture is based upon the different selective coefficients for the resin which leads to

different migration rates on an ion exchange column. Chromatography process is classified according to physically state of mobile and stationery phases, whether they are gases, liquid and gases . This are

1)Frontal analysis

2) Elution analysis and

3)Displacement development

APPLICATIONS

Ion exchange chromatography can be applied for the separation and purification of many charged or ionisable molecules such as proteins, peptides, enzymes, nucleotides, DNA, antibiotics, vitamins and etc. from natural sources or synthetic origin . Some of its applications are as follows

1.**Separation of similar ions:**The ion exchange chromatography is used for separation of similar ions as different ions undergo exchange reactions to different extent E.g.: A mixture of H+ , Na+ , and K+ can be separated by using cation exchange resin. Similarly Cl- , Br- , Ican be separated by passing through basic anion exchanger. The apparatus used in the column method consist of a glass column fitted with a glass wool plug or a sintered glass disc at the lower end. An ordinary burette can also be used. The resin used should have small particle size and the diameter of the resin should be less than one tenth of the column. The slurry is slowly poured into the column containing some water. The resin is allowed to settle and then excess water is drained off

2. **Softening of hard water:**

Hardness of water is due to the presences of Ca2+,Mg2+ and other divalent ions may be removed by passing the hard water through the cation exchanger charged with Na+ ions. Then the following exchange reaction takes place:

TheCa+ , Mg+ ions from water are retained on the column while Na + ions pass into the solution. These Na+ ions are harmless for washing purpose. After using the ion exchange for a time, it becomes in active. Percolating through it a concentrated solution of NaCl when the following reverse reaction takes place can revive its activity

3. Complete demineralization of water:

This requires complete removal of ions i.e., both cations and anions. For this, water is passed through an acidic cation exchanger then metallic cations are exchanged with H+ ions. The water obtained is then passed through a basic anion exchanger then the anions present in the water are exchanged by OHof the exchanger. The H+ and OHions which pass into solution combine to form unionized water [5, 12, and 14]. E.g.: Cation exchanger – Sulphonic acid resin is commonly used Anion exchanger – Strong basic resin is use

4. Purification of organic compounds:

Many natural products extracted in water have been found to contain ions originally present in water. Those ions can be removed by using ion exchange process

5. Separation of sugars:

This method is developed by Khym and Zill in 1951. Sugars are first converted into borate complex and the separation of borate complexes have been achieved quantitatively on columns by using ion exchange chromatography. In this, disaccharide can be separated from monosaccharide's and the individual compounds of hexose, pentose from the mixture can be resolved

6. Separation of amino acids:

Ion exchange methods can be used to separate the complex mixture of 18 amino acids obtained by the acid hydrolysis of proteins. The mixture of amino acids is first introduced on a very short column at pH 2 and eluted with 0.35 N sodium citrate buffers at pH 5.25. Acidic and neutral amino acids at first leave the column unseparated and after that other amino acids are separated . Similarly, a mixture of vitamins like vitamin B1, B2, B6, Niacin, Folic acid, B12 etc. can be separated using ion exchange technique .

HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

It is called high-performance liquid chromatography or high-pressure liquid chromatography, HPLC is primarily based on the use of a column that contains packing material. (Stationary phase), a pump that drives the mobile phase(s) across the column, and a detector that displays the molecule retention durations. The retention time is governed by the interactions between the stationary phase, the molecules being analyzed, and the solvent(s) utilized [21]. The sample is usually added to the mobile phase stream and is slowed by chemical or physical interactions with the stationary phase. Gradient elution changes the mobile phase composition during the analysis. The gradient separates analyte mixtures based on the analyte's affinity for the mobile phase. The nature of the stationary phase and the sample influence the choice of mobile phase, additives, and gradient.

There are many types of HPLC, we will focus on only Normal phase-HPLC, ReversedHPLC, size exclusion-HPLC. In normal phase-HPLC, A polar stationary phase and a non-polar mobile phase are used. The polar stationary phase interacted with and held the polar analyte.

Adsorption strengths raise as analyte polarity increases, and the interaction between the polar analyte and the polar stationary phase prolongs elution time or retention factor. On the other hand, Reversed-HPLC has a non-polar stationary phase and a moderately polar aqueous mobile phase. it works on the principle of hydrophobic interactions, which are caused by repulsive forces between a polar solvent, a comparatively non-polar analyte, and a non-polar stationary phase. besides, size exclusion-HPLC or gel permeation

chromatography can separate based on particle size, it determines the tertiary and quaternary structures of proteins and amino acids. Also, the molecular weight of polysaccharides.

Applications of High performance liquid chromatography

In Pharmaceutical applications

1-evaluate of pharmaceutical product shelflife.
2-Identify active constituents in dosage forms.
3- develop pharmaceutical quality control Environmental.

In Environmental applications

1- Identify diphenhydramine in deposited samples.
2- Pollutant biomonitoring.

In Clinical

1- Estimation of bilirubin and bilivirdin levels in blood plasma in the presence of hepatic diseases.

2- Detection of endogenous neuropeptides in brain extracellular fluids.

Analytical procedure

Standard preparation

Approximately 50 mg of cefazolin sodium was weighed as the reference standard in a 100 mL volumetric flask, dissolved by sonication, and made up to the required volume with mobile phase, giving 500 μg/mL of cefazolin sodium as the stock standard solution used in further processing. For a working standard solution, 10 mL of stock standard solution was diluted in a 100 mL flask with the same diluent. Further dilutions were made to obtain the concentrations required.

Sample preparation

To make a stock sample of cefazolin sodium 500 μg/mL, 10 vials were emptied and the contents were mixed to obtain an evenly homogenized 50 mg sample, which was added to a 100 mL volumetric flask along with 50 mL of mobile phase. The sample was sonicated for 10 minutes, placed on a stirrer for 10 minutes, and the same diluent was added up to the mark level of the flask. This was used as the stock sample solution, 10 mL of which was diluted further in 100 mL of diluent to prepare a working sample solution. The sample was then filtered through 0.45 μm filter paper and injected into the HPLC system.

Preparation of serum sample for in vitro study

Blood samples were taken from healthy volunteers who were aged 20–30 years, not taking any medications, and not participating in any strenuous activity. All volunteers were informed of the aims and risks of the study, and written informed consent was obtained. Our ethics committee approved the study protocol. Blood was collected into an evacuated glass tube through an indwelling cannula in a forearm vein by a clinical laboratory technician. The blood was shaken and centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes to separate out the plasma. Next, 90 mL acetonitrile was added to 10 mL of plasma, and the mixture was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes to remove the protein. The supernatant serum obtained was filtered through Whatman 42 filter paper and stored at -20°C. To make a working sample, 5 mL of the stock sample was put into a 50 mL flask and diluted with10 mL of mobile phase, followed by addition of 25 mL of serum. The sample obtained was stirred for 10 minutes and the same diluent was then added up to the mark level of the flask. All samples prepared were filtered through 0.45 μm filter paper and injected in triplicate into the HPLC system. A blank serum sample was made and run to establish the specificity of the method in biological fluid.

Preparation of sample for study of drug degradation

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Results and discussion

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CONCLUSION

To conclude, this internship experience with the ORCHID Pharmaceutical company has been an illuminating journey, offering first hand insights into the intricate workings of the industry. Navigating the intersection of theory and practice has not only enhanced my understanding of Pharmaceutical operation but has also cultivated a profound appreciation for the collaborative efforts driving innovations. As I transition from this internship, I carry forward a wealth of knowledge, practical skills and a new found passion for contributing to the dynamic landscape of Pharmaceutical advancement.

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INTERNSHIP REPORT

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The student was sincere, regular and showed keen interest in LEARNING and Executing the assigned works.

The internship provided are

- Basics of radioactivity
- Radio analytical procedure for the quantification of radioactivity content in the urine samples of radiation workers
- Preparation of samples for Radiometric counting and efficiency calibration.
- Hands-on experience to use Alpha Spectrometer.
- Radiation safety aspects to work in radiological laboratories.

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INTEGRATED RADIATION MONITORING FACILITY-ANUPURAM

Estimation of Uranium (^{233}U) using Alpha Spectrometer

1. Kalpakkam Nuclear Complex consists of Reactors, Fuel Reprocessing Plants, Waste Management Plants and other Radiological R & D Laboratories. In these facilities safety is given top most priority. occupational workers are well trained in radiological and industrial safety aspects. However, radiological exposures to a very few personnel cannot be ruled out in extreme cases due to human error. Integrated Radiation Monitoring Facility located at Anupuram has been established to monitor internal exposures of any worker. Sophisticated advanced instruments and well established procedures are available for the measurement of radioactivity content in the body even if it is a trace quantity. Workers are periodically monitored by collecting the urine samples and subjected to chemical treatment and radiometric counting.
2. **we have learnt the chemical treatment procedures for the estimation of uranium - 233 in spiked urine samples.**
3. **we have learnt the procedure of electro deposition on a ss disk.**
4. **we have learnt the functioning of alpha counting system for the estimation of radioactivity in the given sample.**
5. **we have also learnt how to handle state of the art sophisticated alpha spectrometer to identify the alpha emitting radionuclides in the given samples.**

radioanalytical chemistry lab staff demonstrated and explained the chemical treatment procedures. we were instructed to prepare chemical reagents required for the work such as : 6.2n hcl, 0.2n h_2so_4, 1:1 ammonium oxalate, ammonium hydroxide independently. these were checked by their laboratory assistants and found to be in good agreement. wet oxidation, pre concentration, co precipitation, ion exchange column, electro deposition, alpha spectrometry are the steps involved in the quantification of radioactivity content in the samples.

Wet Oxidation :

The Urine Sample Collected Is Poured In A 2 L Beaker And The Volume Is Noted. Then 50 Ml Hno_3 And 10 Ml H_2o_2 Is Added In Sequence. This Content Is

Heated Continuously For About 6 To 7 Hours. This Step Is Completed When A Pale Yellow Colour Appears.

I Was Shown Wet Oxidation Procedure.

Co Precipitation:

The Above Sample Is Stirred On Adding 200 Mg Hydroxylamine Hydrochloride, 50 Ml - 90 Ml Ammonia With 0.5 Ml Calcium Carrier Using A Magnetic Stirrer For About 1 Hour And The Precipitate Is Allowed To Settle. After Half An Hour The Precipitate And Supernatant Is Separated And Supernatant Is Thrown Out. To The Precipitate 8m Hno_3 Is Added And Heated Until A White Colour Precipitate Is Formed. To This Precipitate 200 Mg Sodium Nitrate And 10 Ml Of 8m Hno_3 Is Added And Stirred For 30 Minutes. The Content Is Then Filtered.

Ion Exchange Column:

The Ion Exchange Column Containing Dowex Resin Is Conditioned With 8m Hno_3 And Hcl. The Sample Filtered From Coprecipitation Is Loaded In The Column Such That 5 Drops Per Minute Flows In To The Column. Then The Plutonium Is Collected By Loading 1.5n Nh_2oh.Hcl And 1.2n Hcl

Then We Were Taught How To Do Electrodeposition .

Electrodeposition:

I Did The Electro Deposition Process By Adding The Prepared Electrolyte (Hydrochloric Acid, Sulphuric Acid, Ammonium Oxalate And Ammonium Hydroxide) In Respective Quantities. The Electrolytes And The Sample Obtained After The Ionic Exchange Process Are Mixed Thoroughly Using A Glass Rod And The Contents Are Poured Into Electrodeposition Setup. The Current Is Set At 0.60 Amperes. The Current Must Be Constant Throughout The Process. The Sample Undergoes Electrolysis For 2 Hours And 45 Minutes After The Completion Of The Time The Set Up Is Turned Off And The

Planchette Is Taken Out Carefully And Placed In A Petri Dish And Heated For 10 Minutes And Cooled Down For 15 Minutes. The Planchet Is Taken For Alpha Counting.

I Carried Out Electrodeposition Process Under Their Supervision.

Alpha Counting:

I Placed The Planchet Inside The Chamber Of The Alpha Counter Using A Glass Slide. Then The Dc Voltage Of 50v And Vacuum Pressure Of 100 Torr Is Set As Configuration. And The Time For The Counting Process Is Set As 86,400 Seconds And The Sample Is Proceeded For Alpha Counting By Clicking *Run*. After The Completion Of Set Time The Configuration Is Turned Off In A Reverse Manner. The Screen Displays A Spectrum With X-Axis In Energy (Kev) Vs Y-Axis As Alpha Counts (Cps) The Sharp Peak At 4.8 Kev Energy Level Shows That The Radioactive Element Is Uranium 233 And Its Alpha Counts Are 237 And 259 Respectively. With These Alpha Counts The Activity Of The Sample Is Calculated Using The Following Formula.

Activity = Cps (Measured) - Cps (Blank) / Efficiency

We Were Taught The Basics Of Alpha Activity Estimation Using Alpha Counting System.

Outcome Of Internship:

1. Learnt A Lot About The Basics Of Radioactivity, Monitoring Methods, Quantification, Safety Precautions Involved In Various Stages Of Sample Analysis.

2. Exposure To Handle Advanced Instruments.

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Alpha spectrometry is an effective tool for the identification of alpha emitting radio nuclei in any given sample. This technique is commonly used to obtain the uranium composition in urine samples. The uranium isotope measurements at low level activity concentration are of great interest in nuclear fields. A proper Uranium source for alpha spectrometer must be prepared by Electrodeposition method at constant current mode. A combination of these two techniques- electrodeposition followed by alpha spectrometry using planar detectors (PIPS) can produce a very good resolution up to 19.5 KeV at 26 mm STDD. Alpha source produced by electrodeposition consists of a thin uniform radioactive deposit onto a stainless steel cathode (Electrodeposition cell cathode).

The in-vitro Bioassay techniques at Integrated radiation monitoring Facility (IRMF) is used for the determination of radionuclides present in the excretion samples like urine and faeces. In IGCAR, the occupational workers from Compact Reprocessing Facility for Advanced Fuels in Lead Cell (CORAL), Demonstration Fuel Reprocessing Plants (DFRP) and Chemical Group (CG) are involved in the reprocessing of spent carbide fuels of Plutonium and Uranium. During the course of plant operation, there is a chance of radionuclides may become air borne and pose inhalation hazard to occupational worker incidentally or accidently. Urine assay is the preferred method of estimating internally deposited Uranium. Routine monitoring of occupational workers at various nuclear facilities in IGCAR are being carried out by Bioassay Laboratory of HISD Division. The analysis of alpha emitters in urine samples is difficult because very low activity of radioisotopes is excreted in urine following the intake. An anion exchange method followed by alpha spectrometric measurement is used to estimate U present in urine is adopted which is being used for the analysis of U in urine samples. This procedure is chosen due to its ease of handling and consistently good recovery obtained with tracer. At this context, the isotopes are separated by co-precipitation and further purified by passing through anion exchange resin. Afterwards, it is deposited on stainless steel disc and this source is used for alpha spectrometric measurements.

In the present internship project work, designing and developing of electrodeposition cell for uniform plating of uranium isotope which is leak proof and simple in construction and operation has been reported .The present study was used to quantify the Uranium activity concentration present in the sample .The goal of the work was used to prepare uniform thin alpha source with good spectral properties and maximum percentage yield of the study. The

report discusses the estimation of Uranium (^{233}U) spiked activity present in the sample using alpha spectrometer.

Materials and Methods

2.1 Instrumentation

Alpha spectroscopic measurements of samples were done with an alpha spectrometer with Maestro basic alpha spectrometry software and a vacuum pump (Edward model RV8). Each chamber has a Passivated ion implanted planar silicon (PIPS) detector of surface area 450 mm^2 with 100 µm depth. The Maestro software was used for the alpha spectral analysis. The resolution of the detector is 19.5 KeV (FWHM) at source to detector distance of 26 mm which is equal to detector diameter. The counting efficiency of the PIPS detector at the closest distance is approximately 21 % for all the eight chambers.

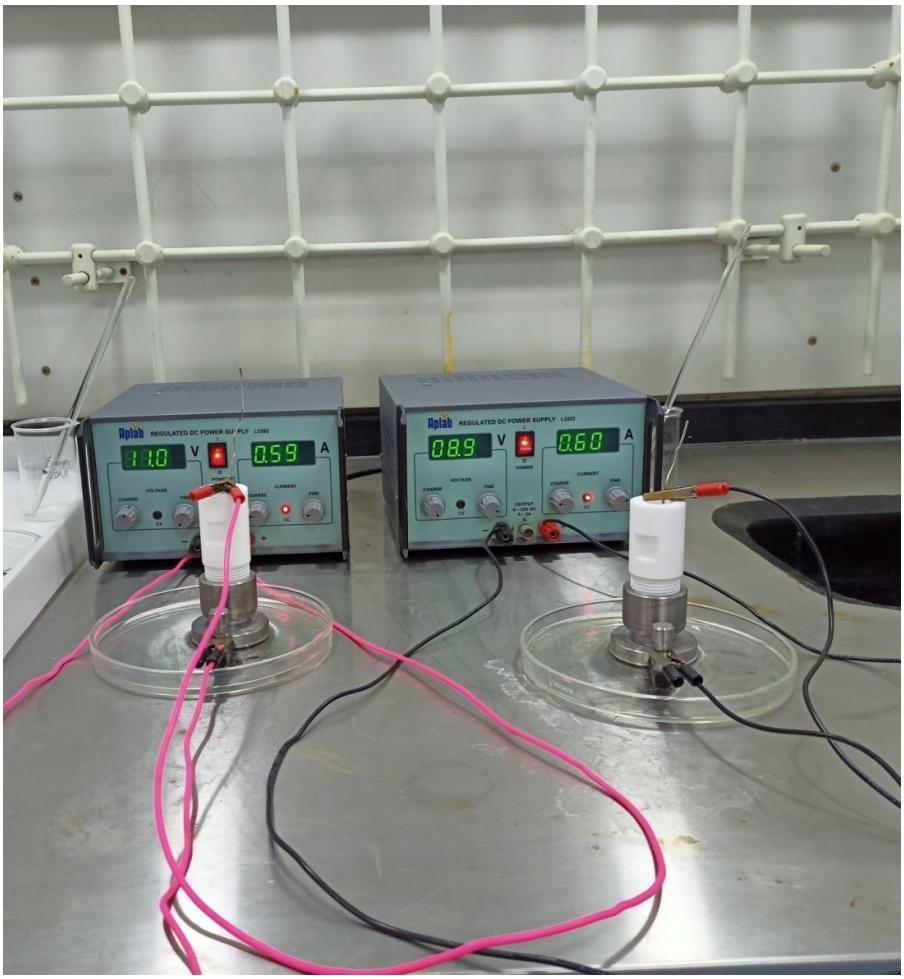


FIG 1:ALPHA COUNTING INSTRUMENTATION

2.2 Electro deposition device

An Electro deposition cell made of Teflon was used for the uniform deposition of Pu activity in urine. During the process, Plutonium isotopes were electrochemically deposited on the cathode (stainless

steel disc, thickness: 1 mm; diameter: 25 mm), which was placed at the bottom of the cell. The platinum electrode was used as anode. The effective area of the electro deposition on the disc was 2.14 cm^2. The DC Regulated Power Supply (Aplab Model: 3005) was used as an external electrical source during the reaction. The schematic representation of Electrolytic Cell is depicted below.



3. Samples

Two spiked samples (Code No: SP-1 andSP-2) of each 1000 ml were spiked with known activity of ^{233}U in mBq level to estimate recovery factor of each sample.

4. Tracer

^{233}U tracer obtained from the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) was purified to remove its daughter product ^{228}Th. Purified activity was estimated by alpha spectrometry and stock solution of tracer having known activity (48.76±1.8mBq/ml) was prepared.

5. Chemicals

All chemicals were of analytical reagent grade and used without further purification.

3 Experimental

A Known activity of ^{233}U were spiked in clean dry 150 ml beaker and evaporated to dryness the candidates were asked to estimate activity of electro deposition method using alpha spectrometry. Blank experiments are also conducted to determine the background activity in the same ROI.

1. Electrodeposition of Uranium samples

- Leak test of the cell was conducted by putting 10 ml of distilled water into it and keep for half an hour. If leak is not found, pour out the water and preserve for the cell for electrolytic deposition.
- Add 0.5 ml of 6.2N Hydrochloric acid solution and 1.4 ml of 0.2N Sulfuric acid solution (Electrolytes) to the beaker.
- Warm up the solution and transfer the electrolytes effectively to the cell.
- Wash the beaker thrice with each time 3 ml of 5% Ammonium oxalate solution by rubbing thoroughly the sides of the beaker with glass rod.
- Transfer all the washings effectively to the cell.
- Keep Spiral Platinum electrode inside the cell at 0.5 mm distance above the S.S.planchette.
- Connect the DC power supply to cell by **Stainless steel body as cathode and platinum electrode as anode**.
- Start the electro deposition reaction at a voltage of **6V** and a constant current of **0.6 amps.**
- Continue the reaction for 2 hours 45 minutes.
- Add 0.5 ml of 1:1 NH_4OH solution to the cell before stopping the current.
- Continue the reaction for 1 minute and switch off the DC power supply.
- Allow the cell to cool down for half an hour.
- Dismantle the parts of electrolytic cell slowly.
- Remove the planchette carefully from the cell.
- Wash the planchette with distilled water then with 99 % alcohol.
- Heat the planchette for 10 minute at a temperature of 40^0C.
- Allow the planchette to cool down for 1 hour

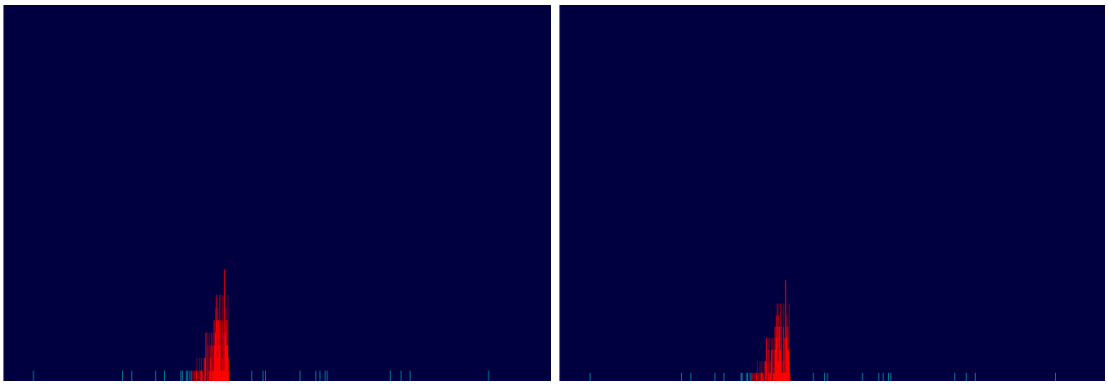
- Label the planchette with same identification number and preserved it for alpha counting.

3.2 Estimation of Uranium activity concentration using Alph spectrometry

The electroplated plutonium samples were counted using Passivated Ion implanted Planar Silicon (PIPS) detector.

1. Place the mixed Electroplated planchette containing the unknown activity on the 1st rack (6 mm STDD).
2. Open the MAESTRO MCA application software. Go to the MCB properties and select parameters like preset time, amplifier, ADC and vacuum state of the ALPHA ENSEMBLE.
3. Activate the vacuum pump by selecting the pump mode from the pull down menu of MCB properties. Wait for the vacuum gauge to read < 100 mTorr.
4. After the desired vacuum pressure is obtained, put on the bias voltage and wait for at least 10 minutes (for warming up of electronic components).
5. Stabilize all the parameters before starting the energy calibration.
6. Acquire spectrum in such a way that counts in the peak channel exceeds 1000 counts. For mixed alpha source live time preset of 300 seconds is selected.
7. After acquiring spectrum, select the region of interest (ROI) in the energy rage of 4620 to 4896 KeV.
8. Note down the Gross are counts in the marked ROI and save the spectrum for the further studies.

SPECTRUM 1 SPECTRUM 2



A blank experiment also conducted to estimate the background counts of samples in the alpha spectrometric estimation of actinides.

4 Result and Discussion

The present work is used for the estimation of the alpha activity concentration of Uranium present in the spiked sample (Code No: SP1 & SP2).

Table 1 : The activity present in the spiked samples

Sample Code	Alpha Chamber	Average Gross counts in the ROI (C1)	Average Background counts in the ROI (C2)	Calculated Activity (mBq)
SP 1	309 Input 1 (D1)	259	1	14.21(+,_)0.88mBq
SP2	309 input 2 (D2)	237	1	13.00(+,-)0.84mBq

Figures 3 & 4 shows typical alpha spectra of spiked sample with known activity of ^{233}U tracer solution. ^{233}U peak marked in the Region of Interest (ROI) of the alpha spectrum is 4620 - 4896 KeV.

4.1 Estimation of Activity concentration of ^{233}U in spiked samples

The activity of recovered ^{233}U tracer is given by the following formulae

The activity obtained for ^{233}U is . The counts were taken from Region of Interest (ROI) of the alpha spectrum of ^{233}U (4620 - 4896 keV). The Samples are counted for 86400 seconds.

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We wish him success in his career.

For Orchid Pharma Ltd.

K Karunakaran
Asst.Manager-Human Resources

Preface

The requirement of practical knowledge by internship is met by professional training and ability of correlating theoretical knowledge to practical exercises under the proper guideline of the related professional staff. The training equips the students with skill, knowledge and professional values sufficient for building professionalism in them. This also guides the students to flourish in their career by imparting the ability of unending learning process. My university (Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai) has therefore been seized with the need of developing practical guideline with would help in providing experience to students to meet the future needs of the industry. In this regard I have been given an opportunity to experience 15 days internship at **ORCHID CHEMICALS & PARMACEUTICALS LIMITED (ALATHUR)**. During this time, I have visited different sections of the company and I have been guided properly and I am very glad to compile what I have learnt in this report.

Acknowledgement

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who supported me throughout my internship and the creation of this report.

I am deeply thankful to **Mr. D. SARAVANAN (Manager), Mr. K. SUNDRA KUMAR (Assistant Manager), Mr. R. Prasanna (Human Resources), Mr. S. Kathir (Executive of PD Lab)** for their invaluable guidance, mentorship, and unwavering support during my internship tenure. Their expertise and encouragement have been instrumental in shaping my learning experience.

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Lastly, I am grateful to my family and friends for their unwavering support and understanding during this journey.

Thank you all for being part of this incredible learning experience.

Sincerely,

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About Orchid pharma

Established in 1992 as an export-oriented unit (EOU), Orchid Pharma Ltd. (Orchid) is a vertically integrated company spanning the entire pharmaceutical value chain from discovery to delivery with established credentials in research, manufacturing and marketing. A multi-therapeutic presence across segments like anti-infectives, anti-inflammatory, central nervous system (CNS), cardio vascular segment (CVS), nutraceuticals and other oral and sterile products. Our pharmaceutical solutions include active pharmaceutical ingredients (API), finished dosage forms. We are globally present across about 50 pharmaceutical companies in India through alliances and partnerships with globally reputed majors.

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INTRODUCTION:

Cefazolin is a widely used antibiotic belonging to the class of medications known as first-generation cephalosporins. It's primarily utilized for the treatment of bacterial infections caused by susceptible organisms.

Cefazolin works by inhibiting the synthesis of bacterial cell walls. It achieves this by binding to and disrupting the formation of peptidoglycan, a key component of the bacterial cell wall. This interference weakens the cell wall structure, ultimately leading to the death of the susceptible bacteria.

ANALYTICAL PROCEDURE

Standard preparation

Approximately 50 mg of cefazolin sodium was weighed as the reference standard in a 100 mL volumetric flask, dissolved by sonication, and made up to the required volume with mobile phase, giving 500 µg/mL of cefazolin sodium as the stock standard solution used in further processing. For a working standard solution, 10 mL of stock standard solution was diluted in a 100 mL flask with the same diluent. Further dilutions were made to obtain the concentrations required.

Sample preparation

To make a stock sample of cefazolin sodium 500 µg/mL, 10 vials were emptied and the contents were mixed to obtain an evenly homogenized 50 mg sample, which was added to a 100 mL volumetric flask along with 50 mL of mobile phase. The sample was sonicated for 10 minutes, placed on a stirrer for 10 minutes, and the same diluent was added up to the mark level of the flask. This was used as the stock sample solution, 10 mL of which was diluted further in 100 mL of diluent to prepare a working sample solution. The sample was then filtered through 0.45 □m filter paper and injected into the HPLC system.

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Development of an HPLC method and its validation are important issues for any drug entering the marketplace, and is a regulatory requirement for quality assurance. Cefazolin sodium is very vulnerable to hydrolysis, so stability studies have an important role in this context. However, very few methods are available for effective assessment of the stability of cefazolin sodium. Calorimetry gamma irradiation, and electrophoresis can be used to indicate stability, but are not widely used, especially at an industrial level. Chromatographic methods developed by Mayerand cannot assess stability. Lalitha et al developed an HPLC method for assessment of stability, but this cannot be used to quantify cefazolin sodium in physiological fluid. However, good results for recovery in studies involving human serum and a low limit of quantification make this method useful for pharmacokinetic studies and routine quality control purposes because it is simple to process, has a short run time, does not require complicated instrumentation, and uses inexpensive reagents.


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HIGH-PRESSURE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY:

High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) is an analytical technique used to separate, identify, and quantify individual components within a mixture. It operates on the principle of chromatography, a method used to separate different components based on their interaction with the stationary phase and mobile phase within a column.

Here's an in-depth explanation of the key components and process involved in HPLC:

Components of HPLC:

Mobile Phase: This refers to the solvent or mixture of solvents used to carry the sample through the chromatographic system. It is usually a combination of water and organic solvents like methanol or acetonitrile.

Stationary Phase: It is a crucial part of the separation process and is contained within the column. The stationary phase can be made of various materials like silica, polymers, or other chemically modified substances. The choice of stationary phase depends on the specific compounds being analyzed.

Column: The column is packed with the stationary phase material. It provides the separation based on the interactions between the sample components and the stationary phase.

Injector: This component is responsible for introducing the sample into the mobile phase stream. It ensures precise and consistent injection of the sample onto the column.

Detector: The detector monitors the separated components as they elute from the column. Various detectors are used in HPLC, including UV-Vis detectors, fluorescence detectors, mass spectrometers, and more. The detector generates signals that are used to create chromatograms, displaying the separation of components.

Pump: The pump delivers the mobile phase through the system at a constant flow rate and pressure, which is essential for the efficiency and reproducibility of the separation.

Principle of Operation:

Sample Injection: A small amount of the sample is injected into the mobile phase stream. The sample travels through the column containing the stationary phase.

Separation: As the mobile phase carries the sample through the column, each component interacts differently with the stationary phase based on factors like polarity, size, and chemical properties. This results in differential retention times within the column.

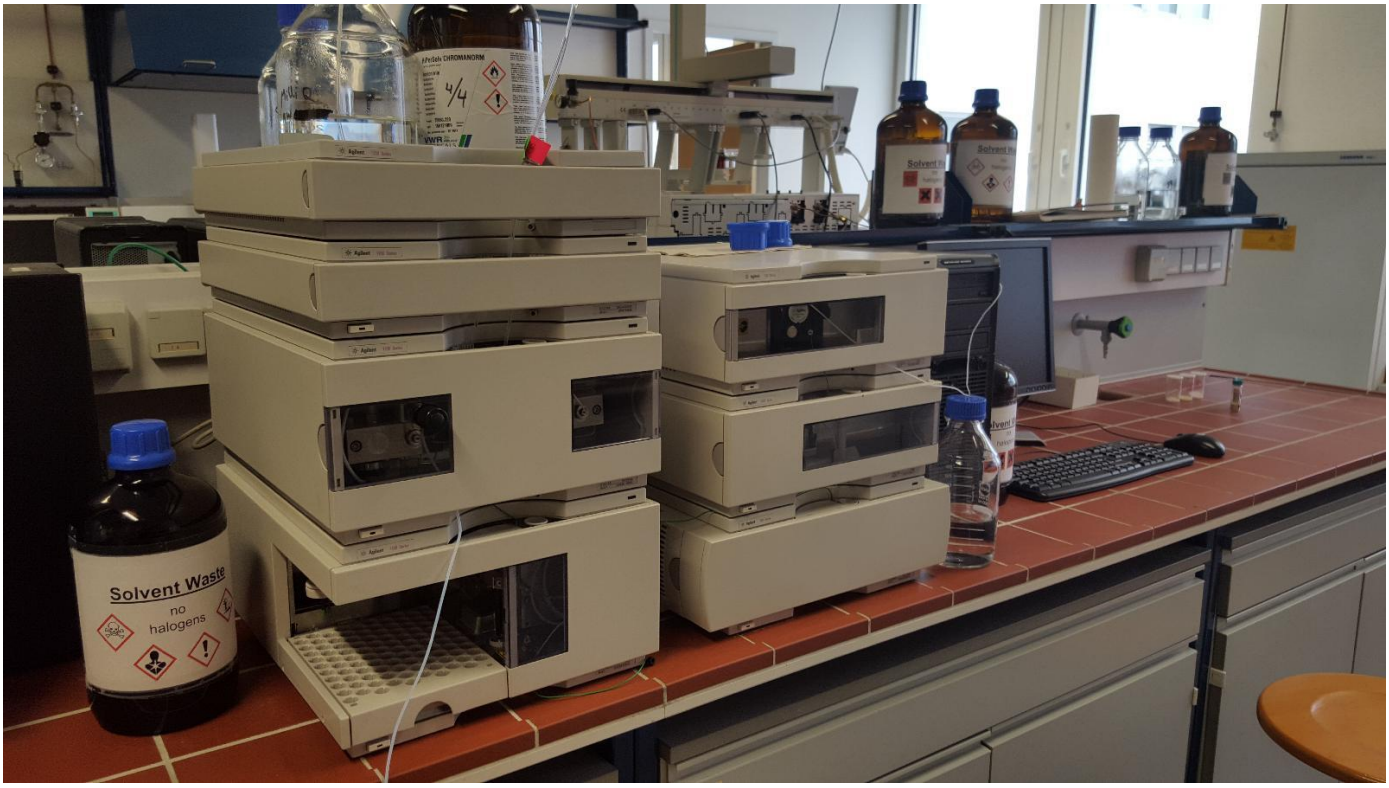
Detection: The separated components exit the column and pass through the detector. The detector records the signal generated as each component elutes from the column, producing peaks on a chromatogram.

Data Analysis: The chromatogram displays peaks corresponding to individual components. The area and height of the peaks are used to quantify the amount of each compound present in the sample.

Applications of HPLC:

- Pharmaceutical analysis (drug development, purity testing)
- Environmental analysis (pollutant detection)
- Food and beverage analysis (nutrient analysis, contaminants)
- Clinical diagnostics (detection of biomarkers)
- Chemical research and analysis

HPLC is a versatile and widely used analytical technique due to its high sensitivity, selectivity, and ability to separate a wide range of compounds in various industries and research fields.



GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY

Gas Chromatography (GC) is another powerful analytical technique used for separating, identifying, and quantifying volatile and semi-volatile compounds within a sample mixture. It operates on the principle of chromatography, similar to HPLC, but with a different mobile phase (gas instead of liquid) and specific components tailored for gas-based analysis.

Components of Gas Chromatography:

Injector: The injector introduces the sample into the GC system. The sample is vaporized and injected into the carrier gas stream.

Carrier Gas: Unlike HPLC's liquid mobile phase, GC uses an inert gas such as helium, nitrogen, or hydrogen as the carrier gas. This gas moves the sample through the column.

Column: The column is a long, coiled tube usually coated with a stationary phase, such as a liquid or solid material. The interaction between the sample components and the stationary phase in the column causes separation based on their different affinities.

Oven: The oven maintains a controlled temperature, crucial for the separation process. Different temperatures can impact the separation efficiency and selectivity.

Detector: GC employs various types of detectors, including Flame Ionization Detectors (FID), Thermal Conductivity Detectors (TCD), Electron Capture Detectors (ECD), and Mass Spectrometers (MS). These detectors measure the concentration of compounds eluting from the column and generate signals used to create chromatograms.

Data System: A data system processes the detector signals and generates chromatograms, which represent the separation of compounds over time.

Principle of Operation:

Sample Introduction: The sample is vaporized and introduced into the carrier gas stream using the injector.

Separation: The carrier gas carries the sample through the column. As the sample travels through the column, different compounds interact with the stationary phase, causing separation based on their affinities.

Detection: As separated compounds exit the column, they pass through the detector. The detector generates signals proportional to the concentration of each compound, producing peaks on the chromatogram.

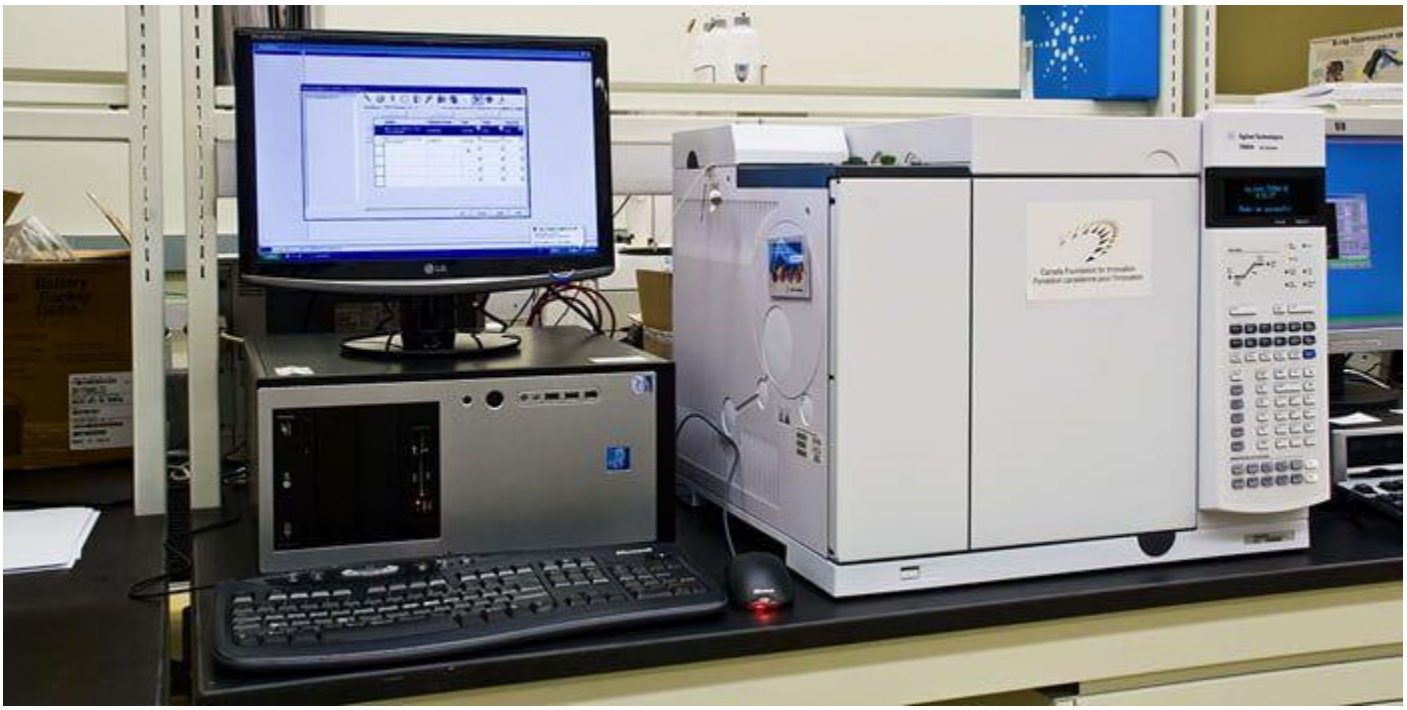
Data Analysis: The peaks on the chromatogram represent individual components. The area and height of these peaks are analysed to determine the identity and quantity of each compound in the sample.

Applications of Gas Chromatography:

- Environmental analysis (air, water, soil contaminants)
- Pharmaceutical analysis (drug purity, composition)
- Petrochemical industry (analysis of hydrocarbons)
- Forensic science (analysis of trace evidence)

- Food and beverage analysis (flavor and fragrance analysis)

Gas Chromatography is highly versatile, offering excellent separation efficiency and sensitivity, making it a valuable tool in various industries for analysing complex mixtures of volatile compounds. The choice between HPLC and GC depends on the nature of the sample and the specific compounds being analysed.



CONCLUSION

To conclude, this internship experience with the ORCHID Pharmaceutical company has been an illuminating journey, offering first hand insights into the intricate workings of the industry. Navigating the intersection of theory and practice has not only enhanced my understanding of Pharmaceutical operation but has also cultivated a profound appreciation for the collaborative efforts driving innovations. As I transition from this internship, I carry forward a wealth of knowledge, practical skills and a new found passion for contributing to the dynamic landscape of Pharmaceutical advancement.

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Industry profile

FOAMS INDIA BED PRODUCTS is 100% natural latex foam manufacturing company situated in Thiruverdkadu, Chennai. They are one of the leading producers of Rubber foam Mattresses, Pillows, Cushions and Slabs confirming to comfort, Safety and Durability.

The products are anti - allergic and keep you warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

Independent tests prove that their latex foam is three time more resistant to dust, mites and bacteria than ordinary mattress. Foam mattress can last up to 20 years and No problem of sagging and no inconvenience. It conforms to the contours of the body creating a cushion and no pressure point are caused during rest.

INTRODUCTION:

History of Latex

Natural rubber originates from the rubber tree, Hevea brasiliensis. During his second journey to Central America in 1493, the explorer Christopher Columbus was the first European to come across rubber. The Maya, who had been living in the Amazon region for centuries, had long been extracting the white sap from these slender trees, which can grow up to thirty metres tall. At the time of Columbus, they were using it to make balls and toys.

The name Rubber

A major breakthrough occurred in 1770, when chemist Joseph Priestley noticed that lines drawn with a pencil can be removed using rubber. That is how the name ‘rubber’ – derived from the English verb ‘to rub out’ – came to be used.

The background of rubber

In 1839, Charles Goodyear discovered that the properties of rubber can be greatly improved by heating it with a small percentage of sulphur. This process is called vulcanisation. When rubber is vulcanised, it retains its elasticity but becomes stronger and less sticky.

Vulcanised rubber could be reinforced even further by adding other materials such as soot. Goodyear had discovered the process of vulcanisation by accident when a mixture of rubber and sulphur happened to land on the stove in his workshop and he noticed the result. Following his discovery, rubber trees were planted on a large scale in countries all over the tropics, such as India, Ceylon and Indonesia.

Thanks to these plantations, rubber products became available worldwide. Goodyear applied for a patent for his discovery in June 1844.

Extraction of the white sap

The milky sap of Hevea brasiliensis is extracted by making a groove through the bark into the cambium layer. The veins of latex are cut through so

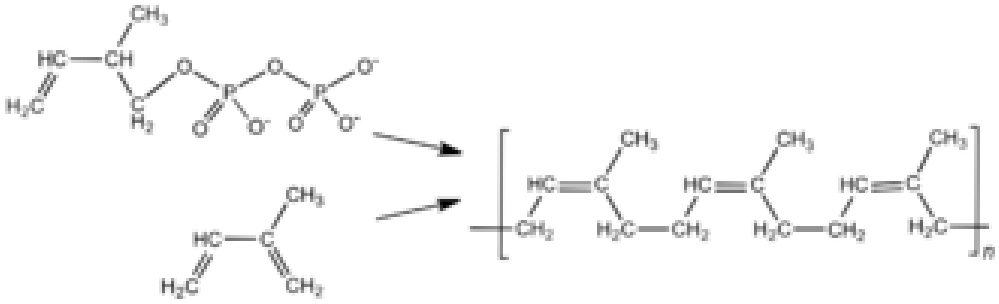
that the sap flows out. Collection trays are suspended under each groove so that the milky white sap can be collected.

About 30% of the collected sap consists of rubber. A number of steps need to be taken to extract the rubber from the sap. The latex must first be filtered and diluted with water, after which the mixture is treated with acid so that the rubber particles coagulate.

The coagulated rubber is then rolled into thin slices in a drum. At this point, the rubber still contains too much protein; these proteins may start to rot and must therefore be removed.

The sheets are smoked in a dedicated chamber to remove the proteins, leaving brown, smoked sheets. These are stacked into bales and transported to rubber mixing mills.

STRUCTURE



Latex is the polymer cis-1,4-polyisoprene – with a molecular weight of 100,000 to 1,000,000 daltons. Typically, a small percentage (up to 5% of dry mass) of other materials, such as proteins, fatty acids, resins, and inorganic materials (salts) are found in natural rubber.

Polyisoprene can also be created synthetically, producing what is sometimes referred to as "synthetic natural rubber", but the synthetic and natural routes are distinct.

Some natural rubber sources, such as gutta-percha, are composed of trans-1,4-polyisoprene, a structural isomer that has similar properties. Natural rubber is an elastomer and a thermoplastic.

Cultivation of latex

Latex is a milky-white liquid sap that comes from the rubber tree. It consists of rubber particles, water and little contents of resins, sugar and ash. Due to its high elasticity.

it is used to make rubber and other related products such as shoes, balloons, gloves, mattresses and many more. In fact, latex is one of the best natural materials to make mattresses because of its intrinsic characteristics: elastic, anti-dust mite and mould resistant.

Natural latex is extracted from the Hevea Brasilienesis rubber tree as mentioned above and requires precise skill when harvesting latex from the tree barks.

A worker cuts a strip of the bark halfway around the tree, about 0.84cm deep allowing the latex to exude into a collecting vessel for some hours about six hours. Large amount of organic latex is required to make a single mattress, for a king size.

It would take at least a whole day's output of 12 acres of rubber trees. Important to note that harvesting the sap does not harm the tree. After the sap is collected, the tree bark heals quickly.

The trees can yield latex milk for up to 25 to 30 years. After that, the trees are felled to be used for other purposes such as furniture and new trees can be replanted.

Executive summary

As this is all about the latex foam production ,There are certain fundamental steps in the production of latex foam rubber,

(1) The foaming of the compounded latex by the introduction of air or other latex.

(2) The gelling of foamed latex in a suitable mould to give a sheet material.

(3) The vulcanization process of the rubber.

Basically there are two types of methods for the production of latex foam such as Dunlop and Talalay . Foams india employ Dunlop method.

The DUNLOP method

If pure natural latex is used, the latex “milk” is mixed with the required chemicals. Once matured, the compound is foamed up with a mechanical mixer (SBR-latex can be foamed up without maturing) and filled into metal molds. A gelling agent is added to the mixture, to generate a fast reaction that stabilizes the foam structure. The molds are then placed in a steam oven or tunnel to vulcanize the cores. Since foamed products are good thermal insulators, the molds are fitted with a large number of pins to transfer the heat into the foam itself. Once vulcanized, the pillow or mattress core is stripped, washed, dried and is finally ready for sale.

The several operations involved in this method of making latex foam is as follows,

- De ammonization of latex
- latex compounding
- Mixing

- Moulding
- Vulcanization
- Washing and drying

The Talalay method

The Talalay process is a bit more involved. It was developed in the 1940s and has been tweaked over the decades. Here is the modern process,

- Liquid latex extract is mechanically whipped to form a frothy foam
- The foam is injected into a mold; however, the mold is filled only partially
- The filled mold is vacuum-sealed, which causes the latex to expand
- The filled mold is then frozen rapidly, pushing carbon dioxide through the latex
- The frozen material is baked to set
- The latex is removed from the mold, washed, and dried

The Talalay process is designed to produce softer, fluffier latex with a more homogenous consistency. The resulting foam is softer and much less dense, which makes it well-suited for comfort layers, but not ideal for support cores.

Differences Between Dunlop and Talalay Latex in Mattresses

The main difference between these two foams is that Dunlop is firmer and more dense, while Talalay is softer, less dense and more homogenous in nature. When it comes to mattresses, here are the most noticeable differences between Talalay and Dunlop

Durability

Dunlop is generally considered to be more durable than Talalay latex. This is due to the much higher density of Dunlop. With that said, both versions are exceptionally durable when compared to most other mattress materials.

Cost

Dunlop is generally less expensive to manufacture, mostly because the process is far less intensive. This can often be reflected in the final price of new mattresses, although the difference in price-points is generally small.

Feel

Generally speaking, Dunlop latex is firmer and more dense than Talalay latex. Often, this means that Dunlop is used for the support core in latex mattresses, while Talalay is reserved for top comfort layers. However, both versions can be engineered to a variety of firmness levels.

Temperature Neutrality

Talalay latex is generally more breathable than Dunlop latex, as it is less dense, and allows for better airflow. This results in Talalay offering slightly better temperature neutrality in most circumstances.

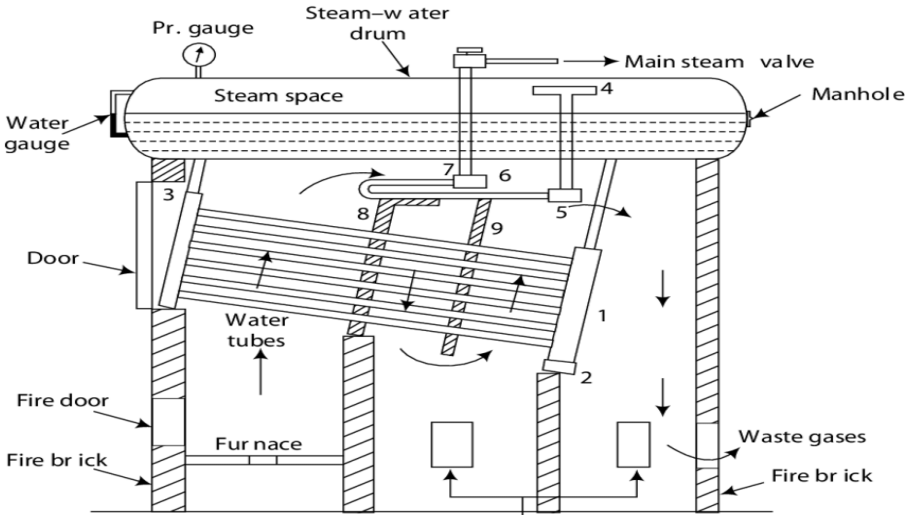
Environmental Sustainability

Latex in general, regardless of the manufacturing process, is considered to be more sustainable than alternatives such as memory foam. It's naturally derived from a sustainable source, and it's more durable than alternatives, offering a lower environmental cost in the long run.

The Dunlop process is slightly less energy-intensive, so it may be somewhat more sustainable than Talalay.

Both manufacturing processes can produce high-quality, durable, and comfortable latex. Ultimately, the overall quality of the mattress and the reputation of the manufacturer are typically more important than whether the bed utilizes Talalay or Dunlop latex.

Boiler operations



Water tube boilers pass water through the tubes, which are then heated externally by hot gas from the furnace flue gas. The heated water rises into a steam drum, where it can then be reheated by a superheater to achieve even higher steam temperatures - this superheated steam is a dry gas most commonly used to drive turbine engines used in thermal power stations.

As we know one of the latest advances in steam production technology is the use of water tube boilers .

This type of boiler is distinct from conventional boilers that use a fire tube system. Water tube boilers are more efficient than fire tube boilers ,generating more steam but using less fuel and they are much safer than fire tube boilers and easier to manage when it comes to routine inspections an maintenance.

I believe using a water tube boiler for this manufacturing process it’s a brilliant idea as its overall efficiency with an economizer is up to 90% and it occupies less space moreover it happens to be very low maintenance costs.

MANUFACTURING PROCESS

(1) Preparation of latex compound :

Natural rubber latex is used for foam productions. The compounding is done in two stages. The gelling process is dependent on pH reduction and its desirable therefore that the ammonium concentration of the latex is adjusted to a controlled level, usually 0.2-0.25%

When a high ammonia natural latex is used, it is necessary to reduce the ammonia to this level prior to compound preparation. This is achieved by stirring the latex with an air steam over the surface During this process , a small amount (0.25-0.5%) of potassium oleate can advantageously be added to minimize any risk of destabilization .

Deammoniated latex is compounded by adding Sulphur ,ZDC ,ZMBT and antioxidant dispersions are allowed to mature for 24 hours .

Followed by this to the matured latex compound ,the ingredients are added as per the second stage compounding during the course of the foaming operations .Zinc Oxide, DPG and sodium silico fluoride dispersions need not be added at this stage.

(2) Foaming process :

Potassium oleate is first added in to the latex compound and is weighed into the bow of a planetary mixer with the whip rotating at a very high speed so as to expand the foam and raise it to the required height as rapidly as possible As the density of the finished product depends directly on the forth density and therefore the forth height it is measured accurately.

After attainment of the required height , the whip speed is reduced o comminute the bubbles and refine the forth without further reducing the density and the filler paste is added just before the required volume is reached it is basically required accordingly.

Zinc oxide and sodium silico fluoride are used as gelling agent and DPG is used a s secondary gelling agent. A measured amount of zinc oxide dispersion and DPG dispersion are added to the bowl and stirred in to the forth followed by a measured quantity of sodium silico fluoride dispersion after a further period of blending and the liquid sensitized, froth is pure from the bowl into a mold .

Through mechanical agitation in the presence of air in the planetary mixer the foaming of the latex compound is achieved.

(3) Molding :

In the process the molds used are usually made from cast aluminum the lids containing the familiar domed cavity formers. This type of cast aluminum alloy molds combine the desired properties of good heat transfer ,resistance to corrosion ,lightness and smooth surface to facilitate striping.

Each mold is conditioned to ensure that its temperature is uniform and constant, generally about 40- 50°C an treated with a mould release agent . There are many alternative mould release agent employed ,out of the most widely used are aqueous solutions of sodium carboxy methyl cellulose or medium molecular weight polyethylene glycols or a mixture of both.

To Ensure good demolding the Mold release solution should be applied evenly and uniformly.

According to the inches the moulds differs accordingly, if the mattress is about 3 inches multicore mould is applied and for two inches mattress pincore mould is applied .

(4) Foam gelling :

After settling the foam in to the mould and positioned the lid, a short interval allowed before the mould passes in to the curing chamber. During the interval, zinc oxide and sodium silico fluoride adding them bring about gelation of the foam.

The addition of gelling agent is adjusted so that gelation is complete in about 5-10 minutes. Control of the gelling reactions is vital for good foam production .Mould temperatures are usually controlled to 30-35°C for the pan and 40-45°C for the lids .

If something goes wrong about maintaining the mould temperatures can lead to defects which includes loose skin or thick skin on the surface of the product**.**

(5) Curing process :

The moulds pass in to a curing chamber where they are exposed to live stream at atmospheric pressure for 20 to 30 minutes the time duration is all depends on the thickness of the product.

As the thin sheet requires less time and the thick sheet requires more time after the process though the foam is not fully cured but it is strong enough to allow the lid to be automatically opened and the product is removed from the mould and the surface which is interior is sprayed with mould lubricant.

(6) Washing and drying process :

As the foam may contain number of water soluble non rubber constituents such as soap which could lead to poor ageing, bad odour and poor resilience so it is necessary to get this contaminants removed so the process shall go ahead with passing the moulding through a series of roller and water is sprayed simultaneously to clean it effectively and the containing water Is removed by a squeeze rolling machine.

It is followed by the drying process in which the foam containing less moisture after coming through the squeeze roller the wet products are placed in an open mesh conveyer which passes through a chamber with hot sir circulation.

The temperatures are generally between 100-110°C and the drying time is about 1 to 2 hours . The drying temperature should not exceed more than 110°C if it happens it might lead to charring of dry foam.

(7) Defects and Remedies :

If there happens to be a defect there should be a possible cause and the remedies which already kept as suggested for it, so in case of defects those remedies shall be applied.

If the defect happens to be like Coarse structure and rat holes the cause should be the gelation at a low ph so increasing pf secondary gelation agent shall help it .

when it is like loose skin due to the insufficient gelling agent or cold mould increasing gelling agent and using warm mould shall help as a good remedy

Flow marks or splitting in the centre due to gelation is too hot using cooler mould than before will help it

when it is foam collapse before gelation due to the poor foam stability increasing foam stabilization and gelling agent shall act as a remedy and help it.

Though there are possible cause and remedies for it is already been sorted out it is very rare or no chance of a defect as the whole Manufacturing process is monitored with great care.

Benefits of latex mattress

Natural latex beds are preferable to synthetic and blended latex for their eco-friendliness, durability, and health benefits.

1. Pain Relieving

The gentle cushioning and buoyant support of latex foam mattresses are especially beneficial for sleepers with back and joint pain.

Latex foam softly cradles heavy body parts, such as the hips and shoulders. This light contouring provides pressure relief near the joints and lower back, while latex's natural elasticity maintains natural spinal alignment by gently supporting lighter areas, like the neck and back.

2. Hypoallergenic and Low Maintenance

If a bed is not continually cleaned, microorganisms, such as bacteria, fungi, and viruses can easily collect on the top of the mattress and cause mold, mildew, and dust mites.

This results in bedroom allergies and an unsafe sleeping environment. However, latex is naturally antimicrobial, meaning it repels harmful microorganisms, making latex an excellent choice for people with year-round allergies or anyone too tight on time to sanitize their mattress.

3. Eco-friendly

As mentioned above, natural latex is refined from the sap of the rubber tree. The trees are not cut down or damaged during this process and can produce sap for up to 30 years.

Therefore, the processing of latex mattresses encourages tree growth and is extremely sustainable. Natural latex is also biodegradable, ensuring it won't sit in a landfill for years.

Although harvesting latex is a sustainable process, latex mattresses are not always manufactured responsibly. Some manufacturers use chemicals harmful to our health and environment.

A GREENGUARD Gold, OEKO-TEX Standard 100, eco-INSTITUT, or GOLS certification will guarantee the mattress is primarily composed of natural materials and safe for use. We will further discuss these certifications later.

4. Breathable

Natural latex foam has an open-cell structure to permit constant airflow. The foam layers are also constructed with pinholes, enhancing breathability. Most importantly, chemicals found in synthetic materials retain body heat and natural latex mattresses contain little to no additives.

If you want an especially cool mattress, opt for a breathable cover made from cotton or wool.

5. Durable

Natural latex mattresses are best known for their long-term comfort. High-quality latex mattresses have an average lifespan of 12 to 20 years—significantly longer than other types of mattresses. The resiliency of natural rubber is often credited for this longevity. A natural latex mattress effortlessly bounces back once the pressure is removed, maintaining its original shape over years of use.

QUALITY CONTROL OPERATIONS

The Compression Set test is conducted which involves compressing a test sample to half its original thickness for 22 hours at an elevated temperatures of 158°F and then allowing it to decompress.

The greater the loss of thickness, the more likely the material is to take an impression over time.

The Impact test is conducted its about the weight of 45 pounds is dropped repeatedly on the mattress core for 24 hours. The core is allowed to recover for 24 hours, then its firmness is measured again.

The greater the loss of firmness from the first measurement to the second indicates how likely the material is to break down over time.

It is necessary to check whether the final products are within the specifications and also incase of the needs for corrective actions is the manufacturing process.

TECHNOLOGICAL SUGESSTIONS

Instead of using a normal dryer making use of a radio frequency dryer in the manufacturing process shall help with the more production and also in a less time as it is high energy transfer efficiency, uniform heating within the product, reduced equipment dimension and better preservation of sensorial, chemical and physical characteristics of the product.

The major advantage is that it gives thorough, consistent drying in less time and also occupies less space.

In addition to these following advantages are prominent:

1. Faster Drying
2. Faster Production
3. Decreased Labor Production
4. Less work in progress
5. Energy Saving
6. Less Down Time
7. Lower Maintenance
8. Space savings

So I believe though it is way too expensive, but shall help with the production rate and the time as well.

Dry Rubber Content (DRC) TEST

As we know Centrifuged latex is today available commercially in two different verities with high ammonia (min. 0.7% of ammonia) and low ammonia (max. 0.3% of ammonia). ... High Ammonia (HA) -Foam products, dipped goods, adhesives, elastic thread, household and industrial gloves, balloons, rubber bands and finger caps.

It contains 60% Dry Rubber Content (DRC) It is a general purpose latex widely used in many latex applications mainly foams.

Separate the preserved field latex into two fractions , one containing the concentrated latex of more than 60% dry rubber content and the other containing 4-8% dry rubber in other words (skim latex)

Skim latex is generally coagulated with sulphuric acid , made in crepe, dried marketed as skim rubber ,which is basically low grade rubber.

It is calculated but taking 10ml of latex and adding up

CH_2O_2 + CH_3COOH

(formic acid) (Acetic acid)

◉ W1 / W2 x 100

→ W1- Weight of the wet of the latex

→ W2- Dry weight of the latex.

Ammonia content test

Ammonia is used to stabilize latex and prevent premature coagulation in rubber during transportation to the factory so it is necessary to check the ammonia content in order to pursue with the next steps of manufacturing.

Ammonia content test is followed by taking 10g of latex as a 4 batch from 100g of latex milk .

So it happens to be a four set of samples and the concordant value shall be observed.

The concentrated hydrochloric acid is taken as the burette solution with 0.1% Normality and the Indicator is methyl red solution with (0.1% alcohol) added as 6 drops to the 250ml beaker and the appearance of pale pink white is the end point of the titration

◉ 1. 7 x N x V / W

→ N- Normality of hcl

→ V- Volume of the hcl

→ W- Weight of latex in grams.

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Preface

The requirement of practical knowledge by internship is met by professional training and ability of correlating theoretical knowledge to practical exercises under the proper guideline of the related professional staff. The training equips the students with skill, knowledge and professional values sufficient for building professionalism in them. This also guides the students to flourish in their career by imparting the ability of unending learning process.

My university (Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai) has therefore been seized with the need of developing practical guideline with would help in providing experience to students to meet the future needs of the industry. In this regard I have been given an opportunity to experience 15 days internship at **KAMGO TECHNOLOGIES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED**. During this time, I have visited different sections of the company and I have been guided properly and I am very glad to compile what I have learnt in this report.

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Chapter 1

Company Profile

1.1 Introduction

Established in the year 2018 in Chennai, India.

Kamgo Technologies India Private Limited is a recognized market leader in providing comprehensive laboratory solutions to the analytical, life sciences, food, CRO industries in South India. They have operations in Chennai, Banglore and Hyderabad. We represent world-leading analytical column brands, Consumables, instruments. They also partner with them to provide value added and cost-effective services to their esteemed clients.

They have a dedicated and knowledgeable sales team which understands the customers' needs and their pain points and supports them with their optimum and economical solutions. They have well equipped and adequately staffed offices to handle end-to-end business functions such as sales, services, logistics, distribution, warehousing, accounts, etc. With the help of their application lab in Chennai, they can immediately handle any kind of analytical column troubleshooting for their clients.

They work closely with laboratory testing team and clients to understand specific needs which enables us to design appropriate water treatment systems and distribution. High-purity solvents will give you the performance you need with minimal risk of contaminants, while maximizing the sensitivity and detecting power of instrumentation.

1.2 Company's Mission Statement

To become one of the solutions for all analytical needs of the science community, build long relationships with their clients with the help of quality service. To provide solutions to the new challenges in separation and purification faced in the industry.

1.3 Company's Vision

Kamgo Technologies India Private Limited has received sustainable growth and good recognition from customers in the recent years. We believe that in the forthcoming years KTPL becomes one of the leading techno commercial organizations with a strong emphasis on science for setting quality standards through analytical and separation science and providing best value products, services and solutions to their customers.

1.4 Safety and Environment Management

Kamgo Technologies is a very responsible company. It cares greatly about the environment as well as the satisfaction of its customers. For this reason, they have adopted almost all national and international quality and environmental safety policies.

1.5 Manufacturing Products

- Filtration Cups: Pre-sterilized, single-use devices for efficient microbial analysis in pharmaceutical API and formulation industries.
- Specimen Container: Container made up of polystyrene, cap crafted from high-density polyethylene, available in both sterile and non-sterile options, suitable for collection.
- Dispobags: Autoclave bags designed for waste disposal, ideal for disposing of pathological, clinical or contaminated materials.
- Spoon/Spatula: Available in both sterile and non-sterile options, featuring a flat surface and small scoop. Ideal for weighing dry powders.
- Type 1/DM Water

  Ultra-Pure Water: High purity and UV transmission for column and detector protection, ensuring reproducibility.

  HPLC Water: Ideal for reproducible separations due to high UV transmittance, low particle count, acidity, alkalinity, and evaporation residue.

  DM Water: Suitable for various lab applications, commonly used in regulated and demanding settings.

1.6 Marketed Products

- Zodiac Life Sciences
- Ametek BrookField Viscometers
- Sartorius
- Shinwa Chemical Industries
- Cyber Lab Vials
- Sterinox System
- Kamgo-Lab Water

Chapter 2

Water Treatment Plant

2.1 Introduction

Every laboratory has need for Purified Waer. Purified water has very range of uses in chemical, microbial and biochemical laboratories. From glassware washing to autoclave filling, it is essential to have good quality purified water.

2.1.1 Sterile Environment Requirements for Pharmaceutical Water

The pharmaceutical industry adheres to stringent standards for the purity and sterility of water used in the manufacturing and testing of pharmaceuticals products. Sterile water is essential for preventing microbial contamination, ensuring the safety and efficacy of drugs.

High purity solvents and reagents give us the performance we need minimizing the risk of contaminants that can limit accuracy while maximizing instrument sensitivity and detection power in key applications: UHPLC and LC/MS. It is ideal for cutting edge applications, such as proteomics, pharmacokinetics, clinical research and drug discovery.

2.1.2 Types of Pharmaceutical-Grade water

Pharmaceutical-grade water is classified into various categories based on its intended use and purity requirements.

- LC-MS Grade water: Water with exceptionally low levels of impurities, suitable for high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC and mass spectrometry (MS) applications.
- HPLC-Grade water: Water with minimal impurities that can interfere with HPLC analysis.
- ICP-MS Grade water: Water with extremely low levels of trace metals, essential for inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) applications.
- IC-Grade water: Water with minimal ionic contaminants, suitable for ion chromatography (IC) analysis.
- Pyrogen-free water: Water free of pyrogens, endotoxins derived from gram-negative bacteria, which can cause adverse immune reactions.
- Reagent water: Water with low levels of impurities suitable for general laboratory use.

2.1.3 Components of an SS316L Water Treatment Plant

- Water inlet: The entry point for raw water from the source.
- Softener: Removes hardness-causing ions (calcium and magnesium) from the water.
- MGF (Multi-Gradient Filter): Removes suspended solids, particulate matter, and organic contaminants.
- Ultrafiltration skid: Employs a semipermeable membrane to remove dissolved impurities, including bacteria and viruses.
- UF permeates storage tank: Holds the purified water from the ultrafiltration process.
- PW generation system: Generates pure water for pharmaceutical applications.
- Control panel: Monitors and controls the operation of the water treatment system.
- Electric power supply: Provides electricity to operate the various components of the system.
- Multipurpose tank: Stores water for various purposes, such as system cleaning and maintenance.
- UV and mixed bed skid: Combines UV disinfection with mixed bed resin polishing to remove residual impurities and ensure sterility.
- Post ultrafiltration tank: Stores the final purified water before distribution to various points of use.
- UV feed tank: Supplies the UV disinfection system with purified water.

Principle for UV sterilization

All forms of life known on the earth exist based on DNA and RNA for reproduction and existence. DNA and RNA are both composed of 4 kinds of chemical substance units.

A--Adenine

T--Thymine

C--Cytosine

G--Guanine (the basic component for the nucleic acid)



In time of cell reproduction, the long chains inside. DNA are opened when Unit A in each chain will look for and connect with Unit T. Each long chain can reproduce an identical chain to the chain freshly split, restore the complete DNA before splitting and serve as the foundation for the new-borne cells. However, ultraviolet at a wavelength of 240-270nm can break the capacity of DNA to produced protein and reproduction. Once the DNA and RNA of bacteria and viruses are damaged, their capacity to produce protein and reproduction are both lost. As the bacteria and viruses usually have a very short life cycle.

The effective of UV sterilization is often expressed in killing ratio, e.g., 99.9%. Namely, 99.9% of the original bacteria have been killed and only 0.1% exists, or, 1/1 000 has survived. As 1000 is the 3 in 103 or in log, it is habitually to express the killing ratio with 310g. The killing ratio of ultraviolet depends on two factors: 1, ultraviolet intensity (I); and 2, irradiation time (T).

2.2 Experimental Methodology

For sophisticated laboratory applications, a combination of methods is usually utilized, beginning with some pre-treatment such as water softening followed by reverse osmosis filtration, UV treatment and deionization for higher grades.

2.2.1 Description of the SS316L Water Treatment Plant



Stainless Steel UV Lamp Sterilizer Water Treatment System

UV sterilizers are used both inside and outside the main stainless steel, polished body to strengthen internal and external UV illumination of high purity quartz assembled, with special ultraviolet lamp treatment, with a strong bactericidal, long life, stable and reliable, the bactericidal effect Rate ≥ 99%, life 8000 hours, has been widely used in medicine, food, beverage, life, electronics and other fields.

The SS316L water treatment plant utilized in this study consisted of the components mentioned above. The plant was designed and operated in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) to ensure the production of high-quality pharmaceutical-grade water.

2.2.2 Water Quality Monitoring Procedures

Regular monitoring of various water quality parameters was conducted to ensure compliance with pharmaceutical standards. Parameters such as conductivity, total organic carbon (TOC), endotoxin levels, and microbial contamination were monitored using appropriate analytical methods.

2.2.3 Analytical Methods for Water Quality Assessment

Water samples were collected at various stages of the treatment process and analyzed using standard analytical techniques. Conductivity was measured using a conductivity meter, TOC was determined using a TOC analyzer, endotoxin levels were assessed using the Limulus Amebocyte Lysate (LAL) test, and microbial contamination was evaluated using plate counting methods.

2.3 Results

2.3.1 Evaluation of Water Quality Parameters

The monitoring results consistently demonstrated that the water produced by the SS316L water treatment plant met all pharmaceutical-grade water specifications. Conductivity, TOC, and endotoxin levels were within acceptable limits, and microbial contamination was undetectable.

2.3.2 Assessment of Microbial Control

The UV disinfection system effectively eliminated microorganisms, ensuring sterile water production. The absence of detectable microbial contamination in the final product confirmed the efficacy of the treatment process.

2.3.3 Monitoring of Pyrogen Levels

The SS316L water treatment plant effectively removed endotoxins, ensuring pyrogen-free water production. The LAL test results consistently showed no detectable endotoxin levels in the final product.

2.4. Conclusion

The SS316L water treatment plant effectively produced high-quality pharmaceutical-grade water, meeting all relevant standards for LC-MS grade water, HPLC-grade water, ICP-MS grade water, IC-grade water, pyrogen-free water, and reagent water. The plant's consistent performance in maintaining water quality parameters and eliminating microbial contamination demonstrates its suitability for pharmaceutical applications.

Chapter 3

HPLC Columns

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 Internship Objectives

- My internship aims to:
- Gain a comprehensive understanding of HPLC columns and phase interactions: This includes learning about different types of HPLC columns, their functionalities, and how they interact with various compounds.
- Develop expertise in protocols and managing solvent waste systems: This involves understanding the components of a solvent waste system, implementing safety protocols, and adhering to environmental regulations for solvent waste disposal.
- Refine customer interaction and sales techniques: This focuses on building rapport with clients, effectively presenting products and services, addressing objections, and closing deals.
- Gain practical experience in sales and customer service: This includes applying theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios by visiting pharmaceutical companies and pitching them HPLC columns, water purification systems, and related services.
- Develop professional communication and interpersonal skills: This involves interacting effectively with colleagues, clients, and other stakeholders in a professional setting.

3.1.2 Internship Overview

This internship provided me a valuable opportunity to learn from industry professionals, gain hands-on experience with real-world applications of HPLC technology, and develop essential skills in sales, customer service, and professional communication. The internship involved a combination of theoretical learning, practical training, and real-world exposure through client visits and project assignments.

3.2 HPLC Columns and Phase Interactions

3.2.1 Types of HPLC Columns

HPLC stands for High-Performance Liquid Chromatography, a versatile and powerful technique used to separate and identify compounds in a mixture. Imagine it as a microscopic maze where different molecules travel at different speeds based on their size and interactions with the maze walls.

1. Sample Injection: A small sample of the mixture is injected into the HPLC system.
2. Mobile Phase: A liquid solvent, called the mobile phase, flows through a narrow column packed with tiny, porous beads called the stationary phase.
3. Separation: Different molecules in the sample interact with the stationary phase at different strengths. Some molecules stick more tightly to the stationary phase, slowing them down, while others pass through more quickly.
4. Detection: As the molecules emerge from the column, they pass through a detector that measures their presence.
5. Signal Generation: The detector generates a signal, typically a peak on a chart, corresponding to each molecule as it emerges from the column. The height and position of each peak provide information about the identity and concentration of the molecule.
6. Data Analysis: The peaks are analyzed to identify the compounds present in the sample and their relative amounts. This information can be used to understand the composition of the sample, diagnose medical conditions, or monitor environmental pollutants.

HPLC columns are the heart of HPLC analysis, separating compounds based on their interactions with the stationary phase. Common types of HPLC columns include:

- Reverse-phase (RP) columns: The most widely used type, employing a hydrophobic stationary phase and a hydrophilic mobile phase.
- Normal-phase (NP) columns: Utilize a hydrophilic stationary phase and a hydrophobic mobile phase, suitable for separating polar compounds.
- Ion-exchange (IEX) columns: Separate compounds based on their ionic charge, employing charged stationary phases.
- Size-exclusion (SEC) columns: Separate macromolecules based on their size, using a stationary phase with pores of varying sizes.

Also, there are different types of columns used by pharma and industries which has their own selectivity, some of them are,

Perp Columns: Preparative Chromatography is an important stage in liquid chromatography employed for scale ups, isolation of Proteins, Peptides or Impurities and Purification of samples in pharma and life science industries.

Carb Columns: Analysis of Carbohydrates, Sugar and Sugar alcohols in different formulations.

Ghost Buster Columns: Contaminants from a variety of sources such as mobile phase solvents, mobile phase containers, flow liners, pumps, filters, gradients mixers etc. cause unknown peaks called Ghost Peaks that appear in chromatogram interfering with the target peaks making the gradient analysis unreliable.

This causes resolution of ghost peaks difficult.

Selectivity of the columns can be understandable by USP Classification given below.

[Source: Zodiaclifesciences]

Series	USP Classification	Particle size	Pore Size (Å)	Carbon Loading %	End - Cap	pH Range
ZODIAC C18	L1	3.,5,10	100	24	Yes	1.5-10
ZODIAC C18 (1)	L1	3.,5,10	190	12.9	Yes	1.5-10
ZODIAC C18(AQ)	L1	3,5,10	120	17	Yes	1.5-10
ZODIAC C8	L7	3,5,10	100	15	Yes	1.5-10
ZODIAC C8(1)	L7	3,5,10	190	7.4	Yes	1.5-10
ZODIAC C8(AQ)	L7	3,5,10	120	10	Yes	1.5-10
ZODIAC Phenyl	L11	3,5,10	100	14	Yes	1.5-8
ZODIAC Phenyl (1)	L11	3,5,10	190	7.4	Yes	1.5-8
ZODIAC PFP	L43	3,5,10	190	15	Yes	2-8
ZODIAC Amino	L8	3,5,10	100	10	Yes	2-7
ZODIAC Amino (1)	L8	3,5,10	190	8	Yes	2-7
ZODIAC RP Amide	L60	3,5,10	120	15	Yes	2-8
ZODIAC Cyano	L10	3,5,10	100	15	Yes	2-7.5
ZODIAC (1) Cyano	L10	3,5,10	190	12	Yes	2-7.5
ZODIAC Silica	L3	3,5,10	100	0	No	2-6
ZODIAC Silica (1)	L3	3,5,10	190	0	No	2-6

3.2.2 Understanding Phase Interactions in HPLC

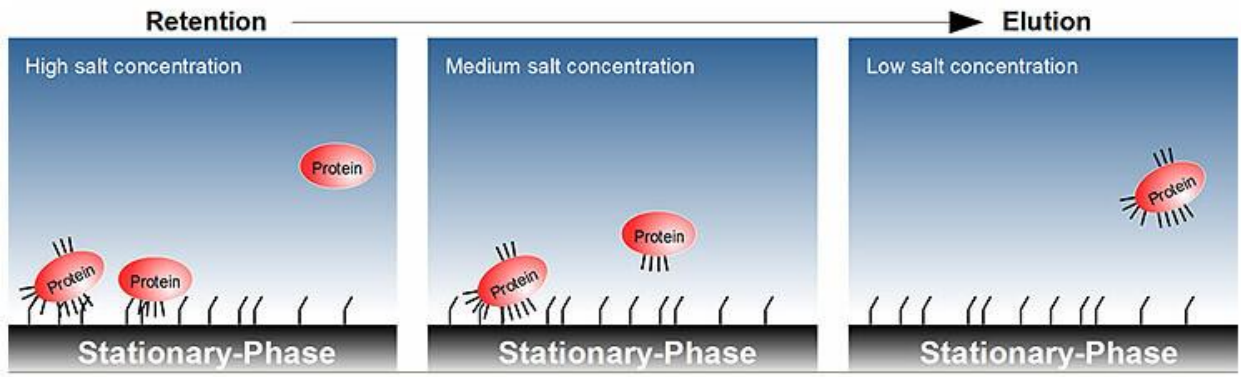
Phase interactions are the driving force behind separation in HPLC, influencing how long a compound stays in the column (retention) and when it elutes. Understanding these interactions is essential for optimizing separation conditions and achieving accurate results.

Effects of Phase Interactions:

- Selectivity: Different compounds interact with the stationary phase and mobile phase to varying degrees. This leads to the separation of different compounds based on their specific interactions, allowing for the identification and quantification of individual components in a mixture.
- Resolution: The ability to distinguish between closely related compounds depends on the difference in their retention times. Optimizing phase interactions ensures sufficient resolution for accurate analysis.

- Peak shape: The shape of a peak in the chromatogram can provide information about the purity of the compound and the efficiency of the separation. Tailing peaks indicate poor resolution or excessive interaction with the stationary phase, requiring adjustments to phase interactions.

Hydrophobic Phase Interaction:



Optimizing phase interactions is crucial for:

- Developing efficient and reproducible HPLC methods.
- Achieving accurate separation and quantification of target compounds.
- Troubleshooting and resolving issues related to separation performance.

3.2.3 Applications of Different HPLC Columns

By understanding the properties of our target compounds and the desired separation, we can choose the right HPLC column for the job. The right choice ensures efficient and accurate results.

- RP (Reverse Phase) Columns: These are like the Swiss Army knife of HPLC columns. They're versatile and work well for a wide variety of compounds, making them a good starting point.
- NP (Normal Phase) Columns: Think of these as the specialists for polar compounds. They excel at separating compounds that are attracted to water, like sugars and alcohols.
- IEX (Ion Exchange) Columns: Imagine magnets attracting charged particles. These columns use charged surfaces to separate compounds based on their electrical charge, perfect for analyzing proteins and other biological molecules.

- SEC (Size Exclusion) Columns: Think of these as sieves with different hole sizes. They separate macromolecules like proteins and polymers based on their size, allowing you to analyze their molecular weight distribution.

3.3 Customer Interactions and Sales Techniques

3.3.1 Building Rapport and Understanding Customer Needs

Effective customer interactions involve:

- Active listening: Understand customer needs and challenges.
- Empathy: Demonstrate understanding and willingness to help.

3.3.2 Effective Presentation of Products and Services

Tailor product presentations to customer needs:

- Highlight relevant features and benefits.
- Provide clear and concise information.

3.3.3 Handling Objections and Closing the Sale

Address customer objections professionally:

- Listen attentively and identify the root cause of the objection.
- Provide clear and persuasive responses to address the objection.
- Propose solutions that align with customer needs.

3.4 Sales Visits to Pharmaceutical Companies

3.4.1 M&M Pharma: Sales of Water and Columns

- Highlight product quality and compliance with pharmaceutical standards.
- Emphasize expertise in HPLC columns and water purification systems.
- Demonstrate understanding of M&M Pharma's specific needs and requirements.

3.4.2 Axxelent Pharma: Sales of Water

- Focus on the purity and consistency of the water purification system.
- Emphasize the ability to meet Axxelent Pharma's specific water quality requirements.
- Highlight cost-effectiveness and long-term value.

3.4.3 Madras Pharma: Sales of Columns

- Demonstrate expertise in selecting the right HPLC columns for Madras Pharma's applications.
- Provide technical support and guidance in column selection and usage.
- Offer competitive pricing and attractive sales terms.

3.5 Conclusion

3.5.1 Key Learning from the Internship

This internship provided a valuable opportunity to learn and gain practical experience in various aspects of HPLC technology, sales, and customer service.

My internship at Kamgo Technologies equipped me with a solid foundation in the field. I gained valuable knowledge of HPLC columns, phase interactions, and solvent waste management practices. This theoretical understanding was complemented by practical skills in HPLC analysis and data interpretation, allowing me to confidently navigate the basic principles of this technology.

Beyond technical knowledge, the internship significantly enriched my professional development. I honed my customer interaction and sales techniques, enabling me to effectively engage with potential clients and achieve success through real-world sales presentations. These experiences fostered strong communication and interpersonal skills, essential for navigating professional relationships.

On a personal level, the internship nurtured my confidence and independence, empowering me to tackle challenges with initiative and autonomy. Collaborative efforts with colleagues significantly improved my teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities. Additionally, I developed effective time management and organizational skills, allowing me to prioritize tasks and optimize my workflow.

Thank you.

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3.	**QUALITY CONTROL LAB**
4.	**CONCLUSION**

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT THE COMPANY

India is well known as the 'Oyster' of the global industry and the largest producer of milk in the entire globe. The cooperatives contribution is high to this total production. In Tamil Nadu, AAVIN is the first cooperative milk society dealing with milk and value-added products of milk. AAVIN union is a government which was founded in the year 1958. Milk is procured from the village level societies twice a day. The milk cost payment is made on the basis of a quality test which consists of Fat and Solid Non-fat content.

THE PRODUCTION LEVEL OF MILK

The AAVIN Dairy industry produces about 65,000 litres of milk during the Summer period and 80,000 litres of milk during the Winter period. This happens because during the dry summer months there will be a low availability of green fodder for cattle for the fall of milk production.

DISTRICT UNIONS OF FEDERATIONS

There are about 17 district Co-operative Milk Producers Unions functioning in Tamil Nadu, covering 30 Districts. They are;

- Kancheepuram- Tiruvallur
- Villupuram
- Vellore
- Dharmapuri
- Salem
- Erode
- Coimbatore
- Nilgiris
- Madurai
- Dindigul
- Trichy
- Thanjavur
- Pudukottai
- Sivagangai
- Tirunelveli

• Kanyakumari

FUNCTIONS OF CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS UNION

1. Establishment of chilling centres.
2. Formation of new milk routes to collect milk produced by the members of the societies.
3. Collection of milk from societies, process, and pack in modern dairy.
4. Supply of Quality of milk.
5. Fixation of procurements and selling milk price of milk.
6. Supply of inputs to the members of the societies.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

INTERNSHIP PURPOSE AND STUDY:

The purpose of the internship is to obtain extra knowledge about the dairy centre and to know about the function and activities of AAVIN. In this internship, I get to know about the milk and milk-based processing methods of AAVIN situated at Sholinganallur. I have attained a lot of information which includes production, products, sales, profit, loss etc. In this project, we also took effect to know about, assessing the quality of the milk via various tests and also, I have learned about the waste-water management.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

I have started this internship to know about the milk and milk-based processing methods of AAVIN situated at Sholinganallur (Chennai). I have attained a lot of information's which include production, products, sales, profit, loss etc. in this training period, I also took effect to know aboutassessing the quality of the milk via various test and also, we have learned about the wastewater managemen.

OBJECTIVES

1. To obtain extra knowledge about the dairy centre.
2. To know about the functioning and activities of AAVIN.
3. To know about the financial highlight of the dairy centre.
4. To know about the process of a dairy product in the dairy centre.

5. To know about the waste water management in the dairy centre.

IN-PLANT VISIT

• RECEPTION DOCK:

Milk is received in insulated tankers of 9000 litters and 15000 litters capacity from different unions. Tankers are weighbridge before and after emptying. The reception section has two reception points for tankers which can be used alternately. Cleaning of tankers by flushing hot water is carried out at reception points, Milk pump with a capacity of 20000/hr is installed in the reception section.

Unloading of tankers is carried out in automated mode with PLC Control. A total of 5.2 lakh litters of milk is received per day on average which comprises mixed milk, Separated skim milk, and concentrated skim milk.

• TYPES OF SILOS:

1.RAW MILK SILO:

This tank is used largely at diaries for storing and keeping milk at cool temperature these are insulated storage tanks (silo). Inside the tank welding lines are ground and polished. The silo body material oil stainless steel. The capacity of this silo is 1000000L.

The pumping raw milk is stored in this silo. This silo milk only goes to the plant to pasteurize and homogenization and from the processed milk. These milks are stored in the processed milk silo.

2.PROCESSED MILK SILO:

The processed silo was comparatively smaller than the raw milk silo. The capacity of silo less than the raw milk silo. The capacity 0 this silo is 30000 L. This silos are washed using CIP and sterilised after every refill.

<u>This silos contain different types of milk such as:</u>

1. TM - TONED MILK
2. DTM- DOUBLED TONED MILK
3. SM - STANDARISED MILK
4. FCM - FULL CREAME MILK
5. TEAMATE

6. COW MILK

so these milks only storage tank and go into the packing section to packed...

- **STORAGE SECTION**

Milk is kept in enormous containers known as SILOS. There are & SILOS IN total, each with a volume of one million square meters. After entering the balancing tank and passing through a plant chiller, the milk from the tanker is pumped into the SILOS. different types of milk are kept in each SILO. Three SILOS are set aside for the storage of mixed milk (cow and buffalo milk combined). One for full cream milk. One toned milk.one for standardized milk. And the remaining two for separated skim milk (butter is removed from the milk).

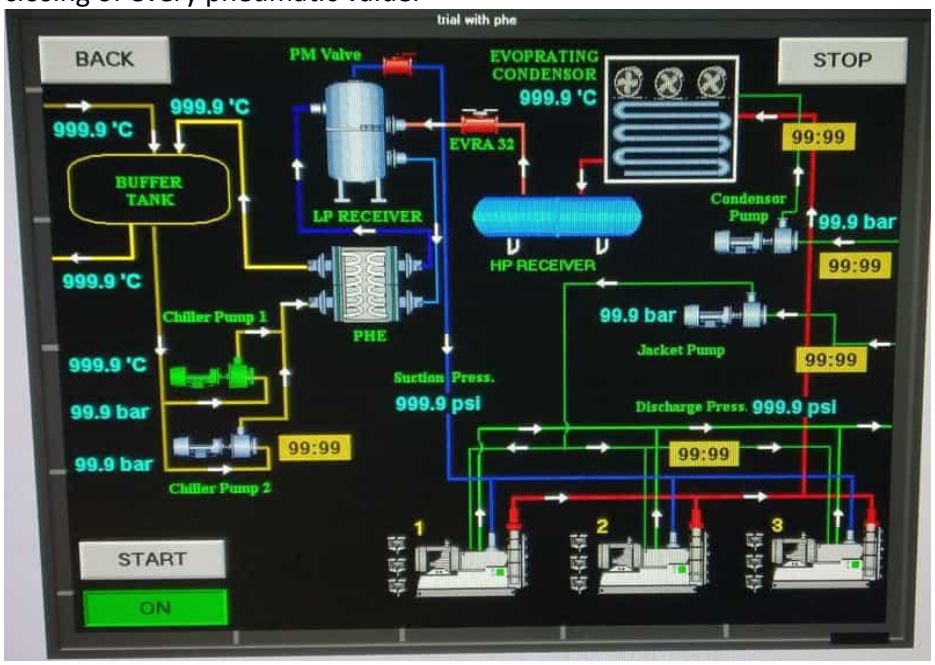


- **BALANCE TANK:**

The float control balance tank maintains the milk flow at a constant. It generally has a sensor to maintain the flow of milk. It also receives the milk from flow diversion value (FDV) When the pasteurization occurs improperly.

- **PROCESS CONTROL ROOM (PLC AND SCADA)**

PLC and SCADA are both used to monitor and control equipment in process automation across many different industries, such as telecommunication, water and waste control, energy, oil and gas, and transportation.
In this plant, PLC and SCADA systems are used to control all the operations, mainly opening and closing of every pneumatic value.



• PRODUCTION SECTOR:

PASTEURIZATION:

The process of heading milk to 78°C - 2°C and cooling to below 50° C. Heating of milk to 78°C and holding it for 15 sec kills the harmful bacteria in it. Maintaining at 5°C can improve the self-life of milk and prevent the growth of harmful bacteria.

PASTEURIZER:

The pasteurizer has 5 section namely,

- ❖ **Heating**
- ❖ **Regeneration**
- ❖ **Cooling section**
- ❖ **Holding coil**



• CLEANING IN PLACE SECTION:

In order to ensure that all contaminated contact surface are cleaned to acceptably high and consistently reproducible standards, cleaning – in- place (CIP) Involves the circulation or recirculation of appropriate water rinses and chemical cleaning and sanitizing solution through plants and equipment that are kept in the assembled state.

• DUPLEX FILTER:

Duplex filter is used to filter the foreign matter present in milk. Here the duplex is placed after regeneration-1 to improve the quality of filtration (increased temperature of milk after the regeneration-1 process, promotes good filtration).

• HOMOGENIZATION:

It is the process of breaking fat globules at even size (2p). Homogenization occurs after regeneration -2 at 45°C. Hence the milk is forced through a small passage at high pressure.

It has 2 stage.

Stage 1:1500psi

Stage 2:500psi

It has 3 high speed pistons to break the fat molecules.

• FLOW DIVERSION VALUE:

It is to prevent the unpasteurized milk. It is a 3-way value. It returns the unpasteurized milk to balanced tank to make it pasteurized since it cannot allow milk to the packing area.

• TRIBLENDER:

Tri blenders are used to mix dry SMP powder with a liquid in a continuous basis. It uses a centrifugal pump as the primary drive for the mixing and the infeed of the both liquid and the dry powder.

• BUTTER MELTING VAT:

Butter melting vat is used by people for melting butter owing to its operational fluency and temperature resistant design. Its coverts butter oil. The butter oil gets filtered and joins the homogenization process.



• RO (REVERSE OSMOSIS) PLANT:

Plant capacity production is 10kl per hour purpose the of RO plant is to reduce the scale forming and to allow contamination.

RO water is used for:

- ❖ **Solar panel**
- ❖ **Processing**
- ❖ **UHT plant**
- ❖ **Boiler**

• BOILER HOUSE:

A boiler, often known as a stream generator, is a machine that uses heat to turn water into steam. Depending on the need, different boilers are used to produce different forms of stream, including wet steam, dry steam, and super- heated steam. This, location generates steam that is used for pasteurization among other things.



• REFRIGERATION SECTION:

The dairy business depends heavily on its refrigeration system. Various refrigeration system types are employed depending on factors like size, application, design, capacity, etc. The compressor, condenser, expansion value, and evaporator are the parts of the refrigeration system vapour our compression refrigeration is the basis of refrigeration. The workforce needed to transfer heat from a low- temperature body to a high- temperature body is provided by the compressor.



• PREPACKING SECTION

one Prepack machine is specially designed for filling 5 litters pouch. Each of the these prepack machine have overhead mini tank with a holding capacity of 40 litres which gravity feeds milk into the pouches via nozzle. Pasteurized milk stored in silos is pumped to prepack overhead tanks each with a capacity of 15000 litres prior to sachet.

A plate chiller is installed en-route to maintain the temperature of milk well below 5° C. The quality parameters of pasteurized 37 milk like COB, MBR time, acidity, fat SNF are tested prior to filling in pouches to assure its quality. Samples are acquired every one hour during sachet to keep a check on the keeping quality of milk.

• FILM:

Per day film usage 8 tons

Film thickness:

63 microns for half litre film 110 microns for 5 litre film.

Empty film thickness:

A mini sachet (225ml)-1.9g
A half-litre sachet -2.7 to 2.9g
one litre sachet- 4.5g
A five-litre sachet 28g

MILK SACHET VARIETIES:

- Double toned milk: half litre sachet
- Toned milk: half and one litre sachet
- Standardized milk: 5 litter, half litre and 225 ml sachets.
- Full cream milk: half litre sachet

• PACKAGING SECTION:

❖ **FULL CREAM MILK: (FAT 6% AND SNF 9%)**

❖ **TONED MILK: (FAT 3% AND SNF 8.5%)**

❖ **STANDARDIZED MILK: (FAT 4.5% AND SNF 8.5 %)**

❖ **DOUBLE TONED MILK: (FAT 1.5% AND SNF 9%)**

❖ **DELITE MILK: (FAT 3% AND SNF 8.5%)**

❖ **TEA MATE MILK:(FAT 6.5 % AND SNF 9.0%)**



EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT:

Oil, sludge, grease, and other pollutants can contaminate water, which can be treated using the ETP mechanism and method. This method is intended to clean industrial wastewater so that it can be reused or safely dumped into the environment. The effluent treatment plant is utilised to purify water used in the dairy industry's butter, powder, packaging, loading, and tray wash sections as well as tanker cleaning.

Tests done in ETP:

Chemical oxygen demand (COD)

Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)

Mixed liquid suspended solids (MLSS)

Total suspended solids (TSS)

Total dissolved solids (DTS)

Oil and grease PH Dissolved oxygen (DO)

Volatile fatty acid (VFA) Chlorine Sulphuric.

NOTE:
Chemicals added in aeriation tank urea, DAP, etc. if it is necessary.

ADVANTAGES:

1. ETP converts wastewater into clean & safe water and it saves us money.
2. It protects our environment from pollution and ETP eliminates the need to transport clean water.
3. It protects humans from various diseases caused by wastewater.
4. ETP helps in minimizing waste and It saves water by recycling the old or polluted water.



AERATION TANK



RAS TANK



EQUALIZATION TANK



SLUDGE DISPOSAL

ULTRA-HIGH-TEMPERATURE HEATING TREATMENT:

UHT stands for “Ultra High Temperature Processing,” which is just another way of heating milk to kill bacterial spores. In the pasteurization process, the milk is heated to 72°C (161.6°F) for at least 15 minutes, whereas the UHT process heats the milk at 135°C (275°F) for one to two seconds. This flash of extreme heat is said to kill off any spores in the milk. After the milk is heated to a temperature of 140 C, the milk is passed through the holding tube for 2 seconds. The milk is immediately cooled by 2°C to prevent any off- flavour development. The milk passes through the DTHE to gradually get cooled to 30°C.

The process then enters the packaging section which is maintained under aseptic conditions. The 92-micron 9-layered pouches are rinsed with Hydrogen

Peroxide solution to maintain sterility. Excess H_2O_2 is removed by rubber strips present inside the machine. The processed milk would be packed in tetra packs of 200mL, 500mL, and one litre. The packaged milk is tested for its properties. UHT milk tastes different than its pasteurized milk, it tastes like it comes from a box and it tastes burnt. The processed milk has a shelf life of **90 days** and the **packets need not be preserved in refrigerators.**



UHT MILK PACKET



UHT PLANT IN AAVIN

SOLAR WATER HEATING UNIT (CST):

Water fed to the boiler is heated using solar water heating system heating system. Water from the soft water tank is circulated through tubes underneath the solar heating panels where the temperature is raised around 65°C, the heated water is stored in feed water tank from where it is pumped to the boiler. There are two feed water tanks catch with holding capacity 10,000 litres. The main advantage of using solar heating system is reducing in fuel consumption.

QUALITY CONTROL LABORATORY

- ✓ ORGANOLEPTIC TEST
- ✓ TEMPERATURE
- ✓ CLOT ON BOILING TEST
- ✓ METHYLENE BLUE REDUCTION TIME TEST
- ✓ FAT
- ✓ SOLID NOT FAT
- ✓ C0RRECTED LACTOMETER READING
- ✓ ACIDITY
  - ✓ HARDNES OF WATER TEST
- ✓ ADULTERANTS TEST

✓ STANDARD PLATE COUNT
✓ SWAB

PRELIMINARY TEST
ORGANOLEPTIC TESTS

1) ODOUR:

The raw milk should be free of any unpleasant smell such as acidic smell. Normal milk should not have any off -or unnatural smell in it. If the smell is slightly sour, the milk might have undergone microbial deterioration.

2) TASTE:

The milk should be free of unpleasant taste. Adulteration of milk with salt, sugar, etc. can also be detected by taste ,and if found positive must be rejected.

3) APPEARANCE:

The raw milk should be free from any foreign matters and off-colors. Normal milk should be free from these. The presence of visible dirt, straw, or manure indicates that milk has been handled in an unhygienic way. The color of the milk of cows and sheep should be slightly yellowish-white and that of buffaloes and goats absolutely white. If the color is reddish, the milk may contain blood; if it is yellowish, it may contain pus. Such milk may be secreted from the infected udder (mastitis) and should not be accepted.

4) TEMPERATURE:

The temperature of the milk sample is checked using a thermometer. The temperature of the received milk should not exceed 8-9°c.

CLOT ON BOILING (COB)

➢ Take 5 ml of milk in a sterilized test tube.
➢ Heat it for just boiling and observe clotting on the side of the tube.
➢ When the whole of the milk clots to be adhering to the

sides of the tube the result can be recorded as" positive".

➢ If clots are absent the result shall be recorded as negative.

➢ Remark COB positive milk is not accepted for processing.

The removal of the oxygen from milk and the formation of reduction substances during bacterial metabolism causes the color to disappear.

STANDARDS FOR RAW MILK:

METHYLENE BLUE REDUCTION TIME (MBRT)

Methylene blue dye is prepared by dissolving 1tablet of standard methylene blue tablet in 200ml of cold, sterile, distilled water in a sterile flask. Allow to stand for an hour and ensure the complete dissolution of the tablet. This is further diluted with 600ml of sterilized distilled water and kept as a stock solution.

PROCEDURE:

➢ Take 10ml of milk in a sterilized test tube.

➢ Add 1ml of MB dye to get a concentration of 1 part of dye to 300000 parts of milk and plug with a sterilized cork.

➢ Invert the tube to mix the contents and incubate at 37°c in a water bath.

➢ The color of milk in the tube is examined first 10 minutes and then every half an hour and the time required for complete decolorization is noted.

➢ Incubate two control tubes with each batch consisting of

a)10 ml of milk mixed with 1ml of methylene blue solution.

b)10ml of milk mixed with 1 ml of water.

➢ Immerse both tubes in boiling water 3 minutes to destroy to the natural reduction of the milk.

➢ Comparison of tests with (a) Will show when decolorization is beginning and comparison with (b) will show it is complete.

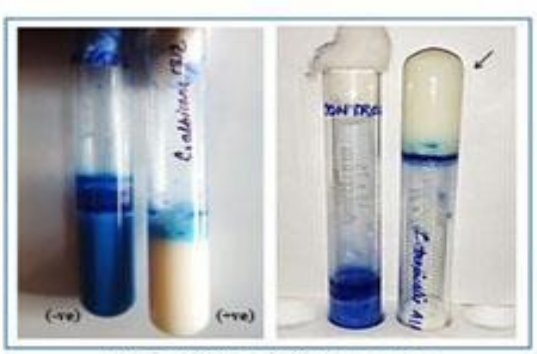


Fig. 2: MBRT and Clot Formation

MBRT TIME IN HOURS	QUALITY OF MILK
5 Hours and above	Very good
3-4 Hours	Good
1-2	Fair
½	Poor
Less than 10 mins	Not accepted

ACIDITY TEST

- The clean conical flask is taken and 10 ml of thoroughly mixed milk sample is added.
- 10 ml of distilled water ids added and a few drops of 2 percentage phenolphthalein solution is added.
- The mixture is titrated against 0.1N NaOH filled in the burette. The titrated reading is note down at the appearance of pale color.



Calculation:

Percentage of acidity in milk=M*N*V/W
Where the M- Molecular weight of NaOH
N – Normality of NaOH
V – Volume of NaOH
W – Weight of NaOH

Note: Fresh milk contains 0.1 percentage to 0.11 percentage of existing acidity due to the presence of milk proteins etc. milk acidity will increase due to the presence of micro-organisms (developed acidity). The milk will be started to clot at the boiling when milk's total acidity reached 0.17 percentage to 0.18 percentage. The milk acidity below 0.16 percentage is fit for processing and for products it should be below 0.14 percentage.

HAEDNES OF WATER TEST:

Hardness in water is due to the presence of dissolved salts of calcium and magnesium. It is unfit for drinking, bathing, washing and it also forms scales in boilers. Hence it is necessary to estimate the amount of hardness producing substances present in the water sample.

As water plays a major role in dairy industry, hardness of water will check every 6 hours of softening process. Samples like raw water, RO water, sump water, boiler water will be taken for analysis.

Procedure

- The burette is filled with standard EDTA solution to the zero level.
- Take 50ml sample water in flask. If sample having high Calcium content then take smaller volume and dilute to 50ml.
- Add 1ml Ammonia buffer followed by 5 to 6 drops of Erichrome black - T indicator. The solution turns into wine red colour.
- Note the initial reading then titrate the content against EDTA solution.
- At the end point colour change from wine red to blue colour.
- Note the final reading and record it. Repeat the process till we get concordant value.



HARDNESS OF WATER BY EDTA METHOD

Other Parameters of water

It is also necessary to calculate the other parameters of water like pH, TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) etc.,
pH is calculated using both pH paper and pH meter, and TDS is calculated using conductivity meter.

DETERMINATION OF FAT BY GERBER METHOD:

PROCEDURE

- Take 10 ml of Gerber acid (90 percentage sulfuric acid in a butyrometer.
- Add 1ml of amyl alcohol (C*H-{3} – C*H-{2}- CH(2) CH(2)CH(3)+ close the neck with a stopper.
- Mix the contents thoroughly until the curd has dissolved.
- Transfer the butyrometer into a water bath of 65 degrees c+2°c and keep it for 5 mins.
- Dry the butyrometer into a centrifuge for centrifugation at 1100ppm for 5 mins.
- Take the butyrometer and place it in the water bath of 65°c + 2 degrees c and keep it for 5 mins.
- The scale of separation of fat and acid gives the percentage of fat.

Note: For raw milk minimum fat is 3.0 percentage below will be confiscated.

CORRECTED LACTOMETER READING (CLR)

➢ Adjust the temperature of the milk sample to 84°F Mix the milk gently by pouring it several times from one bottle to another avoiding the incorporation of air. Fill the lactometer cylinder with the milk sample Allow the lactometer to float freely on the milk without touching it. The sides of the cylinder. Ensure some quantity of milk overflows the cylinder when the lactometer is inserted. Allow the lactometer to come to rest and then take the visible lactometer reading.



SOLID NOT FAT (SNF)

Take the average of the two visible lactometer readings, modified RICHMONDS formulae:
SNF = CLR/4 + (0.2 *FAT) + 0.36



BUTRIYOMETER

PHOSPHATE TEST:

The manufacture of milk that is safe and pathogen – free depends on the pasteurization process. An enzyme called alkaline phosphate is naturally found in milk, but it is destroyed at a temperature that is very close to the pasteurization temperature. When determining whether milk has been effectively pasteurized or whether it has been tainted with raw milk after pasteurized, the alkaline phosphate test is utilized. This test is based on the idea that, at an alkaline pH, the alkaline phosphatase enzyme in raw milk releases phenol from a disodium para-nitro phenyl phosphate and creates a complex that is yellow in color. The amount of
yellow color created is inversely related to the enzyme's activity.

➢ 3.5g of sodium carbonate and 1.5g of sodium bicarbonate are weighted and dissolved in 1liter of distilled water and the solution is sterilized, which serves as a buffer.

➢ 1.5g of p-nitro phenyl disodium orthophosphate is added to the buffer and acts as A substate.

➢ 1 ml of milk sample is taken in a test tube.5 ml of the above prepared buffer is added to the milk sample.

➢ The test tube is placed in a water bath maintained at 37 degrees c

➢ The appearance of yellow color confirms the presence of phosphatase enzyme indicating an improper pasteurization process.

ADULTERATION TESTS:

SUGAR:

- Take 5ml of milk in the test tube.
- Add .1ml of conc. HCl.
- Add 0.1g of resorcinol powder and mix thoroughly.
- Place the test tube in boiling water bath for 5 mins.
- Withdraw the tube and observe the color.
- Appearance of deep red color indicates presence of sucrose or ketose sugar.

STARCH:

- Take 5 ml of milk in a test tube.
- Bring to boiling condition and allow test tube to cool to room temperature.
- Add 1-2 drop iodine solution to test tube dissolve 1.3 gm of iodine and 1.5 gm of potassium iodine in sufficient distilled water and make up to 100 ml.
- Development of blue color indicates the presence of starch which disappears when the sample is boiling and appears on cooling.

UREA:

- Take 5 ml of milk in a test tube.
- Add 5 ml dimethyl amino benzaldehyde and dissolve 1.6 gm of p-dimethyl amino benzaldehyde in 100 ml of 10 percentage HCl.
- Distinct yellow color is observed in milk containing added urea shows a slight yellow color due to the presence of natural urea.

SALT (SODIUM CHLORIDE):

- Take 2 ml of milk in a test tube.
- Add 1 ml of 5 percentage potassium chromate.

- Add 2 ml of 0.1 N silver nitrate.
- Appearance of yellow color indicates presence of dissolved chloride.

MOLTO DEXTRIN:

- Take 5 ml of milk in a test tube and add equal vol of 10 percent acetic acid the milk will curded.
- Filter it and take 1 ml of filtrate in a test tube and add a few drops of oro
- Appearance of brown color indicates the presence of molto dextrin.

NEUTRALISERS:

- Rosa acid test for the presence of carbonate.
- Take 5 ml of milk in a tube and add an equal vol of 95 percent alcohol.
- Add red color indicates the presence of alkahol.
- Normal milk shows only a brownish color.

HYDROGEN PEROXIDE:

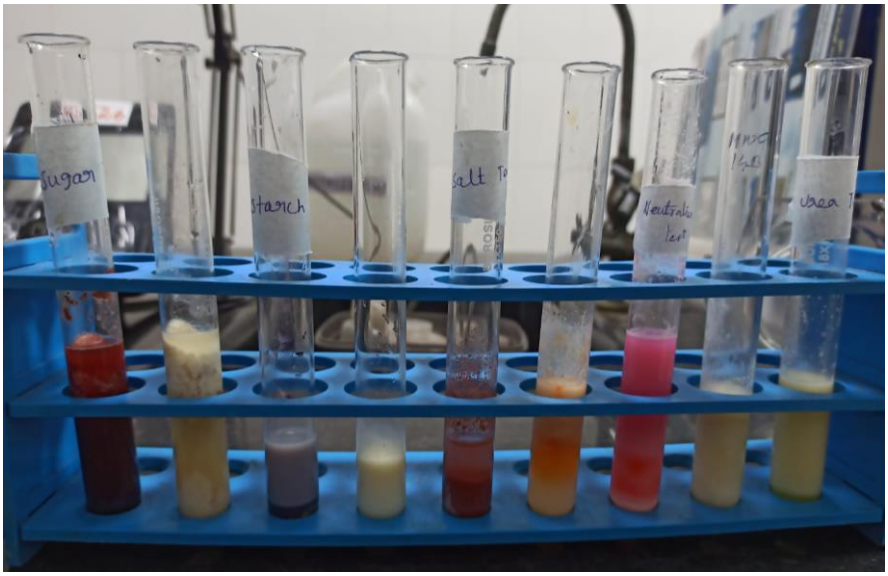
- Take 10 ml of milk in a test tube.
- Add 5 drops of 2 percent phenylene diamine hydrochloride.
- Mix thoroughly and observe the color.
- Development of an intense blue color shows the presence of hydrogen peroxide**.**

FORMALDEHYDE:

- Take about 10 ml of milk in a test tube.
- Add 0.5 ml of ferric chloride solution.
- Add carefully about 1 ml of conc H2So4.
- Down the side of the test tube in such a way that is forms a separate layer at the bottom of the test tube without with the milk.
- Development of violet or blue color at the junction of the two liquids indicates the presence of formaldehyde.

AMMONIUM SULPHATE:

- Take 1 ml of milk and add 0.5 ml of 2 percent sodium hydroxide
- Add 0.5 ml of 2 percent sodium hypo chloride.
- Add 0.1 ml of phenol solution and heat for 20 mins in a boiling water bath.
- Bluish color turns deep blue indicates presence of ammonium sulphate.



AUTOMATIC TESTING MACHINE

MILK O SCAN MINOR:

USAGE: Measure the fat, SNF, and protein in a raw milk and pasteurized milk.

Milk o scan analyses the product using the absorption of different wavelength the of “INFRARED” spectrum to detect the presence of specific parameter in milk like fat, SNF, auto cleaning and auto zero setting.



MILK O SCREEN:

USAGE:

- Measure the fat, SNF, and adulteration in raw milk.
- Fourier transform infrared, spectroscopy technology

PRINCIPLE:

- Milk O Screen analysis the product using FT- infrared technology, assessing milk constituents, using absorption at different wavelengths in

the in the infrared spectrum to detect the presence of specific parameters in milk like fat, SNF, and protein

- FTIR technology offers unique ability to screen milk for adulterants. Natural raw milk has particular spectrum like a unique finger print. Fourier Transform Infrared spectrum of absorbing or emission of a solid, liquid or gas.
- The milk o screen detects milk parameters fat, SNF, protein and adulteration like added water, maltodextrin, ammonium, sulphate, sucrose, urea, presence of other absorbing adulterants is displayed as abnormal milk.

CONCLUSION

- On the whole, this internship was a useful experience. I have gained new knowledge, skills and met many new people. I achieved several of my learning goals and got insight into professional practices currently advocated in the industry. Related to our study I learned more about the manufacturing of milk. Furthermore, I have experienced that it is of importance that education is objective and we have to be aware of the industrial aspect of the topics I study. This internship program was not one sided, but it was a way of sharing knowledge, ideas and opinions. The internship was also good to find out what our strengths and weakness are. This helped us to define what skills and knowledge we have to improve in the coming time. I can confidently assert that the knowledge gained through this internship is sufficient to contribute towards our future endeavours. At last, this internship has given us new insights and motivation to pursue a career in core Dairy technology**.**

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We wish her success in her career.

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Preface

The requirement of practical knowledge by internship is met by professional training and ability of correlating theoretical knowledge to practical exercises under the proper guideline of the related professional staff. The training equips the students with skill, knowledge and professional values sufficient for building professionalism in them. This also guides the students to flourish in their career by imparting the ability of unending learning process. My university (Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai) has therefore been seized with the need of developing practical guideline with would help in providing experience to students to meet the future needs of the industry. In this regard I have been given an opportunity to experience 15 days internship at **ORCHID CHEMICALS & PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED (ALATHUR)**. During this time, I have visited different sections of the company and I have been guided properly and I am very glad to compile what I have learnt in this report.

Acknowledgement

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who supported me throughout my internship and the creation of this report.

I am deeply thankful to **Mr. D. SARAVANAN (Manager), Mr. K. SUNDRA KUMAR (Assistant Manager), Mr. R. Prasanna (Human Resources), Mr. S. Kathir (Executive of PD Lab)** for their invaluable guidance, mentorship, and unwavering support during my internship tenure. Their expertise and encouragement have been instrumental in shaping my learning experience.

I also extend my appreciation to the entire **ORCHID CHEMICALS & PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED (ALATHUR)** team for providing me with a nurturing environment to learn and grow professionally. I am grateful for the opportunities I received to apply my skills and gain hands-on experience in full 15 days.

Furthermore, I am thankful to my university **(SATHYABAMA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY)** for their continuous support and encouragement throughout this internship period.

Lastly, I am grateful to my family and friends for their unwavering support and understanding during this journey.

Thank you all for being part of this incredible learning experience.

Sincerely,

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ABSTRACT

This report contains detailed information about each and every single process, equipment, plant investigated by me during the internship. In this report all the types of equipment are mentioned and the ones being used in the industry are especially distinguished. All the operating parameters of a specific plant are specified. A brief study on the flow path of Profile of the company, safety measures, Process of Batch distillation Process, preparing Cefazolin Sodium using latest instruments and reactors. Second phase of the internship contains High-Performance liquid chromatography .

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Established in 1992 as an export - oriented unit (EOU), Orchid Pharma Ltd. (Orchid) is a vertically integrated company spanning the entire pharmaceutical value chain from discovery to delivery with established credentials in research, manufacturing and marketing. They today rank among the top 50 pharmaceutical companies in India and enjoy a multi-therapeutic presence across segments like anti-infective, anti-inflammatory, central nervous system (CNS), cardio vascular segment (CVS), nutraceuticals and other oral and sterile products. Our pharmaceutical solutions include active pharmaceutical ingredients , finished dosage forms. They are globally present across 40+ countries through alliances and partnerships with globally reputed majors.

Their integrated business model enables us to cater to business opportunities throughout the value chain, from research to delivery of drugs across therapeutic segments. Our niche product basket helps us maintain an edge over our peers in the markets where they are present. In the years to come , driven by a highly competent and motivated team, they will move from strength to strength in the key domains of API, and global generics

WHAT WE DID:

On first we go to know about the safety class and then we learned about instrumentation of HPLC, GC, polarimeter and then how they make and preparation of cefazolin sodium in the Pharmaceutical limited.

PURPOSE OF THE INTERNSHIP:

Various reasons for selecting ORCHID Pharma company for the internship are as follows:

- To gain detailed knowledge about chemical applications and analysis, lab equipments making bulk products of tablet product and also to get the experience of field work.
- To get the technical ideas by trouble shooting the case studies done by organisation. This helps to become a part of project and helps to apply the knowledge in future profession.

PRODUCTION REVIEW

- They were using Methyl di chloride, Tetra hydro fluorine, Toluene, Dimethyl acetylene, ethyl acetylene as more than 50 solvents.
- Cephalexin, Cephaloridine.,Cefixime etc. as like they are creating 150 types of tablet
- They were using two type of reactors called gas line reactor and SSR reactor
- Gas line reactor for acid solution and SSR reactor for base solution.
- They also used +7”, -10”,-25’, -40”, -70”, in three utilities. =7” is used for only watering other “ for cooling methanol.

PROCESS DEVOLOPMENT LAB

POLARIMETER

- A Polarimeter is a scientific instrument used to measure the angle of rotation caused passing polarised light through an optically active substance
- The machine used in industries is JASCOP 1020
- Polarimeteey is a type of qualitative and quantitative technique, used for optically active compounds.
- The tendency of molecules to rotate the plane of polarised light (clockwise or anticlockwise) and the extent of rotation is measured.
- Thus polarimeter can be used to identify and estimate the compounds.



PHARMACEUTICAL APPLICATIONS

- To determine the product purity by measuring specific rotation and optical rotation of :Amino acids, Amino sugar , Analgesics , Antibiotics, Cocacine, Dextrose, Diuretics , Steroids, Serums Transquilizers, Vitamins etc .
- For raw material inspection of : Camphors, Citric acid, Glyceric acid gums , Lavender oil, Lemon oil, Spearmint oil.

GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY

Gas Chromatography is a widely used analytical technique used to separate & analyze the gaseous & volatile compounds. In 1952, Modern Gas Chromatography was invented by James & Martin. Since early 1950's this technique was first used for the separation of amino acids now GC has large number of applications as this technique is rapid & has a great sensitivity. Both qualitative & quantitative analysis can be done through GC. Even minute quantity sample can be analyzed through GC .In gas chromatography, the sample is dissolved in a solvent and vaporized in order to separate the analytes. The sample is distributed between two phases: a stationary phase and a mobile phase. The mobile phase is a chemically inert gas such as helium, nitrogen etc. Gas chromatography is one of the unique forms of chromatography that does not need the mobile phase for interacting with the analyte. The stationary phase is either a solid adsorbent, termed gas-solid chromatography (GSC), or a liquid on an inert support, termed gas-liquid chromatography (GLC).The criteria for the compounds to be analyzed in GC is volatility & thermostability.

Instrumentation

Generally, all the chromatographs (GSC or GLC) consists of six basic components:

Sample injection system:

A sample port is necessary for introducing the sample at the head of the column. A calibrated microsyringe is used to transfer a volume of sample through a rubber septum and thus into the vaporization chamber. Most of the separations require only a small fraction of the initial sample volume and a sample splitter is used to direct excess sample to waste. Commercial gas chromatographs involves the use of both split and splitless injections when alternating between packed columns and capillary columns. The vaporization chamber is typically heated 50 °C above the lowest boiling point of the sample and subsequently mixed with the carrier gas to transport the sample into the column

2. CARRIER GAS

A carrier gas plays a vital role in GC. It should be inert ,dry & free of oxygen. Helium , Nitrogen, argon & hydrogen gases are used as carrier gas depending upon the desired performance & detector being used .Carrier gas is supplied at high pressure & is passed to instrument at a rapid & reproducible rate.

3. Separation column

Open tubular columns or capillary columns & packed columns are used in GC. The first type of capillary column is a wall-coated open tubular (WCOT) column and the second type is a support-coated open tubular (SCOT) column. WCOT columns are have a thin later of the stationary phase coated along the column walls. In SCOT columns, the column walls are first coated with a thin layer of adsorbant solid, such as diatomaceous earth, a material which consists of single-celled, sea-plant skeletons. The adsorbant solid is then treated with the liquid stationary phase. While SCOT columns are capable of holding a greater volume of stationary phase than a WCOT column due to its greater sample capacity, WCOT columns still have greater column efficiencies. One of the most popular types of capillary columns is called the coated Fused Silica open tubular column.

4. Column Oven or Thermostat chambers:

The thermostat oven are there to control the temperature of the column to conduct precise work. The oven can be operated in two manners: isothermal programming or temperature programming. In isothermal programming, the temperature of the column is held constant throughout the whole separation. In the temperature programming method, the column temperature is either increased continuously or in steps as the separation progresses.

5. Detectors:

Most common types of detectors used in GC are: Mass Spectrometer , Flame ionization detector (FID), Electron capture detector (ECD), Thermal conductivity detector (TCD),Atomic emission detector (AED), Photoioniztion detector (PID), Chemilumnescence detector. Detector is present at the end of the column & gives the quantitative measurement of the components of the mixture as they elute in combination with the carrier gas.

6. Amplification & Recorder system:

These are the last & final components of GC instrumentation. These are meant to record the signals that come from the detector. These use special electronic circuits the process & amplify the signals so as to display in an understandable graphical format that represents several peaks of the constituents of the sample under analysis.

APPLICATIONS

Identification of hazardous compounds in waste damps.

1. Quantification of drugs & their metabolites in blood & urine for both pharmacological & forensic applications.
2. Identification of reaction products.
3. Quantification of pollutants in drinking & waste water.
4. Analysis of industrial products for quality control.
5. Skin sample analysis.
6. RNA isolation.
7. Astro chemistry & geochemical search



ION EXCHANGE CHROMATOGRAPHY



Ion exchange chromatography can be defined as a reversible process in which ions of same sign are exchanged between solid and liquid, a highly insoluble body in contact with it. The soil is known as an ion exchanger and no substantial organic polymer has been used as ion exchanger [1, 2]. It is also known as cation-anion exchange chromatography. Ion exchange chromatography, which is also known as adsorption chromatography, is a useful and popular method due to it's

- .High capacity,
- High resolving power,
- Mild separation conditions,
- Versatility and wide speared applicability,

Tendency to concentrate the sample relatively low

PROPERTIES OF ION EXCHANGE CHROMATOGRAPHY:

The most common properties of all ion exchangers which have been used in analysis are:

- It should be almost insoluble in water and organic solvents, like benzene, carbon tetrachloride, ether etc.
- It should be complex in nature and in fact they are polymeric

It should contain active or counter ions that will leads to exchange reversibility with other ions in a surrounding solution without any substantial change in the material

ADVANTAGES:

* **Detectability**: Useful for the detection of many inorganic salts and also for the detection of organic ions with poor UV absorptivity likes alkyl amines or sulfonates.
* **Preparative separations:** Usually preferred because of the availability of volatile buffers. Volatile buffer makes the removal of mobile phase easier.
* Useful to resolve very complex samples i.e., in the case of multi-step separation.
* Useful for separation of mixtureof biological origin, in organic salts and some organometallics.
* Provides long life to resin
* Cheap maintenance
* Environmental friendly because it deals only with substance occurring in water.

THEORY:

The principle of separation is by reversible exchange of ions between the ions present in the solution and those present in the ion exchange resin. Ion exchange separations are mainly carried out in columns packed with an ion exchanger. There are two types of ion exchanger, namely

1. Cationic exchangers
2. Anionic exchanger

Cationic exchangers:

It possesses negatively charged groups and these will attract positively charged groups. These exchangers are also called acidic ion exchange materials since their negative charges result from the proteolysis of acidic groups.

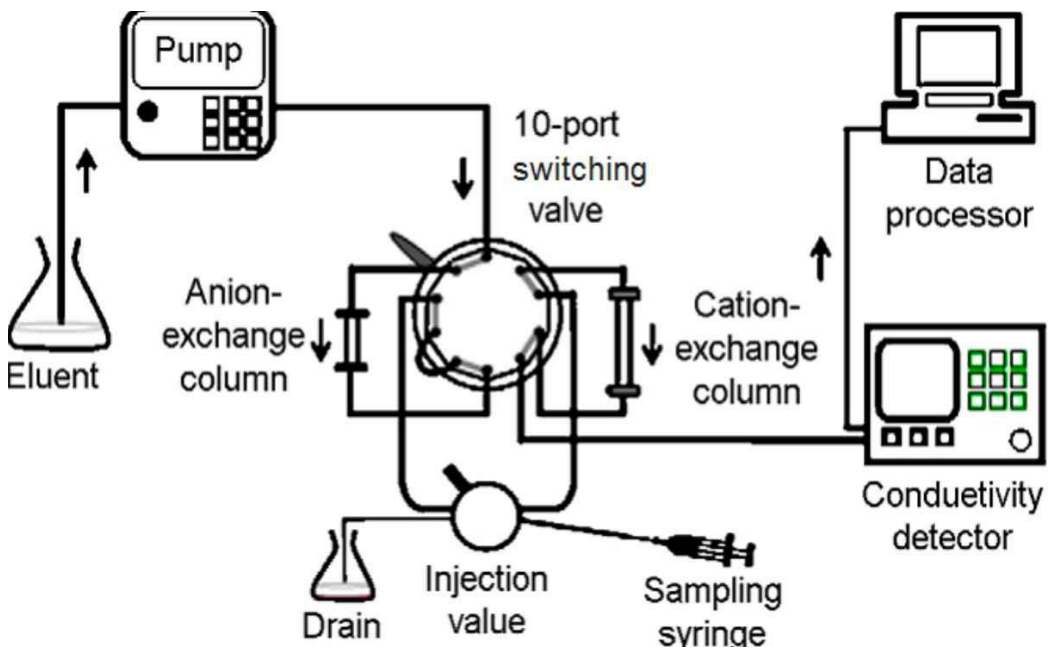
Anionic exchangers:

It has positively charged groups, which will attract negatively charged molecules. This exchanger is termed as basic ion exchange materials since their positive charges generally result from the association of protons with basic groups. Based upon the affinity of ions towards the matrix the ions like cation and anion are separated. The ions that have less

affinity towards matrices will elute first and the ions that have more affinity towards matrices it will elute later.

The actual ion exchange mechanism is thought to be composed of five distinct steps:
1. Diffusion of the ion to the exchanger surface. This occurs very quickly in homogeneous solutions.
2. Diffusion of the ion through the matrix to the exchanger site. This is dependent upon the degree of cross linkage of the exchanger and the concentration of the solution.
3. Exchange of ions at the exchange site occurs.
This occur instantaneously in an equilibrium process: Resin - SO3H + Na+ Resins - SO3Na + H+ Resin-N(CH3)3OH + Cl- Resin - N(CH3)3Cl + OH4. Diffusion Of the exchanged ion through the exchanger to the surface 5. Selective desorption by the eluent and diffusion of the molecule into the external solution takes places.

INSTRUMENTATION



ION EXCHANGE TECHNIQUES

Two techniques are generally used to bring the solution in contact with ion exchange resins. They are:
1. Batch method
2. Column method

1. **Batch method:** This method involves single step equilibrium. The resin and the solution are mixed in a vessel until equilibrium is attained. The solution which is obtained filtered. In single step equilibrium of this type, only a single portion of the exchange capacity of the resin is utilized. This method is used for softening of water and the production of deionised or demineralised water

2. Column method:
Ion exchange chromatography is technique in which separation of the components of a mixture is based upon the different selective coefficients for the resin which leads to

different migration rates on an ion exchange column. Chromatography process is classified according to physically state of mobile and stationery phases, whether they are gases, liquid and gases . This are

1) Frontal analysis
2) Elution analysis and
3) Displacement development

APPLICATIONS

Ion exchange chromatography can be applied for the separation and purification of many charged or ionisable molecules such as proteins, peptides, enzymes, nucleotides, DNA, antibiotics, vitamins and etc. from natural sources or synthetic origin . Some of its applications are as follows

1. **Separation of similar ions:** The ion exchange chromatography is used for separation of similar ions as different ions undergo exchange reactions to different extent E.g.: A mixture of H+ , Na+ , and K+ can be separated by using cation exchange resin. Similarly Cl- , Br- , Ican be separated by passing through basic anion exchanger. The apparatus used in the column method consist of a glass column fitted with a glass wool plug or a sintered glass disc at the lower end. An ordinary burette can also be used. The resin used should have small particle size and the diameter of the resin should be less than one tenth of the column. The slurry is slowly poured into the column containing some water. The resin is allowed to settle and then excess water is drained off

2. **Softening of hard water:**

Hardness of water is due to the presences of Ca2+,Mg2+ and other divalent ions may be removed by passing the hard water through the cation exchanger charged with Na+ ions. Then the following exchange reaction takes place:

TheCa+ , Mg+ ions from water are retained on the column while Na + ions pass into the solution. These Na+ ions are harmless for washing purpose. After using the ion exchange for a time, it becomes in active. Percolating through it a concentrated solution of NaCl when the following reverse reaction takes place can revive its activity

3. Complete demineralization of water:

This requires complete removal of ions i.e., both cations and anions. For this, water is passed through an acidic cation exchanger then metallic cations are exchanged with H+ ions. The water obtained is then passed through a basic anion exchanger then the anions present in the water are exchanged by OHof the exchanger. The H+ and OHions which pass into solution combine to form unionized water [5, 12, and 14]. E.g.: Cation exchanger – Sulphonic acid resin is commonly used Anion exchanger – Strong basic resin is use

4. Purification of organic compounds:

Many natural products extracted in water have been found to contain ions originally present in water. Those ions can be removed by using ion exchange process

5. Separation of sugars:

This method is developed by Khym and Zill in 1951. Sugars are first converted into borate complex and the separation of borate complexes have been achieved quantitatively on columns by using ion exchange chromatography. In this, disaccharide can be separated from monosaccharide's and the individual compounds of hexose, pentose from the mixture can be resolved

6. Separation of amino acids:

Ion exchange methods can be used to separate the complex mixture of 18 amino acids obtained by the acid hydrolysis of proteins. The mixture of amino acids is first introduced on a very short column at pH 2 and eluted with 0.35 N sodium citrate buffers at pH 5.25. Acidic and neutral amino acids at first leave the column unseparated and after that other amino acids are separated . Similarly, a mixture of vitamins like vitamin B1, B2, B6, Niacin, Folic acid, B12 etc. can be separated using ion exchange technique .

HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

It is called high-performance liquid chromatography or high-pressure liquid chromatography, HPLC is primarily based on the use of a column that contains packing material. (Stationary phase), a pump that drives the mobile phase(s) across the column, and a detector that displays the molecule retention durations. The retention time is governed by the interactions between the stationary phase, the molecules being analyzed, and the solvent(s) utilized [21]. The sample is usually added to the mobile phase stream and is slowed by chemical or physical interactions with the stationary phase. Gradient elution changes the mobile phase composition during the analysis. The gradient separates analyte mixtures based on the analyte's affinity for the mobile phase. The nature of the stationary phase and the sample influence the choice of mobile phase, additives, and gradient.

There are many types of HPLC, we will focus on only Normal phase-HPLC, ReversedHPLC, size exclusion-HPLC. In normal phase-HPLC, A polar stationary phase and a non-polar mobile phase are used. The polar stationary phase interacted with and held the polar analyte.

Adsorption strengths raise as analyte polarity increases, and the interaction between the polar analyte and the polar stationary phase prolongs elution time or retention factor. On the other hand, Reversed-HPLC has a non-polar stationary phase and a moderately polar aqueous mobile phase. it works on the principle of hydrophobic interactions, which are caused by repulsive forces between a polar solvent, a comparatively non-polar analyte, and a non-polar stationary phase. besides, size exclusion-HPLC or gel permeation

chromatography can separate based on particle size, it determines the tertiary and quaternary structures of proteins and amino acids. Also, the molecular weight of polysaccharides.

Applications of High performance liquid chromatography

In Pharmaceutical applications

1-evaluate of pharmaceutical product shelflife.
2-Identify active constituents in dosage forms.
3- develop pharmaceutical quality control Environmental.

In Environmental applications

1- Identify diphenhydramine in deposited samples.

2- Pollutant biomonitoring.

In Clinical

1- Estimation of bilirubin and bilivirdin levels in blood plasma in the presence of hepatic diseases.

2- Detection of endogenous neuropeptides in brain extracellular fluids.

Analytical procedure

Standard preparation

Approximately 50 mg of cefazolin sodium was weighed as the reference standard in a 100 mL volumetric flask, dissolved by sonication, and made up to the required volume with mobile phase, giving 500 µg/mL of cefazolin sodium as the stock standard solution used in further processing. For a working standard solution, 10 mL of stock standard solution was diluted in a 100 mL flask with the same diluent. Further dilutions were made to obtain the concentrations required.

Sample preparation

To make a stock sample of cefazolin sodium 500 µg/mL, 10 vials were emptied and the contents were mixed to obtain an evenly homogenized 50 mg sample, which was added to a 100 mL volumetric flask along with 50 mL of mobile phase. The sample was sonicated for 10 minutes, placed on a stirrer for 10 minutes, and the same diluent was added up to the mark level of the flask. This was used as the stock sample solution, 10 mL of which was diluted further in 100 mL of diluent to prepare a working sample solution. The sample was then filtered through 0.45 µm filter paper and injected into the HPLC system.

Preparation of serum sample for in vitro study

Blood samples were taken from healthy volunteers who were aged 20–30 years, not taking any medications, and not participating in any strenuous activity. All volunteers were informed of the aims and risks of the study, and written informed consent was obtained. Our ethics committee approved the study protocol. Blood was collected into an evacuated glass tube through an indwelling cannula in a forearm vein by a clinical laboratory technician. The blood was shaken and centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes to separate out the plasma. Next, 90 mL acetonitrile was added to 10 mL of plasma, and the mixture was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes to remove the protein. The supernatant serum obtained was filtered through Whatman 42 filter paper and stored at -20°C. To make a working sample, 5 mL of the stock sample was put into a 50 mL flask and diluted with10 mL of mobile phase, followed by addition of 25 mL of serum. The sample obtained was stirred for 10 minutes and the same diluent was then added up to the mark level of the flask. All samples prepared were filtered through 0.45 μm filter paper and injected in triplicate into the HPLC system. A blank serum sample was made and run to establish the specificity of the method in biological fluid.

Preparation of sample for study of drug degradation

First, 5 mL samples of stock solution were added to four separate 50 mL volumetric flasks. Next, 15 mL of degrading agent was added to each flask individually, with the exception of one flask, to which diluent (mobile phase) only was added. The degrading agents included 0.1 N HCl, 0.1 N NaOH, and 10% H_2O_2, and the same diluent was added to each flask up to the mark level. In one experiment, all four samples were placed in a water bath at 60°C for one hour, and in another experiment, the samples were analyzed without heat. The samples were then filtered through 0.45 μm filter paper and injected into the HPLC system. Force degradation data are

Stability studies

For the stability studies, commercially available parenteral samples were stored in accelerated conditions of temperature, ie, 40°C with 75% relative humidity, and in ambient conditions of 30°C temperature with 65% relative humidity, in an environmental chamber for 6 months. The stability protocol

Validation of methods

International Conference on Harmonization guidelines were used for the method validation studies. Various parameters, including specificity, linearity, range, accuracy, robustness, and intraday and interday precision were evaluated. To study linearity, 20 dilutions were prepared from a stock standard solution with a drug content range of 10%–200%. A standard calibration curve was generated using regression analysis.

Precision was investigated by identifying any intraday and interday variations in the results of the testing method used for cefazolin sodium in the concentration range of 40–60 µg/mL. Precision was determined by analyzing a homogeneous bulk sample against a freshly prepared standard daily three times daily at 8-hour intervals for 3 consecutive days. To determine accuracy, the reference standard for cefazolin sodium was spiked at three different concentration levels into samples for injection and into serum. Samples were prepared in triplicate for each concentration and percent recovery was determined. The limits of detection and quantification for the method were established from a linearity curve with formula (limit of detection, 3 σ/S, and limit of quantification, 10 σ/S) where σ is the standard deviation and S is the slope. This empirical formula was used to obtain the limit of quantification as shown in the chromatogram.

To study the robustness of the method, injectable cefazolin sodium formulation samples were assayed with intentional variation in the method parameters, including chromatographic conditions, mobile phase, flow rate, and temperature. Suitability of the system was established by calculating the percent relative standard deviation of repeat injections and analyzing the symmetry of the peak and theoretical plates of the column.

Results and discussion

Development of an HPLC method and its validation are important issues for any drug entering the marketplace, and is a regulatory requirement for quality assurance. Cefazolin sodium is very vulnerable to hydrolysis, so stability studies have an important role in this context. However, very few methods are available for effective assessment of the stability of cefazolin sodium. Calorimetry gamma irradiation, and electrophoresis can be used to indicate stability, but are not widely used, especially at an industrial level. Chromatographic methods developed by Mayerand cannot assess stability. Lalitha et al developed an HPLC method for assessment of stability, but this cannot be used to quantify cefazolin sodium in physiological fluid. However, good results for recovery in studies involving human serum and a low limit of quantification make this method useful for pharmacokinetic studies and routine quality control purposes because it is simple to process, has a short run time, does not require complicated instrumentation, and uses inexpensive reagents.


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CONCLUSION

To conclude, this internship experience with the ORCHID Pharmaceutical company has been an illuminating journey, offering first hand insights into the intricate workings of the industry. Navigating the intersection of theory and practice has not only enhanced my understanding of Pharmaceutical operation but has also cultivated a profound appreciation for the collaborative efforts driving innovations. As I transition from this internship, I carry forward a wealth of knowledge, practical skills and a new found passion for contributing to the dynamic landscape of Pharmaceutical advancement.

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ABSTRACT

Synthetic dyes indeed pose a significant environmental challenge, especially when they find their way into wastewater. Let's delve into the impact of these dyes and explore potential solutions. Photocatalytic dehydration plays a vital role in dehydration the organic synthetic dye. Graphitic carbon nitride (g-C_3N_4), a metal-free photocatalyst, has garnered significant interest due to its unique properties and potential applications in organic pollutant degradation. The catalysts have been prepared via the co-precipitation method. X-ray diffraction, FT-IR, UV-Vis Spectroscopy, and scanning electron microscopy studies were used to investigate the prepared catalyst's structural, optical, and morphological features. The combination of metal and metal-free catalysts enhances photocatalysis activity during dye dehydration, so we have prepared g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S nanocomposite. The nanocomposite exhibited impressive photodegradation efficiencies, reaching 92.49%, particularly when treating the Methylene Blue dye. This remarkable performance underscores the potential of this material for environmental remediation. The improved pastime on account of the incorporation of g-C_3N_4 and Ag2S right into a device. These substances are recognized for their potential to take in better amounts of visible light, generate reactive oxygen species (ROS) effectively, and interact properly with pollution as catalysts. This aggregate probably ends in advanced overall performance in catalytic reactions aimed toward environmental remediation or other programs wherein pollutant degradation is needed.

Keywords: Graphitic carbon nitride, Nanocomposite, Photocatalysis, Visible light, Co-precipitation method.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 NANOMATERIALS

In the twenty-first century, nanotechnology has witnessed explosive growth in nanoscience and technology. This rapid development was possible due to the multidisciplinary nature of nanoscience and technology [Khan, Z.H., et al., 2016]. In the last few years, many researchers with different backgrounds have contributed to the growth of nanotechnology and its application in different fields. A Nanometre (nm) measures one billionth of a meter, or 10^{-9} meters (Fig.1.1), while the word "nanotechnology" is relatively new, the existence of functional devices and structures of manometer dimensions is not new. Advanced materials with exceptional electrical, optical, magnetic, and mechanical characteristics are continually being invented for use in sectors such as information technology, biotechnology, and electrical engineering. Developing and refining synthesis methods are essential for enhancing the properties of nanoparticles while reducing production costs. Researchers are exploring various techniques, both new and modified, to achieve nanoparticles with optimized optical, mechanical, physical, and chemical properties tailored for specific applications. Nanomaterials offer a wide range of unique physical and chemical properties that can be harnessed for various commercial applications, leading to novel performances that benefit society in numerous ways. [Al-Hakkani, et al., 2020].

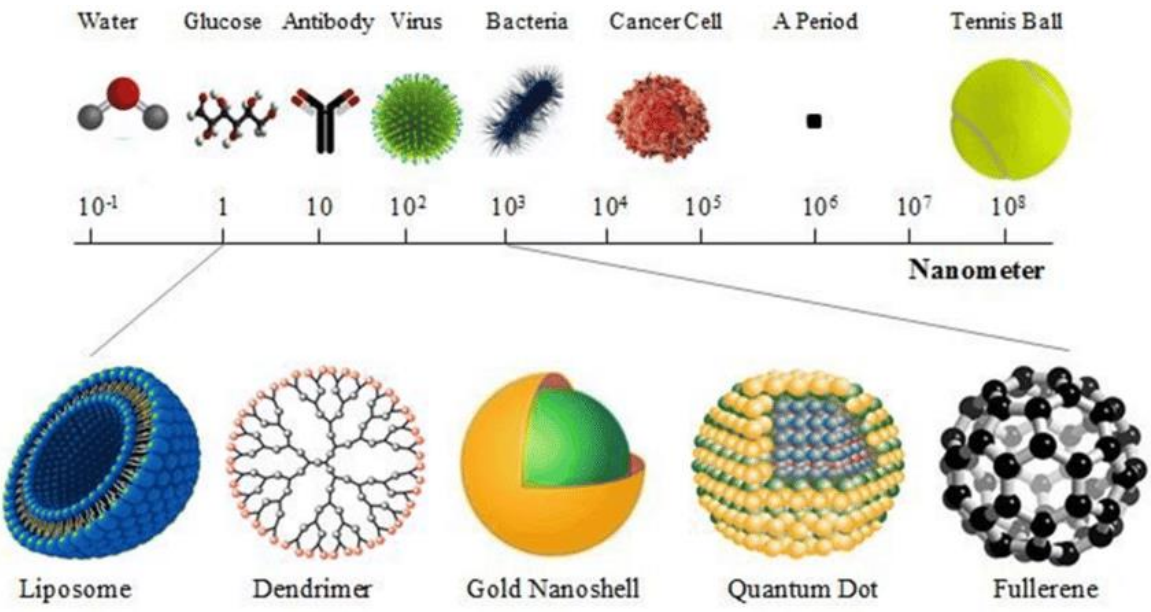


Fig.1.1 NANOSCALE

1.2 CLASSIFICATION OF NANOPARTICLES BASED ON DIMENSIONS

Nanoparticles can be classified based on their dimensions into zero-dimensional (0D), one-dimensional (1D), two-dimensional (2D), and three-dimensional (3D) nanoparticles. (Fig.1.2)

1.2.1 ZERO-DIMENSIONAL (0D) NANOPARTICLES

These nanoparticles have all three dimensions in the nanoscale range. They exhibit quantum confinement effects, which can lead to unique optical and electronic properties.[Bechelany, M.,2022]

Examples: spherical nanoparticles, quantum dots, and nanocrystals.

1.2.2 ONE-DIMENSIONAL (1D) NANOPARTICLES

One dimension of these nanoparticles is in the nanoscale range, while the other dimensions may be larger. They often exhibit high aspect ratios and unique properties along their elongated dimension.[Bechelany, M.,2022]

Examples: Nanowires, Nanorods, Nanotubes, and Nanofibers.

1.2.3 TWO-DIMENSIONAL (2D) NANOPARTICLES

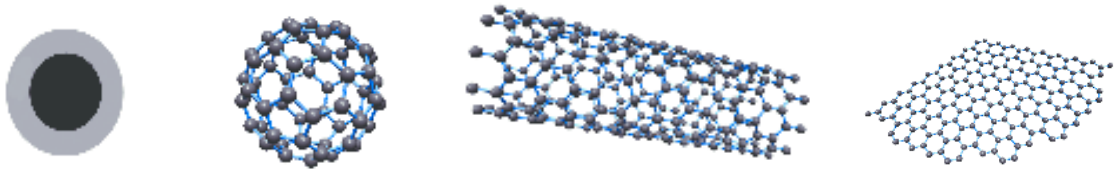
These nanoparticles have two dimensions in the nanoscale range, while the third dimension is much larger. They typically possess high surface areas and unique electronic, mechanical, and thermal properties.[Bechelany, M.,2022]

Examples: graphene, and graphene oxide.

1.2.4 THREE-DIMENSIONAL (3D) NANOPARTICLES

These nanoparticles have all three dimensions larger than the nanoscale, but they contain nanoscale features or structures. They may exhibit enhanced surface areas, controlled porosity, and unique surface functionalities.[Bechelany, M.,2022]

Examples: porous nanoparticles, and mesoporous silica nanoparticles.



Quantum dots Fullerene Carbon nanotubes Graphene

Fig.1.2 CLASSIFICATION OF NANOPARTICLES

1.3 CLASSIFICATION OF NANOPARTICLES BASED ON SIZE

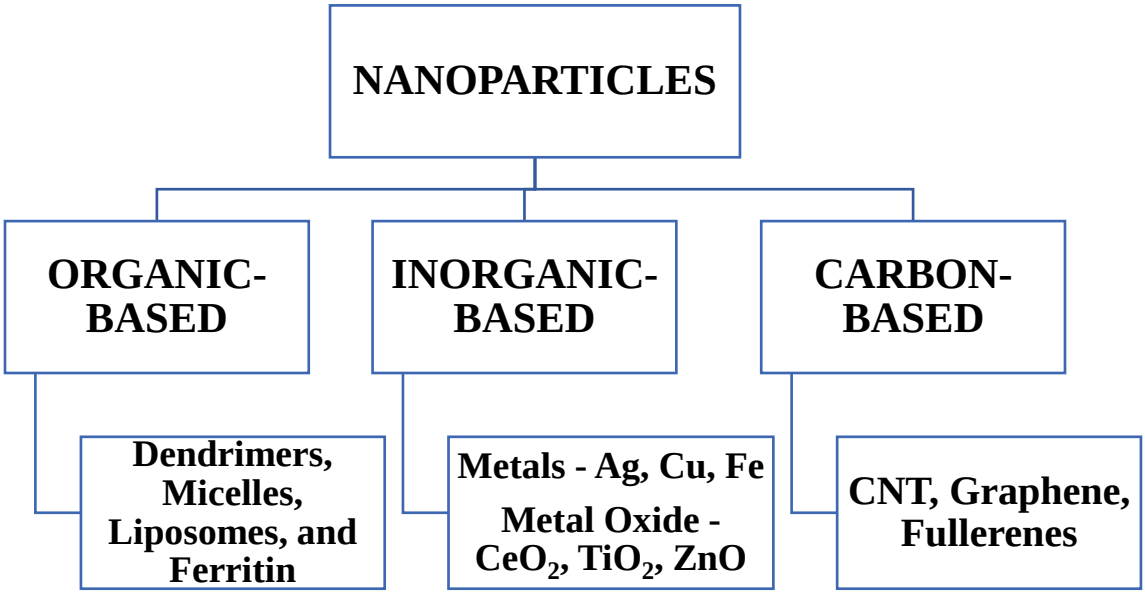
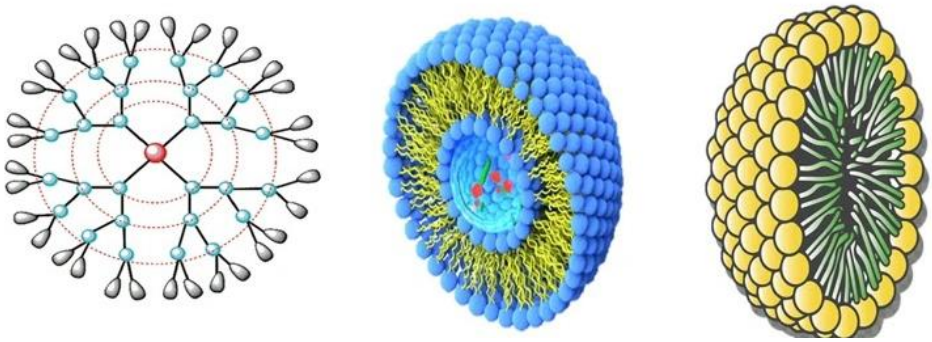


Fig.1.3 SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF CLASSIFICATION OF NANOMATERIALS BASED ON SIZE

1.3.1 ORGANIC BASED NANOPARTICLES

Organic-based nanoparticles are composed primarily of carbon-based materials or organic compounds. They offer unique advantages such as biocompatibility, tunable surface chemistry, and the ability to encapsulate or conjugate bioactive molecules. They are sensitive to thermal and electromagnetic radiation such as heat and light these unique characteristics make them an ideal choice for drug delivery.[Tiwari D K., et al, 2008]

Example: Dendrimers, micelles, liposomes, and ferritin are commonly known the organic nanoparticles.



Dendrimers **Liposomes** **micelles**

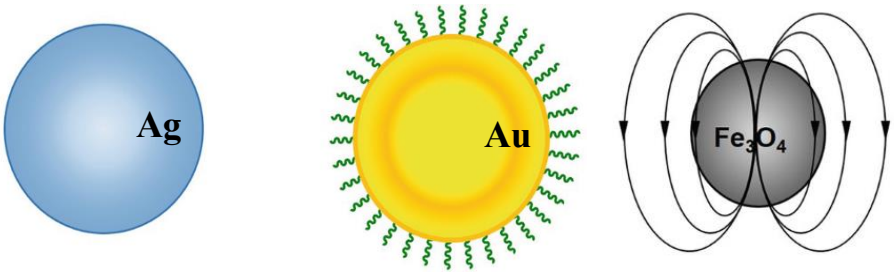
Fig.1.4 ORGANIC BASED NANOPARTICLES

1.3.2 INORGANIC BASED NANOPARTICLES

Inorganic nanoparticles are particles that are not made up of carbon. Metal and metal oxide-based nanoparticles are generally categorised as inorganic nanoparticles.

Inorganic nanoparticles are non-toxic, hydrophilic, biocompatible, and highly stable compared to organic materials. Drug delivery systems designed for enhanced drug efficiency and reduced adverse effects have evolved accompanied by the development of novel materials.

Example: Quantum dots, Metal-based nanoparticles are Ag, Fe, Au, and Cu.,[Salavati-niasari M., et al, 2008] Metal oxide-based nanoparticles are Titanium Oxide (TiO_2), Cerium Oxide (CeO_2), and Iron oxide (Fe_2O_3).[Tai C Y, et al., 2007]



AgNP **AuNP** **Fe_2O_3**

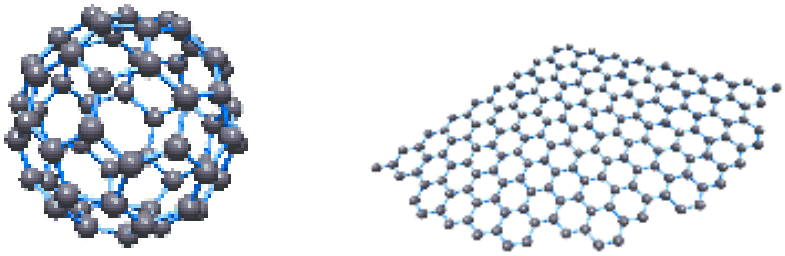
Fig.1.5 INORGANIC BASED NANOPARTICLES

1.3.3 CARBON-BASED NANOMATERIALS

Carbon-based nanoparticles are a class of nanomaterials primarily composed of carbon atoms arranged in various structures. They possess unique properties such as high surface area, mechanical strength, electrical conductivity, and chemical stability.[Bhaviripudi S.,et al, 2007]

Carbon-based nanomaterials have garnered significant interest in various fields including electronics, energy, medicine, and environmental remediation

Examples: Fullerene, Carbon nanotubes, Graphene.



Fullerene **Graphene**

Fig.1.6 CARBON-BASED NANOMATERIALS

1.3.4 COMPOSITE BASED NANOPARTICLES

Composite nanomaterials are multiphase nanoparticles and nanostructured materials with one stage on the nanoscale measurement that can either consolidate nanoparticles with different nanoparticles or nanoparticles joined with bigger or bulk materials or more complicated structures, for example, metal-organic systems [Tahir, M.B., et al, 2021]. Nanocomposites are a class of nanomaterials wherein one or more phases at nanosized dimensions (zero-dimension, one-dimension, and two-dimensions) are embedded in a ceramic, metal, or polymer material.

These composites might be a mixture of carbon-based, metal-based, or natural-based nanomaterials with any type of metal, polymer, or ceramic-based materials. Nanomaterials are synthesized in various morphologies relying upon the necessary properties for the required application.

1.4 PROPERTIES OF NANOPARTICLES

Nanoparticles possess a diverse array of properties that distinguish them from bulk materials. These properties can vary depending on factors such as composition, size, shape, and surface characteristics.

1.4.1 PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

The physical properties of nanoparticles are dependent on their size, shape, surface, composition, crystal structure, and medium of the sample.

1.4.2 MAGNETIC PROPERTIES

After surface cooling, magnetic nanoparticles exhibit extraordinary new phenomena including strong field irreversibility, high saturation field, super para magnetism, extra anisotropy effects, or shifted loops. The magnetic nature of individual nanoparticles is because of narrow and finite-size effects, as well as surface effects. Magnetic nanoparticles, such as iron oxide nanoparticles, exhibit superparamagnetic or ferromagnetism depending on their composition, size, and structure.

1.4.3 OPTICAL PROPERTIES

Optical properties of nanomaterial such as absorption, transmission, reflection, and light emission are dynamic and may differ significantly from properties exhibited by the same bulk material. A wide range of optical effects may be produced for a variety of applications by simply manipulating its shape, size, and surface functionality. Nanoparticles exhibit size-dependent optical properties due to quantum confinement effects.

1.4.4 MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

The distinct mechanical properties of NPs allow researchers to look for novel applications in many important fields such as tribology, surface engineering, nanofabrication, and nanomanufacturing. Different mechanical parameters such as elastic modulus, hardness, stress and strain, adhesion, and friction can be surveyed to know the exact mechanical nature of nanoparticles.

Nanoparticles	Properties	References
	Carbon-based nanoparticles	
Fullerenes	Safe and inert, semiconductors, conductors, and superconductors, transmit light based on the intensity	[Anu Mary Ealia., et al,2017]
Graphene	Extreme strength, thermal, electrical conductivity, light absorption	[Anu Mary Ealia., et al,2017]
Carbon Nano Tubes (CNT)	High electrical and thermal conductivity, tensile strength, flexible and elastic	[Anu Mary Ealia., et al,2017]
Carbon Nanofiber	High thermal, electrical, frequency shielding, and mechanical properties	[Anu Mary Ealia., et al,2017]
Carbon Black	High strength and electrical conductivity, surface area; resistant to UV degradation	[Anu Mary Ealia., et al,2017]
	Metal-based nanoparticles	
Aluminium	High reactivity, sensitive to moisture, heat, and sunlight, large surface area	[Geetha P., et al,2016]
Iron	Reactive and unstable, sensitive to air (oxygen) and water	[Geetha P., et al,2016]
Silver	Absorbs and scatters light, stable, anti-bacterial, disinfectant	[Haefke.H., et al,1990]
Gold	Interactive with visible light, reactive	[Bogutska K I., et al, 2013]
Cobalt	Unstable, magnetic, toxic, absorbs microwaves, magnetic	[Bogutska K I., et al, 2013]
Cadmium	Semiconductor of electricity, insoluble	[Bogutska K I., et al, 2013]
Lead	High toxicity, reactive, highly stable	[Bogutska K I., et al, 2013]
Copper	Ductile, very high thermal and electrical conductivity, highly flammable solids	[Bogutska K I., et al, 2013]
	Metal oxide-based nanoparticles	
Titanium oxide	High surface area, magnetic, inhibits bacterial growth	[Anu Mary Ealia., et al,2017]
Iron oxide	Reactive and unstable	[Anu Mary Ealia., et al,2017]

Magnetite	Magnetic, highly reactive	[Anu Mary Ealia., et al,2017]
Silicon dioxide	Stable, less toxic, able to functionalize many molecules	[Anu Mary Ealia., et al,2017]
Zinc oxide	Antibacterial, anti-corrosive, antifungal, and UV filtering	[Bogutska K I., et al, 2013]
Cerium oxide	Antioxidant, low reduction potential	[Yuan Yuana., et al, 2017]
Aluminium oxide	Increased reactivity, sensitive to moisture, heat, and sunlight, large surface area	[Munuswamy D B., et al, 2015]

Table. 1 Physical and Chemical properties of nanoparticles

1.5 SYNTHESIS METHOD

The synthesis method comes under two categories namely:

1. Top-down approach
2. Bottom-up approach

They differ in various ways like cost, speed, time, and degree of quality.

The approaches have been summarized below. [Fig 7]

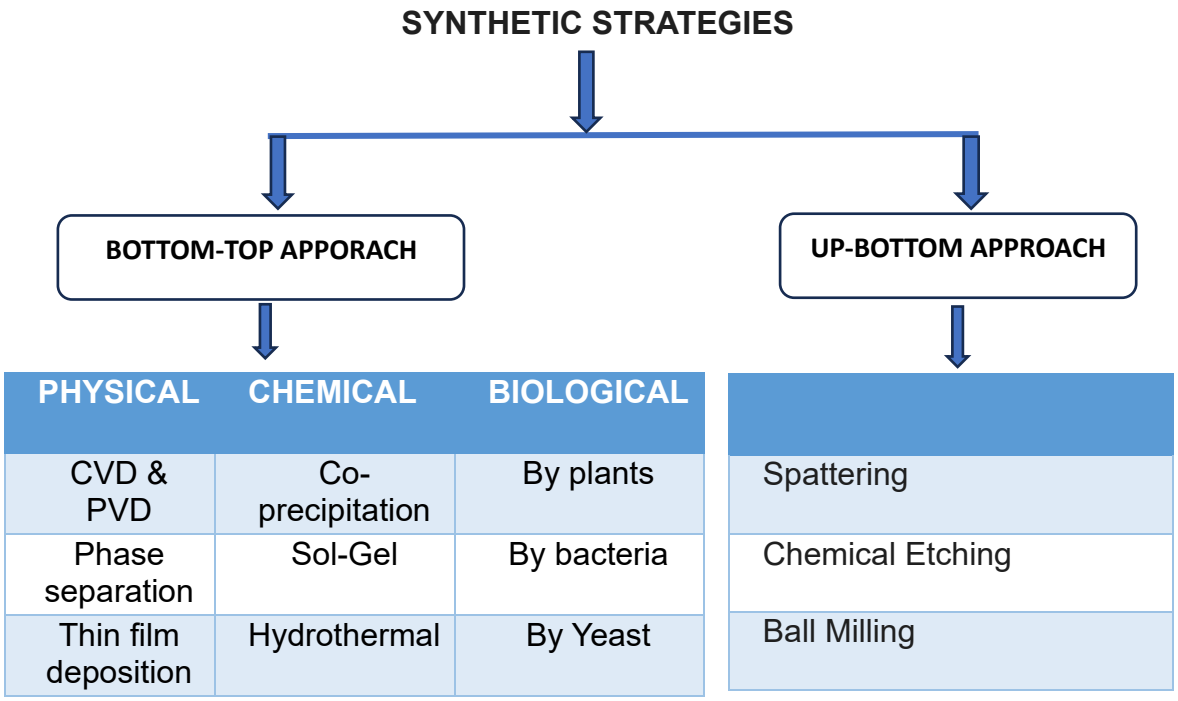


Fig.1.7 TOP-BOTTOM AND BOTTOM-UP APPROACHES

1.5.1 BOTTOM-UP APPROACH

In the bottom-up approach, nanostructures are fabricated by building upon single atoms or molecules. In this method, controlled segregation of atoms or molecules occurs as they are assembled into desired nanostructures.

Examples: CVD &PVD, Hydrothermal Method, Co-Precipitation.

1.5.1.1 CHEMICAL VAPOUR DEPOSITION

The deposition of a thin film of gaseous reactants onto a substrate is Chemical Vapour Deposition. At ambient temperature, gas molecules are combined and the deposition is carried out in a reaction chamber.[Search H., et al.] A chemical reaction occurs when a heated substrate comes in contact with the combined gas

A thin film of product on the substrate surface is produced and that is recovered and used. The influencing factor in CVD is the substrate temperature. CVD

produces nanoparticles that are strong, uniform, and hard CVD requires special equipment and the gaseous by-products are toxic.

1.5.1.2 SOL-GEL METHOD

Two materials are involved in this method they are sol and gel. It is a low-temperature process and consumes less energy. Synthesis of nanoparticles like nanotubes and nanorods can be obtained by this method.[Ramesh S 2013] Sol-gel synthesis involves hydrolysis, condensation, gelation, and drying processes by various routes.

1.5.1.3 CO-PRECIPITATION METHOD

A chemical precipitation process consists of three main steps: chemical reaction, nucleation, and crystal growth.

In the typical chemical precipitation methods to prepare the nanocatalysts, an alkaline solution is necessary to be added dropwise into the solution of metal salts over a long period.[Search H., et al.] The other commonly used solution method for the synthesis of multi-component oxide ceramics is the co-precipitation method, which produces a “mixed” precipitate comprising two or more insoluble species that are simultaneously removed from the solution.

1.5.2 UP-BOTTOM APPROACH

The top-down or destructive method is the reduction of bulk material to nanometric scale particles. Mechanical milling, nanolithography, laser ablation, sputtering, and thermal decomposition are some of the most widely used nanoparticle synthesis methods.

1.5.2.1 MECHANICAL MILLING

Among the various top-down methods, mechanical milling is the most extensively used to produce various nanoparticles. Mechanical milling is used for milling and post-annealing of nanoparticles during synthesis where different elements are milled in an inert atmosphere [Yadav T P., et al,2012]. The influencing factors in mechanical milling are plastic deformation which leads to particle shape, which leads to a decrease in particle size and cold welding, which leads to an increase in particle size.

1.5.2.2 SPUTTERING

Sputtering is the deposition of nanoparticles on a surface by ejecting particles from it by colliding with ions [Shah P.,2006]. Sputtering is usually a deposition of a thin layer of nanoparticles followed by annealing. The thickness of the layer, temperature, duration of annealing, substrate type, etc. determines the shape and size of the nanoparticles.

1.5.2.3 THERMAL DECOMPOSITION

Thermal decomposition is an endothermic chemical decomposition produced by heat that breaks the chemical bonds in the compound [Salavati-niasari M.,et al, 2008]. The specific temperature at which an element chemically decomposes is the decomposition temperature. The nanoparticles are produced by decomposing the metal at specific temperatures and undergoing a chemical reaction producing secondary products.

Category	Method	Nanoparticles
Bottom-up	Sol-gel	Carbon, metal, and metal oxide-based
	Spinning	Organic polymers
	Chemical Vapour Deposition (CVD)	Carbon and metal-based
	Pyrolysis	Carbon and metal oxide-based
	Biosynthesis	Organic polymers and metal-based
Top-down	Mechanical milling	Metal, oxide and polymer-based
	Sputtering	Metal-based
	Thermal decomposition	Carbon and metal oxide-based

Table. 2 Lists Some of the Nanoparticles Synthesized from these methods.

1.6 APPLICATION OF NANOPARTICLES

Some of the significant applications of nanoparticles.

1.6.1 Catalysis

Nanoparticles contain a high surface area that offers higher catalytic activity. Due to their extremely large surface-to-volume ratio the nanoparticles function as efficient catalysts in the production of chemicals [A.A. Rempel.,2007]. One of the important applications is the use of platinum nanoparticles in automotive catalytic converters as they reduce the amount of platinum required due to the very high surface area of the nanoparticles thus reducing the cost significantly and improving performance.

1.6.2 Medicine

Nanotechnology has improved the medical field by the use of nanoparticles in drug delivery. The drug can be delivered to specific cells using nanoparticles. The total drug consumption and side effects are significantly lowered by placing the drug in the required area in the required dosage. This method reduces the cost and side effects. The reproduction and repair of damaged tissue (Tissue

engineering) can be carried out with the help of nanotechnology. Traditional treatments such as artificial implants and organ transplants can be replaced by tissue engineering. One such example is the growth of bone carbon nanotube scaffolds. The use of gold in medicine is not new. In Ayurveda an Indian medical system, gold is used in several practices. One common prescription is the use of gold for memory enhancement. To enhance the mental fitness of a baby gold is included in certain medical preparations [Shinde N C., et al].

1.6.3 Cosmetics and Sunscreens

Conventional ultraviolet (UV) protection sunscreen lacks long-term stability during usage. The sunscreen including nanoparticles such as titanium dioxide provides numerous advantages. The UV protection property of titanium oxide and zinc oxide nanoparticles as they are transparent to visible light as well as absorb and reflect UV rays found their way to be used in some sunscreens. Some lipsticks use iron oxide nanoparticles as a pigment [Wiechers J W., et al, 2010].

1.7 SILVER SULPHIDE NANOPARTICLE

Silver sulphide (Ag_2S) is an inorganic semiconductor material. It is a dense black powder that is known to be insoluble in most solvents, both polar and nonpolar. Silver sulphide is a network solid made up of silver and sulfur where the bonds have a low ionic character (approximately 10%).[Sadovnikov, Stanislav I., et al, 2016] Ag_2S is easy to prepare and stable under the reaction condition, it can be recovered and reused several times and has higher catalytic activity. The exact physical and chemical properties of Ag_2S nanoparticles depend on the synthesis.[Frueh, A. J.,1958]

The average size of silver sulphide Ag_2S nanoparticles in stable colloidal solutions is equal to 10 –20 nm. Special attention has been devoted to the investigation of the stability of synthesized colloidal solutions on the duration of their storage.[Shakouri-Arani., et al,2014] The UV–vis absorption spectra of colloidal solutions and optical reflectance of nanopowders of silver sulphide have been studied. Decreasing of average size of Ag_2S nanoparticles from ~500 nm down to ~60 nm leads to increasing of energy band gap. E.g. from 0.88 to 1.21 eV. In recent years, transition metal (TM) doped Ag_2S semiconductors have been majorly studied

because of their broad utilization in various fields helps to work more on it.[Al-Enazi., et al,2023]

There are some possible ways to synthesize Ag_2S nanoparticles such as the Hydrothermal method, Co-precipitation method, Sol-gel method, and Microemulsion method. Characterization of silver sulphide can be studied using XRD (X-ray diffraction), FTIR (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy), UV and vis, photoluminescence, and transmission electron microscopy.[Pourahmad. A, 2012]

Ag_2S nanoparticle is one of the most produced nanomaterials, along with other nanoparticles due to its high-efficiency catalytic performance in dye degradation. They are used because it efficiently absorbs UV light and Visible light.

1.7.1 STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES

Ag_2S nanoparticles form three structures namely, monoclinic Acanthine (β-form), stable below 179 °C, and body-centered cubic Argentite (α-form), stable above 180 °C, and a high temperature face-centered cubic (γ-form) stable above 586 °C [Frueh, A. J., 1958].

Ag_2S nanoparticles have tuneable optical properties, with absorption and emission wavelengths in the visible and near-infrared (NIR) regions [Liu. L., et al, 2015]. It may exhibit weak magnetic properties, depending on their size and synthesis method.Ag_2S nanoparticles are relatively chemically stable under ambient conditions.

1.7.2 USES

Ag_2S nanoparticles are used in photocatalysis because they efficiently absorb UV light and Visible light. They are also used for other study purposes like photo-voltaic applications due to their ability to absorb light efficiently. It was used in Biomedical imaging as a contrast agent for various imaging modalities due to its strong absorption in the Near-Infrared (NIR) region [Liu. L., et al, 2015].

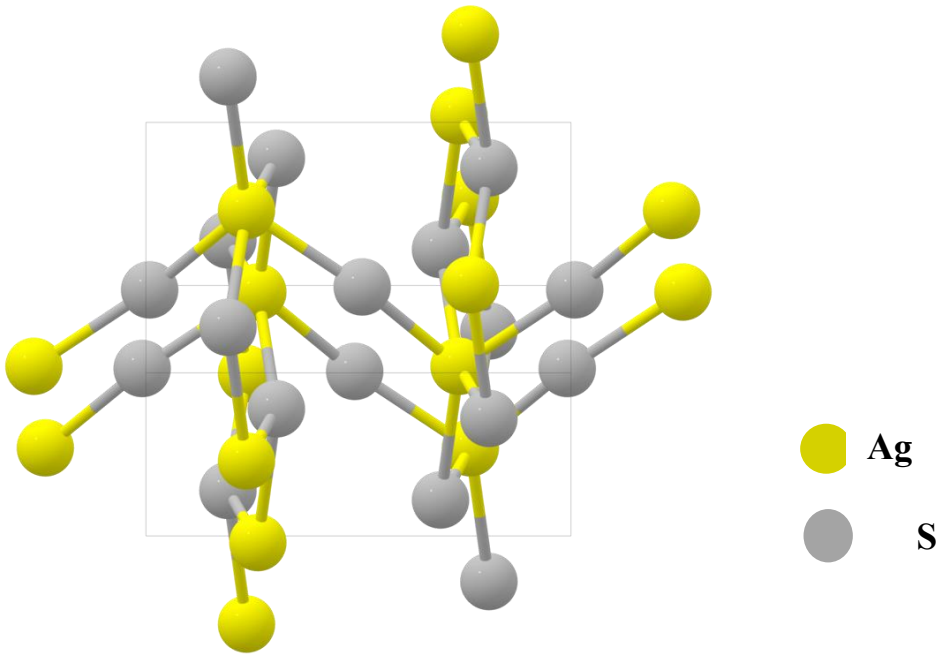


Fig. 1.8 CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF Ag_2S

1.8 GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE NANOPARTICLE

Graphitic carbon nitride, (g-C_3N_4) is a semiconductor polymeric material consisting of Carbon, Nitrogen, and Hydrogen, arranged in a hexagonal lattice structure. It is a two-dimensional nanoparticle that has gained significant attention in various fields, including photocatalysis, energy storage, and sensing.

One of its notable characteristics is that it absorbs visible light, which is important in photocatalytic degradation such as water treatment and pollutant degradation.[Lokhande.A.C., et al,2019]

The reasons for choosing g-C_3N_4 were also given briefly to ensure the activity of catalysis in dye degradation. In addition, four application aspects of g-C_3N_4 in catalysis have been discussed.

1. As a metal-free catalyst in photo-catalytic degradation.
2. As a functional material to synthesize nanosized composites.
3. As a base metal-free for NO decomposition.

1.8.1 STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES

Seven phases of carbon nitride have been identified and include g-h-heptazine, g-o- triazine, g-h-triazine, pseudo-cubic C_3N_4, cubic C_3N_4, β- C_3N_4 and α- C_3N_4 [Teter.D., et al,1996]. Graphitic carbon nitrite exhibits various properties like high thermal and chemical stability and good electrical conductivity. One of its notable characteristics is that it absorbs visible light, which is important in photocatalytic degradation such as water treatment and pollutant degradation.

Due to its suitable band gap energy and ability to absorb within the solar spectrum, g- C_3N_4 has displayed very good photocatalytic activity. The polymeric nature of the material is another important factor that contributes to its use as a photocatalyst in either environmental remediation from toxic inorganic and organic compounds, or in water splitting to generate hydrogen. Other properties that made g- C_3N_4 a better choice as a photocatalyst include its non-toxic nature, availability, and low cost. Besides, it is stable under light; it cannot be easily degraded by heat, biological microbes cannot break it down and it cannot dissolve in most solvents.[Bhatkhande D.S., et al, 2011]

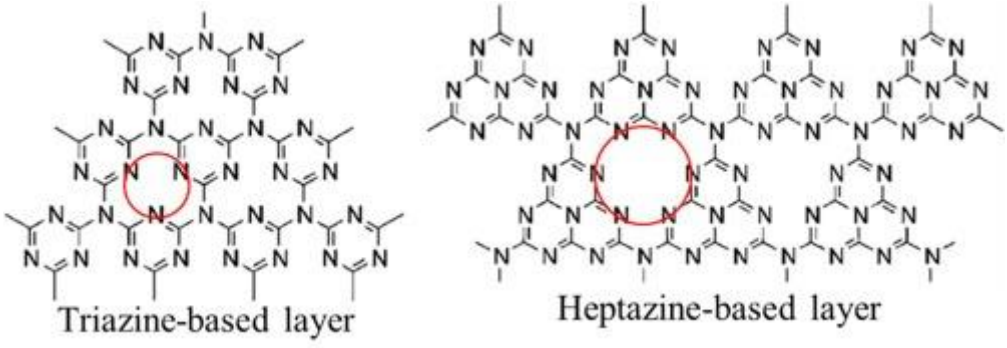


Fig.19 STRUCTURE OF GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE (G-C_3N_4)

1.9 NANOCOMPOSITE

Composite nanomaterials are multiphase nanoparticles and nanostructured materials with one stage on the nanoscale measurement that can either consolidate nanoparticles with different nanoparticles or nanoparticles joined with bigger or bulk materials or more complicated structures, for example, metal-organic systems.

Nanocomposites coupling with g- C_3N_4 have gained much attention due to their high surface-to-volume ratio and unique electronic, surface, and catalytic properties for the prevention of environmental pollution. Thus, various composite materials comprising of g- C_3N_4 and other semiconductors with different electronic energy-band structures have also been subsequently reported to promote catalytic activities of g- C_3N_4, such as g- C_3N_4/CuS, g- C_3N_4/BiFeO3, g- C_3N_4/Bi_2WO_6, g-C_3N_4/$SmVO_4$, g- C_3N_4/Ag_3PO_4, g- C_3N_4/V_2O_5, Ag_2CrO_4/g- C_3N_4 and $CeVO_4$/g-C_3N_4.

g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S composite materials have efficient catalytic activity towards the reduction because Ag_2S, as a direct semiconductor with a narrow-band gap of 1.1 eV, has a relatively large absorption coefficient, leading to its wide applications in catalytic, electrochemical, and H_2 production. [Al-Enazi., et al,2023, Shi.L., et al, 2018].

g- C_3N_4/Ag_2S composites are fabricated using a preparation approach based on two steps: (1) Depositing Ag nanoparticle onto g-C_3N_4 via photoreduction. (2) Ag nanoparticles are partially converted to Ag_2S in a thioacetamide solution to finally produce the “semiconductor-conductor-cocatalyst” structure. According to the photocatalytic H_2 production evaluation, there is an obvious improvement in the activity for g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S compared to g-C_3N_4 and g-C_3N_4/Ag.[Xiaobin Dong., et al, 2021]

1.10 PHOTOCATALYST

Materials that cause photocatalytic reactions when exposed to light are called photocatalysts. A chemical reaction caused by photo absorption of a solid substance, or "photocatalyst," which stays unchanged throughout the reaction is a general description of photocatalysis. As a result, a "photocatalyst" must act catalytically, that is, without modification, when exposed to light. All the photocatalysts are semiconductors.

1.11 PHOTOCATALYSIS

Photocatalysis is a combination of the Greek words photo (light) and catalysis (to break apart or decompose). In general, photocatalysis is used to

describe a mechanism in which light is used in the excitation of photocatalysts. Photocatalyst is not involved in accelerating the rate of chemical reaction.

An increasing trend of organic contaminants in water sources has been observed all over the world due to the increasing world population and continuous industrial and agricultural development. Wastewater containing high concentrations of biodegradable pollutants could be treated with biological treatment processes. However, wastewater from several pharmaceutical, textile, and agricultural industries often contains toxic pollutants with low biodegradability.[Saraswat SK.,et al,2018] Photocatalysis as one of the advanced oxidation processes has progressed rapidly since the discovery of photoelectrochemical water splitting reaction using semiconductors by Fujishima and Honda in 1972. It has been known as an environmentally friendly, sustainable, and energy-saving technology. This technology can be applied to low biodegradability, high complexity, and high concentration of pollutants in wastewater.[Choi Y., et al, 2017]

The photocatalytic activity (PCA) depends on the ability of the catalyst to create electron-hole pairs, which generate free radicals (e.g. hydroxyl radicals: OH) able to undergo secondary reactions.

In other words, photocatalysis is a photoinduced reaction that is stimulated in the presence of a catalyst. Photocatalysis is broadly classified into two categories Homogeneous and Heterogeneous.[Isari AA., 2018]

Homogeneous Catalysis: When both the semiconductor and reactant are in the same phase, i.e. gas, solid, or liquid, such photocatalytic reactions are termed homogeneous photocatalysis. The most common examples of homogeneous catalysis are dyes, coordination compounds, natural pigments, etc.

Heterogeneous Catalysis: When both the semiconductor and reactant are in different phases, such photocatalytic reactions are classified as heterogeneous photocatalysis. The most common examples of heterogeneous catalysis are transition metal chalcogenides which exhibit unique characteristics.

1.12 PHOTOCATALYTIC DEHYDRATION OF DYE

Synthetic dye is one of the most abundant pollutants that can be detected in wastewater nowadays. This is because there is a wide range of goods that contain dyes such as printing, food and beverages, pharmaceuticals, and textile industries. These hazardous and carcinogenic synthetic dyes will prohibit the entering of sunlight into the water bodies, affecting natural aquatic activities such as photosynthesis and other biodegradation processes.[Šíma J., et al,2013] The common wastewater treatment solutions are ineffective in deteriorating the dyes due to their properties of non-biodegradable and persistent. One of the most effective ways that has been proposed is through the photocatalytic process. In photocatalysis, the degradation is initiated through the attack of ·OH radicals at the weakest chemical bonds of the dye molecules.

The mechanism of photocatalysis involves a series of steps where a photocatalyst, such as silver sulphide (Ag_2S) nanoparticles, facilitates a chemical reaction under light irradiation. The generalized mechanism of photocatalysis: Photon Absorption, Redox Reactions at the Surface, Adsorption of Reactants, Charge Carrier Transfer, Reaction and Product Formation, and Desorption of Products.

$$O_3 + h\nu \rightarrow O_2 + O(1D)$$

$$O(1D) + H_2O \rightarrow \bullet OH + \bullet OH$$

$$O(1D) + H_2O \rightarrow H_2O_2$$

$$H_2O_2 + h\nu \rightarrow \bullet OH + \bullet OH$$

Fig.1.10 MECHANISM OF PHOTOCATALYSIS

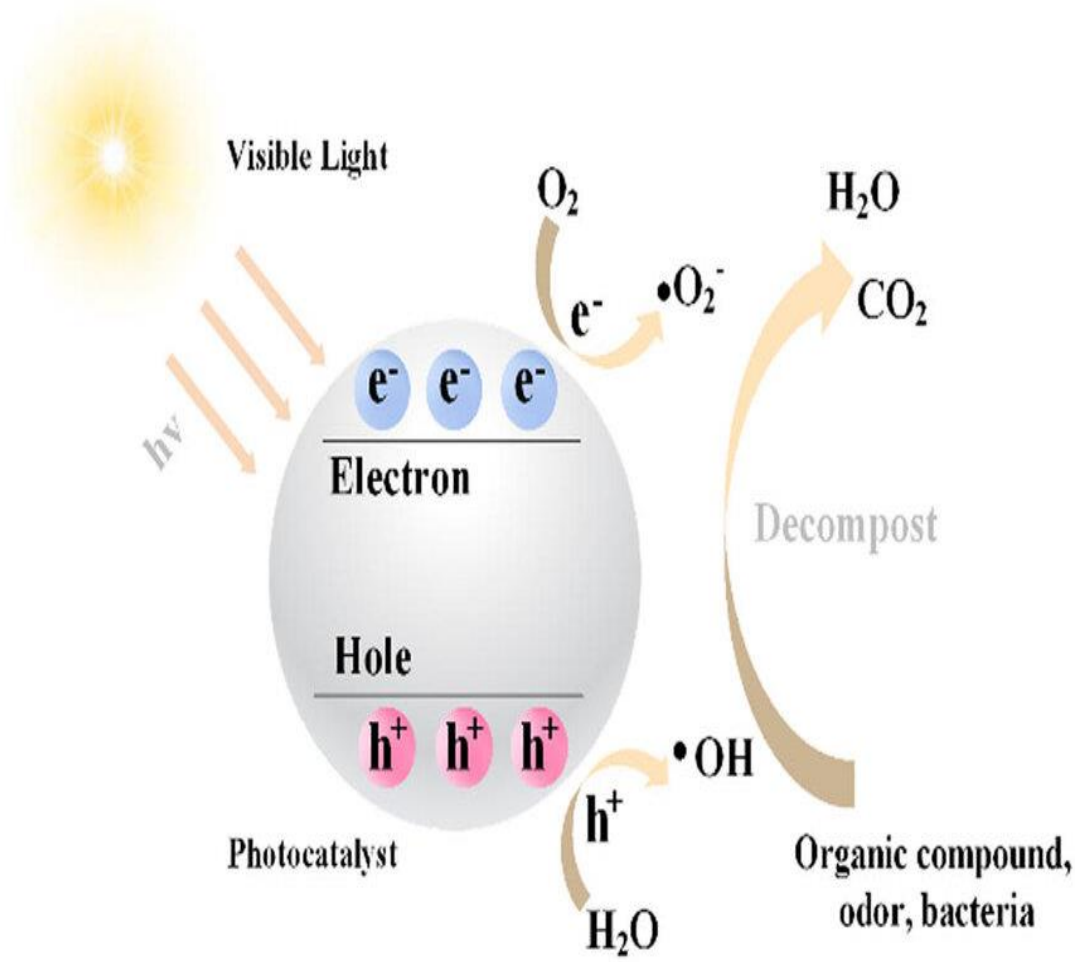


Fig.1.11 SCHEMATIC REPRESENTATION OF PHOTOCATALYSIS

1.13 APPLICATION OF PHOTOCATALYSIS

The photocatalytic technique has been proven to be one of the most "green" and successful environmental remediation techniques. Some semi-conducting materials, such as photocatalysts, cause or accelerate chemical reactions when exposed to light, resulting in the decomposition of organic molecules, for example, Nano-sized catalyst particles have a slightly higher reactivity than larger particles or bulk content owing to their large surface area.[Priscy Alfredo., et al,2019] Charge separation happens when a photocatalyst is exposed to light with an energy greater than the photocatalyst's band gap energy. Visible absorption spectroscopy is generally used for photocatalytic degradation for treating dye-contaminated water.

Photocatalytic degradation has gained popularity and is used worldwide in many areas as listed below.[Luque-Morales PA., et al,2021]

Water Treatment: Photocatalysis can be employed for the degradation of various pollutants in industrial wastewater, including pharmaceuticals, dyes, and heavy metals, offering a sustainable approach to water treatment.

Environmental Remediation: Photocatalysis can be used for the degradation of organic pollutants, such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), pesticides, and dyes, in air and water.

Photocatalytic Synthesis: Photocatalysis can enable the synthesis of complex organic molecules, pharmaceutical intermediates, and fine chemicals under mild conditions, minimizing the need for harsh reagents and energy-intensive processes.

Solar Energy Conversion: Photocatalytic materials can be utilized in photovoltaic cells to enhance light absorption and improve the efficiency of solar energy conversion.

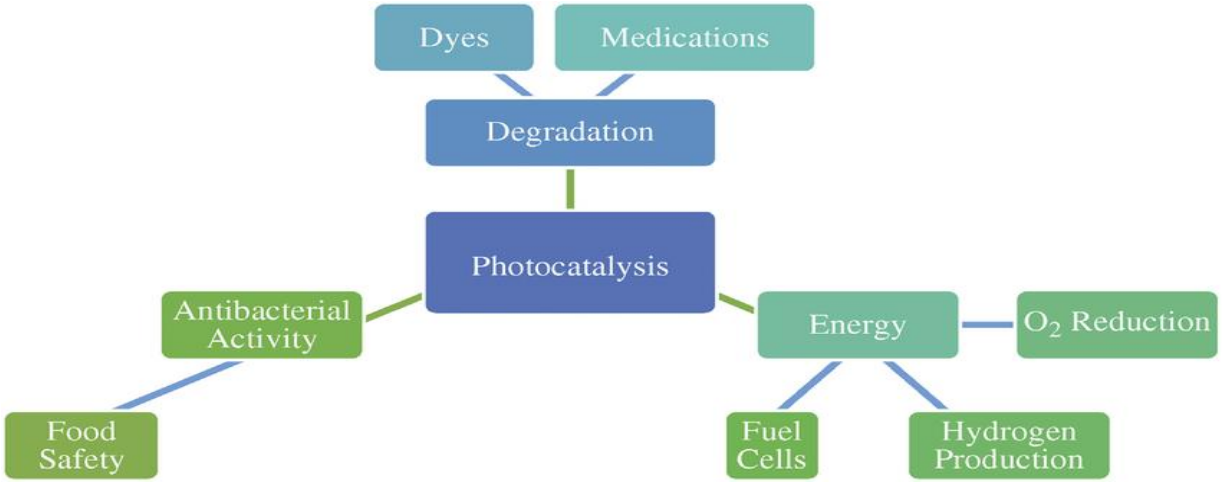


Fig.1.12 APPLICATION OF PHOTOCATALYSIS

CHAPTER-2

LITERATURE SURVEY

In the twenty-first century, nanotechnology has witnessed explosive growth in exciting areas of research as much from an application point of view as fundamental research.

1. Sadovnikov, Stanislav I.; Kuznetsova, Yuliya V.; Rempel, Andrey A. (2016). *Ag_2S silver sulphide nanoparticles and colloidal solutions: Synthesis and properties. Nano-Structures & Nano-Objects, 7(), 81–91.* doi:10.1016/j.nanoso.2016.06.004. A nanostructured silver sulphide has been synthesized to study the dependence of the stability of Ag_2S colloidal solutions on the duration of storage. Special attention has been devoted to the investigation of the stability of synthesized colloidal solutions on the duration of their storage.
2. Wang, Chuang; Zhai, Jiali; Jiang, Huan; Liu, Dechen; Zhang, Lei (2019). *CdS/Ag_2S nanocomposites photocatalyst with enhanced visible light photocatalysis activity. Solid State Sciences, 98(), 106020–.* doi:10.1016/j.solidstatesciences.2019.106020. CdS/Ag2S composites were prepared via the in situ ion exchange method and the transmission electron microscopy (TEM) results showed that a heterojunction interface between CdS and Ag_2S interface between CdS and Ag2S, which will lead to an effective photogenerated charge separation in the composite photocatalyst.
3. Fu Su;Pengpeng Li;Jianshu Huang;Meijuan Gu;Zhiying Liu;Yanhua Xu; (2021). *Photocatalytic degradation of organic dye and tetracycline by ternary Ag2O/AgBr–CeO2 photocatalyst under visible-light irradiation. Scientific Reports, (),* doi:10.1038/s41598-020-76997-0. Prepared ternary Ag2O/AgBr–CeO2 composite with double Z-scheme construction was analyzed by various analytical techniques. These ternary Z-scheme structure materials will be the well-promising photocatalysts or the purification of antibiotic wastewater.
4. Marimuthu, Sivasankari; Antonisamy, Arul Jayanthi; Malayandi, Sankar; Rajendran, Karthikeyan; Tsai, Pei-Chien; Pugazhendhi, Arivalagan; Ponnusamy, Vinoth Kumar (2020). *Silver nanoparticles in dye effluent treatment: A review on synthesis, treatment methods, mechanisms, photocatalytic degradation, toxic effects and mitigation of toxicity. Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology B: Biology, (), 111823–.* doi:10.1016/j.jphotobiol.2020.111823. the potential of silver

nanoparticles in dye effluent treatment was greatly explored. Efforts were taken to unravel the kinetics and statistical optimization of the treatment conditions for the efficient removal of dyes. the use of silver nanoparticles and silver-based nanocomposites in effluent treatment of water.

5. G. Murugadoss, J. Ma, X. Ning, et al., Selective metal ions doped CeO2 nanoparticles for excellent photocatalytic activity under sunlight and supercapacitor application, Inorganic Chemistry Communications (2018), https://doi.org/10.1016/ j.inoche.2019.107577. Photocatalytic activity of pure CeO_2 and different types of metals doped with CeO_2 is investigated using dehydration of methylene blue under sunlight. the different metal ions, the Ag-doped CeO2 showed as an excellent catalyst for dye degradation and electrochemical supercapacitor applications.
6. Muhammad Imran Din;Rida Khalid;Jawayria Najeeb;Zaib Hussain; (2021). *Fundamentals and photocatalysis of methylene blue dye using various nanocatalytic assemblies- a critical review. Journal of Cleaner Production, (), –.* doi:10.1016/j.jclepro.2021.126567. The photocatalysis-mediated degradation of MB for the removal of this harmful dye from the aqueous mediums. the advantages/disadvantages of the peculiar stabilization mediums are also discussed.
7. Ajiboye, Timothy O.; Kuvarega, Alex T.; Onwudiwe, Damian C. (2020). *Graphitic carbon nitride-based catalysts and their applications: A review. Nano-Structures & Nano-Objects, 24(), 100577–.* doi:10.1016/j.nanoso.2020.100577. The synthesis of g-C3N4, the various nanostructures obtained, and the analytical techniques that are required for their characterization were discussed, focusing on photo-enhanced process, diverse ways of enhancing the photocatalytic activities of g-C3N4 and its composites were investigated.
8. A. Pourahmad (2012). *Ag2S nanoparticle encapsulated in mesoporous material nanoparticles and its application for photocatalytic degradation of dye in aqueous solution. 52(2), –.* doi:10.1016/j.spmi.2012.05.009 Ag2S/ MCM-41 photocatalysts were prepared by ion exchange method and used for the photocatalytic degradation of methylene blue. The materials were characterized by different analytical techniques such as transmission electron microscopy (TEM), X-ray diffraction (XRD), infrared spectroscopy (IR), and BET (Brunauer-Emmert-Teller) experiments. Ag2S over the support on the photocatalytic degradation and

influence of parameters such as Ag2S loading, catalyst amount, pH, and initial concentration of dye on degradation are evaluated.

9. Kandhasamy, N.; Murugadoss, G.; Kannappan, T.; Kirubaharan, K.; Kumar Manavalan, R. Nickel-Cadmium-Sulphide Anchored on rGO Nanocomposite for Removal of Textile Industry Dyes. Sustainability 2022, 14, 16184. https://doi.org/10.3390/ su142316184 Rapid expansion of pharmaceutical and textile industries, the discharge of drugs and sewage contaminants leads to water contamination has been studied and Ni–Cd–S/rGO nanocomposite with a cauliflower structure was developed. The photodegradation process of textile-based Methylene Blue (MB) and Methyl Orange (MO) dyes using Ni–Cd–S/rGO nanocomposite with desired time intervals under natural sunlight was also investigated.
10. Qi, Kezhen; Liu, Shu-yuan; Zada, Amir (2020). *Graphitic carbon nitride, a polymer photocatalyst. Journal of the Taiwan Institute of Chemical Engineers, (), S1876107020300468–.* doi:10.1016/j.jtice.2020.02.012. g-C3N4 has fortified its applications in the field of photocatalysis due to its unique nature including high chemical stability, non-toxic, and suitable position of energy band. Advantages and applications in the field of photocatalysis and provided an updated discussion on the different ways to improve its efficiency, especially its visible light absorption and excited charge separation.

CHAPTER-3

AIM AND SCOPE

- Ag_2S nanoparticles are attracted much due to their high efficiency in the application of photocatalysis.
- Silver sulphide-decorated graphitic carbon nitride nanocomposite has been prepared and studied based on crystal size, morphology, and structure.
- g-C_3N_4/ Ag_2S has been synthesized using Co-precipitation method.
- Studies on the structural property and Crystallite size are characterized using X-ray Diffraction [XRD].
- Studies on particle size, morphology, and structure are characterized using a Scanning Electron Microscope [SEM], and the Functional group is characterized using Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy [FTIR].
- To study the dye degradation efficiency of the nanomaterials using a photoreactor.

CHAPTER-4

In this chapter, we deal with the details of the synthesis and characterization techniques used for the prepared metal-based nanomaterials targeted in this project. The Co-precipitation method has been used for the synthesis of various nanomaterials explored in this project. The synthesized nanomaterials were examined by a variety of techniques in terms of the morphological, structural, compositional, and chemical properties Moreover, the prepared nanomaterials were used for various applications such as Photocatalytic Dehydration of dye applications. In a word, this chapter provides all the detailed procedures for the synthesis, characterizations, and applications of targeted nanomaterials in this project.

CHAPTER-4

MATERIALS AND METHOD

4.1 INTRODUCTION

Ag_2S nanomaterial and g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S nanocomposite have been synthesized by the Co-precipitation method. The synthesized Ag_2S nanomaterial and g-C_3N_4/ Ag_2S nanocomposite were characterized in terms of their morphological, structure, and chemical properties. To examine the structural properties, the prepared nanomaterials and nanocomposite materials were characterized by an XRD pattern. Studies on particle size, morphology, and structure were characterized by using a Scanning Electron Microscope [SEM], and the Functional group is characterized using Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy [FTIR]. The dye degradation efficiency of the nanomaterials using a photoreactor and characterized using UV-vis spectroscopy.

4.2 SYNTHESIS TECHNIQUE OF NANOMATERIALS

Research in nanotechnology has recently been devoted to developing several steadfast ways to synthesize nanoparticles by controlling their sizes, shapes, and chemical compositions. The synthesis method comes under two categories namely: The top-down approach and the Bottom-up approach (Fig.4.1)[Tiruvannamalai-Annamalai., et al, 2015]

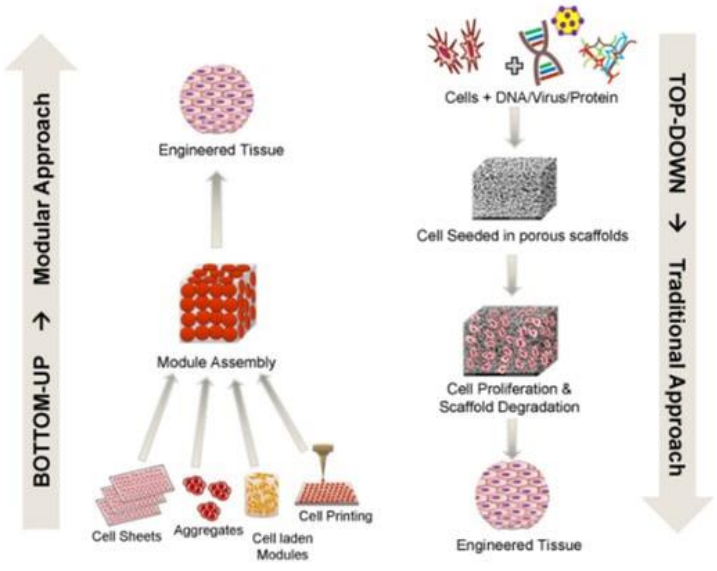


Fig4.1 TOP-DOWN AND BOTTOM-UP APPROACHES

1. UP-BOTTOM APPROACH

The top-down or destructive method is the reduction of bulk material to nanometric scale particles. Mechanical milling, nanolithography, laser ablation, sputtering, and thermal decomposition are some of the most widely used nanoparticle synthesis methods.

2. BOTTOM-UP APPROACH

In the bottom-up approach, nanostructures are fabricated by building upon single atoms or molecules. In this method, controlled segregation of atoms or molecules occurs as they are assembled into desired nanostructures. Various techniques that are used to synthesize nanomaterials are shown in Fig.4.2 [Saratale., et al,2017]

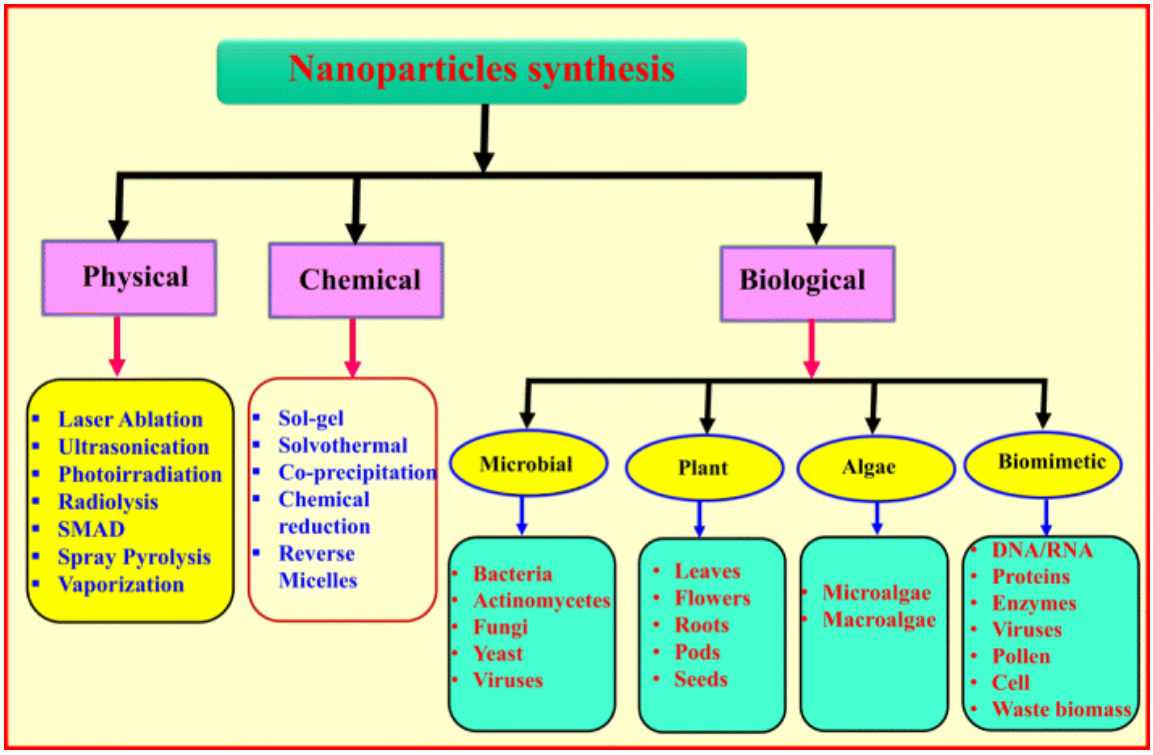


Fig.4.2 SYNTHESIS METHOD OF NANOPARTICLES

4.2.1 SOL-GEL METHOD

Two materials are involved in this method they are sol and gel. It is a low-temperature process and consumes less energy. Synthesis of nanoparticles like nanotubes and nanorods can be obtained by this method.[Ramesh S., 2013] Sol-gel synthesis involves hydrolysis, condensation, gelation, and drying processes by various routes. The relative rates of hydrolysis and condensation are affected by

physical and chemical factors such as temperature, pH, metal ion precursor solution concentration, and so on. The change in pH value has a significant impact on the surface properties of the synthesized material, which arise owing to changes in gel porosity. Metal alkoxides are used as precursors in an organic solvent, as customary in the creation of nanostructures. In addition to alkoxide, chelate 20 can be used as a precursor capable of stabilizing metal cations. Chelating is most useful in the manufacture of multicomponent gels.

4.2.2 CO-PRECIPITATION METHOD

Coprecipitation as a simple technique is usually used for the preparation of inorganic- and metal-based nanoparticles. A chemical precipitation process consists of three main steps: chemical reaction, nucleation, and crystal growth.

In the typical chemical precipitation methods to prepare the nanocatalysts, an alkaline solution is necessary to be added dropwise into the solution of metal salts over a long period.[Search H., et al.] The other commonly used solution method for the synthesis of multi-component oxide ceramics is the co-precipitation method, which produces a “mixed” precipitate comprising two or more insoluble species that are simultaneously removed from the solution. Schematic diagram of the Co-precipitation method. [Fig.4.3]

Advantages: Simple and rapid preparation, easy control of particle size and composition, relatively low reaction temperature, energy efficient, and does not involve the use of organic solvent.

Disadvantages: Not applicable to uncharged species, time-consuming, trace impurities may also get precipitated with the product.



Fig.4.3 SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF CO-PRECIPITATION METHOD

4.3 EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

In this part, we are going to deal with a detailed part of Ag_2S nanomaterial and g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S nanocomposite which has been synthesized by the Co-precipitation method.

4.3.1 SYNTHESIS OF g-C_3N_4

Graphitic Carbon Nitride nanoparticles have been synthesized. Melamine was taken in the crucible and heated in a furnace at 550°C for 2 hours. Later it forms yellow colour powder which is known as Graphitic Carbon Nitride (g-C_3N_4). Fig.4.4 shows the synthesis process of the Graphitic Carbon Nitride g-C_3N_4 nanoparticle.

4.3.2 SYNTHESIS OF Ag_2S

Silver sulphide nanoparticles have been synthesized via the Co-precipitation method. Silver Nitrate ($AgNO_3$) in 100 mL of D.I water and 2g of Polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) is added to the above solution which acts as a stabilizer and shape-controlling agent. The reaction was kept stirring for 10 minutes. Then, 1g of Sodium Sulphide (Na_2S) was dissolved in 50 mL of D.I water and added drop by drop to the above solution. Later, the reaction was kept stirring for 2 hours. The resultant product was centrifuged for the removal of residues and

followed by washing acetone. The prepared nanoparticles were formed and dried in an air oven for 12 hours at 150° C. Finally, the prepared Silver Sulphide was grinded and packed. Fig.4.5 shows the synthesis process of Silver sulphide (Ag_2S) nanoparticles.

4.3.3 SYNTHESIS OF g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S

g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S nanocomposite has been synthesized via the Co-precipitation method. g-C_3N_4 in 100 mL of D.I water, sonicated for 15 mins. 2g of Polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP). The reaction was kept stirring for 10 minutes. After that Silver Nitrate ($AgNO_3$) was added to the solution and kept stirring for 5 minutes. Then, 0.5g of Sodium Sulphide (Na_2S) was dissolved in 50 mL of D.I water and added drop by drop to the above solution. Later, the reaction was kept stirring for 2 hours. The resultant product was centrifuged for the removal of residues and followed by washing acetone. The prepared nanoparticles were formed and dried in an air oven for 12 hours at 150° C. Finally, the prepared Silver Sulphide was grinded and packed. Fig.4.6 shows the synthesis process of g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S nanocomposite.



Fig.4.4 SYNTHESIS PROCESS OF GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE G-C_3N_4

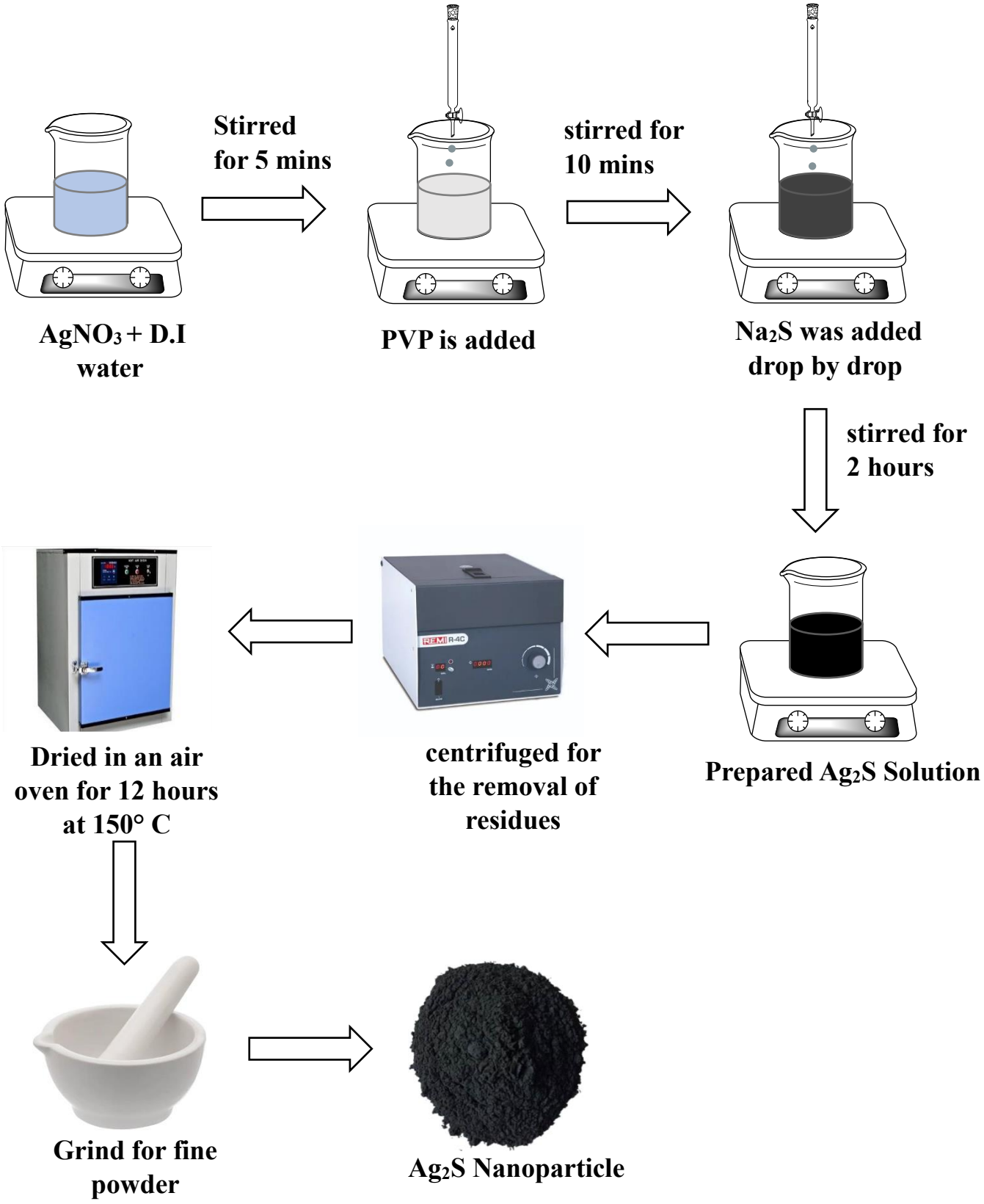


Fig.4.5 SYNTHESIS PROCESS OF SILVER NITRIDE Ag_2S

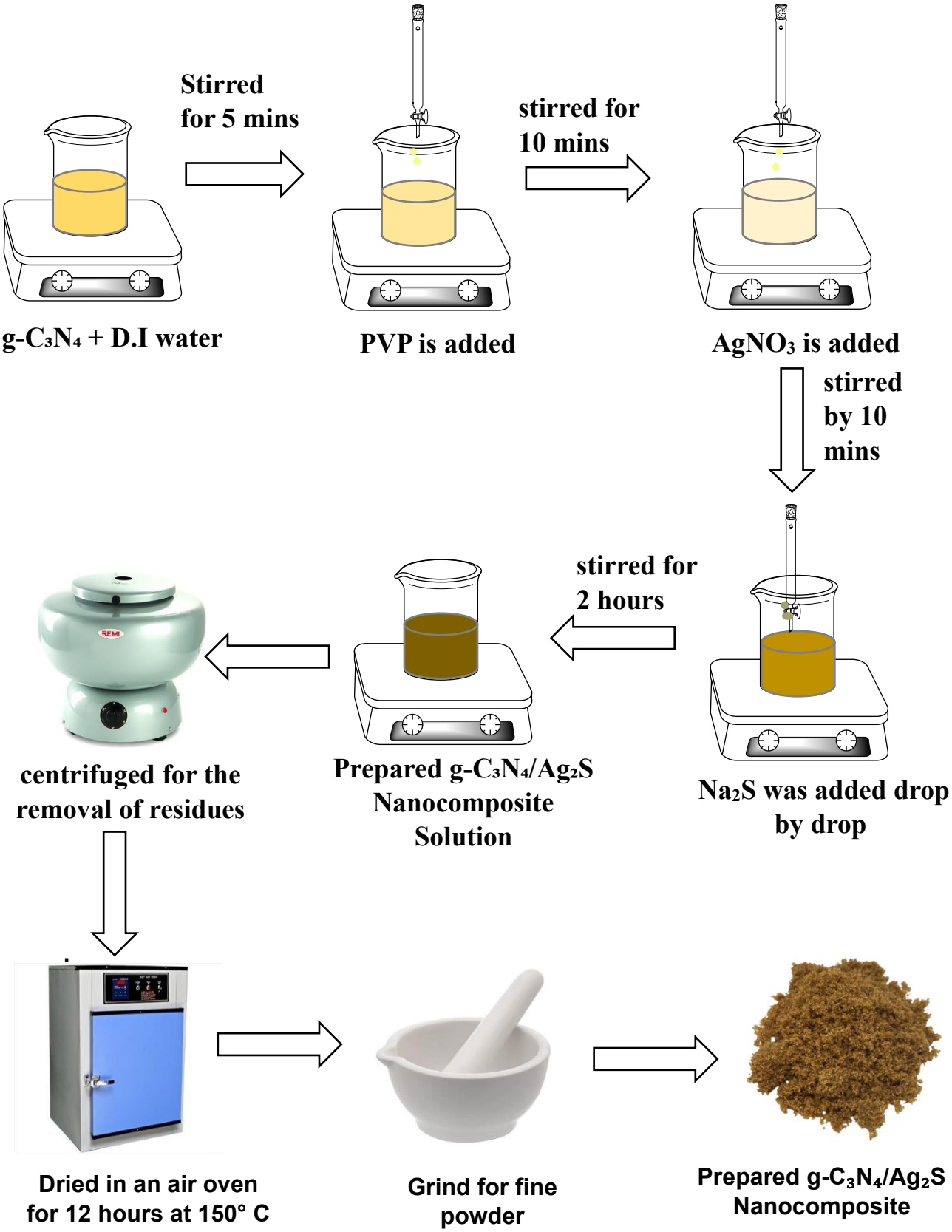


Fig.4.6 SYNTHESIS PROCESS OF G-C_3N_4/Ag_2S NANOCOMPOSITE

4.4 CHARACTERIZATION TECHNIQUES

Crystal structure, morphology, compositional information, and photocatalytic application of the synthesized nanoparticles were characterized using the following instruments. These include X-ray Diffraction (XRD), Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM), Fourier Transform Infra-red spectroscopy (FTIR), and UV-vis spectroscopy.

4.4.1 X-RAY DIFFRACTION (XRD)

XRD is one of the characterization techniques that reveals the structural properties of nanoparticles. It provides information on the phase, chemical composition, symmetry of unit cells, crystallinity, lattice constant, and properties of the nanoparticles. This technique is employed for the identification of both single and multiphase nanoparticles.

XRD is considered one of the oldest non-destructive methods for the analysis of nanoparticles. The XRD pattern is influenced by the size and shape of the unit cell of the crystal. Consequently, the properties of a material are dependent on its structure Of about 90% of solid materials are crystalline and each crystalline has a significant X-ray diffraction pattern that can be used as a fingerprint to detect the material.

A diffraction pattern is obtained only when the X-rays are interacted with the crystal. Information like the symmetry of the unit cell, stress, strain, size of crystallite growth orientation, etc. is obtained from the diffraction patterns.

When a material is irradiated with a monochromatic light of wavelength around the inter-atomic distance of the material, light gets dispersed by the atoms and interferes to give rise to diffracted light with a higher intensity. Fig.4.7 shows the principle of X-ray diffraction. The arrangement of atoms in the material is related to the intensity of the scattered light. If the wavelength of light is λ the incident angle is θ and the constructive interference is obtained at an angle θ from the incident beam of light if Bragg's equation is satisfied. Bragg's equation is given by,

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$$

where,

n is the diffraction order; d is the distance between the diffracting planes and θ is the Bragg's angle.

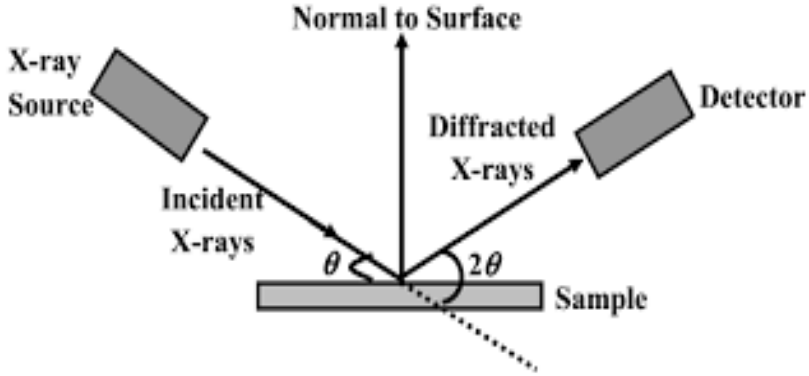


Fig.4.7 WORKING PRINCIPLE OF XRD

4.4.2 FOURIER-TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

FTIR is a technique used to obtain an infrared spectrum of absorption or emission of a solid, liquid, or gas. An FTIR spectrometer simultaneously collects high-resolution spectral data over a wide spectral range. This consults a significant advantage over a dispersive spectrometer, which measures intensity over a narrow range of wavelengths at a time. It is used to determine the functional groups. The chemical structure of the nanoparticle's surface and the surface reactive sites responsible for surface reactivity can be determined under particular conditions. Fig.4.8 shows the working principle of FTIR spectroscopy.

The structure and bands of the synthesized nanoparticles, FTIR may be used to test a variety of components, including bulk or thin films, liquids, solids, pastes, powders, fibres, and other materials. FTIR analysis may be used for quantitative (amount) analysis as well as qualitative (identification) analysis of materials where appropriate criteria are used. FTIR can test samples up to 11 mm in diameter and weigh in bulk or the top 1 mm of the sample.

The difficulty in FTIR characterization is mainly because of a high degree of overlapping of the IR absorption bands which makes it difficult for the attribution of certain functional groups, even though up-to-date computer searchable databases are available.

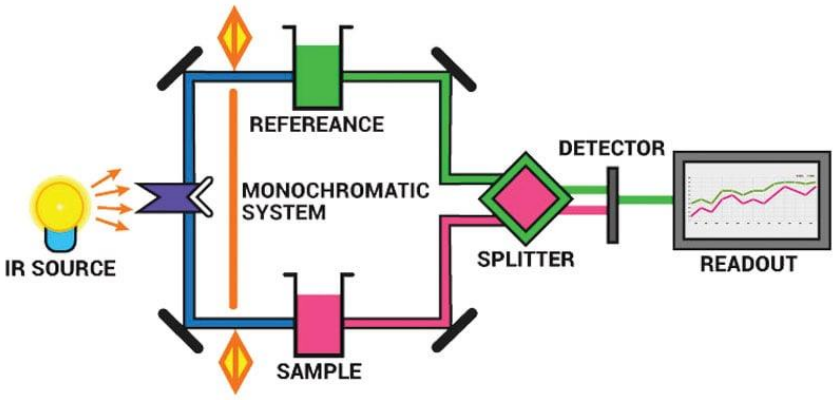


Fig.4.8 Working principle of FTIR

4.4.3 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

A scanning electron microscope (SEM) is a type of electron microscope. By scanning the surface of a sample with a focused beam of electrons, it produces images. In the sample, the electrons interact with atoms and produce various signals which generate information about the morphology and composition of the sample. Scanning electron microscope is one of the most widely used instrumental methods for the examination and analysis of micro and nanoparticle imaging characterization of solid objects due to its resolution of 10 nm, that is, 100 Å. To determine the composition or orientation of certain crystals or features, this device may also be used in conjunction with other related energy-dispersive X-ray microanalysis techniques. A high depth of field in SEM micrographs produces a distinctive three-dimensional look that helps comprehend the surface structure of a sample. To fit on the specimen stage, SEM samples must be small enough. They may also require additional processing to enhance their electrical conductivity and stabilize them so they can endure the high vacuum conditions and the high energy electron beam.

The basic principle is, that a source, typically a tungsten filament or field emission gun generates electron beams which is displayed in Fig 4.9. One or two condenser lenses were focused on the electron beam which has an energy range from 0.2 keV to 40 keV and it is accelerated through a high voltage. Then the surface of the specimen is scanned by the beam. From the specimen, electrons are ejected by the action of the scanning beam and collected by a suitably positioned detector. In the electron column, the beam passes through the pairs of scanning coils or pairs

of deflector plates. The electron loses its energy when the primary electron beam interacts with the sample. By elastic scattering, the energy exchange beam and the sample result in the reflection of high-energy electrons. The specimen can also be detected and used to create images of the distribution of specimen current which is absorbed by the beam current. The advantages of SEM are, it gives detailed 3d and topographical imaging and versatile information and works very fast. Most SEM samples require minimal preparation actions.

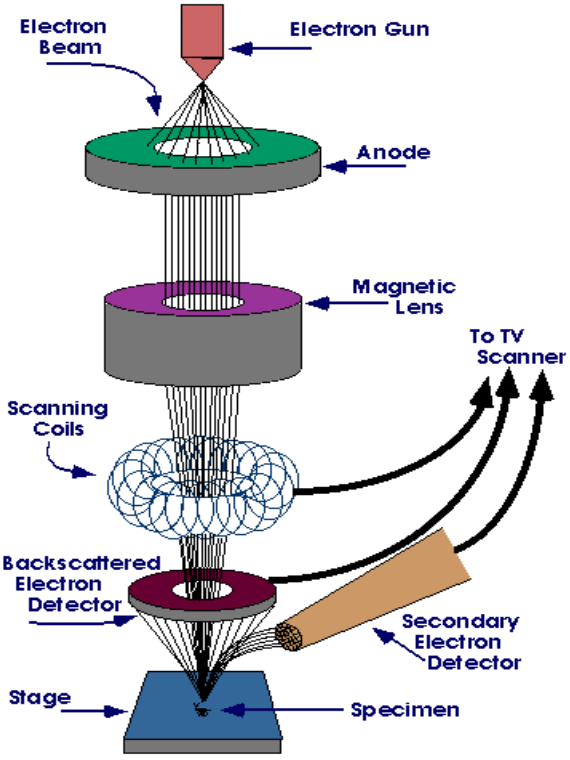


Fig.4.9 WORKING PRINCIPLE OF SEM

4.4.4 UV-VISIBLE SPECTROSCOPY

UV-vis spectroscopy is an analytical technique that measures the number of discrete wavelengths of UV or visible light that are absorbed by or transmitted through a sample in comparison to a reference or blank sample. Fig.4.10 shows the working principle of UV-Vis Spectroscopy.

Absorption spectroscopy is complementary to fluorescence spectroscopy, in that fluorescence deals with transitions of electrons from the excited state to the ground state, while absorption measures transitions from the ground state to the excited state. Molecules containing bonding and non-bonding electrons (n-electrons) can

absorb energy in the form of ultraviolet or visible light to excite these electrons to higher anti-bonding molecular orbitals.

The more easily excited the electrons (i.e. lower energy gap between the HOMO and the LUMO), the longer the wavelength of light it can absorb.

There are four possible types of transitions (π-π*, η-π*, σ-σ', and n- σ *), and they can be ordered as follows σ-σ > π-σ > π-π* > n-π.

The Beer-Lambert law states that the absorbance of a solution is directly proportional to the concentration of the absorbing species in the solution and the path length, thus for a fixed path length, UV/vis spectroscopy can be used to determine the concentration of the absorber in a solution. It is necessary to know how quickly the absorbance changes with concentration. This can be taken from references (tables of molar extinction coefficients), or more accurately, determined from a calibration curve.

$$\mathbf{A = \varepsilon\ b\ C}$$

A is the absorbance; ε is the molar absorptivity; b = length of light path; c = concentration.

A UV/Vis spectrophotometer may be used as a detector for HPLC. The presence of an analyte gives a response assumed to be proportional to the concentration. For accurate results, the instrument's response to the analyte in the unknown should be compared with the response to a standard; this is very similar to the use of calibration curves. The response (e.g., peak height) for a particular concentration is known as the response factor.

The wavelengths of absorption peaks can be correlated with the types of bonds in a given molecule and are valuable in determining the functional groups within a molecule. The Woodward-Fieser rules, for instance, are a set of empirical observations used to predict λ max, the wavelength of the most intense UV/vis absorption, for conjugated organic compounds such as dienes and ketones. The spectrum alone is not, however, a specific test for any given sample.

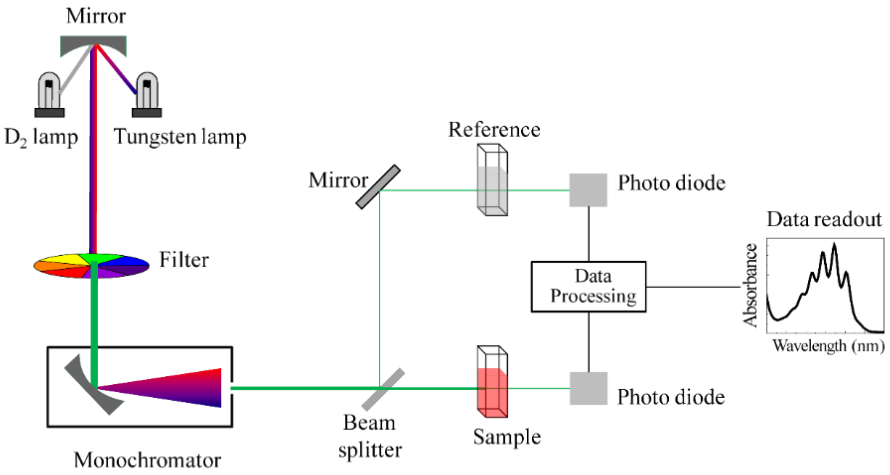


Fig.4.10 WORKING PRINCIPLE OF UV-VIS SPECTROSCOPY

CHAPTER-5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 XRD ANALYSIS

The powder XRD patterns of the 2D views of the prepared photocatalysts are shown in Fig.5.1 Only two distinct diffraction peaks can be found in the samples. It is widely accepted in the data that the graphitic planes in g-C_3N_4 are constructed from tri-s-triazine building units. g-C_3N_4 displays two characteristic diffraction peaks at 12.84° and 28.24°, corresponding to the (1 0 0) and (0 0 2) crystal planes of hexagonal g-C_3N_4 (JCPDS 87-1526), respectively[Nachimuthu Venkatesh., et al,2022]. Ag_2S it is clear that the film is polycrystalline, due to the presence of Bragg's peaks corresponding to (110), (-112), (-122), (-224) and (141) planes respectively. [Gusev A.I., et al,2016]. The XRD patterns of the bulk, as-deposited peaks were found to be consistent with the Powder (JCPDS 14-0072). Argentite (α-form) is the stable modification at low temperatures, it is essentially stoichiometric and presents semiconducting behaviour.

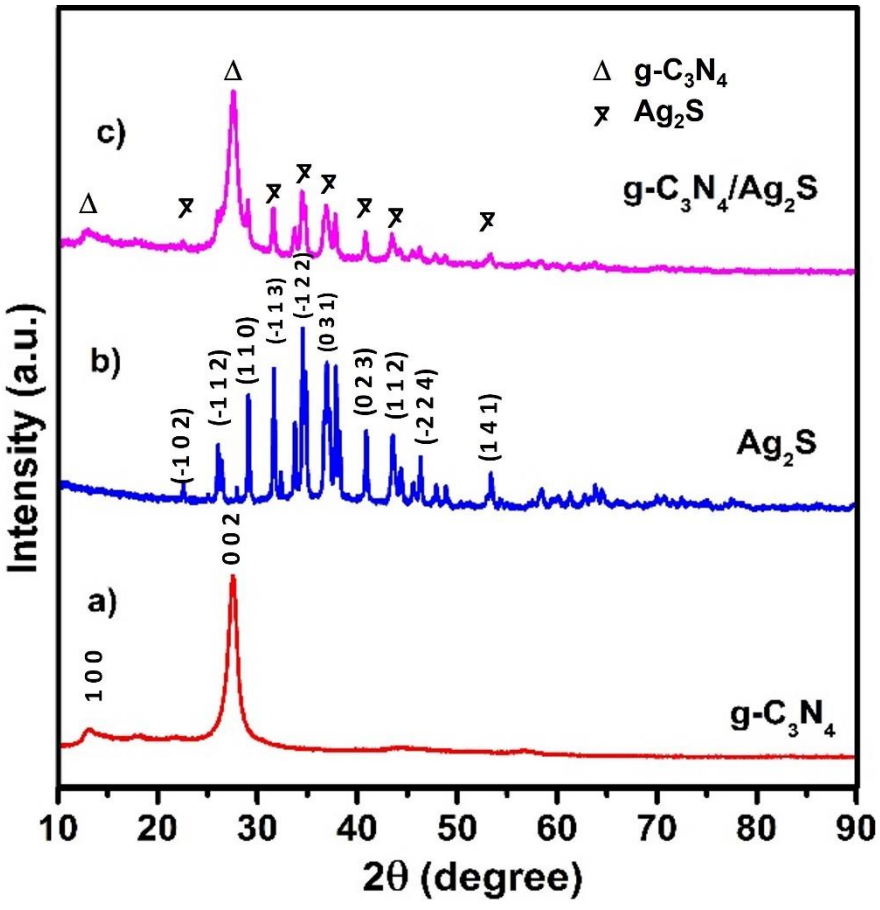


Fig.5.1 XRD spectra of (a) g-C_3N_4, (b) Ag_2S, (c) g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S

5.2 FT-IR ANALYSIS

The technique of FT-IR analysis is important and widely utilized for determining the functional groups of prepared metal and metal-free catalysts g-C_3N_4, Ag_2S, g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S Fig.5.2a-c. The FT-IR spectra g-C_3N_4 of depicted in Figure 24a, a characteristic signal appeared 3181cm^{-1} range for the N-H stretching vibrations, and at 1680 cm^{-1} for the trigonal C-N(-C)-C or bridging C-NH-C centre core unit of the triazine. The chemically oxidized triazine derivative shows important peaks at 1418, 1326 cm^{-1} and 1242 representing the C-H, N=O and C-O-C functional groups, respectively[Nachimuthu Venkatesh., et al,2022]. Likewise, as the FT-IR spectra of Ag_2S depicted in Figure 24b, the major functional groups present in Ag_2S at 3422 (O-H stretching vibrations), 1561 (C=N stretching vibrations), 760 (C-S stretching vibrations), 637 (Ag-N bending vibrations), 498 (Ag-S bending vibrations) respectively[Maryam Shakouri-Arani a., et al,2017].

The FT-IR spectra of g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S 3422 cm^{-1} (O-H stretching vibrations), 3181 cm^{-1} (N-H stretching vibrations), 1644 cm^{-1} (C=N stretching vibrations), 1325 cm^{-1} (C-N stretching vibrations), 1243 cm^{-1} (C-O stretching vibrations), 806 cm^{-1} (Triazine cycle), 721 cm^{-1} (C-S stretching vibrations), 642 cm^{-1} (Ag-N bending vibrations), 494 cm^{-1} (Ag-S bending vibrations) are the functional group present in the composite respectively.

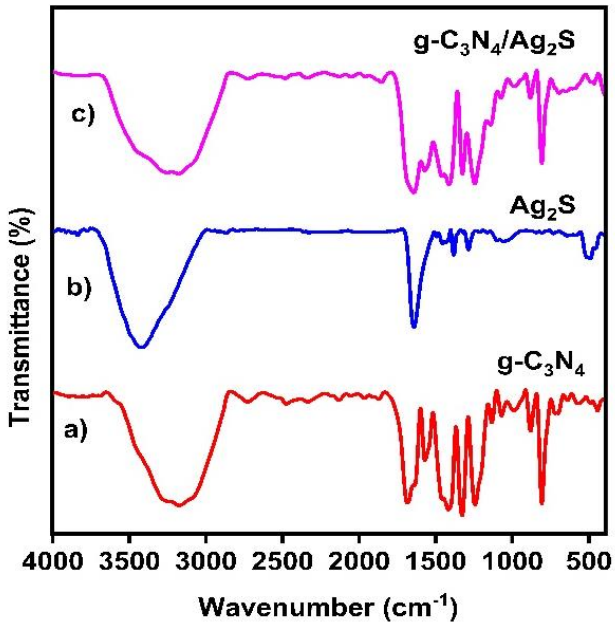


Fig.5.2 FT-IR spectra of (a) g-C_3N_4, (b) Ag_2S, (c) g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S

5.3 MORPHOLOGY ANALYSIS

The morphological and elemental analyses of the synthesized catalysts were analysed by FESEM techniques. The SEM micrographs of g-C_3N_4 shown in Fig. 5.3(a-c) The aggregated sheet-like morphology of polymeric porous materials of g-C_3N_4 products, which comprise block-based textures and particles[Nachimuthu Venkatesh., et al,2022]. The SEM micrographs of Ag_2S are shown in Fig. 5.3(c–d), the image reveals the surface are non-uniform agglomerated two-dimensional layered structure body-centred cubic Argentite (α-form), stable above 180°C and face-centred cubic (γ-form) stable above 586°C [Maryam Shakouri-Arani a., et al,2017]. The SEM images of the prepared g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S are shown in Fig. 5.3(e-f), the image shows that Ag_2S nanoparticles have been decorated over g-C_3N_4 nanoparticles confirming the formation of g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S nanocomposite.

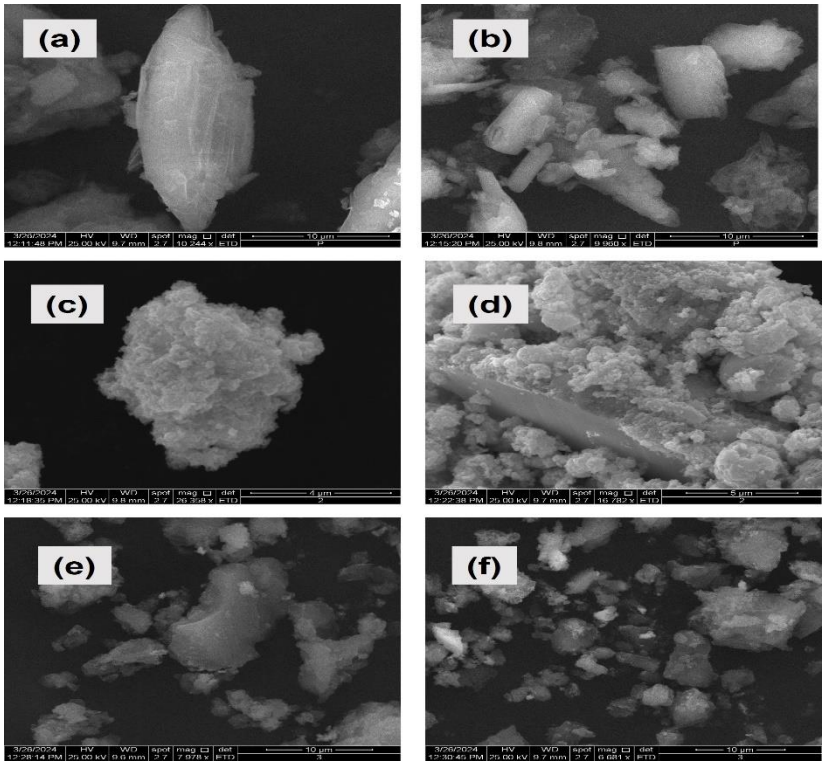


Fig.5.3 FE-SEM micrograph pictures of (a-b) g-C_3N_4, (c-d) Ag_2S, (e-f) g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S

CHAPTER-6

APPLICATION OF PHOTOCATALYSIS

6.1 PHOTOCATALYTIC ANALYSIS

Photocatalytic research and activity are influenced by surface area, visible light absorption, and blending substances. Metal and metal-free catalysts (g-C_3N_4, Ag_2S, g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S) were evaluated against organic pollutants using sunlight irradiation. Fig 6.1a–c depicts the UV–visible spectra of MB dye in the presence of a catalyst treated for 150 min. The strongest absorption peaks were gradually lowered when the MB solution was handled, and the dramatic colour dilution corroborated this concept. The degrading efficiencies of the g-C_3N_4, Ag_2S, and g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S were 55.80, 67.86, and 92.49%, respectively. The results reveal that g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S NCs have the best degradation performance.

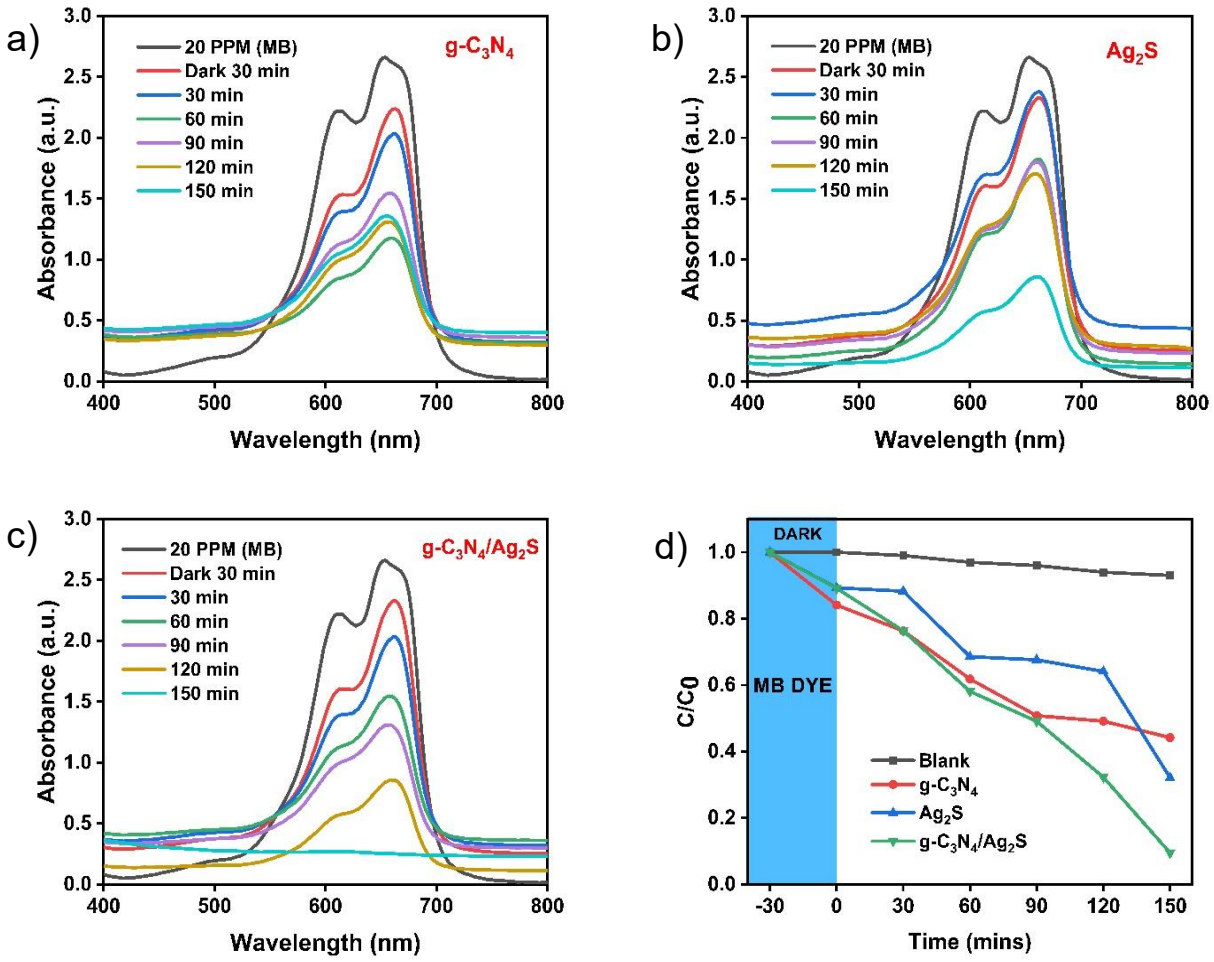


Fig.6.1 UV-Vis spectra of MB for the Metal & metal-free catalysts (a) g-C_3N_4, (b) Ag_2S, (c) g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S, and (d) efficiency plot (C/C_0) of MB

The efficiency plot (C/C_0) of the MB solution is represented in Figure 6.1(d). The g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S demonstrated the highest degradation ability and it is represented in the efficiency plot. The higher visible light absorption and lower recombination rates contribute to the production of a significant number of reactive oxygen species (ROS)[Song, S., et al,2019]. The K and R^2 values are described in Table 3. Among the various concentrations, the C/C_0 graph demonstrates the maximal degradation ability of C_3N_4/Ag_2S for MB dye solution.

S. No	Catalyst	Degradation Efficiency (%)	K (min^{-1})	R^2
1	g-C_3N_4	55.80	0.012	0.93
2	Ag_2S	67.86	0.014	0.81
3	g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S	92.49	0.031	0.85

Table 3. Dehydradation parameters of g-C_3N_4, Ag_2S, and g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S against MB dye solution

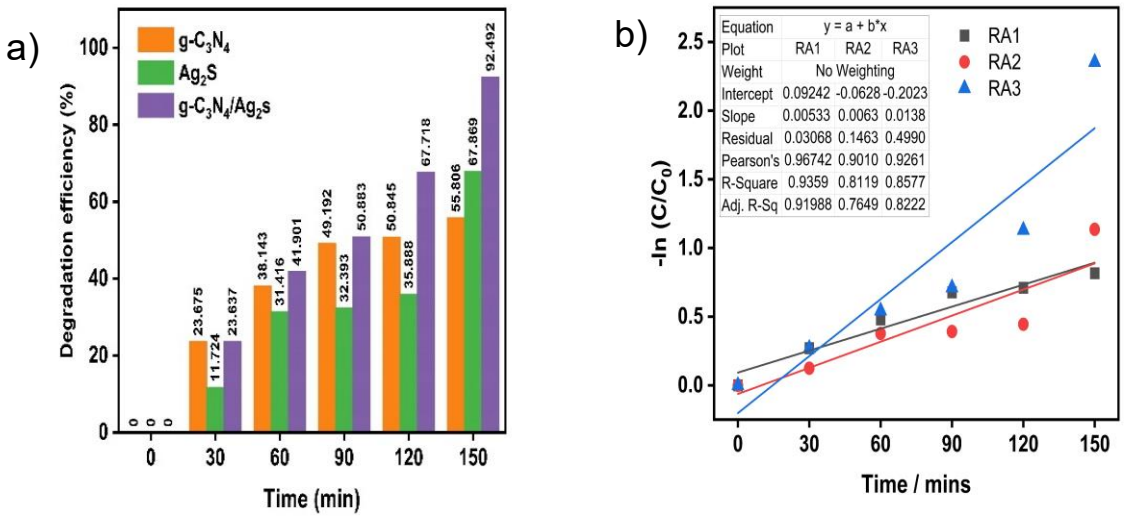


Fig.6.2 a) Degradation efficiency, and b) degradation kinetic study of MB dye

6.2 PHOTOCATALYSIS MECHANISM

The photocatalytic mechanisms are as mentioned below,[Nachimuthu Venkatesh., et al,2022]

(i) Production of excitons

$$g\text{-}C_3N_4/Ag_2S + hv \rightarrow h^+ (VB) + e^- (CB) \quad (3)$$

(ii) Hydroxyl radicals Generation

$$OH^- + h^+ \rightarrow OH\cdot \quad (4)$$

$$H_2O + h^+ \rightarrow OH\cdot + H^+ \quad (5)$$

(iii) Superoxide radicals Generation

$$O_2 + e^- \rightarrow O_2\cdot^- \quad (6)$$

(iv) Degradation of dye molecules

$$Dye + OH\cdot + O_2\cdot^- \rightarrow \text{Degradation products} \quad (7)$$

In this current analysis, g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S NCs show a higher percentage of efficiency than the NPs of g-C_3N_4, and Ag_2S. The enhancement of catalyst behaviour could be attributable to two basic factors: (i) higher light absorption and (ii) catalytic surface. Inhibiting photogenerated charge carrier recombination in g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S helps to enrich the percentage of degradation. One method for increasing photocatalytic efficiency is to build composite photocatalysts by combining g-C_3N_4, and Ag_2S to get g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S NCs. The advantage of composite photocatalysts is the dramatically improved charge separation and transfer efficiency caused by the difference in band levels between Ag_2S and g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S. This results in the migration of excited electrons from one semiconductor's higher CB (LUMO orbital) to another's lower CB, as well as holes from one semiconductor's higher VB (HOMO orbital) to the lower one. Attentively, the g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S catalyst exhibited brilliant photocatalytic activity under sunlight.

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION

In recent years, numerous intensive research efforts in the field of nanotechnology have shown great potential. There have been significant improvements in the synthesis of desired inorganic nanomaterials and their several potential applications are presented by the scientists and reported in the literature. The development of nanomaterials helps us to move towards a bright and comfortable future. These materials offer more precise methods of addressing the several unsolved problems and needs of mankind. There are endless possibilities for improved devices, structures, and materials if understanding can be developed for assembly at small structures.

Nanotechnology has reached the level of leading science with fundamental and research prospects in all basic cognitive sciences. An important lecture on nanotechnology is to bridge the gap between the atomic and molecular scale of fundamental sciences.

6.1 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- In summary, the g-C_3N_4, Ag_2S, and g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S catalysts have been synthesised successfully via the co-precipitation method.
- In this synthesis method, Polyvinylpyrrolidone was used as a surfactant to reduce particle size.
- A metal and metal-free catalysts have been synthesised to check the degradation of textile dyes.
- Crystallite structure and surface were confirmed by XRD. The size crystallite. The size was calculated by the Debye Scherrer formula the size was found in nanoparticles.
- The FESEM microscopy demonstrated the synthesized g-C_3N_4 aggregated sheet-like morphology of polymeric porous materials has been seen. Ag_2S are shown in the image revealing the surface as are non-uniform agglomerated two-dimensional layered structure. g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S are shown in the image showing that Ag_2S nanoparticles have been decorated over g-C_3N_4 nanoparticles.
- Functional groups were confirmed by FT-IR. The functional group peaks have been checked for the prepared catalysts (g-C_3N_4, Ag_2S, and g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S).
- The prepared nanocomposite catalyst (g-C_3N_4/Ag_2S) is an excellent photoactive catalyst for the degradation of MB dye when exposed to visible sunlight. It demonstrated the best photodegradation efficiency of 92.49% for MB dye.
- The increased photocatalytic activity is closely related to the successful blending of g-C_3N NPs and Ag_2S NPs, and it plays a critical role in increasing greater light absorption and increasing the formation of whole and hydroxyl radicals, which promote the activity and stability of the catalyst. The photodegradation results demonstrate the catalyst's great stability even after five cycles.

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LIST OF ABBREVATION

PIN	POLY INDOLE
TC	TETRACYCLINE
CLI	CLINDAMYCINE
AMO	AMOXICILLIN
ERY	ERYTHROMYCIN
MET	METRONIDAZOLE
AMC	AMOXICILLIN CLAVULANATE
AZI	AZITHROMYCIN
CPI	CIPROFLOXACIN
LOD	LIMIT OF DETECTION
FTIR	FOURIER TRANSFORMER INFRA RED SPECTROSCOPY
SEM	SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY
DFT	DENSITY FUNCTIONAL THEORY
UV-VIS	ULTRA VIOLET-VISIBLE SPECTROSCOPY
AAS	ATOMIC ADSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY
XRF	X RAY FLUORECENCE SPECTROSCOPY
FRP	FEE RADICAL POLYMERIZATION
FL	FLUORESCENCE
PL	PHOTOLUMINESCENCE
SD	STANDARD DEVIATION

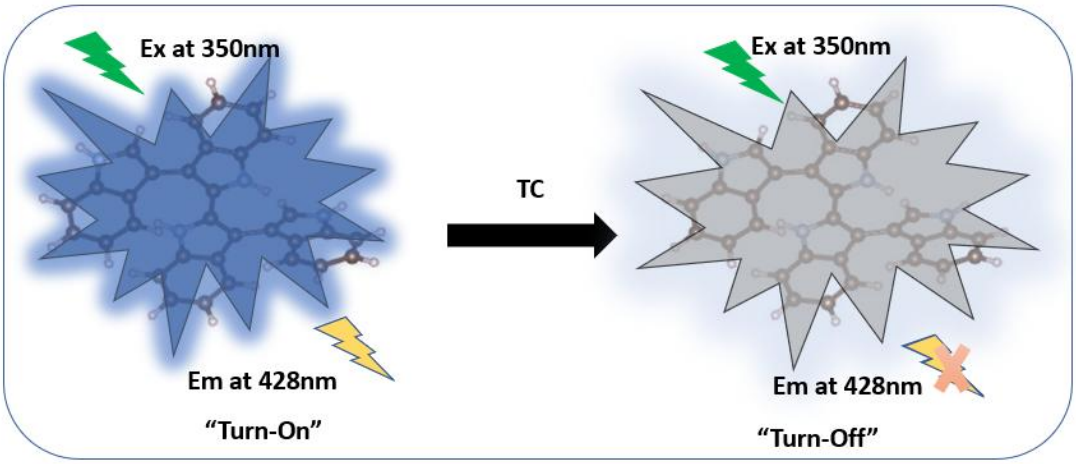
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ABSTRACT

A novel fluorescent "turn-off" sensor based on a polymer, was synthesized via the reaction of free radical polymerization with $FeCl_3$ and $CHCl_3$ yielding a maximum yield of approximately 78% with a favorable quantum yield of around 0.2672 which was used for the detection of Tetracycline (TC).They were characterized by Fourier transform infrared FTIR, Ultraviolet-visible, SEM techniques. The poly indole showed a dark blue fluorescence **($\lambda_{emission}$ 427$_{nm}$)** under **350$_{nm}$** excitation and has shown excellent selective sensing ability towards TC antibiotics over the other antibiotics namely Paracetamol (PCM), Clindamycin (CLI), Amoxicillin (AMO), Erythromycin (ERY), Metronidazole (MET), Amoxicillin clavulanate (AMC), Azithromycin (AZI), Ciprofloxacin (CIP), and Tetracycline (TC)**.** The synthesized sensor has a linear range of 3.372 to 14.62µM and the limit of detection (LOD) was found to be 73.59 nM. The synthesized sensor has been effectively utilized to detect the presence of TC in various environmental samples such as drinking water, pond water, milk sample, urine sample, and blood samples, where poly indole was administrated to access the level of TC quenching.

GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



KEY WORDS: Poly indole, Tetracycline, Antibiotics, Fluorescence, sensor.

CHAPTER1.

INTRODUCTION

1.1 ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Antibiotics, which possess the advantages of strong antibacterial activity and low cost, have been widely used for human medical treatment and veterinary. However, the abuse of antibiotics could result in their accumulation in human body or foods and thus lead to public health. Antimicrobials are widely used in the health, animal and food industries due to their low cost and effective pharmacological properties**. [1]**

The detection of antibiotics in food and water samples has emerged as a critical concern due to potential health risks associated with antibiotic residues and their impact on microbial resistance**.[2]**

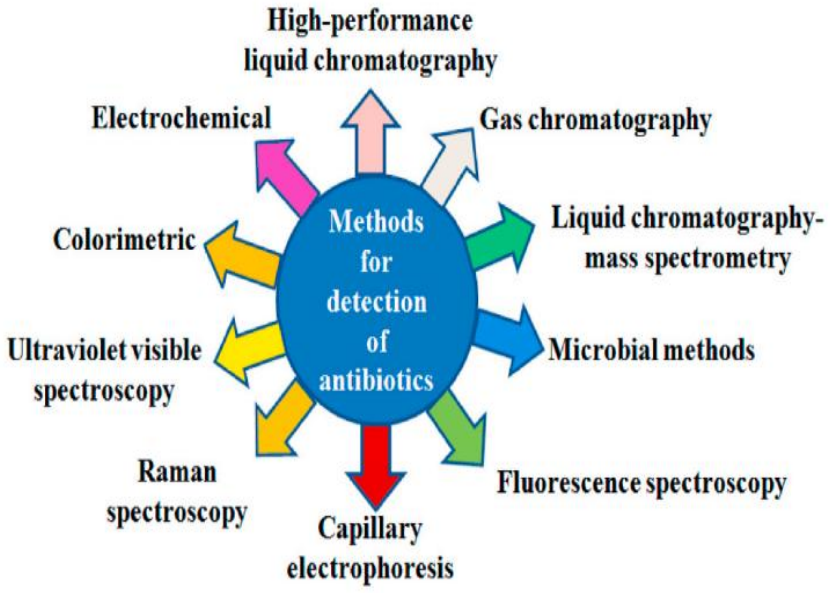


Fig1.1 Methods for the detection of antimicrobial resistance

Drug resistance occurs when bacteria, fungi, viruses, or parasites develop the ability to defeat the drugs designed to kill them. Certain bacteria have developed complex mechanisms to detect the presence of drug. They

detect various drug compounds by means of particular proteins or receptors on their cell surface**.[3]**

In the past nine decades, antibiotics have become a powerful tool for fighting bacterial infections. However, their overuse and irresponsible disposal have led to concerning levels of antibiotic residues in our water. This contamination not only poses a potential threat of direct toxicity to aquatic life but also fosters the spread of drug-resistant bacteria. These resistant microbes pose a danger to human health, making infections more difficult to treat. As a result, antibiotics are now recognized as a significant class of emerging environmental pollutants.**[4]**

It highlights the potential of these technologies to transform marketing strategies and lessen the hazards associated with drug residues in our ecosystems and food chain. It also highlights the value of these technologies in maintaining food safety, water quality, and environment. sustainability. Because of the possible health hazards linked to drug residues and their influence on microbial resistance, the identification of drug in food and water samples has become a serious concern**.[5]**

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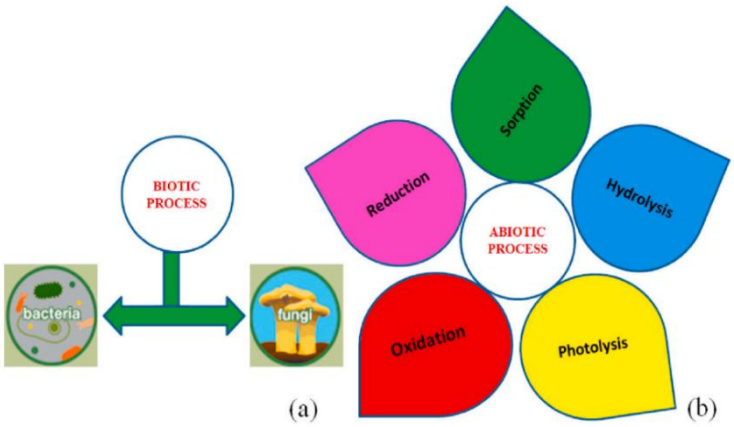
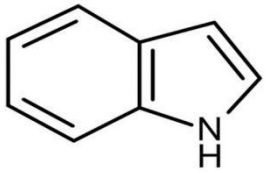


Fig1.1 Types of processes which detect the Anti-microbial resistance.

1.2 POLYINDOLE

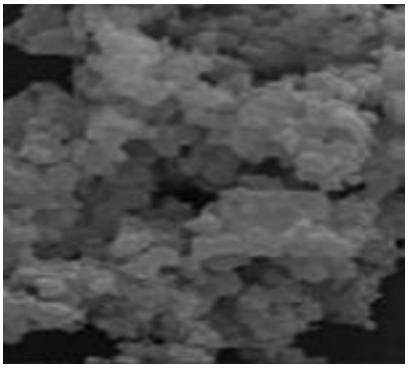
Special properties such as lightweight, ductile nature and ease of production are some of the reasons for the utilization of the polymers in various industries. The mechanical properties of fibres, whiskers, plastics and particles of polymer have drawn the attention of the researcher and industrialist. Poly-indole proved to have electrical conductivity, which is able to use it in rechargeable battery. Its fast-charging capacity attracted the researchers to develop rechargeable battery, which is suitable for industrial applications which is suitable for industrial applications**[6]**

Fig. 1.2 Structure of PIN



Poly indole has certain qualities that make it useful for this kind of application, it is used as a fluorescence sensor for antibiotic detection. Because of its conjugated structure and π-electron system, which facilitate effective electron transfer and result in a substantial amount of fluorescence emission, it can be used to detect antibiotics. To create highly selective and **[7]** sensitive sensing systems that use poly indole to find traces of antibiotic residues in a variety of environmental samples **[8].** The use of poly indole to detect antibiotics is a novel and exciting development that could lead to various consequences Poly indole-based sensors can potentially detect antibiotics with higher sensitivity and specificity than traditional methods. This could lead to: Earlier diagnosis of antibiotic-resistant infections, allowing for quicker and more effective treatment. Improved monitoring of antibiotic residues in food and water

Poly-indole sensors can be designed for rapid detection, providing results in minutes or even seconds. **[10]** This could be especially beneficial in critical care settings where quick decisions are needed. **[11]** Poly indole-based sensors can be adapted to detect a wide range of antibiotics, making them a valuable tool for public health and environmental monitoring.**[12]**



1.3 FLUOROMETRY

Several sophisticated analytical methods, such as AAS, ICP-MS, XRF, etc. have been employed to identify these analytes, but these methods suffer from high operative cost, trained manpower and expensive instrumentation. Fluorometry

provides a reliable and sensitive means of detecting antibiotics, allowing for precise analysis without the need for elaborate setups or extensive training, making it an appealing choice for rapid and cost-efficient antibiotic monitoring. Changes in the fluorescence intensity or lifetime can indicate binding events, energy transfer processes, or changes in the local environment around the polymer. This technique is extremely desirable and crucial for the purposes of biological, environmental and bio-medical applications. **[13]** Using poly indole in combination with a fluorometric-based sensor to detect antibiotics is a quick, sensitive, and economical way to detect antibiotics with a high degree of accuracy and precision.**[14]**



Fig 1.3 Fluorescence

1.4 TETRACYCLINE

Tetracyclines bind with food and also easily with magnesium, calcium and iron which reduces their ability to be completely absorbed by the body. Dairy products antacids and preparations containing iron should be avoided near the time of taking the drug.

Tetracyclines were noted for their broad-spectrum antibacterial activity and were commercialized with clinical success beginning in the late 1940s to the early 1950s. The second-generation semisynthetic analogues and more recent third-

generation compounds show the continued evolution of the tetracycline platform towards derivatives with increased potency as well as efficacy against tetracycline-resistant bacteria, with improved pharmacokinetic and chemical properties. Shortly after the introduction of tetracycline therapy, the first tetracycline-resistant bacterial pathogen was identified. Since then, tetracycline-resistant bacterial pathogens have continued to be identified, limiting tetracycline's effectiveness in treatment of bacterial disease.

The fluorescence response was measured using by the solution titrations in the presence of the poly indole, with analytes such as Paracetamol, Clindamycin, Amoxicillin, Erythromycin, Metronidazole, Amoxicillin clavulanate, Azithromycin, Ciprofloxacin, Tetracycline etc.

The different analytes where present in which there’s only one antibiotic which shows the selectivity i.e. the tetracycline antibiotic which has been involved in quenching effect and shows the maximum fluorescence when the emission takes place by the fluorometry.

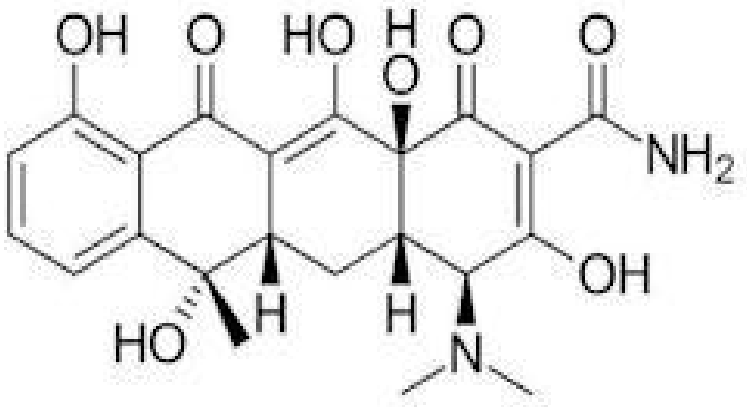


Fig.1.4 STUCTURE OF TETRACYCLINE

CHAPTER 2

2.1 LITRATURE SURVEY:

Qiu Zhuang, Cheng Zhang: et al propagated that tetracycline (Tc), an antibiotic, is a common pollutant of food and water that has negative impacts on human health and ecosystems. It is crucial to create new sensors for the detection of tetracycline. In this study, we create a novel conjugated tetraphenyl ethylene polymer (TPE-CMP) fluorescence sensor that is heteroatom-free and can be used to detect tetracycline. To achieve high sensitivity, the photoinduced electron transfer process quenched the emission fluorescence of TPE-CMP in the presence of Tc. With an excellent linear correlation (0.99), the polymers can detect tetracycline at concentrations ranging from 0 to 100 μg/ml. The limit of detection (LOD) is 1.23 μg/ml. Additionally, TPE-CMP detects Tc with excellent selectivity even in the presence of ions and antibiotics, two types of anti-interference analytes. Furthermore, the realistic possibilities of with good recoveries, TPE-CMP for Tc sensing was further explored in milk, urine, and wastewater samples (94.96% to 112.53% for milk, 96.41% to 99.31% for urine, and 98.54% to 100.52% for wastewater).

Madiha Bourgoin, Anca Florea et Al said that a molecularly imprinted polymer microporous-metal-organic framework-modified gold electrode surface serves as the basis for an electrochemical sensor that detects tetracycline. By electropolymerizing p-amino thiophenol functionalized gold nanoparticles in the presence of the imprint molecule, imprinted gold nanoparticle composites are produced on Au surfaces. In the presence of hexacyanoferrate, linear sweep voltammetry was used to characterize the electrochemical sensor. The redox probe used is hexacyanoferrate. The impact of several factors, including washing and eluting solutions, extraction and incubation durations, was assessed in order to attain the best preconcentration. The sensor displayed a detection limit of 0.22 FM and a linear range of 224 FM to 22.4 nm. Tetracycline in honey was effectively determined using the suggested approach.

Li-Qing Wang, Fan-Yan Lin et Al combined a molecular imprinting methodology with a colloidal crystal templating process, a molecularly imprinted photonic polymer (MIPP) sensor is developed for the respective detection of tetracycline, oxytetracycline, and chlortetracycline. Monodisperse polystyrene colloids are used to create colloidal crystal templates. N, N′-methylene diarylamine is used as a cross-linker, tetracyclines (TCs) as imprinting template molecules, and acrylic acid and acrylamide as monomers to create the molecularly imprinted polymer that is represented in the colloidal crystal templates. The resulting MIPP is a three-dimensional, highly ordered, and interconnected microporous array with a thin hydrogel wall, where binding sites and nanocavities complementary to analytes in shape are distributed. This is achieved through the removal of the colloidal crystal template and the molecularly imprinted template. MIPP's reaction to TC stimuli in aqueous.

Ming Guo, Rui Wang et Al had a Homo phthalic acid and cysteamine dihydrochloride were used in a divergent technique to prepare fluorescent and amine-terminated hyper branched polymers (AT-HP). Next, we describe a surface-imprinting technique that we used to create hyperbranched molecularly imprinted polymers (AT-HP/TR-MIPs). The template molecule in this process is tetracycline (TR), the cross-linking agent is epichlorohydrin (ECH), and the starting materials are AT-HP. FTIR, 1H NMR, SEM, viscosity analysis, and elemental analysis were used to thoroughly analyse the hyperbranched structure and material compositions. The outcomes show that, with an amino value of 523.24 and an end-group index of 0.48, AT-HP and AT-HP/TR-MIPs were successfully created. For tetracycline compounds, the AT-HP/TR-Imp's limit of detection (LOD) was 0.39 mg L–1, and their blot factor was 6.30.

Liang Chen, Jun Liu et Al developed Magnetic molecularly imprinted polymers were prepared using hydrophobic Fe3O4 magnetite as the magnetically susceptible component, oxytetracycline as template molecule, methacrylic acid as functional monomer, and styrene and divinylbenzene as polymeric matrix components. The polymers were applied to the separation of tetracycline antibiotics from egg and tissue samples. The extraction and clean-up procedures were carried out in a single step by blending and stirring the sample, extraction solvent and polymers. The analytes can be transferred from the sample matrix to the polymers directly or through the extraction solvent as medium. When the extraction was complete, the polymers adsorbing the analytes were easily separated from the sample matrix by an adscititious magnet. The analytes eluted from the polymers were determined by liquid chromatography–tandem mass spectrometry. The recoveries ranging from 72.8% to 96.5% were obtained with relative standard deviations in the range of 2.9–12.3%. The limit of detection was less than 0.2 ng g−1.

M. Elango, M. Deepa et al designed Poly indole-based silver and copper oxide (poly indole/Ag–Cu-O) nanocomposites were synthesized using reflux condensation method by varying the concentrations of poly-indole and silver nitrate with copper oxide in N2 atmosphere. They were characterized by Fourier transform infrared (FTIR), X-ray diffraction (XRD), and scanning electron microscope (SEM) techniques. The SEM images revealed fascinating shapes of Cu-O nanoparticles. The FTIR and XRD confirmed the functional group transformation and crystalline natures of silver and Cu-O existed in the nanocomposites. The poly-indole/Ag–Cu-O nanocomposites were examined for antibacterial activity and found to exhibit the antibacterial activity against pathogenic bacteria.

CHAPTER 3

3.1 AIM

The energy that binds between the polymer and the antibiotics is increased by these studies. To generate highly selective and sensitive detectors that use poly indole to identify traces of antibiotic residues in a wide range of environmental samples.

Using poly indole when combined with a fluorometric-based sensor to detect drugs is a rapid, accurate, and efficient way to detect antibiotics with an exceptional level of accuracy and precision. In order to ensure that there is as minimal disruption from other molecules in the sample matrix as is practical while currently establishing outstanding specificity for various antibiotic agents. To produce a reliable sensor technology which can identify and measure antibiotics in a wide range of organisms and environmental components efficiently and precisely in real time. To come up with portable, affordable sensing methods that allow monitoring at the site that will be useful in public health and environment evaluations.

3.2 SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

This summary highlighted several recent developments of rising TC's sensors. In addition, this analysis deal with the actual use of each sensor for TC's detection. The obstacles facing TC's sensors and its future prospects are finally concluded. In the end it's applied to detect and analyse the drug tetracycline in regular drinking water samples, pond water, urine, milk, and blood samples. This sensor's multiplexed sensing capability, excellent functional reversibility, easy synthesis, and user-friendly features make it very appealing for environmental and biomedical applications.

This project will give a clear insight into the scope and possibilities for further research on the biomedical applications of PIN based sensors.

CHAPTER 4: EXPERIMENTAL & SYNTHESIS

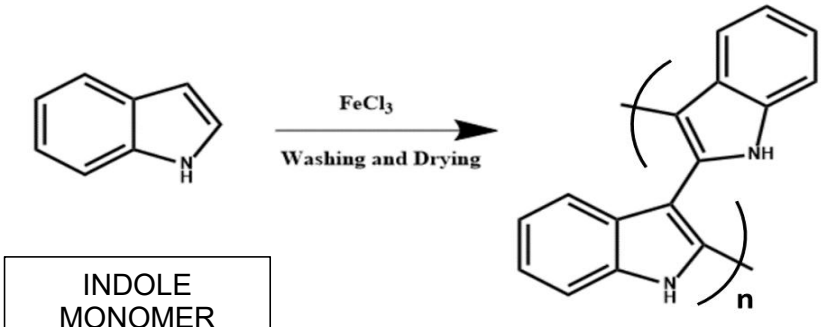
4.1 MATERIALS & INSTRUMENTATION

Indole, Ferric chloride, Ethanol, Deionised water, Antibiotics such as Paracetamol (PCM), Clindamycin (CLI), Amoxicillin (AMO), Erythromycin (ERY), Metronidazole (MET), Amoxicillin clavulanate (AMC), Azithromycin (AZI), Ciprofloxacin (CIP), Tetracycline (TC) are being purchased from vendors.

Characterization studies such as FTIR studies for the confirmation of the functional group in the instrument, ultraviolet-visible for the absorbance studies with the instrument Jasco, SEM analysis to know the structural morphology of the compound, Fluorescence intensity measurement by FL spectrophotometer-Hitachi, optimization by the pH study and the Selectivity of the antibiotic are being represented by its principle, data and the graphical representation.

4.2 SYNTHESIS

$FeCl_3$ was used as an oxidant/initiator and $CHCl_3$ as a solvent in the chemical synthesis of poly indole, with a 3:1 molar ratio of oxidant to monomer. In a three-necked round-bottom flask, indole (0.016 mol dissolved in 10 ml $CHCl_3$) was added, and it was agitated under N_2 (g) for five minutes. Drop wise addition of a different solution containing $FeCl_3$ (0.048 mol dissolved in 35 mL $CHCl_3$) was made to the indole solution, which was then slowly agitated at 10–15°C for five hours under N_2 (g). After filtering the pure poly indole, it was repeatedly cleaned with distilled hot water and ethanol to get rid of $FeCl_3$ and unreacted indole monomer. The finished item was dried for 24 hours at 70 degrees Celsius in a vacuum oven. **Fig 4.2 SYNTHESIS OF POLY INDOLE**



4.3 FREE RADICAL POLYMERIZATION

Free radical polymerization (FRP) is a powerful and versatile technique for synthesizing PIN, offering several advantages over other methods. Let's develop into the specifics. Free radicals are produced from indole monomers in FRP, and these radicals subsequently propagate in a chain to form the polymer. Imagine individual indole molecules as dominoes that fall into one another with a small product (activation), creating a long chain. FRP relies on the generation of free radicals from indole monomers, which then chain propagate to form the polymer FRP relies on the generation of free radicals from indole monomers, which then chain propagate to form the polymer.

4.4 THE CHEMISTY OF FREE RADICAL POLYMERIZATION

Radical generation R-R ⟶ 2 R*

initiator **radical**

Initiator R* C=C ⟶ R-C-C*

Propagation R-C-C* C=C ⟶ R-C-C-C*

Termination R-C-C* *C-C-C-R ⟶ R-C-C-C-C-C-R

Polymer

4.5 Calculation of Quantum yield

Fluorescence quantum yield (Φ) of the synthesized polymer sensor molecule was determined through the integration of the fluorescence curve area employing the following equation.

$$\Phi_f = \frac{F_s A_{ref} \eta_s^2}{F_{ref} A_s \eta_{ref}^2} \Phi_f^{ref}$$

Here, the parameters are defined as follows: Φ signifies the quantum yield of the species, F represents the area under the fluorescence spectral curve, A signifies the absorbance at the excitation wavelength, and η represents the refractive index

of the solvent . Quinine sulfate was employed as the reference standard for these measurements and the quantum yield for the reference is about 0.546 in water.

4.6 Calculation of Limit of Detection

The limit of detection (LOD) was determined through fluorescence titration, using the formula: LOD = (3 x S.D.) / K. In this equation, S.D. represents the standard deviation of the free polymer intensity, and K corresponds to the slope obtained from the linear fitting of fluorescence titration data, specifically the plot of fluorescence intensity against TC. To calculate the standard deviation (S.D.) for the fluorescence intensity of the free polymer, measurements were taken ten times.

4.7 Preparation of stock solution

The antibiotic such as Antibiotics such as Paracetamol (PCM), Clindamycin (CLI), Amoxicillin (AMO), Erythromycin (ERY), Metronidazole (MET), Amoxicillin clavulanate (AMC), Azithromycin (AZI), Ciprofloxacin (CIP), Tetracycline (TC) were prepared in DI water as stock solutions (2mM). The probe stock solution was prepared in Ethanol. To prepare fresh stock solutions of the study, the highly concentrated solution of the stock was diluted to the required ratio before starting spectroscopic observations.

4.8 Absorbance and fluorescence measurements

By using UV-vis and fluorescence spectroscopy techniques, both the absorption and emission behaviors of the probe towards several antibiortics and photo physical experiments were studied at optimal concentration ETOH/H2O (v/v = 5:5, pH 7).

CHAPTER 5: RESULT AND DISCUSSION

5.1 FTIR SPECTROSCOPY OF POLY INDOLE

FTIR spectroscopy works on the principle of measuring the absorption of infrared light by molecules and then converting the resulting interferogram into an infrared spectrum, which can be used for qualitative and quantitative analysis of chemical compounds. The FTIR spectra recorded for the PIN are shown in **Fig.1** which confirms corresponding characteristic peaks. A sharp peak at 747 cm^{-1} shows the distinctive out-of-plane deformation of the C–H bond in the benzene ring of indole molecule. The band at 1332 cm^{-1} signifies the heterocyclic ring stretching mode and 1456 cm^{-1} attributed to the characteristic stretching mode of benzene ring in PIN. The band at 1594 cm^{-1} due to N–H deformations and the vibrations modes of C2=C3 aromatic bonds, which are typical of indoles. The band present at 1619 cm^{-1} is attributed to –C–C– stretching modes. The major band appears at 3400 cm^{-1} indicates N–H stretching, which indicates the participation of the Nitrogen in

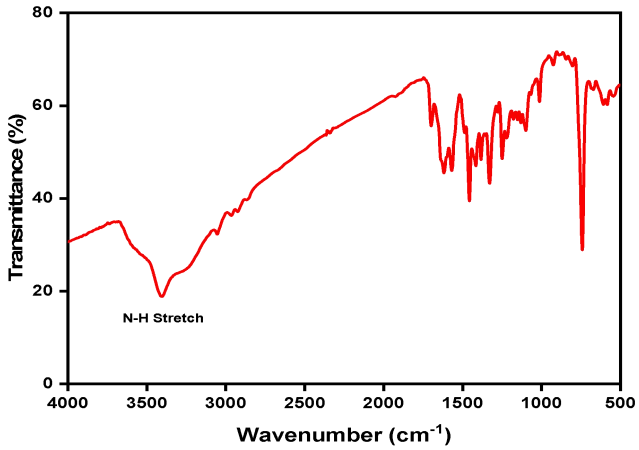


Fig.5.1 FT- IR of Poly indole

5.2 ABSORBANCE AND EMISSION

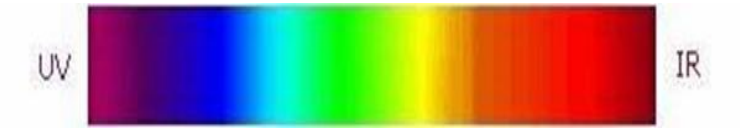


Fig. 5.2

UV-VIS spectroscopy is an analytical technique that measure the amount of discrete wavelength of UV or visible light that are absorbed by or transmitted through a sample in companion to a reference or blank sample.

UV spectroscopy or UV-visible spectrophotometry refers to absorption spectroscopy or reflectance spectroscopy in part of the ultraviolet and the full, adjacent visible regions of the electromagnetic spectrum. This means it uses light in the visible and adjacent ranges.

The Principle of UV-Visible Spectroscopy is based on the absorption of Ultraviolet light or visible light by chemical compounds, which results in the production of distinct spectra.

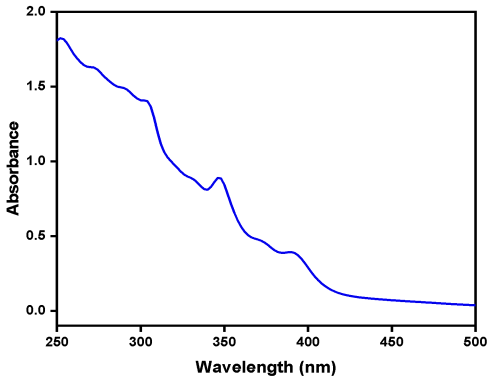


Fig. 5.2Absorbance peak of Poly-indole

Poly-indole's UV-visible spectrum shines bright in the ultraviolet (UV) but stays dim in the visible. It absorbs strongly around 220-350 nm, revealing its conjugated structure. The exact look depends on things like chain length, attached groups, and how it's made. This spectrum helps identify different poly-indoles, track how they change, and even predict their potential in light-based devices.

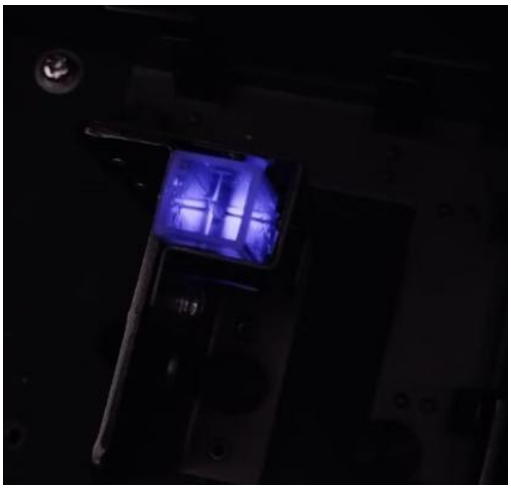


Fig 5.2 Colour pigment of PIN

The electronic absorption spectrum of PIN exhibits the absorption maximum at 350nm, 390nm, 375nm, among which the band at 350nm is attributed to intraligand π- π* transition. Intraligand transition involve the excitation of electrons within a PIN from a π bonding orbital to higher energy π* antibonding orbital. The next absorption band at 375nm and 390nm is suggested to arise from electronic transition involving non-bonding orbitals on heteroatom such a(Nitrogen) to the π* antibonding orbitals of the PIN. Non-boding orbitals, or lone pair of electrons, on heteroatom can interact with the π* antibonding orbitals of nearby π-electron systems, resulting in electronic transition at longer wavelength.

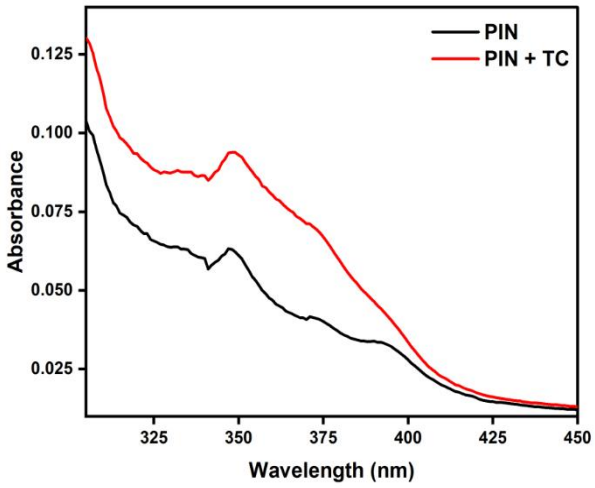


Fig.5.2 Absorbance peak of PIN & PIN+TC

The UV-Vis spectra of the PIN and PIN+TC has shown in the fig 5.2 For the visible absorption peak at 350, 375nm, respectively. which are much resemble with the experimental results i.e., at 350nm,375nm and 390nm. Here both the peaks are similar and no change when the analyte is added to the compound is identified by the absorbance peak shown in the above figure 5.2

5.3 SEM ANALYSIS

SEM (Scanning electron microscope) makes it easier to analyze the size and shape of particles, which is important in a number of industries including earth science, nanotechnology, and medicines. Through accurate measurements of particle sizes and aspect ratios, scientists can learn a great deal about the properties and uses of various materials, such as minerals, polymers, and nanoparticles. Elements composition analysis and mapping are also made possible by the integration of SEM with energy-dispersive X-ray spectrometry (EDS) or wavelength-dispersive X-ray spectrometry (WDS). This feature, which is essential for quality assurance, material characterization, and environmental studies, investigate the chemical composition of samples, and find surface contaminants or impurities. To understand the surface morphology PIN, SEM images were recorded in various magnifications. The SEM images poly-indole exhibit spherical shapes with an average particle size of 202.4 nm. The images also show the porous nature of the poly-indole. The SEM images recorded in 1 μm magnification revealed a well-defined and fascinating shapes of particles with perfect arrangement. Precise observation of the SEM images gave many details about the structure of PIN.

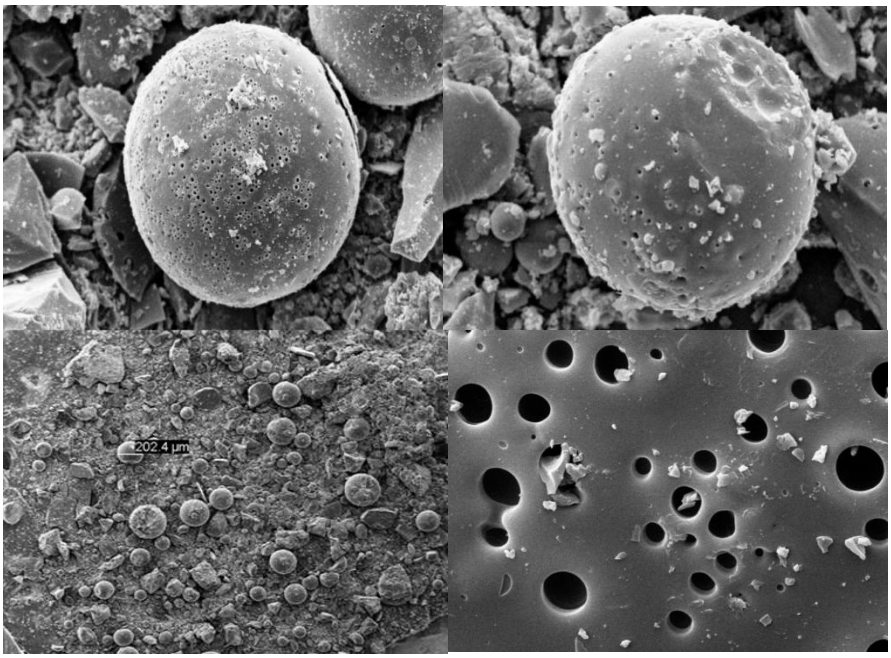


Fig 5.3.1 SEM images for Poly indole

5.4 MEASUREMENT OF FLUORESCENCE INTENSITY

Polymers, Quantum dots and nanoparticles are examples of materials with fluorescent properties that can be described using fluorescence intensity measurements. Insights on the characteristics of the material or how it interacts with its surroundings can be gained from variations in intensity. Assays based on fluorescence are frequently employed to find out whether a sample contains a given analyte and at what concentration. Quantitative analysis is made possible by the general correlation between the fluorescence intensity and the analyte concentration.

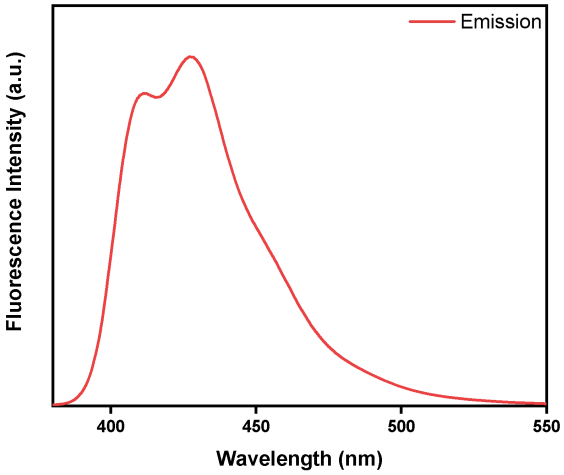


Fig 5.4.1 Fl emission peak

By scanning the sample over a variety of excitation wavelengths and measuring the absorbance or intensity of light generated at a fixed emission wavelength, fluorescence spectroscopy may determine the excitation peak. The excitation of poly-indole was noted at the range of 350nm as it shows the highest peak.

The excited molecule emits light at a particular wavelength that is reflective of its surroundings and structures when it relaxes back to the ground state. The emission of poly indole was noted at the range of 428nm as it shows the highest peak.

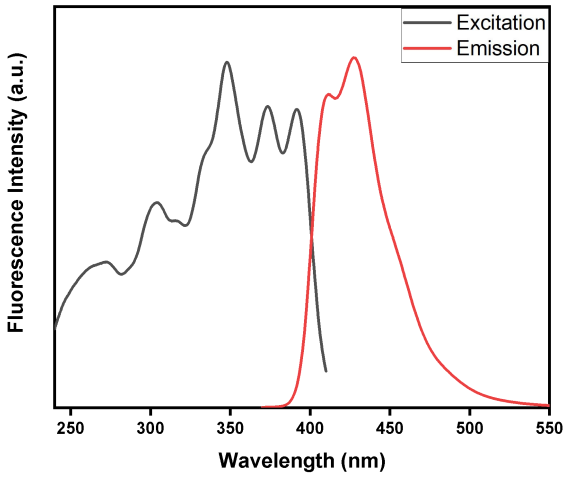


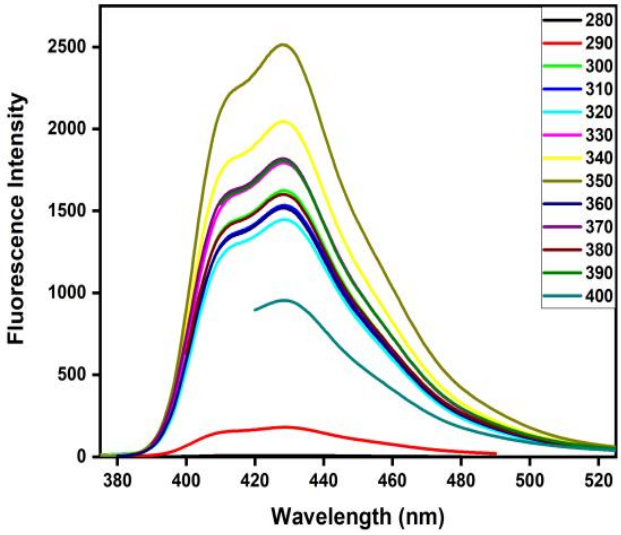
Fig. 5.4. EXCITATION & EMISSION OF POLY INDOLE

5.5 DIFFERENT EXCITATION

With continuously increasing the excitation wavelength from 280-400nm, the emission peaks become broadened. The maximum fluorescence emission peak is obtained when excited at 350nm.

In the case of poly-indole, the intensity peak 2617 at 350 nm and was considered the highest. We excite the poly-indole so as to check the size of the compound. With the different excitation peaks observed it is said that the size of the compound is inversely proportional to the band gap, which therefore results in uniform surface states, which is evidenced by SEM analysis.

Fig. 5.5.1 Different excitation of Poly-indole



5.6 pH STUDIES

The purpose of pH is to measure the acidity or basicity of a solution. It displays the amount of hydrogen ions H+ present in the mixture. A solution is acidic if its pH is low, which is indication of large concentration of H+ ions. On the other hand, a high pH denotes a basic solution with a low H+ ion concentration the pH can influence how quickly a reaction can proceeds. Adjusting the pH to an optimal level can accelerate the desired reaction for efficient analysis. Stability and solubility can be more impact on pH studies in various molecules. It gives information to know about the stability of the poly indole. Furthermore, to determine effect of pH on sensing characteristics, fluorescence intensity of poly indole under varying pH conditions was measured. Poly indole showed nearly the maximum fluorescent intensity value in the range of 7. Emission intensity of the sensor molecule was clearly pH dependent. At both low and high pH conditions, the intensity decreases as the pH deviated from this ideal level. If the H+ ions increase there by making it unstable compound. This is said to be Protonation. If the H+ ions decrease there by making it unstable compound. This is said to be Deprotonation.Fig 5.6 shows the pH plot of poly indole.

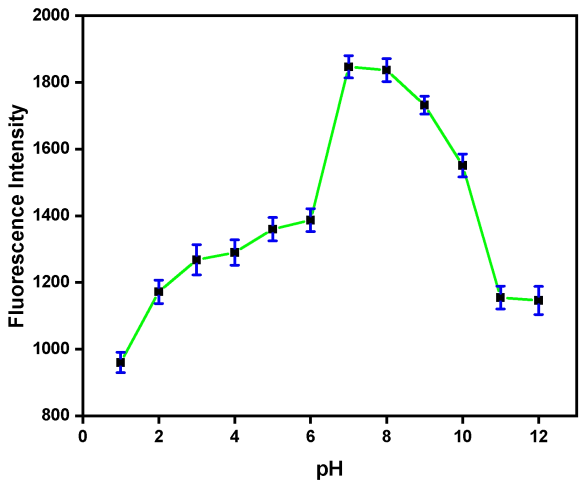


Fig 5.6.1 pH PLOT OF POLY INDOLE

5.7 SELECTIVITY STUDIES

Selectivity refers to the sensor's ability to differentiate between the specific signal it's designed to detect (the target) and other signals or interferences present in the solution. This refers to the selectivity of a compound for reacting with a specific functional group within a molecule, even if other functional groups are present. Among all the antibiotics such as Paracetamol (PCM), Clindamycin (CLI), Amoxicillin (AMO), Erythromycin (ERY), Metronidazole (MET), Amoxicillin clavulanate (AMC), Azithromycin (AZI), Ciprofloxacin (CIP), Tetracycline antibiotic. Tc's are an important class of broad-spectrum antibiotics which have been widely used in food and medicine for human as well as livestock because of their beneficial antimicrobial performance, cost effectiveness and potential to increase feed efficiency and growth rate. Both contain conjugated double bonds. Tetracycline has a complex structure conjugated double bonds, while poly-indole is entirely built from pyrrole units containing conjugated double bonds. The presence of conjugated double bonds allows the PIN molecules to potentially interact with light through electronic transitions. When compare to other antibiotics it specifically binds with Tetracycline through electrostatic attraction. Fig 5.7 has shown the selectivity graph.

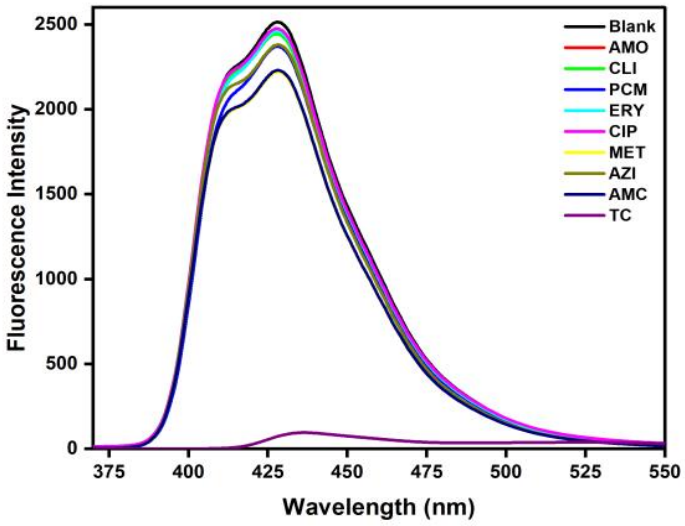


Fig 5.7.SELECTIVITY OF ANTIBIOTICS

The fluorescence response was measured using by the solution titration in the presence of the poly indole, with analytes such as Paracetamol, Clindamycin, Amoxicillin, Erythromycin, Metro, Amoxicillin clavulanate, Azithromycin, Ciprofloxacin, Tetracycline etc. The given Fig 5.7.2 graph represents the different analytes where there's only one antibiotic which shows the selectivity i.e. the tetracycline antibiotic which has been involved in quenching effect and shows no fluorescence when the emission of wavelength at 428nm.

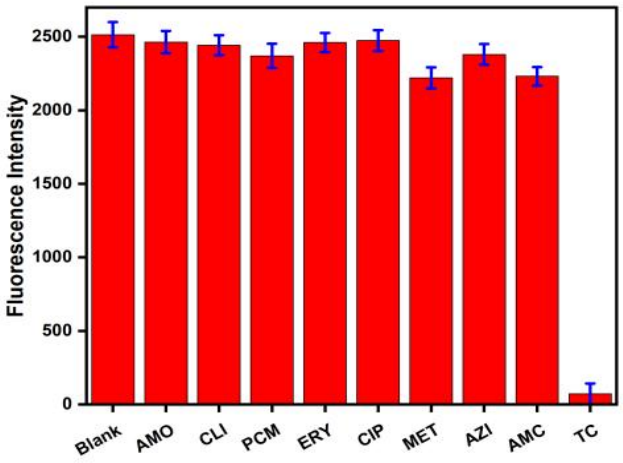


Fig 5.7.2 SELECTIVITY- BAR GRAPH

The resulting polymer sensor can exhibit a high selectivity and sensitivity towards the tetracycline. Here we further investigated the selectivity of the tetracycline. In these experiments, the fluorescence measurement was taken at λex = 350nm. The fluorescence response was measured using by the solution titrations in the presence of the poly indole, with analytes. The Graphical representation of the studies of antibiotic which has been detected among all the analytes evaluates the tetracycline antibiotic.

5.8 FLUORESCENCE INTENSITY WITH TC

The lowest concentration of tetracycline that the sensor can consistently detect is referred to as the detection limit. The detection limit can be lowered and the sensor is able to detect even smaller concentrations of the antibiotic by optimizing. The analytical performance of Poly indole toward various TC concentrations was evaluated under optimum experimental conditions. As TC concentration increased, poly indole's fluorescence intensity progressively decreased. There are strong linear connections between the fluorescence intensity and TC concentration. The emission intensity gradually decreased as the concentration of TCs increased. With a correlation coefficient of R^2 = 0.9989, the emission intensity at 428 nm showed a substantially linear connection with the concentration of TC within the range of 3.372 to 14.62 µM.

The method for determining the value of the limit of detection (LOD), which is 73.59 nM, involves dividing the standard deviation of the blank measurement by the slope of the standard curve three times (LOD = 3SD/k).

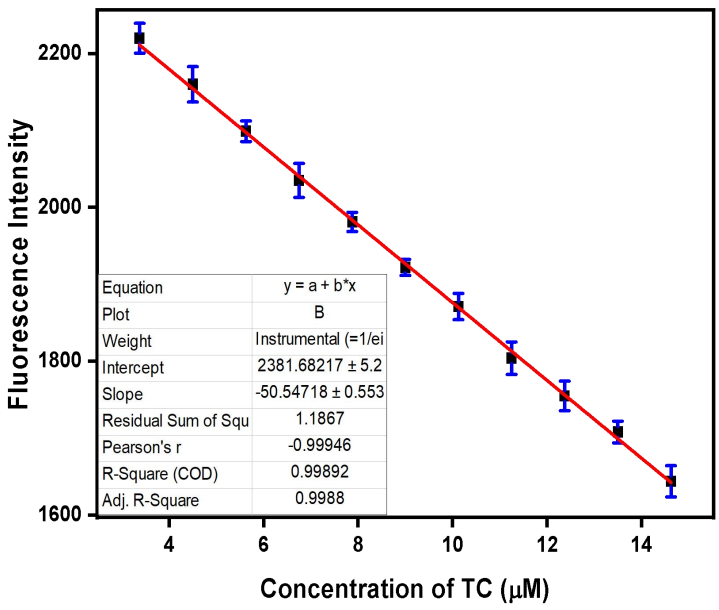


Fig 5.8.1 shows the limit of detection of TC

5.9 APPLICATION OF THE SENSOR

The mechanical properties of fibres, whiskers, plastics and particles of polymer have drawn the attention of the researcher and industrialist. Poly-indole proved to have electrical conductivity, which is able to use it in rechargeable battery. Its fast-charging capacity attracted the researchers to develop rechargeable battery, which is suitable for industrial applications. An important technique to evaluate the analytical reliability and potential applications of TCs is to use sensors for real sample detection. We will focus more on sample preparation and analysis in the following part.

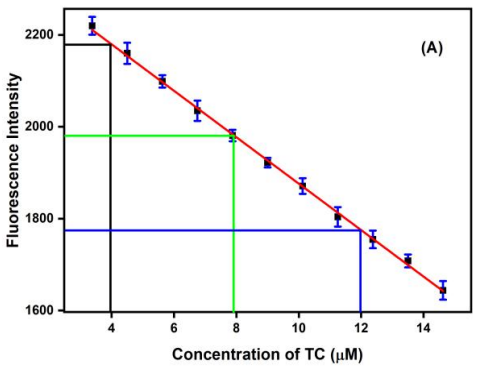
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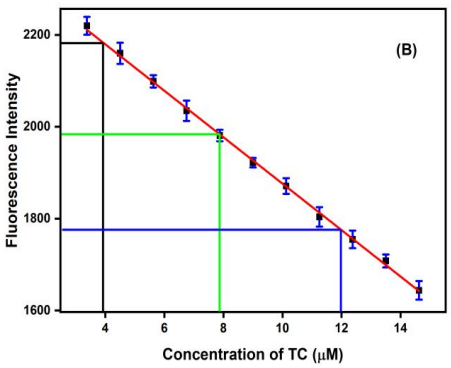
Determination of the recovery of spiked tetracycline Tc's in real samples containing food samples (milk) water sample (drinking water, pond water) biological sample (blood, urine). Performed investigating on the detection of TC using the samples, and Table 5.9 displays the result of the study. The final concentration in water samples, biological sample, and other sample that had been exposed to a known amount of the targeted antibiotic was verified. A stock solution was then created by adding with TC solution. In order to achieve a concentration suitable for fluorescence analysis, the stock solution was further diluted. Standard curves were obtained using optimal fluorescence titration conditions, and calibration plots were made prior to conducting studies on actual samples. It has shown that there was a correlation between the amount of TC present and the fluorescence intensity.

By the reference curve in these calibration charts. The good recovery rate observed in the experiment, which is displayed in the table below, and the corresponding linear curves, which are also displayed in figs. a, b, c, d, and e, illustrate the excellent accuracy of this fluorescence sensor. Its possible applicability in environmental water analysis is strengthened by its accuracy. The sensor's ability to recover a significant amount of TC is indicative of its reliability and value for environmental monitoring and evaluation.

5.9.2 TABLE. Determination of recovery of spiked Tetracycline [Tc] in Drinking water, Pond water, Blood sample, Milk sample.

Sample source	Tetracycline (Tc) Spiked [µM]	Tetracycline (TC) Detection[µM] Mean ± SD	% of Recovery
(A) Drinking water	4 µM	3.9 ± 0.05	99.05
	8 µM	7.9 ± 0.06	98.90
	12 µM	11.9 ± 0.1	99.81
(B) Pond water	4 µM	3.9 ± 0.07	97.94
	8 µM	7.8 ± 0.09	98.34
	12 µM	11.9 ± 0.1	99.81
(C) Urine sample	4 µM	4.0 ± 0.08	101.9
	8 µM	8.0 ± 0.09	100.65
	12 µM	12.1 ± 0.1	100.95
(D) Milk sample	4 µM	3.8 ± 0.05	96.19
	8 µM	7.9 ± 0.06	99.18
	12 µM	12.0 ± 0.1	100.39
(E) Blood sample	4 µM	4.0 ± 0.08	101.43
	8 µM	8.0 ± 0.08	100.93
	12 µM	11.9 ± 0.1	99.81





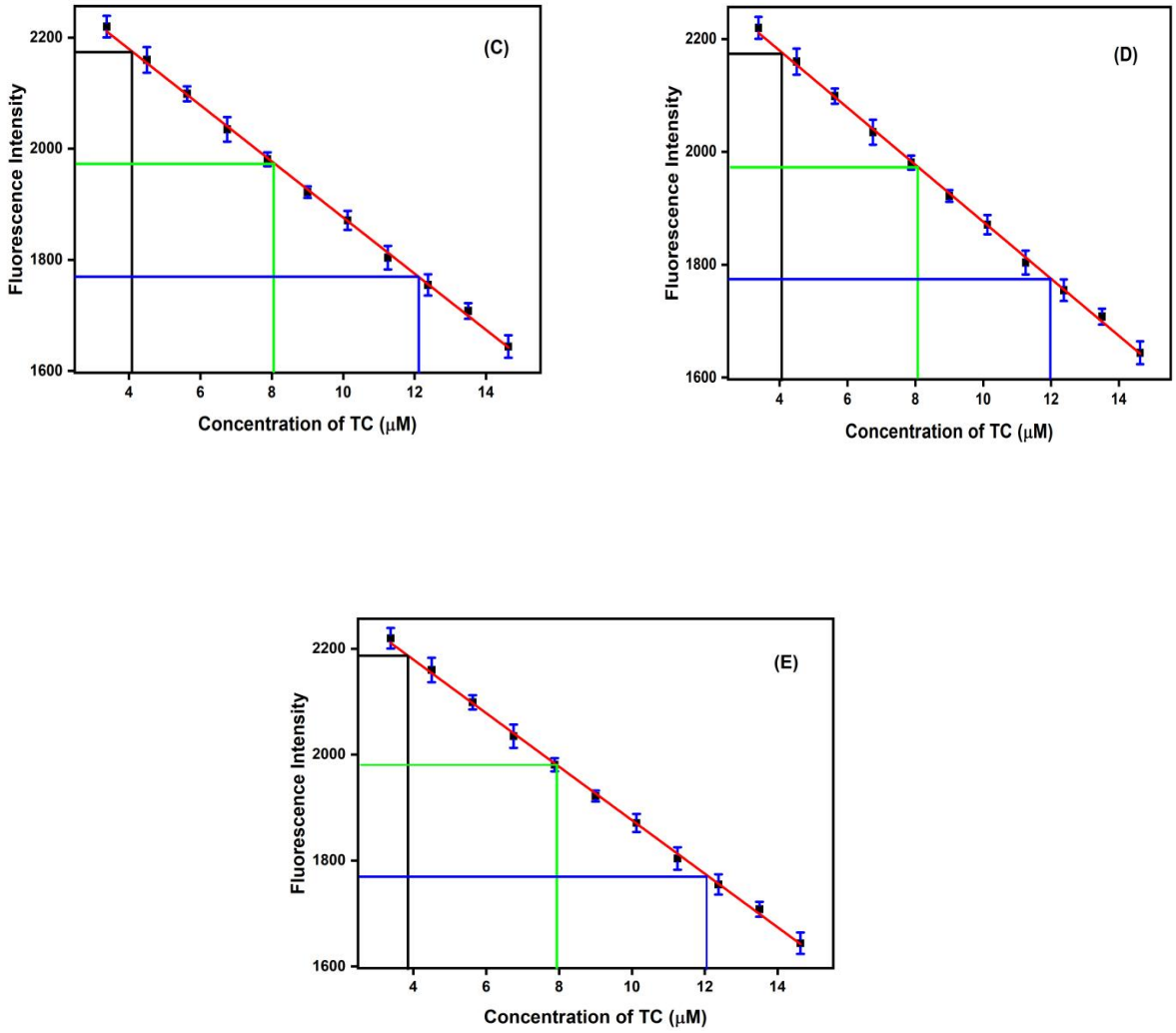


Fig. 5.9.3 Calibration curve for the determination of spiked TC amount in different sample sources **A** drinking water **B** pond water **C** urine sample **D** blood sample **E** milk sample.

CHAPTER 6 SUMMARY & CONCLUSION

A unique fluorescent turn-off heterocyclic polymer-based sensor designed for detecting TC antibiotic in the presence of other antibiotics that interfere. A novel fluorescent "turn-off" sensor based on a polymer, was synthesized via the reaction of free radical polymerization with $FeCl_3$ and $CHCl_3$ yielding a maximum yield of approximately 78% with a favorable quantum yield of around 0.2672 which was used for the detection of TC. The synthesized sensor has a linear range of 3.372 to 14.62μM a limit of detection LOD was found to be 73.59 nM. The sensor's capabilities render it an easily deployable, cost efficient and valuable tool for monitoring the TC. The FTIR spectra witnessed to confirm the functional group of poly-indole. The morphology, size, and shape were derived from the SEM.

Furthermore, the synthesized sensor has been effectively utilized to detect the presence of TC in various samples such as drinking water, pond water, milk sample, urine sample, blood samples, where poly indole was administrated to access the level of TC quenching.

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ABSTRACT

Water resources are currently facing significant pollution due to the discharge of industrial wastewater, primarily consisting of dyes. This pollution has led to serious health and environmental hazards. The situation is exacerbated by the growth of industries, driven by increasing population and demand. These industries often use dyes and toxic chemicals, discharging them into water bodies without adequate treatment, leading to severe water pollution. Therefore, it's imperative to treat this water before it's discharged. Photocatalytic activity plays a crucial role in the degradation of dyes. Among various rare earth oxides, cerium oxide (CeO_2) has been extensively studied. Enhancing the catalytic activity of CeO_2 typically requires doping with a transition metal and/or integration with a conducting framework. In this project, we report the synthesis of silver-doped cerium oxide/reduced graphene oxide (rGO/Ag-CeO_2) using a chemical co-precipitation method. We analyzed the structural, morphological, and optical properties of the nanocomposite using X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR), and UVVisible spectroscopy. The synergistic effect of the metal and metal-free catalyst enhances the photocatalytic activity during dye degradation. As a result, we prepared an rGO/AgCeO_2 nanocomposite. The highest photocatalytic degradation efficiency for the nanocomposites was 91.89%, achieved by degrading Rhodamine B dye (RhB). The enhanced activity may be attributed to the incorporation of Ag/CeO_2 with rGO, which has higher light absorption and demonstrates excellent interaction between the pollutant and the catalyst.

KEYWORDS: Nanocomposite, chemical co-precipitation method, reduced graphene oxide, photocatalytic degradation

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CHAPTER - 1

INTRODUCTION

Water covers two-third of Earth surface and clean water has become a precious and dwindling resource. Nature has a built-in filtration system However, unchecked population growth and haphazard industrial expansion have thrown a wrench in these natural processes, leaving us facing a growing scarcity of safe drinking water(Bora *et al*,2014).unsafe drinking water poses a severe health risk in developing countries, contributing to nearly 90% of reported illnesses. Worldwide, a considerable portion of freshwater sources faces contamination from toxins and pathogens originating in untreated industrial wastewater. To protect the environment, effective wastewater treatment is essential. Unfortunately, the existing technologies are often economically unfeasible for developing nations due to high initial investments, ongoing operational costs, energy requirements, and spatial limitations. Consequently, industries in these regions grapple with compliance challenges related to environmental regulations(Dan A.Z. *et al*, 2020)**.** Our daily lives generate wastewater from various sources, including commercial establishments, industrial facilities, and agricultural activities. Industrial waste water contributes more pollution comparatively and even its hazardous to living beings and some of the examples for industrial wastes are mainly from drug industry ,textile industry ,tanning industry ,paint industry etc.,(Hanafiah *et al.,*2018). Industrial wastewater contributes to water pollution by releasing a variety of contaminants, notably organic and inorganic dyes. These colorants play crucial roles in sectors such as textiles, pharmaceuticals, food, cosmetics, plastics, paints, printing, and papermaking(Farah maria *et al*.,2012). Despite their widespread use, dyes pose challenges for water systems due to their composition and origin. These colorants display a variety of structural types, such as acidic, reactive, basic, disperse, azo, diazo, anthraquinone-based, and metal-complex dyes. Regrettably, many of these dyes originate from recognized carcinogens, including benzidine and naphthalene. Consequently, when these dyes undergo microbial breakdown in biological systems (such as animals and humans), they can metamorphose into carcinogenic compound(Weber E.J. *et al.,*1987). Effluent containing dyes must undergo treatment before discharge into water resources. This step is crucial to mitigate losses and alleviate stress on our water bodies and also these dyes have both

advantages and disadvantages (Xu *et al*.,2012).some of the dyes and their advantages and its toxicity are listed in the Table 1 (Liu et al.,2020)

TABLE.1. Application and harmfulness of various dyes

S.NO	DYES	EXAMPLES	ADVANTAGES	TOXICITY
1.	Acid	Methyl orange, Sunset yellow	Wool, paper, leather, Silk	Carcinogenic
2.	Cationic	Rhodamine 6g, Methylene blue	Paper modified Polyesters	Carcinogenic
3.	Direct	Congo red, Direct red 23	Cotton, paper, leather	Bladder cancer
4.	Disperse	Disperse red, Disperse orange	Nylon, acrylic fibers	Skin allergenic
5.	Reactive	Reactive red 198 Reactive red 120	Nylon, wool, cotton	Dermatitis, allergic conjunctivitis
6.	Vat	Vat orange 28, Vat orange 50	Cellulosic fibers	Bladder cancer, B-cell leukemia Chloracne, lymphoma.

The above table 1 describes about the dyes which are useful in many ways for manufacturing things and it is also used in many industries and more than an advantage it has more disadvantages which in turn causes a harmful effect to the ecosystem and causes dreadful disease in human beings as well as in other organisms.so it is must to treat a water before discharging into waterbodies. Addressing wastewater treatment is becoming increasingly critical due to the dwindling availability of potable water resources. The development of more affordable, safer, and efficient wastewater treatment methods is an urgent requirement. Numerous studies have highlighted the promising role of nanomaterials in water and wastewater management. Despite the rapid advancements in nanomaterial research demonstrating their potential, there is a lack of comprehensive

information on their practical application. This project is centered on the advancements in nanotechnology that show significant promise for wastewater treatment(Cheriyamundath.s *et al*.,2021).

1.1. NANOTECHNOLOGY:

Nanotechnology is not just a field of study, but a mindset. While nanoscience captivates the scientific community, it's nanotechnology that garners most of the attention, discussions, and definitions. It's a wide-ranging term that signifies the pinnacle of man's unending quest for knowledge with practical value. Nanotechnology is characterized as any technology that operates at the nanoscale and has practical uses, such as employing individual atoms and molecules to construct operational structures(Kaehler T,1992). The most basic definition of nanotechnology is "technology functioning at the nanoscale." As time has passed, numerous interpretations of nanotechnology have emerged. This initial definition necessitates further elaboration, such as clarifying what "nanoscale" means. Therefore, we can't accurately define nanotechnology without defining "nanoscale," which refers to a scale ranging from 1 to 100 nm. A concise definition of nanotechnology could be "technology with atomic precision" or "engineering conducted with atomic accuracy"(Washington *et al*., 2000). A different interpretation For nanotechnology is "the deliberate and controlled manipulation, exact placement, modeling, measurement, and production of materials at the nanoscale, with the goal of creating materials, systems, and devices possessing fundamentally unique properties and functions"(A.E.N. Dictionary,2005). Nanotechnology is a field of study that falls under a subcategory of technology, spanning across colloidal science, chemistry, physics, biology, and other scientific disciplines, focusing on the investigation of phenomena at the nanoscale(Mansoori GA ,2005). Materials might be engineered at the nanoscale to achieve a particular performance or to bestow new attributes to a material, beyond changes specifically associated with size and structure. Such macromolecules and particles, consisting of a few molecules and measuring 1–50 nm in size, possess distinctive physicochemical properties(Whitesides G M,2005). Relative to bulk materials, nanoparticles (NPs) display improved performance when employed for analogous applications. The definition of an NP is a collection of atoms interconnected, with an average radius spanning from 1 to 100 nm, typically made up of 10 to 10^5 atoms(Bhushan *et al*.,2010). Nanotechnology can have a substantial impact in expanding innovative methods for product creation, substituting current production tools, redefining new

materials and chemicals for better performance that results in less material and energy consumption, reducing environmental harm, and also in environmental remediation(Nasrollahhzadeh M *et al*.,2019).

1.2. NANOMATERIALS:

Nanomaterials are typically defined as a collection of substances that have at least one dimension measuring less than approximately 100 nm. This small size endows them with unique physical and chemical characteristics that are observable at the nanoscale. Examples of such nanomaterials include nanofilaments, nanotubes, nanowires, nanocables, nano thin films, dendrimers, quantum dots, composite materials, and other forms like Nano powder. Due to their specific nanoscale dimensions (1–100 nm), nanomaterials exhibit different physical, chemical, electrical, and magnetic properties compared to microscopic atoms, molecules, and larger entities(Zhang B , 2018). The properties of macroscopic materials can change drastically when reduced to the nanoscale, resulting in unique characteristics. For instance, Japanese scientists discovered in the 1970s that metals like copper and silver, which are known for their electrical and thermal conductivities, lose these properties and become nonconductive and nonthermal when they are reduced to the nanoscale(Zhang B ,2018). The unique properties of nanomaterials are due to the phenomenon of a high surface area to volume ratio. As the size changes at the nanoscale, physical properties like melting points and optical absorption also undergo substantial variations In addition, nanomaterials exhibit enhanced catalytic behavior in chemical reactions due to the greater ratio of corner and edge sites relative to terrace atoms(Navalo.S *et al*.,2016). Owing to their diminutive size, ability to dissolve, surface configuration, and electrical charge, nanoparticles are perfectly adapted to profoundly influence their interactions with biomolecules and cells. Additionally, engineered nanomaterials have demonstrated exceptional promise as highly effective carriers for the delivery of drugs, proteins, siRNA, enzymes, and other biomolecules into cells(Prabha .S *et al*.,2016).

The past century has seen a tremendous advancement in the utilization of nanomaterials with these remarkable properties in disciplines like chemistry, physics, biology, and engineering. Schematic representation of various nanomaterial are clearly depicted in Fig.1.1 (Malhothra H.B.D. *et al*.,2017)

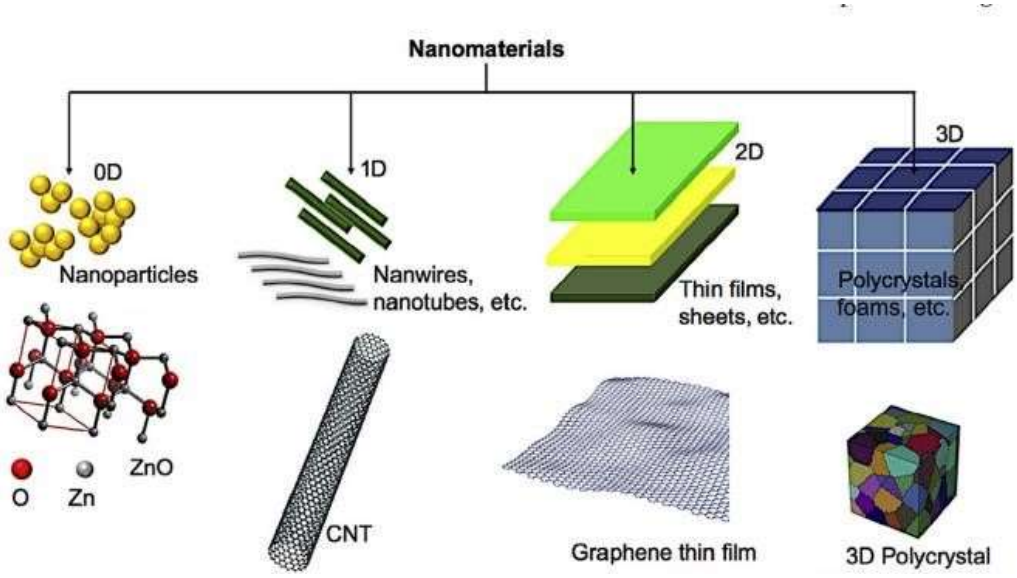


Fig.1.1. Schematic representation of nanomaterials of different dimensions

1.3. CLASSIFICATION OF NANOPARTICLES:

The nanoparticles are generally classified into various types based on their size, structure, physical and chemical properties. In these, some are carbon-based nanoparticles, ceramic nanoparticles, metal nanoparticles, semiconductor nanoparticles, polymeric nanoparticles, and lipid-based nanoparticles. These carbon-based nanoparticles, organic nanoparticles, and inorganic nanoparticles are briefly explained below. A schematic diagram of these nanoparticles is depicted in below Fig.1.2(Spirescu V.A. *et al*., 2021)

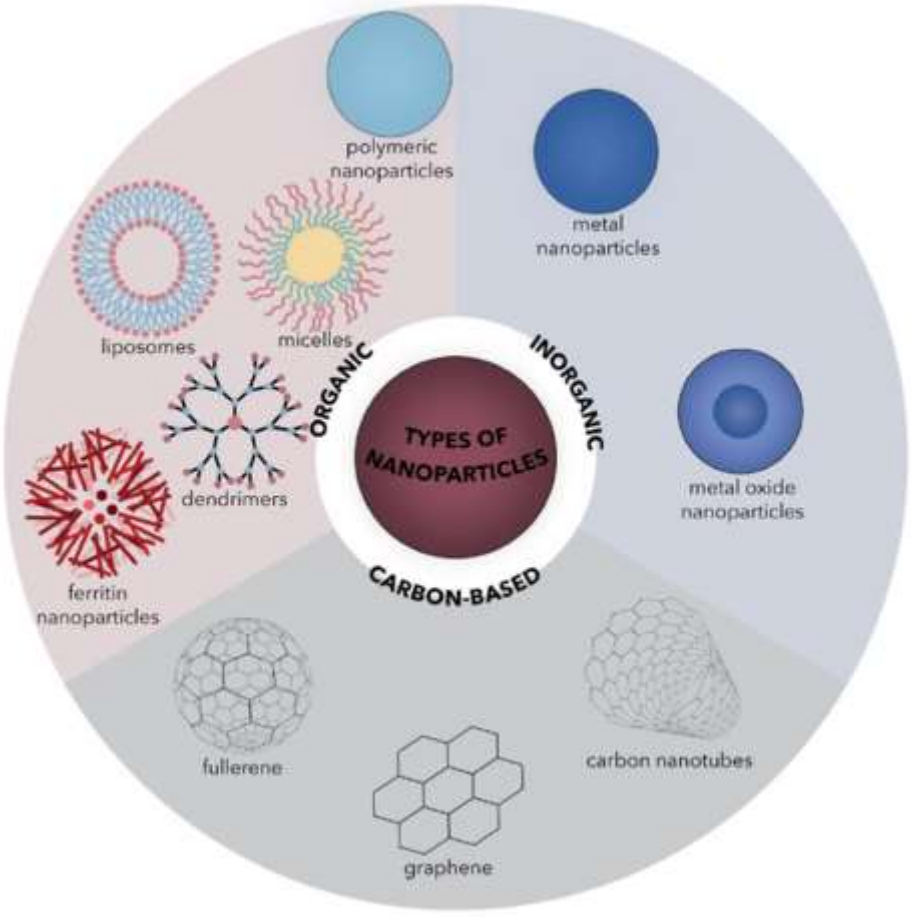


FIG.1.2. Diagrammatic representation of types of nanoparticles

1.3.1. ORGANIC NANOPARTICLES:

Organic nanoparticles or polymers commonly include dendrimers, micelles, liposomes, ferritin, and others. These nanoparticles are biodegradable, non-toxic, and some particles, such as micelles and liposomes, feature a hollow core also known as nano capsules, and are responsive to thermal and electromagnetic radiation like heat and light(Tiwari. D. K. *et al*.,2008). These unique features make them a perfect choice for drug delivery. The drugholding capacity, stability, and delivery systems, either entrapped drug or adsorbed drug system, dictate their fields of application and their efficiency, in addition to their usual characteristics like size, composition, and surface morphology. Organic nanoparticles are most commonly used in the biomedical field, for example, in drug delivery systems, as they are efficient and can also be administered to specific parts of the body, a method also referred to as targeted drug delivery. Some examples of organic nanoparticles are given in the below diagram Fig.1.3(Research gate net figure)

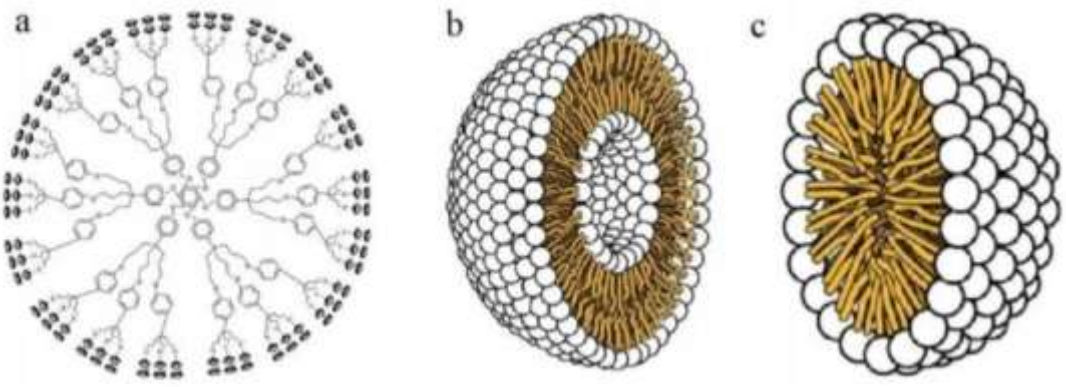


Fig.1.3. Organic nanoparticles: a – Dendrimers, b – Liposomes and c – micelles

1.3.2. INORGANIC BASED NANOPARTICLES:

Inorganic nanoparticles are particles that do not consist of carbon. Nanoparticles based on metal and metal oxides are typically classified as inorganic nanoparticles**.**

i) METAL BASED NANOPARTICLES:

Metal-based nanoparticles are particles that are synthesized from metals to nanometric sizes using either destructive or constructive methods. Almost all metals can be converted into their nanoparticle forms. Metals commonly used for nanoparticle synthesis include aluminium (Al), cadmium (Cd), cobalt (Co), copper (Cu), gold (Au), iron (Fe), lead (Pb), silver (Ag), and zinc (Zn). These nanoparticles have distinct properties such as sizes as small as 10 to 100nm, surface features like a high surface area to volume ratio, pore size, surface charge and surface charge density, crystalline and amorphous structures, shapes including spherical and cylindrical, and colour. They also show reactivity and sensitivity to environmental conditions such as air, moisture, heat, and sunlight(Salvati-nisari M,2008)

ii) METAL-OXIDE NANOPARTICLES:

Metal oxide-based nanoparticles are synthesized to alter the properties of their corresponding metal-based nanoparticles. For instance, iron (Fe) nanoparticles rapidly oxidize to iron oxide (Fe_2O_3) in the presence of oxygen at room temperature, which enhances their reactivity compared to iron nanoparticles. The primary reason for synthesizing metal oxide nanoparticles is their increased reactivity and efficiency. Commonly synthesized ones include Aluminium oxide (Al_2O_3), Cerium oxide (CeO_2), Iron oxide (Fe_2O_3), Magnetite (Fe_3O_4), Silicon dioxide (SiO_2), Titanium oxide (TiO_2), and Zinc oxide (ZnO). These nanoparticles possess exceptional properties compared to their metal counterparts(Tai. O *et al*.,2007).

1.3.3. CARBON BASED NANOPARTICLES:

Carbon-based nanoparticles are those that are entirely made up of carbon.They can be classified into various types such as fullerenes, graphene, carbon nanotubes (CNT), carbon nanofibers, carbon black, and sometimes, activated carbon in nano size, as depicted in Figure 1.4

i) FULLERENES:

Fullerenes (C60) are spherical carbon molecules composed of carbon atoms bonded together by sp2 hybridization. The spherical structure is formed by approximately 28 to 1500 carbon atoms, with diameters up to 8.2 nm for a single layer and 4 to 36 nm for multi-layered fullerenes(Bhaviripudi S *et al*., 2007).

ii) GRAPHENE:

Graphene, an allotrope of carbon, is a two-dimensional planar surface made up of carbon atoms in a hexagonal honeycomb lattice. The thickness of the graphene sheet is generally around 1 nm (Bhaviripudi S *et al*., 2007).

iii) CARBON NANO TUBES (CNT):

Carbon Nano Tubes (CNT) are formed when a graphene nano foil with a honeycomb lattice of carbon atoms is rolled into hollow cylinders. The diameters of these nanotubes can be as low as 0.7 nm for a single layer and 100 nm for multi-layered CNT, with lengths ranging from a few micrometers to several millimeters. The ends of these tubes can either be hollow or closed by a half fullerene molecule (Bhaviripudi S *et al*., 2007).

iv) CARBON NANOFIBER:

Carbon nanofibers are produced using the same graphene nano foils as CNT, but are wound into a cone or cup shape instead of regular cylindrical tubes (Bhaviripudi S *et al*., 2007).

v) CARBON BLACK:

Carbon black is an amorphous material composed of carbon, generally spherical in shape with diameters ranging from 20 to 70 nm. The interactions between the particles are so

strong that they bind into aggregates, forming agglomerates around 500 nm in size(Bhaviripudi S *et al*., 2007).

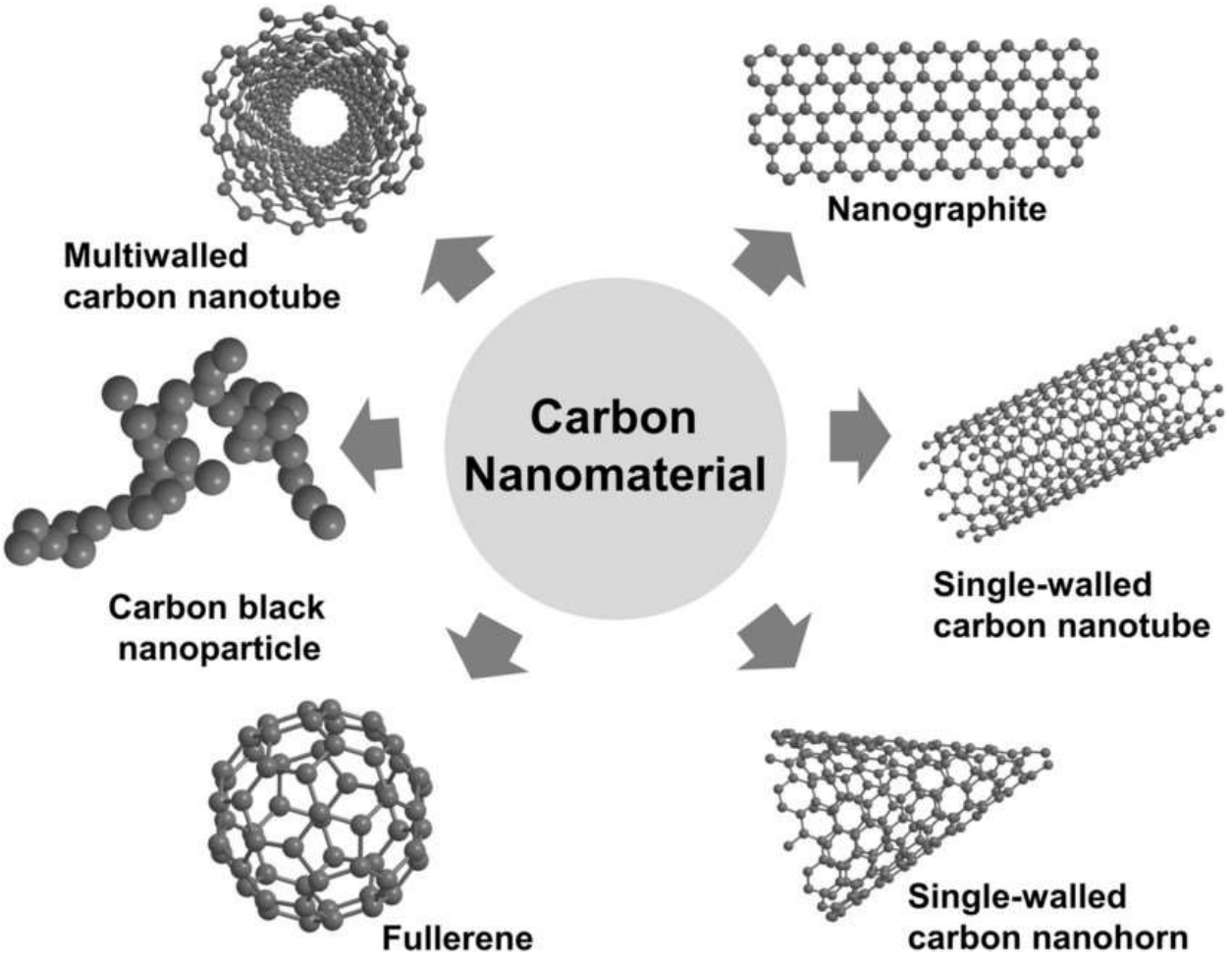


Fig.1.4. Diagrammatic representation of carbon material

1.4. CLASSIFICATION OF NANOPARTICLES BASED ON DIMENSIONS:

Nanoparticles can be classified based on their dimensions. They can be classified as zero dimensional(0D), one – dimensional(1D), Two-dimensional(2D), Three dimensional(3D).

1.4.1. ZERO-DIMENSIONAL(0D):

Zero-dimensional (0D) nanomaterials are materials where all three dimensions (length, width, and height) fall within the nanoscale range, specifically between 1 and 100 nanometers. The most common type of these 0D nanomaterials is spherical nanoparticles(Chen X *et al*.,2014). This category typically encompasses metallic

nanoparticles like those of silver and gold, quantum dots organized in uniform particle arrays, diverse particle arrays, core-shell quantum dots, hollow spheres, and nano lenses(Saleh P.T.A *et al*.,2016)

1.4.2.ONE-DIMENSIONAL(1D):

One-dimensional (1D) nanomaterials are characterized by having two dimensions at the nanometer scale but a greater length (>100 nm) in the third dimension, leading to these materials that resemble the shape of a needle. Typical representatives of 1D nanomaterials are Carbon nanotubes (CNT), nanowires made of metals or metal oxides, polymer nanowires or nanofibers, and hybrid materials(Gong H.S*. et al.,*2017).

1.4.3. TWO-DIMENSIONAL(2D):

Two-dimensional (2D) nanomaterials are substances composed of atomically thin layers where one dimension is within the nanoscale, while the other two dimensions extend beyond the nanoscale. Examples of 2D nanomaterials include nanofilms, nanolayers, and nano coatings, which typically display a plate-like structure. A prime example of this category is graphene, which is a single layer of carbon atoms arranged in a honeycomblike pattern within a graphite structure(Hadef.F.,2018)

1.4.4. THREE-DIMENSIONAL(3D):

Three-dimensional (3D) nanomaterials are a type of material that extends beyond the nanoscale in all three dimensions. These materials have dimensions that are typically greater than 100 nm in all directions. Despite this, 3D nanomaterials can still exhibit nanoscale properties. They may have a nanocrystalline structure or include nanoscale features. In terms of their nanocrystalline structure, these bulk nanomaterials can be made up of numerous nanocrystals arranged in various orientations in various orientations.

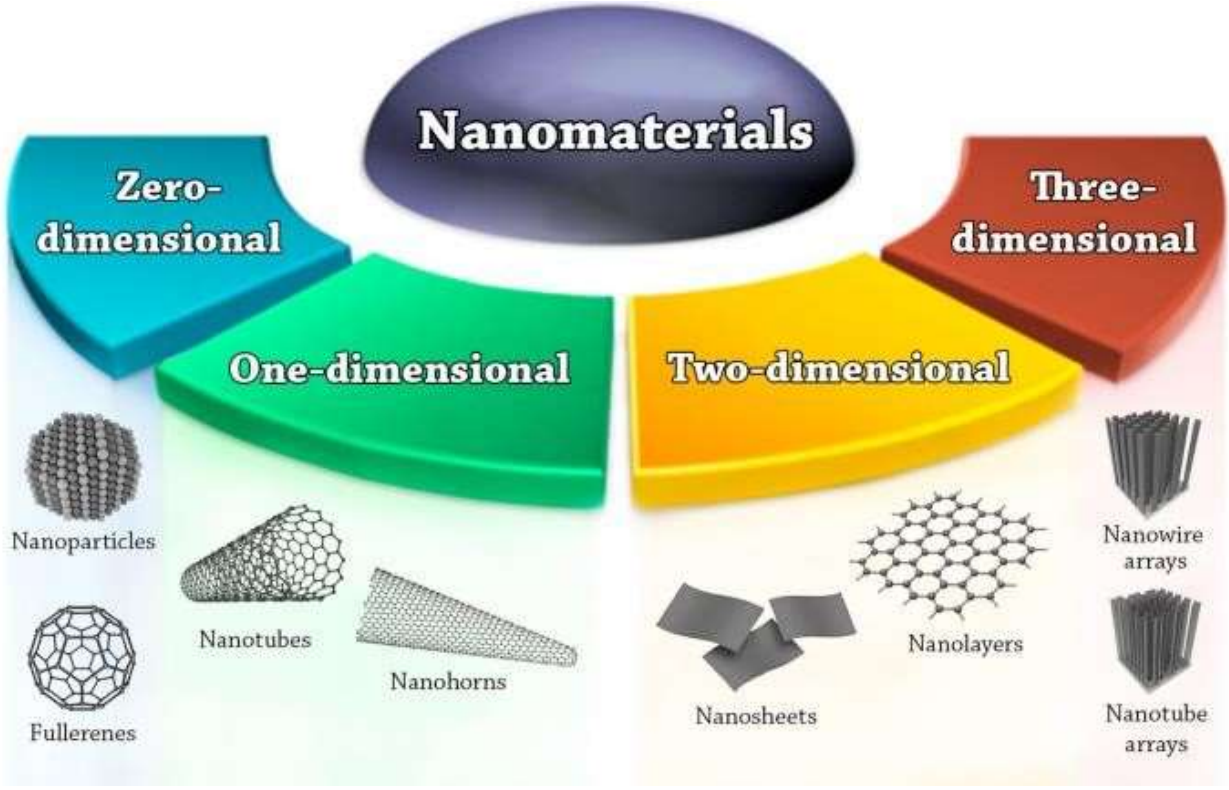


Fig.1.5 Classification of nanomaterials based on dimensions

1.5. PROPERTIES OF NANOPARTICLES:

Several physiochemical properties, namely optical property, electrical property, magnetic property, contribute to the unique nature of nanoparticles and make them ideal for various applications. Some of these properties are outlined below.

1.5.1. PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:

Physical properties of nanoparticles cover optical features, including color, light penetration, and the capacity to absorb and reflect light and UV rays, whether in a solution or as a coating. They also possess mechanical properties like elasticity, ductility, tensile strength, and flexibility, which are important for their application(Ealias A.M. *et al.,*2017)

1.5.2. CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

The applications of nanoparticles are influenced by their chemical properties, including their reactivity with targets, as well as their stability and sensitivity to environmental factors like moisture, air, heat, and light. Their antibacterial, antifungal, disinfectant and

toxicological attributes make them suitable for use in biomedical and environmental settings. Additionally, the corrosive, anticorrosive, oxidative, reductive, and combustible properties of nanoparticles dictate their specific applications(Ealias A.M. *et al.,*2017).

1.5.3. MECHANICAL PROPERTIES:

Nanoparticles have unique mechanical properties that significantly vary from their microparticle and bulk counterparts. These properties, such as hardness, elastic modulus, stress and strain, adhesion, and friction, are crucial for their specific applications and the assessment of their functions and action mechanisms (Haider. A *et al*.,2023). nanoparticles exhibit excellent mechanical properties due to the volume, surface, and quantum effects of nanoparticles.

1.5.4. OPTICAL PROPERTIES:

Nanomaterials display unique optical characteristics such as reflection, transmission, absorption, and light emission. These properties are closely linked to their electronic structure, which is predominantly shaped by atoms on the surface and can vary greatly across different shapes and forms. The optical properties of nanomaterials that depend on their size are mainly driven by two elements: the quantum effect, which widens the spacing between energy levels, and surface plasmon resonance(Mittal A.K. *et al*.,2016). Nanomaterials possess a distinctive capability to produce surface plasmon resonance, a characteristic absent in larger materials. The strength of this resonance is directly related to the number of excited electrons and the dielectric constant of the used medium. Certain metals, such as gold, silver, and aluminum, can sustain surface plasmon modes. In these modes, the material's free electrons vibrate at a frequency that is affected by the particle's makeup, size, and form(Singh.R *et al.*,2019). Some examples for optical properties of silver and gold are shown in the Figure 1.6 (Rosi N.L. *et al*.,2005).

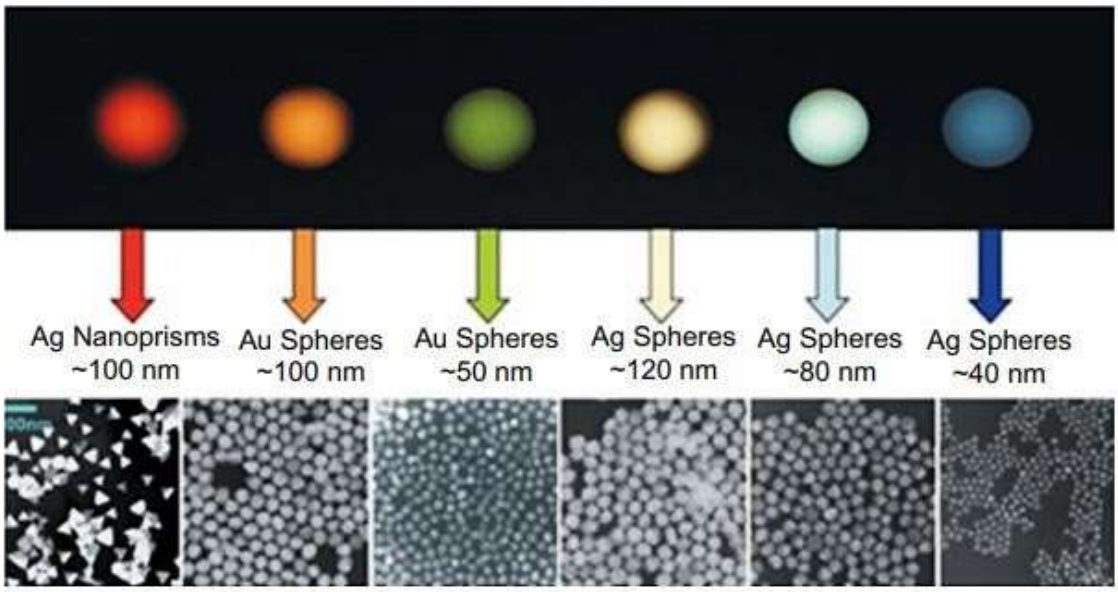


Fig.1.6 diagrammatic representation of optical properties of nanomaterials

1.5.5. MAGNETIC PROPERTIES:

Nanomaterials, when compared to bulk materials, exhibit a range of unique magnetic behaviors. These phenomena are shaped by factors at the surface or interface, including the disruption of symmetry, the electronic surroundings, the transfer of charge, and magnetic interactions. Moreover, due to the large surface-area-to-volume ratio of nanostructures, the atoms in these structures undergo distinct magnetic interactions with their adjacent atoms, differing from those in larger materials(Mohan bhagyaraj.S *et al*.,2018).

1.5.6. ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES:

Similar to optical and magnetic characteristics, electrical properties like conductivity or resistivity also experience alterations at the nanoscale. The electrical behavior of nanomaterials is primarily influenced by the movement of charge carriers. When a material's size is diminished to the nanometer scale, it undergoes the quantum-size effect and quantum confinement effect. Due to the quantization of electron energy, certain conductive metal nanoparticles can become nonconductive under specific voltage conditions. For example, conductive metals like copper can lose their conductivity when their size is shrunk to a few nanometers while insulating materials like silicon dioxide can lose their insulating properties and become conductive when their size is reduced(Shi D, *et al*.,2014).

1.6. NANOCOMPOSITES:

A nanocomposite is a type of multi-phase solid substance. It stands out because one of its phases exists in one, two, or three dimensions that are less than 100 nanometers. Additionally, it showcases structures with repeat distances at the nano-scale between the various phases that constitute the material[40]. The fundamental idea behind nanocomposites is to use building blocks with dimensions in the nanometer range to design and create new materials. These materials offer exceptional adaptability and improved physical properties. Nanocomposites display significantly different mechanical, electrical, thermal, optical, electrochemical, and catalytic properties in comparison to their components. There are suggested size boundaries for these effects:(Kamigaito *et al.*,1991)

i. Below 5 nm for catalytic activity
ii. Below 20 nm to transform a hard magnetic material into a soft one
iii. Below 50 nm for alterations in refractive index
iv. Below 100 nm for the realization of superparamagnetic, mechanical reinforcement, or the restriction of matrix dislocation movement

The distinguishing factors between nanocomposites and conventional composite materials lie in the exceptionally high surface-to-volume ratio and/or the high aspect ratio of the reinforcing phase in nanocomposites. The reinforcing material can be composed of particles (such as minerals), sheets (like exfoliated clay stacks), or fibers (including carbon nanotubes or electro spun fibers)

1.7 DOPED NANOMATERIALS:

Doped nanoparticles are particles at the nanoscale that have been enhanced by the incorporation of additional elements, a procedure known as doping. The goal of this process is to modify the physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of the nanoparticles to optimize their functionality. In the doping process, substitutional ions are incorporated into the crystalline structure of materials, producing unique and exciting properties. A case in point is the doping of nanocrystals with transition metals, which leads to a strong sp-d exchange interaction between the charge carriers in the nanocrystals and the unpaired electrons in the transition metals, thus generating new properties. The process of doping can markedly alter the characteristics and potential applications of

nanomaterials. An example of this is seen in zinc-doped iron oxide nanostructures, which have shown enhanced efficiency in the photocatalytic degradation of the organic dye methylene blue and possess considerable antimicrobial activity. Doping concentration plays a vital role in determination of properties of nanoparticles.

1.8. SILVER METAL NANOPARTICLE:

silver has been utilized in various forms like metallic silver, silver nitrate, and silver sulfadiazine for treating burns, wounds, and numerous bacterial infections. However, the advent of several antibiotics led to a significant reduction in the use of these silver compounds. In the current century, nanotechnology is gaining substantial momentum due to its ability to transform metals into nanoparticles, leading to drastic alterations in their chemical, physical, and optical properties. Silver, in the form of silver nanoparticles, has resurfaced as a potent antimicrobial agent. Consequently, silver nanoparticles have found a wide range of medical applications, including silver-based dressings and silver-coated medical devices like nanogels and nano lotion(Rai M, *et al*.,2009)**.**

1.9. CERIUM OXIDE:

Cerium is a rare earth element that is enforced today in many fields of applications such as magnetics, alloys, catalysis, and electrochemical capacitors(Montini F, *et al*.,2016).In particular, CeO_2 has been utilized as an electrode material for supercapacitors due to its excellent redox properties, abundance in nature, and low toxicity(Manibalan M,*et al* ,2018) .Because of its outstanding redox properties, it is used as a promising electrode for supercapacitors. Cerium typically crystallizes in oxide form as CeO_2, which has the common oxidation state of +4. A facile transition between the +4 and +3 oxidation states is possible, resulting in oxygen vacancies. Because of its oxygen storage and release capability, it becomes a good candidate for a variety of applications(Bortamuly . P ,*et al* ,2020) .It has weak UV absorption, but can be enhanced by doping .Ceria has efficient oxygen storage and release (OSC)for pollutant degradation

1.10. REDUCED GRAPHENE OXIDE:

Reduced Graphene Oxide, often abbreviated as rGO, is a form of graphene that is obtained by reducing graphene oxide. This reduction process removes the oxidized

functional groups, resulting in a graphene material. The rGO has similar mechanical, optoelectronic, or conductive properties to pristine graphene. It possesses a heterogeneous structure comprised of a graphene-like basal plane that is additionally decorated with structural defects and populated with areas containing oxidized chemical groups. One of the most cost-effective ways to produce rGO is by the reduction of graphene oxide. However, the quality of graphene sheets produced by this method is currently below the theoretical potential of pristine graphene. Despite this, rGO is far from unusable and has found applications in various fields due to its unique properties. For instance, electrochemical reduction of graphene oxide has been shown to produce very high-quality rGO, almost identical in terms of structure to pristine graphene. This process involves coating various substrates such as Indium Tin Oxide or glass with a very thin layer of graphene oxide. In summary, rGO is a versatile material with a wide range of potential applications, thanks to its unique properties and the ability to be produced in a cost-effective manner.

1.11. APPLICATIONS OF NANOPARTICLES:

The Various application of nanoparticles is discussed below

i) CATALYSIS:

Indeed, nanoparticles possess a high surface area, which leads to enhanced catalytic activity. Their extremely large surface-to-volume ratio enables nanoparticles to serve as effective catalysts in chemical production. A notable application is the employment of platinum nanoparticles in automotive catalytic converters. The substantial surface area of these nanoparticles reduces the quantity of platinum needed, thereby significantly cutting costs and boosting performance. Certain chemical reactions, such as the reduction of nickel oxide to metallic nickel (Ni), are carried out using nanoparticles. This is due to the unique properties of nanoparticles that make them highly efficient in catalyzing such reactions(Crooks R M.,*et al* ,2001)

ii) MEDICINE:

The medical field has seen substantial advancements through nanotechnology, specifically through the use of nanoparticles in targeted drug delivery systems, which enable drugs to be delivered directly to specific cells(Mudshinge S R ,*et al.,*2011). By targeting the specific area with the precise dosage, the overall consumption of drugs and associated side effects can be significantly minimized. This strategy not only reduces

costs but also mitigates side effects. With the help of nanotechnology, we can reproduce and repair damaged tissue, a process known as tissue engineering. This could serve as an alternative to traditional treatments such as artificial implants and organ transplants. For instance, the growth of bones can be facilitated using carbon nanotube scaffolds.

iii) COSMETICS ANDSUNSCREENS:

Traditional sunscreens that offer ultraviolet (UV) protection often lack durability during use. However, sunscreens that incorporate nanoparticles like titanium dioxide present several benefits. The UV protection capabilities of titanium oxide and zinc oxide nanoparticles, which are transparent to visible light and can absorb and reflect UV rays, have led to their inclusion in certain sunscreens. Additionally, iron oxide nanoparticles are used as pigments in some lipsticks due to their unique properties.

iv) ELECTRONICS:

The escalating demand for bigger and more luminous displays in computer monitors and televisions is fostering the incorporation of nanoparticles in display technology. For example, nanocrystalline substances such as lead telluride, cadmium sulphide, zinc selenide, and sulphide are employed in the LEDs of current displays(Teng w , *et al* , 2008). Nanoparticles serve as the perfect selection for separator plates in batteries. Their foam-like (aerogel) structure allows them to store significantly more energy compared to conventional batteries. Furthermore, batteries constructed from nanocrystalline nickel and metal hydrides have a large surface area, which results in less frequent recharging and extended battery life.

v) FOOD:

Indeed, the integration of nanotechnology has led to advancements in the production, processing, safeguarding, and packaging of food. For instance, in food packaging processes, a nanocomposite coating can be used to directly apply anti-microbial agents onto the surface of the coated film. An example of this can be seen in the canola oil production industry, where nanodrops are used as an additive to facilitate the transfer of vitamins and minerals in the food(King J, *et al*,2016).

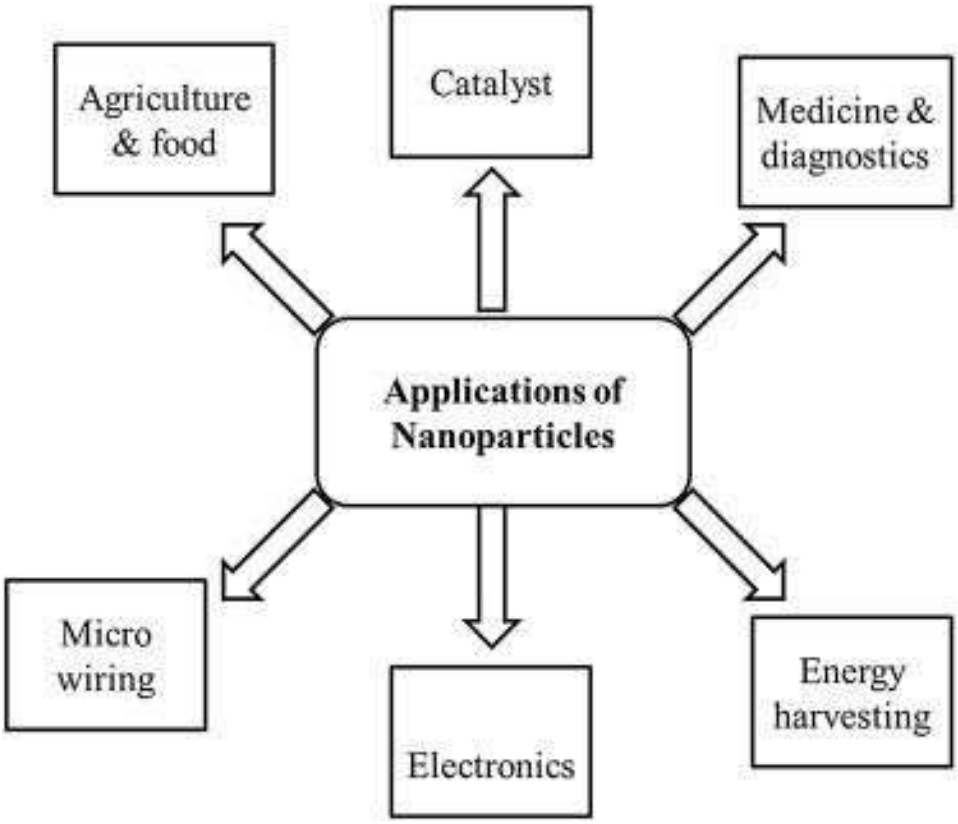


FIG.1.7 Applications of nanotechnology

1.12. PHOTOCATALYSIS:

Photocatalysis is a fusion of photochemistry and catalysis. The term “photocatalysis” is of Greek origin and consists of two components:

The prefix ‘photo’ signifies light and the Catalysis refers to a process in which a substance, known as a catalyst, participates in altering the rate of a chemical reaction of the reactants without undergoing any change itself. The catalyst enhances the reaction rate by lowering the activation energy.

Therefore, photocatalysis is a process where light and catalysts are used simultaneously to facilitate or expedite a chemical reaction. In other words, photocatalysis can be described as “the acceleration of a light-induced reaction driven by catalysis.”

Photocatalysts fall into two categories: homogeneous and heterogeneous processes(Rajeshwar K.P.,*et al*.,2008)

i)Homogeneous photocatalytic processes, catalysts are typically metal complexes, such as those of transition metals like iron, copper, chromium, and so on. Under conditions of light and heat, these metal ion complexes in a higher oxidation state produce hydroxyl radicals. These radicals then interact with organic matter, leading to the breakdown of harmful substances

ii)On the other hand, heterogeneous photocatalysis is a technologically advanced method that can be employed for the degradation of various organic pollutants in wastewate(Rehman S,*et al*.,2009).

1.12.1. MECHANISMS OF PHOTOCATALYSIS:

A photocatalytic reaction is primarily influenced by the energy of light (or photon) and the catalyst. Semiconducting materials are commonly used as catalysts, serving as sensitizers for the light-triggered redox process due to their electronic structure, which is marked by a filled valence band and an empty conduction band. This process is illustrated in Figure.1.8.(Hagen J W., *et al*., 2006)

The important steps carried out in photocatalysis are (Fusjishima A *et al.,*1972)

i. When photons, or units of light energy, strike the surface of a semiconductor and their energy is equal to or greater than the semiconductor's bandgap energy, electrons in the valence band become excited and transition to the conduction band of the semiconductor.
ii. This movement leaves behind "holes" in the semiconductor's valence band. These holes can oxidize donor molecules and interact with water molecules to produce hydroxyl radicals. These radicals possess strong oxidizing power, which is responsible for the degradation of pollutants.
iii. The electrons in the conduction band react with dissolved oxygen species to generate superoxide ions. These electrons facilitate redox reactions.

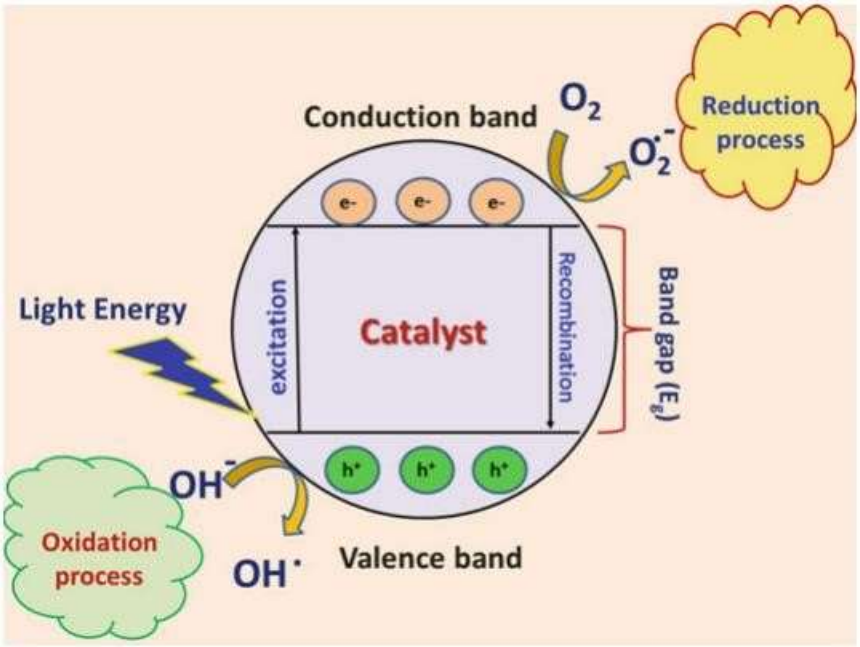


Fig.1.8 diagrammatic representation of mechanism of photocatalysis

1.12.2. PHOTOCATALYST IN DYE DEGRADATION:

Photocatalysis is a key player in the degradation of dyes, providing an efficient solution for treating dye-contaminated wastewater. This process primarily involves the use of semiconducting materials as catalysts, which serve as sensitizers for light-induced redox processes. These semiconductors have an electronic structure characterized by a filled valence band and an empty conduction band.

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The electrons in the conduction band react with dissolved oxygen species to generate superoxide ions. These electrons facilitate redox reactions, leading to the degradation of dyes.

Photocatalysis offers several advantages over traditional treatment methods. It leverages renewable and pollution-free solar energy, results in the creation of harmless products, can be used to eliminate a wide range of hazardous compounds present in various wastewater streams, requires mild reaction conditions, and produces minimal secondary waste. Moreover, it can be applied to hydrogen generation, gaseous phase treatments, aqueous treatments, and to some extent, solid (soil) phase treatments.

1.12.3: APPLICATIONS OF PHOTOCATALYSIS:

Some of the applications of photocatalysis are:

i. Photocatalysis serves as an excellent alternative to traditional, energy-intensive treatment methods such as adsorption on activated carbon, ultrafiltration, reverse osmosis, coagulation by chemical agents, and ion exchange on synthetic adsorbent resins. It leverages renewable and pollution-free solar energy.

ii. Unlike conventional treatment methods that merely transfer pollutants from one phase to another, photocatalysis results in the creation of harmless products.

iii. The photocatalytic process is versatile and can be employed to eliminate a wide range of hazardous compounds present in various wastewater streams.

iv. The conditions required for photocatalysis are mild, the reaction time is reasonable, and it requires less chemical input.

v. Photocatalysis results in minimal generation of secondary waste.

vi. Photocatalysis is versatile and can be applied to hydrogen generation, gaseous phase treatments, aqueous treatments, and to some extent, solid (soil) phase treatments

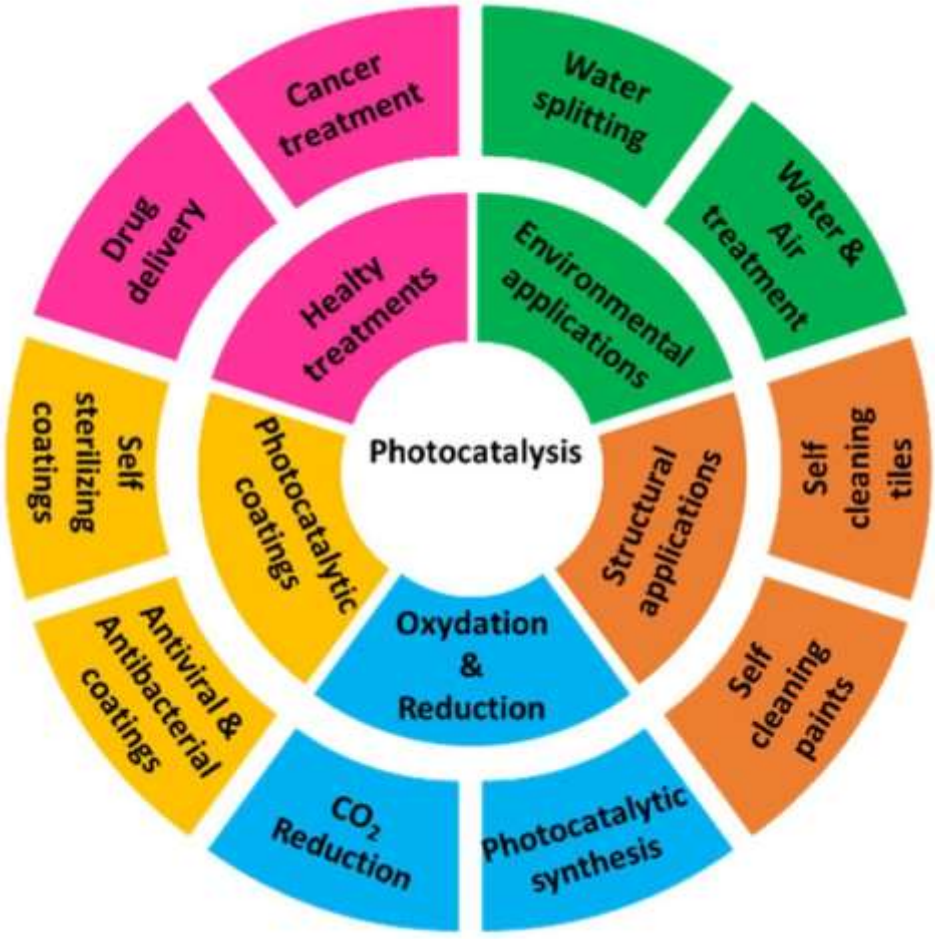


Fig.1.9 Application of photocatalysis

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

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using co-precipitation method. The nanocomposite shows enhanced photocatalytic activity, degrading 81% of methyl orange, compared to 45% by CeO2 nanoparticles alone(Jayanthi M., *et al*., 2017)

5. Ejaz, S.R., Elsaeedy, H.I., Iqbal, M.A. and Farid, H.M.T., 2023. Facile synthesis of silver doped WO3 nanocomposite with 2-D reduced graphene oxide to boost photocatalytic efficiency. Inorganic Chemistry Communications, 157, p.111354. A novel 2D rGO-based Ag/WO3 photocatalyst was created using hydrothermal and ultrasonic synthesis processes. The Ag/WO3/rGO photocatalyst degraded dye at a rate almost 96.92% faster than Ag/WO3 and WO3(Ejaz S R*., et al*., 2023).

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titania to ~1.95 eV in the nanocomposite. The formation of CedT nanoparticles smaller than 50 nm on RGO sheets was observed. (Ahmadi N., *et al.,* 2018)

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method, for the decomposition of Rhodamine-B dye in industrial wastewater. The catalyst achieved a dye removal efficiency of ~94%.(Maria magadalane C et al.,2018)

CHAPTER-3

AIM AND SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The aim of the thesis titled "Silver Doped Ceria Reduced Graphene Oxide for High Performance Photocatalytic Activity" is to investigate the synthesis, characterization, and photocatalytic performance of silver-doped ceria reduced graphene oxide (rGO/CeO_2Ag). The research focuses on enhancing the photocatalytic activity of cerium dioxide (CeO_2) by doping it with silver (Ag) and combining it with reduced graphene oxide (rGO). The scope of our thesis encompasses several key areas:

1. **Synthesis of rGO/CeO_2-Ag**:

The research involves the development of a method for synthesizing rGO/CeO_2-Ag. This includes the doping of CeO_2 with Ag and its combination with rGO.

2. **Characterization of rGO/CeO2-Ag**:

Various techniques such as X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), scanning electron microscope (SEM), others may be used to characterize the synthesized rGO/CeO_2-Ag.

3. **Photocatalytic Performance**:

The main focus of the thesis is to assess the photocatalytic activity of the synthesized rGO/CeO_2-Ag. This could involve testing the material's performance in degrading various pollutants under specific conditions.

CHAPTER-4

MATERIALS AND METHOD

4.1. INTRODUCTION:

In this project work, CeO_2 nanoparticles and Ag doped CeO_2 and rGO/Ag-CeO_2 nanocomposites are prepared by chemical co-precipitation method. The synthesized CeO_2 nanoparticles and Ag doped CeO_2 and rGO/Ag-CeO_2 nanomaterials were extensively characterized in terms of their morphological, structure, and electrochemical properties. To examine the structural properties, the prepared nanomaterials and nanocomposite materials were characterized by an XRD pattern. Studies on particle size, morphology, and structure were characterized by using Scanning Electron Microscope [SEM], and High-Resolution Transmission Electron Microscope [HR-TEM]. The chemical composition and oxidation states of prepared nanomaterials were investigated by XPS. The photocatalytic studies were done for degradation of dyes.

4.2. SYNTHETIC TECHNIQUES OF NANOPARTICLES:

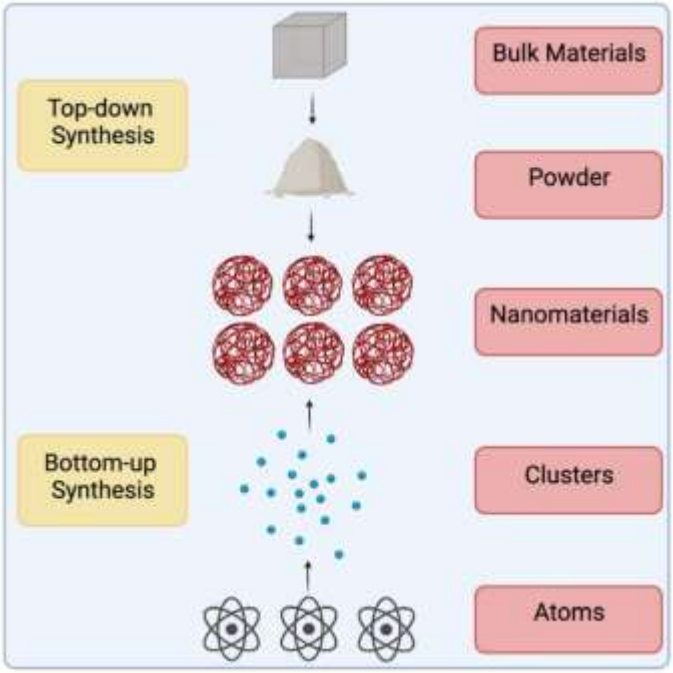


Fig.4.1 Diagrammatic representation of synthetic techniques

Nanotechnology has recently been developing several steadfast ways to synthesize nanoparticles by controlling their sizes, shapes, and chemical compositions. Primarily the nanoparticle synthesized methods are classified into two approaches, they are, top-down and bottom-up approaches

4.2.1. BOTTOM-UP METHOD:

Bottom-up method is the build-up of material from atom to clusters to nanoparticles. Solgel, spinning, chemical vapor deposition (CVD), pyrolysis and biosynthesis are the most commonly used bottom-up methods for nanoparticle production.

i)SOL-GEL METHOD:

A sol is a colloidal solution where solids are suspended in a liquid phase, while a gel is a solid macromolecule immersed in a solvent. The sol-gel method, a bottom-up approach, is favored due to its simplicity and its ability to synthesize most nanoparticles. This wetchemical process involves a chemical solution that serves as a precursor for a system of individual particles. Precursors typically used in the sol-gel process are metal oxides and chlorides. The precursor is dispersed in a liquid medium through shaking, stirring, or sonication, resulting in a system with both liquid and solid phases. The nanoparticles are then recovered through phase separation methods such as sedimentation, filtration, and centrifugation, and any remaining moisture is removed by drying.

ii)SPINNING:

Nanoparticles are synthesized using a spinning disc reactor (SDR), which houses a rotating disc within a controllable environment. The reactor is typically filled with nitrogen or other inert gases to eliminate oxygen and prevent unwanted chemical reactions. The disc spins at varying speeds, and a liquid mixture of precursor and water is introduced. This spinning action prompts the atoms or molecules to merge, leading to precipitation. The precipitate is then collected and dried. Factors such as liquid flow rate, disc rotation speed, ratio of liquid to precursor, feed location, and disc surface all influence the properties of the nanoparticles produced by the SDR.

iii)CHEMICAL-VAPOUR DEPOSITION:

Chemical vapor deposition (CVD) involves depositing a thin film of gaseous reactants onto a substrate. This process takes place in a reaction chamber at room temperature, where gas molecules are combined. A chemical reaction is triggered when the combined gas comes into contact with a heated substrate, resulting in a thin film of product on the substrate surface that is then collected for use. The temperature of the substrate plays a crucial role in CVD. The method offers several advantages, including the production of highly pure, uniform, hard, and robust nanoparticles. However, CVD requires specialized equipment and produces highly toxic gaseous by-products.

4.2.2.TOP-DOWN APPROACH:

Top-down or destructive method is the reduction of a bulk material to nanometric scale particles. Mechanical milling, nanolithography, laser ablation, sputtering and thermal decomposition are some of the most widely used nanoparticle synthesis methods.

i)MECHANICAL MILLING:

Mechanical milling is a widely used top-down method for producing nanoparticles. It involves the milling and post-annealing of nanoparticles during synthesis, with various elements being milled in an inert atmosphere. Factors influencing mechanical milling include plastic deformation, which affects particle shape, fracture, which reduces particle size, and cold-welding, which increases particle size.

ii)SPUTTERING:

Sputtering involves depositing nanoparticles onto a surface by propelling particles from it through ion collisions. Typically, this process involves depositing a thin layer of nanoparticles, which is then annealed. Factors such as the layer's thickness, the temperature and duration of annealing, and the type of substrate all influence the shape and size of the resulting nanoparticles.

iii) THERMAL DECOMPOSITION:

Thermal decomposition refers to an endothermic chemical process induced by heat, which breaks down the chemical bonds within a compound. The precise temperature at which a substance chemically decomposes is known as the decomposition temperature. In this process, nanoparticles are generated by decomposing the metal at specific

temperatures, leading to a chemical reaction that yields secondary products. A variety of nanoparticles synthesized through these methods

4.3.MATERIALS:

All chemicals were purchased in analytical grade and used without further purification. Ce (NO_3), and Ag (NO_3) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Sodium hydroxide (NaOH), and polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) were obtained from Nice Chemical Company and were used as precursors. Ethanol and acetone were purchased from Sisco Research Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. (SRL). rGO is synthesized in our lab by modified hammers method. All the glassware used in this work was acid washed. Ultrapure water was used for dilution and sample preparation.

4.4.EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE:

CeO_2, **Ag doped CeO_2** and **rGO/Ag-CeO_2** are synthesized by facile chemical coprecipitation method.

4.4.1. CHEMICAL CO-PRECIPITATION METHOD:

Chemical co-precipitation is the most common technology used in removing dissolved (ionic) metals from solutions, such as process wastewaters containing toxic metals. ionic metals are converted to an insoluble form (particle) by the chemical reaction between the soluble metal compounds and by using the precipitating reagent

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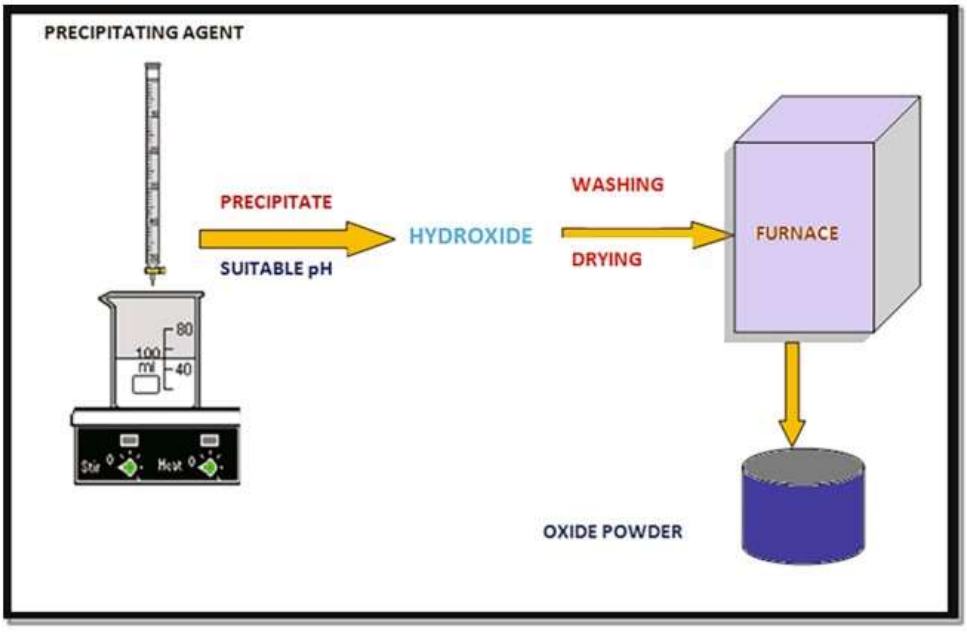
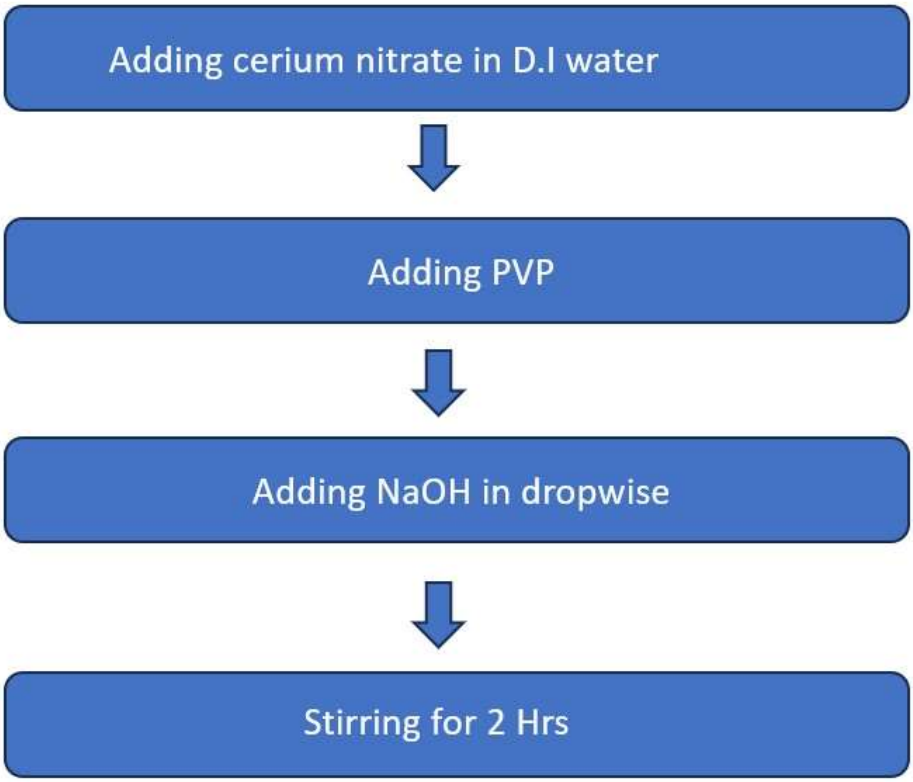


Fig.4.2. diagrammatic representation of co-precipitation method

In the co-precipitation method, various factors like pH, heating rate, heating atmosphere, and sintering temperature must be fine-tuned depending on the final use of the nano ferrites being prepared. An aqueous solution of divalent and trivalent transition metal salts is mixed in a stoichiometric ratio under continuous stirring in an alkaline environment. Careful control of the pH value is crucial to produce high-quality nanomaterials(Xia A*., et al* 2011).In chemical co-precipitation method we can easily synthesis nanomaterials efficiently.

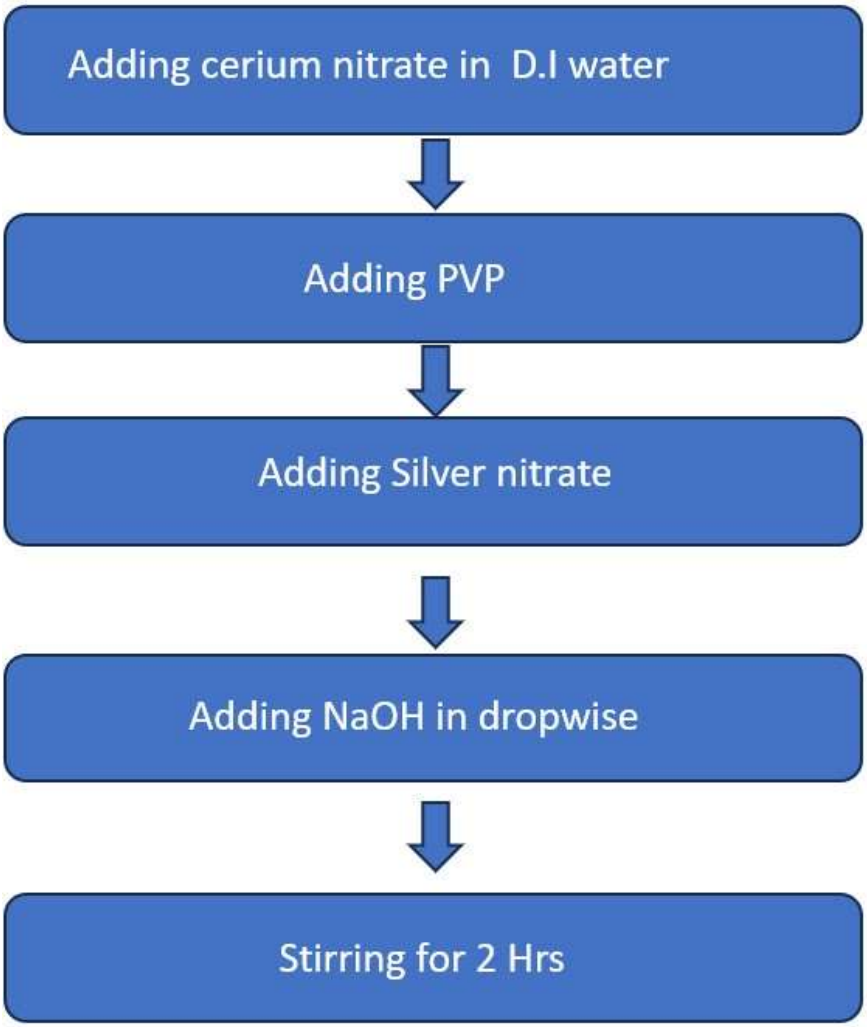
4.4.2. SYNTHESIS OF CeO_2:

Cerium oxide nanoparticles were synthesized by a chemical co-precipitation method. Cerium Nitrate (Ce (No_3)) is dissolved in D.I. water was used as precursors for Ce and to reduce agglomeration, Polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) is added to above solution. The reaction was stirred for 10 minutes. Later, Sodium hydroxide (NaOH) was thoroughly dissolved in D.I. water and added to the above solution. After that, the reaction was stirred for 2 hours. The resultant product was washed thoroughly with deionized water for removal of reaction. The residues are washed by acetone. The prepared nanoparticles were formed and dried in an air oven for 12 hours 160º C. Finally, the prepared cerium oxide was grinded in mortar and pestle and packed.



4.4.3. SYNTHESIS OF Ag doped CeO_2:

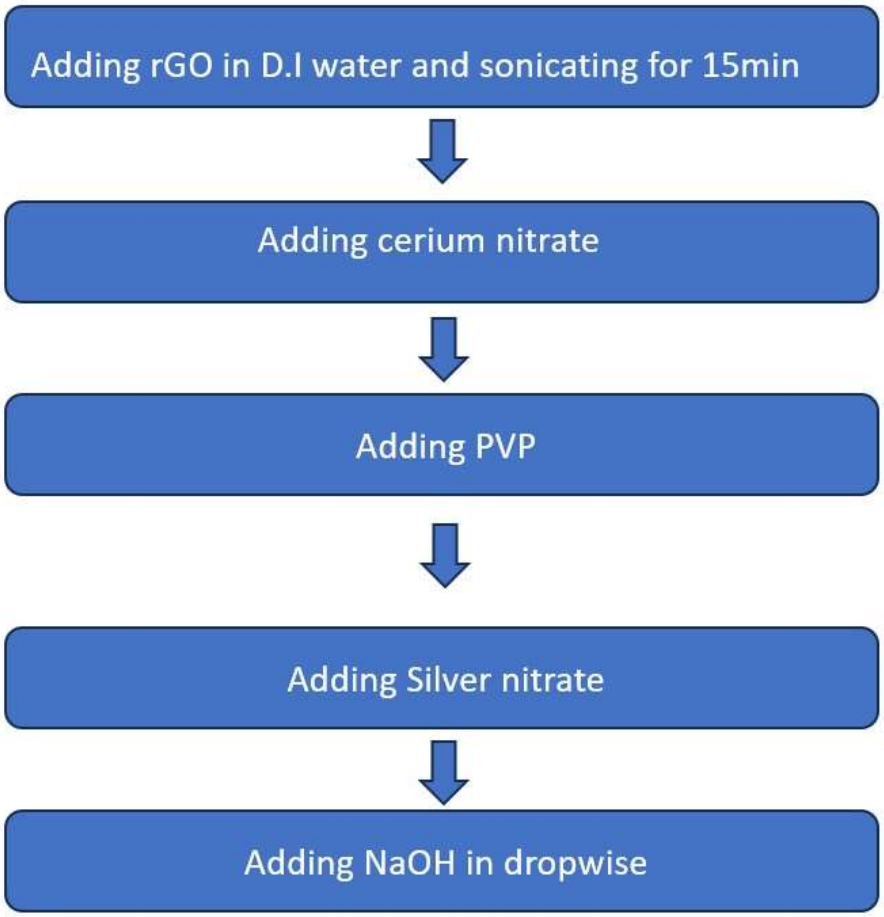
Ag doped Cerium oxide nanoparticles were synthesized by a chemical co-precipitation method. Cerium Nitrate (Ce (No_3)) is dissolved in D.I. water was used as precursors for Ce and to reduce agglomeration, Polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) is added to above solution. The reaction was stirred for 10 minutes. Later, Silver nitrate is added to the same solution and after that Sodium hydroxide (NaOH) was thoroughly dissolved in D.I. water and added to the above solution. After that, the reaction was stirred for 2 hours. The resultant product was washed thoroughly with deionized water for removal of reaction. The residues are washed by acetone. The prepared nanoparticles were formed and dried in an air oven for 12 hours 160º C. Finally, the prepared silver doped cerium oxide was grinded in mortar and pestle and packed



4.4.4. SYNTHESIS OF rGO/Ag-CeO_2:

rGO/Ag-CeO_2 nanocomposite were synthesized by a chemical co-precipitation method. rGO is added in D.I water and kept in sonicate for 15minutes. Cerium Nitrate (Ce (No_3)) is added to the solution, was used as precursors for Ce and to reduce agglomeration, Polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) is added to above solution. The reaction was stirred for 10 minutes. Later, Silver nitrate is added to the same solution and after that Sodium hydroxide (NaOH) was thoroughly dissolved in D.I. water and added to the above solution. After that, the reaction was stirred for 2 hours. The resultant product was washed thoroughly with deionized water for removal of reaction. The residues are washed by acetone. The prepared nanoparticles were formed and dried in an air oven for 12 hours

160º C. Finally, the prepared rGO/Ag-CeO_2 was grinded in mortar and pestle and packed



4.5. CHARACTERISATION TECHNIQUE OF NANOPARTICLES:

To examine the structural properties, the prepared nanomaterials and nanocomposite materials were characterized by an XRD pattern. Studies on particle size, morphology, and structure were characterized by using Scanning Electron Microscope [SEM], and High-Resolution Transmission Electron Microscope [HR-TEM], Fourier transform infrared [FTIR], and also analyzing bandgap from UV spectrometer

4.5.1.X-RAY DIFFRACTION:

X-ray diffraction (XRD) is a phenomenon where X-rays from an incident beam interfere with each other as they exit atomic planes of a crystal. This method is frequently employed to identify a material's crystalline structure, as the X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern mirrors the forms and dimensions of the crystal's fundamental unit cells. A crystal lattice is essentially a three-dimensional arrangement of atoms in parallel planes separated by a

distance (d), is crucial in determining a material's structure post-synthesis. The crystal structure significantly influences a material's properties, making XRD a popular choice for its determination. The standard JCPDS database is used to identify various crystalline phases in solid specimens. XRD can simultaneously characterize both the precursor and end products, providing detailed insights into nanoparticle behavior(Rajeshwari A ., *et al.,* 202). This is one of the inorganic materials. XRD operates based on Bragg's law, with diffraction occurring only when the conditions for constructive interference from planes with spacing d are met(Kashif *et al*., 2020)**.**

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin\theta$$

In this context, 'd' represents the distance between the atomic layers and the variable. The variable 'λ' denotes the wavelength of the incident x-ray beam. The integer 'n' is known as the path difference and the order of reflection in terms of wavelength, between waves that are scattered by adjacent planes of atoms(Patel *et al*., 2018). In X-ray diffraction (XRD), a monochromatic X-ray beam is directed onto a sample, and the reflected X-rays are detected. The working principle of XRD is illustrated in Fig4.3. The crystalline structure of the synthesized material is assessed using the Debey-Scherrer equation:

$$D = \frac{\beta \cos\theta}{K\lambda}$$

In this equation, 'D' denotes the average crystalline size, 'λ' is the wavelength of the incident ray, and 'β' is the Full Width Half Maximum (FWHM) of the peak. 'K' is the shape factor of the particle, and 'θ' is the angle of the diffraction peak.

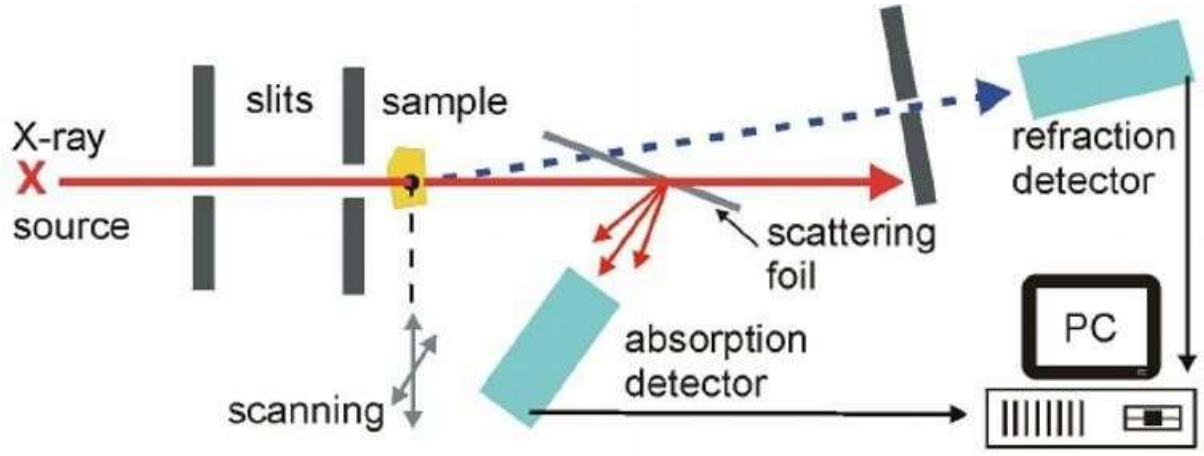


FIG.4.3.Working of XRD

4.5.2. SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE:

A Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) is a type of electron microscope that creates images by scanning a sample with a focused electron beam. The electrons interact with the atoms in the sample, producing various signals that provide information about the sample's morphology and composition. SEM is a widely used tool for examining and analyzing the imaging characterization of micro and nanoparticles in solid objects, thanks to its resolution of 10 nm, or 100 Å. This device can also be used alongside energydispersive X-ray microanalysis techniques to determine the composition or orientation of specific crystals or features. SEM micrographs have a high depth of field, giving them a unique three-dimensional appearance that aids in understanding the sample's surface structure. SEM samples must be small enough to fit on the specimen stage and may need additional processing to improve their electrical conductivity and stability to withstand high vacuum conditions and the high-energy electron beam. The fundamental principle of SEM is that a source, typically a tungsten filament or field emission gun, generates electron beams, as shown in the figure4.4

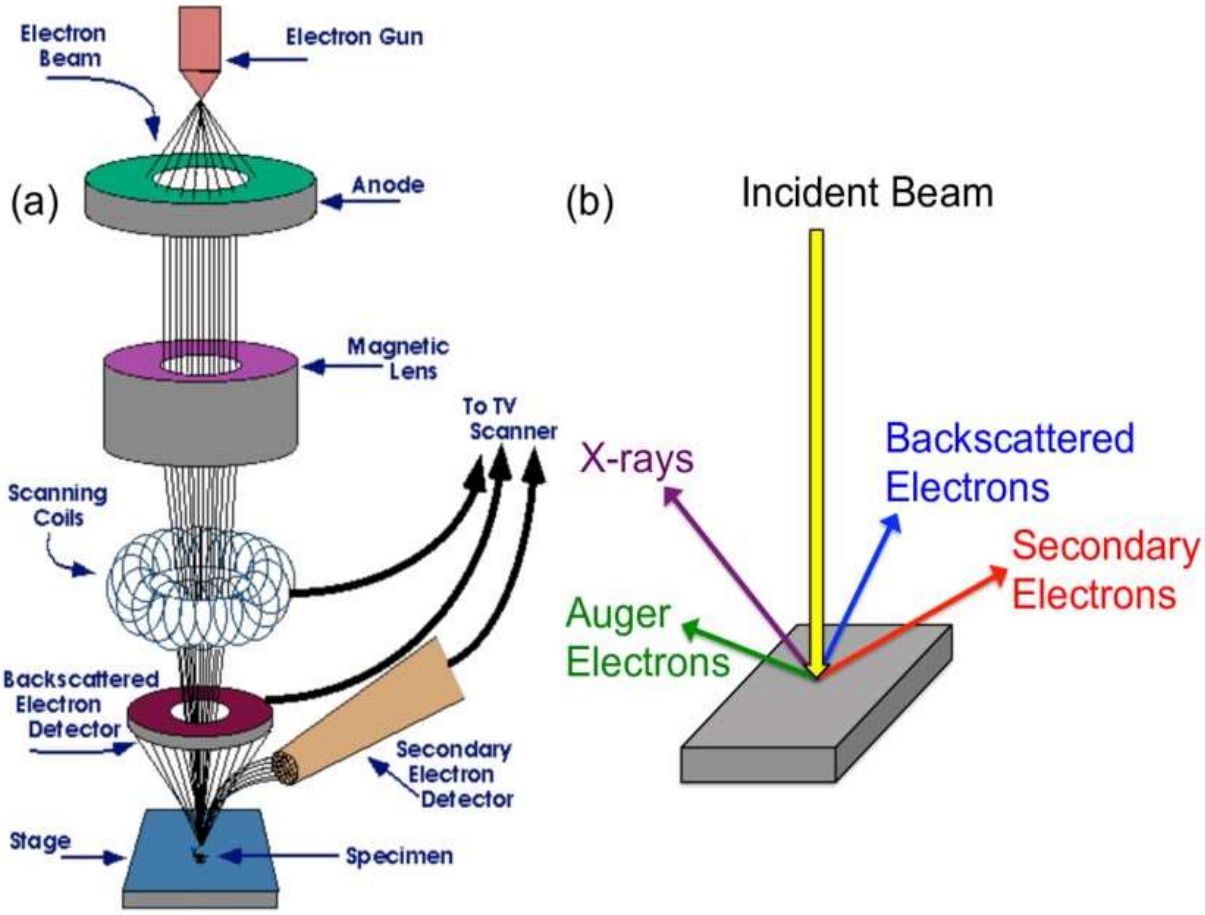


FIG.4.4.Working of SEM

In Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), an electron beam, ranging from 0.2 keV to 40 keV, is focused by one or two condenser lenses and accelerated through high voltage. This beam scans the specimen surface, ejecting electrons that are collected by a detector. The beam, losing energy when interacting with the sample, passes through pairs of scanning coils or deflector plates in the electron column. This interaction results in the reflection of high-energy electrons and can be used to create images of the specimen current distribution. SEM offers detailed 3D and topographical imaging, versatile information, fast operation, and requires minimal sample preparation.

4.5.3 FOURIER-TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

FTIR is a technique used to obtain an infrared spectrum of absorption or emission of a solid, liquid, or gas. An FTIR spectrometer simultaneously collects high-resolution spectral data over a wide spectral range. This consults a significant advantage over a dispersive spectrometer, which measures intensity over a narrow range of wavelengths at a time. It is used to determine the functional groups. The chemical structure of the nanoparticle's surface and the surface reactive sites responsible for surface reactivity can be determined under particular conditions. Fig.4.5 shows the working principle of FTIR spectroscopy.

The structure and bands of the synthesized nanoparticles, FTIR may be used to test a variety of components, including bulk or thin films, liquids, solids, pastes, powders, fibres, and other materials. FTIR analysis may be used for quantitative (amount) analysis as well as qualitative (identification) analysis of materials where appropriate criteria are used. FTIR can test samples up to 11 mm in diameter and weigh in bulk or the top 1 mm of the sample.

The difficulty in FTIR characterization is mainly because of a high degree of overlapping of the IR absorption bands which makes it difficult for the attribution of certain functional groups, even though up-to-date computer searchable databases are available.

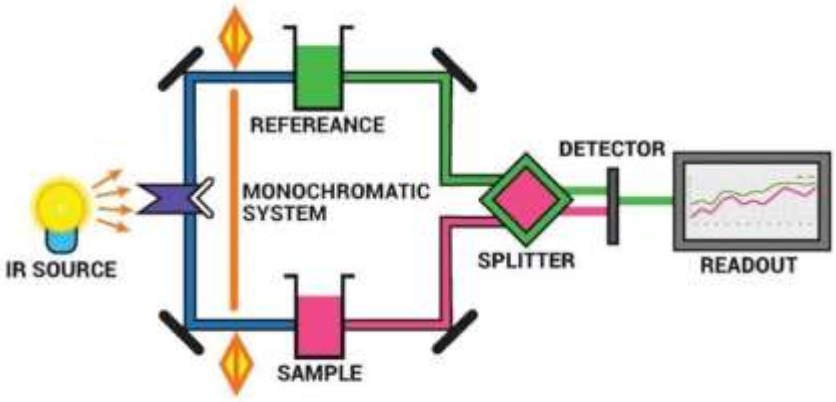


Fig.4.5 Working principle of FTIR

4.5.5. UV SPECTROMETER:

A UV Spectrometer, also known as a UV-Vis Spectrophotometer, is a frequently used instrument in fields like chemistry, material science, and chemical engineering. It's used to examine surface chemistry, bonding structures, and compositions of surfaces and interfaces. The principle of UV Spectroscopy is based on the effect of chemical shift, which refers to changes in the estimated binding energies of core-level electrons due to an atom's response to its chemical environment. In this process, a monochromatic X-Ray sample is exposed to radiation, resulting in photoelectron emission. The energies of these photoelectrons are then analyzed, providing information about the elements within the sample volume.

The UV Spectrometer measures the intensity of light passing through a sample solution in a cuvette and compares it to the intensity of the light before it passes through the sample. This is done using the Beer-Lambert law.

$$\boldsymbol{A = \varepsilon L c}$$

where:

- A is the absorbance of the light for a particular wavelength by the sample
- ε is the molar extinction coefficient
- L is the distance that the light travels through the solution
- c is the concentration of the absorbing species

The UV region of a UV Spectrometer ranges from 190 to 400 nm, and the visible region ranges from 400 to 800 nm. It helps to identify, assess purity, and quantify the components of the sample by analyzing the pattern of absorption and transmission of light. The working of UV is given in the fig.4.6

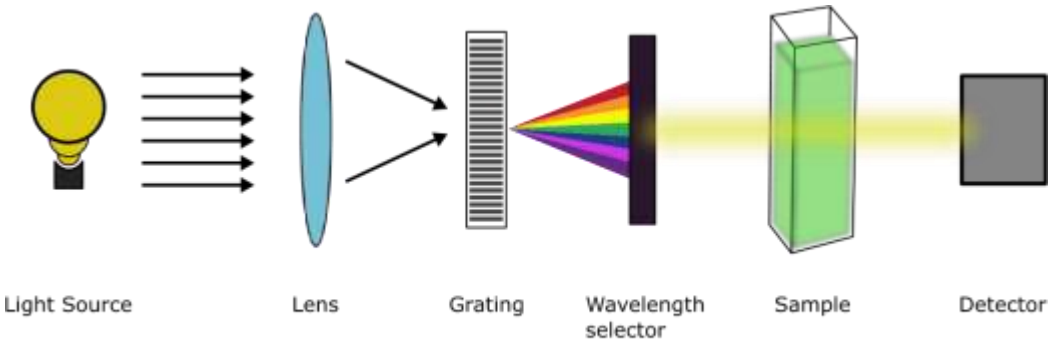


fig.4.6 Working of UV

CHAPTER-5

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Chapter 5 presents the principal findings and analysis of the project. This chapter is segmented into various sections, each detailing the creation, comprehensive characterizations, and specific usage of metal oxide nanomaterials.

5.1. SYNTHESISED NANOMATERIALS:

In this project, we have synthesised a CeO_2 and Ag/CeO_2 and $rGO/Ag\text{-}CeO_2$ nanocomposites using the facile chemical co-precipitation method and observed a crystalline structure and surface morphology of our synthesized samples using X-Ray diffraction, FE-SEM, HR-TEM, XPS followed by the application work of photocatalysis and degradation of dye and checking their high performance. Fig.5,1 displays the image of prepared sample.



Fig .5.1 Prepared samples (Nanoparticles and Nanocomposites)

5.2. X-RAY DIFFRACTION:

The structural analysis CeO_2, Ag/CeO_2, $rGO/Ag\text{-}CeO_2$ catalysts were investigated by powder X-ray diffraction technique (XRD) as shown in Fig.5.2

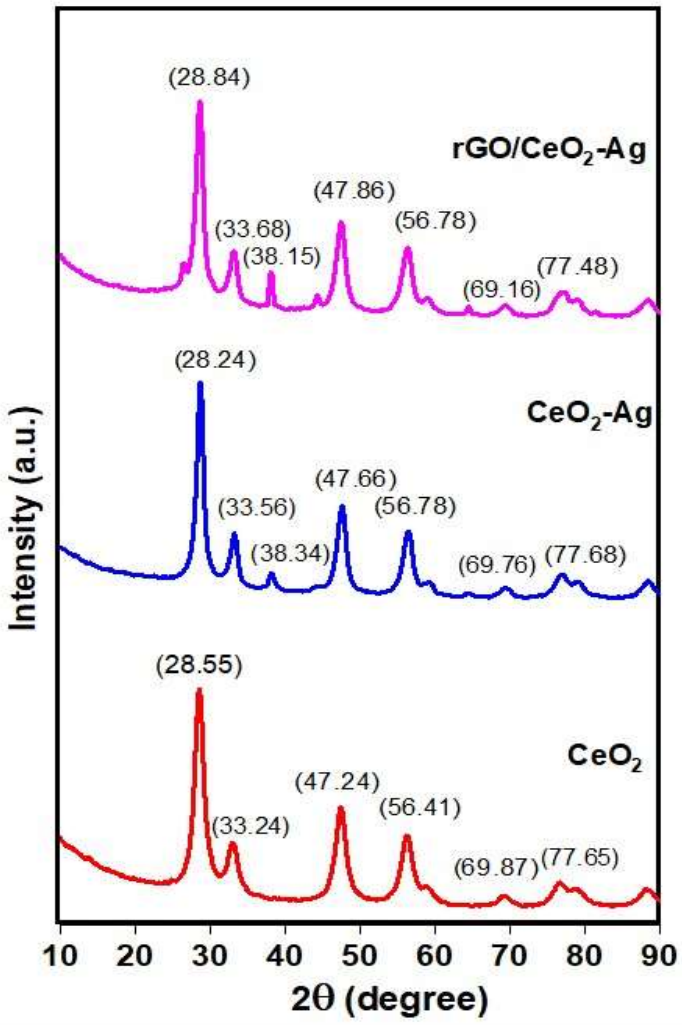


Fig.5.2 Shows XRD pattern of CeO_2, Ag/CeO_2, $rGO / Ag\text{-}CeO_2$

For pure CeO_2, the diffraction peaks at 28.55◦, 33.24◦, 47.24◦, 56.41◦ 59.1◦, 69.2◦, 76.62◦ and 78.37◦ which are corresponding to the plane of (111), (200), (230), (311), (222), (400), (331), and (400), respectively, that confirms the Cubic fluorite of CeO_2 (JCPDS Card no. 34–0394). and Ag doped CeO_2 nanoparticles. In addition, the intensity of each detected diffraction peak decreased with increasing silver content (Ag-doped). This specific reduction is related to the effects of disturbances or defects caused by silver ions in the structure of the CeO_2. Moreover, the existence of broadening in XRD peaks, at various values of silver doping, confirms that the particle size became smaller. It is obvious that

XRD of rGO/CeO_2/Ag nanocomposites can be indexed to CeO_2 at 28.5° (111), 33.2° (200), 47.24° (220), 56.41° (311), 69.2° (400) and 76.62° (331) in rGO/CeO2 nanocomposites according to their good agreement with the JCPDS card (No. 81–0792) [32]. After loading Ag NPs onto the rGO/CeO_2 nanocomposites, the XRD pattern of rGO/CeO_2-AgNP nanocomposites (Fig. 18) shows four additional peaks, reflecting the face-centered cubic phase of Ag NPs at 38.2 (111), 44.1 (200), 64.4 (220) and 77.2 (311) (JCPDS No. 65–2871) (Gong H.S*., et al.,* 2017). Raman spectra were used to identify the quality of the GO and rGO (Fig. 18), which confirmed the reduction of GO to the sp2 - hybridized lattice of rGO(Stobinski L., *et al* ., 2014)

5.3. FT-IR ANALYSIS:

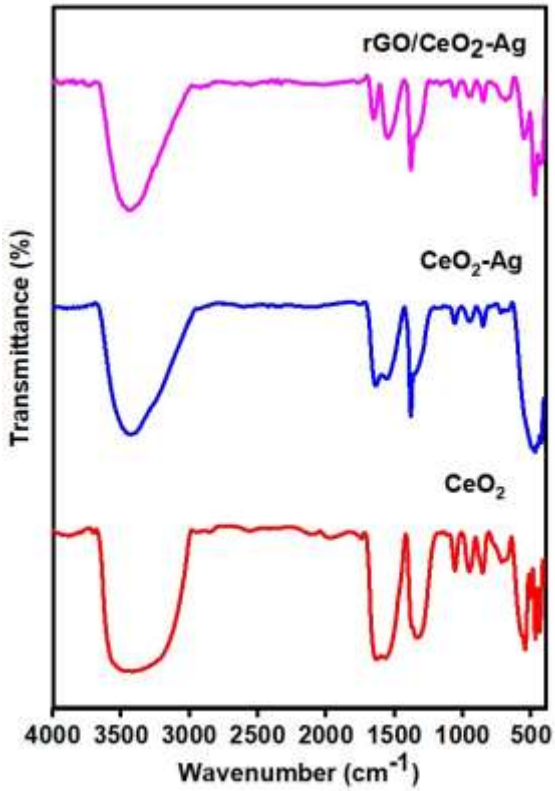


Fig.5.3 Shows the FT-IR graph of CeO_2, Ag/CeO_2 , rGO / Ag-CeO_2

The FTIRs of CeO_2 , Ag-CeO_2 and rGO/CeO_2- Ag nanocomposites are illustrated in Fig19. In the FTIR of CeO_2 stretches of aromatic C = C, C = O, O-H, alkoxy, carboxyl C-O and epoxy C-O can be found at 1620, 1730, 3400, 1060, 1410 and 1230 cm^{-1}. In contrast, some of the oxygen functional groups' peaks are obviously weakened or disappear entirely in the FTIR. The FTIR OF Ag-CeO_2 shows peaks of C=C, C=O, C-O and it shows

metal ion peak at 468 cm^{-1}. The FTIR of rGO/Ag-CeO_2 nanocomposites display peaks at 1620 and 1410 cm^{-1}, which could be attributed to the skeletal vibration of the rGO and carboxyl C-O. In addition, one absorption band associated with the coupling mode between Ce-O stretching modes in the face(Stobinski L., *et al* ., 2014)

5.4. SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY(SEM):

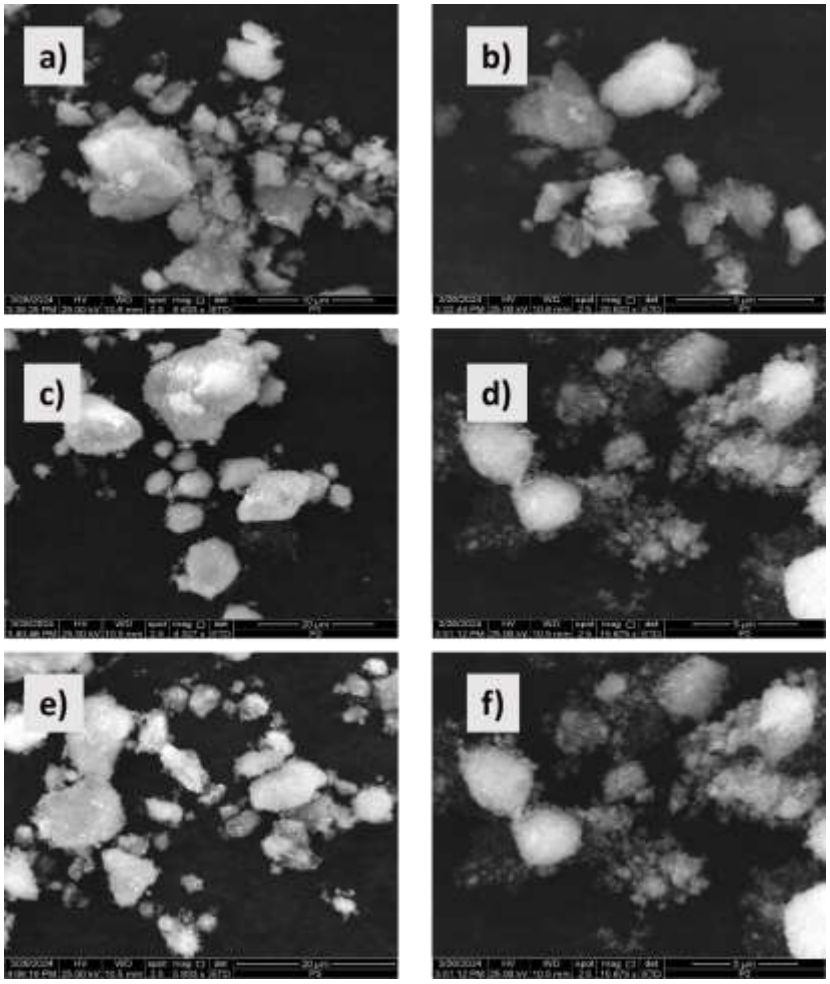


Fig.5.4 SEM images of CeO_2 represented by (a), (b), Ag-CeO_2 represented by (c) (d), rGO/Ag-CeO_2 represented by(e) (f)

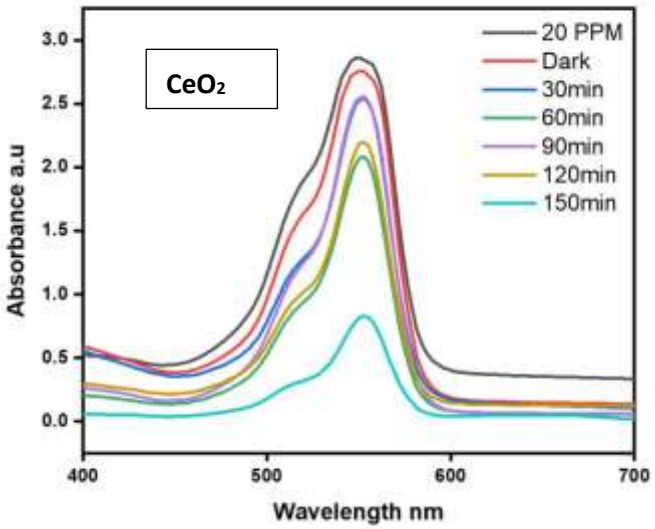
The morphological and elemental analysis of the synthesized catalysts were analysed by SEM. The SEM images of nanocomposites reveals the surface are non-uniform agglomerated two-dimensional layered structure. An elemental stoichiometry and decorating Ag content on the nanoparticles were confirmed by the and mapping analysis. Fig.5.4(a, b) represents and mapping analysis of CeO_2 and the image shows the ceria nanoparticles are non-uniformly arrangement and have spatial arrangement, Fig5.4(c, d) Ag/CeO_2, these images show that silver nano particles are doped in ceria clearly shown in the images. On the other hand, the rGO/Ag/CeO_2 Fig.5.4 (e, f) showed spherical

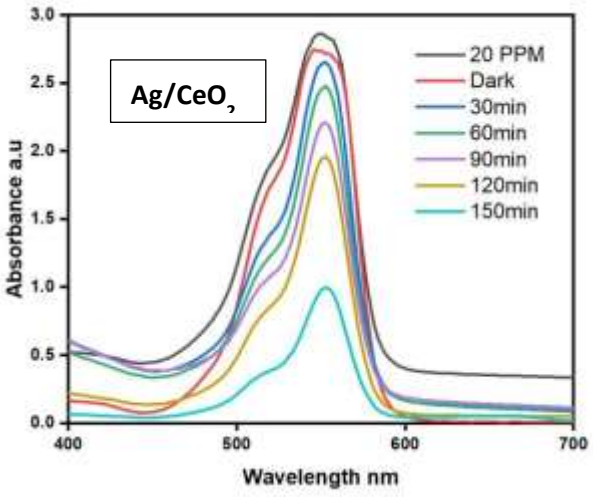
particles and doped silver and graphene are shown in the picture with a typical diameter of 250–350 nm. this result clearly indicates elements presence in the composition. Particularly, the high surface area (due to small size and porous structure) enhancement helps to achieve the higher activity of the organic pollutant degradation.

5.5. APPLICATION OF PHOTOCATALYSIS

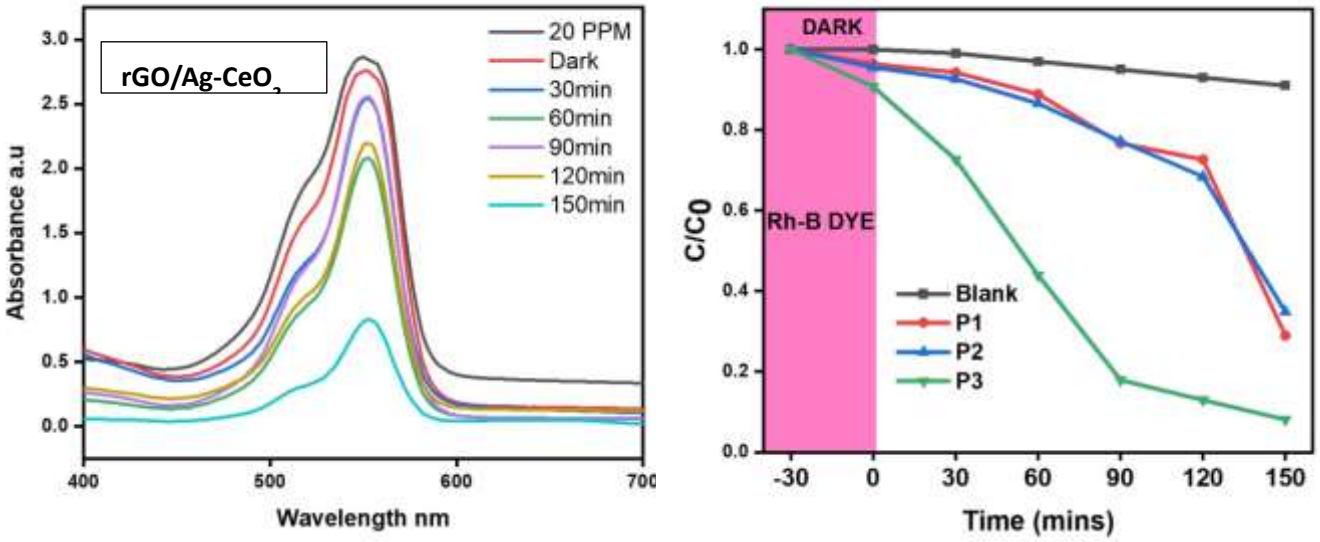
5.5.1 PHOTOCATALYTIC ANALYSIS:

Photocatalytic research and activity are influenced by factors such as surface area, visible light absorption, and blending substances. Metal and metal-free catalysts (CeO_2, Ag/CeO_2, $rGO/Ag\text{-}CeO_2$) were experimented against organic pollutants using sunlight irradiation. Fig a–c depicts the UV–visible spectra of RhB (Rhodamine B) dye in the





presence of a catalyst treated for 150 mins. The most intense absorption peaks were gradually decreased as the RhB DYE solution was processed, a fact confirmed by the significant color dilution. The degradation efficiencies of the CeO_2, Ag/CeO_2 and $rGO/AgCeO_2$ were 71.04%,65.17%,91.89% respectively. The results reveal that $rGO/Ag\text{-}CeO_2$ nanocomposite have the highest degradation performance.

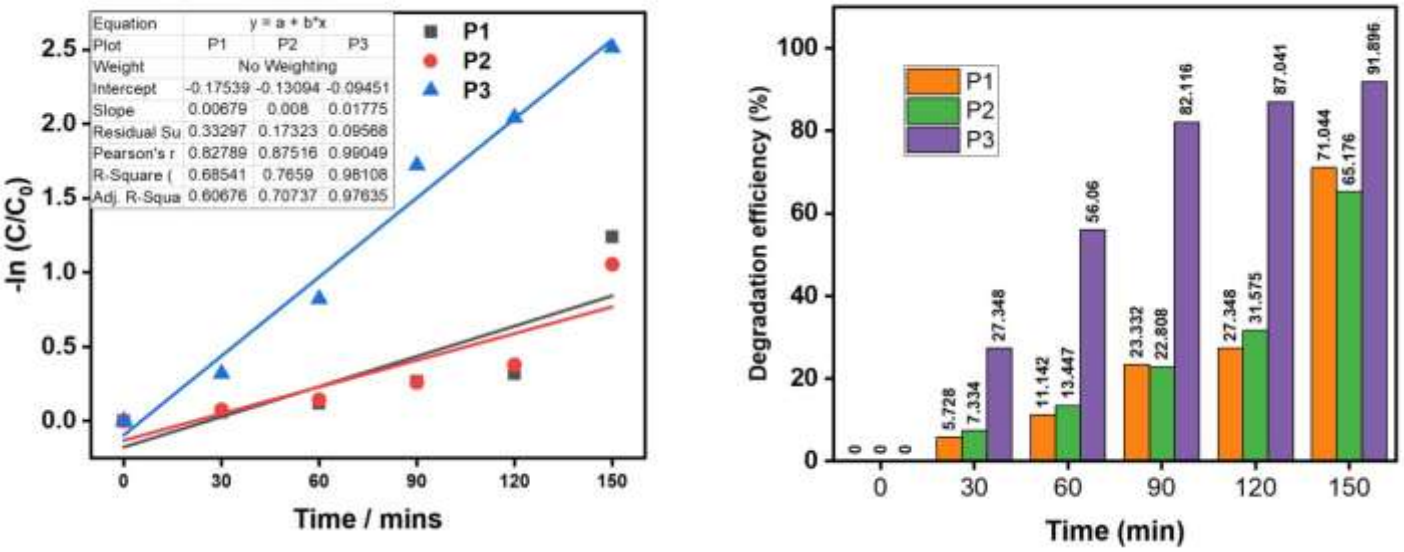


5.5 degradation graph for CeO_2,Ag/CeO_2, rGO/Ag-CeO_2

The efficiency plot (C/C0) of the RhB dye solution is represented in Figure 5.6(a). The rGO/Ag-CeO_2 have shown the highest degradation ability and it is represented in the efficiency plot. The higher visible light absorption and lower recombination rates contribute to the production of a significant number of reactive oxygen species (ROS) [43]. The K and R^2 values are described in Table

Among the various concentrations, the C/C_0 graph demonstrates the maximal degradation ability of rGO/Ag-CeO2 for RhB dye solution.

S.NO	CATALYST	DEGRADATION EFFICIENCY (%)	K(min^{-1})	R_2
1	CeO_2	71.04	0.015	0.68
2	Ag-CeO_2	65.17	0.018	0.76
3	rGO/Ag-CeO_2	91.89	0.040	0.98



(a) (b)

Fig.5.6. Degradation efficiency and b) degradation kinetic study of RhB dye

5.5.2 PHOTO CATALYSIS MECHANISM:

The photocatalytic mechanisms are as mentioned below,

(i) Production of excitons rGO/Ag-CeO2+ hv → h+ (VB) + e− (CB) (1)

(ii) Hydroxyl radicals Generation

OH− + h+ → OH· (2)

H2O + h+ → OH· + H+ (3)

(iii) Superoxide radicals Generation

O2 + e− → O2·− (4)

(iv) Degradation of dye molecules

Dye + OH· + O¬2·−→ Degradation products (5)

In this current analysis rGo/Ag-CeO_2 Nanocomposites shows a higher percentage of efficiency than the nanoparticles of CeO_2, and Ag-CeO_2. The enhancement of catalyst behavior could be attributable to two basic factors:

(i) Higher light absorption and (ii) Catalytic surface.

Inhibiting photogenerated charge carrier recombination in rGO/Ag-CeO_2 helps to enrich percentage of degradation. One method for increasing photocatalytic efficiency is to build composite photocatalysts by combining nanoparticles to get rGO/Ag-CeO_2 NCs. The

advantage of composite photocatalysts is the dramatically improved charge separation and transfer efficiency caused by the difference in band levels between nanoparticles and rGO/Ag-CeO_2. This results in the migration of excited electrons from one semiconductor's higher CB (LUMO orbital) to another's lower CB, as well as holes from one semiconductor's higher VB (HOMO orbital) to the lower one. Attentively, the rGO/$AgCeO_2$ catalyst exhibited brilliant photocatalytic activity under sunlight.

CHAPTER-6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

This project explores the synthesis and characterization of silver-doped ceria reduced graphene oxide (rGO/CeO_2-Ag) and its application in photocatalysis. The research demonstrates that the introduction of silver (Ag) into cerium oxide (CeO_2) and its combination with reduced graphene oxide (rGO) enhances the photocatalytic activity of the resulting composite material. The superior photocatalytic performance is attributed to the synergistic interaction between the components, which boosts the separation efficiency of photogenerated carriers. This study concludes that rGO/CeO2-Ag exhibits high photocatalytic activity, making it a promising material for environmental remediation and other applications. The enhanced performance is due to the excellent electrical conductivity and substantial specific surface area attributable to rGO. Furthermore, the developed photocatalyst was found to be highly stable and exhibited excellent photoactivity with a consistent recycling ability for several runs without a loss in activity. This research opens up new possibilities for the design of efficient photocatalysts for environmental applications. The synthesized nanocomposite is checked for its high performance in photocatalytic application. In this project we have done the application of degrading textile dye. Rhodamine B(RhB) is a dye we took for our project work and we did photocatalysis, mainly the application work deals with degradation of dyes, while comparing nanoparticles and nanocomposites; nanocomposite have shown high efficiency in degrading the dye and our nanocomposite have achieved 91.89% efficiency in degrading RhB. overall, our project is, we synthesized nanoparticles and nanocomposite and their efficiency is experimentally proven by photocatalysis

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ABSTRACT

This study investigated Fluorescence spectral studies on the interaction of Acetic acid (guest molecule) with 4- dicyanomethylene-2, 6-dimethyl-4h-pyran (DDP) dye (host molecule) in an aqueous solution. The absorbance peak of the DDP dye decreased upon the addition of Acetic acid at different concentrations, while the absorbance at the ICT absorption maximum remained unchanged. The fluorescence quenching of DDP dye is found to be dynamic in nature. Additionally, the fluorescence decay of the DDP dye in the presence of Acetic acid exhibited a tri-exponential decay, with changes observed in the fluorescence lifetime components of the dye.

Specifically, one component showed a significant decrease in fluorescence lifetime, while another component showed an increase, and the relative amplitude distribution remained unchanged. The multi-exponential lifetime components of the dye suggest the existence of various hydrogen-bonding arrangements of dye with water molecules in the presence of Acetic acid. The results suggest that the interaction between DDP dye and Acetic acid is largely hydrophobic, with the presence of hydrogen-bonding functional groups in Acetic acid influencing the excited state spectral properties of the DDP dye. Further studies could help expand our understanding of the interaction between DDP dye and biomolecules, with potential applications in biosensors and other optical technologies.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

ABBREVIATIONS

SL.NO	ABBREVIATIONS	DEFINITION
1	**AO**	Atomic orbital
2	**AC**	Acetic acid
3	**CT**	Charge transfer
4	**DCM**	Dicyanomethylene-2-methyl-6-p-dimethylaminostyryl- 4H-pyran
5	**DDP**	Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran
6	**FRET**	Fluorescence resonance energy transfer
7	**Fs**	Femtoseconds
8	**HOMO**	Highest occupied molecular orbital
9	**ICT**	Intramolecular Charge Transfer
10	**LUMO**	Lowest occupied molecular orbital
11	**MEP**	Molecular electrostatic potential
12	**MO**	Molecular orbital
13	**Ns**	Nanoseconds
14	**Ps**	Picoseconds
15	**TAC**	Time to Amplitude Convertor
16	**TCSPC**	Time Correlated Single Photon Counting
17	**TICT**	Twisted Intramolecular Charge Transfer
18	**UV-VIS**	Ultraviolet-Visible

SYMBOLS		
SL.NO	**SYMBOLS**	**DEFINITION**
1	**X**	Chi
2	**C**	Concentration
3	**Q**	Concentration of the Quencher
4	**I**	Fluorescence intensity of dye with hydrogen-bonding solutes
5	**Io**	Fluorescence intensity of free dye
6	***F***	Frequency
7	**υ**	Frequency in cm-1
8	**T**	Lifetime
9	**mol L-1**	Number of moles per litre
10	**П**	Pi
11	**B**	Relative amplitude
12	**K_{sv}**	Stern-Volmer constant
13	**Nm**	Wavelength

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Fluorescence spectral studies in micro-heterogeneous environments investigate the behaviour of molecules and materials confined or localized within micro-heterogeneous structures. These studies aim to comprehend how the microenvironment influences the photophysical properties of molecules or materials within this confined system, such as absorption, emission, energy transfer, and photochemistry. In micro-heterogeneous systems, charged interfaces in hydrophilic and hydrophobic domains explain the precise characteristics of more than one homogeneous environment. Species that form molecular aggregates and self-assemblies that are predominantly formed through hydrogen bonding are the two main types of micro-heterogeneous systems. The primary reasons for studying micro heterogeneous system assemblies are (i) photophysical and photochemical processes to probe the dynamic and static properties of these organised systems; and (ii) excited-state molecular processes in a novel microenvironment. The distribution of solutes within a solution or aggregate can be in homogeneous. Solutes may be able to access unique properties in hydrophobic and hydrophilic cavities/cages/pockets/pools or pores. Charged interfaces where electrostatic effects can have a significant impact on solute distribution and reactions. We need optically transparent (non-turbid) solutions that can be investigated photochemically using a steady state and pulsed photolysis techniques. As the system becomes more complex, no single technique can provide a solution or even clearly resolve various processes that can use a variety of physical and chemical methods.

It is known that, at theoretical and practical levels, the nature of interactions with relatively soluble solutes in aqueous solutions has become increasingly important. Two major interactions that govern and operate are hydrogen bonding and hydrophobic interactions. Among these interactions, hydrogen bonding plays an important role in biology, enabling the reversible formation of aggregates that are not covalently linked and the stability of multiple hydrogen bonding systems is dependent

not only on the number of hydrogen bonds but also on the hydrogen bonding pattern with the solvent molecules.

Conversely, in a large number of physiological biochemical processes, hydrophobic interaction is important. Hydrophobic interactions are well known to be one of the major components of biology, and it is clear that water molecules around a non-polarized solute were involved in an increased order or molecular structure which led to their interaction (Kalyanasundaram K, 1987; Lakowicz JR, 1999). This study used spectroscopic techniques to investigate how DDP dye (host molecule) interacted with hydrogenperoxide (guest molecule).

1.1 EXCITED STATE PROPERTIES:

Fluorescence is a type of luminescence that occurs when certain molecules absorb light at a particular wavelength and subsequently emit light at a longer wavelength after a short time delay, typically in the nanosecond range. This phenomenon is commonly observed in a wide range of natural and synthetic materials, including dyes, proteins, and minerals, and has important applications in fields such as analytical chemistry, biochemistry, and materials science. The fluorescence process involves the excitation of a molecule from its ground state to an excited electronic state upon absorption of a photon of light. The excited state is typically short-lived, with a lifetime in the range of picoseconds to nanoseconds, and can decay through several pathways, including fluorescence emission, non-radiative relaxation, and intersystem crossing. If the excited-state molecule decays through fluorescence emission, it emits light at a longer wavelength than the absorbed light, resulting in a characteristic fluorescence spectrum.

The fluorescence properties of a molecule can be affected by various factors, such as the molecular structure, solvent environment, and temperature. These properties can be characterised by various parameters, including the fluorescence quantum yield, fluorescence lifetime, and emission spectrum, which can provide valuable information about the molecular structure, dynamics, and environment. The process is governed by three important events, all of which occur on time scales separated by several orders of magnitude, as illustrated by the Jablonski energy diagram, a graphical representation of photophysical processes that includes the various energy levels that a molecule can occupy and the transitions between those

levels and are often used as the starting point for discussing light absorption and emission.

Jablonski diagrams are used in a variety of forms, to illustrate various molecular processes that can occur in excited states. These diagrams are named after Professor Alexander Jablonski, who is regarded as the father of fluorescence spectroscopy. The Frank-Condon principle, on the other hand, is a concept that describes a molecule's vibrational relaxation during electronic transitions. Solvation is the process by which a molecule in a solution is surrounded by solvent molecules. When a molecule or atom absorbs a photon of light, it is excited to a higher electronic state S0 - S1. The time scale for absorption is typically on the order of femtoseconds (10-15 s), which is the time it takes for the photon to be absorbed. After absorbing a photon of light, the excited molecule or atom rapidly loses energy through collisions with its surroundings, such as other molecules or solvent molecules. This causes the molecule or atom to vibrate and rotate, eventually reaching the lowest vibrational level of the excited state. The time scale for vibrational relaxation is typically on the order of picoseconds (10-12 s).In some cases, the excited molecule or atom may undergo a non-radiative transition to a lower electronic state, releasing energy as heat S2 → S1. This process is called internal conversion, and it can occur on a time scale of nanoseconds (10-9 s) to microseconds (10-6 s), depending on the molecule or atom.

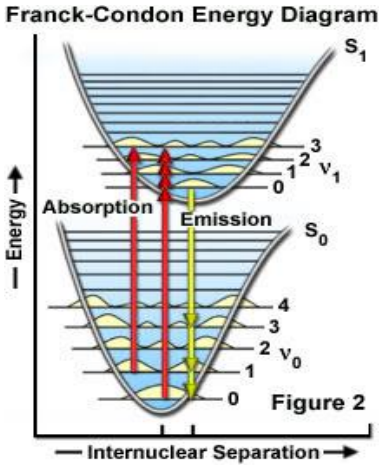


Fig.1.1.A. Franck-Condon Energy Diagram

When the excited molecule or atom returns to the ground state S1 → S0, it can emit a photon of light as fluorescence. The time scale for fluorescence is typically on the order of nanoseconds to microseconds, depending on the molecule or atom. As a consequence of the rapid vibrational relaxation and internal conversion processes described above the fluorescence occurs, with some exceptions, from the lowest vibrational level of the first electronic excited singlet state to the singlet ground state. This energy loss prior to fluorescence is the physical origin of the famous Kasha's Rule which states that: "luminescence (fluorescence or phosphorescence) only occurs with appreciable yield from the lowest excited state of a given multiplicity". It is also responsible for the Stokes-Shift; where the fluorescence occurs at a longer wavelength than the absorption.

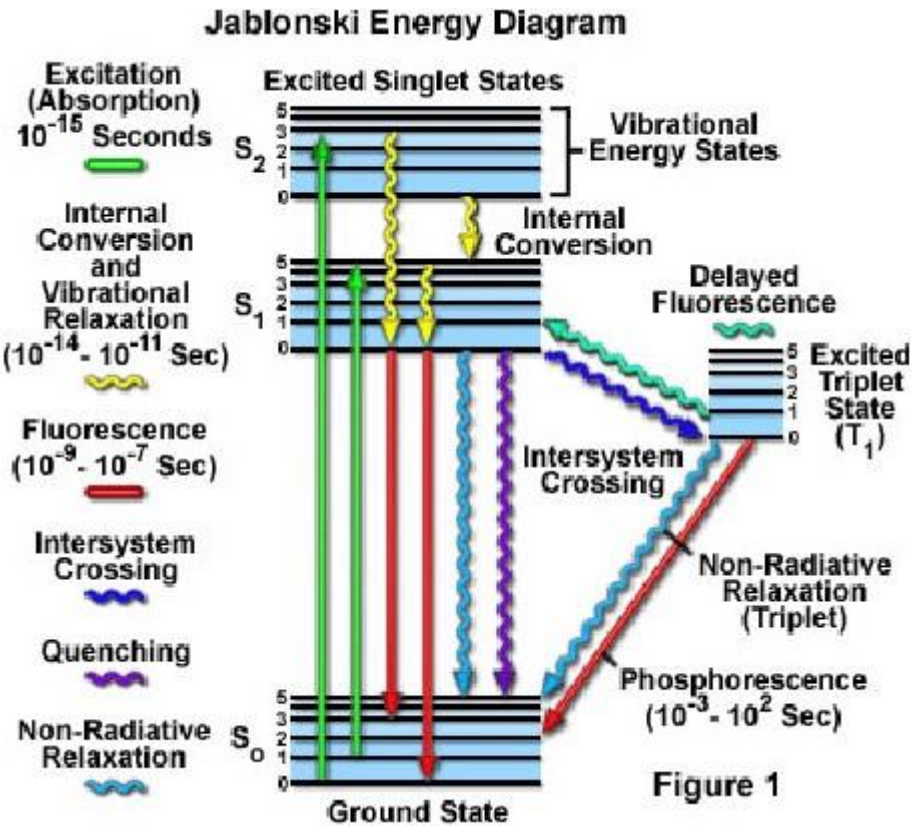


Fig.1.1.B. Jablonski Diagram

1.2. ACETIC ACID:

Acetic acid, with the chemical formula CH3COOH, is a clear, colourless liquid with a pungent odor. It is one of the simplest carboxylic acids and is commonly known as vinegar when diluted in water. Acetic acid has a wide range of industrial, household, and laboratory applications. Here's an overview of its properties and uses:

Chemical Properties: Acetic acid is a weak acid, meaning it only partially dissociates in water. It forms hydrogen bonds with water molecules, making it miscible (able to mix) with water in all proportions.

Uses:

- Food Industry: Acetic acid is widely used in food production, primarily as vinegar. It is also used as a flavoring agent and a preservative.
- Chemical Industry: Acetic acid serves as a precursor to various chemical compounds like acetate esters, acetic anhydride, and vinyl acetate, which are used in the production of plastics, fibers, pharmaceuticals, and solvents.
- Laboratory Use: It is commonly used in laboratories as a solvent for various chemical reactions and as a reagent in organic synthesis.

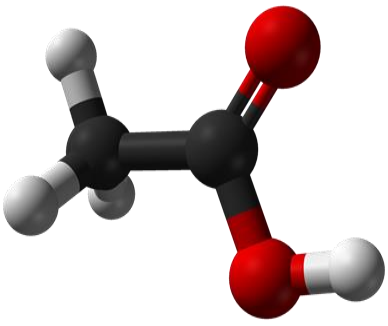


Fig.1.2.3D Structure of Acetic Acid

1.3. DDP DYE (4-Dicyanomethylene-2, 6-dimethyl-4H-pyran):

DDP dye (Dicyanomethylene-2, 6-dimethyl-4H-pyran) is a water-soluble fluorophore with electroluminescent properties. The structure of DDP dye is similar to that of DCM dye, a well-known ICT dye. There is no possibility of the Twisted Intramolecular Charge Transfer (TICT) phenomenon, unlike DCM dye such that the complexity of DCM dye is completely eliminated. DDP dye contains a strong acceptor moiety (dicyanomethylene, C (CN) 2) in the 4th position and a substituted donor moiety (methyl) in the 2nd and 6th positions. DDP dye has a significant advantage over DCM dye in terms of water solubility, and its photophysical nature can be probed by the addition of hydrogen bonding to study the nature of host-guest interaction. DCM dye, on the other hand, is not soluble in water, so no such studies could be carried out in an aqueous solution. DDP dye exhibits excellent luminescence character in the presence of more electron-releasing moieties and acts as an ideal that is used as the host molecule. (Somasundaram Gayathri, 2018; 2019)

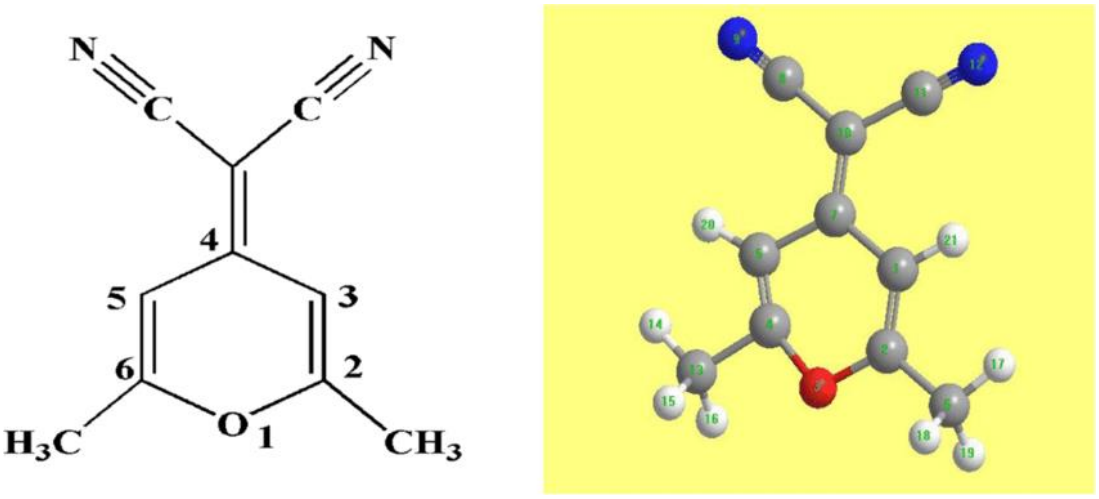


Fig.1.3. 4-Dicyanomethylene-2, 6-dimethyl-4H-pyran (DDP dye)

1.4. PREPARATION OF DDP DYE:

The mixture of 2, 6-dimethyl-4-pyrone (4: 1.25 g, 10.06 m mol) and malononitrile (0.783 g, 11.85 m mol) in 5 mL of acetic anhydride was stirred and heated to 140 °C for 1 hr under nitrogen atmosphere. The acetic acid was aspirated off, and the residue was washed with 10 mL of boiling water and collected by filtration to give brown material (Woods L, 1958).

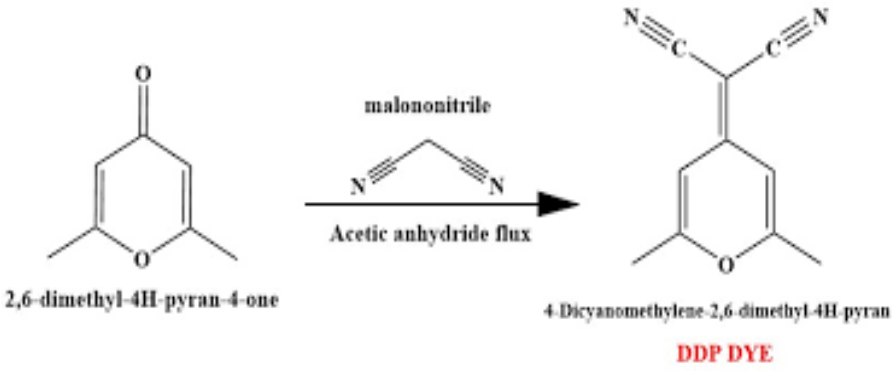


Fig.1.4. Preparation of DDP dye

1.5. INTRAMOLECULAR CHARGE TRANSFER (ICT) BEHAVIOUR OF DDP DYE:

DDP is an example of a donor-acceptor molecule. Its structure is comprised of an electron-donating methyl group and an electron-accepting di-cyano group, where it participates in intramolecular charge transfer. During this process, the excited free electron moves from the donor to the acceptor before relaxing back to a less polar ground state. The intramolecular charge transfer is mediated by a π molecular orbital (MO) that extends from the donor to the acceptor by overlapping the p-orbitals from the constituent carbon atoms or from lone pairs. In the ground state of a conjugated system, the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) is fully occupied and electrons cannot move. However, if an electron from the donor group is excited into the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital state, it is free to migrate along the delocalised orbital.

The existence of an overlap of the HOMO and LUMO wave functions and transition cannot be attributed to pure charge transfer character. Electron density redistribution clearly suggests π → π* transition character, except for the small fraction of σ → π*coming from donor methyl groups for DDP dye. The position of the absorption maxima in the spectra of the DDP dye is because of the bands that formed with the participation of π-type Molecular Orbitals delocalized on the Atomic Orbitals (AO) of the pyran ring and with any one of the methylene group. The molecular electrostatic potential (MEP) of DCM dye shows that nitrogen atoms of the cyano group and oxygen of the pyran cycle are responsible for the proton-acceptor properties in the ground and excited states of the molecules which give strong evidence for DDP dye where charge-transfer to occur.

The donor group (methyl substituents) of DDP dye is expected to have orbitals that are in between pure sp3 and sp2 hybrid orbitals. This is due to resonance structures that involve the delocalisation of the lone pair to the pyran ring of the dye molecule. The dye molecule takes on a more planar conformation with respect to the ring because the orbitals are closer to sp2 and the lone pair resides in a p-orbital. The overlap between the lone pair orbital and the π orbitals in the pyran ring determines the ability of the lone pair to delocalize; thus the sp2 hybridisation is preferable for charge transfer to occur. The charge from the lone pair orbital is then free to migrate towards the acceptor cyano group on the pyran ring. This polar excited state is referred to as a charge transfer state. (Taylor TR, 1986; Bourson J, 1989; Meyer M and Mialocq J, 1987).

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1. Webster and W. McGolgin. Arylidene dye lasers, US patent 3,852,683, 1974:

DCM is a fluorescent dye developed by the Eastman-Kodak company, in the mid-1970s BY F. Webster and W. McGolgin. To extend the range of dye lasers into the red spectrum. Its spectral properties include a broad fluorescence band, long excited-state lifetime, and large solvent-dependent Stokes shift. DCM has been widely studied for its excited-state dynamics and molecular configuration. It is a donor-π-bridge-acceptor molecule, containing an electron-donating dimethyl amino group and an electron-accepting dicyano group. Photo induced intramolecular charge transfer is expected to occur in such systems, involving the migration of the excited free electron from the donor to the acceptor before relaxing back to the ground state. Research on DCM has focused on its energy, excited-state dynamics, and potential applications in sensing and imaging.

2.2. Photophysical and Electrochemical studies of 4-dicyanomethylene 2, 6-dimethyl- 4H-pyran (DDP) dye with amides in water:

Somasundaram Gayathri, (2018) discussed that the DDP dye, also known as Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran, which is an intermediate in the preparation of DCM dye was synthesized and studied the photophysical and electrochemical properties of DDP dye with formamide and alkyl-substituted amides in water were investigated. The addition of amides results in an isosbestic point and fluorescence enhancement of the DDP dye. The position of emission maxima of DDP dye shifted towards the blue and red regions with the addition of ACM and DMF, respectively. The fluorescence lifetime and relative amplitude of DDP dye vary significantly by the addition of amides in an aqueous solution, which is influenced by the amide water hydrogen-bonding network and hydrophobic influences of the alkyl-substituted amides. The interaction between dye and amide is predominantly through hydrogen bonding. EIS results showed that there are at least three different microenvironments that support the existence of different fluorescence lifetimes of DDP dye. The fluorescence spectral technique is an efficient tool to elucidate the nature of the interaction of water-soluble probes with hydrogen-bonding solutes.

Overall, the study provides insights into the photophysical and electrochemical properties of DDP dye and its interactions with different amides in aqueous solution.

2.3. Spectro electrochemical Investigation of 4-dicyanomethylene 2, 6-dimethyl-4H-pyran (DDP) dye with Guanidine hydrochloride (GuHCl) in water:

Somasundaram Gayathri, (2018) investigates the interaction between guanidine hydrochloride (GuHCl) and 4-dicyanomethylene-2, 6-dimethyl-4H-pyran (DDP) dye through photophysical and electrochemical techniques. The results indicate that the interaction between DDP dye and GuHCl is primarily through hydrogen bonding, although electrostatic interactions also play a role in the aqueous phase. The addition of amides to the aqueous solution affects the ground state and excited state properties of DDP dye, as evidenced by fluorescence enhancement and shift in the emission maximum. Hydrogen bonding and hydrophobicity of the amides are the main factors influencing this photophysical nature. The formation of a dye water-amide hydrogen-bonding network along with dye-water and amide-water hydrogen-bonding assemblies is responsible for this effect.

2.4. Photophysical and Electrochemical Impedance Spectral studies on the interaction of 4-dicyanomethylene 2, 6-dimethyl- 4H-pyran (DDP) dye with urea derivatives in aqueous solution:

Somasundaram Gayathri, and Rajaraman Vasanthi, (2018) performed studied the interaction between urea derivatives and DDP dye using photophysical and electrochemical techniques. The addition of urea derivatives to DDP dye resulted in fluorescence enhancement and a shift in emission wavelength. Fluorescence lifetime studies showed the coexistence of three different components, indicating a heterogeneous microenvironment around the dye. The urea derivatives influenced the excited state characteristics of the dye, resulting in the formation of different microenvironments. Electrochemical impedance spectral studies validated the existence of multiple environments attributed to urea-water structural behaviour. The urea derivatives' hydrophobicity and hydrogen-bonding properties influenced the dye's photophysical and electrochemical nature.

2.5. Fluorescence umpolung enables light-up sensing of N-acetyl transferases and nerve agents:

Chenxu Yan, (2021) discusses the recent advances in the development of Intramolecular Charge Transfer (ICT) based fluorophores along with tailoring their emission properties for high-fidelity bio imaging by investigating the use of high performance donor-π-acceptor (D-π-A) fluorescent dyes, such as dicyanomethylene4H-pyran (DCM), quinoline-malononitrile (QM), and so on, for bio sensing and bio imaging applications. These fluorophores are known for their high sensitivity to electron disturbance and large Stokes shifts, making them promising platforms for developing fluorescent dyes and probes. However, the interaction of the donor receptor with electron-withdrawing targets (EWTs) can suppress the ICT pathway and quench the fluorescence, limiting their applicability. To address this issue, a molecular design strategy has been proposed wherein an indazole building block is inserted into the D-π-A motif to regulate intramolecular rotational driving energy. This strategy leads to a fluorescence umpolung effect, completely overturning the EWT-induced quenching mode into the light-up mode. The straightforward insertion of an indazole building block into the D-π-A fluorophores can substantially increase intramolecular rotation, resulting in a rotation-induced dark state, whereas the incorporation of EWTs can efficiently suppress rotation and enhance fluorescence. This strategy expands our understanding of ICT mechanisms and enables the design of ICT probes for light-up sensing of EWTs, such as N-acetyl transferases and nerve agents.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

3.1. AIM:

To investigate fluorescence spectral studies on the interaction of Acetic acid with 4-dicyanomethylene-2, 6-dimethyl-4h-pyran (DDP) dye in an aqueous solution.

3.2. SCOPE:

Our study focuses on Fluorescence spectral studies in a micro heterogeneous environment to investigate the behaviour of Host and Guest molecules. These studies aim to comprehend how the microenvironment influences the photophysical properties such as absorption, emission, and fluorescence lifetime of an Intramolecular charge transfer (ICT) based 4- Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran (DDP) dye with the addition of Acetic acid. The presence of both hydrophilic and hydrophobic moieties in the solutes behaves as an ideal host molecule. The majority of the research in the literature on the probe–host interactions took place in non–aqueous and organic solvents, but in the present investigation, the photophysical studies of these probes are carried out in the water, which is considered of biological importance.

3.2.1. The objective of the study:

Fluorescence spectral analyses of the interaction of Acetic acid with DDP dye in an aqueous solution have the following objectives:

- Absorption spectroscopy to ascertain the mode of interaction between Acetic acid and the DDP dye.
- Investigate how Acetic acid affects the DDP dye's micro-heterogeneous environment and learn more about the nature of the interaction through emission spectroscopy.
- Examine and analyse the quenching mechanism of the DDP dye by Acetic acid using the Stern-Volmer method.
- Using lifetime analysis, determine the fluorescence lifetime of the DDP dye in the presence and absence of Acetic acid and learn about the interaction mechanism.
- Provide a comprehensive understanding of the interaction between Acetic acid and the DDP dye in an aqueous solution using multiple fluorescence spectroscopic techniques, as well as develop and apply new methodologies and advancements for studying guest-host interactions.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1. MATERIALS:

2, 6-dimethyl-4-pyrone; malononitrile; acetic anhydride and Acetic acid, the porcine pancreas was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich are the chemicals used in the study. Ultrapure water was used throughout the experiments.

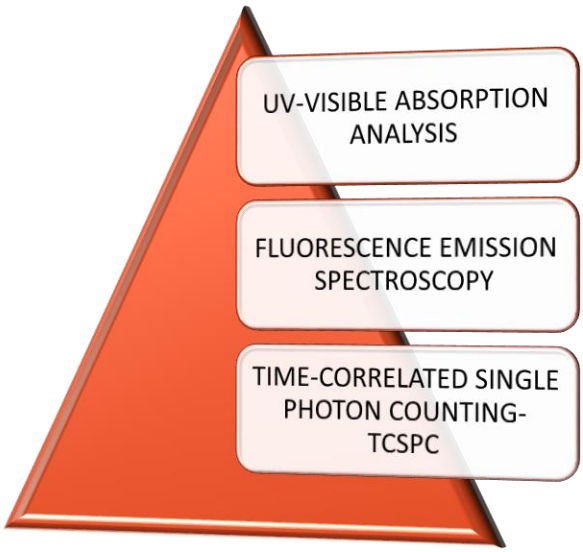
4.2. METHODS:

4.2.1.1 PREPARATION OF DDP DYE AND ACETIC ACID SOLUTIONS FOR SPECTRAL STUDIES:

Acetic acid was dissolved in ultra-pure water to form a 5x10-5 mol L-1 solution and then preserved at -20°C; different concentrations of Acetic acid (2.0 M, 4.0 M, 6.0 M, and 8.0 M) were prepared where the concentration of DDP dye (5x10-5 mol L-1) was fixed for steady-state absorption, emission and time-resolved fluorescence spectral studies.

4.2.2. INSTRUMENTAL TECHNIQUES:

The study employed spectroscopic methods to examine the interaction between DDP dye (the host molecule) and Acetic acid (the guest molecule).



4.2.2.1. UV–VISIBLE ABSORPTION ANALYSIS:

UV-VIS spectroscopy is based on the measurement of light absorbance across the ultraviolet (UV) and visible (VIS) regions of the electromagnetic spectrum with wavelength ranges of 200-800 nm. Incident light hits matter which can either be absorbed, reflected, or transmitted. The absorbance of radiation in the UV-Vis range causes atomic excitation, which refers to the transition of molecules from a low-energy ground state to an excited state.

The working principle of UV spectroscopy is based on the Beer-Lambert principle. When a monochromatic light beam passes through a solution of an absorbing material, the rate at which the intensity of the radiation decreases with the thickness of the solution is proportional to both the incident radiation and the concentration of the solution.

When a sample is placed in a spectrophotometer, it absorbs light at specific wavelengths determined by its chemical composition and structure. The detector measures the remaining light as it passes through the sample. The detector converts the intensity of the light into an electrical signal, which is then displayed on the screen as an absorbance versus wavelength spectrum.

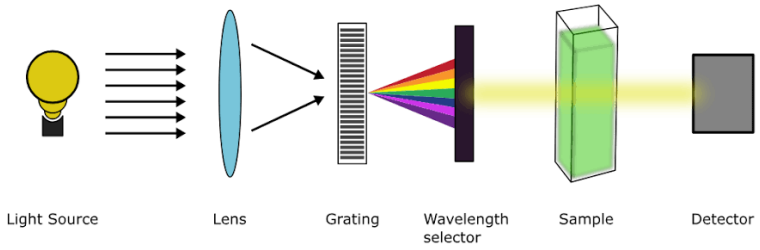


Fig.4.2.2.1.A. Components of UV Spectrophotometer



Fig.4.2.2.1.B. UV–VIS-1900I Spectrophotometer

(Department of Chemistry, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology)

4.2.2.2. FLUORESCENCE EMISSION SPECTROSCOPY:

Fluorescence emission spectroscopy is a potent analytical method that's frequently used for investigating a sample's electronic and molecular characteristics. It is based on the fluorescence phenomenon, which is when a molecule emits light after absorbing light of a particular wavelength.

When electromagnetic radiation interacts with matter's atoms and molecules, the electrons contained within these atoms may absorb energy and jump to a higher energy state, losing their stability. The excited electron is unstable in this higher energy state and rapidly loses its energy by vibrating with the nearby molecules, a process known as vibrational relaxation. A photon of light with a longer wavelength than the absorbed light is released as a result of this energy loss, which causes the excited electron to transition to a lower energy state. This spectrum of radiation emitted by electrons in excited atoms or molecules is known as the emission spectrum.



Fig.4.2.2.2. F-7100 FL Spectrophotometer

(International Research Centre (IRC), Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology)

4.2.2.3. TIME-CORRELATED SINGLE PHOTON COUNTING – TCSPC:

TCSPC stands for time-correlated single photon counting is a technique used to measure the time-of-flight of photons emitted by a sample. It is a method of using the timing of a pulsed excitation source, like a laser or LED, with the timing of the arrival of single photons on a detector to reconstruct the lifetime decay over many events (repetition of pulses and photons detected). This technique is based on the fact that the probability of detecting a single photon at time, t after an exciting pulse is proportional to the fluorescence intensity at time t.

The repetition of a laser or LED pulsed at a relatively high repetition rate (10 kHz to 100 MHz) is synchronized with the time the next photon arrives at a detector (i.e. PMT). Timing electronics in the form of a time-to-digital converter or time-to-amplitude converter (TAC) are used to record these events in succession until sufficient statistics

are collected to reconstruct the decay. The decay is then fit to an exponential function to model the lifetime decay (t). TCSPC is typically used to measure fluorescence lifetimes from the picosecond to the microsecond time scale.

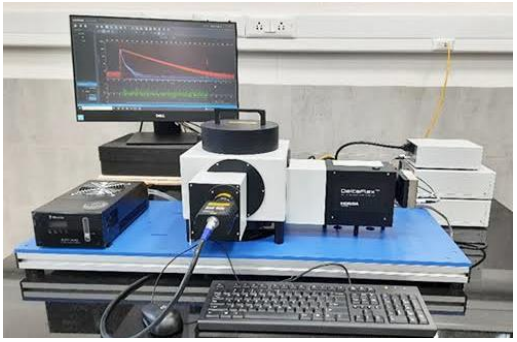


Fig.4.2.2.3. Time-Correlated Single Photon Counting (TCSPC) [Fluorolog – 3]
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CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1. UV–VISIBLE ABSORPTION ANALYSIS:

The UV–Visible absorption spectra of DDP dye with the addition of Acetic acid at different concentrations were investigated by a UV–Vis-1900i spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, Japan) at the Department of Chemistry in Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, which was equipped with 1cm quartz and performed from 180nm to 500nm.

DDP dye exhibits absorption peaks at 248 ± 2 nm and 348 ± 2 nm accompanied by a shoulder around 360 nm in water as shown in Fig 5.1.1. The absorption peaks at 248 ± 2 nm and 348 ± 2 nm are attributed to $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ and charge transfer (CT) transitions respectively. (Fig.5.1.1).

The addition of Acetic acid (10^{-5} mm to 1.0 M) results in no significant change in the absorbance at the longest wavelength of DDP dye. The absorbance at the ICT behaviour of dye absorption maximum remains unaltered even in the presence of more Acetic acid molecules surrounding the close vicinity of the dye but there is a decrease in the intensity of absorption peak upon the addition of Acetic acid. (Fig.5.1.2).

The results indicate that the addition of Acetic acid to DDP dye decreased the dye concentration but had no effect on the dye's absorption properties or ICT process. These experiments shed light on the interaction of Acetic acid and dyes, which could be useful in a variety of applications.

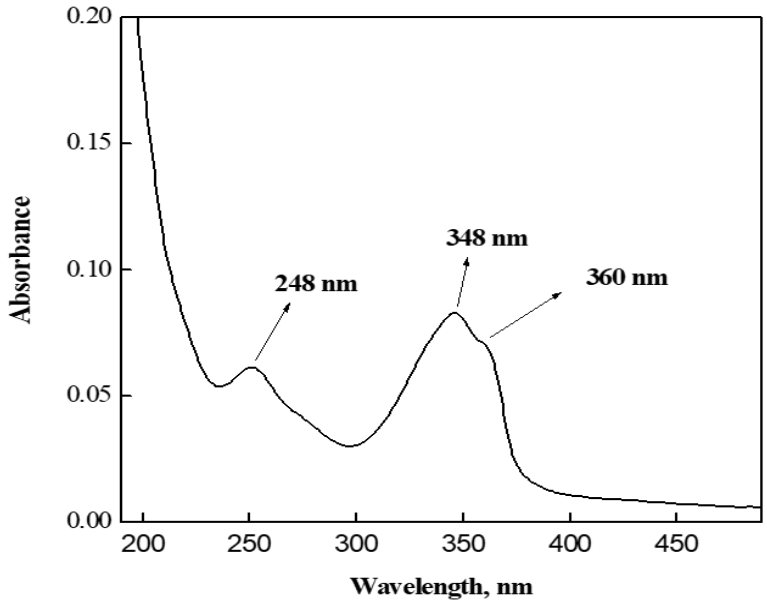


Fig.5.1.1. Absorption spectra of DCM dye (5 x 10-5 M) in water

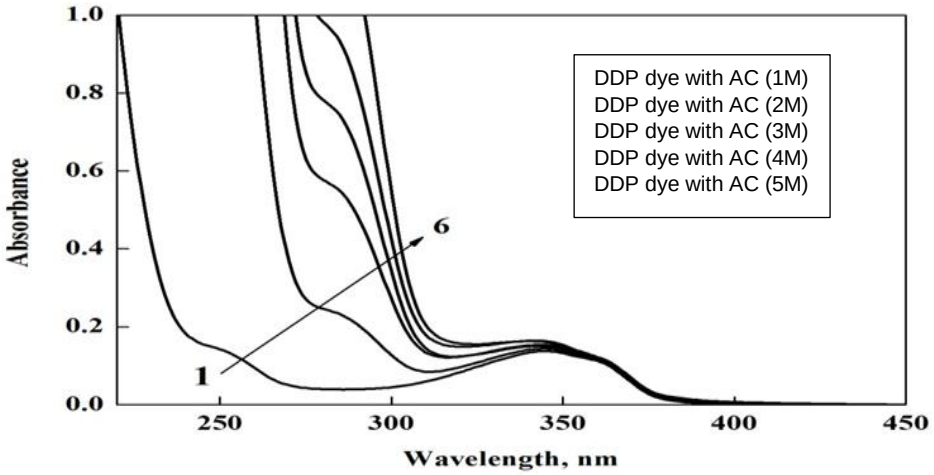


Fig.5.1.2. Absorption spectra of DDP dye (5 x 10-5 M) with varying Concentrations of Acetic acid in water. The concentration of Acetic acid:(1M ,2M,3M,4M,5M)

The absorption spectrum could not completely resolve the authenticity of the nature of the interaction between dyes and Acetic acid. To determine the precise nature of the interaction between dye and Acetic acid, steady-state and time-resolved fluorescence spectral studies were used to characterize the excited state properties of dye in the absence and presence of Acetic acid.

5.2. FLUORESCENCE SPECTRA ANALYSIS:

All fluorescence spectra were recorded on an F-7100 FL Spectrophotometer (Hitachi, Japan) at the International Research Centre (IRC) in Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, equipped with a 150W Xenon lamp source, and a 10mm quartz cell. The solution was moved to a quartz cell for analysis, and the widths of the emission and excitation slits were both set at 10.0 nm. The fluorescence emission spectra varied from 390 to 600nm, while the wavelength of excitation was chosen to be 370 nm.

The fluorescence spectrum of DDP dye in water exhibits a broad peak at approximately 436 ± 2 nm when excited at the longest wavelength absorption maximum, and this peak is assigned to the LE state emission. Fig.5.2.A. Spectroscopy is an effective and efficient way to investigate the conformational changes in proteins, as it allows for non-intrusive measurements of substances at low concentrations under simulated physiological conditions. Upon adding Acetic acid to DDP dye, the fluorescence intensity gradually decreases without any new emission band appearing, even at the highest concentration of Acetic acid (5.0M), as shown in fig.5.2.B. This observation rules out the formation of an exciplex as an intermediate. It is presumed that Acetic acid orients between the donor and acceptor moiety of DDP dye, resulting in a large variation in the microenvironment around the dye's close vicinity, leading to a quenching of the fluorescence intensity.

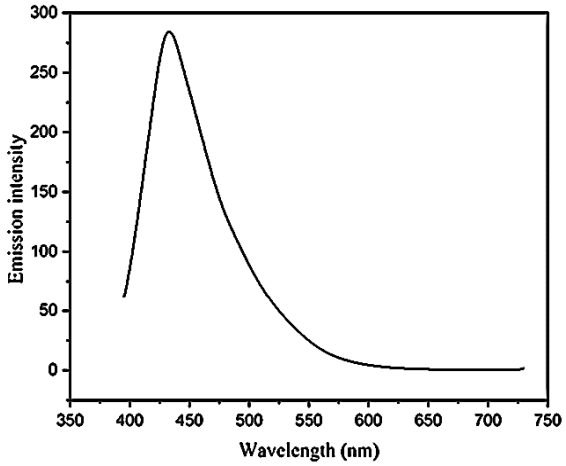


Fig.5.2.A. Emission spectra of DDP dye (5 x 10-5 M) in Water.

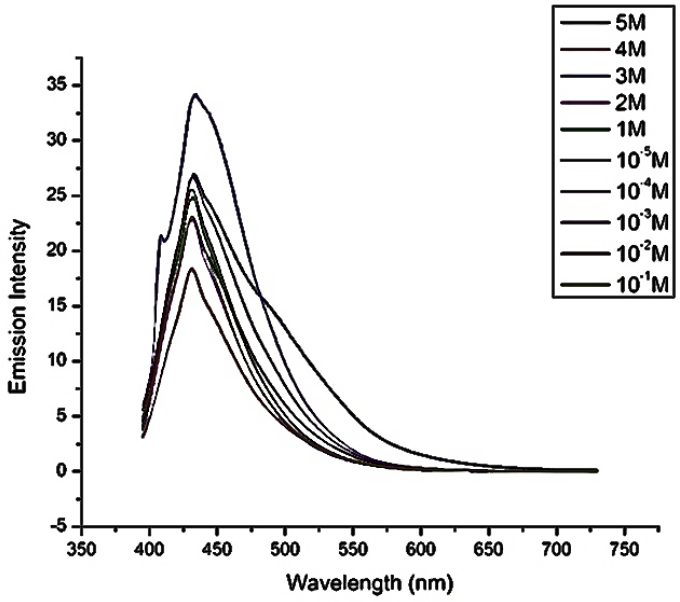
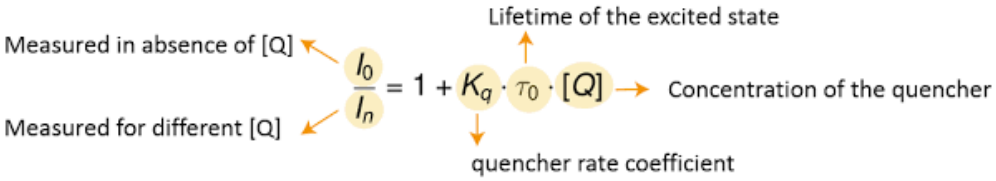


Fig.5.2.B. Emission spectra of DDP dye (5 x 10-5 M) with varying concentrations

Of Acetic acid in water. The concentration of Acetic acid: (10^{-5}M,10^{-4}M,10^{-3}M,10^{-2}M,10^{-1}M, 1M,2M,3M,4M,5M)

5.2.1. FLUORESCENCE QUENCHING MECHANISM:

Fluorescence quenching refers to the decrease in intensity of fluorescence emission from a fluorophore due to various processes. There are three main categories of quenching mechanisms: dynamic quenching caused by collisions with other molecules, static quenching resulting from the formation of ground-state complexes between the fluorophore and quencher, or a combination of both. Collisional quenching occurs when the excited-state fluorophore loses its energy through non-radiative pathways upon contact with other molecules in the solution. This process is not chemically altering the fluorophore or the quencher. Non-FRET quenching refers to the decrease in fluorescence emission that is not due to fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET), but rather to other mechanisms such as collisional quenching. For collisional quenching, the decrease in intensity is described by the well-known Stern-Volmer equation:



The Stern-Volmer plot is a graphical representation of the Stern-Volmer equation, where the fluorescence intensity ratio Io/In is plotted against the concentration of a quencher molecule. The plot usually forms a straight line, with the slope representing the Stern-Volmer constant (KSV) and the y-intercept equal to or less than 1. By analysing the slope of the Stern-Volmer plot, Io/In versus [Q], it is possible to determine the quenching mechanism and obtain the Stern-Volmer quenching constant, which is a parameter used to describe the efficiency of fluorescence quenching by a quencher, such as Acetic acid , providing insight into the mechanism of quenching.

In the case of Acetic acid and DDP dye, non-FRET such as collisional quenching occurs due to the hydrolysis of the dye molecule by Acetic acid , leading to a change in its electronic structure, resulting in the loss of its fluorescence properties, and hence the decrease in fluorescence emission.

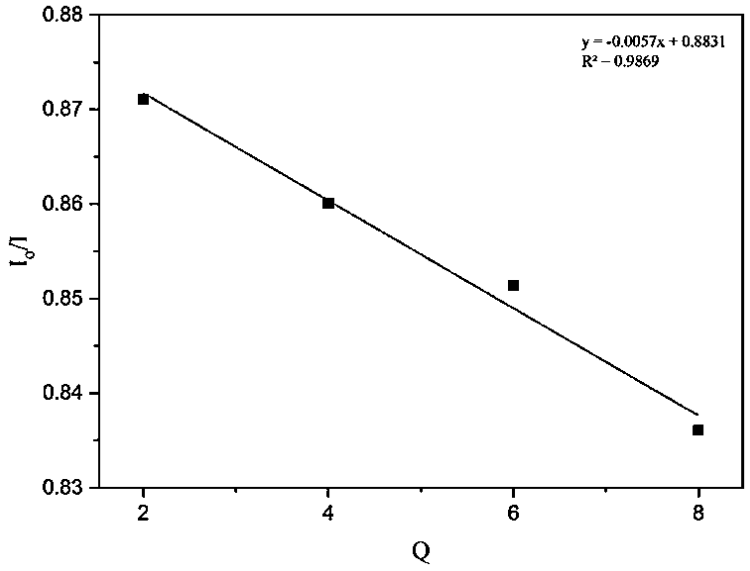


Fig. 5.2.1. Extent of fluorescence quenching of DDP dye on the addition of Acetic acid

5.3. TIME-RESOLVED FLUORESCENCE STUDIES:

Time-resolved fluorescence spectra of DDP dye in the presence and absence of trypsin at different concentrations were analysed by Fluorolog-3 at the Department of Medical Physics at Anna University with λex 370 nm and λem 436 nm.

The fluorescence decay of DDP dye exhibits a triexponential lifetime in an aqueous solution. A short lifetime component of 0.3 ns accompanied by a relatively long lifetime component coexisting in an aqueous solution at any concentration of the amide is observed.

The addition of Acetic acid results in a decrease and increase in the three-lifetime components irrespective of the concentration of the Acetic acid used. The fluorescence decay DDP dye with Acetic acid is shown in Fig.5.3.2. And the fluorescence lifetime is provided in Table.5.3.3.

All the three-lifetime components coexist in the aqueous phase even in the absence of Acetic acid. On the addition of Acetic acid, there is no abrupt change in the relative amplitude distribution of these components but a significant decrease in the fluorescence lifetime of one component and an increase in the fluorescence lifetime of another component.

The fluorescence lifetime component of ≈0.3 ns of DDP dye exists in solution even in the presence of a high concentration of Acetic acid. The existence of the small nanosecond component of DDP dye clearly reveals that the dye is predominantly surrounded by water molecules in its close proximity even in the presence of Acetic acid. The various hydrogen-bonding arrangement of dye with water molecules in the presence of Acetic acid coexist in the aqueous phase with large variations in their distribution supporting the existence of the multi-exponential lifetime components of dye. The decrease and increase in the fluorescence lifetime component of DDP dye are attributed to the hydrogen-bonding interaction of DDP dye by Acetic acid.

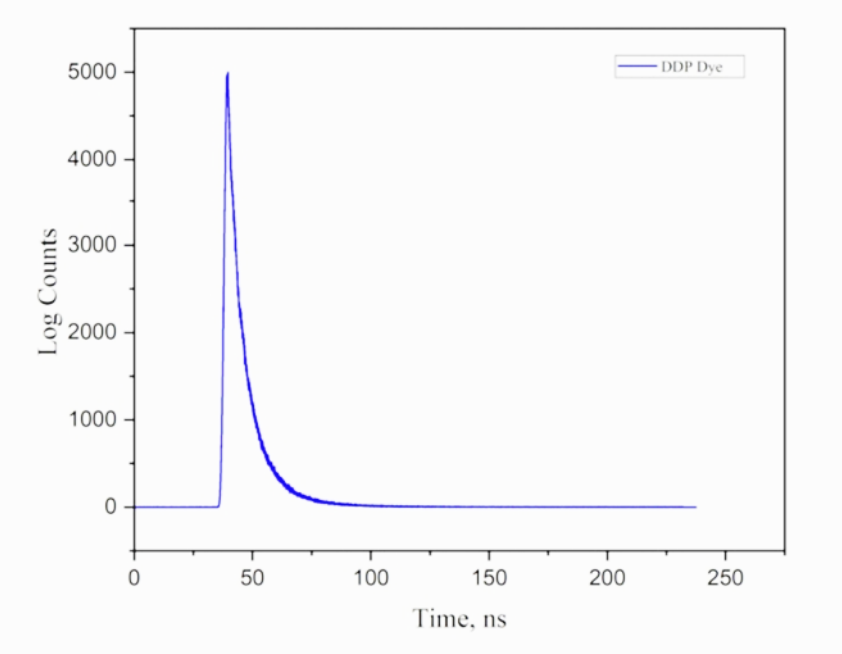


Fig.5.3. (A)

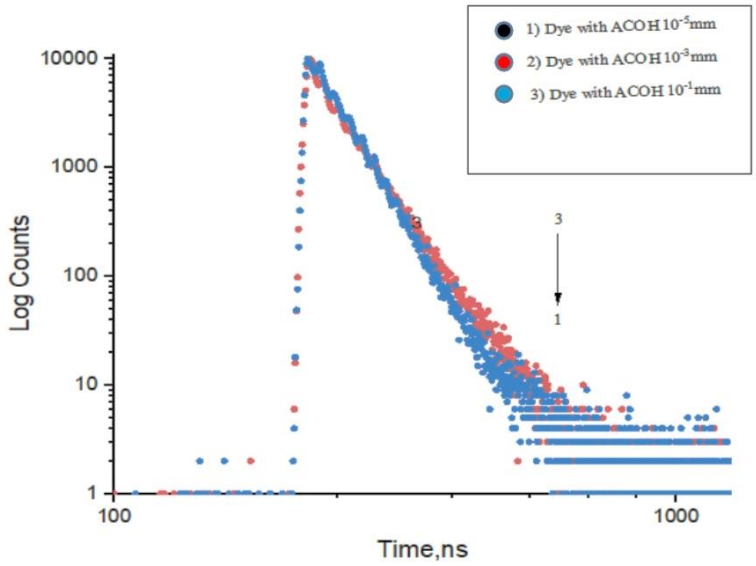


Fig.5.3. Fluorescence decay of DDP dye (5 x 10-5 M) as a function of acetic acid in water. (A) DDP dye alone; (B) i) DDP dye + Acetic acid 10-5 M, ii) DDP dye + Acetic acid 10-3 M, iii) DDP dye + Acetic acid 10-1 M.

Table.5.3. Fluorescence lifetime decay analysis of DDP dye with acetic acid in water

S.NO	[C]	T_1	T_2	T_3	B	B	B	X^2
1								
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5.4. ACETIC ACID DDP-DYE HYDROGEN BONDING IN THE PRESENCE OF WATER MOLECULES:

The Role of Hydrogen Bonding in the Interaction of Acetic acid and DDP Dye in Aqueous Solutions in Different Phases:

In the shell phase, acetic acid and DDP dye can form a well-organised hydrogen-bonding network with water molecules. The water molecules in the shell phase can surround the dye, and the hydrogen atoms of the water molecules can form hydrogen bonds with the electronegative atoms in the DDP dye and acetic acid. In this phase, the microenvironment of the dye is mainly influenced by the surrounding water molecules. In the intermediate phase, the dye is surrounded by fewer acetic acid molecules in the aqueous solution. In this phase, hydrogen bonds between the dye and acetic acid may form via acetic acid residues. The dye's microenvironment in this phase is influenced by both the surrounding water molecules and the acetic acid residues. In the bulk phase, the dye is surrounded by more acetic acid molecules in the aqueous solution. The formation of hydrogen bonds between the acetic acid molecules can influence the hydrogen bonding between the dye and acetic acid during this phase.

The dye's microenvironment in this phase is primarily influenced by the surrounding acetic acid molecules, but the presence of water molecules can also contribute to the hydrogen bonding interactions between the dye and acetic acid.

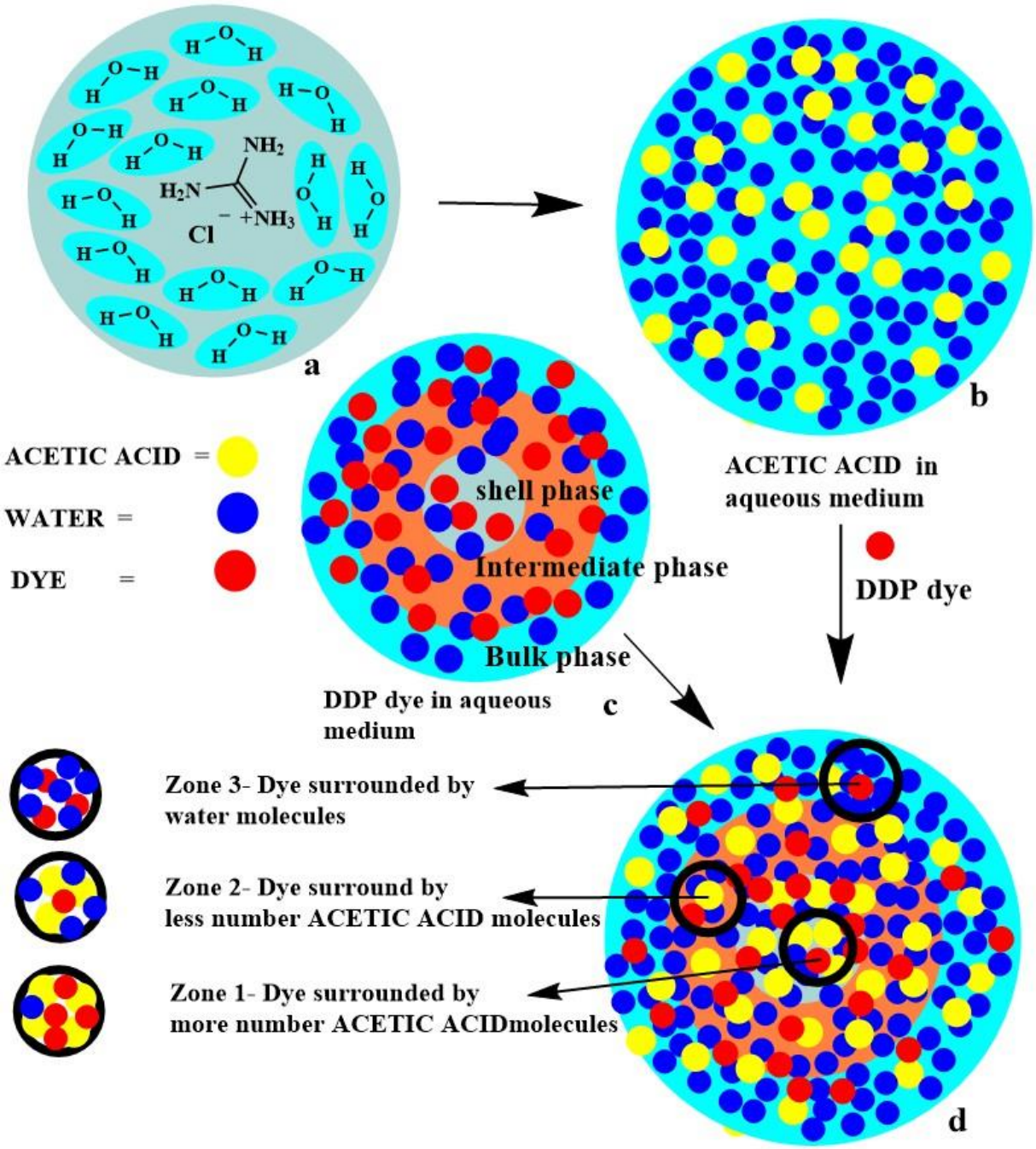


Fig.5.4. Hydrogen-bonding interaction of acetic acid with DDP dye in water

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The study investigated the interaction between acetic acid and the DDP dye in an aqueous solution through fluorescence spectral analysis. The absorption peak for the DDP dye was found at 248 ± 2 nm, 348 ± 2 nm, and 360 nm, and on adding acetic acid at different concentrations, the intensity peak decreased, while the absorbance at the ICT absorption maximum remained unaltered. This decrease was attributed to the promotion of an intramolecular charge transfer process between the donor and acceptor moieties of the dye ring structure.

Additionally, the fluorescence emission peak was found at 436 ± 2 nm, and the fluorescence quenching of the DDP dye was identified using Stern Volmer analysis. Furthermore, the fluorescence decay of the DDP dye in the presence of acetic acid showed a tri-exponential decay, indicating the presence of varying microenvironments around the dye with different fluorescence lifetimes and distributions. Specifically, one component exhibited a significant decrease in fluorescence lifetime, while another showed an increase, and the relative amplitude distribution remained unaltered. This suggests that the dye is located in a heterogeneous environment that causes variations in fluorescence lifetime and distribution.

Overall, the interaction of the DDP dye with acetic acid was largely hydrophobic, but the presence of hydrogen-bonding functional groups in acetic acid influenced the excited-state spectral properties of the DDP dye. As we increase the concentration there is a decrease in absorbance and fluorescence quenching taking place.

6.1. FUTURE DIRECTIONS:

There are several potential future directions for fluorescence spectral studies on the interaction of acetic acid with DDP dye in an aqueous solution. One possible direction is to perform molecular modelling and simulations to better

understand the structural and dynamic aspects of the interaction between acetic acid and DDP dye. This could involve using computational methods to explore how changes in the micro-environment.

Quantum chemical calculations could also be used to investigate the electronic structure and excited state properties of the DDP dye in the presence of acetic acid. These calculations could help to elucidate the underlying mechanisms of fluorescence quenching observed in the current study. Additionally, such calculations could assist in the design of new probes with improved photophysical properties for use in biosensors or laser applications.

Furthermore, it could be interesting to study the interaction between DDP dyes and other proteins or enzymes to determine photophysical properties or are more broadly applicable. This could involve using fluorescence spectral techniques to monitor changes in the dye's emission spectra or fluorescence lifetime in the micro-environment presence of different molecular aggregates components.

Overall, further investigations using advanced computational methods and a broader range of biological targets could help to expand our understanding of the interaction between DDP dye and biomolecules, with potential applications in biosensors and other optical technologies.

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Sunscreens are the most common products used for skin protection against the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation Historically, sunscreens were developed to filter out UVB (290 nm - 320 nm), but now the importance of UVA (320 nm-400 nm) sunscreens is realized. The most common UVA sunscreens are Avobenzone, Parsol etc., however the photochemistry of these materials has been poorly understood. In this work, we have rationally designed core moieties using nitrogen mustards with increased photo protective capacities with a new energy dissipation mechanism. Using these scaffolds, we are planning to synthesize a 1,5-bis(4-(bis(2-chloroethyl) amino) phenyl) penta-1,4-dien-3-one of compounds with tunable properties suitable for their use in sunscreens, and enhanced properties in terms of stability and light energy dissipation. This study provides the groundwork for the creation of safer and more efficient.

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CHAPTER - 1

1.INTRODUCTION:

The sun, with its warmth and radiance, is a source of life. Yet, its ultraviolet (UV) rays, while invisible to the naked eye, pose a significant threat to our skin's health. UV radiation penetrates the Earth's atmosphere, reaching our skin and causing a range of adverse effects, from sunburns to an increased risk of skin cancer. Photoprotection, therefore, is paramount in safeguarding our skin from the harmful effects of UV-induced damage.

The importance of photoprotection in mitigating UV-induced skin damage cannot be overstated. UV radiation damages the DNA in our skin cells, leading to mutations that can result in various forms of skin cancer, including melanoma, basal cell carcinoma, and squamous cell carcinoma. Additionally, UV exposure accelerates the aging process of the skin, causing wrinkles, age spots, and loss of elasticity. By using photoprotective measures such as sunscreen, protective clothing, and seeking shade during peak UV hours, we can significantly reduce our risk of UV-induced skin damage and its associated consequences.

1.1 Photoprotective compound mechanism:

The synthesis of photoprotective compounds is a crucial area of research, especially in fields such as cosmetics, dermatology, and materials science. Photoprotective compounds are designed to shield the skin or materials from the harmful effects of ultraviolet (UV) radiation, which can lead to skin damage, premature aging, and even skin cancer. Several classes of compounds can serve as photo protectants, including organic UV filters, inorganic nanoparticles, and antioxidant compounds.

The synthesis begins with the selection of appropriate starting materials, which typically include aromatic compounds or their derivatives. These starting materials should have properties suitable for UV absorption and stability under UV exposure.

1.2 Sun Protection Factor (SPF):

Sun Protection Factor (SPF) is a critical metric used to quantify the effectiveness of sunscreen products in protecting the skin from harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation. It serves as a guide to consumers in selecting appropriate sunscreens based on their intended duration of sun exposure and skin type. SPF values typically range from 2 to 50 or higher, with higher values indicating greater protection against UVB radiation.

SPF 15: Provides moderate protection, allowing individuals to stay in the sun 15 times longer without burning compared to unprotected skin.

SPF 30: Offers high protection, allowing individuals to stay in the sun 30 times longer without burning.

SPF 50: Provides very high protection, allowing individuals to stay in the sun 50 times longer without burning.

It's essential to note that no sunscreen can provide 100% protection, and SPF primarily indicates protection against UVB radiation, which causes sunburn. Broad-spectrum sunscreens protect against both UVB and UVA radiation, which penetrates deeper into the skin and contributes to skin aging and cancer.

1.3 UVA and UVB rays:

UVA rays penetrate the skin deeply, reaching the dermis, and are primarily responsible for photoaging, causing wrinkles, fine lines, and age spots. They can also contribute to the development of certain skin cancers, including melanoma. On the other hand, UVB rays affect the skin's outer layer, the epidermis, and are the main cause of sunburn and erythema. Prolonged exposure to UVB rays can lead to DNA damage and increase the risk of skin cancer over time. Protection against both UVA and UVB rays is essential for effective sun protection. This includes using broad-spectrum sunscreens, wearing sun-protective clothing, seeking shade during peak UV hours, and wearing UV-protective sunglasses. By understanding the distinct effects of UVA and UVB rays and implementing comprehensive sun protection measures, individuals can minimize the risk of sun damage and maintain healthy skin.

CHAPTER - 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

The enhanced synthesis of p[N,N-bis(Z-chloroethyl)amino]benzaldehyde, often known as benzaldehyde mustard, marks a significant development in the manufacturing of nitrogen mustard derivatives, a class of chemicals with remarkable biological activity. This synthesis approach improves the efficiency and yield of benzaldehyde mustard, a critical step in the synthesis of many pharmacologically active chemicals. The technique of producing benzaldehyde mustard typically involves the condensation reaction between benzaldehyde and bis(chloroethyl)amine, followed by additional purification processes to extract the desired product. The enhanced synthesis presumably involves improvements to reaction conditions, catalysts, or purification processes to enhance yield, purity, and scalability. Once manufactured, benzaldehyde mustard can be used as a versatile building block to create nitrogen mustard derivatives of other chemicals. For example, benzaldehyde mustard can be used to make derivatives of cinchophen and barbituric acid under appropriate conditions. This diversification broadens the range of nitrogen mustard compounds with potential pharmaceutical applications, such as anticancer drugs or alkylating agents for chemotherapy. Furthermore, benzaldehyde mustard can conduct condensation reactions with active methyl derivatives of specific heterocyclic compounds. This chemical method permits the creation of new heterocyclic compounds containing the nitrogen mustard moiety, which may have favourable pharmacological characteristics or target specific biological processes.[20]

The link between sun exposure and skin damage stretches back to the medieval period, long before contemporary scientific notions emerged. However, it wasn't until scientists described the electromagnetic spectrum that they were able to pinpoint ultraviolet (UV) radiation as the precise component responsible for skin damage caused by extended sunlight exposure. This discovery paved the door for the creation of sunscreen products designed to reduce the detrimental effects of UV radiation on the skin. Throughout ancient civilizations, different precautions were taken to prevent sun exposure, including the use of natural substances with

protective characteristics. Sunscreens have been used in one form or another for ages, but with crude formulations compared to modern standards. Over the last century, scientific research and public health activities have helped to raise awareness of the dangers of sun exposure. This increased awareness has resulted in substantial advances in the science, technology, and formulation of sunscreen products. Governments and health authorities throughout the world have also taken steps to regulate and promote the use of sunscreen as a protective strategy against UV-induced skin damage and diseases like melanoma. The surge in recreational sunbathing and artificial tanning methods has highlighted the need of sunscreen use, as these activities dramatically raise the risk of acquiring skin cancer and other UV-related illnesses.[28]

Inorganic ultraviolet filters (UVFs), such as nanosized zinc oxide (nZnO) and titanium dioxide (nTiO2), are increasingly used in sunscreens due to their ability to provide broad-spectrum sun protection while minimizing skin damage. However, these UVFs have generated concerns about developing pollutants in aquatic ecosystems. Studies have demonstrated that sunscreen-derived inorganic UVFs, particularly nZnO and nTiO2, can go through a variety of processes in aquatic ecosystems, including absorption, bioaccumulation, and metal ion release. Furthermore, these UVFs have been shown to produce reactive oxygen species, which can be harmful to aquatic creatures. In a comprehensive review of existing research, the authors investigate the origins, occurrences, behaviours, and effects of sunscreen-derived inorganic UVFs in aquatic habitats. They highlight the features of primary.[12]

Sunscreens have evolved into solutions with increasingly sophisticated compositions, and they now often contain a combination of UV filters designed to provide maximum protection against ultraviolet light. While these treatments are necessary for protecting human skin, there is rising worry regarding their chemicals' influence on aquatic ecosystems. Understanding the release, fate, modification, and interaction of sunscreen components with aquatic creatures is critical for determining their environmental presence and potential effects. This review paper examines and models the release and behaviour of sunscreen

chemicals in marine habitats, including interactions with aquatic creatures. Researchers used a variety of methodologies, including hydrodynamic and kinetic models, to investigate the physical-chemical characteristics, photodegradation, and release kinetics of sunscreen particles and compounds into water. The interaction of UV filters with marine species is generally investigated using toxicokinetic models, which anticipate the bioaccumulation of these compounds in aquatic organisms' tissues. These models take into account activities such as chemical intake, excretion, and transfer between different organs inside an organism, which are often described as first-order kinetics. The outcomes of these research are influencing change in the beauty and personal care industries. There is an increasing emphasis on discovering new ecological alternatives through research and development strategies. This includes researching alternative UV filters with a lower environmental impact and developing novel formulations that reduce harm to aquatic ecosystems while yet providing excellent sun protection for consumers. Finally, this research is critical in directing industry practices toward more sustainable and ecologically friendly sunscreen products.[22]

Sunscreen has become increasingly popular in recent years due to its capacity to efficiently filter harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation, minimizing skin disorders such as sunburn, premature aging, and immunosuppression. However, this analysis focuses on the components usually present in sunscreens and their possible implications on human health. Several sunscreen ingredients, including oxybenzone, avobenzone, homosalate, oxalate, enzacamene, and benzophenone, have been shown to enter the bloodstream. The discovery of these chemicals in plasma and urine has prompted worries about their safety, necessitating further research into their long-term effects. Furthermore, this study covers the detrimental effects related with several sunscreen components, including benzophenone, ecamsule, zinc oxide, titanium oxide, methylisothiazolinone, homosalate, octinoxate, aluminium oxide, and cinnamate derivatives such as octyl methoxycinnamate. In addition to analysing the potential health hazards associated with these compounds, the review looks at the mechanism of action of UV filters and the many methodologies used to evaluate the efficiency of sunscreen. These techniques include sun protection factor (SPF), persistent pigment darkening (PPD), and immune protection factor (IPF). Throughout the

literature study, the safety and effectiveness of the chemicals utilized in sunscreen formulas are closely examined. Any potential health hazards and toxicities connected with these compounds are carefully assessed in order to provide a thorough understanding of the effects of sunscreen use on human health.[5]

Photoallergic contact dermatitis (PACD) is a separate type of allergic contact dermatitis (ACD) caused by the interaction of a photosensitizing substance with ultraviolet (UV) light. Despite its clinical importance, PACD is a largely underappreciated and difficult dermatological disorder to identify. Understanding its clinical symptoms, common photo allergens, and diagnostic procedures like photo patch testing (PPT) is critical for appropriate diagnosis and treatment. PAND causes eczematous outbreaks in sun-exposed parts of the skin, including the face, neck, hands, and forearms. The clinical appearance may include erythema, edema, vesicles, bullae, and pruritus, similar to other types of dermatitis. PACD's distinguishing trait is its photo distributed pattern, with lesions appearing preferentially in sun-exposed areas. Common Photo allergens: Many substances can cause PACD. These include scents (e.g., musk ambrette), sunscreens (e.g., para-aminobenzoic acid derivatives), topical antibiotics (e.g., neomycin), and plant extracts. The mechanisms underpinning photoallergic reactions entail the sensitizing agent absorbing UV radiation, which results in the creation of reactive intermediates that activate an immunological response. Diagnosing PACD might be difficult owing to various variables. First, its clinical presentation is similar to other photo dermatoses and allergic skin disorders, needing a comprehensive differential diagnosis. Second, PACD may resemble other photo distributed dermatoses, such as polymorphous light eruption (PMLE), making it difficult to distinguish based only on clinical characteristics.[24]

CHAPTER – 3

AIM AND SCOPE

Everybody needs sunscreen; including people with dark skin, similarly humans aren't the only organisms that need sunscreen to avoid DNA damage inflicted by ultraviolet light. Many tiny inhabitants of shallow waters such as cyanobacteria and algae also need sun protection, but they make their own, different types of sunscreens achieve these goals in several ways. There are two kinds of UV rays from the sun that people need protection from: UVA and UVB. UVA light has longer wavelengths, about 315–400 nm, and UVB rays are somewhat shorter, about 280–315 nm. UVB light can damage the DNA in the outer layer of our skin, called the epidermis, as well as cause sunburn. UVA rays can shoot through to the middle skin layers, called the dermis. They can cause minor damage, such as tanning and wrinkles, as well as trigger DNA damage that can lead to skin cancer. Of the UV rays that reach the earth's surface, about 90% are UVA, and 10% are UVB. The sun also emits UVC light, but it's filtered out by the ozone layer and the atmosphere, so doesn't reach the ground. The combination and quantity of sun filters is carefully selected to ensure proper coverage across the UVA and UVB range to provide broad-spectrum protection. The FDA estimated that in 2016 people in the US used over 28 million kg of sun filters, all organics. The next most-used filter was another organic filter, octinoxate, which people used a mere 8.6 million kgs. Last on the most-used list were two mineral sun filters, people slathered on around 5 million kg of each TiO_2 and ZnO. Skin cancer incidence has been increasing in the last decades, but most of the commercial formulations used as sunscreens are designed to protect only against solar erythema. Many of the active components present in sunscreens show critical weaknesses, such as low stability and toxicity. Thus, the development of more efficient components is an urgent health necessity and an attractive industrial target.

CHAPTER - 4

MATERIALS AND EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

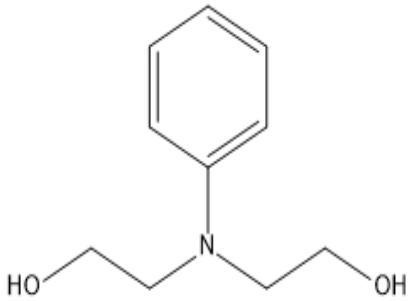
4.1 MATERIALS:

All the materials which are being used in this synthesis are analytical grade and technical grade and are not purified further. The chemicals used are phosphorus oxychloride, N-phenyldiethanolamine [technical grade], benzene, Absolute Methanol, Dimethylformamide [DMF], Acetone, Ethanol, Hexane, Dichloromethane[DCM].

4.2 METHODS:

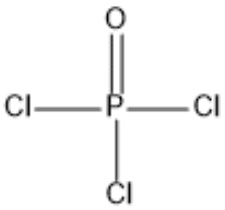
4.2.1 Preparation of *N,N-bis(2-chloroethyl)aniline*:

Scheme:

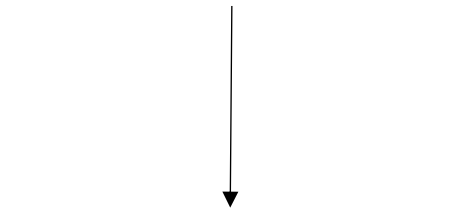


N-phenyldiethanolamine

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phosphorus oxychloride



N,N-bis(2-chloroethyl)aniline

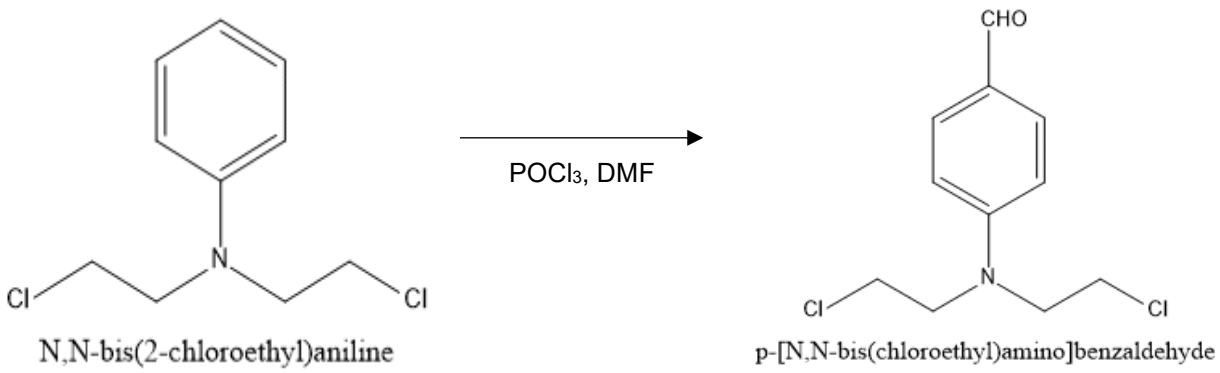
The process begins with the accurate measurement and placement of N-phenyldiethanolamine (N-PDEA) [50g] in a 250ml round-bottom flask (RB flask). Simultaneously, ($POCl_3$) is pre-chilled in an ice bath. The slow addition of $POCl_3$(60ml) to the N-phenyldiethanolamine (N-PDEA) initiates the reaction.

After allowing the reaction to proceed for 2 hours, benzene (C_6H_6) is introduced. Benzene, known for its excellent solvent properties in organic reactions, aids in the formation of two distinct layers within the flask: the organic benzene layer, containing the desired product, and the aqueous layer. The subsequent critical step involves carefully isolating the organic benzene layer, effectively separating it from any impurities or unreacted starting materials present in the aqueous layer.

With the isolated organic layer, the chemist proceeds to dry it over magnesium sulphate ($MgSO_4$), which acts as a desiccant, efficiently removing any residual water. The dried solution is then transferred to a rotary evaporator, where the benzene solvent is gently evaporated at 65°C. As the solution is concentrated, a precipitate forms. To complete the synthesis, 30 ml of methanol is added to a beaker containing ice flakes. Continuous stirring ensures thorough mixing, leading to the precipitation of N,N-bis(2-chloroethyl)aniline. The final yield of 49 grams underscores the success of this intricate process, indicating a high efficiency in the conversion of starting materials to the desired product.

4.2.2 Preparation of p-[N,N-bis(chloroethyl)amino]benzaldehyde:

Scheme:



N,N-bis(2-chloroethyl)aniline

p-[N,N-bis(chloroethyl)amino]benzaldehyde

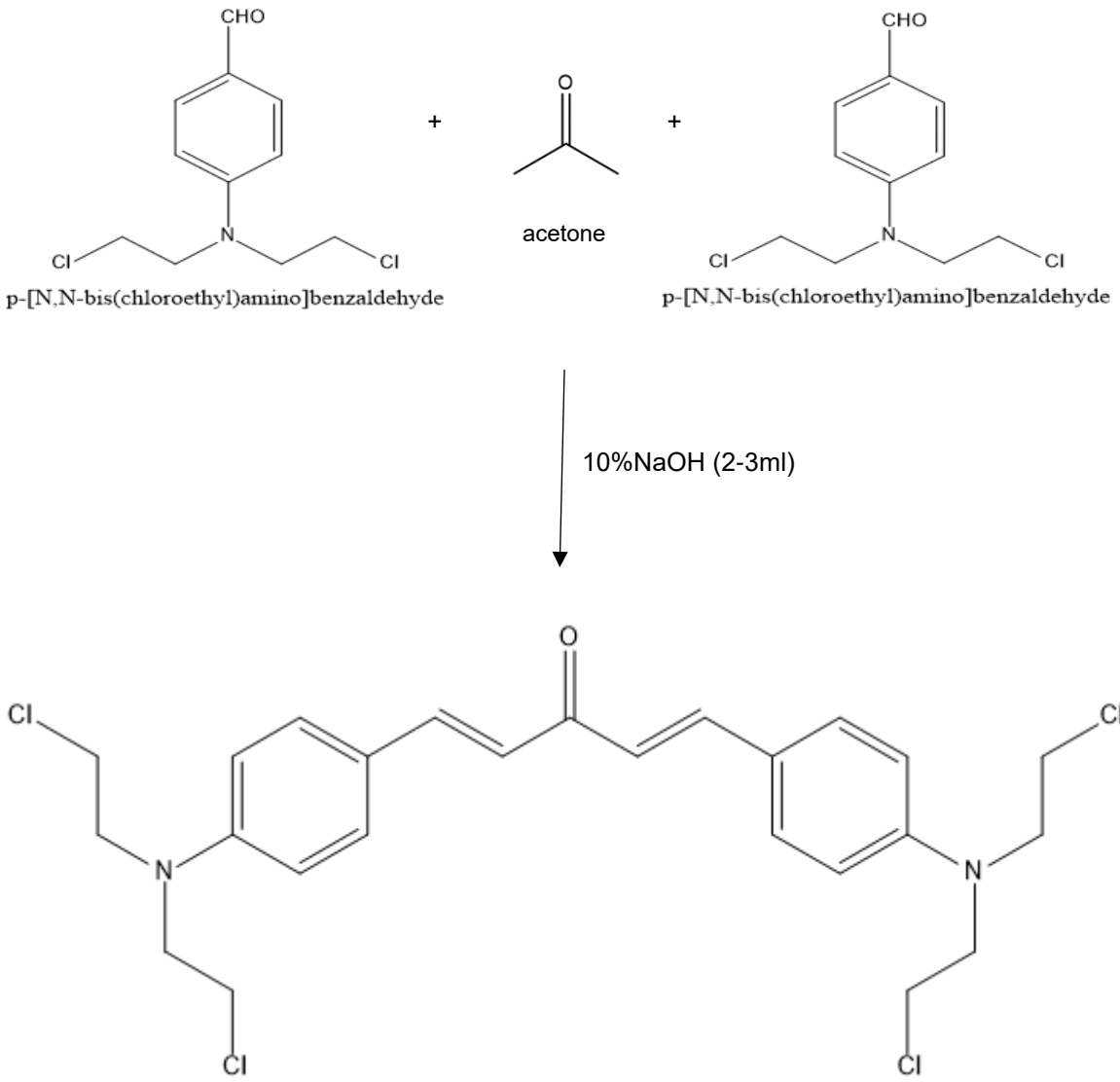
Dissolve the starting material, N,N bis(2 chloroethyl)aniline, in dimethylformamide (DMF). DMF is a popular polar aprotic solvent in chemical synthesis because it can dissolve a wide spectrum of organic molecules. In the thesis, this step would be explored in terms of solvent selection and suitability for the reaction.

Phosphorus oxychloride ($POCl_3$) is gradually added to the dissolved solution while an ice bath is maintained. This addition most likely acts as a chlorinating agent, replacing hydrogen with chlorine atoms in the initial molecule. This procedure would be explained in the thesis in terms of how it introduces chloroethyl groups into the aniline molecule.

Following the addition of $POCl_3$, the solution is heated in a hot water bath for a set time two hours. This stage is likely critical for bringing the reaction to a close and driving any remaining changes. The thesis would go over why this heating step is necessary, as well as how it affects reaction dynamics and product generation. The solution is poured into an ice-filled beaker, resulting in the precipitation of the desired product, p-[N,N bis(chloroethyl)amino]benzaldehyde. Filtration is then used to separate the solid precipitate from the reaction mixture.

4.3 SYNTHESIS OF 1,5-bis(4-(bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)phenyl)penta-1,4-dien-3-one

Scheme:



1,5-bis(4-(bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)phenyl)penta-1,4-dien-3-one

[N,N bis(2-chloroethyl)amino]benzaldehyde(0.49g,0.2M) was dissolved in 20 ml of methanol in a round bottom flask. Subsequently, 0.73 ml of acetone and 2 ml of 10% NaOH solution were swiftly added to the mixture in a 1:2 ratio under ice-cold conditions.

The flask was then placed in ice flakes to facilitate the reaction. Over a duration of 2 hours, the reaction mixture was stirred on a magnetic stirrer. Throughout this period, careful observation of the solution's colour change was conducted. Upon completion of the reaction, the reacted solution was subjected to Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) analysis. The appearance of spots on the TLC plate confirmed the formation of the desired product, thereby validating the success of the synthesis.

4.3.1 Removal of Impurities:

Column chromatography is used to separate chemicals from a mixture based on their interactions with a stationary and mobile phase. Hexane and ethyl acetate are used as the mobile phase, with silica gel serving as the stationary phase.

The column is packed with silica gel, which acts as the stationary phase. The silica gel is carefully packed to ensure an even distribution and optimal separation.

The yellowish-orange-coloured crystals, which contain the mixture of compounds to be separated, are first washed with dichloromethane (DCM). This step helps remove impurities and ensures better resolution during the chromatographic separation. After washing, the crystals are mixed with silica gel to form a slurry.

The slurry containing the sample mixture and silica gel is carefully introduced into the column. The sample is loaded onto the top of the column, which will allow it to gradually travel down through the stationary phase.

The mobile phase solvent consists of 15% ethyl acetate and 85% hexane. This combination is carefully produced to achieve the appropriate separation conditions.

As the mobile phase solvent flows through the column, various components of the sample mixture interact in different ways with the stationary phase. This causes the components to separate based on their affinity for the stationary phase versus the mobile phase.

During the chromatographic separation process, fractions are collected from the column at regular intervals. The fractions are then analysed on thin-layer chromatography (TLC) plates. TLC is a technique for separating and identifying compounds in a mixture using their movement through a stationary phase coated on a plate. The presence of a single spot on the TLC plate for a fraction indicates that the compound is pure.

Fractions with single spots on the TLC plates, which indicate the presence of pure compounds, are collected. These fractions are then dried, and the solvent is removed to yield the pure compounds in oily form.

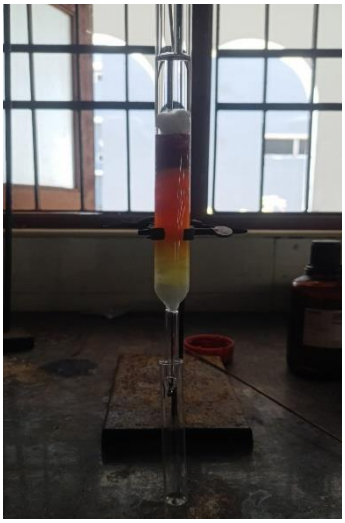


Fig 4.3.1

Column chromatography



Fig 4.3.2

TLC Single spot

CHAPTER – 5
RESULT AND DISSCUSION

5.1 ULTRAVIOLET-VISIBILE (UV-VIS) SPECTROSCOPY:

UV-Vis spectroscopy is a widely used analytical technique for determining substance concentration by measuring the absorbance of ultraviolet or visible light by a sample.

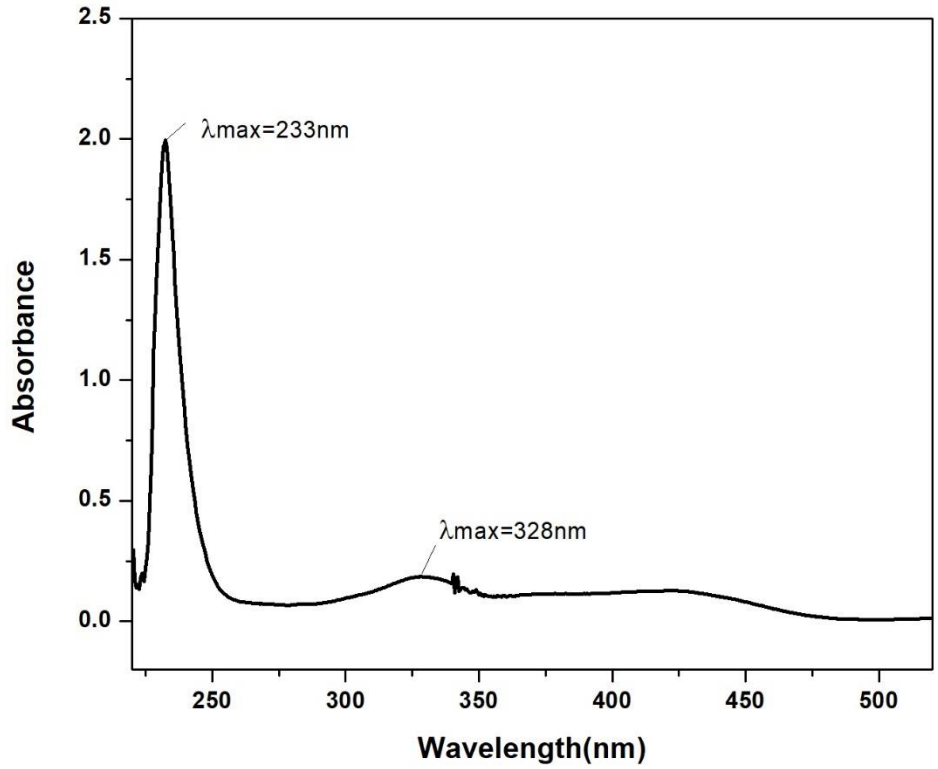


Fig. 5.1 Spectrum of UV-Vis

The UV-visible absorption spectrum of the compound was recorded in the region around 200–800 nm using dichloromethane (DCM) as a solvent. α, β-unsaturated carbonyl Compounds usually show two absorption bands pertaining to the n–π* and π–π* transitions. The compound shows intense absorption Peaks above 233

nm and weak bands at around 330–350 nm. The compound studied show two well defined absorption bands consistent with the above. It shows a strong absorption band between 228–254 nm shows a relatively weak band at 330–350 nm which is due to n–π* transition in the conjugated chain including the carbonyl moiety. This λ_{max} value may be attributed to the molecule in its entirety and is not specific to a single chromophore. The compound shows a weak absorption band at around 330–350 nm (π–π* transitions) due to the benzoyl or acrylophenone chromophore. Compound show a minor peak at around 330–350 nm (Fig. 5.1). Compound Show bathochromic shifts if there are substituents other than hydrogen in the para position of ring. Electron donating groups show a larger shift when they are present on ring compound studied contains the same –N(CH2CH2Cl)2 group. Since the literature reports that ring is more sensitive to substitution there is no significant changes in absorption were not expected. Electron withdrawing groups, however show a large bathochromic shift when present on ring.

5.2 FOURIER-TRANSFORM INFRARED (FTIR) SPECTROSCOPY:

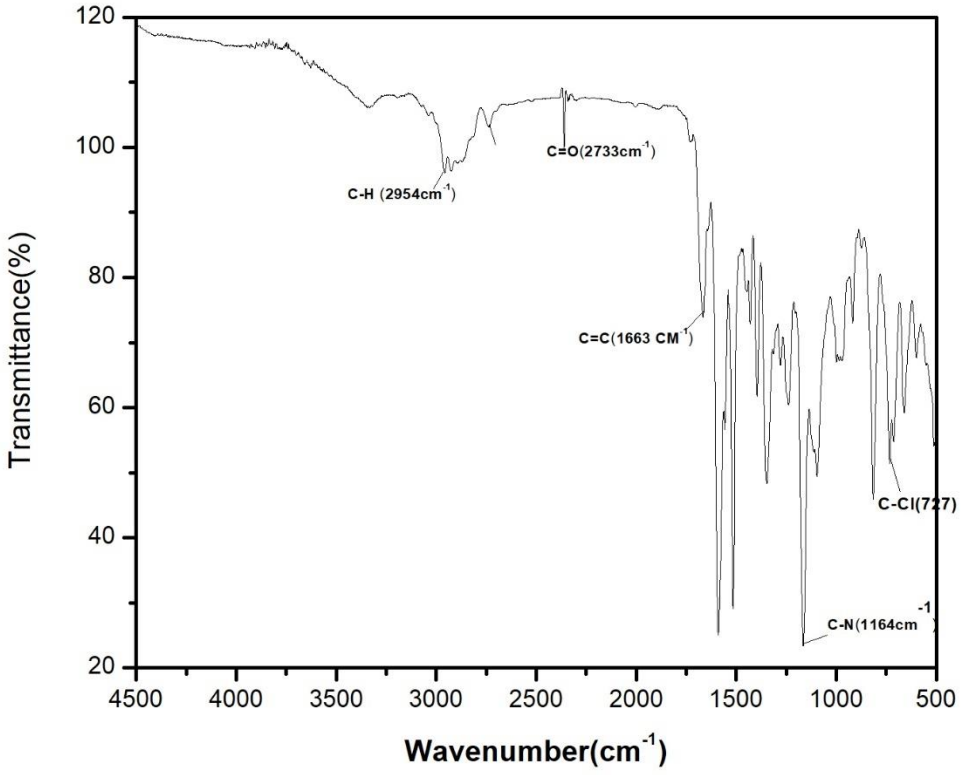


Fig 5.2 Spectrum of FTIR

The IR spectra of compound were Studied. The stretching frequency of α, β-unsaturated carbonyl Compounds usually lies in the range of 1660–1685 cm^{-1}. However, Resonance with additional conjugation will lower the stretching Frequency. The carbonyl stretching frequencies for the Compound investigated occur at 1600–1680 cm^{-1} also the carbonyl stretching frequency is located at 1000-1300 cm^{-1}. This is probably due to the presence of two electron donating methoxy groups and intramolecular hydrogen bonding Between the a-hydrogen and the methoxy oxygen. The C–Cl Stretching frequency occurs at 850–550 cm-1 while aromatic C–N Stretching is observed at 1237–1347 cm^{-1}. Absorption bands at 1433–1517 cm^{-1} are due to C-C stretching vibrations. Alkyl And aromatic C–H bending occur at 2800–3000 cm^{-1} and 812 cm^{-1} respectively. In compound, C–O Stretching occurs at 1000–1300 cm^{-1}. Absorption bands at1265 cm^{-1} in the compound can be attributed to Aromatic C–O stretching. The C–Cl Stretching occurs at 550–850 cm^{-1}.

Sl. no	**Wavenumber(cm^{-1})**	**Functional group**
1.	1164 cm^{-1}	C-N
2.	2800-3000 cm^{-1}	C-H
3.	1750 cm^{-1}	C=O
4.	1600-1680 cm^{-1}	C=C
5.	1000-1300 cm^{-1}	C-O
6.	850-550 cm^{-1}	C-Cl

Table 5.2 Spectral data of FTIR

5.3 NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE:

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) is a powerful tool used for determining the structure of organic compounds and for studying molecular physics, crystals, and non-crystalline materials. It's also essential in medical applications, particularly in Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).

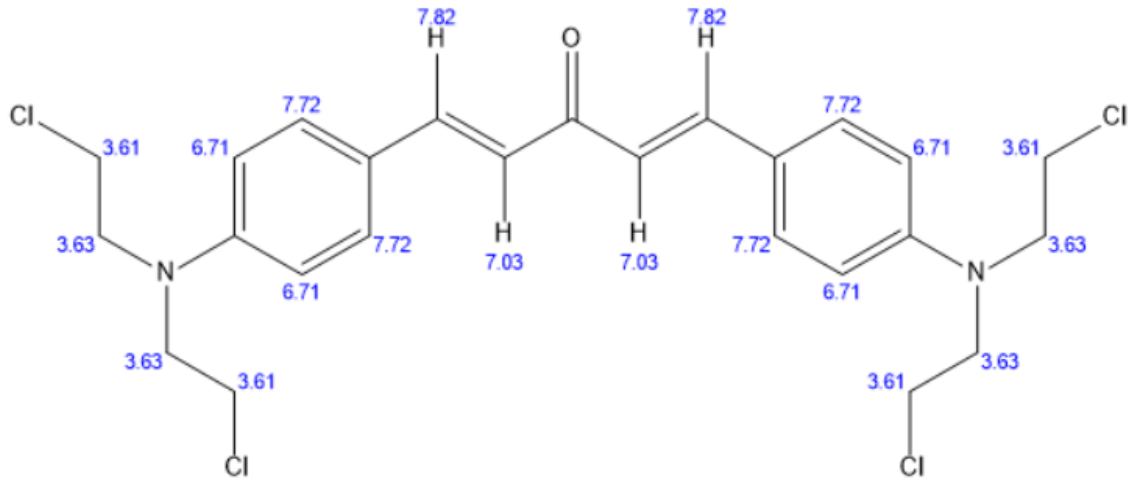


Fig 5.3.1 Structural analysis in NMR

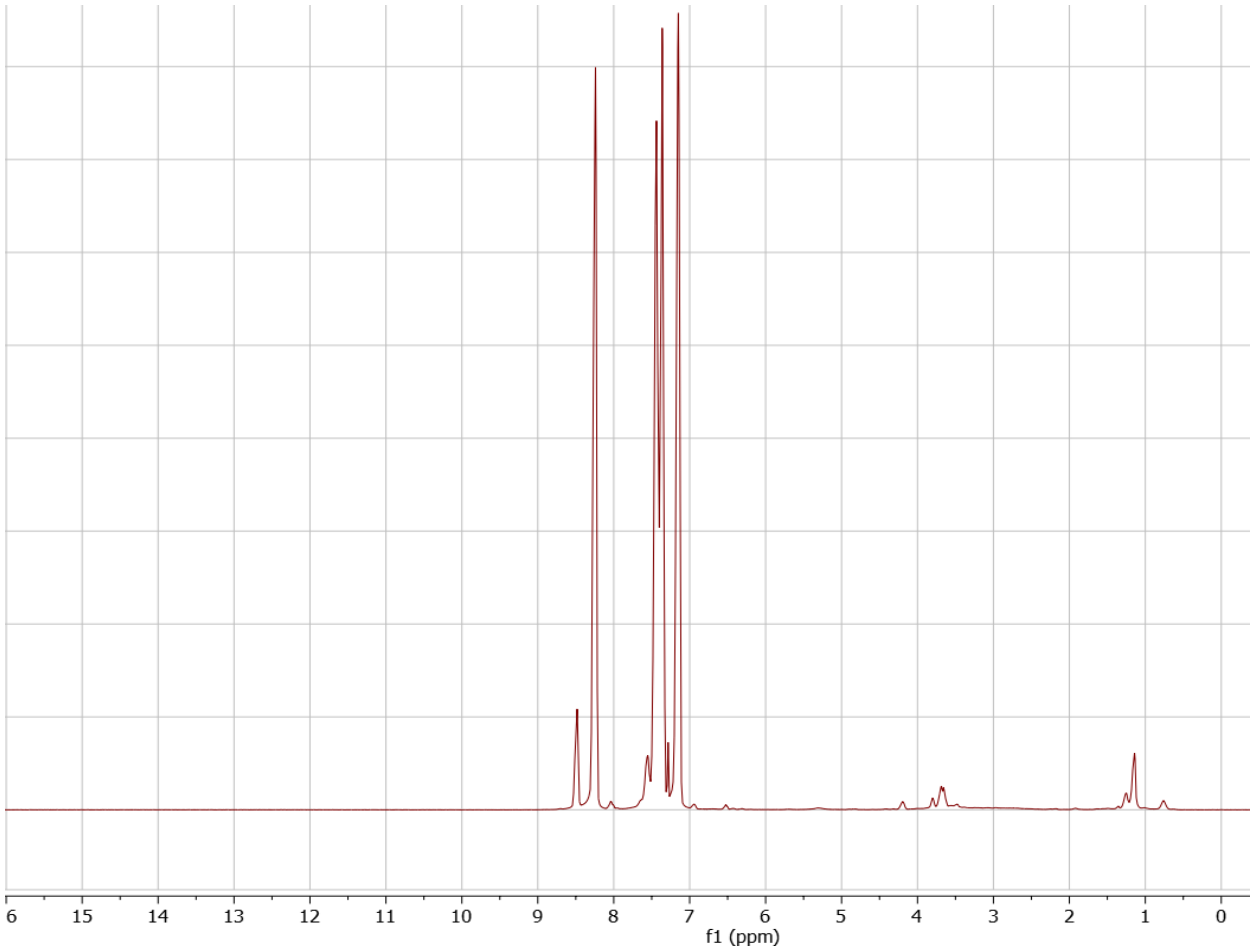


Fig 5.3.2 Spectrum of ^{1}H NMR

The proton nuclear magnetic resonance (1H NMR) spectra were obtained for the compounds that were synthesized, using d6-DMSO as the solvent. The protons in the olefinic region were observed in the 7.59 – 7.81 ppm range, exhibiting various splitting patterns. The protons in the aromatic rings were found in the 6.70–8.20 ppm range, and their appearance was influenced by the different substituents present in both rings. The methylene protons belonging to the *bis(chloroethyl)amino groups* were detected in the 3.65–3.83 ppm range.

CHAPTER – 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The 1,5-bis(4-(bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)phenyl)penta-1,4-dien-3-one were synthesized using p-[N,N-bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]benzaldehyde and acetone via the Claisen–Schmidt condensation reaction. Nitrogen mustard based these derivatives absorbs strongly at 328nm (UV –A) and weak bands at around 220–270nm (UV –B). Which is due to n–π* and π-π* transition respectively including the carbonyl moiety. The stretching frequency of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl compounds usually lies in the range of 1644–1647 cm^{-1}. However, resonance with additional conjugation will lower the stretching frequency. The ^{1}H NMR spectra were recorded for the synthesized compound with d^{6}-DMSO as the solvent. The olefinic protons appeared in the region of 7.59 – 7.81 ppm with different splitting patterns. The aromatic protons of both rings appear in the range of 6.70–8.20 ppm and are dependent on the various substituents present in both the rings. The methylene protons of the bis(chloroethyl)amino groups appear in the range of 3.65–3.83 ppm. The important parameter SPF for this compound range is 13.8. The present studies, conclude that the nitrogen mustard-based sunscreens are UV-A filter (oil-soluble) for sun care.

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ABSTRACT

Chalcogenides have recently garnered significant attention in the field of nanoscience due to their unique characteristics and vast potential for applications. These compounds are crucial in driving advancements in nanoscience and nanotechnology, showcasing a plethora of applications that span from optoelectronic devices to energy storage solutions and environmental remediation techniques. This study in on the primary synthesis of Cobalt Tin Sulphide using ball milling methodology, which is a ternary chalcogenide compound and to explore and understand its inherent properties using modern characterization techniques. Furthermore, the research aims to investigate its potential applications, particularly its efficacy in photocatalytic dye degradation processes. Additionally, the study seeks to evaluate its suitability and performance in various other applications to harness its full potential in the field of nanotechnology and material science.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

CVD	Chemical Vapor Deposition
DC	Direct current
MA	Mechanical Alloying
BPR	Ball to Powder Ratio
PUL	Particle Uniformity Level
OER	Oxygen Evolution Reaction
GO	Graphene Oxides
HEBM	High-Energy Ball Milling
XRD	X-ray diffraction
SEM	Scanning Electron Microscope
TEM	Transmission Electron Microscope
UV	Ultra Violet
DRS	Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy
FWHM	Full Width Half Maximum

CHAPTER – 1

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Nanotechnology and Nanomaterials

Nanotechnology is the innovatory technology of the twenty-first century, and nanoscale materials have created a considerable amount of attention from researchers. It is an emerging interdisciplinary area of research wherever groupings of atoms as well as molecules are handled at the nanometer levels. It can be defined as the systematic study of materials that have properties critically dependent on length scales on the order of nanometers. Such novel and improved properties make nanoscale materials promising candidates to provide the best scientific as well as technological progress in a number of fields in particular communications, electronics, energy, environment, information, biology, pharmacy, health care, and medical care. The definition of nanotechnology has been divided into two parts, one is the part about manufacturing at dimensions of 1–100 nm, and the other is about characteristics of materials at the nanoscale that make possible their exploit for novel applications. The size range that holding a great deal of attention is characteristically from 100 nm down to the atomic level, for the reason that it is in this range that materials have fundamentally distinct properties from their bulk counterparts.

Nanomaterials are a diverse class of substances that have structural constituents lesser than 100 nm in minimum one dimension. Nanomaterials consist of nanoparticles which are particles, with at least two dimensions between about 1 and 100 nm. Nanomaterials have a higher surface area to volume ratio in addition to the number of surface atoms as well as their arrangement decides the size and properties of the nanoscale materials. Size reduction of materials can bring about an entire range of novel physicochemical features and prosperity of prospective applications. These features very much rely upon size, shape, surface area as well as the structure of element. [Patel, et.al 2021]

1.2. Nano material classification based on material:

1.21. Carbon-based nanomaterials

Carbon-based nanomaterials include fullerenes, carbon nanotubes, graphene and its derivatives, graphene oxide, nano diamonds, and carbon-based quantum dots.

1.22. Inorganic-based nanomaterials

An inorganic nanomaterial can comprise a metal or non-metal element, or take the form of an oxide, hydroxide, chalcogenide or phosphate compound.

1.23. Organic-based nanomaterials

These nanoscale materials are made mostly from organic matter, aside from inorganic-based or carbon-based nanomaterials. The use of noncovalent interactions for self-assembling and molecular designing helps to transform the organic nanomaterials into coveted structures such as micelles, dendrimers, ferritin, micelles, compact polymers, and liposomes nanoparticles.

1.24. Composite-based nanomaterials

The composites may be any combinations of carbon- based, metal-based, or organic-based nanomaterials with any form of metal, or polymer bulk materials. Nanomaterials are fabricated in diverse morphologies contingent on the essential properties for the desired application.

1.3. Nanomaterial's classification based on their dimensions:

Nanomaterials with structural characteristics at the nanoscale can be created in various forms.

a. Zero-dimensional (0-D),
b. One-dimensional(1-D),
c. Two-dimensional (2-D),
d. Three dimensional (3-D)

Electrons in 0-D nanomaterials are captured in a dimensionless space while 1-D nanomaterials have electrons that can shift along the x-axis, which is less than 100 nm. Similarly, 2D and 3D nanomaterials have electron associations along the x, y-axis, and x, y, z-axis in that order. [Firdos Alam,et.al 2020]

Table 1.3 Classification of Nanomaterial

S. No	Nanomaterials based on their dimensions	Nature of nano materials	Examples of Nano materials
1	Zero-dimensional	Amorphous or crystalline	Single crystalline or polycrystalline nanoparticles
2	One-dimensional	Amorphous or crystalline	Nanotubes, nanowires, nanofibers, nanorods
3	Two-dimensional	Amorphous or crystalline	Nanofilms, dendrimers, nanolayers, nanotextured surfaces or thin films, etc.
4	Three-dimensional	Crystalline	Quantum dots, fullerenes, nanoparticles, nanocrystals, colloids, nano shells.

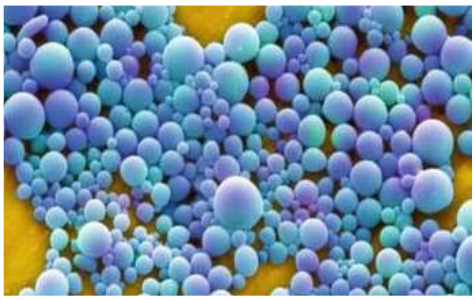


Fig 1.31 Zero-dimensional

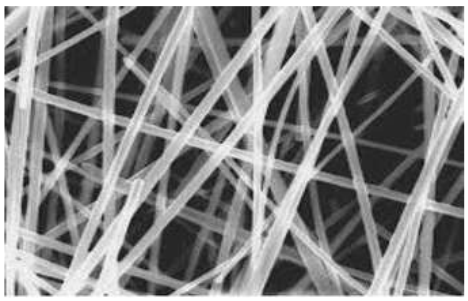


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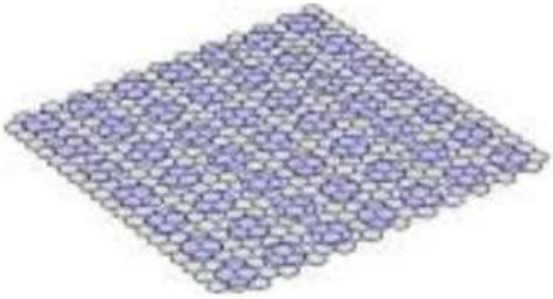


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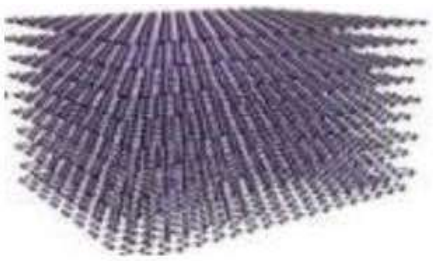


Fig 1.34 Three-dimensional

1.4 Strategies for Nanomaterials Synthesis

There are several techniques to synthesis nanomaterial, each customized to the unique features and applications of the intended nanomaterial. Here are some popular approaches.

1.41. Top-down approach

It involves mechanical breakdown of large pieces of materials into small nanoparticles by attrition and milling. The nanoparticles produced by top-down approach are impure, and present material defects, and crystallographic damages on their surface. Moreover, the nanoparticles produced are heterogeneous with broad size distributions and varied particle shapes. Due to the poor control on particle size and large surface defects, these particles are mainly used in the preparation of nanograined bulk material coatings to improve the wear and tear resistance of automobiles and surgical implants. However, the availability of sophisticated equipment and sample preparation methods has helped in the development of novel strategies to prepare nanoparticles of controlled dimensions by top - down approach.

1.42. Bottom-up approach

This approach is one of the most commonly used methods for the synthesis of large quantities of colloids of diverse sizes and shapes. In this method, organic molecules, ions, and atoms assemble to produce larger structures. The nanoparticles produced by this technique are homogenous and exhibit narrow size distribution, uniform shape and smaller surface defects. Hence, the bottom-up approach is generally used to prepare well defined nanoparticles for many bio chemical applications.[Rajput, et.al 2015]

Further these approaches are classified into several synthesis methods.

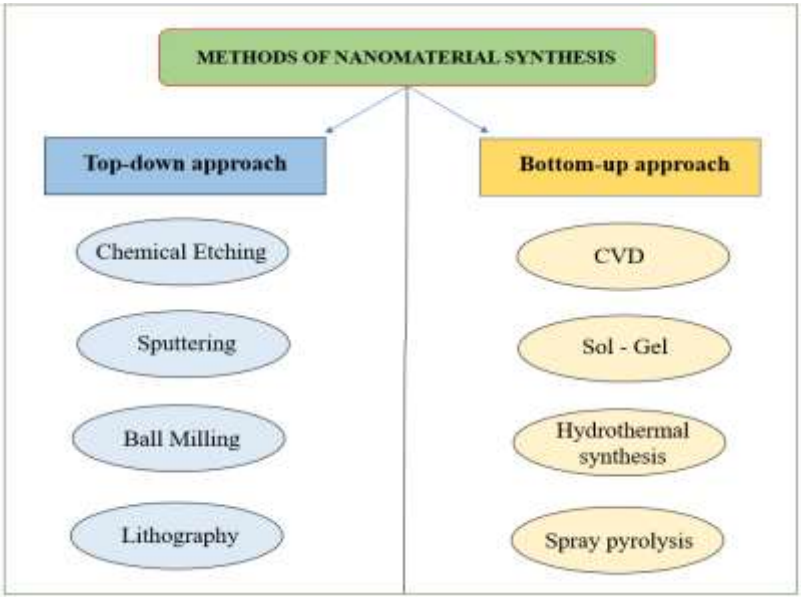


Fig 1.41 Types of Nanomaterial synthesis

1.5. TOP-DOWN APPROACH

1.51. Chemical Etching

Chemical etching is a method of engraving that uses a high-pressure high-temperature chemical spray to remove material to create a permanent etched image in metal. A mask or resist is applied to the surface of the material and is selectively removed, exposing the metal, to create the desired image. An etching machine harnesses the corrosive reaction between the chemical and the material and amplifies the effect by heating the solution and spraying at high pressure. The chemical spray dissolves the unprotected metal areas to etch the material atom by atom for a smooth burr free finish.

Chemical etching is used in the sign industry to produce high quality durable products such as:

- Industrial nameplates & labels
- Memorial products
- Hotel Signage
- Awards & Trophies

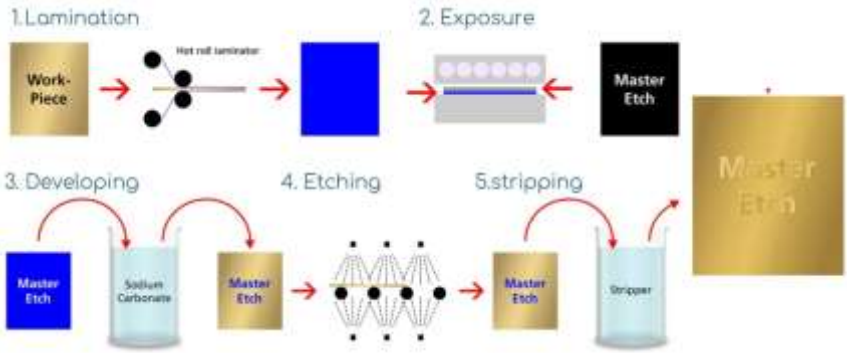


Fig 1.51 Chemical etching process

1.52. Sputtering

Sputtering was first discovered in a DC gas discharge tube by Grove in 1852. He discovered the cathode surface of the discharge tube was sputtered by energetic ions in the gas discharge, and cathode materials were deposited on the inner wall of the discharge tube the time sputtering was undesired phenomena. Nowadays, sputtering is widely used for surface cleaning, thin film deposition, surface layer analysis. It is a physical process in which atoms in a solid-state are released and pass into the gas phase by bombardment with energetic ions. Sputtering in surface physics is used as a cleaning method for the preparation of high-purity

surfaces and as a method for analysing the chemical composition of surfaces. The principle of Sputtering is to use the energy of a plasma on the surface of a target, to pull the atoms of the material one by one and deposit them on the substrate. To do this, a plasma is created by ionization of a pure gas by means of a potential difference, or electromagnetic excitation; this plasma is composed of Ar+ ions which are accelerated and confined around the target due to the presence of a magnetic field. Each ionized atom, by striking the target, transfers its energy and rips an atom, having enough energy to be projected to the substrate.[Williams, et.al 1979]

Sputtering is widely used in industries such as,

- Semiconductor manufacturing
- Electronics
- Optics
- Thin film coatings

For the applications ranging from integrated circuits and solar cells to optical coatings and magnetic storage media.

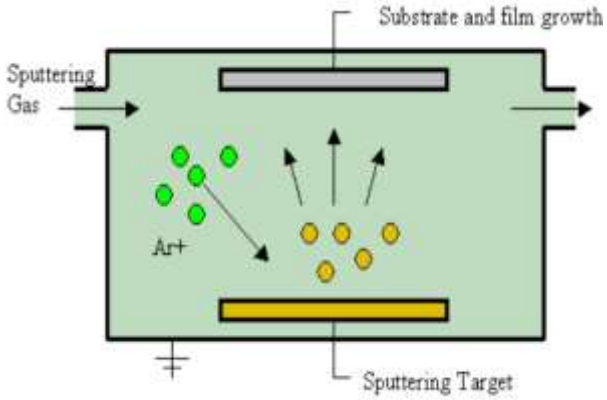


Fig 1.52. Sputtering process

1.53. Ball Milling

Ball milling is a mechanical process used in industries for producing precise powders and synthesizing materials. It involves crushing solid materials, mixing them, and reducing their size through grinding media. Controlled parameters and conditions determine the outcome, including particle size, shape, and properties. Ball milling is also used for synthesizing nanomaterials with unique properties.[Murty,et.al 1998]

Here are some examples of nanomaterials that are often processed using ball milling,

- Nanoparticles
- Nanocomposites
- Nanoceramics
- Nano porous Materials
- Quantum Dots
- Nano powders for Additive Manufacturing

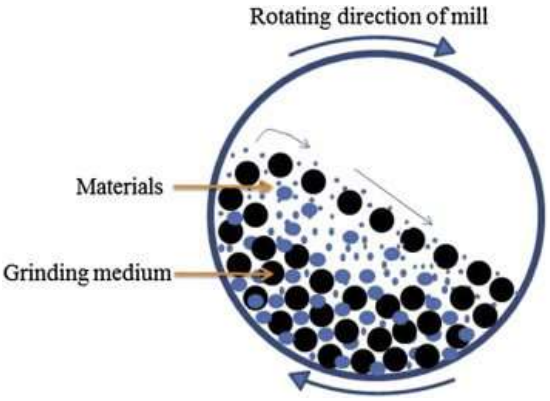


Fig 1.53. Ball Milling rotation process

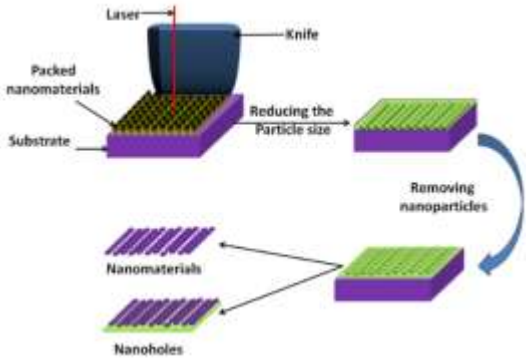


Fig 1.54. Lithography process

1.54. Lithography

Lithography is a fundamental technique used in micro- and nanofabrication to create patterns on substrates with high precision and resolution. It involves transferring a desired pattern onto a substrate coated with a thin layer of material known as a resist. The pattern is typically defined by a mask or template, and various lithography methods exist depending on the specific application requirements. [Thompson, et.al 1983.]

Lithography is extensively used in,

- Semiconductor Manufacturing
- Flat-Panel Displays
- Microelectronics, Optics and Photonics.

1.6. BOTTOM-UP APPROACH

1.61. Chemical Vapour Deposition

Chemical vapour deposition (CVD) is a widely used materials processing technology in which thin films are formed on a heated substrate via a chemical reaction of gas-phase precursors A thin film deposition process in which a substrate is exposed to reactive gases in a vacuum chamber, leading to chemical reactions on the substrate's surface and the formation of a solid film. CVD offers a clear advantage by relying on chemical reactions that enable tunable deposition rates as well as high-quality products with excellent conformality. It is commonly used in the production of semiconductors, coatings, and other materials with controlled properties.[Sun, Luzhao, et.al 2021]

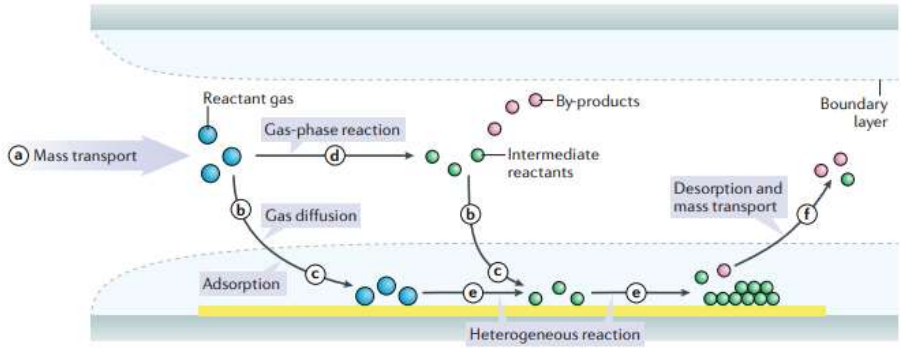


Fig 1.61 Chemical Vapour Deposition

1.62. Sol - Gel Method

The sol-gel process is a cost-effective method for synthesizing metal oxide nanoparticles. It involves dissolving a metal alkoxide precursor in water or alcohol and converting it to gel through hydrolysis. The gel is then dried using appropriate methods based on its intended use. After drying, the gels are powdered and calcined. The sol-gel method allows for good control over the chemical composition of the products and is commonly used in ceramics manufacturing and thin film applications. The materials produced through this method find applications in various fields such as optics, electronics, energy, surface engineering, biosensors, and chromatography. Dried gels are utilized in industries like surface coating, building insulation, and special clothing production. Nanoparticles can be obtained by grinding the gel with special mills.[Bokovet.al 2021]

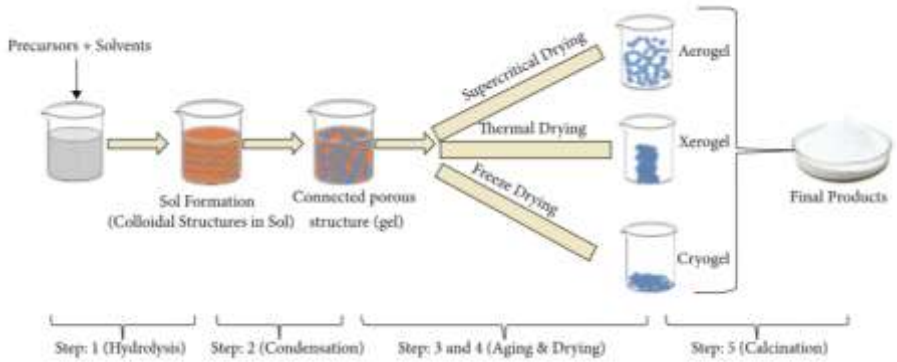


Fig 1.62 Sol – gel process

1.63. Hydrothermal synthesis

Hydrothermal synthesis is a chemical synthesis method that involves the preparation of materials in a closed system at elevated temperatures and pressures using water as a solvent. In this process, precursor chemicals are dissolved or suspended in water, and the reaction vessel is heated above its boiling point to maintain the solvent in a liquid state under high pressure. This controlled environment promotes the formation of desired compounds or materials, often resulting in the production of nanoparticles, nanowires, or crystalline materials with specific properties. Hydrothermal synthesis is widely used in various fields, including materials science, nanotechnology, and geochemistry, for the fabrication of advanced materials with tailored structures and properties. [Gan, et.al 2020]

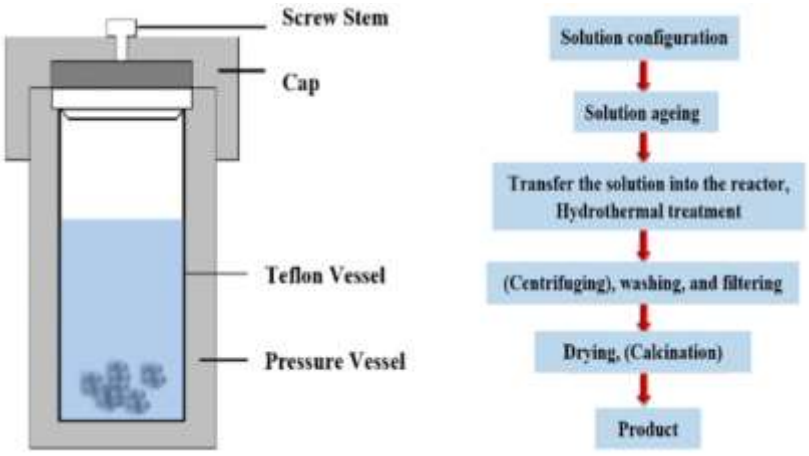


Fig 1.63 Hydrothermal synthesis process

1.64. Spray Pyrolysis

Spray pyrolysis is a materials synthesis technique characterized by the deposition of thin films or coatings onto a substrate through the controlled thermal decomposition of precursor solutions sprayed onto a heated substrate surface. This method involves atomizing a precursor solution into fine droplets, which are then directed onto the surface of a heated substrate. As the droplets make contact with the substrate, the solvent rapidly evaporates, leaving behind a thin layer of the precursor material. Subsequent exposure to the elevated temperature of the substrate induces pyrolysis, where the precursor undergoes chemical decomposition, resulting in the formation of a solid film or coating. The process parameters such as precursor concentration, spray rate, substrate temperature, and deposition time can be adjusted to control the thickness, composition, crystallinity, and morphology of the deposited film. Spray pyrolysis offers advantages such as uniform coverage of complex substrate geometries, versatility in depositing various materials, scalability for industrial production, and cost-effectiveness compared to other thin-film deposition techniques. It finds applications in fields including thin-film solar cells, gas sensors, catalysis, protective coatings, and electronic devices, where the deposition of uniform, thin films with tailored properties is crucial. [Patil, et.al 1999]

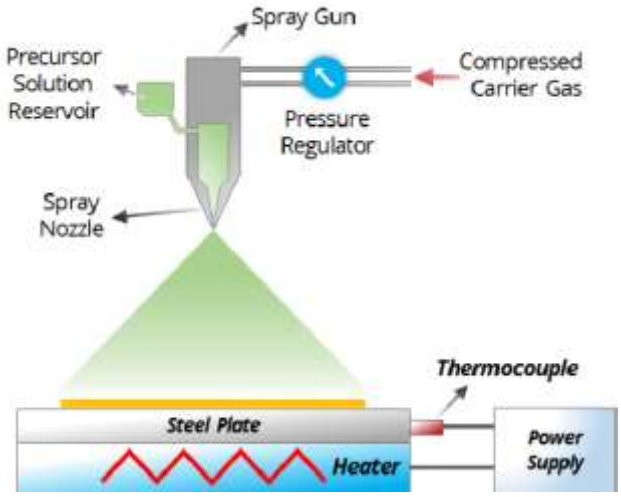


Fig 1.64 Spray Pyrolysis process

1.7 APPLICATIONS OF NANOTECHNOLGY

Nanotechnology and nanomaterials can be applied in all kinds of industrial sectors. They are usually found in these areas:

1.71. Environment

Some of its environmentally friendly applications include heavy metal nanofiltration systems, ion-based air purification, and wastewater treatment using nanobubbles. It is also possible to use nano catalysts to improve the efficiency and reduce the pollution of chemical reactions.

1.72. Electronics & Energy

In a few years, carbon nanotubes will likely take the place of silicon in the creation of stronger, lighter, more conductive quantum nanowires and smaller, faster, and more efficient microchips and devices. Because of its qualities, graphene is a great option for creating flexible touchscreens. Furthermore, nanotechnology reduces expenses, creates lighter and stronger wind turbines increases fuel efficiency, and can even save energy because some nanocomponents are thermally insulated.

1.73. Biomedicine

Some nanomaterials' characteristics make them perfect for enhancing the early detection and management of cancer or neurodegenerative diseases. They have the ability to specifically target cancer cells without endangering healthy cells. Additionally, some nanoparticles have been added to pharmaceutical items like sunscreen.

1.74. Food

In this area, food production could be enhanced by using nanocomposites to increase mechanical and thermal resistance and reduce oxygen transfer in packed goods, or by using nano biosensors to identify the presence of pathogens in food

1.75 Textile

Nanotechnology enables the development of stronger, lighter, and more durable materials for sports equipment and motorcycle helmets, as well as smart fabrics that are wrinkle- and stain-resistant. [Mandal, et.al 2011]

CHAPTER – 2

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1. Tittle: Methods of preparation of nanoparticles

Authors: Namita Rajput Govt. Polytechnic College Balaghat (M.P.) India

Publication: International Journal of Advances in Engineering & Technology

Year: January 2015

A number of reasons, including their wide range of applications, nanomaterials have been the subject of extensive research over the past ten years. It has been noted that the field of synthesizing nanomaterials is highly dynamic. Numerous procedures, including gas condensation, chemical vapor synthesis, mechanical attrition, chemical precipitation, Sol-Gel technique, and electrodeposition, are frequently employed in the synthesis of nanophosphors. Other widely used procedures include molecular beam epitaxy, ionized cluster beam, liquid metal ion source, consolidation, sputtering, and gas aggregation of monomers, chemical precipitation in the presence of capping agents, reaction in microemulsions, and auto combustion. A vast range of nanomaterials are produced by these methods.[13]

2.2. Tittle: Applications of nanomaterials in the different fields of photo sciences

Authors: G Mandal and T Ganguly

Publication: International Journal IGP

Year: March 2011

Current advancements in nanotechnology and nanostructured materials will have a significant impact on a variety of fields, including biomedical applications and energy technologies. These include drug delivery, tissue engineering, energy storage, environmental control, bio probes, biomarkers, cancer diagnosis, and cancer therapy. This article encompasses a broad range of nanomaterials applications, such as the synthesis of organic-inorganic nanocomposites for use in biomedicine, photocatalysis, and the construction of light-emitting diodes, photovoltaic cells, and future organic solar cells, among other applications. This article discusses some of the possible uses for nanotechnology while introducing its main scientific and technical components. [Mandal, et.al 2011]

2.3. Tittle: Novel materials synthesis by mechanical alloying/milling

Authors: B. S. Murty and S. Ranganathan

Publication: International Materials Reviews

Year: January 1998

Mechanical alloying (MA) is an exciting field for researchers and technologists due to its potential to synthesize various materials in a simple way. However, the atomistic mechanism of alloying during high energy ball milling has not been clearly identified, and the nature and concentration of defects induced during milling remain unanswered. The formation of amorphous phase and inter metallics by MA is attributed to defects generated during milling, but a quantification of defects and the increase in free energy of constituents has not been done systematically. Recent works have focused on the influence of mechanical properties on alloying kinetics. Most work on MA has been limited to reporting phases formed during MA of powders, and the compaction of MA powders poses a problem due to the heavily strained state of the powder. Large capacity mills without sacrificing mill energy are needed, and design engineers should be involved to give the field a multidisciplinary facet.[Murty, et.al 1998]

2.4. Tittle: Effect of Ball-to-Powder Ratio on Morphology, Structure, and Flowability of Ball- Milled Gray Cast Iron Powder

Authors: Ze-Wen Zhao, Xiang-Yang Shao, Ke Wang, Qiang Wang, Ya-Zhe Xing

Publication: ASM International

Year: January 2021

A structure transplantation route can be used to retain the graphite structure in as-cast Gray cast iron bulk in powders for thermal spray application. The morphology and flowability of precursor powder and ball-milled powders were characterized. The precursor powder had an irregular strip with sharp edges and corners, with a ragged fracture surface. Ball milling reduced the powder size, smoothed the rough surface, and sutured the ragged fracture surfaces. The ball milling process significantly impacted the circularity, PUL, and FD of the ball-milled powders. The circularity improved with increasing Ball to Powder ratio (BPR), while the Particle uniformity level (PUL) decreased sharply and stabilized as BPR increased. The ball-milled powders significantly reduced compared to the precursor powder. The

flowability of the ball-milled powders improved with increasing BPR, influenced by particle shape, size distribution, surface roughness, and graphite adhesion to the powder surface.[Zhao, et.al 2021]

2.5. Tittle: Three-Dimensional Porous CoSnS @ CNT Nanoarchitecture as Highly Efficient Bifunctional Catalyst for Boosted OER Performance and Photocatalytic Degradation.

Authors: Jeyagopal Ramkumar, Yuanfu Chen, Ramadoss Manigandan, Marimuthu Karpuraranjith, Bin Wang, Wenxin Li and Xiaojuan Zhang

Publication: Royal society of Chemistry

Year: January 2019

A novel bifunctional CoSnS@CNT hybrid is presented using a simple one-pot surfactant-free hydrothermal method. The nanostructure of the CoSnS@CNT hybrid provides abundant catalytic sites and facilitates ion diffusion, while the CNT skeleton accelerates electron transfer. This bifunctional catalyst offers enhanced electrocatalytic and photocatalytic performance, with a low overpotential and excellent stability. The work presents a systematic approach to synthesize non-noble metal-based bifunctional catalysts. The study synthesizes nanocrystalline CoSnS and CNT-encapsulated CoSnS as efficient bifunctional electrocatalysts for the oxygen evolution reaction (OER) and photocatalysis of hazardous organic dyes (Rhodamine B) under visible light illumination. The annealed samples show enhanced performance due to enhanced crystallinity and larger surface area and pore volume. The study provides a lead for developing CNT-encapsulated other ternary metal chalcogenides with more catalytic applications.[Jeyagopal Ramkumar, et.al 2020]

2.6. Tittle: Synthesis of graphene oxide from graphite by ball milling

Authors: Francy Mayoli Casallas Caicedo, Enrique Vera López, Arvind Agarwal, Vadym Drozd, Andriy Durygin, Alexander Franco Hernandez, Chunlei Wang

Publication: Elsevier

Year: September 2020

To Synthesis Graphene Oxides (GO) by Ball milling & Hummer's method. Also, to compare the efficiency of the both methods using the synthesised sample. Ball milling procedure with

potassium perchlorate as an oxidizing agent and deionized water as a milling medium was used to create graphene oxides. GO samples were produced at various processing durations and compared to a sample made using the Hummer's approach.[Caicedo, et.al 2020]

2.7. Tittle: Simple and Efficient Way of Synthesizing NiO Nanoparticles by Combustion followed by Ball Milling Method

Authors: S. Balamurugan, A. J. Linda Philip, V. Sherly Arputha Kiruba, and K. Velu raja

Publication: American Scientific Publishers

Year: January 2015

The production of NiO nanoparticles by burning followed by ball milling is described in this article. Because the combustion result exhibited mixed phases of NiO and metallic Ni, it was ball milled for 4 hours in a tungsten carbide jar at 350 rpm. Later the required characterization was done. The thermo-gravimetric and differential thermal examination of the combustion product indicates weight variations at four distinct temperatures.
[Balamurugan, et.al (2015)]

2.8. Tittle: High-energy ball milling technique for ZnO nanoparticles as antibacterial material

Authors: Numan Salah, Sami S Habib, Zishan H Khan, Adnan Memic

Publication: International Journal of Nanomedicine

Year: April 2011

The high-energy ball milling (HEBM) approach was utilized in this study to create nanoparticles of ZnO from its microcrystalline powder. Four samples were ball milled for two, ten, twenty, and fifty hours respectively. Then it was distinguished by several techniques. With increasing milling time, SEM and TEM data demonstrate a gradual drop in particle size from roughly 600 to 30 nm. The initial microstructures were amorphous, but the final shape was spherical. The hexagonal structure of ZnO was revealed by XRD analysis.[Salah, et.al (2011)]

2.9. Tittle: Engineering Ternary Copper-Cobalt Sulphide Nanosheets as High- performance Electrocatalysts toward Oxygen evolution Reaction

Authors: Heng Luo, Hang Lei, Yufei Yuan, Yongyin Liang, Yi Qiu, Zonglong Zhu.

Publication: MDPI

Year: May 2019

This article demonstrates the successful design and synthesis of Copper-Cobalt Sulphide using a hydrothermal method and direct sulfidation of precursors. The Copper-Cobalt electrocatalytic activity is prominent, with a lower overpotential of only 276 mV, surpassing commercial IrO2 performance. Combining Cu and Co atoms optimizes electronic structure and increases intrinsic activity in materials. Sulfidation enhances the active sites of Copper-Cobalt and improves the electrocatalytic reaction kinetics for OER. Copper-Cobalt has the potential to replace noble metal catalysts and offer practical applications due to its excellent properties, ease of preparation and synthesis, and abundant availability.[Luo, Heng, et.al (2019)]

2.10. Tittle: Application of nanoparticles in the photocatalytic degradation of water pollutants

Authors: P.V. Kamat and D. Meisel

Publication: Elsevier Science

Year: February 1996

This article explores the fundamentals of TiO_2 nanoparticles, commonly used as photocatalyst materials, and their subsequent events in heterogeneous photocatalysis. The technology is relatively simple to apply, but there is much work to be done in this exciting novel technology. The chapter describes known sequences in processes towards mineralization of atrazine, 4-chlorophenol, and a di methylated phenol, and demonstrates a pragmatic mineralization of a complex series of pollutants in an aqueous creosote mixture. The article also examines the properties of TiO_2 as a photocatalyst/light harvester. Two major areas need further examination: analysing intermediate products along the route to

total mineralization of organic pollutants to carbon dioxide and improving process efficiencies. Recent attempts look promising, but further research is needed to bring this technology to practical applications.[Shih, et.al 2013.]

CHAPTER - 3

AIM AND SCOPE OF THE PRESENT WORK

AIM:

To synthesis & characterize Cobalt Tin Sulphide nano particles by ball milling method for photo catalytic activity.

SCOPE:

Ternary chalcogenides have gained significant attention in the field of photocatalysis due to their unique electronic and optical properties. Chalcogenides are compounds containing elements from the chalcogen group of the periodic table, which includes sulphur (S), selenium (Se), and tellurium (Te). The scope of the present work is to compare CoSnS nano particle's property based on the parameters of difference in milling time and stoichiometric ratio. Also, to check its efficiency photocatalytic in dye degradation studies as an application.

CHAPTER - 4

4.1.MATERIALS

4.11 Cobalt Tin Sulphide – CoSnS

- Commercially available Cobalt (Co), Tin (Sn) and Sulphur (S) powders were used for the synthesis Cobalt Tin Sulphide



Fig 4.111 Properties of Cobalt



Fig 4.112 Properties of Tin



Fig 4.113 Properties of Sulphur

- Cobalt Tin Sulphide is a grey solid metal powder. This is an inorganic compound with the formula CoSnS.

- The synthesis of CoSnS is done in two different stoichiometric ratios for the purpose of comparative studies.

- The ratios are,

CoSnS of **2:1:4** ratio – Sample **A**	CoSnS of **1:1:3** ratio – Sample **B**

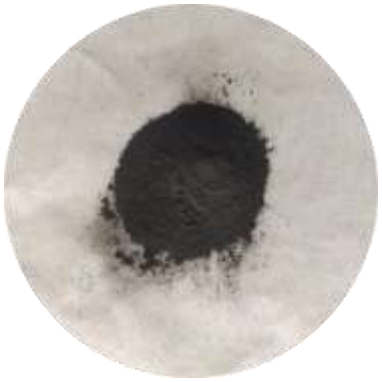


Fig 4.114 Synthesised sample of CoSnS

4.2 METHOD USED FOR SYNTHESIS

On studying the different synthesis method for nano materials, the method we have chosen for the synthesis CoSnS is **BALL MILLING.**

Ball milling is a mechanical process in which solid materials are crushed, mixed, and reduced in particle size through the impact of moving grinding media in a rotating cylinder

or drum. This technique is widely used in various industries for the production of powders with precise characteristics and the synthesis of materials. The principle of ball milling involves the mechanical disruption of solid materials by the impact and attrition of grinding media within a rotating cylinder or container. The controlled parameters and milling conditions play a crucial role in determining the outcome, including particle size, shape, and properties of the milled material. Ball milling is a commonly used method for the synthesis and processing of nanomaterials due to its versatility and ability to produce materials with unique properties. The choice of nanomaterials for ball milling depends on the desired application and the specific properties required.



Fig 4.2. Ball milling unit

4.21. Steps involved in ball milling process:

Equipment:

Ball mills consist of a rotating horizontal cylinder, partially filled with the material to be ground and the grinding medium (usually metallic balls). The size, diameter, and material of the balls can vary depending on the application.

Loading:

The materials to be milled are loaded into the milling chamber along with the grinding media. The ratio of the material to the grinding media is crucial in determining the efficiency and outcome of the milling process.

Milling Process:

As the drum rotates, the grinding media cascade and tumble over the materials, crushing and grinding them. The impact and abrasion caused by the moving balls result in the reduction of particle size.

4.22. Principle of Ball milling process

Crushing and Impact:

As the ball mill rotates, the balls inside it are lifted and then dropped or thrown down against the material to be milled. The large grinding balls crush and grind the material into powder as they fall back into the cylinder, creating a crushing action.

Attrition:

In addition to impact, there is attrition or abrasion between the balls as they grind against each other and against the internal surface of the mill. This abrasion and grinding action result in the reduction of the particle size of the material.

Particle Size Reduction:

The combination of impact and attrition forces reduces the particle size of the material being milled. Smaller particles are generated as a result of repeated collisions and grinding between the balls and the material.

Temperature Control:

The milling process can generate heat, and for some materials, excessive heat can lead to undesirable effects. Therefore, in some applications, temperature control mechanisms, such as using a cooling system or conducting milling in a controlled atmosphere, may be employed.

Controlled Parameters:

Various parameters can be adjusted to control the milling process, such as the milling time, rotation speed of the mill, ball-to-powder ratio, and the size and type of the grinding balls. These parameters influence the energy input, impact forces, and milling efficiency, ultimately affecting the final particle size and characteristics of the milled material.

4.23. Factors influencing Ball milling

Ball-to-powder weight ratio

The amount of grinding media introduced to the milling process in proportion to the amount of material present is determined by this ratio. It has an impact on the efficiency of the milling process as well as the final particle size.

Milling time

The time of the milling operation affects the final particle size and the degree of particle size reduction. Longer grinding durations result in finer particles.

Temperature

The temperature inside the mill can affect the properties of the milled material. Excessive heat generation can lead to undesired effects, such as material degradation or changes in crystal structure.

Composition Ratio

The composition ratio directly affects the properties of the final milled product. Maintaining the correct composition ratio is essential for achieving the desired stoichiometry. This is crucial in the synthesis of compounds with specific chemical formulas.[Zhao, et.al 2021]

4.3. EXPERIMENTAL PROCESS

4.31. WEIGHING

- Based on the ratio of 2:1:4 and 1:1:3 the molecular weight of each chemical powder is calculated and rounded off to 3.65 g and 2.75 g respectively.
- The Formula used in determining the weight is

$$\frac{\text{Mass number of the element } (\times) \text{ Ratio}}{100}$$



Fig 4.31 Weighing balance

4.32. BALL MILLING

The mechano synthesis of CoSnS is carried out using SPEX Sample Prep 8000D Dual ball mill. The compound formation depends on many parameters such as milling speed, milling time, ball-to-powder weight ratio, milling type, particle size and material of the grinding balls, Stability of metal which runs in the present work. Elemental Cobalt (Co), Tin (Sn) and Sulphur (S) were mixed in the ratio of 2:1:4 and 1:1:3 ratio. The powders were milled in a stainless -steel vial with stainless steel balls at the milling speed of 2750 rotations per minute. The experiments were performed for 12 hours. The samples were taken for analysis at every 3h, 6h, 9h and 12h.



Fig 4.32. Ball milling vials with balls & sample

4.33 PELLET FORMATION

The Cobalt Tin Sulphide metal powder was pelletized with a hydraulic press and the amount used for making a pellet was 0.5g (500mg). The powder CoSnS was used to make a hard pellet. The pellet was made by using the pelletizer machine as shown in the below picture.



Fig 4.331. Pelletizer Machine



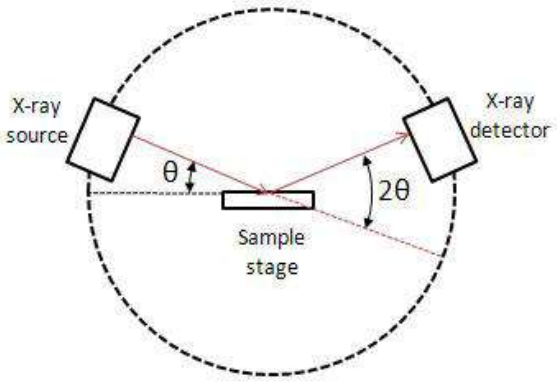
Fig 4.332. Pelletized Sample

CHAPTER – 5

5. CHARACTERIZATION

5.1 X-RAY DIFFRACTION

X-ray diffraction (XRD) is a technique used to analyse the atomic and molecular structure of materials by studying the diffraction patterns produced when X-rays interact with the crystal lattice of a sample. It is based on Bragg's law, which describes how X-rays are diffracted at specific angles by the regularly spaced atomic planes within a crystalline material. XRD is widely used in materials science, chemistry, geology, and physics to determine the crystal structure, phase composition, lattice parameters, and orientation of crystallites in a sample.[Shih, et.al 2013]



5.11 X-ray diffraction principle

5.2. RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY

Raman spectroscopy is a method employed in physics, chemistry, and materials science to examine vibrational, rotational, and other low-frequency modes within a system. This technique is based on the Raman effect, where monochromatic light, typically from a laser, undergoes inelastic scattering by molecules or crystals. When photons interact with the sample, they may either gain or lose energy, leading to a change in wavelength, known as the Raman shift. This shift offers insights into the vibrational and rotational modes of the sample. Through the analysis of Raman spectra, scientists can identify chemical substances, ascertain molecular structures, explore crystallographic properties, detect impurities, and study various physical phenomena. [Bumbrah, et.al 2016]

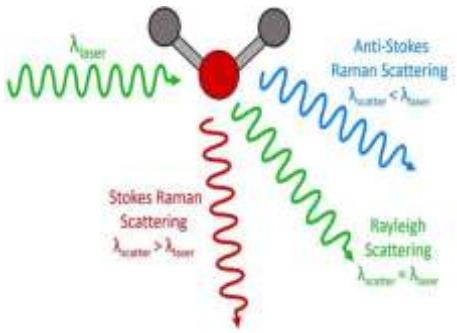


Fig 5.21 Scattering of particles in Raman spectroscopy

5.3 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY

SEM is a sophisticated imaging method employed in materials science, biology, and various other disciplines to capture high-resolution images of surfaces and provide detailed insights into the topography, morphology, and composition of samples. In SEM, a focused electron beam scans the sample's surface, and the interactions between the electrons and the sample's atoms generate multiple signals, including secondary electrons, backscattered electrons, and characteristic X-rays. These signals are captured and processed to produce images that offer comprehensive details about the sample's surface features at magnifications ranging from tens to hundreds of thousands of times. [Akhtar, et.al 2018]

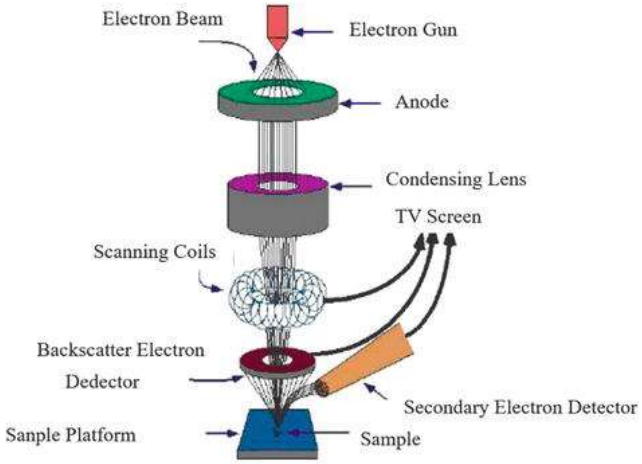


Fig 5.31 Block diagram of SEM

5.4 UV-VISIBLE DRS SPECTROSCOPY

UV-visible drs spectroscopy is a technique used to analyse the absorption and transmission of ultraviolet and visible light by a substance. This technique measures the absorption and transmission of light in the ultraviolet (UV) and visible (Vis) regions of the electromagnetic spectrum. It provides information about the electronic transitions and optical bandgap of materials. It is primarily employed for determining the concentration of substances in solution and for identifying and characterizing chemical compounds based on their unique absorption spectra. [Perkampus, et.al 2013]

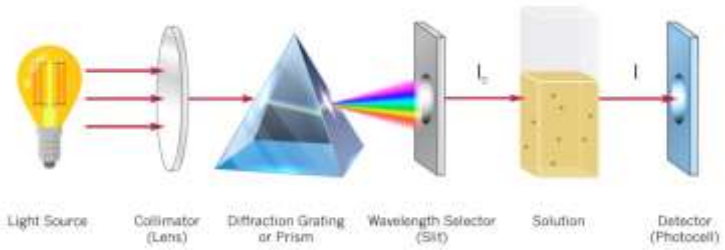


Fig 5.4 Principle of UV-VIS DRS Spectroscopy

CHAPTER – 6

6. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

6.1 X-RAY DIFFRACTION

The phase analysis of the Sample A & B of 6,9 and 12 hours is studied from the range of 20 to 80 ° using Powder X-ray Diffraction and the results are shown in Fig 6.11 and Fig.6.12.

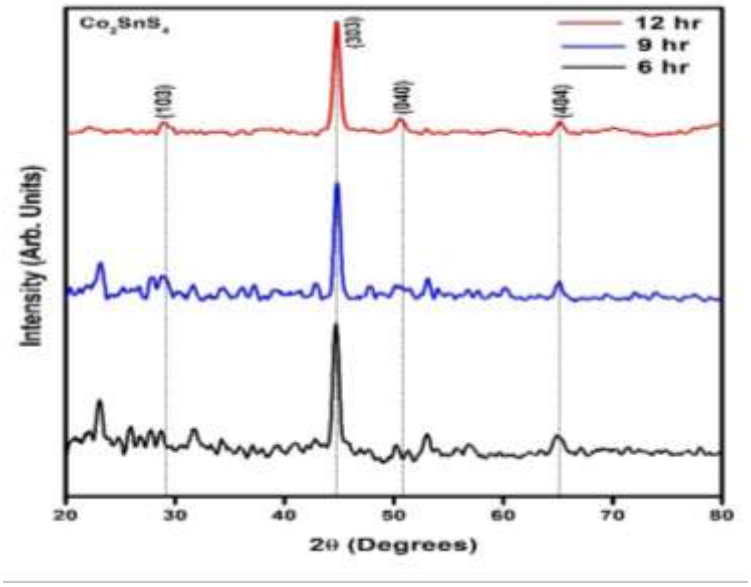


Fig 6.11 XRD pattern of 2:1:4 ratio of CoSnS

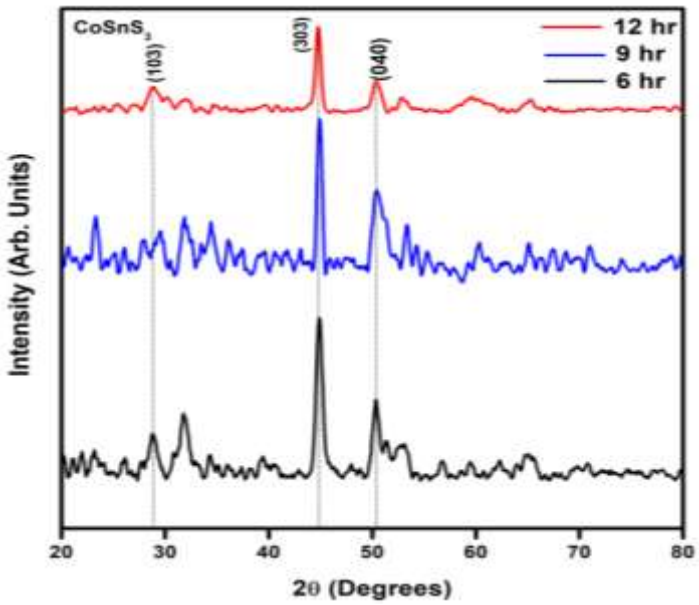


Fig 6.12 XRD pattern of 1:1:3 ratio of CoSnS

Key inferneces

- ✓ Fig 6.11 & 6.12 represents the XRD pattern of CoSnS of 2:1:4 ratio & 1:1:3 ratio respectively
- ✓ In the above XRD pattern, the 2θ values are compared with the material project research paper. [**mp-675496].** The standard reference values are given below:

Table 6.13 Standard Reference values of Xrd

Peaks range	Hkl value
29.11	(103)
44.77	(040)
50.91	(404)
65.03	(303)

- ✓ On comparing the hkl values of our samples with the standard reference material, sample A clearly matches with the standard values, followed by sample B.
- ✓ The Poly crystalline phase of the samples was confirmed by the XRD measurements.
- ✓ Orthorhombic crystal system is observed.
- ✓ On increasing the milling time from 3h to 12h, we could see the suppression of secondary phases and we get the ternary single-phase compound.

The crystalline grain size is found by using Scherrer equation

$$D = \frac{K\lambda}{BCos\theta}$$

Where,

D = Cryatalline size (nm)

K = 0.9 (Scherrer constant)

λ = 0.15406 nm (wave length of X ray source)

β = FWHM (radians)

θ = Peak position (radians)

By using the Scherrer equation, the crystalline grain size is - **23 nm**

6.2. RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY

Raman spectroscopy is analysed for the Sample A. The results are provided below:

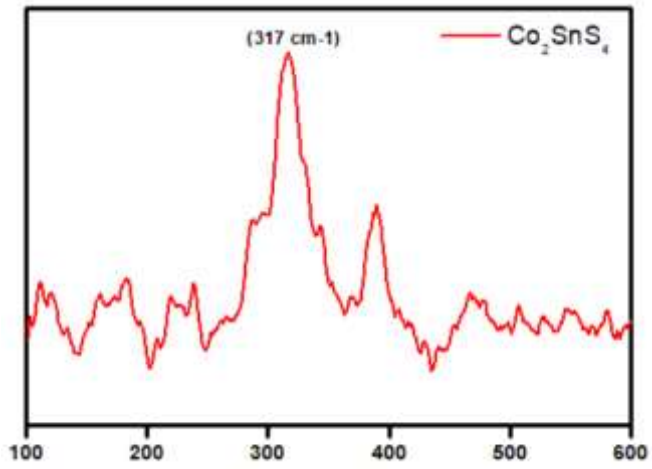


Fig 6.22 Raman Spectrum of 2:1:4 ratio of CoSnS

Key inferneces

- ✓ Fig 6.22 represents the Raman spectrum of 2:1:4 ratio of CoSnS.
- ✓ The Raman spectrum of our sample is, compared with the research article. [Viktor v. Brus et.al 2016]
- ✓ On comparing, the major peak at 317 cm^{-1} confirms the presence of ternary Sulphide system in the synsthesised powder sample.
- ✓ The appreance of this peak further confirms the orthorombic structure as deduced from XRD analysis.

6.3 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY

SEM analysis has been done for the Sample A of 12 hours. The images are provided below.

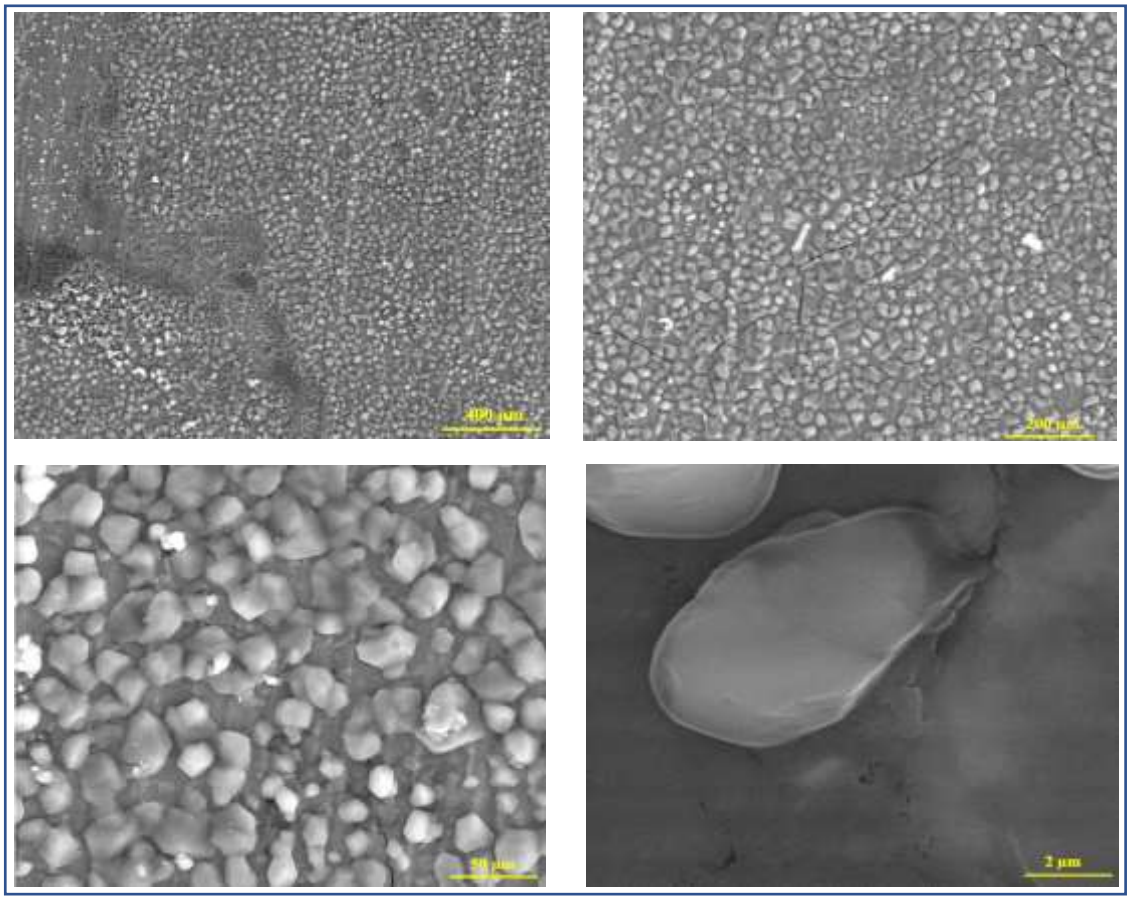


Fig 6.31 SEM image of 2:1:4 ratio of CoSnS

- ✓ The SEM images of CoSnS of 2:1:4 ratio shows that the compound has irregular, angular shape with smooth surfaces and distinct edges.
- ✓ This resemble polyhedral structures, which are multi-faced shapes, with some faces appearing to be flat and others slightly curved.
- ✓ The size of the particle ranges from 9 – 12 μm (approx.).

6.4 UV-VISIBLE DRS SPECTROSCOPY

Uv-visible spectroscopy has been done for the Sample A – CoSnS of 12 hours. The spectrum is provided below.

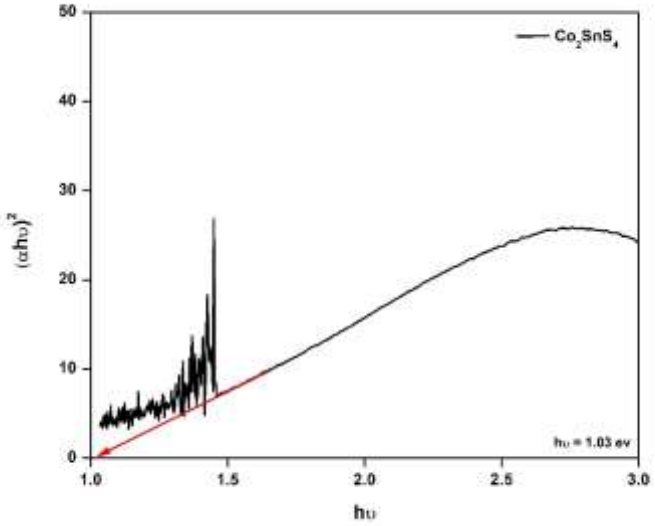


Fig 6.41 UV- Vis Spectrum of 2:1:4 ratio of CoSnS

Key inferences

- ✓ The UV-visible drs was obtained for the sample CoSnS 2:1:4 ratio.
- ✓ The optical properties were investigated utilizing the above given spectrum.
- ✓ The band gap is the energy difference between the top of the valence band and the bottom of the conduction band in a semiconductor material.
- ✓ Using the Kubelka-Munk equation, reflectance is converted to an absorption coefficient alpha, which is directly proportional to the Kubelka-Munk function F(R).
- ✓ The graph is plotted between hu and $(ahu)^2$
- ✓ Interpolating the line, the place where it intersects, gives the band gap value Eg
- ✓ The band gap found from the spectra is hu = 1.03 eV.
- ✓ Due to its smaller band gap it show high opto electronic properties.

CHAPTER – 7

CONCLUSION

The CoSnS nanoparticles with two different ratios were successfully synthesized using the ball milling method. Samples A and B, with ratios of 2:1:4 and 1:1:3, respectively, were compared based on milling time and different stoichimetric ratios. Increasing the milling time led to the suppression of secondary phases, resulting in a single-phase ternary system after 12 hours. The XRD spectrum's main peaks confirm the polycrystalline phase of the samples with an orthorhombic structure. The crystalline grain size was determined to be 23 nm.The prominent peak at 317 cm-1 in the Raman spectrum confirms the presence of a ternary chalcogenide sulfur system. SEM images show the compound's polyhedral structure, with particle size ranging from 9 to 12 µm. Finally, UV-visible spectroscopy revealed a band gap of 1.03 eV. A lower band gap indicates enhanced optoelectronic properties in the sample. With these characteristics, CoSnS can be effectively used for various applications, such as electrochemical water splitting and photocatalytic dye degradation.

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ABSTRACT

Among India's principal mineral resources is ilmenite, the ore of titanium. India has the largest reserves in the world. Currently used commercially, conventional technologies have serious pollution issues. This is particularly true when it comes to the creation of synthetic rutile, which serves as an intermediary product in the process of making titanium metal and TiO_2 pigment. The extraction of synthetic rutile from ilmenite ore is an expensive and extremely time-consuming process with the release of highly harmful effluents into the environment. So, therefore investigating an enviro-friendly route to separate synthetic rutile from the ilmenite obtained from OSCOM in a method without the use of concentrated mineral acids. Initially, ilmenite obtained from OSCOM will have 43% of Fe and 51% of synthetic rutile. Any processes that are isolating synthetic rutile must be highly efficient without generating effluents. Though acid leaching is used commercially, using aeration leaching with necessary pH maintenance using salts as catalysts. After 5 hours of this aeration leaching, found out that the synthetic rutile obtained is ~85% with very minimal amount of silica traces and other compounds which used to be predominant. And also studied the total iron reduction for every one hour and the TiO_2 estimation for the synthetic rutile obtained by our enviro-friendly route.

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CHAPTER - 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BEACH SAND MINERALS

India is among the nations with the longest coastlines (more than 7600 km) and the largest beach sand deposits. Flowing streams carry the heavy minerals—small crystals or sand grains—that are released from crystalline rocks during weathering and transport them to the sea. After the minerals arrive at the beach, they are subject to a variety of coastal processes, including as waves and coastal currents, which ultimately define the distribution and concentration of the mineral deposits along the beach. Certain rare earth elements are present in the minerals found in beach sand. Massive volumes of sand that remain after the extraction of these rare earth elements are **Ilmenite, Rutile, Garnet, Monazite, Zircon and Sillimanite**. For the purpose of effectively using these minerals, a great deal of study has previously been done and continues to be done. The use of these minerals preserves our priceless naturally occurring mineral deposits while also helping to clean up the environment.

Coastal sand dunes typically grow near beaches where sand build up is encouraged by waves and is blown inland by prevailing onshore winds. The relationship between biotic controls, like plant succession and grazing pressure, and physical parameters, like wind and wave regime, beach and offshore bar sand supply, determines the size and characteristics of the coastal sand dune system. Sand from dunes is often medium to fine-grained and extremely highly sorted. Even at low wind speeds, dry sand is easily carried away and is mostly carried by saltation across the beach and onto the dunes. Abundant sand supply, strong onshore wind and flat ground adjacent to the coast has given rise to all the possible types of dunes like embryo dune, fore dune, frontal dune, intermediate dune, back dune and palaeo-dune etc. These dunes differ from each other in their geometry and place of accumulation of sand.

Due to a wide range of human activities, such as tourism and recreational pursuits, beaches are among the sedimentary habitats that are most contaminated. The samples were classified as ilmenite-rich samples and quartz-rich samples

(QRS) based on the enrichment of TiO_2 and SiO_2 concentrations, respectively, and the geochemical signatures differ markedly. Analogously, garnets are widespread in both groups of sediments, although quartz, spinel, calcite, and zircon dominate the group. Ilmenite, quartz, sillimanite, zircon, and rutile dominate the group.

Heavy mineral sands are mined from the coasts, but more often these economically heavy minerals exhibit unacceptably high amounts of contaminants like silica/alumina/ferruginous clay or dust on the surfaces as surface coatings of minerals. The major surface contamination observed in heavy mineral sand is clay. They are often present in sand as mud (when wet) or dust (when dry). Most clay minerals are the weathering product of feldspars, but many other common minerals also have a destiny to become clay. Clay is a fine-grained natural rock or soil material that combines one or more clay minerals with traces of metal oxides and organic matter. Geologic clay deposits are mostly composed of phyllosilicate minerals containing variable amounts of water trapped in the mineral structure. Depending on the content of the soil, clay can appear in various colours, from white to dull grey or brown to a deep orange-red. In heavy mineral sand, the clay appears to be brown. Clay minerals typically form over long periods from the gradual chemical weathering of rocks, usually silicate-bearing. In addition to the weathering process, some clay minerals are formed through hydrothermal activity. There are two types of clay deposits namely, primary and secondary. Primary clays form as residual deposits in soil and remain at the site of formation. Secondary clays are clays that have been transported from their original location by water erosion and deposited in a new sedimentary deposit. Clay deposits are typically associated with very low-energy depositional environments such as large lakes and marine basins.

Mineral contamination of beach sand can result from a variety of human and natural sources. Pollutants released by nearby industries into the air and water have the potential to land on beach sand. These contaminants could be made up of chemicals, heavy metals, and other dangerous things. Pollutants such oil, grease, pesticides, and garbage can find their way to beaches through runoff from urban areas, which includes streets, parking lots, and residential areas. Over time, these contaminants may build up in beach sand. Beach sand can become contaminated

with crude oil and its byproducts due to oil spills from ships, offshore drilling rigs, or tanker accidents. Beach sand can get contaminated when plastics and other waste that has washed ashore from the ocean gather there. In particular, microplastics are causing increasing worry because they can release hazardous compounds into the environment and linger there for extended periods of time. Pathogens, fertilizers, and other contaminants can enter coastal waterways through improperly treated sewage or wastewater discharge, and these toxins can subsequently build up in beach sand. Therefore, it is crucial to put policies in place to manage waste properly, control pollution, and promote conservation in order to prevent pollution and lessen the effects of already-existing contamination (Roonwal, G. S et al. 1997).

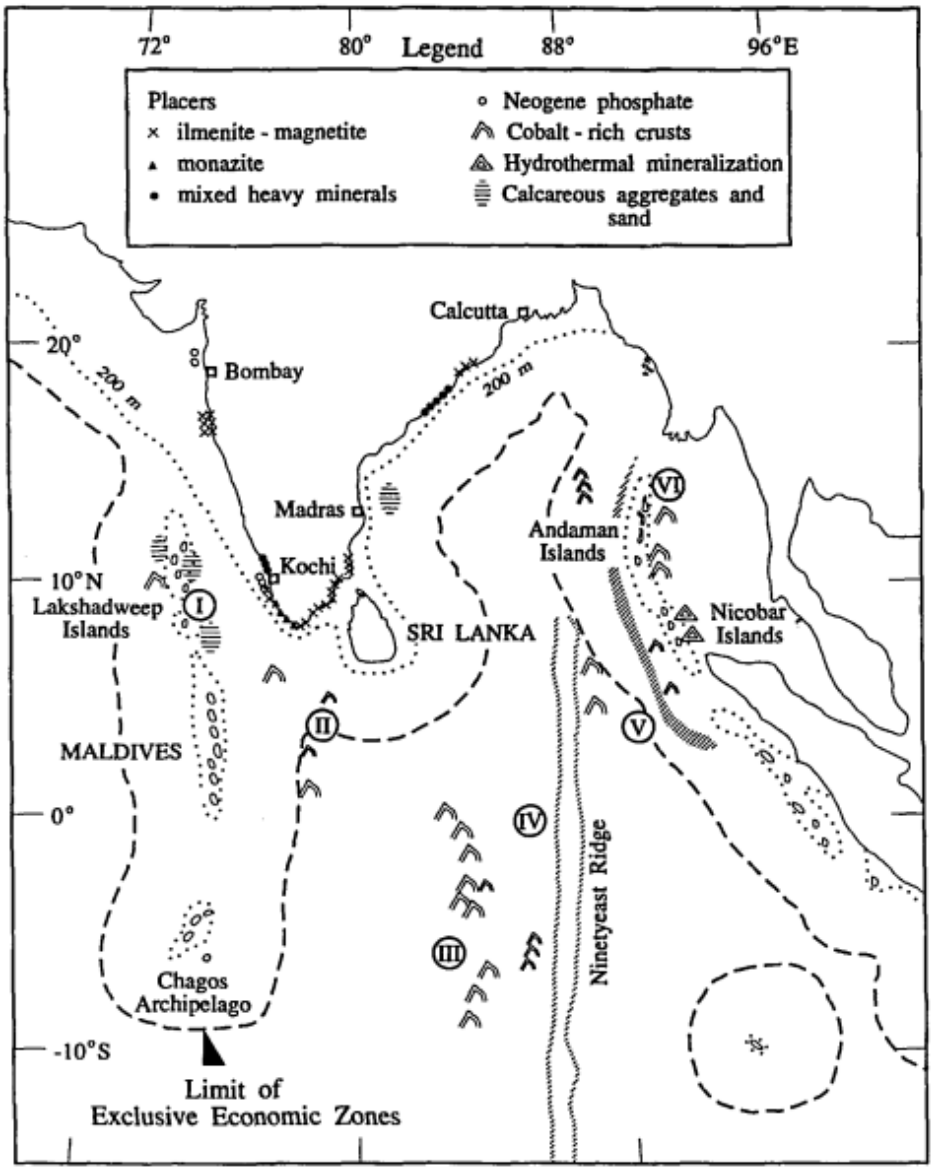


Fig 1: Map showing northern Indian Ocean's principal mineral deposits

Beach pollution is the term used to describe any hazardous substance that contaminates coastal environments, such as lakes and oceans. It encompasses everything from plastic, trash, and litter to oil and sewage. Two common sources of beach contamination are chemicals and trash. This pollution affects all living things and has detrimental impacts on the environment and economy.

Other nations that produce these minerals include Australia, South Africa, the United States, the Soviet Union, Canada, Norway, Brazil, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka. Within India, **Indian Rare Earths Limited** is the source of several minerals found in beach sand (IREL).

1.2 STUDY AREA (ODISHA ILMENITE)

The Indian state of Odisha is blessed with 480 km of coastline, the majority of which has the potential to be rich in heavy minerals. The Indian government's Rare Earth Ltd. (IREL) is actively exploring the placer deposits of Chavara in Kerala, Manavalakurichi in Tamil Nadu, and Chatrapur in Odisha. The Chatrapur deposit is known as OSCOM (Odisha Sand Complex) and is under the management of IREL. The concentration of heavy minerals in the beach sand samples was examined at various locations, and the mineral ilmenite was investigated using a scanning electron microscope. One of the main sources of valuable mineral deposits created by sedimentary processes is thought to be beach placer deposits. A massive 116 million tons are reserved in Odisha, and 62.06 million tons are reserved in the Chatrapur deposit. Odisha's southern coast experiences humid tropical weather. A variety of placer minerals, including monazite, zircon, ilmenite, rutile, and sillimanite, are also kept in storage by the sand dunes. The dunes, which are composed of well-sorted and unconsolidated sands, have a notably high porosity and permeability, which makes them suitable containers for storing fresh groundwater. The inhabitants of the coastal saline area use the primarily alkaline, somewhat hard, fresh, and potable water for agricultural and drinking needs. The table 1 of Weight percentage of Odisha ilmenite is shown below (Jeya Kumari, E et al. 2001).

Table 1: Weight percentage of Odisha ilmenite

COUNTRY	REGION	TiO_2 %	IRON TOTAL %	OTHER IMPURITIES
India	Odisha in (Chatrapur) town	51%	45%	SiO_2 — 0.70 MnO — 0.54 CaO — 0.05 MgO — 0.72 V_2O_5 — 0.23 Cr_2O_3 — 0.05 Al_2O_3 — 0.45

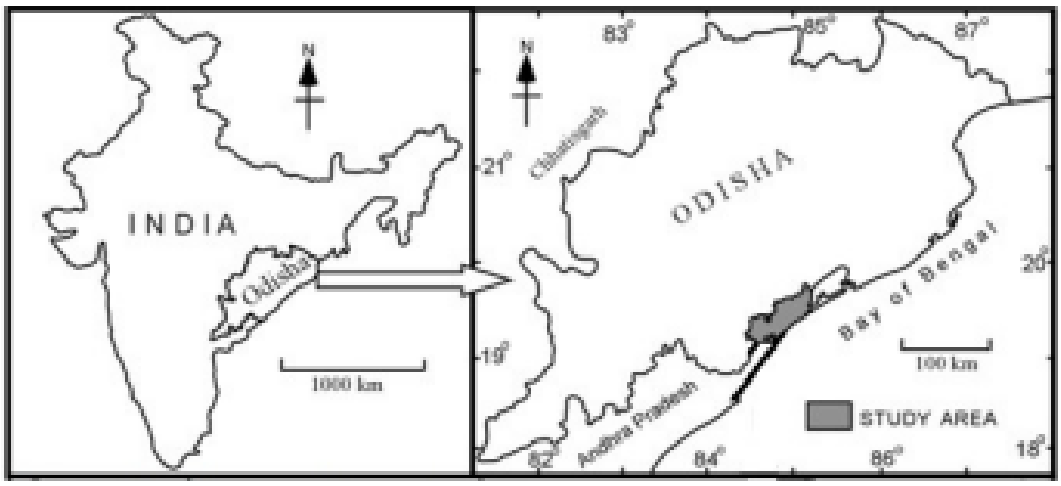


Fig 2: Map showing the location of the study area

1.3 ILMENITE ($FeTiO_3$)

The naturally occurring mineral ilmenite, $FeTiO_3$, is found in igneous rocks that are generated from the upper mantle down to pressures of 12–13 GPa and depths of about 400 km. The main reason ilmenite is significant to the economy is that it is used to make titanium pigments. In commercial extraction via magnetic separation,

its magnetic properties as well as those of ilmenite-hematite sFe2O3d solid solutions are particularly significant. Studies that use rock magnetization to interpret past variations in the Earth's magnetic field must also take into account the solid solution's magnetic behaviour because rocks that contain it exhibit self-reversed magnetization, or the spontaneous magnetization that occurs as the rock cools below the Curie temperature and opposes the applied field with a measured band gap of roughly 2.5eV, ilmenite is a wide bandgap semiconductor. When analysing the electrical structure of transition metal oxides, the ionic model—which assigns formal charges to the ions is a helpful place to start. This is made more difficult for $FeTiO_3$ by the two different cation charge orderings ($Fe^{3+}Ti^{4+}$ and $Fe^{3+}Ti^{3+}$) that are consistent with O^{2-} anions. Numerous minerals containing iron and titanium have been discovered to exhibit the well-known charge transfer excitation between these two states, which has also been modelled Six It is quite challenging to represent the flexibility of the Fe cation's electronic structure using simulations based on empirical potentials. The most common and significant titanium ore mineral is ilmenite ($FeTiO_3$), which is found in India on the sands of coastal beaches in the states of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala. One significant area in Odisha is the coastline stretch between Gopalpur in the south and the Rushikulya River confluence with the Bay of Bengal at Ganjam in the north, which spans a strike length of 18 km and a total area of 26 km^2.

Ionic or semi-ionic materials containing ABO_3 typically take on a lower coordination sesquioxide structure or, if ionic packing is permitted, the high coordination cubic perovskite form. The ilmenite structure, and the lithium niobate structure are the two prevalent sesquioxide structures. In order for AO_6octahedral to share edges in a honeycomb arrangement in s001d planes and share octahedral faces between adjacent planes, both of these structures are based on the higher symmetry corundum sB2O3d structure space group $R\bar{3}cd$, which is based on a hexagonal close-packed anion lattice with cations occupying two thirds of the available octahedral interstices. The metal atoms form the sequence A-A-h-A-A of face-shared pairs of octahedral alternating with unoccupied octahedral atoms, all of which lie on threefold axes parallel to c.

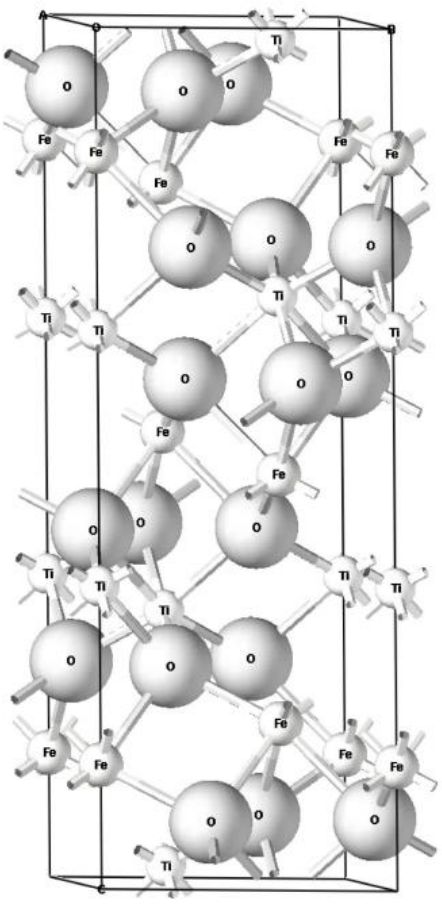


Fig 3: Structure of $FeTiO_3$

1.4 APPLICATIONS OF ILMENITE

- Ilmenite ($Fetio_3$) is a mineral that can be utilized directly as pigment or to make **ceramics, rubber, papers, welding rod, coatings,** and other products in the **chemical industry**.
- The most significant ilmenite minerals come from the more common place titaniferous beach sand deposits, which are the product of natural erosion and concentration processes.
- And the relatively uncommon massive deposits, which frequently occur in conjunction with oxides like hematite or magnetite.

1.5 TITANIUM (Ti)

The ninth most common element in nature in terms of weight is titanium. The element was discovered in 1870 by Rev. William Gregor, an English mineralogist. It takes place in the periodic table's IV B group. The number of atoms and the the element's atomic weights are 22, 47.88, and so on. The metal has a melting point of 1668°C and a boiling point of 3260°C. Its density is 4.5 g/ml. There are two oxidation states for the element: +4 and +3, respectively. The expense of mining, refining, and manufacturing titanium makes it comparatively costlier than other metals. Still, its special qualities frequently make sense when using it in crucial applications where efficiency is crucial.

1.6 INCIDENT OF TITANIUM

Titanates, oxides, and silico titanates are the main mineralogical forms of titanium (Jeya Kumari, E et al. 2001). Titanium is found in the forms of rutile, brookite, and anatase as an oxide mineral. Both Arizonite ($Fe_2O_3 \cdot 3TiO_2$) and Ilmenite ($FeO.TiO_2$) are the primary titanates, whereas the primary occurrence of silico titanates is Sphene ($CaTiO_3$). Titanium minerals have great stability and specific gravity. Mineral deposits can be found in various European countries, the USA, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Japan, and India. It mostly appears in nature as rutile and ilmenite in India. The coastlines of Manavalakurichi (Tamil Nadu), Quilon (Kerala), and odisha have significant deposits.

1.7 MINERAL RESERVES OF TITANIUM IN WORLD

Mineral reserves for titanium are found all over the world. An estimated 340 million tons of different titanium minerals are thought to be among the world's untested reserves. In excess of 216 million tons of these are seen as economic reserves that could be used for business purposes. Ilmenite makes up 160 million of these tons. And as a table 2 with it is displayed below (Jeya Kumari, E et al. 2001).

Table 2: Titanium mineral deposits in the world's economy

Country	Ilmenite	Rutile & Anatase	Total
North America			
Canada	15,000	-	15,000
USA	10,000	1000	11,000
South America			
Brazil	1200	40,000 (Anatase)	41,200
Europe			
Finland	2000	-	2000
Norway	31,000	-	31,000
USSR	4000	1600	5600
Africa			
Sierra – Leone	-	1800	1800
South Africa	34,000	3300	37,300
Asia			
India	13,000	2000	15,000
China	20,000	-	20,000
Srilanka	13,000	3000	16,000
Australia	15,000	5300	20,300
Total	**158,200**	**58,000**	**216,200**

1.8 SYNTHETIC RUTILE (TiO_2)

TiO_2 is a white substance that can be found in a variety of paints, printing ink, plastics, paper, rubber, synthetic fibers, condensers, ceramics, food, cosmetics, and electrical components. It is known as titanium white, Pigment White 6, when used as a pigment. Three crystalline forms of TiO_2 are found in nature: rutile, brookite, and anatase.

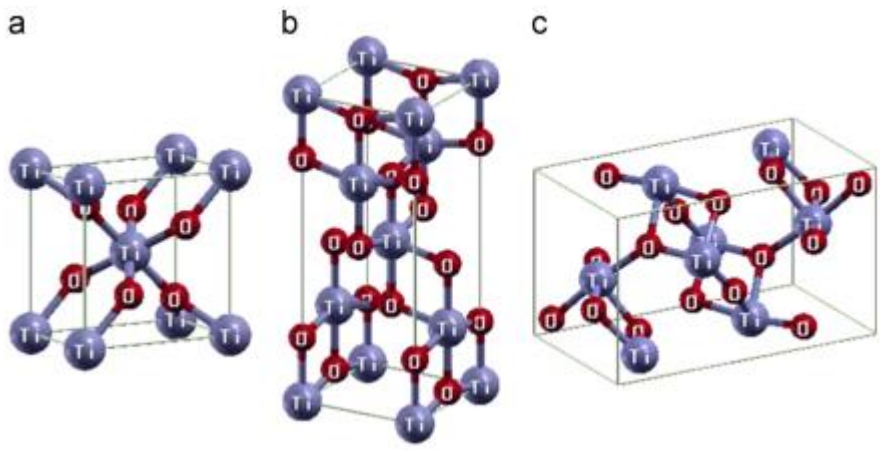


Fig 4: TiO_2 – (a) Rutile, (b) Anatase and (c) Brookite

Two methods have been used to manufacture white titanium dioxide pigments: the sulfate method and the dry chlorination method. Although the sulfate process, which uses ilmenite ($FeTiO_3$) as a raw material, is well-known and frequently used, it is time-consuming, expensive, and produces less marketable ferrous sulfate as a byproduct. Nowadays, the dry chlorination method that uses rutile (TiO_2) as a raw material has better economics and produces less waste products. Because there is a shortage of natural rutile, researchers are working to turn ilmenite into synthetic rutile for the chlorination process. Over 90% of production in China uses the sulfate technique. Titanium sulfate solution is created by dissolving ilmenite ore in sulfuric acid solution during the sulfate process. To create pure TiO_2, this solution is hydrolyzed and refined further. Titanium dioxide properties include non-toxicity, the best opacity, whiteness and brightness, which are why it is considered to be one of the best white pigments in the world. The majority of titanium minerals are converted into titanium dioxide white pigment, a valuable product utilized in many sectors due to its excellent dispersing abilities, chemical stability, and non-toxicity. Because metallic titanium is expensive to produce, its application is restricted. At 800–1100°C, natural or manufactured rutile is carbo chlorinated to form titanium tetrachloride, which is then used to make metallic titanium and titanium white pigment. It is possible to chlorinate titanium oxy carbonitride or oxy carbide at 200–400°C. The manufacture of titanium tetrachloride can be more efficiently chlorinated at low temperatures. Since TiO_2 based materials have such distinctive characteristics, they have garnered significant interest across a wide range of application fields. TiO_2 is widely recognized for its photocatalytic properties, which

include the ability to split water and specifically degrade organic compounds. As fossil fuels run out, hydrogen is seen as a clean fuel of the future. It is easily produced by water splitting, which is aided by catalysts based on TiO_2. When exposed to UV and/or visible light, organic compounds found in wastewater, such as textile dyes, insecticides, and medications, are broken down by TiO_2-based catalysts. Natural rutile has long been used as a feed stock for the synthesis of titanium dioxide because of its high titanium concentration and low impurity levels. Since natural rutile is getting harder to find and therefore more expensive, ilmenite-based alternatives are becoming more popular. Although ilmenite concentrates typically contain just 50% titanium dioxide (as opposed to 96% in the case of rutile), their primary contaminant is iron (Fe), which makes them problematic for the creation of pigment. The table 3 shows the properties of titanium minerals (Jeya Kumari, E et al. 2001).

Table 3: Properties of Titanium Minerals

Minerals	Formula	TiO_2%	Hardness		Occurence
Rutile	TiO_2	90 - 96	Tetragonal Prisms, Terminated by Pyramids	6 - 7	a) As igneous rock segregations. b) As a constituent of streambeds or beach sands in sedimentary deposits.
Ilmenite	$FeTiO_3$	35 - 60	Hexagonal Trigonal	5 - 6	a) In the form of dispersed granules in simple volcanic rocks. b) In the form of haematite/magnetite/ilmenite segregations. c) In beach or coastal sand deposits.
Leucoxene	TiO_2	60 - 90	Mixture of rutile, anatase, ilmenite, etc.	5 – 6.5	a) As an aging byproduct of ilmenite found in beach or coastal sand deposits.

1.9 APPLICATIONS

- TiO_2 has shown promise in many areas, such as photovoltaics, photocatalysis, photo-electrochromic and sensors.
- These applications fall under two categories: "environmental" and "energy" in general.
- Many of these uses are dependent on the TiO_2 material's properties as well as any alterations made to the TiO_2 material host, such as the use of inorganic and organic dyes.
- Titanium dioxide's distinct properties make it a highly promising material for use in gas sensors, photovoltaic cells, and environmental cleaning.
- Chemicals containing titanium and metal are produced in comparatively small amounts.

1.10 PROCESSING OF ODISHA ILMENITE

Most of the researchers around the world use acid leaching method for beneficiating TiO_2 from ilmenite ore. Here in NML – Chennai campus we are engaged in using an enviro – friendly process for the removal of iron oxide from the ore. The process steps include are:

- Carbothermic reduction
- Aeration leaching
- Rutilation
- Acid wash

As a part of my postgraduation project **(M.Sc. Chemistry)** I was engaged with the aeration leaching of reduced ilmenite and the ilmenite is reduced from VB ceramics was used for aeration leaching.

1.11 OBJECTIVES

- Optimization of leaching parameter solid, liquid ratio.
- Estimation of total iron, metallic iron, and synthetic rutile (TiO_2)
- Study on leaching of kinetics.

CHAPTER - 2

LITERATURE REVIEW ON SEPARATION OF ILMENITE

2.1 LEACHING

It is a procedure used to extract iron from ilmenite and produce titanium dioxide with a greater yield. In the leaching method, the leaching process is carried out by agitating a weighted amount of the powdered sample with acid of a particular concentration using a mechanical agitator. The resultant slurry was removed at the end of each hour, filtered, dried at 110ºC, and then calcined at 900ºC to render the sample totally dehydrated. The resulting filtrates and leach liquors were examined to determine the percentage of leaching efficiency. And there are various methods in leaching as given below.

2.2 LEACHING USING ACIDS

2.2.1 Leaching Using Hydrochloric Acid

$$FeTiO_3 + 4\,HCl = Fe^{2+} + TiO^{2+} + 4Cl^- + 2H_2O$$

The purpose of the majority of ilmenite leaching investigations using hydrochloric acid was to determine the ideal conditions for upgrading the ilmenite into synthetic rutile. (Thambiliyagodage et al. 2021) It was discovered that adding phosphate and fluoride to hydrochloric acid improved the leaching of ilmenite. It has also been observed that ilmenite leaches much more quickly in alcoholic hydrochloric acid solutions than in aqueous ones. The leaching of ilmenite by hydrochloric acid is examined in this article. Because it makes recovering the valuable free acid from its waste solution relatively easier than other acids, hydrochloric acid is preferred as a leachant. Furthermore, compared to sulphuric acid solutions, the recovery of certain metal ions using liquid-liquid extraction from hydrochloric acid solutions is significantly simpler. When Fe powder is utilized, there is a noticeable decrease in the concentration of HCl because Fe powder and ilmenite both react with HCl.

Advantages of the treatment method

By Using Hydrochloric Acid:

- High extraction efficiency of Titanium.
- High capacity to remove impurities.
- Simple HCl regeneration.
- HCl capacity to be recycled.

Disadvantages of the treatment method

By using Hydrochloric acid:

- High-grade titanium ilmenite is necessary.
- Demand a high acid concentration.
- Corrodes the consumables and reactors.
- Excessive energy use.
- Expensive.
- Solid-liquid separation issues.
- High CO_2 output, particularly in large-scale manufacturing.

2.2.2 Leaching Using Sulphuric Acid

$$FeTiO_3(S) + 2\,H_2SO_4(aq) = FeSO_4(aq) + TiOSO_4(aq) + 2\,H_2O(L)$$

It is commonly known that the acid content significantly affects how quickly ilmenite dissolves. (Thambiliyagodage et al. 2021) According to the experimental data, the rate of dissolution increased until it reached a maximum conversion of around 14 M H_2SO_4 (1380 g L^{-1}). This study used moderately diluted sulphuric acid solutions (400–600 g L^{-1}) in an attempt to develop a new technique that makes use of low temperatures and relatively low recycled acid concentrations. Thus, the leaching procedure that is conventional is followed.

Advantages of the treatment method

By using Sulphuric acid:

- Reduced rusting of manufacturing machinery.
- Reusing H_2SO_4 waste can involve using low-grade titanium ilmenite.
- Low energy consumption and low capital costs.

Disadvantages of the treatment method

By using Sulphuric acid:

- Demand a high acid concentration.
- Less effective in eliminating contaminants.
- Abundant production of solid trash and acid.
- Treatment challenges for waste acid and iron (II) sulphate.

2.2.3 Leaching using weak acids

For example, if we take citric acid then the equation as follows,

$$C_6H_8O_7 + H_2O = H_3O^+ + C_6H_7O_7^-$$

$$FeTiO_3 + 4\ H_3O^+ = TiO_2^+ + Fe_2^+ + 6H_2O$$

After five hours in the acid, 39% of the Ti was dissolved, and after twenty hours, 63% of the Ti was leached. 10% iron was discovered to dissolve after a 6-hour reaction period, and even after a 10-hour reaction time, the proportion remained unchanged. (Thambiliyagodage et al. 2021) Citric acid was less effective at removing iron and titanium than a strong acid with a high concentration (8 M sulfuric acid). However, using a modest concentration of weak acid (1 M citric acid), a greater Ti to iron dissolving ratio was achieved. Low iron dissolution was ascribed to iron precipitating at high temperature in a 1 M citric acid solution. It is possible to demonstrate how iron and titanium dissolve in citric acid. After reaching its maximum, the dissolution of iron remained steady, however the dissolution of titanium increased with increasing dissolution time.

Advantages of the treatment method

By using Weak acids:

- Low acid content is necessary.
- Ti exhibits greater selectivity than Fe.

Disadvantages of the treatment method

By using Weak acids:

- High usage of energy.
- Expensive.

2.3 LEACHING USING ALKALINE SOLUTIONS

$$3FeTiO_3 + 4KOH = K_4Ti_3O_8 + 3FeO + 2H_2O$$

There are a number of drawbacks to digesting ilmenite in an acidic media, including high energy consumption and reactor damage from the high temperatures and acid concentrations used (Thambiliyagodage et al. 2021). Ilmenite dissolution under alkaline circumstances has been studied to lessen these disadvantages. The breakdown of ilmenite in a strong KOH solution. As mentioned previously, potassium titanate ($K_4Ti_3O_8$) is produced when ilmenite reacts with KOH. The highest extraction in the range of particle sizes (58–75 to 160–180 µm) was seen in the smaller ilmenite particle size resulting from high Ti extraction. The alkali to ilmenite ratio of 7:1 and 260 °C produced the maximum titanium extraction. The alkali contained 84 weight percent KOH.

Advantages of the treatment method

By using alkaline solutions:

- Ti exhibits greater selectivity than Fe.

Disadvantages of the treatment method

By using alkaline solutions:

- Need acid in order to convert titanate to TiO_2.
- High alkaline content is necessary.
- High usage of energy.

2.3.1 Leaching using ammonium chloride solution

The reduced ilmenite is treated with ammonium chloride that has been dissolved in oxygen to extract the metallic iron. As dissolved oxygen is reduced, a high pH would be produced at the surface as follows: (Thambiliyagodage et al. 2021)

$$O_2(aq) + 2H_2O + 4e^- = 4OH^-(aq)$$

Ammonium ions inhibit the development of iron (II) hydroxide, which would restrict the diffusion of $Fe2^+$ from the rutile matrix, by buffering the OH^- ions and preventing the generation of high pH values. Additionally, the buffering action of ammonium ions results in the production of ammonia as follows.

$$NH_4^+(aq) + OH^-(aq) = NH_3(aq) + H_2O$$

Advantages of the treatment method

By using ammonium chloride solution:

- Artificial rutile isolation.
- Separate the iron powder.

Disadvantages of the treatment method

By using ammonium chloride solution:

- Oxygen necessity.
- Elevated energy use.

2.4 LEACHING APPARATUS

The solution was stirred using a Remi mechanical stirrer. The leaching studies were conducted using a 500 ml plastic beaker. The speed of stirring was changed to between 500 and 600 rpm. And in order to produce synthetic rutile, this procedure is done for seven hours. The synthetic rutile that was created after leaching was thoroughly cleaned with water, dried at 110°C in a hotplate, and then used for analysis. A basic framework for leaching ilmenite is provided by this setup; however, the specifics may differ according on the properties of the ore, the required level of purity for the titanium dioxide product, and the leaching technique selected. To enhance process efficiency and minimize expenses and environmental impact, leaching conditions must be properly optimized.

2.5 METHODS FOR PROCESSING ILMENITE

The pigment industry, which processes titanium concentrates either by **sulphate** or **chloride** methods, is the main user of all forms of titanium concentrates.

2.5.1 SULFATE PROCESS

When ilmenite gets crushed finely and cooked with high sulphuric acid (92%) in the phosphate route of processing, a dark solution including titanyl sulphate $FeSO_4$ and $Fe_2(SO_4,)_3$ is produced. Iron scrap is added to the acidic solution to convert ferric iron to ferrous iron. In order to precipitate the hydrated titania, the reduced liquid is clarified, concentrated, and then heated to a boil using live steam. The precipitate is fed into a rotary kiln after being filtered and slightly combined with a few additions. The discharge of rutile or anatase, or crystalline titanium dioxide, is contingent upon the additives added to the calcined feed. After that, it is finely ground to produce titanium dioxide pigment.

2.5.1.1 DISADVANTAGES OF SULPHATE PROCESS

The process has a primary drawback is the environmental contamination it causes due to its extremely acidic effluent, which contains dil.H_2SO_4 and ferrous sulphate. Moreover, sulphur must be imported in order to generate H and SO. Discharging the wastewater into the sea allowed the alkalinity of the ocean to neutralize the acidity, which was the previous approach. However, when pollution issues became

more well known, industrialized nations implemented strict laws that forbade this kind of marine dumping. Several different processing ways have been devised and tested to eliminate these issues; the chloride route is one of the most significant.

2.5.2 CHLORIDE PROCESS

Most contemporary companies produce titanium tetrachloride by chlorinating rutile, a process known as the chloride process. Condensation eliminates iron chlorides that are present in trace amounts. refined $TiCl_4$ is burned in the presence of oxygen to create the rutile form of titanium dioxide pigment. Because the released chlorine is recycled, pollution is prevented. For the traditional process of producing titanium metal and rutile, rutile is the preferred feedstock since it contains more titanium dioxide than either ilmenite or titanium magnetite. Natural rutile deposits are extremely rare, and mining them is become more and more expensive. As such, the price of natural rutile is far more than that of ilmenite. It is discovered that synthetic rutile, which is made from the more affordable and common mineral ilmenite by extracting the iron from it, works well as a beginning material for processing instead of the pricey and rare natural rutile.

2.5.2.1 ADVANTAGES OF CHLORIDE PROCESS

When compared to the more traditional sulphate method, the titanium dioxide produced by the chloride procedure is generally purer. Because of its great purity, it can be used in a variety of products, such as paints, plastics, paper, and cosmetics. The chloride process often has less of an environmental impact than the sulphate process. Because it produces less toxic emissions and by-products, it is more environmentally friendly. In terms of yield and energy consumption, the chloride process is typically more efficient than the sulphate process. Manufacturers may benefit from reduced manufacturing costs and higher profitability as a result of this efficiency. Other than ilmenite, a range of ores containing titanium can be used in the chloride process. This adaptability makes more dependable and varied.

2.6 PRODUCTION OF SYNTHETIC RUTILE FROM ILMENITE

Synthetic rutile can be produced from ilmenite using a variety of methods, most of which can be categorized into one of five categories:

1. Smelting procedures: In order to separate iron from titanium, the iron component of ilmenite is reduced and melted. The titanium slag is subsequently heated to high levels and leached using either sulfuric acid or hydrochloric acid.
2. Ilmenite reduction to partially or fully transform ferric iron into metallic iron by leaching it with acid.
3. The ilmenite's iron component is reduced to metallic iron, and then oxygen and ammonium chloride are used to cause corrosion.
4. MURSO process: Oxidation and reduction of ilmenite, followed by leaching with hydrochloric acid.
5. Roasting, magnetic separation, and then leaching with hydrochloric acid.

2.7 BECHER PROCESS

The Becher process is an industrial technique used to turn ilmenite ore into rutile, a valuable form of titanium dioxide (TiO_2). Developed in the 1960s by Robert Gordon Becher, it competes with other methods like the chloride process and the sulphate process for producing titanium concentrates. The feedstock will be ilmenite ore, Ilmenite ($FeTiO_3$) is the primary source of titanium, containing 50-65% titanium dioxide. The remaining portion is mostly iron oxide. The Becher process aims to remove this iron to enrich the TiO_2 content. This process is particularly suited for weathered ilmenite with low chromium and magnesium concentrations. These impurities can cause complications in later stages. Overall, the Becher process is a valuable technique for producing titanium dioxide from ilmenite ore. Its efficiency, environmental benefits, and focus on specific ore types make it a relevant player in the titanium industry.

The Four Steps of the Becher Process

1. **Oxidation:** The ilmenite is subjected to high temperatures (around 1200°C) in a rotary kiln with sulphur. This step converts ferrous iron (FeO) within the ilmenite to ferric iron (Fe_2O_3).
2. **Reduction:** The roasted ilmenite undergoes reduction with coal and ash. This process reduces some of the ferric iron back to metallic iron.
3. **Aeration:** The reduced ilmenite is then washed with water containing ammonium chloride as a catalyst. Air is blown through the mixture, causing the metallic iron to react and form flocculent precipitates of iron oxides.
4. **Acid Leaching:** Finally, these iron oxide precipitates are removed using an acid leaching process. This step significantly enriches the titanium dioxide content, typically reaching between 90-96% in the final product, which is synthetic rutile.

2.7.1 ADVANTAGES

The Becher process offers a competitive alternative to other methods. Here are some of its advantages:

- Efficient: It achieves high levels of titanium dioxide concentration in the final product.
- Environmentally friendly: Compared to other processes, it generates fewer hazardous wastes.
- Feedstock limitations: The process is most effective with specific ilmenite ore compositions.
- Energy consumption: The high temperatures required in the roasting stage can lead to high energy demands.

2.8 BENILITE PROCESS

The Benilite process is another method for obtaining titanium dioxide (TiO_2) from ilmenite ore, competing with the Becher process you just learned about. Unlike the Becher process, which uses a reduction and oxidation approach, the Benilite process relies on selective leaching with hydrochloric acid (HCl) to remove iron and other impurities from ilmenite. This allows for more flexibility in terms of the feedstock used. The Benilite process stands as a viable alternative for producing titanium dioxide from ilmenite ore. Its ability to handle various feedstocks and potentially lower energy demands make it an attractive option. However, the use of hydrochloric acid necessitates careful environmental considerations and appropriate equipment to ensure safe and sustainable operation.

The Steps Involved in the Benilite Process

1. **Grinding and Classification:** The ilmenite ore is first crushed and ground into a fine powder. This increases the surface area for efficient chemical reactions in the later stages.
2. **Partial Reduction (Optional):** While not always necessary, some Benilite variations involve a partial reduction step. Here, the ilmenite is exposed to a reducing agent (like carbon monoxide) at a controlled temperature. This partially converts ferric iron (Fe_2O_3) to ferrous iron (FeO) in the ilmenite.
3. **Leaching with Hydrochloric Acid:** The key step involves reacting the ilmenite with hydrochloric acid. This dissolves the iron and other metal impurities that are more susceptible to acid attack compared to titanium dioxide. The resulting slurry contains titanium dioxide-rich particles and residual solids.
4. **Solid-Liquid Separation:** The slurry undergoes a separation process, such as filtration or thickening, to isolate the titanium dioxide-rich solids from the acidic liquor containing dissolved impurities.
5. **Acid Regeneration (Optional):** The used hydrochloric acid might undergo a regeneration step to recover it for reuse. This can involve processes like evaporation and pyrohydrolysis.
6. **Washing and Drying:** The separated titanium dioxide solids are thoroughly washed to remove any residual acid or impurities. Finally, they are dried to

obtain the final product, which is synthetic rutile with a high TiO_2 concentration (typically 90-96%).

2.8.1 ADVANTAGES

- **Feedstock Flexibility:** It can handle a wider range of ilmenite ore compositions compared to the Becher process, making it more versatile.
- **Less Energy Intensive:** The process generally requires lower operating temperatures than the Becher process, leading to potentially lower energy consumption.
- **Environmental Impact:** Hydrochloric acid is a hazardous material, so careful handling and potential for waste gas emissions require proper management.
- **Corrosion:** Using hydrochloric acid necessitates equipment that can withstand its corrosive nature.

2.9 KINETICS

At room temperature, the impact on rusting in the presence of combinations of carbonyl compounds and NH_4CI was investigated. The product of a solid reaction forms on the reacting solid; the coating factor and the diffusion process may control the reaction's kinetics. An extremely porous coating will allow chemicals to react without any resistance, meaning the coating will have no effect. If the porosity is low or non-existent, the reagent must diffuse by lattice diffusion or pore diffusion through the protective film in order to reach the interface. In these situations, the diffusion path rises as the product layer gradually thickens, causing the reaction state to gradually diminish. If the area of the core interface shrinks in the case of a spherical solid, the rate decrease will be amplified. The diffusion-controlled reaction equation was implemented while keeping in mind all of the previously mentioned details It is so clear that, in contrast to the system employing NH_4CI alone, where it is regulated by surface chemical reaction, the diffusion mechanism is the rate-determining step when mixtures of carbonyl compounds were added in addition to NH_4CI.

2.9.1 EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE

Using a temperature-controlled, continuously-circulating water bath, the impact of temperature on the rusting response was investigated. The experiments were conducted inside a stainless-steel reaction vessel that had been constructed with clamping facilities and a set of baffle lining. Glass tubes were placed and clamped along the baffle lining to allow air to pass through. For the research purpose, three different temperatures were chosen: 25, 30, 35, and 40°C.

2.9.2 SOLID-LIQUID RATIO

In a combination or solution, the "solid-liquid ratio" usually refers to the mass or volume of solid material divided by the mass or volume of liquid. This ratio is frequently used to characterize the concentration or consistency of a mixture in a variety of industries, including chemistry, engineering, and manufacturing. In order to optimize the solid-liquid ratio, experiments were conducted. The solid-liquid ratio was tuned while varying the weight of ilmenite while keeping the volume of ammonium chloride solution constant. It is crucial to remember that there are other parameters in the leaching process that need to be tuned, and the solid-liquid ratio is just one of them. The process is overall and efficiency are also greatly influenced by other variables, including temperature, agitation intensity, and leaching time.

CHAPTER – 3

AIM OF THE INVESTIGATION

3.1 SCOPE OF THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION

A thorough review of the literature reveals that only the Becher process is environmentally friendly among the commercial methods currently in use for producing synthetic rutile. It also has trouble with the extremely sluggish catalytic rusting process, which will be the primary process bottleneck. This justifies the need to create more effective catalysts that can finish the reaction faster, which will be extremely advantageous for the businesses. Therefore, a thorough analysis was conducted to identify the catalysts that can quicken the rusting process. Since NH_4Cl contributes to the fulfilment of the three fundamental roles, it was chosen to remain the fundamental catalyst, and the effects of novel compounds were assessed when combined with NH_4Cl. There have been attempts to comprehend the implications of different reaction parameters, kinetics, and reaction simulation. The following several chapters of this thesis include the findings from these investigations.

CHAPTER - 4

MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS - The Orissa Sands Complex **(OSCOM)**, one of IREL's flagship facilities situated in Chatrapur in the Ganjam district and a well-known producer of TiO_2 pigment, provided the ilmenite samples utilized in the study as shown in the fig 5. The aim of the research was to assess the efficiency of a suggested procedure on both reduced and raw ilmenite, which is presently employed by OSCOM in the manufacturing of TiO_2. More sparkle will be found in raw ilmenite as opposed to reduced ilmenite.

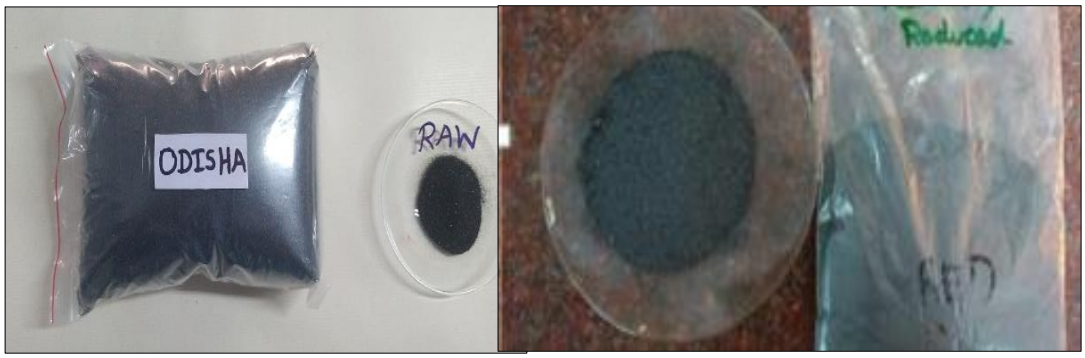


Fig 5: Images of raw and reduced ilmenite obtained from (OSCOM)

4.2 METHODS

4.2.1 CARBOTHERMIC REDUCTION - Here carbon will act as a reducing reagent. The purpose of reducing raw ilmenite is to transform ferric iron into ferrous iron, which dissolves more readily in acidic solutions. In order to capture CO_2, add a small amount of CaO. combine the raw ilmenite and carbon in a 1:1.5 ratio (20g of ilmenite and 30g of carbon). In a tube furnace, maintain the mixture at 1050^oC for 4 hours. Take the sample out of the furnace only after it has cooled. At this point, the raw ilmenite has totally declined as shown in the fig 6.

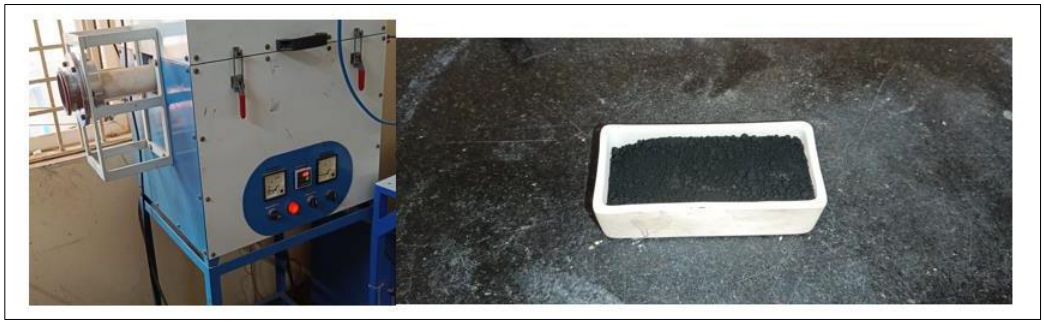


Fig 6: Reduction of raw ilmenite

4.2.2 MAGNETIC SEPARATION - Once the sample has cooled, remove it from the furnace. Separate the carbon using a single magnetic rod as shown in the fig 7, then rinse it under water several times to remove any traces of carbon. Next, gather the reduced ilmenite in a separate container.



Fig 7: Magnetic separation

4.2.3 AERATION LEACHING - Now we have reduced ilmenite. In order to extract iron from ilmenite, we will carry out separate 5-hour leaching sessions as shown in fig 8 and collect samples every hour to estimate Fe and TiO_2.



Fig 8: Aeration leaching setup

4.2.4 METHODOLOGY - 15 g of reduced ilmenite was suspended in a 250ml of beaker and water with 1.5% of NH_4Cl. Carbonyl compounds were added to maintain the PH 4. Theoretically PH 4 is the optimum for maximum iron removal. Continuous air was passed at the rate of 4-5 (lit/min) to aerate the mixture. A mechanical stirrer continuously stirred the mixture, the rpm was maintained in between 400-700.samples are withdrawn at regular intervals of time and analyzed for total iron and TiO_2 estimation respectively.

4.3 CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

4.3.1 ESTIMATION OF TOTAL IRON (Fe)

Procedure: Weigh out accurately about 0.5gm of the finely ground sample and fuse it with about 10-15gm of potassium hydrogen sulphate in a silica crucible. First melt the potassium hydrogen sulphate to get a clear solution. Then allow to solidify. Add the powdered sample and heat at low temperature first. During heating swirl the contents of the crucible carefully. Then increase the temperature to the maximum (900^oC). Keep the crucible at this temperature for 20-30mts.Then allow the crucible to cool. Detach the cooled cake from the crucible by gentle tapping with glass rod, put it inside a beaker containing 100 ml 20% H_2SO_4 and heat till the dissolution is complete. The crucible is rinsed and taken out. Cool the solution and make up to 250ml.Pipette out 20ml of this solution in a conical flask and add 5ml of Conc. HCl

and heat to about 800°C. Reduce the iron solution by adding freshly prepared $SnCl_2$ solution (5%) drop wise until the yellow colour of the solution disappeared, add 1 - 2 drops in excess. Cool the solution rapidly to 200°C. After cooling dilute the solution to about 100ml., the excess $SnCl_2$ present is removed by adding 20ml $HgCl_2$ solution (10 %), stir well and allow to stand for 3- 4 minutes. Add 10 ml each of Zimmer Mann solution, acid mixture and 4 drops of Barium diphenylamine sulphonate indicator and titrate against Std. potassium dichromate solution. The end point is the appearance of permanent violet -blue colour throughout the solution.



Fig 9: Fusion test



Fig 10: Endpoint for iron estimation

4.3.1.1 CALCULATIONS

Total Fe % in Raw Ilmenite

i) Theoretical:

Factor of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ sol = $\frac{55.84 \times \text{Normality of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ sol}}{1000}$

$= \frac{55.84 \times 0.1}{1000}$

= 0.005584

ii) Experimental:

% of Total Fe = $\frac{\text{Vol. of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ sol} \times \text{Factor of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ sol} \times 100 \times 12.5}{\text{Weight of the sample}}$

$= \frac{3.1 \times 0.005584 \times 100 \times 12.5}{0.5020}$

= 43.5021 %

Total Fe % in Sample-A (After 1st Hr)

i) Experimental:

% of Total Fe = $\frac{\text{Vol. of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ sol} \times \text{Factor of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ sol} \times 100 \times 12.5}{\text{Weight of the sample}}$

$= \frac{2.6 \times 0.005584 \times 100 \times 12.5}{0.5016}$

= 36.1762 %

Total Fe % in Sample-B (After 2nd Hr)

i) Experimental:

% of Total Fe = $\frac{\text{Vol. of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ sol x Factor of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ sol x } 100 \text{ x } 12.5}{\text{Weight of the sample}}$

= $\frac{2.3 \text{ x } 0.005584 \text{ x } 100 \text{ x } 12.5}{0.5019}$

= 31.9864 %

Total Fe % in Sample-C (After 3rd Hr)

i) Experimental:

% of Total Fe = $\frac{\text{Vol. of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ sol x Factor of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ sol x } 100 \text{ x } 12.5}{\text{Weight of the sample}}$

= $\frac{2.1 \text{ x } 0.005584 \text{ x } 100 \text{ x } 12.5}{0.5042}$

= 29.0717 %

Total Fe % in Sample-D (After 4th Hr)

i) Experimental:

% of Total Fe = $\frac{\text{Vol. of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ sol x Factor of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ sol x } 100 \text{ x } 12.5}{\text{Weight of the sample}}$

= $\frac{1.3 \text{ x } 0.005584 \text{ x } 100 \text{ x } 12.5}{0.5044}$

= 17.9896 %

Total Fe % in Sample-E (After 5th Hr)

i) Experimental:

$$\textbf{\% of Total Fe} = \frac{\text{Vol. of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ sol x Factor of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ sol x } 100 \text{ x } 12.5}{\text{Weight of the sample}}$$

$$= \frac{1 \text{ x } 0.005584 \text{ x } 100 \text{ x } 12.5}{0.5045}$$

= 13.8354 %

4.3.2 ESTIMATION OF TiO_2

Method: (Aluminium Reduction) Titanium (IV) in acid solution (containing HCl) is reduced to titanium (III) by Aluminium and then titrated with a Standard Oxidant solution.

Apparatus: The apparatus consists of a 500ml Erlenmeyer flask with a two-holed rubber stopper. A pointed glass rod nearly touching the bottom of the flask is placed in one hole of the stopper and the short end of the delivery tube is placed in the other hole. The other end of the delivery tube is placed in the saturated sodium bicarbonate solution taken in a 400ml beaker. The Aluminium foil is attached to the glass rod fixed with the stopper.

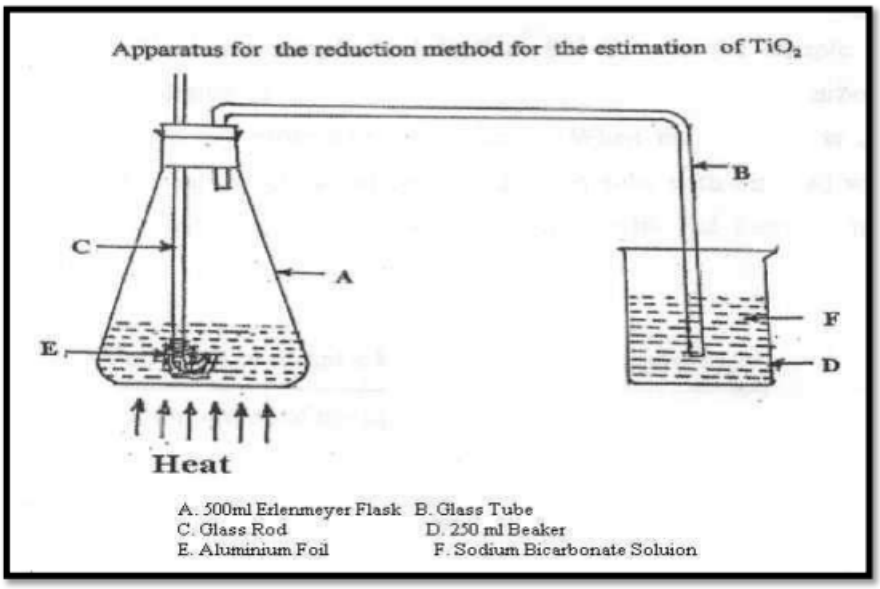


Fig11:Apparatus for TiO_2 estimation

Procedure: Weigh out sufficiently air-dried and powered sample of TiO_2 (0.25 to 0.30 g) and fuse with 15g of fused potassium bisulphate. Cool the cake, dissolve it in 100ml of 20% H_2SO_4 and make up to 250ml in a Std flask. Pipette out 20ml of the made-up solution in to the 500ml Erlenmeyer flask, add 30ml Conc. HCl, dilute to approximately 150ml and heat it using a heating mantle. Attach 2gms of high purity aluminium foil to the end of the glass rod fitted on the rubber stopper of the reductor. When the solution starts boiling, remove the flask from the mantle and immediately close the flask with the rubber stopper carrying the glass rod with aluminium and the delivery tube. Keep the other end of the delivery tube immersed in the sodium bicarbonate solution taken in the 400ml beaker. The reaction between the aluminium foil and the solution is rapid. Towards the end of the reaction swirl the flask to ensure complete mixing and reduction. When all the aluminium appears to be dissolved, gently boil the solution for 3-5 minutes more keeping the delivery tube still immersed in the sodium bicarbonate solution. Cool the sample to less than 60^oC. As the sample cools the sodium bicarbonate solution is drawn in to the Erlenmeyer flask and the carbon dioxide evolved gives the necessary protective atmosphere. When the solution is cool, remove the stopper and rinse the glass rod and the delivery tube with distilled water. Add 2ml of 24% ammonium thiocyanate indicator. Titrate with Std Ferric Ammonium Sulphate solution.

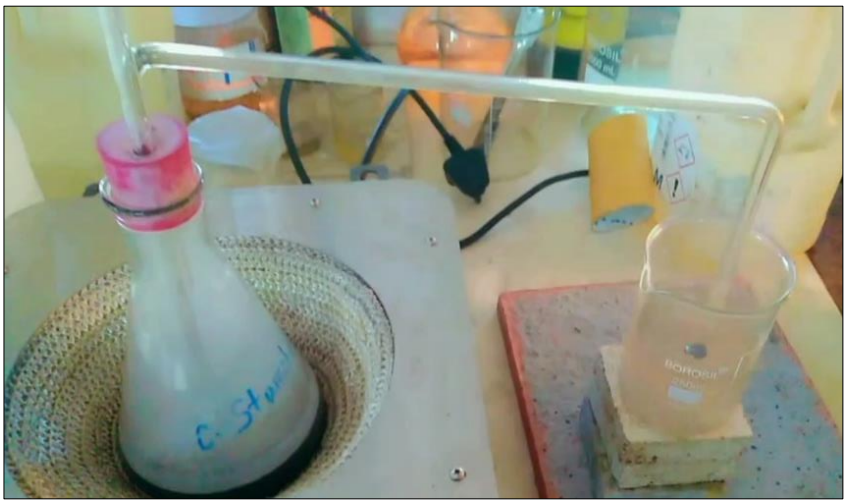


Fig 12: Tio_2 Estimation setup



Fig 13: Endpoint for TiO_2

4.3.2.1 CALCULATIONS

TiO_2 % in Raw Ilmenite

i) Theoretical:

Factor of TiO_2 = $\frac{\text{Wt. of Std } TiO_2 \text{ (in grams) x \% in Std } TiO_2 \text{ x Volume pipetted out}}{\text{Vol. of titrant x Made up volume x 100}}$

$= \frac{0.30 \times 99.9 \times 20}{18.6 \times 250 \times 100}$

= **0.001289**

ii) Experimental:

%TiO_2 = $\frac{\text{Vol. in ml of titrant x Factor x Made up volume x100}}{\text{Wt. in grams of the sample x volume pipetted out}}$

$= \frac{17.2 \times 0.0012 \times 250 \times 100}{0.5029 \times 20}$

= **51.3024 %**

TiO_2 % in sample-A (After 1st Hr)

i) Experimental:

%TiO_2 = Vol. in ml of titrant x Factor x Made up volume x100

Wt. in grams of the sample x volume pipetted out

= 22.4 x 0.0012 x 250 x 100

0.5040 x 20

= **66.67 %**

TiO_2 % in sample-B (After 2nd Hr)

i) Experimental:

%TiO_2 = Vol. in ml of titrant x Factor x Made up volume x100

Wt. in grams of the sample x volume pipetted out

= 23.6 x 0.0012 x 250 x 100

0.5024 x 20

= **70.4617 %**

TiO_2 % in sample-C (After 3rd Hr)

i) Experimental:

%TiO_2 = Vol. in ml of titrant x Factor x Made up volume x100

Wt. in grams of the sample x volume pipetted out

= 25.9 x 0.0012 x 250 x 100

0.5000 x 20

= **77.7 %**

TiO_2 % in sample-D (After 4th Hr)

i) Experimental:

$\%TiO_2$ = Vol. in ml of titrant x Factor x Made up volume x100

Wt. in grams of the sample x volume pipetted out

= 27.7 x 0.0012 x 250 x 100

0.5007 x 20

= **82.983 %**

TiO_2 % in sample-E (After 5th Hr)

i) Experimental:

$\%TiO_2$ = Vol. in ml of titrant x Factor x Made up volume x100

Wt. in grams of the sample x volume pipetted out

= 28.6 x 0.0012 x 250 x 100

0.5017 x 20

= **85.509 %**

4.3.3 ESTIMATION OF METALLIC IRON

About 100-150 ml of distilled water is boiled with 4-6gms of $HgCl_2$, then add to it 0.5g of finely powdered sample. After a 20mts boiling, the solution is filtered and washed. The residue can be tested for Fe by adding a drop of it to the potassium ferricyanide solution. If green precipitate forms it shows that solution contains Fe. Again, the ppt is boiled with 100ml of distilled water and filtered and tested for any iron present. If Fe is not present then the solution is titrated with STD potassium dichromate solution by adding 10ml of phosphoric acid and sulphuric acid mixture, 10ml of Zimmer Man solution and 5drops of Barium diphenylamine sulphonate indicator. Appearance of violet colour is the end point. The %of metallic iron can be calculated as in the case of total Fe.

4.3.4 PREPARATION OF REAGENTS

Preparation of $SnCl_2$

Conc. soln. of $SnCl_2$ is prepared by dissolving 12gms of pure tin or 30gms of AR crystalline $SnCl_2$ ($SnCl_2$ $2H_2O$) in 100ml of conc. HCl and dilute to 200ml with distilled water.

Phosphoric acid Sulphuric acid mixture

150 ml of H_2SO_4 & 150 ml of H_3PO_4 in 700 ml distilled water.

Zimmer- Mann Solution

50 grams of $MnSO_4$ in 250 ml of distilled water + (A mixture of 100 ml Conc. H_2SO_4 +300 ml of distilled water + 100 ml of H_3PO_4).

Barium diphenylamine sulphonate indicator

0.2 gram of the salt is dissolved in 100 ml of distilled water.

N-Phenyl anthranilic acid

Dissolve 1.07 grams of N-Phenyl anthranilic acid in 20 ml of 5% Sodium carbonate solution, and dilute to one litre with distilled water. Alternatively, dissolve 1.0 grams of the acid in 48 ml of 0.1 N Sodium hydroxide and dilute to one litre with water.

Preparation of Ammonium Thiocyanate Indicator

Dissolve 24.5gms of Ammonium Thiocyanate in 80ml of hot distilled water. Filter through two Whatman 42 filter paper using vacuum. Cool, dilute to 100ml and store in a dark-colored bottle.

Standardisation of Ferric Alum

Dissolve15.08 gm of Ferric Ammonium Sulphate in 800ml distilled water and 15 ml conc. H_2SO_4. Add H_2O_2 to ensure complete oxidation of iron. Boil the solution to remove excess H_2O_2 and dilute to 1 litre. Standardise the solution against standard TiO_2 reduced in the same way as described for the sample

CHAPTER - 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 EXPERIMENTAL RESULT

To learn more about the leaching process of ilmenite samples, a series of experiments were conducted using the previously described protocol. The process was closely adhered to in order to guarantee precision and coherence in the outcomes.

Table 4: Total iron % for reduced ilmenite samples

S.NO	Time (hour)	Total Iron (%)
1	0	43.5
2	1	36
3	2	31
4	3	29
5	4	17
6	5	13

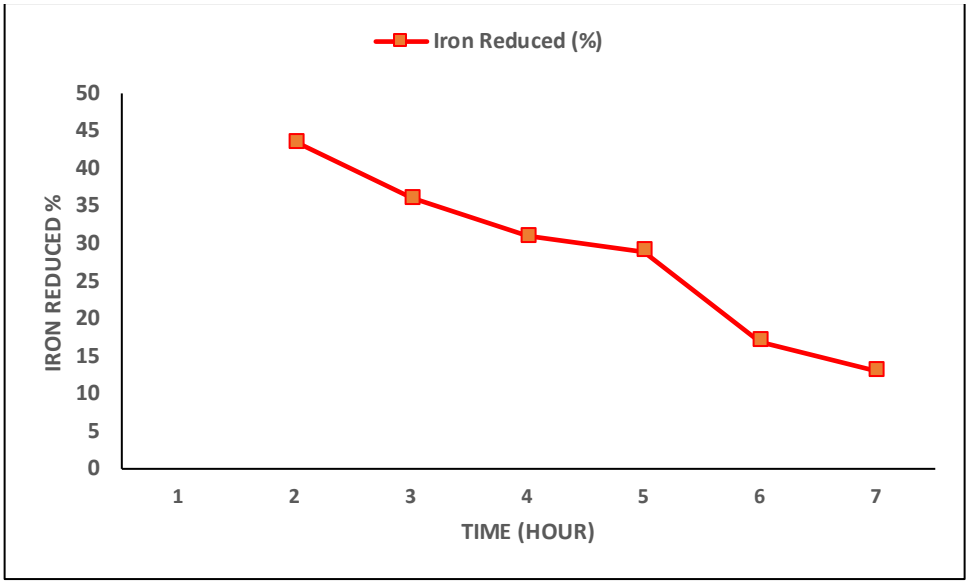


Fig 14: Graph plotted for iron reduced % vs Time (hour)

It is evident from the foregoing results that the reduced ilmenite sample loses a sizable amount of iron via leaching as shown in the fig 14. As we can see, the iron content is first reducing more slowly, then it starts to reduce more quickly in the fourth or fifth hour.

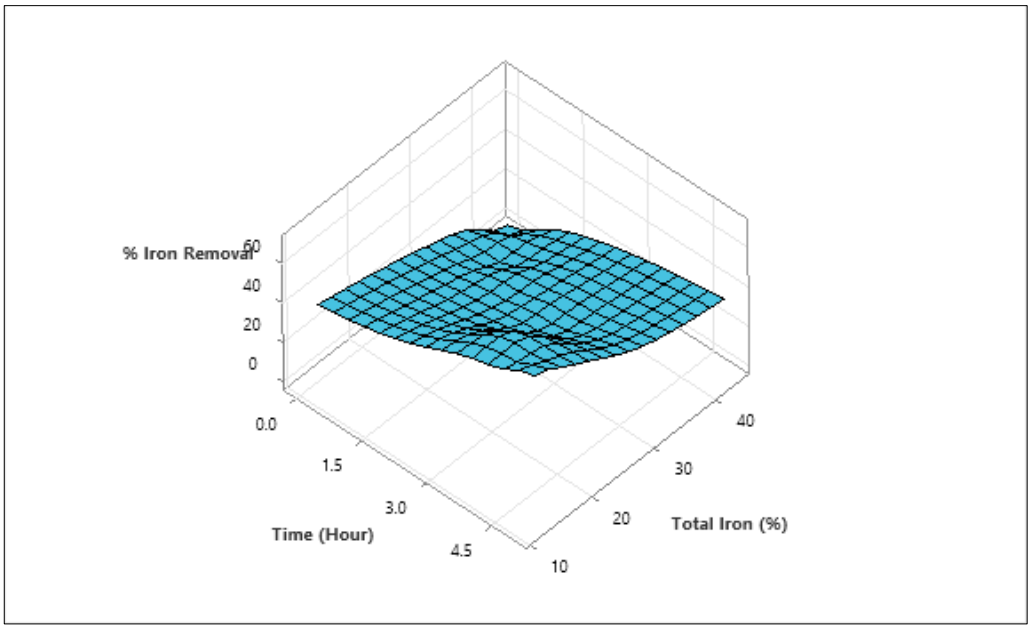


Fig 15: Surface plot of % iron removal vs total iron %, time (hour)

The image above shows a three-dimensional surface map that illustrates the correlation between iron removal efficiency, time, and total iron %. The link between these three factors is graphically represented by the blue surface plot. Every point on the surface represents a certain set of time and percentage of total iron. The plot's uniform colour indicates a constant level of iron removal effectiveness. Changes in the Z-axis (iron removal) are observed as we proceed along the X-axis, which represents time. The graphic sheds light on how varying total iron percentages affect iron extraction efficiency over time as shown in the fig 15.

5.1.1 ESTIMATION % OF IRON AND TiO_2 IN FINAL SYNTHETIC RUTILE OF REDUCED ILMENITE

The development of a unique technique for processing ilmenite ore without the use of mineral acids which can release harmful substances into the environment and cause major harm would require a thorough investigation. After processing, the final sample featured **85% of TiO_2 and 13% of iron**, according to a subsequent wet chemical analysis, indicating a successful transformation into high-grade synthetic rutile. Numerous methods have been investigated to convert ilmenite into synthetic rutile, but a large number of them have serious negative effects on the environment. However, the global beach sand business has paid close attention to the development of an ecologically safe method for upgrading ilmenite to make synthetic rutile. The above results make it abundantly clear that the synthetic rutile made from the reduced ilmenite sample is more effective since it produces more TiO_2 and less iron in addition to other minor elements.

5.2 MATERIAL CHARACTERIZATION TECHNIQUES

5.2.1 X-RAY DIFFRACTION (XRD)

XRD involves irradiating a sample with X-rays and then measuring the intensities and scattering angles of the X-rays that leave the material. The atomic planes within the crystal interact with the X-rays, causing an interference pattern similar to how a diffraction grating affects light waves. By analysing the resulting diffraction pattern, scientists can deduce information about the internal atomic arrangement of the material

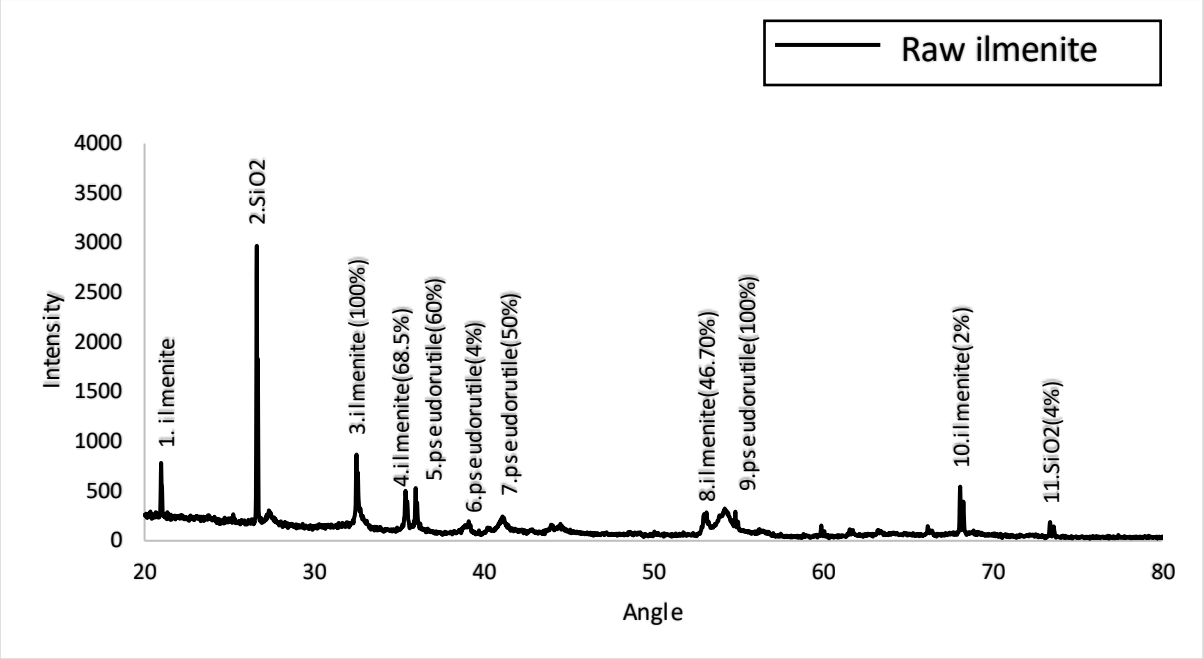


Fig 16: Graph plotted for XRD elemental analysis report

The inter planar spacing (d) value for the above graph can be calculated using the formula

$$2dsin\theta = n\lambda$$

Where, d- is the d-spacing (the distance between atomic planes in the crystal lattice)

n- is the order of reflection (typically assumed to be 1)

λ- is the X-ray wavelength

For SiO_2 is calculated as d = (1) (1.5406 nm) / (2 * sin (0.2322)) **d ≈ 0.3139 nm,** for ilmenite d = (1) (1.5406 nm) / (2 * sin (0.1842)) **d ≈ 0.4090 nm** and for pseudo rutile d = (1) (1.5406 nm) / (2 * sin (0.3094)) **d ≈ 0.2542 nm.**

5.2.2 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY (SEM)

SEM creates high-resolution images of a sample's surface, magnifying it thousands to millions of times. These images show the three-dimensional structure of the surface, including bumps, holes, and cracks. Additionally, SEM can provide information about the elemental makeup of the sample.

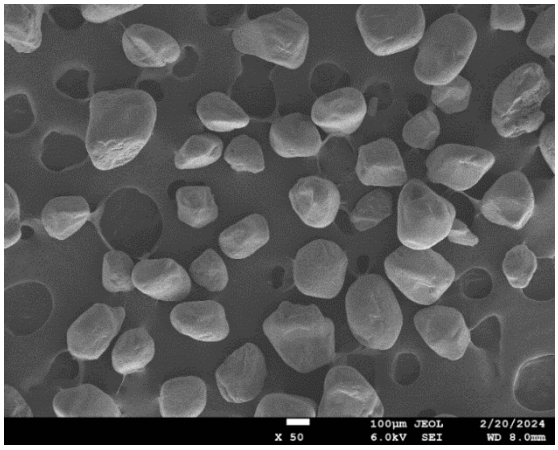


Fig 17: SEM analysis of raw ilmenite

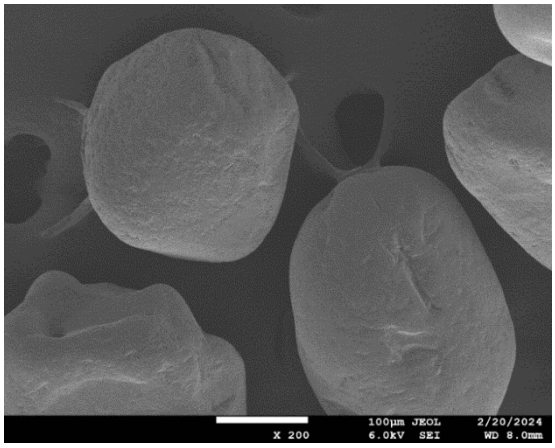


Fig 18: Raw ilmenite (Magnified)

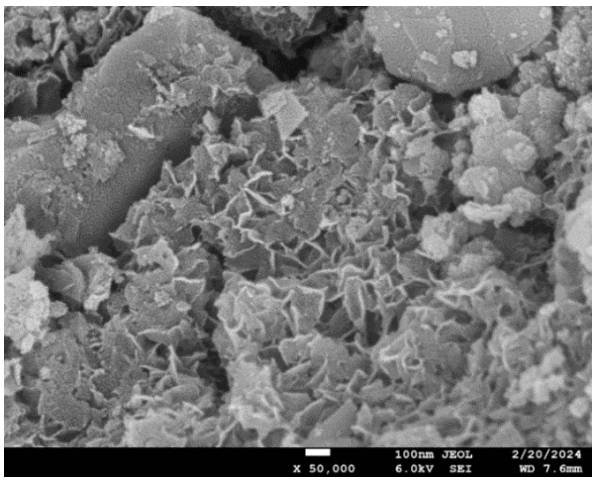


Fig 19: SEM analysis of leached sample

From the above image it shows a black and white close-up of a pile of rocks. The rocks are all different shapes and sizes, and some of them have cracks or other imperfections. And it is at a magnification of 100 nanometre (nm) and the accelerating voltage was 6.0 kV. The working distance (WD) was 7.6 mm as shown in fig 19.

5.3 KINETIC STUDY ON LEACHING

Based on time, the kinetic analysis of leaching was conducted. Leaching took place for five hours, with a sample taken and examined every hour. Using those data, a kinetic analysis was conducted using an existing model, and the accuracy to which our model fits those data was examined.

The **time-related kinetic research** on leaching were conducted, as indicated below.

Table 5: kinetic data vs Time (hour)

Time (hour)	Total Iron (%)	% Iron Removal	Fraction Reacted (X)	Diffusion Controlled Kinetic Model	Chemical Controlled Kinetic Model
				1-(2*X/3)-((1-X)^(2/3))	1-((1-X)^(1/3))
0	43.5	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
1	36	17.4	0.174	0.004	0.062
2	31	28.88	0.289	0.011	0.107
3	29	33.33	0.333	0.015	0.126
4	17	60.91	0.609	0.059	0.269
5	13	70.11	0.701	0.086	0.331

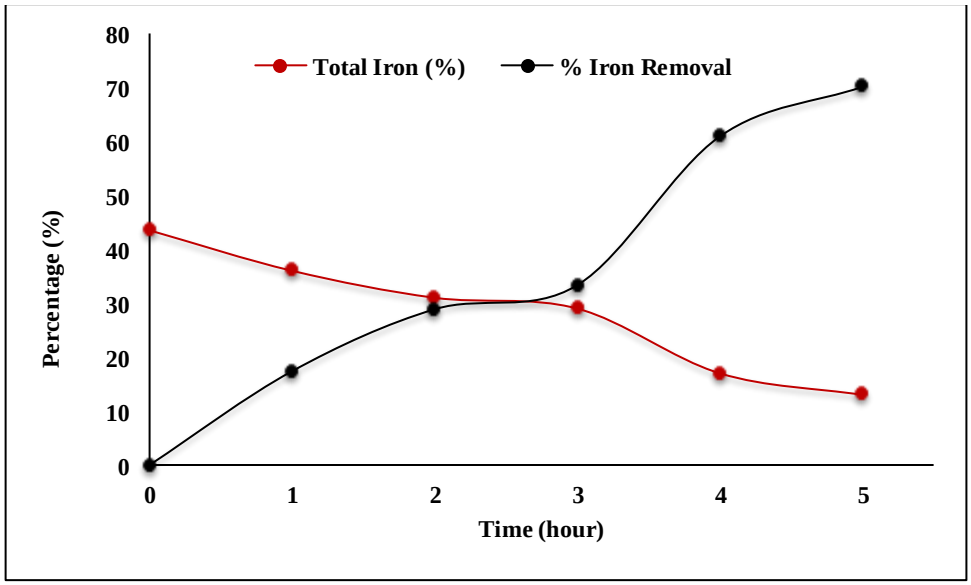


Fig 20: Graph plotted for Total Iron% vs Iron Removal %

5.3.1 DIFFUSION CONTROLLED KINETIC MODEL

A diffusion-controlled kinetic model describes a chemical reaction where the rate of the reaction is limited by the rate at which reactant molecules can collide with each other. In other to determine the kinetic parameters and rate controlling step of leaching process, the popular shrinking core model was utilized. In the solid-liquid reaction system, the reaction may be usually controlled by chemical reaction at the surface of the material or diffusion through the product layer. If the reaction is controlled by diffusion through the product layer, it will have an integrated rate equation as follows. $1-\frac{2}{3}X-(1-X)^{2/3}=k_d t$ (Amiliana et al. 2018). where X is the fraction reacted, k_d is the kinetic parameter and t is the reaction time (min).

The Slow Step: Diffusion

- In a diffusion-controlled reaction, the chemical reaction itself (once the reactants collide) is very fast.
- The slowest step is the movement of the reactant molecules through the reaction medium (usually a liquid or solid) until they bump into each other with the correct orientation and energy for a reaction to occur.
- This movement is due to diffusion, the random thermal motion of molecules.

The Model: Concentration vs. Time

- A diffusion-controlled kinetic model typically takes the form of a graph plotting concentration of a reactant or product versus time.
- The x-axis represents time, often in seconds.
- The y-axis represents concentration, which can be units like molarity (M) or mol/L.
- The model predicts a straight line with a positive slope, indicating that as time increases, the concentration of the product increases.
- This is because more collisions between reactants are happening over time, leading to more product formation.

Factors Affecting the Model

- The slope of the line is related to the diffusion coefficient of the reactants and the rate constant of the chemical reaction after the collision.
- Higher diffusion coefficients (faster movement) and higher reaction rate constants will lead to a steeper slope, indicating a faster reaction.
- Temperature can also affect the model. Higher temperatures generally increase the diffusion coefficient and reaction rate constant, leading to a faster reaction (steeper slope

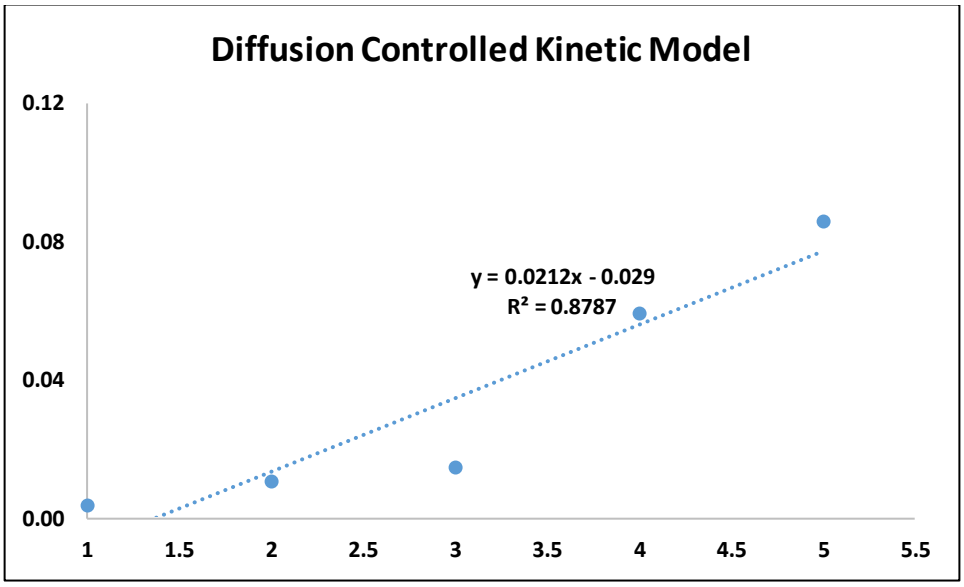


Fig 21: Graph plotted for diffusion controlled kinetic model

The above model shows that R^2 is a statistical measure of how well the regression line fits the data. In this case, the R^2 value is 0.8787, which is a strong correlation. The graph shows a positive correlation between concentration and time. This means that **as time increases, the concentration also increases**. The equation y = 0.0212x-0.029 shows that there is a linear relationship between concentration and time as shown in the fig 21.

5.3.2 CHEMICAL CONTROLLED KINETIC MODEL

A chemical-controlled kinetic model, unlike a diffusion-controlled model, describes a reaction where the rate is limited by the chemical steps within the reaction itself, not by the movement of reactants. In the solid-liquid reaction system, the reaction may be usually controlled by chemical reaction at the surface of the material or diffusion through the product layer. If the reaction is controlled by chemical reaction on surface, integrated rate equation as follows $1 - (1 - X)^{1/3} = k_c t$ (Amiliana et al. 2018). where *X* is the fraction reacted, *kc* is the kinetic parameter for chemical reaction control, and *t* is the reaction time (min).

The Slow Step: Chemical Transformation

- In a chemical-controlled reaction, the diffusion of reactants is fast enough that collisions happen readily.
- The slowest step involves the actual chemical transformations that occur when reactants come together.
- These transformations may involve breaking bonds, forming new bonds, or rearranging atoms within molecules.

The Model: Concentration vs. Time

- A chemical-controlled kinetic model might still be a concentration vs. time graph, but the relationship can be more complex than a straight line.
- The shape of the curve depends on the specific reaction mechanism and the number of steps involved.
- It's common to see an initial slow increase in product concentration followed by a faster rise and then potentially a levelling off as the reaction nears completion.

Factors Affecting the Model

The shape of the curve is influenced by factors like:

- The activation energy of the reaction (higher energy barrier leads to slower reaction)

- The number of elementary steps involved (more steps often lead to a more complex curve)
- The initial concentrations of reactants (higher reactant concentrations can accelerate the initial rate)
- Presence of catalysts (substances that increase reaction rate without being consumed)

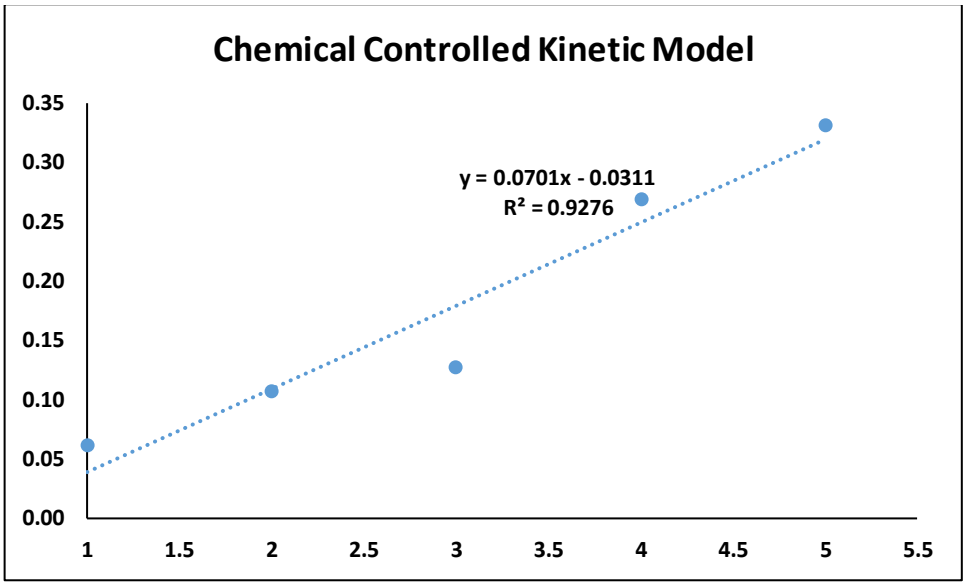


Fig 22: Graph plotted for chemical controlled kinetic model

The graph above shows Chemical Controlled Kinetic Model at the "y = 0.0701x - 0.0311" and "R^2 = 0.9276", where R^2 or is a statistical measure of how well the regression line fits the data. In this case, the R^2 value is 0.9276, which is a strong correlation. However, the equation y = 0.0701x - 0.0311 shows that there is a linear relationship between x and y. This means that the **y value increases as the x value increases** in a straight line as shown in the fig 22.

CHAPTER – 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

6.1 SUMMARY

The current study focuses on the research conducted to develop an environmentally sustainable method for producing high-grade synthetic rutile from Odisha ilmenite. The steps in the process are as follows: reduction, rusting, rutilation, and leaching. The second step in this process, rusting, takes the longest to complete—roughly 14 to 16 hours. Experiments were conducted to increase the rusting reaction's efficiency. Since the majority of the iron was removed in just five hours, the rusting reaction was extremely slow after five hours. Five hours of rusting resulted in an 85% TiO_2 concentration. Measured during the course of the reaction, the dissolve oxygen and pH were noted. One possible explanation for the highest rusting reaction could be the lower pH of less than 4, This was confirmed through appropriate testing and may be caused by the oxidation of carbonyl groups during rusting. It is possible that the disintegration of particles during rusting is the cause of the observed increase in surface area after rusting.

6.2 CONCLUSION

"From the above investigation, it is evident that this route for the processing of ilmenite ore to synthetic rutile can be developed. From chemical analysis revealed a final sample with **85% TiO_2 and 13% iron**, indicating the successful transformation into high-grade synthetic rutile after processing. Various processes for upgrading ilmenite to synthetic rutile have been explored, but many of them possess with acid leaching. The metallic iron phase was eliminated, and phases like pseudo brookite, rutile, and anatase were found to be more abundant, according to XRD examination. The elimination of iron from the particles is the reason for their great porosity, as demonstrated by SEM examination, which resembles a honeycomb. Kinetic analysis demonstrates that the rate-limiting stage in the rusting reaction was diffusion control, which occurred when a combination of carbonyl chemicals was added. However, the global beach sand business has paid close attention to the development of an ecologically safe method for upgrading ilmenite to make synthetic rutile. We looked into one such green strategy in our Project report, and

the findings are encouraging. This substitute approach tackles the environmental issues related to conventional procedures while also providing a more environmentally friendly means of producing synthetic rutile. Through this more environmentally friendly approach, the beach sand sector can significantly lessen its ecological imprint. Furthermore, the ilmenite industry as a whole could undergo a significant transformation if this ecologically safe upgrading procedure is successfully implemented. It can operate as a role model for other industries, encouraging the adoption of more sustainable and clean techniques. In conclusion, it is critical to find an ecologically safe way to convert ilmenite into synthetic rutile. Our results show that we can make substantial advancements in the beach sand sector while reducing the negative environmental effects if we prioritize sustainable techniques. The industry and the world at large will surely have a more sustainable future if research and development in this field continue."

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Curcuminoids, the primary components of curcumin, are known for their antibacterial properties. This study investigates the interaction of curcuminoids and antibacterial medicines with keratin utilizing virtual screening approaches. Curcuminoids' strong binding affinity suggests that they could be potent inhibitors of bacterial pathogens and interact with keratin. In silico homology modeling and molecular docking, techniques were used to assess curcuminoids' inhibitory effect against these proteins The protein binding pattern of curcuminoids to keratin was examined, which confirmed their antibacterial activity Both docking and showed that curcuminoids have a higher binding affinity than antibacterial medicines when interacting with alpha keratin. This study provides a thorough understanding of the interplay between curcuminoids, antibacterial medicines, and keratin, opening the door to creating novel treatment techniques in the fight against bacterial infections.

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CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 ALPHA KERATIN

Alpha-keratin is the main component of wool, hairs, hooves, nails, horns, and the stratum corneum. Alpha and beta keratin are distributed differently. On the other hand, feathers, bird claws and beaks, reptilian claws, and scales are primarily made of beta-keratin. The polypeptide chains are organized as pleated beta-sheets in beta-keratin, while they are arranged as alpha-helices in alpha-keratin. Alpha-keratin's two twisted polypeptide chains created a coiled-coil shape. The diameter of the beta-keratin filament is 3.4 nm, whereas the alpha-keratin filament measures7-10 nm.

1.1.2 STRUCTURE OF ALPHA KERATIN

The primary structural component of keratin is a polypeptide chain made up of various amino acids that act as a backbone for inter- and intramolecular bonding. The stability and strength of the keratin structure were enhanced by all of these disulfide, hydrogen, and ionic connections. Most solvents, including water, mild acids, alkali solutions, organic solvents, and enzymes that break down proteins like trypsin and pepsin, are insoluble in these proteins. These biopolymers have modest amounts of lysine, methionine, and histidine but high concentrations of glycine, proline, serine, and cysteine.

One of the three kinds of fibrous proteins found in the human body is called an intermediate filament (IF). The most abundant IF, keratins, are present in nails, hair, and skin (e.g., K86/K36, K82/K80, K71/K25, K1/K10, K5/K14, K8/K18). Keratin in the skin reacts to mechanical stresses and redistributes them throughout the cell, which helps to explain the skin's elastic characteristics [Jean Christopher Chamcheu, Imtiaz A. Siddiqui 2010].



1.1.3 FUNCTION OF KERATIN IN SIMPLE STRATIFIED, KERATINIZED AND CORNIFIED EPITHELIA

The economic significance of keratin-rich tissues is being investigated in the context of dermatology, cosmetics, and the wool industry. Veterinary medicine has long been interested in the structure and function of keratinized and cornified tissues, and the health of the hooves of farm and draft animals is of critical economic relevance to large animal producers. Human skin tone plays a big role in how someone looks; it is also a big clue of how healthy someone is, which is why dermatology and medicine are interested in it. Finally, conventional comparative anatomists have utilized fundamental distinctions in skin structure among different vertebrates as a means of conceptualizing the evolution of different vertebrate lineages. Environmental issues brought on by keratins, a byproduct of mass- produced chicken, have recently received attention. Different study methodologies and bodies of knowledge have developed over time due to the various uses and interests in keratinized and cornified tissues; therefore, to obtain a cohesive understanding of these tissues, these must be synthesized and integrated. Because they cover an animal's surface and serve as an interface between the organism and its surroundings, corneal tissues are unique among the tissues found in vertebrates. Therefore, these corneous tissues are directly influenced by the environment and the underlying connective tissues of the organism, and these effects are frequently visible in vivo. Early comparative anatomists discovered that despite the enormous variation in appearance, structures as different as hairs, feathers, hooves, and baleen are all composed of the same substance known as "horn" or "keratin". Corneous tissue was later found to be either relatively soft and pliable or relatively hard and stiff. These contrasting characteristics were linked to distinct keratin molecular types within the cells, such as α- and β-keratins, acidic versus basic, soft versus hard, and different molecular weights (MWs). The mix of keratins within each category of corneous tissue is more diverse than previously thought, as additional data have become accessible. with various gradations between the categories. Corneous tissues not only differ in their biochemical nature but also in their microarchitecture that results from the arrangement, shape, and developmental state of their cells. The origin of this microarchitecture lies in the three-dimensional

shape of the interface between the epidermis and the underlying connective tissue of the dermis [Hermann H Bragulla and Dominique G Homberger]

1.1.4 KERATIN DOMAIN

The structural domain organization of keratins is head-rod-tail, and its fundamental polypeptide structure is made up of a core α-helical coiled-coil rod domain that is between 310 and 315 amino acids in size. The variable, non-helical amino-terminal head and carboxy-terminal tail domains encircle the central alpha-helical rod domain, which is made up of four helical segments (1A, 1B, 2A, and 2B) that are broken up by three short, non-helical flexible linkers regions (L1, L12, and L2). "Heptad repeats" are repeats of the seven amino acid residues (a, b, c, d, e, f, and g) that make up the rod domain. Hydrophobic residues occupying positions "a" and "d" are thought to be essential for the development of coiled coils. Furthermore, a discontinuity in the heptad repeat (helix inversion) can be found close to the middle of the 2B domain. when the "stutter" zone begins, where the heptad pattern is broken. The elongation and rotational properties of keratins may be influenced by this area in particular. This helical region does not take part in the production of the coiled-coil dimer and is largely conserved among IF. The so-called helix initiation (HIP) and helix termination peptides (HTP), which mark the beginning and conclusion of the 1A and 2B rod domains, respectively, are composed of approximately 20 amino acid sequence motifs that are the most highly conserved among the various keratins.

Mutations in these motifs disrupt the initial phases of filament elongation because they are essential to the overlapping contacts that occur during KIF formation. Helix boundary motifs are hence mutational "hot spots" in nearly all hereditary keratin diseases. Subdomains variable (V1) and homologous (H1), as well as the terminal tail domain sections of subdomains H2 and V2, and the end (E) domains, make up the terminal head domain regions. Type II keratins are larger and more extensible than their type I counterparts due to the head and tail domains, which also account for a considerable portion of the variety among the individual keratin proteins within one group. In addition to acting as substrates for posttranslational changes that control structure, organization, and function, the end domains mediate interactions with other filaments and cellular proteins [David J. Bray, Tiffany R. Walsh 2015].

1.2.1 AMINO ACID

Important biomolecules, amino acids are the fundamental components or building blocks of proteins. Their architectures contain one or more amino groups, one carboxyl group, and a side chain. There are twenty distinct amino acids, each of which has a generic formula. Protein production in all living species is attributed to H2N-CαH(R)-CO2H, where -R is a side chain, except in glycine, where -H has taken the place of -R. A process called amide bonding, sometimes referred to as peptide bonding, joins many amino acids (in varying ratios) so that the carboxyl group of one amino acid attaches to the amino group of another amino acid with the loss of a water molecule.

1.2.2 ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL AMINO ACIDS

Amino acids can be classified as essential and non-essential, acidic, basic, and neutral, polar and nonpolar, hydrophilic and hydrophobic, and based on the side chain's type and the amino acid's source.

The amino acids referred to as essentials are those that are not synthesized by living things and need to be obtained by diet. Commonly present in varying amounts in nearly all living things are essential amino acids, which include isoleucine, leucine, lysine, methionine, phenylalanine, taurine, threonine, tryptophan, valine, arginine, glycine, and histidine. Rarely do non-essential amino acids need to be supplied or acquired from food sources because they are biosynthesized inside the cells of living things. Among the non-essential amino acids are aspartate, alanine, asparagine, arginine, cysteine, glutamate, glutamine, glycine, proline, serine, and tyrosine [Muhammad Idrees, Afzal R. Mohammad et al 2020].

1.3.1 CURCUMIN

The main phytochemical of turmeric, or Curcuma longa L. (Zingiberaceae family), is called diferuloylmethane, or curcumin. The polyphenolic substance that gives the herb its yellow color is called curcumin. Turmeric is mostly grown in tropical and subtropical climates, with India being the primary producer. It has historically been used to flavor food, color clothing, and cure a variety of illnesses in people. Natural products have been a key basis for the invention of most antibiotic

medications in clinical use today since the mid-20th century when antibiotic discovery was at its peak.

Antibiotics derived from natural products work by directly preventing the growth of bacteria or eliminating them, functioning as potentiators to enhance or change other substances, immunomodulating host cells, or preventing the pathogenicity of pathogens. (1E,6E)-1,7-bis-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl) curcumin one of the main active components of turmeric extract is -hepta-1,6-diene -3,5-dione, which is derived from Curcuma longa, a type of herb that is often grown in southern and south-western tropical Asia and belongs to the ginger family.

1.3.2 STRUCTURE AND BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY OF CURCUMIN

Curcumin's chemistry and structure were initially described by Lampe and Milobedeska in 1910. They published the synthesis of curcumin and established its structure three years later, in 1913. Srinivasan claimed in 1953 that he had used chromatography to separate and quantify the components of curcumin. Curcumin is primarily a combination made up of three hydrophobic curcuminoids in the following proportions: 17: 3: 77 (Figure 1.1), namely dimethoxy curcumin (DMC), bisdemethoxycurcumin (BDMC), and curcumin. From a structural perspective, two aromatic feruloyl rings with ortho methoxy phenolic OH groups are present in curcumin, DMC, and BDMC. Two α, --unsaturated carbonyl groups (such as the β-diketone moiety) and a seven-carbon aliphatic chain symmetrically link the extremely polar aromatic rings. Curcumin's hydrophobic properties, which render it nearly insoluble in water, are caused by its seven-carbon aliphatic chain structure. Nevertheless, solubility can be attained in ethanol, dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), methanol, and acetone. Curcumin's two feruloyl aromatic ring structure accounts for its highest ultraviolet (UV)-absorption (λ max) peak at 430 nm. Curcumin exists in two molecular forms: enolate and bis-keto. Whereas its enolic form is more common in alkaline settings, its bis-keto form is more common in acidic, neutral, and solid phase environments.

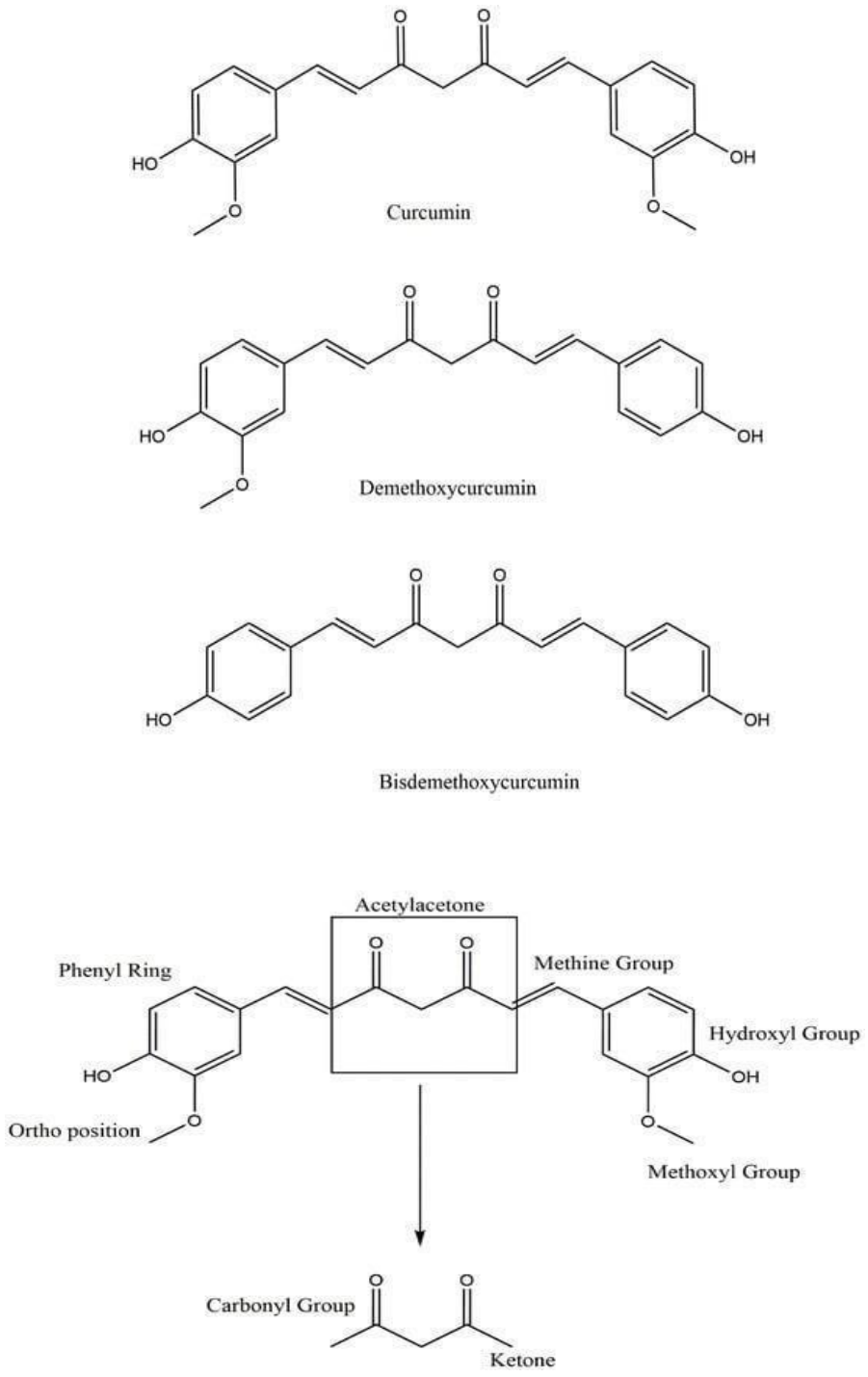


Figure 1.2. Functional groups in the molecular structure of curcumin

Curcumin's biological properties have been shown to include antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, neuroprotective, anti-cancer, and immunomodulatory effects. Curcumin has been widely utilized in traditional medicine to treat a wide range of disorders, including autoimmune, neurological, diabetic, cardiovascular, and viral diseases, because of its diverse biological

actions. In the talks that follow, we go into further detail about curcumin's antibacterial properties, mode of action, and obstacles to using it as a therapeutic antibiotic therapy.[Chongshan Dai,ORCID et al 2022]

1.3.3 DIVERSE MECHANISM OF CURCUMIN

Curcumin's antimicrobial mechanistic pathway often involves the production of the temperature-sensitive mutant Z (FtsZ) protein-filamenting protein and interference from basic cellular division. While the FtsZ protein is linked to microbial cell replication and is the first protein to arise at the impending division site, the cytoskeleton is necessary for bacterial development and cell division.

1.3.4 ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF CURCUMIN

The bactericidal activities of curcumin were initially reported by Schraufstatter and associates in 1949. Curcumin has demonstrated a broad-spectrum inhibitory effect against a variety of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria over the last seven decades. These bacteria include Salmonella enterica serotype Typhimurium, A. baumannii, E. faecalis, K. pneumonia, P. aeruginosa, Bacillus subtilis (B. subtilis), Staphylococcus epidermidis, Bacillus cereus (B. cereus), Listeria innocua, Streptococcus pyogenes, S. aureus, Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori), Escherichia coli (E. coli), and Streptococcus mutants. Crucially, curcumin has strong antibacterial properties against MDR isolates, including MRSA and polymyxin-resistant K. pneumoniae. [Batista de Andrade Neto et al., in a recent investigation, found that curcumin's minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) against clinical isolates of MRSA ranged from 125 to 500 µg/m. The MICs of curcumin against MDR-A. baumannii, P. aeruginosa, and K. pneumoniae were found to be in the range of 128–512 µg/mL, according to a different study by Yasbolaghi Sharahi et.al]. Remarkably, distinct study groups obtained MICs for curcumin against various stains that varied significantly. This might be caused by the variations in curcumin's solubility in the various vehicles that each research group uses, such as ethanol, DMSO, and water.

1.3.5 ANTIBACTERIAL RESISTANCE OF CURCUMIN

Resistant to methicillin Hospital infections caused by Staphylococcus aureus are a global public health concern. Curcumin works well to combat this resistance when used in conjunction with other antibiotics. Curcumin was designed as graphene oxide nanoparticles with an antibacterial focus because of its low systemic absorption. At doses of less than 2 μg/mL, the synthesized curcumin nanoparticles demonstrated low toxicity and potent antibacterial action against antibiotic-resistant infections.

1.3.6 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

Although curcumin has a wide range of pharmacological characteristics, its poor bioavailability which is brought on by its hydrophobic nature, quick metabolism, and limited intestinal absorption poses a significant obstacle to its desired therapeutic applications. After oral administration, it has extremely little systemic bioavailability. Nonetheless, research indicates that a modest dose of curcumin that is systemically accessible provides a noticeable therapeutic benefit. To better ascertain curcumin's bioavailability, various agents were examined [Yaseen Hussain, Waqas Alam 2022].

1.3.7 SYNERGISM OF CURCUMIN

The reported results suggest that the synergism of curcumin with antibiotics is somewhat general. Several antibiotic families, including β-lactams, fluoroquinolones, tetracyclines, aminoglycosides, and glycopeptides, have demonstrated synergism with curcumin. This could be the result of curcumin's multitargeting activity or its unclear breakdown products, as was mentioned in the preceding section. To assess the mechanism of curcumin synergism based on the various antibiotic classes, more research is required. When curcumin is taken alongside other anticancer medicines including cisplatin, 5-fluorouracil, oxaliplatin, and doxorubicin, it not only has an antibacterial effect but also reverses drug resistance in various types of cancer cells, including breast cancer cells. Research from 2013 has shown the synergistic effects of curcumin with ampicillin, ciprofloxacin, norfloxacin, and oxacillin against MRSA. The checkerboard broth microdilution test method was used in this investigation to measure the synergistic action. This approach is less time-consuming, more standardized, and appropriate

for investigations involving various test compound concentrations [**Sin-Yeang Teow**, Kitson Liew 2016].

1.3.8 CURCUMIN ROLE IN HEALTH AND MEDICINE

Since ancient times, turmeric has been utilized in the Ayurvedic medicinal system to treat a wide range of illnesses, including jaundice, skin infections, wound healing, flatulence, sprains, arthritis, and stomach problems. Additionally, curcumin's anti-inflammatory, anti-arthritic, antioxidant, antibacterial, cardio-protective, and immune-modulatory properties have been demonstrated.

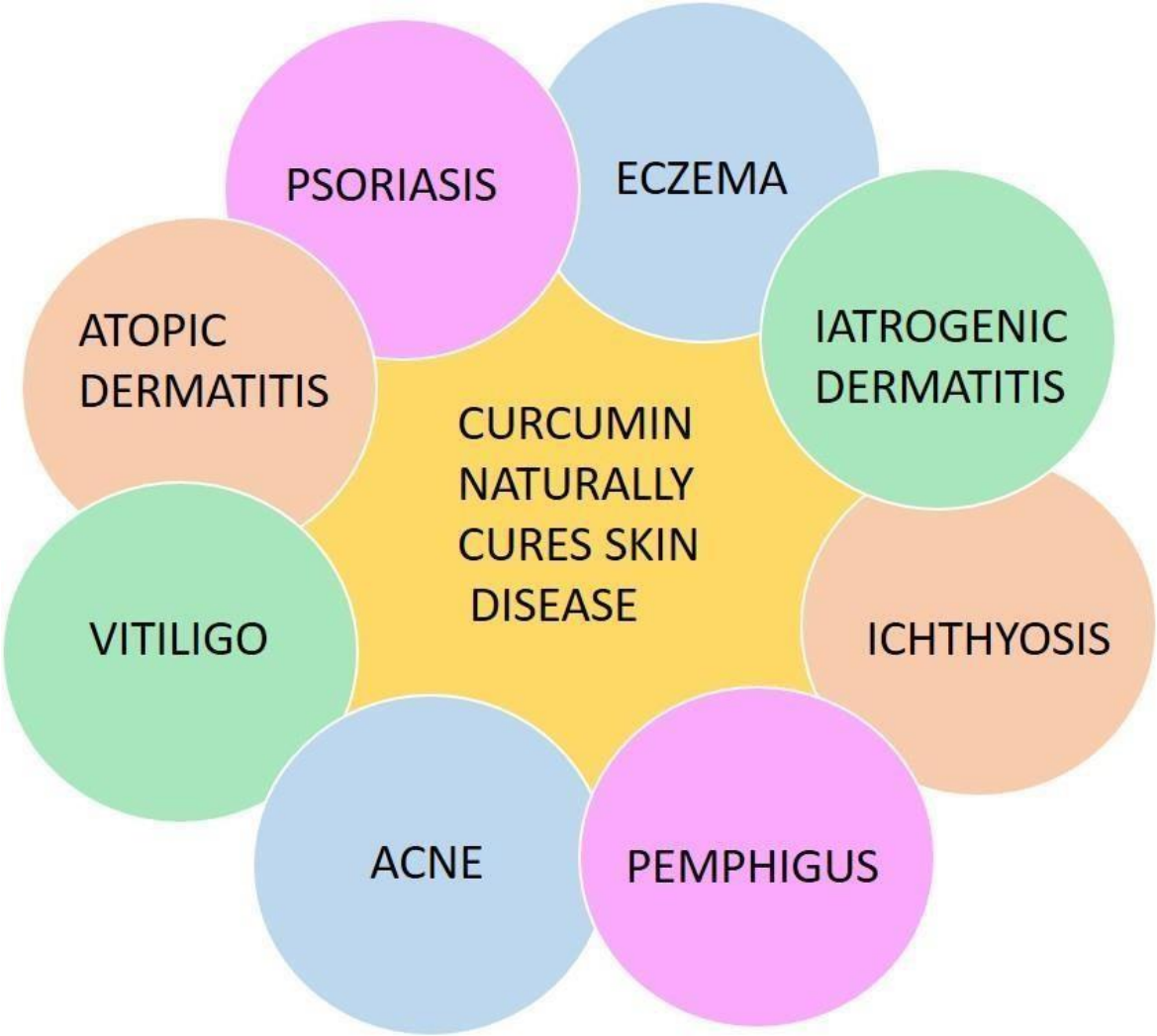


Figure:1.3 curcumin naturally cures skin diseases

1.4.1 ANTIBACTERIAL DRUGS

A danger to world health is antimicrobial resistance (AMR). By 2050, resistant bacteria are predicted to cause 10 million annual fatalities if immediate action is not

taken. One of the main concerns with antimicrobials is bacterial resistance. One of the main causes of antibiotic resistance is global antibiotic consumption, which is increasing. According to a recent thorough estimate, global antibiotic consumption increased by 65% between 2000 and 2015, from 21.1 billion to 34.8 billion DDD. The WHO's Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (2015) was created to combat the growth in AMR [Jane Mingjie Lim, Shweta Rajkumar Singh et al 2019]

1.4.2 ANTIBACTERIAL CLASSIFICATION

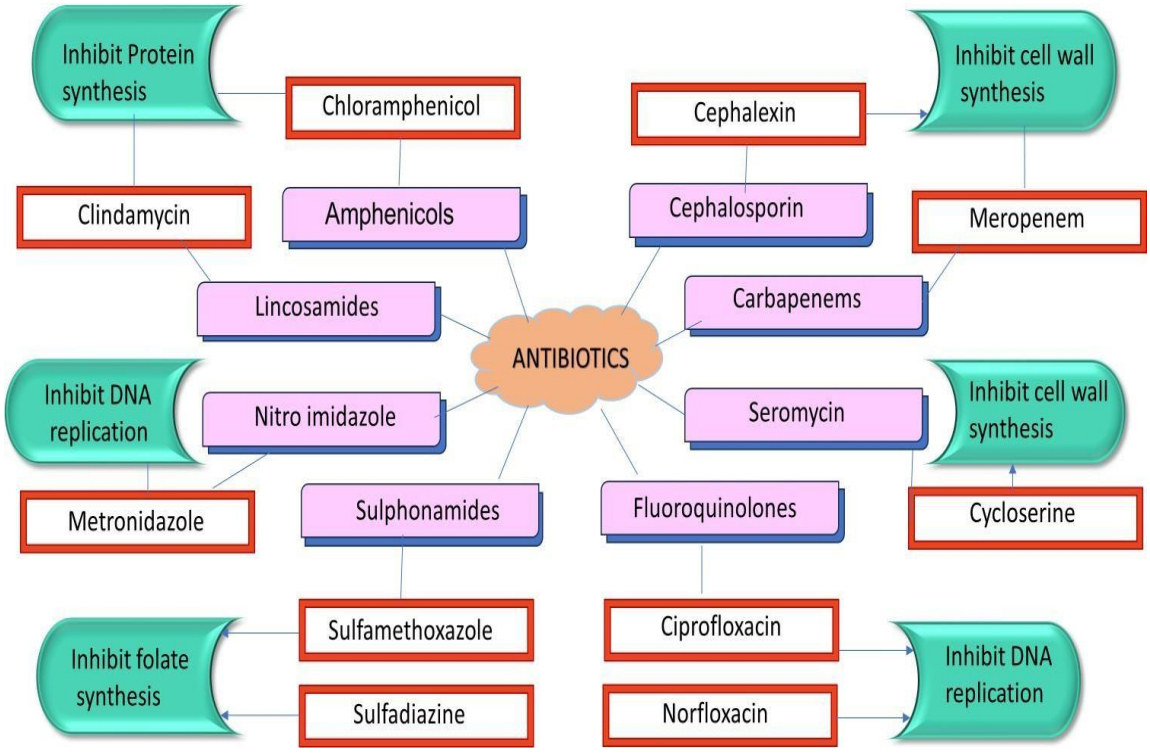


Figure 1.4: Antibacterial drugs classification

1.4.3.1 AMPHENICOLS

Amphenicols are particularly efficient against Gram-negative bacteria, but they also have broad-spectrum inhibitory effects on both Gram-positive and negative bacteria. They consist of florfenicol (FF) and thiamphenicol (TAP), two representative derivatives of chloramphenicol (CAP).

1.4.3.2 CHLORAMPHENICOL

Venezuelan streptococcus is the source of chloramphenicol. Chloramphenicol can reversibly bind to the ribosomal protein's 50S subunit, reducing the

transpeptidase activity and interfering with the binding of amino acid-tRNA terminals to the 50S subunit. This prevents the synthesis of new peptide chains and bacterial proteins [Zhe Du, Mengya et al 2018].

1.4.4.1 LINCOSAMIDES

The antibiotic clindamycin, a lincosamide, was created in 1966 by chemically altering the lincomycin that occurs naturally. Its range of activity in vitro includes the majority of anaerobic bacteria (including more than 90% of Bacteroides fragilis), Chlamydia trachomatis, and certain protozoa. It also includes staphylococci, streptococci, and pneumococci. It is active against most Streptococcus pneumoniae, microaerophilic streptococci, and group A and B streptococci, just as penicillin. Nevertheless, it exhibits no efficacy against enterococci. Clindamycin has anti-Staph aureus properties, similar to cloxacillin and cephalosporins. Compared to most cephalosporins, it covers a larger anaerobic surface area, but it seldom works against aerobic Gram-negative bacteria. Clindamycin has a role in the treatment of head and neck, respiratory, bone and soft tissue, abdominal, and other conditions due to its exceptional action against both Gram-positive cocci and Gram- positive or -negative anaerobes.

1.4.4.2 CLINDAMYCIN

By preventing bacterial protein synthesis at the 50S ribosome level, clindamycin works. Consequently, it has a long-lasting post-antibiotic impact. Even at subinhibitory concentrations, it may enhance microbial opsonization and phagocytosis while decreasing the generation of toxins. The mode of action and binding site of erythromycin and the macrolide antibiotics are similar, despite their chemical differences, which leads to in vitro antagonism.

It is said that clindamycin is absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract 90% of the time and that most tissues, such as neutrophils, bone, and joints, acquire significant concentrations of the drug (85%, 60%, and 65% of the total), but not the central nervous system. According to recent statistics, the actual absorption of clindamycin may be closer to 50%. yet, ironically, those with advanced HIV infection (75% absorption) achieve higher levels, perhaps due to a slower rate of hepatic metabolism. It is possible that earlier research showing great absorption was monitoring an inactive metabolite. The liver is responsible for the drug's metabolism and excretion; hence, in cases of hepatic failure or concurrent renal and hepatic

dysfunction, dose adjustments are advised. The half-life is 2 to 2.5 hours, but in individuals with severe liver disease, it may be extended to 8 to 12 hours [Marek Smieja 2021]

1.4.5.1 CEPHALOSPORIN

Skin infections are the most prevalent type of infections that affect humans. Due to weakened immune systems, children and the elderly are more susceptible to skin infections. Due to their safety characteristics, cephalosporins are the most used medications for treating skin infections.

1.4.5.2 CEPHALEXIN

The main reason for using cephalexin, a first-generation cephalosporin antibiotic, is that it works against both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria.4 Cephalexin is frequently used to treat articular infections in addition to skin infections. [Sammeta SM, Vaka SRK et al]

1.4.6.1 CARBAPENEM

With a distinct structure that provides defense against most β-lactamases, such as Metallo-β-lactamase (MBL) and extended-spectrum β-lactamase (ESBL), carbapenems are extremely effective, broad-spectrum β-lactam antibacterial medicines. Efflux pumps, target-site mutations, enzymatic inactivation, and porin mutations are a few of the resistance mechanisms to carbapenems. Creation of carbapenemases capable of hydrolyzing most β-lactams, such as carbapenems [Sohita Dhillon 2018]

1.4.6.2 MEROPENEM

Meropenem is a broad-spectrum carbapenem antibiotic that is increasingly required for the treatment of severe infections caused by multi-resistant Gram-negative bacteria. Meropenem stability in solution depends on infusion time, concentration, and temperature. Significant degradation is observed at higher ambient temperatures when diluted in normal saline and stored over 8 hours [Laurens Manning, Cameron Wright 2021]

1.4.7.1 NITRO- IMIDAZOLE

Many researchers were drawn to nitrogen-based heterocycles, especially the imidazole ring, which was found in the 1840s and showed potential anti-inflammatory, anti-microbial, and anti-cancer properties. The imidazole ring's structural characteristics improve its capacity to create various drug-ligand interactions through the use of hydrophobic forces, van der Waals bonds, and hydrogen bonds. Additionally, the imidazole core scaffold is a component of many FDA-approved medication classes as well as several naturally occurring substances, including histamine, histidine, biotin, alkaloids, and nucleic acid. Fused imidazole derivatives have been widely employed in medicine due to their significant medicinal qualities. The contemporary imidazole derivatives that are marketed as anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, and anti-microbial drugs are methotrexate, metronidazole, and omeprazole, in that order.[Sahar S Alghamdi, Rasha S Suliman et al 2021]

1.4.7.2 METRONIDAZOLE

Metronidazole was originally used in clinical medicine in 1959 to treat infections caused by Trichomonas vaginal. It has since been used to treat giardiasis and invasive amebiasis. It is in vitro bactericidal activity against anaerobic bacteria has been reported in recent research. In clinical anaerobic infections, metronidazole seems to be effective [Tally F.P, GoldinB.R, et al].

1.4.8.1 SULPHONAMIDES

Sulphonamides, also known as sulphanilamide, are a significant class of synthetic antimicrobial medications that are utilized as broad-spectrum pharmacological treatments for bacterial infections in humans and animals. Organo-sulfur compounds with the -SO2NH2 and -SO2NH groups are known as SN structures. They are characterized by the presence of a sulphanilamide group and unique 6- or 5-membered heterocyclic rings. Because SNs are not easily biodegradable, they may have several undesirable side effects, such as respiratory and digestive tract illnesses. sulphonamides are a significant class of antibiotics with a broad spectrum of activity that is particularly efficient against gram-positive and certain gram-negative bacteria.[Aben Ovung and Jhimli Bhattacharyya 2021]

1.4.8.2 SULFAMETHOXAZOLE

A cheap sulphonamide antibiotic with a wide tissue distribution and a broad spectrum of action is sulfamethoxazole (SMX). Sulphonamides are used to treat infections caused by bacteria and protozoa,the incidence of potentially fatal hypersensitivity responses has restricted the use of sulphonamides. It is crucial to keep in mind that most medications are administered to patients due to a disease state, which suggests that most pharmaceuticals are not exposed to physiological conditions—especially not antibiotics.

1.4.8.3 SULFADIAZINE

Sulfadiazine it efficiently enriches sexual-stage gametocytes and destroys the parasite's actively replicating asexual blood stages, sulfadiazine has been repurposed as a regularly used technique to research rodent-infectious malaria parasites. By competitively blocking the interaction between dihydropteroate synthase (DHPS), a crucial enzyme in the de novo folate production pathway, and its substrate, p-aminobenzoic acid (PABA), sulpha medications function as antifolates. Antifolate medications work against Plasmodium because they need to synthesize folate from scratch to produce the nucleic acids needed for DNA replication, unlike their hosts, who can use preformed folates [Kelly T. Rios, Taylor M. Dickson 2022].

1.4.9.1 SEROMYCIN

Broad-spectrum antibiotic seromycin (Cycloserine Capsules, USP), 3-isoxazolidinone, 4-amino –, (R)–is manufactured and generated by a strain of Streptomyces orchidaceous.

1.4.9.2 CYCLOSERINE

A simultaneous discovery by Merck and Lilly in 1955, D-Cycloserine (DCS) is an antibiotic generated by Streptomyces lavendulan and S. gryphoses. Nowadays, regimens utilized in the treatment of extensively drug-resistant (XDR) and multidrug-resistant (MDR) tuberculosis (TB) include DCS, a broad-spectrum antibacterial agent, as the flagship medication.[Cesira de Chiara, Miha Homšak et al 2020]

1.4.10.1 FLUOROQUINOLONE

The antibiotic class is known as fluoroquinolones. These medications are commonly used to treat infections brought on by a variety of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria, but because of the extraordinarily high frequencies of resistance to most A. baumannii isolates, they are no longer effective against them . Reversing or avoiding resistance may be possible with an understanding of how A. baumannii and related bacteria resist treatment with fluoroquinolone.

Targeting two enzymes necessary for DNA synthesis, type II topoisomerase DNA gyrase (gyrAB genes) and topoisomerase IV (topo IV; pace), fluoroquinolones prevent DNA replication in bacteria. These enzymes break and relegate DNA by modifying DNA topology to preserve negative DNA supercoiling (DNA gyrase) or decatenate freshly replicated DNA (topo IV). When fluoroquinolones bind to these enzymes, they hold them in an intermediate state where they cleave DNA, causing double-strand breaks in DNA, blocking the advancement of the replication fork, and, at high drug concentrations, cell death [Edward Geisinger, Germán Vargas-Cuebas et al 2019].

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1.4.10.2 CIPROFLOXACIN

Since it was put on the market in 1987, ciprofloxacin, an antibiotic agent belonging to the fluoroquinolone class, has been the subject of substantial research. Because of its broad antibacterial range, it is frequently utilized in clinical settings. Ciprofloxacin has been used therapeutically in a growing number of indications since it was approved, with a range of dosage and formulation configurations. As one of the main treatment choices against gram-negative bacteria, fluoroquinolone use is fraught with concern due to resistance. For this reason, it is imperative to establish optimal doses for all patient populations. It is well known that the pharmacokinetics of ciprofloxacin exhibit dose linearity throughout a wide range of dosages, encompassing the therapeutically significant dose range [Jan-Frederik Schlender, Donato Teutonico et al 2018]

1.4.10.3 NORFLOXACIN

Efficacious in combating urinary pathogens, norfloxacin is prescribed for both simple and complex UTIs, while moxifloxacin is recognized and regarded as a substitute for β-lactams and macrolides in the management of acute bacterial sinusitis and lower respiratory tract infections.

Quinolones were among the first classes of antibacterial agents to be employed in therapy, and they have since quickly gained popularity. Because of their remarkable capacity to treat a broad range of infections [Artur Beberok, Dorota Wrześniok et al 2020].

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

1. Complete Structure of an Epithelial Keratin Dimer: Implications for Intermediate Filament Assembly.David J. Bray, Tiffany R. Walsh, Massimo G. Noro, Rebecca Notman Published: July 16, 2015

Keratins are cytoskeletal proteins that organize into filaments in a hierarchical order, beginning with the dimer subunit. They are essential for the structural stability of cells in skin, hair, and nails. Keratin is assumed to have an important function in providing barrier qualities and flexibility to skin. In general, the keratin dimer has three domains: a head, a central rod, and a tail. As of yet, no atomistic-scale image of the whole dimer structure exists; this knowledge is critical for identifying molecular-level linkages between structure and function in intermediate filament proteins. The roles of the head and tail domains in keratin filament formation and function remain unclear. K5/K14 and intermediate filament proteins in general.

2. Keratin Gene Mutations in Disorders of Human Skin and its Appendages. Jean Christopher Chamcheu,[1] Imtiaz A. Siddiqui,[1] Deeba N. Syed,[1] Vaqar M. Adhami,[1] Mirjana Liovic,[2,3] and Hasan Mukhtar[1,*] Published online 2010 Dec 19.

Keratins, the primary structural proteins found in all epithelia, are a varied set of cytoskeletal scaffolding proteins that create intermediate filament networks, providing structural support to keratinocytes that keep the skin intact. The differentiation of epidermal cells within the stratifying squamous epithelium typically regulates keratin gene expression. Of the 54 known functional keratin genes in humans, around 21 distinct genes, including hair and hair follicle-specific keratins, have been linked to a variety of genetic illnesses. The exact phenotype of each disease is mostly determined by the spatial level of expression and types of altered keratin genes, the placements of the mutations, and the implications at the subcellular level.

3. Acute bacterial skin and soft tissue infections: new drugs in ID armamentarium Raghavendra Tirupathi, [a] Swetha Areti,[b] Sohail A. Salim,[c] Venkatraman Palabindala,[c] and Nageshwar Jonnalagadda. Published 5/8/2019 doi: 10.1080/20009666.2019.1651482

Newer antibiotic treatments are available to treat acute bacterial skin and soft tissue infections caused by MRSA. Understanding their modes of action,

pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic features, including bioavailability, and function in the treatment of various patient populations and treatment scenarios is critical for optimizing therapy for these illnesses.

4. Keratin - Based materials for biomedical applications.Sandleen Feroz, [a] Nawshad Muhammad,[b,*] Jithendra Ranayake. Published online 2020 Apr 16. doi: 10.1016/j.bioactmat.2020.04.007

Keratin, the primary component of feathers, hair, hooves, horns, and wool, is a type of biological material with a high cysteine content (7-13%) as compared to other structural proteins. Keratin-based biomaterials have been intensively studied over the last few decades due to their inherent biological characteristics and good biocompatibility. Unlike other natural polymers such as starch, collagen, and chitosan, keratin's unique three-dimensional structure necessitates the application of severe chemical conditions to dissolve and extract. The most frequent methods for keratin extraction include oxidation, reduction, steam explosion, microbiological approach, microwave irradiation, and the use of ionic liquids. Keratin-based materials have been extensively used in a variety of biological applications, including medication delivery, wound healing and tissue engineering.

5. Structure and functions of keratin proteins in simple, stratified, keratinized, and cornified epithelia.Hermann H Bragulla1 and Dominique G Homberger2. Published April 2009doi: 10.1111/j.1469-7580.2009.01066.x

Keratins were then defined as filament-forming proteins with specific physicochemical properties extracted from the cornified layer of the epidermis, whereas filament-forming proteins extracted from the living layers of the epidermis were classified as 'prekeratins' or 'cytokeratins'. Currently, the name 'keratin' refers to any intermediate filament-forming proteins with certain physicochemical features found in any vertebrate epithelia. Similarly, the nomenclature of epithelia as cornified, keratinized, or non-keratinized is based on the notion that only the epidermis of skin modifications such as horns, claws, and hooves is cornified, that the non-modified epidermis is a keratinized stratified epithelium, and that all other stratified and non-stratified epithelia are non-keratinized epithelia.

6. Multimodal Role of Amino Acids in Microbial Control and Drug Development by Muhammad Idrees [1], Afzal R. Mohammad [2], Nazira Karodia [1] and Ayesha [1,*] Published: 17 June 2020 https://doi.org/10.3390/antibiotics9060330

Amino acids are essential macromolecules found in all living creatures, including microorganisms. They serve as nutrients and regulate numerous biological functions in microbes, including cell division, cell wall production, cell growth and metabolism, intermicrobial communication (quorum sensing), and microbial-host interactions. Amino acids in the form of enzymes help microorganisms resist antimicrobial medicines. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) andmicrobial biofilms pose a significant threat to the global human and animal populations, and scientists and medical professionals are particularly concerned. Although amino acids are vital in the development of microbial resistance, they also offer a solution to the same problem.

7. Antimicrobial Potential of Curcumin: Therapeutic Potential and Challenges to Clinical Applications. Yaseen Hussain,[1,2] Waqas Alam,[2] Hammad Ullah,[3] Marco Dacrema,[3] Maria Daglia,[3,4,*] Haroon Khan,[2,*] and Carla Renata Arciola[5,6,7]
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Curcumin, a bioactive molecule derived from Curcuma longa, is known for its antibacterial capabilities. Curcuminoids are the primary components of curcumin that possess antioxidant effects. It possesses a broad spectrum of antibacterial effects against a variety of bacteria, including antibiotic-resistant strains. Curcumin has been proven to be effective against the bacteria that cause surgical infections and implant-related bone infections, specifically Staphylococcus aureus and Escherichia coli. Curcumin's potency against Helicobacter pylori and Mycobacterium tuberculosis, alone or in combination with other traditional medicines, is one of its most promising antibacterial properties. Curcumin is recognized to have antifungal properties against several fungi that cause a variety of illnesses, including dermatophytosis.

8. The Natural Product Curcumin as an Antibacterial Agent: Current Achievements and Problems by Chongshan Dai 1,2, *ORCID, Jiahao Lin 1, Hui Li 3ORCID, Zhangqi Shen 1, Yang Wang 1,2, Tony Velkov 4, *ORCID and Jianzhong Shen 1, 2,
*Published: 25 February 2022

The increasing rise of antibiotic resistance, along with a shortage of effective medications for treating illnesses caused by multi-drug resistant bacteria in animal and human medicine, has compelled us to develop new antibacterial tactics. Natural products have proven to be effective treatments against bacterial infections and continue to be an important source for the development of new antibacterial

medications. Curcumin, a key component of turmeric, is regarded safe for oral ingestion to treat bacterial infections. Many investigations found that curcumin had antibacterial properties against both Gram-negative and Gram-positive bacteria. Curcumin's antibacterial activity involves disrupting the bacterial membrane, inhibiting the generation of bacterial virulence factors and biofilm formation, and inducing oxidative stress.

9. Antibacterial Action of Curcumin against *Staphylococcus aureus*: A Brief Review Sin-Yeang Teow,[1]Kitson Liew,[2]Syed A. Ali,[3]Alan Soo- Bang Khoo,[2,4]and Suat-Cheng Pe. Published 13 Nov 2016 https://doi.org/10.1155/2016/2853045

Curcumin, the main component of Curcuma longa L. (Zingiberaceae family) or turmeric, which is extensively used in Asian cuisine, is known to have a wide range of pharmacological characteristics at relatively low dosages. Curcumin is beneficial against Staphylococcus aureus (S. aureus). Curcumin has significantly more strong effects when combined with other antimicrobial drugs, as established in vitro. As a result, curcumin, a natural plant substance, is thought to offer significant medical effects and may one day be converted into a naturally produced antibiotic. However, there are some significant hurdles in the development of curcumin as a medicine.

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10. Impact of national interventions to promote responsible antibiotic use: a systematic review. Jane Mingjie Lim,[1] Shweta Rajkumar Singh,[1] Minh Cam Duong,[1] Helena Legido-Quigley,[1,2] Li Yang Hsu,[1] and Clarence C Tam[1,2] Published online 2019 Sep 6. doi: 10.1093/jac /dkz348

National-level measures to minimize improper antibiotic use can be helpful. However, evidence is confined to high- and upper-middle-income nations, and additional research is needed to determine the long-term impact of interventions. There should also be a simultaneous push for standardized outcome measurements, which will allow for comparisons of interventions in various s

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE OF THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION

AIM:

The present investigation aims to find out the better competitive binding interaction between the naturally available curcumin which has more clinical potential for antibacterial properties than commercially available antibacterial drugs and that has been explored through molecular docking studies and virtual screening methods

SCOPE:

The present investigation aims to find out the preliminary interaction between keratin and curcumin with various antibacterial drugs. This present study pertains to the study of the basic binding interaction between alpha keratin and naturally available curcumin and commercially available drugs which follows Lipinski's rule. The study develops by computational studies such as molecular docking and virtual screening methods by using online software like Pymol, Biovia Discovery Studio, Auto Dock Vina, and Open Babel for this study.

CHAPTER 4

METHODOLOGY AND TECHNIQUES

4.1. PROTEIN DATA BANK (PDB)

The Protein Data Bank (PDB) stores 3D structural data on big biological entities, including proteins and nucleic acids. The data, which are often obtained via X-ray crystallography or NMR spectroscopy and contributed by biologists and biochemists from all over the world, are freely available on the Internet via the websites of its member organizations. The PDB is a valuable resource in structural biology, including structural genomics. Most major scientific journals, as well as some funding bodies, such as the National Institutes of Health in the United States, now require investigators to submit structural data to the Protein Data Bank. If the contents of the PDB are considered primary data, there exist hundreds of derived (i.e., secondary) databases that categorize the data in different ways. For example, both ScoP and CATH categorize structures based on their kind and hypothesized evolutionary relationships, whereas GO categorizes structures based on genes.

4.2. PUBCHEM

PubChem is a database of chemical compounds and their biological activity. The system is managed by the National Centre for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), a division of the National Library of Medicine, which is part of the United States National Institutes of Health. PubChem is available for free via a web user interface. Millions of compound structures and descriptive datasets are freely available via FTP. PubChem includes ingredient descriptions and tiny compounds with less than 1000 atoms and 1000 bonds. The American Chemical Society lobbied Congress to limit PubChem's operations, citing competition with its Chemical Abstracts Service.

4.3. ACD CHEMSKETCH

ACD/ChemSketch Freeware is a drawing software that lets you sketch chemical structures like organics, organometallics, polymers, and Markush structures. It also includes functions like molecular property computation (e.g., molecular weight, density, molar refractivity, etc.), 2D and 3D structure cleaning and viewing, structure naming (less than 50 atoms and three rings), and log P prediction.

4.4 *OPEN BABEL*

Open Babel is a project that facilitates the conversion of chemical data from one format to another, including a variety of file formats. This is significant for the following.Realistic workflows typically require multiple programs. These may include databases, modeling or computational programs, visualization applications, and so on.Some apps have specific data formats and support just a limited range of other file types. Some programs make use of discrete bonds and atom kinds. Certain programs employ symmetric representations,others do not. Some programs specify every atom. Others use the term "residues" or omit hydrogen atoms. Individual implementations of even standardized file formats are typically unstable, incomplete, or may not fully meet stated specifications.

4.5.SWISS ADME

Drug development now includes assessing absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion (ADME) earlier in the discovery process, when access to physical samples is limited for many compounds. In that sense, computer models are valid alternatives to experiments. We introduce the new SwissADME web tool, which provides free access to a pool of fast but robust predictive models for physicochemical properties, pharmacokinetics, drug-likeness, and medicinal chemistry friendliness, including in-house proficient methods such as the BOILED-Egg, iLOGP, and Bioavailability Radar.

4.6 AUTO DOCK

It is set of automated docking tools. The software models the binding of tiny molecules, such as drugs, to receptor proteins with established three-dimensional structures. It uses Genetic Algorithms for conformational search and is an appropriate tool for docking research. The technology combines conformation searching with simulated annealing and an energy evaluation method based on fast grids. Auto Dock tools are used to plan, conduct, and analyze docking simulations, as well as model studies. Auto Dock is the most widely used docking software because it is fast, produces high-quality predictions of ligand conformations, and has good correlations between inhibition constants and experimental ones.

4.7.*BIOVIA DISCOVERY STUDIO*

The analysis and communication of modeling studies rely heavily on molecular visualization. High-quality graphics for publications Capable of handling massive macromolecule systems (e.g., ribosomes) Offers many stereo graphics choices (e.g., split screen, hardware stereo) Supports hardware graphics acceleration for AMD (ATI) and Nvidia GPUs Provides depth cueing, blurring.

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this study, molecular docking was used to predict the binding constant and binding site on alpha keratin with curcumin and specific antibacterial drugs like clindamycin, chloramphenicol, cephalexin, ciprofloxacin, meropenem, metronidazole, sulfamethoxazole, sulfadiazine, norfloxacin, and cycloserine to identify the binding nature of amino acid residues as well as the principal forces involved in the association with alpha keratin- antibacterial drug and curcumin. There are several reports regarding docking studies with alpha keratin and antibacterial drugs and have been well explained the location of the guest moleculein various domains of the protein molecule. We also carried out docking studies of various site antibacterial drugs with protein to ascertain the nature of binding aminoacids with these antibacterial drugs in comparison with that of curcumin. Fig. 5.1(a- k) represents the schematic representation of these antibacterial drugs with alpha keratin that is visualized and generated using the software (Biovia Discovery studio visualizer) and their corresponding energetics are provided in Table [1-11]. We observed that the binding energy and the energy attributed to hydrogen-bonding interactions of alpha keratin with curcumin are found to be greater compared to a few antibacterial drugs like clindamycin, chloramphenicol, cephalexin, ciprofloxacin, meropenem, metronidazole, sulfamethoxazole, sulfadiazine, norfloxacin, and cycloserine. The 2D interaction of the protein molecule (the amino acid residues in keratin) forms various types of interactions with antibacterial drugs.

The amino acid residues of the alpha keratin-curcumin complex in the presence of antibacterial drugs are found to be entirely different from those of alpha keratin–antibacterial drugs. keratin forms conventional hydrogen bonding with various antibacterial drugs namely cephalexin has a hydrogen bond interaction category and carbon-hydrogen bond interaction type and amino acid residues CYS(401),sulfamethoxazole has a hydrogen bond interaction category and conventional hydrogen bond, hydrophobic and alkyl interaction type and amino acid residues ARG(460),LEU(461), sulphadiazine has a hydrogen bond interaction category and conventional -hydrogen bond type and amino acid residues ARG

(369),ciprofloxacin has a hydrophobic interaction category and pi- alkyl interaction type and amino acid residues ALA(436) and LEU(404),norfloxacin has a hydrophobic interaction category and carbon-hydrogen bond interaction type and amino acid residues CYS (401) LEU (404) SER(405), norfloxacin has a hydrophobic interaction category and carbon-hydrogen bond interaction type and amino acid residues and cycloserine has a hydrogen bond interaction category and carbon-hydrogen bond interaction type and amino acid residues LEU (401) . Besides, curcumin, antibacterial drugs, and alpha keratin are also involved in other hydrophobic interactions, electrostatic interactions, and weak interactions like pi-alkyl interactions.

2 DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES OF CURCUMIN AND ANTIBACTERIAL DRUGS

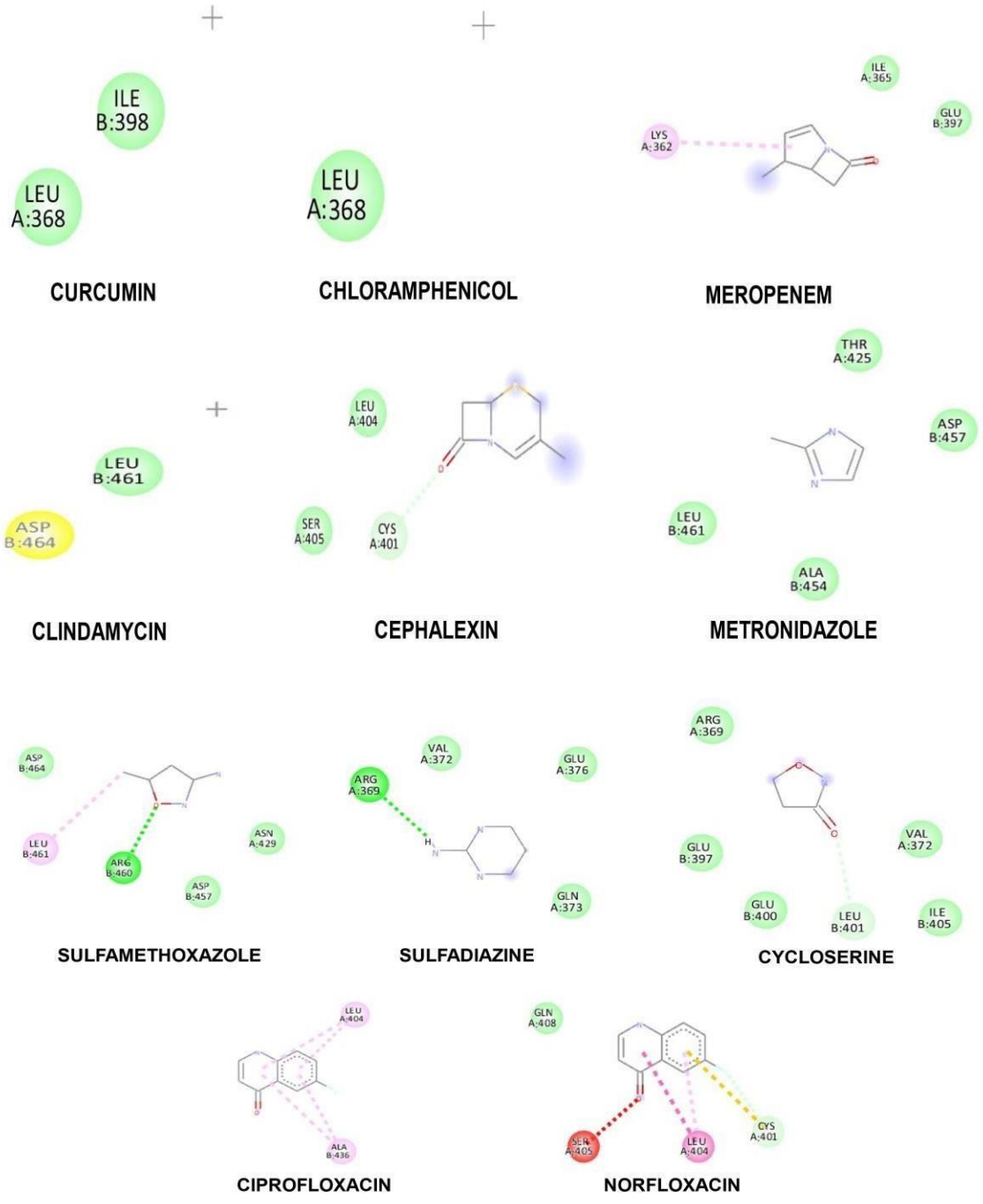
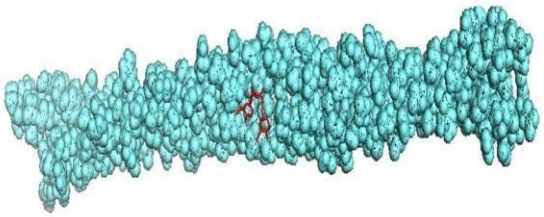
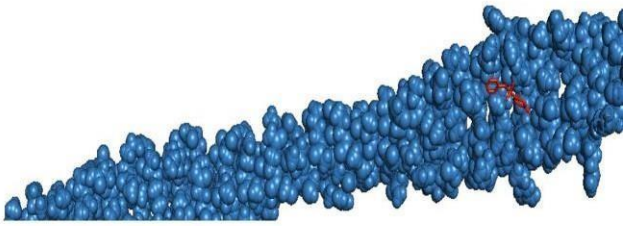


Figure 5.1: The 2D Interaction of keratin protein with curcumin and antibacterial drugs [a-k]

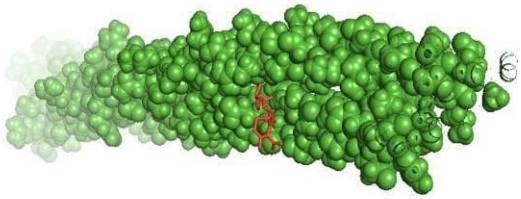
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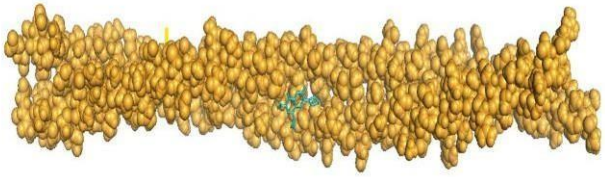
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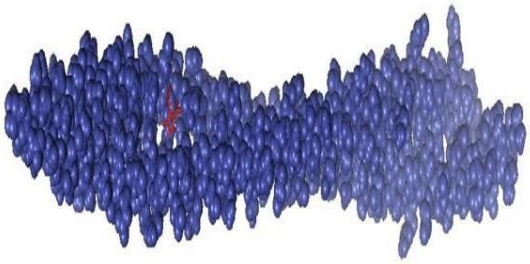
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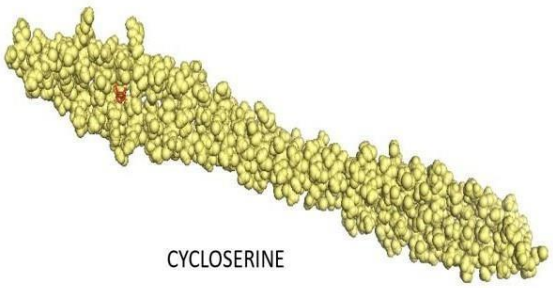
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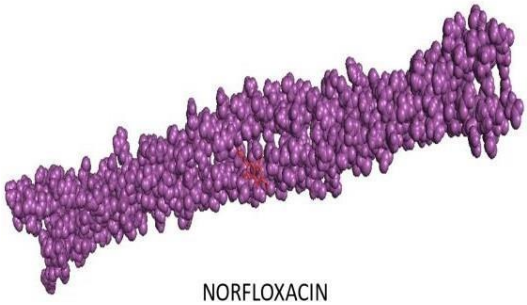
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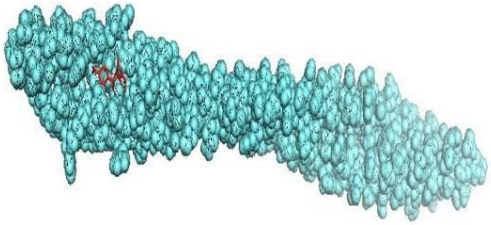
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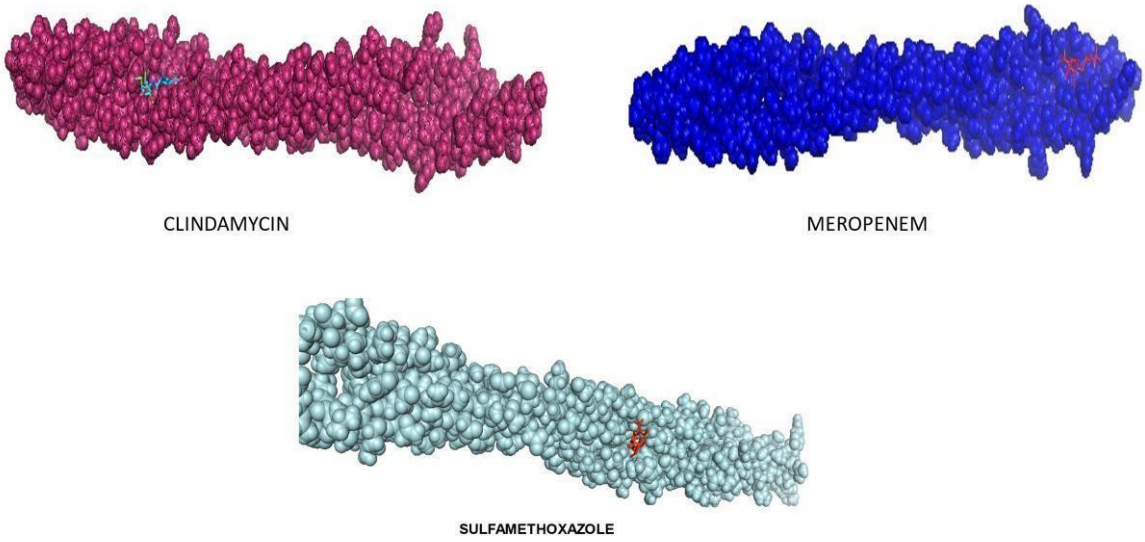


Figure 5.2: The 3D Interaction of keratin protein with curcumin and antibacterial drugs

BINDING ENERGY OF CURCUMIN AND ANTIBACTERIAL DRUGS

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd lb	rmsd ub
1	-5.7	0.000	0.000
2	-5.4	37.374	41.243
3	-5.3	58.927	64.305
4	-5.1	1.773	5.591
5	-5.0	20.419	24.165
6	-5.0	54.236	59.800
7	-4.8	42.971	47.353
8	-4.5	37.477	40.553
9	-4.5	50.135	53.407

CURCUMIN

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-4.8	0.000	0.000
2	-4.6	84.548	87.374
3	-4.6	102.696	105.789
4	-4.4	84.255	87.308
5	-4.4	48.176	51.081
6	-4.4	48.118	52.686
7	-4.4	82.194	84.915
8	-4.3	47.129	49.115
9	-4.2	2.215	3.104

CHLORAMPHENICOL

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-5.5	0.000	0.000
2	-5.4	78.309	82.903
3	-5.1	4.918	8.447
4	-5.0	77.859	83.315
5	-4.8	41.314	45.587
6	-4.7	94.165	97.511
7	-4.7	33.907	37.966
8	-4.6	4.883	8.944
9	-4.5	51.384	53.711

CLINDAMYCIN

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-4.8	0.000	0.000
2	-4.5	4.882	5.986
3	-4.4	40.697	43.685
4	-4.2	37.335	40.089
5	-4.2	17.755	21.781
6	-4.1	54.438	57.649
7	-4.1	13.018	14.259
8	-4.1	19.242	20.321
9	-4.0	15.301	16.686

CEPHALEXIN

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-5.2	0.000	0.000
2	-4.9	90.306	92.860
3	-4.7	70.026	75.021
4	-4.7	49.009	52.952
5	-4.6	126.798	131.473
6	-4.5	120.814	125.647
7	-4.5	118.504	123.515
8	-4.4	71.928	75.868
9	-4.4	74.156	77.527

MEROPENEM

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-4.2	0.000	0.000
2	-4.0	34.599	36.245
3	-3.8	35.108	36.663
4	-3.7	2.806	3.717
5	-3.6	34.610	35.875
6	-3.6	2.683	4.017
7	-3.4	90.080	91.139
8	-3.4	17.034	18.471
9	-3.3	37.438	39.006

METRONIDAZOLE

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-5.5	0.000	0.000
2	-5.3	2.985	6.701
3	-5.2	33.267	36.237
4	-5.1	2.898	7.167
5	-4.9	5.564	8.751
6	-4.8	33.746	36.594
7	-4.8	3.067	3.999
8	-4.6	33.374	36.141
9	-4.4	15.824	17.462

SULFAMETHOXAZOLE

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-5.6	0.000	0.000
2	-5.3	44.105	47.232
3	-5.1	79.465	82.672
4	-5.1	79.236	81.771
5	-5.0	79.811	82.830
6	-4.9	1.779	2.357
7	-4.7	77.540	80.301
8	-4.5	20.883	22.954
9	-4.5	16.872	20.817

SULFADIAZINE

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-3.2	0.000	0.000
2	-3.2	45.140	46.019
3	-3.2	45.939	46.854
4	-3.1	44.752	45.766
5	-2.9	15.601	16.167
6	-2.9	85.208	85.750
7	-2.6	12.490	13.318
8	-2.6	43.806	43.989
9	-2.5	123.002	123.907

CYCLOSERINE

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-4.9	0.000	0.000
2	-4.8	28.770	31.305
3	-4.8	27.323	31.638
4	-4.8	47.800	50.502
5	-4.7	35.234	37.998
6	-4.7	35.321	39.363
7	-4.7	4.516	7.905
8	-4.6	3.795	7.532
9	-4.6	4.445	5.598

CIPROFLOXACIN

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-4.9	0.000	0.000
2	-4.9	3.718	5.860
3	-4.8	43.199	47.359
4	-4.7	2.253	3.065
5	-4.6	48.009	51.593
6	-4.3	13.060	14.580
7	-4.2	13.642	14.252
8	-4.2	16.970	18.437
9	-4.2	18.262	19.809

NORFLOXACIN

TABLE 1: ***BINDING ENERGY OF CURCUMIN AND ANTIBACTERIAL DRUGS*** **WITH KERATIN**

AMINO ACID RESIDUE INTERACTION WITH CURCUMIN AND ANTIBACTERIAL DRUGS

Name	A:CYS401:HA -:UNL1:0
Distance	221332
Interaction category	Hydrogen bond
Interaction type	Carbon hydrogen bond

CEPHALEXIN

Name	Distance	Interaction category	Interaction type
B: ARG460:HE - :UNI1:0	245786	Hydrogen bond	Conventional hydrogen bond
UNL1:C-B:B:LEU461	448436	Hydrophobic	Alkyl

SULFAMETHOXAZOLE

Name	:UNK0:H20 - A:ARG369:O
Distance	2.39003
Interaction category	Hydrogen Bond
Interaction type	Conventional Hydrogen Bond

SULFADIAZINE

Name	Distance	Interaction category	Interaction type
:UNK0 - A:LEU404	512711	Hydrophobic	Pi alkyl
:UNK0 - B:ALA436	545219	Hydrophobic	Pi alkyl
:UNK0 - A:LEU404	40198	Hydrophobic	Pi alkyl
:UNK0 - B:ALA436	492453	Hydrophobic	Pi alkyl

CIPROFLOXACIN

Name	Distance	Interaction category	Interaction type
A: CYS401:HA - :UNKO:F1	258785	Hydrogen bond	Carbon H bond
A:CYS401:SG - :UNKO	522082	Other	Pi sulfur
A:LEU404:C,O;SER405:N-:UNKO	464327	Hydrophobic	Amide pi
:UNKO - A:LEU404	491755	Hydrophobic	Pi alkyl
:UNKO - A:LEU404	4.17384	Hydrophobic	Pi alkyl

NORFLOXACIN

Name	B:LEU401:HA - :UNK0:O2
Distance	3.00041
Interaction category	Hydrogen bond
Interaction type	Carbon hydrogen bond

CYCLOSERINE

TABLE 2:

***BINDING INTERACTION STUDIES OF CURCUMIN AND ANTIBACTERIAL DRUGS* WITH KERATIN**

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The research on the interaction of curcuminoids and antibacterial medicines with keratin using virtual screening approaches yielded substantial results. The strong binding affinity of curcuminoids, particularly curcumin, shows their potential as effective inhibitors of bacterial pathogens, as well as their interaction with keratin Curcuminoids, particularly curcumin, have a higher binding affinity than antibacterial medicines when interacting with alpha keratin. This indicates that curcuminoids may be more efficient in suppressing bacterial infections that interact with keratin. The high binding energy of curcuminoids supports their robust interaction with keratin. This connection could be used to develop novel therapeutic techniques for bacterial infections. This work sheds light on the potential of curcuminoids as efficient antibacterial agents. Their strong binding affinity and interaction with keratin provide new opportunities for the development of innovative antibacterial treatments.

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ABSTRACT

Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs) have gathered considerable attention as versatile catalysts in a variety of chemical transformations, owing to their adjustable structures, large surface areas, and customizable functionalities. Particularly noteworthy is their application in catalyzing carbonyl condensation reactions, fundamental organic processes with broad implications in pharmaceuticals, fine chemicals, and materials synthesis. This aims to spotlight recent breakthroughs and significant findings regarding the utilization of MOFs as efficient catalysts for carbonyl condensation reactions, including aldol condensation, Knoevenagel condensation, and Claisen-Schmidt condensation, among others. We delve into the distinctive characteristics of MOFs that render them appealing catalysts for these reactions, such as their porous matrices, presence of Lewis acidic metal sites, and capacity to stabilize reaction intermediates. various strategies employed to boost the catalytic performance of MOFs in carbonyl condensation reactions, encompassing techniques like post-synthetic modification, integration of catalytic metal nodes, and transformation of homogeneous catalysts into heterogeneous forms.

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LIST OF ABBREVATIONS

DMF	N, N-dimethyl formamide
CH3COOH	Acetic Acid
FeCl3	Iron(III) chloride
BDC	Benzene Dicarboxylic Acid
XRD	X-Ray Diffraction
FTIR	Fourier-Transform Infrared Spectroscopy
SEM	Scanning Electron Microscopy

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 METAL-ORGANIC FRAMEWORKS:

In recent years, Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs) have achieved significant attention as versatile and efficient catalysts in various chemical transformations. Among these transformations, carbonyl condensation reactions hold particular significance due to their ubiquitous presence in organic synthesis and their crucial role in the production of numerous pharmaceuticals, fine chemicals, and materials. MOFs, with their unique properties including tunable structures, high surface areas, and tailorable functionalities, offer an exciting platform for catalyzing these reactions with enhanced efficiency and selectivity.

The catalytic application of MOFs in carbonyl condensation reactions has emerged as a burgeoning research area, drawing interest from both academia and industry. By harnessing the inherent properties of MOFs, researchers aim to overcome traditional limitations associated with conventional catalysts, such as poor recyclability, limited catalytic activity, and environmental concerns. Moreover, the design and synthesis of MOFs with tailored pore structures and active sites provide opportunities to tune their catalytic performance for specific condensation reactions, offering a pathway towards more sustainable and environmentally benign synthetic methodologies.

This report aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the role of MOFs in catalyzing carbonyl condensation reactions. Through a review of recent literature and insights from current research efforts, we aim to elucidate the fundamental principles underlying the catalytic activity of MOFs in these reactions and explore strategies to enhance their efficiency and applicability. Additionally, we seek to highlight the potential impact of MOF-based catalytic systems on the synthesis of valuable organic compounds and their relevance to broader issues of sustainability and green chemistry.

1.1.1 CARBONYL CONDENSATION REACTIONS:

Carbonyl condensation reactions are a class of organic reactions involving the condensation of two carbonyl compounds to form a new compound, typically accompanied by the loss of a small molecule such as water or alcohol. These reactions are widely utilized in organic synthesis to construct carbon-carbon bonds and generate complex molecular structures.

During the condensation reaction, a nucleophilic addition occurs at the carbon of one carbonyl group, followed by the elimination of a leaving group from the adjacent carbon, resulting in the formation of a carbon-carbon bond between the two carbonyl compounds. The leaving group can be a proton (as in aldol condensation).

Carbonyl condensation reactions are classified into several types based on the nature of the carbonyl compounds involved and the type of leaving group. Some common examples include:

1.1.2 ALDOL-CONDENSATION REACTION:

Aldol condensation is a fundamental organic reaction that involves the condensation of two carbonyl compounds, typically an aldehyde and a ketone, to form a β-hydroxy carbonyl compound, known as an aldol. The reaction proceeds via a nucleophilic addition followed by elimination of water. The term "aldol" is derived from "aldehyde" and "alcohol", as the product of the reaction contains both functional groups.

The general reaction scheme for aldol condensation can be represented as follows:

$$\mathbf{RCHO+RCOR' \rightarrow RCH(OH)COR'+H_2O}$$

In this reaction, the carbonyl group of the aldehyde (RCHO) or ketone (RCOR′) acts as an electrophile, while the α-carbon of the carbonyl compound acts as a nucleophile. The nucleophilic α-carbon attacks the electrophilic carbonyl carbon of the other carbonyl compound, forming a new carbon-carbon bond. This results in the formation of a β-hydroxy carbonyl compound, commonly referred to as an aldol. The reaction is catalyzed by both acids and bases, with base-catalyzed aldol condensation being more common.

Following the nucleophilic addition step, the resulting aldol undergoes dehydration, either spontaneously or under acidic or basic conditions, to form an α, β-unsaturated carbonyl compound, known as an α, β-unsaturated aldehyde or ketone. The dehydration step involves the elimination of a water molecule from the hydroxyl group of the aldol, resulting in the formation of a double bond between the α- and β-carbons.

Aldol condensation reactions are important in organic synthesis as they provide a versatile method for the formation of carbon-carbon bonds and the introduction of functional groups into organic molecules.

1.1.3 KNOEVENAGEL CONDENSATION:

Knoevenagel condensation is a versatile organic reaction that involves the condensation of an aldehyde or a ketone with a compound possessing a methylene group (CH_2) adjacent to a carbonyl group, such as malonic ester or cyanoacetic ester. The reaction results in the formation of an α, β-unsaturated carbonyl compound, commonly known as a Knoevenagel adduct.

The general reaction scheme for Knoevenagel condensation can be represented as follows:

$$\mathbf{RCHO \text{ or } RCOR' + CH_2\,(X) - Y \rightarrow RCH = C\,(X) - Y + H_2O}$$

In this reaction, the carbonyl group of the aldehyde (RCHO) or ketone (′RCOR′) acts as an electrophile, while the methylene group adjacent to the carbonyl group of the compound ($CH_2(X)-YCH_2(X)-Y$) acts as a nucleophile. The nucleophilic methylene group attacks the electrophilic carbonyl carbon of the aldehyde or ketone, resulting in the formation of a new carbon-carbon double bond between the α- and β-carbons. Simultaneously, a molecule of water is eliminated from the reaction, often facilitated by an acid or bases catalyst, to yield the final product, the α, β-unsaturated carbonyl compound.

The choice of the compound possessing the methylene group ($CH_2(X)-Y$) can vary, and commonly used substrates include malonic ester ($CH_2(CO_2R)$), cyanoacetic ester ($CH_2(CN)CO_2R$), and β-ketoesters. These substrates provide the necessary methylene group adjacent to the carbonyl group for the condensation reaction to occur.

Knoevenagel condensation reactions are widely employed in organic synthesis for the preparation of various α, β-unsaturated carbonyl compounds, which serve as important intermediates in the synthesis of, natural products, and chemicals. The reaction can be catalyzed by both acids and bases, and the choice of catalyst, as well as reaction conditions, can influence the yield and selectivity of the Knoevenagel condensation reaction.

1.1.4 CATILYTIC ACTIVITY:

The catalytic activity of MOFs in carbonyl condensation reactions is influenced by various factors, including the structure, composition, and surface properties of MOFs, as well as reaction conditions. The reactants are converted into products under specific reaction conditions. Higher conversion rates indicate greater catalytic activity. The ability of MOFs which selectively promote the formation of specific products while minimizing the formation of undesired byproducts. The High selectivity is desirable to obtain pure products with minimal purification steps and the regioselectivity and stereochemistry of carbonyl condensation reactions, leading to the formation of specific isomeric products with desired functional groups and spatial arrangements.

The condensation reaction proceeds in the presence of MOF catalysts. Faster reaction rates indicate higher catalytic activity and efficiency.

1.1.5 ENHANCED KINETIC REACTION:

The enhanced reaction kinetics refers to improvements in the speed and efficiency of carbonyl condensation reactions achieved through the use of MOF catalysts. MOFs typically have high surface areas due to their porous structures, providing a large number of active sites for catalysis. This increased surface area allows for more extensive contact between the reactants and the catalyst, leading to faster reaction kinetics.

The pore structures of MOFs can be tailored to match the size and shape of the reactant molecules, promoting the adsorption and confinement of reactants within the pores. catalytic sites enhance by lowering the activation energy barrier for the reaction.

MOFs can exhibit synergistic effects between the metal nodes and organic ligands, as well as between different components of the MOF structure. These synergistic effects can enhance the catalytic activity and selectivity of MOF reactive

intermediates formed during the condensation reactions, preventing their decomposition or side reactions. This stabilization effect increases the lifetime of reaction intermediates and promotes faster reaction kinetics.

1.1.6 SELECTIVITY AND SPECIFICITY:

Selectivity and specificity refer to the ability of MOF catalysts to control the formation of specific products and regulate the reaction pathways of carbonyl condensation reactions.

MOF-catalyzed carbonyl condensation reactions, selectivity relates to the ability of MOF catalysts to promote the formation of desired products while minimizing the formation of undesired byproducts or side reactions. High selectivity is desirable to obtain pure products with high yields and minimal purification steps. Whereas specificity relates to the ability of MOF catalysts to recognize and selectively activate certain functional groups or substrates, leading to the formation of specific products with desired regioselectivity, stereochemistry, and functional group compatibility.

Both selectivity and specificity are crucial considerations in the design and optimization of MOF catalysts for carbonyl condensation reactions, as they determine the efficiency, yield, and purity of the desired products.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

1.Title: Metal Organic Frameworks as Solid Catalysts in Condensation Reactions of Carbonyl Groups.

Authors: Amarajothi Dhakshinamoorthy, Maksym Opanasenko, Jiri C ejka, and Hermenegildo Garcia.

Journal and year: Adv. Synth. Catal. 16 November 2012.

Inference: The use of metal organic frameworks (MOFs) as solid catalysts for condensation reactions. After an introductory section, in which condensation reactions are generally presented, a list of the MOFs employed as condensation catalyst is given. The main part of the present review is organized according to the use of MOFs as solid acids, solid bases or as bi-functional solids containing both acid and basic sites. Throughout the review, the emphasis has been made on discussing the stability of the MOFs, their reusability and in providing a comparison of the performance of MOFs with respect to other homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysts where provide our view on future trends and developments in this field.

2. Title: Solvent Switching Smart Metal-Organic Framework as catalyst of Reduction and Condensation.

Authors: Farzaneh Rouhani, Behnam Gharib, Ali Morsali.

Journal and year: Inorg. Chem. Front., 16 July 2019.

Inference: The organization of a Zn-based Metal-Organic Framework (MOF) as a first solvent switching catalyst has been achieved by in-situ ligand incorporation. The switching process leads to the production of two completely different products from the same raw material. The local reversible dynamic conversion of the ligand functionality from amine to imine upon impact of chloroform led to a noticeable hydrogen generation/selective aldehyde reduction to the corresponding alcohol in the absence of any reductant. The catalyst recovery process is done easily and fast by

the immersion of the framework in DMF. The 1 H NMR, IR and the results of GC and GC-Mass, all confirm the switching process. On the other hand, in the presence of acetonitrile, a different catalytic mechanism, the aldol condensation reaction occurs by TMU-60 in a short time at ambient temperature. This study represents a simple approach to the construction of switchable MOF, and these smart systems may provide a unique MOF platform for many applications especially catalysts in the future.

3.Title: Efficient and Reusable Pb (II) Metal–Organic Framework for Knoevenagel Condensation.

Authors: Miroslav Almasi, Vladimír Zelenak, Maksym V. Opanasenko, Jiri Cejka.

Journal and year: Springer, 30 June 2018.

Inference: A microporous lead–organic framework, DMF=N, N′- dimethylformamide) was synthesized and studied as a catalyst in Knoevenagel condensation reactions. The framework is built from tetranuclear [Pb_4(μ3-COO) (μ2-COO)6(COO) (H2O)4] clusters and exhibits a 3D structure, with repeated 1D jar-like cavities with sizes about 14.98×7.88 and 14.98×13.17 Å2 and BET specific surface area of 980 m2g−1. To obtain open framework with unsaturated Pb (II) sites needed for catalysis, the thermal activation of the solvent exchanged sample was performed (DMF was exchanged by EtOH). The activated compound was tested in Knoevenagel condensation of bulky aldehydes and active methylene compounds at different temperatures. Excellent catalytic conversion and selectivity in condensation of small-sized aldehydes with malononitrile was observed, which indicates that the opened Pb (II) sites play a significant role in the heterogeneous catalytic process. Leaching test confirmed the stability of the catalyst in catalytic reactions.

4.Title: Knoevenagel condensation reactions catalysed by metal-organic frameworks.

Authors: Burgoyne, Andrew R., and Reinout Meijboom.

Journal year : 2013

Interfernce: Basic catalysts in the Knoevenagel condensation are functionalized metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) with amino groups on their secondary building units (SBUs). with an evaluation as solid basic catalysts, University of Michigan Crystalline Material-1-amine (UMCM-1-NH2), isoreticular MOF-3 (IRMOF-3), and a 5% IRMOF-3

mixed with isoreticular MOF-1 (MIXMOF) were found to be more active than aniline, their homogeneous anologue. The performance of UMCM-1-NH2 outperformed the other MOFs under investigation. The catalytic activity of IRMOF-3 and MIXMOF was

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5.Title: Metal-organic framework MIL-100 catalyzed acetalization of benzaldehyde with methanol

Authors: Hall, Jacklyn N., and Praveen Bollini**.**

Journal year : 2020

Interference: 2-(carboxyformamido)isophthalic acid (5-CFIA), a novel chemical ligand, was synthesised and used to create two molecules $[M_3(C_{10}H_4O_7N_{11})_2(8H_2O)]\cdot H2O$ (M = Cd, Mn). The structures of the compounds are stretched in three dimensions. It was discovered that both substances were luminous at room temperature. The ability to glow was used to detect Hg2+ ions in an aqueous media with high selectivity. The compounds' interactions with Hg2+ ions reduce the luminescence intensity and function as a turn-off sensor. Both substances showed low detection limits for Hg^{2+} ions and were within the WHO's recommended range. Using IR and Raman spectroscopy, the molecule's −NH group was investigated in relation to the interactions between Hg^{2+} ions and the compound. These investigations offer crucial hints regarding the mechanism underlying this turn-off.

6.Title :An overview of the progress of MOFs-based hybrid materials as efficient catalysts for Knoevenagel condensation

Authors : KACEM, Marieme, and D. I. B. Mustapha.

Journal years: *Inorganic Chemistry Communications* 2023

Interfence: The extensively used family of nanostructured materials known as metal-organic frameworks, or MOFs, is responsible for an astounding amount of research in a number of fields each year, including biology, adsorption, health, sensing, and catalysis. By integrating ligands and metal nodes in their structure, they have produced a group of constrained organic–inorganic hybrid materials with high specific surface

area, tuneable multimodal porosity, and adjustable chemical reactivity. The development of cutting-edge and innovative processes for the synthesis and use of metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) as heterogeneous catalysts in the synthesis of organic molecules has drawn a lot of attention lately. Numerous perspectives have constantly focused on the catalytic Knoevenagel condensation process. This method works well for converting fresh C = C/ into heterocycles and fine compounds.

7.Title: General Synthesis and Solution Processing of Metal–Organic Framework Nanofibers

Authors: Li, Si-Cheng, Bi-Cheng Hu, Li-Mei Shang, Tao Ma, Chao Li, Hai-Wei Liang, and Shu-Hong Yu.

Journals years: *Advanced Materials* . 2022

Interfence: Metal–organic frameworks (MOFs) are very desirable in a variety of sectors, including gas separation, sensing, catalysis, energy, environment research, and biomedicine, due to their exceptionally large surface areas, organised pore architectures, varied compositions, and rich functionality. But a major problem with their application is starting to emerge: it's hard to manage the MOF superstructure and treat MOF crystals. According to this paper, MOF materials with 1D nanofiber shape can be synthesised using nanofibrillated cellulose (NFC), a durable template. This template can be used to manufacture NFC@MOF core-shell nanofibers with high aspect ratios and a homogeneous network structure. The NFC@MOF nanofibers' small crystal size, flexibility, and high dispersity make them useful for macroscale assembly and solution processing.

8.Title: Deactivation pathways of the catalytic activity of metal–organic frameworks in condensation reactions.

Authors : Opanasenko, Maksym, Amarajothi Dhakshinamoorthy

Journals: *ChemCatChem* 2013

Interfence: The hydroxylalkylation of anisole by paraformaldehyde to bis(methoxyphenyl)methane, the Pechmann condensation of phenols with ethyl acetoacetate (EAA) to coumarins, and the Knoevenagel condensation of two aldehydes with three active methylene compounds to form α,β-unsaturated esters and

nitriles are the three different condensation reactions that we have chosen as model reactions in this study. The catalysts for these reactions are two related Fe-containing metal-organic frameworks (MOFs), namely commercial Fe(BTC) (BTC: 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylate) and synthetic MIL-100(Fe). This study's primary goals were to identify the types of poisons, the MOF's structural stability in relation to the substrate, and the differences in product selectivity. It has been discovered that undesirable byproducts (benzoic acid in the case of Knoevenagel condensation) or intermediates (bisarylmethyl cation in the case of hydroxyalkylation) might be poisonous.

9.Title : Synthesis and catalytic applications of metal–organic frameworks

Authors : Remya, V. R., and Manju Kurian

Journals : *International Nano*, 2019,

Interfence: An emerging class of porous materials called metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) is made up of inorganic connectors and organic linkers put together. Because of their flexibility, porosity, large surface area, and functionality, they have potential uses in a variety of industries, including medication delivery, separation, sensing, and catalysis. Solvothermal and microwave-assisted techniques are particularly significant among the different synthetic methods available for the preparation of MOFs, and as such, they have been employed extensively. Recently, they have been employed as heterogeneous catalysts in coupling reactions, oxidations, Friedel–Crafts reactions, condensation reactions, and other processes. However, their catalytic uses are limited due to their low moisture sensitivity and low temperature stability. This brief overview discusses recent advancements in the synthetic techniques used to create MOFs.

10.Title: A novel composite of ionic liquid-containing polymer and metal–organic framework as an efficient catalyst. for ultrasonic-assisted Knoevenagel condensation.

Authors: Sadjad, Samahe, Fatemeh Koohestani

Journals : *Scientific Reports* 2022,

Interfence: To create an ionic liquid-containing polymer, 1-butyl-3-vinylimidazolium chloride was synthesised and polymerised with acrylamide. This polymer was subsequently utilised to produce a composite with an iron-based metal–organic framework. The resulting composite's catalytic activity for ultrasonic-assisted

Knoevenagel condensation was evaluated, and it was characterised using XRD, TGA, FE-SEM, FTIR, EDS, and elemental mapping investigations. The produced composite was able to efficiently promote the reaction and provide the relevant products in high yields within relatively short reaction periods, as demonstrated by the results. Up to six runs, the composite also showed good recyclability. Additionally, it was shown that the composite had a higher activity than either polymer or pure metal–organic framework.

11.Title: Amine-functionalized metal-organic frameworks: an efficient and recyclable heterogeneous catalyst for the Knoevenagel condensation reaction.

Authors: Taher, Abu, Dong-Jin Lee, Byoung-Ki Lee, and Ik-Mo Lee

Journals: *Synlett* , 2016,

Interfence: Through post-functionalization, a highly effective and reusable catalyst based on metal-organic frameworks (MOF) was created and used in Knoevenagel condensations of different aldehydes and ketones. The remarkable conversion (above 85–98%) of the reactants under mild circumstances proved the catalytic efficiency. After the reaction, the catalyst kept its distinct structure and could be recycled and utilised again numerous times without seeing a noticeable decrease in activity.

12.Title: The controllable and efficientsynthesis of two-dimensional metal–organic framework nanosheets for heterogeneous catalysis.

Authors: Yun, Ling-Xia, Cong Zhang, Xin-Ran Shi, Yan-Jun Dong, Hang-Tian

Zhang, Zhi-Gang Shen, and Jie-Xin Wang

Journals : *Nanoscale* 16 2024

Interfence: One approach that shows promise for producing two-dimensional metal-organic frameworks (2D MOFs) with well-defined geometric morphology is rational design and bottom-up synthesis based on structural topology. Herein, a unique hexagonal 2D MOF nanoplate is realised using a topology-guided bottom-up synthesis. The precisely planned morphology is modelled by the hexagonal channels created by the distorted (3,4)-connected Ni2(BDC)2(DABCO) framework (where BDC = 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid and DABCO = 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane). Pyridine can inhibit and modulate the morphology by a substitution-suppression

process, resulting in the modification of hexagonal nanorods into nanodisks and nanoplates with a variable thickness that is adjusted by the pyridine dosage. The nanoplates undergo subsequent pyrolysis treatment to become an N-doped Ni-carbon electrocatalyst. At a current density of 10 mA cm–2, this catalyst displays a tiny overpotential as low as 307 mV.

13.Title : Metal–organic frameworks for heterogeneous basic catalysis.

Authors: Zhu, Li, Xiao-Qin Liu, Hai-Long Jiang, and Lin-Bing Sun

Journals: *Chemical reviews* . 12 2017

Interfence: Water and moisture stability have been recognized as one of the most important characteristics of metal–organic frameworks (MOFs) in regards to their future applications. Nonetheless, most MOFs are water-labile to some degree. One promising solution for the collapse of MOFs toward water is surface hydrophobic modification. Herein, a facile, mild, and general one-step surface polymerization approach has been developed to coat the exterior surface of MOF particles with a thin polymer layer. Remarkably, the hydrophobic layer not only endows water stability of MOFs without significantly disturbing their pore features but also enables the resultant MOFs to retain high catalytic performance for diverse reactions in water.

14.Title : Highly robust {Ln4}-organic frameworks (Ln= Ho, Yb) for excellent catalytic performance on cycloaddition reaction of epoxides with CO2 and Knoevenagel condensation.

Authors: Zhang, Tao, Hongtai Chen, Shurong Liu, Hongxiao Lv, Xiutang Zhang, and Qiaoling Li.

Journals : *ACS Catalysis* . 24 2021

Interfence: We investigate cluster-based nanoporous Ln-MOFs by using structure-oriented ligands because of the high electron charge, large ion radius, and abundance of outer hybrid orbitals of LnIII cations, which make microporous Ln-MOFs Lewis acidic catalysts with high catalytic activity for a variety of organic reactions. Here, two isomorphic nanoporous frameworks of {(Me_2NH_2)[Yb4($BDCP)_2$(μ3–$OH)_2$(μ2–HCO_2)(H_2O)2]·5DMF·H_2O}n (NUC-38Yb) and {(Me_2NH_2)[Ho4($BDCP)_2$(μ2–$OH)_2$(μ2–HCO_2)(H_2O)2]·6DMF·3H_2O}n (NUC-38Ho)] were created by the exquisite combination

of coplanar [Ln4(μ3–OH)$_2$(μ2–HCO_2)(H_2O)2] clusters (abbreviated as {Ln4}) and the structure-oriented multifunctional ligand of 2,6-bis(2,4–dicarboxylphenyl)-4-(4-carboxylphenyl)pyridine (H_5BDCP). To our knowledge, NUC-38Ho and NUC-38Yb are the only known {Ln4}-based three-dimensional (3D) frameworks. They are shaped by six rows of coplanar {Ln4} clusters and have many coexisting Lewis acid–base sites on the inner surface. The channels are embedded hierarchical triangular-microporous and hexagonal-nanoporous.

15.Title: "UiO-67 metal–organic framework immobilized Fe 3+ catalyst for efficient Morita–Baylis–Hillman reaction.

Authors:Zhao, Yuzhen, Min Zhu, Hailing Shang, Yang Cheng, Daniele Ramella, Kaicheng Zhu, and Yi Luan.

Journals :" *New Journal of Chemistry* 46, no. 7 2022, 3199-3206.

Interfence: UiO-67 is a metal–organic framework based on zirconium that was prepared using solvothermal technology. A simple post-synthetic modification procedure was employed to add immobilised Fe3+ active sites. Utilising SEM, XRD, FT-IR, EDX, XPS, BET, and TGA, the as-synthesised catalyst UiO-67@Fe was thoroughly characterised. It functioned as a heterogeneous catalyst for a Morita–Baylis–Hillman (MBH) reaction. The yield of the UiO-67@Fe could be maintained for eight reuses after the reaction conditions were optimised. The UiO-67@Fe composite demonstrated suitability as a catalytic agent for the MBH reaction due to its synthetic efficacy, high thermal stability, and recyclability. Lewis basic and Lewis acidic sites worked together to produce a number of desired MBH addition products in high yields.

16.Title :"Polyoxometalate-based metal-organic frameworks for heterogeneous catalysis."

Authors : Zhang, Shaowei, Fuxi a Ou, Shig gang Ning, and Peng Cheng.

Journals: *Inorganic Chemistry Frontiers* 7 2021,1865-1899.

Interfence: Extended structures that combine the benefits of MOFs and POMs are known as polyoxometalate-based metal-organic frameworks, or POM-based MOFs. Their varied architectures and attractive topologies have drawn a lot of attention. They may also have potential applications in electrochemistry, medicine, magnetism, proton

conduction, lithium-ion batteries, supercapacitors, sorption and separation, catalysis, and other fields. Specifically, MOFs with their high surface area and tuneable pore size and POMs' strong acidity, photoactivity, and multielectron redox make them effective heterogeneous catalysts in a variety of organic processes. This brief overview begins with a succinct introduction to POMs, MOFs, and POM-based MOFs. Next, it discusses the synthetic techniques of POM-based MOFs. The catalytic characteristics and structural characteristics of typical POM-based MOFs.

17.Title. "Chiral iron (II)-catalysts within valinol-grafted metal–organic frameworks for enantioselective reduction of ketones.

Authors: : Antil, Neha, Naved Akhtar, Rajashree Newar, Wahida Begum, Ajay Kumar, Manav Chauhan, and Kuntal Manna

Journals: *ACS Catalysis* 16 2021,

Interfence: The creation of affordable chiral ligands and earthly-available materials to create highly selective and efficient heterogeneous catalysts is crucial for the environmentally responsible and cost-effective synthesis of optically active substances. We present a method for creating highly enantioselective single-site base-metal catalysts for asymmetric organic transformations by synthesising chiral amino alcohol-functionalized metal–organic frameworks (MOFs). By creating imine linkages inside the pores of aldehyde-functionalized UiO-MOFs, chiral amino alcohols, including l-valinol, were grafted to create chiral MOFs (vol-UiO). X-ray absorption spectroscopy was used to determine that the metalation of vol-UiO with FeCl2 in THF results in amino alcohol bound octahedral FeII species of vol-FeCl(THF)3 within the MOFs. Vol-UiO-Fe catalysed the hydrosilylation and hydroboration of a variety of aliphatic and aromatic carbonyls after activation with LiCH2SiMe3 to produce the corresponding chiral.

18.Title:"Knoevenagel condensation reactions catalysed by metal-organic frameworks."

Authors: Burgoyne, Andrew R., and Reinout Meijboom

Journals: *Catalysis letters* 2013,.

Interfence: Basic catalysts in the Knoevenagel condensation are functionalized metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) with amino groups on their secondary building units (SBUs). with an evaluation as solid basic catalysts, University of Michigan Crystalline Material-1-amine (UMCM-1-NH_2), isoreticular MOF-3 (IRMOF-3), and a 5% IRMOF-3 mixed with isoreticular MOF-1 (MIXMOF) were found to be more active than aniline, their homogeneous anologue. The performance of UMCM-1-NH2 outperformed the other MOFs under investigation. The catalytic activity of IRMOF-3 and MIXMOF was found to be equivalent. Their catalytic efficacy was seen for the reaction between benzaldehyde and ethyl acetoacetate or ethyl cyanoacetate in a range of solvents and temperatures.

19.Title: "Metal–organic frameworks as an efficient Pickering interfacial catalyst for the deacetalization-Knoevenagel tandem reactions.

Authors: Bao, Yan-Sai, Wei Liu, Zhen-Lin Dong, Zhi-Qiang Xing, Ming Yang, Yong-He Cui, Ling-Xu Meng et al.

Journals : *New Journal of Chemistry* . 18 2023,

Interfence : One of the best methods for creating environmentally friendly chemical processes is to stabilise Pickering emulsions at the oil–water interface using solid catalysts. In this work, Pickering emulsions were prepared using metal–organic frameworks (ZIF-8, UiO-66(Zr)–NH_2, and MIL-101(Cr)–NH_2) containing both Lewis acid and Brønsted base sites to catalyse the deacetalization-Knoevenagel tandem reaction. The Pickering emulsion stabilised with ZIF-8 exhibited the highest catalytic activity and was chemically stable, which is most significant. Furthermore, even after five cycles, the wasted Pickering emulsion demonstrated good reusability and could be readily rebuilt.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

3.1 AIM OF THE WORK:

To explore the potential of MOFs as catalysts for these reactions and to understand how their unique properties can be harnessed to enhance catalytic performance. Investigating the catalytic activity of different MOFs in carbonyl condensation reaction involves evaluating the ability of various MOFs to catalyze carbonyl condensation reactions. Mechanisms of MOF-catalyzed carbonyl condensation reactions which involves elucidating the molecular-level interactions between reactants and MOF catalysts. The catalytic activity towards specific carbonyl condensation reactions. Strategies may include post-synthetic modifications, doping with catalytically active metal nodes, and tuning the acidity/basicity of MOF catalysts.

3.1.1 OBJECTIVE OF THE WORK:

The objectives of research on MOFs in carbonyl condensation reactions aim to advance the field of catalysis, contribute to sustainable chemical synthesis, and develop innovative catalytic systems with practical applications in organic chemistry.

- To prepare the MOF using ferric chloride and BDC at different proportions.
- To characterize the synthesized Fe-BDC by FTIR, XRD and SEM.
- To investigate the underlying mechanisms of MOF for carbonyl condensation reactions.

3.2 SCOPE OF THE WORK:

- The reaction is compatible with the exploration of the substrate scope for MOF-catalyzed carbonyl condensation reactions, including the investigation of different types of carbonyl compounds, functional groups, and substituents, as well as optimization of reaction conditions such as temperature, solvent, and catalyst loading.

- The method with the evaluation of MOF catalysts with traditional catalysts (e.g., homogeneous catalysts, heterogeneous catalysts) in terms of catalytic activity, selectivity, recyclability, and environmental impact in carbonyl condensation reactions.
- Reactions encompasses a multidisciplinary approach, involving synthesis, characterization, catalytic testing, mechanistic studies, and practical applications, with the ultimate goal of advancing the field of catalysis and contributing to sustainable chemical synthesis.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS:

Various materials are used in this project are mainly porous materials composed of metal ions or clusters connected by organic ligands. And the materials have been used in supporting roles, such as solvents, catalyst supports, or characterization tools. Solvents play a crucial role in dissolving reactants and facilitating the reaction, while catalyst supports may be used to immobilize MOF catalysts and enhance their stability and recyclability. Characterization tools such as spectroscopy (e.g., FTIR, NMR, UV-Vis), microscopy (e.g., SEM, TEM), and diffraction techniques (e.g., XRD) are employed to analyze the structure, composition, and properties of MOFs and reaction intermediates.

4.2 METHODS:

Methods used in this project are solvothermal, hydrothermal, microwave-assisted, and mechanochemical synthesis. These methods allow for the preparation of MOFs with controlled compositions, structures, and properties. The continuous flow reactor studies are used to assess the performance of MOF catalysts under continuous flow conditions, which mimic industrial-scale reactions and reaction mechanisms by monitoring reaction progress as a function of time and reactant concentration.

Also, the Optimization of reaction conditions systematically varying reaction parameters such as temperature, pressure, catalyst loading, and solvent composition to optimize reaction conditions for maximum yield and synthesis.

4.3 SYNTHESIS OF Fe-BDC:

Sample of Fe-BDDC are synthesized through sequential addition of $FeCl_3.6H_2O$ (0.27g, 1mmol) 1,4-benzene dicarboxylic acid (BDC) (0.166g, mmol), and

acetic acid (1mL) into a beaker. Afterwards, 20 mL of N, N -dimethylformamide (DMF) is added to completely dissolve all reagents. The mixture is poured into a closed via and placed in an oven at 1000C for 6 h. The resulting powder, Fe-BDC, is recovered by centrifugation at 6000rpm for 30 min and rinsed rigorously three times with each of DMF, ethanol, acetone, and water. Finally, the recovered crystal is placed into an oven set at 1400c to dry overnight.

4.3.1 PROCEDURE FOR SYNTHESIS:

In a round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer, add a stoichiometric amount of 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid (H_2BDC) to the prepare $FeCl_3$ solution. Adjust the pH of the reaction mixture to acidic conditions (pH < 4) by adding a dilute solution of hydrochloric acid (HCl). Stir the reaction mixture at room temperature or under reflux conditions for a specified period (e.g., 12-24 hours) to promote the formation of the Fe-BDC MOF. Optionally, the reaction mixture can be heated under reflux conditions or subjected to hydrothermal treatment to accelerate the MOF formation process



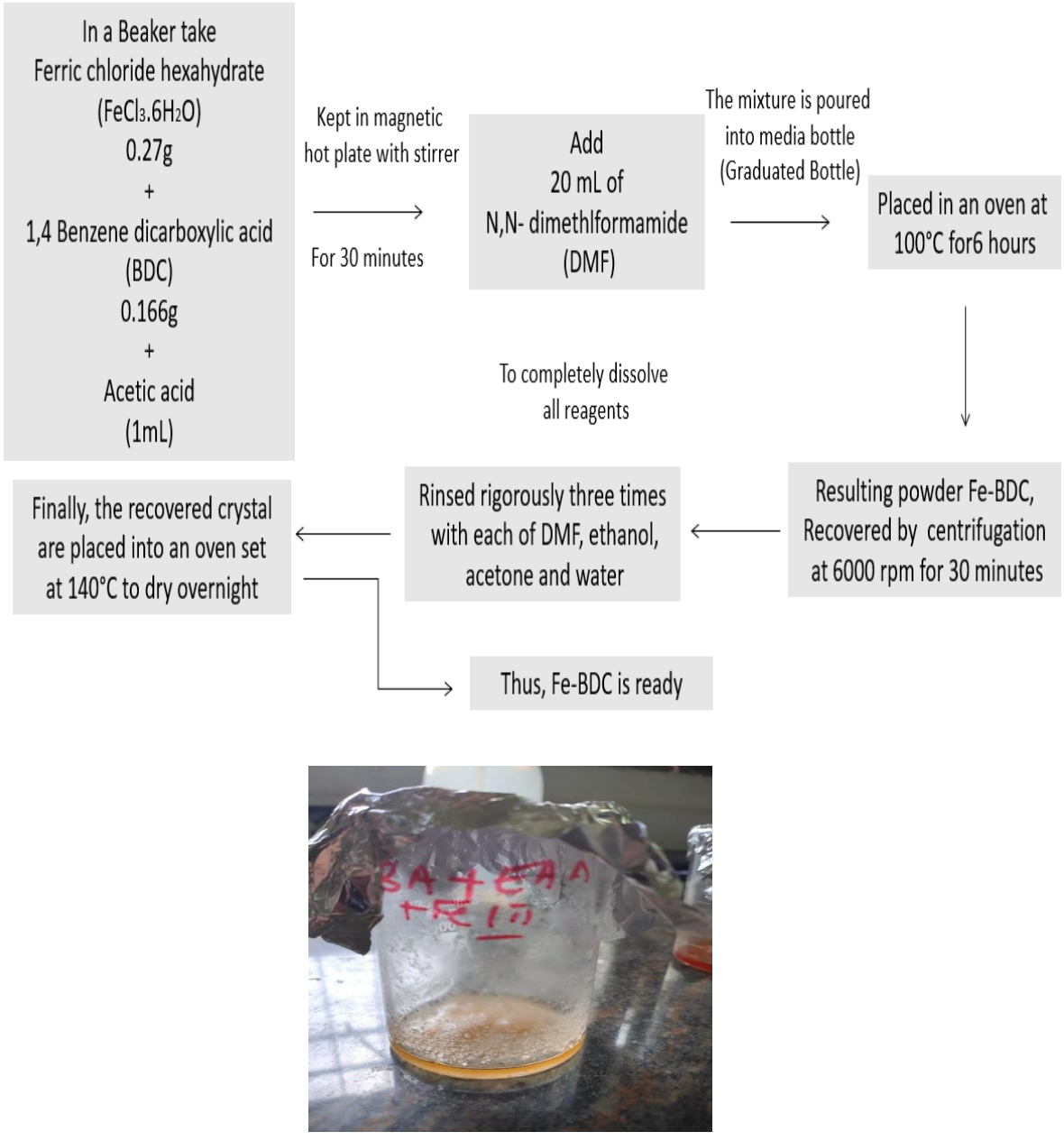


Fig: 4.1*: Synthesis of Fe-BDC*

4.3CHARACTERISATION TECHNIQUES:

4.3.1 FOURIER-TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY: (FTIR)

PRINCIPLE:

When molecules containing either permanent dipole moment or dipole moment arising due to vibration of atoms in molecules are subjected to IR radiation of a particular frequency, it induces an oscillating dipole moment and excites them to undergo vibrational transitions. Vibrational transition is produced by the absorption of energy (suitable IR radiation). Infrared light from the light source flows via a Michelson interferometer along the optical path in FTIR analysis. A beam splitter, moving mirror, and fixed mirror make up the Michelson interferometer. The beam splitter splits the light beam into two, which is reflected by the moving and fixed mirrors before being recombined by the beam splitter. The optical path difference between the moving and stationary mirrors changes as the moving mirror reciprocates, causing the phase difference to fluctuate over time. In the Michelson interferometer, the light beams are recombined to produce interference light. An interferogram is used to record the intensity of interference light, with the optical path difference recorded along the horizontal axis.



Fig:4.2: ***FTIR INSTRUMENTATION***

4.3.2 X-RAY DIFFRACTION (XRD):

PRINCIPLE:

X-ray diffraction (XRD) is a powerful analytical technique used to determine the atomic and molecular structure of crystalline materials. The principle behind X-ray diffraction is based on the interaction of X-rays with the crystal lattice of a sample.

According to Bragg's law, the scattered X-rays will undergo constructive interference if the path length difference between adjacent atomic planes in the crystal lattice is equal to an integer multiple of the wavelength of the incident X-rays. This constructive interference results in the formation of diffraction peaks at specific angles, known as Bragg angles, which are characteristic of the crystal structure.

By measuring the angles and intensities of these diffraction peaks, information about the spacing between atomic planes and the arrangement of atoms within the crystal lattice can be obtained. This data can then be used to determine the crystal structure, including parameters such as unit cell dimensions, atomic positions, and crystal symmetry.



Fig: 4.3*: XRD INSTRUMENTATION*

4.3.3 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCPE (SEM):

SEM (Scanning Electron Microscope) is a type of electron microscope which scans the surfaces of microorganisms using a low-energy electron beam to focus and scan specimens.

PRINCIPLE:

The scanning electron microscope, unlike the transmission electron microscope, employs released electrons instead of transmitted electrons. The Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) operates on the premise of using kinetic energy to generate signals from electron interactions. Secondary electrons, 34 backscattered electrons, and diffracted backscattered electrons are all types of electrons used to observe crystalline elements and photons. A picture is created using secondary and backscattered electrons. The major purpose of the secondary electrons generated by the specimen is to detect the shape and topography of the specimen, whereas the backscattered electrons exhibit contrast in the composition of the specimen's constituents.



Fig: 4.4: *SEM INSTRUMENTATION*

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Experiments were conducted to synthesize iron-BDC (Fe-BDC) as described in the section by varying the amount iron and BDC ratio. The as-synthesized samples are named as Fe-BDC (1:1); Fe-BDC (2:1) and Fe-BDC(3:1) which represents the ratio of iron and bdc in 1:1; 2:1 and 3:1. The synthesized samples were characterized by FTIR, XRD and SEM. The prepared Fe-BDC was used as a catalyst for biginelli reaction for the preparation of dihydropyrimidones.

Characterization of Fe-BDC

5.1 FOURIER TRANSFORM-INFRARED SPECTROMETER (FTIR)

The Fe-BDC samples were scanned in the range of 4000cm^{-1} to 500cm^{-1} to explore the nature of functional groups present in the molecule and the results are presented in Fig 5.1 The peak at 1673 cm^{-1}, 1538 and 1525 cm^{-1} was due to C-O bond symmetrical stretching of COOH group in BDC. The sharp peaks at 1379 cm^{-1} represents the asymmetrical vibrational bands of COOH^{-}groups. A broad band at

3734cm^{-1} and 3870 cm^{-1} can be assigned to weakly bonded OH groups at the surface indicating the presence of moisture within the framework. The low intensity sharp peak in the finger print region at 739-748 cm^{-1} indicates the C-H bending vibration of benzene in BDC. The emergence of new peak in the finger print region at 677cm^{-1} in the Fe-BDC spectrum alone reveals the presence of Fe-O bond where the iron is linked to the organic linker BDC through oxygen site. It is further confirmed as the peak intensity at 677cm^{-1}increases as the ratio of iron increases as witnessed in Fe-BDC (3:1).

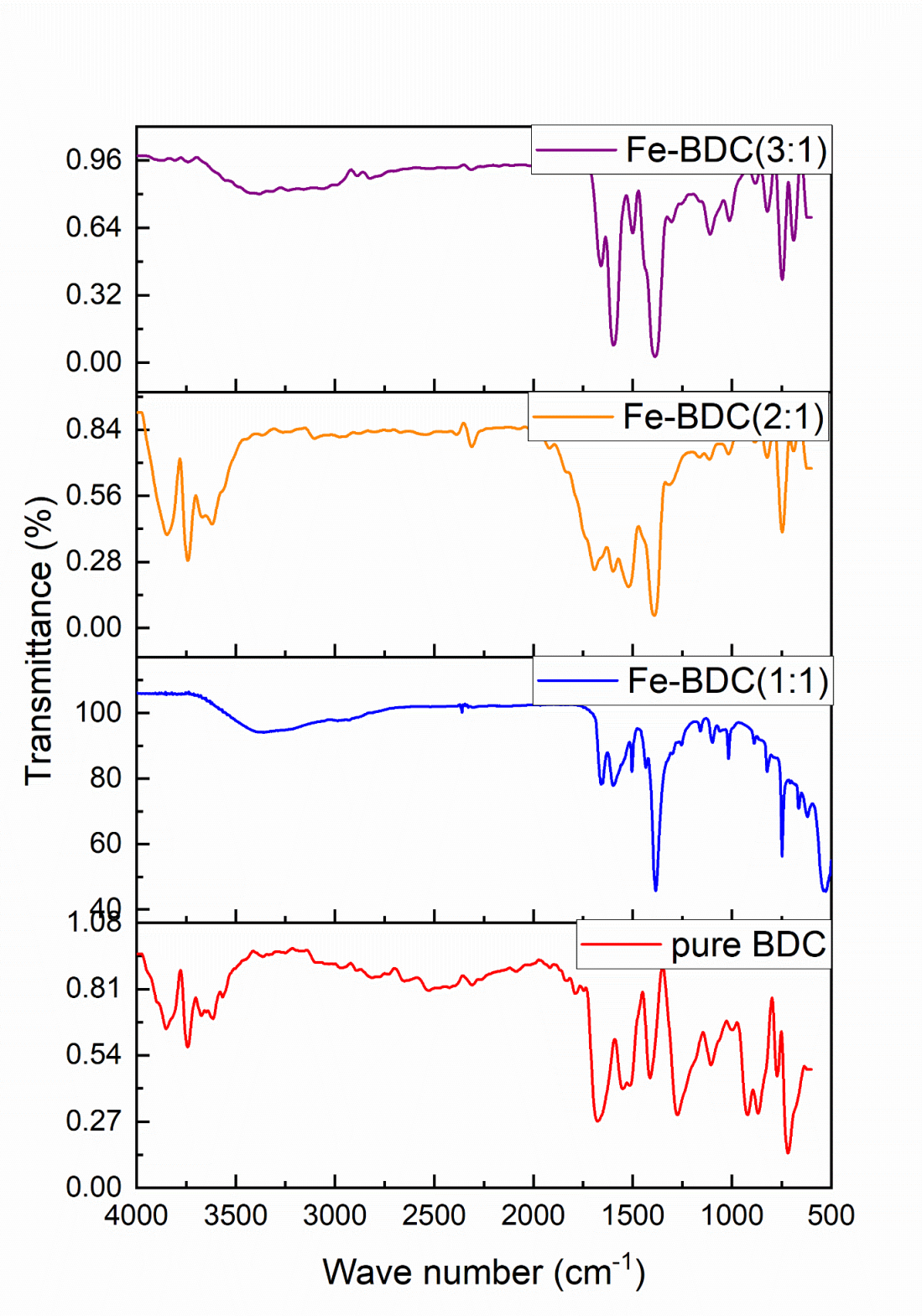


Fig: 5.1*: FTIR Spectral Graphs for Fe-BDC*

5.2 X-RAY DIFFRACTION (XRD):

XRD is one of the characterization methodology which results from the diffraction pattern of the samples and is associated with the crystallinity of the sample. The XRD diffraction pattern of Fe-BDC synthesized from its chemical organic linker BDC is shown in the Fig. The XRd pattern is obtained by scanning from 5 to 60^0 with a scan rate of 0.001^0/sec. A sharp peak at 2θ values of 9.74°; 12.52°;18.70°; 21.93° are typical peaks of Fe-BDC which synchronizes with the Cambridge crystallographic Data Centre (CDCC) with the card no-690315 belongs to monoclinic crystal with a space group of c1/2/C1and nomenclature of MIL-53 (**M**ateraux de l'**I**nstitut **L**avoisier) The observed peaks in Fe-BDC at lower than 10° (9.74°) indicates the crystalline nature of the sample. The peaks of pure BDC are at 16.75° ; 25.02 °; 27.77 °; which are entirely different from the observed peaks of Fe-BDC which confirms the formation of the product belongs to MIL-53 (Fe) type.

The average crystallite size for synthesized Fe-BDC (2:1) by Scherer was found to be 390nm and 342nm for 2θ of 12.54° and 18.76° indicating the crystalline nature of Fe-BDC and the crystalline size found from Williamson-Hall plot for Fe-BDC (2:1) is presented in the table

The crystalline and strain induced due to line broadening (β) can be deduced by Williamson-Hall method. The line broadening in Fe-BDC structures is a combination of both size and strain and is given by,

$$\beta\cos\theta = \beta_{size} + \beta_{strain}$$

On rearranging the equation can be represented as,

$$\beta\cos\theta = (k\lambda/D) + 4\varepsilon\sin\theta.$$

Where 'k' is the shape factor assumed to be 0.9 for crystalline materials; 'λ' is the wavelength of the $K_{\alpha\text{-line}}$ =1.5406Å; 'D ' is the size of the crystal and 'ε' is the strain induced.

A plot of βcosθ as y-axis and 4sinθ as x-axis gives a straight line with slope gives the value of strain and intercept= kλ/D can be used to determine the crystal size. The Williamson-Hall plot for Fe-BDC (2:1) is plotted and is depicted in the Fig 5.2. The linear graph is plotted by taking into considering the major XRD peaks of Fe-BDC (2:1). The slope 'ε', the intrinsic strain was found to be $2.28\text{x}10^{-4}$. The

positive value of the intrinsic strain indicates that the crystals experience tensile strain. The intercept value of 0.002 was used to determine the crystal size and is presented in the above table.

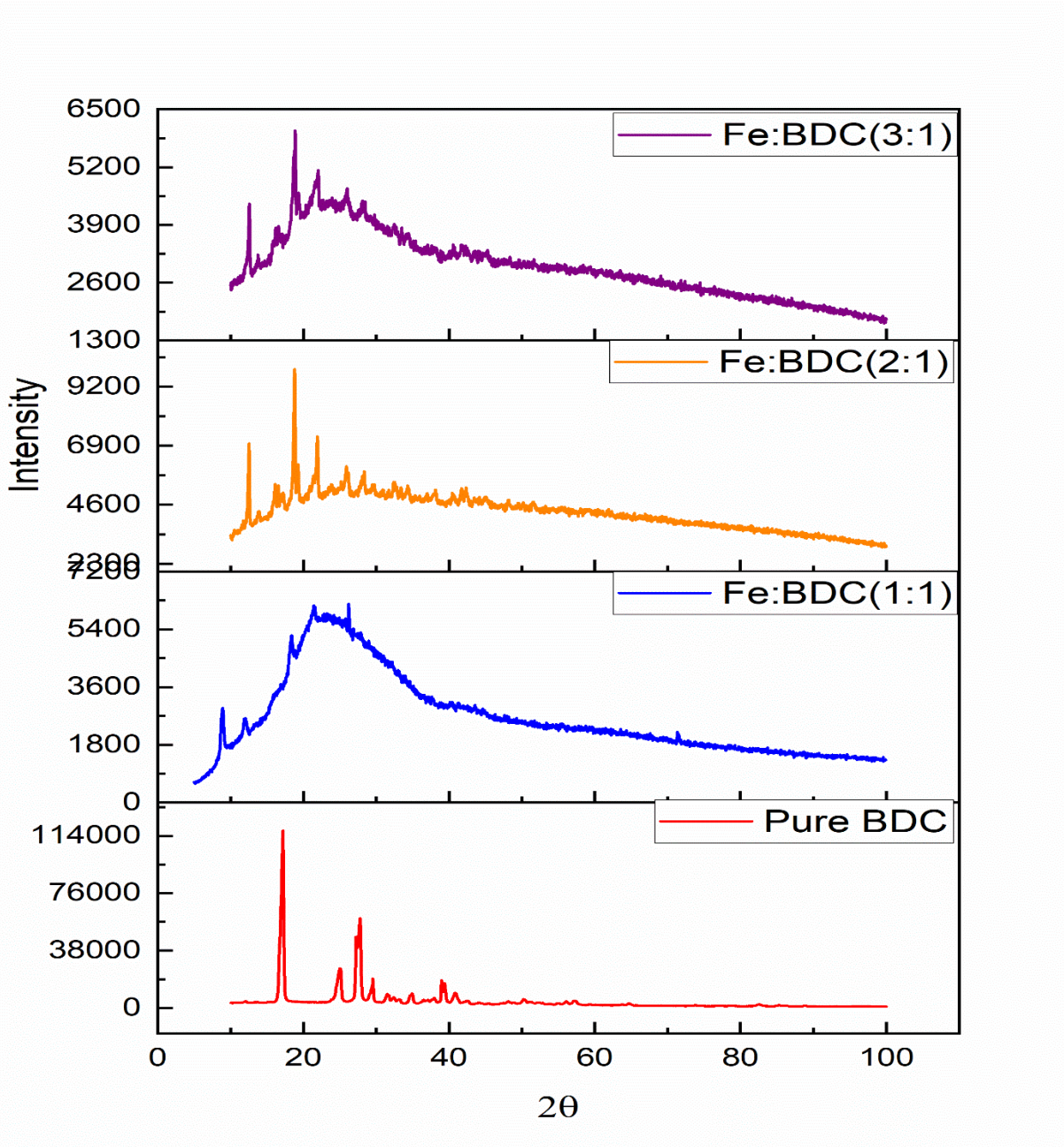


Fig: 5.2*: XRD Spectra of Fe-BDC*

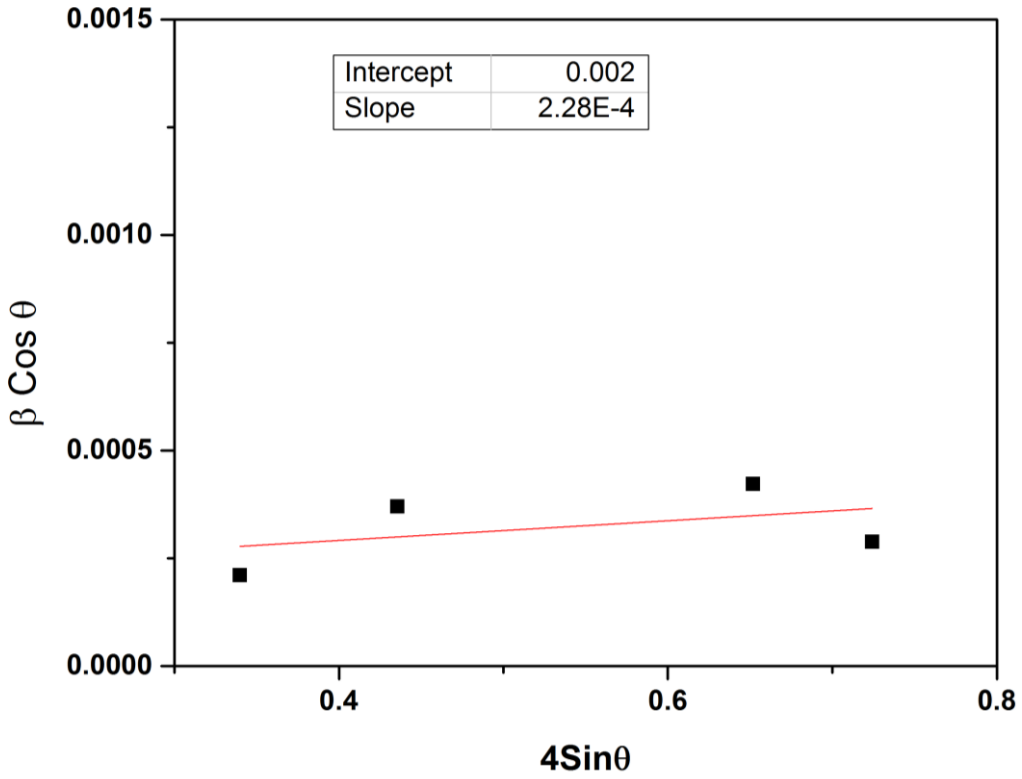


Fig: 5.3*: WilliamHall Plot for Fe-BDC (2:1)*

Table 5.1: Crystallite size, Lattice strain for Fe-BDC (2:1)

Sample	Crystallite size (nm)	Lattice strain	Crystallinity (nm)
Fe-BDC (2:1)	342-390	$2.28x10^{-4}$	72

5.4 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY (SEM):

The structural morphology of the Fe-BDC crystal along with the crystal size is deduced. The SEM images for Fe-BDC (2:1) and pure BDC is presented in the Fig 5.4 The morphology of pure BDC is in the form of flakes while the Fe-BDC assumes the form of bulky triangular rod shape with an average diameter of 700nm in the sample ratio of 2:1. Similar bulky rod like structures were obtained in the other samples of Fe-BDC. An histogram of average crystal size of Fe-BDC is shown in the Fig 5.4 As seen from the Fig 5.4, the frequency of crystal size is in the range of 0.7μm i.e 700nm.

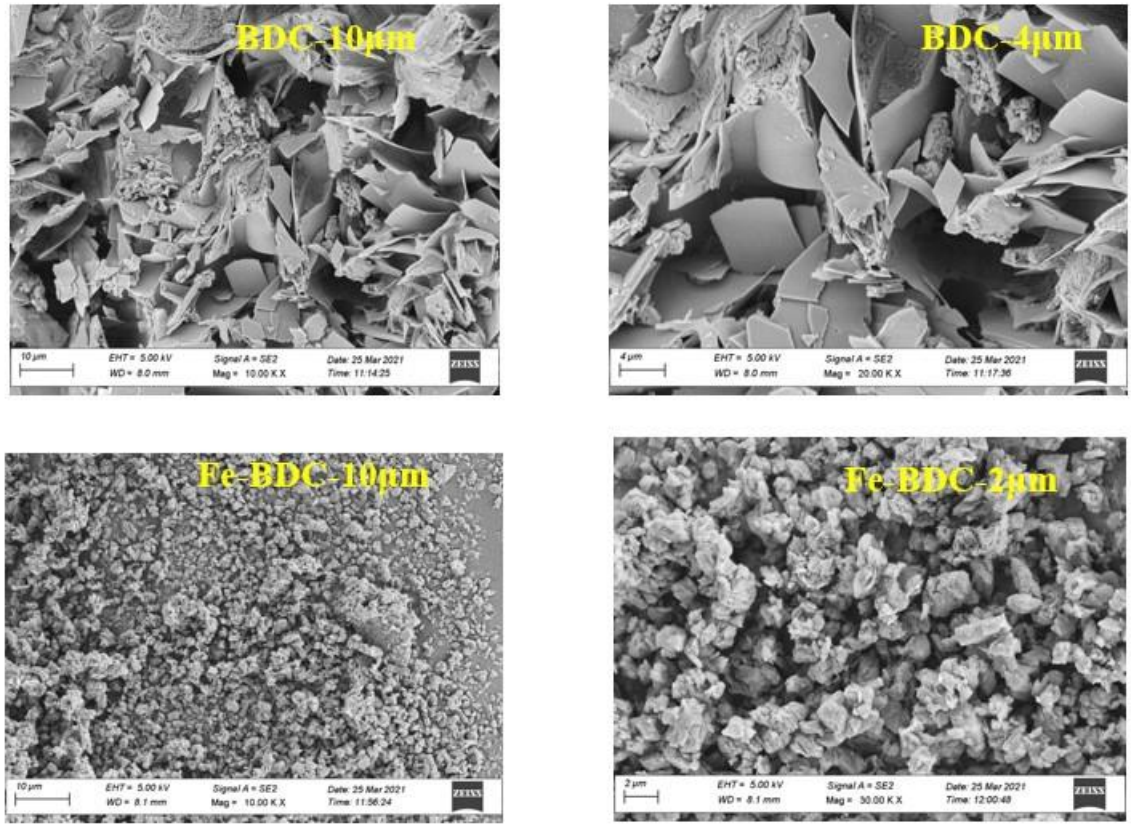


Fig: 5.4: ***SEM Images of BDC and Fe-BDC(2:1)***

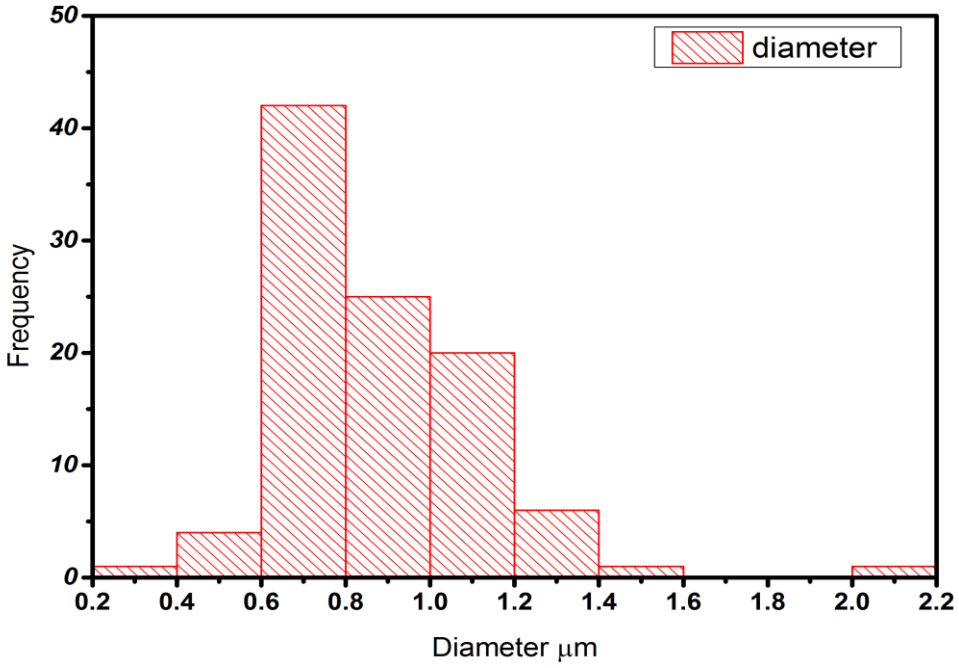
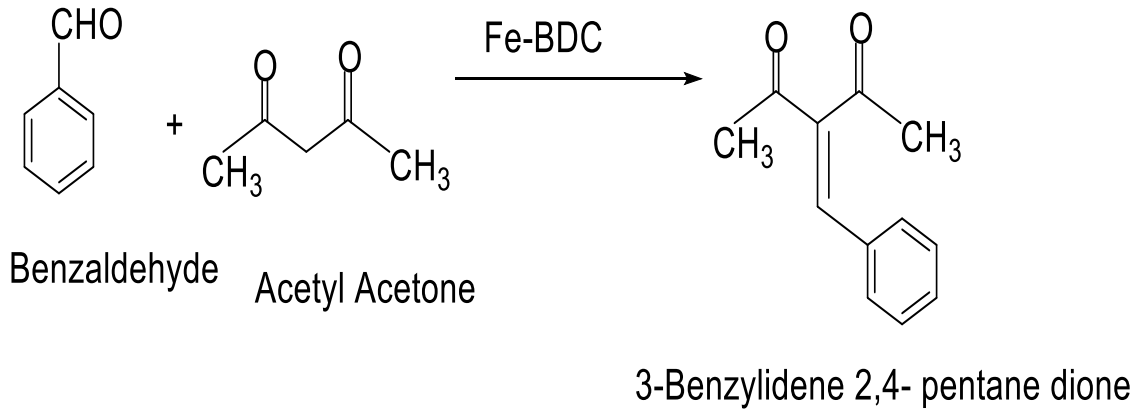


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5.5 APPLICATION TO KNOEVENAGEL REACTION:

The catalyst is used for carbonyl condensation reaction for the formation of C-C bond involving the reaction of acetylacetone (1mmol) and benzaldehyde (1mmol) to form a product. The reactants are refluxed in the presence of 0.2g of catalyst at 60°C for 45 minutes. After cooling, the crude solid is recrystallized using ethanol-water mixture and was found to be 0.23 g.



Benzaldehyde Acetyl Acetone

3-Benzylidene 2,4- pentane dione

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The Fe-BDC metal-organic framework structure was synthesized using the inorganic iron salt hydrate, terephthalic acid and N, N-dimethylformamide as the solvent. We have synthesized the metal organic framework Fe-BDC using the effective solvothermal method with optimized synthesis conditions.

- The FTIR shows the vibrational frequencies 1673 cm^{-1}, 1538 and 1525 cm^{-1} for C-O bond, 1379 cm^{-1} for –O-C-O- groups, 3734cm^{-1} and 3870 cm^{-1} for OH groups, 739 cm^{-1} for C-H bending vibration and 677cm^{-1} for Fe-O bond.
- The X-ray diffraction of the sample shows the peaks 9.74^{o}; 12.52^{o}; 18.70^{o} and 21.93^{o}.
- SEM image displays Triangular rod shape structure of Fe-BDC and Flake structure for pure BDC.
- It can be applied for the Knoevenagel reaction for the preparation of the coumarins.

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ABSTRACT

A fluorescent chemosensor **(AQ)** based on 2-aminobenzhydrazide and salicylaldehyde which exhibits rapid fluorimetric response for aluminium over other competitive ions under mild conditions has been synthesized easily by simple one pot condensation. The **AQ** compound aggregation study was performed in DMSO: H2O medium. Further the aggregated solutions were used for sensor study. On addition of Al3+, **AQ** shows a distinct bluish green colour change from slight blue under UV lamp. The new fluorescent probe exhibits a turn-on fluorescence response towards Al+ under physiological conditions with high sensitivity and selectivity.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1. Introduction

To characterize how metals are used by various organisms, the first step is to create a metal inventory by quantifying the metal composition of cells and tissues. Biological metals can exist in a variety of forms, including hydrated ions, tightly bound forms such as metal-bound cofactors and protein or nucleic acid bound species, and loosely bound forms in association with a diverse heterogeneous buffer, which can include low molecular weight species such as amino acids, glutathione, or citric acid, as well as labile species. The overall metal content is the sum of all these different types. Historically elemental analysis was carried out by either flame or graphite furnace atomic absorption Spectroscopy (AAS), a technique that enables quantification of the average total metal content from a digested sample at parts per billion (μg/L) sensitivity, one metal at a time. Since its introduction in the 1980s, inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICPMS) has largely surpassed AAS as the analytical method of choice for quantification of metals in a bulk sample due to its ability to measure multiple metals at once, increased sensitivity (0.1−10 parts per trillion, i.e., mg/L, for most transition metals) and increased dynamic range. While these approaches are useful in determining metal abundance in a bulk sample, they do not allow for single-cell or subcellular examination of metal position within a sample. However, in order to get a fundamental understanding of the mechanisms by which cells and organisms govern and use metals, it is necessary to go beyond quantifying total metal concentration in a bulk sample and describe metal distribution and accessibility in specific cells, tissues, and whole organisms.

Chronic health disorders such as Wilson's disease, Parkinson's disease, Menkes syndrome, and Alzheimer's disease are serious threats to humans. Chemists and biologists researching these conditions established a relationship between metal ion abnormalities and the diseases. Cations such as Ag^{+}, Cu^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Co^{2+}, and Hg^{2+} have a wide range of applications. Ag^{+}, for example, has use in radioimmunotherapy and photography technology. It inhibits the growth of bacteria and fungi, lowering the risk of bacterial and fungal infections. It's also utilized for cancer immunotherapy, deodorizing textiles, and agricultural sterilization. Copper is necessary for the

formation, development, and maintenance of bone, connective tissue, the brain, the heart, and several other body organs. It is involved in the formation of red blood cells, iron absorption and use, as well as the production and release of proteins and enzymes required for life. These enzymes, in turn, generate cellular energy and regulate neurotransmission, blood coagulation, and oxygen transport. It aids the immune system in combating infections, repairing damaged tissues, and promoting healing. It also helps to neutralize "free radicals," which can cause significant cell damage.

Similarly, in the case of anions, a few examples may be chloride sensing, which is presently employed for environmental monitoring. Chloride ion tests can help monitor landfills for leaks, track the flow of pollutants within a natural water body, and detect salt water intrusion into drinking ground or surface waters. Nitrate level monitoring is used to trace pollution from agriculture (nitrate fertilizers), to inspect fish farms and other aquaculture facilities for waste buildup, and to assess nutrient levels in natural water bodies. Excess fluoride can cause fluorosis, which is fluoride poisoning that increases bone density. The fluoride ion is significant because it is employed in clinical osteoporosis treatment, but it must be detected since fluoride toxicity occurs when fluoride accumulates in bone. M. Kleerekoper, et.al, Many anions are utilized as or are the products of the degradation or hydrolysis of chemical warfare agents, such as fluoride, which is the decomposition product of sarin gas used in many nerve poisons. K. J. Wallace, et.al, Cyanide is highly harmful to animals, and its release into the environment can cause major difficulties. K. W. Kulig, B. Vennesland, et.al, However, it is employed in a variety of industrial processes, including gold mining and electroplating, as well as the manufacture of organic compounds and polymers such as nitriles, nylon, and acrylic plastics, which increases the possibility of unintended release. G. C. Miller,et.al, As stated above, ion detection is critical because numerous industrial and agricultural operations can result in the release of ions into the environment, which can have disastrous consequences if not controlled. A substantial research effort is being directed toward developing low-cost, reliable, and easy methods for detecting ions in solution. As analytical techniques have advanced, numerous methodologies to detecting cations/anions are now accessible. However, many of these necessitate sample preparation, more expensive instrumentation, and

advanced procedures. Furthermore, these advanced devices are not well adapted for short in-field detection or in-vivo research.

To solve these challenges, the recognition and detection of one of the desired analytes using purpose-built chromogenic/fluorogenic host sensors that exhibit selectivity for a specific analyte has sparked great interest in the subject of host guest chemistry. Among many detection techniques, optical detections (by fluorescence changes or colorimetric changes) are the most convenient due to their simplicity and efficiency in identifying analytes at low concentrations. Y. Zhou, et.al, The most significant advantage of a fluorescent probe would be intracellular detection. Over the last few decades, significant efforts have been made to build fluorescent and colorimetric sensors capable of selectively detecting metal ions and anions.

1.1. Fluorescent chemosensors

1.1.1. Luminescence - A historical overview

Luminescence is the emission of light at low temperatures caused by a photochemically induced electronically excited state of any substance. In 1845, Herschel observed an uncommon phenomenon, the fluorescence of a quinine solution in sunlight, which could not be explained by scientific knowledge at the time. G. G. Stokes (1852) made an essential generalization of luminescence research by stating that light is always "degraded" in the process of producing fluorescence, i.e., shorter wavelengths excite longer wavelength fluorescence emission.

Eilhardt Wiedemann, a German physicist and historian of science, created the term "Lumineszenz" in 1888 to describe "all those phenomena of light which are not solely conditioned by the rise in temperature". N. Harvey,et.al,

1.1.1.1. Types of luminescence

There are various varieties of luminescence, including photoluminescence, radioluminescence, chemoluminescence, and bioluminescence. In general, they are classified into two types: fluorescence and phosphorescence. The Jablonsky diagram **(Figure 1.1.1.1)** depicts the processes that occur within the molecule.

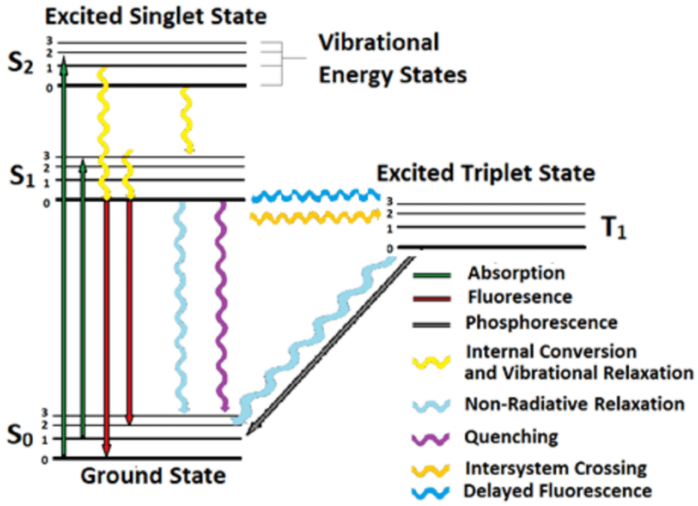


Figure 1.1.1.1. Jablonski diagram showing the de-excitation pathways of a molecule.

A Jablonski diagram depicts the electronic states and transitions within a molecule under irradiation. The states are arranged vertically based on energy. Singlet states are energetic levels that have the same spin as the ground singlet state, denoted by the symbol S. G. Shenk, et.al, The letter T represents energetic levels with a triplet spin state. Transitions between singlet and triplet states are usually the driving force behind photoemission processes. Sinusoidal arrows show nonradiative transitions, while straight arrows represent radiative transitions. Thick lines show the vibrational ground states of each electronic state, whereas thinner lines indicate higher vibrational levels. When an electron in a molecule is energetically driven to an excited state by the absorption of electromagnetic radiation, it returns to its ground state via radiative and non-radiative pathways. Radiative pathways entail photon emission, whereas non-radiative pathways include energy transfer via collisions, resonance energy transfer via near field dipole-dipole interactions, photochemical breakdown, and so on. A change in the molecule's vibrational and rotational states can also result in energy loss via a nonradiative method. In fluorescence, electrons typically stay in the S1 excited state for 10−8 s before returning to the ground state S0 within 10−15 s. n phosphorescence, the molecule experiences intersystem crossover, in which the electron in the S1 state changes spin and thus energy, relaxing into a triplet state T1. A photon is emitted when this triplet state is de-excited and returned to its ground state. Due to rotational and vibrational modifications, the released photon will have less energy than the absorbed photon. The absorption and emission of energy are distinct features of a specific molecular structure. The Stoke's shift, which is the

difference in energy (or wavelength) between the absorbed and released photons. A large Stoke's shift is frequently desired because it eliminates the need for optical filters, which are used to separate exciting light from fluorescence emission. The quantum yield, or ratio of photons emitted to photons absorbed, defines the fluorescence process's efficiency.

1.1.2. Chemosensors

Chemical sensing is the continuous monitoring of the existence of chemical substances. B. R. Eggins, et.al, It is no longer necessary to emphasize the need of developing novel chemical sensors. Many areas require sensing systems, such as chemistry, biology, clinical biology, and environmental research. The list of interesting analytes to be detected is lengthy, H. F. Lodish, et.al and rapid and low-cost testing methods are required for a wide range of clinical bioprocesses, as well as chemical and environmental applications. Wiley-VCH Verlag,et.al, On the other hand, it has been noted that there is a significant disparity between the relevance of specific types of organic molecules and the availability of sensors for these target chemicals. This is most likely owing to a communication gap between the groups that require chemosensors and those who may manufacture them. A. W. Czarnik, et.al, In general, a sensor is a device that interacts with matter or energy to produce a measurable signal **(Figure 1.1.2).** Phenolphthalein is an example of such a sensor. In host guest chemistry, a chemosensor is a system that, when stimulated by any type of matter/energy, changes its own state and thus one or more of its properties. Organic chemists formerly referred to novel molecular indicators as "sensors," which was criticized because only by integrating such fluorescence indicators into a device can a sensor be produced. O. S. Wolfbeis,ei.al, Czarnik invented the notion of "Chemosensor" in 1993 to avoid such misinterpretation. J. P. Desvergne,et.al, A chemosensor is defined as "a compound of abiotic origin that complexes to an analyte reversibly with a concomitant fluorescent signal transduction," and it is the sensor's only active transduction unit. The most common techniques used in chemical sensors are optical absorption, luminescence, and redox potential, however sensors based on other spectroscopies and optical characteristics, such as refractive index and reflectivity, have also been created.

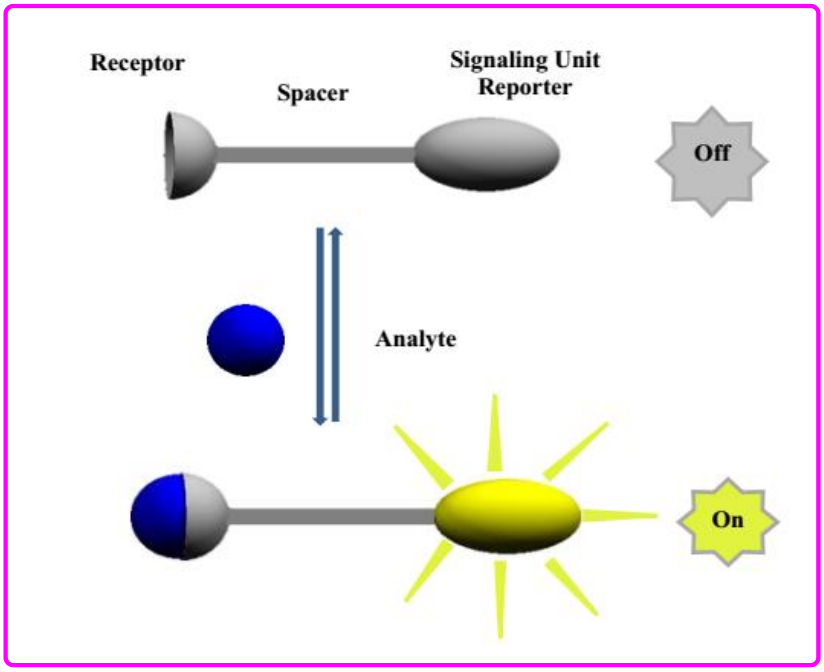


Figure 1.1.2. Schematic representation of chemosensor in sensing process.

An optical chemical sensor involves the interaction of a guest species and a recognition unit, which is indicated by an easily visible change. L. Fabbirizzi,et.al, In general, chemosensors rely on a binding event or a chemical reaction between the guest and the recognition unit to alter the absorption/fluorescence properties of the attached receptor. A. P. De Silva,et.al, The chemosensor binding site cannot be biological in nature (e.g., an enzyme or antibody); it must be an engineered receptor. Biotic receptors in biosensors may have excellent affinity and selectivity for biological analytes, but artificial receptors offer numerous advantages. Biomolecules are susceptible to pH, oxidizing chemicals, and heat, whereas inanimate receptors can be made from more durable materials. In principle, artificial receptors can be customized for a variety of analytes, and their physical properties can be tailored to specific sensor needs for the binding event. Sensors can be classified as either electronic or optical. L. Prodi, et.al, The former generate signals in the form of changes in electrochemical characteristics, whereas the latter cause changes in visual properties. The optical sensors are further divided into two categories: chromogenic chemosensors and fluorogenic chemosensors.

1.1.2.1. Chromogenic chemosensors

'Colorimetric chemosensors' are molecules that enable 'naked-eye' detection of cations and anions without the use of spectroscopic instruments. In this form of chemosensor, the coordination site binds the guest in such a way that the signalling unit changes colour. Colorimetry has been utilized as a form of sensor signal transduction for decades due to its ease of detection, initially with the naked eye and more recently with simple, inexpensive spectrophotometers. Such sensor systems typically consist of two components: an ion binding portion (receptor) and a chromophore, which translates binding-induced changes into an optical signal such as the appearance of color. These two components are either directly connected or intramolecularly related. While colorimetric investigations are not as popular as fluorescent or luminescent techniques today, this design remains extremely valuable and significant. In fact, color is used in many of the most extensively used commercially accessible diagnostic assays, including blood glucose monitoring D. A. Blake, et.al, and early pregnancy testing. L. B. Bangs, et.al, Colorimetric assays offer lower capital costs than fluorescent sensors, which require a UV light source and spectrophotometric apparatus. Furthermore, due to the paramagnetic nature of heavy metal ions, some sensors frequently experience fluorescence quenching upon heavy metal ion attachment via an electron or energy transfer process, reducing sensor sensitivity. Color fluctuation or change in absorbance on the selective binding of target analyte, on the other hand, is a convenient way for designing high selectivity chemosensors for both heavy and light metals. However, colorimetric assays have one disadvantage: they are less sensitive and do not have the same low limit of detection as fluorescence or luminescent-based approaches. This is largely owing to the reduced background provided by this strategy. Furthermore, in many typical experiments, the analyte of interest occurs naturally at millimolar concentrations. Under these settings, colorimetric analyses are appropriate **(Figure 1.1.2.1).**

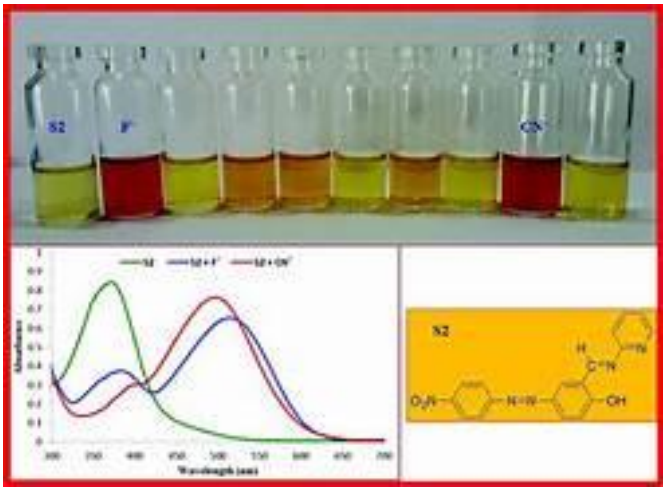


Figure 1.1.2.1 colorimetric chemosensors

1.1.2.2. Fluorogenic chemosensors

A fluorescent chemosensor is a molecular system whose physicochemical properties change as it interacts with a chemical species, resulting in a change in fluorescence **(Figure 1.1.2.2**). A luminous chemosensor usually consists of two integrated components. One is a signaling fluorophore, and the other is a guest receptor with recognition capabilities; they are joined by a spacer to form a fluorophore-spacer-receptor scaffold. C. Lodeiro, et.al, When a guest species binds to the receptor, the photophysical properties of the fluorophore change through several ways, providing a signal that indicates guest binding. Furthermore, the fluorescence sensor should be thermally and photochemically stable, with the recognition process reversible to allow for continuous monitoring of the analyte. Fluorescent chemical sensors provide various advantages, including sensitivity, selectivity, response time, and fluorescence imaging. R. Y. Tsien, et.al, Its simplicity also enables on-site and real-time detection. Because chemosensors are used in food analysis, process control, environmental monitoring, medical diagnosis, and a variety of other fields, a thorough understanding of the available molecular constructions can aid in the elucidation and improvement of fluorescent chemosensor design in order to develop sophisticated sensing systems. T. Gunnlaugsson, et.al,

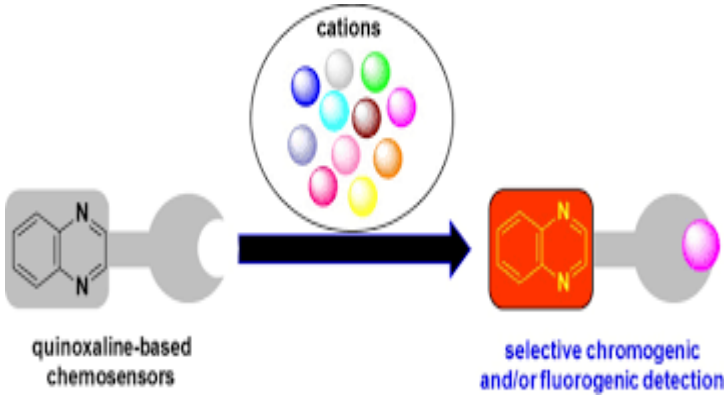


Figure 1.1.2.2. Fluorogenic chemo sensors

The fluorescent chemosensors must possess few key properties:

(1) Emitting a viable signal with high quantum yield upon selective interaction with the desired analyte.

(2) Exhibit an excitation wavelength (λ_{ex}) exceeding 340 nm to prevent UV-induced cell damage and an emission wavelength (λ_{em}) approaching 500 nm to avoid auto fluorescence issues from species native to the cell.

(3) High sensitivity – to get maximal signal change in the presence of the analyte.

(4) High selectivity – to be able to distinguish only one analyte in a complex mixture.

(5) Cell-permeability.

1.2. Targeting metal ions

The design of photoluminescent probes for metal ions necessitates careful consideration of coordination chemistry. Coordination atom, coordination number, coordination geometry, and cavity size are all significant factors to consider while designing an ionophore. Metal coordination with organic dyes results in a distinct optical response, showing the presence of the metal species of interest. The development of sensors for metal ions in solution has always been crucial, especially for cations with biological and environmental significance. The number of molecular devices for converting metal ion identification into recordable signals is continuously expanding. In recent years, fluorescent chemosensors have garnered a lot of attention, and many unique systems have been developed. An effective fluorescent

sensor for metal ions interacts with the metal ion in solution and signals its presence by changing fluorescence properties such as wavelength (Stoke's shift) or emission intensity, as well as the appearance of a new fluorescence band distinct from the free sensor's. Classical metal ion sensors typically have one or more fluorophores coupled to a coordination active moiety via a spacer. The primary challenge in developing fluorescent probes is discriminating between metal ions with similar chemical properties (such as Zn2+, Cd2+, and Hg2+). The hard and soft acids and bases hypothesis (HSAB) W. L. Jolly, et.al, and Irving-Williams rule H. M. N. H. Irving.et.al, provide broad guidelines for the development of related metal ionophores. Z. Liu. Et.al, The coordination of a metal ion can result in an enhancement of fluorescence emission (CHEF) **(Figure 1.2)** or a quenching of fluorescence (CHEQ); both effects can be accompanied by a red or blue shift of the emission band.

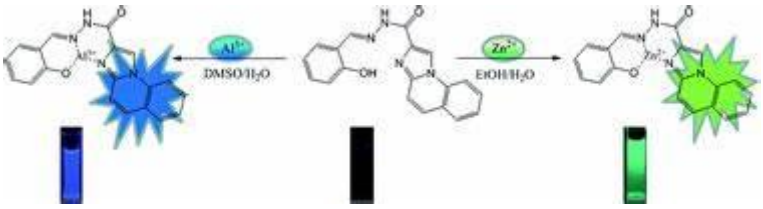


Figure 1.2. Enhancement of fluorescence (CHEF)

1.3. Photophysical mechanisms involved on fluorescent chemosensors

Conventional signal systems have been widely established, based on some fundamental photophysical phenomena. Here, a simplified taxonomy of these mechanisms is shown. Electron transfer (ET): Of these traditional processes, ET, primarily by photo-induced electron transfer (PET), is the most commonly used in fluorescent chemo sensors **(Figure 1.3).** In most situations, the PET process quenches the fluorescence of a fluorophore, which can be restored by inhibiting this process with guest molecules. (ii) Charge transfer (CT): CT methods include intramolecular charge transfer (ICT), metal-ligand charge transfer (MLCT), and twisted intramolecular charge transfer (TICT). For an ICT-based chemosensor, enhancing or suppressing such an ICT process can cause a red or blue shift in its emission spectrum, resulting in a ratiometric signal that can eliminate most ambiguities by self-calibration of two emission bands and allow quantitative determination in more complex applications, such as imaging living cells and tissues. On the other hand, MLCT, in which CT occurs from a ligand to a transition metal cation, is frequently found

in transition metal complexes such as those of ruthenium, rhenium, and iridium. It can also be utilized to create chemosensors based on the MLCT energy levels of analytes. (iii) Energy transfer (ET): ET is characterized as electronic energy transfer (EET) or fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET) based on the interaction distance between the energy donor and acceptor. EET, also known as Dexter electron transfer, requires a distance of within 10 Å between the donor and acceptor to be efficient, whereas FRET requires a specific degree of spectral overlap between the donor's emission spectrum and the acceptor's absorption spectrum. Efficient FRET requires a distance between the donor and acceptor of 10-100 Å. Thus, chemosensors based on the energy transfer process are highly distance dependent. (iv) Excimer/exciplex: An excimer is a complex generated when an excited fluorophore interacts with a ground-state fluorophore of the same structure. Similarly, if the fluorophore in the excited state differs from the fluorophore in the ground state, the complex formed is known as an exciplex. The emission spectrum of an excimer/exciplex is redder than that of the monomer, and a dual emission from the monomer and excimer/exciplex is frequently detected concurrently. As a result, excimer/exciplex production or deformation during interaction with a guest species allows for sensing just by monitoring the excimer/exciplex band. However, there are just a few instances of chemosensors that rely on exciplex production. J. S. Wu, M. R. Wasielewski, et.al,

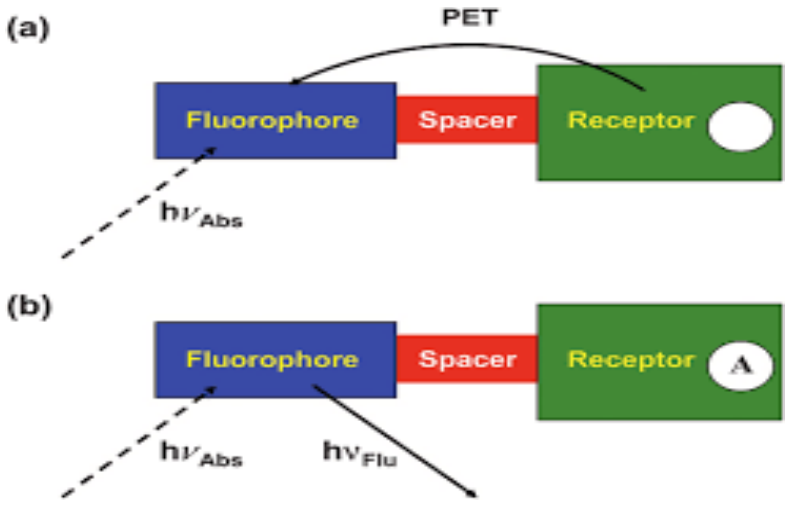


Figure 1.3. photo-induced electron transfer (PET)

1.3.1. Conformational signal mechanisms

1.3.1.1. Aggregation induced emission (AIE)

It is well known that fluorescent emission of organic fluorophores is often quenched in aggregated form; this effect is denoted aggregation-aused quenching (ACQ). Because of the ACQ effect, the application of many organic fluorophores in organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs) and as sensing materials (chemosensors, biosensors) has been greatly limited. S. W. Thomas. Et.al, To overcome the ACQ effect, branched chains, bulky cyclic species and dendritic wedges have been covalently attached to the fluorophores to suppress the formation of aggregates. A. Kraft, et.al, However, some organic molecules that are almost nonfluorescent in solution were shown to become strongly fluorescent upon aggregation, which is an abnormal behavior. J. D. Luo, et.al, In view of such unusual fluorescence behaviors, AIE phenomena have been successfully utilized to design sensitive and selective bio/chemo sensors. The aggregation of AIE molecules can be tuned by guest molecules through electrostatic interaction, coordination interaction, hydrophobic interaction, steric hindrance, a particular mercapto reaction, or the influence of polarity and viscosity. As a result, a variety of new AIE-active fluorescent bio/chemosensors have been developed to detect ionic species (Hg^{2+}, Ag^{+} and CN^{-}), biomolecules (protein, heparin, ATP and DNA) and gases and explosives (CO_2, TNT and picric acid), as well as assay the activities of nuclease activities. J. Wu, et.al,

Amphiphilic silole derivative bearing a positive ammonium moiety was developed that shows AIE effects and it was combined with hydrophobic to produce a fluorescence turn-on senor for cyanide in aqueous solution. The sensing mechanism is based on an intermolecular assembly process, as illustrated in **Figure 1.3.1.1.** L. H. Peng, et.al,

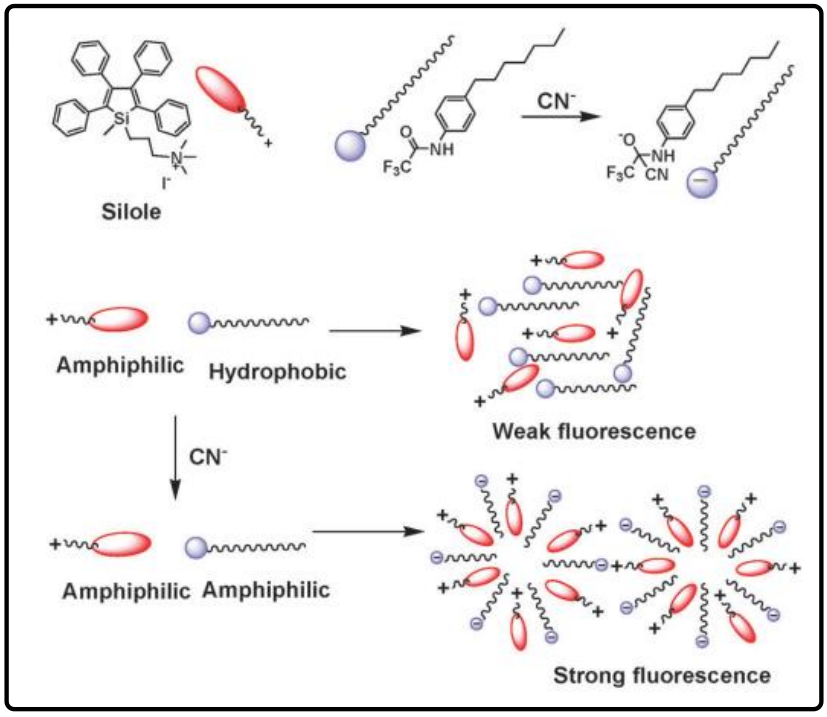


Figure 1.3.1.1. Mechanism illustration of a fluorescent cyanide chemosensor based on the AIE feature of silole.

CHAPTER 2

LITRATURE SURVEY

In the last two decades, a broad range of AIE active Schiff bases have been synthesized including have opened and their applications in the field of sensing, photochromic and bio-imaging applications are reported. Many Schiff base molecule that has aggregation induced emission (AIE) behaviour and it reveals various applications on sensor field.

1. 3-Amino-2-methyl-3H-quinazolin-4-one

Sainath Bhanudas et al developed and reported a novel series of quinazoline-based Schiff bases can be synthesized by condensation reaction between 3-amino-2-methyl-3H-quinazolin-4-one and hydroxynaphthanones. V. Navale, et.al, The classical procedure utilizes acetic acid as a solvent under reflux conditions. The synthesized products will be characterized by 1H NMR, IR, and mass spectrometry techniques.

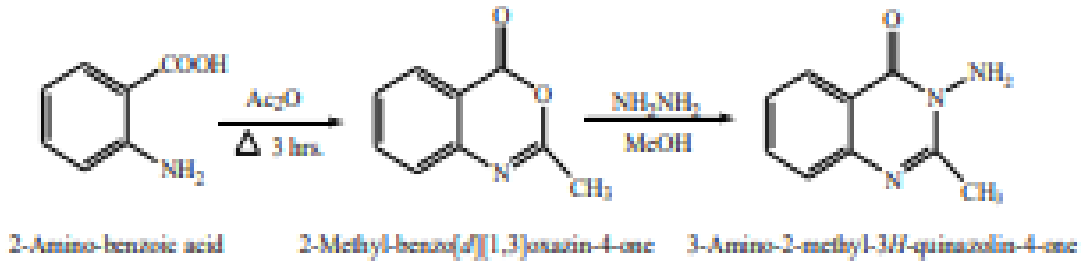


Fig.1 Synthesis of the product

2. 2-benzamido-N′ -(1- (pyridin-2-yl)ethylidene)benzohydrazide

Next, a newly designed quinazolin-based Schiff-base chemosensor Vanshika Sharma, et.al, detects Ni^{2+} and Zn^{2+} ions via colorimetric response, while offering selective "turn-on" fluorometric detection for Zn^{2+} only. It changes color for both ions but only glows for zinc. This molecule binds strongly to the metal ions in a 2:1 ratio and could be useful for cleaning polluted water.

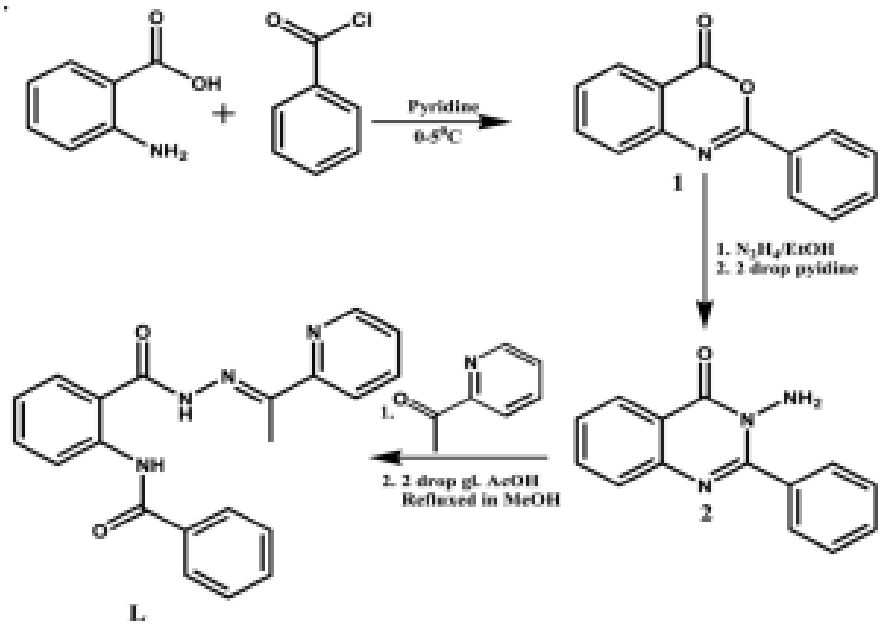


Fig.2 Synthesis procedure of ligand L.

3. 4-aminobenzhydrazide and 2,3-dihydroxybenzaldehyde

Jana Pisk *et al.* synthesizes diverse organic compounds (hydrazones, quinazolines, etc.) using tailored methods (solution, mechanochemical). Further modifications of some products were achieved. Characterization confirmed structures and anti-cancer/bacterial potential was explored.

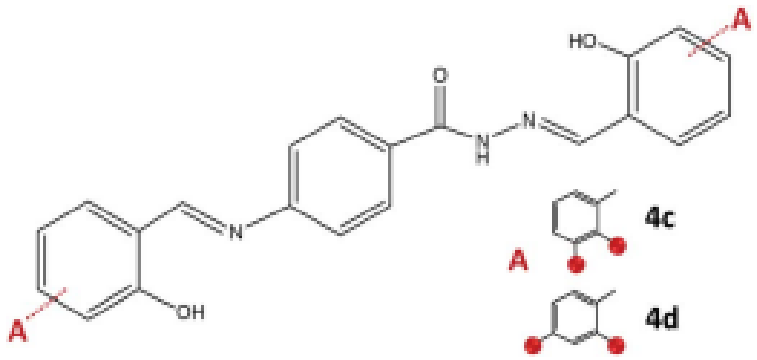


Fig.3 Hydrazone-Schiff bases obtained by the reaction of compound

4. 2-(4-hydroxybutyl) quinazolin-4-one

Researchers created new quinazolinone-based molecules with antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. K. P. Rakesh, et.al, The best antioxidants had electron-

donating groups (OH, OCH_3), while the best anti-inflammatory agents had electron-withdrawing groups (Cl, NO_2).

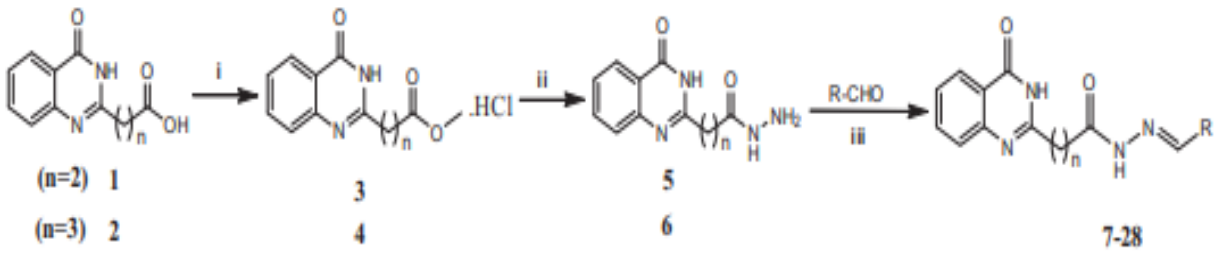


Fig.4. Synthesis of final compounds

5. of 2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)one-trihydroxyphenyl

Researchers studied and developed quinazoline-based molecules Mostafa A. Mansour, et.al, for potential use against COVID-19. In silico simulations suggest these molecules may bind to key proteins in the virus. Additionally, the study explored their drug-like properties, paving the way for further investigation as potential COVID-19 therapies.

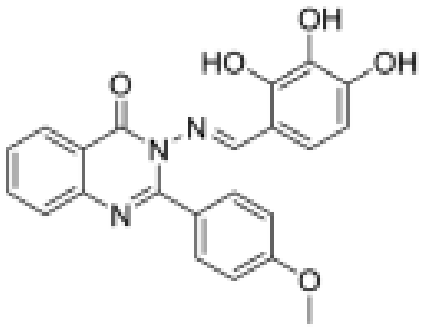


Fig.5 Structure of the compound

6. 2-phenyl quinazoline-4(3)H-ones

A new series of quinazoline derivatives and evaluated their potential as antiviral drugs. Krishnan Suresh Kumar a, et.al, One compound (2a) exhibited promising activity against a wide range of viruses, including herpes simplex and influenza.

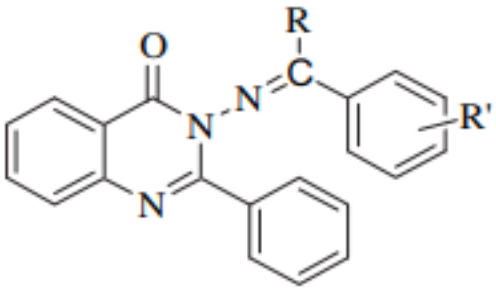


Fig.6 Structure of the synthesized compound

7. 3-((2-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzylidene)amino)-2-methylquinazolin4(3H)-one

A Schiff base quinazoline derivative (SB-Q) and studied its effectiveness in preventing mild steel corrosion in acidic environments. Firas F. Sayyid1 , et.al, SB-Q displayed good corrosion inhibition, reaching 96.3% at optimal concentration and room temperature. Its efficiency increased with immersion time but decreased with higher temperatures. The inhibitor molecules form a protective layer on the steel surface, as confirmed by both experiments and theoretical calculations.

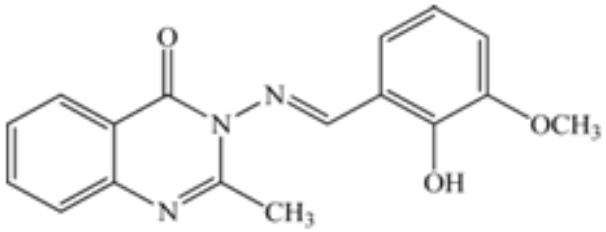


Fig.7. Final product of the compound

8. 1, 2-phenyl-4H-3,1-benzoxazin-4-one; 2, 3-amino-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one

Zn(II) and Cd(II) complexes were formed from a Schiff base ligand and characterized. DHIRAJ BRAHMAN, et.al, The analysis suggests a non-electrolytic structure, $[ML(AcO)]\cdot H_2O$ (M = Zn(II) or Cd(II), L = Schiff base ligand). These complexes were also investigated for their antimicrobial properties.

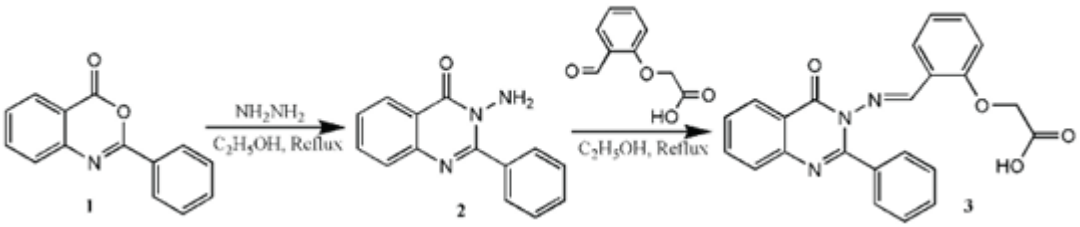


Fig.8 The synthesis of the ligand (LH)

The literature survey reveals the new direction of research to conjugate Hydrazide on sensors for the selective and sensitive optical detection of bioactive metal ions and anions. In addition to the selective sensing of the target analytes in aqueous environment it's the goal of the work.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE OF THE WORK

The literature survey reveals the new direction of research to conjugate/functionalize compounds to develop sensor for the selective and sensitive optical detection of bioactive metal ions and anions. The ambitious goal of this thesis is to design and develop small molecule based aggregated compounds. So, novel Hydrazide based Schiff base derivative was designed and prepared and then going to characterize by using NMR, Mass and IR data. Detailed photophysical study of the newly synthesized compound will be carried out. The newly synthesized compound and material will be effectively applied as sensors for toxic species either by colorimetry or fluorimetry in polluted water and environmental water resources. Based on the results molecular recognition mechanism are going to be determined. The sensor could be successfully applied into detection of guest species in real samples.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS AND EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

The details of the materials, instruments used for various analyses and general procedure for the preparation of stock solutions, determination of binding constants, detection limit, determination of binding stoichiometry are discussed in this chapter.

4.1 Materials

4.1.1 Chemicals

All chemicals used were analytical grade and used without further purification.

Chemicals	Suppliers
Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)	Aldrich
Dimethyl formamide (DMF)	Aldrich
Salicylaldehyde	Aldrich
2 Amino benzohydrazide	Aldrich
Diethyl ether	Aldrich
Triethyl amine (Et_3N)	Aldrich

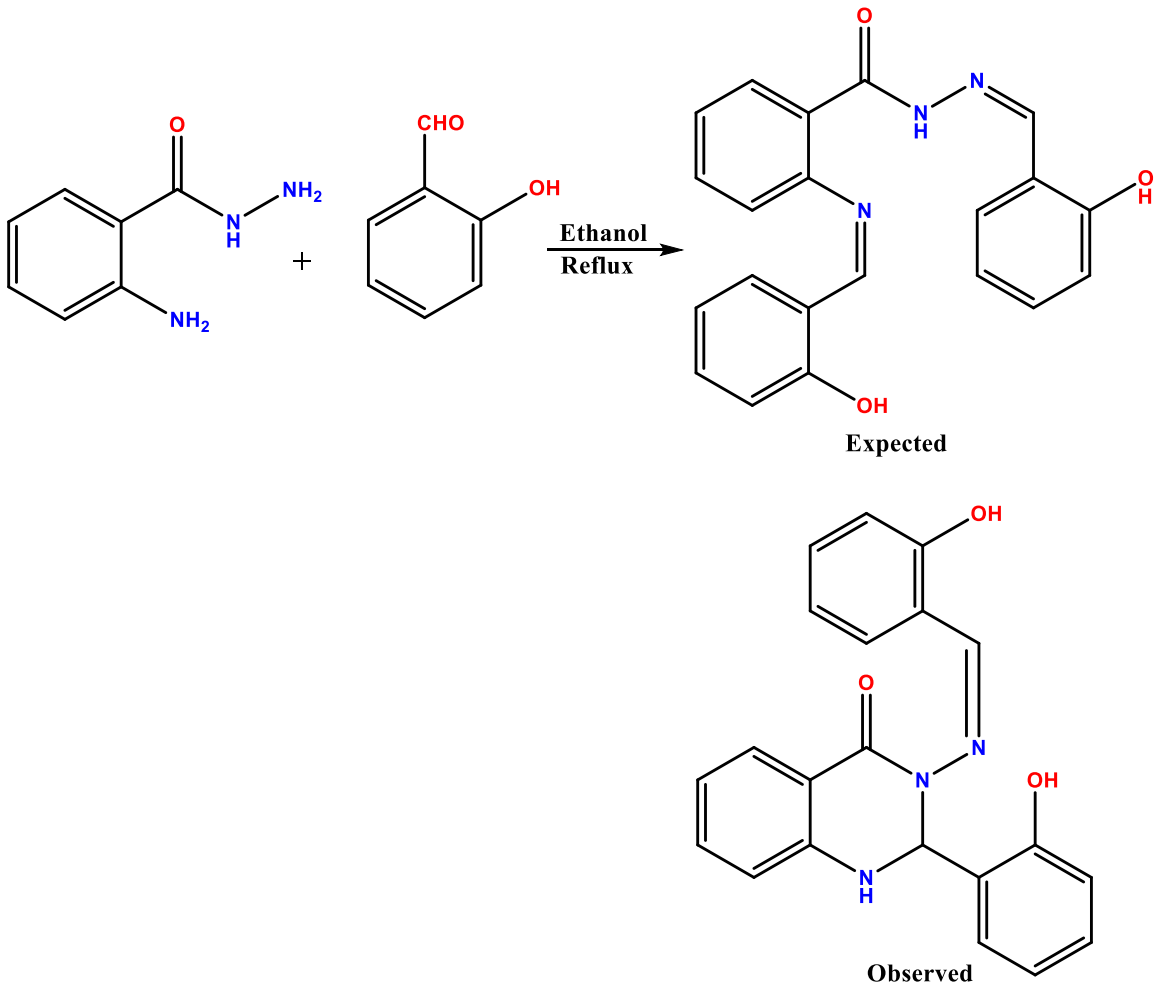
All the metal salts ($MnCl_2$, $CrCl_3$, $FeCl_3$, $ZnCl_2$, $CuCl_2$, $MgCl_2$, $CdCl_2$, $NiCl_2$ and $CoCl_2$, $AlCl_3$) were purchased from Aldrich chemicals.

4.2 General procedure

4.2.1 Preparation of Compound

Ethanolic solution of 2-Aminobenzhydrazide (1 mole) was added into ethanolic solution of Salicylaldehyde (2mole) in round bottom flask. The mixture was stirred well and then heated under reflux condition for 2 hours. The colour of the solution is yellow then changes into light brown in colour. The light brown colour crystalline product was settled, filtered off and then dried in a room temperature. The final product is further

purified by washing with diethyl ether. The compound was further characterised by using H^1 NMR, C^{13} NMR, HRMS techniques.



4.2.2Procedure for aggregation and sensing studies

The aggregation behaviour and sensing ability of AQ were explored by following our reported methods. A 1 mM stock solution of was prepared in DMSO. The fluorescence and absorption spectra were recorded by placing 100 µL of (1 mM, DMSO) in various vials followed by diluted to 2 mL with a DMSO/H_2O mixed solvent comprising varying water fractions from 0% to 95% to analyze the aggregation behaviour.

4.2.3 Preparation of stock solutions

Stock solutions (1.0 x 10^{-3}mol L^{-1}) of metal ions such as Mn^{2+}, Ca^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Cu^{2+}, Cd^{2+}, Ni^{2+} and Co^{2+} were prepared by dissolving the appropriate amount of metal chlorides in 100 ml of double distilled water. Working stock solutions were

obtained from these 1.0 x 10^{-3}mol L^{-1}solutions by further dilution with double distilled water/buffer solution.

4.2.4 Estimation of detection and quantitation limits

Limit of Detection (LOD) and Limit of Quantification (LOQ) were calculated[1] based on the standard deviation (SD) of the response and the slope(S) of the calibration curve at levels approximating the LOD according to the formula:

$$\mathrm{LOD} = 3.3\ (\mathrm{SD}/S)$$

and LOQ according to the formula:

$$\mathrm{LOQ} = 10\ (\mathrm{SD}/S)$$

4.2.5 Determination of the binding constants of receptors with analytes

The following equation (1) is employed for determination of the receptor-analyte complexation is where R is the receptor; A is the cation/anion/neutral analytes, and C is the complex.

$$\mathrm{R} + \mathrm{nA} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{C} \qquad (1)$$

The binding constant K of the complex was determined by equation (2), assuming the concentration of free analyte was about equal to its total concentration ($[A] \cong [A]_t$),[3]where F_0, F, and F_m were the corrected fluorescence emission intensity/UV-Vis. absorbance of the complex at initial, interval t, and the final state at which the complex was fully formed upon addition of analytes respectively.

$$\frac{\mathrm{F} - \mathrm{F_0}}{\mathrm{F_m} - \mathrm{F}} = \frac{[\mathrm{C}]}{[\mathrm{R}]} = \mathrm{K}[\mathrm{A}]^{\mathrm{n}} \qquad (2)$$

The binding constant K was determined from the plot of the linear regression of log[(F-F_0)/(F_m-F)] *Vs.* log[M] in equation (3) derived from equation (2) to obtain the intercept as log K and the slope as n.

$$\log \frac{\mathrm{F} - \mathrm{F_0}}{\mathrm{F_m} - \mathrm{F}} = \log \mathrm{K} + \mathrm{n} \log\ [\mathrm{M}] \qquad (3)$$

4.3 Instrumentation

4.3.1 Spectroscopic techniques

- The fluorescence spectra were obtained by using Cary Eclipse spectrophotometer (Agilent Technologies). The fluorescence spectra range is in between 410nm-750nm, keeping slit width of 10:10nm with an excitation wavelength of 400 nm and the voltage was kept as medium i.e. 600 volts.
- For UV-visible spectra, Varian Cary 50 spectrophotometer (Agilent Technologies) was used with quartz cuvette of path length 1cm. UV–Visible absorption spectra were recorded using JASCO-spectra manager (V-550) in 1 cm path length quartz cuvette with a volume of 2 mL at room temperature.
- The ^{1}H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker (Avance) 500 MHz NMR instrument using TMS as internal standard and $CDCl_3$ and DMSO-d^6 as solvents. Standard Bruker software was used throughout.
- The HRMS spectra were recorded on an Agilent 6546 LC QTOF HRMS instrument using PDA as the detector. Standard Agilent software was used throughout.
- The FTIR spectra were recorded on a Jasco FT/IR 6600 Type A instrument using a standard light source. The detector used was TGS. Standard Jasco software was used throughout.

CHAPTER-V

Result and Discussion

The fluorescent probe **AQ** was synthesized via Schiff base condensation reaction of Salicylaldehyde with 2-aminobenzohydrazide in ethanolic medium. The structure of **AQ** was characterized by LH NMR, ATR-FT-IR, and HRMS analysis. The sensing ability of receptor **AQ** towards different metal ions was investigated by UV-Visible and fluorescence studies.

5.1 ^{1}H NMR-Characterization

^{1}HNMR spectra of **AQ** was recorded in D_6-DMSO medium at 500MHz. The ^{1}H NMR spectra was analysed carefully and these are splitting patterns, proton count and coupling constants values δ 11.43 (s, 1H), 10.24 (s, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.28 (tdd, J = 6.3, 4.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.85 (m, 3H), 6.84 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.74 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H). The peak at 11.43 confirms the presence of salicylic OH group. Another peak at 10.23 confirms the presence of another salicylic OH group. The peak at 8.42 confirms the presence of imine hydrogen. The peak from 6-8 (6.683, 6.744, 6.858, 6.945, 7.120, 7.271, 7.377, 7.483, 7.773) and their splitting patterns were clearly confirming the formation of quinazoline structure.

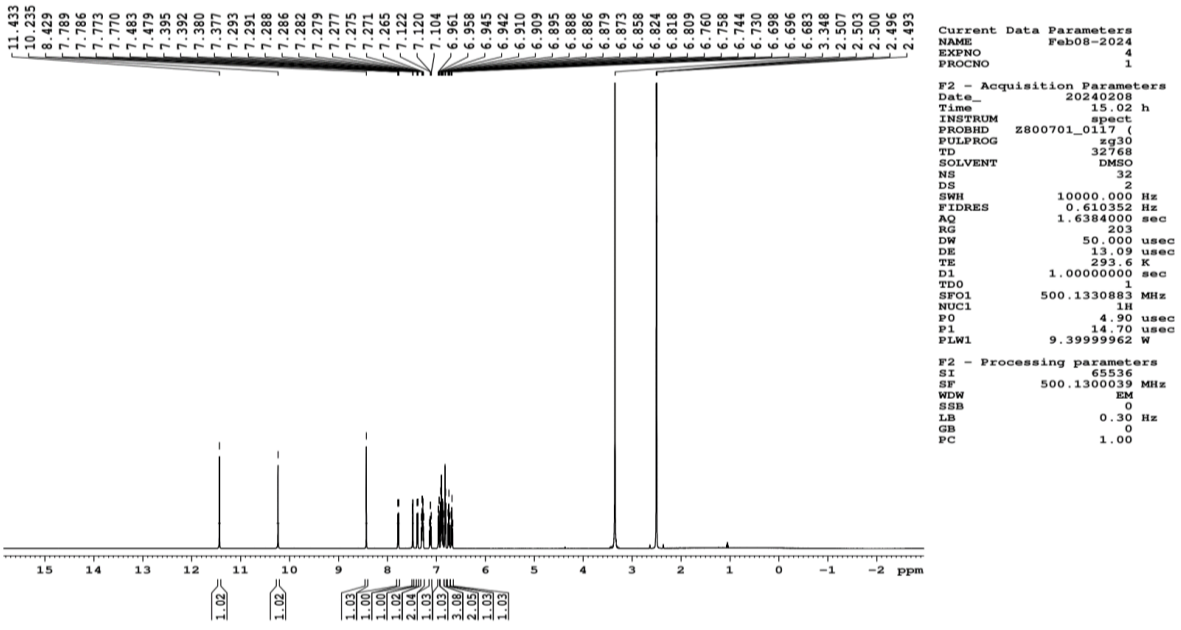


Figure 5.1^{1}H NMR-Characterization

5.2 ^{13}C NMR-Characterization

^{13}C-NMR spectra of **AQ** were recorded in D_6-DMSO medium at 100MH_z. The peak at 160.76 confirms the presence of Carbonyl group. The peak at 158.06 & 155.19 confirms the presence of OH group attached carbon. The peak from 66.084 clearly confirms the formation of quinazoline structure. The peak from 113 to 148 (113.623, 115.368, 116.305, 117.050, 118.786, 119.704, 124.561, 126.521, 128.580, 130.953, 132.085, 134.742, 146.834) confirms the presence of aromatic carbons.

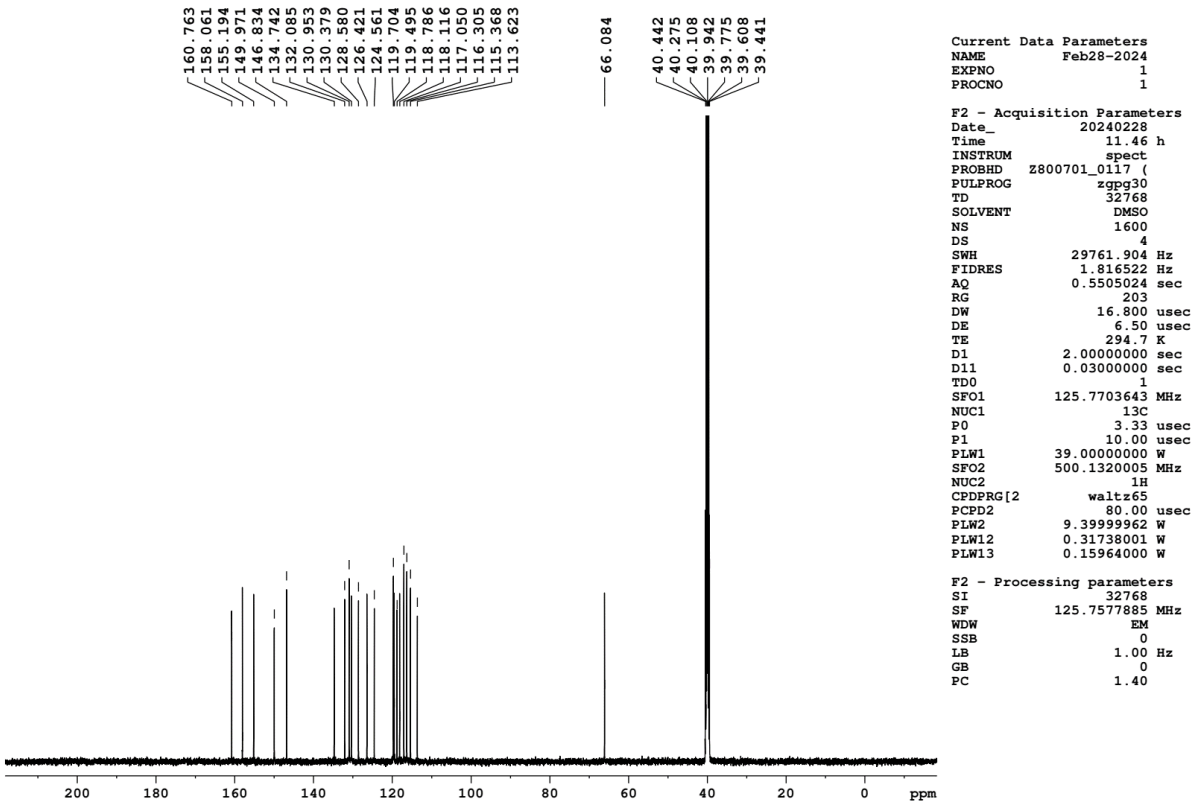


Figure 5.2 ^{13}C NMR-Characterization

5.3 HRMS-Characterization

The HRMS (High Resonance Mass Spectroscopy) is used to calculate the Molecualr weight of the compound. The calculated mass of the compound calculated is 421.13 and observed the compound mass is 422.17 corresponds to $(M+H)^+$ peak.

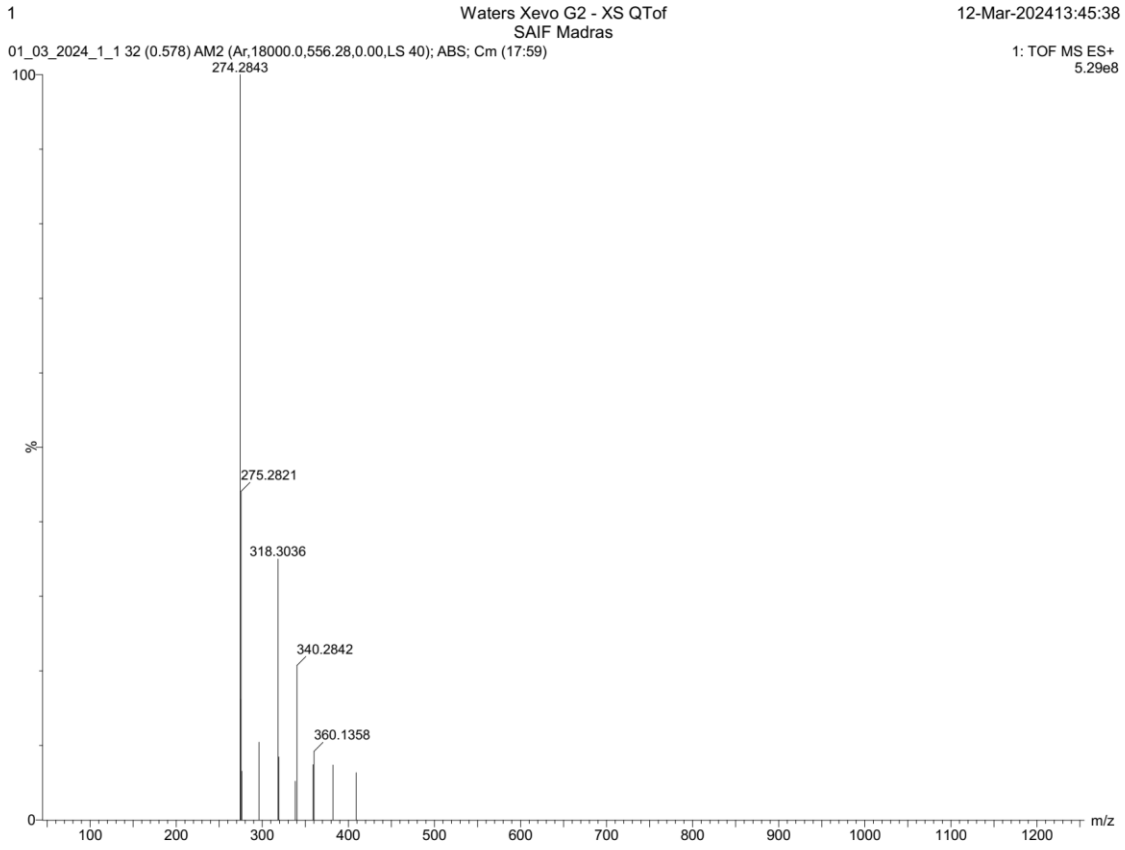


Figure 5.3 HRMS-Characterization

5.4 Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)

FTIR is a powerful technique used to identify functional groups in organic molecules. The compound **AQ** shows peak at 3367cm^{-1} confirms the presence of salicylic OH group. The peak at 3184 cm^{-1} conforms the presence of amide NH. The sharp peak at 1640cm^{-1} confirms the presence of carbonyl group. The sharp peak at 1609cm^{-1} confirms the presence of imine group. The peak at 1154 cm^{-1} confirms the bending vibration of imine group.

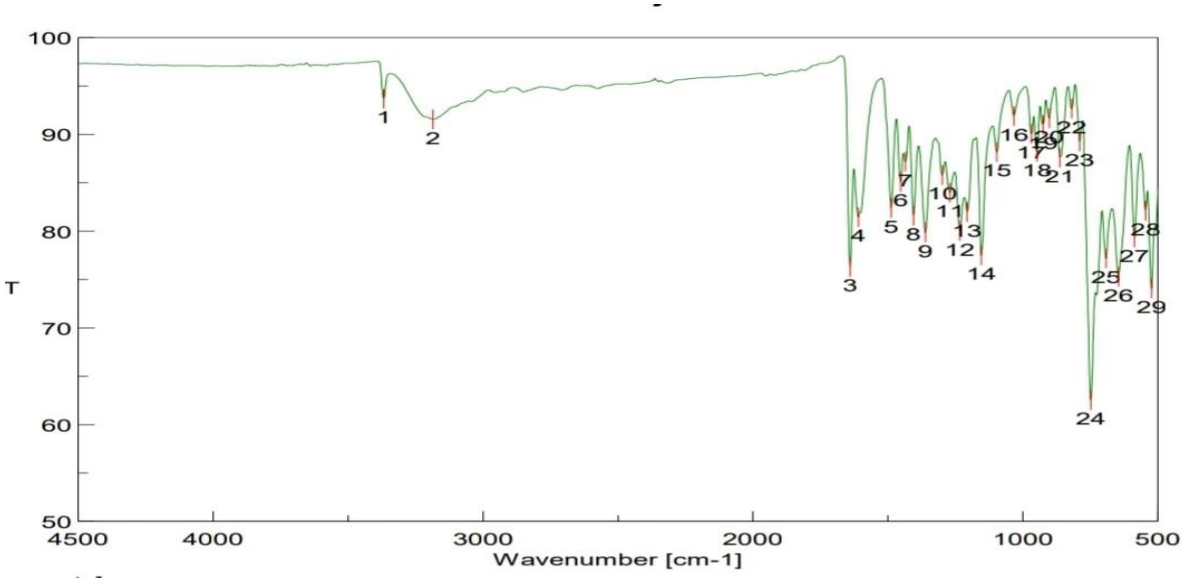
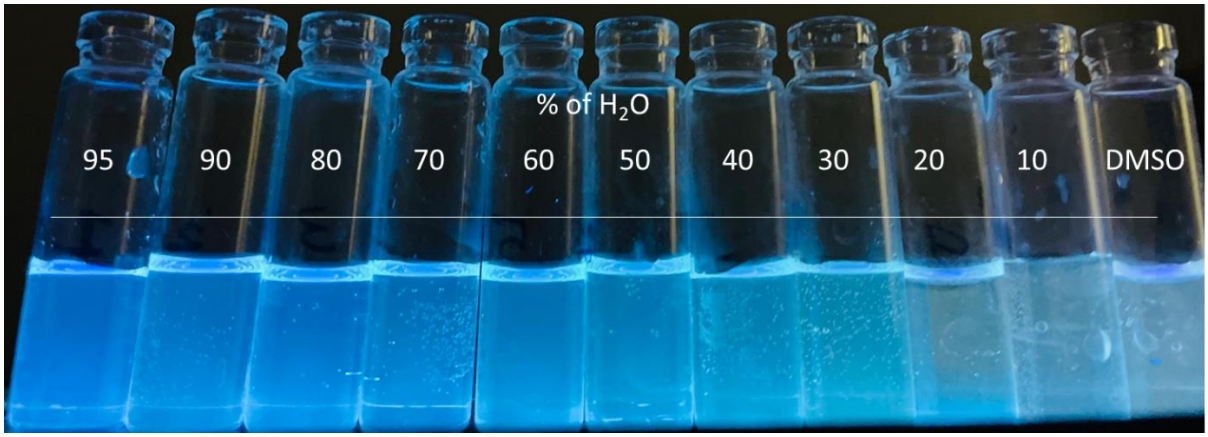


Figure 5.4 Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)

5.5 AIE behaviour of AQ

Compound **AQ** is insoluble in water but completely soluble in organic solvents such DMSO, DMF. Its aggregation properties were examined by using DMSO and H_2O medium. First, a 10 ml stock solution of **AQ** (1mM) in DMSO was prepared. For the aggregation studies, 100µl of Stock solution was filled in different vials, followed by dilution up to 2 ml with various DMSO/H_2O fractions that ranged from 0% f_{H2O} to 80% f_{H2O}. **AQ** solutions containing H_2O fraction ranges from 0% to 40% shows very slight blue fluorescence under UV light. However, when the H_2O percentage exceeds 60% (i.e. for 90% f_{H2O} and 80% f_{H2O}), it exhibits blue fluorescence under UV light and the corresponding fluorescent spectra supports the changes. The fluorescence spectra were recorded between 350 to 700nm, with the excitation wavelength at 325nm. Fluorescent intensities at 433 nm were very low for solutions containing H_2O percentages ranging from 0% to 40% but at 50% f_{H2O} to 80% f_{H2O} displays strong intense fluorescence band due to the self-aggregation of **AQ** (**Fig. 5.5.a**). The non-fluorescent behavior of the **AQ** in low f_{H2O} fraction is due to the conformational flexibility and C=N isomerization at the excited state, both of which produce non-radiative decay. However, at higher f_{H2O} fraction aggregates formation limits the intramolecular rotations and increased conformational rigidity, which activated the ESIPT mechanism[41,42] (**Fig.5.5.b**).



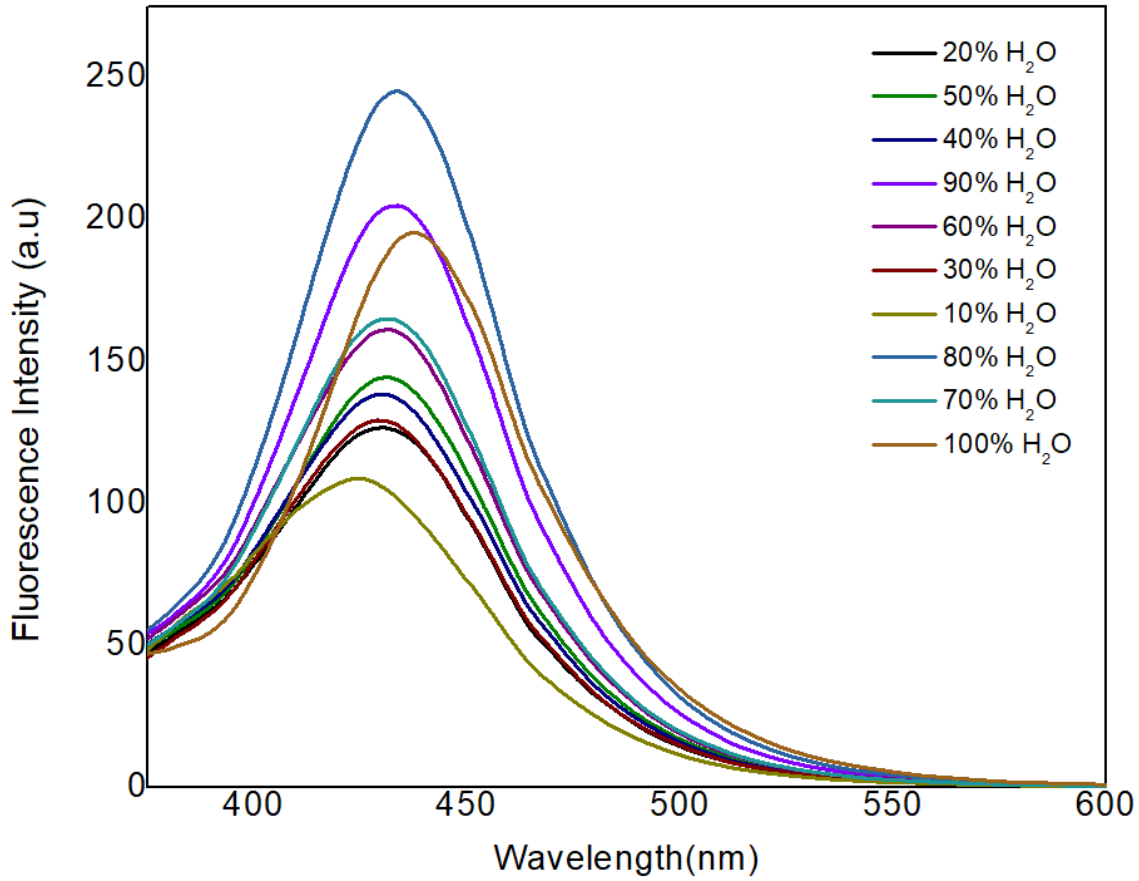


Fig. 5.5.a. Fluorescent (a) color and (b) spectral changes of **AQ** (5×10^{-5} M) in DMSO containing f_{H2O} from 0% to 80%. The vials are irradiated with UV light at 365 nm.

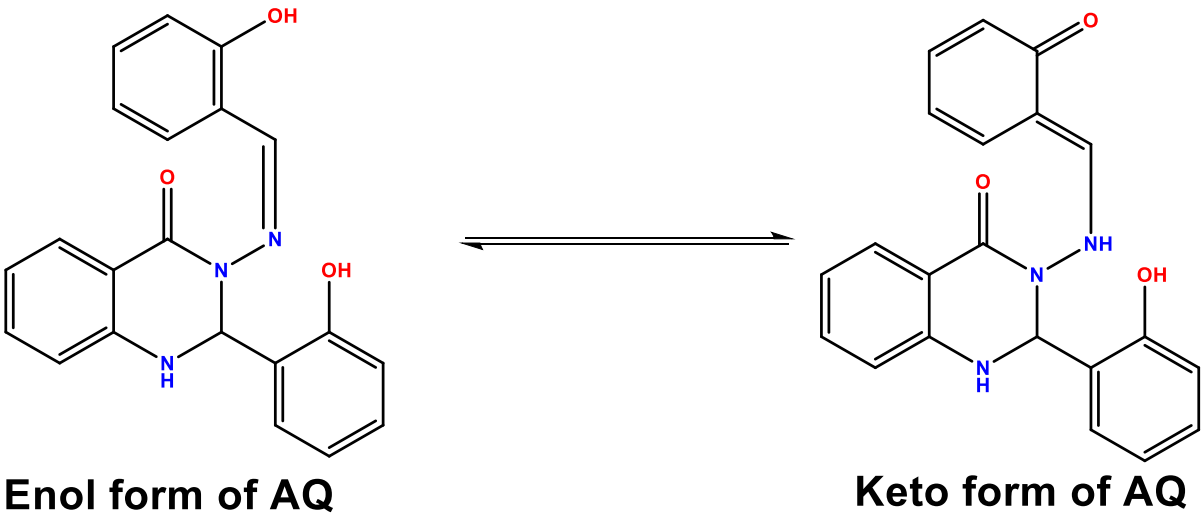


Fig. 5.5.b. (a) Isomerization between the keto and enol form of **AQ**

5.6. Metal Ion sensing study

AIE active Schiff bases are well-known for transition metal ion detection. **AQ** (80% f_{H2O} is examined with ten different metal ions (Cd^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Cr^{3+}, Hg^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Cu^{2+}, Al^{3+}, and Fe^{3+}). Probe **AQ** exhibited blue fluorescence under UV light, with a peak around 433 nm. After the addition of different metal ions (50µl, 1×10^{-3}M) with aggregated solution of **AQ** in 80% f_{H2O}, Al^{3+} were completely enhances **AQ** fluorescence at 486 nm (**Fig. 5.6a**). There are no significant changes in the fluorescent spectrum with the presence of other metal ions. When these specific metal ions (Al^{3+}) are examined under UV-light, the blue color fluorescence of **AQ** actually becomes bluish-green colour. It affirms **AQ**'s selectivity for Al^{3+} ions. The formation of complex depicted in (**figure 5.6b)**, could explain **AQ**'s selective response with this ion.

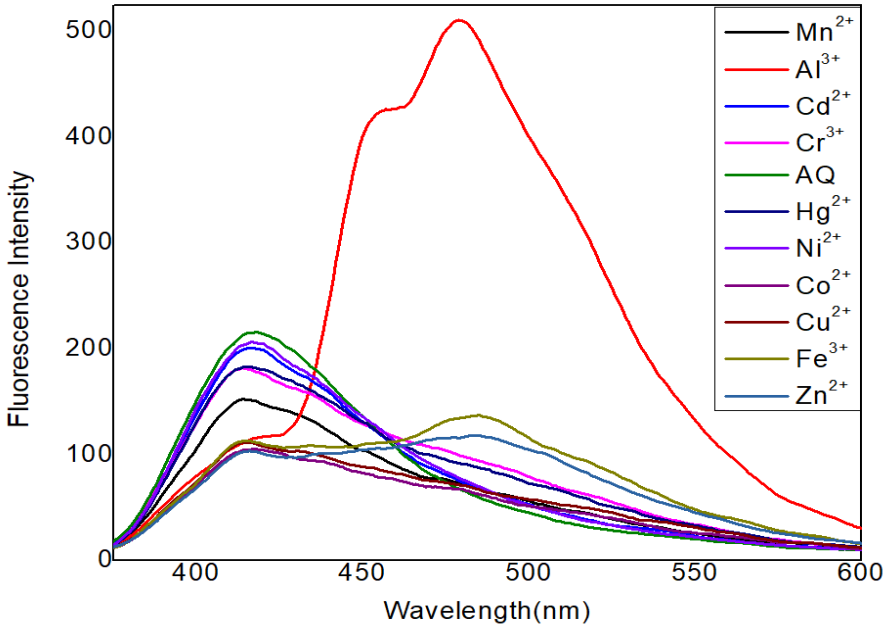


Fig. 5.6a. (a) The detectable color changes of **AQ** under UV light in the absence and presence of various metal ions (50µl, 1×10^{-3}M) (b) Fluorescence spectral changes of **AQ** (100µl, 5×10^{-5} M) in 80% f_{H2O}.

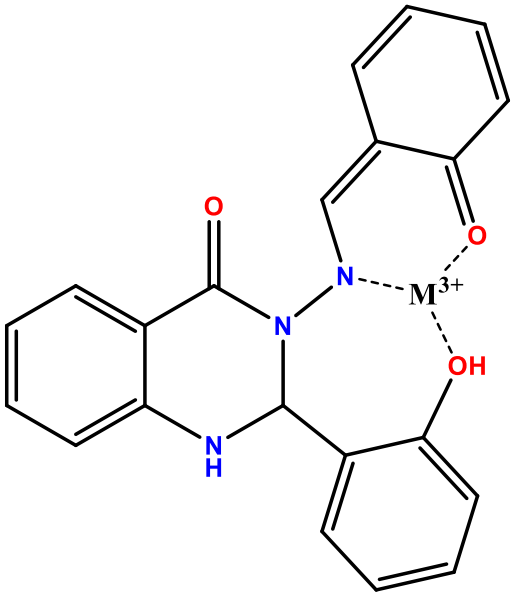


Fig. 5.6b. The Complex formation of **AQ** with specific analytes.

Fluorescence titration studies were carried out to determine the sensitivity, efficiency, and binding capacity of **AQ** with the following metal ion Al^{3+} ion. Titrations were performed by gradually adding these metal ions (0-50µl) into the **AQ**. The fluorescence spectra were recorded after each addition of these metal ions (5 µL, 1

mM) and it's displayed in **Fig. 5.6c**. After binding with these metal ions, the fluorescence intensity of AIEgen **AQ** at 433 nm gradually shifted to 486nm. The **AQ** fluorescence quenching phenomenon after encountering with selective analyte can be attributed to the formation of stable complex between **AQ** and cations, leading to complexation effect and meanwhile the coordination of N, O, O towards M^{2+} ion Al^{3+} ions also affect the ESIPT process[43-45]. To calculate the limit of detection (LOD) for each one of these metal ions, a calibration curve graph was made between the decrease in fluorescence intensity at 486 nm and the increased concentration of Fe^{3+} (**Fig. 5.6d**) and their corresponding LOD values are 1.48×10^{-7} M respectively.

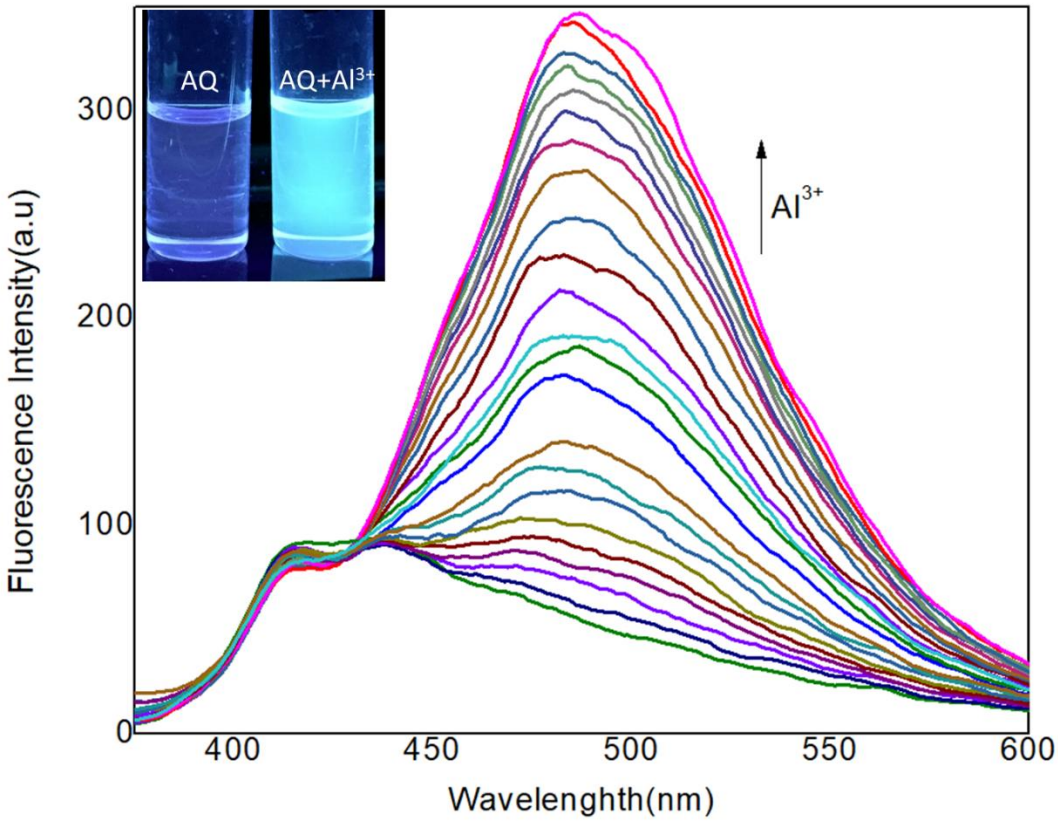


Fig. 5.6c. The fluorescence spectral changes of AIEgen **AQ** (5×10^{-5} M) upon gradual incremental addition of Al^{3+}.

The Benesi-Hildebrand (B-H) equation was employed to calculate **AQ** binding constant with recognized analytes. The BH plots (**Fig. 5.6e**) were plotted by using **AQ** titration data with Al^{3+} and shows a linear relationship between 1/F and 1/[conc. of detected analyte]. **AQ** binding constants for the analyte Al^{3+} were estimated to be 2.42×10^{5} M^{-1} respectively.

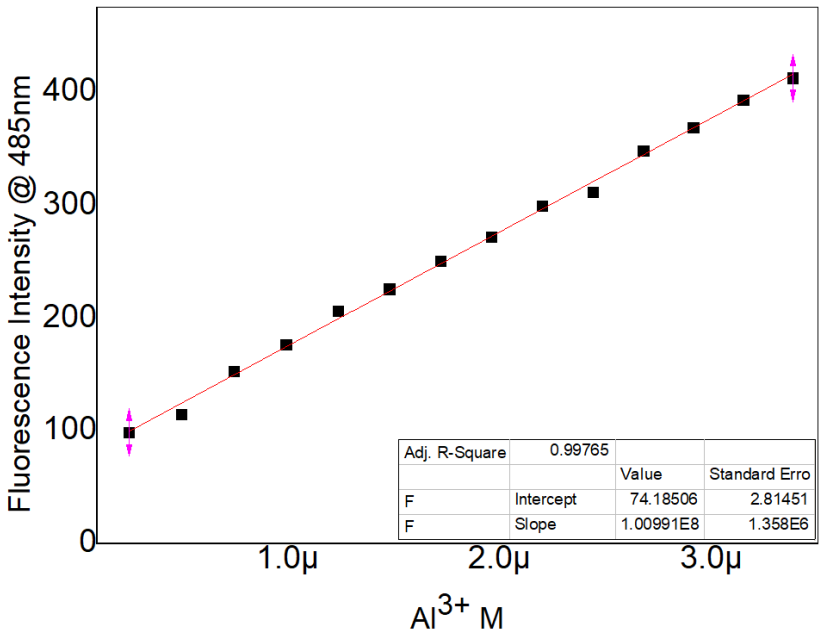


Fig. 5.6d. The calibration curve to obtain the LOD of Al^{3+}.

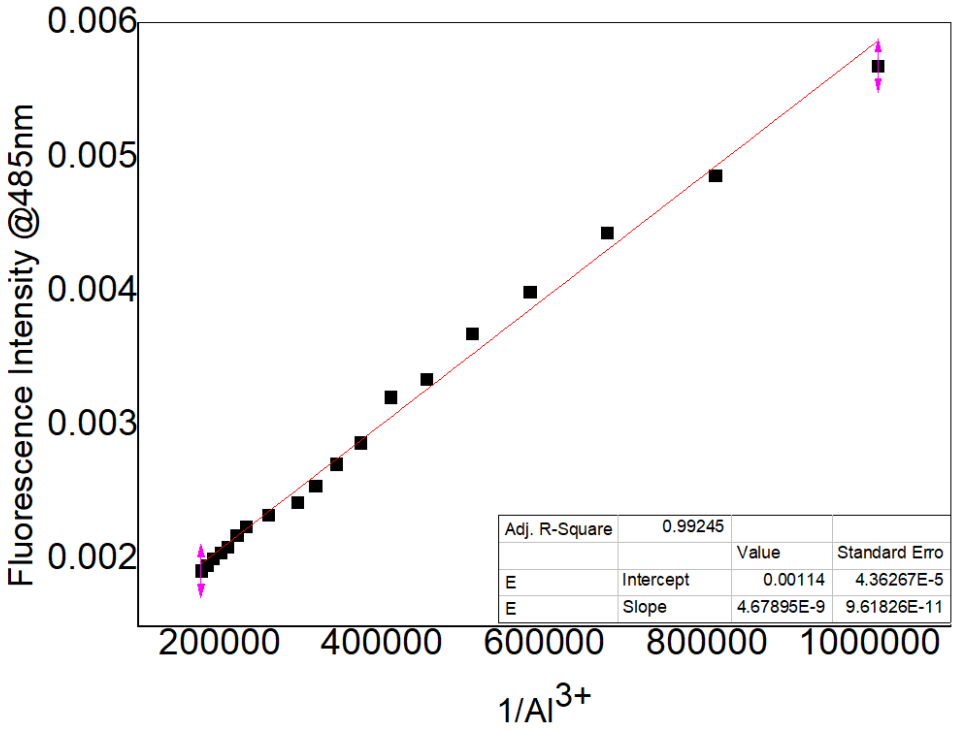


Fig. 5.6e. The BH plot of **AQ** with detected analyte Al^{3+} ion.

AQ's interference with the detected metal ions Al^{3+} has been studied individually by fluorescence competition method. For this study, the fluorescence spectra of **AQ** were monitored, followed by spectra for **AQ** with detected analytes and Probe **AQ** with detected analyte and corresponding other metal ions. **Figure 5.6f**

Al^{3+}illustrates the results of the interference studies for all selected metal ions. As shown in **Figure 5.6f**, no other metal ions increase the quenched fluorescence intensity with the selected metal ions. As a result, no more metal ions interfere the quenching responses of selective analytes.

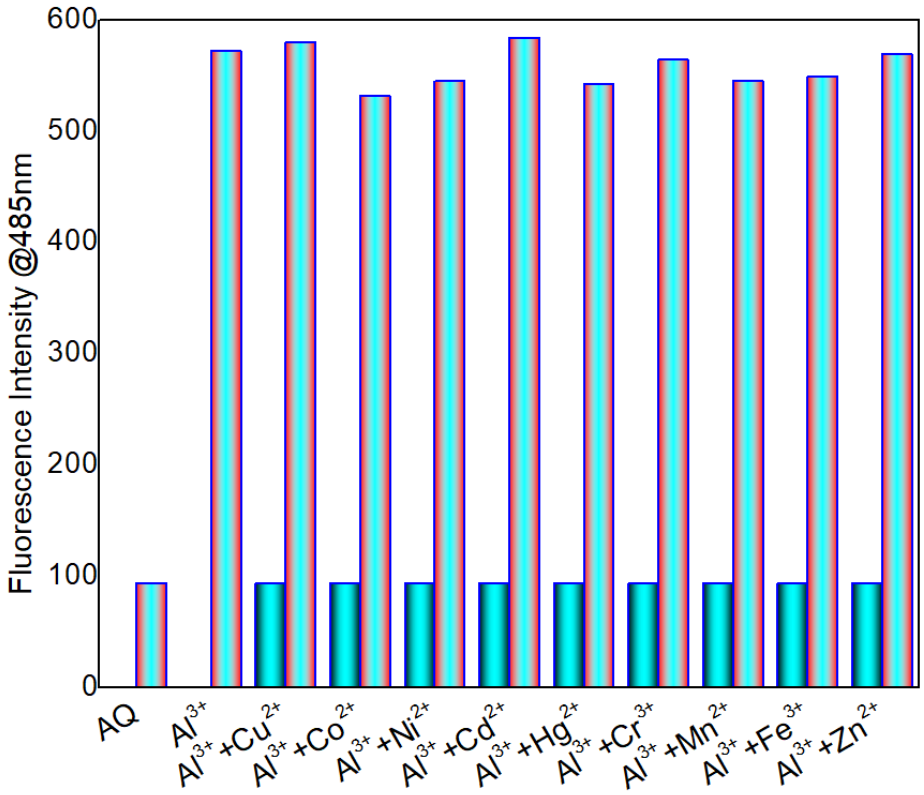


Fig.5.6f. Fluorescence interference studies of **AQ** with Al^{3+}.

5.7 Uv-Visible Absorbance Spectral Study

Compound **AQ** shows two absorption bands at 304 and 363 nm due to the π to π* transitions. The spectra also supported the enol-imine form of **1** which exist predominantly in the solution. Addition of cations shows insignificant changes and it indicates the weak ground state complexation occurred between **AQ** and the metal ions.

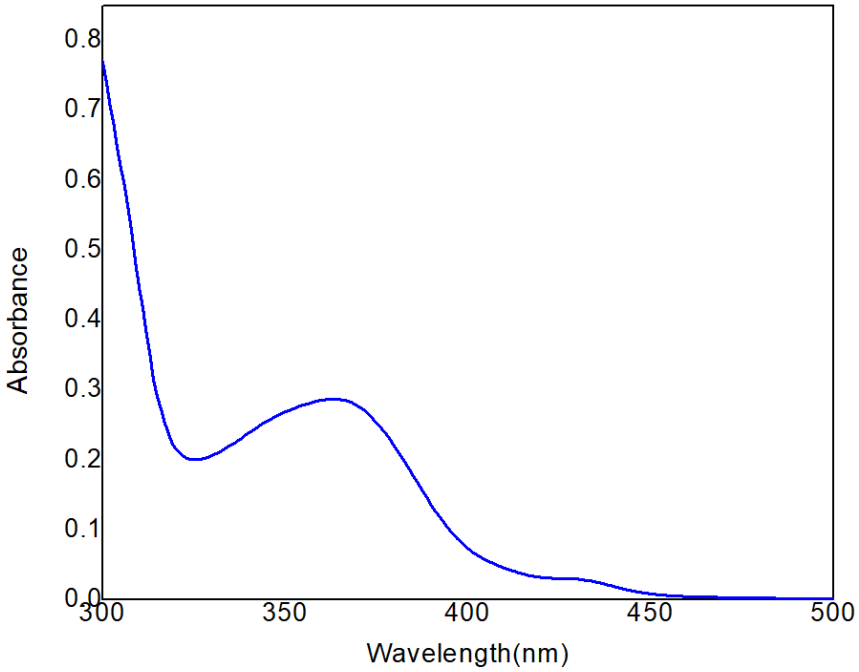


Fig. 5.7 Uv-Visible Absorbance Spectral of **AQ**

CHAPTER 6
CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY

AQ, a AIE active, Schiff base derivative and its aggregation study investigation in H_2O fractions exhibited significant green fluorescence. **AQ** exhibits preferential behavior for the metal ions Al^{3+} in cation analysis. **AQ** intensity is completely red-shifted and enhanced in the presence of Al^{3+}. The LOD value for these metal ions is 1.48×10^{-7} M (Al^{3+}), respectively. There are no additional metal ions interfering with the interference investigation of these metal ions.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

SC	Specific capacitance
CV	Cyclic Voltammetry
GCD	Galvanostatic charge-discharge
EIS	Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy
SEM	Scanning Electron Microscope
EDAX	Energy Dispersive X-ray Analysis
PHS	Pumped hydro storage
FES	Flywheel energy storage
CAES	Compressed air energy storage
GES	Gravity energy storage
BESS	Battery energy storage system
EDLC	Electrochemical double-layer capacitors
ZnAl2O4	Zinc Aluminate
C@ZnAl2O4	Carbon coated zinc aluminate
PVA	Polyvinyl Alcohol
PVDF	Polyvinylidene fluoride

ABSTRACT

This study presents the electrochemical characterization of Carbon coated zinc aluminate C@$ZnAl_2O_4$ and its application in supercapacitors. Supercapacitors are known for their ability to maintain high power density and exhibit superior cycle life compared to traditional batteries, making them suitable for a wide range of applications. Various materials have been explored for supercapacitor applications, among which C@$ZnAl_2O_4$ spinel synthesized via co-precipitation using ammonia as a precipitating agent is investigated in this work. Characterization techniques including X-ray diffraction (XRD), Cyclic Voltammetry (CV), Galvanostatic Charge/Discharge (GCD), and Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS), Scanning electron microscopy (SEM), Energy Dispersive X-ray Analysis (EDAX) were employed. Electrodes were fabricated by coating a slurry containing carbon-coated zinc aluminate, activated carbon and polyvinylidene fluoride onto nickel mesh substrates. CV analysis was conducted within a potential window of (0–0.4 V) at various scan rates (10-100 mV/s), while GCD measurements revealed a specific capacitance of 92.5 Fg^{-1} at 1Ag^{-1} for the C@$ZnAl_2O_4$ composite. The developed electrodes exhibited predominantly a pseudo-capacitive charge storage mechanism.

CHAPTER 1

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION OF TRANSITION METAL ALUMINATES:

Alumina (Al_2O_3) is a fundamental material within the realm of advanced ceramics, celebrated for its diverse applications. It serves as a primary electric insulator, notable for its high thermal conductivity and chemical stability at elevated temperatures. These properties surpass those of conventional insulating materials like glass, plastic, and paper (X.Shen et al.2012,J.Musil et al.2010,K.Vanbesien et al.2006), rendering alumina a key component in electronic devices. Beyond its electrical utility, alumina enjoys recognition as a catalyst or catalytic support in various chemical reactions, contributing significantly to industrial processes (J.W.Lee et al.2005, H.J.Yown et al.1999,Y.K.Park et al.2005) The versatility of alumina extends into optics, owing to its transparent film properties and wide range of attributes. Commonly referred to as aloxite or simply alumina within mining, ceramics, and material science circles, its chemical formula Al_2O_3 underscores its adaptability and resilience across diverse applications. This adaptability enables its widespread utilization across sectors, fostering advancements in technology, manufacturing, and scientific exploration. Alumina's prominence as a leading material underscores its indispensability in modern technological landscapes. Its utility transcends functionality, embodying a fusion of strength, versatility, and innovation. Whether providing crucial insulation in electronic devices or catalyzing complex chemical reactions, alumina emerges as a pivotal element in driving progress and innovation. Its transparency and robust properties further enhance its significance in optical applications ,(Y.Rozita et al.2009)amplifying its relevance across various fields. In essence, alumina represents the convergence of scientific ingenuity and practical utility, showcasing the transformative power of advanced materials. Its enduring relevance stands as a testament to human innovation, shaping industries and propelling progress. As we continue to unlock its potential, alumina remains poised to catalyze further breakthroughs, ushering in a future defined by limitless possibilities and technological excellence.

Transition metal-oxide spinels are esteemed for their remarkable thermal resistance and multifaceted utility in catalysis, electronics, and optics, finding extensive use across diverse industries such as semiconductor technology, sensor development, and heterogeneous catalysis (W.S.Tzing et al.1996,N.Bouropoulos et al.2008). Among these, zinc aluminate ($ZnAl_2O_4$), distinguished by its spinel structure within the Fd3m space group, emerges as particularly promising. $ZnAl_2O_4$ presents a plethora of advantages, showcasing exceptional thermal and chemical stability alongside hydrophobic characteristics, remarkable mechanical robustness, and a low sintering temperature requirement. Additionally, it exhibits high quantum yields (R.Pandey et al.1999, J.Wrzyszcz et al.2001,S.Mathur et al.2001,Y.Yang et al.2007), further enhancing its appeal. Its versatility renders it apt for a wide array of applications, spanning electronic, ceramic, and catalytic domains. Notably, $ZnAl_2O_4$ is gaining recognition as a leading wide band gap compound semiconductor, boasting an energy gap (Eg) measuring 3.8 eV. This characteristic positions it favorably for various optoelectronic applications (K.Kumar et al.2007), driving its increasing adoption and demand. The distinctive properties of $ZnAl_2O_4$ underscore its significance in advancing technological frontiers. Its robustness, combined with its diverse applications, contributes to its pivotal role across industries. Whether serving as a catalyst, an electronic component, or a material for optical devices, $ZnAl_2O_4$ exemplifies the transformative potential of advanced materials. In essence, $ZnAl_2O_4$ epitomizes the convergence of resilience and versatility, embodying the quest for innovation and progress in materials science. As its applications continue to expand and evolve, $ZnAl_2O_4$ remains poised to catalyze breakthroughs and redefine the boundaries of possibility in various fields, heralding a future characterized by technological excellence and novel advancements.

1.2. ENERGY AND ITS TYPES

Energy is a fundamental property of the universe, driving events and transformations. It is commonly defined as the capacity to perform work or induce motion and manifests in numerous forms, each with distinct characteristics and applications. These forms include kinetic energy, potential energy, thermal energy, chemical energy, electrical energy, nuclear energy, and electromagnetic energy. Kinetic energy arises from the motion of an object and is influenced by both its mass and velocity. It is exemplified by phenomena such as the movement of vehicles, flowing water in rivers, and the rotation of wind turbines for electricity generation. In contrast, potential energy is stored in an object due to its position or configuration, typically resulting from gravitational, elastic, or electric forces. Examples include a raised weight, a stretched spring, or a charged battery. Thermal energy, associated with the temperature of a system, originates from the random movement of particles within substances. Heat transfer between objects of different temperatures results in shifts in thermal energy, which finds applications in cooking and powering steam turbines. Chemical energy resides in the bonds between substances and is released or absorbed during chemical reactions. Fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gas release chemical energy when burned, while batteries store chemical energy that can be converted into electrical energy for devices like smartphones and computers. Electrical energy is generated by the movement of electric charge through conductors and serves diverse purposes such as lighting, heating, transportation, and communication. It is derived from sources including fossil fuels, nuclear power, and renewable sources like solar and wind. Nuclear energy is stored within atomic nuclei and is released during nuclear reactions such as fission and fusion. While nuclear power offers potential for low-carbon electricity generation, it raises concerns regarding safety, waste management, and proliferation.

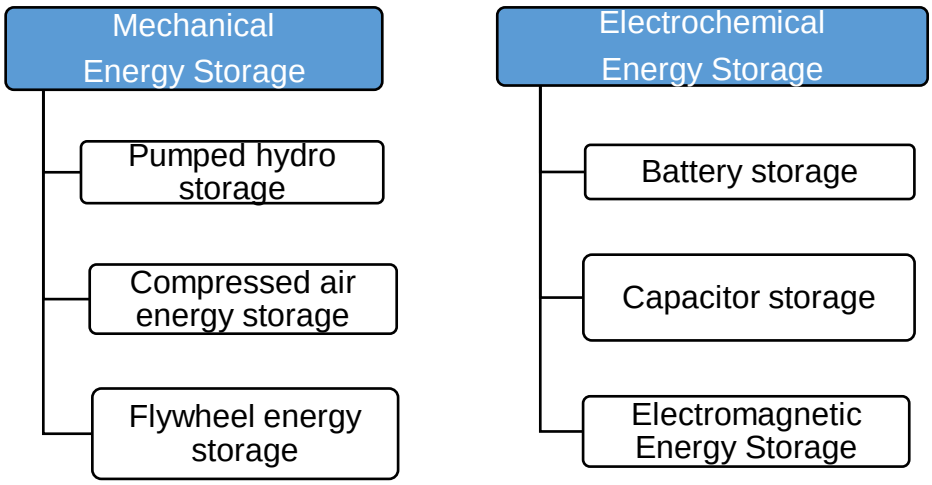
Electromagnetic energy encompasses a broad spectrum of energy carried by electromagnetic waves, including radio waves, microwaves, visible light, X-rays, and gamma rays. These waves transmit energy and information and are utilized in technologies such as wireless communication, medical imaging, and remote sensing.

1.3. Energy Storage Systems

Nowadays, the emphasis on storing energy has led to the development of electrical energy storage systems, which are vital for accommodating surplus energy. These systems are designed to endure unforeseen events both during peak and off-peak hours. By integrating energy storage systems, there is a significant reduction in the amount of electricity generated and the subsequent release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. As not all generated electricity is immediately consumed, storing excess energy during off-peak hours enhances system efficiency and accommodates fluctuations in power demand throughout the day. The advantages of energy storage are further explored in the subsequent section (A.G.Olabi et al.2020).

Classification of Electrical Energy Storage

In contemporary times, electrical energy storage systems play a crucial role in the energy production sector, influencing both operational costs and efficiency. These systems are categorized into mechanical, electrochemical, chemical, and thermal storage systems***.*** ***Fig.1*** illustrates a comprehensive classification of various storage system types.



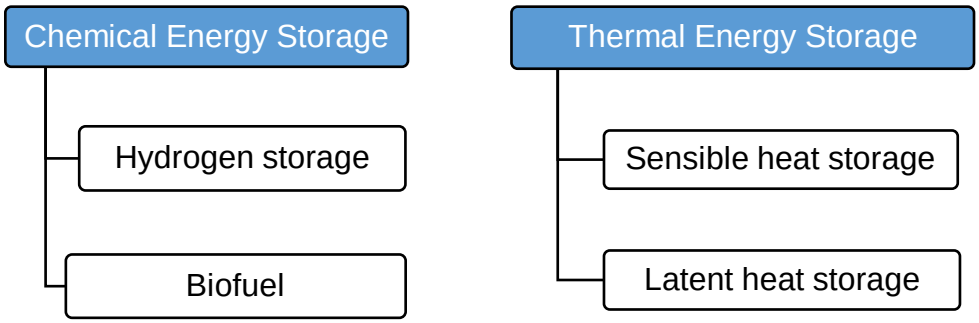


Fig. 1: Various classification of energy storage device

Mechanical Energy Storage: Energy is transformed into both mechanical and electrical forms prior to being stored utilizing mechanical energy storage mechanisms. The concept of potential, kinetic, or pressurized gas is employed to convert electrical energy into mechanical energy during periods of low demand (V.C.Prantil et al.2015). Conversely, energy is converted back into electrical energy during periods of high demand (V.A.Boicea et al.2014). Energy storage devices play a crucial role in converting stored energy into either electrical or mechanical forms. Mechanical energy storage technologies encompass various systems such as PHS (pumped hydro), FES (flywheel), CAES (compressed air), and GES (gravity). Subsequent sections will delve into the diverse types of mechanical energy storage devices.

Pumped Hydro Energy Storage: These systems are extensive energy storage systems employing various storage technologies (Ming Z et al.2013). They bolster grid reliability and related services by leveraging elevation differences. Interceptors serve to store electrical energy (Al D et al.2011, Al-hadhrami et al.2014). The operational concept entails transferring water from a lower reservoir to an upper reservoir during periods of low power demand to regulate its gravitational potential energy (Barbour E et al.2016, Hadjipaschalis I et al. 2009). During periods of high-power demand, water descends from the upper reservoir to the lower one, setting turbines in motion and generating electricity.

The quantity of stored energy hinges on the water volume in the upper reservoir and the height of the waterfall.

Compressed air energy storage: Compressed air energy storage systems employ conventional gas turbine technology and typically offer a storage capacity ranging from 50 to 300MW (Diaz-gonzalez et al.2012). Energy is stored in the form of compressed air within an underground storage cavern. During periods of electricity injection into the grid, compressed air is drawn from the storage cavern, heated, and expanded through high- and low-pressure turbines (Zhang C et al.2013). This procedure effectively transforms the energy stored in the compressed air into rotational kinetic energy.

Flywheel energy storage: A flywheel energy storage system functions by storing rotational energy within a spinning mass. It consists of a heavy, rapidly rotating wheel known as the flywheel, mounted on bearings within a vacuum or enclosed chamber to minimize friction. Energy is stored in the system as rotational kinetic energy. During the energy storage phase, an external source, such as an electric motor, accelerates the flywheel to a high rotational speed, effectively storing energy within it. Conversely, when energy is needed, the process is reversed. The rotational energy of the flywheel is converted back into electrical energy by a connected generator. This rotational motion drives the generator, producing electricity that can be either supplied to the grid or used to power various devices (Cabeza LF et al.2015).

Thermal Energy Storage: Thermal energy storage encompasses the storage of heat or cold mediums under varying conditions, such as temperature, location, and capacity (Guney MS et al.2017). These systems find widespread use in both industrial and residential settings for purposes such as space heating, cooling, and various processes (Pfleger et al.2015). Applications of thermal energy storage include heating and cooling, hot water production, and energy generation these applications are categorized into sensible heat, latent heat, absorption, and adsorption systems.

Sensible Heat Storage: Sensible heat storage is the process of storing heat by altering the temperature of a substance without undergoing a change in phase. It relies on the heat capacity of a material, which dictates the amount of heat energy it can absorb or release per unit temperature change.

Latent Heat Storage: Latent heat storage is the method of storing heat by inducing a substance to transition between phases, often from solid to liquid or liquid to gas, while sustaining a consistent temperature. It relies on the absorption or release of latent heat during these transitions. This principle enables the effective storage and release of heat energy without temperature variation. Phase-change materials (PCMs) like paraffin wax, salt hydrates, and organic compounds are commonly utilized for latent heat storage (Chen H et al.2009).

Electrochemical Energy Storage: Electrochemical energy storage devices are categorized into electrostatics, which encompass capacitors and supercapacitors, and magnetic/current energy storage systems (Guney MS et al.2016). Capacitors are often utilized for handling large currents, but their limited capacitance generation restricts their effectiveness for short durations (Wagner L.2007). Supercapacitors, serving as alternatives to capacitors, are predominantly employed in compact sizes with high capacitance. Superconducting magnetic energy storage devices find common application in stabilizing power plant and industrial facility outputs. They play a vital role in managing energy consumption peaks, particularly in sectors like steel manufacturing or rapid transit railways (K.C.Divya et al.2009).

Battery Storage: A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) functions through the electrochemical conversion and storage of energy. This system typically consists of one or more batteries linked to power conversion unit and control electronics. The core principle of a BESS revolves around the process of charging and discharging batteries to store and release electrical energy. During charging, electrical energy from an external source is converted into chemical energy and stored within the battery. This involves the movement of ions between the battery's electrodes and electrolyte.

When electricity is required, the stored chemical energy is reversed back into electrical energy through the electrochemical reaction during discharging. The power conversion unit then regulates the voltage and frequency of the electricity to align with the grids or connected loads requirements. The primary function of a BESS is to efficiently store and discharge electrical energy, enabling tasks such as grid stabilization, peak shaving, backup power, and integration of renewable energy. BESS systems are adaptable and

come in various sizes and technologies, ranging from residential to utility-scale installations. They play a vital role in enhancing grid reliability, promoting energy efficiency, and facilitating the incorporation of renewable energy sources into the power grid (J.Cho et al.2015, Zakeri B et al.2014).

Capacitor Storage: Capacitors find extensive utility in electronics for their capability to store electrical energy (Conway B.E. 1999). They function by temporarily accumulating energy within an electric field created between two conductive plates, isolated by a dielectric material. Widely integrated across numerous applications, including power supplies, signal filtering, renewable energy storage, and voltage stabilization in electronic circuits, capacitors play a crucial role in modern electrical systems due to their swift energy storage and release characteristics.

Electromagnetic Energy Storage: Superconducting magnetic energy storage relies on electrodynamic principles. In this energy storage method, a direct current induces a magnetic field within a superconducting coil, leading to a decrease in superconductivity at low temperatures (Pfleger N et al.2015).

Chemical Energy Storage: Chemical energy storage systems operate by storing energy within the chemical bonds of materials and releasing it through chemical reactions. The fundamental principle of these systems involves converting electrical energy into chemical potential energy during charging and the opposite process during discharging. In the charging phase, electrical energy drives a chemical reaction that stores energy within the chemical bonds of the storage medium. This typically involves converting reactants into products with higher energy levels. The stored chemical energy can then be retained until required.

Hydrogen Storage: Hydrogen storage entails the capture and retention of hydrogen gas for subsequent utilization. The fundamental principle of hydrogen storage involves employing diverse physical or chemical approaches to securely and effectively store hydrogen molecules. Biofuel: Storing biofuels encompasses the containment and preservation of these resources for later usage. The guiding principles for biofuel storage entail upholding the biofuel's integrity and quality while prioritizing safety and environmental concerns.

1.4. Supercapacitors:

Supercapacitors, also referred to as ultracapacitors or electrochemical capacitors, employ electrode materials with high surface areas and thin electrolytic dielectrics to achieve capacitances that surpass those of conventional capacitors by several orders of magnitude (Burke A et al.2000,Kotz R et al.2000,Arico A.S et al.2005,Chu A et al.2002). Supercapacitors possess the capability to store 10 to 100 times more energy per unit volume or mass compared to electrolytic capacitors. They also charge at a faster rate than batteries and can endure a greater number of charge and discharge cycles compared to rechargeable batteries (Haggstrom et al.2018). Supercapacitors have significant applications across various energy storage devices. Their importance surpasses that of other storage technologies because of their exceptional power density and storage capabilities. In comparison to other energy storage devices, supercapacitors offer several advantages, including high power density, extended lifespan, high specific capacitance, outstanding performance, eco-friendliness, and adaptable operating temperatures. Additionally, they can rapidly charge and deliver power, potentially bridging the disparity between conventional capacitors and batteries (Thiagarajan et al.2017). Supercapacitors find wide-ranging applications in various sectors such as wind power generation, solar energy systems, rail transport, electric vehicles, and the electric grid. Their lightweight nature and adaptability make them popular choices for powering portable devices like laptops, smartphones, digital cameras, and more. In electric and hybrid vehicles, supercapacitors play a crucial role in providing high power density for quick acceleration and in recuperating energy during braking. This not only conserves energy but also shields batteries from frequent charging and discharging cycles, especially during dynamic operations (Liu S et al.2020, Kouchachvili L et al.2018)**.** Supercapacitors was divided into three groups based on the mechanism of energy storage as shown in **(figure 2).**

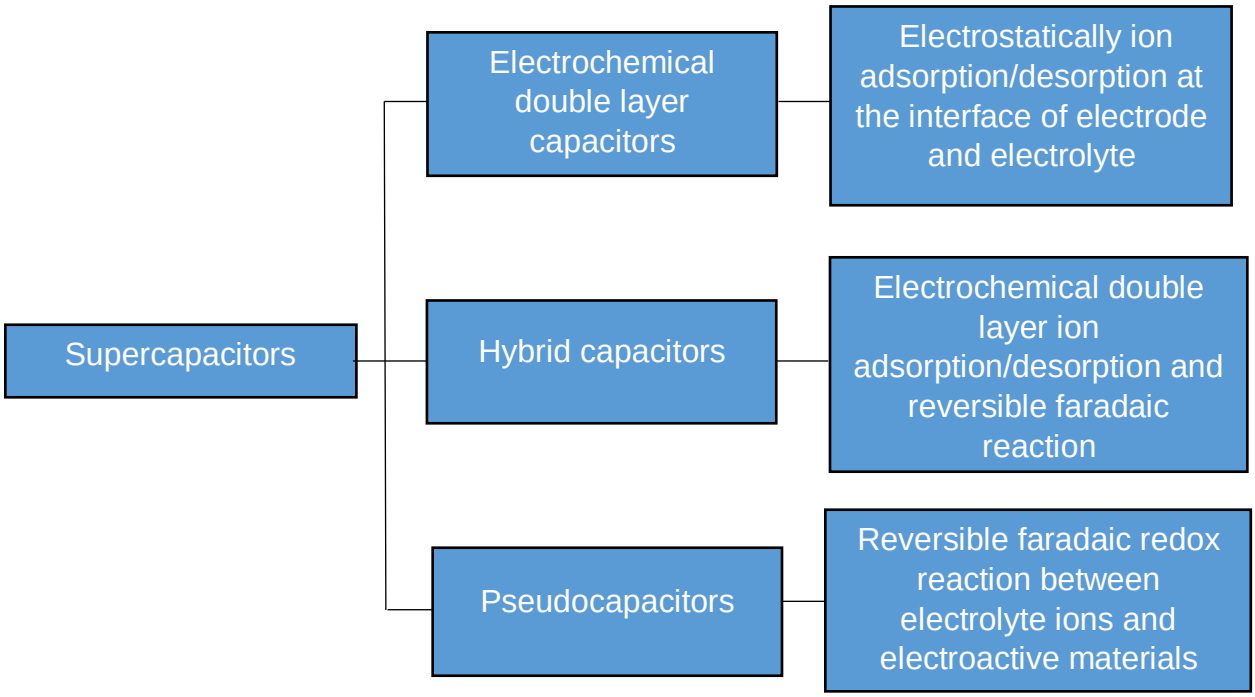


Fig.2: Supercapacitors types based on the mechanism of energy storage

Electrochemical double-layer capacitors (EDLCs): In EDLCs, two carbon-based materials function as electrodes, alongside an electrolyte and a separator. These capacitors can store charge electrostatically or through a non-faradaic mechanism, meaning there's no charge transfer between the electrode and electrolyte (M.V.Kiamahalleh et al.2012, M.Jayalakshmi et al.2008). Energy storage in EDLCs occurs via an electrochemical double layer. Upon applying voltage, charge accumulates on the surfaces of the electrodes. This potential difference attracts opposite charges, prompting ions in the electrolyte to diffuse through the separator and into the pores of the

opposing electrode. To prevent ion recombination at electrodes, a double layer of charge is formed. This second layer, coupled with an augmented specific surface area and reduced distances between electrodes, enables EDLCs to attain enhanced energy density (M.S.Halper et al.2006,H.Choi et al.2015).

Pseudocapacitors: Unlike EDLCs, which store charge electrostatically, pseudocapacitors utilize the faradic process for charge storage, involving the transfer of charge between electrodes and electrolytes (S.Mohapatra et al.2012). When a potential is applied to a pseudocapacitor, the electrode material experiences reduction and oxidation, leading to the flow of charge across the double layer and the passage of faradic current through the supercapacitor cells. Pseudocapacitors outperform EDLCs in terms of specific capacitance and energy density due to their faradic process. Examples include metal oxides and conductive polymers. This sparks interest in these materials, but because of their faradic nature, they involve a reduction-oxidation reaction similar to batteries; thus, they suffer from a lack of stability during cycling and a low power density (S.M.Chen et al.2014,M.Beidagi et al.2012).

Hybrid Capacitor: EDLCs demonstrate outstanding cycle stability and power performance, along with offering higher specific capacitance for pseudocapacitance applications. Hybrid systems integrate a battery-like electrode for energy storage and a capacitor-like electrode for power delivery within a single cell (A.Burke et al.2014,A.Burke et al.2007). Selecting the appropriate electrode combination has the potential to elevate cell voltage, thereby enhancing both energy and power densities. A multitude of combinations have been explored, employing positive and negative electrodes in both aqueous and inorganic electrolytes. Typically, the inclusion of a faradic electrode enhances energy density but compromises cyclic stability, which represents the primary drawback of hybrid devices compared to EDLCs. It is imperative to prevent the transformation of a high-performing supercapacitor into a conventional battery (P.Simon et al.2008).

Metal-oxide spinels find extensive applications across diverse industries owing to their exceptional thermal resistance, catalytic capabilities, and electrical properties. Their versatility renders them invaluable in sectors such as semiconductors, biomedical research, gas sensing technology, thin film applications, electroluminescent display manufacturing, and heterogeneous catalysis. One of the primary reasons for their widespread use is their superior heat resistance, making them indispensable in high-temperature environments encountered in various industrial processes. Additionally, metal-oxide spinels exhibit remarkable catalytic activity, facilitating crucial chemical reactions in fields such as pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals, and environmental remediation. Furthermore, their unique electrical properties make them ideal candidates for applications in semiconductor manufacturing, where precise control over conductivity and electron mobility is essential. Moreover, metal-oxide spinels contribute to advancements in gas sensor technology, enabling the detection of gases in diverse settings, from industrial facilities to medical diagnostics. Their optical characteristics are also noteworthy, enabling their use in electroluminescent displays, where they play a vital role in producing vibrant and energy-efficient lighting solutions. Overall, metal-oxide spinels stand as multifaceted materials, driving innovation and progress across various industrial domains (W.S.Tzing etal.1996, N.Bouropoulos et al.2008).

Zinc aluminate ($ZnAl_2O_4$) boasts a range of benefits attributed to its inherent properties. Its spinel structure, classified under the Fd3m space group, provides a foundation for these advantages. Notably, zinc aluminate exhibits exceptional thermal and chemical stability, making it suitable for applications in harsh environments where resistance to high temperatures and corrosive substances is essential. Its hydrophobic behavior further enhances its utility, preventing moisture absorption and degradation. Additionally, the material demonstrates impressive mechanical resistance, ensuring durability in various operating conditions. Another notable characteristic is its low sintering temperature, facilitating cost-effective processing and fabrication methods. Moreover, zinc aluminate is recognized for its high quantum yields at elevated temperatures, making it valuable in applications requiring efficient photon emission. Collectively, these attributes position zinc aluminate as a versatile material with broad applications across industries such as

ceramics, catalysis, and optoelectronics. (R.Pandey et al.1999,J.Wrzyszcz et al 2001, S.Mathur et al.2001).

CHAPTER 2
LITERATURE SURVEY

Mohsin A. R. et.al. In this study, we present the electrochemical characterization of zinc aluminate spinel. Four distinct ratios of zinc aluminate were synthesized by solution combustion method: $ZnAl_1.5O3.25$, $ZnAl_2O_4$, ZnAl2.87O5.30, and $ZnAl_4O_7$. At 1000 °C, the obtained powders were calcined. The characterization was carried out using x-ray diffraction, scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and x-ray spectroscopy (EDX). Slurry containing zinc aluminate, acetylene black, and polyvinylidene fluoride was coated in an 8:1:1 ratio on Ni foam to create the electrodes. Cyclic voltammetry (CV), galvanostatic charge discharge (GCD), and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) were utilized to finish the electrochemical characterization.

Tehreem Z. et.al. Shows the work includes developing of $CeAlO_3$ and $CeAlO_3$@rGO nanocomposites by making use of a hydrothermal preparation method. The specific capacitance of $CeAlO_3$ and $CeAlO_3$@rGO were determined using Cyclic voltammetry (CV), galvanostatic charge discharge (GCD). Over 5000 cycles, the $CeAlO_3$ and $CeAlO_3$@rGO nanohybrid showed outstanding cycling stability and outstanding performance. The electrochemical study showed that the nanocomposite structure performed better than the other structures ($CeAlO_3$ and rGO), suggesting that it is widely used in energy storing applications.

Shahzaib K. et.al. The energy-related challenge can be addressed through spinel oxide-based nanomaterials for pseudo-capacitor electrodes, which are simple to make utilizing expensive technologies. Here, strontium aluminate-reduced graphene oxide ($SrAl_2O_4$/rGO) nanohybrid was created using a hydrothermal method. The electroactive material was then used for an electrochemical energy storage technology to study the electrode's super-capacitive performance. Using various electrochemical tests, the material's electrochemical behavior was examined on two and three electrode systems. The $SrAl_2O_4$/rGO nanohybrid with the specific capacitance demonstrated exceptional pseudocapacitive performance as indicated by the galvanostatic charge-discharge parameter.

Yong-Ping G. et.al. In order to address the inevitable agglomeration and low intrinsic conductivity of $MgAl_2O_4$ electrode materials, a simple approach is utilized to synthesize $MgAl_2O_4$/rGO composite, which exhibits a large specific surface area and improved conductivity. The $MgAl_2O_4$/rGO composite retains 96.9% after 10,000 cycles at 5 A/g and has a specific capacity of 536.6 F/g at 1 A/g (257.3 F/g at 40 A/g). Utilizing activated carbon and $MgAl_2O_4$/rGO composite, an asymmetric supercapacitors has been developed. At 400 kW/kg of power density, 16.2 Wh/kg of energy density is obtained. The $MgAl_2O_4$/rGO is also characterized by x-ray diffraction (XRD), Raman Spectroscopy, Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET), the morphology of MgAl2O4/rGO composite was studied by Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) and Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM).

Muhammad I. et.al. This article describes the fabrication of the $FeAl_2O_4$ (FAO) spinel structure electrode material for a supercapacitor application using the hydrothermal method. In cyclic voltammetry (CV) analysis, the FeAl2O4@ZnO composite shows a high capacitance (Cs) of 1149.2 F g^{-1} at a sweep rate of 10 mV s^{-1}. In galvanostatic charged discharged (GCD) analysis, the $FeAl_2O_4$@ZnO composite demonstrates a significant capacitance (1332.7 F $g^{-1)}$ at the provided current density (Cd) of 1 A g^{-1} in the 2 M KOH as electrolytic solution. As a result of its higher surface area, more active sites, and lower charge resistance, the nanocomposite $FeAl_2O_4$@ZnO, which was created by mixing zinc with spinel material, performed better than the pure materials.

Soumaya G. et.al. The molybdenum-doped $ZnAl_2O_4$ loaded on carbon fiber (Mo–$ZnAl_2O_4$/CF) used in this investigation was synthesized using hydrothermal synthesis method. Mo-doped $ZnAl_2O_4$ exhibits remarkable electrocatalytic oxygen evolution reaction activity and supercapacitor performance because of its unique hierarchical nanostructures and improved electrical and structural morphologies. The Mo-doped $ZnAl_2O_4$ electrode material has 1477.63 F g^{-1} specific capacitance, 46.57 Wh Kg^{-1} specific energy, and 476.4 W kg^{-1} specific power at 1 A g^{-1}. The pseudo supercapacitor exhibits steady behavior over a 50-hour period and keeps 97.46% of its capacitance after 5000 cycles.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

The thesis mainly highlights the synthesis, characterization and supercapacitors application of zinc aluminate and C@$ZnAl_2O_4$ nanoparticles and it plays a vital role in several arrears of research such as sensors, ultraviolet (UV) photoelectronic devices, catalyst support, catalyst, ceramic, optical, and electronic material, photoluminescence ,etc. This sample is characterized by various analyses such as XRD, CV, GCD, EIS,SEM, EDAX techniques.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS

All materials with reagent grade quality were purchased and used. All chemicals were obtained from SRL. Zinc nitrate hexahydrate, Aluminum nitrate nonahydrate, Ammonium hydroxide, Zinc Aluminate, Sucrose, Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA), Acetylene black, Polyvinylidene fluoride, Nickel foam, Potassium hydroxide. All chemicals were used without further purifications.

4.2. EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

4.2.1 Synthesis of Zinc Aluminate

The appropriate amounts of starting materials $Al(NO_3)_2.9H_2O$ and $Zn(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$ were dissolved in de-ionized water and stirred. During this operation, NH_4OH solution was added drop by drop while maintaining a pH range of 12. The mixture was stirred constantly for six hours at room temperature until gel formation. Then the gel was filtered and kept in vacuum oven for drying at 80°C. Subsequently dried and grinded the gel, thus the gel precursor powder was obtained. The resultant material was calcined at 800 °C for 4hrs respectively. And then Zinc Aluminate was obtained.

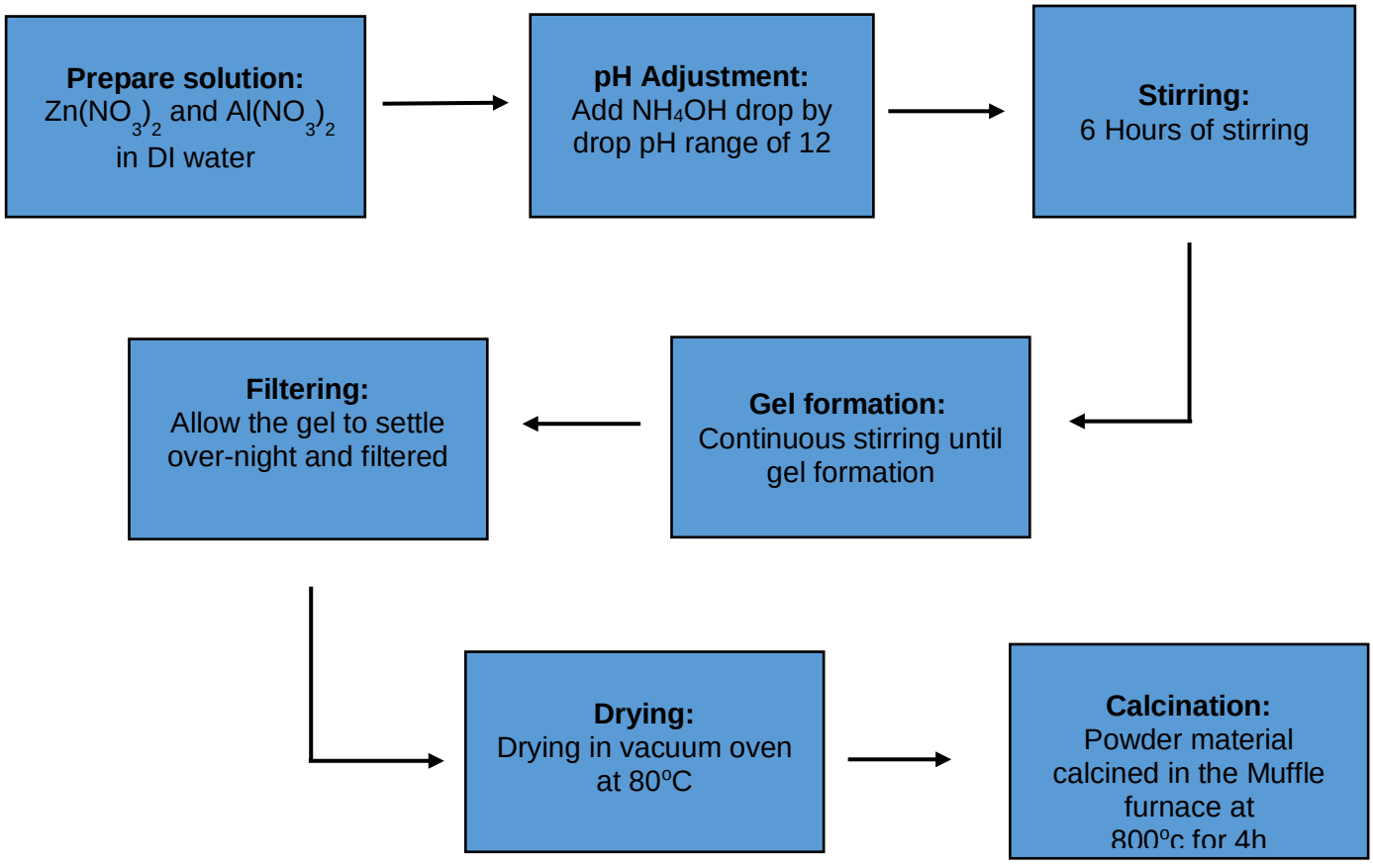


Figure 4.1 Synthesis of Zinc Aluminate

4.2.2 Synthesis of Carbon coated zinc aluminate

Stoichiometric amounts of PVA (Poly Vinyl Alcohol), Sucrose were dissolved in De-Ionized water and kept for stirring then add previously synthesized Zinc Aluminate to the solution under stirring for 6hrs at 80ºC until gel formation. Then the gel was kept in vaccum oven for drying at 75°C. Subsequently dried and grinded the gel, thus the gel precursor powder was obtained. The resultant material was calcined at 600 °C for 2 hrs in Argon atmosphere respectively. And then carbon coated $ZnAl_2O_4$ was obtained.

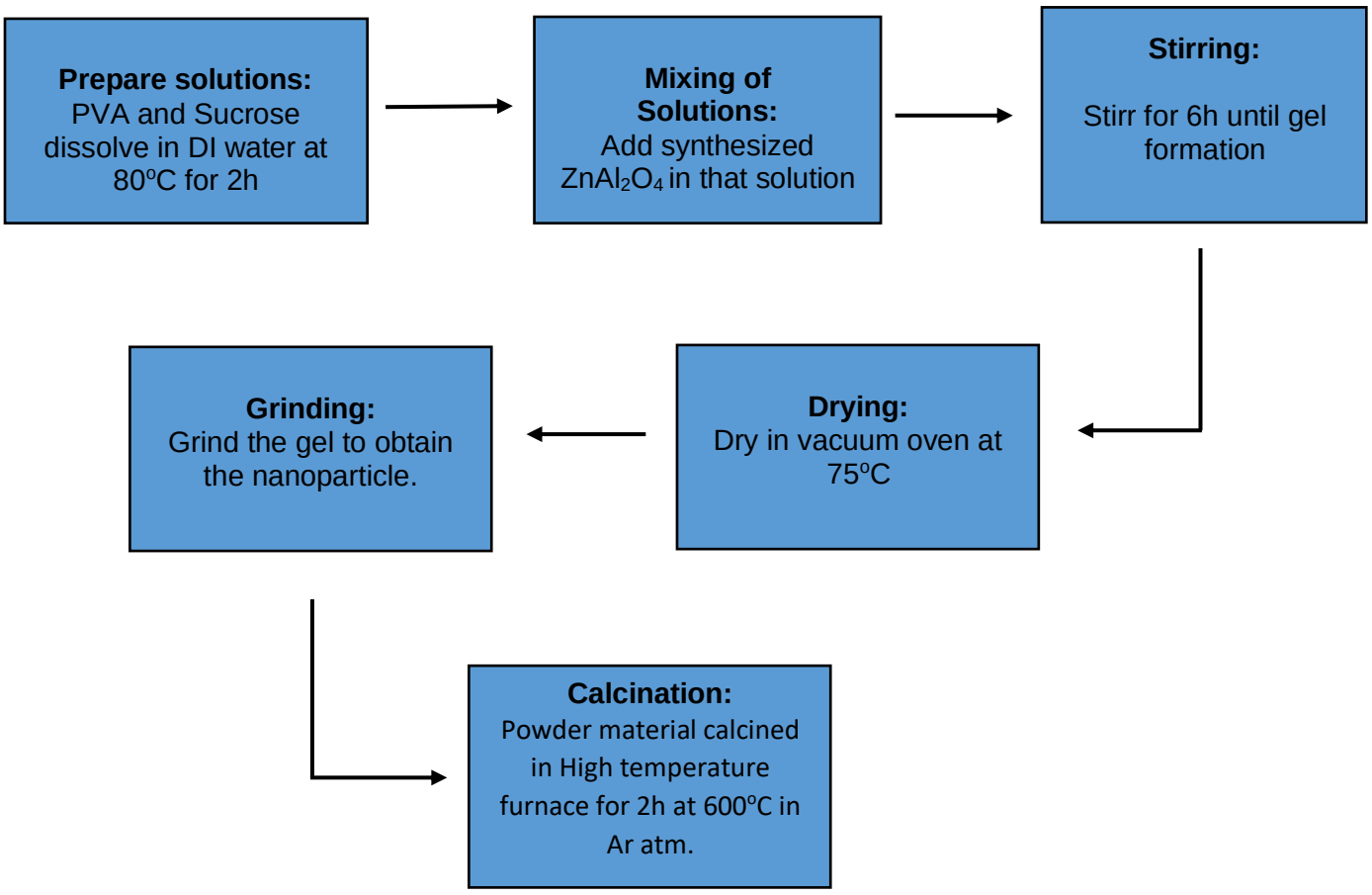
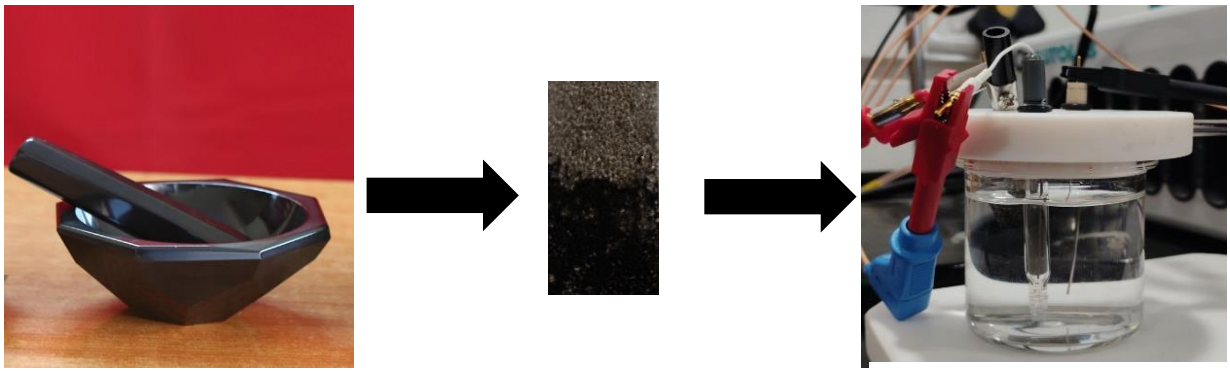


Figure 4.1 Synthesis of C@$ZnAl_2O_4$

4.2.3 Electrochemical setup and techniques

Electrodes were prepared by mixing 80 wt % of the powdered samples with and 15 wt % of activated carbon and 5 wt % of PVDF (polyvinylidene fluoride) uniformly using mortar pestle. Then, a few drops of NMP were added to the mixture make it slurry and grind it. The slurry was coated on over nickel mesh (1cm×1cm) and the coated electrode was kept in a hot air oven at 70°C for 4 to 5 hours, which would provide strong adhesion to coated mass over the substrate **Fig.4.3.**



80% of Active material

15% Activated carbon

5% PVDF

Coated Nickel mesh

Drying for 70°C for 4 to 5 hours

W.E- C@$ZnAl_2O_4$ on Nickel mesh

R.E- Ag/AgCl Electrode

C.E- Platinum Electrode

Fig.4.3. Electrode Preparation

Nickel mesh acts as a diffusion/ current collector for the electrolyte ions. The electrochemical characterization was performed using three electrodes cell configuration with 1 M KOH aqueous solution as an electrolyte at room temperature via (Auto-lab) Potentiostat/ Galvanostat electrochemical analyzer. The activated carbon coated on the Nickel substrate was used as a working electrode, SCE (saturated calomel electrode) as the reference electrode, and platinum wire as a counter electrode. These electrodes were fixed into the 1 M solution of KOH electrolyte with the separator as a porous membrane between the electrodes to prevent short-circuiting.

CV (Cyclic voltammetry), EIS (Electrochemical Impedance spectroscopy) and GCD (Galvanostatic charge-discharge) analysis were performed. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) analysis was performed with an overall potential window of ~1V (0–0.4 V) at different scan rates (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90,100mV/s).

EIS has been performed to evaluate the resistance of electrolyte solution (Rs), charge transfer resistance (Rct), and equivalent series resistance (ESR) in the frequency range 10 mHz–1 MHz. The galvanostatic charge/discharge (GCD) is beneficial for obtaining discharge capacitance and cyclic stability of the device. The corresponding specific capacitance was calculated using the equation below:

$$C_s = \frac{I \times \Delta t}{\Delta V \times m}\left(\mathrm{F\,g^{-1}}\right) \qquad \textbf{(1)}$$

where, I = discharge current

Δt = discharge time interval

m = mass of active material

ΔV = cell voltage range.

4.3 CHARACTERIZATION TECHNIQUES

The synthesized $ZnAl_2O_4$ nanoparticles were thoroughly characterized using several instrumental techniques including X-ray Diffraction (XRD), Surface morphology analysis by scanning electron microscopy (SEM), Energy Dispersive X-ray Analysis (EDAX). Cyclic Voltammetry (CV), Galvanostatic Charge/Discharge (GCD) and Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS). These techniques provided insights into various properties and applications of the nanoparticles.

CHAPTER 5

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

5.1. XRD analysis

The peaks detected at 2Θ= 31.44°, 37.04°, 45.10°, 55.86°, 59.56°, and 65.52° can be matched with the (220), (311), (400), (422), (511), and (440) crystal planes of the cubic spinel structure of ZnAl2O4 respectively, as per the standard JCPDS card for cubic spinel-type ZnAl2O4 (JCDPS card No. 05-0669). The most prominent peak observed at 37.04^{o} corresponds to the (311) crystal plane.

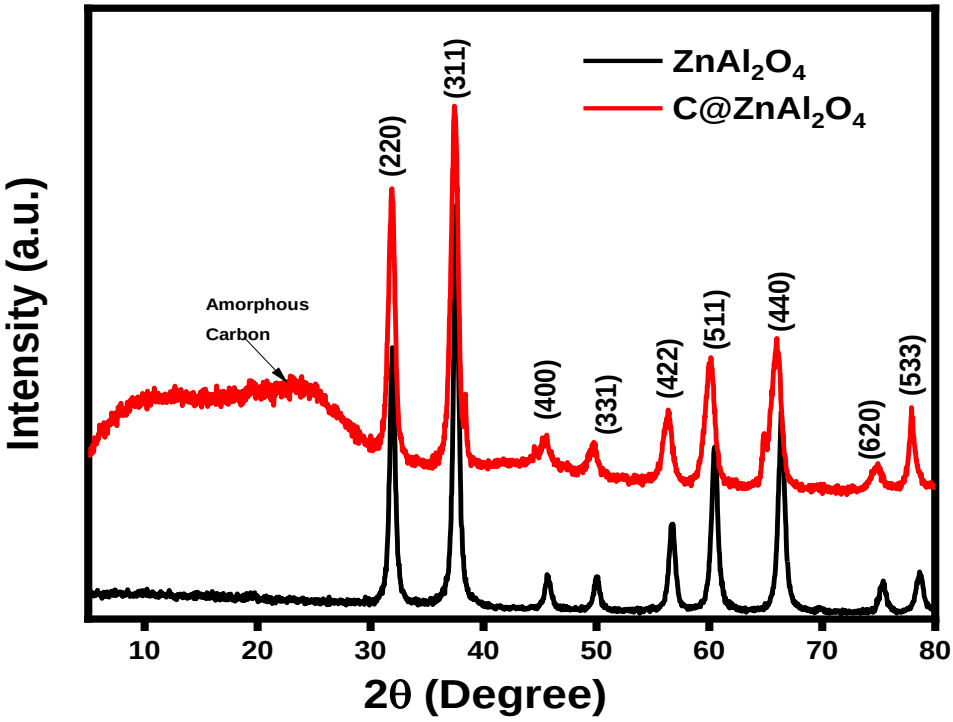


Figure 5.1 XRD patterns of ZnAl2O4 and C@$ZnAl_2O_4$

5.2. Morphological Studies

5.2.1 Surface morphology analysis by scanning electron microscopy (SEM), Energy Dispersive X-ray Analysis (EDAX)

The surface feature of the synthesized $ZnAl_2O_4$ is characterized by SEM analysis which is shown in **Fig.5.2. (A)**. It clearly shows the spinel structure of $ZnAl_2O_4$. The formation of pure $ZnAl_2O_4$ was confirmed by means of energy dispersive X-ray analysis (EDAX) as shown in **Fig.5.2 (B).** The EDAX result showed the presence of $ZnAl_2O_4$ by the appearance of Zn, Al and O peaks in the spectrum.

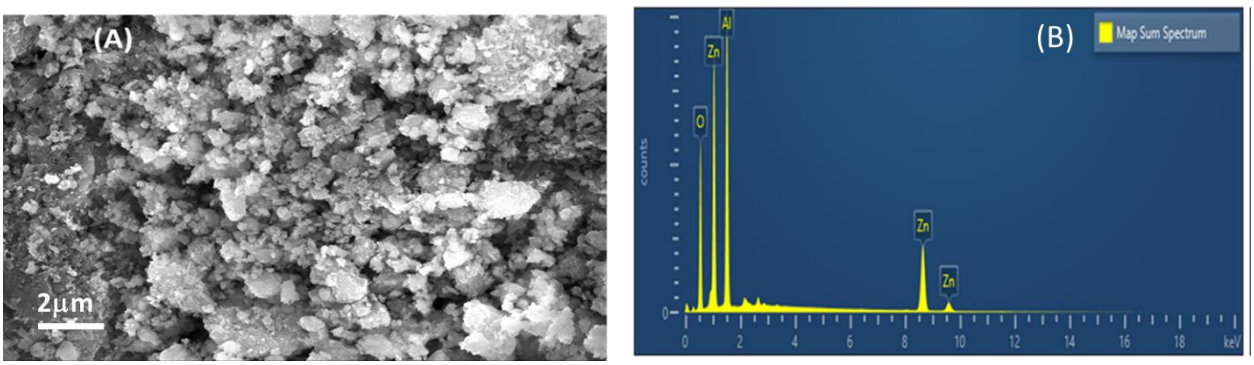
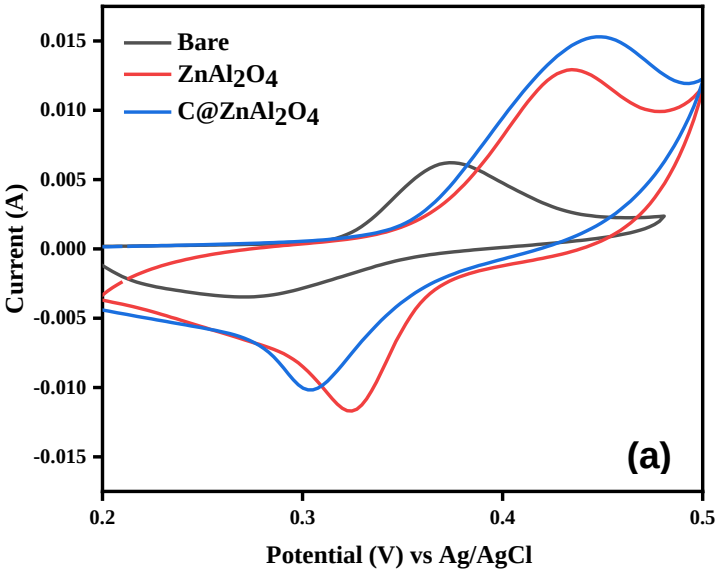


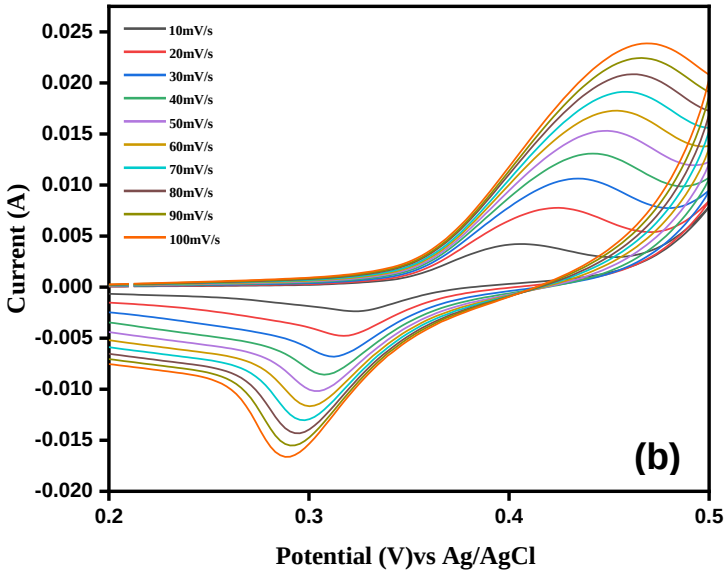
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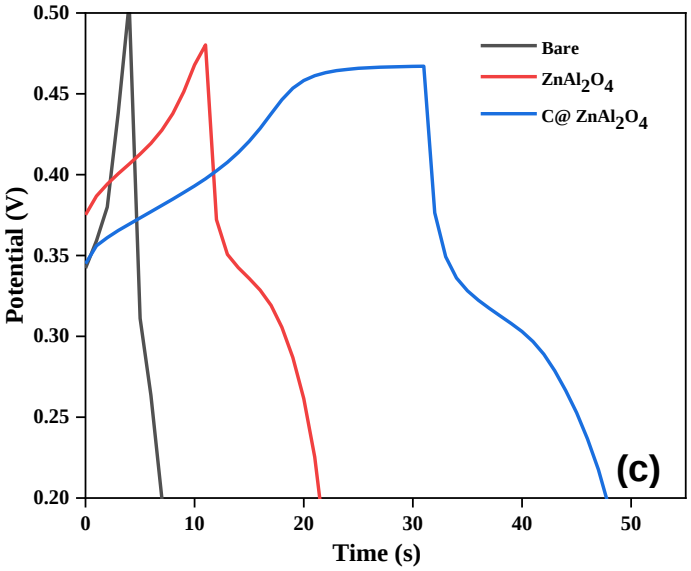
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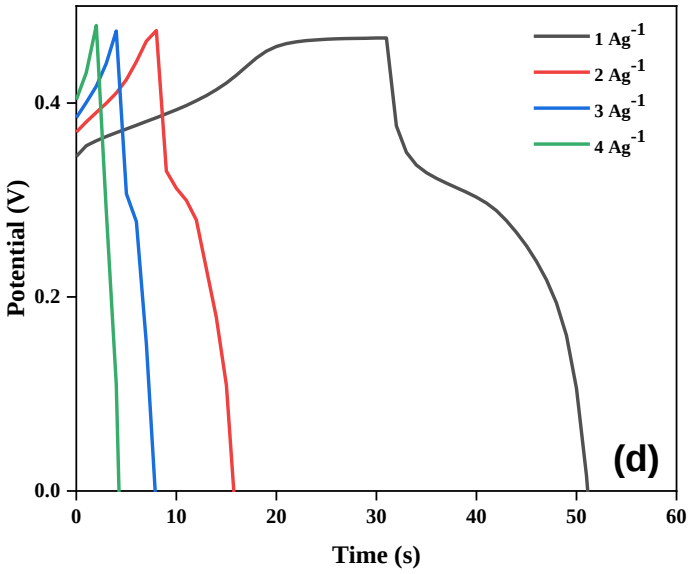
The electrochemical performances of the samples $ZnAl_2O_4$ and $C@ZnAl_2O_4$ are examined using a three-electrode system using 1 M KOH as an electrolyte sample in the potential window of ~1V (0–0.4 V) at different scan rates (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100mV/s). **Fig.5.3 (a)** demonstrates the comparative CV curve for different samples at a scan rate of 100 mV/s and nature is of a typical pseudocapacitive type. The $C@ZnAl_2O_4$ sample shows the highest area. The optimized sample $C@ZnAl_2O_4$ is further examined for electrochemical performance. **Fig.5.3 (b)** shows the CV curve of $C@ZnAl_2O_4$ sample at different scan rates (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90,100mV/s), and it shows the variation with the change of scan rates.

All samples exhibit typical pseudo capacitor nature at different scan rates and an increase in area is observed. **Fig.5.3(c & d)** shows the variation of specific capacitance with the increase of the scan rate. The decrease in capacitance is explained as follows. At a lower scan rate, the mass transport of the ions was slow between the interface of electrode and electrolyte. All hydrated ions could diffuse completely inside the pores, which results in the enhanced ion storage and hence, an increase of specific capacitance. However, as the scan rate increases, the reaction rate has accelerated faster and the diffusion layer may have accumulated over the shorter distance and ions are unable to settle inside the pores of active material, which results in a decrease in the specific capacitance (SC) value shows an almost linear and symmetrical trend for all samples which suggests the pseudocapacitive mechanism is contributing to the specific capacitance. The specific capacitance has been obtained using **equation 1**. The highest specific capacitance for $C@ZnAl_2O_4$ sample is about 92.5 Fg^{-1}. **Fig5.3. (c).** it indicates the GCD curve of the $C@ZnAl_2O_4$ sample which shows the improved rate of stable specific capacitance for the longer duration of time. This is due to the improved surface area as analyzed. This enhancement in specific capacitance is attributed to the improved specific surface area.


Bare
ZnAl2O4
C@ZnAl2O4
Current (A)
Potential (V) vs Ag/AgCl
(a)


10mV/s
20mV/s
30mV/s
40mV/s
50mV/s
60mV/s
70mV/s
80mV/s
90mV/s
100mV/s
Current (A)
Potential (V)vs Ag/AgCl
(b)


Bare
ZnAl2O4
C@ ZnAl2O4
Potential (V)
Time (s)
(c)


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Potential (V)
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(d)

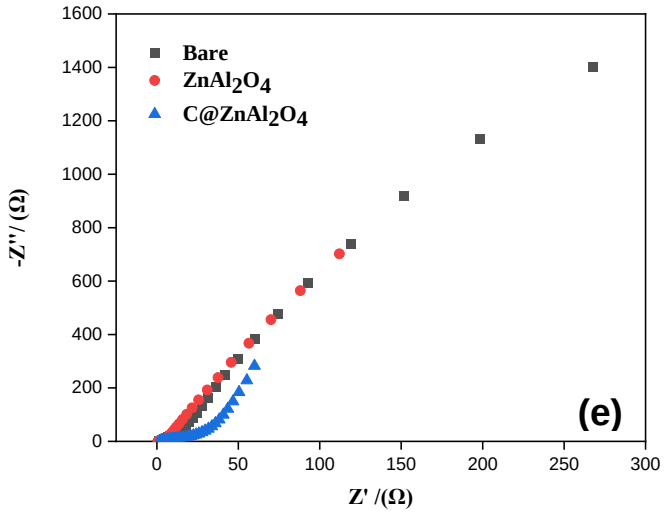


Fig 5.3. (a) Cyclic voltammetry curve of Bare, $ZnAl_2O_4$, C@ $ZnAl_2O_4$ **(b)** Cyclic voltammetry curve of C@ $ZnAl_2O_4$ at different scan rates of 10-100 mV/s, **(c)** Charge discharge curve of Bare, $ZnAl_2O_4$, C@ $ZnAl_2O_4$, **(d)**GCD curve of C@ $ZnAl_2O_4$ at different current densities, **(e)** Nyquist plot of Bare, $ZnAl_2O_4$, C@ $ZnAl_2O_4$.

CHAPTER 6
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In summary, we have successfully synthesized C@$ZnAl_2O_4$ nanocomposites were prepared by co-precipitation method and high temperature. All of the diffraction peaks in the $ZnAl_2O_4$. XRD pattern can be precisely indexed to the face-centered cubic spinel structure. Using KOH as an electrolyte CV analysis was conducted within a potential window of (0-0.4 V) at various scan rates (10-100 mV/s), while GCD measurements revealed a specific capacitance of 92.5 Fg^{-1} at 1Ag^{-1} for the C@$ZnAl_2O_4$ composite. The C@$ZnAl_2O_4$ electrode material showcased remarkable electrochemical activity, featuring swift charge-discharge efficiency and exceptional stability as an electroactive substance. Consequently, it holds promise for diversifying applications in energy storage systems owing to its outstanding performance.

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ABSTRACT

Graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4) has shown up as a promising material in different applications because of its exceptional properties like substance security and tunable bandgap. At first combined by Berzelius in 1834, g-C3N4 has gathered huge consideration lately, especially in the field of photocatalysis. The capacity of g-C3N4 to handle sun-based energy for synergist responses makes it a possible possibility for energy transformation processes. It has been widely contemplated, both chemically and fundamentally.

I have dealt with heightening the photocatalytic conduct of g-C3N4 through lithium doping in this review. The fuse of lithium particles into the g-C3N4 will adjust its electronic construction, consequently further developing charge transporter portability. Lithium doping has been shown to be an exceptional methodology to build the photocatalytic movement of different semiconductor materials by helping the age and movement of photogenerated charge transporters. Consequently, the combination of lithium-doped g-C3N4 is perfect for advancing its application in photocatalysis. The blend of lithium-doped g-C3N4 was accomplished through an aqueous strategy. During the union course of g-C3N4, to investigate their impact on the underlying, optical, and photocatalytic properties of the subsequent materials, various convergences of lithium particles were presented.

To evaluate the optical properties and charge transporter elements of the materials, UV-Vis ingestion spectroscopy and photoluminescence (PL) spectroscopy were finished. Furthermore, to describe the precious stone design, morphology, and compound piece of the last examples, X-beam diffraction (XRD), filtering electron microscopy (SEM), and Fourier-change infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) were utilized.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION TO GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE

Graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4) is a fascinating material that belongs to the family of carbon nitrides. Imagine it as a kind of molecular structure similar to graphene, but with nitrogen atoms mixed in with carbon atoms, forming a two-dimensional lattice. This lattice structure gives g-C3N4 unique properties that make it useful in various applications. One of the coolest things about g-C3N4 is its versatility. It can be synthesized in different forms like powders, films, or even nanosheets, each with its own set of properties and potential uses. For example, its high surface area and stability make it a promising candidate for applications in catalysis, sensing, and energy storage.

Its structure allows it to efficiently absorb light, which can then be used to drive chemical reactions. This means it can be used as a catalyst in processes like water splitting to produce hydrogen, or in the conversion of carbon dioxide into valuable chemicals, contributing to efforts in renewable energy and environmental sustainability. Another exciting area where g-C3N4 shows promise is in photocatalysis. When exposed to light, g-C3N4 can generate electron-hole pairs, which can then participate in various chemical reactions. This makes it useful for applications such as wastewater treatment, air purification, and even in the production of clean fuels.

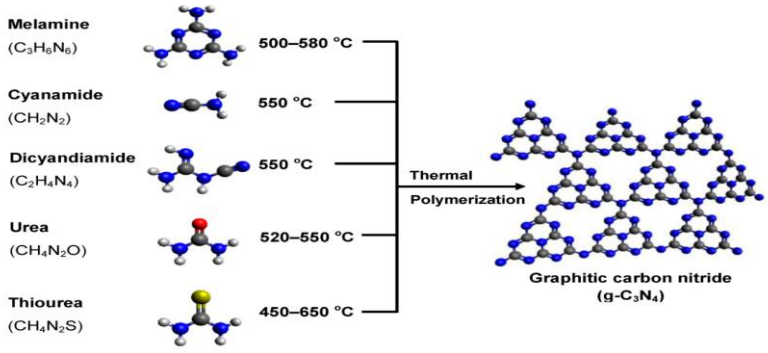


Fig 1.1 Graphitic Carbon Nitride from various chemicals

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Moreover, g-C3N4's electronic properties can be tuned by doping it with other elements or by modifying its structure, opening up even more possibilities for its use in electronics, optoelectronics, and beyond. Its low cost and abundance also make it an attractive option for large-scale industrial applications.In summary, g-C3N4 is a versatile and promising material with a wide range of potential applications, from catalysis to energy conversion to electronics. Its unique structure and properties make it an exciting area of research with the potential to positively impact various fields in science and technology.

1.2 CLASSIFICATION of GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE

1.2.1 STRUCTURAL CLASSIFICATION OF GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE

Polymeric Graphitic Carbon Nitride: Polymeric Graphitic Carbon Nitride includes a constant organization of carbon and nitrogen particles fortified together in a rehashing polymer-like design, giving it magnificent mechanical strength and security. This underlying plan makes Polymeric Graphitic Carbon Nitride appropriate for applications, for example, photocatalysis and energy capacity, because of its powerful nature and innate compound idleness.

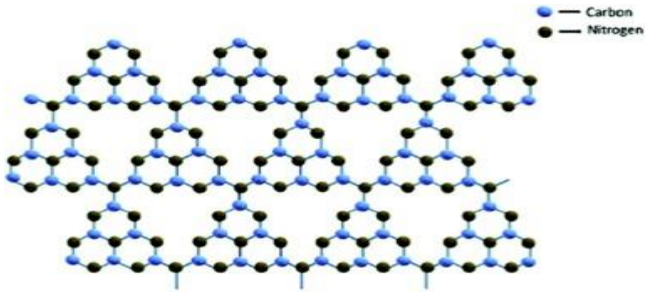


Fig 1.2.1 Polymeric Graphitic Carbon Nitride

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Amorphous Graphitic Carbon Nitride: This graphitic carbon nitride needs a lengthy reach request in its nuclear game plan, bringing about a disarranged design with shifting levels of network among carbon and nitrogen molecules. In spite of its absence of crystallinity, shapeless graphitic carbon nitride shows flexible surface reactivity and adsorption properties, making it material in fields going from gas division to heterogeneous catalysis.

Mesoporous Graphitic Carbon Nitride: Mesoporous Graphitic Carbon Nitride is portrayed by an organization of interconnected voids and channels inside its design, offering upgraded surface regions and openness for different compound responses and adsorption processes. This permeable design works with quick mass exchange and dispersion of reactants, making Mesoporous Graphitic Carbon Nitride a promising contender for applications like water cleaning and electrochemical energy change.

Crystalline Graphitic Carbon Nitride: This Graphitic Carbon Nitride shows an obvious translucent cross section structure with requested plans of carbon and nitrogen molecules, conferring it with explicit electronic and optical properties. This translucent nature makes glasslike graphitic carbon nitride reasonable for applications, for example, optoelectronic gadgets and photocatalytic water parting.

Nanocomposite Graphitic Carbon Nitride: Nanocomposite Graphitic Carbon Nitride alludes to graphitic carbon nitride materials incorporated with nanoparticles or other nanoscale constituents to upgrade explicit properties or functionalities. This subclassification offers custom-made answers for applications like sun based cells, sensors, and medication conveyance frameworks by consolidating the special qualities of Graphitic Carbon Nitride with those of different materials.

1.2.2 CLASSIFICATION of GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE BY PROPERTIES

Photocatalytic Graphitic Carbon Nitride: Photocatalytic Graphitic Carbon Nitride saddles light energy to drive synthetic responses, for example, the debasement of natural contaminations or the development of clean powers, through the age of electron-opening matches on its surface. This one-of-a-kind property of Graphitic Carbon Nitride empowers it to act as a productive and harmless ecosystem photocatalyst for different applications in wastewater treatment, air cleansing, and sun based energy change.

Electrocatalytic Graphitic Carbon Nitride works with electrochemical responses, like oxygen decrease or hydrogen advancement, by giving dynamic locales to catalysis and advancing charge move at the anode electrolyte interface. This property makes Graphitic Carbon Nitride an important material for applications in energy transformation and capacity gadgets, including power modules, electrolyzers, and batteries. Electrocatalytic Graphitic Carbon Nitride shows high strength and execution dependability, making it a positive impetus for long haul electrochemical applications.

Doped Graphitic Carbon Nitride: Doped Graphitic Carbon Nitride implies Graphitic Carbon Nitride materials changed through the introduction of heteroatoms or other dopants into their development, updating their electronic, optical, or reactant properties. Doped Graphitic Carbon Nitride provides tunable properties and further developed development stood out from faultless Graphitic Carbon Nitride.

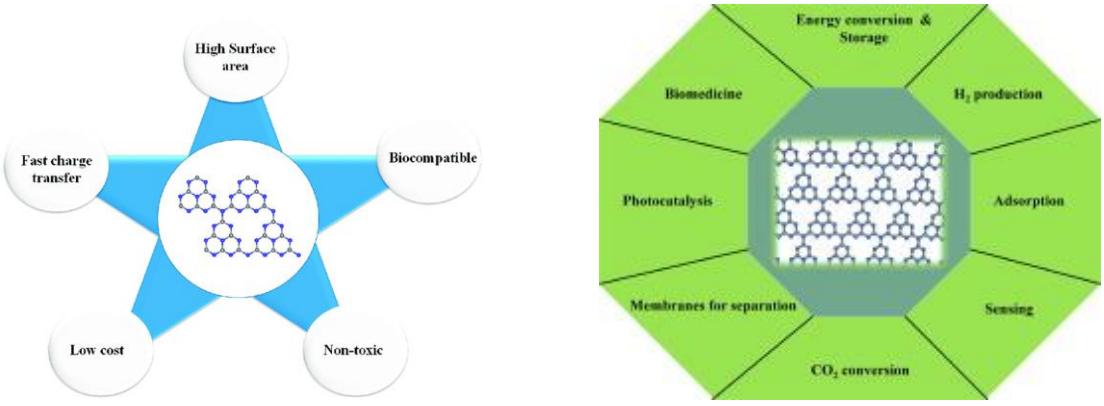


Fig 1.2.2 Properties of Graphitic Carbon Nitride

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1.3 IMPORTANCE OF DOPING IN SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS

1.3.1 Importance of Doping in Semiconductor Materials

Introduction to Doping: Doping demonstrates the essential presentation of debasements into materials, much the same as adding specialists to a substance response. Inside the domain of hardware, especially in semiconductor materials, doping anticipates vital significance. It goes about as an impetus, changing the natural properties of these materials, subsequently upgrading their utility in different electronic applications, going from cell phones to sustainable power advances.

How Doping Functions: Conceptualize an immaculate gem cross section, likened to the underlying respectability of a precious stone. Doping, fundamentally, disturbs this immaculate design by integrating minute amounts of dopant iotas. These dopants, much the same as acknowledged 'wizards,' imbue the gem grid with unmistakable attributes. For example, the presentation of phosphorus imparts surplus electrons inside the grid, in this way supplying it with n-type conductivity. On the other hand, the expansion of boron brings forth a lack of electrons, encouraging P-type conductivity. This many-sided interchange of dopants coordinates an orchestra of electrical ways of behaving, fundamental to semiconductor usefulness.

Why Doping Matters: Doping remains the key part in the domain of electronic manufacture, similar to the masterstroke in a perplexing organization. It catalyzes the acknowledgment of crucial electronic parts, for example, semiconductors, which act as the bedrock of computational gadgets. The sensible consolidation of dopants into semiconductors, eminently silicon, is fundamental for presenting usefulness to these gadgets. Without doping, the perplexing organization of electronic frameworks would vacillate, similar to an ensemble dispossessed of its guides.

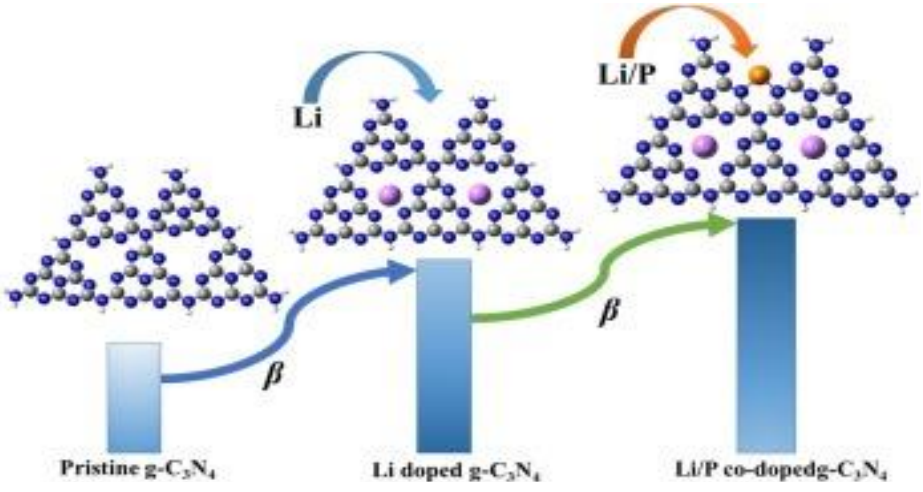


Fig 1.3.1 Doping in Graphitic Carbon Nitride

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1.3.2 Doping in Graphitic Carbon Nitride

Graphitic carbon nitride arises as an immense material, encapsulating the marriage of carbon and nitrogen moieties. Its underlying likeness to graphite gives a false representation of its diverse usefulness, rising above the conventional bounds of carbon allotropes. Situated at the vanguard of materials science, graphitic carbon nitride tracks down application in assorted fields, spreading over from photovoltaic advances to ecological remediation systems.

Doping g-C3N4: Practically equivalent to its semiconductor partners, graphitic carbon nitride goes through an extraordinary transformation through doping. The essential presentation of dopants, be it sulfur or boron, causes a change in perspective in its physicochemical qualities. Doping expands its photovoltaic ability, working with uplifted sun oriented energy ingestion, while simultaneously blessing it with reactant ability for contamination debasement. This advantageous interaction among dopants and have material highlights the flexibility of doped graphitic carbon nitride across divergent applications.

Uses of Doped g-C3N4: Doped graphitic carbon nitride takes on the position of a chameleon material, as portrayed by its versatility across diverse spaces. Its utility traverses a broad range, going from its job as a photoactive part in sun-powered cells to its viability as a photocatalyst for natural remediation. The rising uses of doped graphitic carbon nitride highlight its extraordinary potential in tending to contemporary cultural difficulties, situating it as a key part in the change towards maintainable mechanical standards.

1.4 SYNTHESIS METHODS FOR GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE

Hydrothermal Method: The hydrothermal method for synthesizing graphitic carbon nitride involves subjecting specific precursor chemicals to elevated temperatures and pressures in a water-based environment. This controlled synthesis process occurs within a sealed vessel, where the precursors undergo chemical reactions under high-pressure conditions. The combination of heat and pressure promotes the intercalation of nitrogen atoms into the carbon lattice, facilitating the formation of graphitic carbon nitride.

Chemical Precipitation Method: The chemical precipitation method involves the controlled mixing of specific precursor chemicals in a solvent, leading to the precipitation of graphitic carbon nitride. This synthesis route offers simplicity and scalability, making it suitable for large-scale production of graphitic carbon nitride materials. By adjusting parameters such as precursor concentration, reaction temperature, and pH, researchers can tailor the synthesis process to achieve desired morphologies and properties in the resulting materials

Thermal Polymerization: Thermal polymerization involves heating certain precursor chemicals, typically nitrogen-rich organic compounds, under controlled conditions in the absence of oxygen. This process induces the formation of polymeric structures, which can then be further treated to produce graphitic carbon nitride. Thermal polymerization provides a straightforward route to obtaining graphitic carbon nitride materials with tunable properties

Template-Assisted Synthesis: Template-assisted synthesis involves using pre-existing templates or molds to guide the formation of graphitic carbon nitride into specific shapes or structures. This method enables the fabrication of graphitic carbon nitride with tailored morphologies and enhanced functionalities for various applications. Templates can be in the form of porous materials, nanoparticles, or patterned substrates, which dictate the final morphology and properties of the synthesized graphitic carbon nitride.

Solvent-Assisted Synthesis: Solvent-assisted synthesis involves the use of liquids, known as solvents, to facilitate the synthesis of graphitic carbon nitride. These solvents play a crucial role in influencing the formation process and properties of graphitic carbon nitride materials. By carefully selecting the solvent and adjusting processing conditions such as temperature and stirring rate, researchers can control the structure, morphology, and properties of the synthesized graphitic carbon nitride.

1.5 SIGNIFICANCE OF LITHIUM DOPING IN GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE

Lithium Doping: Lithium, an alkali metal renowned for its lightweight nature and exceptional electrochemical properties, assumes a pivotal role in the doping of graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4). Its incorporation into the lattice structure of g-C3N4 introduces a plethora of desirable attributes, thereby augmenting its utility across diverse applications.

Alkali Metal Doping: The significance of alkali metal doping lies in its ability to modulate the electronic structure and surface chemistry of materials. In the case of g-C3N4, alkali metal doping, particularly lithium doping, imparts enhanced photoactivity and catalytic prowess, rendering it suitable for advanced photocatalytic applications.

Enhanced Photoactivity: Lithium doping engenders a pronounced enhancement in the photoactivity of g-C3N4, facilitating superior light absorption and charge carrier separation. This augmented photoactivity translates into heightened efficiency in solar energy conversion and photocatalytic degradation of organic pollutants.

Tuning Electronic Properties: The controlled incorporation of lithium dopants enables precise tuning of the electronic properties of g-C3N4, thereby optimizing its performance in various electronic and optoelectronic devices. Lithium doping facilitates the modulation of bandgap characteristics, carrier mobility, and conductivity, thereby enhancing device efficiency and functionality.

Improved Stability: Lithium doping confers improved structural stability and durability to g-C3N4, mitigating issues associated with material degradation and performance degradation over prolonged operation. This enhanced stability ensures sustained performance and longevity in diverse applications, ranging from solar energy conversion to pollutant degradation.

1.6 OPPORTUNITIES IN LITHIUM DOPED GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE

Enhanced Photocatalytic Activity: Lithium doping can significantly enhance the photocatalytic activity of graphitic carbon nitride, opening up opportunities for applications in environmental remediation, water purification, and air purification. Lithium-doped graphitic carbon nitride exhibits improved photoconversion efficiency and enhanced catalytic performance for the degradation of organic pollutants and the generation of clean energy from sunlight.

Advanced Energy Storage Technologies: Lithium-doped graphitic carbon nitride holds promise for advanced energy storage technologies, including lithium-ion batteries and supercapacitors. The incorporation of lithium dopants can improve the material's conductivity, electrochemical stability, and charge storage capacity, leading to high-performance energy storage devices with enhanced cycling stability and extended lifespan.

Tailored Electronic and Optoelectronic Properties: Lithium doping offers opportunities to tailor the electronic and optoelectronic properties of graphitic carbon nitride for specific applications. By controlling the doping concentration and distribution of lithium atoms, researchers can modulate the material's bandgap, carrier mobility, and optical absorption properties, enabling custom-designed materials for electronics, sensors, and photovoltaic devices.

Multifunctional Nanocomposites: Lithium-doped graphitic carbon nitride can serve as a versatile platform for the development of multifunctional nanocomposites with tailored properties and functionalities. By integrating lithium-doped graphitic carbon nitride with other nanomaterials or polymers, researchers can create hybrid materials with synergistic effects and enhanced performance for applications in diverse fields, including catalysis, sensing, and biomedical engineering.

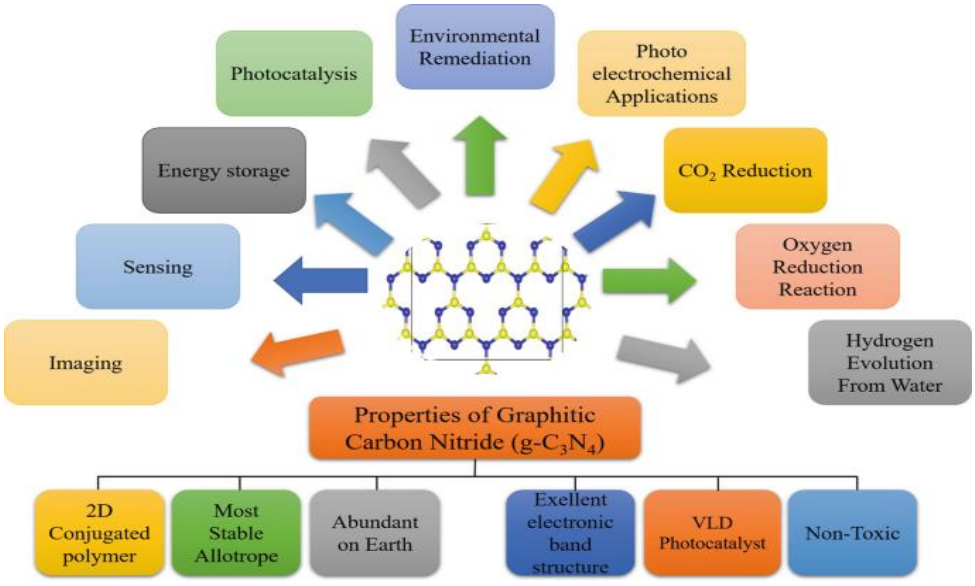


Fig 1.6 Properties of Graphitic Carbon Nitride

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CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

Author: Maciej Fronczak, Milena Krajewska, Katarzyna Demby, and Michal Bystrzejewsk.
Title: Extraordinary Adsorption of Methyl Blue onto Sodium-Doped Graphitic Carbon Nitride -04 Jul 2017

In this, the adsorption execution of sodium-doped graphitic carbon nitride comparable to the evacuation of methyl blue is explored. The adsorbent was orchestrated by means of the immediate warm polycondensation of cyanamide within the sight of sodium chloride. The consideration of sodium in graphitic carbon nitride came about in a significant improvement of its adsorption limit and adsorption energy. The greatest limit with respect to methyl blue was somewhere multiple times higher in contrast with business enacted carbon and, surprisingly, multiple times higher than for the situation of undoped material. The acquired adsorbents had exceptionally low porosity and the resultant high adsorption limits, as not set in stone from the trials, highlighted the uncommon adsorption. Besides, the balance of the adsorption process was reached at the contact time under 5 minutes. The acquired adsorbent were completely researched through different physical and compound investigations. Moreover, the recovery investigations of the spent adsorbents were completed.

Author: Zhitong Ge, Anchi Yu ⇑, Rong Lu Title: Preparation of Li-doped graphitic carbon nitride with enhanced visible-light photoactivity-20 March 2019

A Li-doped graphitic carbon nitride (g-CNLi) was integrated through a two-step technique including the first ionothermal course and the accompanying H2 O2 treatment. Portrayals show that the precious stone design of g-CN Li looks like the moderate without H 2O 2 treatment. In any case, contrasted with unblemished graphitic carbon nitride (g-CN), g-CN Li presents fundamentally apparent light retention upgrade. As a outcome, the photodegradation of methylene blue by g-CN Li is incredibly worked on under apparent light irradiation. Moreover, Li molecules doping into g-CN may be answerable for the optical property of g- CNLi. The current work could give another understanding into upgrading photocatalyst for effective sun based light utilization.

1. Author: Nitride.Xiaomin Liang, Yanru Guo, Shuai Yuan, Dongping Zhu, Yi Wang,* Yujun Qin, Jian-Ping Zhang,and Xi-Cheng Ai*
   Title: Simultaneous Transport Promotion and Recombination Suppression in Perovskite Solar Cells by Defect Passivation with Li-Doped Graphitic Carbon

   Among different methodologies of working on the power change proficiency of perovskite sunlight based cells (PSCs), one of the best pathways is to advance charge at the same time transport and smother charge recombination. Graphite carbon nitride (CN) is a promising added substance for impeding the charge recombination in PSCs by passivating the snare states, which, nonetheless, normally prompts horrible charge transport execution as a aftereffect. Thus, we recommend that this compromise issue can be easily tackled by basically supplanting the inborn CN with its Li- doped partner (CN-Li). In particular, bringing

the CN-Li into perovskite films brings about bigger grain size with more prominent crystallinity, which further advantages the decrease of inborn deformities and the extension of the fluorescence lifetime. At the gadget level, the CN-Li change not just emphatically passivates the snare states furthermore, smothers the charge recombination yet additionally diminishes the series obstruction and subsequently supports the charge transport. Thusly, the CN-Li-changed PSC arrives at a hero power transformation effectiveness of 18.86% with an unmistakable short out current thickness of 24.16 Mama cm−2 . This work gives new bits of knowledge into the proficiency streamlining technique of PSCs by at the same time advancing charge transport and stifling charge recombination.

2. Author: Wenjun Wang, Piao Xu, Ming Chen, Guangming Zeng, Chen Zhang, Chengyun Zhou, Yang Yang, Danlian Huang, Cui Lai, Min Cheng, Liang Hu, Weiping Xiong, Hai Guo, and Man Zhou
   Title: Alkali Metal Assisted Synthesis of Graphite Carbon Nitride with Tunable Band-Gap for Enhanced Visible-Light-Driven Photocatalytic Performance.- 07 Oct 2018

   The advancement of superior execution semiconductor photocatalysts utilizing sunlight based energy has turned into a hotly debated issue, which is essential for a supportable future. However, development of a non-poisonous proficient impetus actually stays a gigantic test. Here, we uncover a straightforward aqueous re-calcination technique to set up an original potassium (K) doped permeable ultrathin g-C3N4 (signified as KMCN) photocatalyst with productive synergist execution, eco-accommodating qualities and astounding steadiness. The got KMCN nanosheets were applied to the photograph corruption of antibiotic medication (TC) under various response condition to recreate viable wastewater treatment. It was viewed that as permeable structure and K+ expansion of g-C3N4 improved pores size and explicit surface region (SSA), also, expanded the photograph ingestion locale and action destinations. The optical properties of KMCN nanosheets were methodicallly described by PL, UV-DRS, and so on. The outcomes uncovered that KMCN (0.05) example had restricted band-hole, lower recombination of photograph produced charges and higher electrons and openings move proficiency. Benefiting from these benefits, KMCN (0.05) photocatalysts exhibited incredible photocatalytic execution for TC corruption (85.13%), which was around 2.88-overlap and 1.40- crease increment contrasted with uncovered g-C3N4 (29.60%) and permeable ultrathin g-C3N4 (60.84%), respectively. These outcomes propose a sensible way for the plan of financial and high- productivity photocatalysis.

3. Author: Marlies Hankel, Delai Ye, Lianzhou Wang, and Debra J Searles
   Title: Lithium and Sodium Storage on Graphitic Carbon Nitride- 10 Sep 2015

   We present outcomes from thickness useful hypothesis computations of the lithium adsorption onto 2D graphitic carbon nitride layers, C3N4 and C6N8 and mass C3N4. We view that as lithium adsorbs specially over the three-sided pores with a high adsorption energy. We too find that lithium adsorption seriously mutilates the layer and mass material. The lithium for the most part collaborates with the pyridinic nitrogen in the material, which empowers a huge lithium uptake. In any case, the pyridinic nitrogen is likewise answerable for the unsteadiness of material. We additionally present exploratory outcomes on the

charge and release limits of C6N8. These mirror the hypothetical expectation that the material shows a high lithium take-up which is, notwithstanding, irreversible.

4. Author: Jigyasa, Pratibha, Jaspreet Kaur Rajput
   Title: Alkali metal (Na/ K) doped graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4) for highly selective and sensitive electrochemical sensing of nitrite in water and food samples- 25 April 2020

   Thus salt metal (Na/K) doped graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4) was manufactured utilizing an effortless one-pot course. The as incorporated three materials; mass g-C3N4 (CN-B), K doped g-C3N4 (K-CN-300) and Na doped g-C3N4 (Na-CN-x) were all around described utilizing different portrayal strategies. CN-B, K-CN-300 and Na-CN-x adjusted lustrous carbon anode were utilized as electrochemical nitrite sensor. Among them Na-CN-300 displayed great electrochemical current reaction under advanced condition. The Na doping into CN-B upgraded the electrochemical reaction of CN-B towards nitrite recognition. The created sensor shows fantastic electrochemical execution and gave straight re- sponse for nitrite focus scope of 10 μM to 2 mM with LOD of 1.9 μM. Also the sensor showed great selectivity, responsiveness and reproducibility, which are characteristics of a decent sensor material. While trying to manufacture dis- posable electrochemical sensor, Na-CN-300 was applied on a screen printed terminal and its strength was tried for 30 days. The proposed sensor was conveyed for identification of nitrite in genuine examples (water and food), addressing its opportunities for ongoing investigation.

5. Author: Hanyang Zhang, Sung O Park, Jae Hong Seo, Se Hun Joo, Ming Huang, Chunhui Wang, Meihui Wang,Sang Kyu Kwak, and Rodney S. Ruoff
   Title: Topochemical Intercalation of Graphitic Carbon Nitride with Alkali Metals in Ethylenediamine

   We concentrated on the intercalation science of graphitic carbon nitride (gCN), consolidating hypothesis and test strategies. A progression of new soluble base ethylenediamine-gCN items were arranged utilizing a one-pot topochemical blend technique. Spectroscopic and warm investigations showed t h a t s I n g l e - s t a g e I n t e r c a l a t e d g C N c o m p o u n d s o f L I - (e t h y l e n e d I a m I n e) 0 . 2 (C 3 N 4 . 5 H 1 . 5) 1 . 0 a n d N a - (ethylenediamine) 0.3 (C 3 N 4.5 H 1.5) 0.9 with requested layer structures were formed. X-beam diffractograms demonstrated a huge exhibition extension of 0.349 what's more, ~0.342 nm for Li-and Na-intercalated gCN. On account of K-en-gCN, a nanocomposite was shaped that went through unconstrained in situ shedding followed by cluttered restacking to frame slender chips. Atomic elements studies showed that ethylenediamine particles were appropriated at the focal point of the interlayer spaces, prevalently taking on a trans compliance.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE OF THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION

Synthesis Objective: Exploring the synthesis of graphitic carbon nitride with varied lithium doping concentrations to recognize its structural and electronic properties.

Experimental Setup: Employing a hydrothermal and chemical precipitation method to synthesize graphitic carbon nitride and initiate lithium doping at different concentrations.

Characterization Techniques: It is carried out using various techniques such as XRD, SEM, FTIR, UV-VIS, PL for structural and electronic analysis of the lithium doped sample.

Results Analysis: The results specify that lithium doping modifies the morphology and electronic band structure of graphitic carbon nitride, leading to improved photocatalytic performance.

Summarization: Overall, the study provides intuition into the synthesis, characterization, and application of lithium-doped graphitic carbon nitride, contributing to the advancement of sustainable materials for photocatalysis.

CHAPTER 4

EXPERIMENTAL, METHODS AND CHARACTERIZATION

4.1 EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUE/SYNTHESIS

An ultra-careful process was carried out for the experimental synthesis of graphitic carbon nitride with varying doping concentrations of lithium in four different beakers. In each beaker, 10 grams of thiourea are combined with differing amounts of lithium chloride: 0.1 gram in the first, 0.2 gram in the second, 0.3 gram in the third, and 0.4 gram in the fourth beaker as well. These components are dissolved in water, which ensures thorough mixing. Then all four beakers, along with the contents inside, are subjected to two hours of continuous heating and stirring until a solid white powder is obtained.

The powder from each beaker is shifted into separate silica crucibles following the conversion to a solid state. These crucibles are then kept in a muffle furnace, which is covered with aluminum foil and heated to 450 degrees Celsius for a duration of four hours. After this, a yellow powder is obtained from each crucible, which is the graphitic carbon nitride marking the initial transformation of four different doping concentrations.

With the sole distinction being the varying concentrations of lithium chloride, the subsequent stages of the procedure imply identical processes for each crucible. The yellow powder is finely ground using a mortar and pestle, then transmitted into centrifuge tubes. Water is added to each tube, and the mixture undergoes multiple rounds of centrifugation for purification, with each cycle being followed by replacement with fresh distilled water to guarantee thorough purification of all four samples.

After the completion of the centrifugation process, the purified material is transferred back into silica crucibles, which are again covered with aluminum foil and placed in an oven set at 80 degrees Celsius for 12 hours. This final step provides the stabilization and consolidation of the lithium-doped graphitic carbon nitride. The resulting product represents the climax of the experimental procedure, with the varying concentrations of lithium doping representing a basis for comparative analysis and evaluation of the synthesized materials.

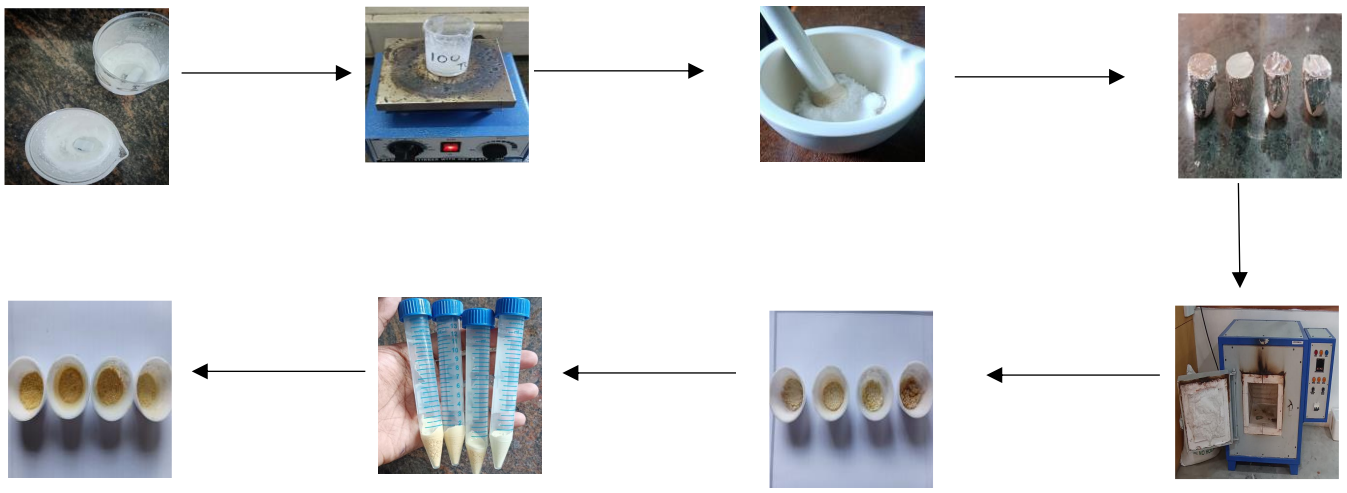


Fig 4.1 Experimental Synthesis

4.2 SYNTHESIS METHODS

4.2.1 THERMAL POLYMERIZATION

The process you described involves several key steps that align with the principles of thermal polymerization. Firstly, by heating the mixture of thiourea and lithium chloride at 100 degrees Celsius, you're providing the necessary thermal energy for the molecules to react and form bonds. This initial heating stage allows for the dissolution of the materials and promotes the interaction between the thiorea and lithium chloride, which is crucial for the subsequent polymerization process.



Fig 4.2.1 Sample kept in 450 deg Celsius in muffle furnace and Centrifugation

Secondly, the transfer of the resulting white powder to a silica gross blend and heating it in a waffle furnace at 450 degrees Celsius initiates the actual polymerization reaction. At this elevated temperature, the molecules undergo further rearrangement and bonding, leading to the formation of graphitic carbon nitride. This high-temperature treatment facilitates the conversion of the precursor materials into a more organized and stable polymeric structure.

Finally, the purification step involving centrifugation with water serves to remove any impurities and unwanted by-products, ensuring the purity and integrity of the graphitic carbon nitride. This purification process is essential for obtaining a final product with desired properties and characteristics. Overall, the experimental technique you described effectively utilizes thermal polymerization principles to synthesize graphitic carbon nitride with varying doping concentrations of lithium.

4.2.2 CHEMICAL PRECIPITATION

By leading to the creation of an encourage through compound responses in arrangement the strong materials are delivered, this is Chemical Precipitation. This strategy leads to the development of an insoluble item by blending at least two solvent parts, which unmistakable from the arrangement as a strong. The strong hasten is then assembled, washed, and dried to gain the last example. Here is why this study comes under Chemical precipitation method :-

- Since in chemical precipitation where a strong item is gotten from the response of two solvent mixtures in arrangement and correspondingly in this cycle, the response between lithium chloride and thiourea in water leads to the creation of a strong item (graphitic carbon nitride) from broke up beginning materials.
- Since the consecutive expansion of reactants in arrangement is normal in chemical precipitation processes and likewise the expansion of lithium chloride and thiourea successively to the water, trailed by warming and mixing.

Consequently the arrangement of the strong item from broke down forerunners and Successive Expansion of Reactants goes under aqueous circumstances which leads to compound precipitation.



Fig 4.2.3 Chemical Precipitation

4.3 CHARACTERIZATION TECHNIQUES

4.3.1 FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

Fourier Change Infrared Spectroscopy, otherwise called FTIR Examination or FTIR Spectroscopy, is a scientific strategy used to recognize natural, polymeric, and inorganic materials. The FTIR investigation strategy utilizes infrared light to filter test tests and notice substances' properties. The FTIR instrument sends infrared radiation of around 10,000 to 100 cm-1 through an example, with some radiation retained and some going through. The consumed radiation is changed over into rotational or potentially vibrational energy by the example particles. The subsequent sign at the finder presents as a range, ordinarily from 4000 cm-1 to 400cm-1, addressing a sub-atomic finger impression of the example.

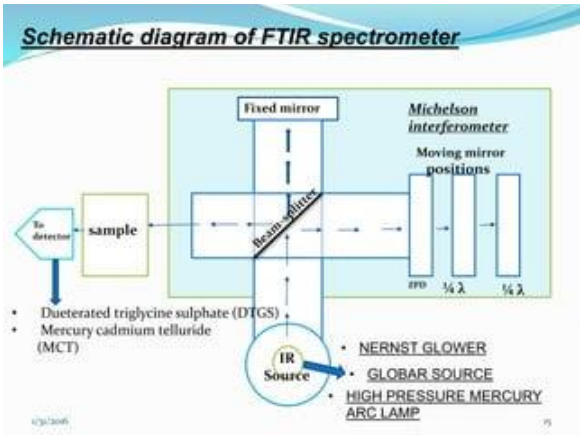


Fig 4.3.1 FTIR Instrumentation

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FTIR examination is utilized to: • Distinguish and portray obscure materials (e.g., films, solids, powders, or fluids); • Distinguish defilement on or in a material (e.g., particles, filaments, powders, or fluids) • Distinguish added substances after extraction from a polymer framework • Recognize oxidation, deterioration, or uncured monomers in disappointment examination examinations.

FTIR investigation can be utilized as a quantitative instrument to measure explicit utilitarian gatherings, when the science is perceived and standard reference materials are accessible. The power of the absorbance will correlate to the amount of usefulness present in the example.

4.3.2 ULTRAVIOLET DIFFUSE REFLECTANCE SPECTROSCOPY

Ultraviolet Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy (UVDRS) is a strong scientific procedure used to define strong examples in view of their communication with bright (UV) light. It's a non-disastrous technique regularly applied in fields like materials science, drugs, and ecological science. This spectroscopy gives significant insights into the electronic construction, surface properties, and arrangement of strong materials.

To investigate the diffuse reflectance of an example across a range of UV frequencies is the main role of UVDRS is. This method is especially valuable for concentrating on materials that are dispersing, as it takes into consideration the estimation of diffuse reflectance as divergent to add up to reflectance, which would incorporate specular reflection.

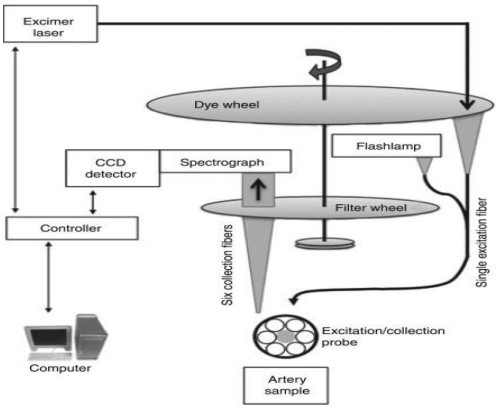


Fig 4.3.2 UV-DRS Instrumentation

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A wide assortment of materials, including semiconductors, colors, impetuses, and drugs, can be investigated by utilizing UVDRS. It is especially significant for concentrating on materials with electronic advances in the UV range, like metal oxides, semiconducting nanoparticles, and natural colors. UVDRS's non-damaging nature, captivating into consideration rehashed estimations without adjusting the example, is one of its critical benefits, which makes it ideal for quality control, process checking, and major exploration. Moreover, UVDRS can provide important bits of information about the piece and the design of materials. By providing important data about the optical properties, pieces, and designs of materials, UVDRS assumes an urgent role in a large number of logical and modern applications.

4.3.3 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY

Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) is a high-goal imaging procedure used to picture the surface morphology and generate strong examples at nanometer-scale goals. It is generally applied in different logical disciplines, including materials science, science, topography, and nanotechnology, for the definite portrayal of tests.

In materials science, SEM is used to inspect the microstructure of metals, ceramics, polymers, and composites, assisting analysts with understanding their mechanical, electrical, and optical properties. In science, SEM is used to concentrate on the structure of cells, tissues, and microorganisms, giving insights into their construction and capability. Nanotechnology depends on SEM for imaging and relating nanostructures, for example, nanoparticles and nanowires, which is fundamental for the improvement of new materials and gadgets at the nanoscale.

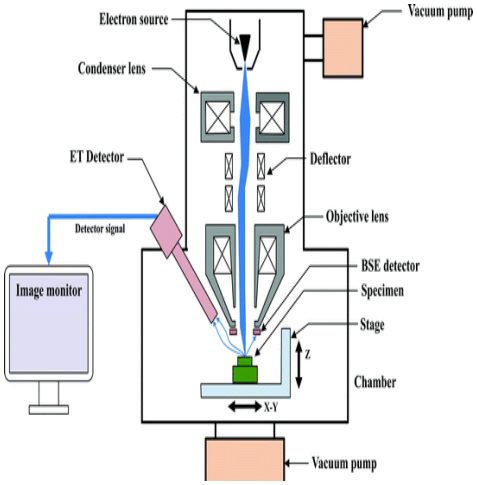


Fig 4.3.3 SEM Instrumentation

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SEM proposes flexible imaging modes and insightful capacities, empowering specialists to get an abundance of data about the example's organization, morphology, and substance properties. Moreover, SEM is non-horrendous and can be performed on a great many strong examples, including conductive, non-conductive, and organic materials. Its capacity to give both subjective and quantitative information makes it an important instrument for material portrayal, quality control, and logical exploration across different disciplines.

4.3.4 PHOTOLUMINESCENCE

Photoluminescence (PL), or fluorescence spectroscopy, is a method used to concentrate on the outflow of light (photons) from an example after it has been energized by photons of a more limited frequency. This peculiarity happens when certain materials ingest light energy and then re-produce it at longer frequencies.

PL is broadly utilized for portrayal purposes in fields like materials science, science, and semiconductor physical science. The essential standard behind PL is the excitation of electrons in the example to higher energy levels by retaining photons of higher energy (with a more limited frequency). At the point when these energized electrons return to their ground state, they discharge energy as photons with lower energy (longer frequency), bringing about outflows of light. This produced light, or glow, can be distinguished and dissected to give data about the example's electronic design, arrangement, and imperfections.

In semiconductor material science, PL spectroscopy is utilized to explore the optical and electronic properties of semiconductors, including bandgap energy, transporter recombination elements, and imperfection states. This data is critical for the improvement of gadgets like light-emanating diodes (LEDs), sun-based cells, and photodetectors.

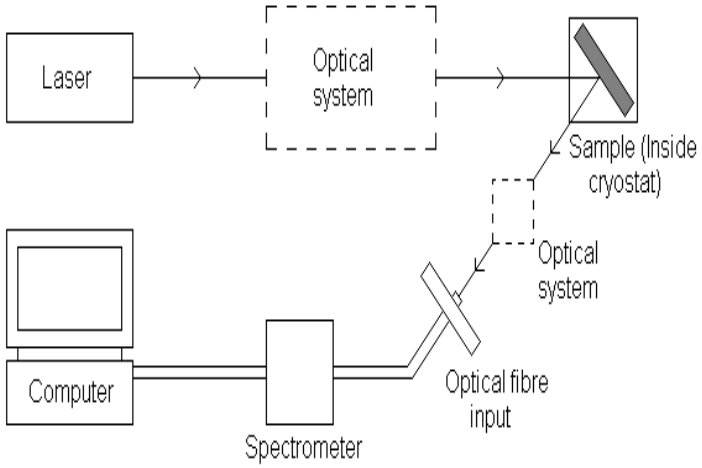


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4.3.5 X-RAY DIFFRACTION

X-ray diffraction (XRD) characterization is like shining a special light on a material to see how its atoms are arranged, just like using a flashlight to see the details of an object in the dark. When X-rays hit the atoms in the material, they bounce off in different directions depending on how the atoms are arranged. This bouncing pattern gives us clues about the structure of the material, kind of like how shadows tell us about the shape of an object.

Scientists use X-ray diffraction to study the arrangement of atoms in solids. By analyzing the pattern of scattered X-rays, they can determine the distances between atoms and the angles between their bonds, helping them understand the material's properties and behavior. It's like solving a puzzle: the X-ray diffraction pattern provides pieces of information that scientists piece together to reveal the structure of the material they're studying.

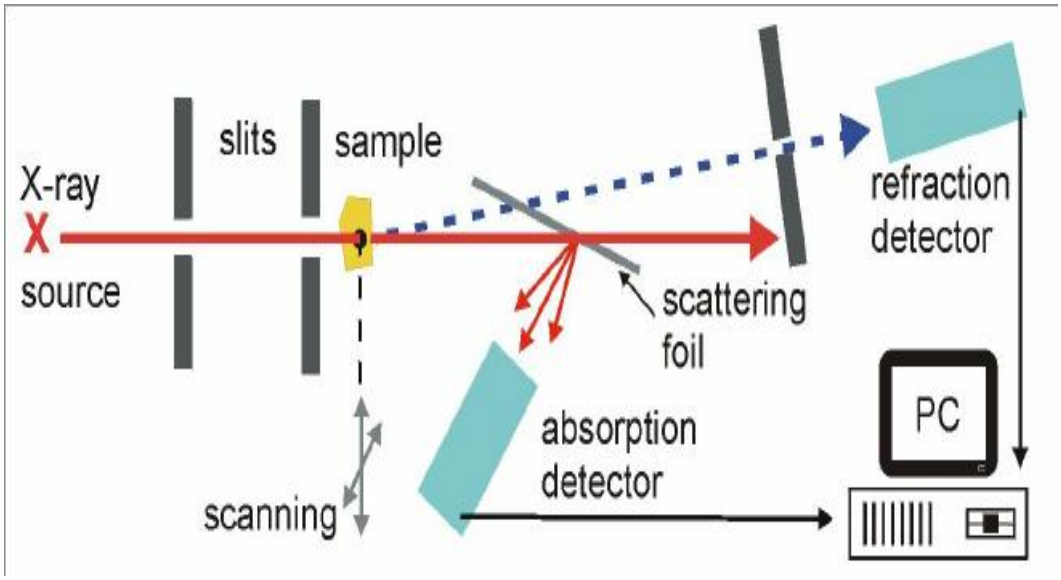


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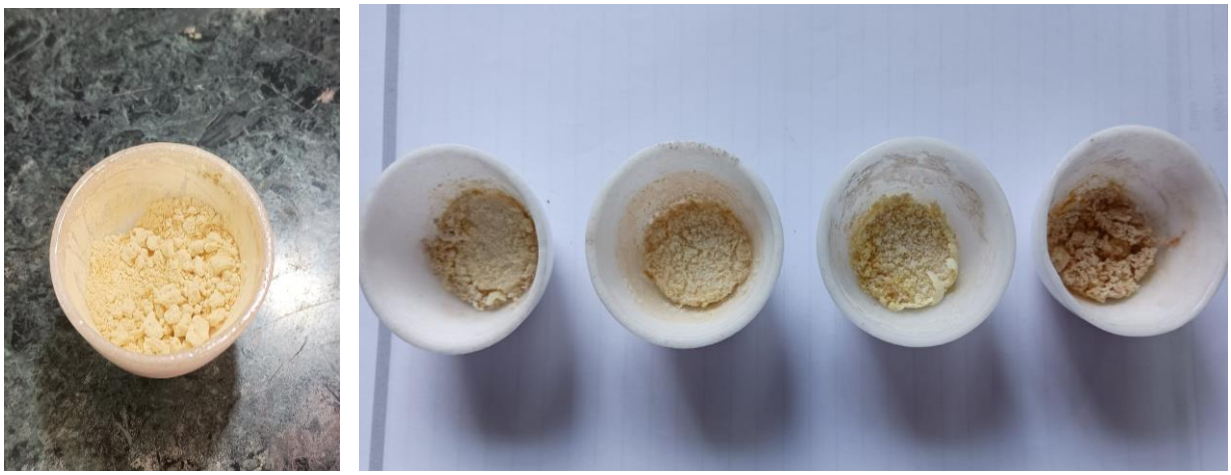
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X-ray diffraction is widely used in various fields, from chemistry and materials science to geology and biology. It helps researchers identify unknown materials, study phase transformations, and even determine the structures of complex molecules like proteins. Overall, X-ray diffraction is a powerful tool that allows scientists to peek into the atomic world and unravel the mysteries of matter.

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

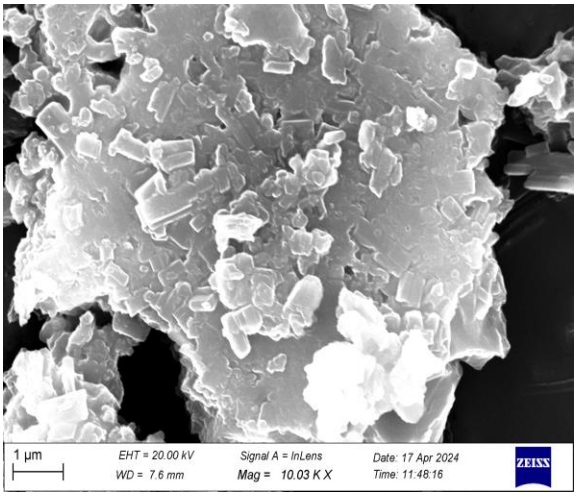
The incorporated unadulterated g-C3N4 and various concentrations of Li-doped g-C3N4 were examined for their structure, shape, synthesis, surface natural practical gatherings, and reactant potential utilizing different instruments. These instruments incorporate Powder X-beam Diffraction (XRD), Filtering Electron Magnifying Lens (SEM), Fourier Change Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR), Bright Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy (UV DRS) and Photograph Iridescence Investigation (PL). The strategies underscored in this task are displayed inside. A succinct outline of these techniques is given in the ensuing portion.

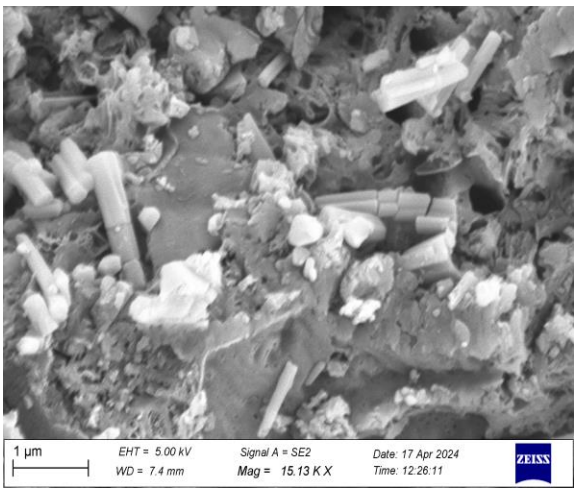


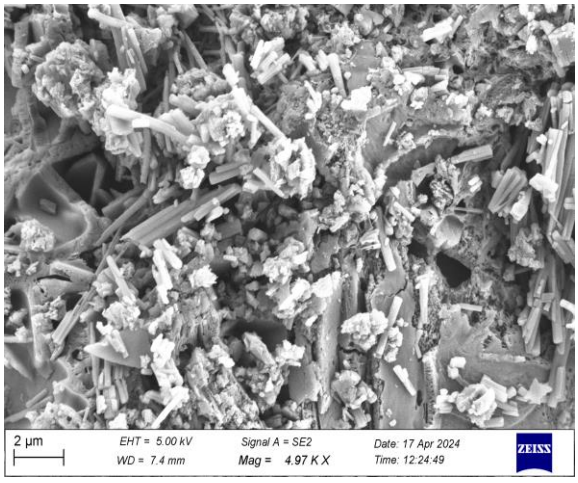
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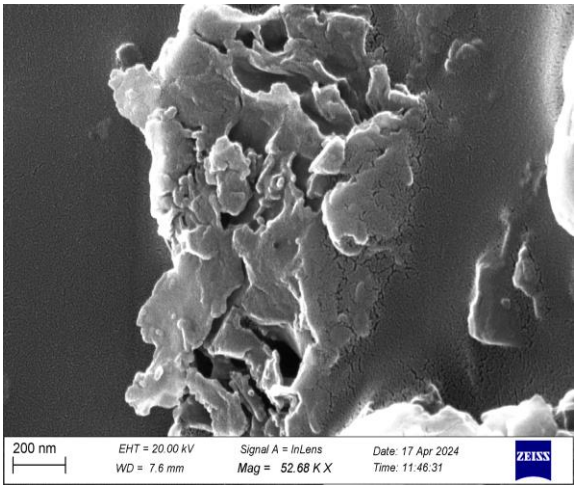
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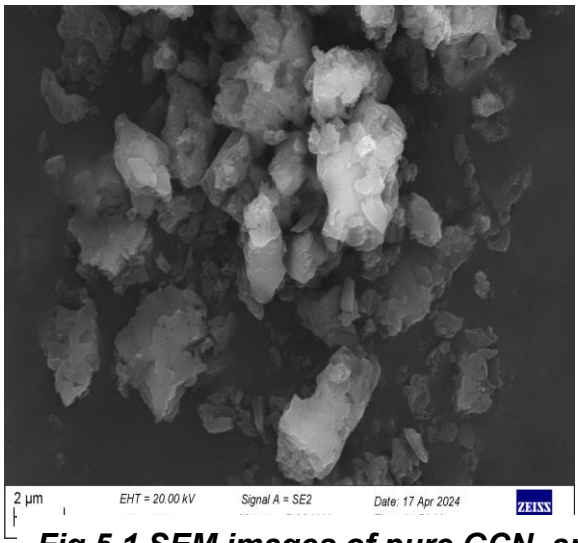
Morphology and microstructure of bulk g-C3N4 and various concentrations of Li doped were examined by SEM. The examination of the SEM pictures brings an end that the outer layer of drops has a 'lustrous' appearance and the concentrated on materials are non-permeable. Mass g-C3N4 shows a totaled, stout and precious stones stacking with smooth designs. The expansion of thiourea that goes about as a porogen, permitting the straightforward planning of permeable g-C3N4 with harsh and stacking pimple-like construction. After the course of Li-doping a more unpleasant design and permeable should be visible.











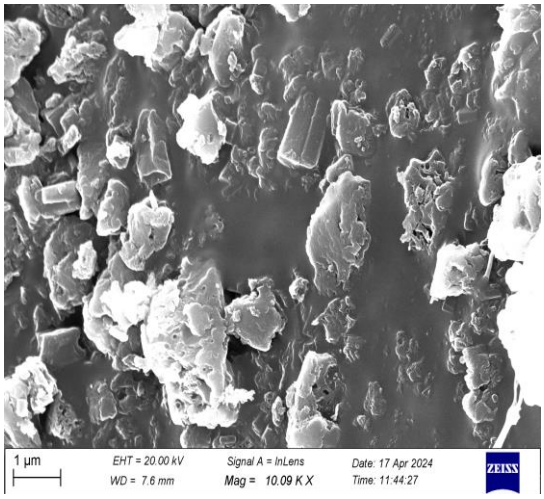


Fig 5.1 SEM images of pure GCN and four different concentrations of Li-doped GCN

5.2 ULTRAVIOLET DIFFUSE RELECTANCE SPECTROSCOPY (UV-DRS)

The optical absorption of prepared samples are measured using UV-DRS which has been carried out through JASCO V670, UV-VIS NIR Spectrophotometer , JAPAN. In this following study, blue shift (386nm to 368nm) of absorption band have been obtained. This also specifies the yellow colour of GCN which gradually changes as we change the doping concentration of lithium in it.

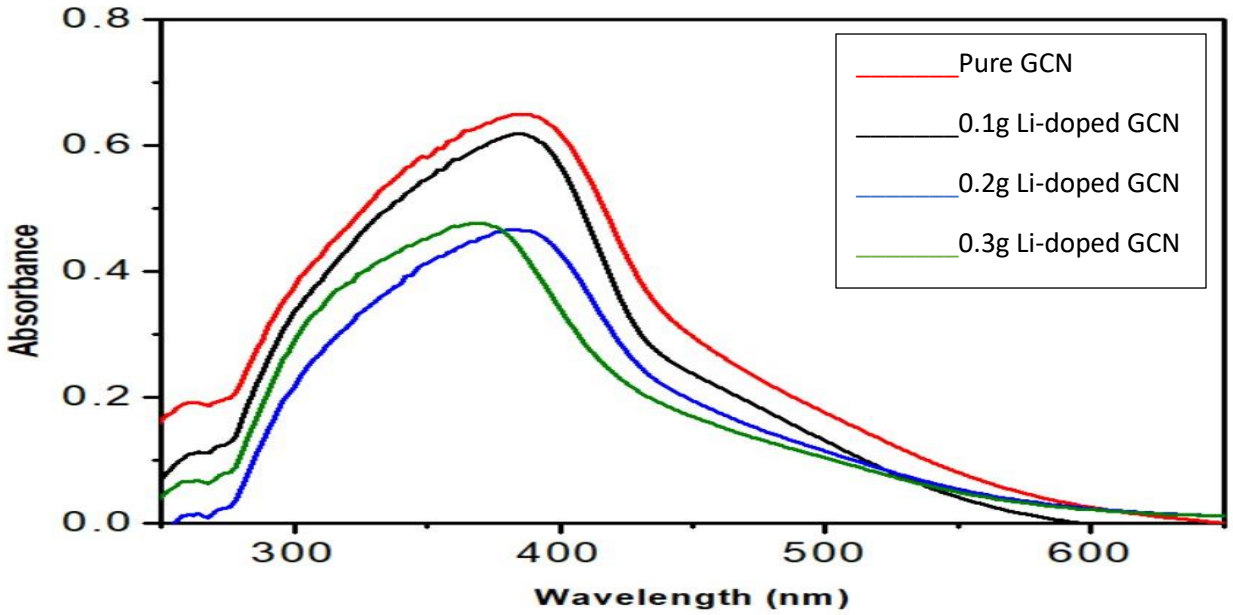


Fig 5.2 UV-DRS Data for pure GCN and four different concentrations Li-doped

SAMPLES	λ_{MAX}
Pure GCN	**386nm**
0.1g Li-doped GCN	**388nm**
0.2g Li-doped GCN	**384nm**
0.3g Li-doped GCN	**368nm**

5.3 FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY (FTIR)

The Effect of Alkali Metals on the structural properties were investigated by FTIR Spectroscopy which is carried out using JASCO, FTIR 6600 Spectrophotometer, JAPAN. The spectra comprise of groups trademark for g-C3N4. The FTIR spectra of the multitude of tests show tantamount trademark groups at 399.193 cm-1 to 4500.08 cm-1 district are expected presence of Heptazine units and extending Vibration methods of Fragrant C-N Heterocyclic ring of GCN.

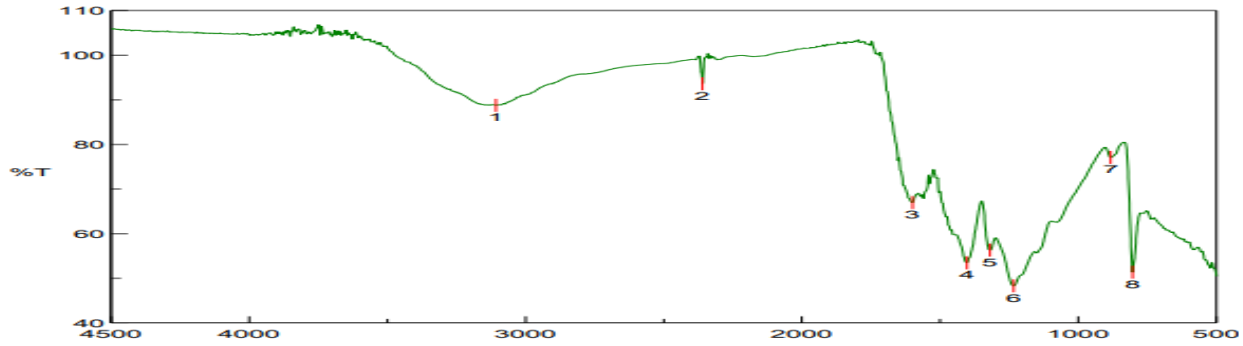


Fig 5.3.1 FTIR of pure gCN

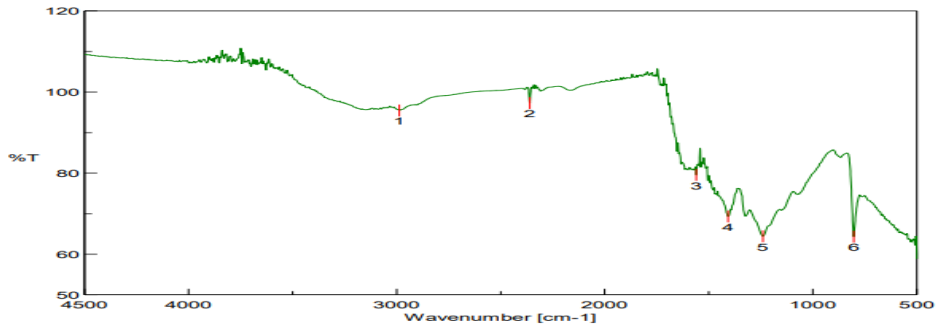


Fig 5.3.2 FTIR of 0.1g Li-doped gCN

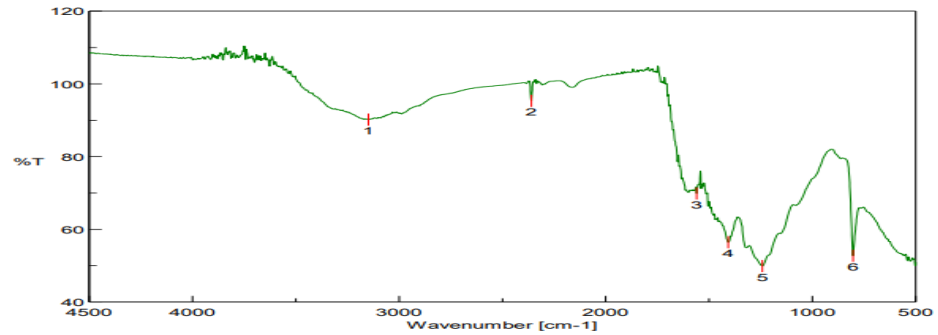


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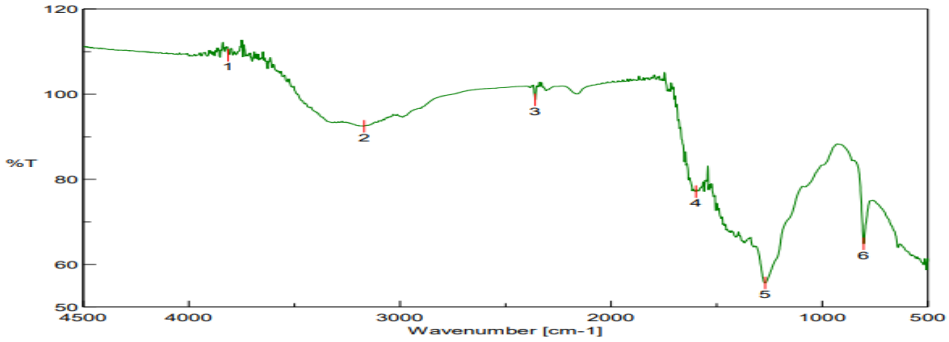


Fig 5.3.4 FTIR of 0.3g Li-doped gCN

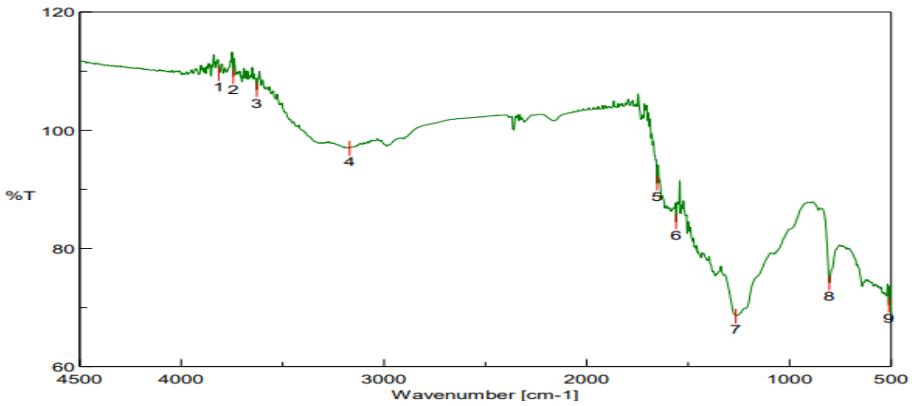


Fig 5.3.5 FTIR of 0.4g Li-doped gCN

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1	2987.2.2	-NH2, -NH
2	2360.44	C≡N
3	1560.13	C=C
4	1406.82	C-H
5	1240	C-O
6	803.206	C-H

5.4 PHOTOLUMINESENSE (PL)

The PL spectrum analysis of prepared samples is carried out under room temperature. For Pure GCN, the broad PL band is around 435 nm. Such PL signal is mainly results from the n-π* electronic transitions involving lone pairs of nitrogen atoms in Pure GCN. This data specifies blue shift.

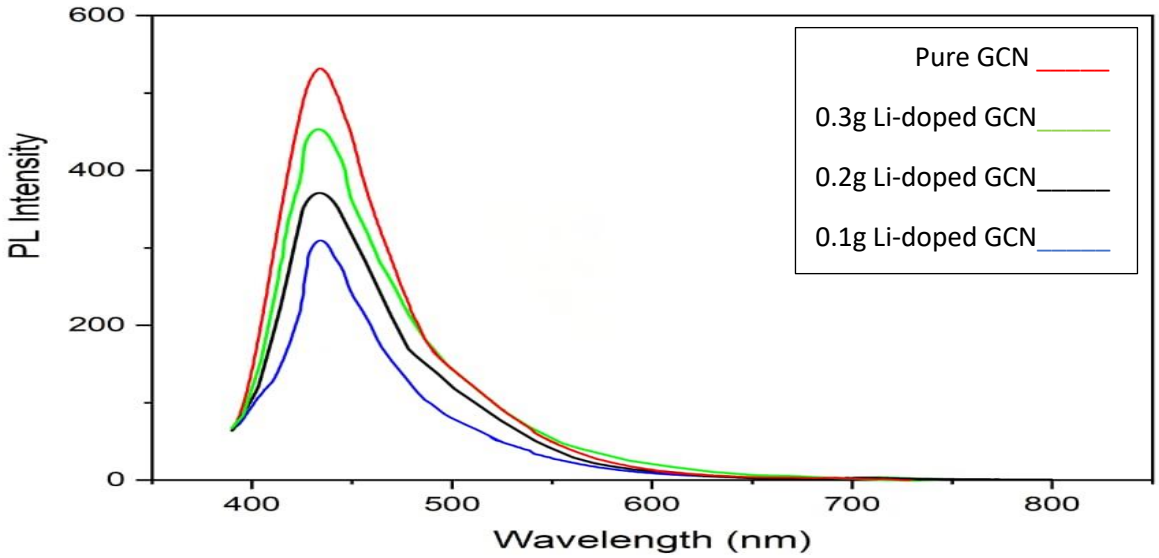
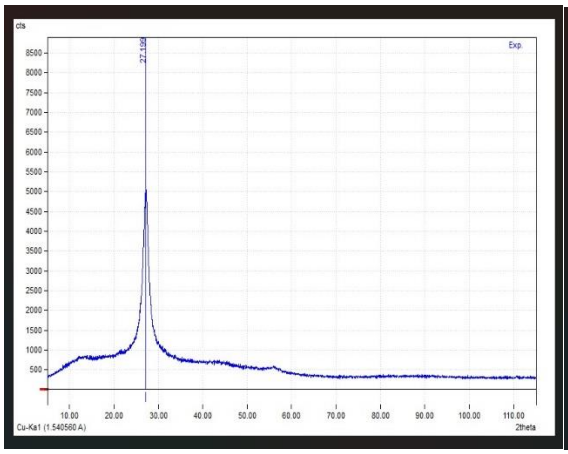


Fig 5.4 PL data for four different concentrations Li-doped GCN

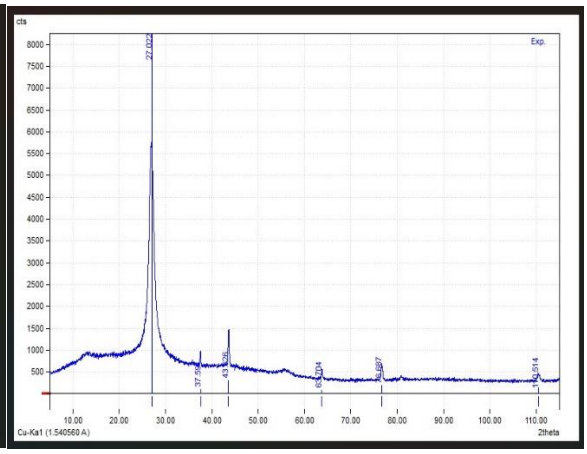
SAMPLES	λ_{MAX}
Pure GCN	**435nm**
0.1 g Li-doped GCN	**433nm**
0.2g Li-doped GCN	**432nm**
0.3g Li-doped GCN	**429nm**

5.5 POWDER X-RAY DIFFRACTION ANALYSIS (XRD)

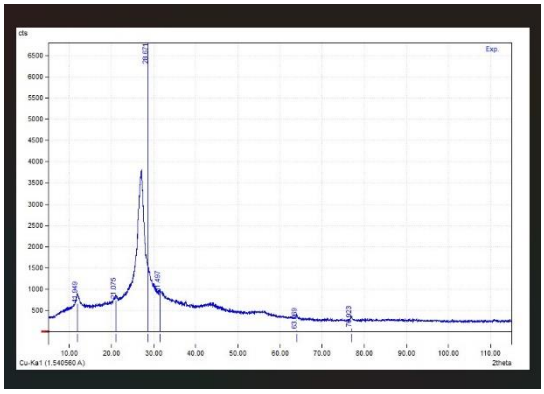
The XRD pattern of Pure g-C3N4 and four different concentrations of Li-doped g-C3N4 was carried out using ARO EQUINOX 3000, Thermo Fisher Scientific. Four characteristic diffraction peaks are exhibited between 2θ=26.698° and 28.671°.



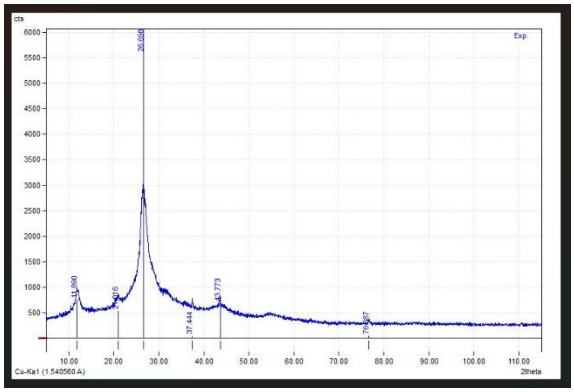
(a) 0.1g Li-doped GCN (2θ=26.698°)



(b) 0.2g Li-doped GCN (2θ=27.022°)



(c)0.3g Li-doped GCN (2θ=27.199°)



(d) 0.4g Li-doped GCN (2θ=28.671°)

Fig 5.5 (a), (b), (c), (d)XRD Data for four different concentrations Li-doped GCN

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In this project, we investigated the synthesis of graphitic carbon nitride with varying concentrations of lithium doping using three different methods: hydrothermal, thermal polymerization, and chemical precipitation. We then characterized the resulting materials using X-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), UV-visible diffuse reflectance spectroscopy (UVDRS), and photoluminescence. The obtained results indicated successful synthesis and favorable properties of the materials across all doping concentrations. In conclusion, our study demonstrates the successful synthesis of lithium-doped graphitic carbon nitride using various methods. Through comprehensive characterization techniques, we confirmed the structural integrity and desirable properties of the materials. Further research could focus on optimizing the doping concentration and exploring additional synthesis routes to enhance the material's performance for specific applications.

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ABSTRACT

In this study, we crafted Pure Graphitic Carbon Nitride (GCN) and variants doped with Alkali Metals using a two-step synthesis involving Hydrothermal and Thermal Polymerization techniques. The strategic infusion of metallic atoms into the lattice of graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4) is a recognized method to enhance its light-induced catalytic prowess. Our focus was on embedding Lithium (Li), Sodium (Na), and Potassium (K) within the g-C3N4 matrix, which markedly bolstered its photocatalytic capabilities. We meticulously examined the synthesized pure GCN and its alkali metal-doped counterparts through a suite of analytical techniques. **Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)** was employed to decipher the molecular vibrational signatures, **X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)** illuminated the crystalline architecture and compositional essence, **Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)** revealed the surface morphology, **Ultraviolet Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy (UV-DRS)** elucidated the electronic band structure and light absorption characteristics, and **Photoluminescence (PL) Spectroscopy** was utilized to evaluate the materials' Photocatalytic Catalytic Activity.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE

Graphitic carbon nitride, or g-C3N4, is a polymeric semiconductor composed of Carbon (C), Nitrogen (N), and a small amount of Hydrogen (H). These elements are linked together in a structure featuring tris-triazine motifs. Unlike most carbon-based materials, g-C3N4 is rich in electrons, has alkaline surface features, and can form hydrogen bonds. The architecture of each stratum in graphitic carbon nitride is characterized by a network of carbon-nitrogen ring structures. These rings manifest as either triazine (C3N3) or heptazine (C6N7) configurations, interconnected via nitrogen atoms bonded in a sp^2 fashion or through NH groups. Such a distinctive structural feature endows g-C3N4 with its photocatalytic capabilities, opening avenues for its deployment in diverse fields, notably in the purification of the environment. Therefore, it's considered a promising alternative to traditional carbon materials for various applications. Industrial activities release hazardous substances that pose a significant risk to our environment. Consequently, innovative strategies are essential for the efficient eradication of these contaminants. Graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4) emerges as a promising solution for this challenge. Its surface is rich in chemical properties, particularly amino groups, making it suitable for ion removal.

Graphitic Carbon Nitride-based compounds are recognized for their ability to effectively adsorb dyes. g-C3N4 is making waves as a photocatalyst that doesn't require metals and responds to visible light, making it a game-changer in the realm of solar energy transformation and environmental cleanup. It's being harnessed for synthetic photosynthesis and purifying the environment. Its exceptional attributes such as economical production, robustness, catalytic prowess, and harmlessness are being scrutinized. g-C3N4 has found its place in a variety of catalytic uses, including acting as a catalyst-free of base metals for NO breakdown, serving as a benchmark in distinguishing oxygen activation sites for oxidation reactions on supported catalysts, and as a functional substance for the creation of nanoparticles.

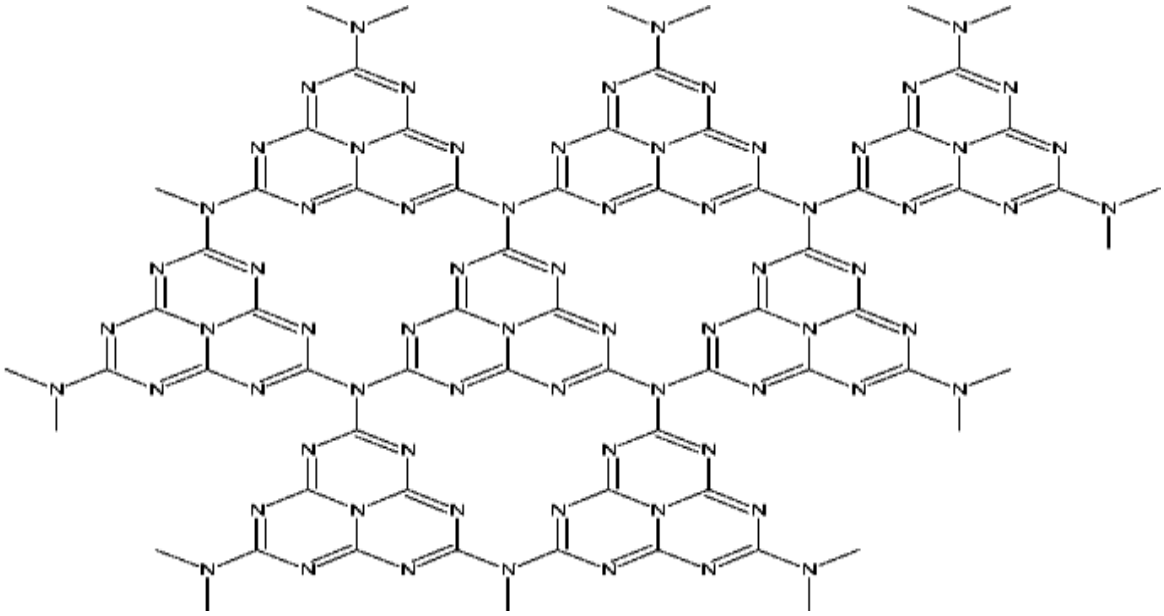


Fig:1.1: Structure of g-C3N4

1.2 DOPING

Doping involves deliberately adding foreign elements to a pure semiconductor to enhance its electrical, optical, and structural characteristics. These added elements, termed dopants, may possess more or fewer electrons than the semiconductor itself. The significance of this process is its capacity to boost semiconductor efficiency at standard temperatures. Since undoped semiconductors perform inadequately at ambient temperatures and cannot be utilized at extremely high temperatures, doping is essential for the practical use of semiconductor devices at normal temperatures. Introducing metal ions into a substance's framework to adjust its attributes is known as metal doping. This method can profoundly transform the material's electrical, optical, and structural traits. In sustainable energy, metal doping is pivotal. Within nanotechnology, transition metals are frequently employed as dopants to imbue nanocrystals with novel properties. In essence, metal doping is a multifaceted approach with applications spanning electronics, renewable energy, and nanotechnology, serving as a fundamental instrument for customizing material properties for specific uses.

1.3 METAL DOPED GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE

Introducing metallic elements into graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4) is a widely adopted technique to boost its photocatalytic efficiency. This method entails embedding metal atoms within the g-C3N4 matrix. The presence of metal atoms can inhibit the fusion of photo-induced electron-hole pairs in semiconductor matrix. Metal incorporation can lead to the formation of novel active locales, potentially heightening the selectivity of reactions. The infusion of metals can modify the electronic configuration of g-C3N4, potentially broadening the spectrum of light absorption and improving the material's surface characteristics. Such alterations can markedly elevate the photocatalytic prowess of g-C3N4. Consequently, metal-infused g-C3N4 may be regarded as a comprehensive photocatalyst since it amalgamates the roles of both the photocatalyst and the cocatalyst within a single entity. This significantly bolsters the efficiency of charge segregation and its exploitation, culminating in superior photocatalytic performance.

1.4 ALKALI METALS

The S-block elements, the alkali metals, are positioned on the periodic table's far left. These elements are known for their extreme reactivity and tendency to donate electrons, ranking them among Earth's most reactive substances. They exhibit an $\mathbf{ns^1}$ electron configuration. The S-block elements are Lithium, Sodium, Potassium, Rubidium, Cesium and Francium. Characterized by their malleability, lustrous appearance, and low melting points, these metals are univalent and highly electropositive.

Lithium (Li): With an atomic number of 3, it has an atomic radius of 152 picometres.

Sodium (Na): It is defined by an atomic number of 11 and an atomic radius of 186 picometres.

Potassium (K): This element has an atomic number of 19 and an atomic radius of 227 picometres.

1.5 ALKALI METALS DOPED GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE

Incorporating alkali metals into graphitic carbon nitride's framework, by doping augments its characteristics significantly. Such enhancement curtails the fusion of photogenerated electron-hole pairs, broadens the spectrum of light the material can harvest, and thus, amplifies its photocatalytic performance. These

improvements render alkali metal-doped graphitic carbon nitride a versatile candidate for diverse uses, spanning from light-driven catalysis to biosensing and nano enzyme applications. In our work we concentrate only on Lithium (Li), Sodium (Na), and Potassium (K) doped g-C3N4.

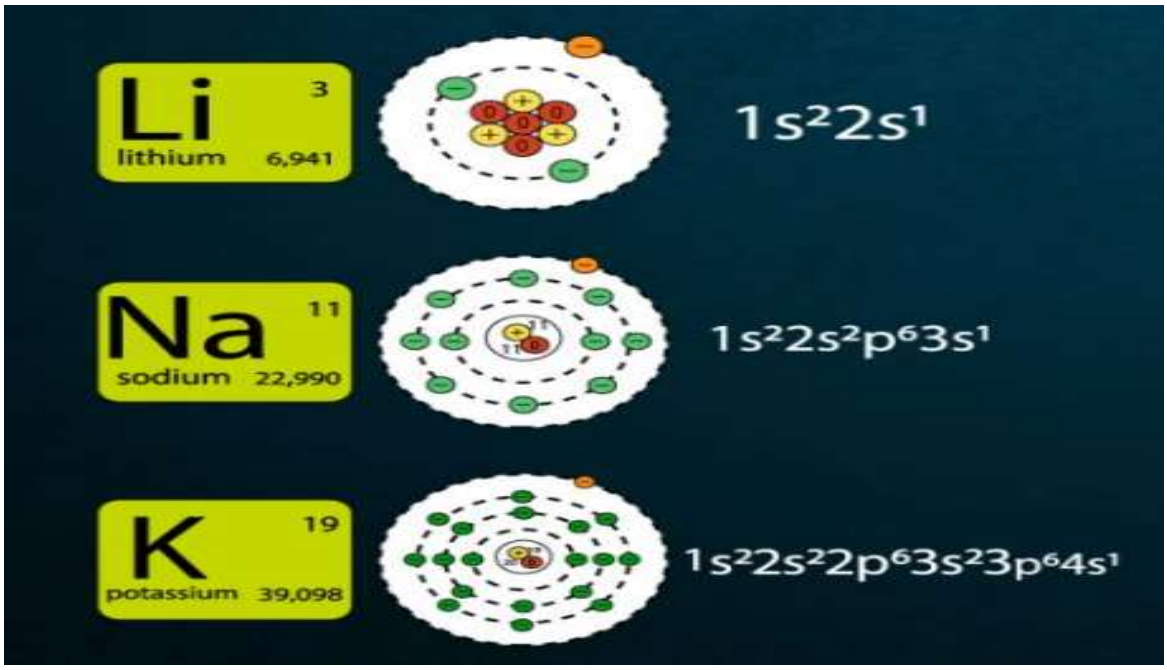


Fig:1.2: Electronic configuration of Lithium, Sodium, Potassium.

Research on modified graphitic carbon nitride, enhanced with lithium, sodium, or potassium, reveals its potential in breaking down colorants like crystal violet and methyl orange when illuminated by sunlight. These findings suggest that this modified material could be an effective catalyst activated by solar energy for the breakdown of various colorants. Upon exposure to sunlight, this semiconductor material can produce pairs of electrons and holes. These mobile charges then drive chemical reactions that degrade pollutants. This property positions the lithium, sodium, or potassium-enhanced graphitic carbon nitride as a viable option for catalysing the production of hydrogen gas using solar energy. Additionally, its ability to effectively use electrons makes it suitable for decomposing dyes.

CHAPTER 2
LITERATURE SURVEY

The pressing issues of energy scarcity and environmental pollution have brought attention to a potential global crisis that humanity must confront. Among the diverse technologies aimed at mitigating these challenges, photocatalysis has garnered significant interest for its promising applications, leveraging the abundant energy from natural sunlight or artificial indoor illumination. Photocatalysis finds widespread use in hydrogen production and the decomposition of organic contaminants. To employ this technique effectively, a proficient photocatalytic material is essential. The ideal material should feature a moderate band gap, effectively absorbing visible light and efficiently managing charges for chemical processes. Additionally, non-toxicity, abundance, and affordability are crucial factors for an ideal photocatalyst. Recently, graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4) has drawn considerable attention due to its potential applications as a photocatalyst, electrode material for fuel cells, catalyst for organic synthesis, hydrogen storage material, CO2 capture material, and more (Devina et.al.,)

Graphitic carbon nitride (GCN), functioning as a metal-free layered polymeric semiconductor, has emerged as a potential photocatalyst owing to its distinctive optical, electronic, and physiochemical characteristics. Despite its inherent properties, the current photocatalytic efficiency of pristine GCN remains suboptimal for practical applications. Consequently, it becomes crucial to enhance GCN's photocatalytic activity through modifications. Elemental doping stands out as a straightforward and effective method for such improvements, with alkali metal ions being frequently introduced into GCN to boost its photocatalytic performance. In the realm of non-noble metal ion-doping studies for GCN, Na+ and K+ are the preferred ions, given that Li+ has a strong affinity for water, and Cs+ is too large to form a stable product. Various approaches, including calcination of a mixture of carbon nitride precursors with alkali halide and combinations involving GCN and alkali halide or alkali metal hydroxide, have been employed to intercalate Na+ or K+ into GCN. These processes have consistently shown that alkali metal ion doping contributes to increased surface area, improved crystallinity, and enhanced light absorption in GCN (Siyu Hu et.al.,)

Graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4), a metal-free polymeric semiconductor, stands out as a crucial two-dimensional material with significant potential in photocatalytic applications. However, the intrinsic g-C3N4 has a limitation in effectively harnessing solar energy due to its light absorption threshold around 460 nm. Elemental doping, particularly introducing alkali metal ions into g-CN, proves to be a simple and effective approach to alter the semiconductor's electronic structure. Current research predominantly explores the effects of lithium, sodium, and potassium doping on g-CN in the context of enhancing its photocatalytic properties. The inherent low photocatalytic activity of bulk g-C3N4 prompted the exploration of various strategies to enhance its performance. In this study, a solvothermal method was employed to prepare Na and O co-doped g-C3N4, effectively modifying its band structure. The introduction of oxygen into the g-C3N4 lattice resulted in improved light absorption and a red shift. Simultaneously, Na doping enhanced the separation and migration of photo-generated carriers under visible light. Additionally, the high surface electronegativity of (Na, O)-g-C3N4 facilitated its well-dispersion in pure water. This tailored approach significantly boosted the photocatalytic H2 production activity of (Na, O)-g-C3N4, particularly under visible light, with an impressive apparent quantum yield of 22.3% at 420 nm (Zhitong Ge et.al.,)

GCN acting as a polymeric semiconductor material, emerges as a promising photocatalyst driven by visible light, attributed to its moderate band gap (2.7 eV) and favourable band edge positions. The common method of preparing g-C3N4 involves the thermal condensation of organic precursors rich in carbon and nitrogen, resulting in a multilayered structure with weak interlayer van der Waals interaction and strong intralayer covalent bonding. However, inherent challenges such as a high recombination rate of photogenerated charge carriers and a scarcity of surface active sites limit the photocatalytic efficiency of graphitic carbon nitride. To overcome these limitations, various approaches have been suggested, including doping, manipulating microstructure and morphology, coupling with other semiconductors and noble metals, and forming isotype g-C3N4/g-C3N4 junctions. Leveraging its distinctive structure, post-growth thermal treatment is commonly employed to enhance the structural and photocatalytic properties of GCN. This includes the creation of porous structures and nanosheets with diverse surface

functional groups through thermal exfoliation of bulk g-C3N4 in different atmospheres like air, NH3, and oxygen (Wenjian Fang et.al.,)

Graphitic carbon nitride, denoted as g-C3N4, constitutes a polymeric structure comprising carbon, nitrogen, and trace amounts of hydrogen, interconnected through tris-triazine-based patterns. Distinguishing itself from the majority of carbon materials, g-C3N4 possesses electron-rich characteristics, basic surface functionalities, and hydrogen-bonding motifs owing to the presence of nitrogen and hydrogen atoms. Consequently, it is considered a promising alternative to traditional carbon materials in various applications. This provides a concise overview of g-C3N4, covering its synthesis methods with diverse textural structures and surface morphologies, and delving into its physicochemical properties. The focus then shifts to exploring four catalytic applications of g-C3N4: serving as a base metal-free catalyst for NO decomposition, acting as a reference material to discern oxygen activation sites in oxidation reactions over supported catalysts, functioning as a functional material for synthesizing nanosized metal particles, and operating as a metal-free catalyst for photocatalysis. The rationale behind employing g-C3N4 in these applications is elucidated, with the anticipation that this review will spark further exploration of novel applications for g-C3N4 in catalysis and beyond. Recent years have witnessed extensive exploration of g-C3N4 applications in catalysis, establishing its efficacy across a diverse range of reactions. This review endeavours to avoid redundancy by categorizing the applications of g-C3N4 in heterogeneous catalysis into three distinct perspectives (Yan Xu et.al.,)

Firstly, g-C3N4 is examined as a metal-free catalyst, specifically for catalysing reactions such as NO decomposition. Secondly, it serves as reference material to distinguish oxygen activation sites during oxidation reactions on supported catalysts. The 3rd aspect highlights its utility as a high surface support with abundant functional groups, facilitating the preparation of small and stable metal nanoparticles. Nano-Catalysis stands out as an exhilarating niche within nanoscience, focused on crafting catalysts at the nanoscale to govern reaction activity and selectivity. A widely acknowledged principle is that catalysts formulated at the nanoscale exhibit catalytic efficacy compared to their bulk counterparts, primarily attributable to quantum confinement effects (Junjiang Zhu et.al.)

A potassium-doped graphitic carbon nitride with tunable band gap and improved mineralization capability was synthesized using dicyandiamide monomer and potassium hydrate as precursors. Establishing an energy level match between two semiconductors is a significant factor for forming heterojunctions. The control of semiconductor nanocrystal band gaps through the grain size, known as the quantum size effect, is crucial in this context. While the size-dependent band gap of quantum dots has been extensively explored, the conventional preparation of quantum dots often involves rigorous conditions and complex procedures. An alternative, straightforward, and adaptable approach involves doping. Regular discharge of diverse organic and inorganic pollutants into the environment poses a significant threat to the food chain, impacting human, plant, and animal health. Nitrite (NO_2^-) is a noteworthy inorganic pollutant known for its high carcinogenicity to both human health and the environment (Shaozheng Hu et.al.,)

Commonly used in various applications such as additives, corrosion inhibitors, vasodilators, food preservatives, and fertilizers, nitrite concentration in drinking water should not surpass 65 µm according to WHO standards. In soil, inorganic nitrogen compounds constitute less than 5% of the total nitrogen content, prompting the addition of nitrogen-rich fertilizers to promote plant growth. Nitrite is widely recognized as a food preservative, employed in items like cheese, cured meats, fish, beer, cosmetics, and certain drugs. Alkali-metal-doped (Na^+/K^+) graphitic carbon nitride has been employed for electrochemical nitrite detection, utilizing alkali metal as an eco-friendly doping source. Graphitic carbon nitride, a polymeric semiconductor well-explored for applications like dye photodegradation, water splitting for hydrogen or oxygen production, and electrochemical chemo-sensors, previously faced challenges in its extensive use as an electrochemical sensor due to low conductivity (Jigyasa et.al.,)

Photocatalysis technology stands out as a promising solution to address the dual challenges of resource and environmental crises triggered by fossil fuels. The pivotal factor influencing the efficiency of photocatalysis lies in the semiconductor-based photocatalyst, requiring high activity and stability. An ideal photocatalyst should possess the capability to absorb visible light, facilitate rapid charge carrier transfer, and exhibit stability, non-toxicity, and abundance. Graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4), a recently developed polymer semiconductor with a band gap of 2.78 eV, has garnered attention for its promising features, including good visible light response activity, suitable band positions, and chemical stability. However, two main drawbacks hinder its photocatalytic activity: the relatively large band gap limits visible light absorption to wavelengths smaller than 450 nm, and the fast charge carrier recombination stemming from its organic π-conjugated polymer structure restricts its overall photocatalytic performance. Consequently, developing a novel g-C3N4-based photocatalyst with a narrower band gap and improved charge separation and migration is crucial.

A comprising potassium-functionalized graphitic carbon nitride (KGCN) and reduced graphene oxide (RGO), was synthesized through a straightforward hydrothermal method. This nanocomposite served as an efficient heterogeneous catalyst for Knoevenagel condensation and the sustainable synthesis of aryl-substituted chromenes. Comprehensive characterization through techniques such as powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD), Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy, scanning electron microscopy, transmission electron microscopy, thermogravimetric analysis, and BET surface area analysis validated the structure of the KGCN−RGO nanocomposite. In the catalytic application, this nanocomposite demonstrated excellent recyclability for the synthesis of various aryl-substituted chromo-enes in ethanol. The catalytic protocol showcased high atom economy and a low E-factor, underscoring its environmentally friendly and sustainable nature.

Nanotubes, with their versatile applications spanning various fields, especially in catalysis, have garnered significant attention. In this study, we devised a straightforward synthesis method for producing sodium-doped g-C3N4 nanotubes (Na-CNTs). The process involves hydrothermal synthesis of an intermediate, followed by treatment through microwave irradiation heating (Shan Wu et.al.,)

The technique leverages the self-assembly of melamine and cyanuric acid in a NaOH solution, resulting in the formation of a Na-doped melamine cyanaurate supramolecular intermediate. Subsequently, this supramolecular intermediate undergoes direct microwave irradiation heating with carbon fibers acting as microwave absorbers. Comprehensive characterizations confirm the convenient formation of uniform one-dimensional (1D) nanotubes in the shape of Na-CNTs, and successful sodium doping is achieved through this direct microwave irradiation process. Furthermore, sodium doping enhances the charge attractive force between layers and induces more structural defects in Na-CNTs. Photodegradation experiments using rhodamine B (RhB) as a model pollutant reveal that the obtained Na-CNTs exhibit significantly improved photocatalytic performance. In just 20 minutes, the degradation rate reaches nearly 91.43%, and the photodegradation velocity of Na-CNTs is 3.2 times higher compared to pure g-C3N4 (PCN).

Na ions were incorporated into the triangular vacancies within the aromatic ring plane of g-C3N4 nanowires, creating an electronic bridge that enhances the transfer and separation of photogenerated electron-hole pairs. Experimental findings and theoretical calculations confirmed the integration of Na atoms into the g-C3N4 matrix, altering the density of states distribution and migration path of photo-generated carriers. Consequently, this modification improves the photocatalytic hydrogen production activity of g-C3N4.

Numerous prior investigations suggest that the incorporation of alkali metals can alter the energy band structure of semiconductor photocatalysts. In 2015, Hu et al. outlined two approaches for alkali metal-doped CN photocatalysts. The first method involves thermally polymerizing dicyandiamide and KOH thoroughly mixed as the CN precursor and K source, respectively. In the second method, pre-synthesized CN is dispersed in a KOH solution, with water removal by heating and stirring. A comparison reveals that, in the post-treatment synthesis, K species predominantly reside on the CN surface, and the photoluminescence intensity remains unchanged, indicating no enhancement in photogenerated carrier efficiency.

Metal ion doping proves instrumental in modifying g-C3N4's structure, as evidenced by examples involving lithium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, iron, cobalt, copper, and silver. A comprehensive review delves into the intricacies of g-C3N4 doping, showcasing its impact on hygroscopic properties, photocatalytic performance, energy storage, and catalytic capabilities. Doped g-C3N4 finds application in diverse sensors, with your recent paper being the sole source on its adsorption performance. Consequently, this research focuses on synthesizing and exploring the adsorption capabilities of g-C3N4 doped with lithium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, strontium, and barium, potentially unveiling novel adsorbents.

Graphitic carbon nitride (g-CN) has gained prominence as a visible-light-activated photocatalyst in energy and environmental applications. While most studies focus on enhancing its photocatalytic performance, exploring its adsorption capabilities not only broadens its application range but also unveils valuable insights into surface interactions. In this study, sodium-doped g-CN (Na(x)-CN) is synthesized through one-step pyrolysis involving melamine and sodium carbonate (Na2CO3). Na(x)-CN exhibits remarkable adsorption capacities, reaching a maximum of 1319 mg/g for methylene blue—approximately 650 times higher than pristine g-CN. It effectively addresses the common issues of selectivity and slow adsorption kinetics seen in conventional adsorbents. The exceptional adsorption performance is predominantly attributed to π−π interactions and electrostatic forces. Additionally, the synthesis route assisted by Na2CO3 enhances optical properties and photocarrier separation efficiency, further improving contaminant removal through photodegradation.

Research on modified g-C3N4, enhanced with Li, Na, K reveals its potential in breaking down colorants like crystal violet and methyl orange when illuminated by sunlight. These findings suggest that this modified material could be an effective catalyst activated by solar energy for the breakdown of various colorants. Upon exposure to sunlight, this semiconductor material can produce pairs of electrons and holes. These mobile charges then drive chemical reactions that degrade pollutants. This property positions the Li, Na, K-enhanced g-C3N4 as available option for catalysing the production of hydrogen gas using solar energy (Yamei Pang et.al.,)

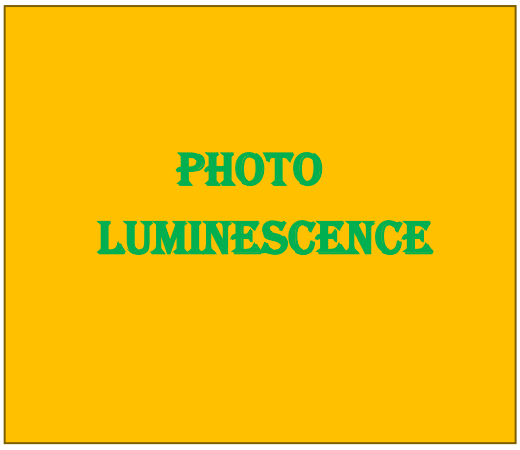
CHAPTER 3
AIM AND SCOPE

The dissertation primarily focuses on the synthesis, detailed analysis, and various uses of Alkali metal-doped Graphitic Carbon Nitride. This material is crucial in numerous fields of study, including catalysis, sensors and photo catalytic activities and possesses many additional attributes as documented in scholarly articles.

To characterize the compound using

- Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy
- X-Ray Diffraction Spectroscopy
- UV-Visible Spectroscopy
- Photo Luminescence Spectroscopy
- Scanning Electron Microscope Spectroscopy.





CHAPTER 4
MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS

All the chemicals used in this experiment were of analytical grade and is used without any further purification. Melamine (99%), Lithium Chloride Anhydrous (99%), Sodium Chloride (99%), Potassium Chloride (99%), Deionised water, Ethanol (99.9%), Beaker, Silica Crucible with Lid, Magnetic Stirrer.

4.2 EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

4.2.1 Synthesis of Pure Graphitic Carbon Nitride (g-C_3N_4)

The pure g-C3N4 is synthesised by “Hydro-Thermal Method” followed by “Thermal Polymerisation Method”. The Pure g-C3N4 was synthesized using Melamine as precursor. 2 grams of Melamine is taken and transferred into a Silica Crucible and closed using lid and then it is kept in muffle Furnace for 4hrs at 550°C. The resultant compound is the pure g-C3N4. It is then washed with water for 3 times and with ethanol for 3 times to get the purified form.

4.2.2 Synthesis of Lithium doped Graphitic Carbon Nitride (Li-GCN)

The Lithium doped g-C3N4 is synthesised by “Hydro-Thermal Method” followed by “Thermal Polymerisation Method”. Li-doped g-C3N4 was synthesized using Lithium Chloride Anhydrous and Melamine as precursors taken in 1:5 ratio respectively with 5ml of Deionised water and stirred up to 5hrs at 100°C using magnetic stirrer. After getting solid dried sample it is grounded to fine powder using mortar and pestle. Then it is transferred to Silica Crucible and closed using lid and then it is kept in muffle Furnace for 4hrs at 550°C. The resultant yellow coloured compound is the Li-doped g-C3N4. It is then washed with water for 3 times and with ethanol for 3 times to get the purified form.

4.2.3 Synthesis of Sodium doped Graphitic Carbon Nitride (Na-GCN)

The Sodium doped g-C3N4 is synthesised by “Hydro-Thermal Method” followed by “Thermal Polymerisation Method”. Na- doped g-C3N4 was synthesized using Sodium Chloride and Melamine as precursors in 1:5 ratio respectively with 5ml of Deionised water and stirred up to 5hrs at 100°C using magnetic stirrer. After getting solid dried sample it is grounded to fine powder using mortar and pestle. Then it is transferred to Silica Crucible and closed using lid and then it is kept in muffle Furnace for 4hrs at 550°C. The resultant yellow coloured compound is the Na-doped g-C3N4. It is then washed with water for 3 times and with ethanol for 3 times to get the purified form.

4.2.4 Synthesis of Potassium doped Graphitic Carbon Nitride (K-GCN)

The Potassium doped g-C3N4 is synthesised by “Hydro-Thermal Method” followed by “Thermal Polymerisation Method”. K-doped g-C3N4 is synthesized using Potassium Chloride and Melamine as precursors taken in 1:5 ratio respectively with 5ml of Deionised Water and stirred up to 5hrs at 100°C using Magnetic Stirrer. After getting solid dried sample it is grounded to fine powder using mortar and pestle. Then it is transferred to Silica Crucible and closed using lid and then it is kept in Muffle Furnace for 4hrs at 550°C. The resultant yellow coloured compound is the K-doped g-C3N4. It is then washed with water for 3 times and with ethanol for 3 times to get the purified form.



Fig:4.1: Synthesis Scheme

4.3 CHARACTERISATION TECHNIQUES

4.3.1 FTIR SPECTROSCOPY

FTIR spectroscopy, which stands for Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy, is a powerful analytical technique used to obtain an infrared spectrum of absorption or emission of a solid, liquid, or gas. It works by passing IR radiation through a sample and measuring the radiation that is absorbed and transmitted, creating a unique molecular fingerprint of the sample. FTIR can determine the structure of unknown chemical substances by comparing their spectral data with known reference spectra. Every chemical compound has a unique infrared absorption spectrum, akin to a molecular fingerprint. FTIR can identify compounds by matching their spectra with known references. It helps in identifying functional groups within a molecule by analysing specific absorption bands, which correspond to different types of chemical bonds.

4.3.2 POWDER XRD ANALYSIS

X-ray diffraction (XRD) is a multifaceted diagnostic method that examines the physical attributes of samples in various states powder, solid, or liquid. It assesses aspects like phase makeup, crystalline configuration, and directional orientation. Bragg's Law provides the mathematical relationship for X-ray scattering by crystals:

$$n \lambda = 2d \sin \theta$$

- **(d)** signifies the distance between atoms within a crystal lattice,
- **(θ)** denotes the X-ray's angle of entry,
- **(n)** represents an integer value, and
- **(λ)** is the X-ray's wavelength.

Bragg's Law elucidates the specific angles at which crystals reflect X-ray beams. A pronounced reflection occurs when the waves bouncing off consecutive layers of the crystal lattice have a path difference that's a whole number multiple of the wavelength, a process known as Bragg reflection. In the realm of chemistry, XRD stands out as a robust instrument with broad applications.

Powder XRD, in particular, is invaluable for analysing powdered crystalline substances. It's instrumental in pinpointing the crystalline phases within a sample, leveraging unique diffraction patterns that can be matched against a reference database for identification. The technique also allows for the assessment of sample purity and the detection of any adulterants. Furthermore, powder XRD facilitates the measurement and refinement of a crystal's lattice parameters a key factor in comprehending its characteristics. The Scherrer equation links the breadth of the diffraction pattern's peak to the size of the particles, providing a means to ascertain this dimension.

4.3.3 UV-DRS ANALYSIS

UV Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy (UV DRS) also known as Absorption Spectroscopy is an essential method in the field of chemistry, widely applied for various purposes. It serves as a technique to investigate the optical characteristics of newly created compounds. It is used for solid samples. In the realm of catalysis, UV DRS is utilized to examine the molecular structure, electronic configuration, and bonding environment of the metal in focus. Additionally, it scrutinizes how the metal interacts with its base during the stages of catalyst formation, conditioning, and chemical reactions.

Furthermore, UV DRS is a critical instrument for evaluating the photocatalytic performance in chemical processes.

UV-Visible Spectroscopy: This approach quantifies the alteration in light's transmittance when it traverses a liquid medium. It's chiefly employed for scrutinizing solutions that permit the passage of light, capturing the spectrum of light absorption at diverse wavelengths to deduce the sample's molecular makeup.

UV Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy (UV DRS): Diverging from the above, UV DRS gauges the shift in light that bounces back from a material's exterior, making it ideal for examining powdered or solid substances with non-smooth textures. This method captures the diffusion and rebound of light on the material's facade, offering a window into the surface characteristics of the sample, including the crucial band gap energies essential for photocatalytic processes.

To encapsulate, the core distinction is based on the sample interaction: UV-Visible Spectroscopy is concerned with light's journey through a sample, whereas UV DRS is focused on the light that is mirrored off the sample's exterior.

4.3.4 PHOTO LUMINESCENCE SPECTROSCOPY

Photoluminescence analysis, also known as Emission Spectroscopy, is a technique that observes the light a material releases after it has soaked up some form of energy. This light show can reveal a lot about what's happening inside the material, like where there might be flaws or how the atoms are arranged. It's particularly good at showing us how electrons jump around between different energy spots within the material. It allows scientists to investigate the electronic structures of various materials without making physical contact or altering their state. By shining light on a material, it absorbs the energy and becomes photo-excited.

This method is particularly valuable for examining the optical and electronic characteristics of semiconductors and molecular compounds. During the photoluminescence process, the material absorbs light, which elevates electrons to a higher energy state. Following this excitation, the electrons undergo several relaxation processes that eventually lead to the emission of light. The duration from when the light is absorbed to when it's emitted can be extremely brief, from femtoseconds, or it can last for much longer periods. UV-Visible Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy (UV-DRS), on the other hand, tells us about the energy levels that electrons can't reach. It does this by measuring the light that bounces off (is reflected by) the material instead of being absorbed. When you put these two techniques together, it's like having a full map and a flashlight to explore the world of a material's electrons. You get to see where the electrons can go, where they can't, and how they move between their allowed spaces – all of which paints a detailed picture of the material's optical characteristics.

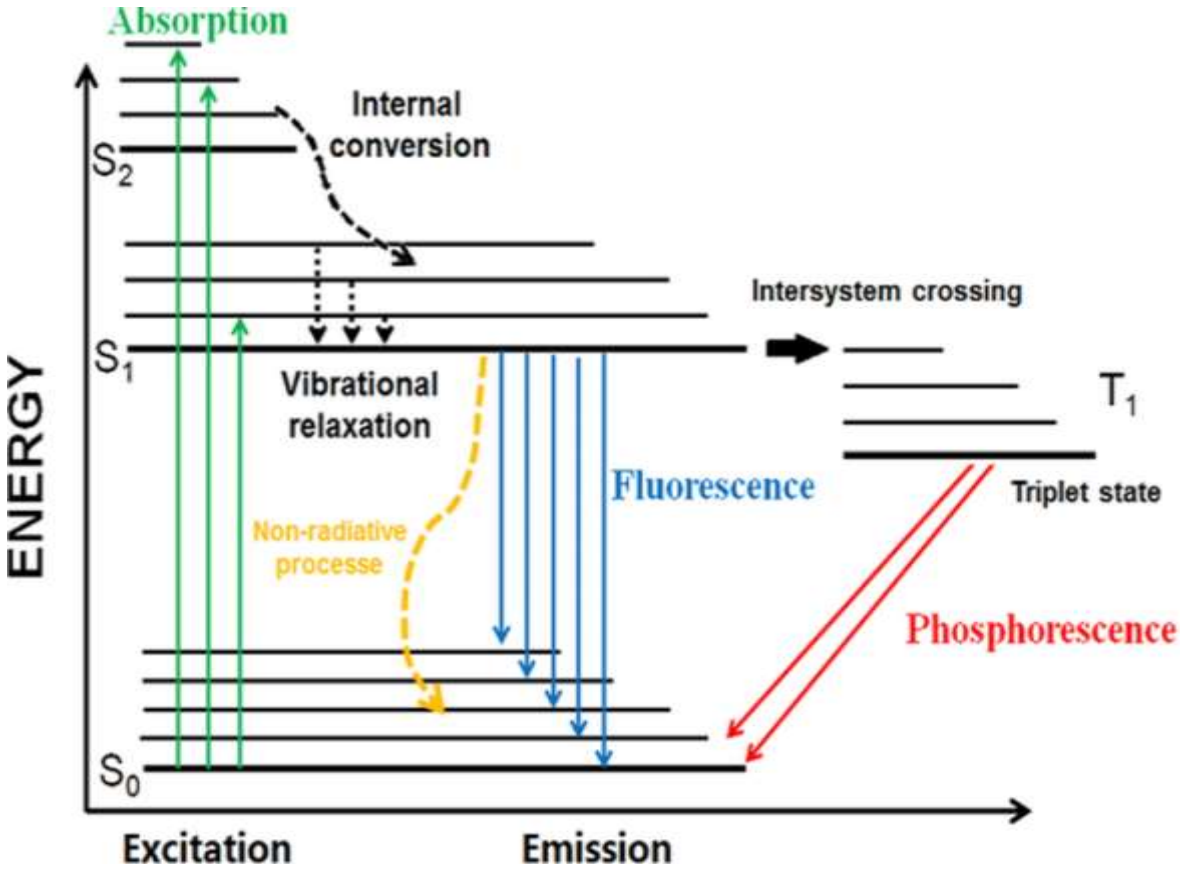


Fig:4.2: Jablonski Diagram representing the formation of Fluorescence

4.3.5 SEM ANALYSIS

A Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) is a specialized form of electron microscope that produces images of a sample by rastering it with a dense electron beam. The interaction between the electrons and the atoms in the sample gives rise to signals that provide data about the sample's surface texture and composition. In the realm of nanotechnology, especially in chemistry, SEM holds significant importance. It is one of the most potent tools for examining and understanding the shape and chemical makeup of nanostructures. It offers high-definition images that aid in comprehending the structure and composition of nanomaterials. With the progression of nanotechnology, SEM has become an essential instrument for the creation of new nanomaterials. It assists in refining synthesis methods and achieving superior quality images. SEM is employed for the detection of nanoparticles and is seen as a potential replacement for existing silicon-based electronic chips. Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) is employed to analyse the diverse physical attributes of nanomaterials. It also serves as a tool for real-time engineering and alteration of nanomaterials. Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy (EDS) detectors, when used in conjunction with SEM, allow for the examination of the elemental composition of a sample's surface. This process is often referred to as microanalysis.

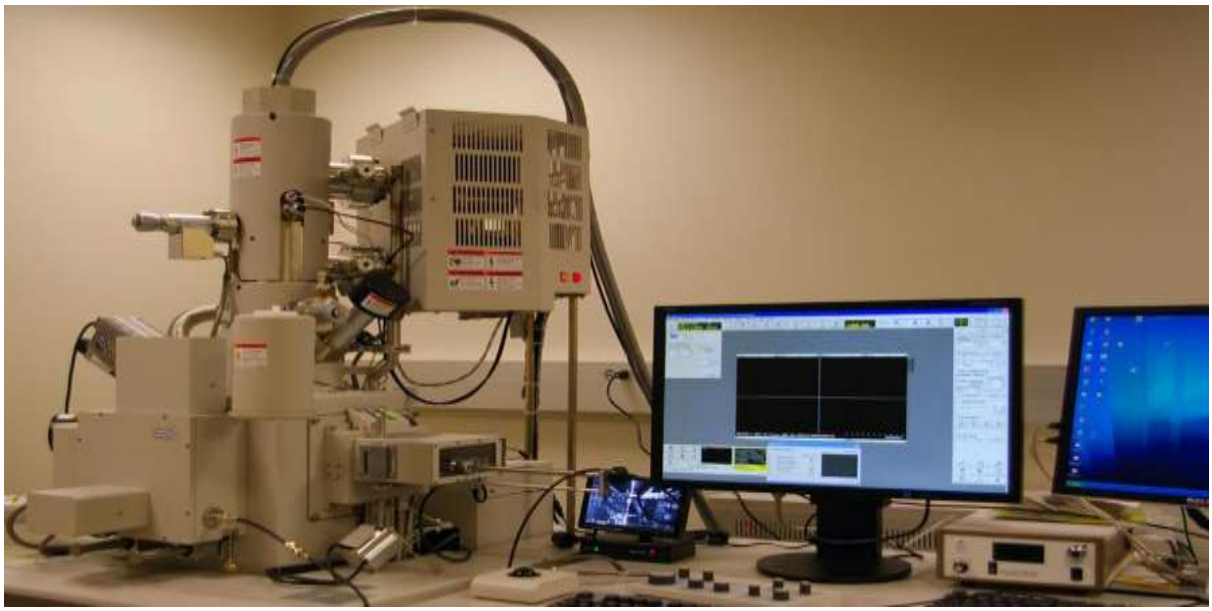


Fig:4.3: Scanning Electron Microscope

CHAPTER 5
RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The synthesised pure g-C3N4 and Li/Na/K-doped g-C3N4 were analysed for their crystal structure, shape, composition, surface organic functional groups, and catalytic potential using a variety of instruments. These instruments include Powder X-ray Diffraction (XRD), Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM), Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR), Ultraviolet Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy (UV DRS) and Photo Luminescence Analysis (PL). The techniques emphasized in this project are showcased within. A concise overview of these methods is provided in the subsequent segment.



Fig:5.1: Synthesised Pure g-C3N4 And Doped g-C3N4

5.1 FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY (FTIR)

The Effect of Alkali Metals on the structural properties were investigated by FTIR Spectroscopy (JASCO, FTIR 6600 Spectrophotometer, JAPAN). The FTIR spectra of all the samples are similar to each other, The spectra consist of bands characteristic for g-C3N4.The FTIR spectra of all the samples show comparable characteristic bands at 803 cm-1 and 1200–1800 cm-1 region are due presence of Heptazine units and stretching Vibration modes of Aromatic C-N Heterocyclic ring of GCN, respectively, this confirms that alkali metals only interrupt the intralayer long-range periodic arrangement without modifying the basic atomic building blocks. This witness the formation of C-N-C bond which is a distinct property of Graphitic

materials having alternative N and C Atoms. How ever the intensity of these units are reduced for Li/Na/K Samples due to lesser systematic packing of triazine units.

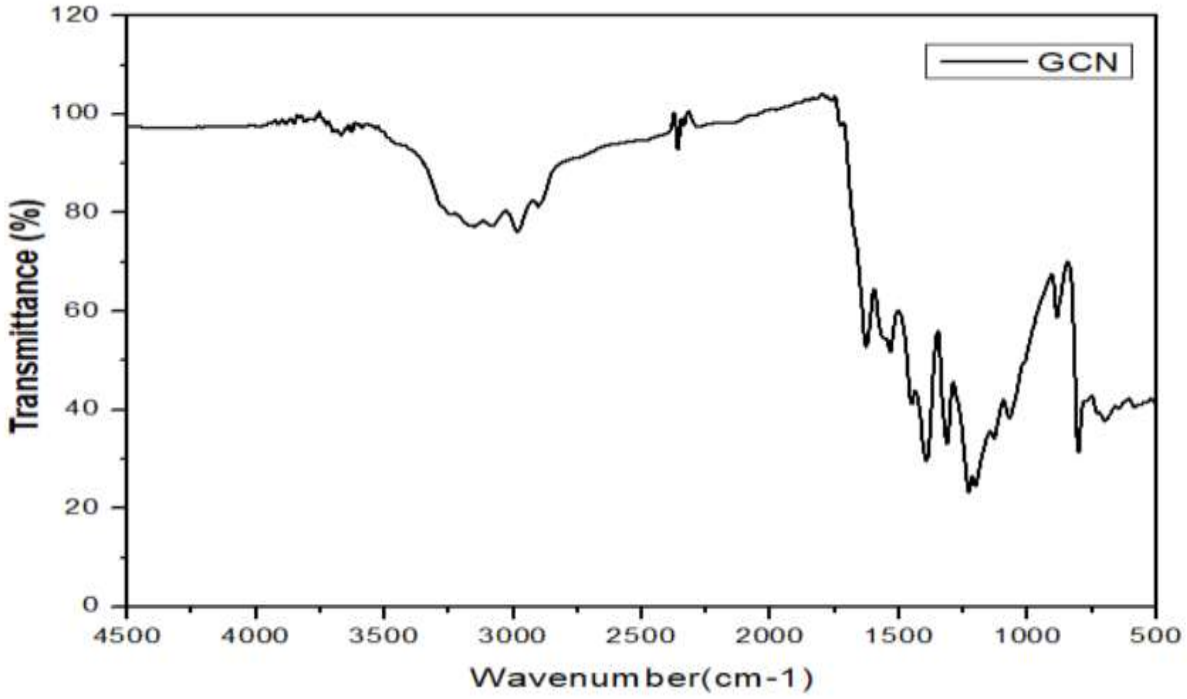


Fig:5.2: (a) FTIR of Pure GCN

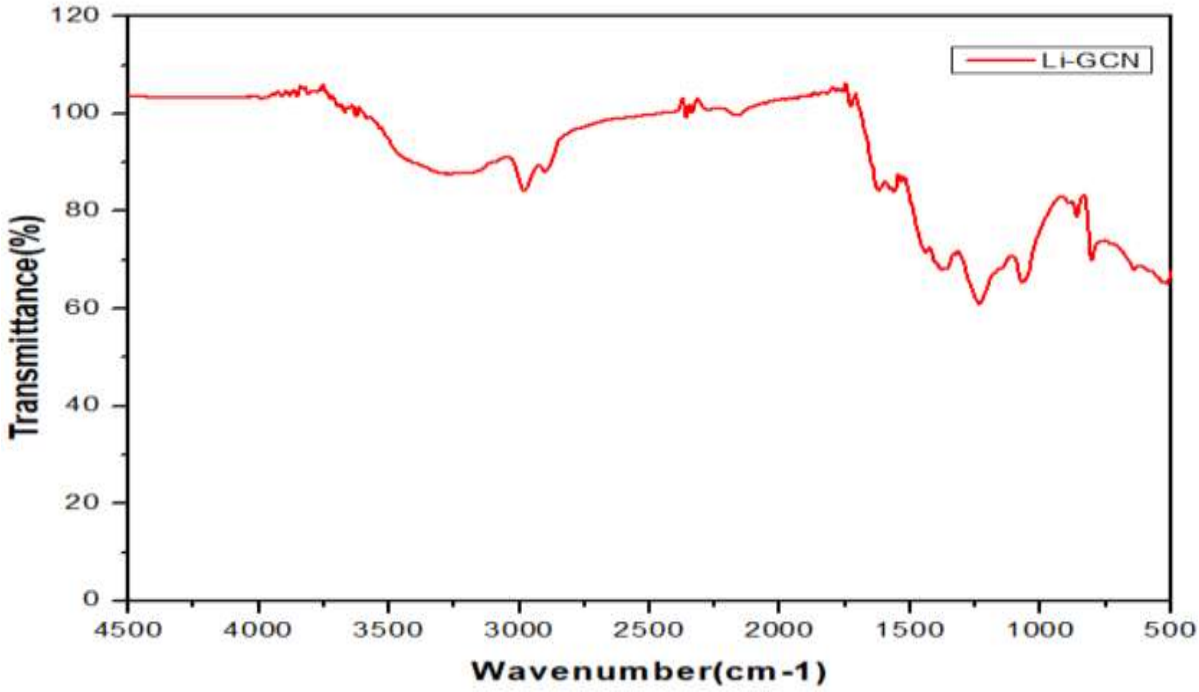


Fig:5.2: (b) FTIR of Lithium doped GCN

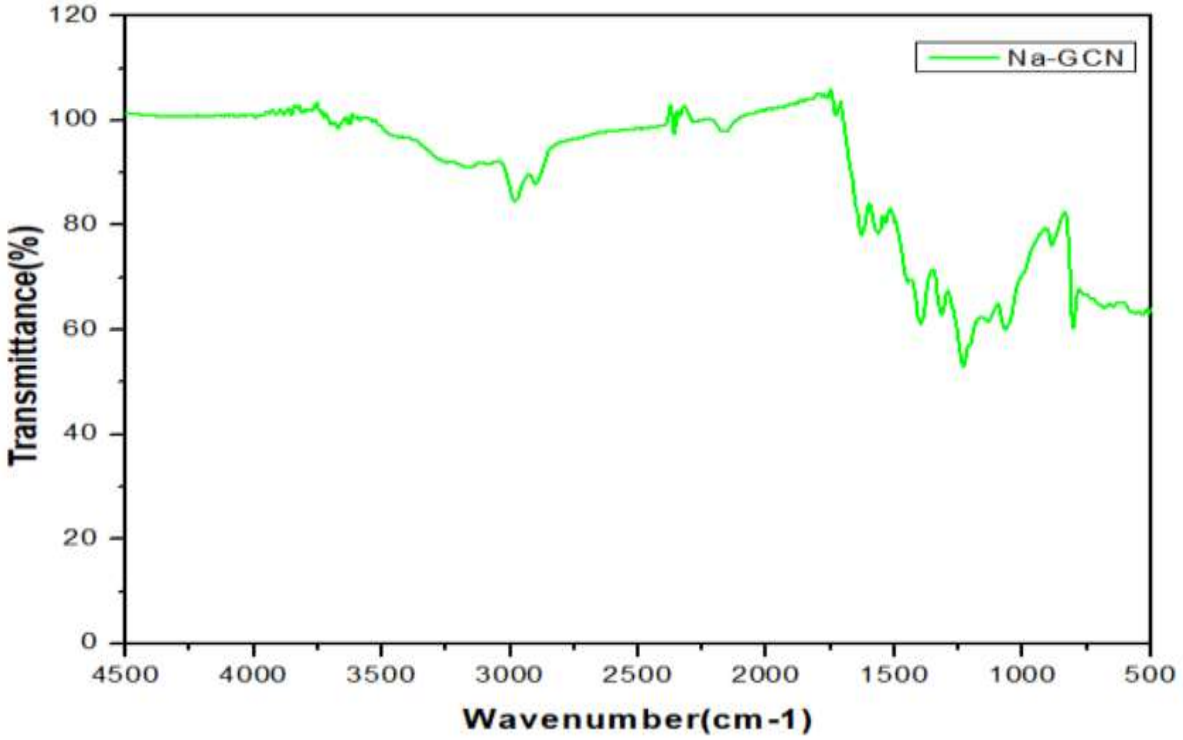


Fig:5.2: (c) FTIR of Sodium doped GCN

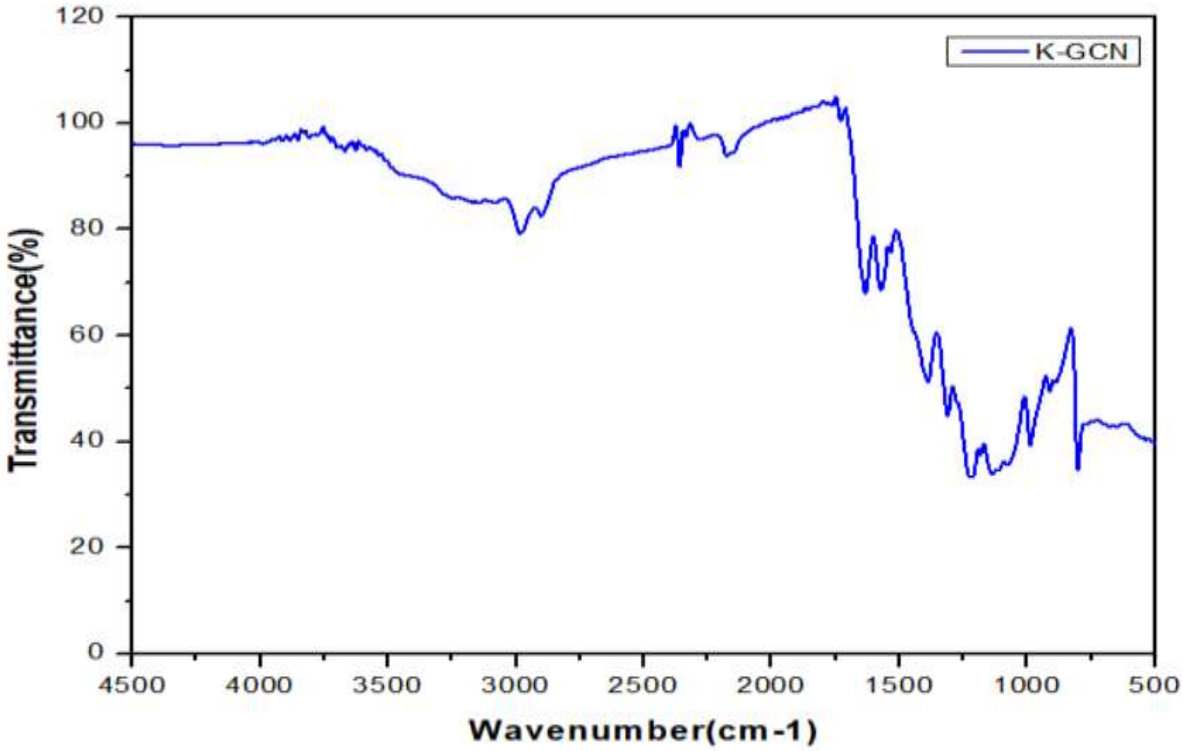


Fig:5.2: (d) FTIR of Potassium doped GCN

S.NO	WAVENUMBER (cm^{-1})	FUNCTIONAL GROUPS
1	1627, 1533	C=C
2	2984, 1450, 1395	C-H
3	2282	CYANO
4	1200 -1800	C-N, C=N
5	3200 - 3600	O-H
6	3000 - 3500	-NH, -NH2

Table:5.1: Spectral Data of all above FTIR

5.2 POWDER X-RAY DIFFRACTION ANALYSIS (POWDER XRD)

The Powder XRD patterns of pure g-C3N4 and Alkali Metals doped are analyzed (ARO EQUINOX 3000, Thermo Fisher Scientific). The XRD pattern of Pure g-C3N4 exhibited two characteristic diffraction peaks at 2θ=13.0° and 2θ=27.3°. The former can be assigned to the (100) crystal plane, representing the in-plane long-range periodic packing or in-plane structural Tri-S-Triazine units and the another is associated with the (002) crystal plane, representing the interlayer stacking of conjugated aromatic systems. The gradual decrease and absence of 13.0° peak for GCN-Li, GCN-Na, and GCN-K shows that GCN synthesized in the media of alkali metals has reduced in-plane ordering. There is a shift in peak at (002) plane towards higher angle side is observed, this is due to the incorporation of alkali metals, mentioned as below.

2θ = 27.3° → 27.4° → 27.6° → 27.8°

Pure GCN Li Na K

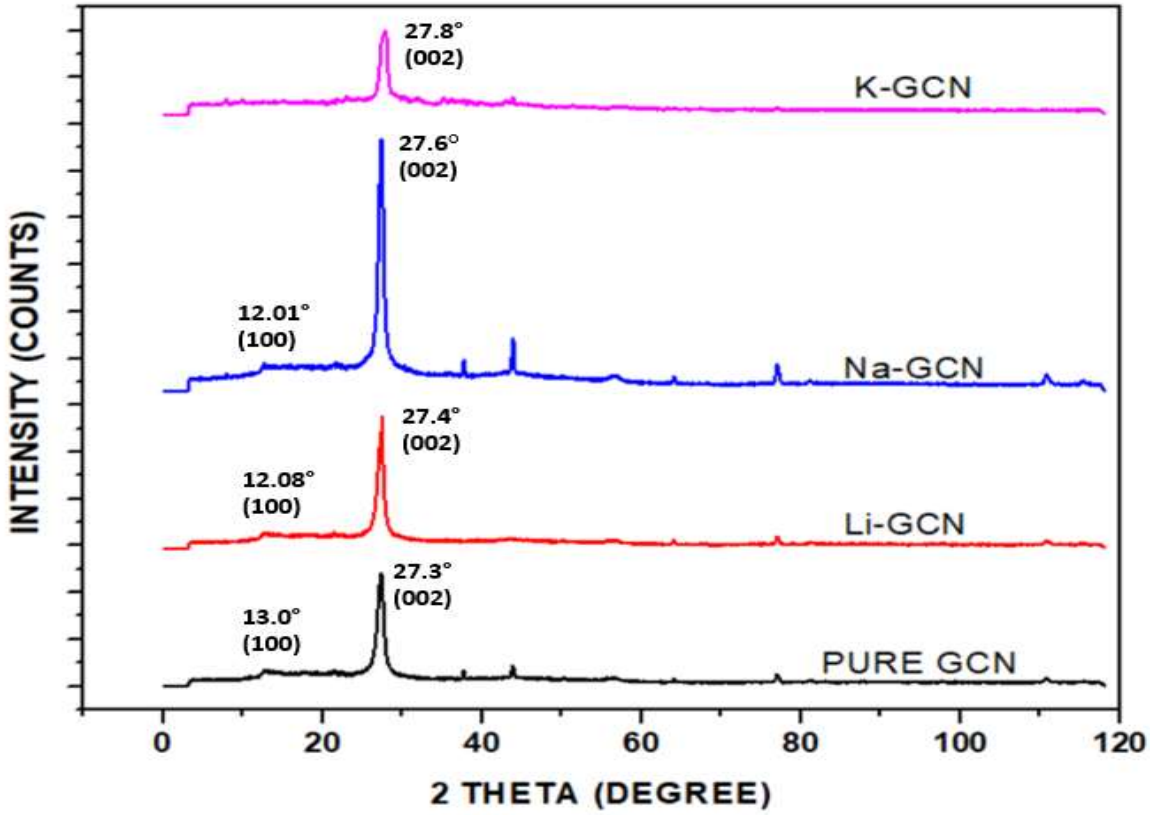


Fig:5.3: (a) Powder XRD Patterns of Pure GCN and Alkali metals doped GCN

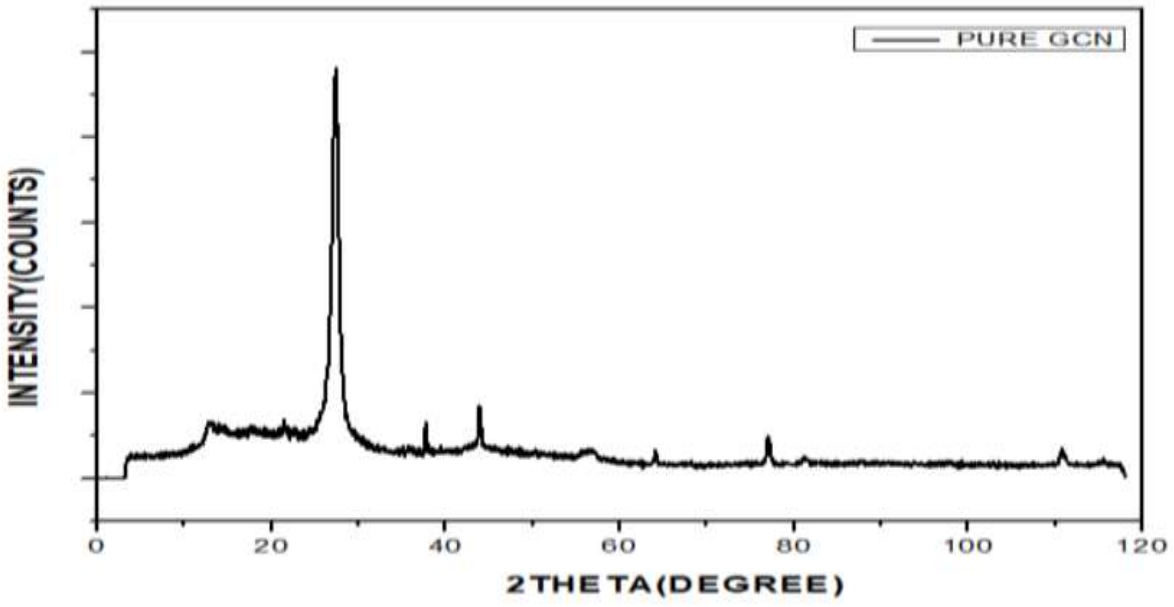


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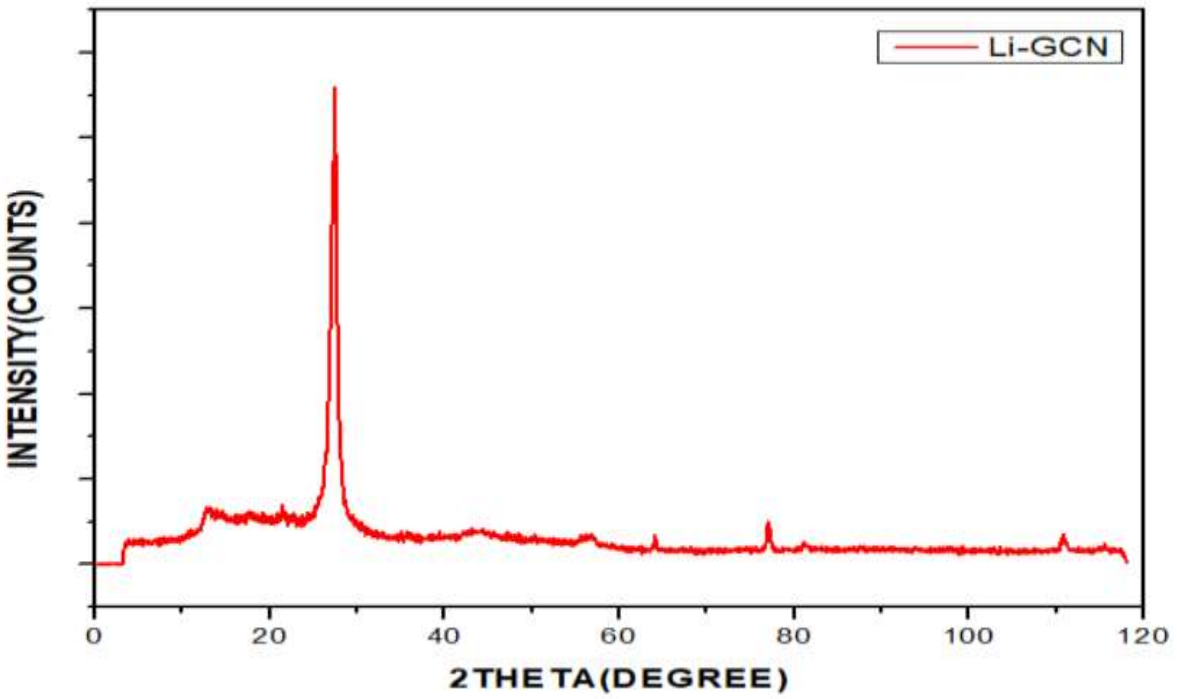


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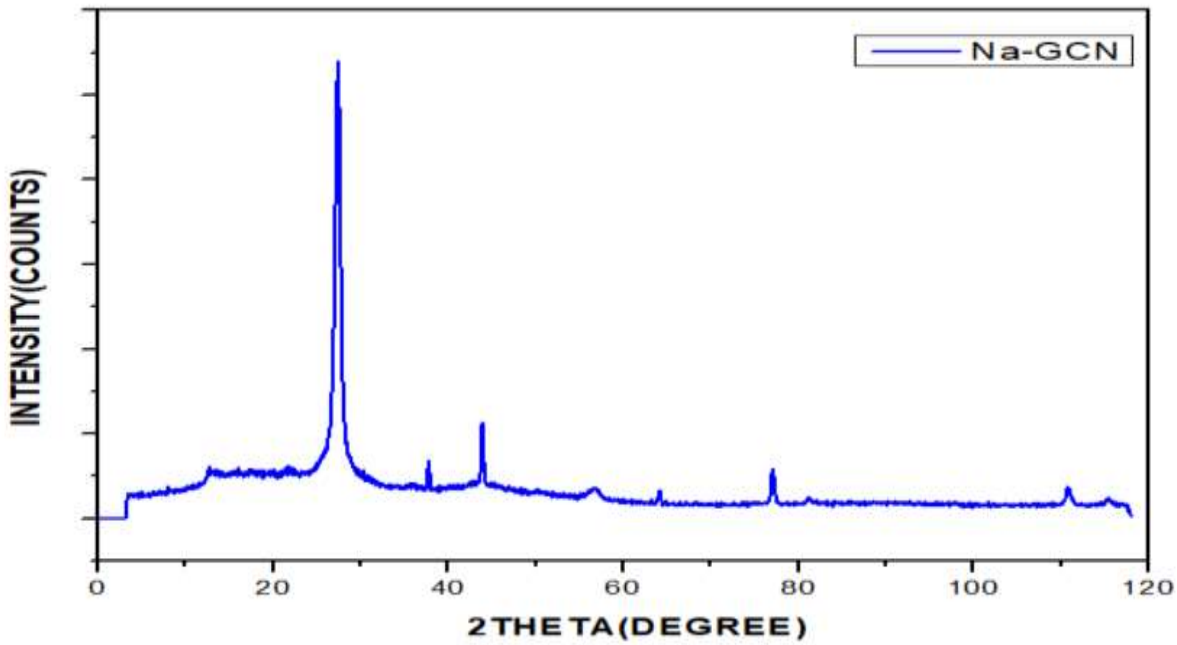


Fig:5.3: (d) Powder XRD Patterns of Na-doped GCN

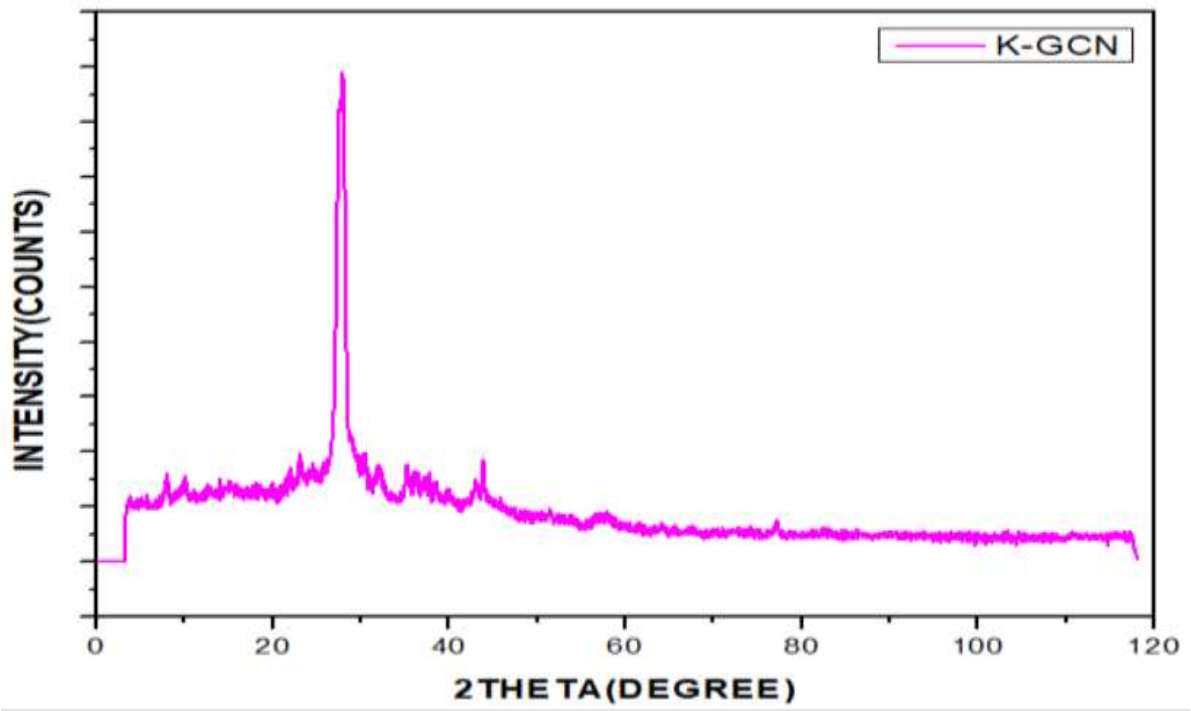


Fig:5.3: (e) Powder XRD Patterns of K-doped GCN

5.3 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE ANALYSIS (SEM)

The Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) images of the Graphitic Carbon Nitride (GCN) and its alkali metal-doped variants (Li-doped, Na-doped, and K-doped GCN) provide visual evidence of the changes in the structural morphology due to the doping process.

Lamellar Morphology of GCN: The SEM image of the undoped GCN shows a typical lamellar (layered) morphology with large-sized, irregular flakes. These flakes are formed due to the aggregation of GCN nanosheets.

Effect of Alkali Metals: The introduction of alkali metals (Lithium, Sodium, and Potassium) into the GCN structure causes a transformation in the morphology. The large-sized GCN nanosheets change to smaller nanosheets, which appear like nano flakes in the SEM images of the Li-doped, Na-doped, and K-doped GCN.

Structural Changes at High Dopant Amount: At high dopant amounts, the structure of GCN undergoes further changes. Multiple cracks and pores appear, and there is an aggregation of irregular-shaped nanoparticles. This is evident in the SEM images of the Li-doped, Na-doped, and K-doped GCN.

Confirmation of Incorporation: These changes in the structural properties of GCN confirm the successful incorporation of the alkali metals (Lithium, Sodium, and Potassium) into the GCN structure.

Tuning of Properties: The incorporation of these alkali metals could potentially tune the optical and electronic properties of GCN, enhancing its performance in various applications.

In summary, the SEM images provide a visual justification for the structural changes in GCN due to alkali metal doping, confirming the successful incorporation of the Dopants and suggesting potential enhancements in the material's properties.

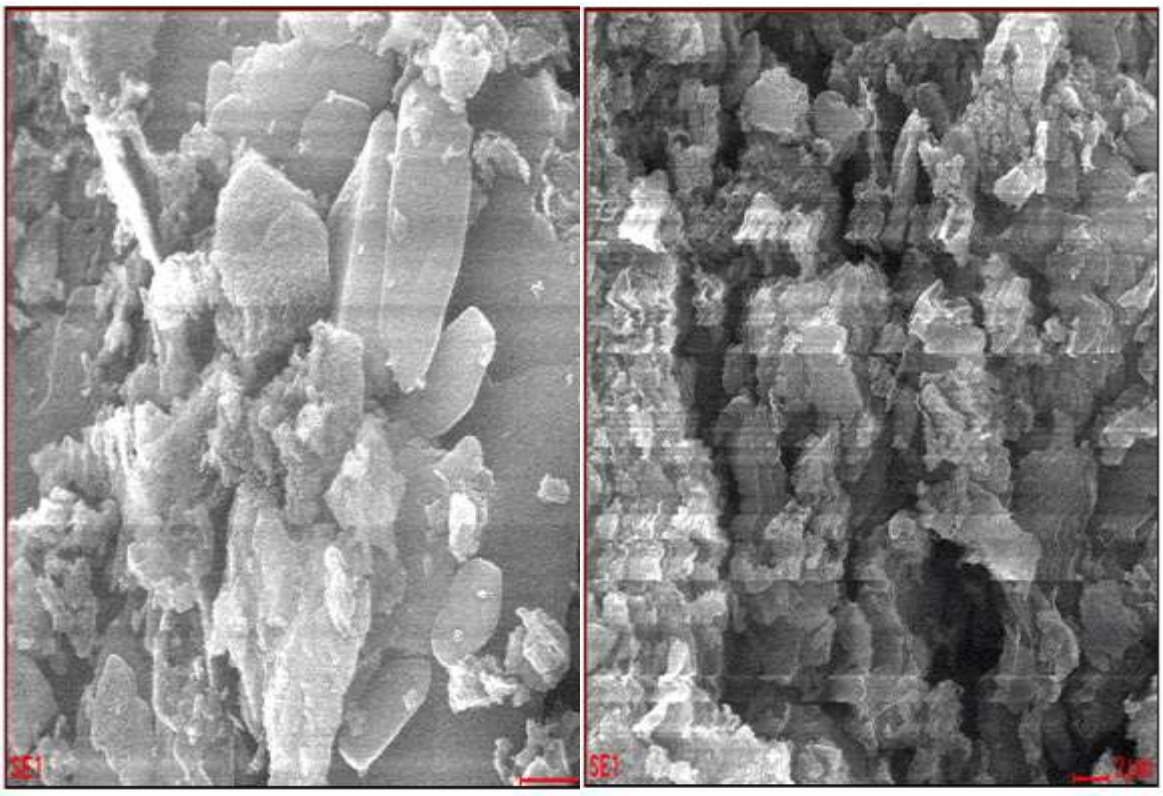


Fig:5.4: SEM Image of Pure g-C3N4 representing the Nanoflakes structure

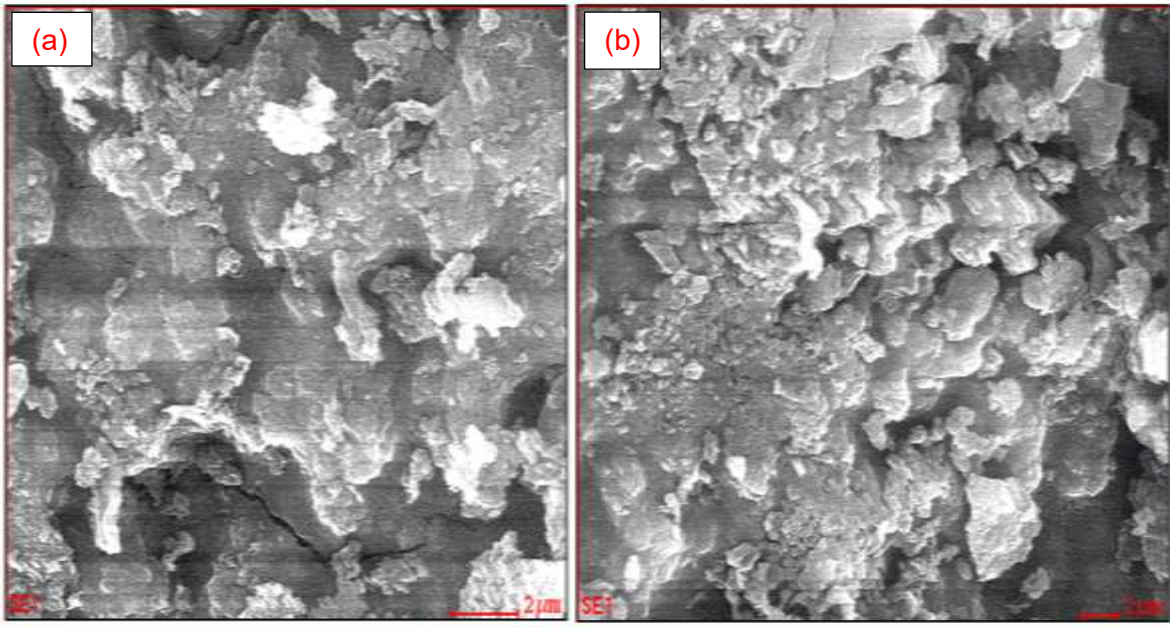


Fig:5.5: (a), (b) are SEM Images of K- doped g-C_3N_4

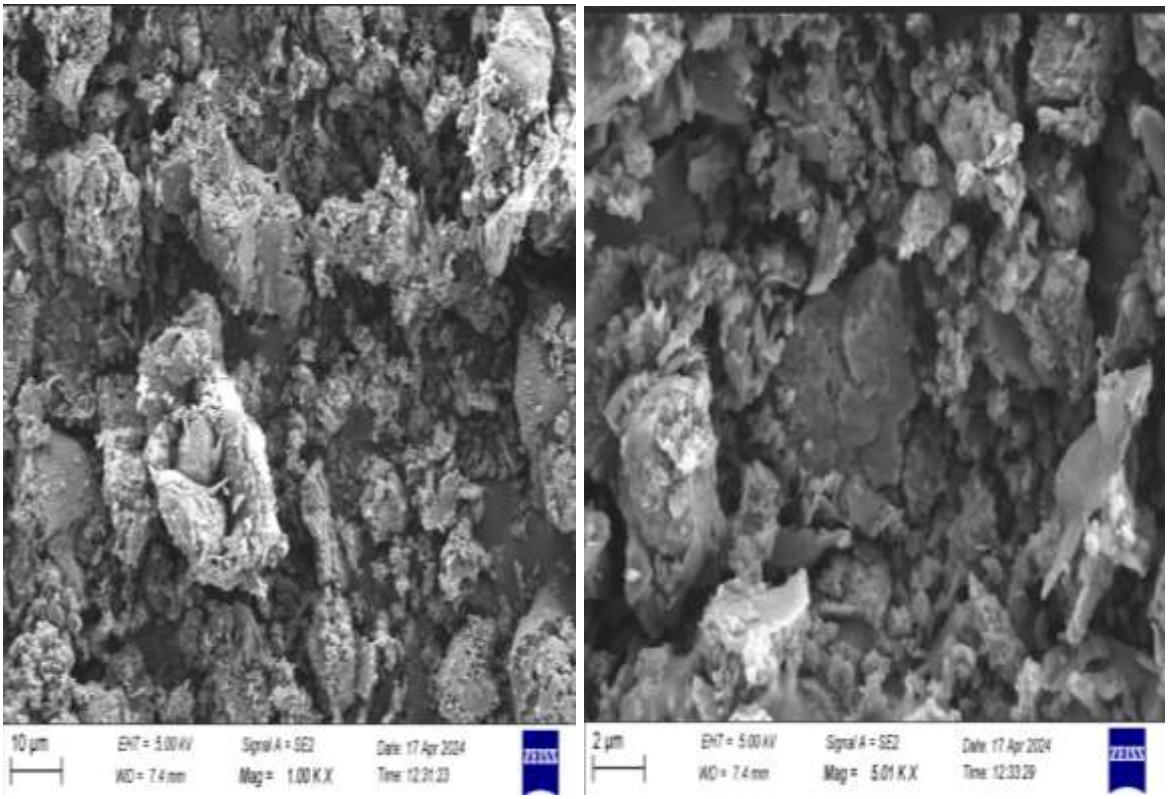


Fig:5.6: (a), (b) are SEM Images of Na-Doped g-C_3N_4

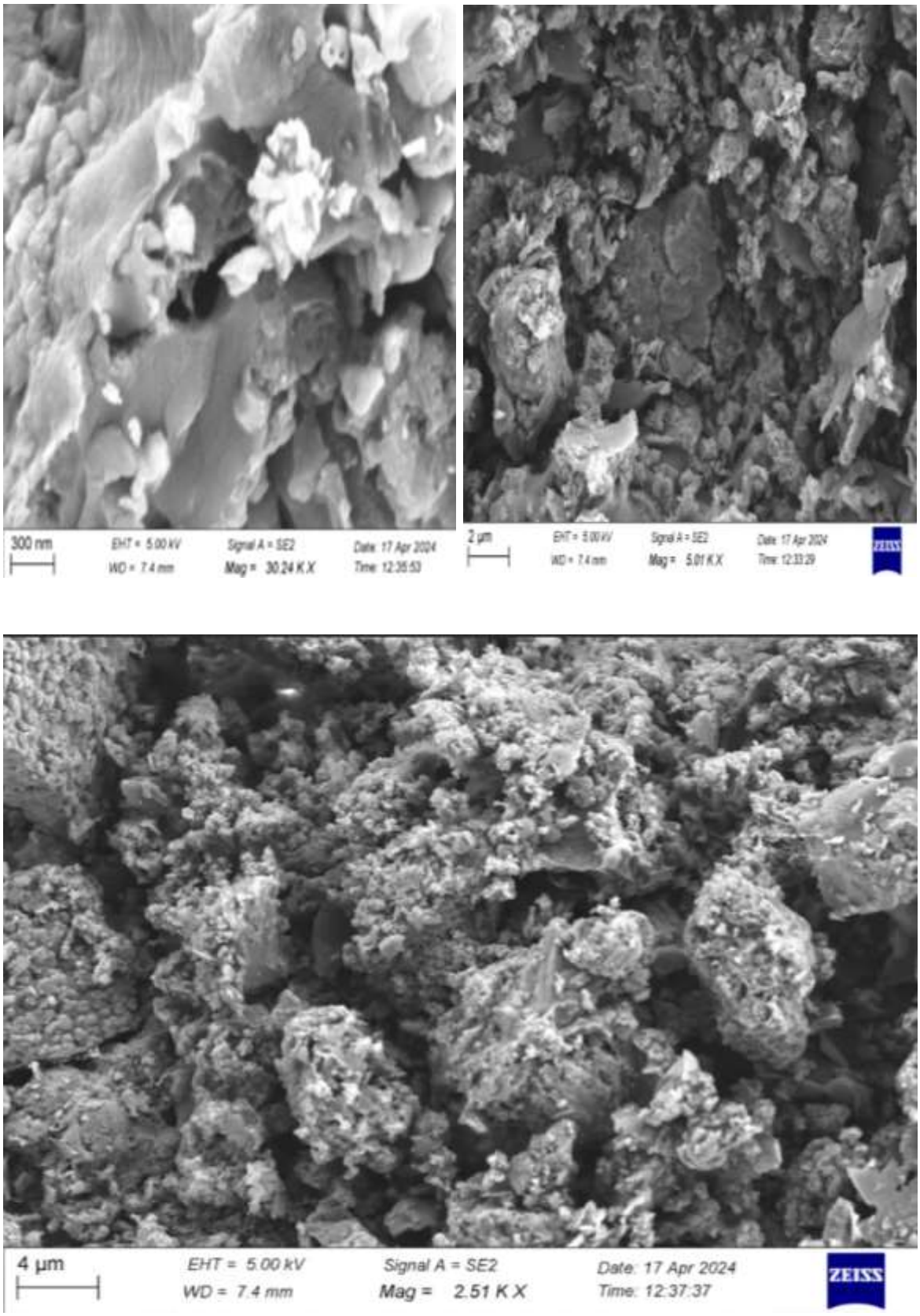


Fig:5.6: (c), (d) and (e) are SEM Images of Na-Doped g-C_3N_4

5.4 ULTRA VIOLET DIFFUSE REFLECTANCE SPECTROSCOPY (UVDRS)

The optical absorption of prepared samples are measured using UV-DRS. The UV-Visible absorption spectra for the materials pure g-C3N4, Li-GCN, Na-GCN, and K-GCN are presented. In pure g-C3N4, photoexcitation leads to the generation of photoelectrons that move from the valence band, which is composed of the N 2p orbital, to the conduction band, made up of the C 2p orbital, demonstrating the characteristic absorption behaviour of semiconductors. Upon doping with alkali metals, notable shifts towards longer wavelengths (from 376 nm to 412 nm) are noticeable in the absorption spectra for Na-GCN and K-GCN.

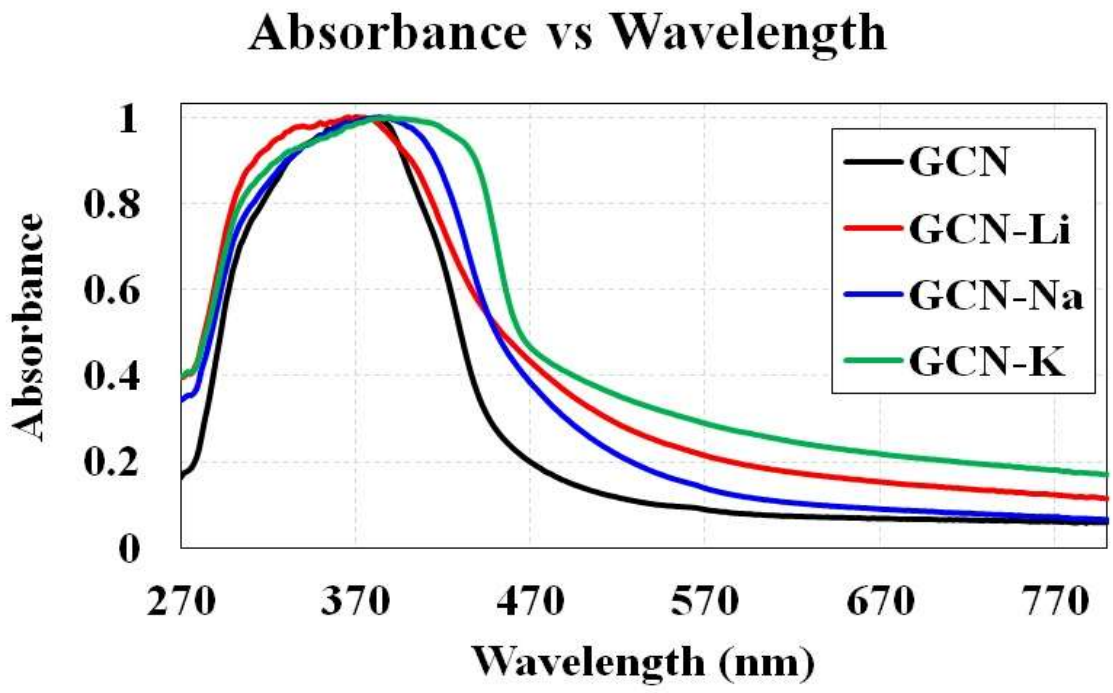


Fig:5.7. UV DRS of Pure GCN and Alkali metals doped GCN

This also reveals that the pure g-C3N4 is light yellow in colour. Colour of the alkali metals doped g-C3N4 gradually deepens with the increase in size of the dopant. The visible light absorptivity increases gradually on doping from lithium to potassium.

SAMPLES	λ_{MAX}
Pure GCN	370
Li-GCN	376
Na-GCN	382
K-GCN	390

Table:5.2: Spectral Data of all above UV DRS Analysis

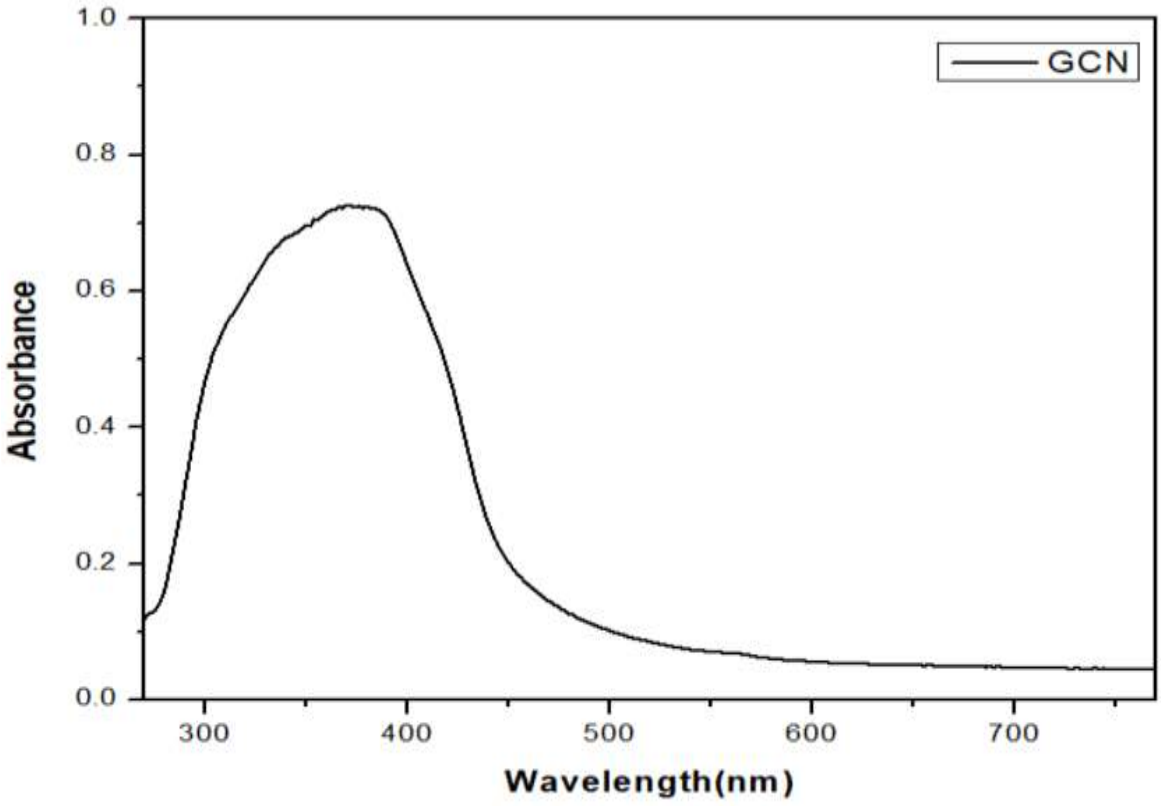


Fig:5.8. (a) UV DRS of Pure GCN

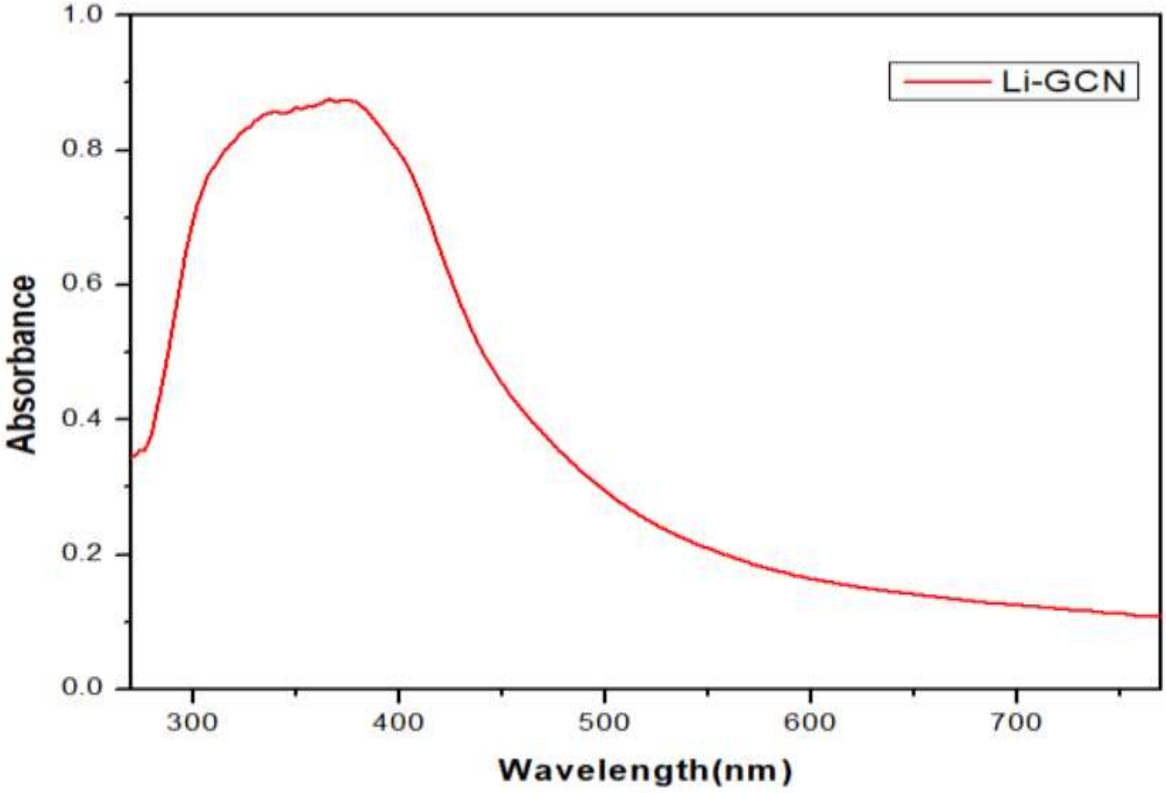


Fig:5.8. (b) UV DRS of Li-dopped GCN

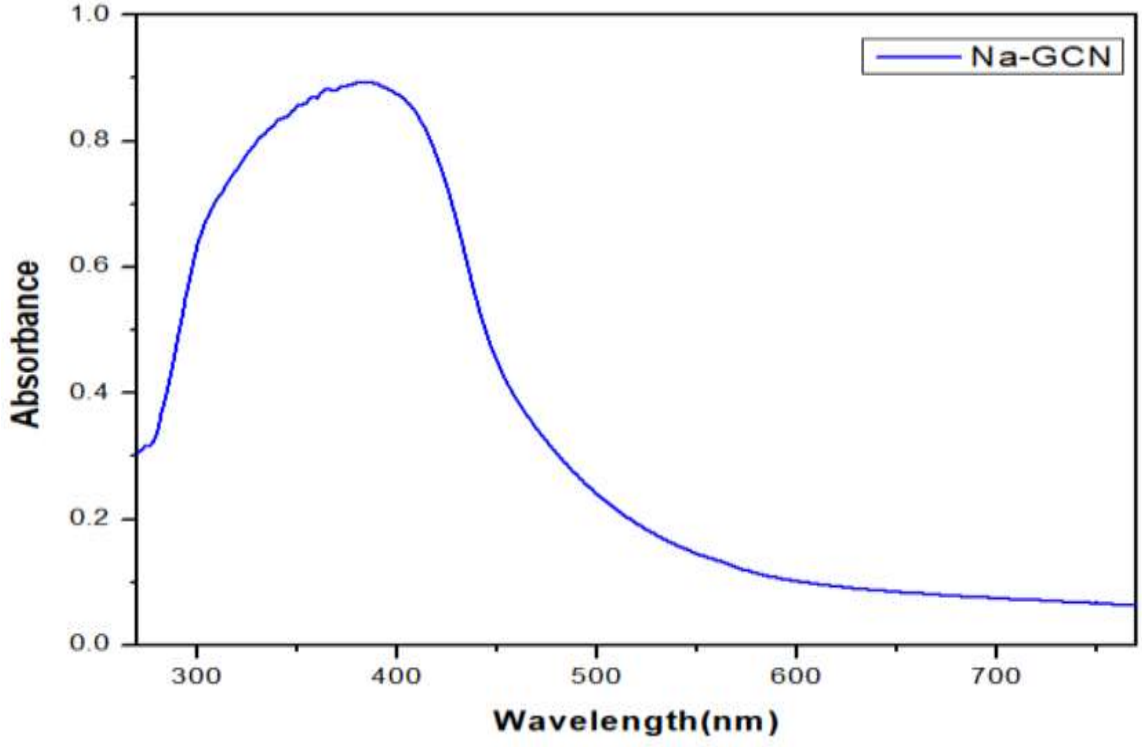


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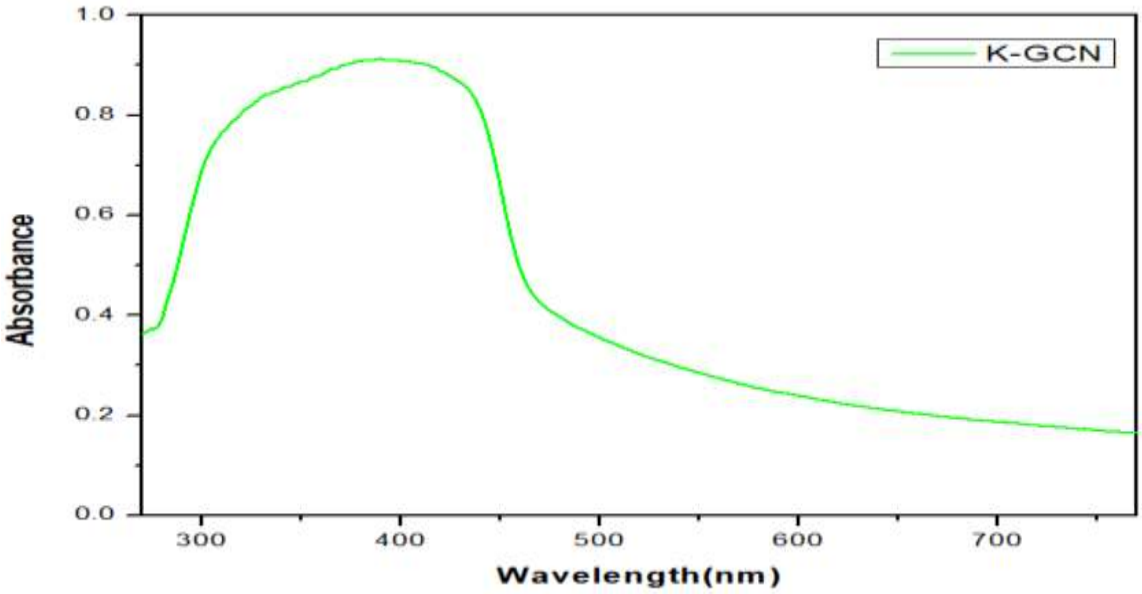


Fig:5.8. (d) UV DRS of K-dopped GCN

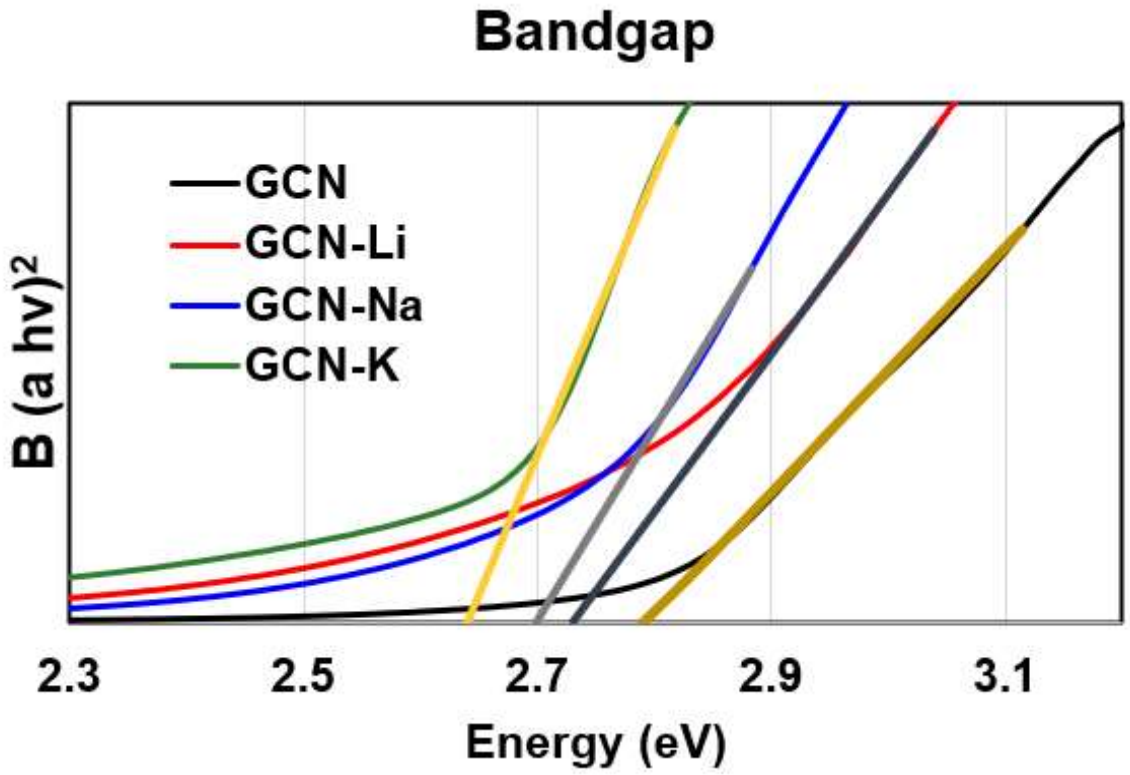


Fig:5.9: bandgap diagram

The band gaps have been calculated using the tangent lines on the graphs that plot the square root of the Kubelka–Munk function versus the photon energy. These calculations reveal that the band gaps for bulk g-C3N4, Li-GCN, Na-GCN, and K-GCN are **2.79 eV**, **2.73 eV**, **2.70 eV**, and **2.64 eV**, respectively.

5.5 PHOTOLUMINESCENCE SPECTRUM ANALYSIS

The PL spectrum analysis of prepared samples is carried out under the excitation wavelength of 370 nm at room temperature. For Pure GCN, the broad Photo Luminescence (Emission) band is around 465 nm. Such PL signal is mainly results from the n-π* electronic transitions involving lone pairs of nitrogen atoms in Pure GCN. In this case the obvious BLUE SHIFT is observed for the prepared samples.

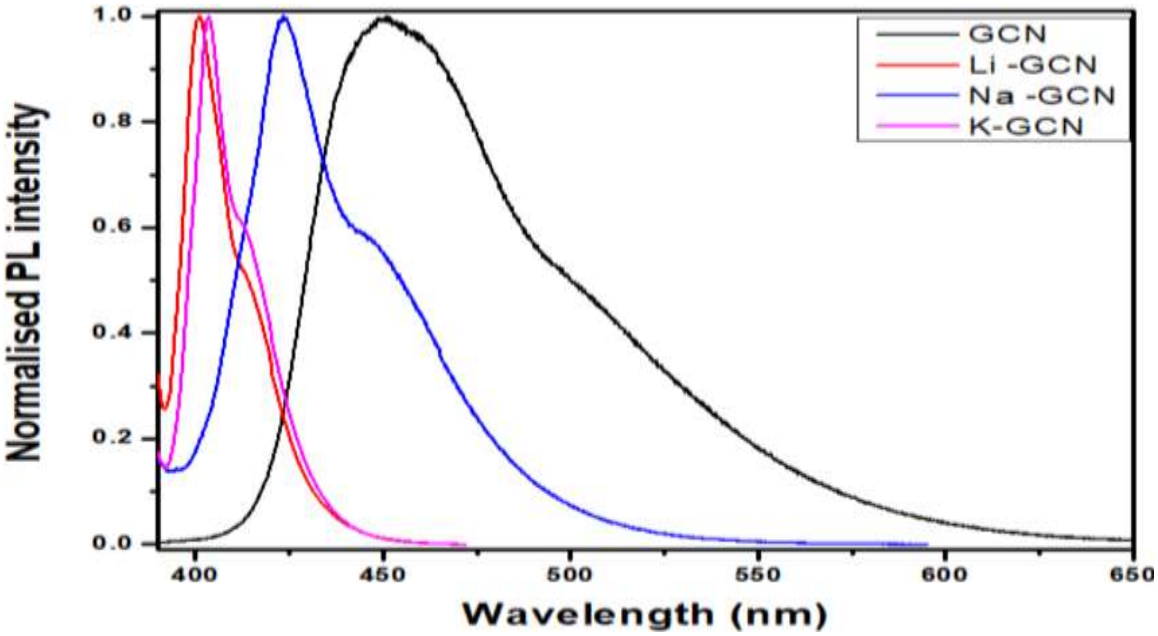


Fig:5.10. PL Spectrums of Pure GCN and Alkali metals doped GCN

SAMPLES	λ_{MAX}
Pure GCN	452
Li-GCN	401
Na-GCN	423
K-GCN	403

Table:5.3: Spectral Data of all above Photoluminescence Analysis

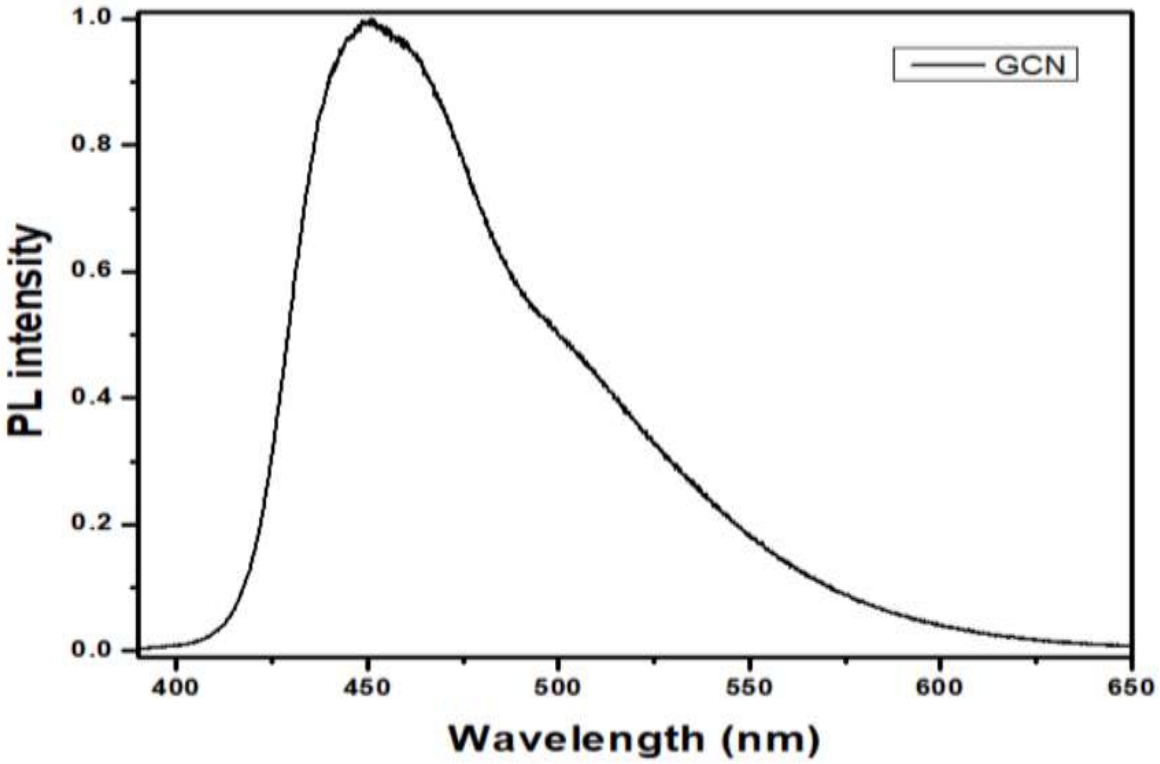


Fig:5.11. (a) PL Spectrum of Pure GCN

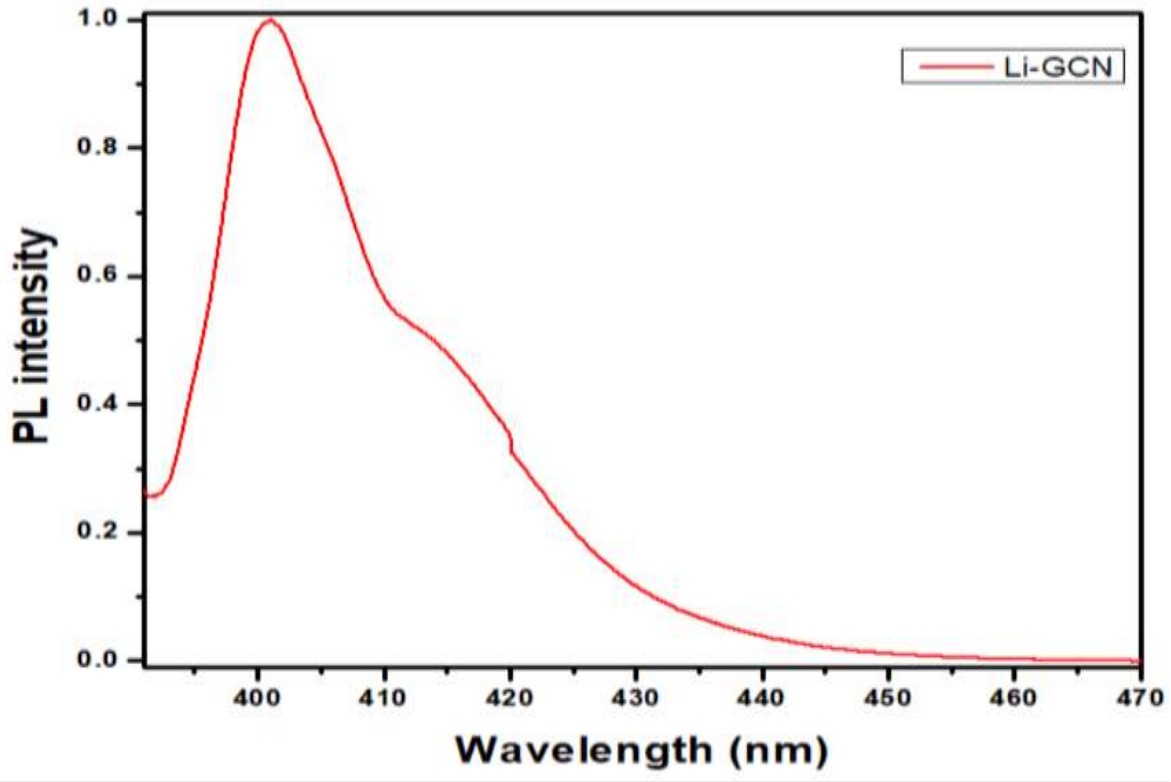


Fig:5.11. (b) PL Spectrum of Li-doped GCN

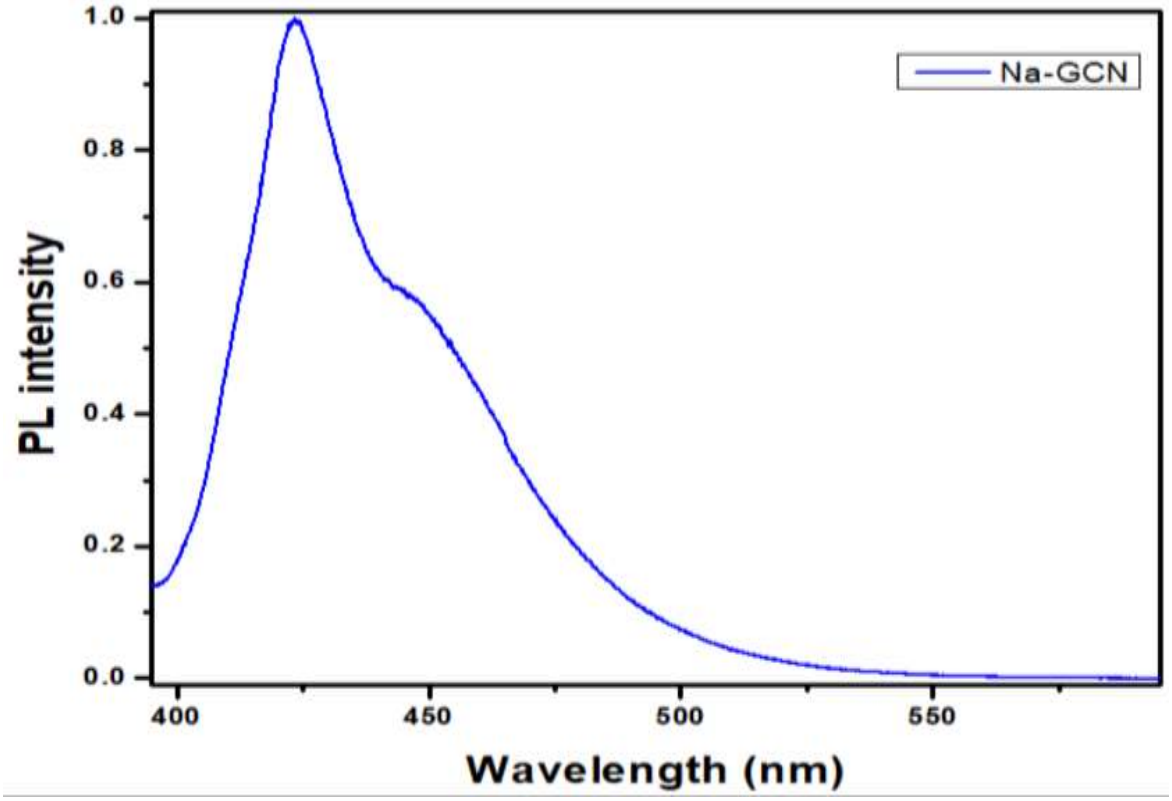


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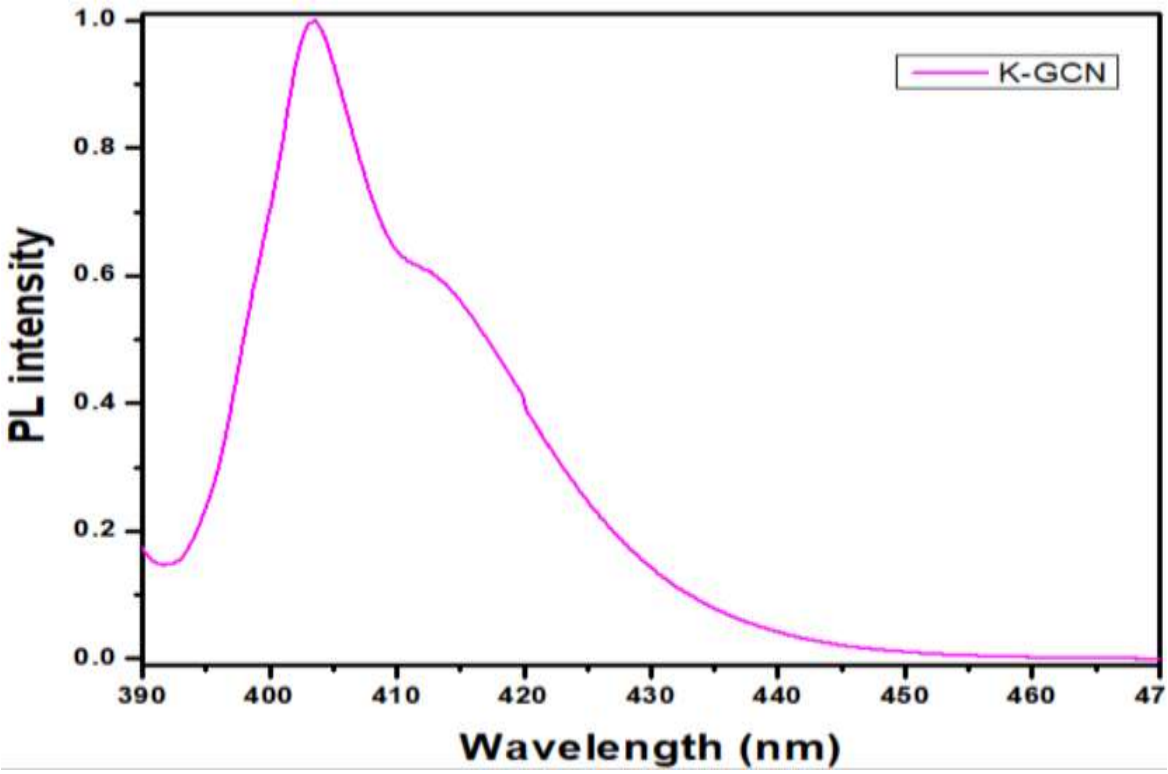


Fig:5.11. (d) PL Spectrum of K-doped GCN

CHAPTER 6
SUMMARY AND CONCLUTION

An economical and straightforward method was employed to create both Pure Graphitic Carbon Nitride (GCN) and its variants doped with Alkali metals. Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) revealed that the synthesized GCN and its lithium, sodium, and potassium-doped counterparts all exhibited nano flake-like structures, akin to the pure form. The prepared GCNs displayed numerous layered and folded flake-like configurations. X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) analysis verified the successful production of Pure GCN and its Alkali metal-doped versions, with diffraction peaks at **27.3°**, **27.4°**, **27.6°**, and **27.8°** corresponding to the (002) plane of Pure GCN, Li-doped GCN, Na-doped GCN, and K-doped GCN, respectively. Fourier-Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) showed similar characteristic bands at **803 cm^{-1}** and the **1200–1800 cm^{-1}** range, attributed to the presence of Heptazine units and the stretching vibrations of the aromatic C-N heterocyclic rings in GCN. This indicates that the Alkali metals disrupted the interlayer periodicity without altering the fundamental atomic structure, confirming the formation of the C-N-C bond, a hallmark of graphitic materials with alternating nitrogen and carbon atoms. Ultraviolet-Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy (UV-DRS) measured the optical absorption, noting a RED SHIFT in the absorption band from **370 nm to 412 nm**, signifying that pure g-C3N4 is pale yellow, with the colour intensifying as the dopant size increases, enhancing visible light absorption from lithium to potassium. Photoluminescence (PL) spectrum analysis under an excitation wavelength of **370 nm** showed a broad PL band around **465 nm** for Pure GCN, indicative of n-π* electronic transitions involving nitrogen's lone pairs. A BLUE SHIFT was observed in the doped samples. These synthesized materials are promising for applications in sensing, batteries, and bioimaging, and as non-toxic, eco-friendly photocatalysts.

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ABSTRACT

In this work, we propose a concise approach to structurally design amorphous Cobalt molybdenum oxyfluoride deposited on a graphite sheet (CMOF/GS) for an effective hydrogen evolution reaction (HER). We utilize an amorphous cobalt molybdenum oxide/graphite sheet and CMOF/GS with increased defects and larger pore structures. Catalytic impact arising from the CoMo bimetallic constituents, granting CMOF/GS has superior hydrogen evolution performance. The amorphous nature of the catalyst enables excellent mass transfer capabilities and exposure of active atoms, thereby augmenting the electrochemically active surface area (ECSA). Capitalizing on the structural advantages and synergistic effects of bimetallic components, CMOF/GS demonstrates a remarkably low overpotential of 155 mV at 10 mA/cm² and a Tafel slope of 80 mV/dec for HER in alkaline conditions. Additionally, CMO/GS also showed impressive activity with an overpotential of 160 mV at 10 mA/cm² and a Tafel slope of 82 mV/dec.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

S.NO.	ABBREVIATIONS	EXPANSION
1	**UNFCCC**	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
2	**SDGs**	Sustainable Development Goals
3	**PEM**	Proton exchange membrane
4	**HER**	Hydrogen evolution reaction
5	**OER**	Oxygen evolution reaction
6	**PGM**	Platinum group metals
7	**CNTs**	Carbon nanotubes
8	**g-C_3N_4**	Graphitic-carbon nitride
9	**STH**	Solar to hydrogen
10	**η_{abs}**	Light absorption efficiency
11	**η_{sep}**	Charge separation efficiency
12	**η_{inj}**	The injection efficiency of the photogenerated charge carriers
13	**PEC**	Photoelectrochemical
14	**ORR**	Oxygen reduction reaction
15	**CV**	Cyclic voltammetry
16	**SOE**	High-temperature solid oxide electrolyzer
17	**PEME**	Proton exchange membrane electrolysis
18	**TM**	Transition metal
19	**GS**	Graphite sheet
20	**CMO/GS**	Cobalt molybdenum oxide on graphite sheet
21	**CMOF/GS**	Cobalt molybdenum oxyfluoride on graphite sheet
22	**ECSA**	Electrochemically active surface area
23	**NiFeOF/HF**	A nickel-iron oxyfluoride on holey film
24	**XRD**	X-ray diffraction

25	**FT-IR**	Fourier-transform Infra-red spectroscopy
26	**SEM**	Scanning electron microscopy
27	**EDS**	Energy dispersive spectroscopy
28	**LSV**	Linear sweep voltammetry
29	**C_s**	Specific surface capacitance
30	**C_{dl}**	Double layer capacitance
31	**GSA**	Geometric surface area
32	**AFM**	Atomic force microscopy

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Increased energy use is the universal driver for raising the quality of life in all societies, from developing to developed countries. However, the present reliance on energy from fossil fuels produces unwanted side effects like environmental pollution that threatens human health, carbon dioxide emissions that accelerate global warming, and geopolitical tensions arising from the nonuniform distribution of fossil resources worldwide [61]. Hydrogen can be combined with oxygen in the electrochemical reactions of a fuel cell to produce electricity, a clean, versatile carrier of energy enabling many uses including lighting, refrigeration, communication, information processing, and transportation. Achieving the promise of hydrogen as an efficient, sustainable, and environmentally friendly fuel requires widespread innovation and development of the means for its production, storage, and use. The energy-chain and technical challenges for creating a viable hydrogen economy are shown in Figure 1.1.

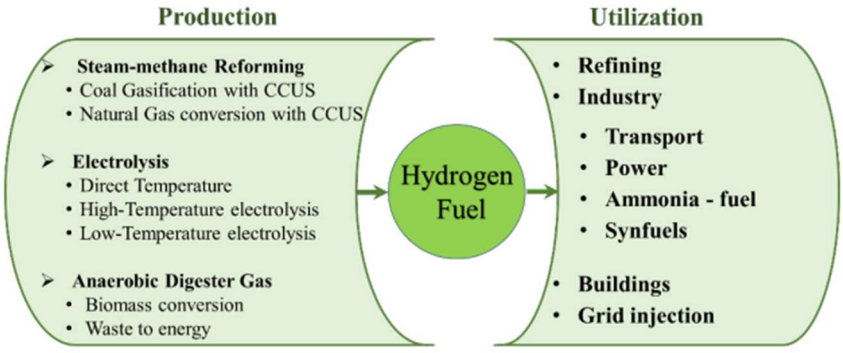


Figure 1.1. The schematic representation of production and utilization of hydrogen fuel.

1.1. FOSSIL FUEL

Fossil fuel is a hydrocarbon-containing material such as coal, oil, and natural gas, formed naturally in the Earth's crust from the remains of dead plants and animals that is extracted and burned as fuel [34]. Fossil fuels may be burned to provide heat for use directly (such as for cooking or heating), to power engines (such as internal combustion engines in motor vehicles), or to generate electricity. The large-scale burning of fossil fuels causes serious environmental damage. Although

methane leaks are significant, the burning of fossil fuels is the main source of greenhouse gas emissions causing global warming and ocean acidification. International policy, in the form of United Nations sustainable development goals for affordable and clean energy and climate action, as well as the Paris Climate Agreement, is designed to facilitate this transition at a global level.

1.1.1 Paris agreement

The *Paris Agreement*, often referred to as the Paris Accords or the Paris Climate Accords, is an international treaty on climate change. Adopted in 2015, the agreement covers climate change mitigation, adaptation, and finance. The Paris Agreement was negotiated by 196 parties at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference near Paris, France [2]. As of February 2023, 195 members of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) are parties to the agreement.

The aim of the agreement, as described in Article 2, is to have a stronger response to the danger of climate change; it seeks to enhance the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change through:

(a) Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change.

(b) Increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production;

(c) Making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development.

1.1.2. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, adopted by all United Nations members in 2015, created 17 world Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They were created with the aim of “peace and prosperity for people and the planet” while tackling climate change and working to preserve oceans and forests [54].

The short titles of the 17 SDGs are (1) No poverty, (2) Zero hunger, (3) Good health and well-being, (4) Quality education, (5) Gender equality, (6) Clean water and sanitation, (7) Affordable and clean energy, (8) Decent work and economic growth, Industry, (9) innovation and infrastructure, (10) Reduced inequalities, (11) Sustainable cities and communities, (12) Responsible consumption and production, (13) Climate action, (14) Life below water, (15) Life on land, (16) Peace, justice, and strong institutions, and (17) Partnerships for the goals.

1.2. HYDROGEN AS AN ALTERNATE FUEL

Alternative fuels, also known as non-conventional and advanced fuels, are fuels derived from sources other than petroleum. Alternative fuels include gaseous fossil fuels like propane, natural gas, methane, and ammonia; biofuels like biodiesel, bio alcohol, and refuse-derived fuel; and other renewable fuels like hydrogen and electricity [14].

COLOUR	DESCRIPTION: FEEDSTOCK
	Grey: natural gas reforming without CCUS
	Brown: brown coal (lignite) as feedstock
	Blue: natural gas reforming with CCUS
	Green: electrolysis powered through renewable electricity
	Pink: electrolysis powered through nuclear energy
	Turquoise: methane pyrolysis
	Yellow: electrolysis powered through electricity from solar
	Orange: electrolysis powered through electricity from wind

Figure 1.2. Color codes of hydrogen.

Seventy percent of the universe's matter is comprised of hydrocarbons (oxygen, nitrogen, and hydrogen). Hydrogen is known for its efficiency and renewability and is the most abundant element in the world [17].

The ***hydrogen economy*** is an umbrella term that draws together the roles hydrogen can play alongside low-carbon electricity to decarbonize those sectors and activities that may be technically difficult to decarbonize through other means, or where cheaper and more energy-efficient clean solutions are not available. Hydrogen is often referred to by various colors to indicate its origin.

1.2.1. Different types of hydrogen production

Table 1.1. Process, products, and challenges of existing hydrogen production methods.

Process	Products	Challenges
1. Steam methane reforming (SMR)		
It involves reacting methane (natural gas) with steam at high temperatures (700-1,000°C) and pressure, typically using a nickel catalyst [45].	The primary products are hydrogen and carbon monoxide.	It produces carbon dioxide as a byproduct, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Water electrolysis		
Electrolysis uses an electric current to split water (H_2O) into hydrogen (H_2) and oxygen (O_2). There are two main types: • Alkaline Electrolysis • Proton exchange membrane (PEM) Electrolysis	Hydrogen and oxygen.	Water electrolysis can be powered by renewable energy sources, making it a clean method of hydrogen production.
3. Partial oxidation of hydrocarbons		
In partial oxidation, a hydrocarbon feedstock reacts with oxygen, either in the presence of steam or without, to produce hydrogen and carbon monoxide [58].	Hydrogen and carbon monoxide.	Like steam methane reforming, partial oxidation produces carbon-containing byproducts.
4. Biomass Gasification		
Biomass, such as wood or agricultural residues, undergoes a thermochemical process to produce syngas. The syngas can be further processed to obtain hydrogen [10].	Hydrogen and other gases.	Temperature increases in a gasification process lead to dehydration, volatilization, and degradation of the biomass feedstock.

5. Solar thermochemical hydrogen production		
It uses concentrated solar energy to drive high-temperature chemical reactions, such as water splitting or thermochemical cycles, to produce hydrogen.	Hydrogen, oxygen, and the initial metal oxide.	High temperatures, low conversions, and intensive oxygen removal work.

1.3. GREEN HYDROGEN

Green hydrogen is hydrogen produced by the electrolysis of water, using renewable electricity. The production of green hydrogen causes significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions than the production of grey hydrogen, which is derived from fossil fuels without carbon capture [35].

1.3.1. Water splitting

Water splitting is the chemical reaction in which water is broken down into oxygen and hydrogen. Efficient and economical water splitting would be a technological breakthrough that could underpin a hydrogen economy.

(i) Photocatalytic water splitting:

In the photocatalytic method, water splitting occurs because of the formation of excitons by the absorption of incident photons. Here the bandgap of the material is very important. Depending on the energy of the incident photon, a careful selection of the material needs to be carried out [32]. In the case of UV light-harvesting a band gap of above 3 eV is required. However, for visible light harvesting a band gap of <3 eV is sufficient.

An ideal photocatalyst is such that:

(a)It should have a bandgap that exceeds the free energy of water splitting(1.23 eV).

(b) The valence and conduction band edges for the photocatalyst should be lower than the water oxidation potential and higher than the hydrogen reduction potential.

(c) The photon absorption coefficients of the material should be high to generate a high yield of charge carriers and

(d) Low recombination rate of the electron-hole pair.

The use of carbon-based nanomaterials like graphene, carbon nanotubes (CNTs), carbon quantum dots, and graphitic-carbon nitride (g-C_3N_4) can improve

the performance of photocatalytic water splitting by decreasing charge recombination, enhancing visible light absorption, and enhancing the surface area of the catalyst [21].

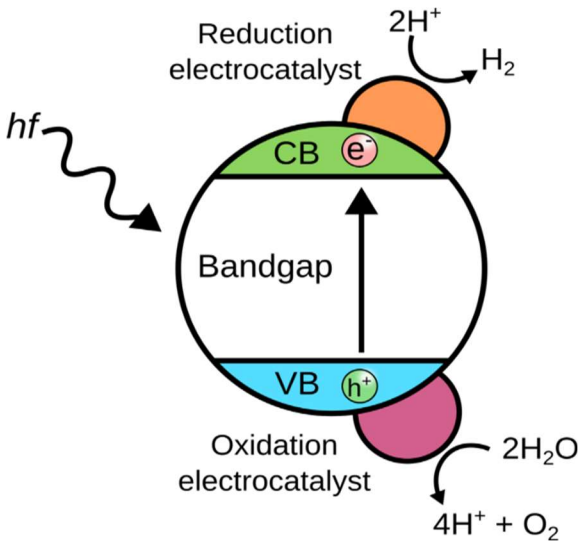


Figure 1.3. Schematic illustration for photocatalytic water splitting using a semiconductor photocatalyst [68].

(ii) Electrocatalytic water splitting:

Electrocatalytic water splitting is a process where the splitting of water is done electrochemically [31]. The electrocatalytic water splitting involves the hydrogen evolution (HER) on the cathode and the oxygen evolution reaction (OER) on the anode. The energy required for water splitting is 237 kJ/mol under standard conditions. A potential of 1.23 V is required/electron that is transferred [60].

Table 1.2. The reactions take place in acidic and alkaline media.

	$H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow H_2O$
In acidic medium,	
Cathode	$2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2$
Anode	$H_2O \rightarrow 2H^+ + 12O_2 + 2e^-$
In alkaline medium	
Cathode	$2H_2O + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2 + 2OH^-$
Anode	$2OH^- \rightarrow H_2O + 12O_2 + 2e^-$

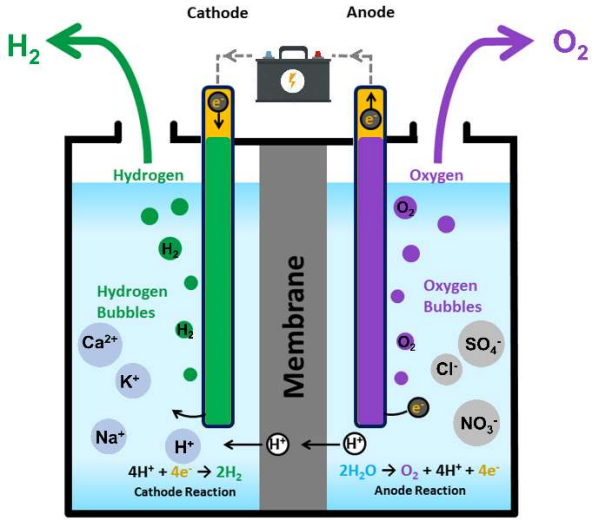


Figure 1.4. Schematic diagram of electrocatalytic water splitting.

The HER process can be divided into three steps in both these media, Volmer reaction (hydrogen adsorption reaction), Heyrovsky reaction (electrochemical hydrogen desorption reaction), and Tafel reaction (chemical desorption reaction) [12]. The first step is identified as the proton discharge step, also called the Volmer reaction, initiated by the formation of adsorbed hydrogen intermediates (H*) on the electrode surface (M) *via* the reduction of protons, where the proton sources are hydronium ions (H_3O^+) or water molecules in an acidic or basic electrolyte, respectively [64].

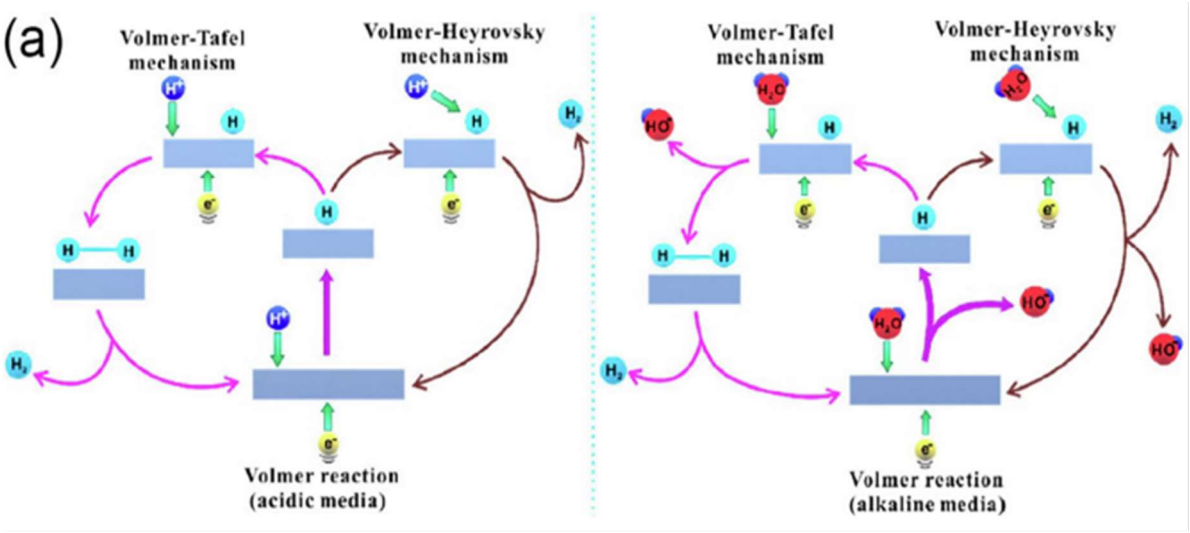


Figure 1.5. The hydrogen evolution reaction (HER) mechanism in (a) acidic (left) solution and alkaline (right) solution [66].

Step 1: Electrochemical hydrogen adsorption (Volmer reaction)

$H_3O^+ + M + e^- \longrightarrow H^* + H_2O$ in an acidic electrolyte

$H_2O + M + e^- \longrightarrow H^* + OH^-$ in an alkaline electrolyte

After the generation of H*, H_2 gas is produced by either the Tafel step (chemical desorption) or the Heyrovsky step (electrochemical desorption), or both. The Tafel reaction is a rate-determining step that occurs when the surface coverage of H* is high, and thus, the adjacent H* intermediates likely combine to form H_2. In the Heyrovsky reaction, the adsorbed H* intermediates react with the proton and electron to generate H_2 because of the low surface coverage of H* [4].

Step 2: chemical desorption (Tafel reaction)

$H^* + H^* \longrightarrow H_2$ (both acidic and alkaline electrolytes) electrochemical desorption (Heyrovsky reaction)

$H_3O^+ + e^- + H^* \longrightarrow H_2 + H_2O$ (acidic electrolyte)

$H_2O + e^- + H^* \longrightarrow H_2 + OH^-$ (alkaline electrolyte)

Based on the above mechanisms, it is evident that H* is always involved in the HER, irrespective of the pH conditions. According to the Sabatier principle, an ideal HER catalyst should interact neither too strongly nor too weakly with the adsorb H* intermediate. The moderate bonding strength between the H* intermediate and the electrocatalyst is important to facilitate not only the charge/mass transfer but also the rapid desorption of H_2.

In the selection of the materials for electrocatalytic water splitting, Trasatti plotted a logarithm of exchange current densities vs metal hydrogen bond strength, which is known as the volcano plot. This plot enables one to compare the activities of various catalysts. The use of conducting carbon-based nanomaterials materials like CNT, and graphene in conjunction with both platinum group metals (PGM) and transition metal catalysts can bring about a revolution in electrocatalytic water splitting [59].

(iii) Photo electrocatalytic water splitting (PEC):

This process is a combination of photocatalytic and electrocatalytic water splitting. In photo electrocatalytic water splitting, the material is coated onto a conducting electrode. Applying potential in the presence of light leads to HER. The potential that needs to be applied here is shifted to lower values in the case of appropriately modified electrodes. Here the photogenerated holes migrate to the anode and oxidize H_2O [16]. The reaction sites i.e., the two electrodes in this process are separated spatially, and hence products H_2 and O_2 can be collected separately.

A major highlight of this method is that its performance is at par with the fossil fuel-based technologies provided the solar light is used as the light source and solar to hydrogen (STH) conversion efficiency reaches 10%. In terms of performance evaluation for a PEC system, the STH is a product of light absorption efficiency (η_{abs}), charge separation efficiency(η_{sep}), and the injection efficiency of the photogenerated charge carriers (η_{inj}). To achieve an efficient PEC water splitting there must be:

(i) a broad light absorption range for efficient light utilization,

(ii) efficient transfer of charge from the bulk of the photoelectrode to the surface,

(iii) rapid consumption of the photogenerated carriers for the surface reaction with minimum overpotential, and

(iv) Excellent durability for practical applications.

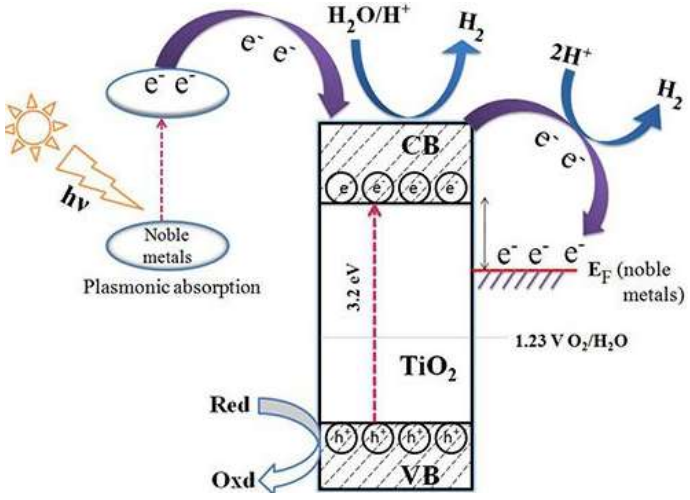


Figure 1.6. Pictorial representation of photo-electrocatalytic water splitting [38].

1.4. ELECTROCATALYSIS FOR RENEWABLE HYDROGEN PRODUCTION

Electrolysers convert electrical energy into chemical energy, the latter being stored. Water electrolysis coupled with renewable energy sources allows the direct conversion of clean electricity into chemical energy in the form of hydrogen molecules. Thus, water electrolyzers enable the production of hydrogen with zero emissions [53]. The energy efficiency of water electrolyzers is to a large part determined by the oxidation of water, or the oxygen evolution reaction (OER):

$$2H_2O \rightarrow O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^-$$

Slow OER kinetics cause significant potential losses. In proton exchange membrane (PEM) electrolyzers, high loadings of precious metal electrocatalysts based on iridium are typically needed to minimize the overpotential, preventing their widespread utilization. This study investigates novel electrocatalyst materials with high activity and stability and electrolyte effects for the oxygen evolution reaction [50]. The catalysts are added to the anode and cathode to reduce the overpotential.

1.5. ELECTROCATALYSTS

Electrocatalyst and electrocatalysis, since traditional fuels are still used, mainly in transportation and electricity generation, greenhouse gas emissions are causing dangerous climate change [7]. To solve scientific problems, energy sources with high capacity like metal-air batteries and fuel cells have been developed to address clean energy requirements in transportation applications as well as the usage of renewable energies. Redox reactions in electrochemistry like OER, ORR, HER, and others take place in the energy storage devices' electrodes. An electrochemical redox reaction processes have several roadblocks [6]. HER, ORR and OER, and all play a role in clean and sustainable energy technologies like water-splitting devices, transition metal-air batteries, and fuel cells.

To improve the reaction of oxygen reduction in fuel cell technology for conversion of energy, the oxygen evolution in transition metal-air batteries for storing energy, as well as HER in solar water splitting for hydrogen fuel production, catalysts are necessary. In these processes, noble metals like Ir (iridium), Pd (palladium), Pt (platinum), and oxides of metals are commonly utilized as catalysts [69]. On the other hand, catalysts based on noble metals have several drawbacks, including gas poisoning sensitivity, poor stability, expensive demand, limited selectivity, restricted

availability, and so on, all of which have hampered the commercialization of those energy solutions. To keep costs down of precious metals and their oxides, scientists have worked hard to build electrodes with metal-free and Pt-free catalysts that are effective for oxygen reduction reactions [67].

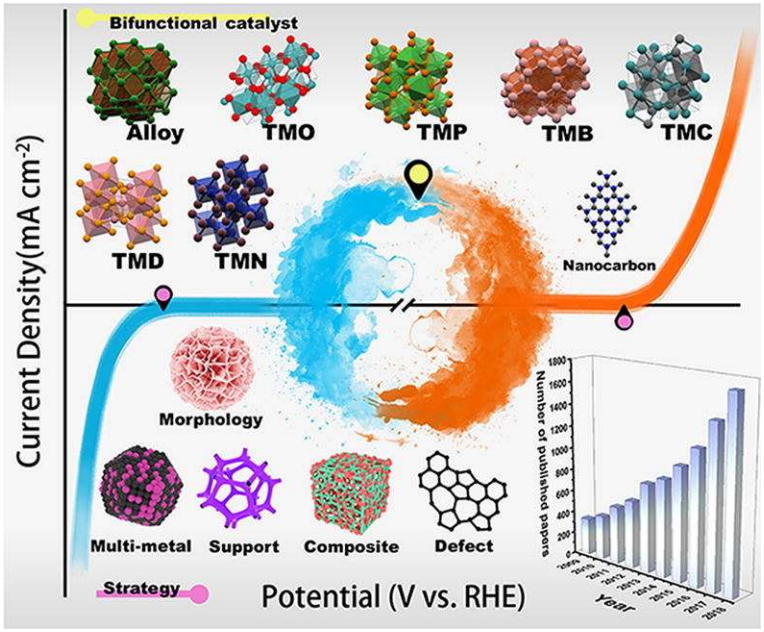


Figure 1.7. Overview of electrocatalysts.

1.6. ELECTRODEPOSITION

Electrodeposition, a short version of electrolytic deposition, is the conventional process of coating a thin layer of one metal on top of a different metal to modify its surface properties. Based on the principle of electrolysis, it is a process that uses electrical current to reduce the cations of a desired material from an electrolyte and coat those materials as a thin film onto a conductive substrate surface. This is done to achieve the desired electrical and corrosion resistance, reduce wear and friction, improve heat tolerance, and for decoration [44]. Hence the surface properties of a material can be tailored and new materials for a variety of applications can be explored through this technique.

1.6.1. Electrodeposition principles

The electrolyte solution contains positively charged nickel ions (cations) and negatively charged chloride ions (anions). Under an applied external electric field, the cations migrate to the cathode where they are discharged and deposited as metals. Metal from the anode dissolves into the solution to maintain electrical

neutrality. The overall process is known as electrolysis. Noble metal, platinum plate, is used as the anode. The reaction that occurs at the anode is the oxidation of water [30].

$$2H_2O \longrightarrow 4H^+ + O_2 + 4e^-$$

Simple electrodeposition system Under the influence of an applied potential, the rearrangement of ions near the electrode surface results in an electrical double layer called Helmholtz double layer as shown in Figure 1.8, followed by the formation of a diffusion layer. The process is as follows:

1. *Migration* – The hydrated metal ions in the solution migrate towards the cathode under the influence of impressed current as well as by diffusion and convection.
2. *Electron transfer* – At the cathode surface, a hydrated metal ion enters the diffused double layer where the water molecules of the hydrated ion are aligned. Then the metal ions enter the Helmholtz double layer where it is deprived of their hydrate envelope.
3. The dehydrated ion is neutralized and adsorbed on the cathode surface.
4. The absorbed atom then migrates or diffuses to the growth point on the cathode surface. The thickness of the electroplated layer on the substrate is determined by the time duration of the plating.

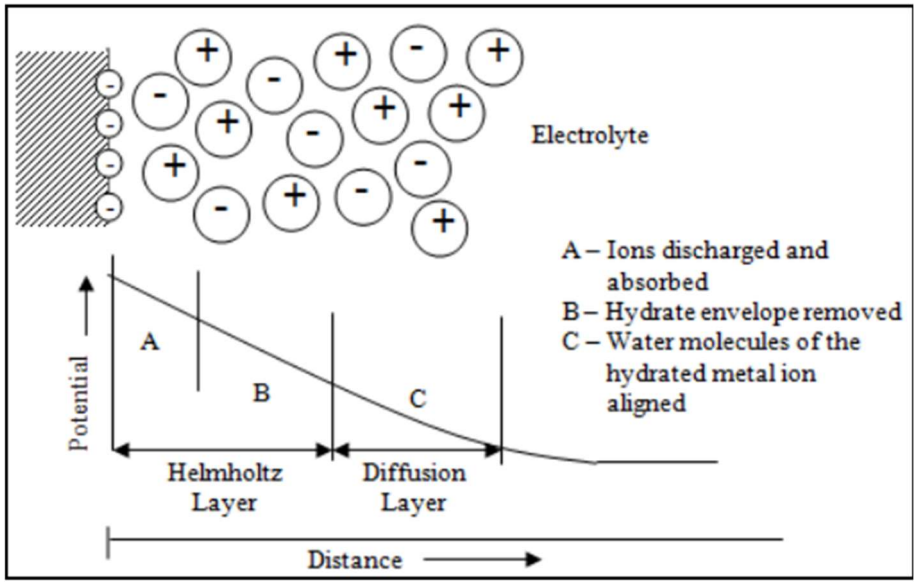


Figure 1.8. Schematic representation of electrical double layer.

1.6.2. Influencing Factors in Electrodeposition

- Current density
- The nature of the anions or cations in the solutions

- Bath composition and temperature
- Solution concentration
- Power supply current waveform
- The presence of impurities
- Physical and chemical nature of substrate surface.

1.6.3. Applications

Applications of electrodeposition can be grouped into the following four main categories:

- ***Decorations*** – coating a more expensive metal onto a base metal surface to improve the appearance [13]. Applications are jewelry, furniture fittings, builders' hardware, and tableware.
- ***Protection*** – corrosion-resistant coatings such as chromium plating of automobile parts and domestic appliances, nuts, screws, and electrical components.
- ***Electroforming*** – manufacture of sieves, screens, dry shaver heads, record stampers, molds, and dies.
- ***Enhancement*** – coatings with improved electrical and thermal conductivity, solderability, reflectivity, printed circuitry, and electrical contacts, production of micro parts for MEMS (*micro-electromechanical systems*).

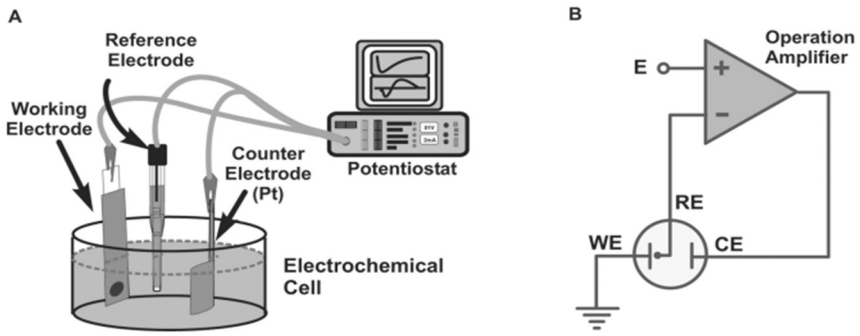


Figure 1.9. (A) Electrochemical cell with three electrodes connected to a potentiostat and (B) electronic sketch illustrating the mode of operation of a typical potentiostat.

1.6.4. Various modes in electrodeposition

(i) Galvanostatic and potentiostatic modes

For electrodeposition, electricity is applied in the form of current density or potential. Galvanostatic mode is performed by controlling the number of charges inputted with a constant current density without reference to an electrode. In this mode, the current density can be directly controlled to determine the number of nucleations and deposited amounts [55]. In contrast, the potentiostatic mode is a method of depositing materials using a constant input potential. Applying a constant potential typically results in the deposition of a single, pure phase. The applied potential is determined by the redox potential of the element to be deposited. When the applied potential is negative relative to the equilibrium potential, it is referred to as underpotential deposition [22].

(ii) Pulsed mode deposition

The morphology of a nanostructured electrocatalyst can be easily tuned by controlling the applied electricity. The pulse setting can be modulated using specific frequencies with different input potentials or current densities. For instance, by applying a pulse group including cathodic and anodic current signals with specific frequency to substrates, elements can be grown and etched away when using a negative redox potential metal source [62]. Nucleation grows anisotropically and vertically from the substrate, making it possible to assemble a nanoarray structure in a single step through electrodeposition.

(iii) Cyclic voltammetry (CV) mode

Recently, the CV (cyclic voltammetry) mode has been studied for depositing nanostructured and atomic-scale catalysts. In CV mode, a dynamic potential is applied, and the corresponding current density is measured [43]. Generally, when a low current density is measured, the electrolyte resistance increases due to a small amount of charge, making it difficult to deposit a uniform coating and resulting in a slow deposition rate.

1.7. FUTURE USES OF HYDROGEN

One potential solution to reduce the mentioned limitations is the development of hybrid vehicles that can reduce the amount of time between two consecutive refueling processes. Adding a second energy storage vector to a car increases travel autonomy and lengthens the time between fuel stops by enabling the battery

to charge while the car is moving. In addition to several additional advantages, the hydrogen-based fuel cell has proven its capacity to store and convert chemical energy directly into electrical power. The world's biggest automakers now have the task of implementing hydrogen and fuel cell-based technologies on their agendas. Notwithstanding the dedicated efforts made thus far, further and more thorough research is needed for the development and use of hydrogen-based fuel cells in both pure hydrogen and electric vehicle applications.

(i) Power and heat generation

Hydrogen is one of the best materials to store renewable energy in power generation and can act as a buffer for renewable energy-dependent electrical networks. A fuel cell may turn hydrogen into electricity when more power is needed, or gas-fired engines can be used to generate power. Pure or blended hydrogen has the most potential for usage in multifamily and commercial buildings, but it can also be used in industry to generate heat and power [20]. In the long run, if a pure hydrogen pipeline is accessible, the direct application of hydrogen in fuel cells or boilers may be possible.

(ii) Industry feedstock

Nowadays, the main uses of hydrogen as a feedstock are in industrial processes such as the production of ammonia, steel, methanol, synthesis gas for fuel, and hydrocracking and hydrogenation in the refining of oil. The majority of hydrogen provided today comes from fossil fuels if not entirely from them, so clean hydrogen has a large potential to reduce emissions [18]. For the tin bath, the most popular are hydrogen and nitrogen, and for oxy-fired furnaces, oxygen. Nowadays, the two primary methods used to supply these gases are electrolysis and the conveyance of compressed or liquefied gas by road.

(iii) Passengers/Goods transports

The cost of fuel cells and refueling stations determines how competitive hydrogen is as a fuel in transportation. Years have passed since the introduction of hydrogen-fuel cell forklifts, and considerable advancements have been achieved in the use of hydrogen-fuel cell cars, trucks, trains, and buses. Several nations have effectively managed to run fleets of buses driven by hydrogen for public transportation [49]. Fuel cell cars don't require a plug, in contrast to more popular battery-powered electric vehicles, and the newest models can travel over 450

kilometers on a single charge. They fill up with a nozzle nearly as fast as conventional gasoline and diesel cars [48].

1.8. CHALLENGES AND FUTURE OUTLOOKS

The non-precious metals electrocatalysts for OER and HER half-cell reactions have been comprehensively reviewed in the last several years to decrease or replace precious metals usage due to their high cost and commercialization. However, numerous challenges continue in the hydrogen production for inexpensive non-precious catalysts. The major problem of corrosion for both OER and HER carbon-intensive catalysts in alkaline and acidic solutions. The instability of ceramic catalysts for OER and HER in SOE at high-temperature PEM electrolysis contained non-active characteristics of transitional metal oxide. A reduction in potential due to non-precious metals overload at the anode. Transition metals have low electrical conductivity. The challenge is to prepare non-precious catalysts that can exceed the precious metal properties. Determine and resolve the strengths, shortcomings, and hazards of low carbon hydrogen systems There are numerous innovative research opportunities for investigators and scientists to develop modern highly effective catalysts for OER and HER process. The future research recommendations are as follows: novel and facile synthetic methods to produce nonprecious metal-based catalysts for OER and HER with high electrocatalytic activity. Optimize life expectancy, reduce deterioration, and design an extrapolation process. Establish the commercial practicability of hydrogen systems, complete chain of source-to-end. Planned, designed, established, and experimentally tested of large-scale hydrogen system for storage. Comprehensive understanding and designing of OER and HER electrocatalytic mechanism and further investigation into non-precious catalysts for OER and HER in the PEME process. The research advancement in the non-precious catalyst for OER and HER in the SOE process. The future development and application of MOF-based composite catalysts for OER and HER in the water electrolysis process.

Thus far, noble metal electrocatalysts based on ruthenium (IV) oxide (RuO_2), iridium (IV) oxide (IrO_2), and platinum have been widely employed in alkaline and acidic environments because of their distinctive electrical characteristics, strong electrocatalytic activity, and long-term durability. However, due to their scarcity and instability in electrolytes with high potential, noble metals' large-scale

commercialization for water electrolysis is severely hampered. In light of this, investigations have been conducted into transition metal (TM)-based oxides, carbides, nitrides, sulfides, phosphides, chalcogenides, hydroxides, halides, alkoxides, and borides/borates. The majority of these materials have poor catalytic activity, impecunious electronic conductivity, passivation, and disintegration in very acidic environments, which limits their usefulness. Therefore, innovative modification techniques such as heterostructure fabrication, morphological modulation, defect-rich construction, core-shell structure manufacture, anion doping, etc. are desperately needed to boost the catalyst's activity. Anion methods, such as substitution and modulation, have demonstrated significant promise in both HER and OER. Specifically, it is determined that one very promising path in catalyst creation is the anion-mixed method.

This work provided a brief explanation of how to create an amorphous bimetallic CoMo oxyfluoride layer (CoMoOF/GS) deposited on graphite sheets. Theoretical calculations and experimental data showed that CoMoOF/GS possessed favorable structural and compositional characteristics, such as a synergistic catalytic property between the Co and Mo components and a relatively high electrochemically active surface area (ECSA) due to the amorphous architecture and massive defects caused by electrochemical etching. This work provides a viable path toward the construction of bimetallic catalysts with exceptional capabilities and a distinctive structure for use in energy-related technology domains.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

A promising approach is to combine or mix several anions; this new approach will encourage the creation of non-precious materials with structural diversity and chemical complexity that are advantageous for water-splitting, HER, and OER [37]. Notably, the anion-mixed compounds would have a customizable reaction route, an adjustable electronic structure, and a controllable intermediate adsorption/desorption energy due to the configurable anion components and relative ratios [27]. Compared to single-anion materials, they are more practicable to further enhancement of the inherent catalytic activity, stability, and durability.

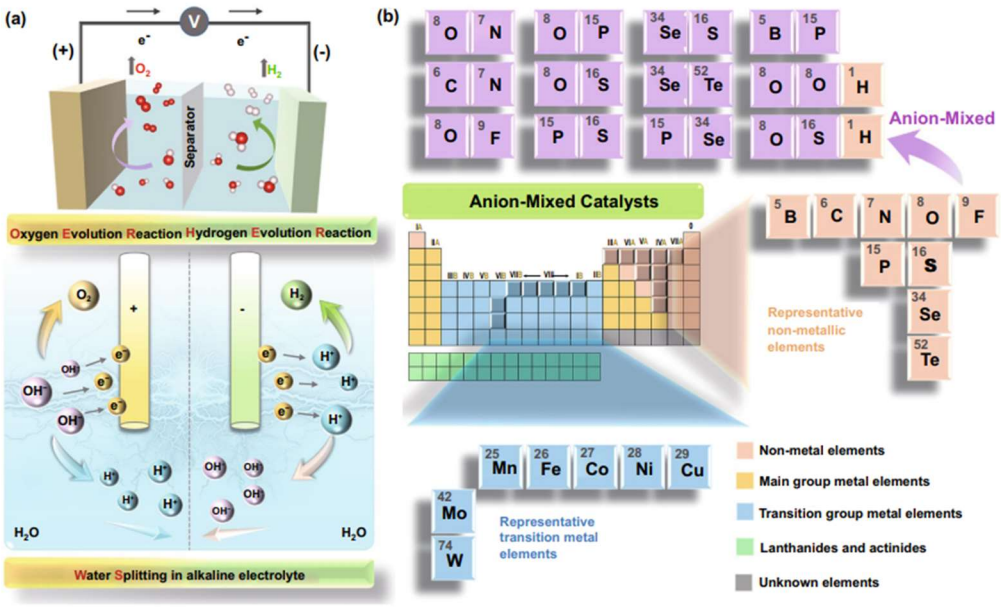


Figure 2.1. (a) Diagram showing the electrocatalytic water-splitting mechanism and apparatus and (b) Summary of the representative components that make up the current anion-mixed pairs and the water-splitting catalyst [41].

The hydrogen evolution reaction on the cathode and the oxygen evolution reaction on the anode are the two main components of the electrochemical water-splitting mechanism in general (Figure 2.1a). We present here the most recent advancements in the anion-mixed method for HER and OER using non-precious

metal-based electrocatalysts [25]. Also introduced are the benefits of using anion-mixed techniques to produce better catalytic performance. Introduced to the reader at the outset of this review are anion-mixed electrocatalysts and the function of mixed anions [15]. Next, current perspectives on the HER, OER, and general water-splitting electrocatalysts are discussed, including mixed nitrides, mixed halides, mixed phosphides, mixed chalcogenides, (oxy)hydroxides, and mixed borides/borates [46]. The water-splitting catalyst's representative components and the current anion-mixed pairs are depicted in Figure 2.1b. The overview and prospects for the anon-mixed electrocatalysts for effective water splitting are also proposed at this point.

Oxyfluorides (OF) are special because of their optical qualities, electrical conductivity, and catalytic activity [65]. It's important to note that the introduction of metal-oxygen (M-O) links can improve the intrinsically weak conductivity of metal-fluorides because large covalent M-O bonds can effectively balance the excessive ionicity of M-F bonds [1]. Because M-O and M-F bonds coexist, M-OF has exceptional conductivity as well as electrochemical properties. It is noteworthy that the F atoms are powerful since they have the highest electronegativity of any element in the periodic table, they can readily absorb electrons from nearby metal atoms, creating a large number of coordinatively unsaturated sites [47]. Meanwhile, oxyfluorides have garnered a lot of interest in the search for extremely active, reasonably priced, and long-lasting catalysts for water splitting because of their redox, magnetic, and non-centrosymmetric macroscopic polarity [26].

Fan et al. created the 3D iron fluoride-oxide nanoporous film (IFONF) with numerous defect sites as a bifunctional electrocatalyst for water splitting by using an easy low-temperature synthetic approach [28]. A current density of 10 mA/cm^2 may be obtained for total water splitting at a voltage of 1.58 V, which is less than the Ir/C-Pt/C couple benchmark of 1.62 V [23]. Because the F-anion has the highest electronegativity (~3.98) and comparable ionic radii to O_2 (1.38 Å) ions, it exhibits anion doping extremum at the oxygen sites and is a good n-type dopant for cobalt-oxide (Co-O)-based electrocatalysts [63]. Using this to their advantage, Huang et al. showed that 2D cobalt-oxyfluoride, which exhibits efficient electrochemical activity (η_{10} = 230 mV) with high durability (45 h) toward OER, can be produced by

incorporating Cobalt-F and Co-O linkages [8] [29]. Additionally, multi-element transition metal oxyfluorides are a prominent topic for research right now. Svengren et al., for example, synthesized $Co_3Sb_4O_6F_6$ with an electrocatalytic water-splitting activity of η_{10}=0.43 V for an oxygen extraction reaction [24]. A NiFe oxyfluoride (NiFeOF) holey film (HF) was created by Yang and colleagues as an all-around water-splitting electrocatalyst. Because of the combination of mixed phases (crystalline NiFe alloy and amorphous NiFeOF) and porous structure, the as-prepared NiFeOF HF demonstrated outstanding overall water-splitting ability (η_{10} = 0.6 V in 1 M NaOH) [33].

Furthermore, because O^{2-} and F^{-} have similar ionic radii, F and O can be switched out more quickly, increasing electrical conductivity and improving the efficiency of electrochemical catalysis. Enhancing the catalytic activity is also aided by the bimetal components' synergistic effect and structural advantage [9]. Lei and colleagues, for instance, synthesized amorphous CoMo bimetallic oxyfluoride (CoMoOF/GF) on graphite felt; appropriate anodizing increased its abundance of defects and increased the size of its pore structure. At j = 10 mA/cm2 (79 mV, 43.3 mV dec^{-1} in the alkaline electrolyte; 94 mV, 60.2 mV dec^{-1} in the acid electrolyte), CoMoOF/GF had a relatively low overpotential and Tafel slope. Perovskite fluoride oxide is another common configuration [3]. $La_{0.5}Ba_{0.25}Sr_{0.25}CoO_{2.9}–\delta F_{0.1}$ (LBSCOF) catalyst for alkaline water-splitting was described by Hua et al. The overpotential value of LBSCOF for HER is 256 mV at 100 mA/cm^2. It is noteworthy that at the high current density zone (>10 mA/cm^2) of LBSCOF, the Tafel slope (90 mV dec^{-1}) is only almost half of Pt/C (167 mV dec^{-1}) [56]. With an operating voltage of 1.748 V, LBSCOF can achieve a current density of 100 mA/cm^2 for OER, and its Tafel slope is 113 mV dec^{-1}. The F anion contributes to the enhancement of the O p band center and the activation of lattice O's redox potential.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

The aim of fabricating $CoMoO_4$/GS (CMO/GS) and CoMoOF/GS (CMOF/GS) electrocatalysts is to design, fabricate, and optimize materials that exhibit high activity and stability in electrochemical reactions, particularly in processes like hydrogen evolution reactions (HER).

Investigating electrodeposition routes to tailor the composition, morphology, and structure of CMO/GS and CMOF/GS electrocatalysts. Utilizing characterization methods such as X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier-transform Infra-red spectroscopy (FT-IR), Raman spectroscopy, scanning electron microscopy (SEM), energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS), and atomic force microscopy (AFM to understand the physicochemical properties and structure of the fabricated CMOF/GS electrocatalysts. Assessing the electrocatalytic activity, kinetics, and electrochemical active sites of CMOF/GS catalysts through techniques like cyclic voltammetry (CV), linear sweep voltammetry (LSV), and Tafel analysis. Fine-tuning the synthesis parameters and catalyst composition to enhance the performance metrics, such as improving the catalytic activity, reducing overpotential, and enhancing durability. Developing scalable synthesis methods and exploring cost-effective production routes to enable the large-scale manufacturing and commercialization of CMOF/GS electrocatalysts. Tailoring the CMOF/GS electrocatalysts for specific applications, such as water electrolysis, fuel cells, metal-air batteries, and other energy conversion and storage devices. Considering the environmental impact and economic feasibility of the synthesis methods and materials used in fabricating CMOF/GS electrocatalysts, with a focus on sustainability and resource efficiency. By addressing these aspects within the scope, fabricating CMOF/GS electrocatalysts aims to contribute to the development of efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally sustainable electrochemical technologies for energy conversion and storage applications.

CHAPTER 4

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

4.1. CHEMICALS AND MATERIALS

Cobalt (II) chloride hexahydrate ($CoCl_2.6H_2O$, 99.0 wt.%), sodium molybdate ($Na_2MoO_4.2H_2O$, 99.0 wt.%), boric acid (H_3BO_3, 99.5 wt.%), and ammonium fluoride (NH_4F, 96.0 wt.%) were purchased from Sisco Research Laboratories Private Ltd., India. Sodium chloride (NaCl) and trisodium citrate dihydrate ($C_6H_5Na_3.O_7.2H_2O$, 99.0 wt.%) were purchased from Merck Specialities Private Limited, India. Graphite sheets (GS) (thickness 1 cm^2) were obtained from Graphite Factory, India.

4.2. FABRICATION OF CMO/GS AND CMOF/GS ELECTRODES

The $CoMoO_4$/GS (CMO/GS) electrode was fabricated on the graphite sheet (GS) substrate *via* a conventional electrodeposition approach in a three-electrode cell configuration with GS (exposed area: 1 cm^2) as the working electrode, a Pt wire as the counter electrode, and an Ag/AgCl electrode (Ag/AgCl, 3 M KCl) as the reference electrode. The deposition electrolyte (pH 6.4) was composed of 0.1 M $CoCl_2.6H_2O$, 0.2 M $Na_2MoO_4.2H_2O$, 1.0 M H_3BO_3, 0.5 M NaCl, and 0.2 M $C_6H_5Na_3O_7.2H_2O$. In potentiostat, -2 V (vs. Ag/AgCl) was provided by an electrochemical workstation (BioLogic SP-150), and the deposition time was optimized to 20 min. Afterward, the sample was washed with deionized water to obtain electrodeposited CMO/GS electrodes. The CoMoOF/GS (CMOF/GS) samples were prepared through the same approach with the addition of 0.1 M NH_4F.

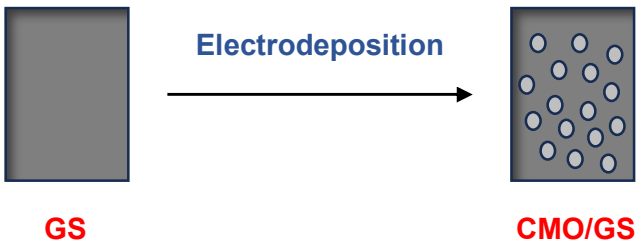


Figure 4.1. Schematic illustration of CMO/GS by electrodeposition.

4.3. MATERIAL CHARACTERIZATION

The phase structure and crystalline nature of GS, $CoMoO_4$/GS, and CoMoOF/GS electrodes were identified by powder XRD (Rigaku) with 2θ ranges from 10° to 90° using Cu K-alpha (wavelength of 1.5404 A°) at a scan rate of 6° per minute. Fourier transform infrared spectra (FT-IR) of the samples was recorded through the thin-film mode in the range 4000–500 cm^{-1} on Bruker Optik GmbH (Germany model: TENSOR 27) FT-IR spectrophotometer. The Raman spectra for all the samples were acquired by Raman-Lab RAM HR Evolution Laser Raman Microscope using an excitation wavelength of 513 nm. The morphology and % composition of the deposited samples were analyzed using Tescan VEGA 3 SBH with Bruker Easy EDS. Surface topography of the $CoMoO_4$ and CoMoOF deposited on a graphite sheet was obtained by atomic force microscopy (AFM) using Agilent Technologies, 5500 series.

4.4. ELECTROCHEMICAL MEASUREMENTS

Electrochemical measurements for the fabricated electrodes were carried out at room temperature in a three-electrode setup connected to an electrochemical workstation BioLogic SP 150. The three-electrode setup consists of a working electrode (electrodeposited GS), counter electrode (Pt wire), and reference electrode (Hg/HgO) coupled to the potentiostat. Freshly prepared 1 M KOH aqueous solution was used as the electrolyte. For studying the water splitting potential linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) was carried out. For comparison purposes, a bare graphite sheet was also tested under the same conditions. Cyclic voltammetric studies were carried out to find the electrochemically active surface area and the Tafel slope was derived from the geometrical area normalized LSV. All the measured potentials are converted into RHE scale according to the following equation:

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1. ELECTRODEPOSITION OF CMO AND CMOF OVER GRAPHITE SHEET

The electrodeposition was performed on the GS substrate to generate a CMO structure surrounding the surface of GS by employing the chronoamperometry technique. The parameters for the electrodeposition are listed in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1. List of electrodeposition parameters.

Technique	Chronoamperometry
Working electrode	Graphite sheet
Counter electrode	Pt wire
Reference electrode	Ag/AgCl
Electrolyte	25 ml solution containing 0.1 M $CoCl_2.6H_2O$, 0.2 M $Na_2MoO_4.2H_2O$, 1.0 M H_3BO_3, 0.5 M NaCl, and 0.2 M $C_6H_5Na_3O_7.2H_2O$
Applied potential	-2 V
Applied time	20 min

The current observed for the potentiostatic deposition of CMO/GS was -163 mA and for CMOF/GS resulted in a lowered current of -136.6 mA. The current for CMO/GS and CMOF/GS during electrodeposition dropped initially from -149 and -113 mA, respectively, which exhibits the initiation of the electrochemical reaction otherwise known as the electrochemical conditioning. Later it had shown the constant current throughout the deposition period. In Figure 5.1. the chronoamperometry curves for the deposition along with the fabricated electrodes were shown. The pH values for the electrolyte solution before and after deposition were also measured.

Table 5.2. pH values of electrolyte solution before and after electrodeposition.

Sample	Electrolyte pH before deposition	Electrolyte pH after deposition
CMO/GS	6.4	6.5
CMOF/GS	6.45	6.4

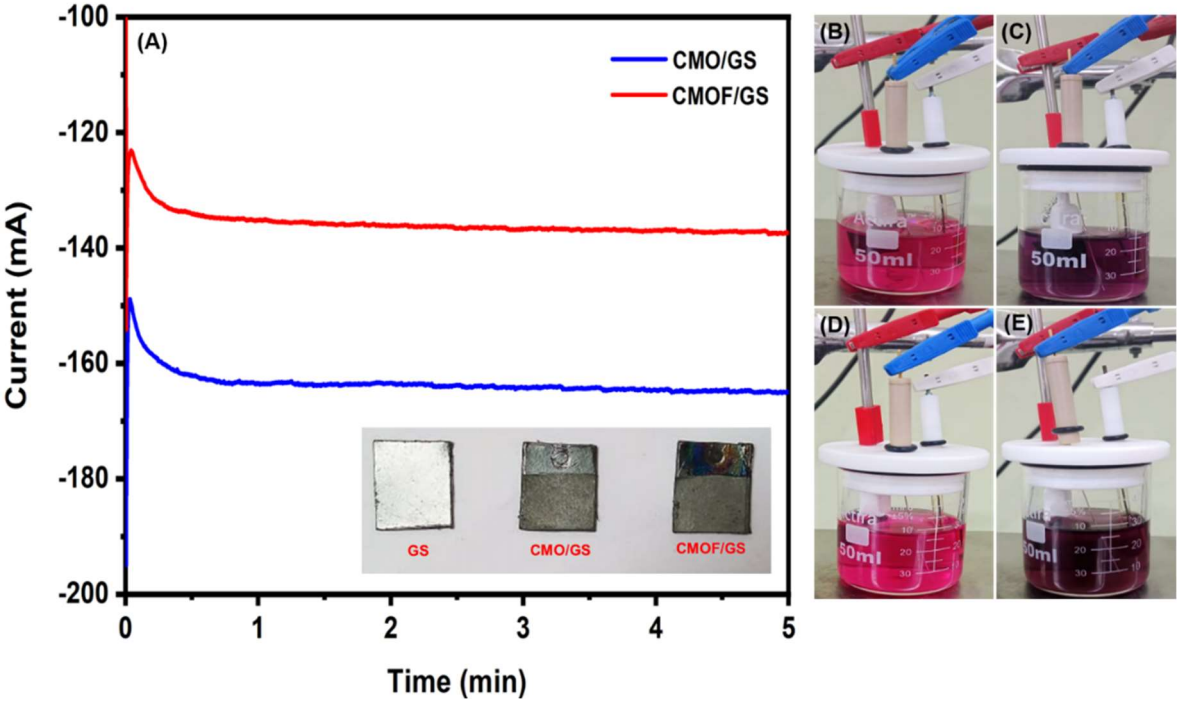


Figure 5.1. (A) Chronoamperometry curves for the electrodeposition of CMO/GS and CMOF/GS (inset: Photograph of bare and fabricated graphite sheet electrodes via electrodeposition), (B & C) before and after the CMO/GS electrodeposition and (D & E) before and after the CMOF/GS electrodeposition.

5.2. PHYSIOCHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATIONS

5.2.1. X-ray Diffraction studies

X-ray diffraction (XRD) was carried out to identify the structure of the cellular units (d-spacing) used for the confirmation of a successful synthesis [40]. A Bruker D8 ADVANCE diffractometer with Cu Kα radiation (λ = 1.54060 Å) was used. Figure 4.1 shows the XRD patterns. In the case of the graphite sheet, a strong XRD peak at 2θ = 26.5° and a slight peak at 2θ = 54.5° were observed specific to the (002) and (004) planes with d-spacing of 3.36 Å and 1.68 Å (JCPDS# 00-012-0212), respectively [57]. The XRD pattern of CMO/GS shows a broadened diffraction peak at 2θ = 10.8º in the plane of (001) confirming that the primary crystal phase consisted of a CMO (JCPDS# 00-021-0868) [11]. The broadened peak suggested that the lattice architecture of CMO was expanded *via* a strain deformation, which was

aligned with the amorphous structure's evolution, yielding more exposed electro-active sites. Besides, no other diffraction signals were detected for CMO/GS and CMOF/GS except for the carbon substrate. Based on the above results from XRD analysis, it can be demonstrated that the as-obtained CMO and CMOF were present.

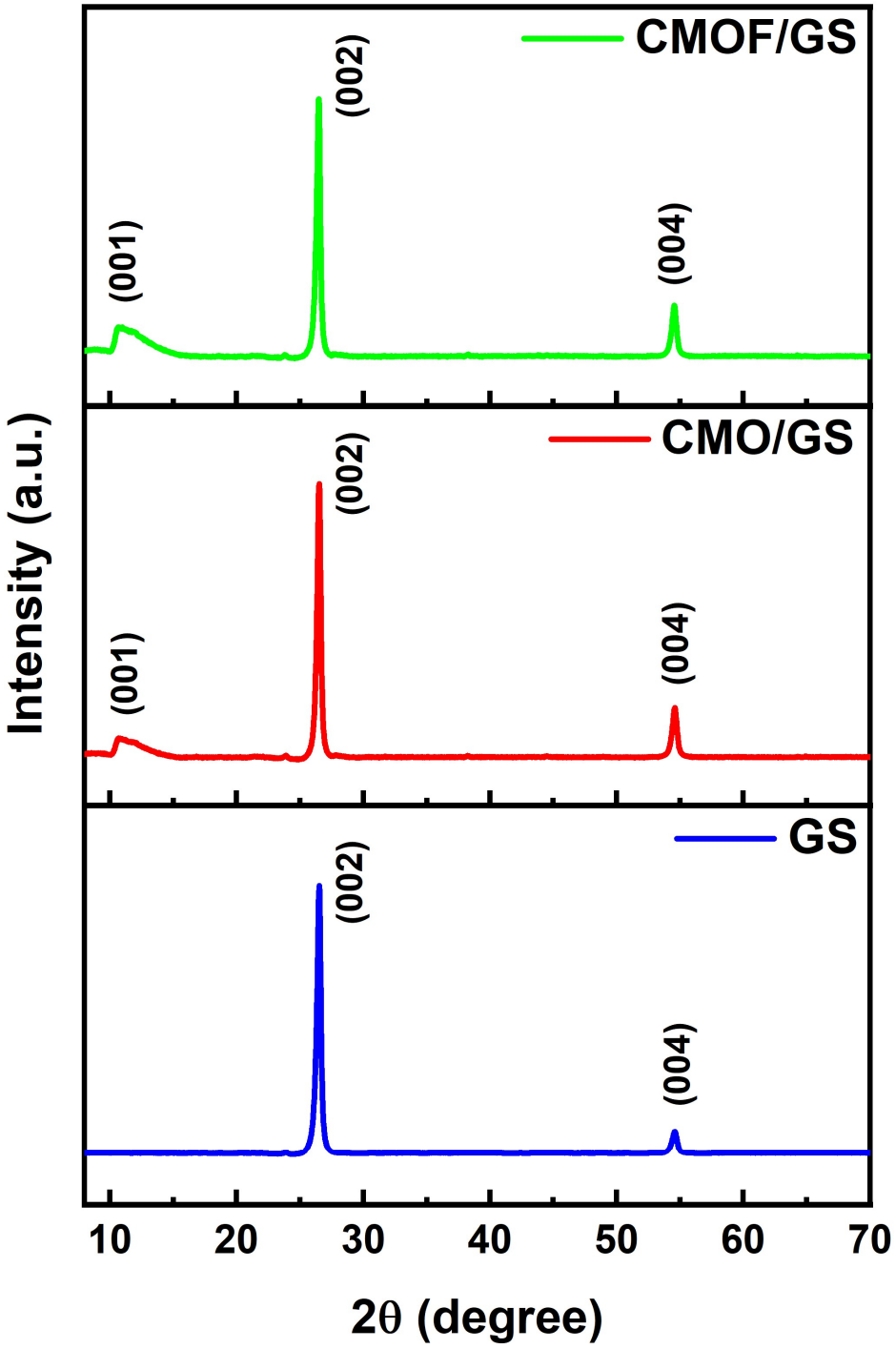


Figure 5.2. XRD patterns for GS, CMO/GS, and CMOF/GS.

5.2.2. FT-IR spectral features

To scrutinize the chemical and structural changes that occurred during the formation of CMO/GS and CMOF/GS, the FTIR spectra were analyzed. The absence of any significant peak in the FT-IR spectra of graphite indicates the chemical inertness of bulk graphite. While FT-IR spectra of CMO/GS and CMOF/GS showed various functional groups. A band at 3428 cm^{-1} was due to the O–H stretching vibration indicating the presence of OH and/or COOH functional groups within the structure and a band at 3060 cm^{-1} was due to C – H stretching vibration. Very weak bands at 2855 and 2920 cm^{-1} were due to the symmetric and asymmetric stretching vibration of the C–H bond respectively [39]. Carbonyl CO stretching vibration (1732 cm^{-1}), C-C stretching vibration of the unoxidized graphitic domain (1632 cm^{-1}), O–H deformation (1410 cm^{-1}), C–O stretching of epoxy groups (1225 cm^{-1}), C–O stretching vibration of alkoxy group (1050 cm^{-1}). The absorption peak at 803 cm^{-1} belongs to aromatic C-H formation. Spikes at 670, 594, and 461 cm^{-1} arising from C-H bending vibrations were also observed. Thus the result obtained from FT-IR affirmed the presence of various oxygen-containing functional groups like hydroxyl, epoxy, carboxyl, and carbonyl within the CMO structure [36].

Table 5.3. Characteristic IR absorption bands of GS, CMO/GS, and CMOF/GS.

Wavenumber (cm^{-1})	**Functional group**
3428	O-H stretching vibration
3060	C-H stretching vibration
2855, 2920	Symmetric and asymmetric stretching vibration of $-CH_2-$
1732	-C-O stretching vibration
1632	C-C stretching
1410	O-H bending
1225	C-O stretching of epoxy group
1050	C-O stretching of the alkoxy group
803, 670, 594, and 461	C-H formation and bending vibration

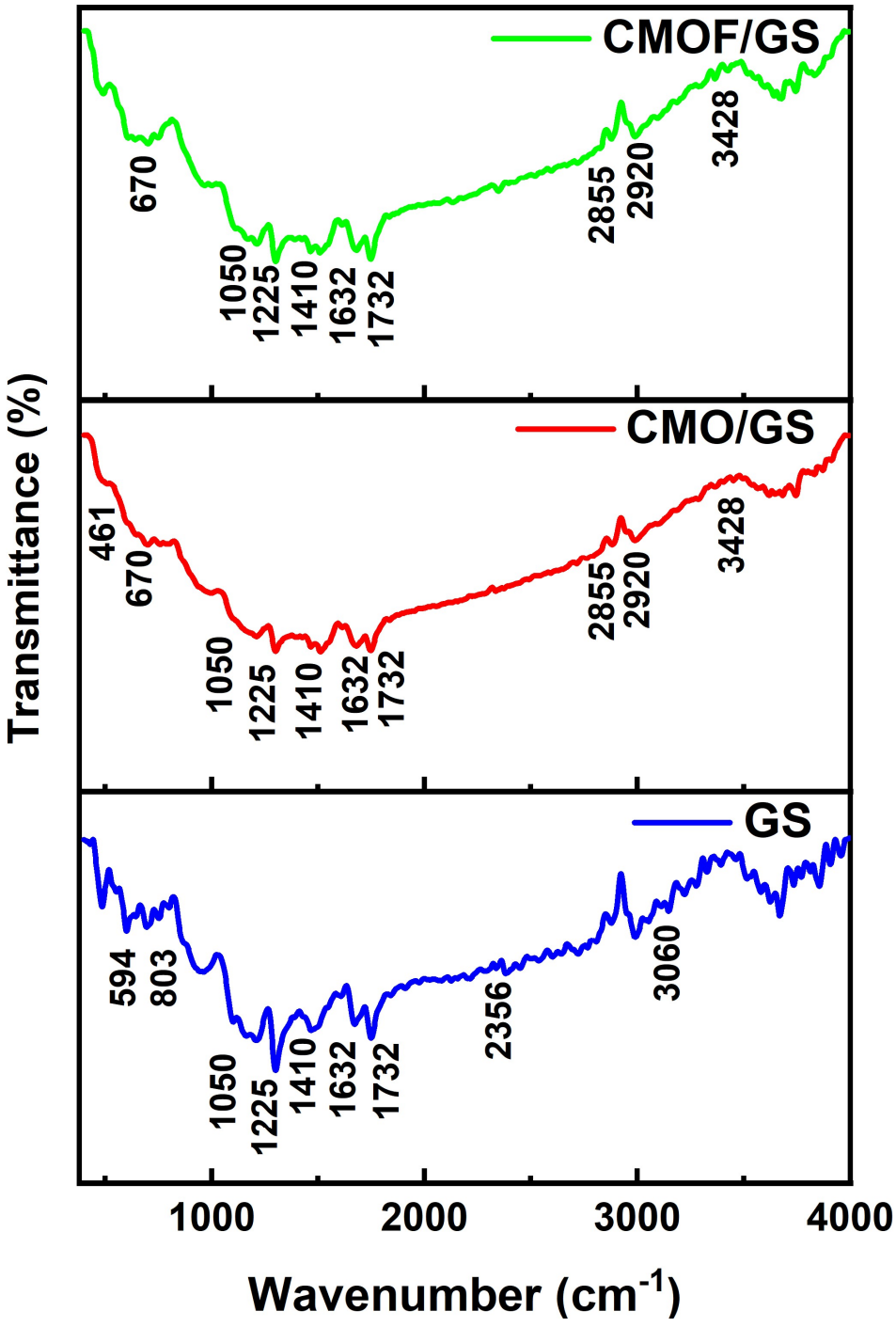


Figure 5.3. FT-IR spectra of GS, CMO/GS, and CMOF/GS.

5.2.3. Raman spectral features

The band at 1580 cm^{-1} corresponds to a graphite sheet. The broadband (around 350 cm^{-1}), a weak band (868 cm^{-1}), and a strong band (927 cm^{-1}) denote the Co–O–Mo stretching vibrations of the cobalt molybdate dihydrate materials. The band at 212 cm^{-1} could be assigned to the Mo-O-F bending vibration. The bands at 332 cm^{-1} could be assigned to the Co–O–Mo symmetric stretching vibration, and the band at 927 cm^{-1} denotes the Mo–O symmetric stretching vibration, respectively [52]. The band at 471 cm^{-1} could be assigned to the O-Mo-O symmetric and asymmetric bending vibration. The band at 802 cm^{-1} could be assigned to the O-Mo-O asymmetric stretching mode of oxygen in binding [51]. Vibration of the Mo–O–Mo bridge in the polymolybdate species was significantly enhanced accompanied by a decreased Co/Mo ratio, suggesting that more precursors are associated with the CMO active phase.

The Raman spectra of the carbon region for CMO/GS and CMOF/GS samples showed the typical D-band at 1358 cm^{-1} (originating from structural defects of carbon materials related to amorphous carbon species, vacancies, and grain boundaries) and the G-band at 1598 cm^{-1} (attributed to the E_{2g} mode of the sp^2 carbon atom). The earlier investigation has confirmed that the disorder-induced D-band was strengthened when the graphitic carbon lattice was doped with foreign atoms [42]. The ratio of I_D/I_G in CMOF/GS did not increase significantly compared with CMO/GS, indicating that the introduction of F atoms occurred preferentially on the CMO layer.

Table 5.4. Characteristic Raman shifts for GS, CMO/GS, and CMOF/GS.

Raman Shift (cm^{-1})	**Mode of vibration**
212	Mo-O-F bending vibration
332	Co–O–Mo symmetric stretching vibration
471	O-Mo-O symmetric and asymmetric bending vibration
802	O-Mo-O asymmetric stretching vibration
927	Mo–O symmetric stretching vibration

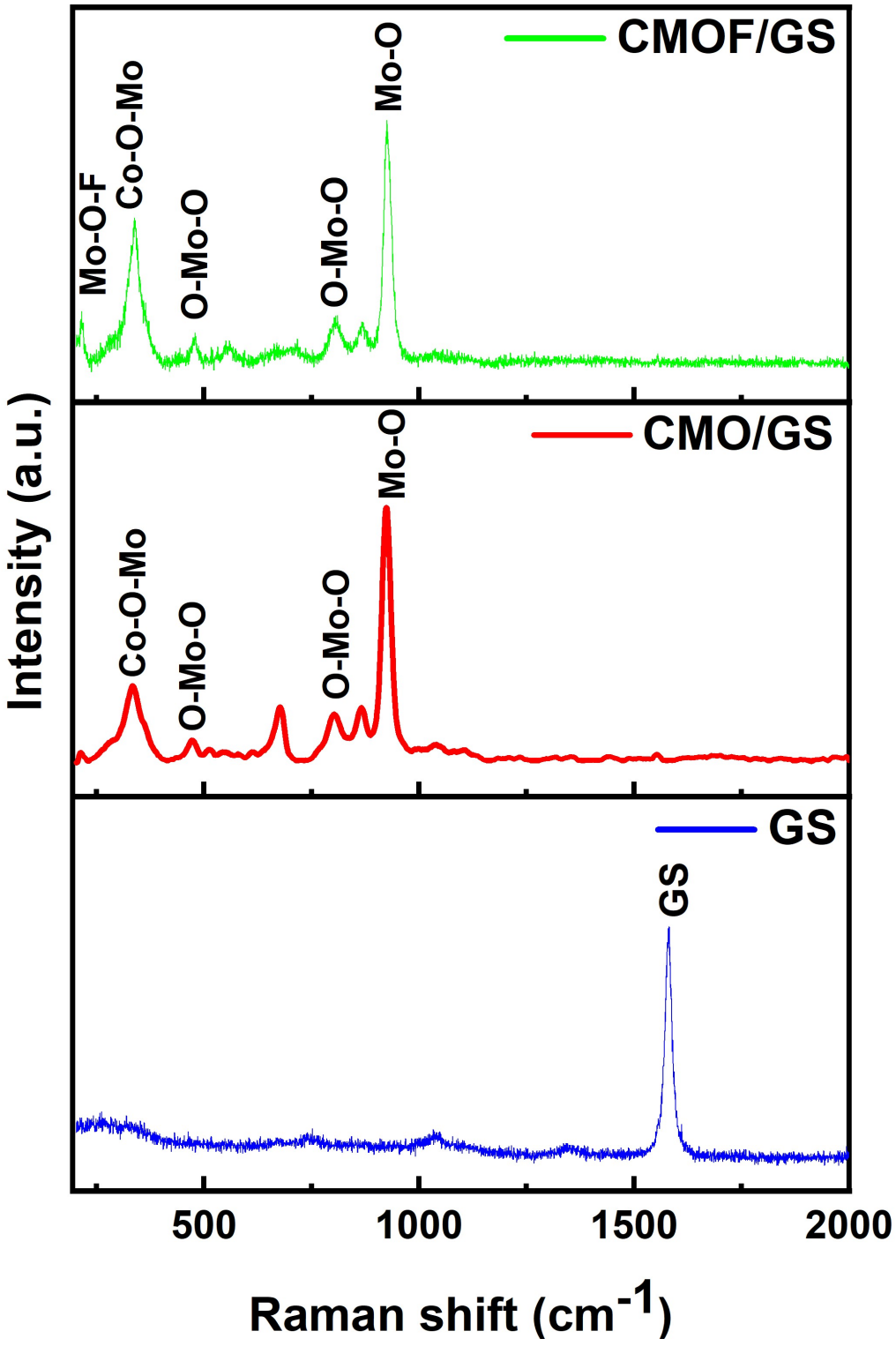


Figure 5.4. Raman spectra of GS, CMO/GS, and CMOF/GS.

5.3. MORPHOLOGICAL AND TOPOLOGICAL STUDIES

5.3.1. SEM analysis

The morphology of different catalysts was studied using SEM analysis. The morphology of these catalysts shows a substantial change after electrodeposition. The smooth surface of the blank graphite sheet can be seen from the SEM images in Figure 4.3. (A-C). As seen in Figure 4.3. (D-F), uniform spherical particles grow over the surface of GS after depositing CMO/GS. As seen in Figure 4.3 (G-I), it is interesting that the smooth spherical structure becomes rough and uneven with the introduction of fluoride. This roughness may further increase the active area of the catalyst.

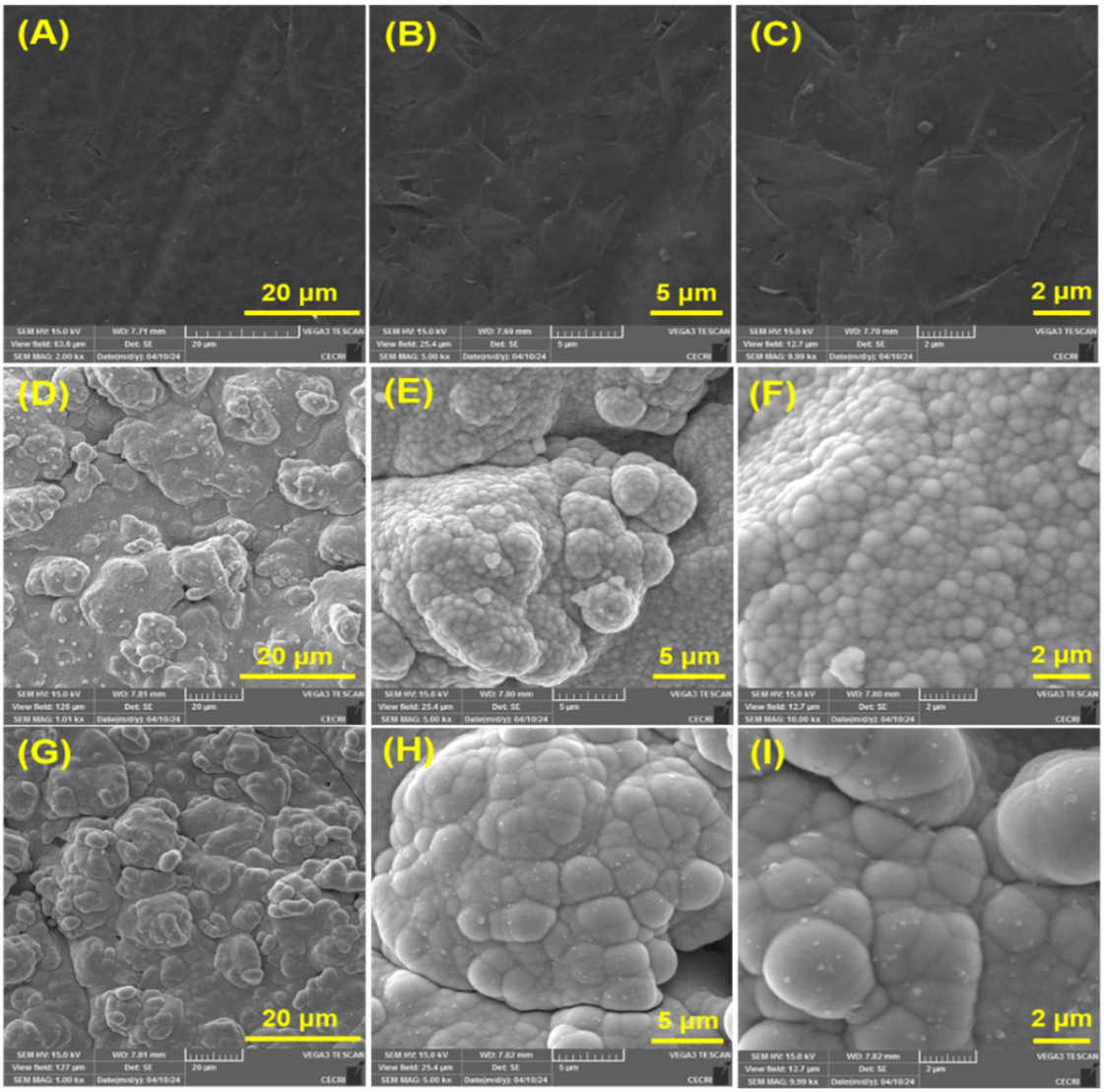


Figure 5.5. SEM images at different magnifications of (A-C) graphite sheet (GS), (D-F) CMO/GS, and (G-I) CMOF/GS.

5.3.2. AFM analysis

The atomic force microscopy (AFM) image and the corresponding line-scan profile of CMOF/GS indicated that the thickness of the deposition was 1-1.5 μm (Figure 5.6).

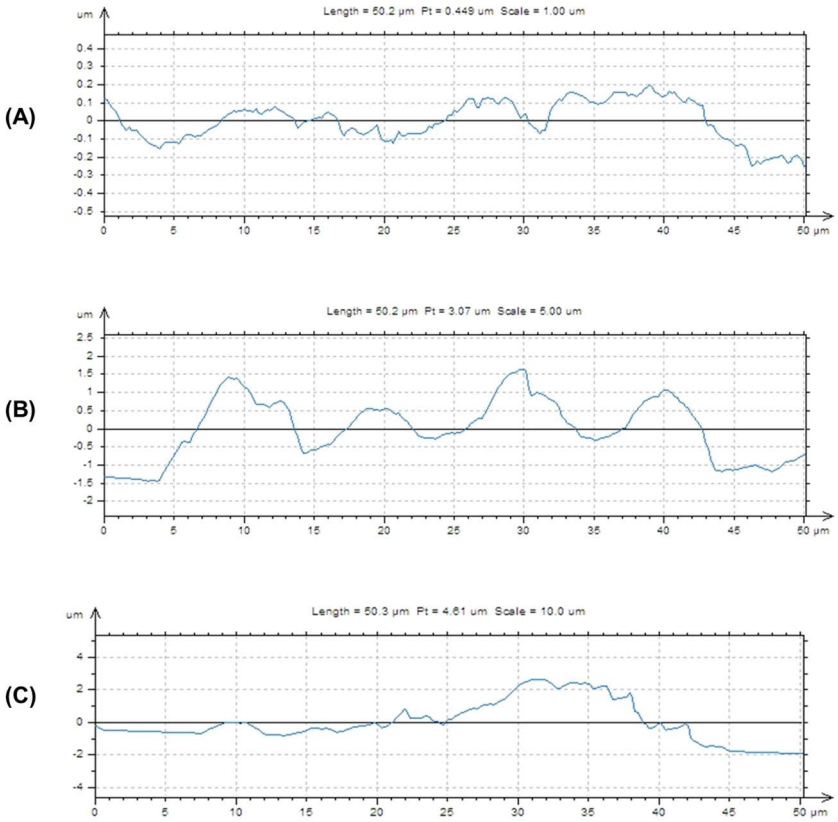


Figure 5.6. Profile extraction graphs from AFM analysis for (A) GS, (B) CMO/GS, and (C) CMOF/GS.

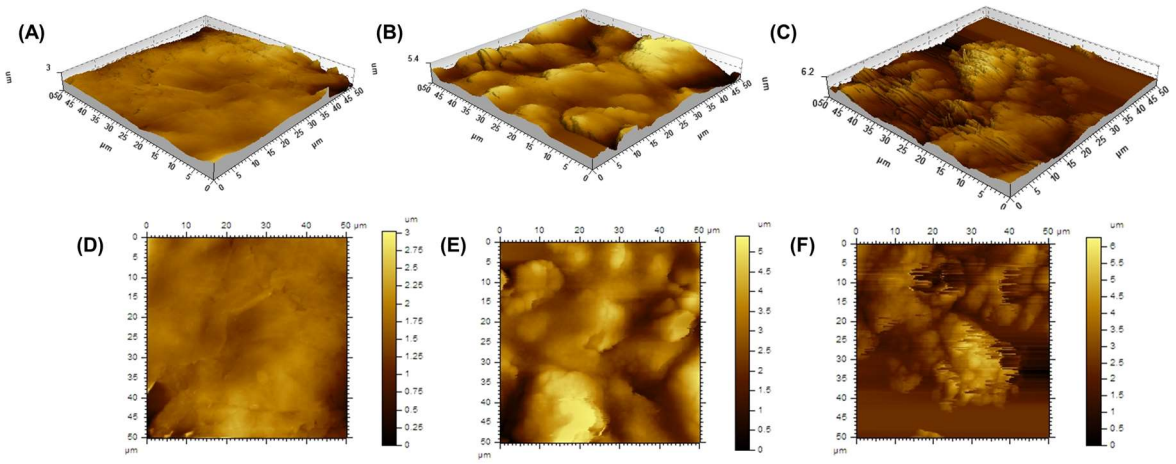


Figure 5.7. (A-C) Three-dimensional and (D-F) two-dimensional AFM images of GS, CMO/GS, and CMOF/GS electrodes, respectively.

The CMOF/GS sample showed a slightly higher root mean square (RMS) surface roughness of 0.516 in comparison to CMO/GS (0.507) and GS (0.056) owing to the presence of the hill-like surface with ravines (Figure 5.7), which further confirmed that the surface was etched during the electrodeposition, thereby exposing more active sites

5.4. ELEMENTAL COMPOSITION STUDIES

5.4.1. EDS studies

The corresponding energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) elemental analysis shows the varied uniform distributions of Co, Mo, O, and F elements within the selected region, yet the content of the F element was considerably weak, and quantitative EDS analysis of CMOF/GS suggested an atomic percentage (At. %) of 29.50, 14.20, 31.20, 1 signifying that the excessive Co in CMOF/GS.

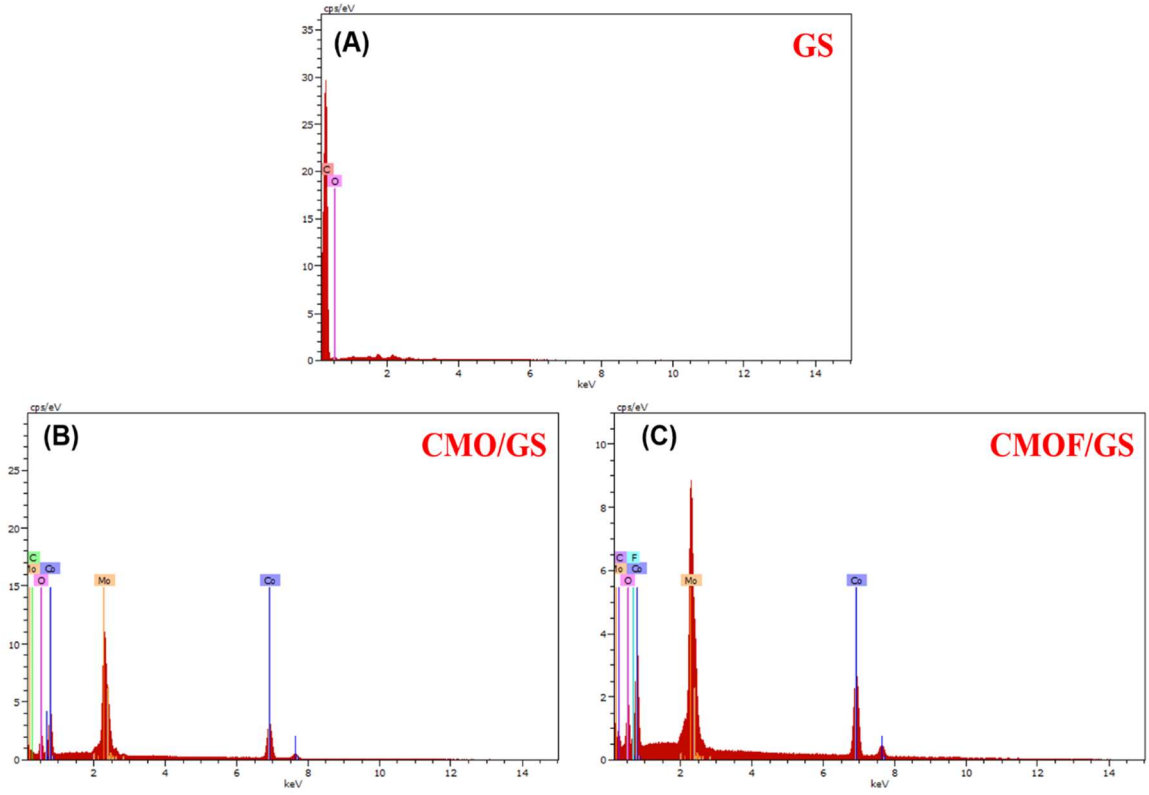


Figure 5.8. Energy dispersive spectra of (A) GS, (B) CMO/GS, (C) CMOF/GS.

Table 5.5. Atomic percentage of elements present in the fabricated electrodes.

Sample	Carbon	Cobalt	Molybdenum	Oxygen	Fluorine
GS	96	-	-	4	-
CMO/GS	21.10	29.57	15.48	33.85	-
CMOF/GS	24.10	29.50	14.20	31.20	1

5.5. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL HYDROGEN EVOLUTION REACTION (HER) IN AN ALKALINE MEDIUM

5.5.1. Cyclic Voltammogram studies

Figure 5.9(A-C) illustrates the cyclic voltammograms GS, CMO/GS, and CMOF/GS at different scan rates of 40, 60, 80, 100, 120, 140, and 160 mV/s for the determination of double-layer capacitance of the fabricated electrodes for the HER region. The electrochemical active surface area (ECSA) of GS, CMO/GS, and CMOF/GS catalyst was estimated from the electric double-layer capacitance (C_{dl}). Cyclic voltammetry (CV) scans of GS, CMO/GS, and CMOF/GS electrodes were recorded in a non-Faradic region (-0.70 to -0.50 V Vs. Hg/HgO) at the different scan rates (40, 60, 80, 100, 120, 140 and 160 mV/s) in 1 M KOH. The change in current densities measured at the fixed potential from CV scans were linearly fitted as shown in Figure 5.9(D).

ECSA is calculated by dividing the C_{dl} using the specific surface capacitance (C_s) of the electrode surface: [19]

$$ECSA = C_{dl} / C_s$$

Since the exact value of C_s for GS, CMO/GS, and CMOF/GS is not available, a commonly used C_s value (0.040 $mFcm^{-2}$) for metal surfaces was used here. The C_{dl} of the GS electrode is 22.6 mF corresponding to the ECSA of 0.565 cm^2, the C_{dl} of the CMO/GS electrode is 23.1 mF corresponding to the ECSA of 0.577 cm^2, and the C_{dl} of the CMOF/GS electrode is 28.1 mF corresponding to the ECSA of 0.702 cm^2 for the electrode with the geometric surface area (GSA) of 1 cm^2.

The results show that the ECSA value of CMOF/GS is greater than CMO/GS.

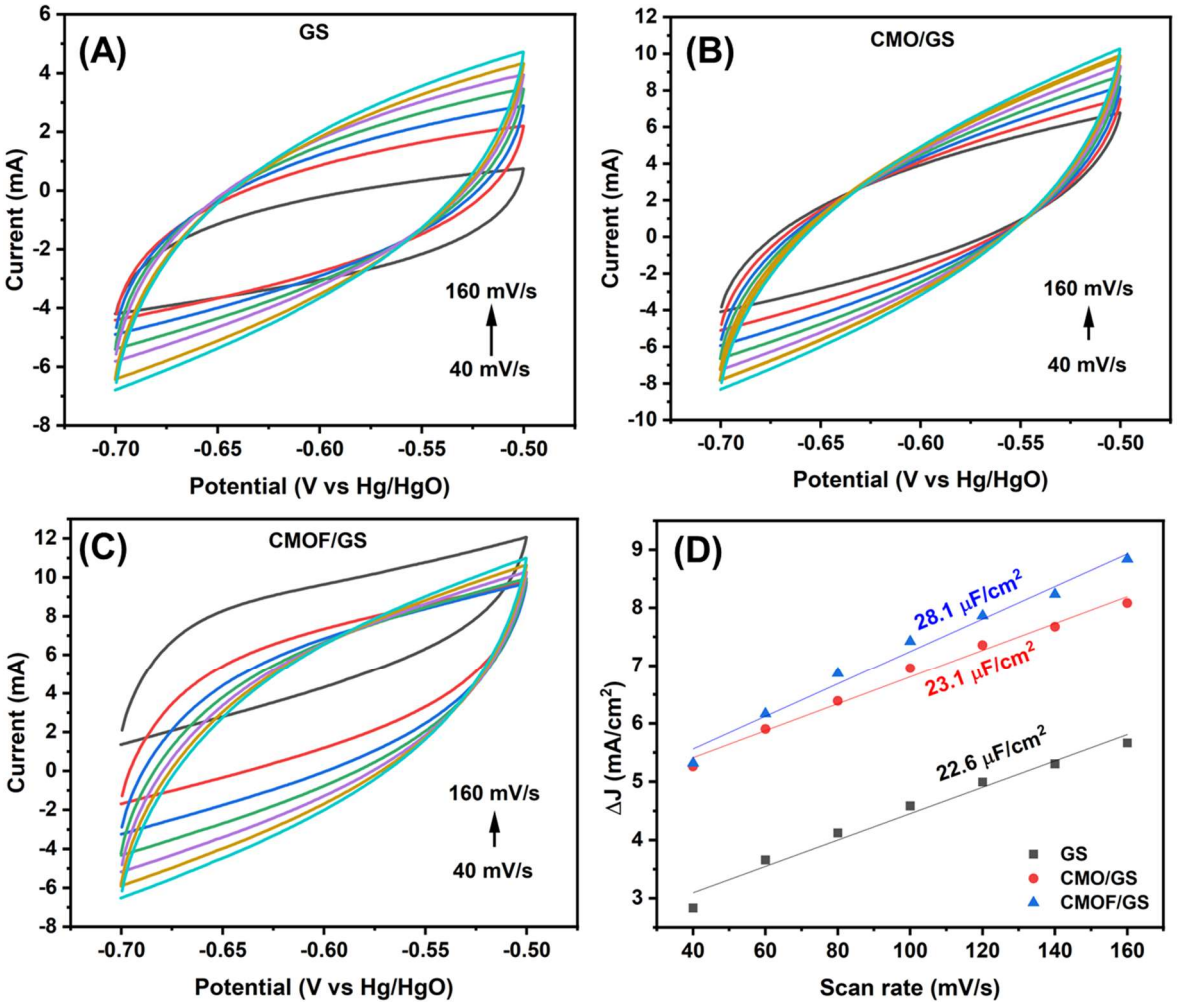


Figure 5.9. (A-C) Cyclic voltammograms at different scan rates in 1 M KOH at the non-faradaic region for the fabricated electrodes in the HER region and (D) C_{dl} plot for ECSA calculation.

5.5.2. Linear Sweep Voltammogram studies

Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) tests are conducted at the scan rate of 10 mV/s by a standard three-electrode system to investigate the electrocatalytic activity of fabricated electrodes and bare graphite sheet. The electrochemical tests were carried out to evaluate the active surface area and activity of the catalyst. Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) curves in Figure 5.10 show the enhanced and similar catalytic performance of CMO/GS and CMOF/GS over bare GS. CMO/GS and CMOF/GS show the best activity with an overpotential of 160 mV and 155 mV, respectively, at a current density of 10 mA/cm^2 and bare GS with an overpotential of 510 mV at a current density of 10 mA/cm^2. The iR compensation on LSV was done using BioLogic SP-150 at a range of 85%. These results suggest the superior

performance of electrodeposited electrocatalysts for electrocatalytic hydrogen evolution reactions. The graphite sheet had shown 355 mV of increased overpotential than the developed electrodes.

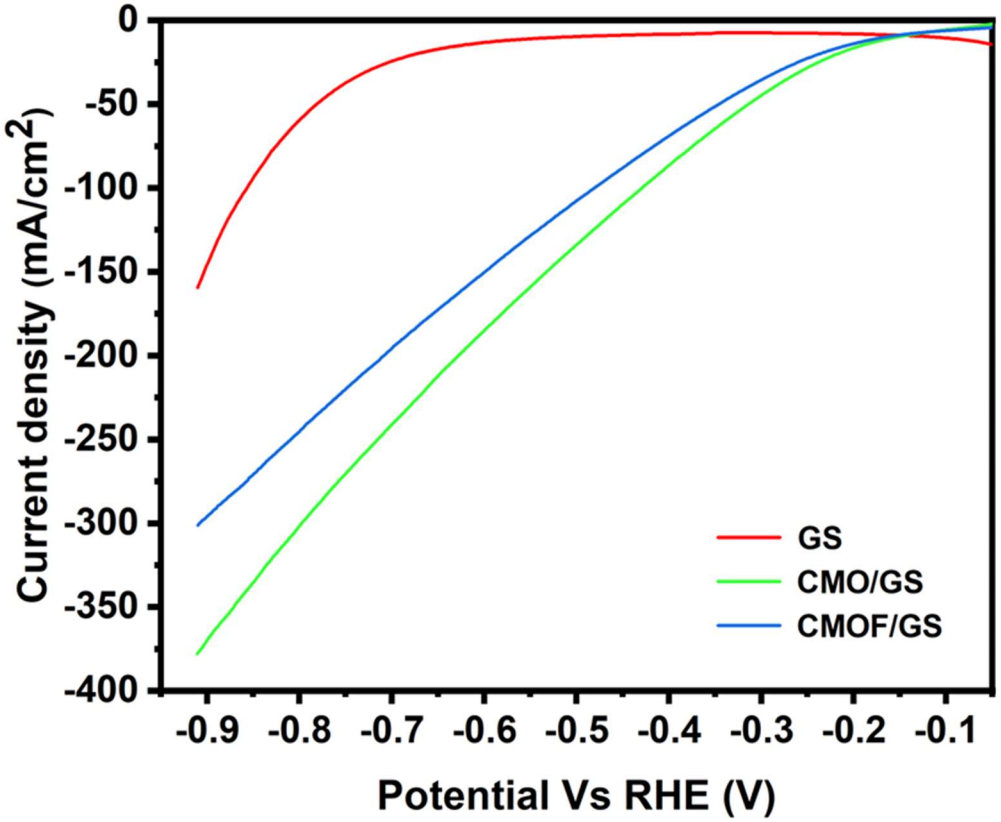


Figure 5.10. Linear sweep voltammogram of graphite sheet, CMO/GS, and CMOF/GS in 1 M KOH at a scan rate of 10 mV/s for the evaluation of hydrogen evolution reaction.

5.5.3. Tafel analysis

The Tafel slope is a parameter, commonly used to assess the performance of an electrocatalyst in the HER process. By analyzing the linear portion of Tafel plots, which plots overpotential against log (current density), researchers can determine the Tafel slope using the equation $\eta = b \log j + a$ (where η represents overpotential, j represents current density, and b represents the Tafel slope). A lower Tafel slope indicates a superior electrocatalyst, as it facilitates hydrogen generation at a higher rate with an increase in potential [5]. The Tafel slope of CMOF/GS and CMOF/GS are 82 and 80 mV/dec, respectively, while bare GS has a higher slope of 102

mV/dec, as shown in Figure 5.11, and it determines the CMOF/GS as a better catalyst for hydrogen evolution reaction.

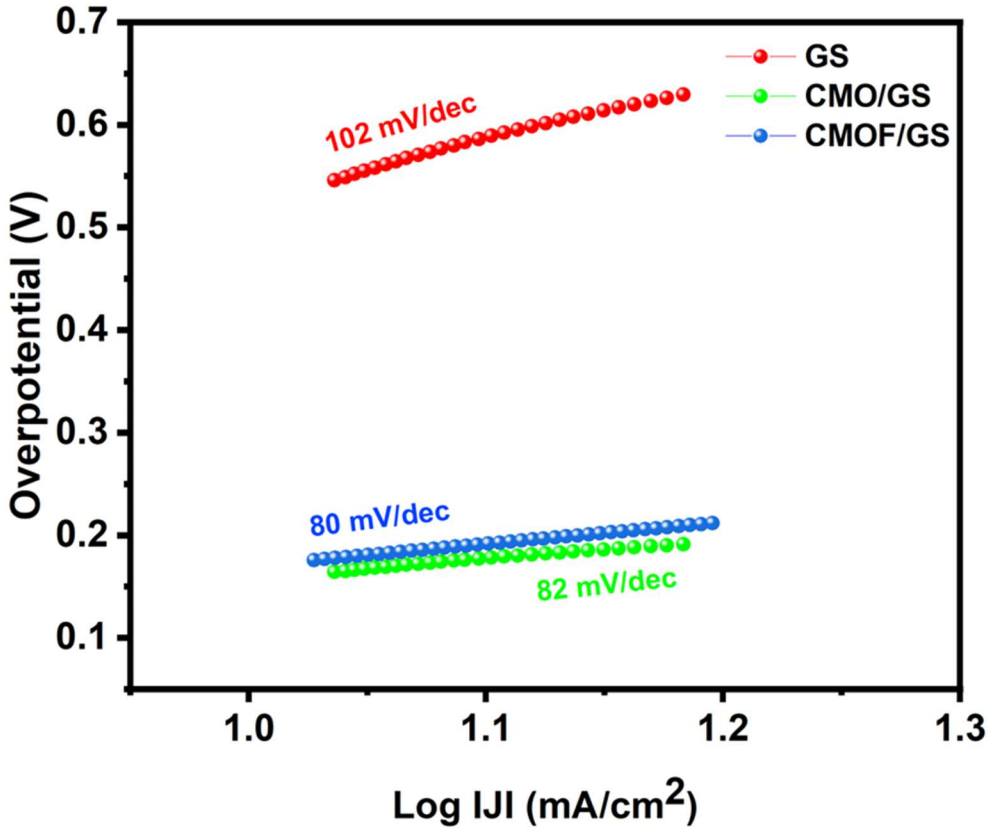


Figure 5.11. Evaluation of HER kinetics *via* Tafel plot analysis for GS, CMO/GS, and CMOF/GS electrodes.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION

The pursuit of efficient and sustainable electrocatalysts for water splitting has garnered significant attention in the field of renewable energy research. In this thesis, we focus on the fabrication of cobalt molybdenum oxide (CMO/GS) and cobalt molybdenum oxyfluoride (CMOF/GS) electrocatalysts deposited on graphite sheets through electrodeposition, as a promising avenue for catalyzing the hydrogen evolution reaction (HER). The primary objective of this study is to investigate the electrodeposition synthesis route for the controlled deposition of CMO and CMOF electrocatalysts over graphite sheets, aiming to optimize catalyst morphology and composition for enhanced electrochemical performance. Through systematic variation of deposition parameters, including electrolyte composition, deposition potential, and deposition time, we elucidate the influence of these parameters on catalyst structure and catalytic activity.

Characterization techniques such as scanning electron microscopy (SEM), atomic force microscopy (AFM), X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier transform infrared radiation (FTIR), and Raman spectroscopy are employed to comprehensively analyze the morphology, crystalline structure, and chemical composition of the synthesized CMO/GS, CMOF/GS electrocatalysts. Electrochemical methods, including cyclic voltammetry (CV) and Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV), are utilized to evaluate the electrocatalytic performance of the synthesized materials towards HER in alkaline electrolyte. Our findings demonstrate that electrodeposited CMO/GS and CMOF/GS electrocatalysts exhibit remarkable catalytic activity and stability for HER, surpassing conventional catalysts in terms of performance metrics such as overpotential, Tafel slope, and electrochemical surface area.

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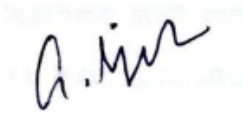
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ABSTRACT

A novel fluorescent probe has been developed based on graphitic carbon nitride quantum dots (g-C_3N_4QDs) which were synthesized by a simple Hydrothermal technique from bulk g-C_3N_4. The QDs possess an average size of ~5 nm which was confirmed by TEM, and a violet fluorescence (with excitation/emission maxima at 250/365 nm). The g-C_3N_4QDs were characterized by transmission electron microscopy, X-ray diffractometry, Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy, UV-Vis absorption and fluorescence spectroscopy. The obtained g-C_3N_4QDs were successfully used to determine tetracycline (TC) with an excellent linear connection in the range of 1.125 to 11.250 µM. The suggested fluorescence sensor has excellent selectivity, and sensitivity to TC, with a low detection limit of 37 nM. The synthesized g-C_3N_4QD sensor has been applied successfully and monitored TC levels in spiked amounts of Drinking water, Pond water, Milk and Blood samples.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

g-C_3N_4QDs	GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE QUANTUM DOTS
TC	TETRACYCLINE
CLI	CLINDAMYCIN
AMO	AMOXICILLIN
ERY	ERYTHROMYCIN
MET	METRONIDAZOLE
AMC	AMOXICILLIN CLAVULANATE
AZI	AZITHROMYCIN
CPI	CIPROFLOXACIN
LOD	LIMIT OF DETECTION
FTIR	FOURIER TRANSFORMER INFRA-RED SPECTROSCOPY
TEM	TRANSMISSION ELECTRON MICROSCOPY
XRD	X-RAY DIFFRACTION
DFT	DENSITY FUNCTIONAL THEORY
UV-VIS	ULTRAVIOLET-VISIBLE SPECTROSCOPY
AAS	ATOMIC ADSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY
XRF	X-RAY FLUORESCENCE SPECTROSCOPY
FL	FLUORESCENCE
PL	PHOTOLUMINESCENCE
SD	STANDARD DEVIATION

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CHAPTER 1

1. INTRODUCTION

Our world is bombarded with information - light, heat, sounds, smells, and more. These exist because of all the objects around us, and understanding them is key to interacting with the world. But how do we take these invisible forces and turn them into something we can perceive i.e. by the use of the sensor. A sensor is a device that detects these environmental stimuli and converts them into a form we can understand. Our bodies are full of these biological sensors - our eyes, ears, nose, and more. But these aren't enough to take in all the details of our vast world. That's why we've created additional sensors and technological marvels that help us gather even more information from our surroundings. The sensor developed here is a Luminescence-based quenching sensor The detection of antibiotics in food and water samples has emerged as a critical concern due to potential health risks associated with antibiotic residues and their impact on microbial resistance. Fluorometry sensing methodologies have garnered significant attention as powerful tools for the rapid, sensitive, selective, and cost-effective detection of these compounds. It offers an attractive alternative to conventional analytical techniques, such as enabling real-time monitoring and on-site analysis. Quantum dots (QDs) have significant attention as fluorophores in sensing applications due to their unique optical properties, such as size-tunable emission, high photostability, and large molar extinction coefficients [S.Pandey et.al.,2020]. It emphasizes the significance of these technologies in ensuring food safety, water quality, and environmental sustainability, highlighting their potential to revolutionize monitoring practices and mitigate the risks associated with antibiotic residues in our ecosystems and food chain [EFSA (BIOHAZ et al 2021].

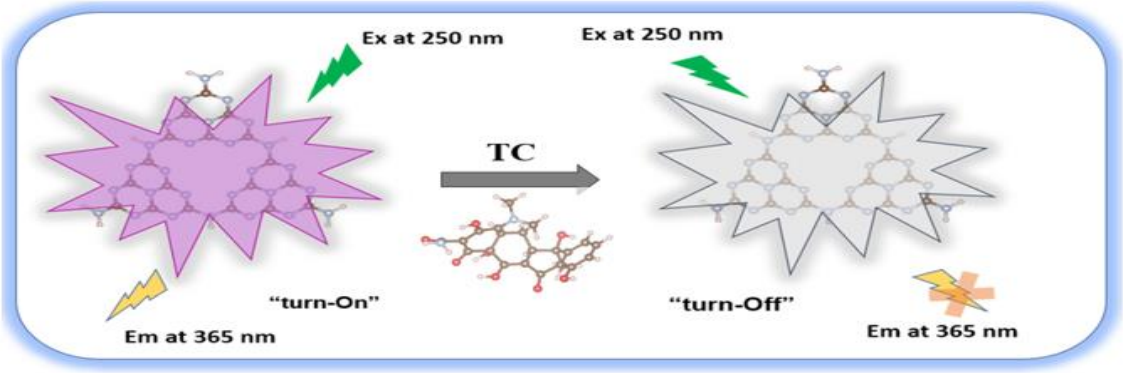


Fig. 1.1 Graphical Abstract

1.1 ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

AMR occurs when germs like bacteria and viruses evolve ways to shrug off medicines, making infections tougher to fight [Bardosh et al 2019]. AMR is a growing problem where microbes like bacteria, viruses, and fungi develop resistance to the drugs meant to kill them [Moo et al,]. This makes infections harder to treat and spreads more easily.

In the past nine decades, antibiotics have become a powerful tool for fighting bacterial infections [Richard J et al 2014]. However, their overuse and irresponsible disposal have led to concerning levels of antibiotic residues in our water [Okeke et al, 2022]. This contamination not only poses a potential threat of direct toxicity to aquatic life but also fosters the spread of drug-resistant bacteria [Imran et al 2019]. These resistant microbes pose a danger to human health, making infections more difficult to treat. As a result, antibiotics are now recognized as a significant class of emerging environmental pollutants.

1.2 FLUOROMETRY

Fluorometry sensing methodologies have received a lot of attention as powerful tools for detecting these compounds in a quick, sensitive, selective, and cost-effective manner [Fang et al. 2018]. It provides an appealing alternative to traditional analytical techniques like XRF and AAS allowing for real-time monitoring and on-site analysis.

1.3 QUANTUM DOTS

Quantum dots are small semiconductor particles of only a few nanometres in size [Reed et al, 1993]. They are man-made atoms whose characteristics may be altered by varying size, shape, and composition.

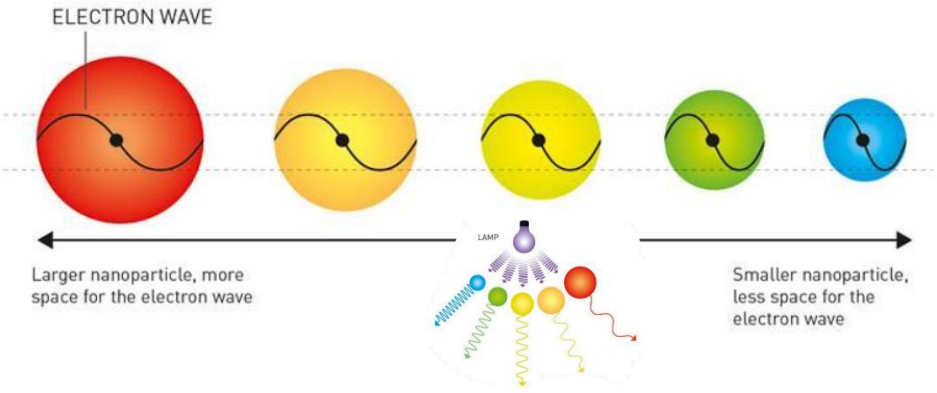


Fig:1.2 Quantum effects on different particle sizes

The properties of quantum dots confinement effect, which means that the behavior of electrons and holes in the semiconductor material is limited to discrete energy levels due to the particle's small size [Ikeri, et al,2019]. As a result, Quantum dots absorb light and then emit it at another wavelength. Its colour depends on the size of the particle [Bera et al,2010].

Quantum dots are excellent in sensor applications due to several main properties:

- High Sensitivity
- Tuneable Light Emission
- Narrow Emission Bands
- Biocompatibility
- Fluorescence Lifetime

1.4 GRAPHITIC CARBON NITRIDE (g-C_3N_4)

Graphitic carbon nitride is a collection of materials made from carbon and nitrogen atoms [Li et al,2007]. While its chemical formula is close to C_3N_4, it often contains small amounts of hydrogen bonded to the structure [Lei et al,2021]. Graphitic carbon nitride has two main building blocks with specific shapes, called heptazine and poly (triazine imide). The way these are put together depends on how the material is produced, which affects how tightly packed it is and how it behaves when interacting with other substances.

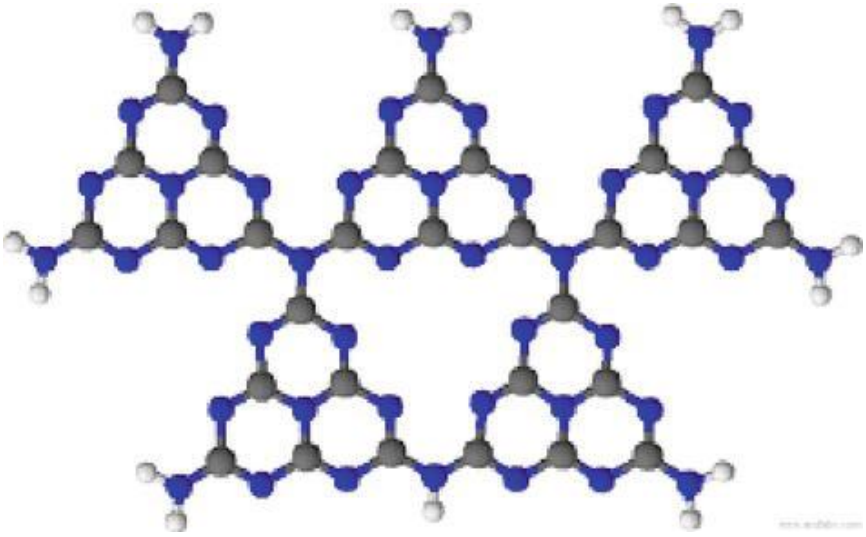


Fig:1.3 g-C_3N_4 Structure

As a metal-free semiconductor material, graphite carbon nitride has been extensively studied and applied in sensing, catalysis, and fluorescence [Liu et al]. So, it is well suited for sensing antibiotics, contaminants, and biomolecules. The practical applications of synthetic bulk g-C_3N_4 materials are limited due to their insolubility in most solvents, low specific surface area, and poor luminescence performance.

The standard way of making g-C_3N_4 (bulk g-C_3N_4) has some drawbacks. These materials don't have a lot of surface area for interacting with things, they don't glow very well, and they can't dissolve in most liquids. Because of this, they aren’t handy for many applications. So, there's a big push to find new ways to make g-C_3N_4 that overcome these limitations.



Fig:1.4 Comparison of bulk g-C3N4 (left) and nanosheet g-C3N4 powders (right), 100 mg each.

Recently, analytical methods based on water-soluble quantum dots (QDs) as markers of fluorescence aroused extensive interest [Kuang et al,2011]. These quantum dots are way better than traditional dyes because they can be excited by a wider range of light colours, glow brightly, don't fade easily when exposed to light, and emit light in a particular colour range, making it easier to see. It can be controlled by what colour light they emit by changing their size. These quantum dots were used to find things like bacteria, big molecules like proteins, and even certain metals. This study describes a new way to use quantum dots to detect tiny leftover amounts of tetracycline antibiotics.

1.5 SENSORS

Sensors are electronic components that detect and react to physical or chemical changes in their surroundings. They turn these changes into electrical signals that other devices can detect and analyse. Sensors play an important role in several sectors. Here the sensor is a Luminescence-based quenching sensor [Nangare et al,2023].

Luminescence-based: The sensor relies on the inherent fluorescence property of g-C_3N_4QDs. Normally, these QDs emit light when excited with external energy.

Quenching: When tetracycline comes into contact with the QDs, it reduces the fluorescence intensity of the QDs. This quenching effect is used to detect the presence of tetracycline.

Therefore, the sensor operates by monitoring the change in fluorescence of the QDs upon interaction with tetracycline molecules with a decrease in fluorescence, the sensor indicates the presence of tetracycline.

1.6 TETRACYCLINE

Tetracycline (TC) is a broad-spectrum antibiotic that inhibits a variety of bacteria. It is widely employed in human and animal disease control due to its high therapeutic efficacy and low cost.[Chopra et al,2001] Residues of TC are extensively prevalent in animal products, soil, surface water, drinking water, and groundwater, inhibiting aquatic species' growth and development, progressively accumulating in the food chain, and eventually long-term exposure to TC can cause health problems in humans, such as discolored teeth, skin sensitivity to sunlight, and liver damage.

As a result, the timely and precise quantitative assessment of TC concentrations in natural habitats is critical. Some common TC detection methods include the microbiological method, HPLC, and capillary electrophoresis. These methods are complex, expensive, and slow. Ideally, a new TC detection method would be simple, cheap, environmentally friendly, fast, and highly accurate. Fluorescence sensing is a promising approach because it's sensitive, selective, easy to use, and reliable.[Basabe-Desmonts et al, 2007]

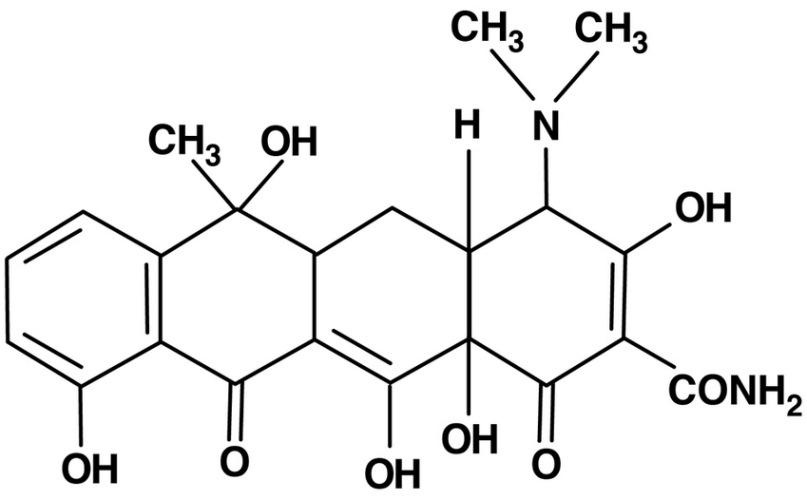


Fig:1.5 Structure of Tetracycline

This research aims to develop a new fluorescent sensor using g-C_3N_4-QDs for efficient TC detection. The g-C_3N_4QDs have been synthesized by hydrothermal method and these are inexpensive, water-soluble, and emit light violet fluorescence. They are stable, reliable, and very selective and sensitive for detecting TC using a fluorescence quenching technique and were also successfully applied to detect TC in real water and milk powder samples. Moreover, the fluorescence quenching mechanism of g-C_3N_4QDs was proposed.

CHAPTER 2

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Z. Liu, J. Hou, X. Wang, et al., fabricated a novel rapid and sensitive fluorescence probe based on silicon quantum dots (Si QDs) fluorescence for selective detection of tetracyclines (TC) residues. The assay is highly selective for TC. A member of TC is chlortetracycline (CTC), under optimized conditions, has a good linear relationship in the range of 11.32-1086.72 nM was obtained, and the detection limit (LOD) of this assay for CTC is 0.92 nM. The fluorescent probe was effectively used to detect CTC in spiked bee honey and to measure total TC in real honey samples. The probe showed favourable selectivity, reproducibility, and stability. These results indicate that the fluorescent probe could be a reliable sensing method for TC analysis.

Q. Liu, D. Ning, W. Li, X. Du, Q. Wang, Y. Li, and W. Ruan, et al., have done Metal-organic framework-based fluorescent sensing of tetracycline type antibiotics applicable to environmental and food analysis Analyst. A nanoscale MOF (In-sbdc) with a strong quantum yield of 13% and stable emission in water was synthesized. With its effective spectral overlap with tetracyclines, In-sbdc gave sensitive responses to a series of tetracycline antibiotics (tetracycline, chlortetracycline, and oxytetracycline) with detection limits of 0.28–0.30 μM. Still, another eight tested kinds of antibiotics did not cause a remarkable change in their emission. This MOF-based sensing system was successfully applied to tetracycline detection in a series of actual water and food samples.

Lina Zhang, Yuli Wang, Lei Jia, Ning Bi, Hongyan Bei, Xiangzhen Chen, et al., A novel dual-response ratio metric fluorescent nano-probe (Si QDs-Cit-Eu) has been elaborately tailored for the visual and ultrasensitive determination of tetracycline antibiotic (TC) residues is of great significance to public health and environmental safety. In the presence of TC, the as-synthesized nano-probe exhibits reverse response signals which are accompanied by a marked colour change from blue to purple, and then red, thus achieving ultra-high sensitivity with a detection limit of 7.1 nM and instant visual detection of TC in real samples.

H. Qi, M. Teng, M. Liu, S. Liu, J. Li, H. Yu, C. Teng, Z. Huang, H. Liu, Q. Shao, A. Umar, T. Ding, Q. Gao, Z. Guo., Biomass-Derived Nitrogen-doped Carbon Quantum Dots: Highly Selective Fluorescent Probe for Detecting Fe3+ Ions and Tetracyclines. Nitrogen-doped carbon quantum dots (N-*CQD*s) were successfully synthesized using rice residue and glycine as carbon and nitrogen sources by one-step hydrothermal method. Using the linear relationship between fluorescence intensity and Fe^{3+} concentration, the N-CQDs could be employed as a simple, efficient sensor for ultrasensitive Fe^{3+} detection ranging from 3.32 to 32.26 μM, with a limit of detection (LOD) of 0.7462 μM. The N-CQDs showed the applicability to detect TC. The detection limits of tetracycline were 0.2367 μM, respectively.

Han S, Yang L, Wen Z, Chu S, Wang M, Wang Z, Jiang C, A Dual-Response Ratio metric Fluorescent Sensor by Europium-doped CdTe Quantum Dots for Visual and Colorimetric Detection of Tetracycline. A dual-response ratio metric fluorescence sensor is fabricated by chelating europium ions (Eu^{3+}) onto cadmium telluride quantum dots (CdTe QDs) for real-time and visible detection of tetracycline (TC). With the TC addition, the fluorescence of the probe can be seen by the naked eye, from green to yellow and finally to red, exhibiting a dosage-sensitive and broad-chromatic detection strategy for TC. The Eu/CdTe QDs sensor displays a good linear relation to TC concentrations in the range of 0–80 μM with a limit of detection (LOD) of 2.2 nM. Consequently, the Eu/CdTe QDs nanoprobe would be a potential demonstration of high-performance sensors for simple, rapid, visual, and real-time detection of TC.

Ruining Bai, Heli Sun, Peng Jin, Jingwei Li, Anzhong Peng, and Jieli He., did a facile synthesis of graphitic carbon nitride quantum dots as a highly selective and sensitive fluorescent sensor for tetracycline detection. Enhanced blue fluorescent carbon nitride quantum dots (g-C_3N_4QDs) were synthesized by a simple solvothermal “tailoring” process from bulk g-C_3N_4 and analysed by various characterization methods. The as-obtained g-C_3N_4QDs were successfully applied in the determination of tetracycline (TC) with a good linear relationship in the range of 0.23–202.70 mM. The proposed fluorescent sensor shows excellent stability, good repeatability, high selectivity and outstanding sensitivity to TC with a low detection limit of 0.19 mM. The fluorescence quenching mechanism of g-C_3N_4QDs with TC was mainly governed by

static quenching and the inner filter effect. The method was successfully applied to monitor TC in tap water and milk powder samples.

Amir Hatamie, Farzanh Marahel, and Ali Sharifah, Green synthesis of graphitic carbon nitride nanosheet (g-C_3N_4) and using it as a label-free fluorosensor for detection of metronidazole via quenching of the fluorescence. A g-C_3N_4nanosheets were facilely fabricated by thermal polymerization and then exfoliated into ultrathin nanosheets through ultrasonication in water media. Low-cost C-N nanosheets prepared by melamine possessed a highly π-conjugated structure and fluorescence property. In the present study, the g-C_3N_4 nanosheet was used as a switch-off fluorescence sensor for rapid and sensitive sensing of metronidazole in biological fluids. These nanosheets were characterized by X-ray diffraction (XRD), transmission electron microscopy (TEM), and Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy. The fluorescence of the solution of the g-C_3N_4nanosheets was quenched effectively by metronidazole. Under optimal conditions, the detection linear range for metronidazole was found to be from 0.01 to to0.10 μg ml^{-1}, with a limit of detection (LOD) of 0.008 μg ml-1 which can cover the standard range of metronidazole in real samples. Moreover, the proposed method has offered a green, rapid, and sensitive probe for the quantitative determination of metronidazole in drug and biological fluids

Junling Duan et al., Developed A facile fluorescence “on-off-on” approach for sensing 6-Thioguanine (6-TG) and Hg2+ was designed based on g-C3N4 nanosheets. It was found that in the absence of Hg2+, the addition of 6-TG to g-C_3N_4 nanosheets solution resulted in the fluorescence quenching of g-C3N4 nanosheets (turn off). However, in the presence of Hg2+, the quenched fluorescence of g-C_3N_4 nanosheets was recovered (turn on), because the high affinity of Hg2+ and 6-TG resulted in the loss of molecular interactions between 6-TG and g-C_3N_4 nanosheets. The quantitative detection of 6-TG was obtained via the fluorescence quenching of g-C_3N_4 nanosheets with a detection limit of 65 nM. Meantime, the 6-TG- g-C_3N_4 nanosheet system could be used as a fluorescent “turn-on” sensor for Hg2+. The detection limit for Hg2+ was 37 nM. The proposed method showed high selectivity for the detection of 6-TG and Hg2+. In addition, it was successfully applied to detect Hg2+ in real water samples.

CHAPTER 3

3.1 AIM

This project aims to create a new type of sensor using optical principles to quickly and accurately identify tiny amounts of antibiotics in food and water. This sensor will employ special recognition elements to selectively target specific antibiotics, allowing for reliable detection even at trace levels. By studying the interaction between the antibiotic and the sensor, we can measure changes in its optical properties. This method holds promise for being highly sensitive, selective, and dependable.

The key advantage of this approach is its versatility. These optical sensors could be designed for on-site, real-time analysis, making them a cost-effective and efficient way to monitor antibiotic levels in various samples. Ultimately, this project seeks to play a crucial role in ensuring food safety, clean water, and environmental well-being by addressing the potential dangers posed by antibiotic residues. Therefore, we aim to develop g-C_3N_4QDs as an efficient fluorescent sensor to detect TC.

3.2 SCOPE OF THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION

This study focused on developing a cost-effective and environmentally friendly method for synthesizing graphene-based carbon nitride quantum dots (g-C_3N_4QDs) with desirable properties. We achieved this through a simple and Hydrothermal method approach. The resulting g-C_3N_4QDs exhibited several advantages: low production cost, good water solubility for easy use in aqueous samples, and bright blue fluorescence for sensitive detection. The g-C_3N_4QDs demonstrated good stability, consistent production across batches (reproducibility), and high selectivity and sensitivity for detecting Tetracycline (TC) using a fluorescence quenching method. The applicability of these g-C_3N_4QDs was further validated by successfully detecting TC in real-world samples like water and milk powder. Finally, the quenching mechanism responsible for the fluorescence change in the presence of TC was proposed.

CHAPTER 4

4. EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

4.1 Materials

Melamine, Tetracycline (TC), Paracetamol (PCM), Ciprofloxacin (CIP), Amoxicillin (AMX), Clindamycin (CLI), Erythromycin (ERY), Metronidazole (MET), Azithromycin (AZI), and Amoxicillin clavulanate (AMC). All these antibiotics were of analytical grade and the deionized water was used throughout the analysis.

4.2 Characterization

The functional group present in the g-C_3N_4QDs was confirmed by a Fourier Transform Infrared (FT-IR) spectrometer (PerkinElmer, USA). The crystalline and amorphous nature of the samples was analyzed by X-ray diffraction (XRD) measurement (ThermoFisher, USA). The particle size, and morphologies of g-C_3N_4QDs were identified by Transmission Electron Microscopy (STEM, Talos 200 ThermoFisher USA). The absolute quantum yield fluorescence intensity was measured with a FL spectrophotometer (Hitachi F-7100 Fluorescence Spectrophotometer). UV-visible absorption spectra of the synthesized compound were measured on a UV-Vis-NIR spectrophotometer (Jasco V-670; Japan). These instruments were utilized to gather valuable data regarding the structural, physicochemical properties and spectroscopic behaviour of the compound under investigation.

4.3 Calculation of Limit of Detection

The limit of detection (LOD) was determined through fluorescence titration, using the formula: LOD = (3 x S.D.) / K .[Arslan et al,2020] In this equation, S.D. represents the standard deviation of the free QL's intensity, and K corresponds to the slope obtained from the linear fitting of fluorescence titration data, specifically the plot of fluorescence intensity against TC. To calculate the standard deviation (S.D.) for the fluorescence intensity of the free QL, measurements were taken ten times.

4.4 Calculation of Quantum yield

The fluorescence quantum yield (Φ) of the synthesized sensor molecule was determined through the integration of the fluorescence curve area employing the following equation.

$$\Phi_f = \frac{F_s A_{ref} \eta_s^2}{F_{ref} A_s \eta_{ref}^2} \Phi_f^{ref}$$

Here, the parameters are defined as follows: Φ signifies the quantum yield of the species, F represents the area under the fluorescence spectral curve, A signifies the absorbance at the excitation wavelength, and η represents the refractive index of the solvent. Quinine sulfate was employed as the reference standard for these measurements and the quantum yield for the reference is about 0.546 in water. The quatum yield of the compound was found to be 0.268.

4.5 Preparation of stock solution

The antibiotic such as (TC, MET, PAR, AMX, CLI, AZN, ERY, CIP, CLV) were prepared in DI water as stock solutions (2mM). The probe stock solution was prepared in Water. To prepare fresh stock solutions of the study, the highly concentrated solution of the stock was diluted to the required ratio before starting spectroscopic observations.

4.6 Preparation of g-C_3N_4QDs

Firstly, the bulk g-C_3N_4 was synthesized by a simple thermal polymerization. [Zhang et al,2021] Typically, 5g of melamine was heated in a tube furnace at 350ºC at a ramping rate of 5ºC min^{-1} in closed crucible. This temperature was maintained for 4 h. After the initial hold, the temperature was again increased gradually at the same rate (5°C/min) to reach 550 ºC. This higher temperature was maintained for another 2 h. Once the heating cycle was complete, the furnace was allowed to cool naturally to room temperature. The resulting yellow product was then ground into a fine, uniform powder.

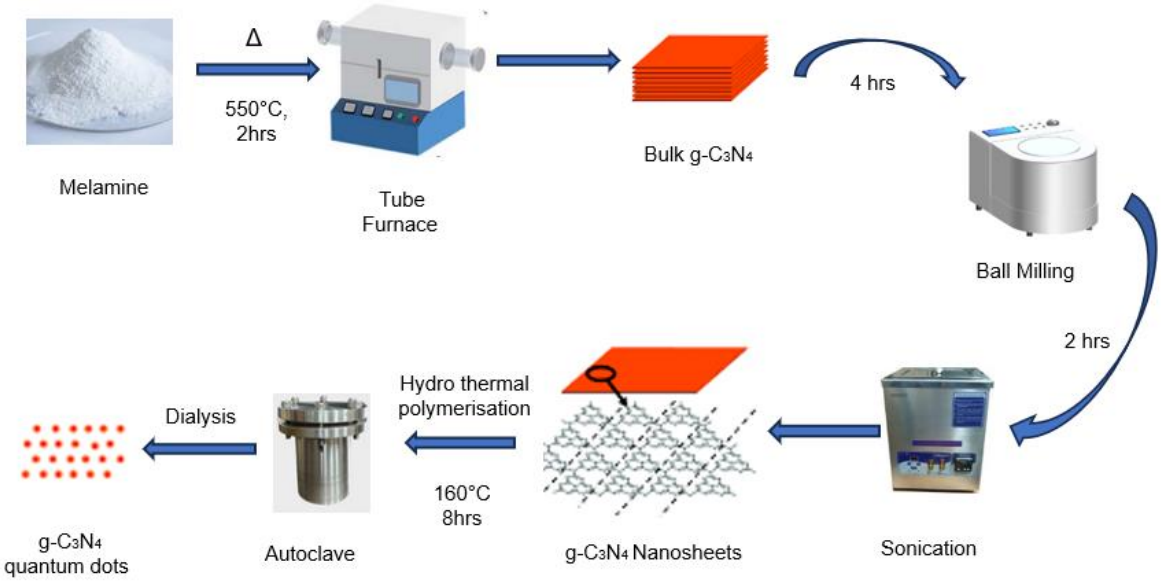


Fig. 4.1 Schematic diagram of g-C_3N_4QD synthesis

To further exfoliate refine the material, for 1g of ground powder was subjected to a ball milling using 3 balls per gram ratio for 4 h. This mechanical grinding technique helps break down the layers into even smaller nanosheets. The ball-milled powder was sonicated for 2 hrs for further exfoliation. This process involves using sound waves to further disperse and break down the particles in a liquid suspension, potentially resulting in even more uniform and smaller nanosheets.

The resulting nanosheets then underwent hydrothermal treatment at 160°C for 8 h. This process involves heating the material in a sealed container with water at high pressure, which can further refine the structure and properties of the nanosheets and finally produce the g-C_3N_4QDs. The final product was further purified through dialysis to excrete the bigger particles. This technique removes any unwanted by-products or impurities from the solution containing the g-C_3N_4QDs.

CHAPTER 5

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 Physicochemical characterization of g-C_3N_4QDs

5.1.1 Fourier-Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)

Principle: It's a technique used to analyze the chemical composition of a material by shining infrared light on it. Different molecules absorb specific infrared wavelengths, creating a unique fingerprint for that material. FTIR spectrometers pass infrared light through a sample. The sample absorbs certain wavelengths of light, depending on its chemical makeup. This creates a spectrum, like a fingerprint, that shows which wavelengths were absorbed.

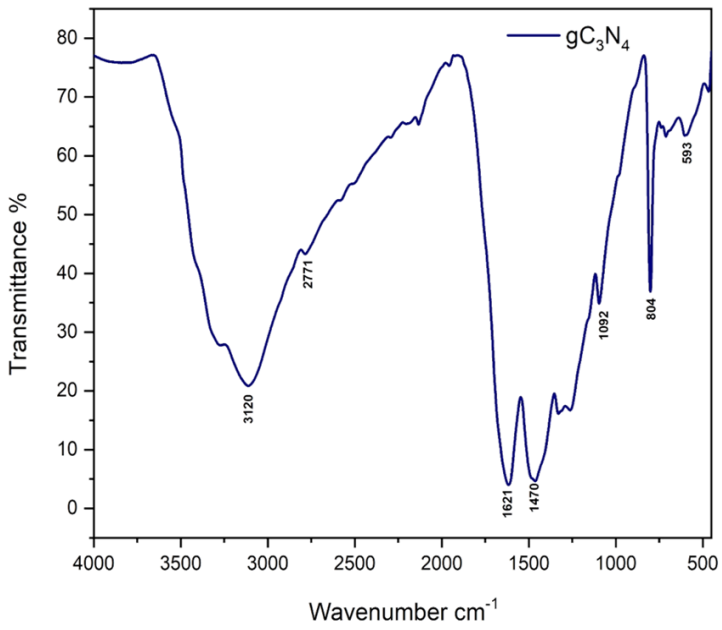


Fig. 5.1 FTIR spectra of g-C_3N_4.

The FTIR spectra of g-C_3N_4 are presented in Fig. 5.1 For the sample, they have an absorption peak located at 804 cm^{-1} belonging to the out of plane breathing vibration modes of tri-s-triazine ring. The absorption bands near 1470 and 1621 cm^{-1} are attributed to C=N stretching, while the bands between 1250-1350 cm^{-1} are consistent with aromatic C-N stretching. Moreover, the broad bands in the 2900–3500 cm^{-1} region assigned to stretching vibrations of N–H (-3120 cm^{-1}) and O–H (-3300 cm^{-1}) of adsorbed water are observed for the samples.[Wang et al,2018] Nevertheless, the intensity of the N–H and O–H peaks for g-C_3N_4 is much stronger than that of g-C_3N_4.

And these hydrophilic groups are probably beneficial to increase the water solubility of g-C_3N_4

5.1.2 X-ray Diffraction (XRD)

X-ray diffraction (XRD) is a powerful analytical technique used in materials science, chemistry, physics, and various other fields to determine the atomic and molecular structure of crystalline materials. It provides detailed information about the crystallographic structure, crystal orientation, grain size, and phase composition of a sample.

Principle of X-ray Diffraction: X-ray diffraction is based on the principle of constructive interference of X-rays scattered by atoms within a crystal lattice. When a beam of X-rays is incident on a crystalline material, it interacts with the electron clouds surrounding the atomic nuclei. The X-rays are diffracted by the regularly spaced atomic planes within the crystal lattice, leading to the formation of diffraction patterns. According to Bragg's law, the conditions for constructive interference occur when the path difference between the scattered X-rays from adjacent atomic planes is an integer multiple of the X-ray wavelength. This results in the appearance of sharp diffraction peaks at specific angles, which are characteristic of the crystal structure and spacing of the atomic planes.

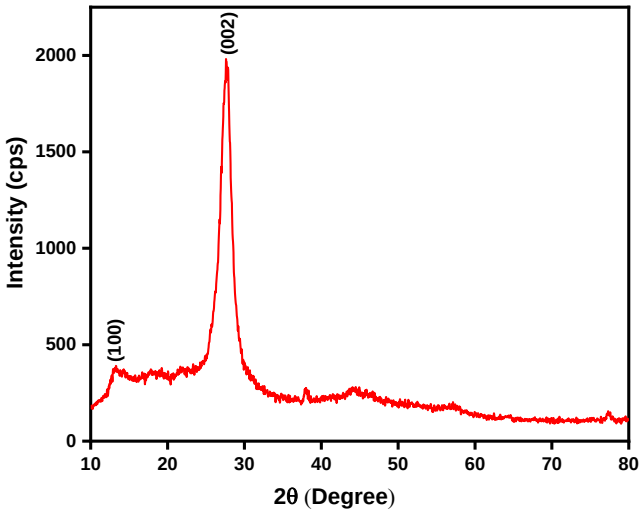


Fig. 5.2 XRD pattern of g-C_3N_4

The XRD pattern of g-C_3N_4 is presented in Fig. 5.2 The X-ray diffractogram revealed the formation of single-phase pure g-C_3N_4.[Z.Liu et al,2018] The peaks positioned at 2θ = 13.26° represent inter-planar structural packing and the other peak at 27.7°

corresponds to the (100) and (002) planes respectively which attributes the interlayer stacking of aromatic rings in the crystal planes of g-C_3N_4.

5.1.3 Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)

TEM stands for Transmission Electron Microscopy. The morphology and microstructure were identified by the typical TEM image.

Transmission electron microscopy is one of the most widely used techniques for characterizing the atomic and electronic structures of semiconductor materials on an atomic scale. Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) is a technique for studying the internal structure of solids that employs a beam of high-energy electrons delivered through the solid. This configuration is comparable to the basic optical microscope with transmission illumination. It plays a vital role in scientific research and development across various disciplines like material science, Nanotechnology, Biology, Environmental science, and Forensics.

TEM was employed to observe the morphology of g-C_3N_4QDs. As depicted in Fig. 5.3, the g-C_3N_4QDs exhibits high monodispersity and have a relatively uniform spherical shape.[Bai et al,2021] The particle sizes are mostly in the range of 3-6 nm with a narrow distribution, and the average particle size is approximately 5.26 nm and there in no inhomogeneity which shows the particle is having uniform size.

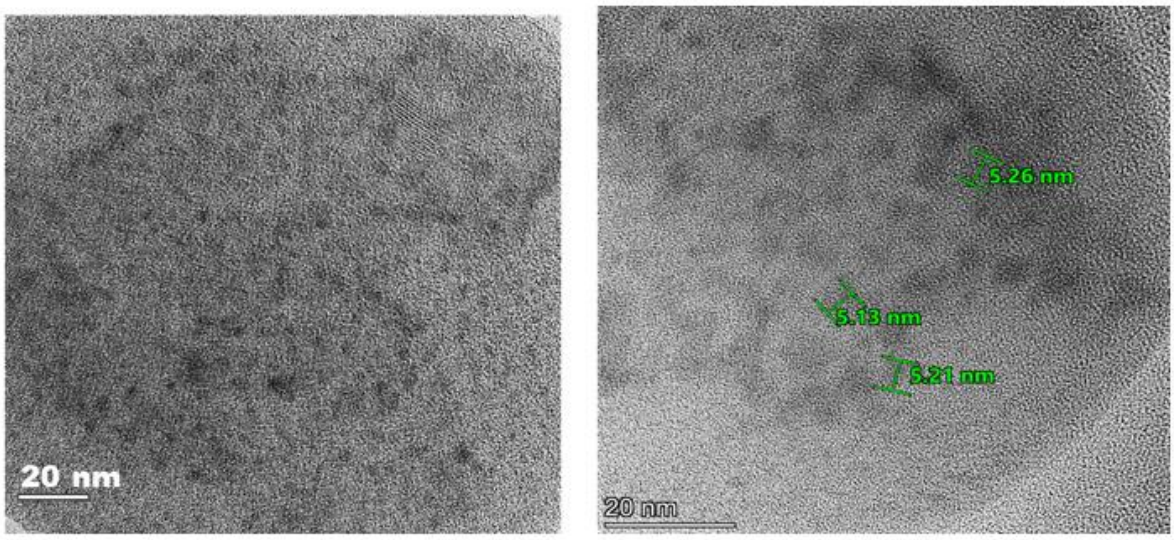


Fig. 5.3 TEM images of g-C_3N_4QDs

5.2 Optical properties of g-C3N4QDs

5.2.1 UV-VIS absorption

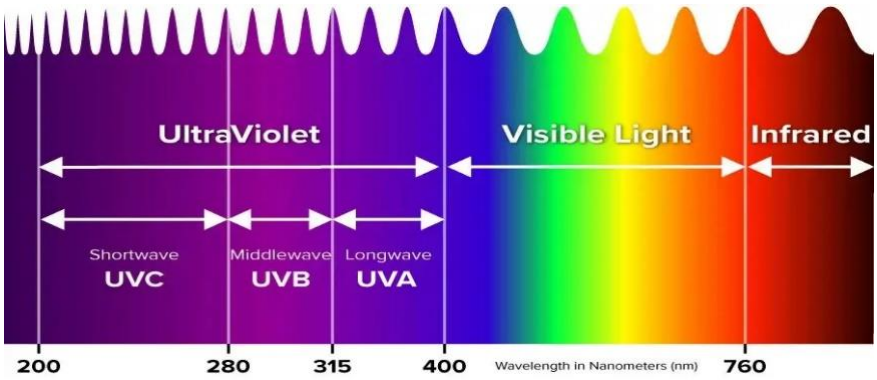


Fig. 5.4 UV-VIS Region

UV-VIS absorption spectroscopy is a technique used to analyze how molecules interact with light in the ultraviolet (UV) and visible (VIS) regions of the electromagnetic spectrum.

Principle: When light shines on a molecule, it can be absorbed by the molecule if the light's energy matches the energy difference between the molecule's electronic states. UV-VIS spectroscopy focuses on the ultraviolet (200-400 nm) and visible (400-800 nm) range of light.

Absorption and Colour: Molecules that absorb UV or VIS light often appear colored because they don't emit the absorbed wavelengths, which are perceived by our eyes as color.

Chromophores: The parts of a molecule responsible for UV-VIS absorption are called chromophores. Different chromophores absorb at specific wavelengths, creating a unique "fingerprint" for each molecule

Fig. 5.4 (a) shows the UV-Vis absorption and fluorescence spectra of g-C_3N_4QD .[Wang et al,2020] The larger peak from 240 to 260 nm with a shoulder centred at 250 nm is from π-π^* electronic transition of the tri-s-triazine ring in graphitic carbon nitride. Furthermore, another broad peak appears between 260 and 310 nm because of the n-π^* electronic transition of the C-N bond in the heptazine heterocycle structure.

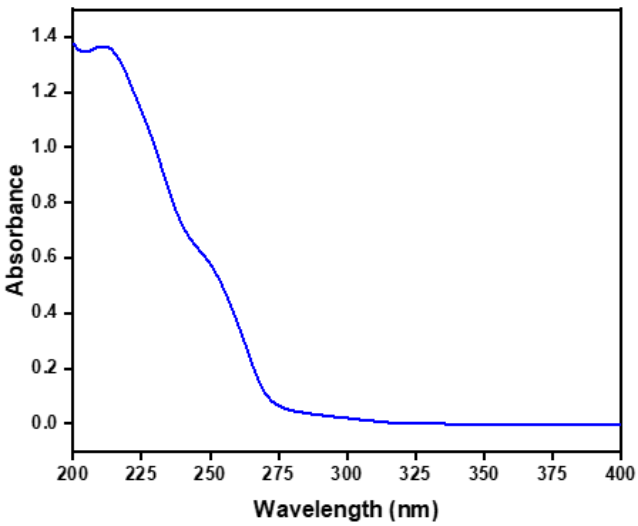


Fig. 5.5 UV-VIS absorption spectra of g-C_3N_4QD

5.2.2 Fluorescence spectroscopy

Fluorescence spectroscopy is a fascinating technique that allows us to explore the luminous secrets of molecules.

Principle: Unlike UV-visible spectroscopy, which measures the excitation wavelength, fluorescence spectroscopy focuses on the emission wavelength.

When a substance is exposed to radiation of an excitation wavelength, its electrons become excited and transition to a singlet excited state. These electrons then return to the singlet ground state, emitting radiation with a specific wavelength which is then measured for analysis.

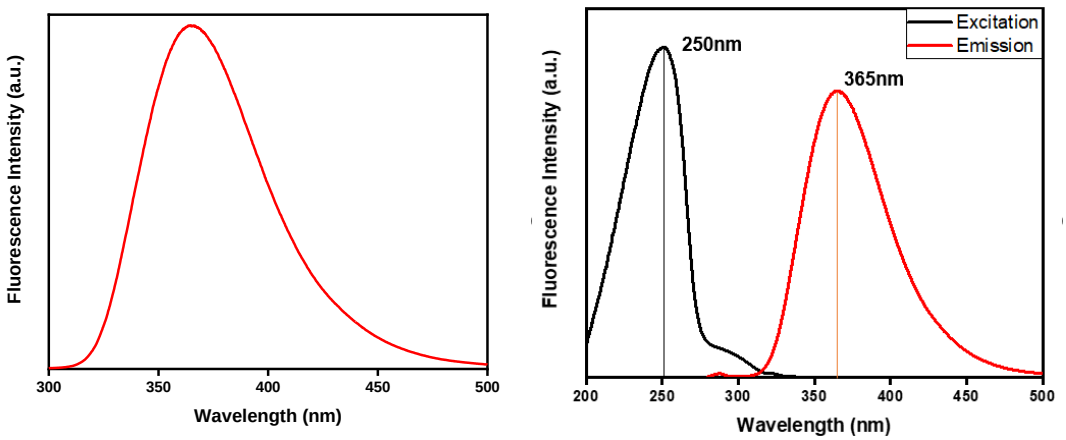


Fig. 5.6 Fluorescence emission and excitation spectra of g-C_3N_4QD

Fig. 5.4(b) shows the fluorescence emission and excitation spectra of g-C_3N_4QDs. The excitation spectrum exhibits a maximum peak at 250 nm, and the emission peak emerges at 365 nm when g-C_3N_4QDs are excited at this maximum excitation wavelength. Moreover, the g-C_3N_4QD solution shows light violet under irradiation with 250 nm UV light. The absorption and fluorescence behaviours of the as-prepared g-C_3N_4QDs show a clear blue shift, which could be due to the quantum confinement effect.

5.3 Optimization study

To achieve the best sensing performance of the g-C_3N_4QDs, a series of tests has to be performed which gives enhanced sensitivity, improved selectivity, Faster detection time, and Lower detection limit.

The emission spectra of g-C_3N_4QDs at various excitation wavelengths has been shown in Fig. 5.5 the material exhibits characteristics that are dependent on the excitation wavelength. As shown in Fig 5.5 with excitation wavelength shifting from 220 to 300 nm, the emission peak position are almost unchanged. The maximum fluorescence emission peak is obtained when excited at 250 nm. This emission behaviour suggests that there is no change in inhomogeneity of particle size.

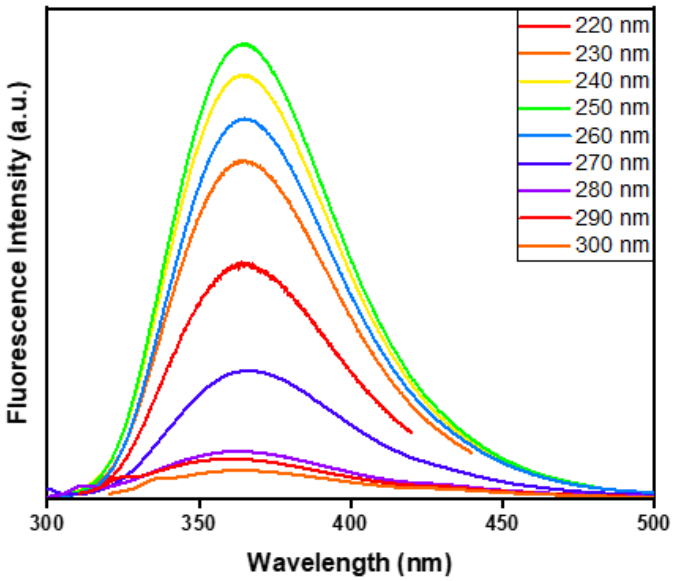


Fig. 5.7 Different excitation spectra of g-C_3N_4QDs

5.3.1 pH Study

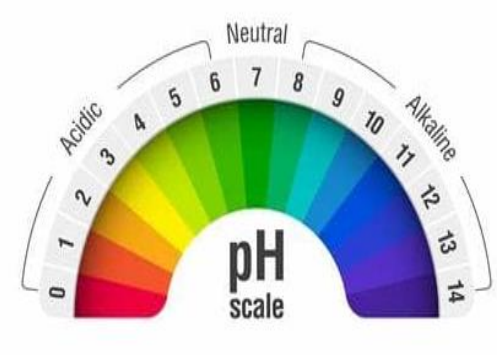


Fig. 5.8 pH scale

A pH is a fundamental concept in chemistry, which describes the degree of acidity or alkalinity of a solution. It is measured on a scale ranging from 1 to 14. The term “pH” stands for the negative logarithm of the hydrogen ion activity.

It quantifies the concentration of hydrogen ions in a solution, which typically ranges from about 1 to 10^{-14} gram-equivalents per liter. The pH scale translates this concentration into numerical values between 0 and 14.

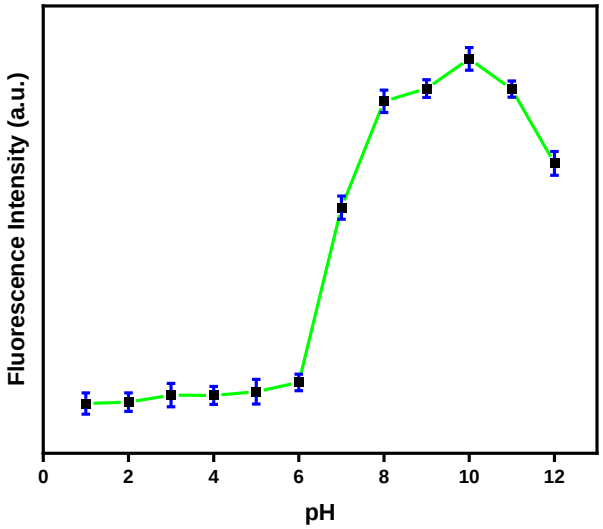


Fig. 5.9 pH response of g-C_3N_4QDs

The effect of pH on the fluorescence intensity was explored. To optimize the emission response, the g-C_3N_4QD was prepared in H_2O with appropriate pH values ranging from 1 to 12, and it is depicted in Fig. 5., the maximum fluorescence intensity can be observed at pH 10. The pH value ranged from 1.0 to 12.0, the PL intensity of g-C_3N_4QDs was the same at low pH and gradually increased from 6 and reached a maximum under basic conditions (pH 8-12), and then decreased slowly. When g-C_3N_4QDs are in a basic solution (high pH), their surface becomes more negatively

charged. This is because the material takes up hydroxide (OH-) ions from the solution. The fluorescence properties of the molecule were optimized in a pH environment close to neutral even though it shows maximum emission intensity at pH 10.

5.3.2 Selectivity of g-C_3N_4QDs towards TC

To evaluate the potential application of g-C_3N_4QDs as an optical sensor, we investigated the g-C_3N_4QDs as a fluorescent probe to detect the antibiotics. The selectivity was investigated in the presence of potentially interfering common antibiotics (ERY, CLI, PCM, CIP, MET, AMO, AMC, AZI and TC). The Fig.5.9 shows responses of fluorescence of g-C_3N_4QDs in different analytes in an aqueous medium (double distilled water) and it is excited at λex=250nm. The fluorescence intensity is quenched only by TC when it is added to the g-C_3N_4QDs solution and was not significantly affected by the presence of these other antibiotics.

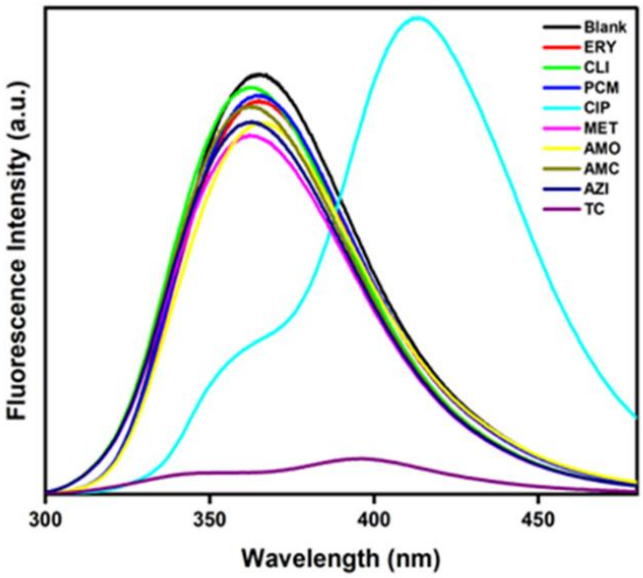


Fig. 5.10 Fluorescence response of g-C_3N_4QDs with different antibiotics

Tetracycline is not the only antibiotic out there, and many other molecules can potentially interfere with the sensor's response. By performing selectivity studies, researchers can evaluate how well the sensor can differentiate tetracycline from other antibiotics and potential interference.The g-C3N4 QDs' unique chemical structure interacts only with TC, excluding other antibiotics, improving the g-C3N4 QDs' accuracy and dependability as TC sensors. Following the introduction of TC,

the emission light's hue changed from "on" to "off," becoming the disappearance of fluorescent, and the emission intensity at 365 nm was quenched.

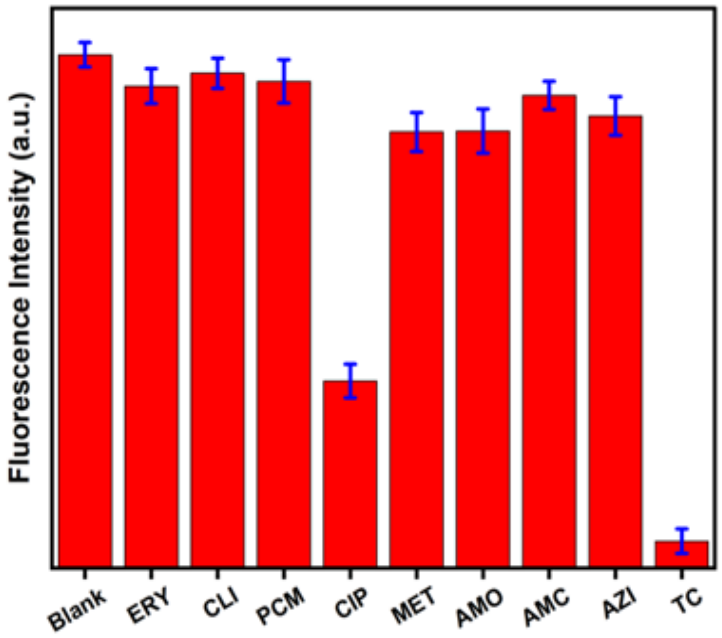


Fig. 5.11 A bar diagram illustrating the relative fluorescence intensity at 365 nm demonstrates the competitive selectivity of g-C_3N_4QDs in the presence of different analytes

5.3.3 Fluorescence Titration with TC

The detection limit refers to the minimum concentration of tetracycline that the sensor can reliably detect. By optimizing the g-C_3N_4QDs the detection limit can be lowered, allowing the sensor to identify even smaller amounts of the antibiotic. Under the optimized experimental conditions, the analytical performance of g-C_3N_4QDs towards different concentrations of TC was evaluated. The fluorescence intensity of g-C_3N_4QDs gradually declined with the increase in TC concentration.

The fluorescence intensity vs. TC concentration exhibits good linear relationships. As the concentration of TC increased, there was a gradual decrease in the emission intensity. The emission intensity at 365 nm exhibited a highly linear relationship with the concentration of TC within the range of 1.125 to 11.250 μM, with a correlation coefficient of R^2 = 0.99871. The limit of detection (LOD) of 37 nM is calculated according to 3 times the standard deviation of the blank measurement divided by the

slope of the standard curve (LOD = 3SD/s). For comparison, some of the reported fluorescence sensors based on other materials for TC detection are displayed in Table 1, indicating that the proposed sensing system has superior sensitivity, a wider detection range and a relatively lower detection limit.

Table 5.1 Comparison of various kinds of literature on the different sensing of TC antibiotics using various probes with the present study

Sensing Probe	Method	Target	LOD	Linear range
Si QDs	Fluorescent probe	CTC	0.92 nM	11.32-1086.72 nM
	Phosphorescence probe	TC	0.2 nM	0.2-11.6 nM
In-sbdc	MOF-based fluorescent sensing	CTC/OTC	300nM	0.28–0.30 μM
Si QDs	fluorescent nano-probe	TC	7.1nM	0.005–7 μM
N-CQDs	fluorescence method	TC	0.2367 μM	3.32-32.26 μM
g-C3N4 QDs	fluorescence method	TC	37 nM	1.125-11.250μM

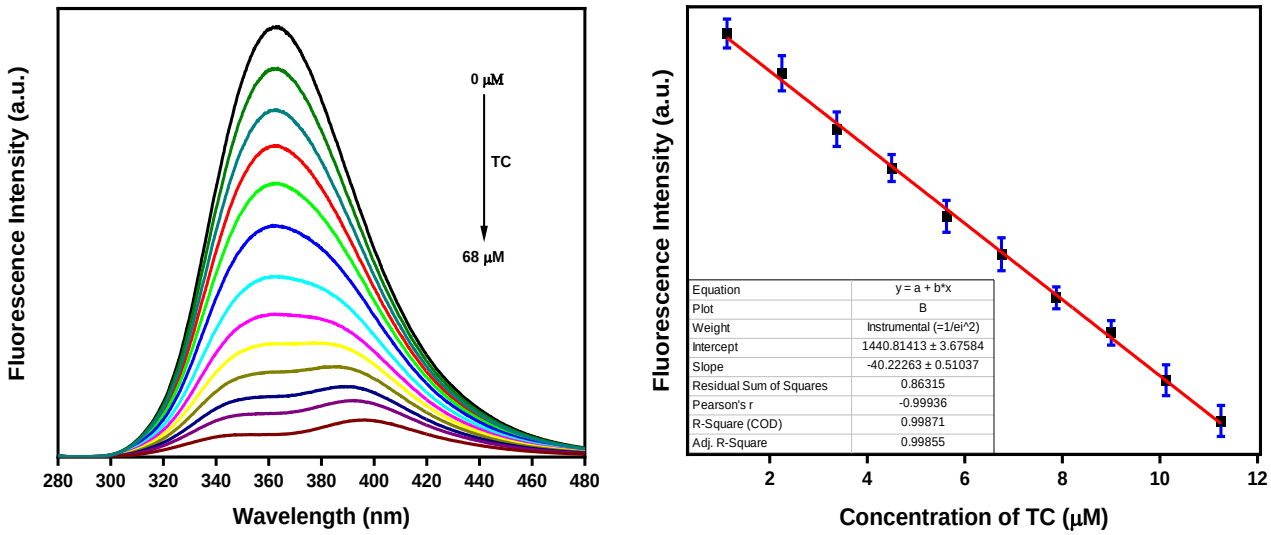


Fig. 5.12 Plot for fluorescence titration and the determination of the limit of detection

5.4 Performance Analysis

5.4.1 Real Sample Analysis

Four distinct types of samples were employed for the actual sample analysis: A) drinking water; B) pond water; C) blood sample; and D) milk sample. After that, TC was introduced to the stock solution. After that, the stock solution was diluted to get the fluorescence analysis's required coefficient concentration. Using ideal fluorescence titration conditions, calibration plots or standard curves were constructed prior to conducting research on actual materials. These calibration plots served as reference curves for the correlation between fluorescence intensity and TC concentration. The outstanding accuracy of this fluorescence sensor is evidenced by the good recovery rate obtained in the experiment, which is given in Table 2, as well as the corresponding linear curves in Fig. 5.11A, B, C, and D. This precision enhances its potential use in environmental water analysis. The sensor's capacity to recover a considerable percentage of TC suggests its suitability for environmental monitoring and assessment. This demonstrates that the sensor can precisely and successfully detect TC in a variety of water samples, making it an effective tool for environmental research and quality monitoring.

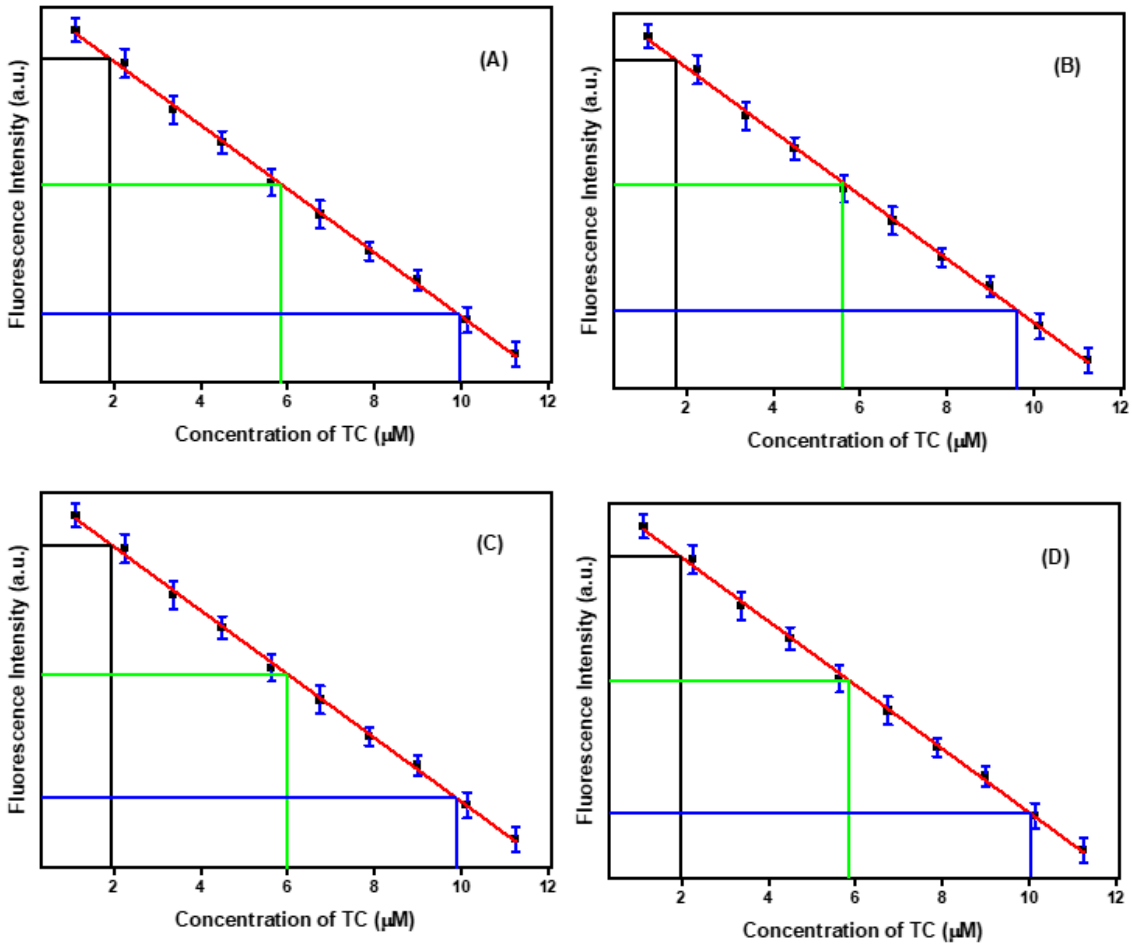


Fig. 5.13 the Calibration curve for the determination of spiked TC amount in different sample sources (a) Drinking water (b) Pond water (c) Blood sample (d) Milk sample

Table 5.2 Determination of recovery of spiked Tetracycline (TC) in Drinking water, Pond water, Blood sample and Milk sample

Sample source	Tetracycline (TC) spiked (μM)	Tetracycline (TC) Detected (μM) mean ± S.D.	% of Recovery
(A) Drinking Water	2 μM	1.9±0.09	95
	6 μM	5.8±0.08	96.6
	10 μM	9.9±0.05	99
(B) Pond Water	2 μM	1.7±0.08	85
	6 μM	5.6±0.1	93.3
	10 μM	9.6±0.06	96
(C) Blood sample	2 μM	1.9±0.09	95
	6 μM	5.9±0.07	98.3
	10 μM	9.8±0.08	98
(D) Milk Sample	2 μM	1.9±0.09	95
	6 μM	5.8±0.08	96.6
	10 μM	10.1±0.05	101

5.5 Density Functional Theory (DFT)

Density Functional Theory (DFT) is a computational quantum mechanical modeling method used in physics, chemistry, and materials science to investigate the electronic structure of many-body systems, especially the properties of atoms, molecules, and solids.

In essence, DFT aims to solve the electronic Schrödinger equation, which describes the behavior of electrons in a given system. However, unlike more traditional methods such as Hartree-Fock theory, which requires solving equations for each electron individually, DFT operates with the electron density, a function of spatial coordinates, rather than the wavefunction of individual electrons. This significantly reduces the computational cost, making it applicable to larger systems. DFT works by considering

the electron density as the fundamental variable, and it's formulated in terms of the total electron density rather than the wave function of each electron. The basic premise is that the energy of a many-electron system can be expressed as a function of the electron density. This function is typically approximated in practice, as the exact function is unknown. Various approximations are used to describe the exchange-correlation energy, which is the part of the total energy that arises from the interactions between electrons.

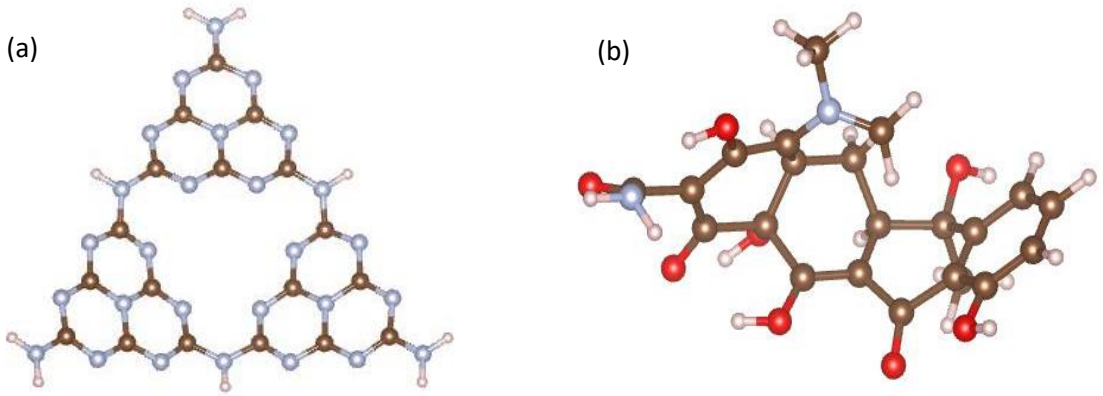


Fig. 5.13 The optimized geometries of (a) g-C_3N_4 and (b) TC

The gC3N4 QD structure is optimized first with a 6-311G (d,p) basis set and b3lyp functional using the density functional theory (DFT). All the calculations were performed using the same basis set and functional. The optimized geometries of g-C_3N_4QD and TC structure are shown in Fig. 5.13

CHAPTER 6

6. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In this work, novel fluorescent-based graphitic carbon nitride quantum dots (g-C3N4QDs) were synthesized by a simple Hydrothermal technique from bulk g-C3N4 and characterized using multiple methods such as TEM, XRD, FTIR, UV-Vis. The synthesized QD sensor is used for the detection of TC which is based on the "turn off" fluorescence phenomena. The fluorescence ‘turn off’ probe enables rapid detection of TC with high sensitivity and selectivity. The synthesized compound has a linear range of 1.125 to 11.250 μM with a detection limit LOD of 37nM. This probe has been applied to various spiked water samples and biological samples to detect TC with satisfactory results. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) have recommended a maximum residue limit (MRL) of 100 μg/kg for tetracycline. It is believed that the present strategy may offer a new approach to developing rapid, low-cost, highly sensitive and selective probes for real sample analyses.

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ABSTRACT

Transition-metal-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions are one of the most important methods for the formation of carbon−carbon bonds. These powerful methods have allowed organic chemists to synthesize compounds that were previously difficult to access. In 2010, Heck, Negishi, and Suzuki were awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their outstanding contributions to Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions in organic synthesis, which is a clear demonstration of the importance of these procedures. However, most of these reactions employ organic halides owing to the low bond dissociation energy compared to any other electrophiles. My goal is to synthesize a diversity of alkyl iodides via the iodination of alcohol, which is eventually employed in the nickel-mediated cross-coupling reactions. The approach demonstrates excellent compatibility with various functional groups, operating effectively under milder reaction conditions.

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LIST OF ABBREVATIONS

THF	Tetrahydrofuran
TBADT	Tetrabutylammonium Deca tungstate
BHT	Butylated hydroxy toluene
Bpin	Boronic acid pinacol ester
ISC	Inter system crossing
CEC	Cross-electrophile coupling
d-HAT	Direct hydrogen atom transfer
i-HAT	Indirect hydrogen atom transfer
DMF	N, N-dimethyl formamide
ACN	Acetonitrile
DMA	N, N-dimethyl acetamide
HR-MS	High resolution mass spectroscopy
bpy	Bipyridine
dtbpy	Di-tert-butyl bipyridine
TLC	Thin Layer Chromatography
GC-MS	Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry
NMR	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 CROSS-COUPLING REACTION:

"Cross-coupling reactions stand as fundamental tools in organic synthesis, revolutionizing the field by enabling the efficient construction of organic molecules. These reactions facilitate the formation of carbon-carbon bonds between organic substrates, The historical development of cross-coupling reactions was back to the mid-20th century when the first examples of transition metal-catalyzed reactions were reported. The discovery of the palladium-catalyzed coupling of organomercury compounds with aryl halides by Heck in the 1970s laid the foundation for modern cross-coupling chemistry. Following Heck's work, Suzuki developed the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction in the 1970s, which involves the coupling of aryl or vinyl boronic acids with aryl or vinyl halides. This reaction has become one of the most widely used methods for the formation of carbon-carbon bonds. In parallel, Negishi contributed to the field with his development of the Negishi cross-coupling reaction in the 1970s, which involved the coupling of organozinc compounds with organic halides. These breakthroughs paved the way for the development of a wide array of cross-coupling reactions involving various transition metals and coupling partners. Subsequent advancements in catalyst design, substrate scope, and reaction conditions have further expanded the scope and utility of cross-coupling reactions in organic synthesis.(Atul Gupta et al. 2008)

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of chemistry, and in the year 1970s, this prestigious was awarded to pioneers such as Heck, Negishi, and Suzuki for their groundbreaking work in Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions. Their innovative contributions have revolutionized organic synthesis, providing chemists with powerful tools for carbon-carbon bonds. Heck's development of the palladium-catalyzed coupling of aryl halides, Negishi's pioneering work on organozinc compounds, and Suzuki's invention of the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction represent achievements in the field of cross-coupling chemistry.

These discoveries have not only expanded the synthetic toolbox available to chemists but have also found widespread applications in diverse areas, including pharmaceuticals, materials science, and agrochemicals. The Nobel Prize recognition underscores the transformative impact of cross-coupling reactions on modern organic synthesis and highlights the importance of fundamental research in driving scientific innovation. To explore new reactions, catalysts, and methodologies, their work serves as a foundation for ongoing research in the development of novel synthetic strategies and the discovery of new chemical transformations The legacy of Heck, Negishi, and Suzuki's work continues to inspire researchers worldwide, driving further advancements in cross-coupling methodology and opening new avenues for exploration in organic chemistry.

The award underscored the importance of cross-coupling reactions in modern organic synthesis. By honoring Heck, Negishi, and Suzuki, the Nobel Committee highlighted the transformative impact of their work on the field and its widespread adoption in both academic research and industrial applications. The fundamental advances made by Heck, Negishi, and Suzuki in the development of efficient catalytic systems for the formation of carbon-carbon bonds. Their discoveries laid the groundwork for the design of new methodologies and the synthesis of complex molecules with precision and efficiency.

Catalysis research within the scientific community. It brought attention to the importance of catalytic processes in chemical synthesis and their role in addressing challenges related to sustainability, efficiency, and selectivity in chemical manufacturing. The achievements of Heck, Negishi, and Suzuki, served as inspiration for future generations of chemists and researchers. It highlighted the value of curiosity-driven exploration, perseverance in the face of challenges, and the potential for groundbreaking discoveries in chemistry and related fields.

As it recognized the contributions of researchers from different countries underscored the importance of cross-cultural exchange in advancing scientific knowledge.

1.1.1 HECK COUPLING:

The Heck coupling stands as a pioneering example of cross-coupling reactions, marking a significant milestone in the field of organic synthesis.

Developed independently by chemists Richard F. Heck and Tsutomu Mizoroki in the 1970s, the Heck coupling revolutionized the way chemists construct carbon-carbon (C-C) bonds, opening up new avenues for the synthesis of complex organic molecules.

At its core, the Heck coupling involves the palladium-catalyzed coupling of aryl or vinyl halides with alkenes or alkynes to form substituted alkenes. This transformation represents a groundbreaking departure from traditional methods of C-C bond formation, which often relied on organometallic reagents or harsh reaction conditions.

The mechanism of the Heck coupling proceeds through several key steps, including oxidative addition of the aryl or vinyl halide to the palladium catalyst, coordination of the alkene or alkyne substrate, insertion of the alkene or alkyne into the Pd-C bond, and subsequent reductive elimination to form the desired C-C bond. Crucially, the palladium catalyst facilitates these transformations under relatively mild reaction conditions, making the Heck coupling attractive for use in complex molecule synthesis.

One of the most remarkable features of the Heck coupling is its broad substrate scope, allowing for the incorporation of a wide range of functional groups and structural motifs into the final products. Additionally, the reaction exhibits high regio- and stereo-selectivity, further enhancing its utility in organic synthesis.

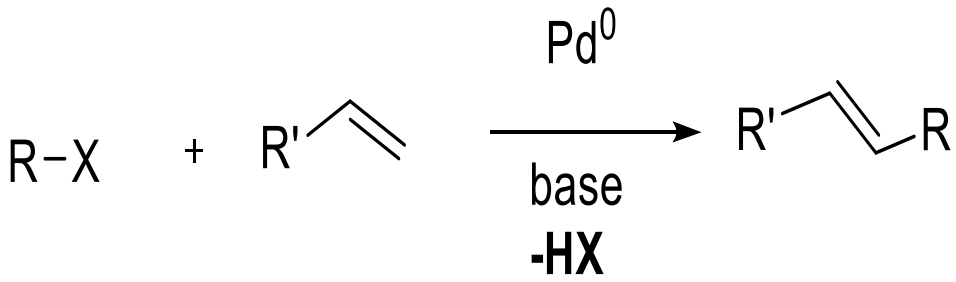
Recent developments and innovations in Heck coupling methodology have focused on enhancing reaction efficiency, expanding substrate scope, and improving selectivity. These advancements have contributed to the broader applicability and practicality of Heck coupling reactions in organic synthesis. The development of new ligands: Novel ligands have been designed to enhance the catalytic activity and selectivity of palladium catalysts in Heck coupling reactions. Ligands with unique steric and electronic properties have been tailored to optimize the coordination of substrates and intermediates, thereby improving reaction outcomes. Sustainable reaction conditions: Efforts have been made to develop greener and more

sustainable Heck coupling protocols by minimizing or eliminating the use of toxic or environmentally harmful reagents and solvents. This includes the development of solvent-free or aqueous Heck coupling reactions and the exploration of alternative palladium sources and ligands.

Therefore, The Heck coupling reaction exhibits remarkable substrate compatibility, allowing for the coupling of diverse aryl halides with alkenes or alkynes. This versatility enables the construction of a wide range of substituted alkenes, including complex and highly functionalized molecules and the field of Heck coupling continues to evolve through continuous innovation and development. Recent advancements in catalyst design, substrate scope expansion, and mechanistic understanding have further enhanced the efficiency, selectivity, and applicability of Heck coupling reactions.

The potential advancements in Heck coupling methodology and applications are likely to focus on addressing current challenges, expanding the scope of the reaction, and enhancing its efficiency and sustainability. Mainly the development of asymmetric Heck coupling methodologies for the enantioselective synthesis of chiral molecules. This includes the design of chiral ligands and catalysts capable of controlling the stereochemistry of the coupling reaction, enabling the synthesis of optically active products with high enantiomeric purity.

The future advancements in Heck coupling methodology and applications are expected to build upon current knowledge and address emerging challenges, leading to more efficient, selective, and sustainable synthetic methodologies with broad applicability in organic synthesis and beyond.



1.1.2 NEGISHI COUPLING – "PIONEERING CROSS-COUPLING REACTIONS":

Negishi coupling is a powerful synthetic method for forming carbon-carbon bonds, particularly in the context of cross-coupling reactions. Developed by Ei-ichi

Negishi and his collaborators, this reaction involves the coupling of organozinc compounds with organic halides or pseudohalides, catalyzed by palladium or nickel complexes.

The significance of Negishi coupling lies in its versatility and applicability to a wide range of substrates, including those bearing functional groups that are sensitive to other coupling conditions. It allows for the formation of complex organic molecules with high efficiency and selectivity. Moreover, Negishi coupling has found extensive use in various fields, including medicinal chemistry, materials science, and natural product synthesis.

Compared to other cross-coupling methods, Negishi coupling offers several advantages, such as mild reaction conditions, broad substrate scope, and compatibility with diverse functional groups. Its development represents a milestone in the advancement of synthetic organic chemistry, paving the way for the synthesis of complex molecules that were previously challenging or impractical to access. As such, Negishi coupling continues to be a cornerstone of modern organic synthesis, inspiring further innovation and exploration in the field of cross-coupling reactions.

Negishi coupling can be applied to a wide range of substrates, including aryl, heteroaryl, vinyl, and alkyl halides, as well as organozinc reagents containing various functional groups. This broad substrate scope allows for the synthesis of diverse and complex molecules. One of the key advantages of Negishi coupling is its tolerance of various functional groups, including sensitive functional groups like esters, ketones, nitriles, and amides. This enables chemists to perform coupling reactions in the presence of functionalities that might be incompatible with other coupling methods.

Negishi coupling typically proceeds under mild reaction conditions, such as room temperature or slightly elevated temperatures, and often employs air- and moisture-stable palladium catalysts. These mild conditions contribute to the functional group tolerance and make Negishi coupling practical for a wide range of substrates.

The ability to form carbon-carbon bonds selectively and efficiently makes Negishi coupling invaluable in the synthesis of complex molecules, including

natural products, pharmaceuticals, and materials. It allows chemists to construct key carbon-carbon bonds in a controlled manner, facilitating the synthesis of target molecules with high efficiency, complements other cross-coupling methods such as Suzuki-Miyaura, Heck, and Sonogashira couplings. Its unique substrate compatibility and reaction conditions offer chemists additional options for carbon-carbon bond formation, allowing them to select the most suitable method for a given synthetic route. Continued Development and Optimization: Over the years, Negishi coupling has undergone significant development and optimization, leading to the discovery of new catalyst systems, ligands, and reaction conditions. This ongoing research effort continues to enhance the efficiency, selectivity, and applicability of Negishi coupling in various synthetic contexts.

Akira Suzuki and Ei-ichi Negishi, along with their collaborators, made groundbreaking contributions to the development of the Negishi coupling reaction, which has become a cornerstone of modern organic synthesis. Their research teams to explore the potential of palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions. Their combined efforts led to significant advancements in the field, including the development of new catalytic systems, ligands, and reaction conditions.

Suzuki, Negishi, and their collaborators actively disseminated their research findings through publications, conferences, and collaborations with other research groups. This helped to establish Negishi coupling as a widely-used synthetic method and contributed to its adoption by the broader scientific community.

Overall, the contributions of Akira Suzuki, Ei-ichi Negishi, and their collaborators were instrumental in the development and advancement of the Negishi coupling reaction. Their pioneering work not only expanded our understanding of palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions but also provided synthetic chemists with a powerful tool for the construction of complex organic molecules.

R-X + Pd (0) → R-Pd-X + Pd (II) → R-Pd-Zn + Pd (II) → RR'(Product)

Organohalide *Oxidative Addition* *Organopalladium* *Transmetalation* *Reductive Elimination*

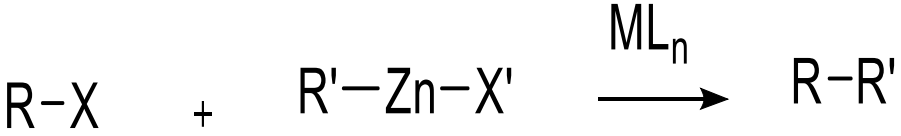
The palladium catalyst undergoes oxidative addition with the organic halide substrate to form an organopalladium (II) intermediate. The organozinc reagent reacts with the organopalladium (II) intermediate via Transmetalation, resulting in the formation of an organopalladium (II) species with a zinc substituent. The desired cross-coupling product is formed through reductive elimination, resulting in the formation of a new carbon-carbon bond and regenerating the palladium catalyst.

Future research directions in Negishi coupling are likely to focus on expanding its capabilities in asymmetric synthesis, enhancing its efficiency and selectivity, and integrating it with other synthetic methodologies. The Investigation of novel chiral catalyst systems beyond traditional phosphine ligands to achieve high levels of enantioselectivity.

Ongoing research efforts continue to advance Negishi coupling through the discovery of new catalyst systems, ligands, and reaction conditions. This research contributes to the continuous improvement and optimization of the method for various synthetic applications.

Negishi coupling serves as a bridge between different fields of chemistry, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation. Its application spans organic synthesis, organometallic chemistry, catalysis, materials science, and medicinal chemistry, among others.

In summary, Negishi coupling remains a versatile and invaluable tool for chemists and researchers, offering diverse applications in synthetic chemistry, drug discovery, materials science, and catalysis. Its ongoing significance lies in its versatility, efficiency, and compatibility with various synthetic methodologies, driving innovation and advancement in multiple fields of chemistry.(Hiroki Miura et al. 2018)



1.1.3 SUZUKI COUPLING:

The Suzuki coupling reaction, named after its discoverer Professor Akira Suzuki, represents a groundbreaking advance in the field of organic synthesis. The reaction was first reported by Suzuki in 1979 in a paper titled "Palladium-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reactions of Organoboron Compounds. Suzuki's work built upon earlier research in palladium-catalyzed reactions, particularly the pioneering work of Richard F. Heck on the palladium-catalyzed coupling of aryl halides with olefins, which eventually led to the development of the Heck reaction.

Suzuki demonstrated the coupling of aryl boronic acids with aryl halides using palladium (II) acetate as the catalyst and a base such as sodium carbonate in an aqueous medium. This reaction led to the formation of biaryl compounds, which are important structural motifs found in many natural products, pharmaceuticals, and materials.

The key feature of Suzuki's discovery was the use of organoboron compounds, particularly boronic acids and boronate esters, as coupling partners. These boron-containing compounds are relatively stable, commercially available, and air-stable, making them attractive alternatives to the reactive and often toxic organometallic reagents used in earlier cross-coupling reactions.

Suzuki's work represented a significant advancement in the field of cross-coupling reactions, offering a milder, more versatile, and more practical method for the formation of carbon-carbon bonds compared to existing methods at the time. The Suzuki coupling reaction quickly gained widespread recognition and adoption within the synthetic organic chemistry community, leading to its extensive application in both academic research and industrial settings.

In recognition of his groundbreaking contributions to the development of palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions, including the Suzuki coupling, Professor Akira Suzuki was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2010, along with Richard F. Heck and Ei-ichi Negishi, who made significant contributions to the field as well.

$$R\text{-}X + R'\text{-}B(OH)2 + base + Pd\ catalyst \rightarrow R\text{-}R' + H_2O + Pd\text{-}X$$

Unlike many other methods for forming carbon-carbon bonds, Suzuki coupling typically proceeds under mild reaction conditions. This mildness allows for the compatibility of a variety of functional groups, including those sensitive to harsh reaction conditions, making it a valuable tool in complex molecule synthesis. Suzuki coupling can be applied to a diverse array of substrates, including heteroaromatics, and it can tolerate a variety of functional groups, such as esters, ketones, nitriles, and ethers. This broad substrate scope enhances its utility in the synthesis of complex molecules. The stereochemistry of Suzuki coupling reactions is often predictable, leading to high levels of stereo control in the formation of biaryl compounds. This feature is particularly advantageous in the synthesis of chiral molecules and natural products.

Recent advancements in stereoselective Suzuki coupling have focused on developing strategies to control the stereochemistry of the coupled products with high efficiency and selectivity. Designing and using chiral ligands in Suzuki coupling reactions can impart stereo control by influencing the coordination geometry of the palladium catalyst and the orientation of the reacting substrates. Chiral ligands can be tailored to match the steric and electronic properties of the substrates, leading to enhanced enantioselectivity in the formation of chiral biaryl compounds. The steric and electronic properties of the aryl or vinyl boronic acid or boronate ester substrate can influence the regioselectivity and stereoselectivity of the Suzuki coupling reaction. Sterically hindered or electronically biased boronic acids or boronate esters can favour the formation of specific diastereomers or enantiomers of the coupled product.

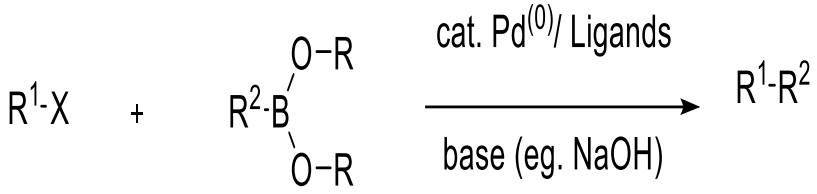
Developing methods for the asymmetric synthesis of chiral boronic acids or boronate esters provides a valuable approach to controlling the stereochemistry of Suzuki coupling reactions. Enantioenriched boronic acids or boronate esters can serve as chiral building blocks for the stereoselective synthesis of biaryl compounds with predictable stereochemistry.

Utilizing computational methods and computational chemistry techniques can aid in the rational design of catalysts, ligands, and reaction conditions for stereoselective Suzuki coupling reactions. Computational modelling can provide insights into the reaction mechanism, transition state structures, and key

interactions governing stereo control facilitating the development of new strategies for achieving high stereoselectivity.

The outlook for future research and applications in Suzuki coupling and related cross-coupling reactions is promising, with several exciting directions and opportunities Future research efforts will likely focus on expanding the substrate scope of Suzuki coupling reactions to include new classes of boronic acids, boronate esters, and coupling partners. This expansion will enable the synthesis of a broader range of complex molecules with diverse structural motifs and functional groups. There is growing interest in the development of stereoselective Suzuki coupling methodologies for the synthesis of enantioenriched and diastereoselective products. This includes the design of chiral ligands, catalysts, and reaction conditions to control the stereochemistry of the coupled products with high precision and efficiency. There is growing interest in the development of stereoselective Suzuki coupling methodologies for the synthesis of enantioenriched and diastereoselective products. This includes the design of chiral ligands, catalysts, and reaction conditions to control the stereochemistry of the coupled products with high precision and efficiency.

The integration of Suzuki coupling reactions into continuous flow systems offers opportunities for enhanced efficiency, scalability, and process intensification. Future research may explore the development of flow-based Suzuki coupling platforms for high-throughput synthesis, reaction optimization, and rapid access to complex molecular libraries. Future research efforts may focus on elucidating reaction mechanisms, identifying new catalytic systems, and optimizing reaction conditions to improve catalytic efficiency and selectivity.

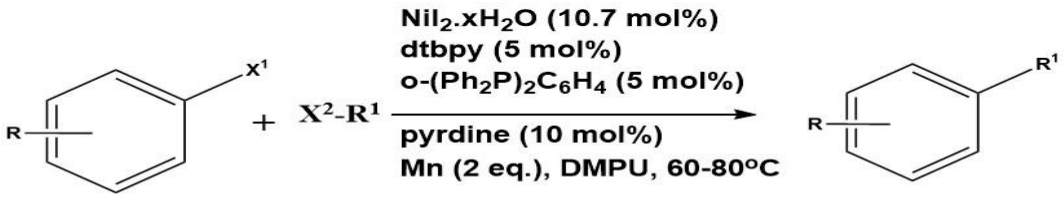


1.1.4 CROSS-ELECTROPHILE COUPLING REACTIONS:

Cross-electrophile coupling reactions have emerged as powerful tools in modern organic synthesis due to their versatility, efficiency, and ability to construct

complex molecules and enable the formation of carbon-carbon (C-C) bonds between diverse electrophilic substrates, including alkyl halides, aryl halides, and other functionalized electrophiles. This broad substrate scope allows for the incorporation of a wide range of functional groups into the final products. Most cross-electrophile coupling reactions are catalyzed by transition metal complexes, such as palladium, nickel, or iron catalysts. These catalysts promote the formation of C-C bonds by facilitating oxidative addition, Transmetalation, and reductive elimination steps. The use of transition metal catalysis enables mild reaction conditions, high selectivity, and broad substrate scope and play a crucial role in the synthesis of pharmaceuticals, natural products, and biologically active compounds. In addition to their significance in organic synthesis, cross-electrophile coupling reactions find applications in materials science for the synthesis of functional materials, polymers, and in organic synthesis. These reactions enable the creation of novel materials with tailored properties for various applications, including sensors, and catalysis.

While organic synthesis took a leap with the advent of cross-coupling between carbon nucleophiles and carbon electrophiles, only fewer nucleophiles are known to be commercially available than carbon electrophiles. As a result, new methods to synthesize organometallic reagents or reactions that avoid pre-formed organometallic reagents have emerged.



X^1, X^2=I or B, but not two bromides

1.2 IODINATION:

Iodination is a chemical process in which iodine atoms are introduced into a compound, often replacing other atoms or functional groups. This reaction can occur through various mechanisms and can be utilized in organic synthesis, analytical chemistry, and industrial applications.

In organic synthesis, iodination is commonly used to introduce iodine atoms into organic molecules, altering their properties and enabling the formation of new compounds. This can be achieved through electrophilic substitution reactions, where iodine replaces hydrogen or other substituents on aromatic rings, or through nucleophilic substitution reactions, where iodine displaces other halogen atoms.(Yong Ho Lee et al. 2018)

1.2.1 SIGNIFICANCE OF IODINATION IN ORGANIC SYNTHESIS:

Iodination reactions allow for the selective introduction of iodine atoms into organic molecules, enabling the modification of their chemical properties and functional groups. This transformation facilitates the synthesis of a wide range of iodinated compounds with diverse applications in pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, and materials science. Depending on the reaction conditions and the nature of the substrate, iodination reactions can exhibit high regioselectivity and chemoselectivity. This selectivity is valuable in controlling the site of iodine incorporation within a molecule, leading to the formation of specific products with desired structural features and these reactions often complement other functionalization strategies in organic synthesis, providing orthogonal reactivity that allows for the sequential or simultaneous modification of different parts of a molecule. This versatility enables the synthesis of complex molecular architectures and the development of efficient synthetic routes. Iodine-functionalized compounds serve as valuable building blocks in cross-coupling reactions, such as the ***Suzuki-Miyaura, Heck, and Sonogashira reactions.*** Iodine acts as a leaving group or coupling partner, facilitating the formation of carbon-carbon and carbon-heteroatom bonds, which are essential for constructing complex organic molecules.

Iodination reactions can activate organic substrates towards further functionalization or transformation. For example, aromatic iodination enhances the reactivity of aromatic rings towards nucleophilic substitution, electrophilic aromatic substitution, or transition-metal-catalyzed reactions, expanding the synthetic possibilities and can serve as bioisosteres for other functional groups in medicinal chemistry. By replacing existing functional groups with iodine atoms, researchers can fine-tune the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic properties of drug molecules, leading to improved potency, selectivity, or metabolic stability. Overall,

iodination in organic synthesis offers a versatile and powerful tool for the construction of complex molecules, the functionalization of substrates, and the development of novel chemical entities with diverse applications in both academic research and industrial settings.

1.2.2 IODINATION REACTIONS:

Iodination of Alkenes:

Alkenes can react with iodine (I_2) or iodine solution (aqueous I_2) to undergo iodination, resulting in the addition of an iodine atom across the double bond. For instance, ethene reacts with iodine to form 1,2-diiodoethane.

Reaction: $\mathbf{H_2C{=}CH_2 + I_2 \rightarrow ICH_2{-}CH_2I}$

Nucleophilic Substitution with Alkyl Iodides:

Alkyl iodides, such as iodoethane (CH_3CH_2I), can undergo nucleophilic substitution reactions with nucleophiles such as hydroxide ions (OH^-) in a solvent like water or ethanol.

Example: Iodoethane reacts with hydroxide ions to form ethanol and iodide ions through an SN_2 mechanism.

Reaction: $\mathbf{CH_3CH_2I + OH^- \rightarrow CH_3CH_2OH + I^-}$

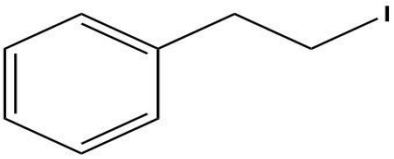
Iodination of Benzene:

The iodine electrophile attacks the benzene ring, resulting in the substitution of a hydrogen atom with an iodine atom to form iodo benzene.

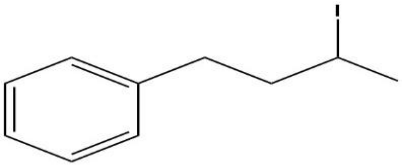
1.2.3 SYNTHESIS OF ALKYL IODIDES:

The synthesis of alkyl iodides involves several methods, each tailored to different starting materials, reaction conditions, and desired outcomes. Alkyl iodides hold significant importance in organic synthesis due to their unique reactivity and compatibility with a wide range of functional groups. Alkyl iodides serve as important synthetic intermediates and they can undergo a variety of reactions to introduce alkyl groups into target molecules, to construct carbon-carbon and carbon-heteroatom bonds efficiently. Alkyl iodides are commonly used as substrates in cross-coupling reactions, where they undergo selective coupling with other organic molecules in the presence of a suitable catalyst.

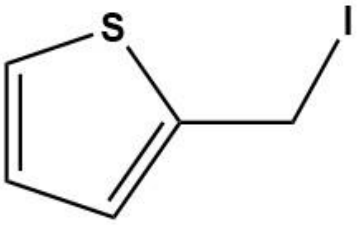
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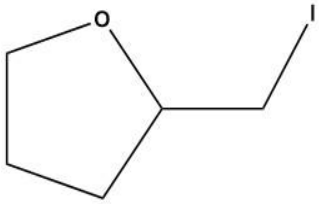
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1.3 ACYLATION:

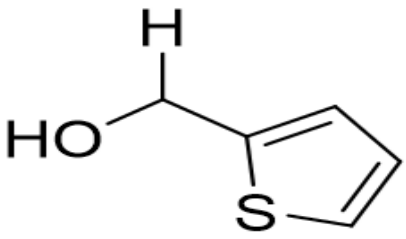
Acylation is a fundamental chemical process in organic chemistry that involves the addition of an acyl group to a compound. An acyl group is a functional group derived from a carboxylic acid by removing the hydroxyl group (-OH). The addition of the acyl group typically occurs through a reaction between a compound containing a nucleophilic group (such as an alcohol, amine, or enolate) and an acylating agent, such as an acid chloride or an acid anhydride. This reaction results in the formation of an acylated compound, where the acyl group is covalently bonded to the nucleophilic center. Acylation reactions are widely used in organic synthesis to introduce functional groups, modify molecular structures, and create complex molecules with specific properties and functionalities.

1.4 SYNTHESIS OF ALCOHOLS:

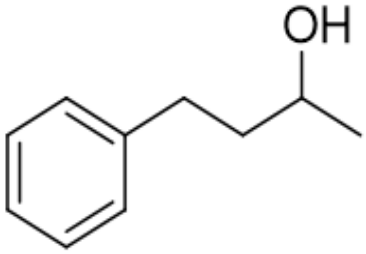
Alcohols play a fundamental role in organic synthesis due to their versatility, reactivity, and prevalence in natural and synthetic compounds. Alcohols are a diverse class of organic compounds characterized by the presence of a hydroxyl (-OH) functional group attached to a carbon atom. This functional group imparts unique properties to alcohols, making them valuable building blocks for synthesizing a wide range of organic molecules. They can be readily converted into other functional groups, such as ethers, esters, halides, and

aldehydes/ketones, through processes such as dehydration, oxidation, and substitution reactions. The synthesis of alcohols, with a focus on improving yields and selectivity, entails exploring various reaction conditions, catalysts, and substrates to enhance the efficiency and reliability of alcohol synthesis reactions.(Ting Wan et al. 2023)

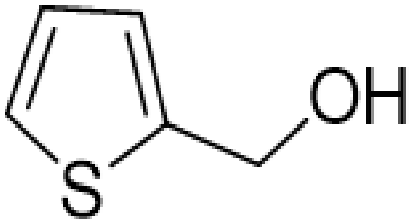
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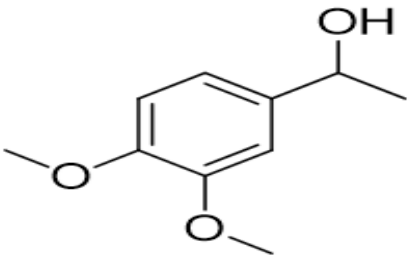
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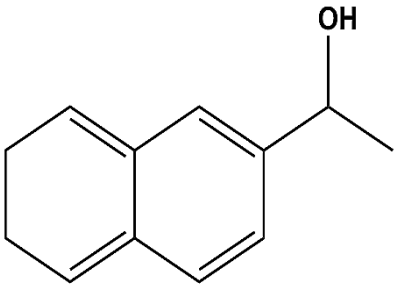
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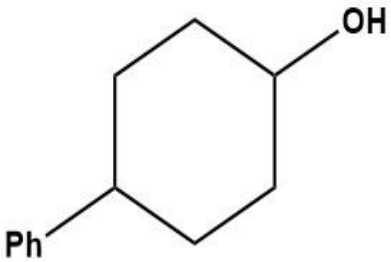
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1.5 BROMINATION:

Bromination is a chemical process that involves the addition of bromine (Br_2) or a bromine compound to a substrate, resulting in the introduction of a bromine atom or group onto the substrate molecule. This process can occur

through various mechanisms, including radical bromination and electrophilic bromination, depending on the nature of the reactants and reaction conditions.

In radical bromination, bromine radicals (Br•) are generated from the homolytic cleavage of a bromine molecule (Br_2). These radicals can then abstract a hydrogen atom from the substrate molecule, forming a bromine-substituted product and a hydrogen radical. This mechanism is commonly observed in the bromination of alkanes and other organic compounds. On the other hand, electrophilic bromination involves the attack of an electrophilic bromine species, such as Br+ or Br_3-, on a nucleophilic substrate molecule. This mechanism typically occurs in aromatic bromination reactions, where the aromatic ring acts as a nucleophile and undergoes substitution by a bromine electrophile.

Overall, bromination is a versatile chemical process widely used in organic synthesis to introduce bromine functional groups into organic molecules. It is employed in the preparation of pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, dyes, and various other industrial products. Additionally, bromination reactions play a crucial role in organic chemistry research and provide valuable insights into reaction mechanisms and molecular transformations.

1.5.1 SIGNIFICANCE OF BROMINATION IN ORGANIC SYNTHESIS:

Bromine is frequently utilized to introduce bromo functional groups (-Br) into organic molecules. These bromo groups can serve as versatile intermediates for further chemical transformations, such as substitution reactions, coupling reactions, and formation of complex organic structures reactions often exhibit high regioselectivity and stereoselectivity, meaning that bromine tends to add to specific positions of the substrate molecule in a predictable manner. This selectivity is crucial for controlling the synthesis of complex molecules with desired stereochemical outcomes.

Bromination reactions facilitate the interconversion of different functional groups in organic molecules. For example, bromination followed by substitution or elimination reactions can convert a hydroxyl group (-OH) into a bromo group (-Br), or vice versa. This versatility allows chemists to manipulate the structure and properties of organic compounds for specific applications. Additionally, the

availability of diverse brominating reagents and catalysts enables chemists to optimize reaction conditions for specific substrates and desired products.

1.5.2 BROMINATION REACTIONS:

Bromination of Alkanes (Radical Bromination):

***Reaction*:** $RCH=CH_2+Br_2 \rightarrow RCHBr-CH_2Br$

***Example*:** Bromination of ethylene (C_2H_4) to produce 1,2-dibromoethane($C_2H_4Br_2$)

$$\mathbf{C_2H_4+Br_2 \rightarrow C_2H_4Br_2}$$

***Conditions*:** Typically carried out under UV light or heat in the presence of a radical initiator such as N-Bromo succinimide (NBS) or light.

Bromination of Alkenes (Electrophilic Bromination):

***Reaction*:** $RCH=CH_2+Br_2 \rightarrow RCHBr-CH_2Br$

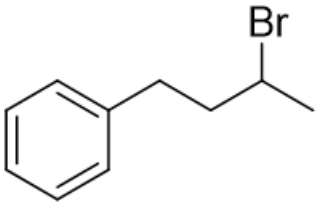
***Example*:** Bromination of ethylene (C_2H_4) to produce 1,2-dibromoethane($C_2H_4Br_2$)

$$\mathbf{C_2H_4+Br_2 \rightarrow C_2H_4Br_2}$$

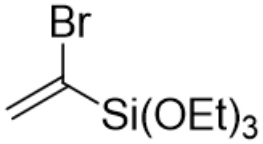
***Conditions*:** Typically carried out in a non-aqueous solvent with a Lewis acid catalyst such as $FeBr_3$ or $AlBr_3$.

These examples demonstrate the versatility of bromination reactions in synthesizing various brominated organic compounds, ranging from simple alkyl bromides to complex aromatic and allylic bromides. Each reaction type utilizes specific conditions and mechanisms to achieve selective bromination of different functional groups.

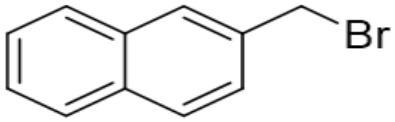
1.5.3 SUBSTRATE SCOPE FOR BROMIDE:



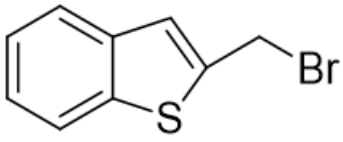
1.5g (79%)



22g (90%)



1.3g (78%)



1.2g (72%)

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

1.Title: Synthesis of α-Vinyltrialkoxysilanes via Nickel-Mediated Cross-Electrophile Coupling Reactions.

Authors: Bincy Chindan, Anagha Syam, Hariharan Mahendran, and Ramesh Rasappan*.

Journal and year: Pubs.acs.org/Organic Letters, 16 October 2023.

Inference: Hydrosilylation of alkynes inevitably yields α- and β-isomers of vinyltrialkoxysilanes even with complex ligands and catalysts, limiting its usage in organic synthesis. We report synthesis of α- vinyltrialkoxysilanes via cross-electrophile $C(sp^2)$-$C(sp^2)$ coupling of bromoalkenes. The method is quite compatible with functional groups under milder reaction conditions. The gram-scale synthesis of most substrates is impressive. The intermediacy of vinyl iodide and radical escape rebound path are supported by mechanistic studies.

2. Title: Three-Component Cross-Electrophile 1,4-Alkylarylation of 1,3- Enynes by Merging Nickel and Photoredox Catalysis.

Authors: Quanyuan Wang, Ya Chen, Keyi Peng, Yue Li, Lilei Cheng, and Guo-Jun Deng.

Journal and year: Pubs.acs.org/Organic Letters, 01 December 2023.

Inference:A three-component 1,4-alkylarylation of 1,3-enynes with organic halides through the combination of nickel and Photoredox catalysis has been established, providing a novel and modular approach for the assembly of tetrasubstituted allenes. This reductive cascade cross-electrophile reaction obviates the need for air-sensitive organometallic reagents and stoichiometric metallic reductants. A diverse range of functional groups are very compatible under mild conditions and give satisfactory yields. Moreover, a reasonable mechanism is presented according to a series of control experiments.

3.Title: A Visible Light Driven Nickel Carbonylation Catalyst: The Synthesis of Acid Chlorides from Alkyl Halides.

Authors: Kristian El Chami, Yi Liu, Mohammed A. Belahouane, Yiyang Ma, Pierre-Louis Lagueux Tremblay, Bruce A. Arndtsen

Journal and year: Angew. Chem.Int., 01 March 2023.

Inference: The development of a visible light driven nickel carbonylation catalyst. The combination of the large bite-angle Xantphos ligand with nickel (0) generates a catalyst capable of activating alkyl halides toward carbonylation at ambient temperature in the presence of blue light irradiation, and the reductive elimination of high energy acid chloride products. Unlike classical carbonylations, where the coordination of carbon monoxide inhibits the reactivity of earth abundant nickel catalysts, a CO-associated nickel is found to be the active catalyst in the reaction. Coupling the build-up of acid chlorides with nucleophile addition can be used to access various amides, esters and thioesters, including those of sterically encumbered substrates or with metal-reactive functionalities.

4.Title: Manganese-Mediated Direct Functionalization of Hantzsch Esters with Alkyl Iodides via an Aromatization– Dearomatization Strategy.

Authors: Xian-Guan Liu, Ci-Shuang Dong, Fei Li, Bo Zhang.

Journal and year: Pubs.acs.org/Organic Letters, 12 May 2021.

Inference: Manganese-mediated direct functionalization of the Hantzsch esters with readily accessible alkyl iodides through an aromatization–dearomatization strategy. Applying this protocol, a library of valuable 4-alkyl-1,4-dihydropyridines were facilely afforded in good yields. This simple and practical reaction proceeds under visible-light irradiation at room temperature and displays high functional-group compatibility. Additionally, the method is applicable for gram-scale synthesis and late-stage functionalization of complex molecules.

5.Title: Nickel-Catalyzed Formal Aminocarbonylation of Unactivated Alkyl Iodides with Isocyanides.

Authors: Wenyi Huang, Yun Wang, Yangyang Weng, Mohini Shrestha, Jingping Qu, Yifeng Chen.

Journal and year: Pubs.acs.org/Organic Letters, 03 April 2020.

Inference:A Ni-catalyzed formal amino carbonylation of primary and secondary unactivated aliphatic iodides with isocyanides to afford alkyl amide, which proceeds via the selective monomigratory insertion of isocyanides with alkyl iodides, subsequent β-hydride elimination, and hydrolysis process. The reaction features wide functional group tolerance under mild conditions. Additionally, the selective, one-pot hydrolysis of reaction mixture under acid conditions allows for expedient synthesis of the corresponding alkyl carboxylic acid.

6.Title: Nickel-Hydride-Catalyzed Diastereo- and Enantioselective Hydroalkylation of Cyclopropenes.

Authors: Qingqin Huang, Ya Chen, Xueting Zhou, Lei Dai, Yixin Lu.

Journal and year: Angew. Chem.Int., 19 September 2022.

Inference: Cyclopropanes are structural motifs that are widely present in natural products and bioactive molecules, and they are also tremendously useful building blocks in synthetic organic chemistry. Asymmetric synthesis of cyclopropane derivatives has been an intensively researched area over the years, but efficient asymmetric preparation of alkylcyclopropane scaffolds remains a challenging topic. Herein, we report a nickel-hydride-catalyzed enantioselective and diastereoselective hydroalkylation of cyclopropenes for facile synthesis of chiral alkylcyclopropane motifs. The reported method is efficient and versatile, taking place under mild reaction conditions, and having broad applicability and excellent functional group tolerance.

7.Title: Mechanism of Ni-Catalyzed Reductive 1,2- Dicarbofunctionalization of Alkenes.

Authors: Qiao Lin, Tianning Diao.

Journal and year: J. Am. Chem. Soc., 07 October 2019.

Inference: Ni-catalyzed cross-electrophile coupling reactions have emerged as appealing methods to construct organic molecules without the use of stoichiometric organometallic reagents. The mechanisms are complex: plausible

pathways, such as “radical chain” and “sequential reduction” mechanisms, are dependent on the sequence of the activation of electrophiles. A combination of kinetic, spectroscopic, and organometallic studies reveals that a Ni-catalyzed, reductive 1,2-dicarbofunctionalization of alkenes proceeds through a “sequential reduction” pathway. The reduction of Ni by Zn is the turnover-limiting step, consistent with Ni (II) intermediates as the catalyst resting-state. Zn is only sufficient to reduce (phen) Ni (II) to a Ni(I) species. As a result, commonly proposed Ni (0) intermediates are absent under these conditions. (Phen)Ni(I)–Br selectively activates aryl bromides via two-electron oxidation addition, whereas alkyl bromides are activated by (phen) Ni(I)–Ar through single-electron activation to afford radicals. These findings could provide insight into achieving selectivity between different electrophiles.

8.Title: Catalytic Reduction of Alkyl and Aryl Bromides Using Propan-2-ol.

Authors: Haibach, M. C.; Stoltz, B. M.; R H Grubbs.

Journal and year: Angew. Chem.Int., 03 October 2017.

Inference: Milstein's complex, (PNN)RuHCl (CO), catalyzes the efficient reduction of aryl and alkyl halides under relatively mild conditions by using propan-2-ol and a base. Sterically hindered tertiary and neopentyl substrates are reduced efficiently, as well as more functionalized aryl and alkyl bromides. The reduction process is proposed to occur by radical abstraction/hydrodehalogenation steps at ruthenium. Here represent a safer and more sustainable alternative to typical silane, lithium aluminium hydride, and tin-based conditions for these reductions.

09.Title: Nickel-Catalyzed Reductive Cross-Coupling of Aryl Halides with Alkyl Halides.

Authors: Everson, D. A.; Shrestha, R.; Weix, D. J.

Journal and year: J. Am. Chem. Soc., 04 January 2010.

Inference: The direct reductive cross-coupling of alkyl halides with aryl halides is described. The transformation is efficient (equimolar amounts of the starting materials are used), generally high-yielding (all but one between 55 and 88% yield), highly functional-group-tolerant [OH, NHBoc, NHCbz, Bpin, C(O)Me,

CO2Et, and CN are all tolerated], and easy to perform (uses only benchtop-stable reagents, tolerates small amounts of water and oxygen, changes colour when complete, and uses filtration workup). The reaction appears to avoid the formation of intermediate organomanganese species, and a synergistic effect was found when a mixture of two ligands was employed.

10.Title: Nickel-Catalyzed Asymmetric Reductive Cross-Coupling between Heteroaryl Iodides and α-Chloronitriles.

Authors: Kadunce, N. T.; Reisman, S. E.

Journal and year: J. Am. Chem. Soc., 09 August 2015.

Inference: Ni-catalyzed asymmetric reductive cross coupling of heteroaryl iodides and α-chloronitriles has been developed. This method furnishes enantioenriched α, α-disubstituted nitriles from simple organohalide building blocks. The reaction tolerates a variety of heterocyclic coupling partners, including pyridines, pyrimidines, quinolines, thiophenes, and piperidines. The reaction proceeds under mild conditions at room temperature and precludes the need to progenerate organometallic nucleophiles.

11.Title: Nickel-Catalyzed Enantioselective Carbamoyl Iodination: A Surrogate for Carbamoyl Iodides.

Authors: Marchese, A. D. Wollenburg, M. Mirabi, B.; Abel-Snape, X. Whyte, A. Glorius, F.; Lautens, Mark.

Journal and year: ACS Catalysis, 26 March 2020.

Inference: The enantioselective formal transfer of a carbamoyl iodide across a 1,1-disubstituted styrene using Ni-catalysis. Employing an air-stable Ni (II) precatalyst and a commercially available chiral ligand ((S)-tBuPHOX), enantioenriched 3,3-disubstituted iodooxindoles were obtained in up to 90% yield and up to 97:3 e.g. This methodology was applied to the total synthesis of (−)-esermethole and (−)-phenserine.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

3.1 AIM OF THE WORK:

The aim of synthesizing alkyl iodides using nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions is likely to provide a practical and efficient method for preparing alkyl iodides, which are important intermediates in organic synthesis. Nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions offer several advantages, including mild reaction conditions, broad substrate scope, and high functional group tolerance. By developing this method, researchers aim to streamline the synthesis of alkyl iodides, which can subsequently be used in various organic transformations to access a wide range of target molecules.

3.1.1 OBJECTIVE OF THE WORK:

- To establish a robust and efficient synthetic route for the preparation of alkyl iodides using nickel catalysis, which can potentially replace or improve upon existing methods that may be less efficient or environmentally friendly.
- To investigate the scope and limitations of the reaction with regards to different alkyl halide substrates, such as primary, secondary, and tertiary alkyl halides, as well as various functional groups, to assess the versatility and applicability of the method.
- To gain insights into the reaction mechanism and the role of the nickel catalyst in facilitating the cross-coupling process, which can aid in further improving the efficiency and selectivity of the reaction.
- To demonstrate the scalability of the method and its applicability to the synthesis of alkyl iodides on a larger scale, potentially for industrial or commercial purposes.

3.2 SCOPE OF THE WORK:

- The reaction is compatible with different nickel catalysts and ligands, allowing for optimization based on factors such as cost, availability, and reactivity.

- The method is flexible in terms of iodine sources, enabling the use of different iodine-containing compounds or reagents, such as molecular iodine, alkali metal iodides (e.g., potassium iodide), or iodinating agents.
- The method is high yields of the desired alkyl iodide products with good selectivity, minimizing the formation of side products or undesired by-products.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS:

Various materials are used in this project are mainly Alkyl Halides such as Primary, secondary, or tertiary alkyl halides serve as the starting materials for the cross-coupling reaction. Common alkyl halides include alkyl chlorides, alkyl bromides, and alkyl iodides. Solvents play a crucial role in facilitating the reaction and dissolving reactants and catalysts. Common solvents used in nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions include polar aprotic solvents such as dimethylformamide (DMF), dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), or N, N-dimethylacetamide (DMA), as well as aromatic solvents like toluene or dichloromethane. Also, Additives may be employed to enhance reaction efficiency, selectivity, or catalyst stability.

4.2 METHODS:

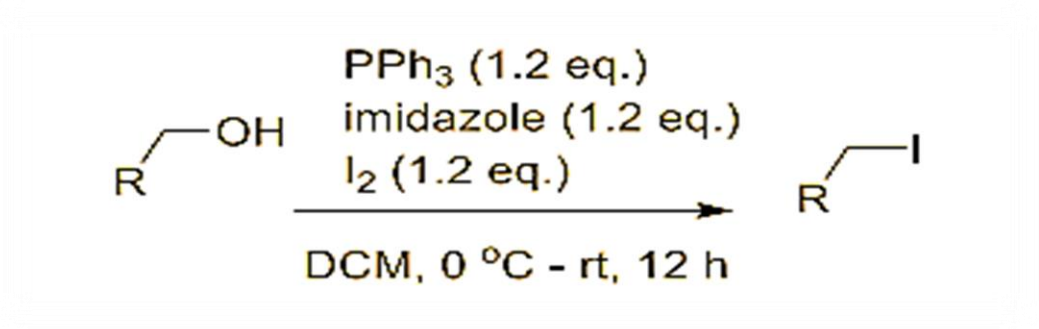
Methods used in this project are ***Nickel Catalyst Systems,*** Different nickel catalyst systems can be explored, such as ***nickel (0), nickel (II), or nickel (III)*** complexes, along with various ligands. Common ligands include phosphines (e.g., triphenylphosphine, PPh3), N-heterocyclic carbenes (NHCs), and bidentate ligands like bipyridines or diphosphines. These catalyst systems play a crucial role in facilitating the cross-coupling reaction by promoting oxidative addition, transmetalation, and reductive elimination steps.

Also, the Optimization of reaction conditions is essential for achieving high yields and selectivity. Parameters such as temperature, solvent choice, reaction time, catalyst loading, and stoichiometry of reactants need to be carefully tuned to maximize efficiency.

4.3 EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS:

4.3.1 GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR THE IODINATION OF ALCOHOL:

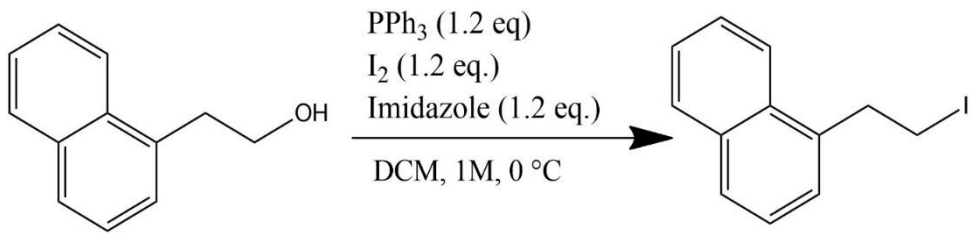
To a solution of the PPh_3 (1.2 equiv.), imidazole (1.2 equiv.) and I_2 (1.2 equiv.) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (0.2 M) was added alcohol (1.0 equiv.) slowly. The reaction was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The mixture was washed with a solution of Na_2SO_3, brine, dried over Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting iodide was purified by flash chromatography (pet-ether – 100% to EA in pet-ether – 10%).



4.3.2 SYNTHESIS OF 1-(2-IODOETHYL) NAPHTHALENE:

A two necked flask, containing a stir bar, was charged with alcohol, PPh_3 (1.2 eq.), imidazole (1.2 eq.) and DCM (1M, not necessarily dry). I_2 (1.2 eq.) was added portion wise at 0°C and the reaction flask was flushed slightly using a nitrogen ballon. Ice bath wad removed and after monitoring the completion using TLC, DCM was removed and the crude was subjected to flash column chromatography to yield the desired product.

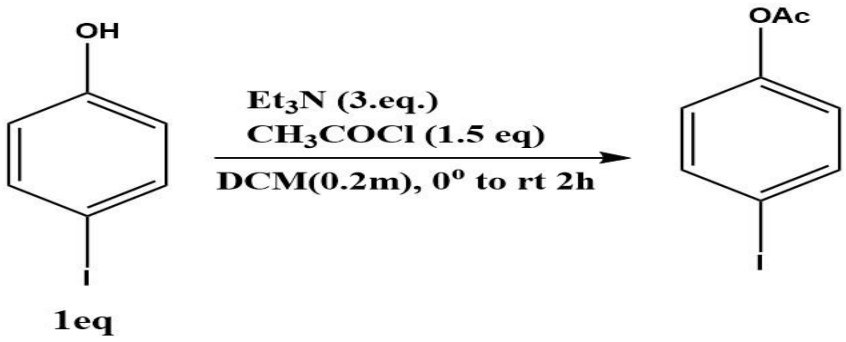
The title compound was prepared from 2-(naphthalen-1-yl) ethan-1-ol (11.6 mmol, 2g) to yield the desired product in 78% (2.16 g) yield.(Kristian El Chami et al. 2023)



4.3.3 SYNTHESIS OF ARYL AND ALKYL IODIDES STARTING MATERIALS:

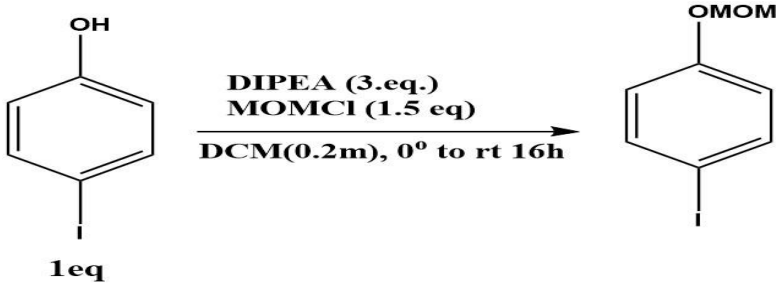
4.3.4 4-IODOPHENYL ACETATE:

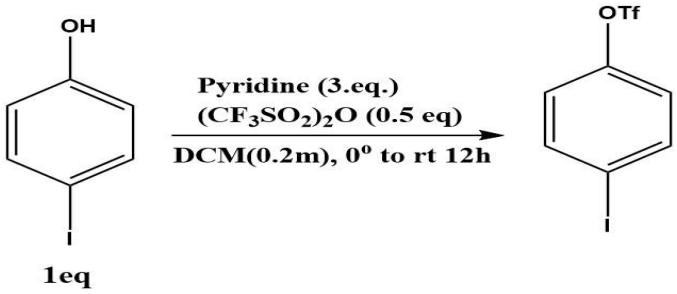
To a round bottom flask with 4-iodophenol (2g, 9mmol, 1eq.), triethylamine (3.8 ml, 3 eq.) and DCM (45 mL), acetyl chloride (0.97 mL, 1.5 eq.) was added drop wise at 0°C. The reaction was stirred at r.t for 2h. After the completion of reaction, water was added to it and was extracted with DCM, and the combined organic phases were dried over Na_2SO_4, solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude done by column chromatography on silica gel with 5% of ethyl acetate in pet-ether (95% yield)



4.3.4 4-IODOPHENYL TRIFLUORO METHANE SULFONATE:

To a round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, 4- iodo phenol (2 g, 9 mmol, 1 eq.), pyridine (2.2 mL, 3 eq.), and DCM (18 mL) were added. Triflouromethanesulfonic anhydride (2.3 mL, 13.5mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise at 0°C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After the completion of the reaction, water was added to it and was extracted with DCM; Organic layer was washed with brine and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by column chromatography (5% EA in pet-ether, Yield 94%).



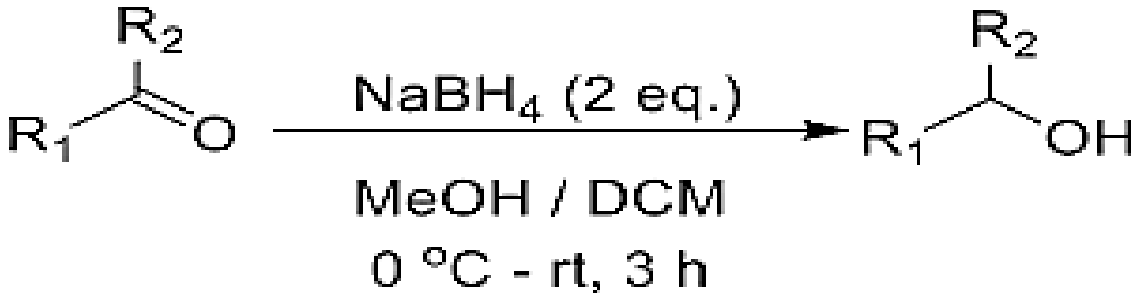


4.3.5 1-IODO-4- (METHOXY METHOXY) BENZENE:

DIPEA (2.33 mL g, 13.5 mmol) was added to a solution of 4-iodophenol (2 g, 9 mmol) in DCM (30 mL) at 0 °C. MOMCl (1.1 mL, 13.5 mmol) was then added dropwise to the solution. The resulting mixture was stirred for 16 h at rt. the reaction was quenched with water. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM. The combined extracts were dried and concentrated to afford the product (95%).

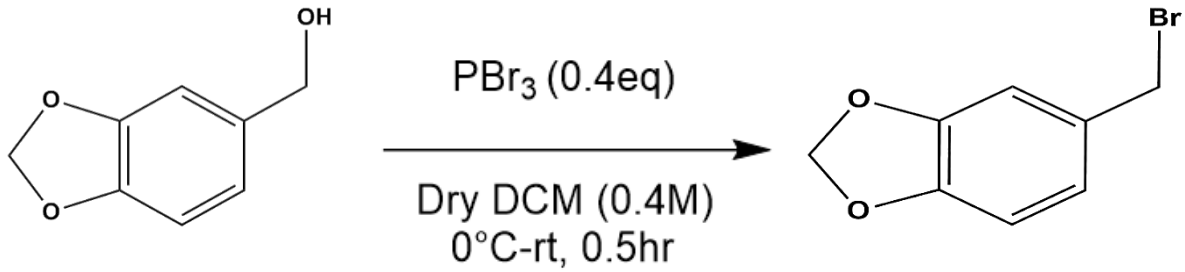
4.3.6 GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR THE REDUCTION OF ALDEHYDE/KETONE TO THE ALCOHOL:

A round-bottom flask with a magnetic stir bar was oven-dried, evacuated, and refilled with nitrogen. To the flask added aldehyde/ketone (1 eq.), DCM/MeOH (9:1, 0.4 M), and cooled to 0°C. Then $NaBH_4$ (2 eq.) was added portion-wise to the mixture. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at rt for 3 h. The consumption of starting material was monitored by TLC. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched with water and was extracted with DCM. The combined organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude was taken to the next step without further purification.



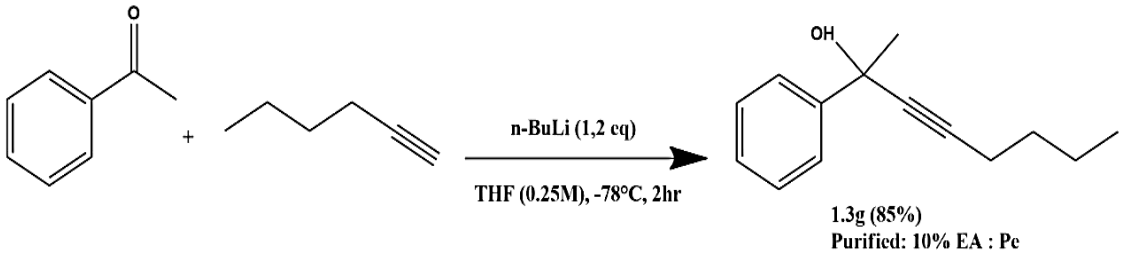
4.3.7 5-(BROMOMETHYL) BENZO[D] [1,3] DIOXOLE:

To a stirred solution of piperonyl alcohol (2.0 g, 13.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in DCM (35 mL) at 0 °C was added PBr_3 (1.4 mL, 14.5mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in dropwise over the course of 15 min. After stirring for an 2 h, the reaction was quenched by the addition of water (50 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM and the organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure (Yield 96%) as a colourless solid without any additional purification.



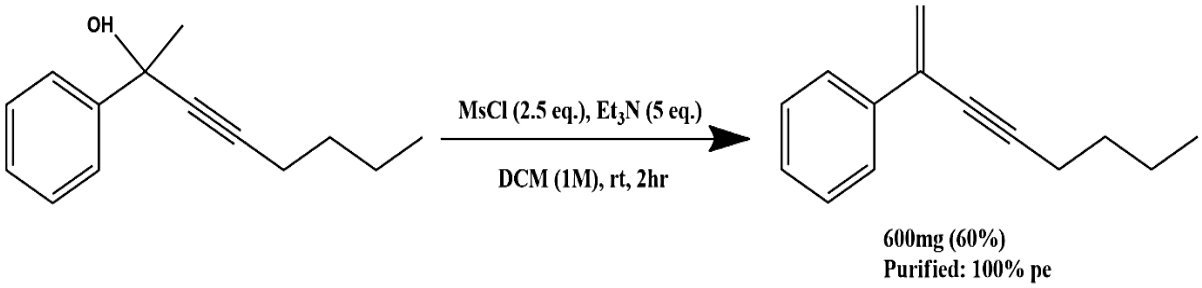
4.3.8 GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF 1,3-ENYNES:

STEP1: Under nitrogen atmosphere, n-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane, 10 mmol, 4 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of alkyne (10 mmol) in anhydrous THF (40 mL) at -78^{0}C. After addition, the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for one hour. Then, cooled to -78^{0}C again, ketone (10 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was monitored by TLC for completion. Once completion the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl and extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude propargyl alcohol.



STEP:2 The resulting propargyl alcohol was dissolved in DCM (0.5 M), and the mixture was cooled to 0^{0}C. S_2 Et_3N (5.0 equiv) was added to this solution and

methylsulfonyl chloride (2.5 equiv) sequentially. After one hour the reaction was monitored by TLC for completion. Once completed the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography to yield the 1,3- enyne.



4.4 CHARACTERISATION TECHNIQUES:

4.4.1. THIN LAYER CHROMOTOGRAPHY:

PRINCIPLE:

Thin layer chromatography (TLC) is a chromatographic technique used for the separation and analysis of mixtures of compounds. It operates on the same fundamental principles as other chromatographic techniques, such as column chromatography, but it utilizes a thin layer of adsorbent material coated on a flat surface as the stationary phase.



4.1 Graphical representation of TLC

The principle behind TLC is based on the differential migration of components in a mixture over a stationary phase due to variations in their affinity for the mobile and stationary phases.

- **Stationary Phase:** The stationary phase in TLC is a thin layer of adsorbent material coated on a flat, inert support such as glass, plastic, or aluminium. The most commonly used adsorbents are silica gel and alumina. The thickness of the stationary phase layer is typically around 0.1 - 0.25 mm.
- **Mobile Phase:** The mobile phase is a solvent or a mixture of solvents that moves through the stationary phase by capillary action. The choice of mobile phase depends on the polarity of the compounds being separated and the desired separation characteristics. Common mobile phase solvents include mixtures of organic solvents like hexane, ethyl acetate, methanol, or water.

In a Thin Layer Chromatography, a small volume of the sample mixture is applied to the TLC plate near one end, typically using a capillary tube, microsyringe, or spotting device. Care must be taken to ensure that the spot is small and well-defined to avoid spreading and overlapping of analytes. Then the TLC plate is placed vertically in a container with a shallow layer of the mobile phase solvent(s) at the bottom. Capillary action causes the solvent to rise up the plate, carrying the sample components with it. As the solvent moves through the stationary phase, it interacts with the compounds in the sample mixture. The interactions between the compounds and the stationary phase and mobile phase determine the rate at which each compound moves up the plate. The compounds in the sample mixture separate as they migrate through the stationary phase at different rates. This separation is based on differences in polarity, size, and other chemical properties of the compounds, which affect their affinity for the stationary phase and their solubility in the mobile phase. Compounds with higher affinity for the mobile phase move more rapidly up the plate, while those with higher affinity for the stationary phase move more slowly.

After the development is complete, the TLC plate is removed from the container and dried to evaporate the solvent. The separated compounds appear as spots or bands on the TLC plate. These spots can be visualized directly under

UV light if the compounds are naturally fluorescent or can be visualized using chemical reagents that react with specific functional groups. Alternatively, the plate can be exposed to iodine vapor, which reacts with most organic compounds to produce visible spots. The separation achieved on the TLC plate can be analyzed qualitatively and quantitatively. The distance travelled by each compound from the origin (where the sample was applied) to the solvent front is measured. The ratio of this distance to the distance travelled by the solvent front is called the retention factor (Rf) and is characteristic of each compound under specific chromatographic conditions. Rf values can be used for compound identification and purity analysis.

In summary, Thin Layer Chromatography is quick, simple and gives high sensitivity for a relatively low cost. It can identify the compounds in a mixture and determine purity.

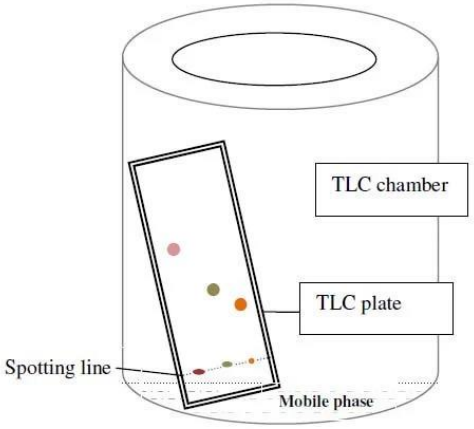


Fig 4.2 Schematic diagram of TLC

4.4.2 GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY-MASS SPECTROMETRY (GC-MS):

PRINCIPLE:

Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) is a powerful analytical technique used to identify and quantify components of complex mixtures of chemicals. It combines two separate analytical techniques: gas chromatography (GC) and mass spectrometry (MS).

Gas Chromatography (GC):

- In GC, the sample is vaporized and injected into a long, thin column packed with a stationary phase (usually a liquid or solid).
- The column is heated, and an inert gas (such as helium or nitrogen) carries the sample through the column.

- Different components in the sample interact differently with the stationary phase, causing them to travel through the column at different rates.
- This separation process results in the components of the mixture being eluted (or released) from the column at different times.

Mass Spectrometry (MS):

- In MS, the separated components from GC enter the mass spectrometer.
- Here, they are ionized by bombarding them with electrons, causing them to lose an electron and become positively charged ions.
- The ions are then accelerated by an electric field and passed through a magnetic field, which deflects them according to their mass-to-charge ratio (m/z).
- The ions are detected by a detector, and their abundance and mass-to-charge ratio are recorded to produce a mass spectrum.

Gas chromatography-Mass Spectrometry:

- In GC-MS the output from the gas chromatograph (separated components) is fed directly into the mass spectrometer.
- As each separated compound elutes from the GC column, it enters the mass spectrometer where it is fragmented into smaller ions.
- The resulting mass spectrum provides a unique "fingerprint" for each compound, allowing for its identification.
- The retention time from the gas chromatograph helps further in identification, as it provides additional information about the compound's behaviour in the column.
- By comparing the mass spectra and retention times of unknown compounds to those of known standards in databases, analysts can identify the components present in the sample.



Fig 4.3 GC-MS Instrument

GC-MS combines the separation capabilities of gas chromatography with the detection and identification capabilities of mass spectrometry, providing highly accurate and sensitive analysis of complex mixtures.

4.4.3 NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE (NMR):

PRINCIPLE:

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) is a powerful analytical technique used in chemistry, physics, and biochemistry to study the structure, dynamics, and interactions of molecules. At its core, NMR exploits the magnetic properties of atomic nuclei, particularly those with an odd number of protons or neutrons, which possess a magnetic moment.

Nuclei of atoms possess an intrinsic property called spin. Spin can be visualized as the nucleus spinning on its axis, akin to the Earth spinning on its axis. Nuclei with an odd number of protons or neutrons have a nonzero spin, resulting in a magnetic moment. The magnetic moment of a nucleus arises from the spin of its constituent particles (protons and neutrons). This magnetic moment makes the nucleus behave like a tiny magnet with a north and south pole. When a sample containing nuclei with nonzero spin is placed in an external magnetic field (B_0), the magnetic moments of the nuclei align either parallel or antiparallel to the external field, depending on their energy states. The nuclear magnetic moments in the external magnetic field creates energy levels. Nuclei with spin can exist in two energy states: a lower energy state aligned parallel (α) and a higher energy state aligned antiparallel (β) to the external magnetic field. Now, when the external magnetic field is applied, nuclei absorb energy in the form of electromagnetic radiation (typically radiofrequency waves) to transition from the lower energy state

to the higher energy state. The frequency of the radiation required to induce this transition is called the Larmor frequency (ω_0) and is directly proportional to the strength of the magnetic field.

NMR Spectroscopy: In NMR spectroscopy, a sample is exposed to radiofrequency radiation at the Larmor frequency. Nuclei in the lower energy state absorb energy and transition to the higher energy state. When the radiation is turned off, the nuclei return to their original state, releasing the absorbed energy. The energy released is detected by a receiver coil and converted into a signal. The resonant frequency at which a nucleus absorbs radiation is influenced by its chemical environment. This phenomenon is known as **chemical shift**. Chemical shift arises due to the shielding or deshielding of the nucleus by its surrounding electron cloud, resulting in slight variations in the local magnetic field experienced by the nucleus. Molecules containing multiple nuclei with spin, interactions between these nuclei can lead to splitting of NMR signals, known as **spin-spin coupling (J-coupling).** Spin-spin coupling provides information about the connectivity of atoms in a molecule and can be used to deduce molecular structure.

By analysing the frequency and intensity of the signals obtained in NMR spectra, researchers can determine various properties of molecules, including chemical structure, molecular dynamics, purity, and interactions with other molecules. NMR spectroscopy is widely used in fields such as organic chemistry, medicinal chemistry, biochemistry, and materials science for both qualitative and quantitative analysis.

WORKING:

The working principle of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) involves in various aspects:

- ***Magnetic Field***: When a sample is placed in a strong external magnetic field (B_0), nuclei with an odd number of protons or neutrons align themselves either parallel or antiparallel to the direction of the magnetic field. This alignment creates two energy levels: a lower energy level where the nuclear magnetic moments are aligned parallel to the external magnetic field, and a higher energy level where they are aligned antiparallel.

- ***Application of Radiofrequency (RF) Radiation:*** Once the sample is in the magnetic field, radiofrequency pulses at a specific frequency (known as the Larmor frequency) are applied to the sample. The Larmor frequency is determined by the strength of the magnetic field and the gyromagnetic ratio of the nucleus being studied.
- ***Resonance Absorption:*** The radiofrequency pulses cause transitions of nuclei from the lower energy state to the higher energy state. This absorption of energy is known as resonance absorption and occurs when the frequency of the RF pulse matches the frequency required to induce the transition between the energy levels.
- ***Relaxation Processes:*** After the RF pulse is turned off, the nuclei in the higher energy state gradually return to the lower energy state, releasing the absorbed energy. There are two relaxation processes involved:

- ***T_1 Relaxation (Spin-Lattice Relaxation):*** This process involves the return of nuclei from the higher energy state to the lower energy state through interactions with the surrounding lattice (or environment). It determines the longitudinal (or spin-lattice) relaxation time, T_1.
- ***T_2 Relaxation (Spin-Spin Relaxation):*** This process involves the dephasing of nuclear spins due to interactions with nearby nuclei. It determines the transverse (or spin-spin) relaxation time, T_2.

- ***Signal Detection:*** As the nuclei return to their equilibrium state, they emit radiofrequency signals. These signals are detected using a receiver coil and converted into an electrical signal. The electrical signal is then processed to generate an NMR spectrum, which represents the resonance frequencies of the nuclei in the sample.
- ***Data Analysis:*** The NMR spectrum provides information about the chemical environment of the nuclei in the sample. Each peak in the spectrum corresponds to a specific resonance frequency, which is influenced by the chemical structure and environment of the nuclei. By analysing the positions, intensities, and multiplicity of peaks, researchers can deduce valuable information about the molecular structure, dynamics, and interactions within the sample.

Overall, NMR spectroscopy provides a non-destructive and highly sensitive method for analysing the composition, structure, and behaviour of molecules in a wide range of fields.

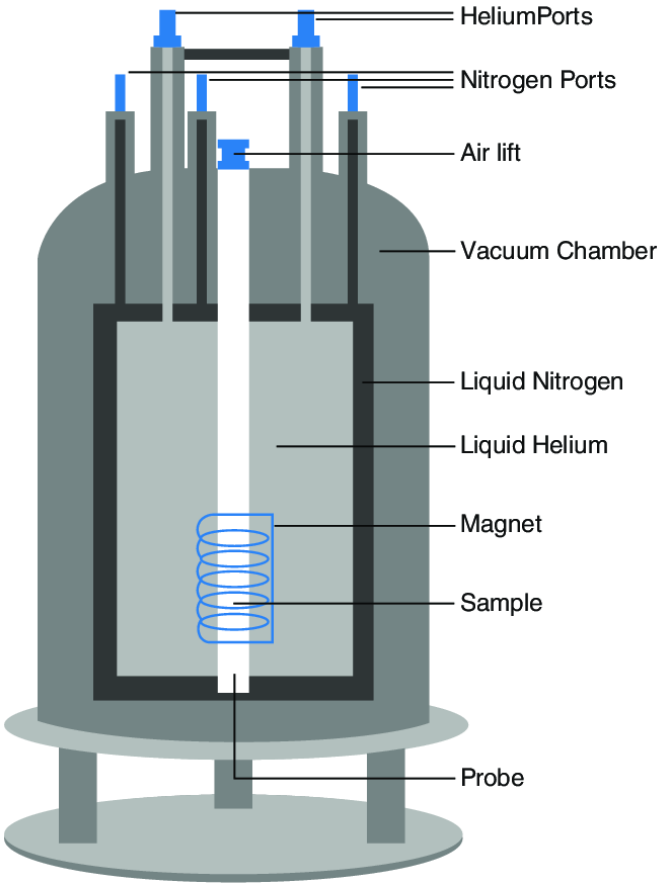


Fig 4.4 Schematic diagram of NMR Instrument

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The primary focus would be on the yield of the desired alkyl iodide product obtained from the reaction. High yields are indicative of the efficiency of the method. Additionally, the selectivity of the reaction towards the desired alkyl iodide product over other potential by-products or side reactions has been discussed by the following characteristic techniques, those are Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC), Gass Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS), and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR).

5.1 GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY-MASS SPECTROMETRY (GC-MS):

Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) plays a crucial role in the analysis of the 1,4-alkyl arylation of 1,3-enynes, providing valuable insights into reaction progress, and product identification. The mass spectra obtained provide information about the molecular weight, fragmentation pattern, and structure of the compounds present.

GC-MS

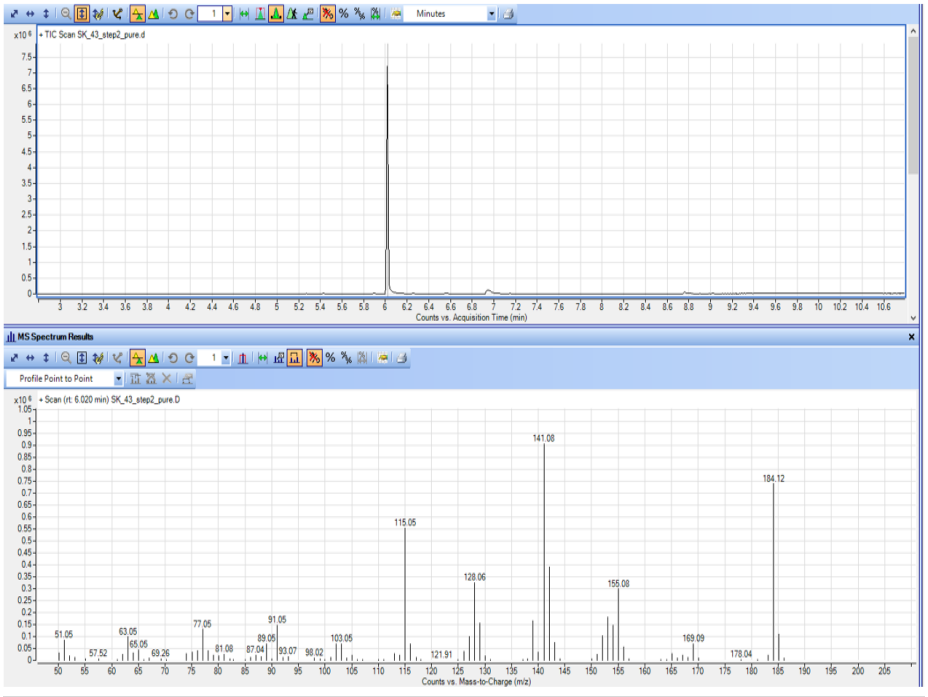


Fig 5.1 Spectral data of GC-MS spectrum - 1

The 1,4-alkyl arylation reaction, GC-MS can be used to monitor the progress of the reaction. Samples can be withdrawn at different time points, and

their mass spectra can be compared to those of the starting materials. Changes in the spectra over time indicate the formation of intermediates and products, allowing for real-time monitoring of the reaction kinetics and progress.

The compound is characterized by a peak observed at 6 minutes, which is subsequently confirmed by the corresponding mass spectrum. The presence of a mass of 185 confirms the compound's identity, with other peaks representing fragments. Due to the use of an iron-based detector, all masses are detected as fragments, as the detector functions as a quadrupole detector.

5.2 NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE (NMR):

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy is a powerful analytical technique used to determine the structure and properties of organic molecules.

In this molecule, each of these atoms can exhibit distinct signals in an NMR spectrum due to their different chemical environments. In 1-(2-iodoethyl)naphthalene, we can expect to see signals from the aromatic protons in the naphthalene ring, the hydrogen atoms on the ethyl group, and potentially the hydrogen atoms adjacent to the iodine atom.

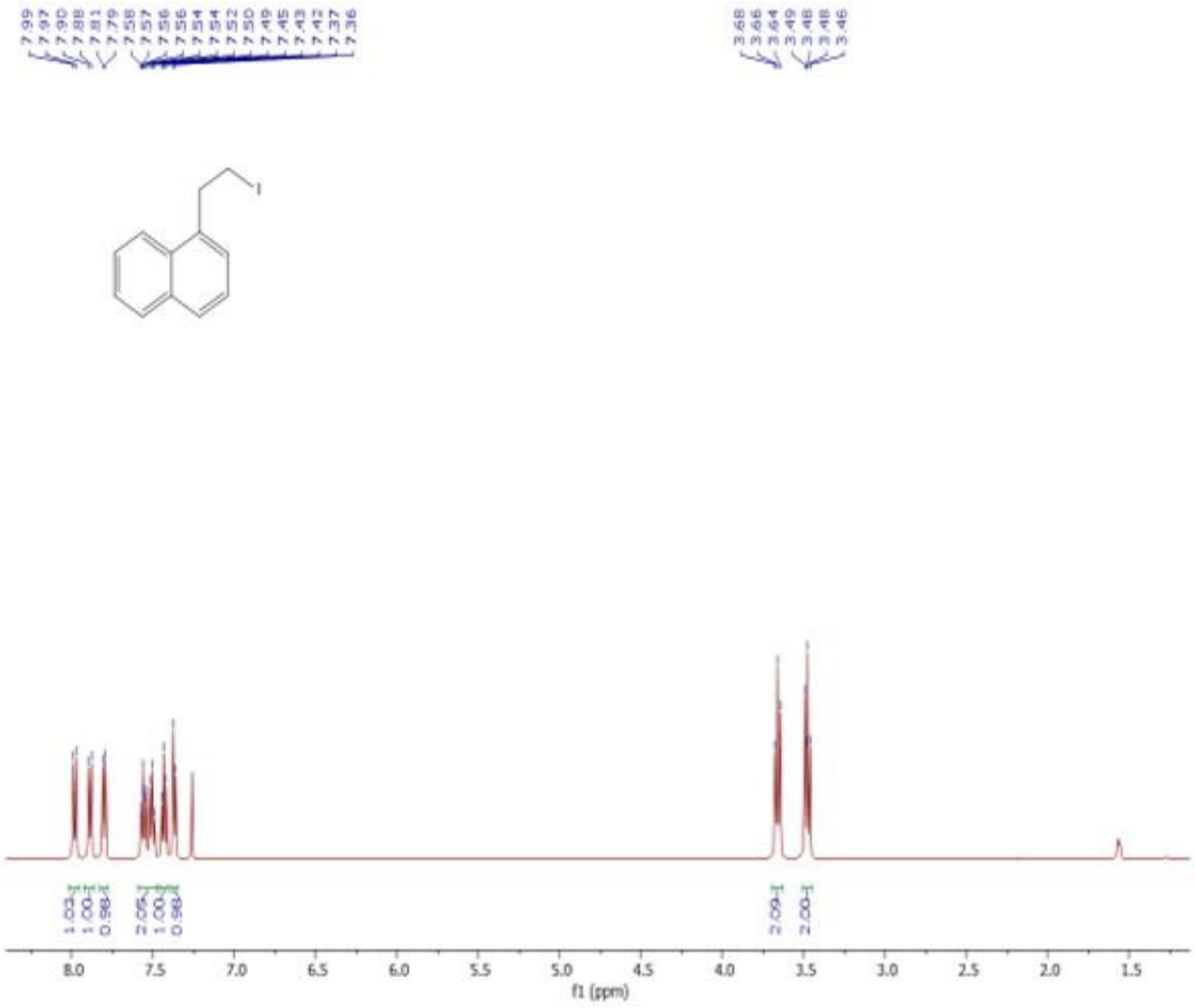


Fig 5.3 ^{1}H (Proton) NMR - Spectral data of 1-(2-iodoethyl)naphthalene

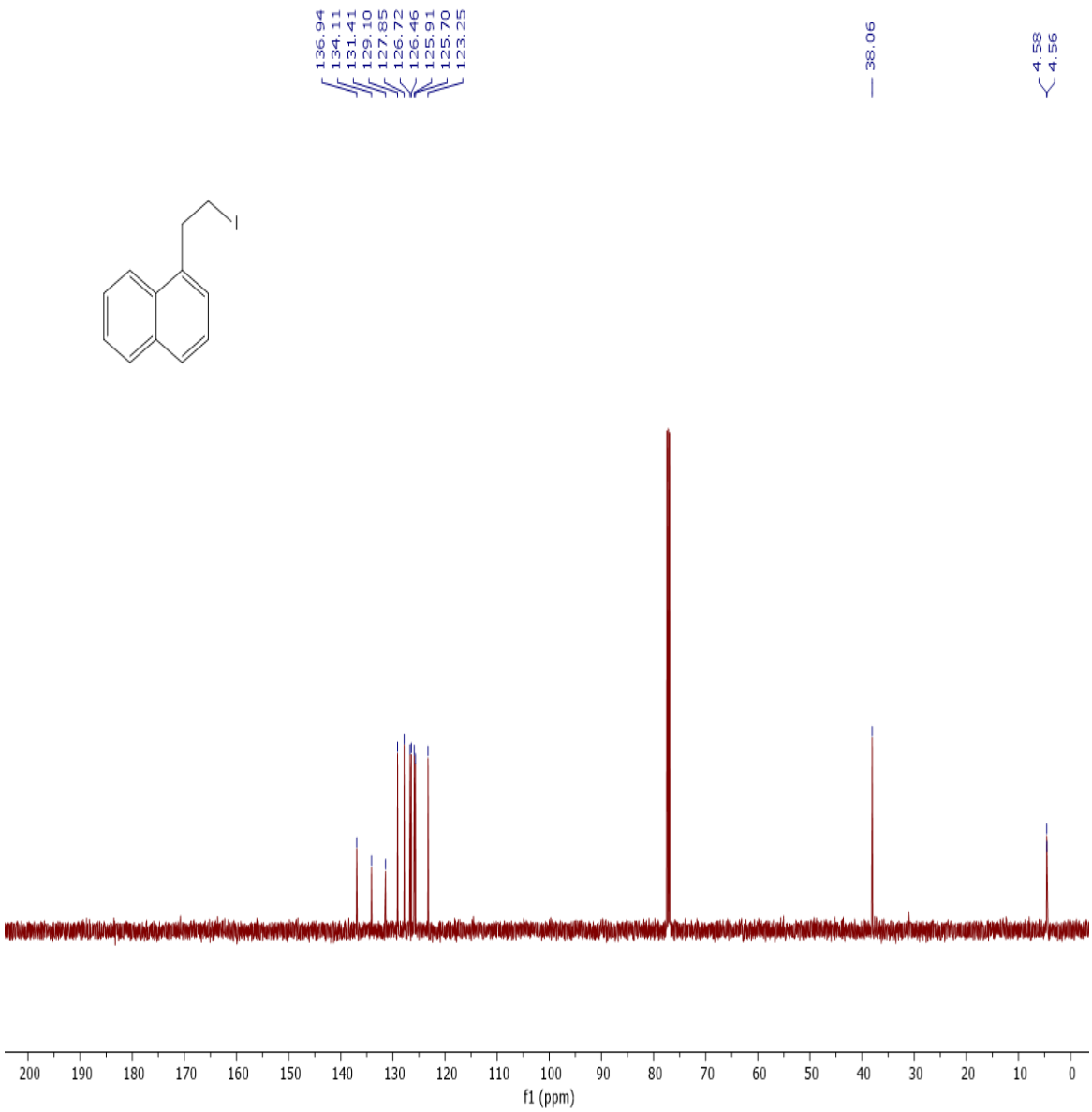


Fig 5.4 ^{13}C NMR - Spectral data of 1-(2-iodoethyl)naphthalene

^{1}H NMR:

The hydrogen NMR spectrum (proton NMR), In 1-(2-iodoethyl)naphthalene provides signals from the aromatic protons in the naphthalene ring, the hydrogen atoms adjacent to the iodine atom, typically exhibits signals in the range of ***7.0-8.5 ppm*** in the proton NMR spectrum due to the shielding effect of the aromatic π-electron cloud. The number of signals will correspond to the different types of

aromatic protons present. The hydrogen atoms on the ethyl group will appear as a ***multiplet*** in the ***region of 3.0-4.0 ppm***. The exact chemical shift depends on the specific chemical environment of the ethyl group, including aromatic ring and other substituents. If the hydrogen atoms adjacent to the iodine atom are not highly deshielded by nearby functional groups, they may appear as a singlet at a relatively high chemical shift, possibly around 2.5-3.5 ppm. However, this signal might be broadened or not observed depending on the experimental conditions.

^{13}C NMR:

The carbon atoms in the aromatic ring typically appear in the region of ***120-140 ppm*** due to the deshielding effect of the aromatic π-electron cloud.In the ethyl group will appear at a slightly lower chemical shift compared to the aromatic carbons, possibly in the region of ***10-60 ppm.***

Therefore, The NMR spectroscopy of 1-(2-iodoethyl)naphthalene will yield a spectrum containing signals from the aromatic protons and carbons, the ethyl group protons and carbons, and potentially the protons and carbon adjacent to the iodine atom.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION

In this project, the synthesis of alkyl iodides using nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions represents a significant advancement in organic synthesis. Through this study, we have successfully developed an efficient and versatile method for the preparation of alkyl iodides, overcoming many challenges associated with existing synthetic routes. Our research has demonstrated high yields and selectivity across a broad range of alkyl halide substrates, showcasing the applicability of the developed methodology and also the optimization of reaction conditions has further enhanced the efficiency of the process, offering practical advantages in terms of reaction scalability and substrate scope.

Therefore, the mechanistic insights gained from this study have provided valuable understanding of the underlying reaction pathways, facilitating future optimization of the method. Additionally, comparisons with existing synthetic methods highlight the distinct advantages of nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions in terms of efficiency, selectivity.

Thus, this study contributes significantly to the field of organic synthesis by providing a practical and efficient method for accessing alkyl iodides, in the synthesis of diverse organic molecules and paving the way for further advancements in synthetic chemistry.

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ABSTRACT

Current ilmenite processing for synthetic rutile is costly, slow, and environmentally damaging due to harsh chemicals. We propose a new, eco-friendly method for separating synthetic rutile from OSCOM ilmenite. After a 4-hour reduction our process achieves an 85.2% of metallic iron converted from total iron in ilmenite.

The reduction of ilmenite typically involves heating it with a reducing agent, such as carbon, in a furnace. This process converts the iron oxide in ilmenite into metallic iron and titanium dioxide. The metallic iron can then be separated from the titanium dioxide through further processing. It's a key step in producing titanium dioxide, which is used in a variety of industrial applications. We've also analyzed iron reduction and final TiO2 content in synthetic rutile from our method and the commercial approach for OSCOM ilmenite.

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CHAPTER 1

1.INTRODUCTION

1.1 BEACH SAND MINERALS

India boasts the greatest and richest placer heavy mineral resources along its 6000 line miles of coastline. Large heavy mineral placer deposits including REEs can be found in many coastal regions of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh states, as well as a few inland. Indian beach sand deposits and dunes are home to a heavy mineral assemblage that includes **ilmenite, rutile, garnet, monazite, zircon, and sillimanite**. Most placer deposits along the coastlines of eastern and southern India contain the variable-grade LREE mineral monazite. Andhra Pradesh's seashore near Kalingapatnam produces garnet, which can constitute low-grade but high-tonnage REE resources. It also contains heavy REE. Variable REE contents can be seen in monazite, garnet, and zircon.

Schomberg, a German chemist, discovered monazite-bearing black sand on India's southern and southwest coast in 1909 (Overstreet 1967). Several workers have contributed to a better understanding of beach sand deposits. Since the 1950s, the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD) of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) in India has made significant contributions to this field. AMD's exploratory operations, using normal and advanced drilling and laboratory procedures, resulted in the discovery of numerous heavy mineral placer deposits and the estimation of reserves along coastal areas. Several inland placer deposits were found in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra. So far, a coastline of overSchomberg, a German chemist, discovered monazite-bearing black sand on India's southern and southwest coast in 1909 (Overstreet 1967). Several workers have contributed to a better understanding of beach sand deposits. Since the 1950s, the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD) of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) in India has made significant contributions to this field. AMD's exploratory operations, using normal and advanced drilling and laboratory procedures, resulted in the discovery of numerous heavy mineral placer deposits and the estimation of reserves along coastal areas. Several

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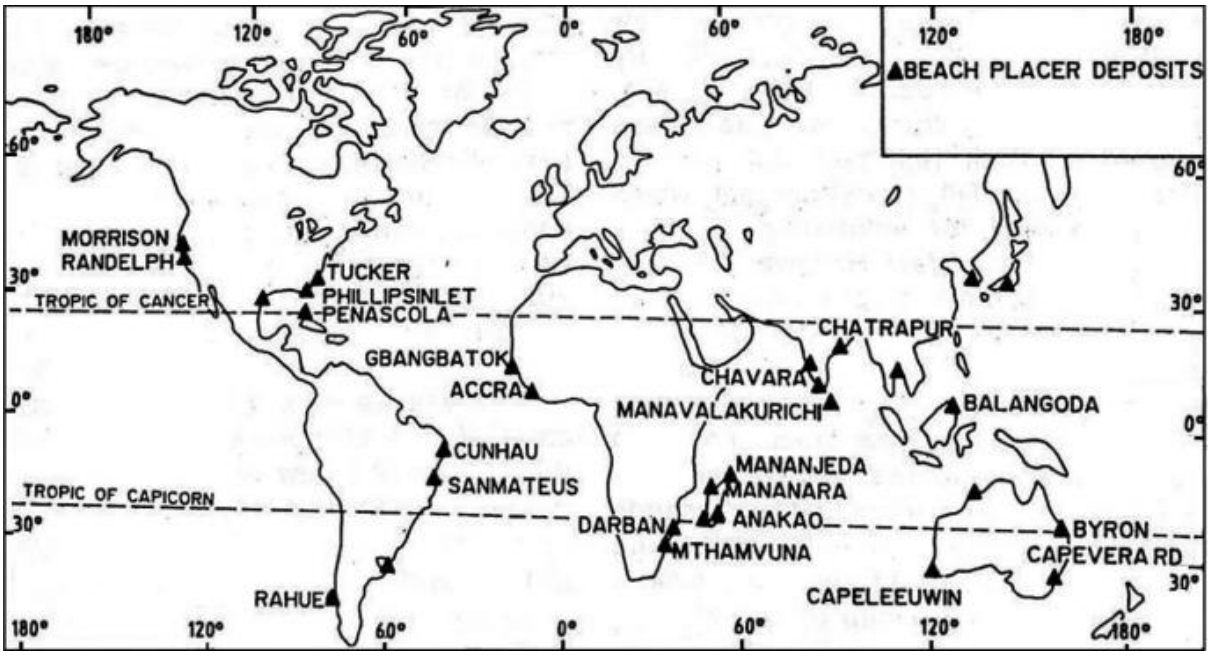


Fig 1.1 Distribution of beach placer deposits of the world.

Heavy mineral resources can be found along Tamil Nadu's coastal region and Teri sands in the southern coastal plains. The mineral assemblage consists primarily of ilmenite, garnet, sillimanite, pyriboles, zircon, rutile, monazite, and kyanite, with lesser amounts of spinel, tourmaline, epidote, apatite, and staurolite. The proportion of heavy minerals varies significantly between deposits. However, the distribution of heavy minerals indicates relative abundance. According to Chandrasekharan and Murugan (2001), there are four types of mineral deposits: ilmenite-rich in the southern Manavalakurichi segment, almandine garnet-rich in the Ovari region, ilmenite, garnet, and pyriboles mixed assemblage in the Tuticorian region, and pyriboles-rich in the northernmost Velanganni-Cuddalore sector and beyond. In addition to zircon and garnet, monazite can be found in all.

The Tuticorin Coast beaches next to the Kallar and Vembar river mouths include black sand deposits. Beach sand samples were collected throughout the 25 kilometers of shoreline between these two river mouths and analyzed to establish density sorting patterns in order to better understand the process of selective grain movement and placer development on the beach. The main placer minerals are ilmenite (29.63%), garnet (17.23%), zircon (1.74%), magnetite (1.29%), and sillimanite (0.12%). The placer minerals are significantly concentrated around the river mouths. The average grain size of placer minerals decreases with longshore distance (ilmenite: 2 to 2.250, garnet: 1.82 to 2.130, zircon: 3.67 to 3.750, magnetite: 2.06 to 2.250). Individual heavy mineral concentration determinations show that density fluctuation reflected the sorting process and were most successful in concentrating ilmenite (1.55), garnet (2.9), and zircon (4.11), whereas the effectiveness in concentrating quartz (0.37) was relatively low. This depicts the density and grain size variations of a certain mineral found on the beach. Seasonal fluctuation reflects the development of garnet and ilmenite on intertidal beaches. This has also demonstrated the nature of hydraulic sorting in the swash zone through variation in particle size and density.

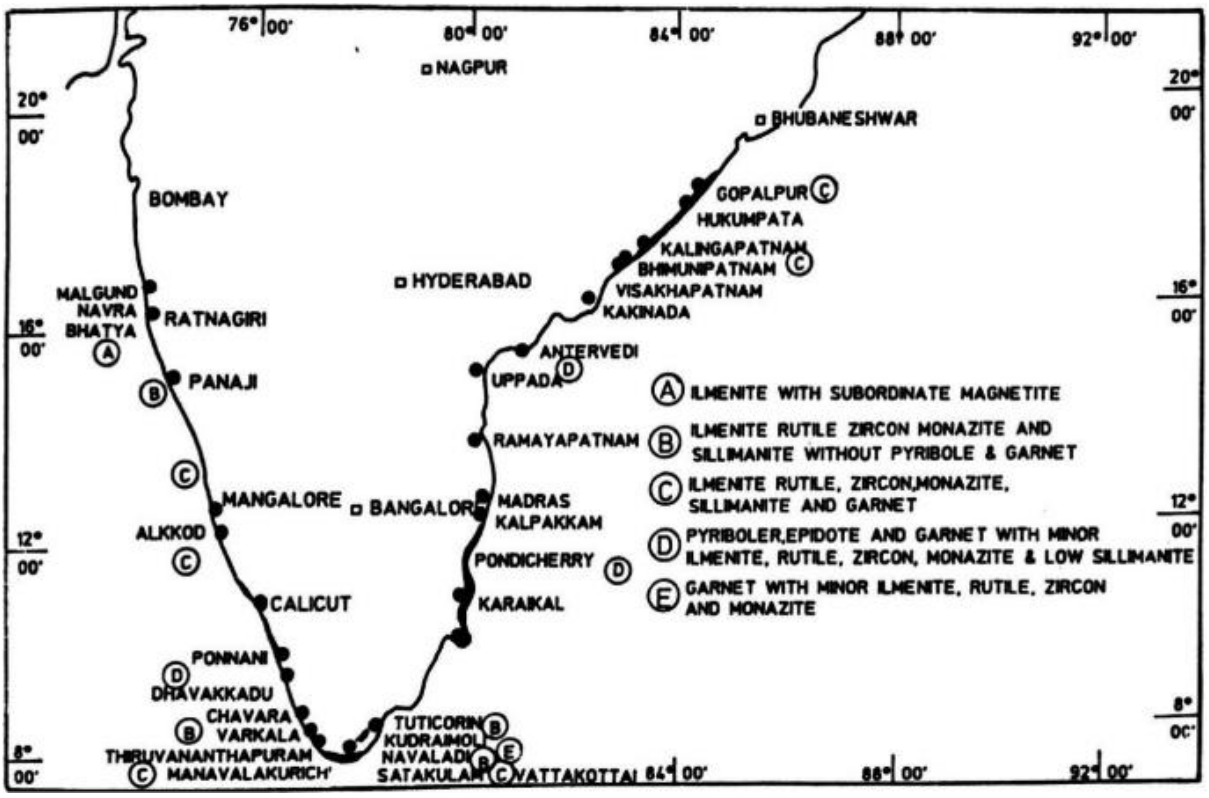


Fig.1.2. Beach placer deposits of India along with their broad mineral assemblages

1.2 ILMENITE ($FeTiO_3$)

In general, ilmenite FeTiO3 is created by a solid-state process at extremely high pressure and temperature. Synthesis of FeTiO3 is difficult because the Fe2+ ions are unstable. As a result, preparing this material is quite tough. This work used the sol-gel technique to produce nano-ilmenite FeTiO3. Structural, optical, and magnetic characterizations were carried out. FeTiO3's bandgap was determined to be 2.8 eV, indicating that it is a good wide bandgap material for technological applications. FeTiO3 nanoparticles have mild ferromagnetic characteristics at and below room temperature. The Néel temperature was found to be around 52K.

Ilmenite, a mineral of titanium, is mined as an important industrial mineral in many areas globally, including placer sands [1-5]. Over 90% of the world's ilmenite ores are used to produce titanium pigments, sponges, and compounds through the sulphate or chloride processes [6-10]. The sulphate process involves

reacting ilmenite ores with concentrated sulphuric acid, while the chloride process involves chlorinating the ores to produce titanium tetrachloride, which is then re-oxidized to form pigments. Titanium dioxide is used as a pigment in various products, including rubber, plastics, textiles, ink, cosmetics, leather, ceramics, and paper.

Ilmenite is an economically significant and intriguing mineral. It is discovered as a byproduct of tin mining in Bangka, Indonesia. This mineral may be used to produce titanium metal, titanium dioxide (TiO_2) pigment, and photocatalysts. However, the synthesis of TiO_2 from ilmenite utilizing both sulfate and chloride methods continues to provide a significant challenge in obtaining high purity white pigment at a low operating cost. This is mostly owing to the presence of Fe_2O_3 impurities in TiO_2 pigment, which cannot be readily dissolved. As a result, the purpose of this research is to look into the feasibility of producing TiO_2 pigments and photocatalysts from Bangka ilmenite material. For this purpose, Sodium hydroxide (NaOH) was employed as a breakdown solution using a hydrothermal process in a teflon-lined autoclave. The characterization findings showed that Bangka ilmenite has a considerable TiO_2 content of more than 30%, albeit there are still some additional impurities. Impurity components decreased by 60% after dissolution was decomposed with NaOH. The ilmenite breakdown process was most efficient at a NaOH concentration of 10 M, where it decomposed to generate an intermediate phase of sodium titanate with the morphological structure of fine threads. The mineral ilmenite ($FeTiO_3$) was ball milled at room temperature in air. The oxidation of ilmenite during milling was examined by analyzing milled samples using powder X-ray diffractometry, X-ray fluorescence spectrometry, and thermal analysis. After 100 hours of ball milling in air, the ilmenite was completely transformed to the thermally metastable $Fe_2Ti_3O_9$ and γ-Fe_2O_3. The oxidation of an ilmenite in a pure thermally activated process consists of a slow low-temperature reaction (600 °C-1000 °C) with the formation of intermediate phases ($Fe_2Ti_3O_9$ and Fe_2O_3) and a fast high-temperature reaction (> 1000 °C) with the production of the final stable phases (Fe_2TiO_5 and TiO_2). The observed oxidation process during ball milling at ambient temperature corresponds to the low temperature reaction in a thermally activated process. High-temperature reactions were not seen during milling, even when the milling time was extended or the intensity increased. It

appears that the oxidation of ilmenite caused by high energy ball milling is a non-equilibrium process that promotes the production of thermally metastable phases.

Ilmenite, a naturally occurring iron titanate (FeTiOa), is a commonly utilized source of titanium dioxide. The sulfate process accounts for about 70% of global demand. The chloride technique has recently gained popularity as an alternative. While rutile is the preferred feedstock for the chloride process, ilmenite can also be used if the iron can be effectively removed.

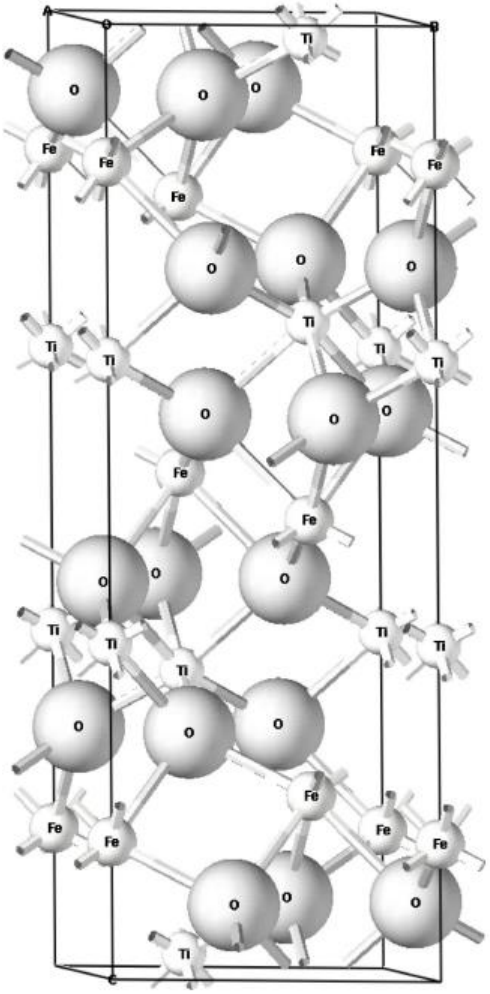


Figure 1.3 The structure of $FeTiO_3$

1.2.1 physical properties of ilmenite

Ilmenite is usually more durable than the other minerals in the igneous rocks in which it is abundant. For the reason, the weathering debris produced during the weathering of these rocks is especially rich in ilmenite. Its relatively high specific gravity causes it to become concentrated in placer deposits like gold and other heavy minerals.

Table 1.1

Property	Description
Colour	Black, iron-black
Luster	Submetallic to metallic
Diaphaneity	Opaque
Streak	Black
Cleavage	None
Crystal System	Trigonal
Hardness	5.6 to 6 Mohs
Specific Gravity	4.72
Magnetism	Weakly magnetic or non-magnetic

1.3 SYNTHETIC RUTILE (TiO_2)

This research presents a new method for producing synthetic rutile utilizing sulfated ilmenite from the sulfate TiO2 process as a feedstock. To produce synthetic rutile, sulfated ilmenite is selectively thermally decomposed and then specifically leached to remove impurities. The decomposition unit revealed that TiOSO4 in sulfated ilmenite primarily decomposed to TiO2, while the iron component remained in the form of sulfates under optimal conditions. These conditions included a roasting temperature of 540°C and a time of 120 minutes under air flow or stagnant air, or a roasting temperature of 510°C and a time of 120 minutes under nitrogen flow. Thermal breakdown may be separated into three phases. The sulfates of titanium and iron in sulfated ilmenite were degraded to TiO2 and water-insoluble FeOHSO4, respectively, at temperatures below 500°C. FeOHSO4 was transformed to water-soluble Fe2O(SO4)2 at temperatures ranging from 500 to 560 degrees

Celsius. Fe2O(SO4)2 was degraded into Fe2(SO4)3 and Fe2O3 at temperatures over 560 °C. Leaching with water, dilute sulfuric acid, and sodium hydroxide can extract water-soluble metal sulfates, insoluble FeOHSO4/Fe2O3, and SiO2 from TiO2-containing slag. Leaching with water, dilute sulfuric acid, and sodium hydroxide can extract water-soluble metal sulfates, insoluble FeOHSO4/Fe2O3, and SiO2 from TiO2-containing slag. Water leached 70-85% of iron, magnesium, calcium, and other impurities. Acid leaching in a 15 wt% H2SO4 solution removed up to 92% of the total iron, while a 5 wt% NaOH solution removed 65% of silicon. The ideal circumstances yielded a synthetic rutile with over 90% TiO2 and less than 1% total MgO and CaO. The current approach may be used with the sulfate TiO2 process to produce titania pigment and synthetic rutile concurrently. The TiO2 beneficiation process offers advantages such as moderate reaction conditions, complete H2SO4 recycling, iron recovery, and efficient use of waste sulfuric acid from the sulfate TiO2 production process. Titanium minerals are primarily processed into titanium dioxide white pigment, a significant commodity utilized in paint, paper, and plastic industries due to its remarkable dispersion qualities, chemical durability, and low toxicity (Habashi, 1997). Due to its high manufacturing cost, metallic titanium is not widely used. Titanium tetrachloride, generated by carbochlorinating natural or manufactured rutile at 800-1100 °C, is the source of metallic titanium and titania white pigment. Chlorination of titanium oxycarbide or oxycarbonitride can be done at 200-400°C (Adipuri et al., 2008, 2009). Low temperature chlorination can enhance the efficiency of producing titanium tetrachloride. Smillie and Heydenrych (1997) researched a technique for selective chlorination of low-grade titanium-containing ores. The ore underwent carbothermal reduction under nitrogen, converting titanium oxide to carbonitride. Smillie and Heydenrych (1997) reported that titanium carbonitride was chlorinated at a low temperature of 350°C. At this temperature, other oxides were unreactive, resulting in a comparatively pure titanium tetrachloride.

Mostert et al. (1992) and Van Vuuren and Stone (2006) created methods for processing titanium minerals by reduction and nitridation of titanium oxides. Titanium oxide in wastes, ores, and slags may be nitrided at temperatures between 1000-1800 °C. The ideal chlorination temperature ranged from 200-500 °C.

According to Van Vuuren and Stone (2006), at these temperatures, only reduced metal oxides including titanium, iron, and vanadium were selectively chlorinated, leaving behind residues of calcia, magnesia, silica, and alumina.

Impurities at low temperature chlorination are not or only slowly chlorinated (Kanari and Gaballah, 1999; Hitching and Kelly, 1982; Hunter et al., 1975). Selective chlorination of titanium oxycarbide or oxycarbonitride reduces chlorine consumption and waste, improving the efficiency and environmental impact of ilmenite processing technology.

Dewan et al. (2010a, 2010b, 2011) investigated the carbothermal reduction of various grades of ilmenites and synthetic rutile in various gas environments.

1.4 HEAVY MINEARLS RESERVE AT ODISHSA (OSCOM)

Odisha (India) has a 480-kilometer-long coastline, the majority of which is potentially rich in heavy minerals. Heavy mineral deposits are most commonly found in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh. The placer deposits of Chavara in Kerala, Manavalakurichi in Tamil Nadu, and Chhatrapur in Odisha are being actively explored by the Government of India's IREL (Indian Rare Earth Ltd.), with the Chhatrapur deposit known as OSCOM (Odisha Sand Complex).

India possesses the world's second largest ilmenite reserves, with an estimated 278 million tonnes. The ilmenite occurs in the beach sand deposits on the eastern and southern shores of India in Orissa.

The OSCOM facility played a pioneering role for IREL. For the first time, they employed dredging techniques to recover raw sand from the seabed. This facility also boasts efficient processes for upgrading, drying, and separating the extracted minerals. Ilmenite, a key product of OSCOM, is primarily used by customers to manufacture slag and titanium dioxide pigment.

1.5 PROCESSING OF ODISHA ILMENITE

Ilmenite reduction is a process used to extract titanium from ilmenite ore. It typically involves the use of carbon or other reducing agents to convert the iron oxide in ilmenite to metallic iron and titanium dioxide. This is often done in a blast furnace or through other high-temperature reduction processes. The resulting iron and titanium products can then be further processed into various materials. While acid leaching is a common method for extracting titanium dioxide (TiO2) from ilmenite ore (as used by Benelite and Murso), our research team at NML Chennai is developing a more environmentally friendly process. This process involves carbothermic reduction, aeration leaching, rutilization, and finally, an acid wash.

During my Master's project in Chemistry, I specifically focused on the ilmenite reduction stage. We investigated the use of VB ceramics for this reduction step.

1.6 OBJECTIVES

- Estimation of total iron and metallic iron and Tio_2 in Raw Ilmenite
- Optimization of reduction parameter of raw ilmenite
- Kinetic characterization study on reduction of orissa ilmenite identification of trace unreduced ilmenite during magnetic separation.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

LITERATURE REVIEW ON SEPARATION OF ILMENTIE

2.1 LEACHING:

The naturally occurring ilmenite mineral is utilized as a starting material to generate titanium-based goods with several uses. The transformation of ilmenite to various titanium-based compounds using strong and weak acid and basic digestion is explored. The effects of temperature, acid/base concentration, and reaction time on ilmenite dissolution are widely addressed. The starting materials, intermediates, and products were characterized using x-ray diffraction, thermogravimetry, brunauer-emmett-teller surface area analysis, and scanning electron microscopy. Furthermore, the pros and downsides of the digesting processes are explored.

2.1.1 LEACHING USING WEAK ACIDS

Report the solubility of Ti and Fe in KOH-treated ilmenite in 80% oxalic acid. The authors discovered that Ti dissolution (93%) remained constant after 3 hours, whereas Fe dissolution (73%) rose somewhat. In the acid concentration range investigated (20-80%), the maximum dissolution of titanium and iron occurred with 80% oxalic acid. The effect of temperature on ilmenite dissolution in oxalic acid was examined at temperatures ranging from 20-200°C. At temperatures over 150 °C, the percentage of titanium removed decreases owing to hydrolysis, but iron recovery increases with temperature. Figure 8 shows how ilmenite is digested in mild acids to produce TiO2 and other titanium-related compounds.

$Fe_2O_3 + 5H_2C_2O_4 \rightarrow 2[Fe(C_2O_4)_2]^{2-} +$

$3H_2O + 4H^+ + 2CO_2 \uparrow$

$Fe_2O_3 + 2H_2C_2O_4 + 4H^+ \rightarrow 2[FeHC_2O_4]^{2+} + 3H_2O$

2.2 REDUCTION

The reduction of ilmenite with carbon

The Hubert J Wouterlood studied the reduction of natural and pre-oxidized ilmenite with carbon at temperatures ranging from 1173 to 1473 K (900-1200°C) was investigated. The reaction was carried out in the atmosphere formed by the gaseous reaction products, and the degree of reduction was assessed by measuring the CO and CO2 contents of the resultant gas using chemical absorption and continuous infrared analysis. Solid reaction products were analyzed chemically, using X-ray diffraction and magnetic balance. The reaction was discovered to have two stages: a quick first stage that reduced ferric to ferrous iron, and a slower second stage that reduced ferrous iron to metallic iron. High temperatures and/or the presence of Mn and Mg solute impurities have been demonstrated to induce a shift in reaction mechanism, resulting in the retention of iron in solid solution in the reaction product. The applicability of various reaction models to experimental data is addressed.

R. MERK and C. A. PICKLES Study the kinetics of the reduction of iron oxide in ilmenite (FeTi03) by carbon monoxide were investigated in the temperature range 500-1 100°C. The study examined the impact of reduction temperature, impurity additions, and sintering conditions on the reduction process. The pace and degree of decrease increased linearly with increasing temperature, reaching around IOOO°C.The addition of magnesium oxide, manganese oxide, calcium oxide, or silicon dioxide decreased the reduction rate of iron oxide. Preoxiding ilmenite at 700-800°C resulted in the synthesis of pseudo brookite (Fe2TiOs), leading to the maximum reduction degree. Argon-sintering of ilmenite resulted in the absence of pseudobrookite and a linear relationship between sintering temperature and reduction degree. The sintering or reduction processes cause physical and chemical changes, which are explained in the results.

In industrial practice, ilmenite (FeTi03) or titanomagnetite ores are smelted with carbon in electric furnaces up to 1700°C. This technique produces pig iron and titanium-enriched slag. Pig iron is used for castings, and the slag is treated to obtain titanium dioxide. This traditional smelting method has some significant disadvantages. To reduce energy consumption, it is recommended to develop direct reduction procedures for mixed oxide ores instead of using electric furnaces. The

smelting process requires the production of fluid titania-enriched slag. To reduce the melting point and viscosity of the slag phase, slag-forming reagents must be introduced. However, these additives reduce the concentration of titanium dioxide in the slag and negatively impact subsequent titania extraction operations. Furthermore, fluid slag is highly corrosive, leading to increased refractory dissolution and lower titania concentration. To improve efficiency, solid-state reduction processes should generate solid slag and coarse iron particles that may be removed through leaching or mechanical separation.
This paper reviews the literature on solid-state reduction of ilmenite. The article describes a thermogravimetric technique for studying the reduction of iron oxide in ilmenite. The study examined how reduction temperature, impurity concentration, sintering atmosphere, and temperature affect the rate of reduction. Optical microscopy was used to examine the microstructure of both reduced and sintered products. The rate of carbon deposition after reduction was observed.

The reduction of iron oxide in ilmenite occurs in two stages [1].

$FeTi03+Fe203+3CO = FeTi03+2Fe + 3C02$. (1)

This hematite has a somewhat lower reduction rate than pure natural hematite. In the second stage, the ilmenite phase is reduced as shown below:

$FeTi03+CO = Fe + Ti0_2 + CO_2$. (2)

(2) Synthetic ilmenite reduced at a slower pace than ilmenite in the ore. The two reduction reactions occur separately and concurrently.
At low temperatures, both reactions were chemically regulated, but diffusion took precedence at higher temperatures.
Fihey et al. investigated the reduction of porous iron titanium oxide pellets in a hydrogen environment at 1100°C [2]. The reduction method consisted of five successive phases. A reduction model was created that included the chemical reaction rate, effective diffusivity, and gas flowrate. Analysis of the results allows for calculation of free energy for oxide production.

Preoxidation has been shown to accelerate the reduction of ilmenite in multiple experiments [3-6]. Preoxidation transforms ilmenite to pseudobrookite (Fe2TiOs) and rutile (Ti02) at temperatures above 800°C [6]. The reaction is as follows:

2 FeTi03 + 1/202 = Fe2TiO5 + Ti02' (3)

Ilmenite single crystals transform into pseudobrookite polycrystalline arrays and rutile fine dispersions. During the reduction process, ilmenite undergoes the following reaction:

Fe2Ti05 + $Ti0_2$ + CO = 2FeTi03 + C02. (4)

Impurities like magnesium oxide and manganese oxide can hinder the reduction of iron oxide in ilmenite from beach sand deposits at lower temperatures (3). Carbon monoxide reduces ilmenite, causing the interface to travel topochemically across the grains. Carbon monoxide cannot decrease impurity oxides in the titanate lattice, thus they form a parrier ahead of the advancing interface. The concentration of these oxides in ilmenite increases, reducing the activity of iron oxide.

Table 2.1 Chemical analysis of beneficiated ore (mass %)

TiO_2	37.5
Total Fe	42.8
FeO	29.3
Fe_2O_3	28.7
SiO_2	1.2
Al_2O_3	1.3
CaO	0.2
MgO	2.7
MnO	0.24
Cr_2O_3	0.10
V_2O_5	0.31
S	0.02
Na_2O+K_2O	0.08

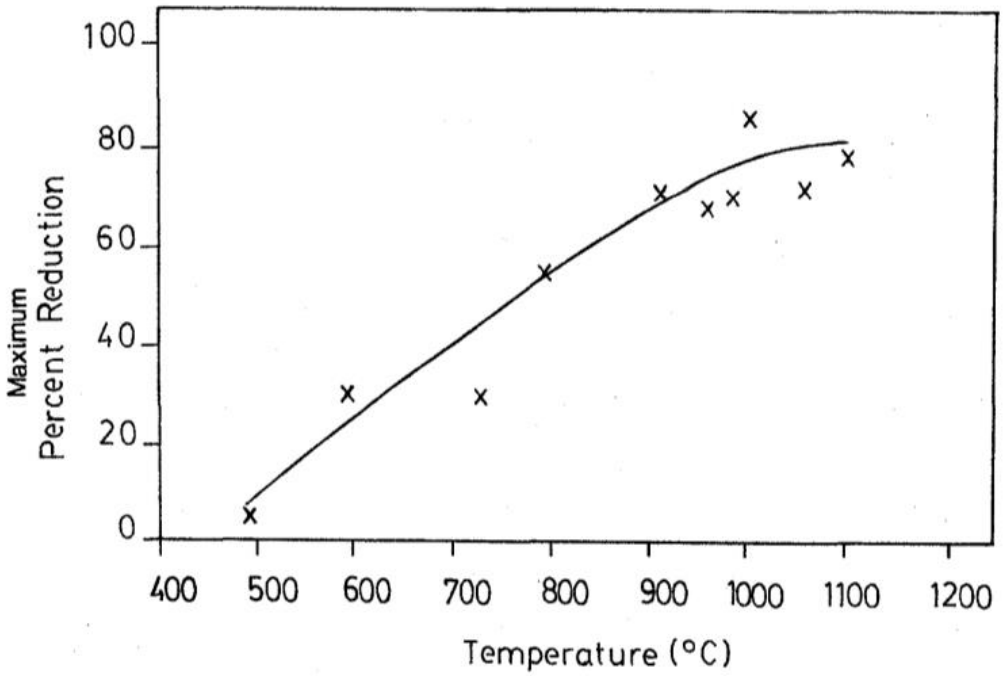


Fig. 2.1. The effect of reduction temperature on the percent reduction for samples sintered in air at 540°C for 12 h.

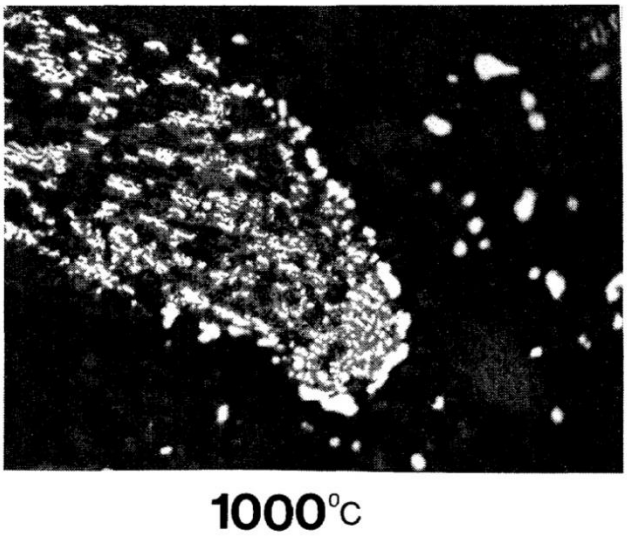


Fig. 2.2. Optical micrographs of reduced ilmenite (650 x).

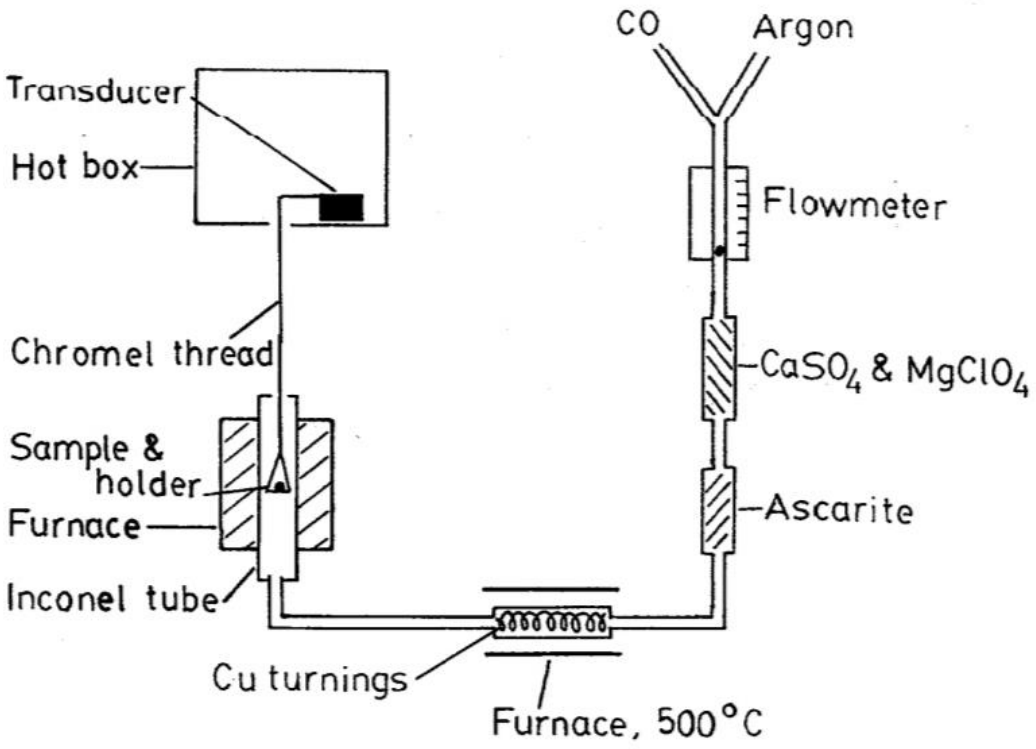


Fig. 2.3. Schematic diagram of the reduction apparatus.

The briquettes had the same heat treatment, therefore differences in reducibilities could not be attributable to variations in the sintering process. The furnace's hot zone temperature remained within ± 5°C. The reduction furnace was used to sinter samples under an argon environment. Figure 2.3 shows a schematic diagram of the reduction equipment. The apparatus consists of three sections: (1) a reducing gas purification system, (2) a vertical loss-in-weight furnace and temperature controller, and (3) a transducer for measuring weight loss over time.

Figure 2.1 illustrates how the lowering temperature affects the percentage reduction. This study found that sintering samples at 540°C in air for 12 hours prevented the formation of pseudobrookite. The rate and extent of decline are clear. Iron oxide in ilmenite grows steadily with temperature, reaching around 1000°C. Above this temperature, the degree of decline increases just little. Fig. 2.2 and Jones et al. [3] show that at high reduction temperatures, iron globules

merge and form tight shells around grains. This affects the decrease kinetics by slowing down the rate.

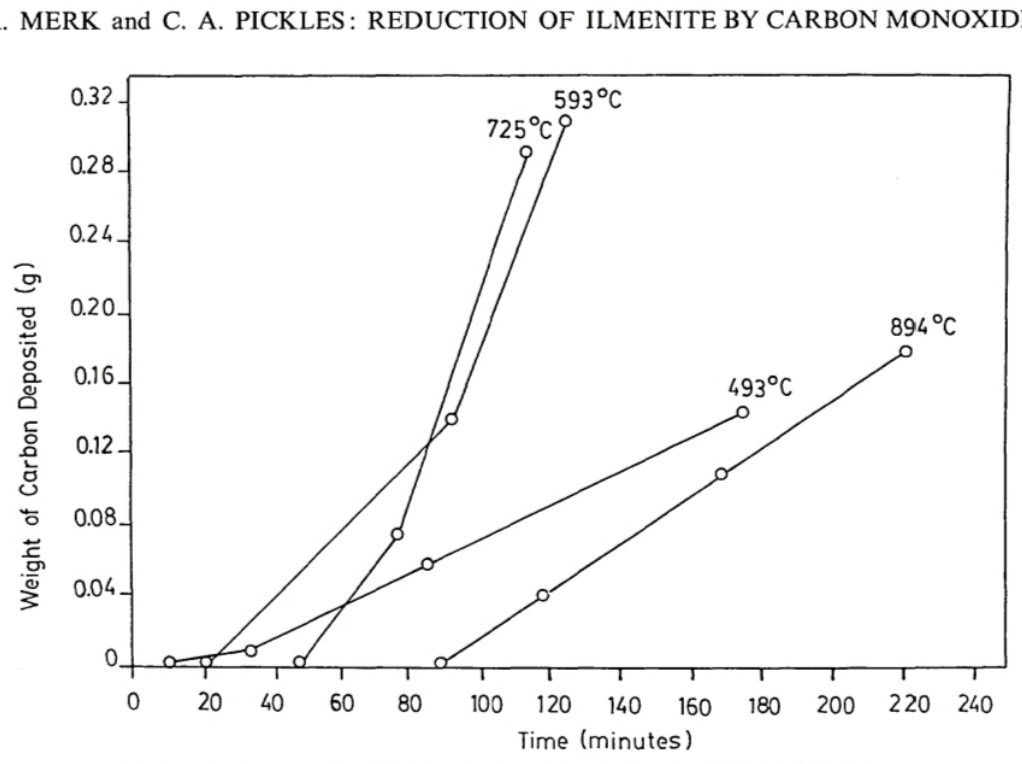


Fig. 2.4. The effect of reduction temperature on the deposition of carbon.

The diffusion of carbon monoxide gas causes briquettes to sinter on a larger scale. At approximately IOOO°C, metallic iron shells formed around ilmenite grains, impairing reduction kinetics. The figure shows that the reduction did not occur in a topochemical manner. Titanohematite's hematite undergoes nearly complete reduction before the iron oxide in ilmenite is reduced. Briquettes that were lowered in carbon monoxide gas at temperatures below 900°C gained weight with time. At lower temperatures, some briquettes swelled to double their typical size.

2CO(g) equals C(s) + C02(g).

At low temperatures, carbon dioxide is more persistent than carbon monoxide and deposits on reduced iron, acting as a catalyst in the reaction. Carbon can plug pores, leading to pressure buildup and briquette growth. Briquettes were reduced completely at the time of initial weight gain.
Figure 5 shows weight gain from carbon deposition on briquettes. Carbon deposition follows a linear pattern throughout all samples, especially at 894 and 493°C temperatures.

CHAPTER 3

EXPERIMENTAL AND PROCEDURES

3.1 REDCUTION OF ILMENITE

In the first step, ilmenite powder and graphite powder are weighed in a 1:1.5 ratio. The using a nickel spatula to physically mix them together. The next step involves transferring the mixture into an alumina boat crucible, which is then placed in a furnace. The furnace heats the mixture at 1050°C for four hours while maintaining an argon gas atmosphere. Argon is an inert gas, meaning it reduces the likelihood of unwanted chemical reactions during the heating process.



Fig 3.1 Tubular Furnace for reduction process



Fig 3.2 Alumina boat crucible for Tubular furnace

3.1.2 MAGNETIC SEPARATION

The reduced ilmenite removed from the furnace was cooled and washed well to remove the unreacted carbon and dried the magnetic was used to separate magnetic material from the non- magnetic material. The magnetic material was used for further the studies.



Fig 3.3 Reduction sample



Fig 3.4 magnetic separation of reduction sample

3.2 CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

3.2.1 ESTIMATION OF TOTAL IRON

Accurately weigh around 0.5 grams of finely ground ilmenite sample and fuse it with about 10-15 gm of potassium hydrogen sulphate in a silica crucible. First melt the potassium hydrogen sulphate to get a clear solution. Then allow to solidify. Add the powered sample and heat at low temperature first. During heating swirl the contents of the crucible carefully. Then increase the temperature to the maximum (900°). Keep the crucible at this temperature for 20-30 mts. Then allow the crucible to cool. Detach the cooled cake from the crucible by gentle tapping with glass rod, put it inside a beaker containing 100ml 20% H_2SO_4 and heat til the dissolution is complete. The crucible is rinsed and taken out. Cool the solution and make up to 250ml. pipette out 20ml of this solution in a conical flask and add 5ml of con HCL and heat to about 80°c reduce the iron solution by adding freshly prepared $Sncl_2$ solution (5%) drop wise until the yellow colour of the solution disappeared, add 1-2 drops in excess. Cool the solution rapidly to 20°c. after cooling dilute the solution to about 100ml, the excess $Sncl_2$ present is removed by adding 20ml $HgCl_2$ solution (10%), stir well and allow to stand for 3-4 minutes. Add 10 ml each of Zimmer man solution, acid mixture and 4 drops of barium diphenylaminesulphonate indicator and titrate against std potassium dichromate solution. The end point is the appearance of permanent violet- blue colour throughout the solution.



Fig 3.5 fusion Test



Fig 3.6 violet colour appearance

The % of total iron present in the sample can be calculated from the titration data as follows:

% Of total Fe = **vol. of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution × factor of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ × 100 × 12.5**

Wt. Of the sample

Factor of $K_2Cr_2O_7$

(with respect to Fe Solution) **= 55.84 ×Normality of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution**

1000

% OF TOTAL IRON

BEFORE REDUCTION

Normality of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ =0.1N

Volume of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ = 3.1

Factor of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ = 0.005584

Weight of the sample = 0.5014

% of total iron = $\frac{3.1 \times 0.005584 \times 100 \times 12.5}{0.5014}$

= 43.1552 %

REDUCTION (AFTER 1 HOUR)

Normality of $k_2cr_2o_7$ = 0.1N

Volume of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 2.6

Factor of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.005584

Weight of the sample = 0.5059

% of the total iron = $\frac{2.6 \times 0.005584 \times 100 \times 12.5}{0.5059}$

= **35.8727 %**

REDUCTION (AFTER 2 HOUR)

Normality of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.1N

Volume of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 2.1

Factor of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.005584

Weight of the sample = 0.5099

% of the total iron = $\frac{2.1 \times 0.005584 \times 100 \times 12.5}{0.5099}$

= 28.7468 %

REDUCTION (AFTER 3 HOUR)

Normality of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.1N

Volume of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 1.5

Factor of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.005584

Weight of the sample = 0.5090

% of the total iron = $\frac{1.5 \times 0.005584 \times 100 \times 12.5}{0.5090}$

= 20.5697 %

REDUCTION (AFTER 4 HOUR)

Normality of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.1N

Volume of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 1.1

Factor of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.005584

Weight of the sample = 0.5032

% of the total iron = $\frac{1.1 \times 0.005584 \times 100 \times 12.5}{0.5032}$

= 15.2583 %

3.2.2 ESTIMATION OF TiO_2

METHOD:(Aluminium reduction)

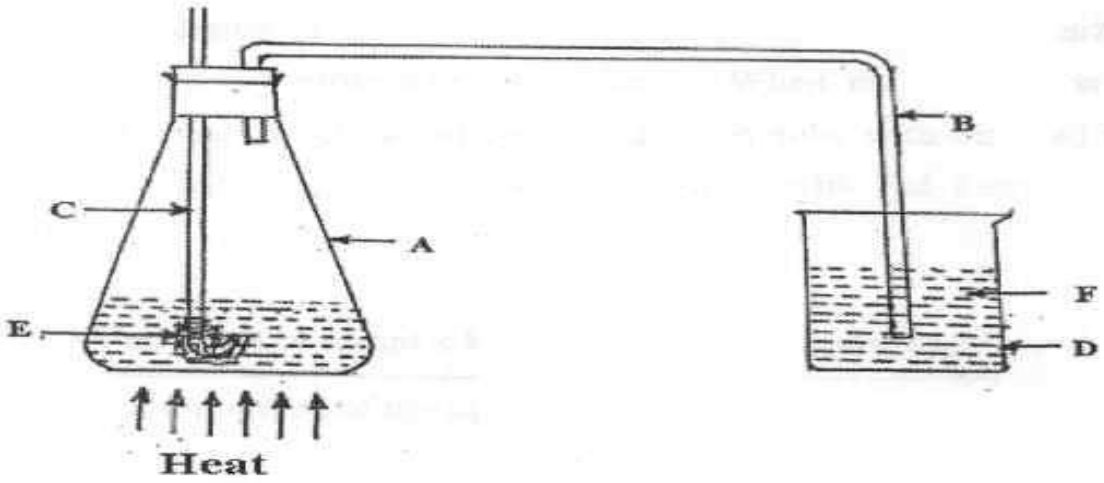
Titanium (IV) in acid solution (containing HCL) is reduced to titanium (III) by Aluminium and then titrated with a standard oxidant solution

Apparatus:

The apparatus consists of a 500ml Erlenmeyer flask with a two-holed rubber stopper. A pointed glass rod nearly touching the bottom of the flask is placed in one hole of the stopper and the short end of the delivery tube is placed in the other hole. The other end of the delivery tube is placed in the saturated sodium

bicarbonate solution taken in a 400ml beaker. The Aluminium foil is attached to the glass rod fixed with the stopper.

Apparatus for the reduction method for the estimation of TiO_2



A. 500ml Erlenmeyer Flask B. Glass Tube
C. Glass Rod D. 250 ml Beaker
E. Aluminium Foil F. Sodium Bicarbonate Soluion

$3Ti^{4+} + Al \rightarrow 3\,Ti^{3+} + Al^{3+}$. $Ti^{3+} + Fe^{3+} \rightarrow Ti^{4+} + Fe^{2}$

PROCEDURE:

Accurately weigh between 0.25 and 0.30 grams of your air-dried and powdered titanium dioxide (TiO2) sample. Fuse the sample with 15 grams of potassium bisulfate in a suitable crucible. Cool the cake, dissolve it in 100ml of 20% H_2SO_4 and make up to 250ml in std flask. Pipette out 20ml of the made-up solution in to the 500ml Erlenmeyer flask, add 30ml conc. HCL, dilute to approximately 150ml and heat it using a heating mantle. Attach 2gms of high purity aluminium foil to the end of the glass rod fitted on the rubber stopper of the reductor. When the solution starts boiling, remove the flask from the mantle and immediately close the flak with the rubber stopper carrying the glass rod with aluminium and the delivery tube. Keep the other end of the delivery tube immersed in the sodium bicarbonate solution taken in 400ml beaker. The reaction between the aluminium foil and solution is rapid. Towards the end of reaction swirl the flask to ensure complete mixing and reduction. When all the aluminium appears to be dissolved, gently boil

the solution for 3-5 minutes more keeping the delivery tube still immersed in the sodium bicarbonate solution.

Cool the sample to less than 60° c. as the sample cools the sodium bicarbonate solution is drawn in to Erlenmeyer flask and the carbon dioxide evolved gives the necessary protective atmosphere. When the solution is cool, remove the stopper and rinse the glass rod and the delivery tube with distilled water. Add 2ml of 24% ammonium thiocyanate indicator. Titrate with std ferric Ammonium sulphate solution.



Fig 3.7 yellow brownish

Colour appearance for TiO_2



Fig 3.8 fusion test

$$\%TiO_2 = \frac{\text{vol. in ml of titrant} \times \text{Factor} \times \text{made up volume} \times 100}{\text{Wt. in grams of the sample} \times \text{volume pipetted out}}$$

$$\text{Factor} = \frac{\text{wt. of std } Tio_2 \text{ (g)} \times \% \text{ in std } Tio_2 \times \text{volume pipetted out}}{\text{Vol. of titrant} \times \text{made up volume} \times 100}$$

% of TiO_2

RAW ILMENITE

Volume in ml of titrant = 18.2

Factor of TiO_2 =0.0012

Made up volume= 250

Weight in grams of the sample=0.5024

Volume pipetted =20

$$\%\text{of } TiO_2 = \frac{18.2 \times 0.0012 \times 250 \times 100}{0.5024 \times 20}$$

$$= 54.3391\%$$

3.2.3 ESTIMATION OF METALLIC IRON

Prepare a boiling mercury chloride solution by adding 4-6 grams of $HgCl_2$ to 100-150 mL of distilled water. Boil the solution for 20 minutes. After boiling, carefully add 0.5 grams of finely ground sample to the solution. Filter the mixture after leaching for 20 minutes and wash the residue thoroughly. The residue can be tested for Fe by adding a drop of it to the potassium ferricyanide solution. If green precipitate forms it shows that contain Fe. Again, the ppt is boiled with 100cc of distilled water and filtered and tested for any iron present. It Fe is not present then the solution is titrated with STD potassium dichromate solution by adding 10ml of phosphoric acid and sulphuric acid mixture, 10ml of Zimmer man solution and 5 drops of barium diphenylamine sulphate indicator. Appearance of violet colour is the end point. **The % of metallic iron can be calculated as in the case of total Fe.**

$$\textbf{\% Of METALLIC IRON} = \frac{\text{vol. of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \times \text{factor of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \times 100 \times 12.5}{\text{Wt. Of the sample}}$$

Factor of $K_2Cr_2O_7$

(with respect to Fe Solution) $= \frac{55.84 \times \text{Normality of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ solution}}{1000}$

REDUCTION (AFTER 1 HOUR)

Normality of $k_2cr_2o_7$ = 0.1N

Volume of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 1.5

Factor of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.005584

Weight of the sample = 0.5090

% of the metallic iron = $\frac{1.5 \times 0.005584 \times 100 \times 12.5}{0.5090}$

= **20.5697 %**

REDUCTION (AFTER 2 HOUR)

Normality of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.1N

Volume of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 3.3

Factor of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.005584

Weight of the sample = 0.5040

% of the metallic iron = $\frac{3.3 \times 0.005584 \times 100 \times 12.5}{0.5040}$

= 45.7023 %

REDUCTION (AFTER 3 HOUR)

Normality of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.1N

Volume of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 4.5

Factor of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.005584

Weight of the sample = 0.5001

% of the metallic iron = $\frac{4.5 \times 0.005584 \times 100 \times 12.5}{0.5001}$

= 62.8074 %

REDUCTION (AFTER 4 HOUR)

Normality of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.1N

Volume of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 6.1

Factor of $k_2cr_20_7$ = 0.005584

Weight of the sample = 0.5001

% of the total iron = $\frac{6.1 \times 0.005584 \times 100 \times 12.5}{0.5001}$

= 85.1389%

3.3 PREPARATION OF INDICATOR

3.3.1 PREPARATION OF AMMONIUM THIOCYNATE INDICATOR

Dissolve 24.5gms of Ammonium Thiocyanate in 80ml of hot distilled water. Filter through whatmann42 filter paper using vacuum. Cool, dilute to 100ml and store in a dark coloured bottle.

3.3.2 STANDARDISATION OF FERRIC ALUM

Dissolve 15.08gm of ferric Ammonium sulphate in 800ml distilled water and 15ml conc. H_2SO_4. Add H_2O_2 to ensure complete oxidation of iron. Boil the solution to remove excess H_2O_2 and dilute to 1 litre. Standardise the solution against standard Tio2 reduced in the same way as described for the sample.

3.3.3 PREPARATION OF $SnCl_2$

Conc. soln. of $Sncl_2$ is prepared by dissolving 12gms of pure tin or 30gms of AR crystalline $Sncl_2$ ($Sncl_2$ $2H_20$) in 100 ml of conc. HCL and dilute to 200ml with distilled water**.**

3.3.4 PHOSPHORIC ACID SULPHURIC ACID MIXTURE

150ml oh H_2SO_4 & H_3PO_4 in 700 ml distilled water.

3.3.5 ZIMMER -MAN SOLUTION

50 grams of $Mnso_4$ in 250ml distilled water + (A mixture of 100 ml conc. H_2SO_4 + 300 Ml distilled water + H_3PO_4)

3.3.6 BARIUM DIPHENYLAMINE SULPHONATE INDIACATOR

0.2 grams of the salt is dissolved in 100ml of distilled water.

3.3.7 N-PHENYL ANTHRANILIC ACID

Dissolve 1.07 grams of N-Phenyl anthranilic acid in 20ml of 5% sodium carbonate solution, and dilute to one litre with distilled water. Alternatively, dissolve 1.0 grams of the acid in 48 ml of 0.1 N sodium hydroxide and dilute to one litre with water.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 ESTIMATION OF TOTAL IRON

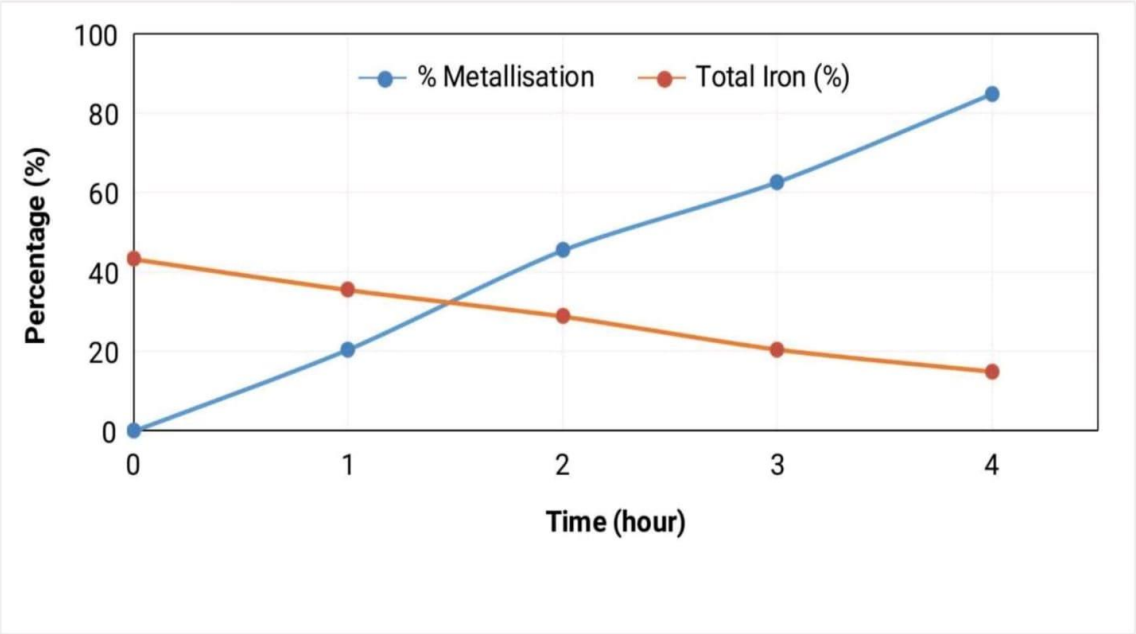


Fig 4.1 The graph shows the total iron and metallisation percentage

The above graph showed the link between metallization of a material and total iron content over time. The x-axis represents "Time (hour)", ranges from 0 to 4. The y-axis represents "Percentage (%)", ranges from 0 to 100. The graph shows two lines, one blue and one red. The process of transforming a nonmetal into a metal is referred to as "metallization". It is also used to indicate the degree to which a material has been metallized. Metallization most likely refers to the process of converting iron oxide (rust) into metallic iron.

The data starts at 0 hours with 43.5% iron metallization and increases to 85.25% metallization after 4 hours. This suggests a process that gradually increases the metallization of iron over time.

TIME (HOUR)	TOTAL IRON %	METALLIC IRON %
0	43.5	0
1	35.8	20.5
2	28.7	45.7
3	20.5	62.8
4	15.25	85.2

TABLE 4.1 The table shows data on total iron and metallic iron percentage at different points in time.

4.2 KINETICS STUDY

Understanding the Rate of Change: A Look at Chemical kinetics, often known as reaction kinetics, is a fascinating part of physical chemistry that seeks to understand the mysteries of reaction rates. Unlike thermodynamics, which predicts whether a reaction is favorable (ahead or reverse), kinetics investigates how quickly these events occur. Chemical kinetics is fundamentally concerned with collisions. Consider small reaction partners, called reactants, scurrying about. For a reaction to occur, these reactants must collide with the appropriate orientation and energy to break existing bonds and form new ones. Kinetics helps us understand the factors that control the frequency and efficacy of these collisions, which eventually determine the reaction rate.

One of the most important ideas in kinetics is rate of reaction. This refers to the change in reactant or product concentrations over time. We can estimate reaction rates by tracking the disappearance of reactants and the appearance of products over time. Consider a fizzing Alka-Seltzer tablet placed into water. The reaction rate can be estimated by measuring the amount of CO2 gas produced per second.

Concentration: In general, the more reactant molecules that come into contact, the faster the reaction. Consider a busy dance floor: the more people there are, the greater the likelihood of collisions and the formation of dancing pairs (products).

Temperature: Increasing the temperature effectively boosts the energy of the reactant molecules. They move faster and clash more frequently, resulting in faster reaction times. Consider melting ice cubes: they cluster together when frozen (low energy, low rate), but separate and move freely once melted (high energy, high rate).

Pressure (for gaseous reactions): Like concentration, packing more reactant molecules into a smaller space increases collision frequency and reaction rate.

A catalyst functions as a magical matchmaker in the reaction universe. It participates in the reaction without being consumed, but by lowering the activation energy (the minimum energy necessary for the reaction to occur), it considerably accelerates the process. Consider a dance instructor: they do not participate in the dance but rather assist the couples (reactants) to effective moves (products), so speeding up the process.

4.2.1 DIFFUSION CONTROLLED MODEL

In the field of chemical kinetics, diffusion-controlled kinetic models focus on a specific scenario in which the rate of a reaction is determined by the mobility of reactants rather than the process's inherent speed. The basic premise is that for a reaction to occur, reactants must collide and come close enough for their atoms to rearrange and produce products. Assume the reactants are trapped in molasses, their movement is slow and sluggish. In this situation, the overall reaction rate would be restricted by the frequency with which the reactants collide, rather than the speed at which the reaction occurs once they collide. This is the core of a diffusion-controlled reaction.

Diffusion equations: These equations show how the concentration of reactants varies across the reaction media (such as a solution) owing to diffusion.

Reaction rate constants: These constants represent the inherent speed of the reaction when the reactants collide. However, in a diffusion-controlled domain, these constants become less relevant than the diffusion rates.

4.2.2 CHEMICAL CONTROLLED KINETIC MODEL

A chemical controlled kinetic model is a mathematical model that describes the rate of a chemical reaction using the chemical stages involved. Kinetic models, as opposed to thermodynamic equilibrium models, estimate the rate at which a reaction will occur.

These models concentrate on the collisions of reactant molecules. Collisions involving enough energy (activation energy) can result in the production of products.

The model considers factors such as:

Concentration of reactants: More molecules = more collisions.

Higher temperatures increase collision frequency and energy.

Reaction mechanism: The precise processes that molecules undergo to change.Scientists can anticipate how long a reaction will take to reach a specific point by combining these parameters into equations and fitting them to experimental data.

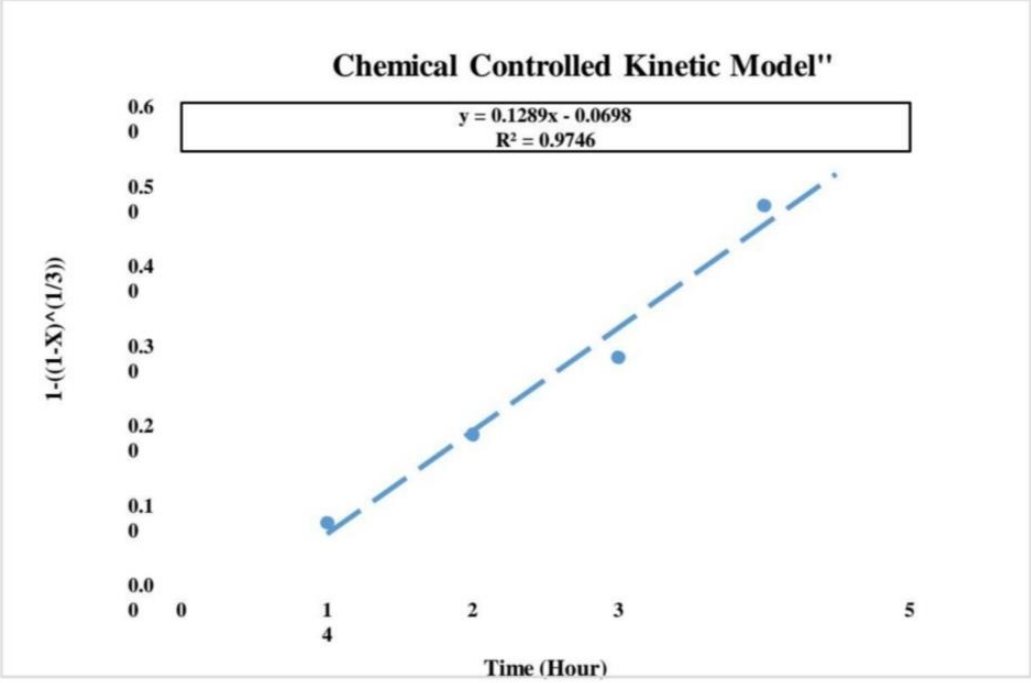


Fig 4.2 Chemical controlled kinetic model

Chemical kinetics is the study of how quickly chemical reactions occur. A kinetic model is a mathematical equation that can be used to calculate the rate of a chemical reaction. The rate of a reaction is defined as the change in concentration of a reactant or product per unit time.

The graph's y-axis is "Chemical Concentration" and the x-axis is "Time (Hour)". The line on the graph looks to be falling exponentially, implying that the reactant's concentration is decreasing over time. The equation -0.1289x-0.0698 is given at the bottom of the graph and could be the mathematical model that defines this specific reaction. Overall, the graph implies that this is a chemical controlled kinetic model in which the reactant concentration decreases exponentially with time.

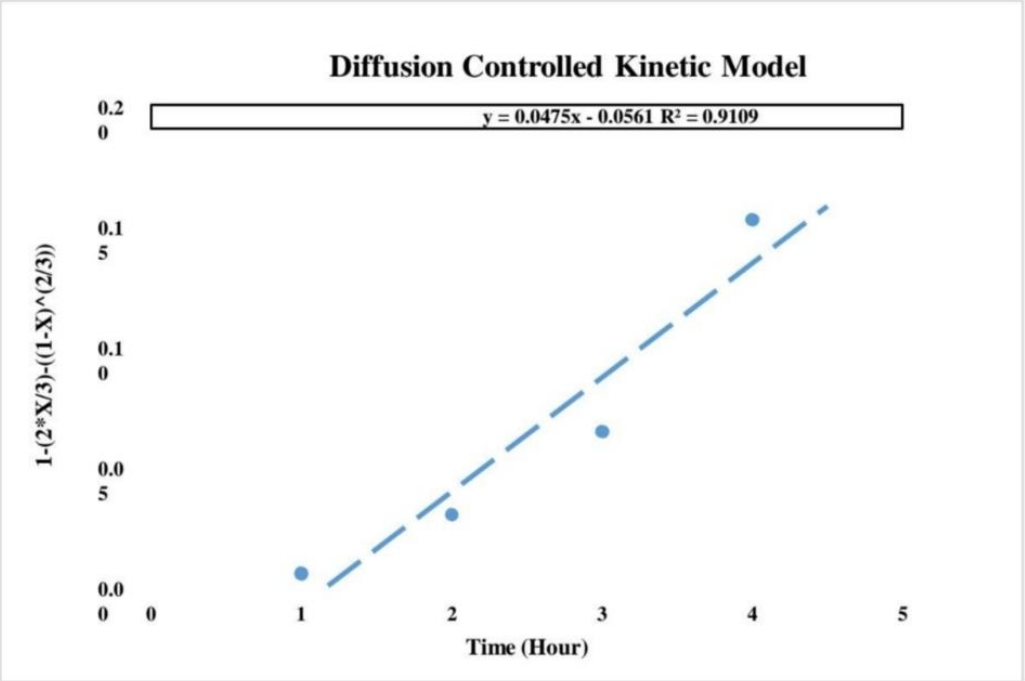


Fig 4.3 Diffusion controlled kinetic model

Diffusion-controlled reactions are those in which the rate-limiting step is the diffusion of reactants together. This indicates that the reaction's pace is determined by how quickly the reactants can flow through the media. The equation at the bottom of the graph looks to represent an exponential decay function. This function is frequently used to simulate processes that decline over time, such as the decay of a radioactive isotope or the concentration of a medicine in the body.

4.3 CHARACTERIZATION

4.3.1 X-RAY DIFFRACTION

XRD is a versatile technique for analyzing a wide range of materials, such as powders, solids, and thin films. It has numerous uses in materials science and chemistry. X-ray diffraction (XRD) is a non-destructive analytical technique that identifies and characterizes the crystalline phases in a solid material. It works by exposing a material to a beam of X-rays and then measuring the intensities and scattering angles of the X-rays diffracted by the substance.

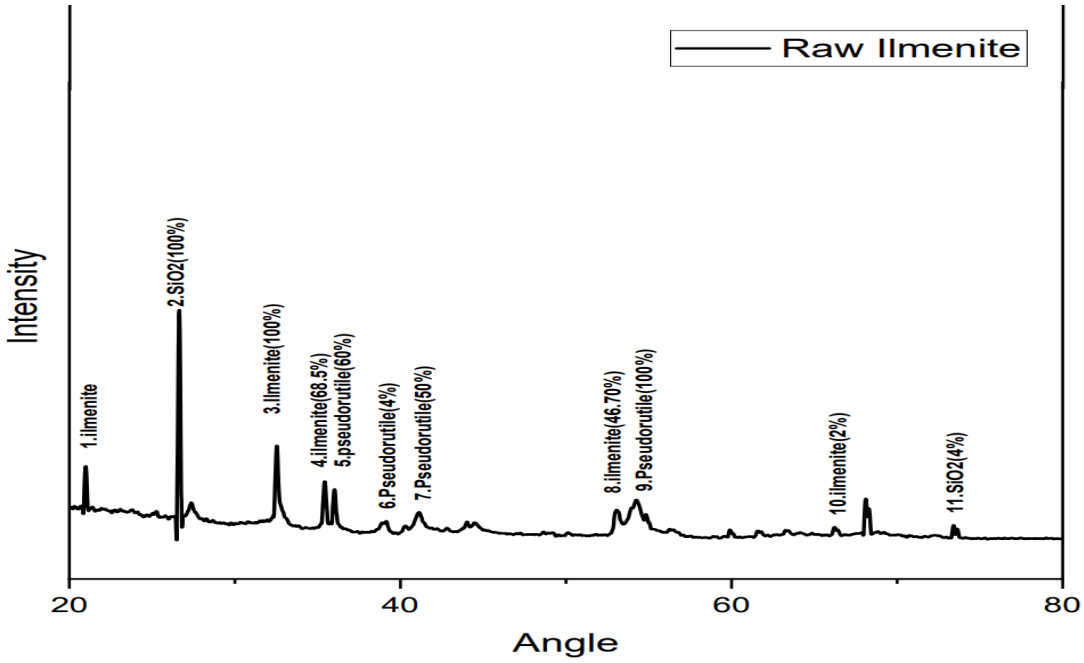


Fig 4.4 Represent the XRD For Raw Ilmenite

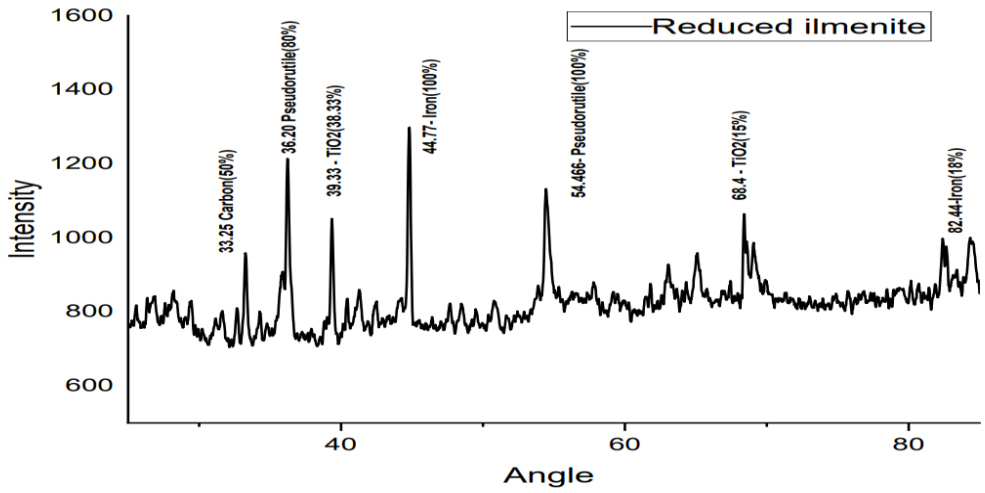


Fig 4.5 Represent the XRD for Reduced Ilmenite

Fig 4.4: Raw ilmenite

An X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern from a raw ilmenite sample. The y-axis plots the intensity of the X-rays diffracted by the sample, and the x-axis plots the angle at which the X-rays are diffracted. The peaks in the pattern correspond to the various crystalline phases present in the sample. The above figure (4.4) show the relative abundance of ilmenite and pseudorutile in each sample.The XRD pattern in the figure demonstrates that the raw ilmenite sample contains both ilmenite and pseudorutile phases. The relative abundance of these phases can be calculated by comparing the brightness of the corresponding peaks in the pattern. In the figure, sample 3 shows the highest intensity peak for ilmenite (100%) indicating that it is virtually pure ilmenite. From natural ilmenite the major consistent were TiO_2 5% and iron oxide 49%. The minor oxide were Si, Cr, Mn, and Mg.

Fig 4.5: Reduced ilmenite

The XRD analysis shown in the fig (4.5) can be used to determine the various crystalline phases found in the ilmenite samples. The intensity of diffracted X-rays is plotted on the y-axis, while the angle of diffraction is plotted on the x axis.

As the temperature was increases iron oxide got reduced and the phase transformation to metallic iron began and continued still it was complete. This was obviously observed the XRD pattern of reduced ilmenite. The metallic iron peak as

constable grown indicating. The removal of oxygen. The sample contains decreased ilmenite. The presence of ilmenite is indicated by peaks at certain angles. The relative intensity of these peaks can be used to estimate the amount of ilmenite in the sample.

4.3.2 SEM – SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

A scanning electron microscope is a scientific tool that uses a focussed beam of electrons to photograph a sample's surface. SEMs are used in a variety of sectors to investigate the microstructure of materials, including biology, geology, and engineering. They produce significantly higher resolution images than optical microscopes, letting scientists to view features as small as a few nanometers.

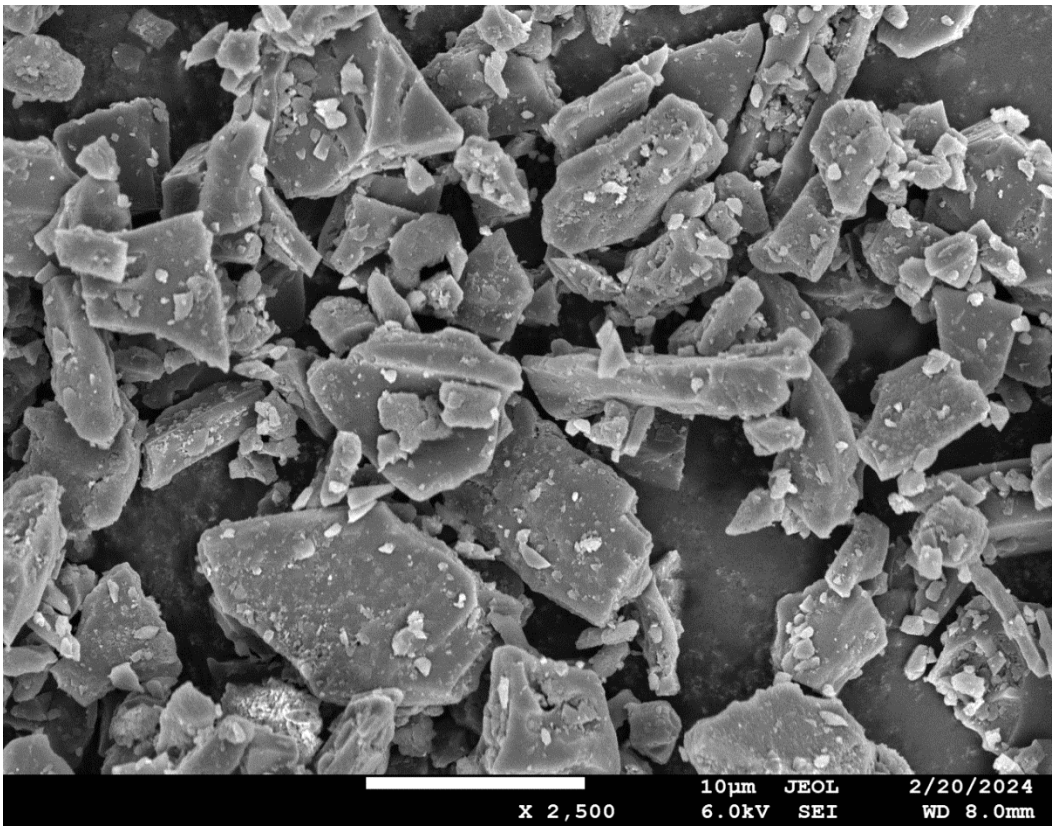


Fig 4.6 Represent the SEM For Reduced Ilmenite

During the reduction process, the iron oxide grains, which typically have a uniform structure, may experience occasional fluctuations in size. These fluctuations cause

the grains to open up allowing carbon to migrate inside. This carbon reacts with the iron oxide, reducing it to metallic iron. However, the reduction process can also lead to the formation of cracks on the grain surfaces



Fig 4.7: Represent the SEM For Raw Ilmenite

The grain boasts a remarkably consistent structure, with only minor variations in texture.

4.4 DISCUSSION

X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis revealed the presence of ilmenite, pseudo-rutile, and silica in the sample. Additionally, a growing metallic iron peak indicated oxygen removal, leading to a decrease in ilmenite content. Reduction further confirmed this trend. As shown in Figure 4.5, the ilmenite peak intensity decreased, while the metallic iron peak became more prominent, signifying the reduction of ilmenite by carbon. Interestingly, the raw ilmenite displayed a smooth XRD pattern, whereas the reduced sample exhibited bright areas corresponding to metallic iron. This environmentally friendly process offers a promising approach for removing iron from ilmenite ore.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY

This study demonstrates the feasibility of using environmentally friendly technology to remove iron oxide from ilmenite ore. The research suggests carbothermic reduction as a suitable method for lowering iron content in the mineral. Wet chemical analysis, X-ray diffraction (XRD), and scanning electron microscopy (SEM) confirmed the successful reduction of iron oxide and enrichment of titanium dioxide (TiO_2) in the sample. The reduction of ilmenite typically involves heating it with a reducing agent, such as carbon, in a furnace. This process converts the iron oxide in ilmenite into metallic iron and titanium dioxide. The metallic iron can then be separated from the titanium dioxide through further processing. It's a key step in producing titanium dioxide, which is used in a variety of industrial applications.

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ABSTRACT

Malaria, dengue fever, Zika virus, and chikungunya are all mosquito-borne diseases that continue to pose serious hazards to worldwide public health, particularly in tropical and subtropical areas. Traditional chemical repellents frequently contain synthetic substances that pose environmental and health risks. In this situation, the search for natural and ecological alternatives is critical. This research aims to leverage the untapped potential of orange peels, a common agricultural byproduct, to create an efficient mosquito repellent. Essential oils are extracted from orange peels using a variety of processes, including steam distillation and cold pressing. These essential oils contain bioactive components including limonene and citronellal, which are known for their insect repellent effects. The project is divided into many stages, which include extraction technology optimization, formulation development, and repellent efficacy testing. Different formulas are tested for their capacity to successfully repel mosquitos and provide long-term protection. Additionally, factors such as odor, skin irritation, and environmental impact are considered to assure the product's safety and user acceptance. This concept solves agricultural waste management concerns while simultaneously providing a sustainable solution to mosquito control through the reuse of orange peels. Furthermore, using natural substances decreases dependency on synthetic chemicals, which benefits both the environment and human health. The findings of this study provide important insights into the production of mosquito repellents that are economical, environmentally friendly, and culturally acceptable. Such advances are critical in the fight against mosquito-borne diseases while also encouraging environmentally friendly agricultural and public health practices. This interdisciplinary approach emphasizes the need to use nature's resources to successfully address major global concerns.

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CHAPTER 1

1. INTRODUCTION

Controlling the mosquito population is of utmost importance nowadays, given the surge in diseases transmitted by these insects. Eliminating mosquitoes requires the right tools and some dedicated effort. Mosquitoes are not constrained by borders; they will bite regardless of where their breeding grounds are located, making community-wide mosquito control programs essential. The top priority is to eradicate the breeding grounds of these pests. Mosquitoes are notorious for their aggressive behavior, capable of inflicting numerous bites without protection, causing significant discomfort and health risks. Moreover, deforestation and industrialized farming are exacerbating the spread of mosquitoes, contributing to the escalating issue. To effectively tackle this problem, comprehensive strategies should be implemented, targeting breeding sites educating communities about prevention techniques, and collaborating with relevant authorities to address environmental factors that facilitate mosquito proliferation. By working together and maintaining consistent efforts, we can minimize the threat posed by mosquitoes and protect public health.

Global warming, according to the World Health Organization, is also increasing the range of mosquitoes that transmit dengue, yellow fever, and malaria, putting millions more people at risk. Upland regions previously uninhabited by malaria mosquitoes are now witnessing an increase in their presence. Malaria claims the life of a kid every 12 seconds. According to relevant technology company Jade Mountain, more people have died from diseases spread by mosquitoes throughout history than from all the fighting in all the conflicts, mostly in the Third World. A BBC World Service health program claims that the mosquito is the most deadly critter on the planet. Today, malaria affects

some 110 million people annually and results in two to three million fatalities. The disease is getting worse due to rising treatment resistance, and pesticide-based measures to control mosquitoes have not worked. These days, it's imperative to avoid mosquitoes because they can be extremely irritating and even fatal for some people. Numerous dangerous illnesses, including Lyme disease, West Nile Virus, malaria, dengue fever, and chikungunya, are carried by them. Worldwide, dengue fever and dengue haemorrhagic fever are the most prevalent viral infections spread by mosquitoes and impact a diverse population. It is brought on by an infected Aedes insect bite. It's a dangerous illness for which there is currently no suitable cure or vaccination. Only human negligence is the source of diseases. In actuality, we are putting ourselves at risk. The only way to avoid these illnesses is to start taking the appropriate precautions as soon as you can. There are several precautions you should take to keep mosquitoes away from you. When working outside, dress in long sleeves and long pants tucked into socks. Use bed nets or stay in screened-in or airconditioned spaces when indoors. Drain any standing water to prevent mosquito breeding. Using repellent is a crucial additional strategy to avoid mosquitoes [Elissa AH, Nicole, et al.]

1.1 TECHNIQUES FOR CONTROLLING MOSQUITOES:

Every year, millions of people worldwide are afflicted by diseases spread by mosquitoes. A mosquito bite can cause anything from rashes on the skin to malaria. Mosquitoes pose a risk to human health in addition to being an annoyance. You can reduce your risk of drawing mosquitoes by adopting precautions like wearing long pants in forested areas or getting rid of standing water. These precautions, however, are frequently insufficient, necessitating the use of specialized products like insect repellent. The efficacy of each product used to control mosquitoes varies, and it's vital to understand that some may work better than others [Elissa AH, Nicole, et al]

1.2 DEFINITION OF MOSQUITO REPELLENT:

The definition of mosquito repellent is a material that is applied to the skin, garments, or other surfaces that deters the landing or climbing of insects (and other arthropods) on that surface. Additionally, there are mosquito-repellent products that use sound, especially ultrasonography (inaudibly high-frequency sounds).[Sah ML, Mishra D, et al].

1.3 CLASSIFICATION MOSQUITO REPELLENT:

1.3.1 Chemical techniques:

I) Synthetic repellents such as Permethrin and DEET

II) Organic repellents, such as citronella and neem oil

1.3.2. Non-chemical techniques

A) Physical Approach

I. Medicated nets
II. Non-medicated nets
III. Mosquito traps

B) Mechanical techniques

An electric zapper for mosquitoes Magnet for mosquitoes

1.3.3. Biological techniques

Biological techniques by raising certain fish species in water bodies that consume mosquito larvae

1.4 THE WAY THAT MOSQUITO REPELLENTS WORK IS AS FOLLOWS:

Female mosquitoes are drawn to warm-blooded animals' perspiration because it contains lactic acid, carbon dioxide, and excretory secretions. Mosquitoes' antennae have chemoreceptors, which allow them to detect smells. Repellents prevent mosquitoes from flying upwind by blocking their lactic acid receptors, which causes the mosquitoes to lose contact with their host.

Typically, insect repellents function by disguising the smell of humans or by employing a scent that insects instinctively shun. The distinction with permethrin is that it functions as a contact pesticide.[Sah ML, Mishra D, et al].

1.5 MOSQUITO REPELLENT – CHEMICAL TECHNIQUES:

Many chemical and natural repellents are effective at keeping mosquitoes away. The most powerful repellent is DEET, a synthetic molecule. In essence, it is a toxin that covers up the body's natural odor and carbon monoxide emissions.

1.5.1Artificial repellents

In comparison experiments, IR3535 (3-[N-Butyl-N-acetyl]-aminopropionic acid, ethyl ester) was shown to be just as efficient as DEET at repelling mosquitoes while also being more durable than "natural" repellents. However, some plant-based repellents might also work effectively to relieve the situation. Since essential oils might evaporate entirely, the effectiveness of essential oil repellents can be fleeting. Exposure to DEET was associated with an increased risk of mood swings, sleeplessness, and cognitive decline. Below are some examples.

- DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide)
- Icaridin, also known as picaridin, Bayrepel, and KBR 3023
- Nepetalactone, also known as "catnip oil"

- Permethrin
- Bog Myrtle
- IR3535 (3-[N-Butyl-N-acetyl]- amino propionic acid, ethyl ester

1.5.2 The benefits of using synthetic repellents:

They are more effective than "natural" repellents when they contain DEET or picaridin. The natural repellent treatments were most effective for the first 30 to 60 minutes and needed to be reapplied to remain effective over several hours, while all the synthetics provided about 100% repellency for the first two hours.

1.5.3 The drawback of synthetic repellent:

It includes rashes, swelling, eye irritation, and more serious issues, some of which are unique and include children's brain swelling, anaphylactic shock, low blood pressure, and one fatal case.

DEET has the potential to cause severe skin irritation and disorientation, thus it should be used cautiously, especially around children. DEET may possibly result in birth defects and cancer.

These factors influence the decision of many individuals to utilize natural mosquito repellents, such as citronella spray. In addition to having components that actively ward off mosquitoes, citronella smells quite nice to certain people. Using natural repellents may make you appear undesirable to mosquitoes. Dermatologists recommend plant oils like citronella, eucalyptus, and lavender to repel mosquitos.[Sah ML, Mishra D, et al].

1.6 NATURAL REPELLENT:

While mosquito repellents are effective, they can be hazardous to one's health due to the presence of DEET, a toxic chemical. Using a natural repellent can make you appear

undesirable to mosquitos. Citronella-based mosquito repellent candles are commonly available in the United States.

1.6.1 Advantages & Disadvantages:

Over their chemical counterparts, making them a preferred choice for many individuals concerned about their health and the environment. Firstly, they are nonsticky and non-toxic, providing a more pleasant user experience without the greasy residue often associated with DEET-based repellents. This non-toxic nature not only makes them safer for human health but also reduces the risk of harm to pets, wildlife, and the broader ecosystem.

One significant advantage of natural repellents is their safety for delicate skin, including that of young children as young as 3 months old. Parents can feel confident using these products on their little ones without worrying about exposing them to potentially harmful chemicals. This makes natural repellents a popular choice for families who prioritize safety and wellness.

Moreover, natural repellents can offer additional benefits beyond simply repelling mosquitoes. Many natural ingredients, such as citronella, lavender, and eucalyptus, possess anti-inflammatory properties, which can help soothe skin irritation caused by mosquito bites. This dual action of repelling mosquitoes while also reducing inflammation makes natural repellents particularly appealing for those prone to allergic reactions or sensitive skin.

Another advantage of natural repellents is their compatibility with most plastics and textiles. Unlike some chemical-based repellents that can cause damage or discoloration to certain materials, natural repellents are generally gentle and non-

corrosive. This makes them suitable for use with outdoor gear, clothing, and camping equipment without the worry of causing damage or staining.

Overall, the non-sticky, non-toxic, and environmentally friendly nature of natural repellents, coupled with their safety for delicate skin, ability to reduce inflammation, and compatibility with various materials, make them a compelling choice for individuals seeking effective and holistic mosquito protection.

Despite their many advantages, natural repellents also come with some drawbacks One notable disadvantage is their higher cost compared to conventional chemical repellents. Natural repellents often contain premium ingredients such as essential oils, which can drive up the price of the product. This higher cost may deter some individuals, especially those on a tight budget, from purchasing natural repellents regularly.

Additionally, natural repellents may require more frequent reapplication to maintain full protection against mosquitoes. Essential oil-based repellents, in particular, have a tendency to evaporate quickly, diminishing their effectiveness over time. This means that users may need to reapply the repellent more frequently, especially in hot or humid conditions, to ensure continuous protection against mosquito bites. The need for frequent reapplication can be inconvenient, particularly during outdoor activities or when spending extended periods of time outdoors.

Another potential disadvantage of natural repellents is the risk of skin irritation or allergic reactions. While natural ingredients are generally considered safe, some individuals may experience adverse reactions when applying these products directly to their skin. Essential oils, in particular, have the potential to cause rashes or irritation, especially in individuals with sensitive skin. To minimize the risk of skin reactions, it's

recommended to perform a patch test before using natural repellents on larger areas of the body and to avoid applying them directly to broken or irritated skin.

In summary, while natural repellents offer many benefits, including their non-toxic nature and compatibility with sensitive skin, they also have some drawbacks to consider. These include their higher cost, the need for frequent reapplication, and the potential for skin irritation. Despite these limitations, many individuals still prefer natural repellents for their effectiveness and peace of mind regarding their health and environmental impact.

1.7 INSECT REPELLENT FROM NATURAL SOURCES:

Insect repellents sourced from natural origins offer a plethora of choices for those seeking alternatives to chemical-based products. These natural concoctions utilize a variety of plant extracts and oils that have shown efficacy in repelling or discouraging insects. Below is an exploration of some commonly used natural insect repellents:

- Basil (Ocimum basilicum): Basil acts as a natural insecticide, warding off certain insects with its scent.
- Castor Oil (Ricinus communis): Castor oil is recognized for its ability to repel insects, providing a natural solution for insect deterrence.
- Catnip Oil (Nepeta species)**: Nepetalactone, present in catnip oil, is notably effective against mosquitoes, rendering it a valuable option for repelling them.
- Cedar Oil: Cedar oil serves as a deterrent against mosquitoes and moths, offering natural protection both indoors and outdoors.
- Cinnamon Oil: Cinnamon leaf oil possesses insecticidal properties, capable of eradicating mosquito larvae.

- Citronella Oil: Citronella oil is renowned for its capacity to repel mosquitoes, making it a favored choice for outdoor activities.

- Clove Oil: Clove oil exhibits mosquito-repelling qualities, with a recommended application akin to its culinary usage.
- Eucalyptus Oil: Eucalyptus oil, abundant in eucalyptol, effectively deters mosquitoes, providing natural insect protection.
- Fennel Oil (Foeniculum vulgare): Fennel oil wards off mosquitoes, presenting a natural alternative for insect management.
- Garlic (Allium sativum): Garlic can repel rice weevils and wheat flour beetles when administered in proper amounts.
- Geranium Oil (Pelargonium graveolens): Geranium oil is acknowledged for its insect-repelling properties.
- Lavender: Lavender possesses insect-repelling attributes, making it a favored option for natural pest control.
- Lemon Eucalyptus Essential Oil: Lemon Eucalyptusil, containing p-menthane3,8-diol (PMD), is effective against mosquitoes.
- Lemongrass Oil (Cymbopogon species): Lemongrass oil discourages mosquitoes, delivering natural insect deterrence.
- Neem Oil (Azadirachta indica): Neem oil repels or eliminates mosquitoes, their larvae, and various other insects, providing a versatile solution.
- Peppermint Oil (Mentha x piperita)**: Peppermint oil effectively repels mosquitoes, offering a natural repellent alternative.
- Rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis): Rosemary deters mosquitoes, offering natural protection against insects.

- Solanum villosum Berry Juice**: Effective against Stegomyia aegypti mosquitoes, this juice offers a natural alternative for insect deterrence.

These natural insect repellents offer a safer and environmentally friendly option for individuals seeking protection against insects without resorting to harsh chemicals. With a diverse range of options available, individuals can select the most suitable repellent based on their preferences and specific insect control requirements.[Sah ML, Mishra D, et al].

1.7.1 Preparation of repellent compounds:

Repellent compounds are not only utilized in their raw form but are also frequently incorporated into lotions, creams, pastes, or other formulations. This serves the dual purpose of easing their application and prolonging their effectiveness. The primary forms of such preparations include lotions, creams, pastes, and various other formulations tailored to enhance application convenience and maximize their enduring impact.

I) Lotions:

The repellant can be dissolved in alcohol or a thin fluid, or thickened with castor or arachis oil.

II) Creams (ointments):

These are repellents mixed with solid fatty bases such paraffin, petroleum jelly, cetyl alcohol, lanolin, and magnesium stearate, with or without modifying ingredients. Early repellant creams were primarily of this type.

III) Cream(vanishing creams):

These are oil-in-water emulsions that appear to soak into the skin after application. This is due to the watery phase evaporating during manipulation. The main requirements include an oily or greasy foundation, an emulsifier (e.g. triethanolamine, triton X), and water.

IV) Creams (waxy basis):

These are made by combining the repellent with wax and a solvent (such as the repellent itself) to achieve the desired consistency. *V) Gum tragacanth preparations:*

Gum tragacanth creams and pastes have been used to administer pyrethrum. They dry to a thin, sticky coating that is not affected by sweat.

These compounds are not suited for use as repellant. In hot climates, ointment creams can be greasy and unpleasant. However, some, such as stearate cream, have outstanding cosmetic properties. The use of paraffin as a base, which is prevalent in citronella preparations, appears to reduce repellency. Vanishing creams have not been widely regarded as satisfactory. The 'disappearing' nature of these repellents causes patchy distribution unless employed in significant amounts. A waxy cream with an appropriate consistency is most effective at extending repellent effects and is easy to apply. Lotions have not been widely utilized.

1.8 NON CHEMICAL APPROACH – PHYSICAL TECHNIQUE:

Empty stagnant water from rain gutters, old tires, buckets, and plastic covers. Change water in birdbaths, fountains, pools, and rain barrels at least once each week. Wearing full-sleeved clothing is vital for protection, especially during dawn and twilight. To prevent mosquitos from entering, repair your window or door screens.

1.8.1 Mosquito Net :

Mosquito nets offer superior mosquito protection over coils and other repellents, which can pose health risks. Sleeping under mosquito netting provides protection against mosquitoes. Medicated mosquito nets are currently the preferred solution.

I) Medical net :

To medicate mosquito nets, use K-O (25% deltamethrin) pills.

According to Vasanth from Sumangala Agro Supplies, one tablet should be blended with one liter of water. Soak the net in the solution for 10 minutes and dry it on the ground in a cool area. The medicine's effects endure approximately six months. The tablet includes 25% deltamethrin, which effectively repels mosquitos. Window meshes can be medicated similarly. The World Health Organization certified Medicated nets as a safer alternative to coils and liquidators.

"K-O pills are safe because the chemical residue is just on the net and does not enter the user's lungs. Inhaling chemicals from coils and liquidators can induce respiratory tract infections, and headaches, and aggravate asthma. Additionally, K-O pills may cause skin irritation in certain individuals [Sah ML, Mishra D, et al].

II) Non-Medicated Net:

Mosquito netting is a protective covering that keeps insects from biting you. Mosquito netting comes in various shapes, sizes, and materials, including cotton, polyester, and polyamide. Using the appropriate net boosts your chances of eliminating mosquitoes since each style has its own set of benefits. To prevent mosquitos, choose a net with a mesh size that allows air to circulate while keeping them out. Mosquito nets can be used to cover both little and big areas, including your bed and porch. Mosquito nets are an efficient natural technique to control mosquitoes [Enayati AA, Hemingway J, et al].

1.8.2 Mosquito traps:

Mosquito traps serve as effective tools in curbing mosquito populations by specifically targeting female mosquitoes, known for their role in disease transmission. These traps are ingeniously designed to mimic a range of mosquito attractants, such as carbon dioxide exhaled by humans, our distinct odors, and even the warmth emitted by our bodies.

Utilizing a combination of chemical lures, these traps entice insects into their vicinity. Once within range, an impeller fan, strategically placed within the device, draws the attracted mosquitoes inward. Upon entering the trap, the insects encounter an adhesive surface, which effectively captures them.

What sets mosquito traps apart is their environmentally friendly nature. Unlike traditional methods that often rely on chemical pesticides, these traps operate without the need for harmful chemicals. Instead, they rely on electricity or propane to power their mechanisms, ensuring a safe and chemical-free approach to mosquito control.

In essence, mosquito traps offer a modern and eco-conscious solution to combat mosquito populations, providing peace of mind for individuals concerned about both their health and the environment[Enayati AA, Hemingway J, et al].

1.9 MECHANICAL TECHNIQUES

Yellow light attracts fewer mosquitoes than white light.

1.9.1 An Electric Mosquito Zapper:

It functions as a potent tool in the battle against flying pests. Its operation hinges on the allure of UV light, which serves as a beacon for insects seeking sources of warmth and sustenance. As unsuspecting mosquitoes are drawn towards this enticing glow, they encounter a swift and decisive end.

The mechanism is straightforward yet highly effective: upon approaching the zapper, mosquitoes are met not with a meal but with a fatal electrical charge. This charge swiftly dispatches them, eliminating the threat they pose to human comfort and health.

What distinguishes electric zappers is their ability to provide immediate relief from bothersome insects without the use of chemical sprays or toxins. By relying solely on electricity, they offer a safe and environmentally conscious solution to mosquito control.

In summary, electric mosquito zappers stand as guardians of our spaces, employing the power of light and electricity to ensure our environments remain free from the nuisance and potential dangers posed by these buzzing pests. Pest animals such as fleas, flies, and mosquitos, as well as arachnid ticks, can serve as disease carriers[Mishra AK, Singh N, et al].

1.10 CATNIP REPELS MOSQUITOES MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN DEET:

The essential oil derived from catnip, known as nepetalactone, boasts an impressive ability to repel mosquitoes, surpassing the effectiveness of DEET, a compound often found in commercial insect repellents. Studies have shown that nepetalactone can be up to ten times more potent in warding off these pesky insects compared to DEET.

This remarkable efficacy is attributed to the unique composition of nepetalactone, which acts as a natural deterrent against mosquitoes. When applied, it creates a barrier that

mosquitoes find highly undesirable, deterring them from landing on or biting the individual.

What sets nepetalactone apart is not only its effectiveness but also its natural origin. Unlike DEET and other synthetic compounds commonly found in insect repellents, nepetalactone is derived from a plant, making it a safer and more environmentally friendly alternative for mosquito control.

In conclusion, the discovery of nepetalactone's superior mosquito-repelling properties highlights the potential of natural solutions in combating insect-borne diseases and providing effective protection against mosquito bites[Mishra AK, Singh N, et al].

1.11 SAFETY MEASURES:

When it comes to using insect repellent on children and pregnant women, it's crucial to prioritize safety. Children, in particular, may be more susceptible to adverse reactions due to their increased exposure to repellents. Therefore, it's essential to take extra precautions:

1. Ensure repellents are stored out of reach of children to prevent accidental ingestion or misuse.
2. Supervise the application of repellents on children and avoid letting them apply it themselves.
3. Use only a minimal amount of repellent on children's exposed skin, applying it sparingly to minimize their overall exposure.
4. Avoid applying repellents directly onto the hands of young children, as this could lead to inadvertent contact with eyes or ingestion.

5. Whenever possible, opt for alternative measures to reduce reliance on repellents for children, such as dressing them in protective clothing like long sleeves and pants tucked into socks or boots. Additionally, utilize mosquito netting over strollers, playpens, and other areas where children spend time outdoors.
6. Pregnant women should take extra precautions to minimize exposure to repellents whenever feasible, considering the potential vulnerability of the fetus to chemical exposures.

By following these safety measures, we can effectively protect children and pregnant women from potential risks associated with insect repellents while still safeguarding them against insect bites and related health concerns[Ansari MA.].

1.12 SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE METHODS OFFER EFFECTIVE MEANS OF WARDING OFF THESE PESKY INSECTS :

1. Small electrical mats provide a discreet yet potent defense against mosquitoes. These mats emit a low-level heat that activates insecticide, effectively repelling mosquitoes in the immediate vicinity.
2. Incense coils present another viable option, emitting smoke infused with insecticides when burned. This smoke permeates the air, creating a barrier that deters mosquitoes from entering the area.
3. Mosquito repellent vaporizers offer a convenient solution for indoor mosquito control. By releasing a steady stream of repellent vapor into the air, these devices create an inhospitable environment for mosquitoes, keeping them at bay.

4. DEET-impregnated wristbands provide a portable and hassle-free alternative to traditional repellent applications. Worn on the wrist, these bands emit a subtle scent that repels mosquitoes, offering protection without the need for direct skin application.
5. Mosquito coils containing allethrin, a potent insecticide, serve as another effective means of mosquito control. When ignited, these coils slowly release allethrin-infused smoke, effectively repelling mosquitoes from the surrounding area.

By exploring these alternative methods, individuals can effectively combat mosquito nuisance and reduce the risk of mosquito-borne illnesses without solely relying on traditional repellent formulations.

1.13 VILLAGE PHARMACY:

In India, a locally crafted mosquito repellent known as "Village Pharmacy" has emerged as a highly effective solution against the malaria-carrying Anopheles mosquito. This innovative product harnesses the power of neem oil extracted from the revered "Village Pharmacy" tree, scientifically known as Azadirachta indica. Neem oil, renowned for its potent insecticidal properties, serves as the cornerstone of this repellent blend.

The formulation of "Village Pharmacy" involves blending low-cost neem oil with a small percentage, typically 1-2%, of coconut oil. This combination not only enhances the efficacy of the repellent but also ensures accessibility and affordability for communities in malaria-endemic regions.

Neem oil's efficacy against malaria and its vector, the Anopheles mosquito, is well documented. The active constituents within neem, particularly gedunin, have been extensively studied for their antimalarial properties. In fact, gedunin has shown

comparable effectiveness to quinine, a standard antimalarial medication, in treating malaria-infected cell cultures.

This indigenous solution not only provides protection against mosquito bites but also offers a sustainable and cost-effective approach to malaria prevention and control. By leveraging the natural resources abundantly available in their surroundings, communities can take proactive measures to safeguard their health and well-being against the threat of malaria transmission.

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The product combines low-cost neem oil from the "VillagePharmacy" tree

(Azadirachta indica) with 1-2% coconut oil. Neem is efficient against both malaria and the mosquito that transmits it.

Geduin, an active component of the plant, is as effective as quinine in treating malaria-infected cell cultures (Ansari MA.).

Other oils with repelling properties include eucalyptus, cinnamon, castor, rosemary, cedar, and peppermint. To avoid reactions, test products on a tiny area of skin first.[Fradin MS and Day JF, et al].

- Garlic is an effective repellant. Ingesting it might keep mosquitoes away when it enters your system. Garlic can be planted across your property to provide herbs in the fall and repel bugs in the summer. Finally, you may buy concentrated garlic oil to spray over your yard[Deka, MK.].
- Yarrow tea can be prepared, misted, and applied to the skin. This is especially useful for children[Trongtokit Y, Rongsriyan Y, et al].
- Natural vanilla oil can repel mosquitos. Apply genuine vanilla to your pulse points (wrist, neck, and temples) instead of synthetic products, which can attract unwanted attention.

- Cloves are another effective repellant.

Apply the oil on your pulse points with caution, as it may cause skin irritation.

- Lavender is an excellent repellent. You can apply the blossoms to your skin or place the oil on your pulse points [Trongtokit Y, Rongsriyan Y, et al].
- Geranium plants and oil will repel mosquitoes if there are not a lot of them. A good technique is to use both geranium and marigolds to create a border around your outside sitting area[Cilek JE, Petersen JL, et al]

Lemon grass (Cymbopogon citratus) forms a composite clump measuring 15" wide. We clipped the tops every couple of weeks because they shaded the other herbs in the herb bed (a lot of green things for compost), but it rapidly grew back. Additionally, we discovered that it repels mosquitos. This natural insect repellent, comparable to citronella oil, is a safe and effective alternative to commercial chemicals, especially when fresh. Lemongrass is more effective than real citronella.

Rubbing the grassy leaves on the skin was effective, but the stalk performed even better. Break off one stalk of fresh lemon grass from the cluster by gripping it near the ground and tugging it sharply sideways. Remove the outer leaves and shatter the grass blades behind the swelling stem at the base. To apply, first loosen the stem with your fingers, then press it vigorously between your palms to create a fibrous, juicy mass. Apply this mixture to all exposed skin, covering fully. Both are effective and skin-friendly. The Beach House offers 98% protection at dusk, and 100% during other times, and the effect lasts approximately 4-5 hours. Use less insect repellent in areas with lower mosquito populations to extend its effectiveness [Cilek JE, Petersen JL, et al]

CHAPTER 2

2.0 LITERATURE REVIEW

REVIEW FROM:

Title: Natural repellents a topic not to be neglected in a quest for new effective mosquito repellent: A review on AZARDIRACHTA INDICA (neem) and CITRUS SINENSIS (sweet orange)

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The high-magnitude resistance of mosquitoes to synthetic insecticides greatly undermines the sustainability of mosquito control. Plant-derived compounds and essential oils have previously demonstrated a high potential as insecticidal or repellent agents. Nonetheless, their potential remains obscured by the dearth of standardized research and harmonization. The purpose of this review is to encourage the exploration of efficient plant-based mosquito repellents, particularly Citrus sinensis. The present escalation of resistance in mosquitoes to synthetic compounds necessitates the search for suitable plant-derived alternatives. Natural repellent sources are easily accessible and biodegradable, with no harmful impact on the environment, unlike synthetic repellent sources. Thus, the use of Citrus sinensis and other plants is key to a robust alternative.

Therefore, despite the increasing resistance to insecticides, the proposal to employ derivatives and bio compounds from plants as repellents against insects, particularly mosquitos, is a perspective one. It is promoted by the urgent need for effective alternative strategies of vector control and the environmental friendliness and sustainability of plant-based repellents, such as Citrus sinensis.It belongs to the Rutaceae family, which is principally represented by the Citrus genus. Citrus sinensis, sometimes known as the sweet orange, is a popular fruit tree grown around the world. It is highly adaptable to changing environmental circumstances, thriving in subtropical and tropical regions with well-drained soil. The orange tree has a conical apex surrounded by spiny branches and can grow to a height of 10 meters on average. The fruit growth process lasts between 5 and 18 months after flowering. The tree's aromatic blossoms produce berry fruits that range in color from reddish-green to yellow. Brazil is the world's largest producer of oranges, with an annual output of around 36 million tons. Notably, nearly 95% of Brazil's orange crop is exported as frozen orange juice. From 2016 to 2017, the United States became the world's stttttttttttt producer of oranges.The orange tree, its fruits, and peels have substantial nutritional, medicinal, and economic significance. Aside from being a possible source of fuel, orange trees are used to make wood goods such as boards and paneling, as well as for decorative purposes in gardens.

Furthermore, oranges are high in nutritional fiber, and their juice is used to make a variety of beverages and flavorings. Notably, Citrus sinensis peel oil has medicinal qualities, including being effective as a mosquito repellent against Aedes and Culex. This repellent potential creates an opportunity for the creation of novel mosquito repellents. In addition, sweet orange peel oil is used in engineering to improve the performance of gasoline engines. This multifunctional utility highlights the varietyuses

and benefits linked with oranges and their byproducts. Orange peel oil has a nice, fresh, and sweet perfume, with hues ranging from yellow to orange and a watery consistency. Orange oil is mostly composed of limonene, a-piene, citronellal, geranial, myrcene, linalool, and sabinene. While it is typically considered non-toxic, non-irritant, and non-sensitizing, it should be used with caution because it has the potential to cause mild phototoxicity.The inclusion of limonene in orange peel oil enhances its repellent characteristics, making it an efficient mosquito deterrent. Traditional methods in places such as Ghana and Sierra Leone involve burning dry orange peels to repel mosquitoes, while others put fresh peels straight into the skin for similar purposes. Safety tests, including heavy metal analysis of creams containing sweet orange peel oil, have shown its acceptability for topical use. Further research has shown that a cream containing 15% orange peel oil has a repellent effect similar to DEET, an extensively used synthetic insect repellent.

Given mosquitoes' increasing resistance to synthetic insecticides, there is a growing interest in investigating plant-based, essential oil, and natural alternatives. Standardised research techniques, however, are required to achieve uniform and trustworthy results across the globe, particularly in the context of pesticide resistance testing.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE:

3.1 AIM:

This research tries to create a natural mosquito repellant using orange peels. By extracting essential oils from orange peels and combining them into a repellent composition, the goal is to produce a natural alternative to traditional repellents, which frequently contain synthetic chemicals.

Furthermore, the project intends to investigate the efficacy, safety, and feasibility of the orange peel-based mosquito repellent through rigorous testing and analysis, with the ultimate goal of offering a practical and eco-friendly option for individuals seeking protection against mosquito-borne diseases.

3.2 SCOPE:

The scope of this project encompasses several key aspects:

1. Orange peel sourcing and preparation.
2. Extraction of essential oils.
3. Formulation development
4. Efficacy testing
5. Safety assessment
6. Environmental impact assessment
7. Feasibility and commercialization potential.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS & METHOD

In this chapter, we delve into the intricacies of sample preparation and steam distillation for the extraction of essential oils. These critical steps lay the groundwork for the extraction and analysis of essential oils, providing essential insights into the quality and efficacy of the final product. Through meticulous preparation and testing methods. This chapter sets the stage for further experimentation and evaluation in the quest to develop a natural and effective mosquito repellent derived from orange peels.

4.1 SAMPLE COLLECTION:

Fresh oranges were obtained for the experiment, and the peels were meticulously removed. Following this, the orange peels underwent a thorough cleansing process using distilled water to ensure their purity and eliminate any surface impurities. The cleaned orange peels were then immersed in distilled water and left to soak for a period of two full nights to facilitate the extraction of desired compounds.

Upon completion of the soaking process, the resulting filtrate, containing the targeted compounds from the orange peels, was carefully separated. Alcohol was subsequently introduced into the filtrate to enhance the extraction process. Utilizing a straightforward distillation technique, Limonene oil, a prominent constituent of orange peel essential oil renowned for its repellent properties, was extracted from the solution.

This extraction endeavor aims to yield a concentrated and refined form of Limonene oil derived from the orange peels. Such an extraction serves as a crucial step in the

development of a natural mosquito repellent, providing a potent ingredient for the formulation of the final product.



FIG 4.1

4.2 EXPERIMENTAL METHOD:

Steam distillation is a technique utilized for separating substances that are sensitive to temperature changes. It is a specialized form of distillation, commonly employed for separating miscible liquid bases with differing volatilities, particularly aromatic compounds. This method holds significant importance in various industrial sectors, particularly those involving the processing of natural aromatic compounds. Unlike chemical reactions, steam distillation is purely a physical process aimed at achieving separation.

Steam distillation serves as an extraction method specifically tailored for temperaturesensitive plants, such as those containing natural aromatic compounds. While historically popular for purifying organic compounds in laboratory settings, it has largely been supplanted by vacuum distillation methods in modern practices.

4.3 Synthesis of D-limonene:

Extracting D-limonene from orange peel oil obtained through the soaking process, using steam distillation:

1. Preparation of Orange Peel Oil:

- Obtain fresh orange peels and thoroughly wash them to remove any dirt or impurities.
- Cut the orange peels into small pieces and place them in a clean, airtight container.
- Cover the orange peel pieces with a suitable solvent such as ethanol or hexane, ensuring that the solvent completely covers the peels.
- Seal the container tightly and allow the orange peels to soak in the solvent overnight to facilitate the extraction of essential oils, including D-limonene.

2. Setup of Steam Distillation Apparatus:

- Assemble a steam distillation apparatus consisting of a distillation flask, a condenser, and a receiving flask.
- Connect the distillation flask to the condenser securely, ensuring no leaks.

3. Boiling Water:

- Fill the distillation flask with water, ensuring it does not exceed the maximum volume recommended for the apparatus.
- Begin heating the water in the distillation flask until it reaches a gentle boil.

4. Adding Orange Peel Oil Solution:

- Transfer the orange peel oil solution (obtained after soaking the orange peels overnight) into the distillation flask containing the boiling water.

- Ensure that the orange peel oil solution is well mixed with the boiling water.

5. Steam Distillation Process:

- As the water boils, steam will rise and pass through the orange peel oil solution, carrying the volatile D-limonene and other aromatic compounds with it.
- The heat from the steam causes the D-limonene to vaporize from the orange peel oil solution.

6. Condensation of Steam:

- The steam, along with the vaporized D-limonene, enters the condenser, which is cooled by cold water flowing around it.
- The heat exchange causes the steam to condense back into liquid form, along with the D-limonene.

7. Collection of D-limonene:

- The condensed liquid, containing water and D-limonene, is collected in the receiving flask.
- Since D-limonene is immiscible with water, it forms a distinct layer on top of the water.

8. Separation and Extraction:

- The layer of D-limonene is carefully separated from the water layer using a separatory funnel or similar equipment.

- The collected D-limonene is then transferred to a separate container for further analysis and use.

9. Analysis and Storage:

- Analyze the extracted D-limonene for purity and concentration using techniques such as gas chromatography.
- Store the purified D-limonene in a tightly sealed container, away from light and heat, to prevent degradation.

By following this procedure, you can successfully extract D-limonene from orange peel oil obtained through the soaking process using steam distillation, which can be utilized in the formulation of a mosquito repellent using orange peel extract.

STEAM DISTILLATION



FIG 4.3

4.4 PHYTOCHEMICAL TEST:

I have conducted the Salkowski test to confirm the presence of terpenoids, the iodine test to detect the presence of starch, the flavonoid test to identify the presence of flavonoids, and the bromine test to ascertain the presence of unsaturation in the organic compound

The Salkowski test is a chemical test used to detect the presence of terpenes, including D-limonene, in essential oils and plant extracts. Here's how you can perform the Salkowski test for D-limonene in your orange peel extract for the mosquito repellent project

Materials Needed:

1. Orange peel extract

2. Sulfuric acid (concentrated)

3. Chloroform

4. Test tubes

5. Pipettes

6. Distilled water

7. Beaker 8. Stirring rod

Procedure:

1. Prepare a dilute solution of the orange peel extract by mixing a small amount of the extract with distilled water in a test tube. Ensure that the solution is well-mixed.
2. In a separate test tube, add a small amount (approximately 1-2 ml) of concentrated sulfuric acid.
3. Carefully add the diluted orange peel extract solution to the test tube containing the concentrated sulfuric acid. Mix the contents gently by swirling the test tube.
4. Allow the mixture to stand for a few minutes to observe any colour change. Terpenes, including D-limonene, react with sulfuric acid to produce a characteristic reddish-brown colour.
5. After the observation period, carefully layer the coloured mixture with chloroform using a pipette. The chloroform layer will extract the reddish-brown colour if Dlimonene is present.
6. Gently shake the test tube to mix the layers and observe any change in the chloroform layer. A reddish-brown colour indicates the presence of D-limonene in the orange peel extract.

By performing the Salkowski test, you can determine the presence of D-limonene in your orange peel extract, which is essential for developing a mosquito-repellent formulation using orange peel extract.

4.4.2 Bromine test:

Procedure for conducting the bromine test for orange peel oil in the project focused on mosquito repellent using orange peel:

Materials Needed:

1. Orange peel oil

2. Bromine solution (bromine dissolved in an organic solvent like chloroform or carbon tetrachloride) 3. Test tubes

4. Dropper

5. Water bath or hot plate 6. Safety goggles and gloves

Procedure:

1. Prepare the Test Solution:

- Take a small amount of orange peel oil in a clean and dry test tube.

2. Add Bromine Solution:

- Using a dropper, add a few drops of bromine solution to the test tube containing the orange peel oil.
- Bromine solution typically appears as a reddish-brown liquid.

3. Observe Reaction:

- Observe any changes in the color of the solution after adding bromine.

- Unsaturated organic compounds present in the orange peel oil react with bromine, causing a decolorization or disappearance of the reddish-brown color of the bromine solution.
- The rate of decolorization or disappearance indicates the degree of unsaturation present in the organic compounds of the orange peel oil.

4. Heat the Test Solution (Optional):

- If no reaction is observed initially, gently heat the test tube containing the solution in a water bath or on a hot plate.
- Heat facilitates the reaction between bromine and unsaturated compounds, enhancing the detection of unsaturation in the orange

5. Record Observations:

- Record any changes observed during the reaction, such as decolorization or disappearance of the bromine color.
- Note the time taken for the reaction to occur and any other relevant observations.

By following this procedure, you can conduct the bromine test for orange peel oil to detect the presence of unsaturation in the organic compounds, which is crucial for assessing the potential effectiveness of the oil as a mosquito repellent in the project.

4.4.3 Iodine test:

The iodine test for orange peel extract is used to detect the presence of starch, which may be present in the extract. The procedure for conducting the iodine test:

Materials Needed:

1. Orange peel extract
2. Iodine solution (typically prepared by dissolving iodine crystals in potassium iodide solution)
3. Test tubes or small containers
4. Dropper or pipette
5. Distilled water (optional)

Procedure:

1. Prepare the Test Solution:
    - Take a small amount of orange peel extract in a clean test tube or container.
    - If the extract is too concentrated, dilute it with distilled water to ensure accurate testing.
2. Add Iodine Solution:
    - Using a dropper or pipette, add a few drops of iodine solution to the test tube containing the orange peel extract.
    - Iodine solution typically appears as a reddish-brown liquid.
3. Observe Colour Change:
    - Observe any changes in the color of the solution after adding iodine.

- Iodine solution reacts with starch to produce a dark blue or black color. If starch is present in the orange peel extract, the solution will change color accordingly.

4. Record Observations:

- Record any color changes observed in the solution after adding iodine.
- Note the intensity of the color change and any other relevant observations.

5. Interpret Results:

- A dark blue or black coloration indicates the presence of starch in the orange peel extract.
- If there is no color change or only a slight color change, it suggests the absence or low concentration of starch in the extract

By following this procedure, you can conduct the iodine test for orange peel extract to detect the presence of starch, which may be useful for various purposes, including assessing the quality of the extract for use in mosquito repellent formulations.

4.4.4 Flavonoid test:

The flavonoid test for orange peel extract is used to detect the presence of flavonoids, which are a group of plant secondary metabolites known for their antioxidant and insect-repellent properties. Here's a complete procedure for conducting the flavonoid test:

Materials Needed:

1. Orange peel extract

2. Hydrochloric acid (HCl)

3. Sodium hydroxide (NaOH)

4. Magnesium ribbon or powder

5. Test tubes or small containers

6. Distilled water

7. Heat source (e.g., hot plate or Bunsen burner)

8. Dropper or pipette

Procedure:

1. Prepare the Test Solutions:

- Take a small amount of orange peel extract in a clean test tube or container.
- If the extract is too concentrated, dilute it with distilled water to ensure accurate testing.

2. Perform Acid Hydrolysis:

- Add a few drops of hydrochloric acid (HCl) to the test tube containing the orange peel extract. The acid hydrolysis step helps break down glycosides and release flavonoids from the extract.
- Mix the contents of the test tube thoroughly.

3. Heat the Mixture:

- Place the test tube containing the orange peel extract and hydrochloric acid mixture in a water bath or heat source.
- Heat the mixture gently for a few minutes, ensuring it does not boil.

4. Neutralize the Mixture:

- After heating, carefully add a few drops of sodium hydroxide (NaOH) solution to the test tube to neutralize the acidic mixture.
- Mix the contents of the test tube thoroughly. The addition of sodium hydroxide helps neutralize the acidity and stabilize the flavonoids.

5. Perform Magnesium Ribbon Test:

- Add a small piece of magnesium ribbon or a pinch of magnesium powder to the test tube containing the neutralized orange peel extract mixture.
- Observe any colour changes or effervescence (bubbling) that occurs upon the addition of magnesium. The presence of flavonoids may result in the formation of pink, red, or purple colour and effervescence due to the reduction of magnesium ions.

6. Record Observations:

- Record any colour changes, effervescence, or other reactions observed in the test tube after performing the magnesium ribbon test.

7. Interpret Results:

- The presence of pink, red, or purple colour and effervescence upon the addition of magnesium indicates the likely presence of flavonoids in the orange peel extract.

By following this procedure, you can conduct the flavonoid test for orange peel extract to detect the presence of flavonoids, which may contribute to the extract's potential insect-repellent properties in your project on mosquito repellent using orange peel.

4.5 COIL PREPARATION:

Materials required :

1. D-limonene oil: D-limonene is a major ingredient in mosquito coils due to its natural insect-repellent properties, ability to act as a solvent for other active compounds, biodegradability, low toxicity, and natural origin.

    - D-limonene oil: 8 grams

2. Coconut shell powder: Coconut shell powder serves as the primary ingredient.

    - Coconut shell powder: 60 grams

3. Turmeric powder: Turmeric powder is added for colour and potential insectrepellent properties.

    - Turmeric powder: 3 grams

4. Camphor: Camphor contributes to the insect-repellent properties of the coils. -

    - Camphor: 2 grams

5. Pectin: Pectin acts as a binder to hold the mixture together.

   - Pectin: 2 grams

6. Hesperidin: Hesperidin is used for its insect-repellent properties.

   - Hesperidin: 0.3 grams

7. Aurantimacin: Aurantimacin is added for its insecticidal properties.

   - Aurantimacin: 0.3 grams

8. Distilled water: The amount of distilled water needed depends on the consistency of the mixture. Typically, enough water is added to achieve a paste-like consistency that can be molded into coils.

   - Distilled water: 15 grams

Procedure:

1) Formulation of Mosquito Coil Mixture:

a. Quantitative Measurement: Accurately weigh the required amounts of coconut shell powder, turmeric powder, pectin, hesperidin, and aurantimacin using an analytical balance to ensure precise formulation. (*Equipment: Analytical balance*)

b. Homogeneous Mixture: Combine the powdered ingredients in a mixing bowl, facilitating physical mixing to achieve a uniform distribution of components.
(Equipment: Mixing bowl)

c. Active Ingredient Addition: Introduce the concentrated D-limonene extract, rich in terpenoids, along with powdered camphor, a cyclic terpene ketone, into the mixture to impart insect-repellent properties and enhance combustion efficiency. (Equipment: Dropping pipette for addition of D-limonene extract, spatula)

d. Thorough Mixing: Utilize a stirring rod to thoroughly mix the ingredients, promoting intermolecular interactions and achieving a homogeneous paste with consistent composition and properties. (Equipment: Stirring rod)

2) Molding the Coils:

a) Shape Formation: Transfer the homogenous paste into a cylindrical mold, facilitating the shaping process to produce coils of standardized geometry.
(Equipment: Cylindrical mold)

b) Compaction: Employ a spatula to compress the paste tightly within the mold, exerting mechanical force to ensure uniform density and structural integrity.
(*Equipment: Spatula*)

c) Precision Extraction: With caution, remove the molded coils from the mold, employing precise techniques to maintain their shape and prevent structural deformation during handling and transfer onto a suitable surface. (Equipment: Tweezers)

3) Drying the Coils:

a. Moisture Removal: Subject the molded coils to controlled drying conditions within an oven set at a low temperature, facilitating the removal of residual

moisture to enhance combustion efficiency and prolong shelf-life. (Equipment: Oven)

b. Temperature Regulation: Employ vigilant monitoring of the drying process, employing temperature control measures to prevent excessive heat exposure, thereby minimizing the risk of chemical degradation and structural deterioration. (Equipment: Thermometer)

c. Uniformity Assurance: Ensure uniform drying of the coils, employing suitable techniques to maintain consistent moisture levels across all coil surfaces, thereby optimizing their performance and efficacy. (Equipment: Oven rack for even heat distribution)

4) Storage:

a.Preservation Measures: Following thorough drying, store the coils within hermetically sealed containers, employing airtight enclosures to safeguard against moisture ingress, oxidation, and contamination, thereby preserving their chemical integrity and efficacy.

4.6 CHARACTERIZATION TECHNIQUES

4.6.1 Fourier transform infrared spectroscopic analysis

FTIR spectroscopy exposes a sample to infrared radiation at a variety of frequencies. Molecules in the sample absorb specific wavelengths of infrared light, causing them to vibrate or rotate in predictable patterns. By measuring the intensity of absorbed light at various frequencies, FTIR can generate a spectrum that serves as a unique "fingerprint" for the material. The Fourier Transform component of FTIR refers to the mathematical process used to convert raw data from the instrument into a spectrum. This adjustment

improves the signal-to-noise ratio and enables a more precise analysis of the sample's composition. FTIR spectroscopy exposes a sample to infrared light of various frequencies. Molecules in the sample absorb certain wavelengths of infrared light, causing them to vibrate or rotate in predictable patterns. By measuring the intensity of absorbed light at different frequencies, FTIR may create a spectrum that acts as a material's distinctive "fingerprint". The Fourier Transform component of FTIR refers to the mathematical procedure that converts raw data from This tweak increases the signal-to-noise ratio and allows for a more detailed examination of the sample composition.



FIG 4.6.1

4.6.1 Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry analysis(VOC)

Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) is a sophisticated analytical technique that combines gas chromatography (GC) to separate volatile molecules and mass spectrometry (MS) to identify and quantify substances. GC-MS can determine the molecular weight, structure, and abundance of VOCs in complicated mixtures. GC-MS is commonly used for environmental, forensic, medicinal, and food analysis.

The basic concept of GC-MS is to inject a sample into a GC column, where it is vaporized and transported by an inert gas (typically helium) via a heated and coiled tube. The column is covered with a stationary phase, which is a thin coating of liquid or solid that selectively interacts with VOCs. The VOCs are sorted according to their boiling point, polarity, and affinity for the stationary phase. The separated VOCs pass through the column and into the MS detector, where they are ionized by an electron beam and split into smaller ions. The ions are subsequently separated by their massto-charge ratio (m/z) using a magnetic or electric field. The MS detector records each ion's m/z and intensity, resulting in a mass spectrum that serves as a fingerprint for each VOC.

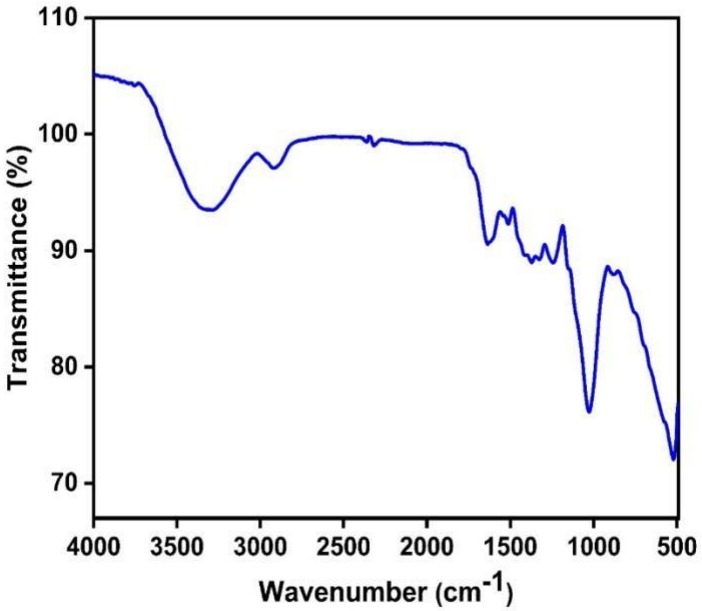


FIG 4.6.2

CHAPTER 5

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy:



The peak at 3291.89 cm^-1 in an FTIR spectrum suggests a stretching vibration associated with a -OH (hydroxyl) chemical group. This peak is frequently observed in compounds containing alcohol (hydroxyl) groups, such as alcohols, phenols, and carboxylic acids. In the case of an orange peel mosquito coil, this peak could indicate the presence of chemicals like citronellol or other terpenoids found in orange peel essential oil. Citronellol is a monoterpene alcohol recognized for its insect-repellent effects, making it an important ingredient in mosquito coil formulations. Therefore, the observation of a peak at 3291.89 cm^-1 in the FTIR spectrum of the final product

suggests the presence of hydroxyl groups in the formulation, likely originating from the natural compounds present in the orange peel extract used in the mosquito coil.

The peak at 2916.81 cm^-1 in an FTIR spectrum indicates the stretching vibration of C-H bonds in aliphatic (straight-chain or branched) hydrocarbons. This region is typical of alkanes, alkenes, and alkynes, which are organic molecules made up predominantly of carbon and hydrogen atoms. In the case of an orange peel-based mosquito coil, this peak could suggest the presence of aliphatic hydrocarbons produced from the orange peel extract or other formulation constituents. These hydrocarbons may contribute to the overall composition of the mosquito coil, acting as transporters, solvents, or additions.The signal at 1645.95 cm^-1 in an FTIR spectrum indicates the stretching vibration of the carbonyl (C=O) chemical group. This section characterizes substances with carbonyl groups, such as ketones, aldehydes, esters, carboxylic acids, and amides.The peak at 1514.81 cm^-1 in an FTIR spectrum represents the bending vibration of the aromatic C=C bond. This region is typical of aromatic compounds, which comprise one or more benzene rings or other aromatic structures. In the case of an orange peel mosquito coil, this peak could suggest the presence of aromatic chemicals generated from orange peel essential oil ingredients. These aromatic chemicals may help to improve the overall smell or efficacy of the mosquito coil. The peak at 1026.91 cm^-1 may indicate the existence of chemicals or functional groups with carbon-oxygen or carbon-nitrogen bonds.

Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (VOC Analysis)

Sample Chromatogram

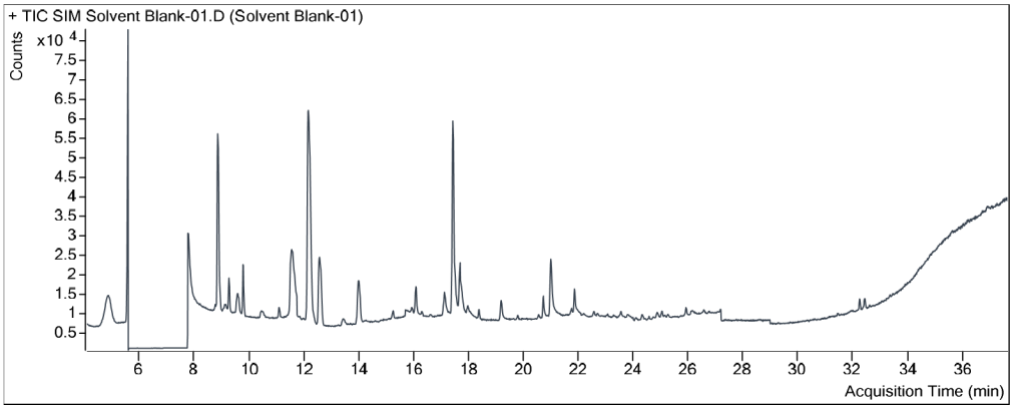


FIG 5.1

Quantitation Results

Compound	RT	Response	Final Conc	
Vinyl chloride monomer	4.962	0	0.0000	ng/ml
1,1-DICHLOROETHYLENE	7.838	0	0.0000	ng/ml
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NAPHTHALENE	32.175	0	0.0000	ng/ml
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CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

To summarize, using orange peel to make mosquito coils is a natural and potentially effective method of bug control. Because of its insect-repelling characteristics, orange peel, which contains chemicals such as citronellal, limonene, and citral, is used as the principal ingredient. Essential oils derived from orange peel are combined with a flammable base to form the coil combination, which is then molded, dried, cured, and packed for sale. This method offers a sustainable alternative to synthetic chemicalbased solutions by utilizing citrus components' inherent repelling characteristics. However, adequate formulation, manufacturing, and labeling methods are critical for maintaining product efficacy, safety, and regulatory compliance. Overall, orange peel-based mosquito coils represent a promising path for environmentally friendly pest control, and current research aims to further enhance their effectiveness and popularity.

In conclusion, using orange peel to make mosquito coils is a sustainable and potentially successful pest control strategy. These coils, which use the natural insect repellent characteristics of citrus components, provide an environmentally benign alternative to synthetic chemical-based treatments. The procedure entails extracting essential oils from orange peel, combining them into mosquito coil mixes, shaping, drying, curing, and packaging the coils before distribution. However, correct formulation, manufacturing, and labeling methods are critical for ensuring product efficacy, safety, and regulatory compliance. Orange peel-based mosquito coils not only repel insects but also help to promote sustainability by reusing agricultural byproducts. Continued

study and development in this field can improve the effectiveness and acceptance of natural insect control approaches.

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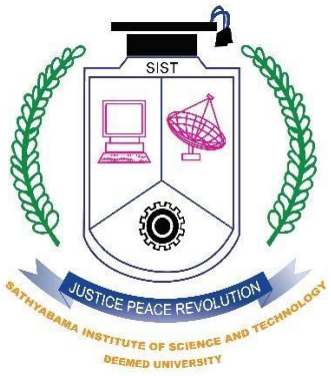
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ABSTRACT

The extraction of synthetic rutile from ilmenite ore is an expensive and extremely time-consuming process with the release of highly harmful effluents into the environment. So, we are investigating a route to separate synthetic rutile from the ilmenite obtained from OSCOM in an environmentally friendly method without the use of concentrated mineral acids. Any process that isolates synthetic rutile must be highly efficient without generating effluents.by Reduction process, Magnetic separation, although acid leaching is used commercially, we use aeration leaching with necessary pH maintenance using salts as catalysts. After 7 hours of this aeration leaching, we found out that the synthetic rutile was 83% with a very minimal amount of silica traces and other compounds which used to be predominant. We also studied the total iron reduction for every hour and the TiO_2 estimation for the synthetic rutile obtained by our route as well as from the commercial method for OSCOM.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL)

Tata Iron & Steel Company (TISCO)

Kerala mineral metal limited (KMML)

Odisha Sand Complex (OSCOM)

Rare Earths Division (RED)

Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)

Beach mineral company (BMC)

Transworld Garnet sand (TGS)

Indian ocean Garnet Sand (IOGS)

Titanium Dioxide (TiO_2)

potassium dichromate ($K_2Cr_2O_7$)

carbon monoxide (CO)

X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)

Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 BEACH SAND MINERALS

India is among the nations with the longest coastlines (more than 7600 km) and the largest beach sand deposits. Flowing streams carry the heavy minerals—small crystals or sand grains—that are released from crystalline rocks during weathering and transport them to the sea. After the minerals arrive at the beach, they are subject to a variety of coastal processes, including waves and coastal currents, which ultimately define the distribution and concentration of the mineral deposits along the beach. Certain rare earth elements are present in the minerals found in beach sand. Massive volumes of sand that remain after the extraction of these rare earth elements are **Ilmenite, rutile, garnet, monazite, zircon, and sillimanite**. To effectively use these minerals, a great deal of study has previously been done and continues to be done. The use of these minerals preserves our priceless naturally occurring mineral deposits while also helping to clean up the environment.

Coastal dunes typically grow near beaches where sand buildup is encouraged by waves and is blown inland by prevailing onshore winds. The relationship between biotic controls, like plant succession and grazing pressure, and physical parameters, like wind and wave regime, beach, and offshorebar sand supply, determines the size and characteristics of the coastal dune system.Sand from dunes is often medium to fine-grained and extremely highly sorted. Evenat low wind speeds, dry sand is easily carried away and is mostly carried by saltationacross the beach and onto the dunes. All varieties of dunes, including embryo, fore,frontal, intermediate, back, and paleo-dunes, have been created by the combinationof a plentiful supply of sand, a strong onshore wind, and flat land next to the coast These dunes differ from each other in their geometry and place of accumulation of sand.[17]

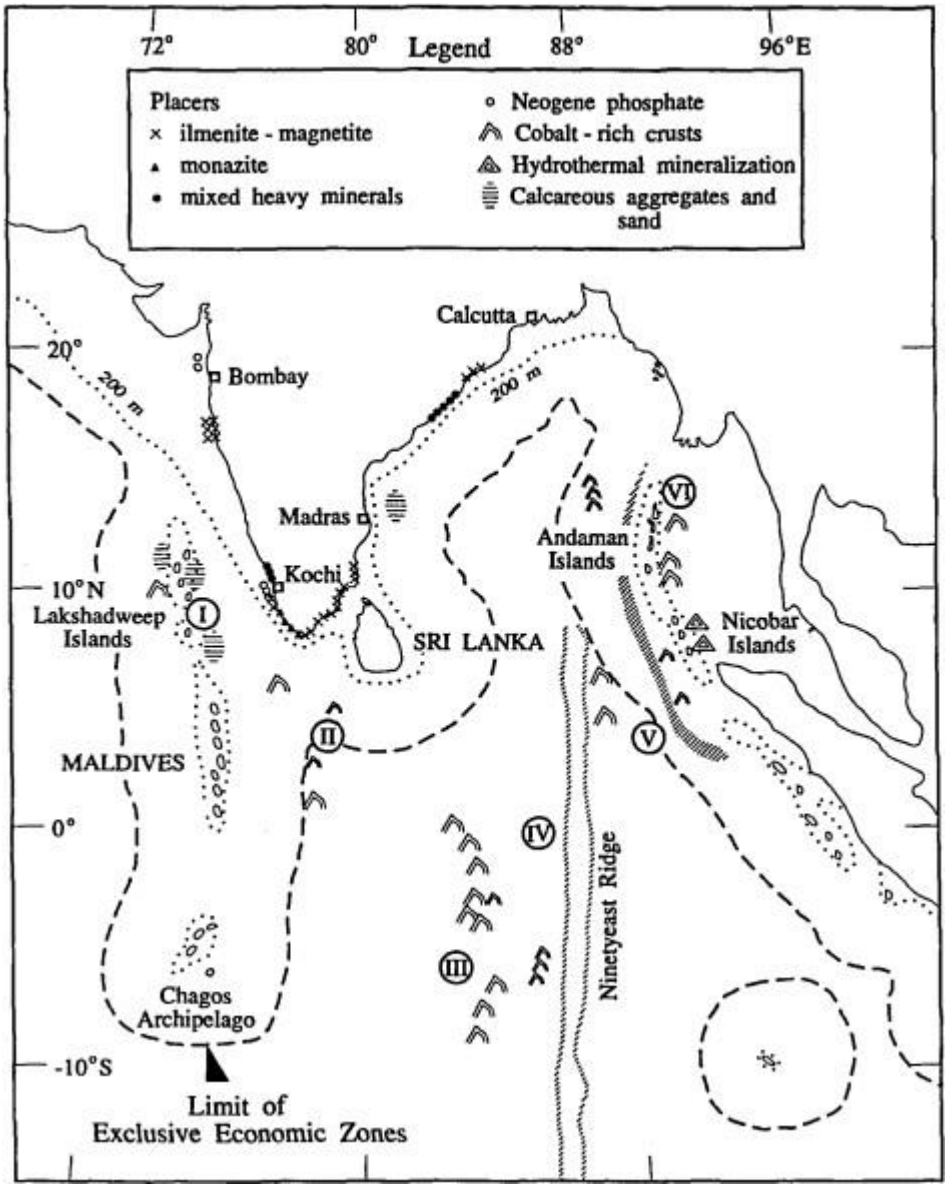


Fig: 1.1 Displaying the northern Indian Ocean's principal mineral deposits.[11]

Other nations that produce these minerals include Australia, South Africa, the United States, the Soviet Union, Canada, Norway, Brazil, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka.Within India, **Indian Rare Earths Limited** is the source of several minerals found in beach sand (IREL).

The Indian state of Odisha is blessed with 480 km of coastline, the majority of which has the potential to be rich in heavy minerals. The Indian government's Rare Earth Ltd. (IREL) is actively exploring the placer deposits of Chavara in Kerala, Manavalakurichi in Tamil Nadu, and Chhatarpur in Odisha. The Chhatarpur deposit is known as OSCOM (Odisha Sand Complex) and is under the management of IREL.The concentration of heavy minerals in the beach sand samples was examined at various locations, and the mineral ilmenite was investigated using a scanning electron microscope. One of the main sources of valuable mineral deposits created by sedimentary processes is thought to be beach placer deposits. A massive 116 million tons are reserved in Odisha, and 62.06 million tons are reserved in the Chhatarpur deposit. Odisha's southern coast experiences humid tropical weather. A variety of placer minerals, including monazite, zircon, ilmenite, rutile, and sillimanite, are also kept in storage by the sand dunes. The dunes, which are composed of well-sorted and unconsolidated sands, have a notably high porosity and permeability, which makes them suitable containers for storing fresh groundwater. The inhabitants of the coastal saline area use the primarily alkaline, somewhat hard, fresh, and potable water for agricultural and drinking needs.[18]

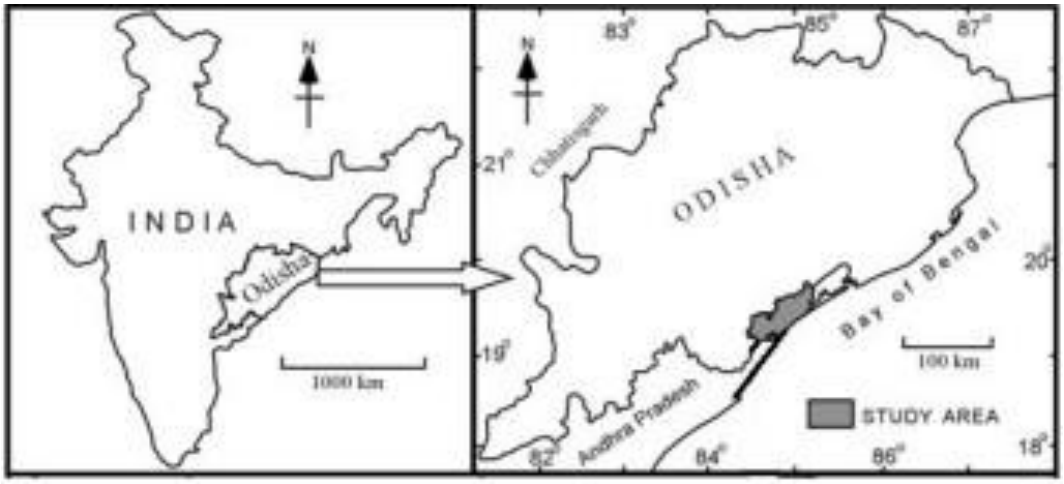


Fig: 1.2 A map showing the location of the study area.[13]

India boasts a treasure trove of beach sand minerals along its extensive coastline**.** These minerals are found in significant deposits, particularly in the coastal regions of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh. The bounty includes valuable economic minerals like **Ilmenite** ($FeO.TiO_2$), **Rutile** (TiO_2), **Monazite** (Ce, La, Y, Th) PO_4, **Garnet, Sillimanite** ($Al_2O_3.SiO_2$), and **Zircon** ($ZrO_2.SiO_2$). The concentration and size of these mineral deposits vary considerably, ranging from 5% to 45%.[12]

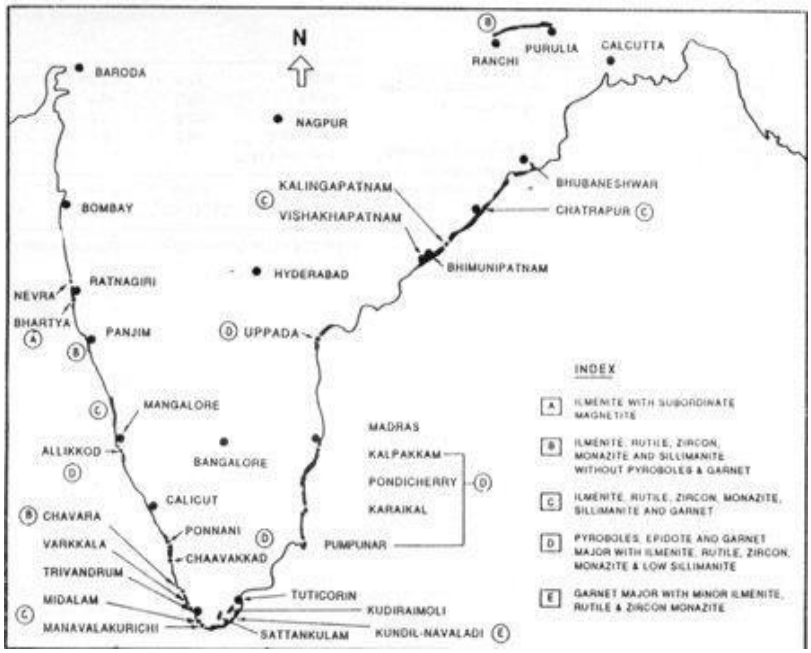


Fig 1.3: Indian map showing heavy mineral deposits.[14]

According to a 2001 study by Mir Azam Ali et al., India possesses significant reserves of placer minerals.

- 348 million tons (Mt) of ilmenite,
- 107 Mt of garnet
- 21 Mt of zircon
- 5 18 Mt of rutile
- 130 Mt of sillimanite

1.1.1 IREL CHHATARPUR, GANJAM, ODISHSA (OSCOM)

M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL) began its journey in 1950 as a joint venture between the Indian government and local authorities in Kerala. Their initial focus was processing monazite sand to extract thorium at their first facility, the Rare Earths Division (RED) in Alva, Kerala.

In 1963, IREL became a fully government-owned company under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE). This expanded their reach by taking over private beach sand mining and separation operations in South India. They established two new divisions, one in Chavara, Kerala, and another in Manavalakurichi, Tamil Nadu.

IREL's growth continued with the addition of their largest division, the Orissa Sands Complex (OSCOM), in Chhatarpur, Odisha, after a 20-year gap. This strategic location near a massive beach sand deposit allowed them to exploit the resource for valuable minerals.

Today, IREL operates across these divisions and a corporate office in Mumbai. They have diversified their product portfolio beyond just processing monazite for thorium. Currently, IREL mines and sells six key heavy minerals: ilmenite, monazite, sillimanite, rutile, zircon, and garnet. They also produce various value-added products derived from these minerals.

The OSCOM facility played a pioneering role for IREL. For the first time, they employed dredging techniques to recover raw sand from the seabed. This facility also boasts efficient processes for upgrading, drying, and separating the extracted minerals. Ilmenite, a key product of OSCOM, is primarily used by customers to manufacture slag and titanium dioxide pigment.[14]

Minerals	Reserves in India (MT)	Reserves in Chhatarpur (MT)
Ilmenite	348.15	45.050
Rutile	17.940	1.880
Zircon	21.120	1.440
Monazite	7.990	1.180
Sillimanite	130.310	21.230
Garnet	107.020	32.610

Table 1.1: Heavy Minerals reserve at OSCOM

The OSCOM deposit, measuring around 18km long and 1.5km wide, is the largest of its kind in India. The deposit ranges in height from the surface to the water table, measuring between 1 and 15 meters. Sand dunes with the largest concentration of heavy minerals are typically found on the surface. Concentration reduces as depth increases. The land is bare of flora, except for casuarina trees that require less water to develop. In the frontal dune near the sea, the sand depositis less compact and devoid of excess clay or rock. The deposits are derived from the parent rock found in the eastern and The Western Ghats Mountain ranges contain these minerals in low concentrations. Rock types include Charnokites, Gnesis, Khondalites, Granites, Laterites, and Sandstones. A tropical environment with copious rainfall promotes weathering. Minerals delivered by water and air to the coast are deposited unsorted. The Rushikulya River transported heavy mineralsto the Bay of Bengal.it is located in matikhlo village, Chhatarpur Taluk, Ganjam District, Odisha State. (Lat, 19 Degree 16' North, Long, 84 Degree 33' East, HeightAbove MSL 17m. [13]

Table: 1.2 Production at IREL (MT**)**

Plant	Chavara	OSCOM	Manavalakurichi
Ilmenite	1,54,000	2,20,000	90,000

Rutile	9,500	10,000	3,000
Zircon	14,000	8,000	6,500
Sillimanite	7,000	30,000	-
Zirflor	7,000	-	-

1.1.2. FACTORS CONTROLLING FORMATION OF BEACH SAND DEPOSITS

Heavy mineral sands are valuable deposits rich in rare earth elements and sought-after industrial minerals**.** Diamonds, sapphires, garnets, and other gemstones can also be found in these deposits. These sands form naturally along beaches due to the weight of the minerals. Unlike gold placers, which can be concentrated in streams, most heavy mineral deposits in streams are small and have a low concentration of valuable minerals.

In general, these deposits contain a relatively small percentage of heavy minerals**.** Currently, most commercially viable deposits contain around 1% total heavy minerals (THM) after processing. However, some exceptional deposits boast higher concentrations.[17]

The composition of this 1% THM concentrate typically breaks down as follows:

- Zircon: 1% to 50%
- Ilmenite: 10% to 60%
- Rutile: 5% to 25%
- Leucoxene: 1% to 10%

1.1.3 MAJOR PRODUCERS OF BEACH SAND IN INDIA

- Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL)
- V.V. Minerals
- Beach Mineral Company

- Transworld Garnet Sand
- Indian Ocean Garnet Sand
- Tata Iron & Steel Company (TISCO)
- Kerala Mineral Metal Limited (KMML)

1.2 ILMENITE ($FeTiO_3$)

The naturally occurring mineral ilmenite, $FeTiO_3$, is found in igneous rocks that are generated from the upper mantle down to pressures of 12–13 G Pa and depths of about 400 km. The main reason ilmenite is significant to the economy is that it is used to make titanium pigments. In commercial extraction via magnetic separation, its magnetic properties as well as those of ilmenite-hematite sFe_2O_3d solid solutions are particularly significant. Studies that use rock magnetization to interpret past variations in the Earth's magnetic field must also consider the solid solution's magnetic behaviour because rocks that contain it exhibit self-reversed magnetization or the spontaneous magnetization that occurs as the rock cools below the Curie temperature and opposes the applied field. With a measured band gap of roughly 2.5eV, ilmenite is a wide bandgap semiconductor. When analysing the electrical structure of transition metal oxides, the ionic model—which assigns formal charges to the ions is a helpful place to start.

This is made more difficult for $FeTiO_3$ by the two different cation charge orderings ($Fe^{3+}Ti^{4+}$ and $Fe^{3+}Ti^{3+}$) that are consistent with O^{2-} anions. Numerous minerals containing iron and titanium have been discovered to exhibit the well-known charge transfer excitation between these two states, which has also been modeled Six It is quite challenging to represent the flexibility of the Fe cation's electronic structure using simulations based on empirical potentials. The most common and significant titanium ore mineral is ilmenite ($FeTiO_3$), which is found in India on the sands of coastal beaches in the states of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala. One significant area in Odisha is the coastline stretch between Gopalpur in the south and the Rushikulya River confluence with the Bay

of Bengal at Ganjam in the north, which spans a strike length of 18 km and a total area of 26 km^2.

$FeTiO_3$ crystallizes in ilmenite, lithium-niobate, and unquenchable perovskite structures based on pressure-temperature circumstances, with ilmenite being the stable phase at ambient and Perovskite at high pressure and room temperature.

Synchrotron x-ray diffraction experiments in a diamond anvil cell at ambient temperature reveal a reversible phase transition from lithium-niobate to perovskite at 16 GPa, with a volume change of -2.8%. The highest x-ray peaks from the lithium-niobate phase persist up to 20 GPa. According to single-crystal X-ray structural refinement. the distances between Fe-O and Ti-O grow linearly with temperature and decrease linearly with pressure. The mean Fe-O is twice as expandable and compressible as the mean Ti-O.[19]

Determining the ratio of the oxidation states of the two mineralogically important iron cations (Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}) is a crucial method in studying iron-bearing materials. It provides information about the weathering history and diagenesis of deposited minerals at a specific location. The oxidation ratio can indicate formation pressure in high-pressure laboratory experiments such as the DAC. Ilmenite ($FeTiO_3$) is an iron-bearing mineral that naturally occurs in both oxidation states (Fe^{3+} and Fe^{2+}), making it an ideal option for analysing the Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+} ratio in situ under pressure. This mineral is usually found as an inclusion in kimberlites and volcanic rocks. The oxidation state of the ilmenite mineral inclusion reflects the oxidation state of the host kimberlite assemblage, influencing the formation and genesis of diamond.

Ti^{4+} cations have an empty 3d shell, resulting in a stronger screened Coulomb attraction of the Fe^{2+} β-spin electron compared to Fe^{3+} cations at the same metal-metal distance. Under pressure, increasing a1g orbital overlap may facilitate electron transfer from the Fe^{2+} β-spin electron to an unoccupied Ti^{4+} α-spin orbital in ilmenite, leading to a decrease in ferrous Fe and an increase in ferric Fe levels.

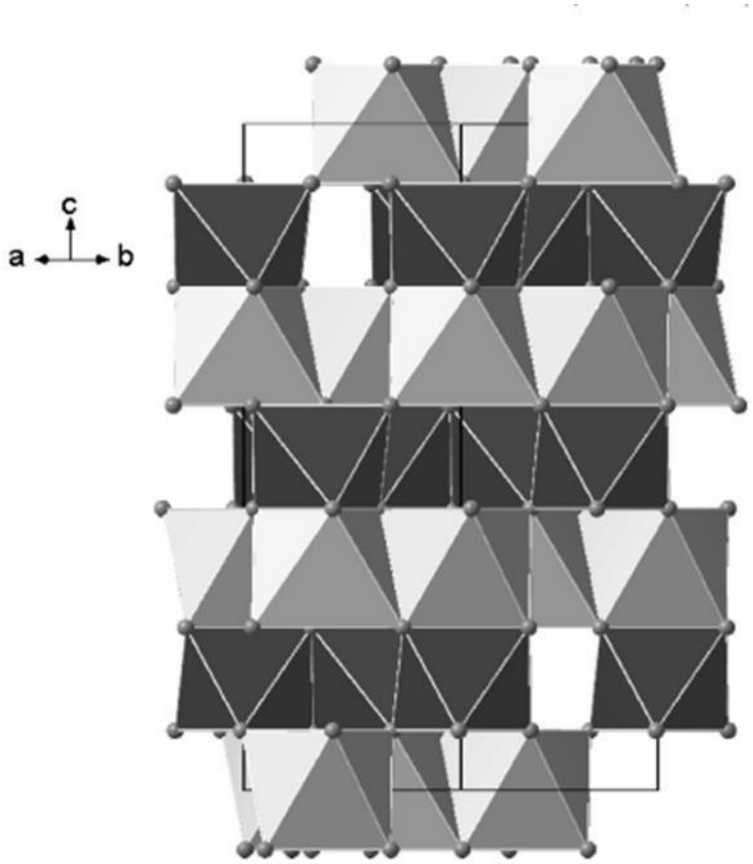


Fig: 1.4 The structure of $FeTiO_3$ is characterized by FeO_6 octahedra, depicted in a slightly coloured shade, and TiO_6 octahedra, represented in a dark-colored shade. [26]

There are two different kinds of metal ions in ilmenite, and they alternately form bilayers of Fe and Ti ions that are perpendicular to the c axis. The ordering of the ions is -Fe-Ti-h-Ti-Fe- along the triple axes, which reduces the symmetry. According to Fig. 1.4d, the Fe and Ti ions share three octahedral edges with the O ions, indicating that they are octahedrally coordinated to the latter. Each octahedron of cations shares one of its octahedral faces with a neighbouring bilayer cation of the opposite type, while the face opposite is shared with an empty octahedral position, or "holed. The two formula units of $FeTiO_3$ found in the crystallographic cell are Fe ions at ±s0,0, Fed, Ti ions at ±s0,0, Tidd, and oxygen ions at ±ox, Oy, Oz;-Oy,Ox-Oy,Oz;Oy-Ox,-Ox,Ozd. Different is the form of lithium niobite. The lithium niobite form is distinct due to its triple axis ordering of -Fe-Ti-h-Fe-Ti- and mixed Fe, Ti bilayers.[26]

1.2.1. PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF ILMENITE

Ilmenite is usually more durable than the other minerals in the igneous rocks in which it is abundant. For the reason, the weathering debris produced during the weathering of these rocks is especially rich in ilmenite. Its relatively high specific gravity causes it to become concentrated in placer deposits like gold and other heavy minerals.

Table: 1.3

Property	**Description**
Colour	Black, iron-black
Luster	Submetallic to metallic
Diaphaneity	Opaque
Streak	Black
Cleavage	None
Crystal System	Trigonal
Hardness	5.6 to 6 Mohs
Specific Gravity	4.72
Magnetism	Weakly magnetic or non-magnetic

1.3 SYNTHETIC RUTILE (TiO_2)

Titanium dioxide has extensive application in several industries such as paint, plastics, paper, printing ink, chemical fiber, rubber, and cosmetics. There are four primary forms of titanium in the Earth's crust: **rutile** (~95% TiO_2), **anatase** (>95% TiO2), **leucoxene** (>65% TiO_2), and **ilmenite** (40–80% TiO_2). Titanium is the ninth most prevalent element in the crust. Moreover, TiO_2 has been altered to increase its activity, particularly in the visible range, by doping metals, non-metals, and coupling with metal oxides and non-metal oxide.

Two commercial techniques, referred to as the "sulphate" and "chloride" processes, are being used to generate TiO_2. Using sulfuric acid to dissolve ilmenite or titanium slag, extract the iron, hydrolyse the titanium in the solution, and finally calcine the titanium to produce titanium dioxide is the sulphate process. In the chloride process, high-grade rutile or titanium slag is chlorinated in a fluidized-bed reactor with coke at 925–1010 °C to generate $TiCl_4$, which is further oxidized to produce titanium dioxide. non-metal oxides.

The manufacture of a higher-quality product, less environmental effect, and fewer waste products make the chloride method more advantageous for the production of TiO_2 pigment than the sulphate process. high-grade rutile is required for the chloride procedure.

Among titanium dioxide's qualities are its non-toxicity, optimal opacity, whiteness, and brightness. for these reasons, it is regarded as one of the world's best white pigments.[11]

$TiCl_4$ is the feed material used in thermochemical reduction procedures to create titanium metal for commercial use. The thermochemical processes are relatively expensive due to their high energy consumption and limited efficiency in batch operations. In recent times, two methods for producing pure titanium metal and its alloy from molten $CaCl_2$ have been developed: electrochemical reduction and direct reduction. These methods could serve as a viable substitute for the traditional commercial technique. After aqueous titanium chloride solutions were

established, a hydrometallurgical technique was created to produce ultrafine titanium dioxide. It involves hydrolysing the solution by fully evaporating it at a temperature that is carefully regulated to create amorphous titanium oxide, then evaporating it again. The pigment industry is the largest user of TiO_2.

When TiO_2 particles are reduced to an average size of 100 nm, they exhibit unusual optical features such as significant UV absorption and great transparency to visible light. Additionally, some visible light components are variably reflected and refracted due to TiO_2 nanoparticles, resulting in the phenomenon known as iridescence. TiO_2 nanoparticles are widely used as coating materials and additives in the porcelain, ceramics, and cosmetics sectors.

Inherent rutile. The rutile concentrate, which contains roughly 95% TiO_2, is utilized as TiO_2 raw material straight after beach sands have undergone a variety of concentration processes including gravity concentration, electrostatic separation to remove non-conducting zircon minerals, and magnetic separation to separate magnetic ilmenite. artificial rutile. Synthetic rutile is made by removing iron from ilmenite using a few different procedures; the final product usually comprises 92% TiO_2.[2]

Synthetic rutile can be produced from ilmenite using a variety of methods, most of which can be categorized into one of five categories:

(1) Smelting procedures: To separate iron from titanium, the iron component of ilmenite is reduced and melted. The titanium slag is subsequently heated to high levels and leached using either sulfuric acid or hydrochloric acid.

(2) Ilmenite reduction to partially or fully transform ferric iron into metallic iron by leaching it with acid.

(3) The ilmenite's iron component is reduced to metallic iron, and then oxygen and ammonium chloride are used to cause corrosion.

(4) MURSO process: Oxidation and reduction of ilmenite, followed by leaching with hydrochloric acid.

(5) Roasting, magnetic separation, and then leaching with hydrochloric acid.

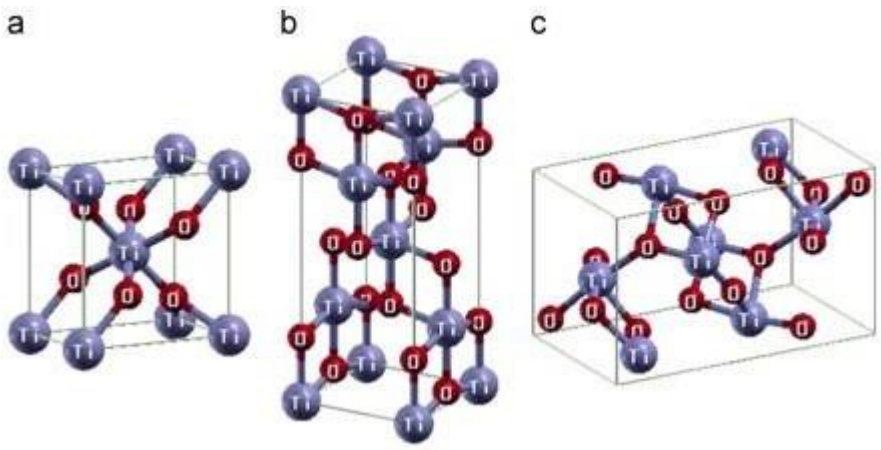


Fig: 1.5 TiO_2: Rutile (a), Anatase (b) and Brookite (c)[11]

1.4 APPLICATIONS

- TiO_2 has shown promise in many areas, such as photovoltaics, photocatalysis, photo-electrochromics, and sensors.
- These applications fall under two categories: "environmental" and "energy" in general.
- Many of these uses are dependent on the TiO_2 material's properties as well as any alterations made to the TiO_2 material host, such as the use of inorganic and organic dyes.
- Titanium dioxide's distinct properties make it a highly promising material for use in gas sensors, photovoltaic cells, and environmental cleaning.
- Chemicals containing titanium and metal are produced in comparatively small amounts.

1.5 PROCESSING OF ODISHA ILMENITE

Most of researchers around the world use acid-leaching methods for beneficiating TiO_2 from ilmenite ore (Benelite, Murso)

Here in NML – Chennai campus we are engaged in using an enviro-friendly process for the removal of iron oxide from the removal of iron oxide from the ore. The process steps include carbothermic reduction, Aeration leaching, Rutilation, and Acid wash.

As a part of my post-graduation project (M.Sc. Chemistry), I was engaged with Aeration leaching of reduced ilmenite.

Ilmenite reduced at VB ceramics was found for Aeration leaching.

1.6 OBJECTIVES

- Estimation of total iron and metallic iron and TiO_2 in Raw Ilmenite.
- Conversion of iron-oxide into metallic iron in Raw Ilmenite.
- Leaching of synthetic rutile.

CHAPTER – 2

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 LEACHING:

Leaching is the process of dissolving a substance (the solute) from a solid mixture (the leachate) by using a liquid (the solvent). The soluble components in the solid material are extracted into the solvent, leaving behind the insoluble components.

And there are various methods for leaching as given below.

2.1.1. LEACHING USING WITH WEAK ACID

Iron and titanium dissolve in citric acid.

$C_6H_8O_7+H_2O = H_30+ + C_6H_7O_7$

$FeTiO_3+4\ H_2O = TiO_2+Fe_2 +6H_2O$

After five hours in the acid, 39% of the Ti was dissolved, and after twenty hours, 63% of the Ti was leached. 10% iron was discovered to dissolve after a 6-hour reaction period, and even after a 10-hour reaction time, the proportion remained unchanged. Citric acid was less effective at removing iron and titanium than a strongacid with a high concentration (8 M sulfuric acid). However, using a modest concentration of weak acid (1 M citric acid), a greater Ti-to-iron dissolving ratio wasachieved. Low iron dissolution was ascribed to iron precipitating at high temperatures in a 1 M citric acid solution. It is possible to demonstrate how iron andtitanium dissolve in citric acid. After reaching its maximum, the dissolution of iron remained steady, however, the dissolution of titanium increased with increasing dissolution time.[22]

2.1.2. LEACHING USING WITH HYDROCHLORIDE ACID

The purpose of the majority of ilmenite leaching investigations using hydrochloric acid was to determine the ideal conditions for upgrading the ilmenite into synthetic rutile. It was discovered that adding phosphate and fluoride to hydrochloric acid improved the leaching of ilmenite. It has also been observed that ilmenite leaches much more quickly in alcoholic hydrochloric acid solutions than in aqueous ones. The leaching of ilmenite by hydrochloric acid is examined in this article. Because it makes recovering the valuable free acid from its waste solution relatively easier than other acids, hydrochloric acid is preferred as a leaching. Furthermore, compared to sulphuric acid solutions, the recovery of certain metal ions using liquid-liquid extraction from hydrochloric acid solutions is significantly simpler. When Fe powder is utilized, there is a noticeable decrease in the concentration of HCl because Fe powder and ilmenite both react with HCl.[09]

$$FeTiO_3 + 4\ HCl = Fe^{2+} + TiO^{2+} + 4Cl^{-} + 2H_2O$$

2.1.3. LEACHING USING WITH SULPHURIC ACID

$$FeTiO_3(S) + 2\ H_2SO_4(aq) = FeSO_4(aq) + TiOSO_4(aq) + 2\ H_2O(L)$$

It is commonly known that the acid content significantly affects how quickly ilmenite dissolves. According to the experimental data, the rate of dissolution increased until it reached a maximum conversion of around 14 M H2SO4 (1380 g L−1). This study used moderately diluted sulfuric acid solutions (400–600 g L−1) in an attempt to develop a new technique that makes use of low temperatures and relatively low recycled acid concentrations. Thus, the leaching procedure that is conventional is followed.[06]

2.1.4. LEACHING USING WITH ALKALINE SOLUTIONS

$$3FeTiO_3 + 4KOH = K_4Ti_3O_8 + 3FeO + 2H_2O$$

There are several drawbacks to digesting ilmenite in an acidic media, including high energy consumption and reactor damage from the high temperatures and acid concentrations used. Ilmenite dissolution under alkaline circumstances has been studied to lessen these disadvantages. The breakdown of ilmenite in a strong KOH solution. As mentioned previously, potassium titanite ($K_4Ti_3O_8$) is produced when ilmenite reacts with KOH. The highest extraction in the range of particle sizes (58–75 to 160–180 μm) was seen in the smaller ilmenite particle size resulting from high Ti extraction. The alkali to ilmenite ratio of 7:1 and 260 °C produced the maximum titanium extraction. The alkali contained 84-weight percent KOH.[22]

2.1.5. LEACHING USING WITH AMMONIUM CHLORIDE SOLUTION

The reduced ilmenite is treated with ammonium chloride that has been dissolved in oxygen to extract the metallic iron. As dissolved oxygen is reduced, a high pH would be produced at the surface as follows.[28]

$$O_2(aq) + 2H_2O + 4e = 4OH^-(aq)$$

2.1.6. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE TREATMENT METHODS

Leaching of ilmenite in HCl is known to remove many impurities from ilmenite producing less contaminated TiO_2 while high acid concentrations are found to corrode the reactors used for sulfuric acid causes less corrosion and can extract titanium from low-grade titanium sources, although it generates a high amount of solid and acid waste. Leaching in weak acids like citric acid requires low acid concentration. Although it uses more energy, this technique recovers more titanium than iron. Similar to weak acid leaching, leaching in an alkaline media recovers relatively more titanium than iron; however, to produce the end products, an additional acid treatment step is needed. All the reported methods have disadvantages. Hence it is wise to use a combination of methods to produce different titanium-based nanostructures from natural ilmenite.

2.2. REDUCTION

The process and kinetics of ilmenite reduction have been extensively studied throughout the last few decades. studied the carbon reduction of ilmenite. between 900 and 1200°C the reaction was seen to consist of two stages: a faster initial stage that represented the reduction of ferric to ferrous iron, and a slower second stage that involved the reduction of ferrous iron to metallic iron. In the temperature range of 1075 to 1140°C gas diffusion was the rate-controlling step, and the reaction had been reported to commence near 950°C. Investigations were conducted on the carbothermic reduction of weathered and synthesized ilmenite.

Due to ferric iron's decreased solubility in hydrochloric acid, oxidizing ilmenite at 900°C for four hours had minimal impact on the rise in iron dissolution. When ilmenite is oxidized at 600–700°C, it becomes hematite, which causes a minor rise in the leaching percentage of iron. However, when pseudo brookite is formed at 900–1000°C, the leaching percentage of iron significantly decreases.

$2FeTiO_3$(ilmenite) (s) + ½ O_2 (g) = Fe_2O_3 (hematite)(S)+$2TiO_2$(Rutile) (S)

$Fe_2Ti_3O_9$(pseudo rutile) (s)=Fe_2TiO_5(pseudo brookite) (s) + $2TiO_2$ (Rutile) (s)

Fe_2TiO_5 (pseudo brookite) (s) = Fe2O3 (hematite) (S) + TiO_2 (Rutile) (s)

where it was discovered that when the concentration's weathering increased, the rate of reduction and the size of iron particles decreased. observed the Fe-Ti-O and Fe-Mn-Ti-O systems. It was discovered that the Fe-Ti-O phase's prediction for the reduction process for pure ilmenite the high-temperature reduction of ilmenite using various reductive gaseous agents, such as H_2, CH_4, NH_3, and H_2O, to obtain the synthesis of oxygen from lunar minerals.[3]

However, the creation of an iron-rich metallic shell, which prevented CO from entering the reaction zone, determined both the rate and the extent of reduction. studied the process of reducing ilmenite by hydrogen, tracing the reduction from ferric to ferrous iron and from ferrous to metallic iron. During

reduction, the intrinsic chemical reaction, and the diffusion of gaseous species through the product layer largely controlled the rate.[1]

The current study aims to explore the impact of temperature on morphology, reductive kinetics, phase composition changes, reduction rate and degree, and reduction process.

The schematic diagram of the thermogravimetric equipment during the heating process is displayed in Fig. 2.1 It had three components: a Pt-Rh thermocouple, a computer monitor system, and a vertical tubal furnace. The alumina crucible hung in the argon ambiance furnace tube was used to heat the ilmenite-graphite pellets. In the tube, argon was flowing at a rate of one L per minute.After the trials were completed, the samples were taken out of the furnace, quenched in water, and the mass loss at various temperatures was calculated.

The reduction of ilmenite by graphite leads to a clear correlation between total mass loss and oxygen loss, as the gas resultants primarily include CO (over 99%). The percentage of total mass loss (W) was determined.

$$W = \frac{w_o - w_t}{w} \times 100$$

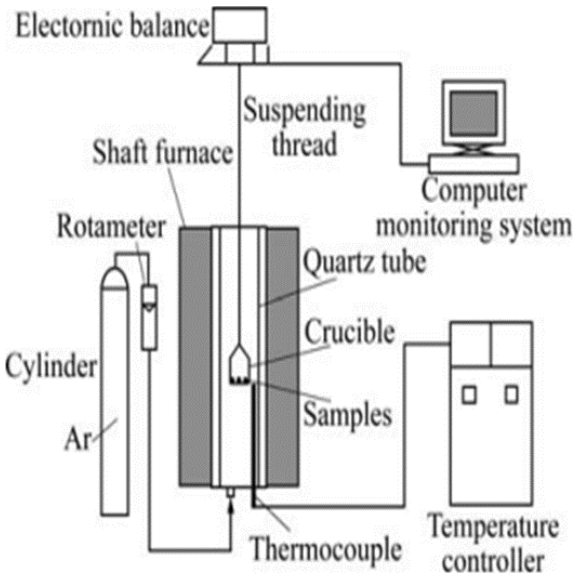


Fig. 2.1 Schematic diagram of reduction setup [27]

where wt is the mass of sample after time t, and w0 is starting mass of sample after removal of moisture and volatile matter, and w is the total possible mass loss for the reduction of ilmenite by graphite.

The ilmenite and graphite were completely combined by swirling for 30 minutes. Adhesive mixes were pressed in a closed die of 9 mm diameter under 15 MPa to create cylindrical pellets with a mass of around 2 g and height of 8 mm.

$$Fe_2O_3 \cdot 3TiO_2 + 3C = 3TiO_2 + 3CO$$

$$FeO \cdot TiO_2 + C = TiO_2 + CO$$

To convert all oxygen from Fe_2O_3 and FeO to CO from using above process. the molar ratio of C to double O ($n(C)/n(O_2) = 2$) from iron oxides must be 2. The ilmenite-graphite mixes were optimized to convert all oxygen to carbon monoxide.

2.2.1 EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE

Figures 2.2 and 2.3 illustrate plots of graphite's reduction of ilmenite with time. Temperature affects the rate and degree of decrease. The rate of decrease increases as temperature rises. At a constant temperature of 1200-1400°C the decrease starts quickly. After 30 minutes, a slow increase in the reduction is observed. High reduction temperatures lead to increased oxygen elimination; however, iron reduction is not always complete, and rutile reduction may also occur. After 2 hours at 850 to 1000°C, the response rate decreases significantly. The reduction degree remains less than 42%. Figure 3 shows that even after 2 hours of heating at 1300°C, the decrease remains incomplete. Heating for 40 minutes at 1350 and 1400°C results in a reduction of more than 90.

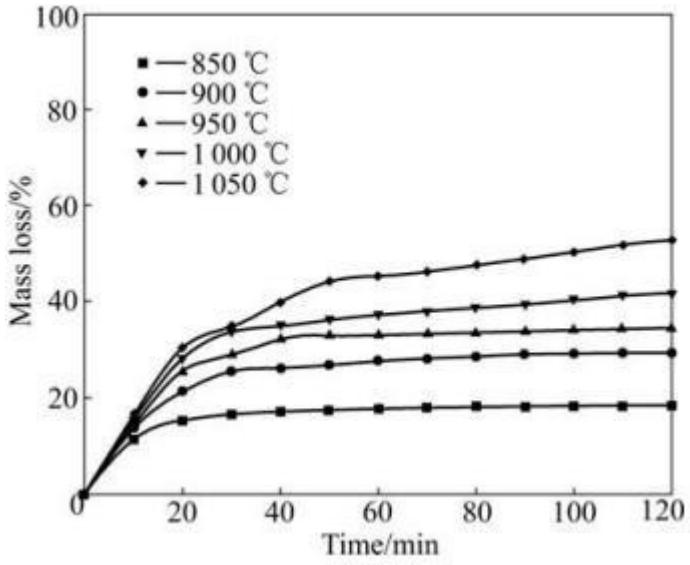


Fig: 2.2 Effect of temperature on reduction of ilmenite with graphite from 850 to 1050°C [8]

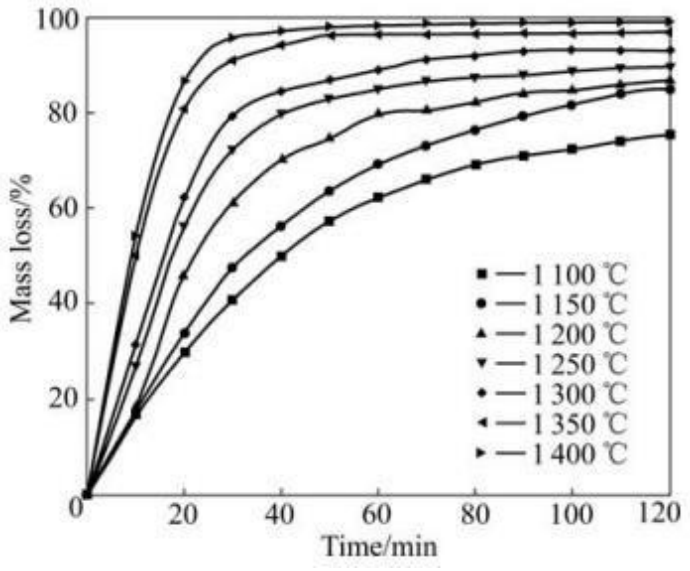


Fig: 2.3 Effect of temperature on reduction of ilmenite with graphite from 1100 to 1400°C [8]

At temperatures above 1100 °C carbon monoxide serves as a gaseous medium for the reduction of carbon. During the ilmenite reduction, Mn^{2+} replaces Fe^{2+} and diffuses at the reaction contact. The Mn^{2+} enrichment zone inhibits carbon monoxide diffusion, resulting in decreased Fe^{2+} activity. As the concentration of manganese ions rises and the activity of iron ions decreases, Fe^{2+} cannot be converted to metallic iron. Silica oxide inhibits reduction by forming fatality, reducing the reactivity

of iron oxides. the reduction degree of ilmenite is higher due to decreased impurity content, including magnesium and calcium oxide. Magnesium oxide has a bigger impact on the reduction kinetics than manganese oxide. Magnesium oxide is more stable in solid solutions containing titanium and iron oxide than manganese oxide.[8]

2.2.2 EFFECT OF REDUCTANT CONTENT

The impact of graphite concentration on the reduction of ilmenite was investigated through interaction with graphite at 1100°C. The carbon-to-oxygen molar ratio ranged between 2 and 6. The reduction curves are shown in Figure 2.4.

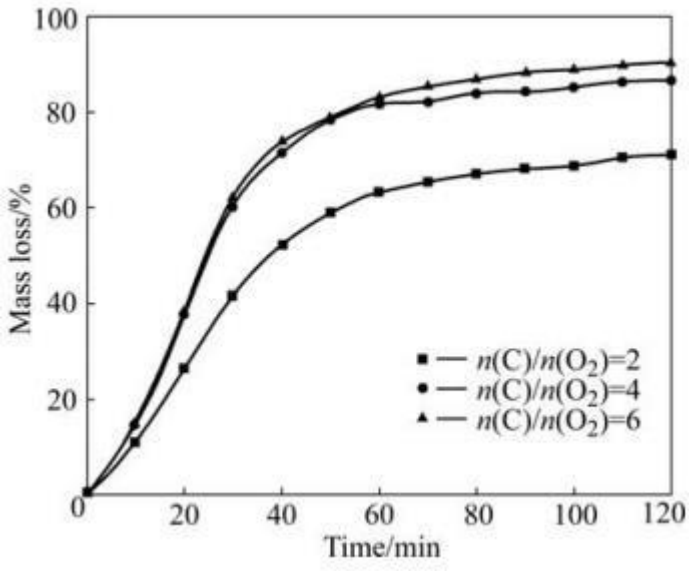


Fig: 2.4 Effect of graphite content on reduction at 1100°C[27]

Increasing the carbon-to-oxygen molar ratio from 2 to 4 increases the reduction rate and degree by about 20%, as illustrated in Fig 2.4. However, increasing to 6 has a minor effect. Increasing carbon content speeds up the reaction, resulting in faster production of reductant CO. This is likely due to the narrowing of CO diffusion routes generated by the reactivity of ilmenite.[27]

2.2.3. ADVANTAGE OF REDUCTION

- Carbothermic reduction is a well-established process with a relatively simple setup. The technology is mature and readily available.
- Compared to other methods for extracting titanium from ilmenite, carbothermic reduction requires less complex equipment, leading to lower initial investment costs.
- The process can achieve high recovery rates of titanium from ilmenite, maximizing the yield of valuable material.
- Iron is produced as a co-product alongside the titanium-rich slag. This iron can be used in pig iron production, offering an additional revenue stream.

2.2.4. DISADVANTAGE OF REDUCTION

- The process requires high temperatures, often reaching above 1500°C, leading to significant energy consumption. This can raise production costs and environmental impact.
- Carbothermic reduction releases carbon monoxide (CO) gas as a by-product. This contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and necessitates measures for gas capture or utilization.
- The resulting high-Titania slag is not directly usable and requires further processing to extract titanium dioxide pigment or titanium metal. This adds complexity and cost to the overall process.
- Apart from CO emissions, the process can generate dust and other pollutants if not properly controlled. Waste management of slag and other by-products needs consideration.

2.3 BENELITE PROCESS

Benelite, and Murso, these two processes are used for mineral acids to leach out the iron values present in the ilmenite ore. The effluents generated by leaching will contain acids, chlorides, and sulfates of Ca, Mg, Cr, V, etc, and rare earths that damages the environment signs.

To reduce the generation in this nulliodology an enviro-friendly process is used which comprises reduction, magnetic separation, aeration leaching, and rutilation. during carbothermic reduction the iron oxide in the ore gets reduced to metallic iron which is separated using magnet.

The reduced ilmenite is further subjected for aeration leaching in 1.5% (w/v) NH_4Cl along with carbonyl compounds are catalyst for 7-9 hours.

The synthetic rutile is separated by repeated washing, the iron oxide obtained was found to be "**black"** and feebly magnetic resembling soft ferrites.

The synthetic rutile is oxidised at 700° C for half an hour and mildly acid washed to remove all the iron values. The final sample had a TiO_2 of 83%.

CHAPTER-3

AIM AND SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The aim of thesis entitled "**BENEFICIATION OF ILMENITE TO SYNTHETIC RUTILE TiO_2"** is to investigate the beneficiation process to remove impurities, particularly iron, to increase the TiO_2 content.by using in order to reduce the generation in this nulliodology an enviro-friendly process is used which comprises of reduction, magnetic separation, aeration leaching, and rutilation. This sample is characterized by various analyses such as XRD and SEM.

4. EXPERIMENTAL AND PROCEDURES

4.1 REDCUTION OF ILMENITE

In the first step, ilmenite powder and graphite powder are weighed in a 1:1.5 ratio. The using a nickel spatula to physically mix them together. The next step involves transferring the mixture into an alumina boat crucible, which is then placed in a furnace. The furnace heats the mixture at 1050°C for four hours while maintaining an argon gas atmosphere. Argon is an inert gas, meaning it reduces the likelihood of unwanted chemical reactions during the heating process.



Fig: 4.1 Tubular Furnace for reduction process



Fig: 4.2 Alumina boat crucible for reduction process

RATIO: 1:1.5 (ILMENITE 20g) and (GRAPHITE 30g)

BEFORE PROCESS WEIGHT = 50G

AFTER PROCESS WEIGHT = 45.558G

CALCULATION: (weight loss)

$$\text{weight loss} = \frac{\text{before weight - after weight}}{\text{before weight}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{50 - 45.558}{50} \times 100$$

$$= 0.0884 \times 100$$

$$= 8.884$$

weight loss = 8.9 %

4.1.2. MAGNETIC SEPARATION

The reduced ilmenite removed from the furnace was cooled and washed well to remove the unreacted carbon and dried the magnetic was used to separate magnetic material from the non-magnetic material. The magnetic material was used for further studies.



Fig: 4.3 Reduction sample



Fig: 4.4 Magnetic separation of reduction sample

4.1.3 AERATION LEACHING OF REDUCED ILMENITE

The sample prepared after the reduction process undergoes acid leaching to remove the Fe (Iron) which gives synthetic rutile. The apparatus requires a 1 L Beaker with Weighted amount of the sample that was leached with 1.5% (w/v) NH_4Cl + carbonyl compounds. The mixture is continuously aerated usingan air pump and it is mixed using a rotor blade at 500-600 rpm for 7 hours. Once the leaching process starts.



Fig: 4.5 Setup for aeration leaching

And the froth is continuously breaking down to settle the synthetic rutile down. Samples are collected for every hour to estimate the iron reduced from the process later. The fourth formation will subside and become stable after a few hours and the synthetic rutile will settle down at the bottom. This sample is further washed again and again to remove the remaining Fe present further using with distilled water. The sample obtained after the acid leaching is oxidized by heating in the muffle furnace at 750 C for 15 minutes to obtain the synthetic rutile.

4.2 MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.2.1 ESTIMATION OF TOTAL IRON

Weigh out accurately about 0.5 g of the finely ground sample and fuse it with about 10-15 g of potassium hydrogen sulphate in a silica crucible. First, melt the potassium hydrogen sulphate to get a clear solution. Then allow it to solidify. Add the powdered sample and heat at a low temperature first. During heating swirl the contents of the crucible carefully. Then increase the temperature to the maximum (900°). Keep the crucible at this temperature for 20-30 Mts. Then allow the crucible to cool. Detach the cooled cake from the crucible by gently tapping with a glass rod, put it inside a beaker containing 100ml 20% H_2SO_4, and heat til the dissolution is complete. The crucible is rinsed and taken out. Cool the solution and makeup to 250ml. pipette out 20ml of this solution in a conical flask and add 5ml of con HCL and heat to about 80°c Reduce the iron solution by adding freshly prepared $Sncl_2$ solution (5%) dropwise until the yellow colour of the solution disappeared, add 1-2 drops in excess. Cool the solution rapidly to 20°c. after cooling dilute the solution to about 100ml, the excess $Sncl_2$ present is removed by adding 20ml $HgCl_2$ solution (10%), stir well, and allow to stand for 3-4 minutes. Add 10 ml each of Zimmer man solution, acid mixture, and 4 drops of barium diphenylaminesulphonate indicator and titrate against std potassium dichromate solution. The endpoint is the appearance of permanent violet- blue colour throughout the solution.



Fig 4.6 Fusion test



Fig 4.7 violet colour appearance

For total iron

The % of total iron present in the sample can be calculated from the titration data as follows:

$$\textbf{\% Of total Fe} = \frac{\textbf{vol. of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \textbf{ solution} \times \textbf{factor of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \textbf{ solution} \times 100 \times 12.5}{\textbf{Wt. of the sample}}$$

Factor of $K_2Cr_2O_7$

(with respect to Fe Solution) $= \frac{\textbf{55.84} \times \textbf{Normality of } K_2Cr_2O_7 \textbf{ solution}}{\textbf{1000}}$

% OF TOTAL IRON

SAMPLE (A)

Normality of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ =0.1N

Volume of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ = 2.7

Factor of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ = 0.005584

Weight of the sample = 0.5016g

$$\% \text{ of total iron} = \frac{2.7 \times 0.005584 \times 100 \times 12.5}{0.5016}$$

$$= 39.5717\ \%$$

SAMPLE (E)

Normality of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ = 0.1N

Volume of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ = 1.1

Factor of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ = 0.005584

Weight of the sample = 0.5045g

$$\% \text{ of the total iron} = \frac{1.1 \times 0.005584 \times 100 \times 12.5}{0.5045}$$

$$= 15.2190\ \%$$

4.2.2 ESTIMATION OF TiO_2

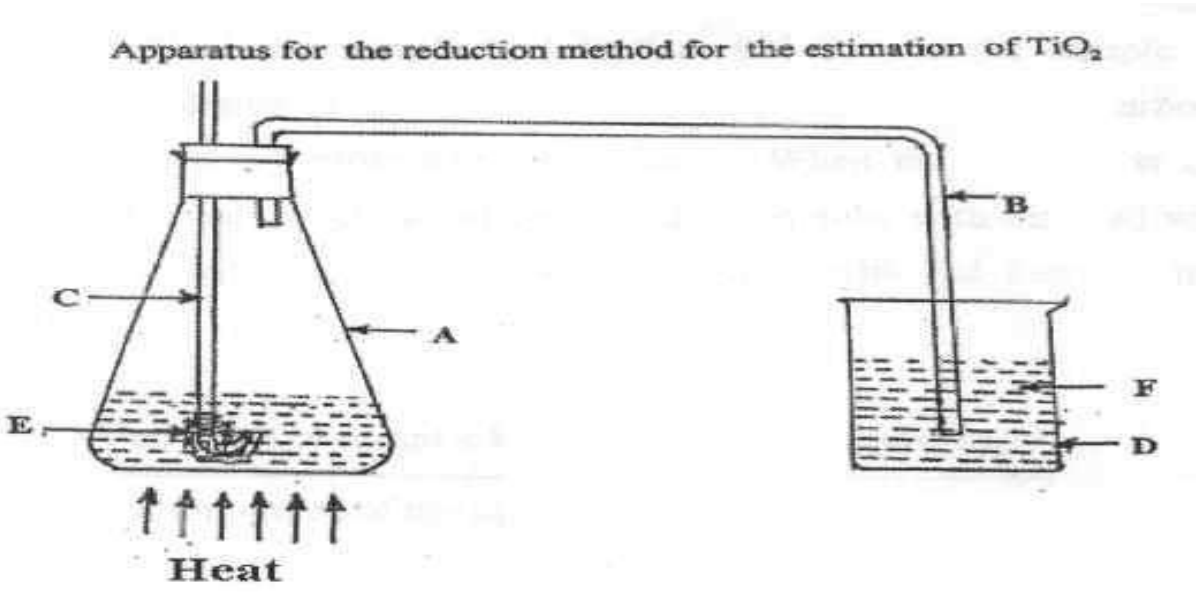
METHOD:(Aluminium reduction)

Titanium (IV) in acid solution (containing HCL) is reduced to titanium (III) by Aluminium and then titrated with a standard oxidant solution

Apparatus:

The apparatus consists of a 500ml Erlenmeyer flask with a two-holed rubber stopper. A pointed glass rod nearly touching the bottom of the flask is placed in one hole of the stopper and the short end of the delivery tube is placed in the other hole. The other end of the delivery tube is placed in the saturated sodium

bicarbonate solution taken in a 400ml beaker. The Aluminium foil is attached to the glass rod fixed with the stopper.



$3Ti^{4+} + Al \rightarrow 3\ Ti^{3+} + Al^{3+}$. $Ti^{3+} + Fe^{3+} \rightarrow Ti^{4+} + Fe^{2}$

Fig: 4.8 setup for the estimation of TiO_2

PROCEDURE:

Weigh out a sufficiently air-dried and powered sample of TiO_2 (0.25 to 0.30g) and fuse it with 15g of fused potassium bisulphate. Cool the cake, dissolve it in 100ml of 20% H_2SO_4 and make it to 250ml in a std flask. Pipette out 20ml of the made-up solution into the 500ml Erlenmeyer flask, and add 30ml conc. HCL, dilute to approximately 150ml, and heat it using a heating mantle. Attach 2g of high-purity aluminum foil to the end of the glass rod fitted on the rubber stopper of the reductor. When the solution starts boiling, remove the flask from the mantle and immediately close the flak with the rubber stopper carrying the glass rod with aluminum and the delivery tube. Keep the other end of the delivery tube immersed in the sodium bicarbonate solution taken in a 400ml beaker. The reaction between the aluminum foil and solution is rapid. Towards the end of the reaction swirl the flask to ensure

complete mixing and reduction. When all the aluminum appears to be dissolved, gently boil the solution for 3-5 minutes more keeping the delivery tube still immersed in the sodium bicarbonate solution.

Cool the sample to less than 60° c. as the sample cools the sodium bicarbonate solution is drawn into Erlenmeyer flask and the carbon dioxide evolved gives the necessary protective atmosphere. When the solution is cool, remove the stopper and rinse the glass rod and the delivery tube with distilled water. Add 2 ml of 24% ammonium thiocyanate indicator. Titrate with std ferric Ammonium sulphate solution.



Fig: 4.9 Fusion test



Fig: 4.10 Yellow brownish Colour appearance for TiO_2.

$$\%TiO_2 = \frac{\text{vol. in ml of titrant} \times \text{Factor} \times \text{made up volume} \times 100}{\text{Wt. in grams of the sample} \times \text{volume pipetted out}}$$

$$\text{Factor} = \frac{\text{wt. of std } TiO_2 \text{ (in grams)} \times \% \text{ in std } TiO_2 \times \text{volume pipetted out}}{\text{Vol. of titrant} \times \text{made up volume} \times 100}$$

% of TiO_2

SAMPLE (A)

Volume in ml of titrant = 22.4

Factor of TiO_2 =0.0012

Made up volume =250

Weight in grams of the sample =0.5040g

Volume pipetted = 20ml

$$\% \text{ of } TiO_2 = \frac{22.4 \times 0.0012 \times 250 \times 100}{0.5040 \times 20}$$

$$= 66.67\%$$

SAMPLE (E)

Volume in ml of titrant = 27.7

Factor of TiO_2 =0.0012

Made up volume= 250

Weight in grams of the sample=0.5007g

Volume pipetted =20ml

$$\%\text{of } TiO_2 = \frac{27.7 \times 0.0012 \times 250 \times 100}{0.5007 \times 20}$$

$$= 82.983\%$$

4.2.3 ESTIMATION OF METALLIC IRON

About 100-150 cc of distilled water is boiled with 4-6g of $HgCl_2$. Then add to it 0.5g of finely powdered sample. After 20mts boiling, the solution is filtered and washed. The residue can be tested for Fe by adding a drop of it to the potassium ferricyanide solution. If green precipitate forms it shows that

contains Fe. Again, the PPT is boiled with 100cc of distilled water and filtered and tested for any iron present. If Fe is not present then the solution is titrated with STD potassium dichromate solution by adding 10ml of phosphoric acid and sulphuric acid mixture, 10ml of Zimmer man solution, and 5 drops of barium diphenylamine sulphate indicator. The appearance of violet colour is the endpoint. **The % of metallic iron can be calculated as in the case of total Fe.**

4.3 PREPARATION OF INDICATOR

4.3.1. PREPARATION OF AMMONIUM THIOCYANATE INDICATOR

Dissolve 24.5g of Ammonium Thiocyanate in 80 ml of hot distilled water. Filter through Whatman filter paper using a vacuum. Cool, dilute to 100ml, and store in a dark coloured bottle.

4.3.2. STANDARDISATION OF FERRIC ALUM

Dissolve 15.08g of ferric Ammonium sulphate in 800 ml distilled water and 15ml conc. H_2SO_4. Add H_2O_2 to ensure complete oxidation of iron. Boil the solution to remove excess H_2O_2 and dilute to 1 liter. Standardize the solution against standard TiO2 reduced in the same way as described for the sample.

4.3.3. PREPARATION OF $SnCl_2$

Conc. soln. of $SnCl_2$ is prepared by dissolving 12g of pure tin or 30g of AR crystalline $SnCl_2$ ($SnCl_2$ $2H_20$) in 100 ml of conc. HCL and dilute to 200ml with distilled water.

4.3.4. PHOSPHORIC ACID SULPHURIC ACID MIXTURE

150ml oh H_2SO_4 & H_3PO_4 in 700 ml distilled water.

4.3.5. ZIMMER-MAN SOLUTION

50 g of $MnSo_4$ in 250ml distilled water + (A mixture of 100 ml conc. H_2SO_4 + 300 Ml distilled water + H_3PO_4)

4.3.6. BARIUM DIPHENYLAMINE SULPHONATE INDICATOR

0.2 g of the salt is dissolved in 100ml of distilled water.

4.3.7. N-PHENYL ANTHRANILIC ACID

Dissolve 1.07 g of N-Phenyl anthranilic acid in 20 ml of 5% sodium carbonate solution and dilute to one liter with distilled water. Alternatively, dissolve 1.0 g of the acid in 48 ml of 0.1 N sodium hydroxide and dilute to one liter with water.

4.4. CHARACTERISATION TECHNIQUE

To examine the structural properties, the prepared nanomaterials and nanocomposite materials were characterized by an XRD pattern. Studies on particle size, morphology, and structure were characterized by using a Scanning Electron Microscope [SEM].

4.4.1. X-RAY DIFFRACTION (XRD)

X-ray diffraction (XRD) is a phenomenon where X-rays from an incident beam interfere with each other as they exit the atomic planes of a crystal. This technique is commonly used to determine a material's crystal structure, as the XRD pattern reflects the shapes and sizes of the crystal's basic unit cells. A crystal lattice, a three-dimensional array of atoms arranged in parallel planes separated by a

distance (d), is crucial in determining a material's structure post-synthesis. The crystal structure significantly influences a material's properties, making XRD a popular choice for its determination. The standard JCPDS database is used to identify various crystalline phases in solid specimens. XRD can simultaneously characterize both the precursor and end products, providing detailed insights into nanoparticle behaviour. This is one of the key advantages of XRD. It is also used to ascertain the crystallinity and phase purity of inorganic materials. XRD operates based on Bragg's law, with diffraction occurring only when the conditions for constructive interference from planes with spacing d are met.

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin\theta$$

In this context, 'd' represents the distance between the atomic layers and the variable. The variable 'λ' denotes the wavelength of the incident x-ray beam. The integer 'n' is known as the path difference and the order of reflection in terms of wavelength, between waves that are scattered by adjacent planes of atoms[76]. In X-ray diffraction (XRD), a monochromatic X-ray beam is directed onto a sample, and the reflected X-rays are detected. The working principle of XRD is illustrated in Fig4.11. The crystalline structure of the synthesized material is assessed using the Debey-Scherrer equation:

$$D=\beta \cos\theta / K\lambda$$

In this equation, 'D' denotes the average crystalline size, 'λ' is the wavelength of the incident ray, and 'β' is the Full Width Half Maximum (FWHM) of the peak. 'K' is the shape factor of the particle, and 'θ' is the angle of the diffraction peak.

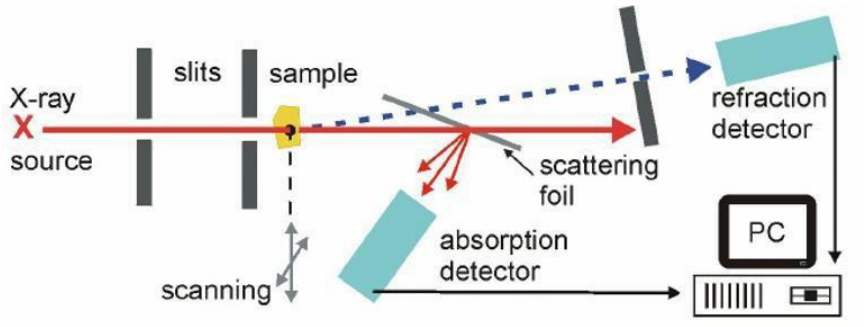


Fig: 4.11 Working of XRD [21]

4.4.2. SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE (SEM)

A Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) is a type of electron microscope that creates images by scanning a sample with a focused electron beam. The electronsinteract with the atoms in the sample, producing various signals that provideinformation about the sample's morphology and composition. SEM is a widely usedtool for examining and analysing the imaging characterization of micro and nanoparticles in solid objects, thanks to its resolution of 10 nm, or 100 Å. This devicecan also be used alongside energy-dispersive X-ray microanalysis techniques to determine the composition or orientation of specific crystals or features. SEM micrographs have a high depth of field, giving them a unique three-dimensional appearance that aids in understanding the sample's surface structure. SEM samples must be small enough to fit on the specimen stage and may need additionalprocessing to improve their electrical conductivity and stability to withstand high vacuum conditions and the high-energy electron beam. The fundamental principle of SEM is that a source, typically a tungsten filament or field emission gun, generates electron beams, as shown in the figure 4.12.

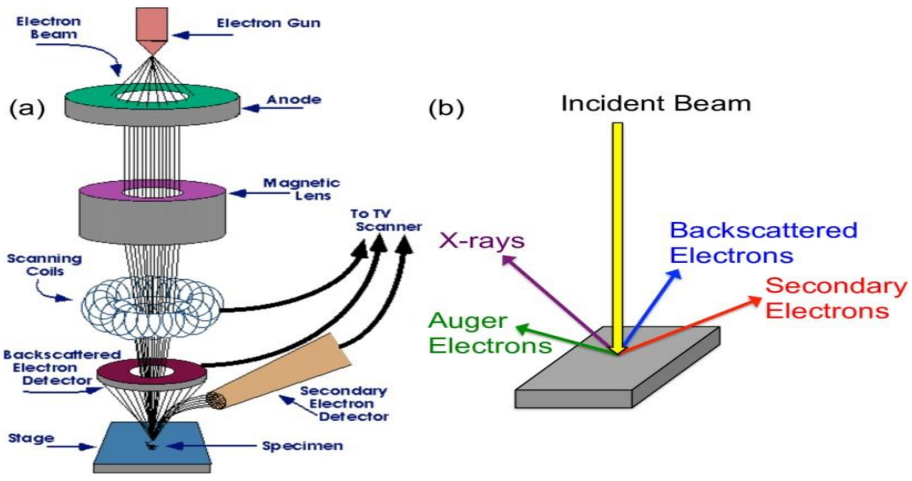


Fig:4.12 Working of SEM [4]

In Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), an electron beam, ranging from 0.2 keV to 40 keV, is focused by one or two condenser lenses and accelerated through high voltage. This beam scans the specimen surface, ejecting electrons that are collected by a detector. The beam, losing energy when interacting with the sample, passes through pairs of scanning coils or deflector plates in the electron column. This interaction results in the reflection of high-energy electrons and can be used to create images of the specimen current distribution. SEM offers detailed 3D and topographical imaging, versatile information, fast operation, and requires minimal sample preparation.

5. Results and Discussion

5.1 ESTIMATION OF TOTAL IRON

The graph shows the total iron and iron removal percentage with respective time.

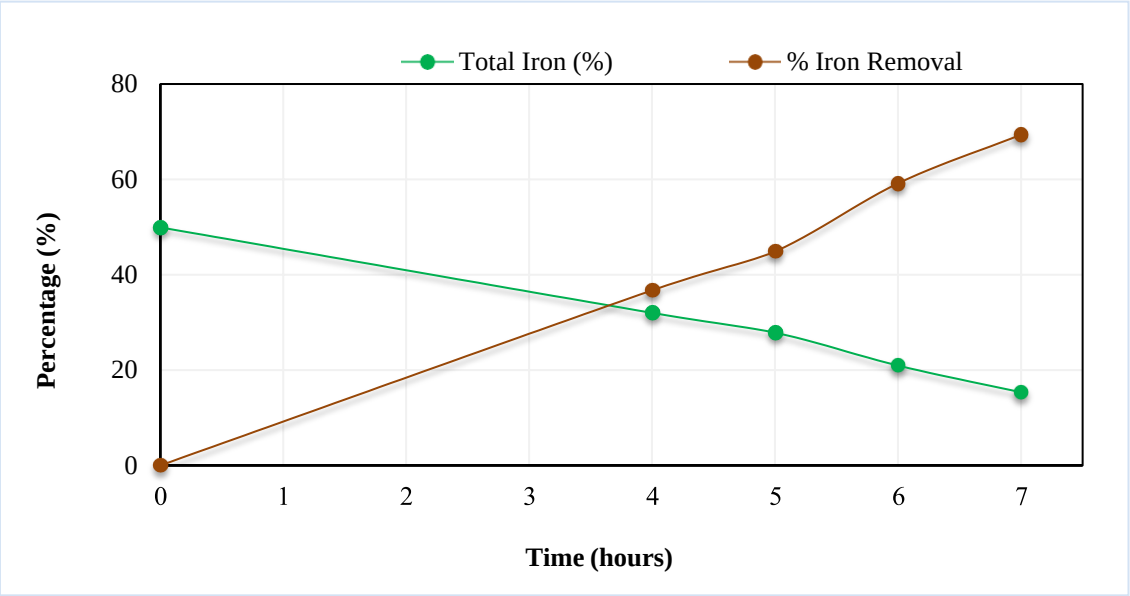


Fig: 5.1 Total iron and iron removal percentage.

The x-axis represents time in hours. The y-axis represents the percentage of iron removal. **Green line:** This line represents the total iron content in the ilmenite sample. As the leaching process progresses, the percentage of total iron will be decrease. **Red line:** This line represents the cumulative amount of iron removed from the ilmenite sample over time. The slope of this line would indicate the rate of iron removal.

Table: 5.1 Total iron and Iron removal percentage at respective time.

Time (Hour)	Total Iron %	% Iron Removal
0	49.93	0
4	31.99	36.73
5	27.85	44.89
6	20.94	59.18
7	15.33	69.38

TIME (Hour): Records the time intervals from hour 0 to hour 7. Total Iron %: Indicates the percentage of total iron present. % Iron Removal: Reflects the proportion of iron removed during the reduction process. Total Iron %: Decreases significantly from 49.93% at hour 0 to 15.33% at hour 7. % Iron Removal: Increases progressively from 0% to 69.38% over the same period. As time advances, iron removal efficiency improves, leading to a decline in total iron content.

5.2 ESTIMATION OF TiO_2:

The graph shows the percentage of TiO2 for 7 hours.

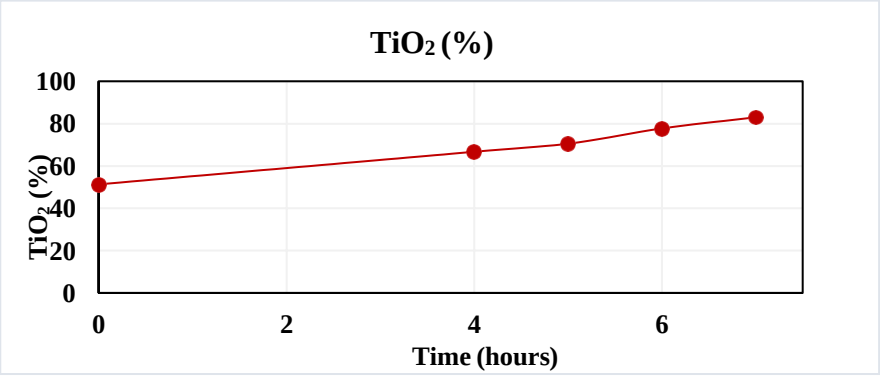


Fig 5.2 Percentage of TiO_2 increases over time.

The graph shows the increase in the amount of titanium dioxide (TiO_2), as time passes during an experiment. The y-axis represents the percentage of TiO_2 and the x-axis represents time in hours. The line graph shows the concentration of titanium

dioxide TiO_2 in the air over time. The x-axis is labelled "Time (hours)" and goes from 0 to 7 hours. The y-axis is labelled TiO_2 (%)" and goes from 0 to 100%.

The line on the graph starts at 0% TiO_2 and increases steadily to about 80% TiO_2 after 7 hours. This suggests that the concentration of TiO_2 in the air is increasing over time during this experiment.

Table 5.2: Percentage of TiO_2 increases over time.

TIME (Hour)	**TiO_2**
0	**51.3**
4	**66.67**
5	**70.46**
6	**77.71**
7	**82.98**

Time (Hour): Covers the same hourly intervals (0 to 7). TiO_2: Represents the percentage of TiO_2 (titanium dioxide) during leaching. TiO_2: Steadily increases from 51.3% to 82.98%. The leaching process results in a consistent rise in TiO_2 content. The reduction process enhances iron removal, while leaching leads to higher TiO_2 concentrations. Monitoring these changes over time is crucial for optimizing material purification and extraction processes.

5.3 3D graph of % Fe removal against time (hr) and Total Fe%

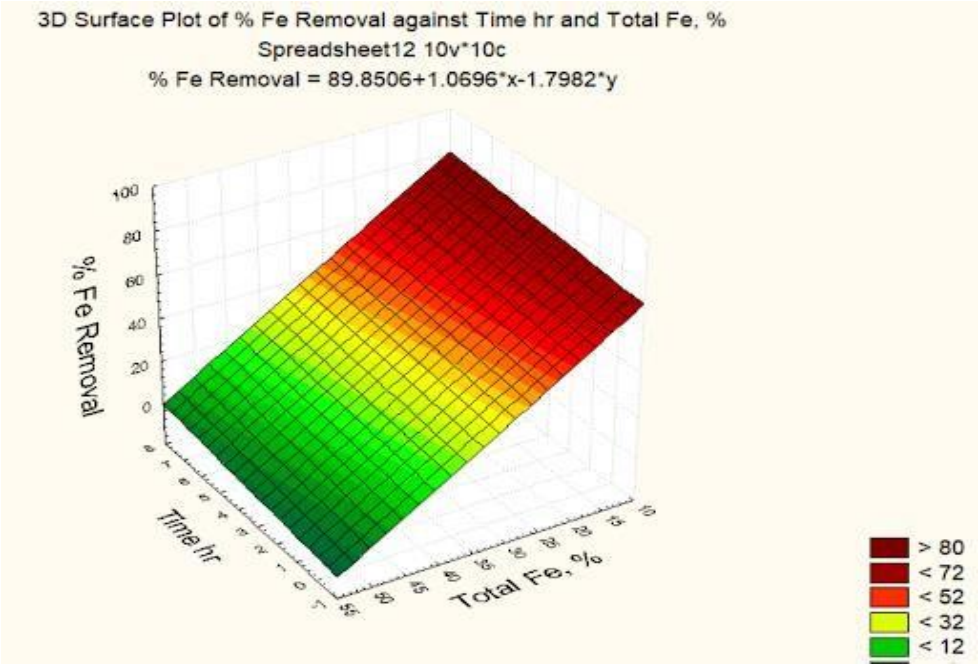


Fig: 5.3 The 3D surface plot to show the percentage of iron removal against two factors: time (hr) and total iron content (%).

X-axis: Time (hr) – The x axis represents the amount of time the ilmenite was exposed to the leaching process, likely in hours. **Y-axis:** Total Fe, % - The y axis represents the total iron content in the ilmenite sample as a percentage. **Z-axis:** % Fe Removal – The z axis represents the percentage of iron removed from the ilmenite sample. The colour intensity of the surface corresponds to the percentage of iron removal, with darker colours indicating a higher percentage of iron removed.

Regression Equation = % Fe Removal = 89.8506 + 1.0696*x - 1.7982*y

% Fe Removal is the dependent variable, representing the percentage of iron removed from the ilmenite sample. x is the independent variable, representing time (hr) in the experiment. y is the independent variable, representing the total iron content (%) in the ilmenite sample.89.8506 is the y-intercept, which represents the

estimated iron removal percentage when both time and total iron content are zero1.0696 is the coefficient for the time term (x). A positive coefficient suggests that as time increases (longer leaching time), the percentage of iron removal also increases. -1.7982 is the coefficient for the total iron content term (y). A negative coefficient suggests that as the total iron content increases, the percentage of iron removal might decrease slightly. However, the magnitude of the coefficient for time is larger, suggesting that the effect of time is more significant in this experiment. The colour scale ranges from dark red to light red. This the magnitude of the effect of the independent variables (total Fe, % and time (hr)) on the dependent variable (% Fe Removal) is small. There is a legend that associates the colour with the values of % Fe Removal. For example, dark red corresponds to % Fe Removal values greater than 80, and light red corresponds to values less than 12.

5.4 X-RAY DIFFRACTION (XRD)

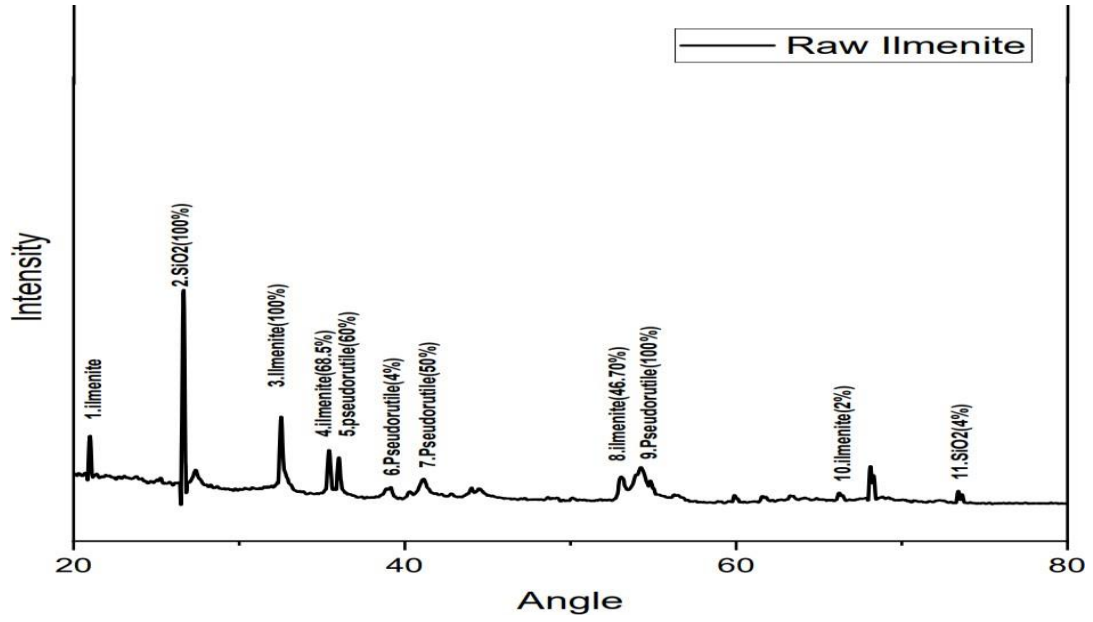


Fig: 5.4 XRD For Raw Ilmenite

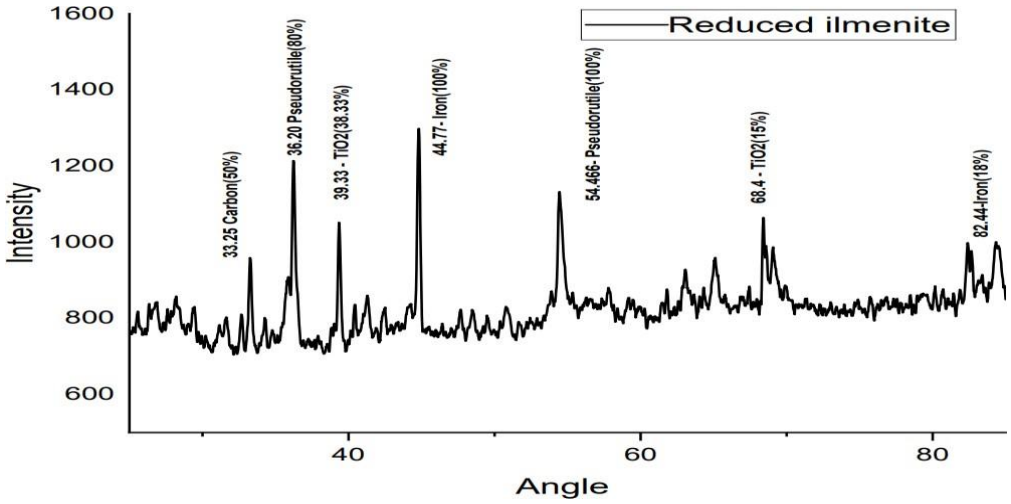


Fig: 5.5 XRD for Reduced Ilmenite

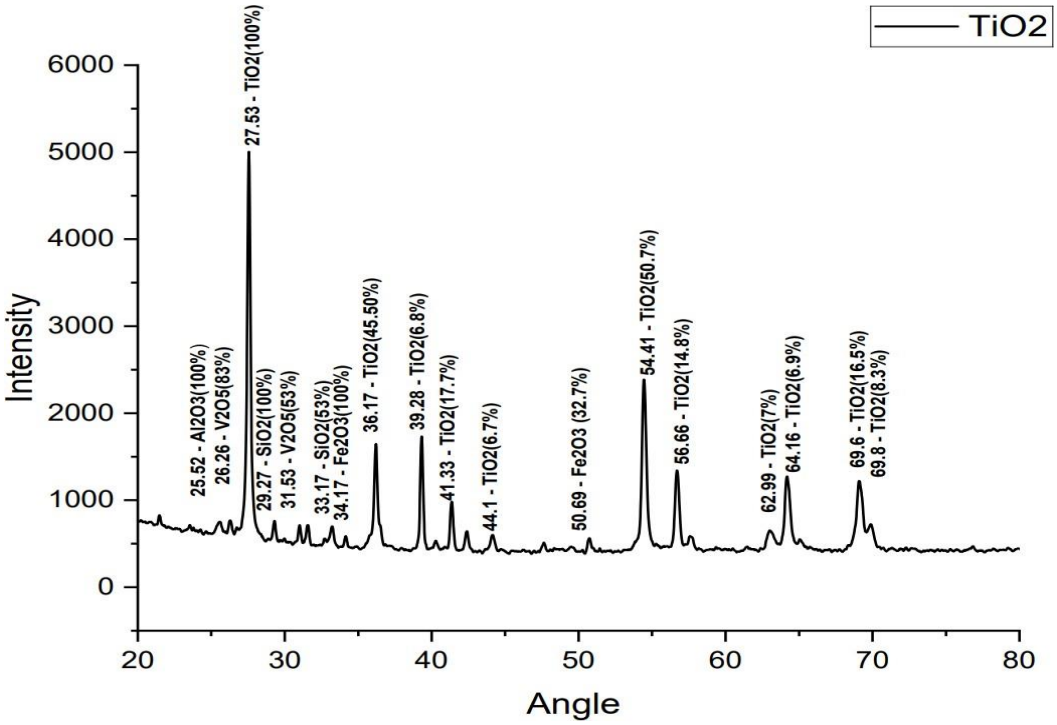


Fig: 5.6 XRD for TiO_2

Fig: 5.4 Raw ilmenite

From natural ilmenite the major consistent were TiO_2 5% and iron oxide 49%. The minor oxide were Si, Cr, Mn, and Mg

Table:5.3 D values for the raw ilmenite and TiO_2

D obs (A) for Raw Ilmenite	D spacing for TiO_2
3.2203	3.52149
2.5985	2.43337
2.5540	2.37986
2.4869	2.33482
2.1774	1.89350
2.1123	1.70114
2.0107	1.66720
1.9433	1.49402
1.8165	1.48107
1.7933	-
1.7700	-
1.7438	-
1.6364	-
1.5960	-
1.4887	-
1.4665	-
1.4504	-
1.2774	-

Fig: 5.5 Reduced ilmenite

As the temperature was increases iron oxide got reduced and the phase transformation to metallic iron began and continued still it was complete. This was obviously observed the XRD pattern of reduced ilmenite. The metallic iron peak as constable grown indicating. The removal of oxygen.

Fig: 5.6 TiO_2

During aeration leaching the metallic iron reacted. With the leaching environment and iron oxide got separated in the from rust. The total iron got reduced as the time of leaching was increased. Eventually TiO_2 increased which is evident from the table. The d spacing values for TiO_2

5.5. SEM – SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE.

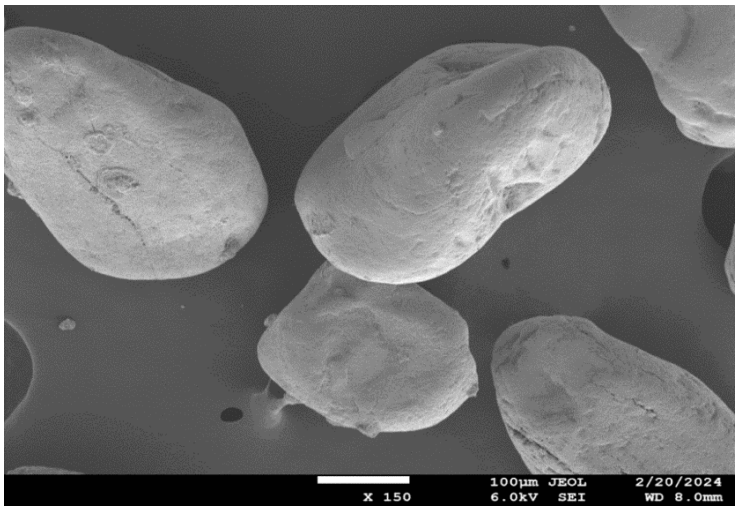


Fig: 5.7 SEM For Raw Ilmenite

The grain has well defined uniform structure occasionally having ups and downs.

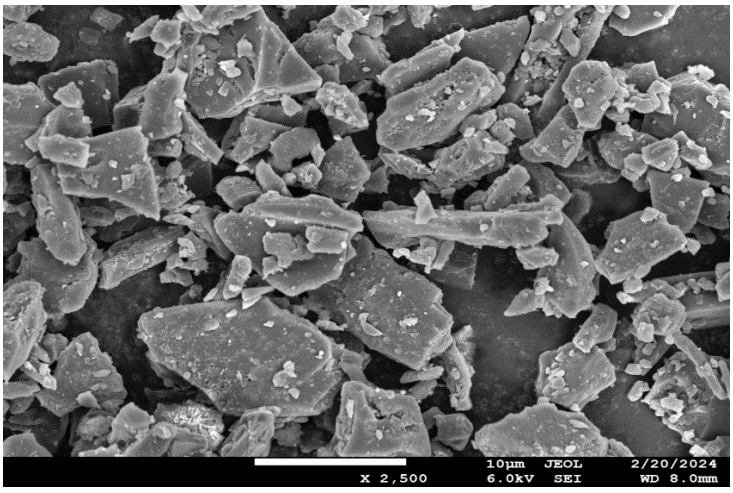


Fig: 5.8 SEM For Reduced Ilmenite

The grains as a uniform structure occasionally having ups and down during reduction grains opens and allow the carbon to move inside and reduced as the iron oxide to metallic iron. As reduction process crack are as produce on the grain.

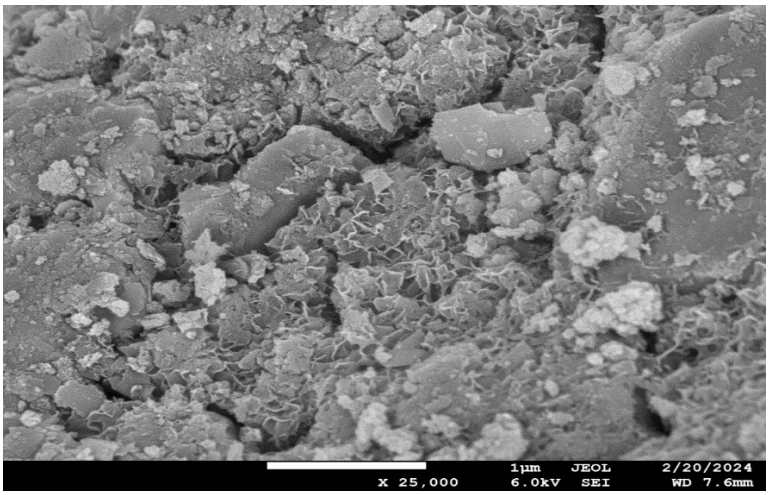


Fig: 5.9 SEM for 3 hours leached.

SEM shows the 3 hours leached sample where you can find lot of cracks and needle like structure.

The needle structure is metallic iron which will be removed during leaching the grey structure is enriched TiO_2.

5.6 DISCUSSION

From the XRD pattern, it was found that the peaks correspond to ilmenite, pseudo-rutile, and silica. On reduction, the ilmenite peak reduced while the metallic iron peak's intensity increased confirming that ilmenite underwent reduction when reacted with carbon fig 5.5 Leaching the metallic iron peak disappeared completely and the TiO_2 peak's intensity increased which is shown in Fig 5.6 which is again supported by the chemical analysis of the 7th hour leached sample that was 83% TiO_2 respectively. This graduation in the removal of iron oxide and

enhancement of TiO_2 was further confirmed by SEM analysis too. The raw ilmenite has a smooth pattern whereas reduced ilmenite shows the reduced ilmenite shows the reduced iron in the bright areas. During leaching the reduced iron which appears in the form of needle shaped structure gets removed and TiO_2 the grey area gets enhanced. This confirms that an environmentally friendly process is an accommodative to remove iron values from Ilmenite Ore.

5.7 IRON OXIDE

During leaching iron oxide is separated theoretically the iron oxide separated it would be red. In contrast during the processing of Odisha ilmenite the iron oxide separated was a black colour. Due to time consistency, the investigation could not be carried out for the analysis required to confirm the phase for "**black**" iron oxide.

6. CONCLUSION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

From the above study, it was understood that environ-friendly technology is possible to remove iron oxide from ilmenite ore. The carbothermic reduction was an accommodative methodology to reduce iron values in the ore mineral. The wet chemical analysis, XRD, and SEM analysis confirm the removal of iron oxide and enrichment of TiO_2 in the sample. An in-depth investigation is needed for the complete optimisation of the step which can lead to developing a sustainable technology to process Odisha ilmenite to synthetic rutile.

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ABSTRACT

The presence of lead ions (Pb 2+) in water sources poses significant environmental and health risks. This project proposes a novel method for the separation of Pb 2+ ions using a composite of graphene oxide and xylenol orange. Graphene oxide, with its unique physicochemical properties and high surface area, serves as an excellent adsorbent. The addition of xylenol orange, a commonly used pH indicator, enhances the composite's ability to bind with Pb 2+ ions. The effectiveness of this composite in removing Pb 2+ ions from aqueous solutions is evaluated under various conditions, including different pH levels and initial ion concentrations. The results of this project could provide a new, efficient, and environmentally friendly method for treating water contaminated with lead ions.

In this work, graphene oxide (GO) and its composites with xylenol orange (XO) were used as adsorbents to remove lead ions from aqueous samples using the adsorption process. These precursor materials (GO and XO) are often used in a pure form for the removal of lead ions, but their nanocomposites were rarely explored for the removal of lead ions from water and wastewater samples. In the present work, multiple compositions of GO and XO dispersions/solutions were examined for interaction between lead ions. The lead ion removal efficiency of precursors and composites, and the adsorption mechanism of lead ion removal in aqueous samples for these sorbents were compared.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Among the wide range of environmental contaminants, exposure to heavy metal traces in is significant threat to human beings. The aqueous wastes released from various chemical industries, manufacturing units, fertilizer/pesticide factories and mining are a few major sources towards heavy metal accretion in to environment. Such released heavy metals tend to accumulate in living beings and are not biodegradable, like the other organic contaminants. The wide range of toxic heavy metals include, lead, chromium, cadmium, mercury, arsenic, nickel, copper, zinc etc. The majors concerns induced by such toxic metals in human beings includes, autoimmune diseases, increased allergic reactions, vascular occlusion, high blood pressure, speech disorders and memory loss [Ihsanullah et al, 2016]. Accumulation of heavy metal traces can also disrupt the human cellular enzymes and may lead to disorders associated with nutritional minerals such as magnesium, zinc and selenium. In particular, contamination of environment with Lead (Pb), which is known to be one of the most toxic heavy metal, may lead to most serious concerns to human health and can cause a number of adverse health effects [Q. Zhao et al,2013].

Lead is a non-biodegradable toxic heavy metal widely utilized in industries such as vehicles manufacturing units, ceramic production, paints and battery industries, agriculture. Accumulation of lead ions in digestive tract and lungs may further enter into the blood circulation systems, bind to red blood cells, distribute throughout the body, aggregates into bones, damages the nervous, liver, reproductive systems, kidneys and cause cancer. In view of such adverse effects, monitoring of lead traces in the environment and their removal with is of great importance. Several conventional methods including precipitation, filtration, ion exchange, reverse osmosis, electrochemical treatment, and adsorption were explored for the removal of lead ions from aqueous solutions. These conventional methods have few major limitations such as, hazardous waste production, generation of larger volumes of rejected residuals, high operational and maintenance cost, limited reusability etc

On the other hand, adsorption method is considered to be relatively economical and effective method for the removal of a number of contaminates from aqueous waste solutions and facilitate regeneration of adsorbate via suitable desorption process. In the present work, feasibility of lead ion extraction from aqueous solutions has been explored using graphene oxide (GO)-xylenol (XO) nanocomposites via adsorptive separation. The synthesised GO-XO composites were analysed using UV absorption spectroscopy and their lead ion removal efficiency was examined. The structure and characteristics of GO, XO and the nanocomposites used in the present work are discussed below.

1.1 GRAPHENE OXIDE (GO)

Graphene oxide (GO) is essentially functionalized graphene, which has oxygen-containing functional groups such as, carboxylic acids (-COOH), hydroxyl, (-OH), carbonyl (C=O), epoxide (C-O-C), ether (C-O) groups along with significant proportions of un-interrupted sp^2 -C domains (C=C). It is a 2-dimensional layer with one atom thick, derived form of graphene and usually obtained by oxidation of graphite flakes (Fig. 1.1(a)). The precursor graphene is a type of carbon allotrope made up of a single layer of linked sp^2-carbon atoms organized in a honeycomb lattice (Fig. 1.1(b)). Since its discovery in 2004, graphene has attracted the attention of scientists worldwide, due to its exceptional qualities including strong Young's modulus, high surface area, excellent electrical conductivity, good thermal conductivity, and optical transparency. Due to these intriguing characteristics, graphene has been used in many different applications, including electrocatalysis, sensors, energy conversion and storage, and electrical devices.

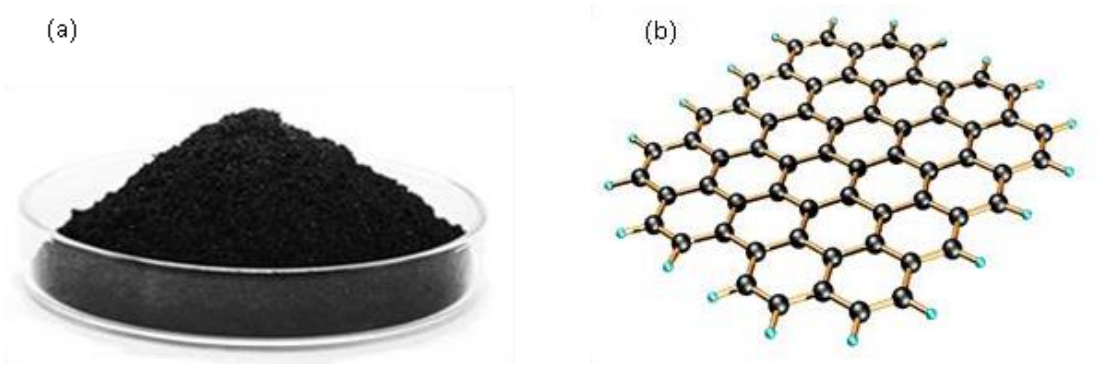


FIGURE 1.1: (A) PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAPHITE FLAKES AND (B) SCHEMATIC OF A GRAPHENE

On the other hand, graphene oxide (GO) is also one of the versatile materials in the category of two dimensional materials, known for its unique characteristics such as, distinctive two-dimensional structure, large surface area, diverse/abundant oxygen functional groups. Benjamin C. Brodie introduced GO in early 1859 during treatment of graphite with a mixture of potassium chlorate and fuming nitric acid and the obtained product was termed as graphite/graphitic oxide. After the discovery of graphene in 2004, GO has gained much lime light in view of its unique 2D structure, scalable synthesis and has been extensively explored by various researchers towards wide range of applications. The proportion of oxygen content and relative ratio of oxygen functionalities in a GO layer primarily depends upon various factors including, nature of precursor graphite, its particle size, choice of oxidizing agents, oxidation protocols and duration of oxidation reactions etc. GO has various applications, including in nanotechnology, electronics, energy storage, and biomedical fields due to its exceptional mechanical, electrical, and chemical properties.

1.2 GRAPHENE OXIDE STRUCTURE

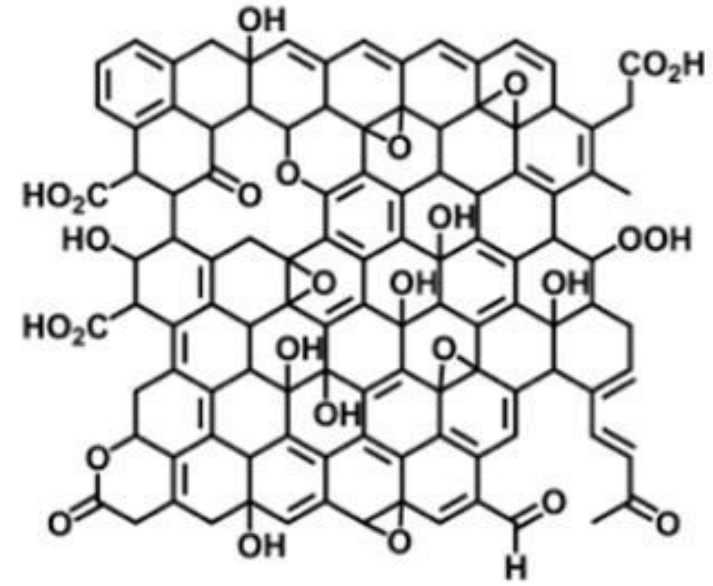


FIGURE. 1.2. SCHEMATIC OF A TYPICAL GO LAYER STRUCTURE

Owing to their distinctive morphological and structural characteristics, graphene and graphene oxide exhibit entirely different electrical, mechanical, and thermal properties. As said earlier, GO is a two-dimensional carbon compound with a single atomic layer thickess, has numerous oxygen-containing functional groups and display more complex structure, as compared to graphene. Among these functional groups, hydroxyl, carbonyl, epoxides and ether groups were reported to reside on the basal plane while, few hydroxyl and carboxylic acid groups are known to present at the edges of the GO layers (Fig. 1.2). Apart from these, numerous sp^2-C domains in the nanometer regime were also reported to be isolated within the sp^3 hybridized carbon matrix. Several structural models namely, Hoffman and Holst's model, Ruess's model, Scholz and Boehm's model, Nakajima and Matsuo's model and lerf and kilnowaski model were proposed on structure and stoichiometry of GO. Hoffman and Holst's model proposed the presence of epoxide groups alone on basal plane as well as at the edges of the GO layers. Further, Ruess proposed that GO layers contain epoxides along with hydroxyl groups in cyclohexano chair configuration of the sheet lattice structure. The structural model proposed by Scholz and Boehm suggested complete elimination of epoxide/ether

groups and substitution of quinoid species in a corrugated backbone and Nakajima and Matsuo model assumes GO as a lattice framework consisting of poly (dicarbonmonofluoride) [(CaF2)n] species. The most widely accepted structure for GO was introduced by Lerf and klinowaski, based on experimental evidences obtained from solid state nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) and high resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM), which emphasizes the presence of un-oxidized/unaltered sp^2-C domains on basal plane and oxidized functional group containing domains along with sp^3-C atoms in the GO lattice framework [D. R. Dreyer, et al 2010] .

1.3. GRAPHENE OXIDE SYNTHESIS

Synthesis of GO can be broadly classified into different methods based on the precursor materials and oxidation/experimental protocols employed during the synthesis. From the literature, three well established methods namely, Brodie, Staudenmaier and Hummers-Offeman methods were widely employed for the synthesis of GO where, each of these procedures successfully converts graphite into graphite oxide. As mentioned earlier, overall composition and structural properties of synthesized GO depends on synthesis conditions, in particular, the oxidizing/chemical reagents used in the process. In this perspective, GO synthesis procedures can be broadly classified into (i) chlorate and (ii) permanganate based approaches. Both these reagents are used for oxidation of graphite while, handing of chlorate based reagents during the synthesis was reported to be cumbersome and hazardous.On the other hand, usage of $KMnO_4$ along with sodium nitrate was reported to evade the hazardous experimental conditions and in view of unflustered protocols, Hummers-Offemen method has been one of the typically used synthesis approach by most of the scientific forum. In this method, a mixture of $NaNO_3$ along with $KMnO_4$ is added sequentially to graphite, followed by addition of sulphuric acid for oxidation of graphite as well as controlled exfoliation of layers and, addition of H_2O_2 in the synthesis solution at the later stage aids in removal of excess of manganate ions. Over the years, multiple improvement measures have been proposed to Hummer-Offeman method to achieve efficient GO synthesis [L.J. Cote, et al 2009].

1.4. STUDIES ON GO-Pb INTERACTIONS

Interaction among graphene oxide (GO) and lead (Pb^{2+}) ions is a subject of considerable interest due to its implications across multiple domains, particularly in environmental science, materials science, analytical chemistry and have been extensively investigated in view of their potential applications in various fields, including environmental remediation, catalysis and sensing applications. As said earlier, GO is a two-dimensional sp^2/sp^3-C containing material with abundant oxygen-containing functional groups, possesses a high surface area and reactivity. The oxygen-containing functional groups on the basal plane and edges of GO, such as hydroxyl and carboxyl groups can readily coordinate with lead ions through electrostatic interactions, complexation or chelation processes, resulting in the formation of surface complexes. In addition, the high surface area and porous structure of GO facilitate the accessibility of lead ions to various interaction sites, enhancing the efficiency of the lead ion adsorption process. Furthermore, the presence of oxygen functionalities can facilitate the reduction of lead ions to metallic lead, via transfer of electrons from the former groups, leading to the deposition of lead nanoparticles on the GO surface.

Adsorption of leadions onto GO layers can lead to changes in the GO electronic structure, interaction-induced modulation of GO band structure, charge distribution and large scale properties, such as conductivity and optical behavior. These changes in electronic properties can be exploited for various applications, including the development of sensors for lead detection, where the adsorption of lead ions onto GO triggers measurable changes in electrical conductivity or optical signals. Further, adsorption of lead ions onto GO layers may affect their aqueous dispersibility and colloidal stability, leading to the aggregation or exfoliation of graphene oxide sheets depending on the experimental conditions. Leadion adsorption over GO compounds also has potential for applications in pollutant removal, detection, serve as an effective means of removing these toxic pollutants from aqueous solutions, thereby mitigating environmental contamination. Overall, interactions among GO and lead ions is a complex phenomenon that encompasses various chemical and physical processes, offering opportunities for both fundamental research and practical applications in

diverse fields. The high adsorption capacity, rapid kinetics, and tunable surface properties of GO make it a promising adsorbent for the removal of heavy metal ions from wastewater and industrial effluents.

1.5. XYLENOL ORANGE (XO) AND XO-Pb ION INTERACTIONS

Xylenol orange ((3,3-bis [N,N-bis(carboxymethyl) aminomethyl]-ocresolsulfonephthalein tetrasodium sodium salt, XO), is most frequently employed organic reagent for visual detection of metals ions (M) and known to form thermodynamically stables M-XO complexes in aqueous solutions. XO is characterized by its vivid orange color in solution and its ability to form stable complexes with metal ions makes it particularly valuable in titration procedures where the endpoint of the reaction can be detected visually or using spectrophotometric methods. The mechanism of complex formation involves the coordination of the metal ion with the azo groups and the sulfonic acid groups of XO (Fig. 1.3), forming a stable complex with distinctive optical properties. Such chelating properties of XO enable it to form complexes with various metal ions, leading to color changes that can be easily observed and quantified. Absorption properties of XO are extremely sensitive to its chemical environment such as pH, temperature and the presence of other cations. One significant application of XO is in the determination of iron, aluminium, chromium in various samples, including environmental samples, biological fluids, and industrial process streams. Beyond its analytical applications, XO has also been explored for its potential in other areas such as sensor development and materials science. Its unique optical properties and metal ion responsiveness make it a promising candidate for designing sensors for detecting metal ions in solution. In addition, XO-based materials have been investigated for their potential use in areas like catalysis and ion exchange.

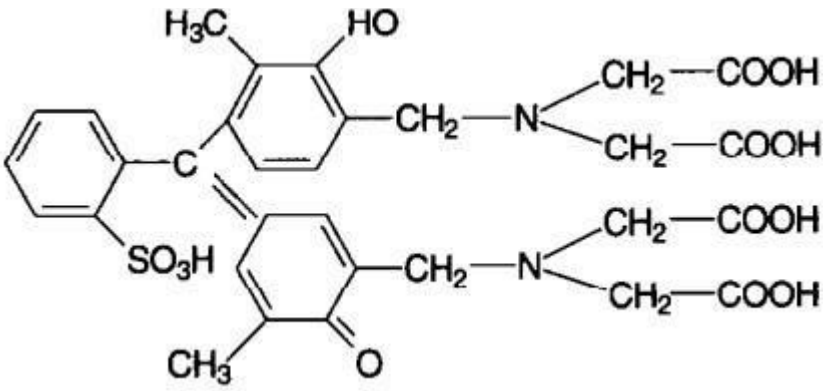


Figure. 1.3. Typical schematic of an XO molecule.

XO has been classically used in spectro-photometric methods for the determination of lead traces from aqueous solutions, where lead ions can react with XO to form a stable XO-Pb complex. XO is primarily a lead ion receptor and an efficient electron donor. Quantification of free lead ions using XO merely requires the preparation of a series of buffered solutions containing the indicator and increasing amounts of lead ions to construct a calibration curve for analysis by UV-Vis absorption spectroscopy. However, in a complicated mixture containing several cations, the selectivity of XO for lead ions may be questionable especially if these cations share similar properties with lead ions, and may therefore result in the same spectral changes upon coordination

1.6. NEED FOR LEAD ION SEPARATION

As said earlier, environmental pollution caused by heavy metals has been a bigger threat to human health, owing to their hazardous and carcinogenic characteristics. Apart from various industrial wastes discussed earlier, three primary sources for lead exposure to children are (a) lead in the air from leaded gasoline (b) dust from the destruction of the lead-based paint at home (c) lead in soil with a geochemical and anthropological origin. Numerous efforts have been devoted in elimination such contaminants from aqueous streams as well as other environmental systems. Lead ion presence is one such heavy metal contamination that comes from both natural and man-made sources. As per the WHO reports, Lead ion concentrations in drinking water must be limited to 0.015 mg/L, which otherwise may eventually cause major health

issues such as renal disease, cancer, anemia, and mental retardation in human beings. Further, elevated content of lead in the human body is responsible for changes in the immunobiological properties of the genetic apparatus and thermoregulation and blood-circulation disturbances. These effects of lead exposure in children are much higher, and especially have irreparable effects on the IQ levels. In humans, about 20–80% and 5–15% of lead are absorbed through inhalation and ingestion inorganic lead while, conventional analytical methods for lead ion detection such as, atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS), inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS), electrochemical methods often require sophisticated equipment and trained personnel with high operational cost, making it difficult for real time and on-site monitoring of lead. Recently, there is much global tendency to reduce the consumption of lead-containing products and numerous investigations were carried in the direction of developing efficient methods to reduce the level of lead in the environment for preventing its adverse effects [M. Ghorbani, et al 2020].

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 SYNTHESIS OF GRAPHENE OXIDE (GO):

[Zhao, et.al., (2011)] have mentioned that Graphene oxide (GO) was synthesized from graphite using the modified Hummers method and characterized by various techniques. The prepared GO was used to adsorb Pb(II) ions from aqueous solutions. The adsorption was found to be dependent on pH values and independent of ionic strength. The adsorption was mainly dominated by strong surface complexation. The maximum adsorption capacities of Pb(II) ions on GO were calculated to be about 842, 1150, and 1850 mg g-1 at 293, 313, and 333 K, respectively. The GO had the highest adsorption capacities of today's nanomaterials. The adsorption of Pb(II) ions on GO was a spontaneous and endothermic process

2.2 METHODS OF SYNTHESIS OF GRAPHENE OXIDE (GO):

[Raghubanshi, et.al.,] (2016) has explained that Lead ions are highly toxic contaminants that pose severe risks to human health and the environment. Graphene oxides (GOs) were produced using different methods to study their properties. Various tests like XRD, SEM, TEM, AFM, FTIR, TGA, and Raman spectroscopy were conducted to characterize the GOs. These GOs were then used to remove lead ions from water. The adsorption process showed that higher initial lead ion concentrations led to increased adsorption, with a maximum of 120 mg/g at 60 mg/L. The adsorption followed a pseudo-second-order kinetic model, indicating GO's potential as an effective adsorbent for lead ion removal from aqueous solutions.

2.3 NANOSTRUCTURES OF GRAPHENE OXIDE via HIGH-ENERGY ELECTRON BEAM

[Bai et.al., (2016)] mentioned that High-energy electron beam irradiation can be used to synthesize graphene oxide (GO) with controllable oxygen content. The oxygen-containing groups in GO increase with higher irradiation dosages, which can enhance

its adsorption capacity for heavy metals like Pb(II). The adsorption process is fast and affected by factors such as contact time, pH, and initial lead ion concentration, but not by ionic strength. This makes irradiated GO with controllable oxygen content a promising material for environmental cleanup, particularly for treating cationic metal ions.

Additionally, e-beam irradiation can be used to fabricate high-resolution graphene nanostructures with controllable size and location, which have potential applications in nanoelectronics and other fields. However, the high-energy e-beam can be detrimental to high-quality graphene formation due to electronic scattering effects, and a copper substrate can be beneficial for synthesizing single or small layers of graphene due to its catalytic effect and excellent conductivity.

2.4 INTERACTION OF LEAD (Pb) AND OTHER HEAVY METALS WITH GRAPHENE OXIDE (GO):

[Elgengehia, et.al., (2019)] presented A study that investigates how cadmium (Cd) and lead (Pb) interact with graphene and graphene oxide (GO) surfaces using specific computational methods. It highlights the importance of including long-range dispersion and basis set superposition error in understanding these interactions. Cd and Pb adatoms show stronger adsorption on GO due to oxygen functional groups present, particularly forming covalent bonds with Pb. This research suggests potential implications for water treatment using graphene-based materials, emphasizing the role of oxygen functional groups in enhancing the adsorption of Cd and Pb on GO surfaces

2.5 PVK-GO NANOCOMPOSITE FOR REMOVING HEAVY METALS FROM WATER:

[Musico, et.al., (2013)] has explained that Poly(N-vinylcarbazole) (PVK) and graphene oxide (GO) were combined to create a PVK-GO nanocomposite for removing heavy metals from water. X-ray photoelectron microscopy and infrared spectroscopy confirmed the even distribution of GO in the nanocomposite. The nanocomposite's ability to adsorb Pb2+ increased with higher GO content due to more oxygen-containing groups. pH levels affected Pb2+ adsorption, with higher pH enhancing adsorption capacity. The PVK-GO nanocomposite achieved a maximum Pb2+ adsorption capacity

of 887.98 mg/g, following the Langmuir model. Optimal performance was at a 10:90 wt% ratio of PVK:GO, pH 7 ± 0.5, and a 90-minute contact time. This nanocomposite is highly efficient, indicating its effectiveness in heavy metal removal from water.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

AIM:

To remove Pb ions from aqueous systems using Graphene oxide and Xylenol orange composite.

SCOPE:

The objective of this study is to remove toxic Pb ion from an aqueous system using Graphene oxide and Xylenol orange composite by adsorption method.In this work, lead ions were removed from aqueous samples utilizing the adsorption procedure with graphene oxide (GO) and its composites with xylenol orange (XO) as adsorbents. Though their nanocomposites were rarely investigated for the removal of lead ions from water and wastewater samples, these precursor materials (GO and XO) are frequently used in their pure form for the removal of lead ions. The interaction between lead ions was investigated in the current work using various compositions of GO and XO dispersions/solutions. For these sorbents, the lead ion removal efficiency of precursors and composites as well as the adsorption process of lead ion removal in aqueous samples were compared.

CHAPTER 4

EXPERIMENTAL

4.1 MATERIALS AND METHOD:

The list of chemicals used for the synthesis of GO are graphite powder (50 mesh), sodium nitrate ($NaNO_3$), potassium permanganate ($KMnO_4$), and sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4).

4.2 SYNTHESIS OF GO

In the present work, the synthesis of GO was carried out by adopting the modified Hummers Offeman method [W.S. Hummers Jr,et al 1958]. In this procedure, 0.5 g of graphite powder was added to 0.5 g of $NaNO_3$ in a round bottom (RB) flask and stirred continuously under ice bath/~0° C temperature conditions for 5 min. In the next step, 23 mL of concentrated H_2SO_4 (98%) was slowly added to the above-said mixture, and the solution was left under stirring for the next 5 min. To this solution, 3 g of $KMnO_4$ was added slowly and the solution was left under stirring for next 5 min, where the formation of a green color suspension was observed. This suspension along with the RB flask was shifted to a silicon oil bath, where the temperature was maintained at 35 °C for one hour. At the end of this heating step, 40 mL ultra-filtered de-ionized water was added drop by drop (for 5 min) to the suspension, where light pink fumes start appearing in the RB flask and the colour of suspension changes from green to brown at end of water addition. The temperature of the suspension was raised to suspension to yellow orange colour. Flow chart of GO synthesis procedure used 90 °C slowly over a time span of 30-35 min. After attaining the required temperature (~90 °C), 100 ml of ultra-filtered de ionized water was added drop by drop (for 10 min) to the suspension and heater was switched off to reduce the temperature of suspension to the range of 55-60 °C. 3 mL of 30 % H2O2 was slowly added to the suspension, which turns the synthesized GO in the present work and as-synthesized GO dispersion obtained after synthesis are shown in Fig. 4.1.

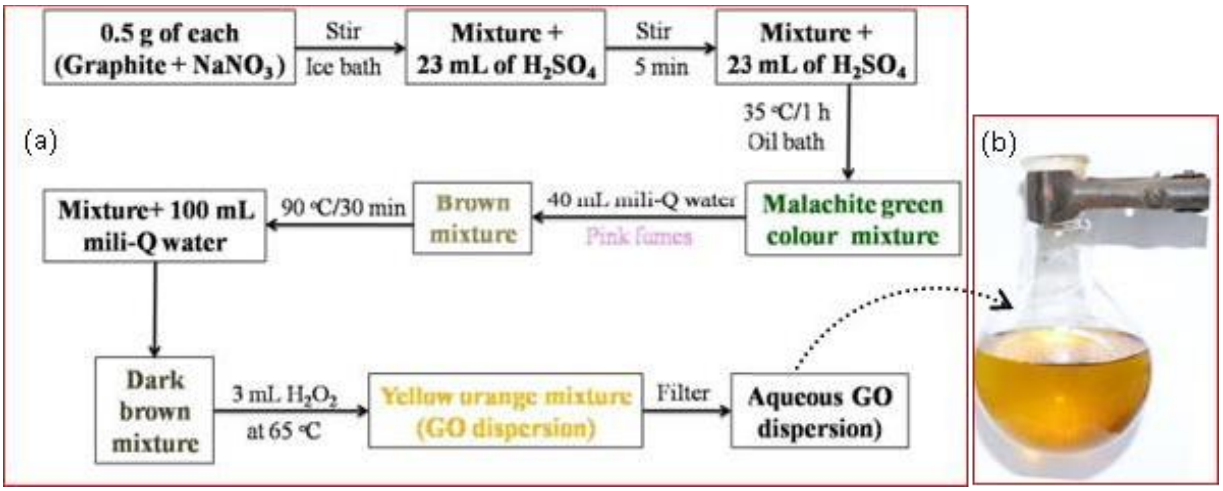


Figure. 4.1. (a) Flow chart of GO synthesis procedure used in the present work and (b) photograph of as-synthesized GO dispersion.

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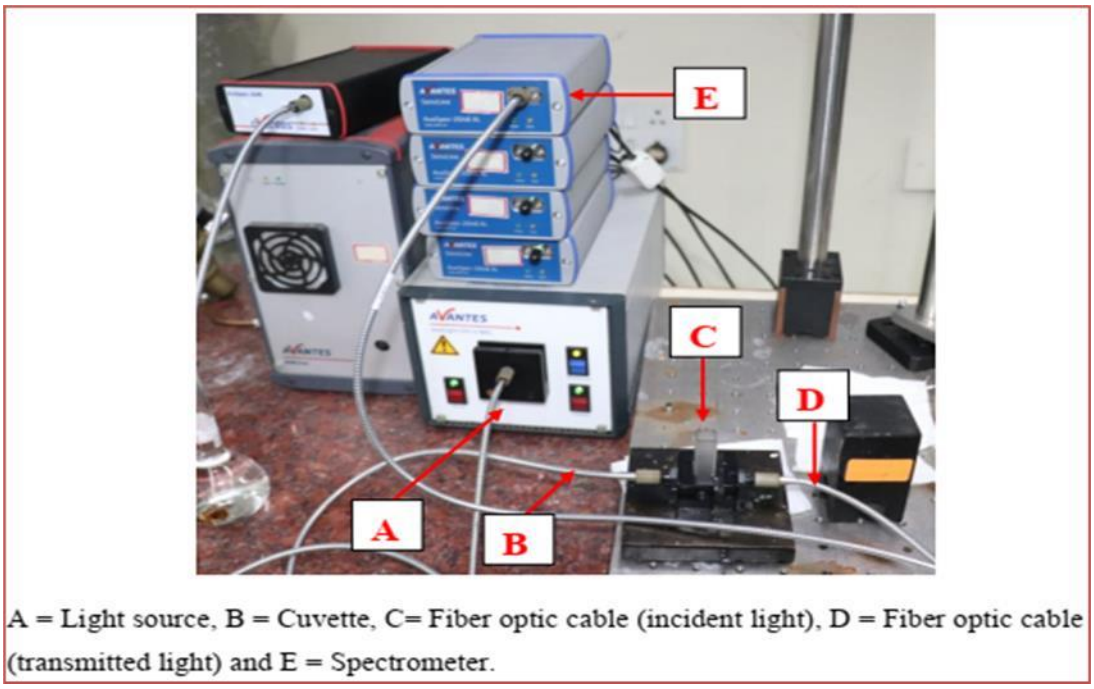
4.3 CHARACTERIZATION STUDIES

As stated earlier, the spectroscopic properties of synthesized GO platelets, XO solution, and GO-XO composite solutions were examined using ultra-violet absorption spectroscopy (UV-Vis absorption) spectroscopy. Further, the Pb adsorption ability of pristine GO, GO-XO composites was evaluated by estimating the concentrations of Pb in feed and stirred solutions using 'inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectrometry' (ICP OES)

4.4 UV-VISIBLE ABSORPTION SPECTRUM

Ultraviolet-visible absorption spectroscopy is a non-destructive characterization technique (for solid, liquid, and gas phase samples) and one of the direct methods for determining the concentration of investigating material. The spectra recorded using an

absorption spectrometer provide both qualitative as well as quantitative estimation of the species and assist in the analysis physical and electronic structures of a variety of organic and inorganic species. In the present work, absorption spectra of aqueous GO dispersions, XO solutions, GO-XO, XO-Pb composite solutions and changes in their absorption characteristics after post-interaction treatments were analyzed using M/s Avanta AvaSpec make UV-Vis absorption spectrophotometer.



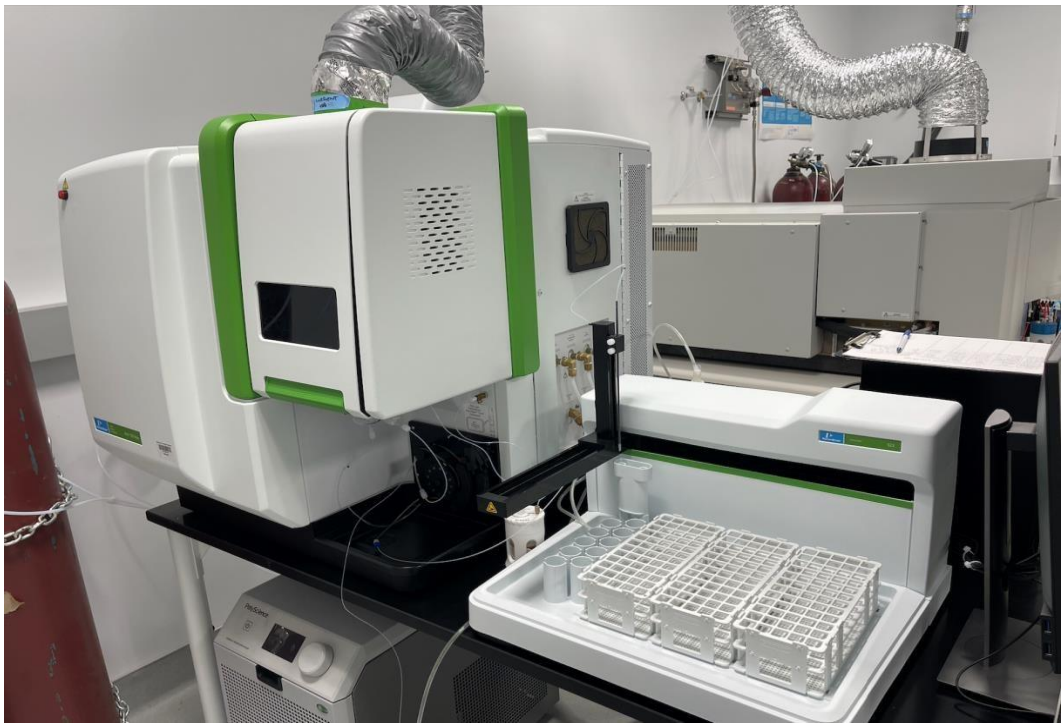
A = Light source, B = Cuvette, C= Fiber optic cable (incident light), D = Fiber optic cable (transmitted light) and E = Spectrometer.

Figure. 4.2. Photograph of UV-Vis absorption spectrometer

Figure 4.2 shows the photograph ofAvaSpec-2048 model spectrophotometer which consists of two light sources i.e. Deuterium (190-400 nm)/Halogen lamp (360-2500 nm) (A), fiber optic cables for incident light (B), cuvette (C), fiber optic cables for transmitted light (D) andspectrometer (E). The instrument has a resolution of 1 nm, with wavelength accuracy of ± 0.5 nm. 2084 pixel CCD array detectors were used to measure the transmitted light from the sample and convert it into a signal, where the generated data is stored in the computer and produces the characteristic spectrum. In the present case, absorbance spectra absorption spectra of aqueous GO dispersions, XO solutions, GO-XO, and XO-Pb composite solutions were recorded using a quartz cuvette of 1 cm path length in the wavelength range of 200-700 nm, under ambient conditions.

4.5 Inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectrometry (ICP OES)

Inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectrometry (ICP OES) is a powerful analytical tool for the determination of metals. It is simple, fast and inexpensive due to its high sensitivity and versatility, and it can be used to analyse multiple elements. In the present work, the analysis of Pb concentrations in feed and stirred compositions was analyzed by using an ICP-OES (Ametek, Spectro Arcos GmBH, Germany).



4.6 GO AND Pb INTERACTION STUDIES:

For Pb studies, aqueous Pb solutions of different concentrations were subjected to interactions with GO platelets of different weights, and XO solutions of different concentrations, and the changes in Pb concentrations were analyzed time to time to estimate the adsorption capacity of these materials. All the interaction studies were carried out at constantrpm conditions (~600 rpm) and interaction process typically completes 30-120 min. The Pb adsorption ability of pristine GO and GO-XO composite were evaluated by analyzing the concentrations of Pb in feed and stirred solutions using ICP-OES and the Pb removal efficiencies were calculated using,

$$R\% = \frac{Ci - Cf}{Cf} \times 100$$

where Ci and Cf are the initial and final concentrations of Pb in the feed and stirred solutions (µg/mL). After stirring of Pb solutions along with GO platelets or XO solutions, these solutions were left idle adequately for settlement of GO platelets, and supernatant was collected to analyse Pb concentrations.

CHAPTER 5

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Pb ADSORPTION AT GRAPHENE OXIDE-XYLENOL ORANGE COMPOSITES

5.1. CHARACTERIZATION OF GO

The chemical composition and absorption characteristics of synthesized GO dispersion were studied using UV-Vis absorption spectroscopy and the typical spectrum is shown in Fig. 3.1(a). The absorption spectrum of aqueous GO dispersion (Fig. 3.1(a)) displays a prominent absorption peak at ~232 nm due to π-π* transitions of C=C in the sp^2-C domains [7]. Apart from this a prominent absorption peak has also been observed at ~264 nm, which may be attributed to the electronic transitions arising from ground states σ and л orbitals of HOMO to LUMO associated with triplet carbenes. Presence of these absorption humps confirms the formation GO layers in the dispersion and infers their absorption characteristics.

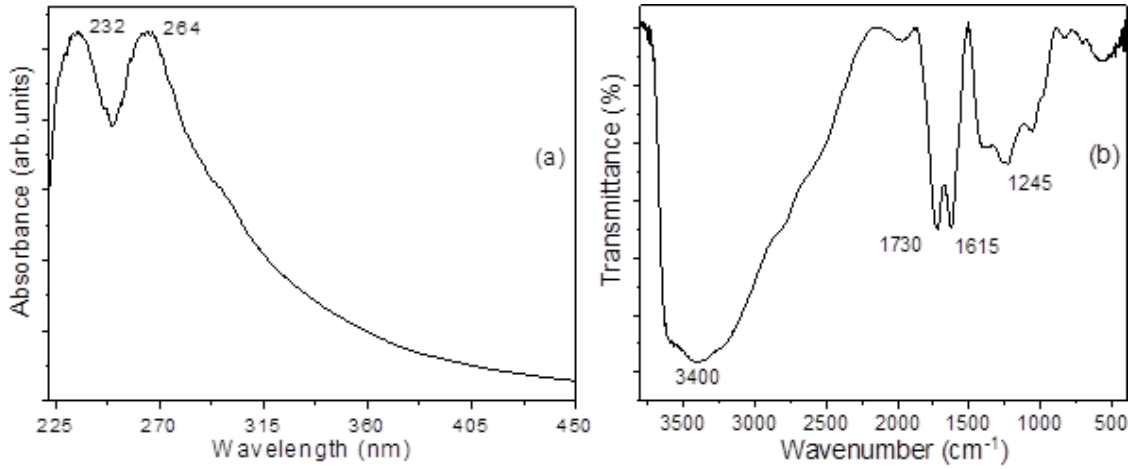


Figure. 5.1. (a) UV-Visible absorption and (b) FT-IR spectra of as-synthesized

The typical FT-IR spectrum of as-synthesized GO platelets, recorded in the range of 3800–400 cm^{-1} is shown in Fig. 3.1(b). These vibrational features can be broadly categorized into various GO characteristic regions including, (a) a broad band region in the range of 3600–2600 cm^{-1} (hydroxyl (-OH) groups), (b) peak in the range of 1740–1710 cm^{-1} (carbonyls (C=O) associated with carboxylic (-COOH) groups), (c)

peak ranging from 1600–1570 cm^{-1} (carbonyls (C=O)), a broad band in the range of 1300–1000 cm^{-1} (epoxide (C-O-C)/ether (C-O) groups) [8]. The peak at ~1615 cm^{-1} may be attributed to -OH deformation or scissoring modes of adsorbed water molecules of GO. The presence of these vibrational features confirms the generation of various oxygen functional groups duringGO synthesis and infers about their chemical composition.

5.2 ABSORPTION FEATURES OF XO:

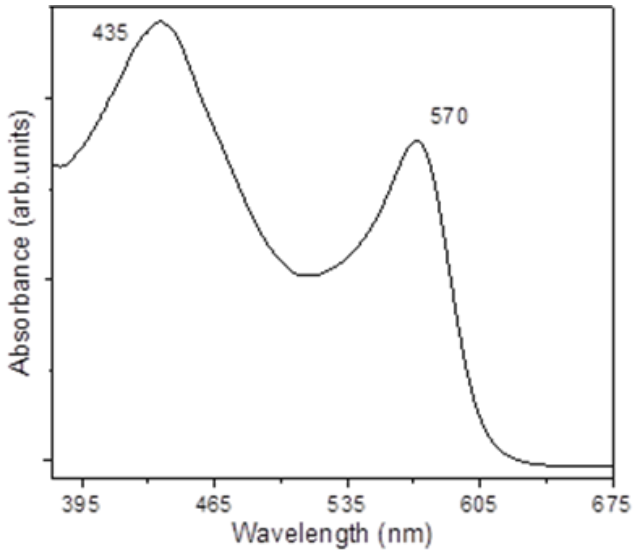


Figure. 5.2. Typical UV-Vis absorption spectrum of xylenol orange solution.

Fig. 5.2 shows typical absorption spectrum of xylenol orange solution, which shows two prominent peaks at ~435 nm and ~570 nm. XO can be represented by the symbolic formula H_6L showing the presence of six ionisable hydrogens. In the absence of metal ions, XO can adopt several possible forms depending on the pH of ambience. In addition XO can acquire up to three positive charges. In acidic ambience, protonation of nitrogen atoms, one hydroxyl group and three carboxylic acid groups of the iminodiacetate arms of XO can occur, where the latter protonation have no effect on the color change of XO and absorption maximum remains at ~435 nm. At a pH of 6.5 another peak appears at ~580 nm, which becomes prominent by pH 7.0, and at pH 8, the colour then changes to red and hence in alkaline solutions the absorption peak is at 580 nm [M.B. Gholivand, et al 1998].

5.3 XO-Pb INTERACTION STUDIES:

The absorption features of XO are known to change with the variation in pH of the solution and metal ion complexation. Various anion-exchange resins modified with XO were proposed for the adsorption as well as spectrophotometric determination of a number of metals, including lead ions. Fig. 5.3(a) shows the changes in absorption features of XO with uptake of lead ion concentrations in the range of 10-100 µg/mL. It may be observed that the absorbance of peak at ~435 nm remains nearly same with increase of lead ion concentration, while that of ~570 nm reduces monotonously. Fig. 5.3(b) shows the linear fit of the changes in absorbance with increase of lead ion concentration. As stated earlier, XO can be used in spectro-photometric methods for the determination of lead traces from aqueous solutions and the linear relation observed in Fig. 5.3(b) reiterates the above inference on formation of a stable XO-Pb complex. Quantification of free lead ions using XO requires the preparation of a series of buffered solutions containing the indicator and increasing amounts of lead ions to construct a calibration curve for analysis by UV-Vis absorption spectroscopy.

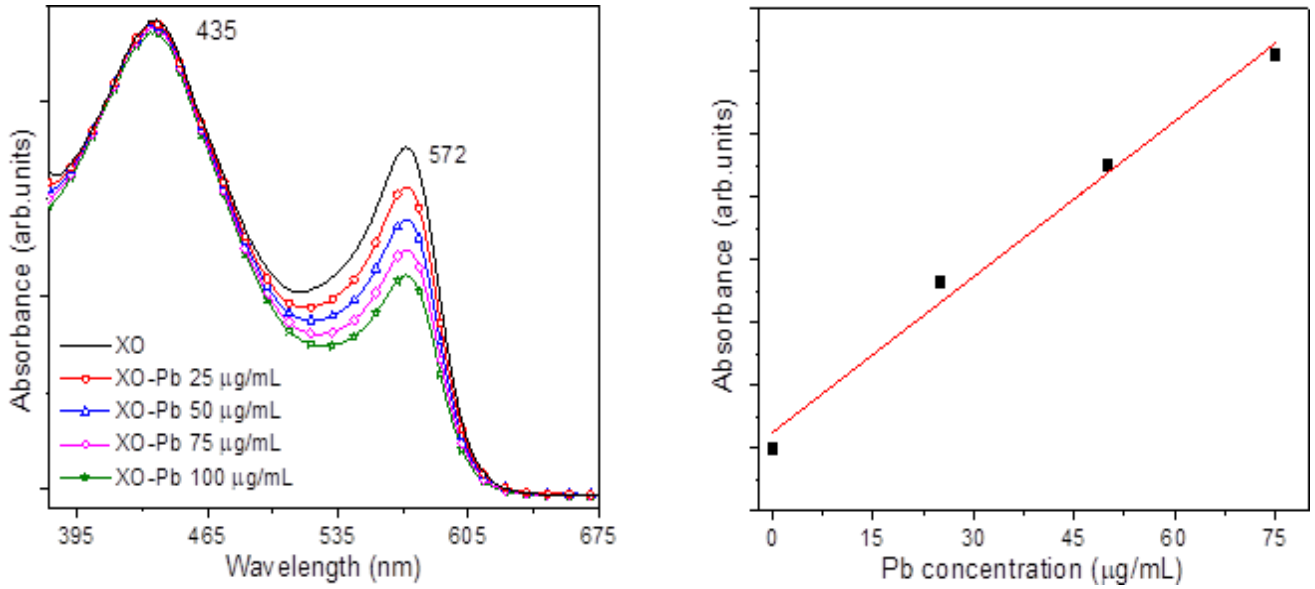


Figure. 5.3. (a) Changes in the absorption spectrum of xylenol orange with Pb concentration and (b) linear fit of the absorption changes with lead ion

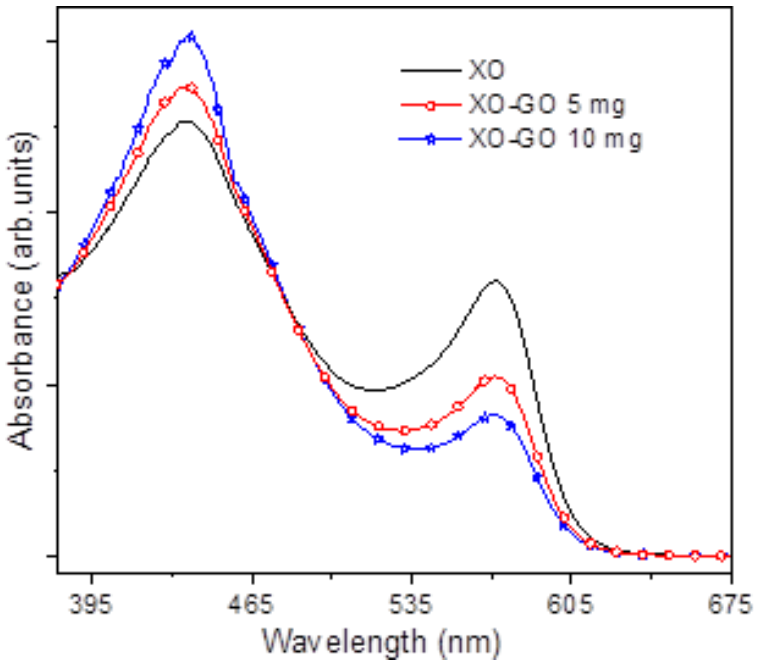


Figure. 5.4. Changes in the absorption spectrum of xylenol orange with Graphene oxide platelet

5.4. GO-XO INTERACTION STUDIES

As stated earlier, the absorption features of XO also changes with the variation of ambience of the interacting environment and complexation. Fig. 3.4 shows the changes in absorption features of XO after interaction with GO platelets of different weights. It may be observed that while the absorbance at ~570 nm reduce with the increase of GO weight, contrast changes in absorbance values were seen at 435 nm peak. XO possess the highest density of electron-donating groups revealed the strongest sensitivity to GO functionalities and expected to display enhanced electrostatic interactions. Earlier, GO layers were reported to for substantial removal efficiency towards xylenol orange, owing to strong sensitivity, interactions with negatively charged GO sheets and XO zeta potential of ~-10.9 mV [10]. Reduction of the absorbance at ~570 nm and enhancement of 435 nm peak suggest XO interactions at both ionizable hydroxyl and carboxylic acid functional groups, whose density enhances with increase with increase of GO platelet weight.

5.5. Pb ADSORPTION STUDIES

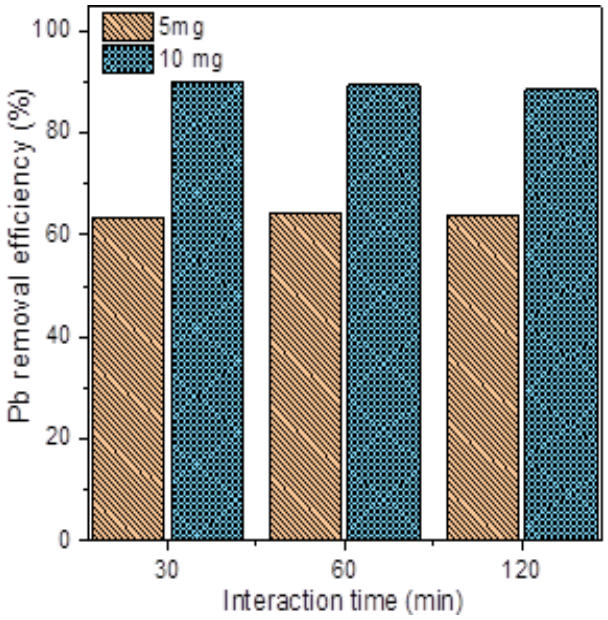


Figure. 5.5. Pb removal efficiency of differently weighing GO platelets as a function of interaction time

To examine the feasibility of GO-Pb^{2+} ion interaction and repercussions of changing GO platelet weight on Pb removal efficiency fro aqueous solution, adsorption studies were carried with two different weights of GO platelets namely, 5 mg and 10 mg. These GO platelets were stirred in aqueous Pb solution of ~100 µg/mL at ~600 rpm for different durations in the range of 30-120 min. Fig. 5.5 shows the changes in Pb removal efficiencies of these GO plates as a function of interaction time, Firstly, the 5 mg GOP platelet was able to adsorb ~60% of feed Pb concentration in first 30 min and the extent of adsorption remains nearly the same thereafter. With increase GO platelet weight to ~10 mg, the Pb adsorption efficiency was found to enhance to ~90%. Even at this GO weight, no substantial changes were observed with change GO-Pb interaction time. As stated earlier, interaction among GO and Pb^{2+} ions occurs at abundant and reactive oxygen functional groups, in particular at hydroxyl and carboxyl groups via electrostatic interactions and form surface complexes. Even at limited 5 mg GO mass, owing to high surface area, abundant reactive oxygen functional groups and porous structure of GO platelet, it could facilitate the accessibility of Pb^{2+} ions to various interaction sites and

display Pb adsorption efficiency of ~60%. With availability of enhanced functionalities upon raising GO platelet weight, the Pb adsorption efficiency enhanced to ~90%.

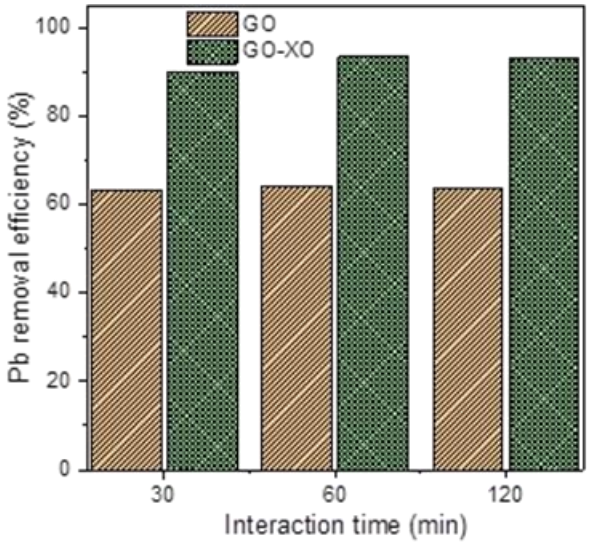


Figure. 5.6. Pb removal efficiency of GO and GO-XO platelets (5 mg) as a function of interaction time.

To evaluate the repercussions of GO-XO composite formation of Pb adsorption efficiency, composite platelets of 5 mg were stirred in aqueous Pb solution of ~100 µg/mL for different duration (in the range of 30–120 min), along with those of precursor GO platelets. It may be noted that precursor GO platelets were intercalated in aqueous XO solution of ~100 µg/mL for 120 min. The intercalated GO platelets were washed adequately for removal of physisorbed XO molecules. Further, these GO-XO platelets were sufficiently dried and subjected to stirring in aqueous Pb solution for evaluation of their Pb adsorption efficiency. Fig. 5.6 shows the changes in Pb removal efficiencies of these GO and GO-XO plates of 5 mg weight, as a function of interaction time, As stated earlier, 5 mg precursor GO platelet was able to absorb ~60% of feed Pb concentration in first 30 min and the extent of adsorption remains nearly the same thereafter. With formation of GO-XO composite, the Pb adsorption efficiency was found to enhance to ~90%. Even after composite formation, no substantial changes were observed with change GO-XO-Pb interaction time. Interaction among GO and Pb^{2+} ions occurs via electrostatic interactions at abundant hydroxyl and carboxyl groups and with generation

of additional functional groups after GO-XO interactions, the Pb adsorption efficiency appears to enhance up to ~90%.

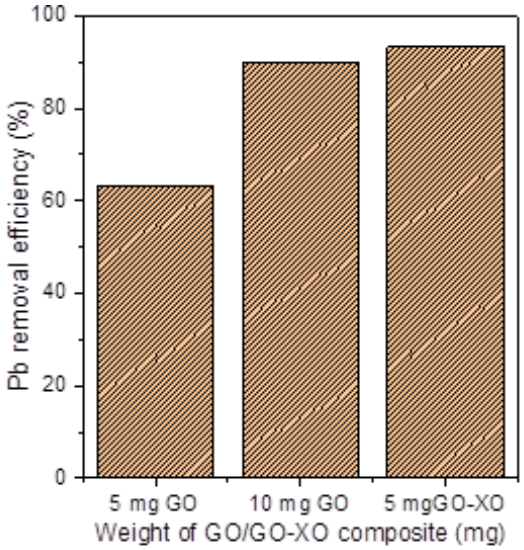


Figure. 5.7. Comparison of Pb removal efficiencies of GO and GO-XO

Fig. 5.7 provides the comparison of Pb removal efficiencies of GO platelets of different weight and after XO composite formation. As stated earlier, owing to availability of abundant reactive oxygen functional groups, GO platelets of even at limited 5 mg GO mass could display Pb adsorption efficiency of ~60%. Enhancement of such reactive functionalities can be facilitated either by increasing GO mass of subjecting to XO intercalation. While in former case, increase in abundance hydroxyl and carboxyl functional groups enhance the Pb adsorption efficiency of GO platelets, the change in nature of interacting functional groups offer the enhancement in Pb adsorption efficiency of composite platelets at very limited weight of 5 mg itself. The corresponding absorption spectra (Fig. 3.4), where reduction of the absorbance at ~570 nm and enhancement of 435 nm peak was observed upon GO-XO interactions also reiterate the ionization of hydroxyl and carboxylic acid functional groups and enhancement in their density with variation of GO-XO composition. In conclusion, present work, graphene oxide (GO) and its composites with xylenol orange (XO) were used as adsorbents to remove lead ions from aqueous samples using the adsorption process. Multiple compositions of GO and XO dispersions/solutions were examined for interaction

between lead ions. The lead ion removal efficiency of precursors and composites, adsorption mechanism of lead ion removal in aqueous samples for these sorbents were compared.

CONCLUSION

In this work, graphene oxide (GO) and its composites with xylenol orange (XO) were used as adsorbents to remove lead ions from aqueous samples using the adsorption process. These precursor materials (GO and XO) are often used in a pure form for the removal of lead ions, but their nanocomposites were rarely explored for the removal of lead ions from water and wastewater samples. In the present work, multiple compositions of GO and XO dispersions/solutions were examined for interaction between lead ions. The lead ion removal efficiency of precursors and composites, and the adsorption mechanism of lead ion removal in aqueous samples for these sorbents were compared.

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ABSTRACT

With the serious impact of fossil fuels on the environment and the rapid development of the global economy, the development of clean and usable energy storage devices has become one of the most important themes of sustainable development in the world today. Supercapacitors are a new type of green energy storage device, with high power density, long cycle life, wide temperature range, and both economic and environmental advantages. In many industries, they have enormous application prospects. Electrode materials are an important factor affecting the performance of supercapacitors. Metal-oxide based materials are widely investigated forsupercapacitors because of their high theoretical capacitance, good chemical stability, low cost, and environmental friendliness. To achieve high specific capacitance and high-rate capability, the current best solution is to use Al_2O_4 and carbon composite as g-C_3N_4materials. Herein, g-C_3N_4@$NiAl_2O_4$ composite as supercapacitor electrode materials are reviewed including the synthesis method and structural information characterized by X-ray diffractometer respectively. Electrochemical studies were also conducted on the samples to assess their performance for supercapacitor applications. This work describes comprehensively electrochemical performances and achievements of Al_2O_4 and its nanocomposite as electrode materials for supercapacitors will be surely be beneficial for further research designing high performance supercapacitor devices.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CV- CYCLIC VOLTAMMETRY

GCD- GALVANOSTATIC CHARGE-DISCHARGE

EIS- ELECTROCHEMICAL IMPEDANCE SPECTROSCOPY

SEM -SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

EDLC- ELECTROCHEMICAL DOUBLE-LAYER CAPACITORS

PVA- POLYVINYL ALCOHOL

PVDF- POLYVINYLIDENE FLUORIDE

NMP-N-METHYLPYRROLIDONE

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Energy:

Energy is defined as the ability to do work. Energy can be found in many things and can take different forms. For example, kinetic energy is the energy of motion, and potential energy is energy due to an object's position or structure.Energy is never lost, but it can be converted from one form to another. It may existin potential, kinetic, thermal, electrical, chemical, nuclear, or other various forms. There are, moreover, heat and work—i.e., energy in the process of transfer from one body to another[1]. Energy is found in different forms, such as light, heat, sound,and motion. Thomas Young first introduced the word “energy” to the field of physicsin 1800, but the word did not gain popularity. Young later established the wavenature of light through interference experiments. The related term “work” was definedin 1828/29 by Gustave Gaspard de Coriolis and Jean-Victor Poncelet[2].

1.2. Types of energy:

1.2.1. Mechanical Energy: Mechanical energy is energy that results from movement or the location of an object. Mechanical energy is the sum of kinetic energy and potential energy. *Examples:* An object possessing mechanical energyhas both kinetic and potential energy, although the energy of one of the forms may be equal to zero.

1.2.2. Thermal Energy: Thermal energy or heat energy reflects the temperature difference between two systems. *Example:* A cup of hot coffee has thermal energy. You generate heat and have thermal energy with respect to your environment

1.2.3. Nuclear Energy

Nuclear energy is energy resulting from changes in the atomic nuclei or from nuclear reactions. *Example:* Nuclear fission, nuclear fusion, and nuclear decay are examples of nuclear energy. An atomic detonation or power from a nuclear plant is specific examples of this type of energy.

1.2.4. Chemical Energy

Chemical energy results from chemical reactions between atoms or molecules. There are different types of chemical energy, such as electrochemical energy and chemiluminescence. *Example:* A good example of chemical energy is an electrochemical cell or battery.

1.2.5. Electromagnetic Energy

Electromagnetic energy (or radiant energy) is energy from light or electromagnetic waves. *Example:* Any form of light has electromagnetic energy, including parts of the spectrum we can't see. Radio, gamma rays, x-rays, microwaves, and ultraviolet light are some examples of electromagnetic energy[3].

1.3. Supercapacitors:

Supercapacitors are used to store energy and are useful to some extent compared with batteries. The flexibility of supercapacitors, the materials used for the electrode and electrolyte, and the charge storage process all govern supercapacitor performance. In order to address the problems related to the high consumption of unsustainable fossil fuels, the development of new economical and environmentally friendly energy sources is critical.17,18 However, energy storage resources are not sufficient for large storage. As a result, there has been a growing interest in high- power and high-energy-density storage systems[4].

1.4. Types of supercapacitors:

- Electrochemical double-layer capacitor.
- Pseudocapacitor
- Hybrid capacitor

1.4.1. Electrochemical Double-Layer Capacitors (EDLCs)

These capacitors store energy electrostatically. An EDLC has no dielectric. There are two electrodes and an electrolyte. In a conventional capacitor C ¼ e0era =d: ð1Þ Experimentally, capacitance can be calculated from the difference for the relation C ¼ T= R ð2Þ where C is the capacitance, e0 and er are the absolute permittivity for

air and permittivity of the dielectric medium used between the two plates, a is the area of the electrodes, d is the distance between two electrodes, R is resistance, and T is the time taken to discharge the capacitor. According to Eq. 1, capacitance is proportional to the surface area of the electrodes and inversely proportional to the gap between the electrodes. Therefore, if a material has a large surface area, it generates large capacitance. The materials used in the fabrication of the electrode play an important role in achieving high capacitance. Activated carbon structure of capacitors: (a) dry capacitor, (b) electrolytic capacitor, (c) supercapacitor Sharma and Kumar is has become an important electrode material given its large surface area, which enables the EDLC to achieve high capacitance. Absorption and desorption of ions on the surface layers contribute to charge and discharge. The highsurface-to-volume ratio arises from the porosity. The pore size should be roughly twice the ion size to allow coverage of the pore walls. There is no relationship between the specific surface area and the specific capacitance. Therefore, an increase in surface area with increased pore size does not mean that the capacitance will also increase. When voltage is applied to the electrodes, ions migrate to the surface of the double layer, and the capacitor is charged. Conversely, ions are repelled when discharging a capacitor. This is how the EDLC charges and discharges. In the electrolyte solution, ions are diffused through the membrane or layer into the pores of the electrode having an opposite charge. However, the electrode prevents the recombination of positive and negative charges, as shown in . Thus, charge is generated on both electrodes[5]. The double layers are joined, resulting in increased surface area and reduced distance between electrodes, permitting EDLCs to achieve much greater strength density than conventional capacitors.15, 16. The performance of a supercapacitor depends on the type of electrolyte. Aqueous and organic electrolytes are typically used. The choice depends on the electrodes and charge collectors.

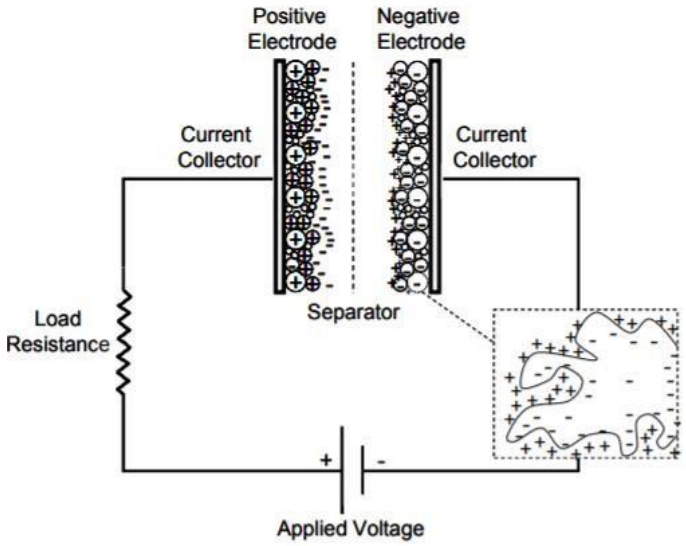


Fig: 1.1 Electrochemical Double-Layer Capacitors

1.4.2. Pseudocapacitor

The performance of a supercapacitor depends on two types of energy storage: electrostatic attraction and faradaic reactions. In this capacitor, a transition metal oxide or conducting polymer is used as electrode material. These capacitors can store energy faradaically through the transfer of charges. These faradaic processes also permit pseudocapacitors to achieve much higher capacitance and electric current density than EDLCs. Electrodes with pseudocapacitance are able to increase on charging and shrink on discharging, which is the main reason for poor mechanical stability and short cycle life in capacitors. The need to develop high-energy supercapacitors while maintaining high power and long cycle life has given rise to numerous reports on the combination of rechargeable batteries and supercapacitors for creating electrode materials with new reaction mechanisms for ultrafast charge/discharge and high performance. Through the physical control of electrode materials, scientists have discovered the existence of a pseudocapacitance contribution in some electrode materials for metal-ion batteries, which is referred to as intercalation pseudocapacitance[5]. There are two types of materials used in a pseudocapacitor to store energy: conducting polymers and metal oxides.

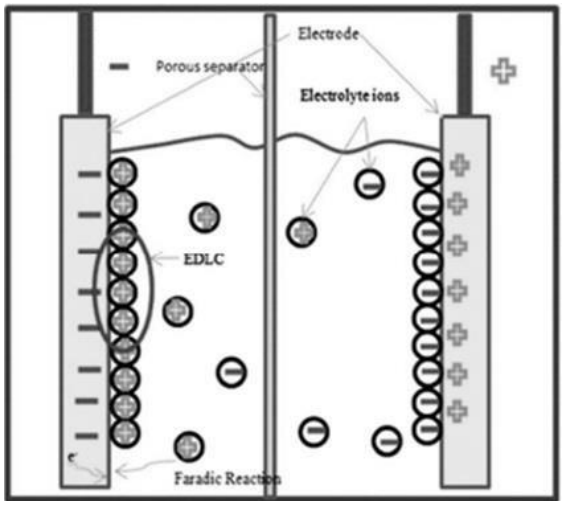


Fig :1.2 Pseudocapacitor

1.4.3. Hybrid capacitor

Hybrids are distinguished by their constant electrical features at high frequency. Hybrid capacitors combine the properties of EDLCs and pseudocapacitors in one device, which can use both faradaic and non-faradaic processes. They also have higher energy and power density than EDLCs. These capacitors are made of irregular electrodes. Lithium-ion capacitors are a good example of a hybrid capacitor. A and Li+ are the two ions in the electrolyte for charging and discharging (reaction). Most studies thus far in Russia have used nickel and lead oxides as materials for electrodes with positive charge. Activated carbon material is generally used for the fabrication of negative electrodes. Negative carbon electrode material is thicker than that of the positive battery-like electrode, because the capacity per unit volume of the carbon to store the charge is significantly lower than that of the positive electrode material. Hybrid capacitors fabricated in Russia are large, with relatively thick electrodes, and can achieve capacitance of 3000–15000 F/cell. In most applications, charge and discharge times are 10– 20 min, with peak power density of approximately 300 W/kg for high-efficiency discharge. Thus their performance resembles that of a battery rather than a supercapacitor. For devices using nickel oxide, energy density for charge/discharge varies according to the voltage range, from approximately 1.5 W h/kg at 0.8–1.3 to 8–10 W h/kg for 0.8– 1.6 V, with the significant increase in energy density as a result of the pseudocapacitance in the carbon electrode at higher voltages. Devices using lead oxide for the positive

electrode achieve approximately 10–20 W h/kg in a voltage range of 0.7– 1.8 V.5 Some work has been reported in the case of thin-film hybrid capacitors. The performance of these hybrid capacitors is dependent on the design and thickness of the electrodes. It is very difficult to accurately determine the power density becauseof the contribution of resistance. Based on the low resistance of thin-film electrodes using aqueous electrolytes, the power density values lie within some kilowatts per kilogram, making them environmentally friendly. Various materials can be used as the electrode in supercapacitors, including activated carbon, activated charcoal, activated carbon fibers, carbon nanotubes, carbide-derived carbon, graphene, polymers, and oxides.Hybrid capacitors are classified into three categories differentiated by their electrode alignment, i.e., composite, asymmetric, and battery- type, as discussed below. Applications for hybrid capacitors include computer servers, security cameras, and backup devices[6].

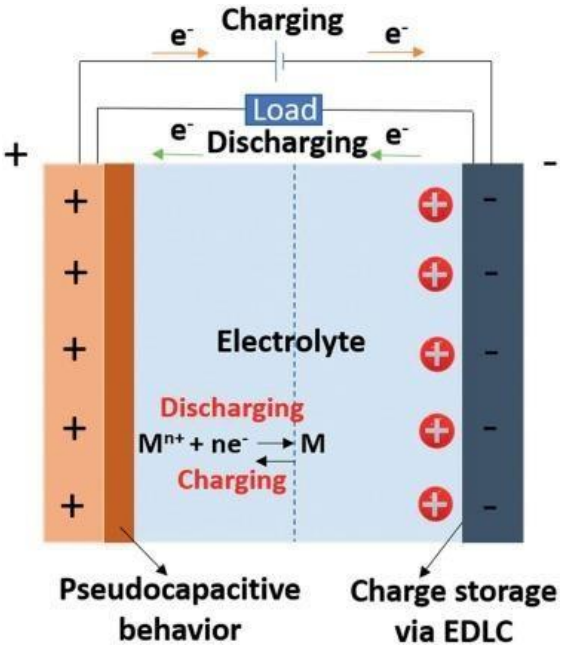


Fig: 1.3. Hybrid capacitor

1.5. ELECTRODE MATERIALS:

The electrode material plays an important role in supercapacitor performance. The material should provide high capacitance in order to achieve the best performance results for the supercapacitor. The capacitance of a supercapacitor is reliant on the effective surface area of its electrode materials. However, not all of the effective area is fully available for the electrolyte/electrode interaction, and thus the capacitance for electrode materials is not directly proportional to their effective surface area. For this reason, the electrochemically available area can be referred to as the electrochemical active surface area.The electrochemical active surface area is determined by the pore size of the conducting materials, which can be tuned simply by the introduction of nanostructures. Studies have reported achieving maximum capacitance at 0.7 nm. As the pore size is increased, the distance between the poresincreases and capacitance decreases. Finally, the capacitance, cross-section area, and pore size are dependent on each other. In comparison with conventional materials, graphene is able to provide increased capacitance, although its high costis a substantial drawback. Another advantage is that thin and flexible supercapacitors may be designed with this method. The purity of the material is critical for supercapacitors, because it strongly affects both their leakage current and cycle life. Impurities in either the electrode material or the electrolyte lead to undesirable leakage current and resulting self-discharge of the supercapacitor. Whileit is easy to develop devices for which the selfdischarge does not significantly affect performance, great care must be taken to reduce the leakage current such that the device can be held unused for many days[7]. There is only one change in voltage when it is charged near its rated voltage. Next, the various electrode materials will bediscussed, as follows:

- Carbon-based materials
- Metal oxides

1.5.1. Carbon-based materials:

Carbon materials including activated carbon, carbon nanotubes (CNTs), and graphene are commonly used as cathodes for supercapacitors because of their large surface area and extremely high conductivity and stability. Our research group recently described various graphene-based nanocomposite materials for application in sensors, biosensors, solar cells, and biofuel cells. The ability to achieve ultrahigh capacity using carbon cloth (CC) as high-energy anodes offers new design and manufacturing potential. Carbon cloth is very cheap and has high conductivity and superb flexibility, and therefore can be used as an electrode material for flexible supercapacitors[8]. In carbon materials, instead of charge storage in the bulk of the capacitive material, charges are typically stored in an electrochemical double-layer that is formed at the interface between the electrode and the electrolyte, and so the capacitance is largely dependent on the surface area available to the electrolyte ions. The electrochemical performance is influenced mainly by the specific surface area, pore size distribution, pore shape and structure, electrical conductivity, and surface functionality, among which the most important factors affecting the performance of the carbon material are the specific surface area and pore size[8]. Novel metal-free g-C_3N_4 photo catalysts with light yellow colors were synthesized by heating melamine precursor at different temperatures. The effect of calcining temperatures on photocatalytic activities of g-C_3N_4 samples were investigated based on the decomposition of phenol under visible light irradiation. The DRS spectra revealed that the g-C_3N_4 had strong absorption in the visible light region. The products were characterized by X-ray diffraction (XRD) Due to its photochemical stability, fascinating electronic band structures, and effective light harvesting accompanied by suitable bandgap energy of 2.7 eV, graphitic carbon nitride (g- C3N4) has been considered as a promising metal-free photo catalyst for solving the energy crisis and environmental problems[9].

1.5.2. Metal oxides:

Metal oxides have high specific capacitance, which makes them suitable for the fabrication of electrodes. RuO_2, IrO_2, MnO_2 are some examples of metal oxides. Most of the related research has been conducted with ruthenium oxide. The capacitance in the case of ruthenium oxide is attained through the insertion and removal of protons in its amorphous structure. Because ruthenium oxide is very expensive, alternatives such as manganese and ferrous oxides are being exploredfor supercapacitor electrodes because of their similarities to the properties of ruthenium. However, manganese oxide and other metal oxides are poor conductors, and the overall performance of metal oxides in supercapacitors is very low. For this reason, composites including metal oxides have been investigated for improvedperformance. Cobalt oxide, nickel oxide, and other metal oxides and various composites have been explored as potential electrode material. Effective electrode– electrolyte interactions require the fast transmission of ionic species in the bulk electrode and at the electrode/electrolyte interface, which gives these materials high specific capacitance. In addition to metal oxides, composites of metal oxides and other materials such as manganese oxide-graphene are also commonly considered for supercapacitor applications[10]. Alumina (Al_2O_3) is one of the most widely used advanced ceramic materials. Alumina one of representative electric-insulating materials[11].

CHAPTER 2

2. Literature survey:

Liuyang Zhang et,al. A clear understanding of energy and environmental problems stimulates exploration of clean and versatile energy sources[12]. The majorities of sustainable energy sources are intermittent and therefore need compatible energy storage technologies. Supercapacitors have stimulated a great scientific interest due to their importance for energy storage[13]. Electrode materials, as the key part of supercapacitors, determine their performance. Nickel oxide/hydroxide, characterized by ultrahigh theoretical capacitance and other intriguing features, has drawn considerable attention[14]. However, its poor ratecapability and low conductivity hinder its widespread application. Recently, tremendous efforts have been devoted toward resolving those issues. This review presents a concise compilation of the recent progress in the area of nickel-based materials by categorizing them into several groups based on chemical composition. Important issues associated with the fabrication and properties of these materials as well as with the improvement of their performance are discussed[15]. The underlying reasons for the observed synergistic effects are analyzed and highlighted. Finally,the challenges and possible solutions are briefly presented with some perspectives toward future development of this group of materials [16].

H. Wang,et,al The development of multivalent cation based rechargeable devices have attracted increased interest because that one mole of multivalent ion can contribute double (for M^{2+}) or triple (for M^{3+}) electrons than monovalent ion (M^{+}). Recently, multivalent cation-based battery systems (e.g. Mg^{2+} and Al^{3+} batteries)have been widely investigated, however, less attention were paid on multivalent cation based supercapacitors and especially hybrid supercapacitors. Herein, we demonstrate a Zn-ion based hybrid supercapacitor (Zn-HSC) through directly designing Zn foil as both anode and current collector, and bio-carbon derived porous material as the cathode[17]. The bivalent nature and high abundance of zinc can enable the Zn-HSC to achieve high energy density with low cost. After optimization, this Zn-HSC demonstrated superior electrochemical performances such as high discharge capacitance (170). F g^{-1} at 0.1 A g^{-1}), good rate performance (~85%

capacitance retention at 2 A g^{-1}), high energy density (52.7 Wh kg^{-1} at 1725 W kg^{-1} based on the weight of active materials), and excellent cycling stability with 91% capacitance retention after 20,000 cycles at 2 A g^{-1}.

PRIYANKA SHARMA et ,al A supercapacitor is a solid-state device that can store electrical energy in the form of charges. It represents advancement in the field of energy storage, as it overcomes many of the shortcomings of batteries[18]. This paper presents an overview of the various types of supercapacitors, electrode materials, and electrolytes, and the future of supercapacitors. Due to their highstorage capacity, supercapacitors are commonly used in portable electronic devices such as MP3 players and mobile phones, and in hybrid vehicles and other applications[19]. In electrical and hybrid vehicles, supercapacitors are increasingly used as provisional energy storage for regenerative braking. Various materials are used in electrodes to boost the performance of the supercapacitor. This reviewpresents details regarding the materials and electrolyte, and the improvements in the field of supercapacitors [20].

Allinca et,al Electricity generated from renewable sources, which has shown remarkable growth worldwide, can rarely provide immediate response to demand as these sources do not deliver a regular supply easily adjustable to consumption needs. Thus, the growth of this decentralized production means greater networkload stability problems and requires energy storage, generally using lead batteries, as a potential solution[21]. However, lead batteries cannot withstand high cycling rates, nor can they store large amounts of energy in a small volume. That is why other types of storage technologies are being developed and implemented. This has led to the emergence of storage as a crucial element in the management of energy from renewable sources, allowing energy to be released into the grid during peak hours when it is more valuable. The work described in this paper highlights the need to store energy in order to strengthen power networks and maintain load levels. There are various types of storage methods, some of which are already in use, whileothers are still in development. We have taken a look at the main characteristics of the different electricity storage techniques and their field of application (permanent or portable, long- or short-term storage, maximum power required, etc.). These

characteristics will serve to make comparisons in order to determine the most appropriate technique for each type of application [22].

Chang Liu et, al Popularization of portable electronics and electric vehicles worldwide stimulates the development of energy storage devices, such as batteries and supercapacitors, toward higher power density and energy density, which significantly depends upon the advancement of new materials used in these devices. Moreover, energy storage materials play a key role in efficient, clean, and versatile use of energy, and are crucial for the exploitation of renewable energy[23]. Therefore, energy storage materials cover a wide range of materials and have been receiving intensive attention from research and development to industrialization. In this Review, firstly a general introduction is given to several typical energy storage systems, including thermal, mechanical, electromagnetic, hydrogen, and electrochemical energy storage. Then the current status of high-performance hydrogen storage materials for on-board applications and electrochemical energy storage materials for lithium-ion batteries and supercapacitors is introduced in detail. The strategies for developing these advanced energy storage materials, including Nano structuring, nano-/microcombination, hybridization, pore-structure control, configuration design, surface modification, and composition optimization, are discussed. Finally, the future trends and prospects in the development of advanced energy storage materials are highlighted [24].

Josef Máca et, al Energy accumulation and storage is one of the most important topics in our times. This paper presents the topic of supercapacitors (SC) as energy storage devices[25]. Supercapacitors represent the alternative to common electrochemical batteries, mainly to widely spread lithium-ion batteries. By physical mechanism and operation principle, supercapacitors are closer to batteries than to capacitors. Their properties are somewhere between batteries and capacitors. They are able to quickly accommodate large amounts of energy (smaller than in the case of batteries – lower energy density from weight and volume point of view) and their charging response is slower than in the case of ceramic capacitors. The most common type of supercapacitors is electrical double layer capacitor (EDLC). Other types of supercapacitors are lithium-ion hybrid supercapacitors and pseudo-

supercapacitors[26]. The EDLC type is using a dielectric layer on the electrolyte interphase to storage of the energy. It uses an electrostatic mechanism of energy storage. The other two types of supercapacitors operate with electrochemical redox reactions and the energy is stored in chemical bonds of chemical materials. This paper provides a brief introduction to the supercapacitor field of knowledge [27].

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

The thesis primarily focuses on the synthesis, characterization, and utilization of $NiAl_2O_4$ and $NiAl_2O_4$@g-C_3N_4 nanoparticles in supercapacitor applications, which are crucial in several research domains including sensors, UV photo electronic devices, catalyst support, ceramics, optics, and electronics. The sample undergoes thorough analysis using techniques such as XRD, CV, and GCD.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS

All materials of reagent-grade quality were procured and utilized in the study. These chemicals were sourced from SRL and include Nickel nitrate hexahydrate, Aluminum nitrate nonahydrate, Ammonium hydroxide, Sucrose, Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA), Activated carbon, Polyvinylidene fluoride, Nickel mesh, and Potassium hydroxide. They were employed without additional purification steps.

4.2. EXPERIMENTAL METHODS:

4.2.1. Synthesis of Nickel Aluminate:

Nickel aluminates were prepared in aqueous solution from nitrates of Ni and Al by co-precipitation method using ammonia as a precipitating agent. Stoichiometric amount of $Ni(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$ (0.1 M) and $Al(NO_3)_2.H2O$ (0.2 M) solution has been prepared and mixed rigorously using magnetic stirrer. Then, the appropriate amount of aqueous ammonia solution (25% V/V) was added to the above mixed solution,and mixture was stirred until complete precipitation occurs at a pH between 11 and12 and reaction temperature was maintained at Room temperature. The precipitate was filtered, washed with distilled water many times, and dried in air at 110 ^{o}C. The dry precipitate was heat treated at 800 ^{O}C 4h to obtain the $NiAl_2O_4$.

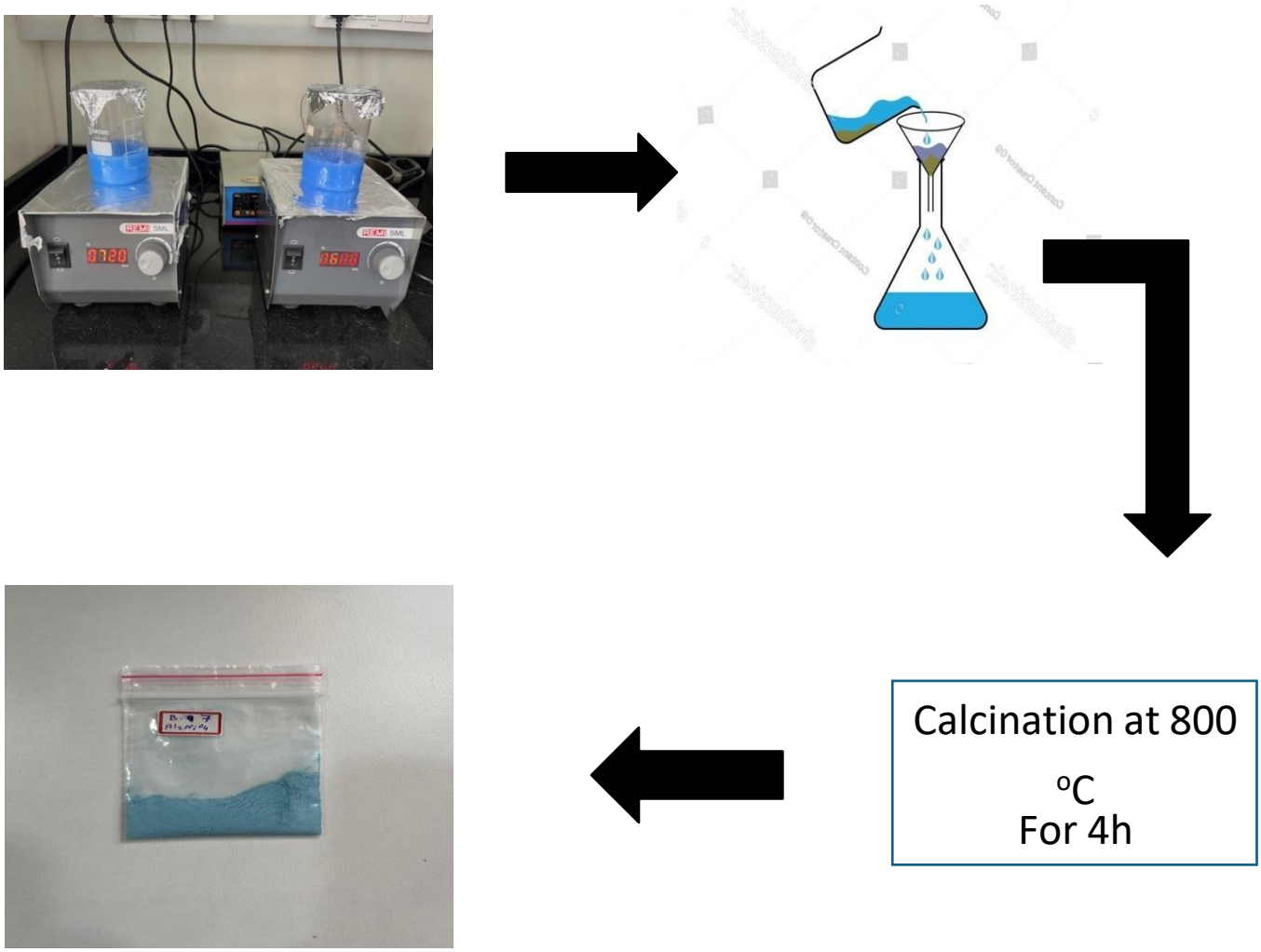


Fig: 4.1 Schematic diagrams **for preparation of $NiAl_2O_4$**

4.2.2. Synthesis of g-C_3N_4:

All source chemicals are analytical grade and used without further purification. g-C_3N_4 was synthesized by heating melamine in muffle furnace at 550°C temperature. In a typical synthesis run, 5 g melamine was placed into and for 2 h with a heating rate of 10 °C/min. The products were collected and ground into alumina crucible with

a cover. Then the crucible was heated up to 550 °C.

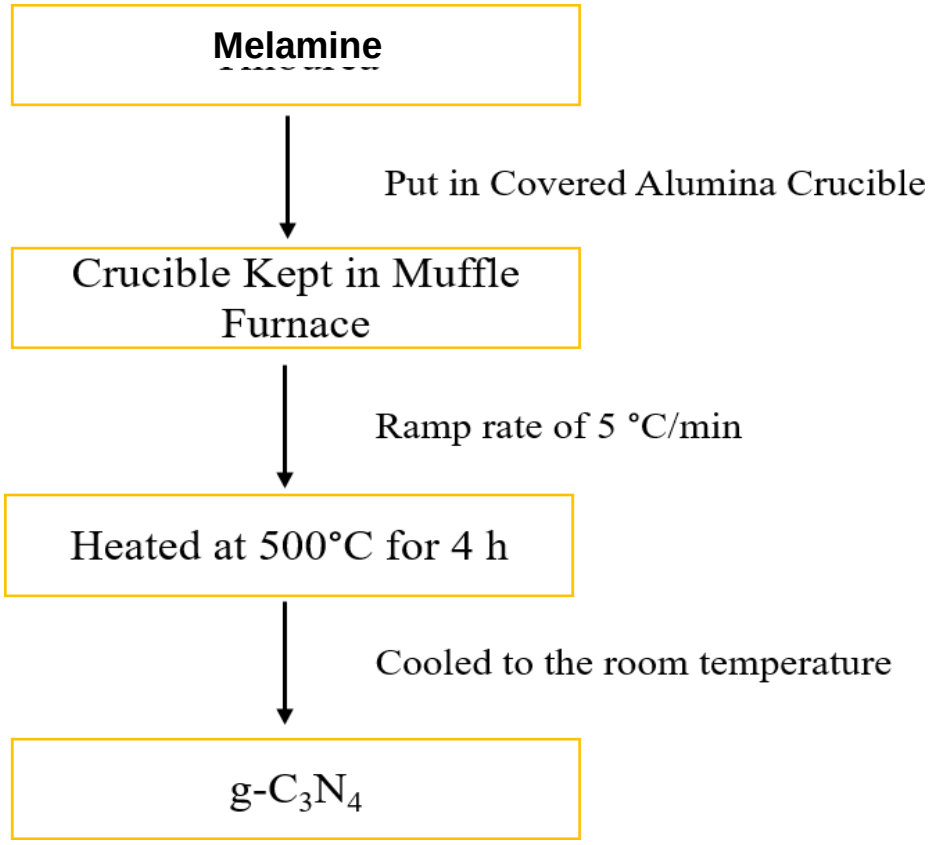


Fig :4.2 Schematic diagram for preparation of g-C_3N_4

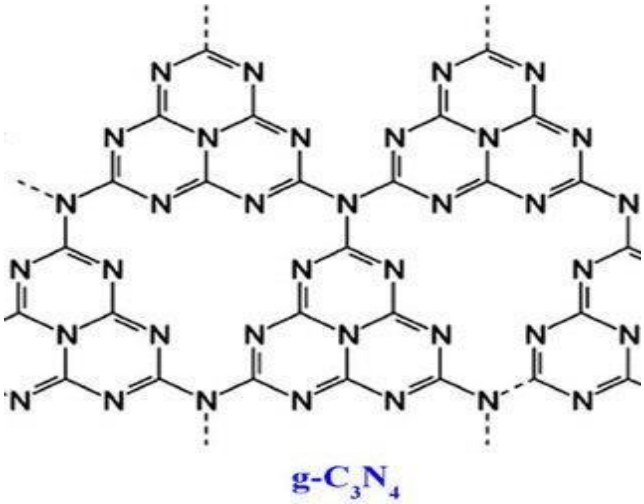


Fig: 4.3 STRUCTURE OF g-C_3N_4

4.2.3. Synthesis of $NiAl_2O_4$@ gC_3N_4 composite:

Initially, a specific amount of melamine was dissolved in methanol using a sonicator, while $NiAl_2O_4$ was dissolved in water using the same method. Subsequently, both solutions were heated to 90°C until completely dried to obtain a powder. This powder was then calcined at 550°C for 2 hours, resulting in the formation of the (g-C_3N_4-$NiAl_2O_4$) composite powder.

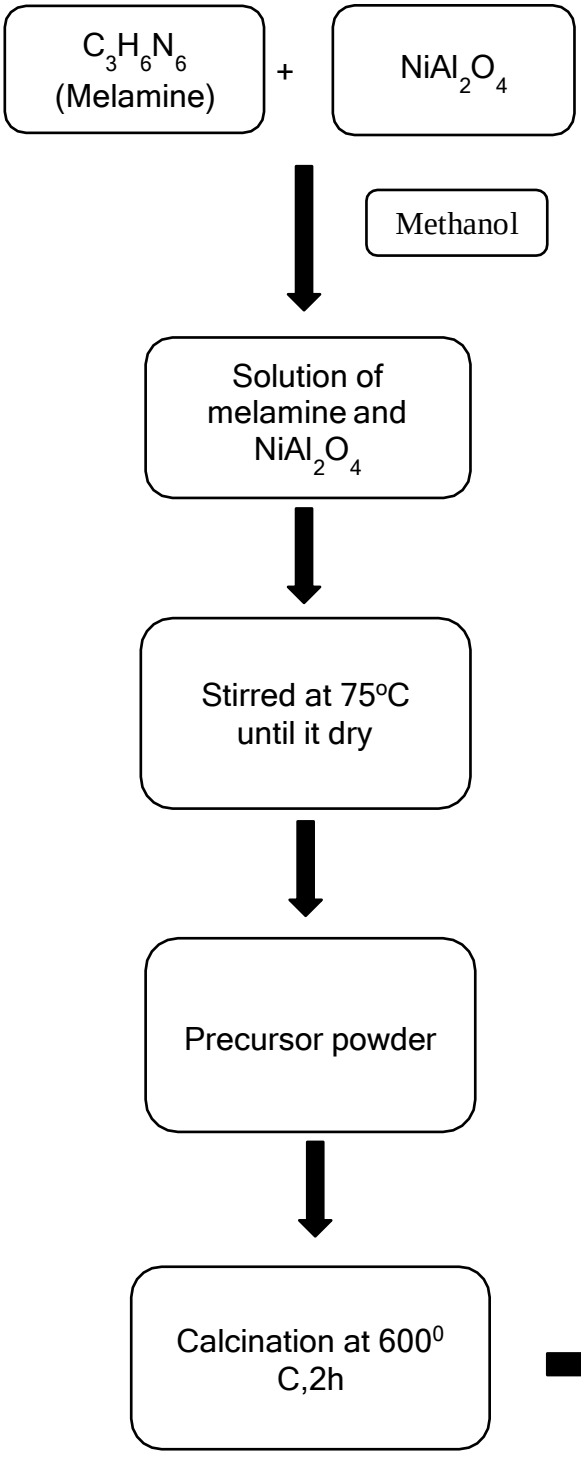




Fig:4.4 Final product of g-C_3N_4@$NiAl_2O_4$

4.2.4. Electrochemical setup and techniques:

The electrodes were formulated by blending 80 wt % of the powdered samples with 15 wt % of activated carbon and 5 wt % of PVDF (polyvinylidene fluoride) thoroughly using a mortar and pestle. Subsequently, a small amount of NMP was added to the mixture to form slurry. This slurry was applied onto nickel mesh (1cm×1cm), and the coated electrode was subjected to a hot air oven at 70°C for 4 to 5 hours to ensure strong adhesion of the coated mass onto the substrate.

4.3. CHARACTERIZATION TECHNIQUES

The synthesized $NiAl_2O_4$ and $NiAl_2O_4$@g-C_3N_4 nanoparticles underwent comprehensive characterization employing various instrumental techniques, namely X-ray Diffraction (XRD), Cyclic Voltammetry (CV), Galvanostatic Charge Discharge (GCD). These methods facilitated the examination of different properties and potential applications of the nanoparticles.

CHAPTER 5

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

5.1. XRD Analysis

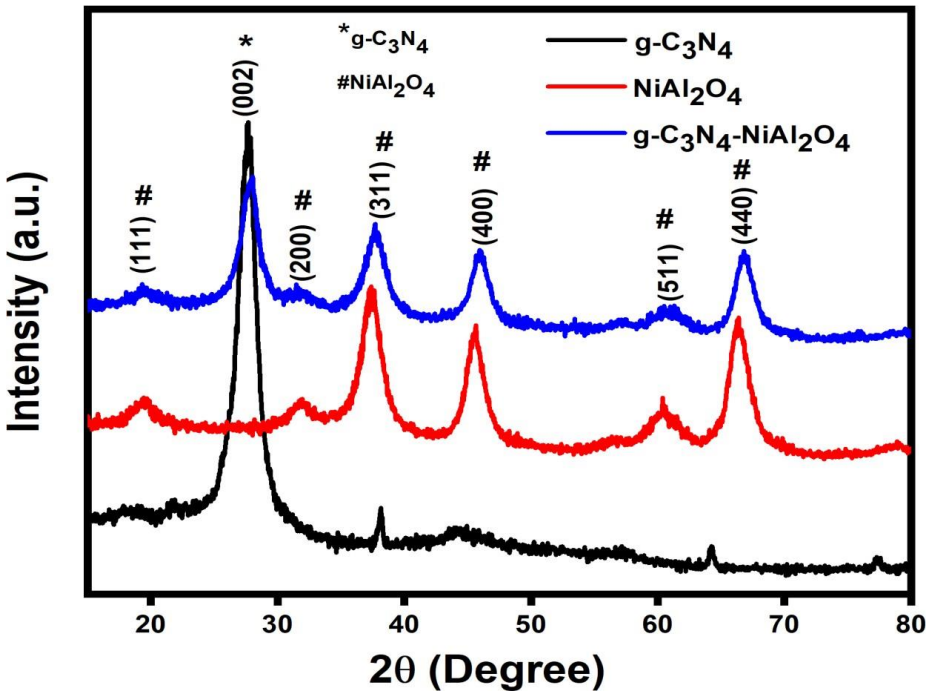


Fig: 5.1 XRD Patterns of $NiAl_2O_4$, g-C_3N_4 and $NiAl_2O_4$@g-C_3N_4

XRD analysis was conducted to investigate the phase structures of the as-prepare powders. Typical XRD patterns for g-C_3N_4, $NiAl_2O_4$, and g-C_3N_4-$NiAl_2O_4$ samples are presented in the figure 5.1. For the pure g-C_3N_4 sample, two distinct peaks were observed, with a prominent peak at 2θ = 27.4°. For NiAl2O4, peaks were observed at 2θ values of 38°, 47°, 63°, and 67°, corresponding to the (311), (400), (511), and (440) crystallographic planes, respectively. In the case of the g-C_3N_4-$NiAl_2O_4$ composite, peaks were detected at 2θ values of 20°, 28°, 38°, 45°, and 63°, which can be indexed to the (111), (002), (311), (400), (511), and (440) crystallography planes, respectively. The XRD analysis confirmed the formation of g-C_3N_4, $NiAl_2O_4$, and the g-C_3N_4-$NiAl_2O_4$ composite.

5.2. FTIR Analysis

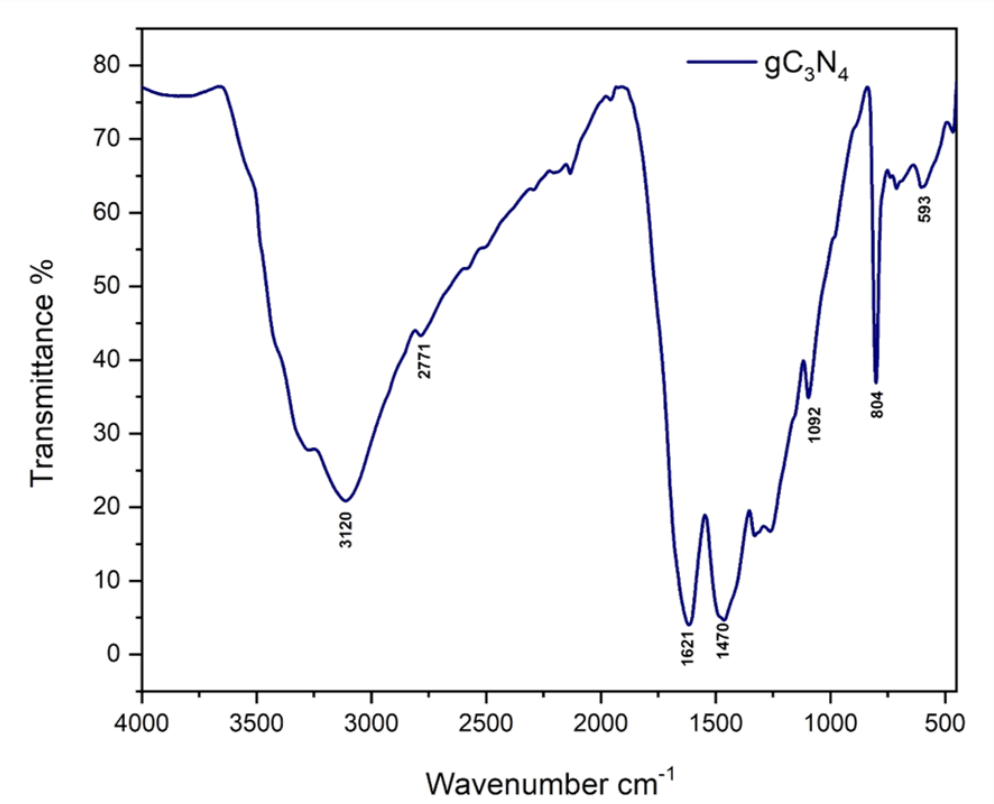


Fig: 5.2 FTIR graph of g-C_3N_4

Sharp peaks at 804 cm^{-1} for Triazene Unit, and another peaks between 1450 and 1650 cm^{-1}. The C-N Heterocyclic stretching vibration bands at 1079 cm^{-1}, 1247 cm^{-1}, and 1408 cm^{-1}, and the C-N stretching vibration band at 1603 cm^{-1}Indicate presence of covalent bonds in the triazine ring and aromatic heterocycles of carbon and nitrogen Prominent peak spanning the range from 3000 cm^{-1} to 3500 cm^{1}. This peak can be attributed to the vibration absorption of the N-H bond. It suggests the presence of nitrogen-hydrogen groups in the material.

5.3.SEM Analysis

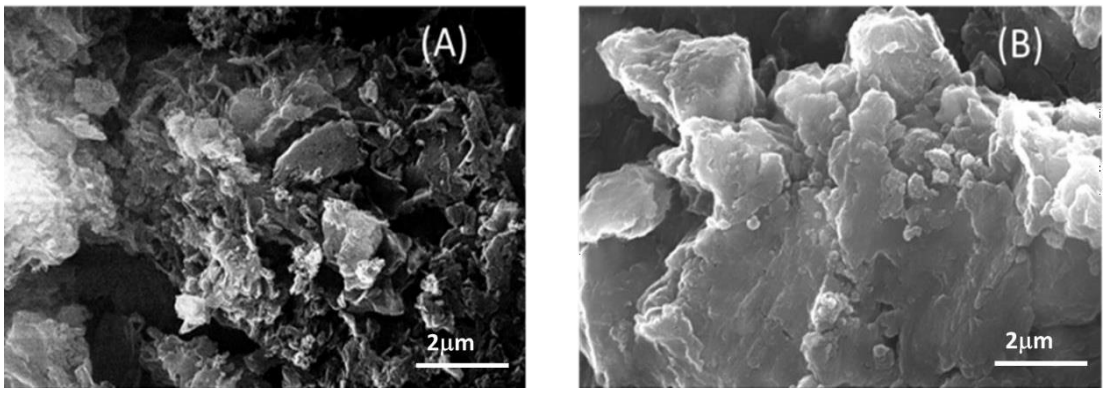


Fig: 5.3 SEM Images of g-C_3N_4

Figure 5.3 depicts SEM pictures showing the morphology of g-C_3N_4. It exhibit's size of 2μm.

5.4. Electrochemical studies

The electrochemical behaviours of the $NiAl_2O_4$ and $NiAl_2O_4$@g-C_3N_4 samples were evaluated utilizing a three-electrode setup with 1 M KOH as the electrolyte. The experiments were conducted within a potential range of approximately 1V (0-0.4 V) at various scan rates ranging from 10 to 100 mV/s. The electrochemical performance of the optimized sample $NiAl_2O_4$@g-C_3N_4 was further investigated. The CV curve of the $NiAl_2O_4$@g-C_3N_4 sample was recorded at various scan rates (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100 mV/s), revealing variations corresponding to changes in scan rates. The GCD curve of the $NiAl_2O_4$@g-C_3N_4 sample demonstrates a sustained increase in stable specific capacitance over extended periods. This improvement is directly linked to the enhanced surface area, as evidenced by analysis. The heightened specific capacitance is ascribed to enlarge of the specific surface area.

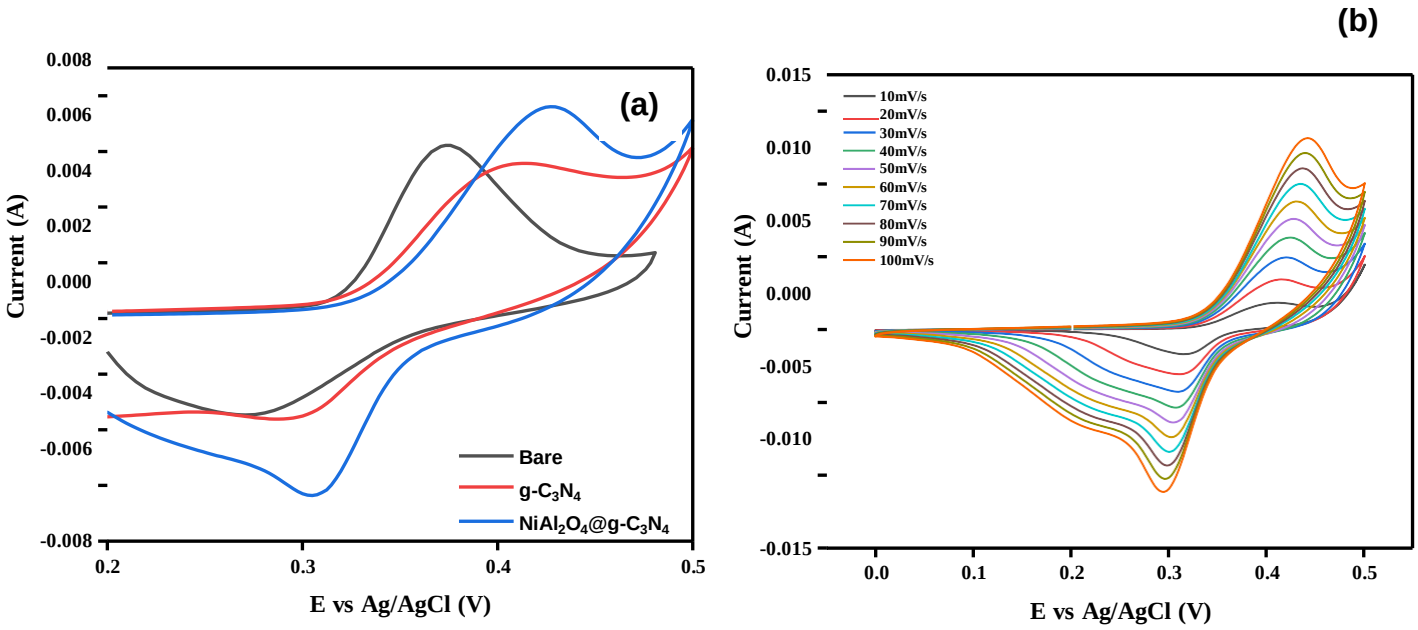


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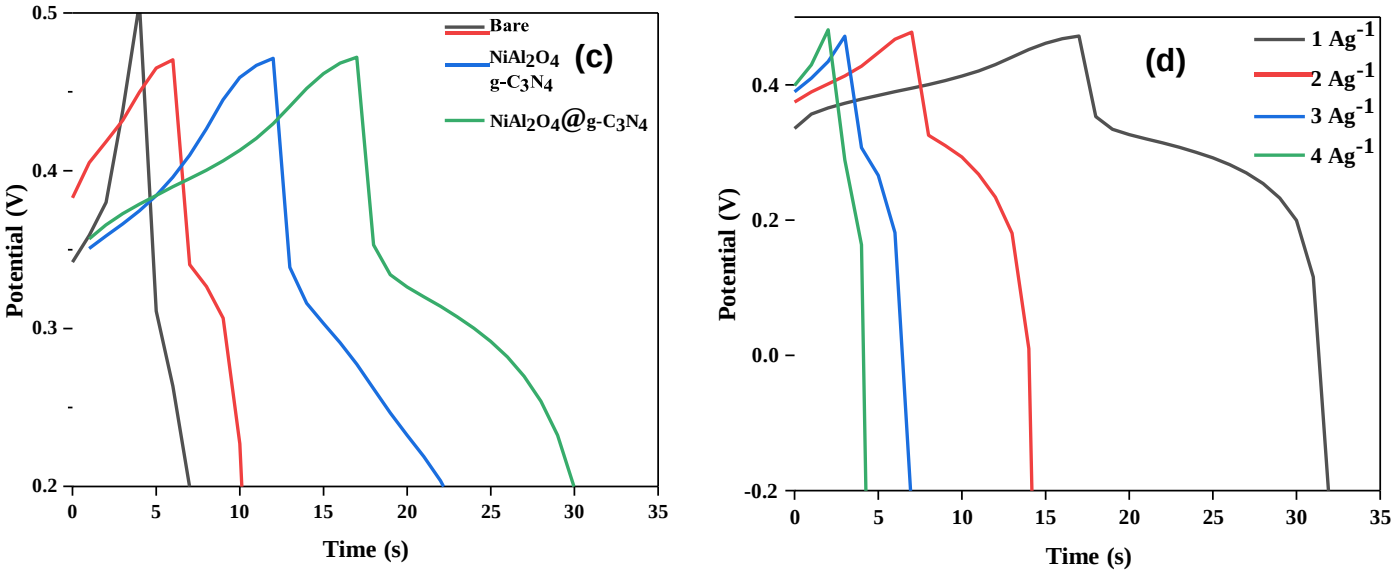


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Summary and Conclusion:

In summary, we have successfully synthesized $NiAl_2O_4$@g-C_3N_4 nanocomposites through the co-precipitation method. The synthesized material $NiAl_2O_4$@g-C_3N_4 was confirmed by XRD analysis. Employing KOH as the electrolyte, cyclic voltammetry (CV) analysis was carried out over a potential range of 0-0.5 V at various scan rates (10-100 mV/s), while galvanostatic charge-discharge (GCD) measurements demonstrated promising specific capacitance for the composite. The $NiAl_2O_4$@g-C_3N_4 electrode material exhibited remarkable electrochemical activity, characterized by rapid charge-discharge efficiency and exceptional stability. Our combined experimental and theoretical results underscore the superior super capacitive properties of $NiAl_2O_4$@g-C_3N_4, holding significant potential for future applications in energy storage sectors.

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ABSTRACT

Pyrazole Schiff bases were synthesized by using the condensation reaction between salicylaldehyde and 5-amino-1-phenylpyrazole-4-carbonitrile in the molar ratio of 1:1. The compounds were characterized using ^{1}H-NMR, IR and Mass. The main objective of this project is to design and synthesize a new luminescent functionalized organic molecule. Detailed study on the photophysical properties of the newly synthesized luminescent molecules was carried out. It will be effectively applied as sensors, for ions either by visible color change. To ascertain the sensing mechanism of the newly synthesized luminescent materials with guest species were predicted from the studies. The sensor may be successfully applied into detection of guest species in natural water samples with satisfactory recovery.

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CHAPTER- 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Importance of ion recognition

Metal ions are extremely important due to their extensive presence in environmental, industrial, and biological activities. Metal ions play a role in cellular and subcellular functions and can efficiently regulate an enzyme-catalyzed process J. Anastassopoulou, *et.al*., Zinc, for example, is essential for immunological function, wound healing, protein synthesis, DNA synthesis, and cell division, as well as supporting proper growth and development during pregnancy, childhood, and adolescence W. Maret, *et.al.,* Aluminum, a non-essential element for human health, is widely utilized in the fabrication of electrical equipment, autos, building construction, water purification, water treatments, food additives, medicinal products, occupational dusts, and so on 3. S. Banerjee, *et.al.,* Copper is a vital cofactor for many protein enzymes in living organisms, as well as a necessary micronutrient required for a variety of processes such as bone production, cellular respiration, and connective tissue development, among others. Thus, enough intake of essential (Cu^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, etc.) and non-essential (Cd^{2+}, Hg^{2+}, Al^{3+}, etc.) metal ions into the body is required. Y. Ye, M. Lv, *et.al.,*

Anions such as fluoride, chloride, bromide, iodide, dihydrogen phosphate, and acetate are also common and have been shown to play key roles in biological, industrial, and environmental processes. These anions are essential for many crucial functions, including transport across cell membranes, homeostasis, and energy-related processes. B. T. Nguyen, *et.al.,* Fluoride, for example, is essential in a variety of biological processes such as preventing children's dental caries and treating osteoporosis; iodide ion is one of the most significant because it plays an essential role in biological activities such as thyroid function and neurological activity, among others. Recognition motifs for anions are similarly important but more difficult to design than for metal ions due to their lower charge to radius ratio, pH sensitivity, wide range of geometries, and solvent dependent binding affinity and selectivity. P. D. Beer, *et.al.,*

Although alkaline, alkaline-earth, transition metal, and anions are essential for both plants and animals at appropriate concentrations, relatively high concentrations cause toxicity and pose a threat to human health via cellular toxicity, liver and kidney damage, and neurodegenerative diseases, among other things. G.R.Hamilton,

*et.al.,*Anthropogenic anions, such as phosphates and nitrates from agriculture, are also a major source of pollution, contributing to lake and river eutrophication. Because of the expanding negative consequences on the environment and life systems, there has been a renewed interest in developing methods for determining ions in aqueous media that are speedy, selective, and economical. As a result, discovering new ion selective receptors is a critical goal that includes sensor development for environmental cleanup, selective separation, and extraction of chemical species. AAS, ion chromatography, electrochemistry, stripping voltammetry, and ICP-AES are some of the technologies used to identify these ions M. H. Mashhadizadeh, *et.al.,* A. M. Ashrafi, *et.al*., However, these approaches are costly, necessitate extensive and sophisticated gear, and require non-portable and complex sample pre-treatment methods. Thus, the selective and sensitive sensing of metal ions and anions using optical chemosensors (artificial receptors) in the vicinity of supramolecular chemistry has generated significant scientific interest in terms of possible applications.

1.2 Supramolecular chemistry

In 1969, Jean-Marie Lehn invented the phrase supramolecular chemistry and defined it as the field of chemistry concerned with the interaction between engineered molecular assemblages and intermolecular bonds, or in layman's terms, "chemistry beyond the molecule" J. M. Lehn, *et.al.,* Supramolecular chemistry emphasizes complementarity and pre-organization when designing and developing molecular frameworks through spontaneous secondary interactions including hydrogen bonding, dipole-dipole interaction, van der Waals, and π−π stacking J.Rebek, *et.al*., Important topics in supramolecular chemistry include molecular self-assembly, folding, molecular recognition, host-guest chemistry, mechanically interlocked molecular architectures, and dynamic covalent chemistry J.Steed, *et.al*., Multiple complementary interactions between host and guest must be considered when building artificial receptors that are selective for a certain analyte **(Fig.1.2.1)**. Thus, the emergence of supramolecular chemistry is a boon to nanoscience and nanotechnology because it enables the efficient preparation of structures that can be used as nanoprobes with pre-programmed chemical and physical properties of various sizes and shapes with dimensions ranging from 1 to 100 nm using the concept of molecular self-assembly A. Harada, *et.al.,* **(Fig.1.2.2)**.

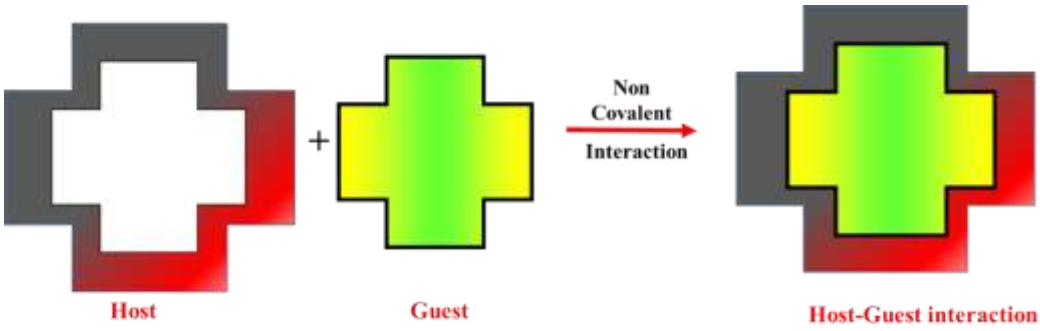


Fig. 1.2.1. Host guest interaction of supramolecular chemistry.

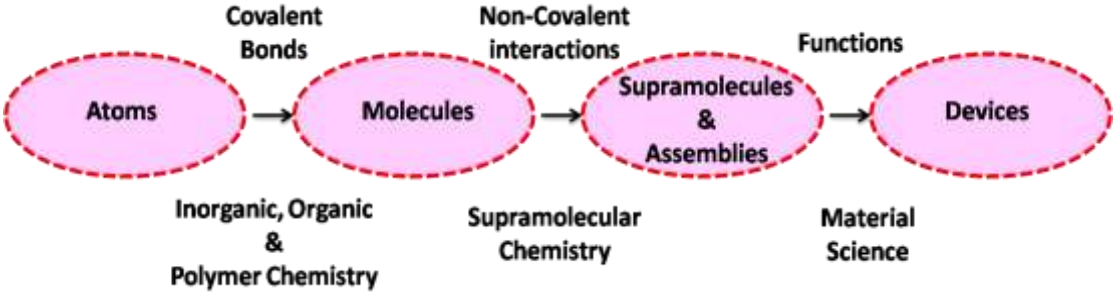


Fig. 1.2.2 Interdisciplinary areas of supramolecular chemistry.

1.3 General concept of chemosensor

In general, chemosensor design consists of three components (**Fig.1.3.1**): (a) a chemical receptor capable of recognizing the guest of interest, usually with high selectivity, (b) a transducer or signalling unit that converts the binding event into a measureable physical change, and (c) a method for measuring the change and converting it to useful data.

The effectiveness of a sensor is directly tied to the detecting process's response time, signal-to-noise (S/N) characteristics, system sensitivity, and selectivity. Thus, the challenges of building and developing newer detection systems with improved identification processes, as well as designing new signal transduction mechanisms, have been a major source of worry.

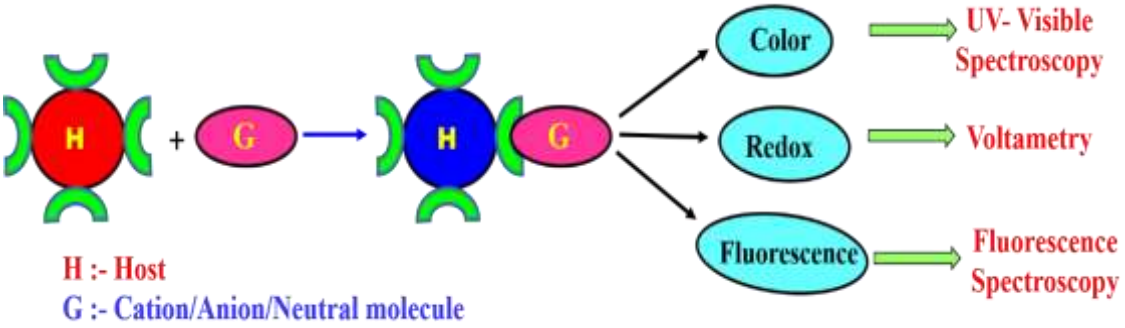


Fig. 1.3.1 Schematic diagram showing binding of an analyte (guest) by a chemosensor (host), producing a complex with altered properties.

Many colorimetric and fluorescence chemosensors based on moieties, such as azo-derivatives V.S.Talanov,*et.al*., N-dansylcarbaxamide, aminonaphthol G. W. Gokel, *et.al.,* anthrylacetamide, crown-ethers, dithiocarbamate, M.Lee, *et.al.,* naphthalimides, rhodamine, anthraquinone, fluorescein, have already been reported. In general, these organic-based chemosensors operate in organic solvents, resulting in a lack of selectivity and sensitivity when monitoring analytes in aqueous biological or environmental systems.

1.4 Fluorescence signalling mechanisms

1.4.1 Photo induced Electron Transfer:

Photo-induced Electron Transfer (PET) is one of the most essential mechanisms for fluorescent chemosensors, having been extensively studied and widely applied for cation and anion sensing. A.Weller, *et.al.,* It is well understood that fluorescence in a molecule happens when an excited electron in the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) moves to the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO), releasing excess energy as light. If an orbital from another section of the molecule or another molecular entity has energy between the HOMO and LUMO and contains electrons (for example, if we have a donor group "D" (Step 1), a PET from this orbital to the fluorophore's HOMO can occur (Step 2). Step 3 involves transferring electrons from the fluorophore's LUMO to the drop's orbital.

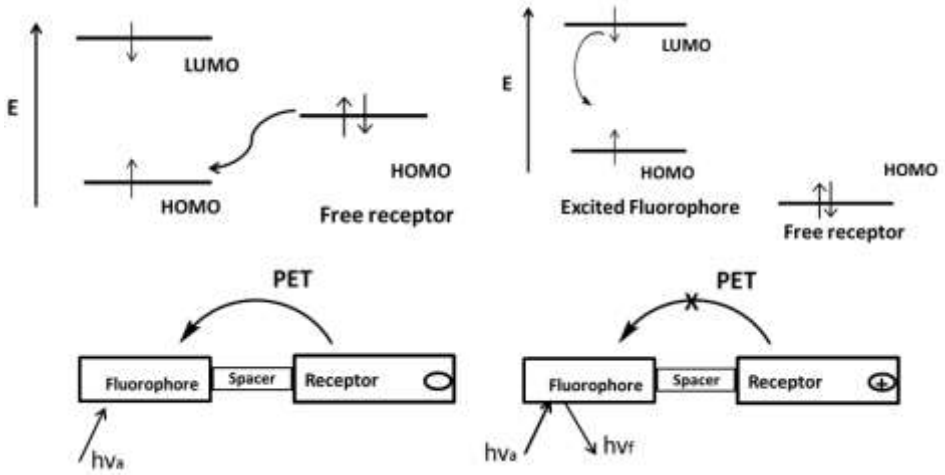


Fig-1.4.1.(a): oxidative PET

The design of fluorescent chemosensors attempts to use PET effects in such a way that the presence of an ion induces or suppresses PET, resulting in the quenching or augmentation of fluorescence intensity **Fig-1.4.1.(b**).

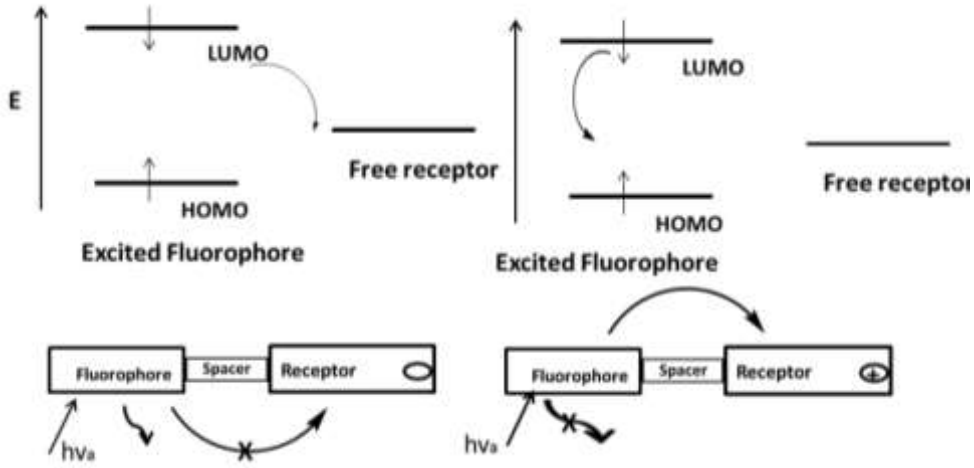
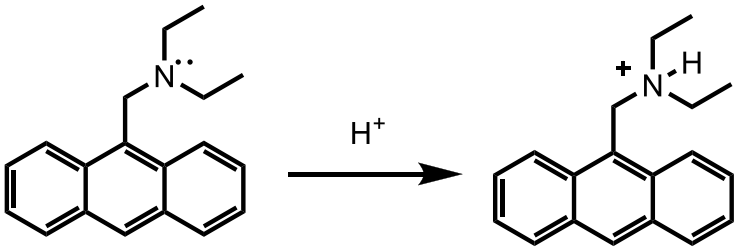


Fig-1.4.1.(b): Reductive PET

A simple proton signalling system I may be designed by combining an amine with the common fluorophore anthracene via a methylene spacer A.P. De Silva, *et.al.,* Low emission intensity of **I** is caused by lone electron pair of nitrogen atom (donor) via the PET mechanism. Upon protonation the lone pair forms the new N-H bond and cannot act as an electron donor in PET quenching. As a result, fluorescence intensity increases.



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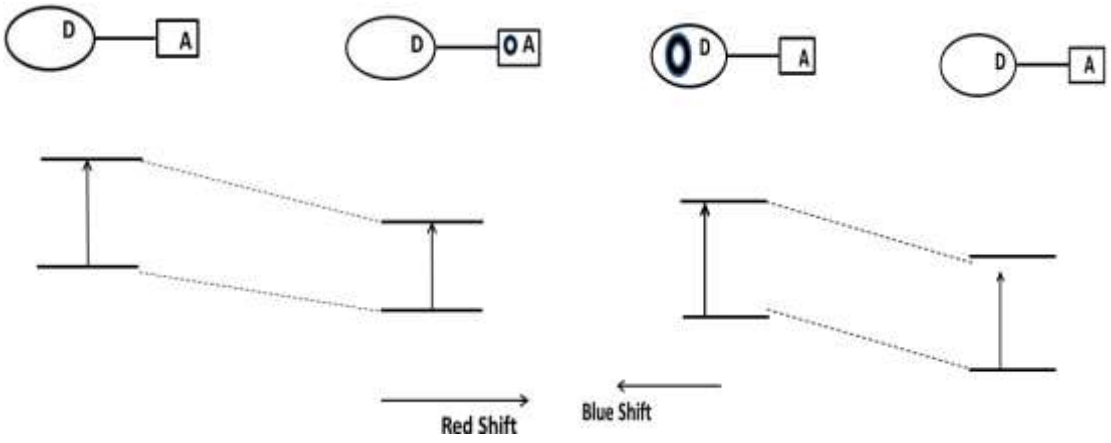
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1.4.2 Photo induced internal charge transfer:

Internal charge transfer (ICT) fluorophores with a conjugated couple of electron-donating/electron-withdrawing groups (donor/acceptor, D/A) typically exhibit a substantial Stokes shift, visible light excitability, and metal coordination-induced emission shift. Furthermore, the ICT effect can reduce the basicity of the donor amine, allowing for the formation of pH-independent sensors for use in biological systems at near-neutral pH levels. Modification of D or A as a metal ionophore causes a metal coordination-induced blue or red shift in excitation/emission by modifying the photo-induced internal charge transfer excited state, providing an effective technique for developing ratiometric metal ion probes. The coordination of an analyte to the donor of an ICT fluorophore reduces HOMO energy and causes a hypsochromic shift in excitation or emission maxima. If the analyte binds to the acceptor, the reverse change



will occur. B. Valeur. *et.al*., When the cation interacts with the acceptor group, it stabilizes the excited state more than the ground state, resulting in a red shift in the absorption and emission spectra. Carbonyl oxygen is negatively charged in the excited state, which increases the contact between the cation and the acceptor group. This interaction stabilizes the excited state and reduces the energy gap between S0 and S1, resulting in a red shift in the spectrum **Fig-1.4.2.(a).**

Fig-1.4.2: (a) Interaction of analyte with acceptor group. (b) Interaction of analyte with donor group

Most chemosensors of this type contain an aza-crown as the cation receptor, which is conjugated to an electron-withdrawing group. For instance (4-dicyanomethylene-2-methyl-[6-p-(dimethylamino)styryl]-4H-pyran), the so-called **II** upon complexation with alkaline-earth metal cations, undergoes dramatic changes in absorption spectra (hypsochromic shift and hypochromic effect) and fluorescence quantum yield (quenching), whereas the emission spectra is only slightly blue-shifted and fluorescence lifetime is almost unchanged.

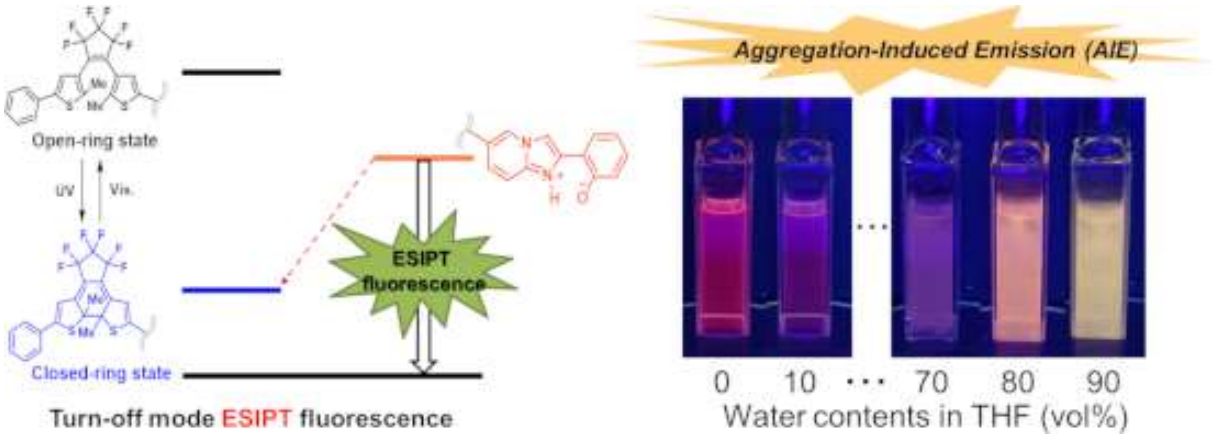


Fig 1.4.2.(b) Fluorescent Charge-Transfer Excited States

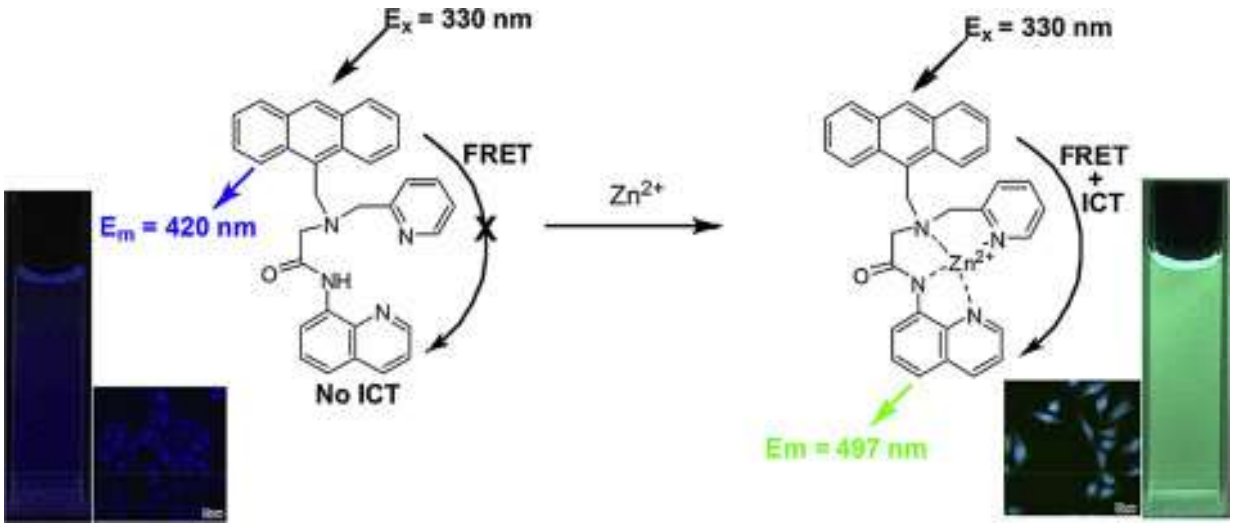
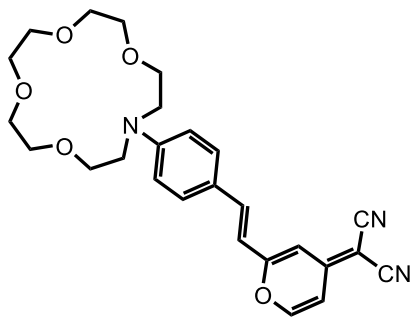


Fig 1.4.2.(c) A highly sensitive and selective ratiometric fluorescent sensor for Zn2+ ion based on ICT



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1.4.3 Twisted Intra molecular Charge Transfer (TICT):

Typically, the donor and acceptor groups are conjugated in the ground state and experience considerable charge transfer in the excited state. If the two groups can form an orthogonal geometry, full charge separation occurs, resulting in a twisted intramolecular charge transfer (TICT) state. The prototypical example of a chemical that emits both ICT and TICT is p-N,N-dimethylaminobenzonitrile E. Lippert, *et.al.,* It was discovered to produce dual fluorescence. The two bands' characteristics are

temperature and solvent polarity dependent. In nonpolar liquids, only one fluorescent band occurs, which originates from the locally excited state (fluorescence), also known as the Franck-Condon state (an excited state formed at the ground state geometry), which is most commonly produced during excitation. G. Köhler, *et.al.,* Increasing the solvent polarity promotes the creation of the ICT (or TICT) state; a new long-wavelength fluorescent band rises in relative intensity, while the intensity of the first band diminishes. Rotation of the dimethylamino group until it is twisted at a straight angle result in conjugation loss (**Fig-1.4.3.1).** The ensuing twisted intramolecular charge transfer (TICT), which is stabilized by the polar solvent molecules, involves a 100% charge separation between the dimethylamino group and the cyanophenyl moiety.

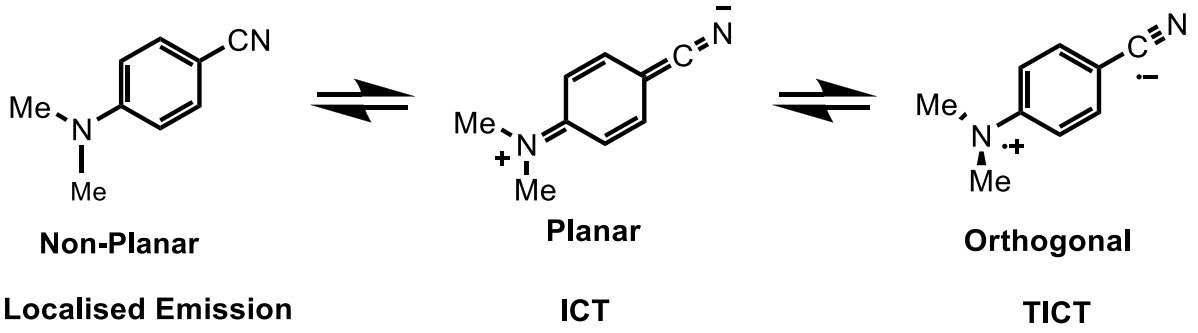


Fig-1.4.3.1: Excited state conformations of p-dimethylaminobenzonitrile.

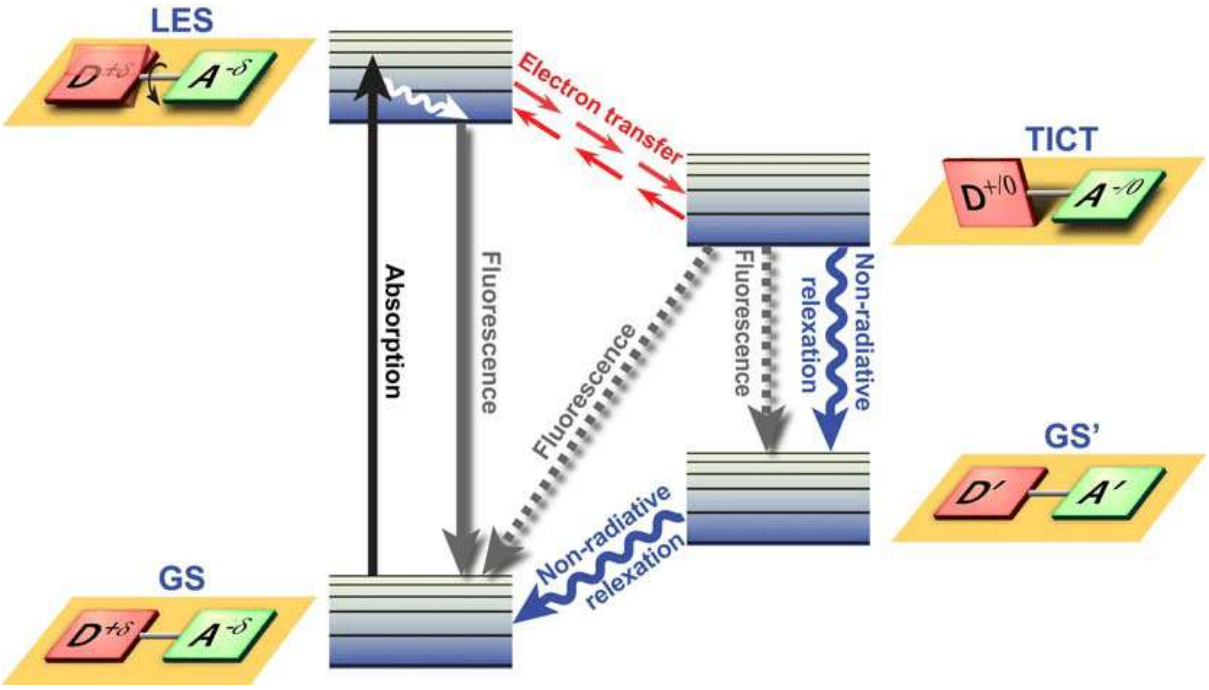


Fig 1.4.3.2 Twisted Intramolecular Charge Transfer (TICT)

1.4.4 Förster Resonance Energy Transfer:

Non-radiative transfer of excitation energy requires an interaction between a donor molecule and an acceptor molecule, which can occur if the donor's emission spectrum overlaps the acceptor's absorption spectrum, resulting in several electronic transitions in the donor with nearly the same energy as the corresponding transitions in the acceptor. These transitions are dipole-dipole linked in resonance. This mechanism is known as "Förster resonance energy transfer" (FRET). C.T. Chen, *et.al.,* When both chromophores are luminous, the term "fluorescence resonance energy transfer" is commonly employed, despite the fact that fluorescence does not transfer energy **Fig-1.4.4.(b).**

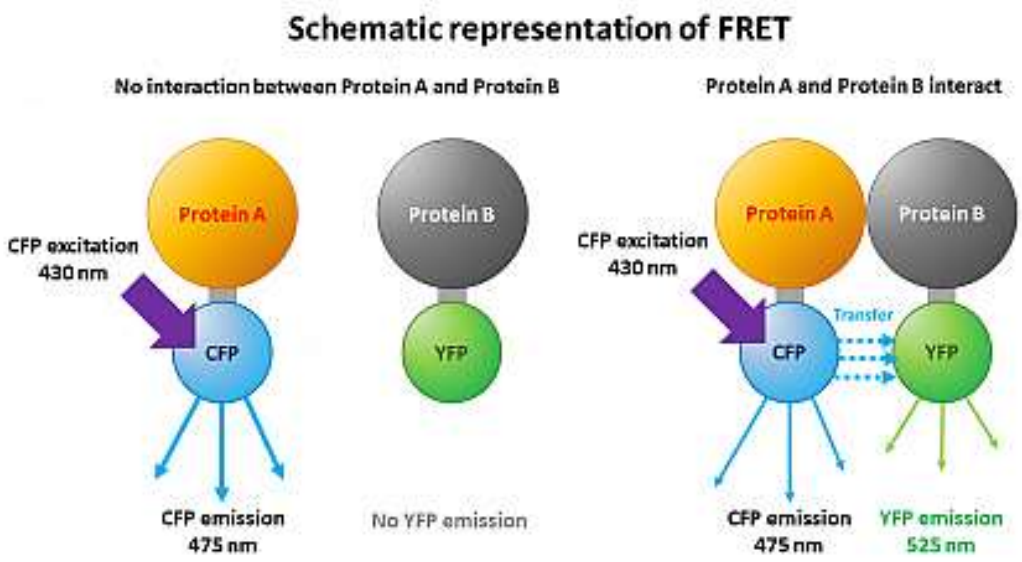


Fig-1.4.4.(a) Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET)

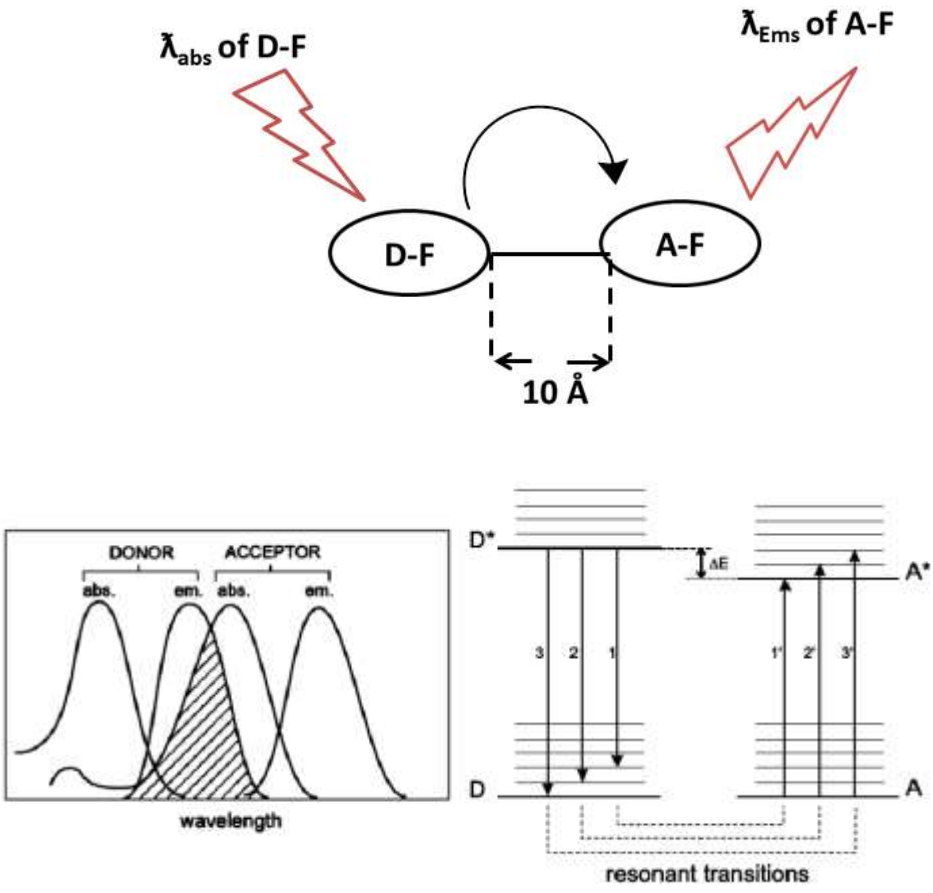


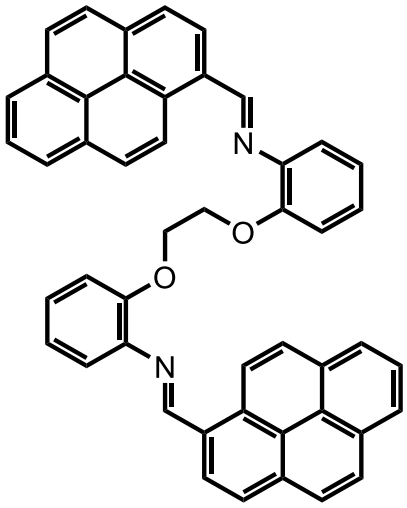
Fig-1.4.4(b): Schematic representation of FRET mechanism.

1.4.5 Monomer-Excimer Formation:

The creation of excited state collision complexes (excited dimers) can occur between two identical or two different fluorophores. Both excimers and exciplexes involve the affiliation of an excited state species with a ground state entity when one comes into close contact with another throughout the excited state's existence. This form of contact causes net stabilization, which increases the lifetime of the excited state dimer. Several fluorophores, including anthracene and pyrene, can generate excimers when an excited molecule comes close to another throughout its lifetime. Dual fluorescence is then detected, with a monomer band and, at longer wavelengths, a less broad band caused by excimer production. When a fluorescent probe contains two fluorophores whose mutual distance is altered by analyte (typically metal cation) complexation, the monomer/excimer fluorescence intensity ratio can be used to

monitor analyte recognition. Cation binding may promote or inhibit excimer development.

The excimer method can also be used to produce a ratiometric Hg2+ probe. Yao et al., for example, described a novel pyrene-based derivative IV that serves as a ratiometric probe for Hg2+ in aqueous solutions. Y. Zhou, *et.al.,* Probe IV emits a relatively faint monomer at roughly 395-410 nm. After binding to Hg2+, a strong excimer emission of pyrene at 462 nm occurs.



IV

1.4.6 Aggregation-induced emission (AIE):

It is widely understood that the fluorescence emission of organic fluorophores is frequently quenched in aggregated form; this phenomenon is known as aggregation-caused quenching (ACQ) **Fig-1.4.6.1**. Because of the ACQ effect, the usage of several organic fluorophores in organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs) and sensing materials (chemosensors, biosensors) is severely constrained. To avoid the ACQ effect, branching chains, bulky cyclic species, and dendritic wedges have been covalently bonded to fluorophores, preventing aggregate formation. However, some organic compounds that are almost non-fluorescent in solution were shown to become extremely luminous after aggregation, which is an unusual behavior. The AIE phenomenon has been successfully used to create sensitive and selective bio/chemosensors. Guest molecules can influence the aggregation of AIE molecules

by electrostatic interaction, coordination interaction, hydrophobic interaction, steric hindrance, a specific mercapto reaction, or polarity and viscosity. As a result, a number of innovative AIE-activated fluorescent bio/chemosensors have been created to detect ionic species biomolecules (protein, heparin, ATP, and DNA), gases and explosives (CO2, TNT, picric acid), and nuclease activities. Based on the AIE property of tetraphenylethene derivatives, **V** has been created as fluorescence turn-on chemosensors for Ag+.

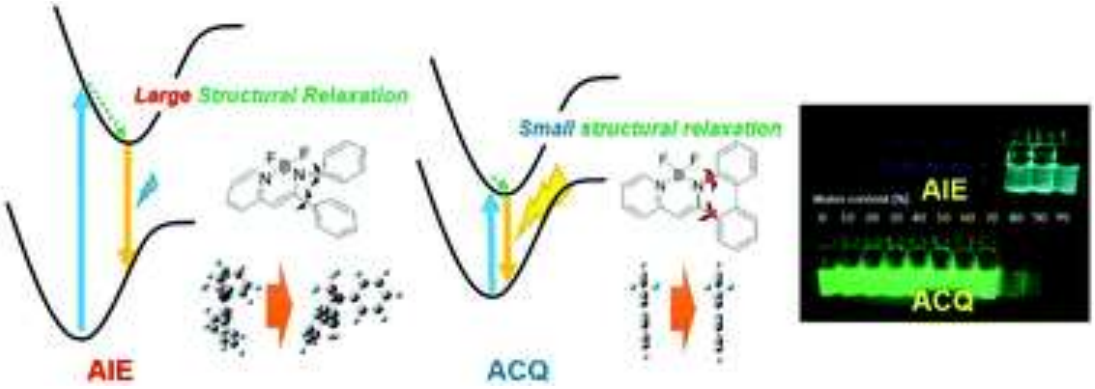
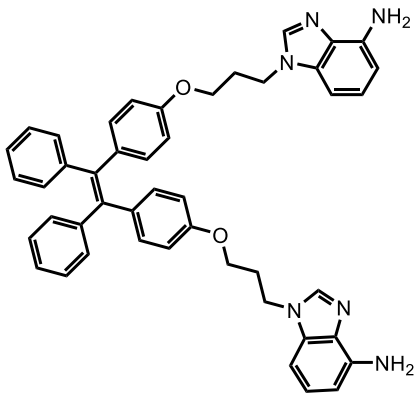


Fig-1.4.6.1 Schematic representation of AIE and ACQ

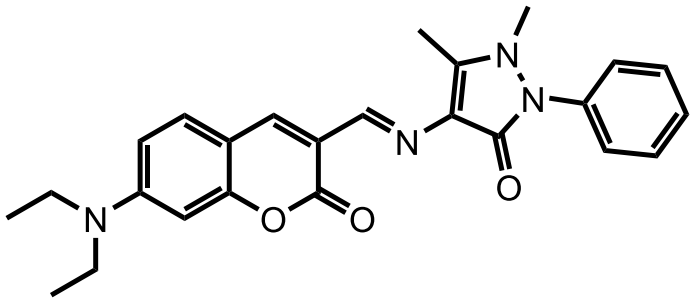


V

1.4.7 C=N isomerization:

C=N isomerization was identified as a signalling mechanism in 2007. This concept arose from research on the photophysical characteristics of conformationally constrained molecules. It was discovered that C=N isomerization is the primary decay process of excited states in compounds having an unbridged C=N structure, hence these compounds are frequently non-fluorescent. In contrast, the fluorescence of their analogs with a covalently bridged C=N structure increases considerably due to the

inhibition of C=N isomerization in the excited states. Thus, rather than covalently bridging the C=N link, it is reasonable to suppose that C=N isomerization may also be prevented by complexing a guest species with a sophisticatedly engineered fluorescent-sensing molecule. J. S. Wu, *et.al.,*

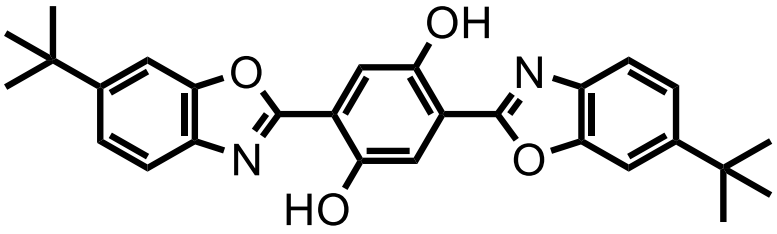


VI

The free ligand **VI** is practically non-fluorescent due to quick isomerization of the C=N double bond in the excited state. However, adding zinc ions to a VI solution in CH3CN results in a 200-fold increase in fluorescence quantum yield, as well as a red shift in the emission maxima from 500 to 522 nanometers.

1.4.8 Excited-state intramolecular proton transfer (ESIPT):

In ESIPT systems, protons in the excited state leave or enter a molecule at different rates than those in the ground state. ESIPT is a faster process than electron transfer, with reported times ranging from fractions of picoseconds to tens of picoseconds M. Y. Berezin, *et.al.,* Proton transfer rates vary depending on the environment, and in the nanocavities of cyclodextrin or an emulsion, it is much slower, taking nanoseconds. The ESIPT process is clearly identifiable in steady-state spectra: the absorption spectrum is often comparable to that of the parent chromophore, but the fluorescence differs dramatically. ESIPT dyes have a substantial Stokes shift and are excellent candidates for use as fluorescence labels to eliminate interference from other fluorescent components in the sample. The huge Stokes shift provides an advantage in that there is essentially no spectrum overlap between absorption and emission, making ESIPT dyes interesting for application in fluorescence sensors. ESIPT molecules have gained a lot of attention because to their distinct dual fluorescence in a four-level cycle that includes the ground and excited states of two different tautomers.



VII

Pang et al. investigated the interactions of **VII** with anions such OH- and CH3CO2. Q. H. Chu, *et.al.,* In the absence of anions, **VII** shows an ESIPT characteristic peak. The production of the VII anion resulted in a significant rise in fluorescence intensity and a bigger bathochromic shift (from 412 to 496 nm) in the absorption spectrum when OH-/F- were added. However, production of the **VII** anion hinders proton transfer in the excited state, resulting in a lower Stokes shift. Because the mono anion complex VII significantly hinders the ESIPT process, it is exciting to investigate whether complexation with an appropriate cation to the phenoxide group in VII may re-enable the ESIPT process.

Chapter-2

LITERATURE SURVERY

Schiff bases are becoming increasingly popular as versatile fluorescent chemosensors, particularly the pyrazole-based ones. In this survey, we discussed the recent advancements in pyrazole-based Schiff base fluorescent sensors, focusing on their design, synthesis, mechanisms for sensing metal ions, and practical applications. The period covered in this study spans from 2018 to 2023.

Kehui Wei, *et.al.,* developed a new compound called W [(E)-N'-(2,3-dihydroxybenzylidene)-1-phenyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carbohydrazide)] was created and tested for its ability to detect Al^{3+} ions with a high level of sensitivity and selectivity, leading to a bright green color change in solution (**Fig 2.1**). This complex W[Al^{3+}] was also found to work well as a sensor for Fe^{3+} ions. The compound W showed impressive detection limits for both Al^{3+} and Fe^{3+} ions, as well as a stoichiometric ratio of 1:2 for both metals. In addition, W was successfully used to detect Al^{3+} and Fe^{3+} ions in water samples.



Fig 2.1 Compound W showing fluorescence with Al^{3+} and Fe^{3+}.

Hongmei Liu, *et.al.*, reported a simple and versatile Schiff base chemosensor (L) was designed to detect four metal ions near row (Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Cu^{2+}, and Zn^{2+}) by colorimetric or fluorescence analysis L can be detected target ions in solutions of a cations and a wide variety of other ions (**Fig 2.2**). Then, L was used to create colorimetric test tubes and TLC plates for Co^{2+}. L was then able to quantitatively measure the concentration of target ions in tap water and river water samples. Notably, Zn^{2+} was imaged with L in HepG2 cells, zebrafish, and tumor-bearing mice,

demonstrating its potential biological role. Thus, L may possibly be a versatile tool for targeted detection of metal ions in environmental and biological contexts.

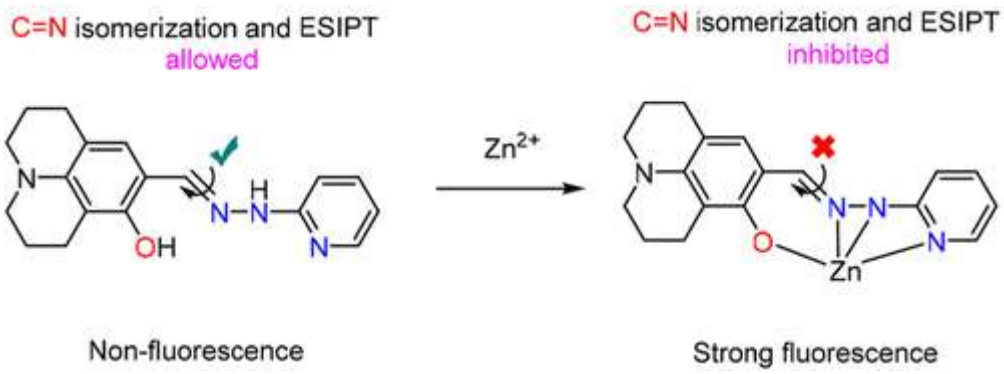


Fig 2.2: Fluorescence Enhancement Mechanism of L by Zn^{2+} and the Proposed Structure of the L–Zn^{2+} Complex.

Mingyi Kang, *et.al.,* has researched about a new fluorescent probe (EQTPC[Ga3]) based totally on a Schiff base (E)-N'-(three-ethoxy-2-hydroxybenzylidene)-1-(quinolin-8-yl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole-three-carbohydrazide (EQTPC) and gallium(III) turned into designed and synthesized for detection of chromium(III) and rhodium(III). EQTPC exhibited "turn-on" fluorescent reaction towards Ga3, and the complex EQTPC[Ga3] became furthermore applied for detection of Rh3 and Cr3 through "flip-off" fluorescent reaction. Optical pastime of 6.08 × 10^{-8} M, 9.72 × 10^{-8} M and 1.27 × 10^{-8} M, respectively. According to the analysis of 1H NMR, 13C NMR, MS and FTIR spectra, the fluorescence intensity chart obtained (Fig 2.4), the EQTPC and target ions tended to 1: 2 complexes.

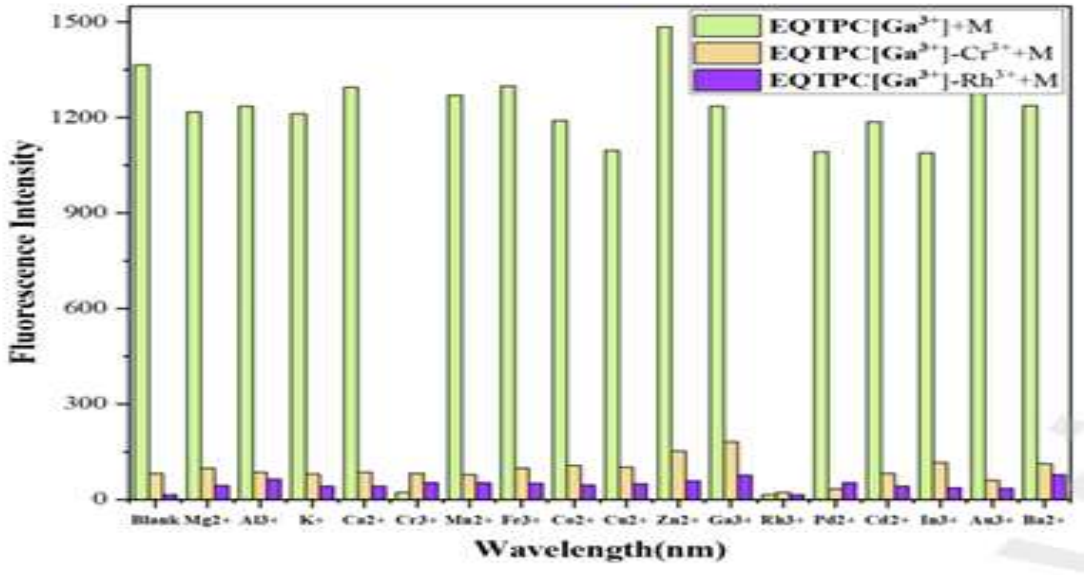


Fig 2.3 wavelength vs intensity chart

A. Afrin, *et.al.,* There are many new fluorescent turn-on probes reported so far; but interestingly, Schiff base-based probes have great interests due to their strange optical properties, high thermal stability and easy synthesis. They also have a place in the bioactive field as potential fluorescent chemosensors for biologically relevant metal cations and are known to be minimally toxic. This is due to their high photoluminescence efficiency when combined with ideal fluorophores such as quinoline, anthracene, coumarin, fluorescein, rhodamine, boron-dipyrromethene (BODIPY), dansyl and naphthalimide among others. Therefore these compounds of flexible syntheses sites of N and O can firmly coordinate a vast number of transition metal ions that exhibit fluorescence increase upon binding. In this regard, this review summarizes the detailed sensing properties of a plethora of Schiff bases-based probes (**Fig 2.4**) specifically designed for biologically important metal cations such as Zn^{2+}, Cu^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Ag^{+}, Au^{3+}, Hg^{2}, Cd^{2+} and Pd^{2+}through turn-on fluorescence.

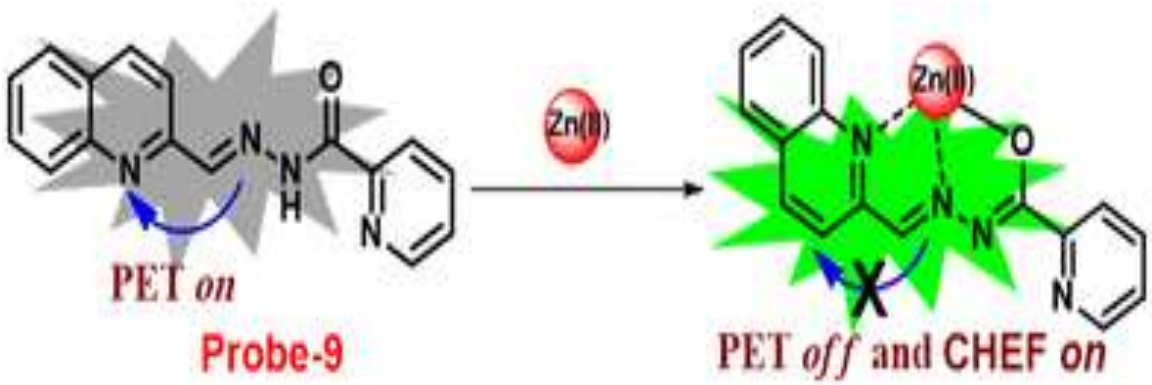


Fig 2.4: Chemical structure and proposed sensing mechanism of **probe** with Zn(II).

Susmita Mandal, *et.al.,* synthesize a pyrazoles with a Schiff-base ligand, 5-methyl-3-formylpyrazole-N-(2′-methylphenoxy) methyleneimine, (MPzOA) gave three additional Cd2+complexes, of Cd2+varies among the different complexes reported. Cd 2+in complexes I and II except six and eight in (III) coordination modes, with prismatic, octahedral and distorted dodcadral geometries, respectively. The complexes have 1D, 2D, and 3D supramolecular frameworks, which are due to non-covalent interactions, such as as hydrogen bonds, π … π stacking, C–H… π bonds. The structural conformations of the reported Cd2+complexes by X-ray studies are represented in the **Fig 2.5**.

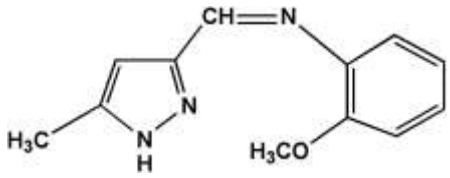


Fig 2.5: The structural formulation of the ligand (MPzOA)

Priyanka Devi, *et.al*., developed a new Schiff base named 5-methyl-3-((5-bromosalicylidene) amino)- pyrazole (HMBP) by redispersing 3-amino-5-methylpyrazole and 5-bromosalicylaldehyde in a 1:1 M composition at methanol as shown in (**Fig 2.6**). Fluorescence experiments showed that the fluorescence intensity of the metal complex was higher than that of the new Schiff base. Kinematic variables were calculated using the Coates- Redfern equation. The synthesized ligand and its complex were tested against the foodborne pathogen Staphylococcus aureus sub. aureus (MTCC 1144), Clostridium perfringens (MTCC 450), Listeria monocytogenes (MTCC 657/1143), Escherichia coli (MTCC 433) and Pseudomonas aeruginosa (MTCC 424) and fungi (Aspergillus fumigatus, Aspergillus niger, Candida albicans).

which activates the body. All the complexes were found to have improved biological activity against isolated organisms compared to the new Schiff base.

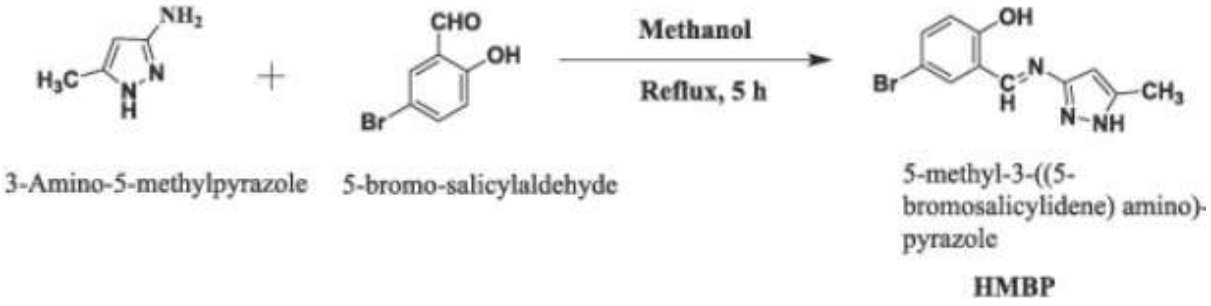


Fig 2.6 Name and Structure of Schiff (HMBP).

Keshav Badhe, et.al., reported a simple, one-step way to make 5-amino-1H-pyrazole-4 carbonitrile and its kinds uses a smell chemical, a nitrile, a special hydrazine, and Mg-Fe mineral mix as a solid helper at room heat. This mineral mix, also known as double-layered helper, has layers where negative bits like carbonate and hydroxide sit between, and is used for carrying drugs and swapping ions.

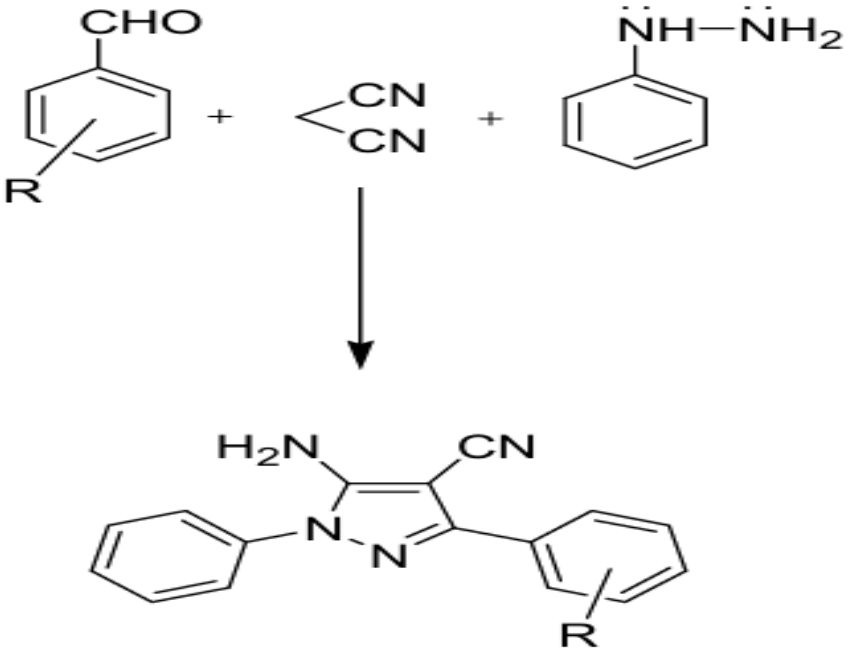


Fig 2.7: Synthesis of 5-amino-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonitrile.

Yaping Li, *et.al.*, Two simple fluorescent anion receptors were designed, synthesized, and characterized using various analytical techniques. These receptors were based on 1-phenyl-3-methylpyrozole-5-one-4-one phenylhydrazone (L1) and 1-

phenyl-3-methylpyrozole-5-one-4-one p-nitrophenylhydrazone (L2). Interestingly, the two receptors displayed different anion binding behaviors in DMSO solution despite their similar configurations.

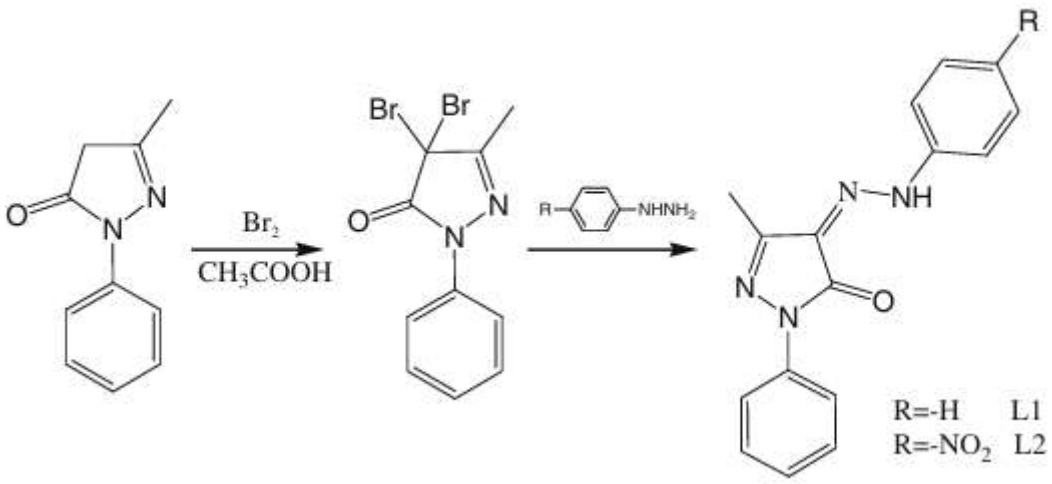


Fig2.8: Synthesis of the compounds 1 and 2

Samik Gupta*, et.al*., prepared Dioxomolybdenum(VI) complexes numbered 1 to 4 by combining MoO_2 with different ligands (B1, B2, B3, and B4) in the presence of water or ethanol. The ligands displayed fluorescent properties due to the presence of a substituted 1-(2-pyridyl) pyrazole unit, with H2B3 showing the most intense emission. Interestingly, H2B4 did not exhibit any fluorescence emission.

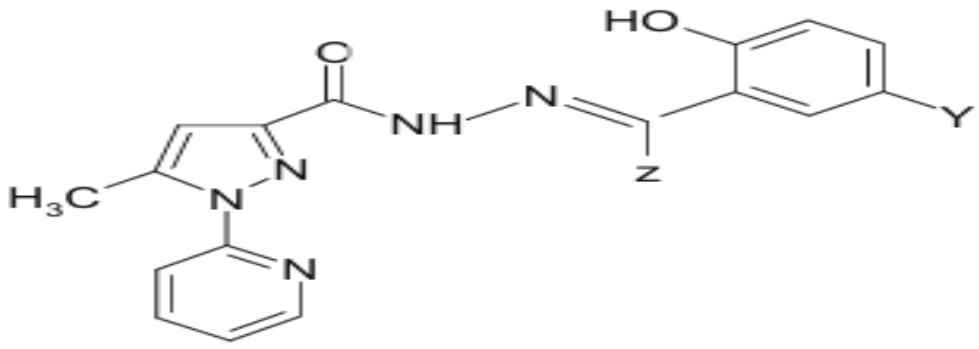


Fig2.9: representing the structural formula of the ligands

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

The main objective of this project is to design and synthesize a new luminescent functionalized organic molecule. The Pyrazole moiety is used as a starting material for preparation of compound via Schiff base condensation reaction. Much attention will be focused to characterize the newly synthesized compound. Detailed photophysical study of the newly synthesized luminescent molecules will be carried out by using UV-Visible absorbance and Fluorescence spectroscopy. The newly synthesized luminescent material will be effectively applied as sensors, for ions. To ascertain the sensing mechanism of the newly synthesized luminescent pyrazole materials with guest species were predicted from the studies. The system may be applied into detection of guest species in natural water samples with satisfactory recovery.

Chapter 4

Experimental materials and methods:

The details of the materials, instruments used for various analyses and general procedure for the preparation of stock solutions, preparation of buffer solutions, determination of binding constants, detection limit, determination of binding stoichiometry using Job′s plots, and Computational calculations are discussed in this chapter.

4.1 Materials

4.1.1 Chemicals

All chemicals used were analytical grade and used without further purification.

Chemicals	Suppliers
Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)	Aldrich
Dimethyl Formamide (DMF)	Aldrich
Salicylaldehyde	Aldrich
5-amino-1-phnyl pyrazole-4-carbonitrile	Aldrich
Acetic acid	Aldrich
Ethanol	Aldrich

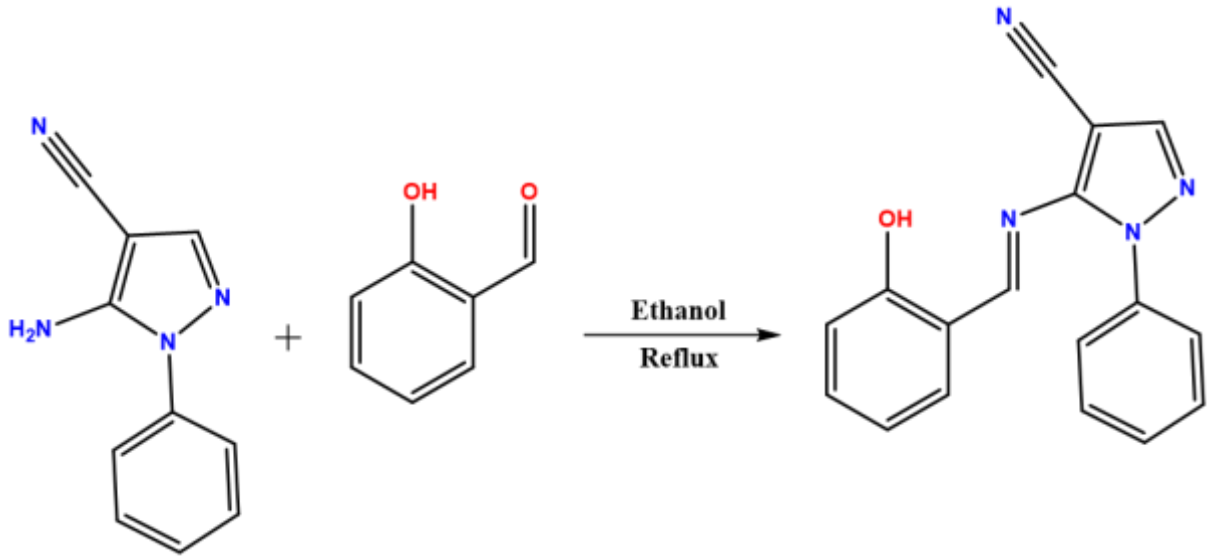
All the metal salts (Al^{3+}, Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+} and Hg^{2+}) were purchased from Aldrich chemicals.

4.2 General procedure

4.2.1 Synthesis of **PY**

Ethanolic solution containing Salicylaldehyde (0.74 mmol), 5-amino-1-phenylpyrazole-4-carbonitrile (0.74 mmol) and two drops of acetic acid was refluxed for two hours. The excess solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure. The lime

yellow crystalline residue was washed with diethylether. Recrystallized with chloroform to get a dark yellow crystal.



5-Amino-1-phenyl pyrazole-4-carbonitrile **Salicylaldehyde** **PY**

FIG 4.2.1 Synthesis of the PY.

4.2.2 Procedure for aggregation and sensing studies

The aggregation behaviour and sensing ability of PY were explored by following our reported methods. A 1 mM stock solution of was prepared in DMSO. The fluorescence and absorption spectra were recorded by placing 100 µL of (1 mM, DMSO) in various vials followed by diluted to 2 mL with a DMSO solvent comprising varying water fractions from 0% to 95% to analyze the aggregation behaviour.

4.2.3 Preparation of stock solutions

Stock solutions (1.0 x 10^{-3}mol L^{-1}) of metal ions such as (Al^{3+}, Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+} and Hg^{2+} were prepared by dissolving the appropriate amount of metal chlorides in 100 ml of double distilled water. Working stock solutions were obtained from these 1.0 x 10^{-3} mol L^{-1}solutions by further dilution with double distilled water/buffer solution.

4.2.4 Estimation of detection and quantitation limits

Limit of Detection (LOD) and Limit of Quantification (LOQ) were calculated[1] based on the standard deviation (SD) of the response and the slope(S) of the

calibration curve at levels approximating the LOD according to the formula:

$$\mathrm{LOD} = 3.3\ (\mathrm{SD}/\mathrm{S})$$

and LOQ according to the formula:

$$\mathrm{LOQ} = 10\ (\mathrm{SD}/\mathrm{S})$$

4.2.5 Determination of the binding constants of receptors with analytes

The following equation (1) is employed for determination of the receptor-analyte complexation is where R is the receptor; A is the cation/anion/neutral analytes, and C is the complex.

$$\mathrm{R} + \mathrm{nA} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{C} \qquad (1)$$

The binding constant K of the complex was determined by equation (2), assuming the concentration of free analyte was about equal to its total concentration ($[A] \cong [A]_t$), where F_0, F, and F_m were the corrected fluorescence emission intensity/UV-Vis. absorbance of the complex at initial, interval t, and the final state at which the complex was fully formed upon addition of analytes respectively.

$$\frac{\mathrm{F} - \mathrm{F_0}}{\mathrm{F_m} - \mathrm{F}} = \frac{[\mathrm{C}]}{[\mathrm{R}]} = \mathrm{K}[\mathrm{A}]^{\mathrm{n}} \qquad (2)$$

The binding constant K was determined from the plot of the linear regression of $\log[(F-F_0)/(F_m-F)]$ *Vs.* log[M] in equation (3) derived from equation (2) to obtain the intercept as log K and the slope as n.

$$\log \frac{\mathrm{F} - \mathrm{F_0}}{\mathrm{F_m} - \mathrm{F}} = \log \mathrm{K} + \mathrm{n} \log\ [\mathrm{M}] \qquad (3)$$

4.3 Instrumentation

4.3.1 Spectroscopic techniques

- The fluorescence spectra were obtained by using Cary Eclipse spectrophotometer (Agilent Technologies). The fluorescence spectra range is

in between 410nm-750nm, keeping slit width of 10:10nm with an excitation wavelength of 400 nm and the voltage was kept as medium i.e. 600 volts.

- For UV-visible spectra, Varian Cary 50 spectrophotometer (Agilent Technologies) was used with quartz cuvette of path length 1cm. UV–Visible absorption spectra were recorded using JASCO-spectra manager (V-550) in 1 cm path length quartz cuvette with a volume of 2 mL at room temperature.
- The ^{1}H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker (Avance) 500 MHz NMR instrument using TMS as internal standard and $CDCl_3$ and DMSO-d^6 as solvents. Standard Bruker software was used throughout.
- The HRMS spectra were recorded on an Agilent 6546 LC QTOF HRMS instrument using PDA as the detector and acetone was used as a solvent. Standard Agilent software was used throughout.
- The FTIR spectra were recorded on a Jasco FT/IR 6600 Type A instrument using a standard light source. The detector used was TGS. Standard Jasco software was used throughout.

CHAPTER-5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The fluorescent probe **PY** was synthesized via Schiff base condensation reaction of Salicylaldehyde with Pyrazole in ethanolic medium. The structure of **PY** was characterized by ^{1}H NMR, ATR-FT-IR, and HRMS analysis. The sensing ability of receptor **PY** towards different metal ions was investigated by UV-Visible and fluorescence studies.

CHARACTERIZATION OF THE COMPOUND:

5.1 ^{1}H NMR-Characterization

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) is a powerful spectroscopic technique used to study the magnetic properties of atomic nuclei. The peak at 10.93 ppm confirms the presence of salicylic OH group. The another peak at 9.36 ppm confirms the presence of imine hydrogen group. The peak at 8.31 ppm confirms the presence of pyrazole hydrogen. The peak from 6-8 and their splitting patterns were clearly confirms the formation of pyrazole-salicyl conjugated structure. ^{1}H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 9.37 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.79 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.91 (m, 2H).

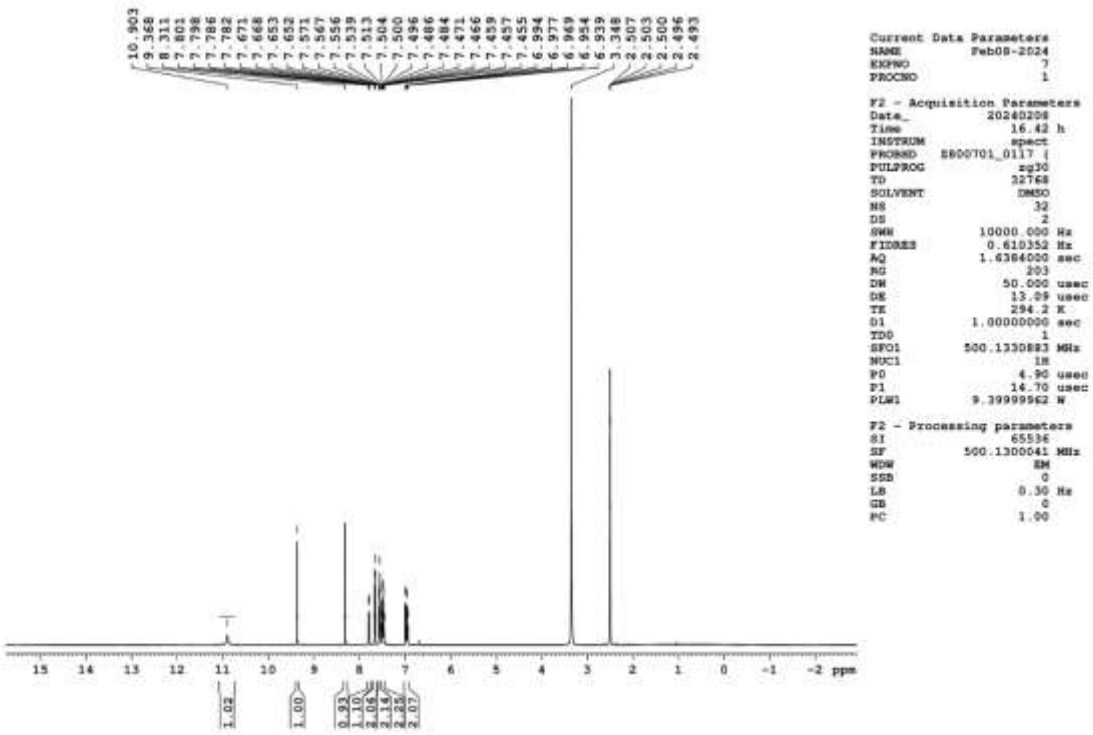


Fig 5.1 ^{1}H NMR spectra of PY in D^{6}-DMSO medium.

5.2 HR-MS Characterization

The HRMS analytical technique used to determine the accurate molecular masses of the compounds present in the sample. The calculated mass of the compound is 288.30 and observed **(Fig 5.2)** the compound mass is 289.10 $(M+H)^{+}$ confirms the compound formation.

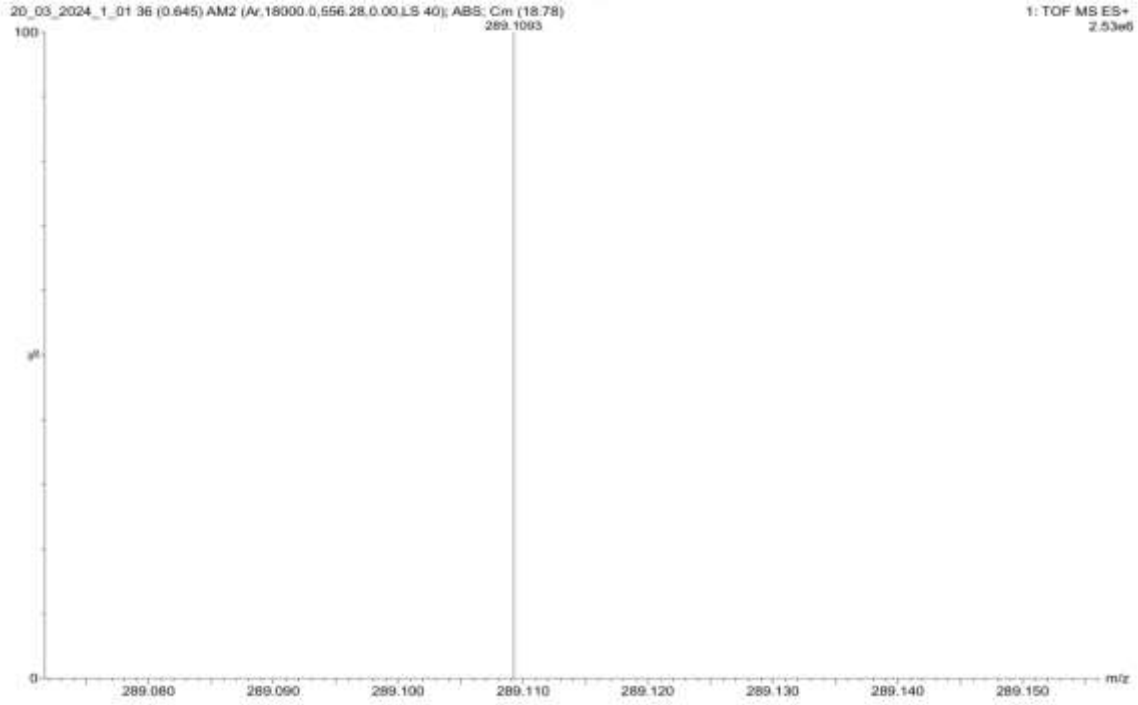


Fig 5.2 HR-MS spectra of PY.

5.3 FT-IR Characterization

Fourier Transform-Infra Red spectroscopy is used to determine functional groups of the molecule. The peak at 2216cm^{-1} **(Fig 5.3)** confirms the presence of cyanide group vibration. The another stretching frequency 1598 cm^{-1} confirms the presence of imine vibration. The frequency band at 1121cm^{-1} confirms the bending vibration of imine. The finger print region confirms the presence of salicylic and pyrazole vibrations.

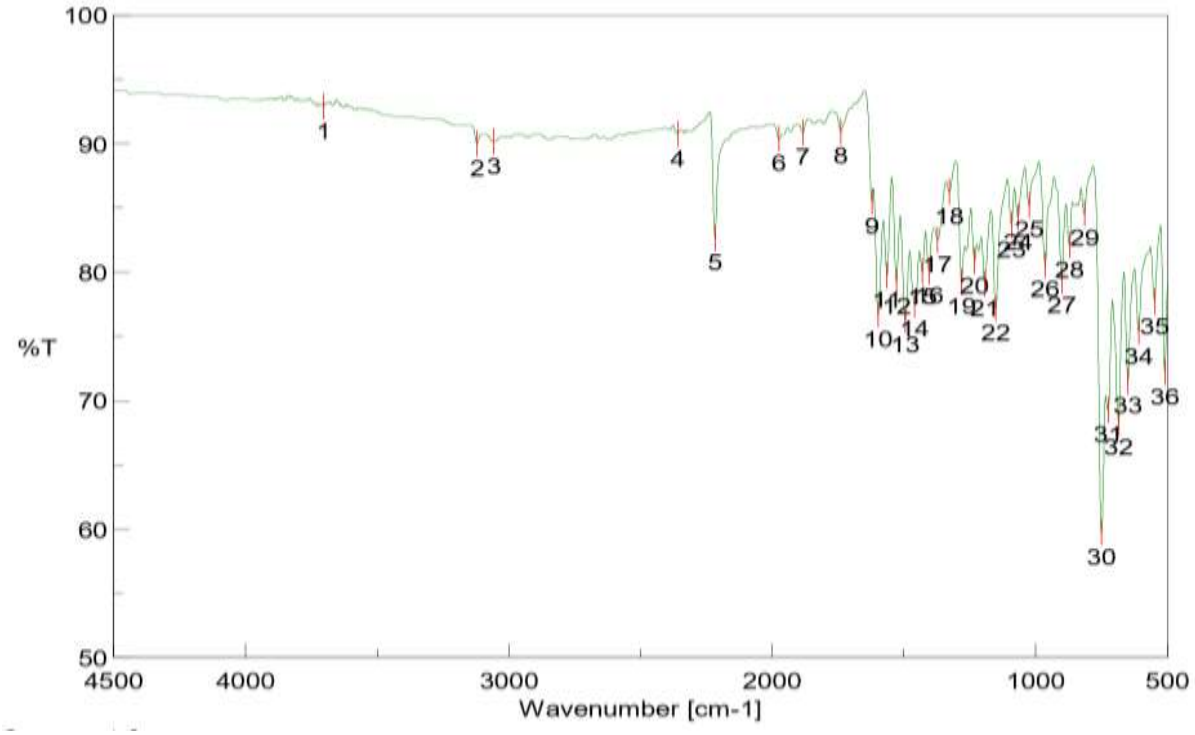


Fig 5.3 FT-IR characterization of the compound PY.

5.4 Aggregation Studies of PY

The synthesized Schiff base **PY** is freely soluble in common organic solvents such as DMSO, DMF and THF but insoluble in aqueous medium. For the aggregation studies, DMSO: H_2O mixed medium was chosen where DMSO acts as a good solvent whereas H_2O as a poor solvent. In the DMSO solution of **PY**, the water fraction (*f*w) was increased from 0% to 95%, and their fluorescence and absorption spectra were recorded (**Fig. 5.4**). In pure DMSO and DMSO containing *f*w from 10% to 90%, **PY** fails to show high fluorescent due to the probe **PY** can self-assemble into nonfluorescent nanoaggregates due to the aggregation caused quenching (ACQ) effect.

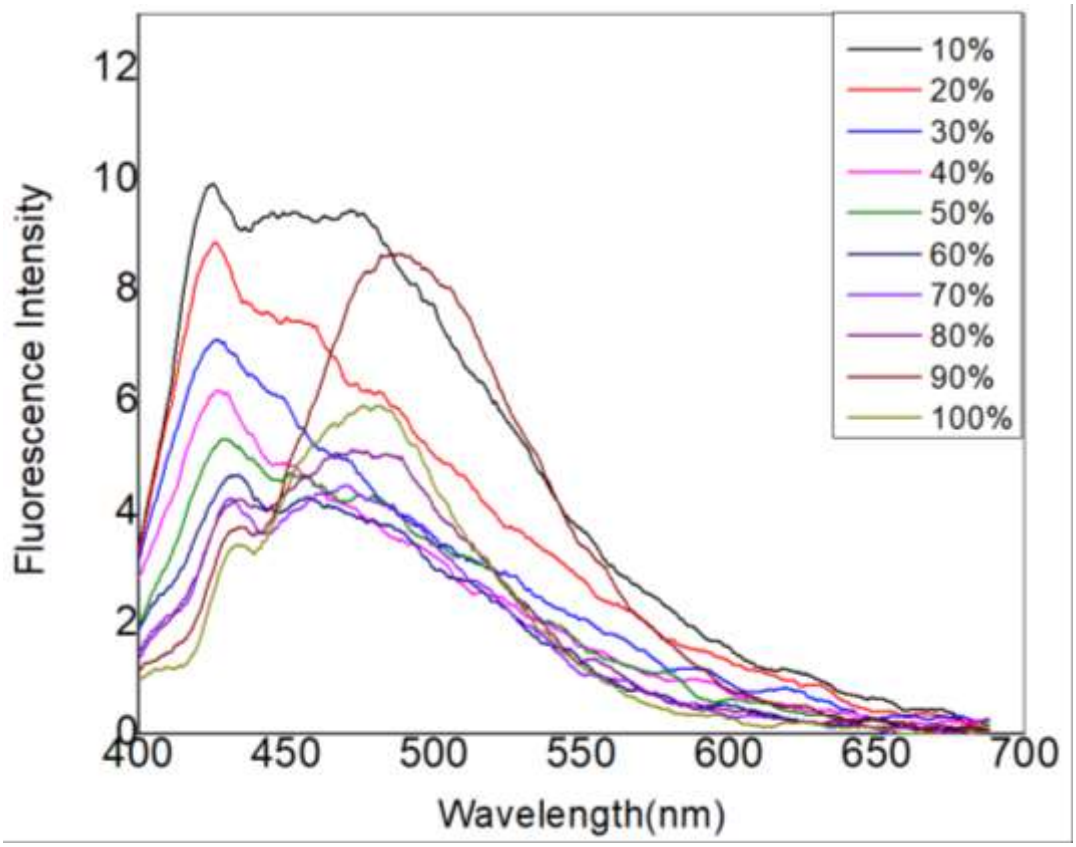


Fig.5.4 Aggregation Studies of **PY** in DMSO: H_2O medium

5.5 Absorbance study of PY

To investigate the binding properties of **PY** towards biologically relevant metal cations such as Al^{3+}, Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+} and Hg^{2+} UV-Visible spectra were recorded **(Fig.5.5)**. The probe **PY** (5×10^{-5}M, DMSO) exhibited intense absorption bands at 316 nm and 353 nm corresponding to π-π* transition. Additionally, a lower energy band was also observed at 413 nm attributable to the n-π* transition of pyrazole and salicylaldehyde unit. Upon addition of Zn^{2+} ion, absorbance band at 316 nm increased while the band emerged at 353 nm decreased in intensity; also, a new band emerged at 460 nm. The well-defined isobestic points observed at 375 and 325 nm indicate that the **PY** and Zn^{2+} ions are in equilibrium in solution **(Fig.5.5)**. The absorbance changes were visually detected by the colour change of the solution from yellow to orange. There was significant change in absorption spectrum with the addition of other metal ions also.

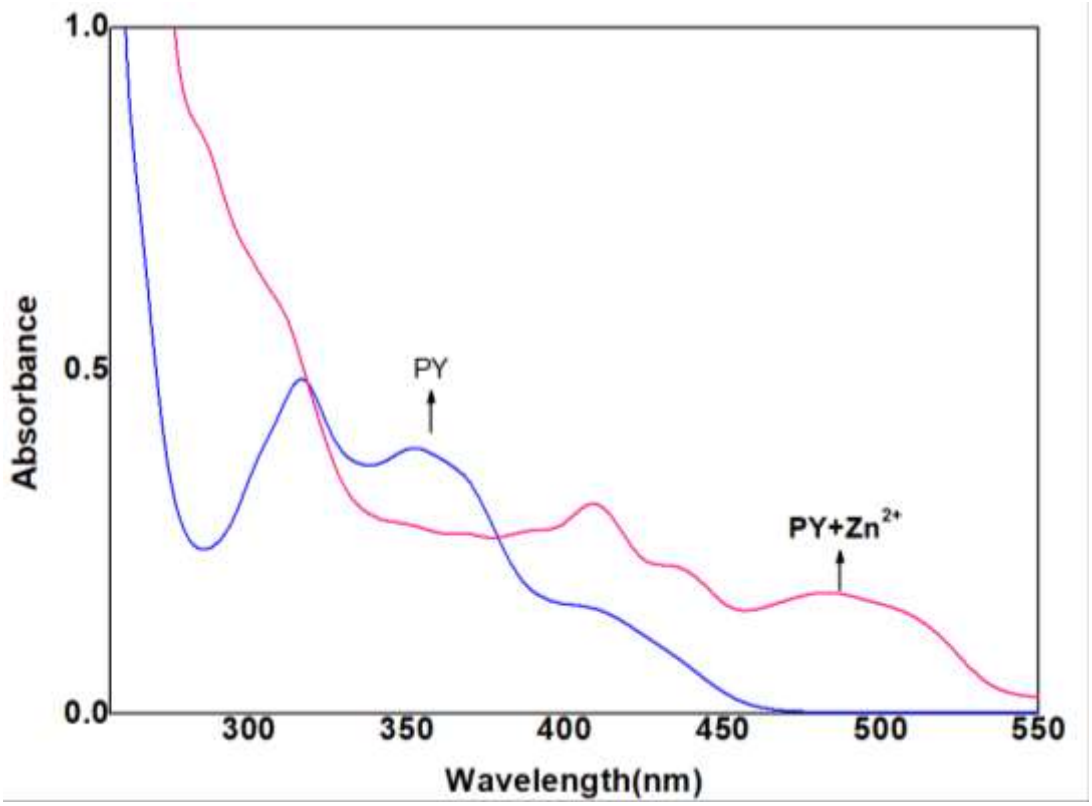


Fig. 5.5 UV-Visible absorbance spectra of **PY** (5×10^{-5}M) upon the addition of 50 µl solutions of various cations (1×10^{-3} M) such as Al^{3+}, Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+} and Hg^{2+} in DMSO medium.

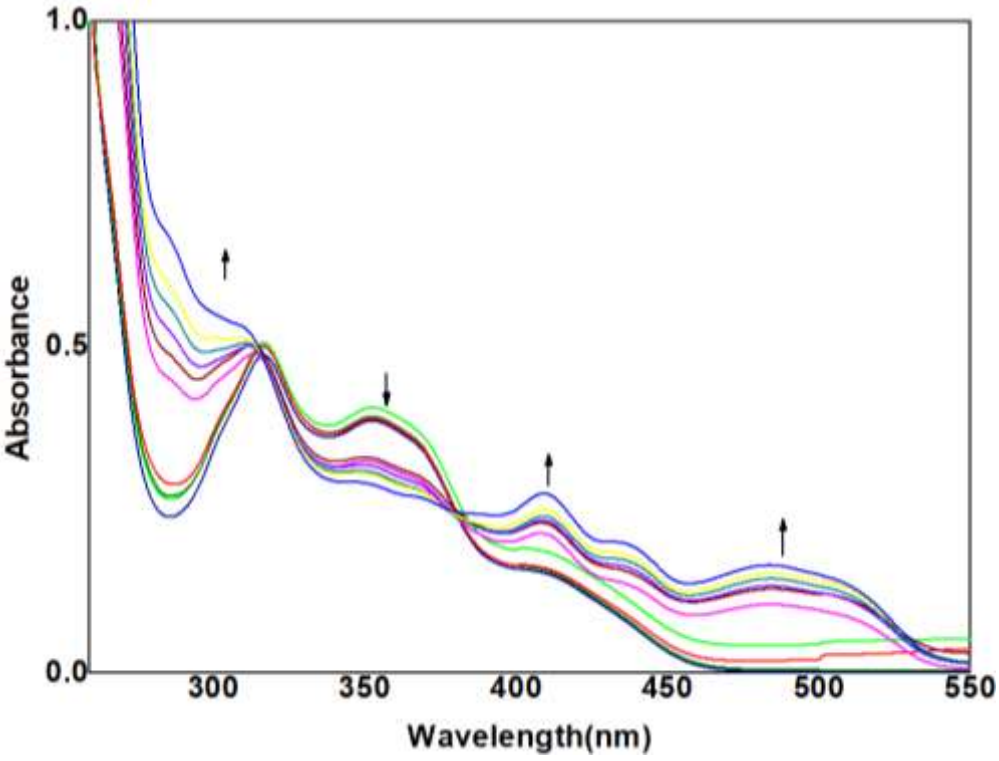


Fig 5.6 Changes in the UV-Visible absorbance spectra of **PY** (5×10^{-5}M) upon addition of Zn^{2+} ion in DMSO.

5.6 Fluorescence studies of Zn^{2+} ion

The emission spectrum of **PY** in DMSO exhibited weak emission band at 441 nm when excited at 350 nm. When Zn^{2+} was added to the solution of **PY**, a drastic fluorescence enhancement at 441 nm was observed. The selectivity of probe **PY** was further verified with salts of Al^{3+}, Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, Ni^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+} and Hg^{2+} in aqueous DMSO solution **(Fig.5.7)**. The addition of alkali, alkaline, transition and heavy metal ions did not induce any changes in fluorescence spectrum. It clearly indicates the receptor **PY** can selectively sense Zn^{2+} ion in the presence of other cations **(Fig.5.7)**.

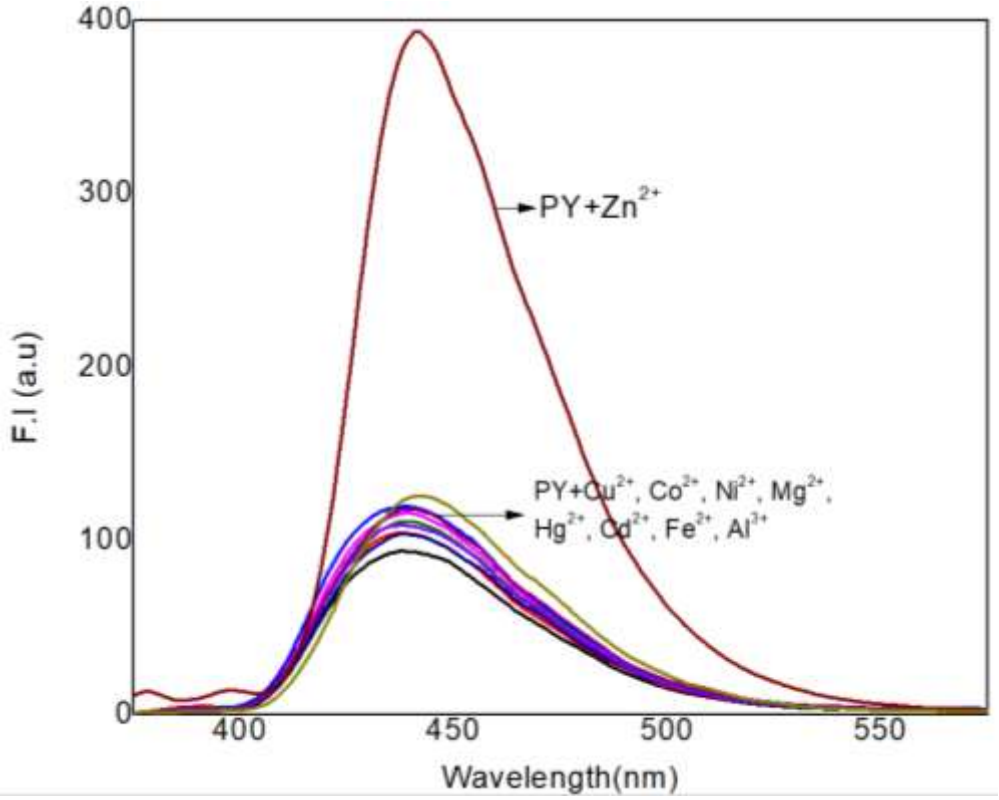


Fig. 5.7 Fluorescence spectra of **PY** (5×10^{-5}M) with various cations such as Al^{3+}, Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+} and Hg^{2+} (50 µl, 1×10^{-3} M) in DMSO λ_{ex} = 350 nm, λ_{em} = 441 nm.

To study the sensitivity of the receptor **PY**, fluorescence titration experiments were performed by addition of Zn^{2+} ion as shown in **(Fig.5.7)**. Upon the incremental

addition of Zn^{2+} ion, a gradual enhancement in fluorescence intensity of the band at 441 nm was observed. Binding of **PY** to the Zn^{2+} leads to the enhancement of fluorescence in the presence of Zn^{2+}. The fluorescence enhancement may be due to the inhibition of C=N isomerization. Besides, Zn^{2+} binding with the probe may induce the enhancement of fluorescence intensity of **PY** through PET and CHEF mechanism. The fluorimetric titration profile clearly shows a steady increase in the fluorescence intensity with incremental addition of Zn^{2+} ion **(Fig.5.8)**. The detection limit[26] were found to be 1.71×10^{-7} M respectively.

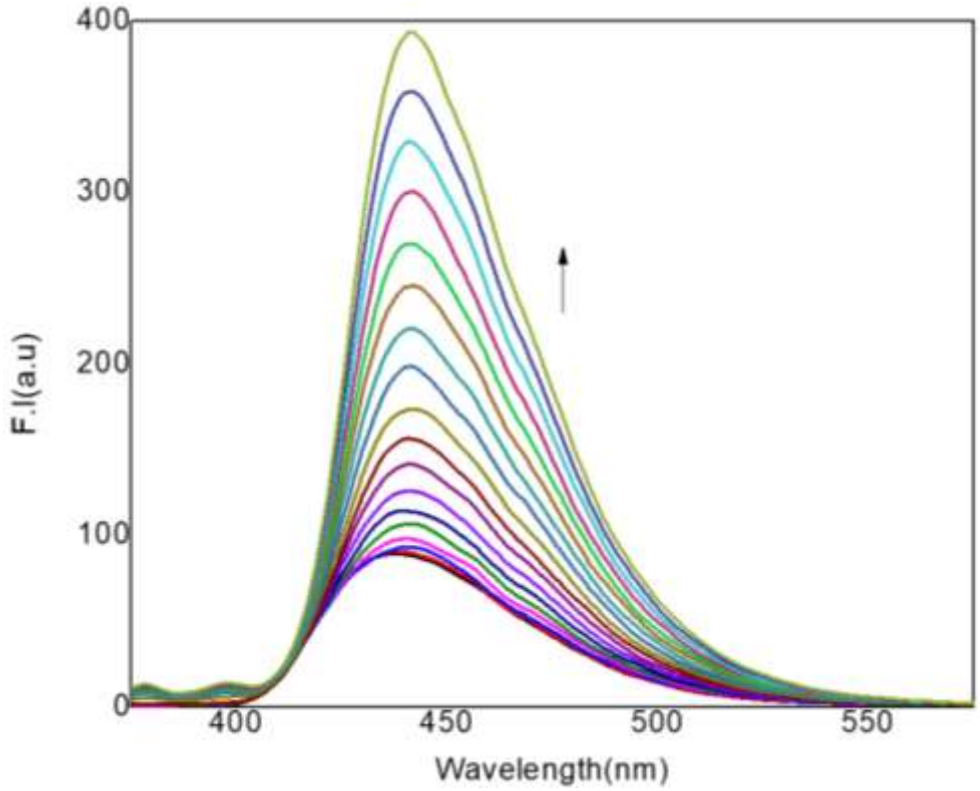


Fig. 5.8 Changes in the fluorescence spectra of **PY** (5×10^{-5}M) upon addition of Zn^{2+} ion (0-1equivalnet) in DMSO λ_{ex} = 350 nm, λ_{em} = 441 nm.

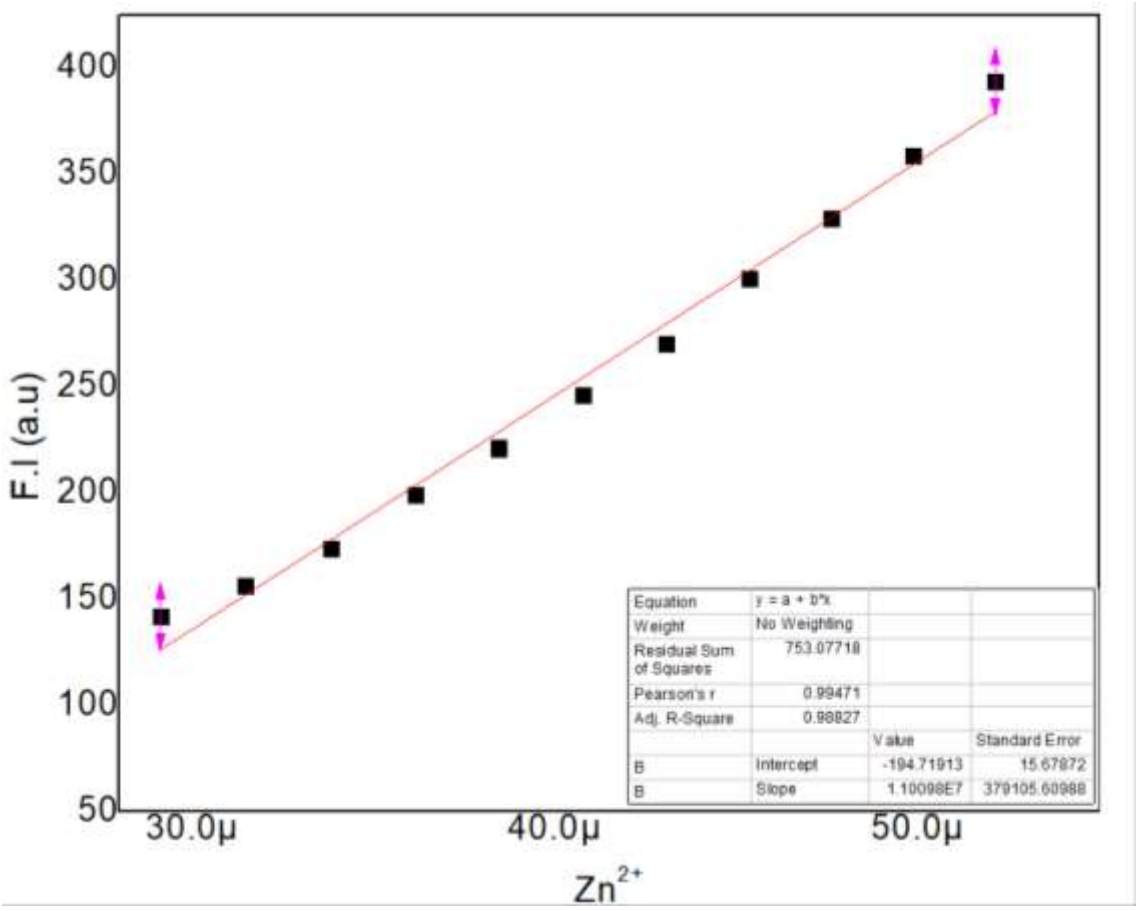


Fig 5.9 The calibration curve to obtain the LOD.

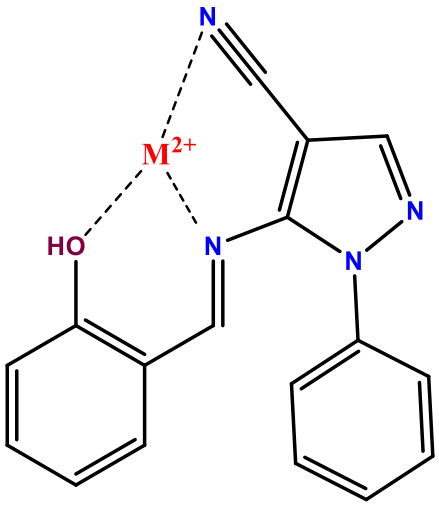


Fig 5.10 Structural representation of the compound interfering with metal ions.

To further explore the selectivity, competitive binding experiments were conducted for receptor in the presence of competing metal ions. No significant change in emission intensity at 441nm was found in the presence of other competitive ions in

comparison to solution containing only Zn^{2+} ion. This result shows that probe has good sensitivity and selectivity towards Zn^{2+} ion over other competitive metal ions (**Fig 5.11**.).

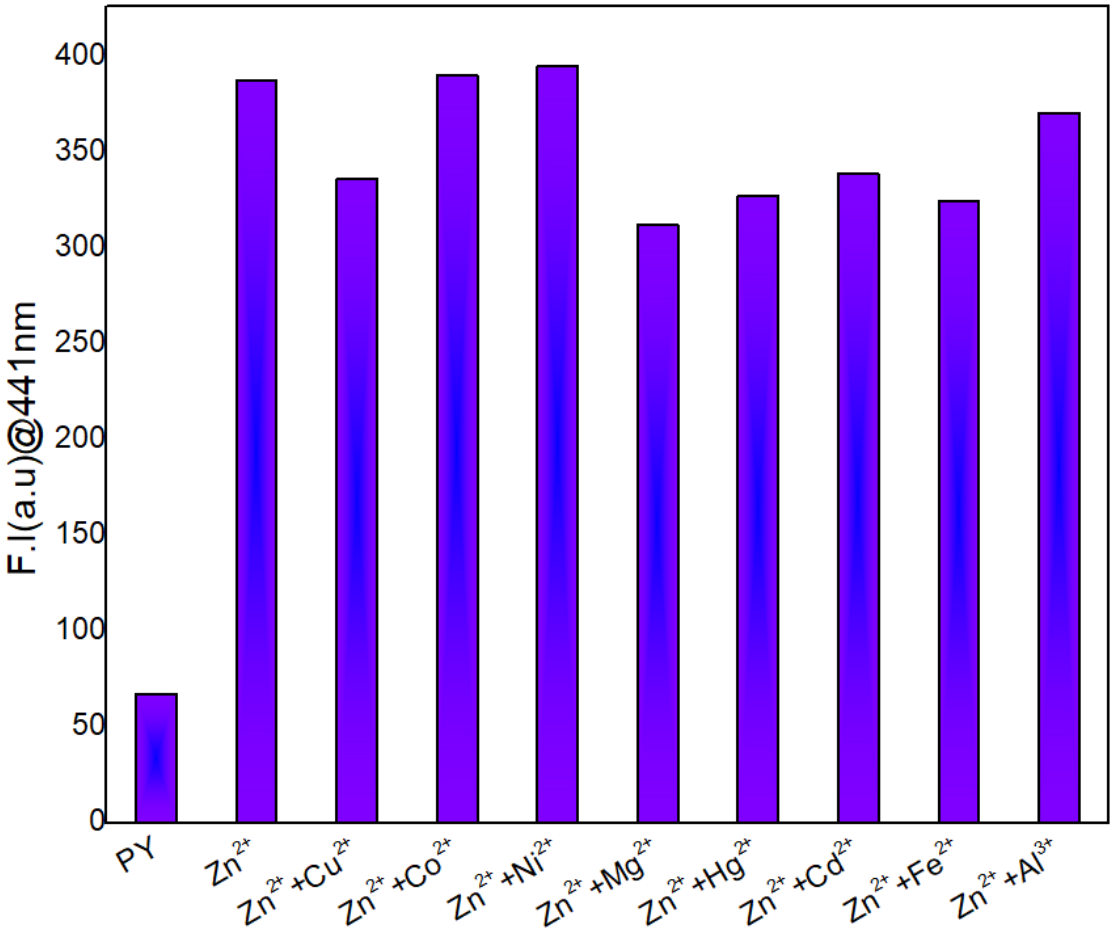


Fig. 5.11 Selectivity studies of **PY** with Zn^{2+} ion by fluorescence intensity measurement at 441 nm. Violet bars represent emission intensities after adding 50 µl of Al^{3+}, Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+} and Hg^{2+} (1×10^{-3}M) in DMSO medium.

CHAPTER-6

Summary and Conclusion

We have prepared pyrazole-salicyl based fluorescence sensor for detection of Zn^{2+} ion. It displays colorimetric response for Zn^{2+} ion in aqueous DMSO solution with high selectivity and sensitivity. In particular the **PY** and **PY**. Zn^{2+} ion is pH responsive in nature. Enhancement of fluorescence is mainly due to the C=N isomerisation and PET and CHEF mechanism. Binding of **PY** with Zn^{2+} was estimated to be 1.71×10^{-7} M respectively.

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ABSTRACT

Fungal infections pose significant challenges to dermatological health, necessitating the exploration of novetherapeutic approaches. This study conducts a comparative virtual screening analysis to evaluate the interactions of curcumin, a natural polyphenol with known antimicrobial properties, and conventional antifungal drugs with keratin, a fundamental protein constituent of skin, hair, and nails. Employing molecular docking simulations and molecular dynamics simulations, we investigate the binding affinities, binding modes, and dynamic behaviour of curcumin and selected antifungal drugs (such as fluconazole and terbinafine) with keratin at the molecular level.

Our results reveal distinct binding patterns and potential mechanisms of action for curcumin and antifungal drugs within the keratin structure. Curcumin demonstrates promising binding affinities with key residues of keratin, suggesting its potential as a natural antifungal agent that targets fungal Infections while preserving the structural Integrity of the skin. Additionally, our analysis Identifies potential synergistic effects between curcumin and conventional antifungal drugs, hinting at combination therapies for enhanced efficacy against fungal pathogens.

Furthermore, molecular dynamics simulations provide Insights into the dynamic stability and conformational changes of the keratin-curcumin and keratin-antifungal drug complexes, offering a deeper understanding of their Interactions over

Overall, our findings contribute to the growing body of knowledge on the therapeutic potential of curcumin in dermatology and highlight the importance of considering molecular interactions with keratin in the development of effective antifungal therapies.

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1.1 CURCUMIN

Curcumin is a bright yellow chemical compound isolated from *Curcuma longa* L. (turmeric) plants (Zingiberaceae) Turmeric has been historically used in herbalism as a traditional medical remedy for cutaneous and gastrointestinal inflammation, weight control, and poor digestion.

Recently, conventional medicine is directing a lot of effort towards identifying novel, low-cost, safe molecules that may be used in the treatment of inflammatory, neoplastic, and infectious diseases (De Backer MD, et.al.,) Numerous in vitro and in vivo studies have examined curcumin's anti-inflammatory, anticancer, and antimicrobial properties, both individually and combined with traditional treatments. This paper aims to provide an overview on the current knowledge regarding curcumin's effects on skin conditions alongside with its bioavailability and safety profile through the analysis ofthe most relevant studies published to date, providing suggestions for further research Molecular docking studies describing the interaction of curcumin with molecular targets involved in the development of skin disorders are nowadays not available in literature. We therefore complemented our data with original results, obtained through molecular docking analysis, regarding curcumin's binding mode and interaction towards six major enzymatic targets, indicated in this review as responsible for several dermatological conditions (Huang M.T.Ma W.Lu Y.P.et al.).

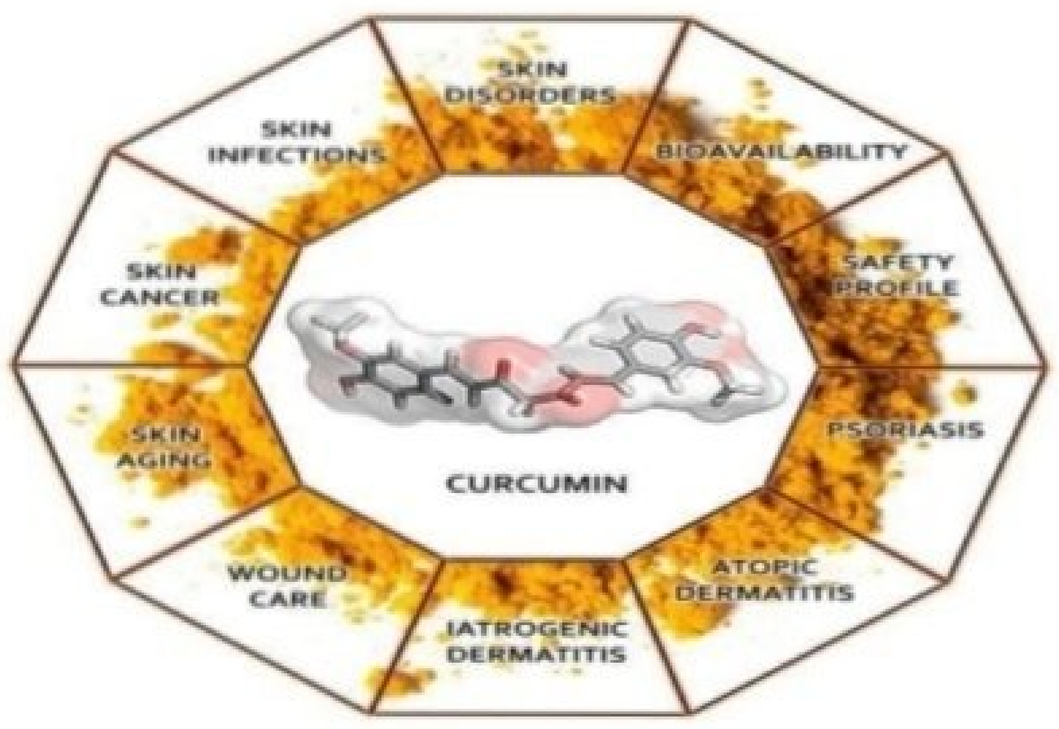


Figure 1.1 uses of curcumin

Phytochemicals are naturally occurring substances found in plants. There has been considerable public and scientific interest in the use of phytochemicals derived from dietary components to combat human diseases, especially the two commonest killers in the developed world, cardiovascular disease and cancer(Eberhart R,et.al.,). The dried ground rhizome of the perennial herb Curcuma longa Linn., called turmeric in English, haldi in Hindi and ukon in Japanese, has been used in Asian medicine since the second millennium BC. Its utility is referred to in the ancient Hindu scripture, the Ayurveda.(Gabard B,et.al.,) In addition to its aromatic, stimulant and colouring properties in the diet, turmeric is mixed with other natural compounds such as slaked lime and has been used topically as a treatment for wounds, inflammation and tumours. In contrast to the maximum dietary consumption of 1.5 g per person per day in certain South East Asian communities, smaller quantities of turmeric tend to be used for medicinal purposes (Delevoux M, et.al.,). The appeal of turmeric as a colouring, food preservative and flavouring are global – according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, over 2400 metric tons of turmeric are imported annually into the USA for consumer use.

Curcuma spp. contain turmerin (a water-soluble peptide), essential oils (such as turmerones, atlantones and zingiberene) and curcuminoids including curcumin [1,7] bis-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1,6-heptadiene-3,5-dione]. Curcuminoids can be defined as phenolic compounds derived from the roots of Curcuma spp. (Zingiberaceae). Curcumin (diferuloylmethane) is a low molecular weight polyphnol, first chemically characterised in 1910, that is generally regarded as the most active constituent of and comprises 2–8% of most turmeric preparations. Curcumin has been the subject of hundreds of published papers over the past three decades, studying its antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, cancer chemo preventive and potentially chemotherapeutic properties. The pharmacology and putative anti-cancer properties of curcumin have been the subject of several review articles published since 1991 which pre-date a number of clinical studies of curcumin which have been completed and published within the last 2 years. The purpose of the currentarticle is to present an appraisal of the current level of knowledge regarding its pharmacology at preclinical and clinical levels. It will be argued on the basis of the data presented that the current state of knowledge on this phytochemical is sufficient to advocate its advancement into phase II clinical studies. Curcumin possesses

wide-ranging anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer properties. Many of these activities can be attributed to its potent antioxidant capacity at neutral and acidic pH, its inhibition of cell signalling pathways at multiple levels, its diverse effects on cellular enzymes and its effects on angiogenesis and cell adhesion (Hann IA, Prentice GH)

1.1.1 CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Curcumin is a bis-α, β-unsaturated β-diketone. As such, curcumin exists in equilibrium with its enol tautomer. The bis-keto form predominates in acidic and neutral aqueous solutions and in the cell membrane. At pH 3–7, curcumin acts as an extraordinarily potent H-atom donor. This is because, in the keto form of curcumin, the heptadienone linkage between the two methoxyphenol rings contains a highly activated carbon atom, and the C–H carbon bonds.(Hector RF, et.al.,)

1.1.2 CURCUMIN SAFETY PROFILE

Curcumin is recognized as a safe compound by Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Numerous preclinical and clinical studies assessed the safety of this compound The maximum recommended dose varies, ranging from a maximum daily intake of 3 mg/kg to 4–10 g (Kalavathy CM,et.al.,). In a clinical study, curcumin was notdetected in the serum of healthy subjects administered up to 8000 mg/day, and only low levels were detected in two subjects administered 10,000 or 12,000 mg. No harmful effect was observed in any of the subjects, regarding a daily intake of 12,000 mg as safe in healthy individuals(Kennedy J, et.al.,).

A good safety profile of curcumin was observed also in patients with cardiovascular risk factors and patients affected by high-risk conditions or pre-malignant lesions of internal organs taking a dose of curcumin ranging from 500 to 8000 mg/day for 3 months. This safety has been observed also in patients with advanced colorectal cancer taking a dose of curcumin ranging from 36 to 180 mg/day for up to 4 months, in breast cancer patients undergoing radiotherapy while taking up to 6000 mg/day of curcumin, and advanced pancreatic cancer patients taking 8000 mg/day of curcumin for 2 months.

Controversially, intractable abdominal pain after assumption of curcumin at a dose of 8000 mg/day has also been reported in patients affected by advanced pancreatic cancer taking gemcitabine.

synthesis (see below) plays a role in the development of gastrointestinal side effects in patients suffering other gastrointestinal conditions. However, no sound explanation is available to date(Canute D, et.al.,)

Short-term intravenous dosing of liposomal curcumin has been indicated as safe up to a dose of 120 mg/m in a clinical trial on healthy subjects, whereas in a dose escalation study on metastatic cancer patients a dose of 300 mg/m^2 over 6 h appeared to be the maximum tolerated dosage. However, changes in red blood cell morphology may represent a dose limiting sign of toxicity, and one case of haemolysis and one death associated with intravenous curcumin preparation were reported, suggesting the need for further data regarding the safety and recommended dosages of curcumin administered intravenously(Brouk B, et.al.,).

It is worth mentioning that the majority of studies assessing curcumin safety profile has been conducted for short periods of time. No sound evidence is available to date regarding the consequences of long-term use of this compound. Although doses recommended for over-the-counter curcumin are generally lower than the ones in clinical studies mentioned above, supplements containing this compound are widely available to the general public and are increasingly popular. In this regard, recent reports of liver diseases related to curcumin assumption drove the medical community's attention to the possible liver toxicity of this molecule. The exact role of curcumin in the development of these conditions still has to be elucidated, and a possible contamination of supplements with lead has been postulated. Until further data is available, surveillance is needed, especially in long-term use, in the over-the-counter context and in patients affected by liver conditions.

1.1.3 WOUND CARE

Wound treatment represents a therapeutic challenge with significant economic impact on healthcare systems worldwide, with its cost rising sharply.

Wound healing is a complex, dynamic process that involves a sequence of cellular and molecular events. It can be divided in a simplified manner into three phases: haemostasis and inflammation, proliferation with formation of granulation tissue, and remodelling, with formation of new epithelium and scarring

During the inflammatory phase a significant number of neutrophils are recruited at the wounded site, releasing proteases, reactive oxygen species (ROS), and

inflammatory mediators such as TNF-α and IL-1. As mentioned above curcumin is able to reduce inflammation through the inhibition of nuclear factor κB (NF-κB) and the suppression of TNF-α expression, as well as through the impairment of LPS signalling. Moreover, curcumin exerts its anti-inflammatory effects by acting on other signalling pathways, such as peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor-gamma (PPAR-γ) and myeloid differentiation protein 2-TLR 4 co-receptor (TLR4-MD2) Excessive oxidative stress plays a major role in prolonged inflammation, a significant feature in the pathogenesis of chronic non-healing wound. In fact, while low levels of ROS are physiologically formed during the physiologic wound healing process, their excessive production cannot be balanced by the cellular antioxidant system, leading to oxidative stress, lipid peroxidation (LPx), DNA breakage and enzyme inactivation, including free-radical scavenging enzymes, in a self-perpetuating cycle resulting in chronic disease. The reducing potential of its electron-donating groups allows curcumin to restore the redox balance and suppress transcription factors related to oxidation, while sustaining the production and activity of antioxidant enzymes and their constituents, such as glutathione (GSH) Moreover, a protective action of curcumin against hydrogen peroxide has been observed in vitro in human keratinocytes and fibroblasts.

During the proliferative phase of wound healing, the dermis is invaded by proliferating fibroblasts producing immature ECM proteins (EDA fibronectin and type III collagen) as well as activating growth factors such as TGF-β1, leading to reparation of the wounded dermal layer. Simultaneously, keratinocytes migrate at the wounded site, where they proliferate and differentiate in order to restore the overlying epithelium A major role in this process is played by hair follicle stem cells

Curcumin may exert significant action during the proliferative phase. In fact, it has been demonstrated that curcumin is able to reduce the number of membrane matrix metallo-proteinases (MMPs), increase the hydroxyproline and collagen synthesis, and accelerate the maturation of collagen fibres. In addition, curcumin also promotes the differentiation of fibroblasts into myofibroblasts, which marks the beginning of wound contraction, and reduces the epithelization period in wounds.

In animal models, daily curcumin topical application accelerated wound healing in irradiated mini-pigs, and the application of chrysin-curcumin-loaded nanofibers reduced the levels of IL-6, MMP-2, TIMP-1, TIMP-2, and iNOS gene expression in male rats, resulting in the acceleration of the healing process of surgical wounds.

Trans dermally applied curcumin on surgical wounds on rats produced marked inhibition of H2O2-induced damage to keratinocytes and fibroblasts, while application of curcumin-oligochitosan nanoparticle complex or with application of oligochitosan coated curcumin-loaded-liposomes resulted in faster healing of surgical wounds in mice compared with controls. In a diabetic rat model, wounds treated with curcumin showed an accelerated reepithelization rate compared with untreated controls. Treatment with curcumin-loaded polymeric bandages resulted in significantly lower expression of PI3K and pAKT, indicative of an inhibition of the PI3K/AKT/NFκB axis, reduced LPx levels, and increase in collagen compared with controls.

Clinically, patients affected by diabetic wounds treated with curcumin loaded chitosan nanoparticles impregnated into collagen-alginate scaffolds reported a significantly faster healing process compared to those treated with patients receiving treatment with placebo scaffold.

As mentioned above, topical application of curcumin seems to have more pronounced effects on wound healing compared to its oral administration in the treatment of wounds, owing to higher accessibility of the drug at the wound site. Many new formulations of curcumin have been developed in order to achieve better topical application at the wound site, such as chitosan-alginate sponges, curcumin-loaded polymeric bandages, alginate foams, collagen films, and nano-emulsion and hydrogel. The incorporation into these formulations resulted in increased curcumin bioactivity, although no formulation showed a significant difference in its effect compared to the others. However, formulation as nanoparticles seems to be of special interest, as it increases curcumin bioavailability and half-life and enhances its water dispersibility. Further studies comparing nanoparticles with other formulations are needed in order to confirm these observations.

1.2 ANTIFUNGAL DRUGS

Fungal infections may be classified as superficial infections affecting the skin, hair, nails or mucous membranes, or systemic, affecting the body as a whole. Subcutaneous infection is largely confined to the subcutaneous tissue and dermis, but may extend to the epidermis as well as deeper, for example, to bone; systemic infections tend to occur more frequently in immunocompromised patients such as

those with AIDS. Superficial fungal infections are among the most widespread diseases known to man. They target parts of the body as diverse in form and function as the skin, the nail, the buccal cavity, the eye and the vagina.

1.2.1 CLASSIFICATION OF ANTIFUNGAL DRUGS

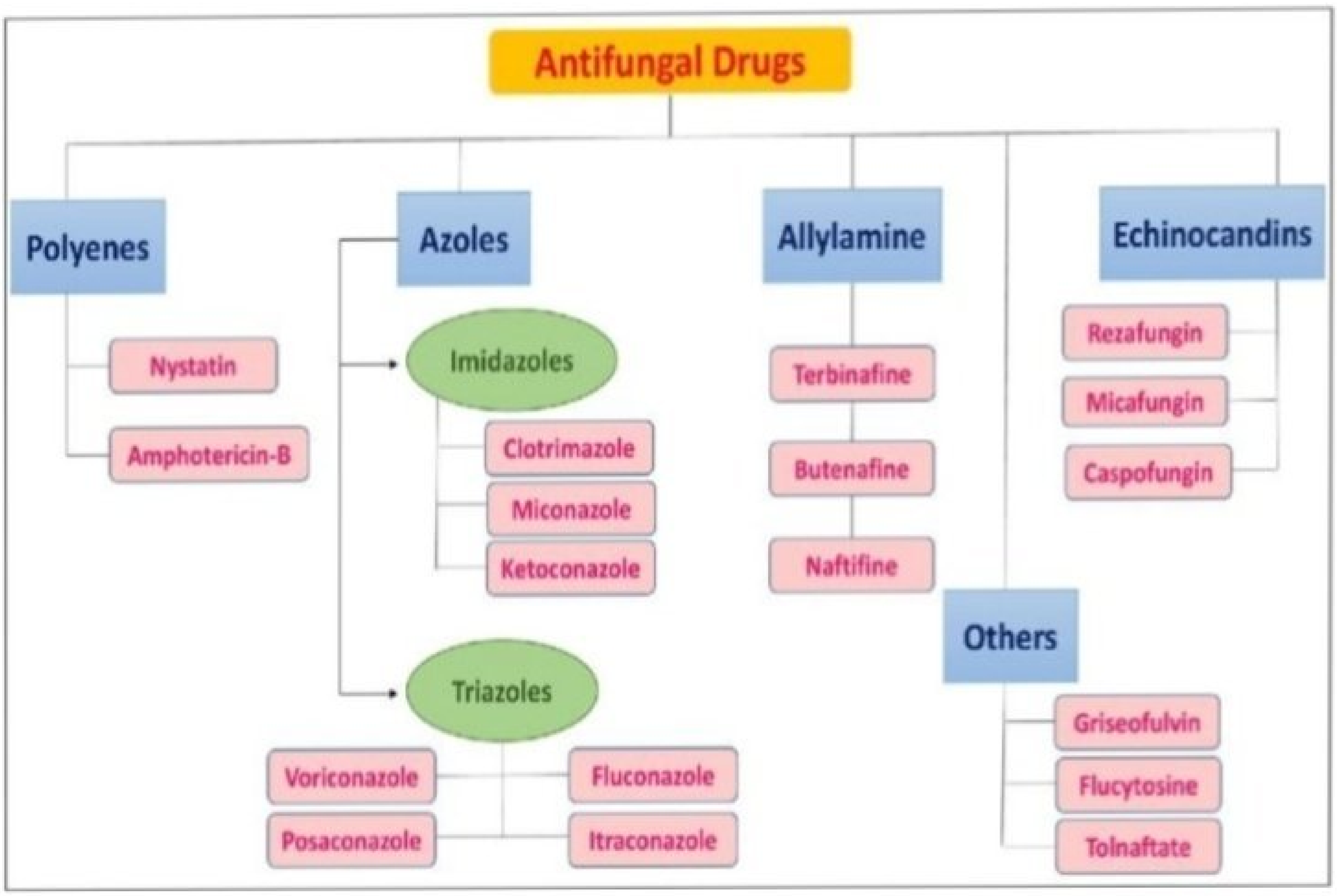


Figure 1.2: classification of antifungal drugs

1.2.2 AZOLES

The first topical imidazole antifungal agent, chlormidazole, was developed in 1959. Since that time, the number of agents in this class that are well tolerated has increased. The azoles can be subdivided into the imidazoles and the triazoles; all azoles work by means of the same mechanism of action, that is, the inhibition of the cytochrome P450-dependent enzyme 14-a-demethylase, an essential enzyme in ergosterol synthesis.(Chang C-eA, et.al) At the minimum inhibitory concentration, these agents are fungistatic, although at 5-10 times the minimum inhibitory concentration they do demonstrate fungicidal activity. Members of this class include clotrimazole, econazole, ketoconazole, miconazole, oxiconazole and sulconazole. These agents have broad spectrum activity, including activity against some Gram-positive

bacteria. Ketoconazole, sulconazole and oxiconazole require only once-daily application because of their long duration in the superficial layers of the skin. Clotrimazole, miconazole and econazole require twice-daily application. Some of these agents demonstrate slightly different pharmacokinetic profiles than the older agents. For example, oxiconazole and sulconazole remain in the skin for an extended period of time and may therefore be given in a single daily dose. In the eye, azoles, with the exception of fluconazole, achieve only limited concentrations; they are considered as fungistatic when used in ocular fungal infections. Many azole drugs have low aqueous solubility because of their hydrophobic structures. For example, miconazole, ketoconazole and itraconazole are all very slightly soluble (< 1 µg/ml) or insoluble at neutral pH, whereas the aqueous solubilities of fluconazole are thousands of times higher. Generally, low aqueous solubility is associated with low oral bioavailability. This can have a negative impact on antifungal efficacy, side effects, pharmacokinetic variability and the development of drug resistance. New drug delivery systems (NDDSs) can improve the antifungal pharmacokinetics with targeted delivery, followed by sustained release and prolonged retention of high drug concentration localized at the infection sites, therefore enhancing the bioavailability and therapeutic efficacy of azole antifungals. The imidazole antifungals may cause many side effects when administered systemically. Site directed topical antifungal drug delivery can reduce nontarget site toxicities. Therefore, the antifungal imidazoles have mostly been formulated as topical preparations for the treatment of superficial fungal infections. Various patents have been granted dealing with topical delivery of azoles and enhancing penetration of these agents.

1.2.3 CLOTRIMAZOLE

Clotrimazole, an imidazole, is used topically in the treatment of superficial candidiasis and in skin infections of pityriasis versicolor and dermatophytosis. When applied topically clotrimazole penetrates epidermis, but there is little, if any, systemic absorption. Clotrimazole is available topically as a cream, lotion or solution for the treatment of fungal skin infections. Clotrimazole is widely used for the treatment of mycotic infections of the genitourinary tract. To develop an alternative formulation for the vaginal administration of clotrimazole to provide sustained and controlled release of appropriate drug for local vaginal therapy, liposomes/niosomes

were evaluated as delivery vehicles. Topical application of liposomes has been shown to enhance the penetration of vesicle-bound drugs into the skin where they act as 'drug localizers', with low systemic absorption and sustained drug release locally. Niosomes, analogous to liposomes, are closed bilayer structures of self-assembled non-ionic amphiphiles in aqueous media. They have higher chemical stability, intrinsic skin penetration enhancing properties and a lower cost compared with liposomes. Topical. Liposomal clotrimazole (e.g., clotrimazole: phospholipid: cholesterol = 2:7:3, molar ratio) and niosomal clotrimazole (e.g., clotrimazole: Span 40: cholesterol = 1:8:2, molar ratio) for vaginal administration were developed to reduce dosing frequency and drug toxicity.

Which are issues associated with formulations available at present. The two formulations were then incorporated into a 2% Carbopol gel as topical preparations. The antifungal efficacies of these formulations were tested in vivo using oophorectomized female rats, with intravaginal inoculation of C. albicans. The results demonstrated prolonged and enhanced antifungal activity of the liposomal and niosomal formulations, relative to a control drug containing gel and a marketed clotrimazole ointment.

1.2.4 MICONAZOLE

Miconazole is available as a solution for intravenous administration; it can also be used for ocular administration as a 1% (10 mg/ml) solution or for subconjunctival administration (5 - 10 mg). In an experimental rabbit model, aqueous humor levels of 8 µg/ml were noted 1 h after intravenous administration of miconazole (30 mg/kg), levels of 10 µg/ml were noted after subconjunctival injection (10 mg), and levels of 4.5 µg/ml were noted after topical administration (1% solution) every 15 min for 8 doses to corneas with the epithelium debrided. The epithelial cells in the various tissues, including the skin, carry a negative charge on their surface owing to the presence of negatively charged residues of proteins in the outer membrane of the cells and to selective active ion pumps of the membrane. All epithelia are, therefore, selective to positively charged solutes. It is anticipated that a positively charged delivery system that strongly interacts with the cells will result in better permeability of the drug and a prolonged pharmacological effect. Based on these overall results/deductions, sub micrometre emulsion was designed for topical

1.2.5 ECONAZOLE

When econazole is applied to skin, absorption is not significant. It is available as a cream, lotion, powder and solution to be applied topically in the treatment of fungal infections. The SC is the target organ of antimycotic treatment, and the improvement of local bioavailability leads to enhanced efficacy of the applied formulation. SLNs and NLCs have been investigated as topical particulate carriers for econazole. Econazole nitrate-loaded SLN has been prepared by oil in-water high-shear homogenization, with a mean particle size of ~ 150 nm for topical administration. A suitable carrier is needed to ensure that a sufficient amount of the antifungal drug penetrates across the nail barrier to the infection sites. Liposomes may, therefore, be taken as another useful vehicle for topical drug delivery in the treatment of various skin diseases.

1.2.6 SULCANAZOLE

Sulconazole is an imidazole antifungal with activity against dermatophytes, Candida spp. and Malassezia furfur. It is slightly soluble in water (1.9 mg/ml) and in order to improve its solubility and hence the bioavailability, b-cyclodextrin-sulconazole nitrate inclusion complexes were synthesized. It is applied topically as 1% cream for the treatment of skin fungal infections. Sulconazole nitrate 1% cream was compared with miconazole nitrate 2% cream in a study involving patients with cutaneous dermatophytosis. Both agents were highly effective, with no statistically significant differences in the parameters studied.

1.2.7 FLUCONAZOLE

Fluconazole and itraconazole belong to a new generation of more potent azoles introduced in the 1980s, known as triazoles. Fluconazole is an antifungal agent with a broad spectrum of activity. Fluconazole is not only effective for deep-seated mycosis caused by Candida, Cryptococcus spp., and so on, but also for superficial infections caused by dermatophytes such as Microsporum and Trichophyton spp. Fluconazole was found to have extremely potent activity superior to that of ketoconazole in systemic fungal infection models in mice and

dermal infection models. As fluconazole was evenly distributed throughout the tissues of the body rapidly after administration and because it penetrates readily into skin, excellent clinical efficacy in the treatment of fungal skin infections is expected following oral administration. The prolonged skin retention of fluconazole has been attributed to its high affinity to SC owing to an interaction between fluconazole and keratin. It is assumed to diffuse directly into the epidermis-cutis fromcapillary blood vessels, incorporate into the epidermal basal cells, and migrate to the surface during the normal turnover of keratinocytes, and a major portion of it exists as a non-binding form because of its small extent of binding to corneous keratin. Therefore, fluconazole is considered to be a drug with a favourable pharmacokinetic profile that is suitable for treating both superficial and deep-seated mycosis.

1.2.8 TERBINAFINE

Terbinafine is an allylamine reported to have a broad spectrum of antifungal activity, which was commercialized in 1995. Terbinafine is administered orally and topically and is generally well tolerated. About 40% of the dose undergoes first-pass metabolism. Mean peak plasma concentrations of ~ 1 µg/ml have been reported within 2 h of a single oral dose of 250 mg. Terbinafine is bound extensively to plasma proteins. Terbinafine is distributed into the SC of the skin, the nail plate and hair, where it reaches concentrations considerably higher than those found in plasma. Less than 5% of a topical dose of terbinafine hydrochloride is absorbed. In a systemic review (Crawford et al). of the oral antifungal agents used to treat dermatophyte onychomycosis, terbinafine appeared to be the most effective therapy for the long-term management of fungally infected toenails. Similarly, in a critical review of long-term efficacy of antifungals in the treatment of toenail onychomycosis, terbinafine was superior to griseofulvin, ketoconazole, fluconazole and itraconazole.

1.3 KERATINS- STRUCTURAL PROTEINS OF THE SKIN EPIDERMIS

Located on the outermost layer of the skin, the epidermis serves as a crucial shield, safeguarding our bodies against external threats and insults from the environment. It accomplishes this through the formation of a physical and immunological barrier, which is largely attributed to its elaborate cytoskeletal

structure. Keratins, the principal structural proteins of the epidermis, play a pivotal role, constituting 30–80% of the total protein content and forming the primary intermediate filament cytoskeleton.

Discovered in the 1980s through their mobility on 2D SDS-PAGE, the keratin family encompasses over 50 mammalian keratins, categorized into two classes: Type I and Type II. Type I keratins (K9–K40) are characterized by their acidic nature (pKi = 4.5–5.5) and relatively smaller size (40–56.5 kDa), whereas Type II keratins (K1–K8 and K71–86) are more basic (pKi = 5.5–7.5) and larger (53–67 kDa). These keratins are encoded by active genes clustered in two dense regions of the chromosome: Type II keratins and one Type I keratin (K18) reside on chromosome 12q, while the rest of the Type I keratins are on chromosome 17q.

Despite their distinct chromosomal locations, Type I and Type II keratins exhibit precise patterns of gene expression within adjacent layers of epidermal cells. Typically, a specific pair of keratins is co-expressed as a heterodimer, consisting of one acidic (Type I) and one basic (Type II) keratin. These keratin heterodimersself-assemble into antiparallel, staggered tetramers, forming intermediate filaments through lateral and longitudinal interactions.

The primary role of the keratin intermediate filament cytoskeleton is to confer structural resilience to cells against mechanical trauma, particularly crucial for epidermal cells due to their position as the outermost barrier tissue. Structurally, keratin intermediate filaments consist of four helical or coiled-coil segments flanked by N- and C-terminal glycine-rich sequences. Disease-causing mutations predominantly occur in the conserved coiled-coil domains of keratins, disrupting secondary structure formation between heterodimers and leading to the aggregation of keratin filaments.

Beyond structural and mechanical support, the expression of cell-specific keratins also regulates the growth, adhesion, migration, and invasion of epithelial cells. Consequently, dysfunction or mutations in keratin proteins are implicated in a wide array of skin disorders, including skin blistering, inflammatory conditions, and skin tumours. Over 100 different disorders, collectively termed keratinopathies, have been linked to inherited changes in keratins.

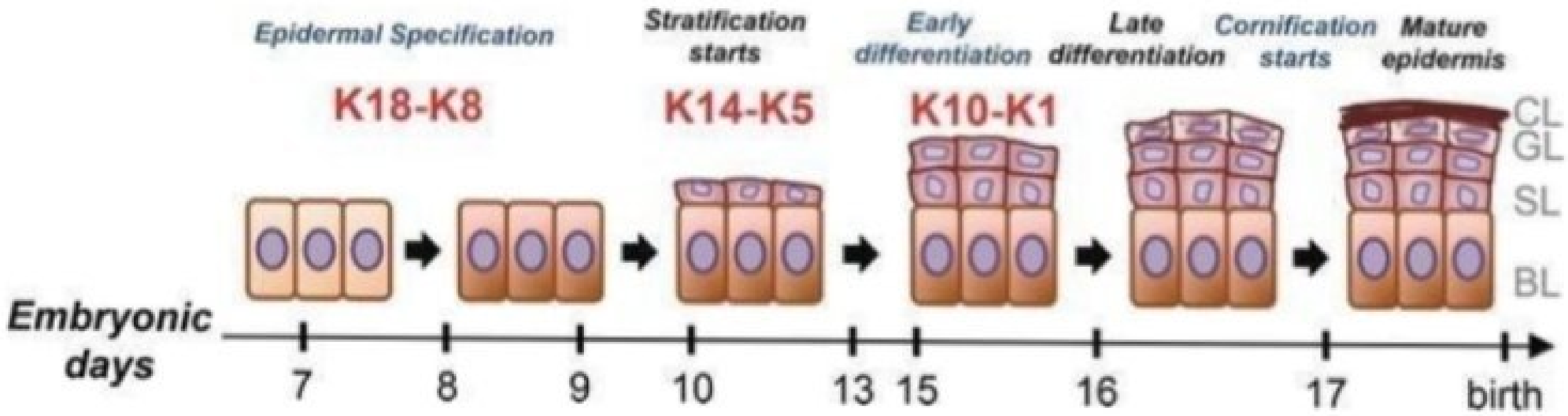


Figure 1.3: Keratin development

1.3.1 KERATIN DOMAIN

The basic polypeptide structure of keratins is composed of a core α-helical coiled-coil rod domain, which is between 310 and 315 amino acids in size. Keratins have a head-rod-tail structural domain organization. The central alpha-helical rod domain is comprised of four helical segments (1A, 1B, 2A, and 2B) that are separated by three short, non-helical flexible linker regions (L1, L12, and L2). The variable, non-helical amino-terminal head and carboxy-terminal tail domains surround this domain. "Heptad repeats" are repeats of the seven residues of amino acids that comprise the rod domain: a, b, c, d, e, f, and g. It is believed that hydrophobic residues at locations "a" and "d" are necessary for the formation of coiled coils. Additionally, a break in the heptad repetition.

Additionally, toward the centre of the 2B domain, there is a gap in the heptad repeat (helix inversion). the point at which the heptad pattern breaks, known as the "stutter" zone. This region specifically may have an impact on the elongation and rotational characteristics of keratins. This helical area is mostly conserved among IF and is not involved in the coiled-coil dimer's formation. The first and end of the 1A and 2B rod domains, respectively, are designated by the so-calledhelix initiation (HIP) and helix termination peptides (HTP), which are made up of roughly 20 amino acid sequence motifs that are the most highly conserved among the different keratins.

Because these motifs are mutated, the early stages of filament elongation are disrupted.

The terminal head domain regions are composed of the end (E) domains, the variable (V1) and homologous (H1) subdomains, and the terminal tail domain sections of subdomains H2 and V2. changes in the head and tail domains have resulted in larger and more extensible type II keratins than their type I counterparts. These changes also explain a significant percentage of the variance among individual keratin proteins within a given group. The end domains facilitate interactions with other filaments and cellular proteins, in addition to serving as substrates for posttranslational modifications that regulate shape, organization, and function.

1.4 VIRTUAL SCREENING

The quest for the new chemical entities and novel structural scaffolds with applications in the therapeutic areas is always at the heart of pharmaceutical chemistry. While arriving at these structures traditionally involve arduous, careful and systematic synthesis of several putative structures or screening of natural products. Most of these efforts may be categorized as the chance discovery rather than a rational approach. The enthusiasm to embrace rational approaches is triggered in recent years following tremendous advances in the computations and protein crystallography. Thus, insilico approaches have gained immense popularity and have become an integral part of the industrial and academic research, directing drug design and discovery. Genomics, proteomics, bioinformatics and, chemo informatics are among the few recent terms that refer to relatively new and rapid growing of drug discovery process. Computational tools, which delineate the strength of interaction between a variety of ligands and targets in combination with good graphic three-dimensional visualization, are growing into important technologies to pick up lead molecules from databases. Evidently, to develop small molecular drug candidates against a given disease warrants proper understanding of the metabolic pathways. Thus, the first and foremost task in any of the rational approaches for a given disease is to assess the various metabolic pathways and select the potential biological target. Therefore, identification and development of potential ligands specifically for a protein target forms the primary goal in drug discovery process. Subsequently numerous robotic and automated screening schemes (assay dependent) are available which basically allow the testing and

selection of several thousands of ligands, according to their capability to interact with the biological targets for a particular disease. While computations in fact does not replace the experimental research it has been very clear that an effective interplay between the experimental and computational approaches is noticeably important to guide the prospective experimentalists in the synthesis and screening of compounds in a more rational way. Amalgamation of random screening and rational design conventionally has shown a notable development in the drug discovery process leading to the recognition of ligands. Transforming these ligands into active compounds with non-promiscuous-binding behaviour, known as hits; and then refining them into a structure or series of structures with relevant biological and drug-like activity, known as leads; are the key starting points for drug discovery programs. For those involved in drug discovery, such as medicinal and computational chemists, the strategy can be subdivided into two main tasks; Lead identification and lead optimization. It is important to begin an approach startingfrom a compound, which shows some activity, albeit far from the desirable extent, against a given receptor or for a given disease. This process may be referred to lead identification, normally achieved through variations of substituents by medicinal chemists. Eventually, these efforts are expected to yield compounds with improved potency and enhanced efficacy. It is also important to study pharmaco- kinetics, and toxicological profiles in-vivo, which can be achieved by the screening procedures. However, there are sometimes other factors, which play an important role. For instance, some efflux proteins such as P-glycoprotein, affect the bioavailability of a given therapeutic which may lead to declination in its activity. It is not always easy to trace the biological activity of a compound to a particular target indeed the knowledge about the other influencing phenomenon is crucial. Our experience in kinases and in the design of inhibitors for the cancer reveals the obstacles for adopting a structure-based drug design in many cases identification of the target protein and the active site is not sufficient to reach any logical end in a drug discovery process. There are many obstructions, which come in the way of designing new drugs. In designing inhibitors for membrane proteins, which are major drug targets; the difficulties in the structure identification prompts one to employ a modelled structure. Similarly, the other factors like water mediation at the interface of biomolecular complexes, and protonation states are vital in determining the drug interaction. It is also important to account for the metal ion-binding sites,

the nature of the residues in the active site, and the changes that are affected to the biological receptor upon binding of drug molecules. Therefore, it is indispensable to take account of these small and subtle factors which play a crucial role in making a drug active, or otherwise, and therefore an exhaustive computational treatment still fall short of providing a reliable answer. Obviously, the quest for the development of databases and interest in developing rules and concepts to categorize the chemical entities as drug like molecules is extremely important to pursue. Thus, quantifying drug-like nature of a given compound is also an importantparameter in the virtual screening approaches. To identify hits or leads, high- throughput screening methods are normally used, in which a library containing hundreds of thousands of compounds is screened using an assay for biological activity. High Throughput Screening (HTS) refers to a modern process whereby thousands of samples can be screened each day, against a given (known or unknown) target, essentially gauging the drug efficacy with a simple data value for each of the sample. New challenges in synthesis result in new analytical methods.

The experimental efforts to carry out the biological screening of billions of compounds are still considerably high, and therefore, computer-aided drug design approaches have become attractive alternatives. In recent years, virtual screening has reached a status of a dynamic and lucrative technology in probing for novel drug-like compounds or so-called hits in the pharmaceutical industry. Given a bioactive (rigid) conformer derived from structural methods (X-ray and NMR), or from molecular modelling, ligand based virtual screening can rank novel ligands by 3D similarity searching or by pharmacophore pattern matching. It encompasses a variety of sequential computational phases, including database or library creation, and prioritization of compounds accordingly for testing. These computational or theoretical methods can be employed to predict the putative binding affinities between small molecules and biological receptors of pharmaceutical interest. Once the knowledge of the target is available, rapid docking algorithms are used to place the available candidate compounds within the active site of the biochemical target of interest and then the activity of compounds is rank ordered by analysing the steric and electrostatic components. Structure based virtual screening involves automated and fast docking of a large number of chemical compounds against a

protein-binding or active site, directing a way to use the rapidly increasing number of protein 3D-structures. Ligand-based virtual screening otherwise known as neighbourhood behaviour search, tend to find results that are closely related to known active products, in which databases of chemical structures are searched to find compounds that are similar to known actives (similarity searching) or possess a pharmacophore or substructure in common with a known active (pharmacophore substructure searching). Similarity substructure searching may be carried out with reference to the 2D or 3D-structure of various compounds to be screened. Ligand based methods based on the principle of similarity, that is, similar compounds are assumed to produce similar effects. In this case, if one or more active chemicals are known, it is possible to search a database for similar but more potent molecules. In this review, we are interested in presenting the available virtual screening methodologies and categorizing them into various groups. An effort is made to introduce the theory and principles behind these virtual screening procedures. This is followed by a detailed analysis of the recently reported case studies of various virtual screening methods.(Andrès E, et.al.,)

CHAPTER-2

LITERATURE SURVEY

1. Title: Curcumin: The story so far

Author: R.A. Sharma, A.J Gescher, W.P steward

Abstract :Curcumin is a polyphenol derived from the herbal remedy and dietary spice turmeric. It possesses diverse anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer properties following oral or topical administration. Apart from curcumin's potent antioxidant capacity at neutral and acidic pH, its mechanisms of action include inhibition of several cell signaling pathways at multiple levels, effects on cellular enzymes such as cyclooxygenase and glutathione S-transferases, immuno-modulation and effects on angiogenesis and cell–cell adhesion. Curcumin's ability to affect gene transcription and to induce apoptosis in preclinical models is likely to be of particular relevance to cancer chemoprevention and chemotherapy in patients. Although curcumin's low systemic bioavailability following oral dosing may limit access of sufficient concentrations for pharmacological effect in certain tissues, the attainment of biologically active levels in the gastrointestinal tract has been demonstrated in animals and humans. Sufficient data currently exist to advocate phase II clinical evaluation of oral curcumin in patients with invasive malignancy or pre-invasive lesions of the gastrointestinal tract, particularly the colon and rectum.

2. Title: Curcuma longa in traditional medical treatment and diet in Nepal

Author: D. Eigner, D. Scholz

Abstract: Food and eating have powerful symbolic value among the hinduistically-influenced ethnic groups of Nepal. In addition, food plays a major role in the concepts of illness and curing and constitute an integral part of traditional medical prescriptions. Materials that are consumed in 0.5–1.5 g amounts in the daily diet (e.g., the spices turmeric and asafoetida) are used in minute amounts for medical purposes. Why? Three hypotheses are offered here to discuss this issue.

3.Title: Stability of curcumin in buffer solutions and characterizations of its degradation products.

Author: Chang-Yao Hsieh, Jen-kun Lin

Abstract: The degradation kinetics of curcumin under various pH conditions and the stability of curcumin in physiological matrices were investigated. When curcumin

was incubated in 0.1 M phosphate buffer and serum-free medium, pH 7.2 at 37°C, about 90% decomposed within 30 min. A series of pH conditions ranging from 3 to 10 were tested and the result showed that decomposition was pH-dependent and occurred faster at neutral-basic conditions. It is more stable in cell culture medium containing 10% fetal calf serum and in human blood; less than 20% of curcumin decomposed within 1 h, and after incubation for 8 h, about 50% of curcumin is still remained. Trans-6-(4′-hydroxy-3′-methoxyphenyl)-2,4-dioxo-5-hexenal was predicted as major degradation product and vanillin, ferulic acid, feruloyl methane were identified as minor degradation products. The amount of vanillin increased with incubation time.

4.TITLE: AutoDock Vina: improving the speed and accuracy of docking with a new scoring function, efficient optimization and multithreading

AUTHOR: Oleg trott and Arthur J olson

ABSTRACT: AutoDock Vina, a new program for molecular docking and virtual screening, is presented. AutoDock Vina achieves an approximately two orders of magnitude speed-up compared to the molecular docking software previously developed in our lab (AutoDock 4), while also significantly improving the accuracy of the binding mode predictions, judging by our tests on the training set used in AutoDock 4 development. Further speed-up is achieved from parallelism, by using multithreading on multi-core machines. AutoDock Vina automatically calculates the grid maps and clusters the results in a way transparent to the user.

5.TITLE: Protein–ligand docking: Current status and future challenge.

AUTHOR: Sergio Filipe Sousa, Bedro Alexandrino Fernandes, Maria Joao Ramos

ABSTRACT: Understanding the ruling principles whereby protein receptors recognize, interact, and associate with molecular substrates and inhibitors is of paramount importance in drug discovery efforts. Protein–ligand docking aims to predict and rank the structure(s) arising from the association between a given ligand and a target protein of known 3D structure. Despite the breathtaking advances in the field over the last decades and the widespread application of docking methods, several downsides still exist. In particular, protein flexibility—a critical aspect for a thorough understanding of the principles that guide ligand binding in proteins—is a

major hurdle in current protein–ligand docking efforts that needs to be more efficiently accounted for. In this review the key concepts of protein–ligand docking methods are outlined, with major emphasis being given to the general strengths and weaknesses that presently characterize this methodology. Despite the size of the field, the principal types of search algorithms and scoring functions are reviewed and the most popular docking tools are briefly depicted. Recent advances that aim to address some of the traditional limitations associated with molecular docking are also described. A selection of hand-picked examples is used to illustrate these features.

6.TITLE: Calculation of protein-ligand binding affinities

AUTHOR: MK Gilson, HX Zhou

ABSTRACT: Accurate methods of computing the affinity of a small molecule with a protein are needed to speed the discovery of new medications and biological probes. This paper reviews physics-based models of binding, beginning with a summary the changes in potential energy, solvation energy, and configurational entropy that influence affinity, and a theoretical overview to frame the discussion of specific computational approaches. Important advances are reported in modeling protein-ligand energetics, such as the incorporation of electronic polarization and the use of quantum mechanical methods. Recent calculations suggest that changes in configurational entropy strongly oppose binding and must be included if accurate affinities are to be obtained. The linear interaction energy (LIE) and molecular mechanics Poisson-Boltzmann surface area (MM-PBSA) methods are analyzed, as are free energy pathway methods, which show promise and may be ready for more extensive testing. Ultimately, major improvements in modeling accuracy will likely require advances on multiple fronts, as well as continued validation against experiment.

7.TITLE: Keratin function in skin epithelial

AUTHOR: Li-Hong Gu, Pierre A Coulombe

ABSTRACT: Keratins make up the largest subgroup **of** intermediate filament (IF) proteins and form a dynamic network of 10–12 nm filaments, built from type I/type II heterodimers, in the cytoplasm of epithelial cells. A major function of keratin IFs is

to protect epithelial cells from mechanical and non-mechanical stresses that cause cell rupture and death. Interference with this role is the root cause of a large number of inherited epithelial fragility conditions. Additional functions, non-mechanical in nature, are manifested in a way that depends on the specific keratin and on the epithelial context. The recent discovery of unusual mutations affecting keratin proteins has uncovered a novel dimension of their mechanical support function, and has synergized with mouse genetics to reveal a role in skin pigmentation. Other studies extended the role of keratin proteins in regulating the response to pro-apoptotic signals, and revealed their ability to modulate protein synthesis and cell size in epithelial cells challenged to grow.

8.TITLE: Hard' and 'soft' principles defining the structure, function and regulationof keratin intermediate filaments

AUTHOR: Pierre A Coulombe, M. Bishr Omary

ABSTRACT: Keratin**s** make up the largest subgroup of intermediate filament proteins and represent the most abundant proteins in epithelial cells. They exist as highly dynamic networks of cytoplasmic 10–12 nm filaments that are obligate heteropolymers involving type I and typeII keratin**s**. The primary function of keratins is to protect epithelial cells from mechanical and nonmechanical stresses that result in cell death. Other emerging functions include roles in cell signalling, the stress response and apoptosis, as well as unique roles that are keratin specific and tissue specific. The role of keratins in a number of human skin, hair, ocular, oral and liver diseases is now established and meshes well with the evidence gathered from transgenic mous**e** models. The phenotypes associated with defects in keratin proteins are subject to significant modulation by functional redundancy within the family and modifier genes as well. Keratin filaments undergo complex regulation involving post-translational modifications and interactions with self and with various classes of associated proteins.

9.TITLE: New development in topical antifungal therapy

AUTHOR: Majdeline El Mahrab Robert

ABSTRACT: Superficial fungal infections are among the most widespread diseases known to man. They target parts of the body as diverse in form and function as the

skin, the nail, the buccal cavity, the eye and the vagina. Fungistatic azole drugs, that is, imidazole- and triazole-containing compounds (e.g., miconazole and itraconazole, respectively), have been the mainstay of antifungal therapy for many years. The polyene nystatin is effective in treating *Candida* infections but is inactive against cutaneous dermatophytes. The advent of the fungicidal allylamines (e.g., terbinafine) and their congeners (e.g., butenafine) has improved treatment options: the course of therapy is shorter and cure rates higher with fungicidal drugs. Other newer agents include the echinocandins (e.g., caspofungin) that are primarily intended for systemic administration but which may have a role in topical therapy.

In order to elicit a pharmacologic response following topical administration, these agents must enter into and diffuse across the target biologic tissues, which have distinct architectures and compositions depending on their function. The rate and extent of transport will depend on the interplay between the drug's molecular properties and the characteristics of the biologic tissue. The drug may also interact with specific proteins or other membrane components. These interactions can prolong residence time and therapeutic effect; for example, azoles have an affinity for keratin (as do dermatophytes, their therapeutic target). Drug properties that increase permeability across a given membrane may render the molecule less effective at another biologic tissue; for example, the stratum corneum is a lipidic barrier, whereas the keratin-rich nail contains 10-fold less lipid and is perhaps best viewed as a hydrogel with very low lipid content. Consequently, both offer very different environments and drug delivery challenges compared with the oral and vaginal mucosae. In light of this, it is clear that formulation design and optimization are key steps in increasing the therapeutic efficacy of topical antifungal therapy. Furthermore, the formulation, which is the primary interface with the membrane, must not only be optimized with respect to the drug but also be compatible with the biologic tissue. Thus, developing effective formulations for topical therapy is a complex task. In this review, we provide a brief description of newer approaches in topical antifungal drug development and present a survey of recent work.

10. TITLE: **Superficial fungal infections**

AUTHOR: RA Schwartz The Lancet, 2004.

ABSTRACT: Superficial fungal infections arise from a pathogen that is restricted to the stratum corneum, with little or no tissue reaction. In this Seminar, three types of infection will be covered: tinea versicolor, Piedra, and tinea nigra. Tinea versicolor is common worldwide and is caused by *Malassezia* spp, which are human saprophytes that sometimes switch from yeast to pathogenic mycelial form. *Malassezia furfur*, *Malassezia globosa*, and *Malassezia sympodialis* are most closely linked to tinea versicolor. White and black piedra are both common in tropical regions of the world; white piedra is also endemic in temperate climates. Black piedra is caused by *Piedraia hortae*; white piedra is due to pathogenic species of the *Trichosporon* genus. Tinea nigra is also common in tropical areas and has been confused with melanoma.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE OF PRESENT INVESTIGATION

3.1 AIM:

The objective of this study is to determine whether naturally occurring curcumin exhibits a more competitive binding interaction and more clinical potential for antifungal properties than commercially available antifungal drugs. This has been investigated through molecular docking studies and virtual screening methods.

3.2 SCOPE:

Finding out how keratin and curcumin interact with different antifungal medications is the goal of the current study. This work focuses on the fundamental binding interaction that occurs between alpha keratin and both commercially accessible antifungal drugs that follow Lipinski's rule and naturally occurring curcumin. The research is conducted using online applications such as Pymol, Biovia Discovery Studio, Auto Dock Vina, and Open Babel to conduct computational investigations on molecular docking and virtual screening approaches.

CHAPTER-4

EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS AND METHODS:

4.1.1 PDB

The Protein Data Bank (PDB) is a repository for the 3-D structural data of large biological molecules, such as proteins and nucleic acids. The data, typically obtained by X-ray crystallography or NMR spectroscopy and submitted by biologists and biochemists from around the world, are freely accessible on the Internet via the websites of its member organizations. The PDB is a key resource in areas of structural biology, such as structural genomics. Most major scientific journals, and some funding agencies, such as the NIH in the USA, now require scientists to submit their structure data to the PDB. If the contents of the PDB are thought of as primary data, then there are hundreds of derived (i.e., secondary) databases that categorize the data differently. For example, both SCOP and CATH categorize structures according to type of structure and assumed evolutionary relations; GO categorize structures based on genes.

4.1.2 SWISS MODEL

SWISS-MODEL is a web-based integrated service dedicated to protein structure homology modelling. It guides the user in building protein homology models at different levels of complexity.

Building a homology model comprises four main steps: (i) identification of structural template(s), (ii) alignment of target sequence and template structure(s), (iii) model-building, and (iv) model quality evaluation. These steps require specialised software and integrate up-to-date protein sequence and structure databases. Each of the above steps can be repeated interactively until a satisfying modelling result is achieved.

4.1.3 SAVES

The aim of PROCHECK is to assess how normal, or conversely how unusual, the geometry of the residues in a given protein structure is, as compared with stereochemical parameters derived from well-refined, high-resolution structures.

Checks the stereochemical quality of a protein structure by analysing residue-by-residue geometry and overall structure geometry.

4.1.4 PUBCHEM:

PubChem is a database of chemical molecules and their activities against biological assays. The system is maintained by the National Centre for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), a component of the National Library of Medicine, which is part of the United States National Institutes of Health (NIH). PubChem can be accessed for free through a web user interface. Millions of compound structures and descriptive datasets can be freely downloaded via FTP. PubChem contains substance descriptions and small molecules with fewer than 1000 atoms and 1000 bonds. The American Chemical Society tried to get the U.S. Congress to restrict the operation of PubChem, because they claim it competes with their Chemical Abstracts Service.

4.1.5 ACD/CHEMSKETCH:

ACD/ChemSketch Freeware is a drawing package that allows you to draw chemical structures including organics, organometallics, polymers, and Markush structures. It also includes features such as calculation of molecular properties (e.g., molecular weight, density, molar refractivity etc.), 2D and 3D structure cleaning and viewing, functionality for naming structures (fewer than 50 atoms and 3 rings), and prediction of logP.

4.1.6 OPEN BABEL CONVERTOR:

Open Babel is a project to facilitate the interconversion of chemical data from one formatto another – including file formats of various types. This is important for the following reasons:

- Multiple programs are often required in realistic workflows. These may include databases, modeling or computational programs, visualization programs, etc.
- Many programs have individual data formats, and/or support only a small subset of other file types.
- Chemical representations often vary considerably:
    - Some programs are 2D. Some are 3D. Some use fractional k-space coordinates.

- Some programs use bonds and atoms of discrete types. Others use only atoms and electrons.
- Some programs use symmetric representations. Others do not.
- Some programs specify all atoms. Others use "residues" or omit hydrogen atoms .

- Individual implementations of even standardized file formats are often buggy, incomplete or do not completely match published standards.

4.1.7 SWISSADME

Drug development involves assessment of absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion (ADME) increasingly earlier in the discovery process, at a stage when considered compounds are numerous but access to the physical samples is limited. In that context, computer models constitute valid alternatives to experiments. Here, we present the new SwissADME web tool that gives free access to a pool of fast yet robust predictive models for physicochemical properties, pharmacokinetics, drug-likeness and medicinal chemistry friendliness, among which in-house proficient methods such as the BOILED-Egg, iLOGP and Bioavailability Radar.

4.1.8 AUTODOCK:

Auto Dock is a suite of automated docking tools. The software is used for modelling flexible small molecule such as drug molecule binding to receptor proteins of known three-dimensional structure. It uses Genetic Algorithms for the conformational search and is a suitable method for the docking studies. The technique combines simulated annealing for conformation searching with a rapid grid-based method of energy evaluation. Auto Dock tools is used to prepare, run and analyse the docking simulations, in addition to modeling studies. Auto Dock is the most cited docking software because it is very fast, it provides high quality predictions of ligand conformations and good correlations between inhibition constants and experimental ones.

4.1.9 DISCOVERY STUDIO VISUALIZER:

Molecular visualization is a key aspect of the analysis and communication of modeling studies.

High Performance Publication Quality Graphics

- Handle very large macromolecule systems (E.g., Ribosomes)
- Support a range of stereo graphics options (E.g., split screen, hardware stereo)
- Hardware graphics acceleration support for a range of AMD(ATI) and nVidia cards
- Depth cueing, blur and shading capabilities .

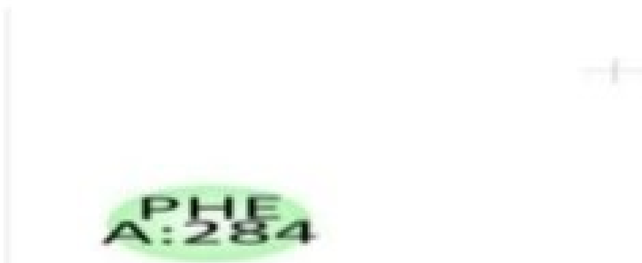
CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

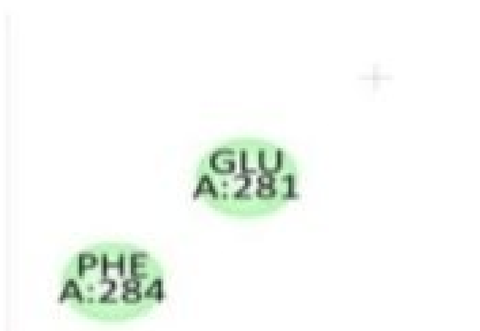
5.1 TWO-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURE OF CURCUMIN AND ANTIFUNGAL DRUGS



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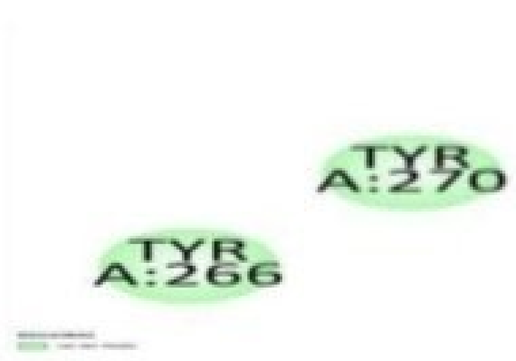
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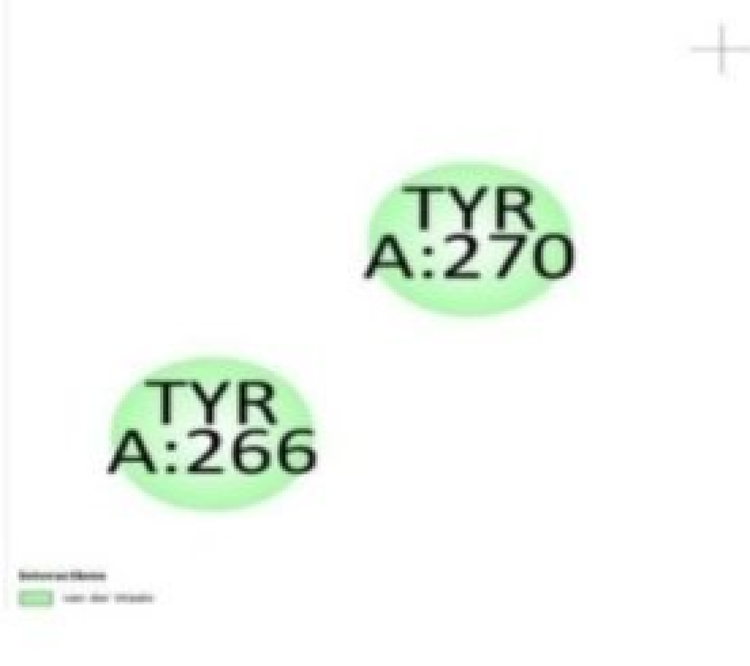
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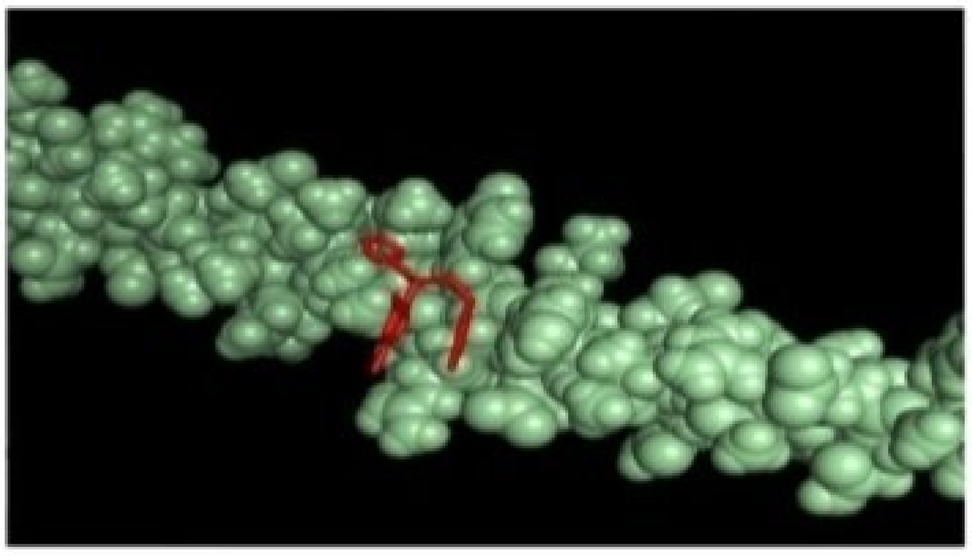
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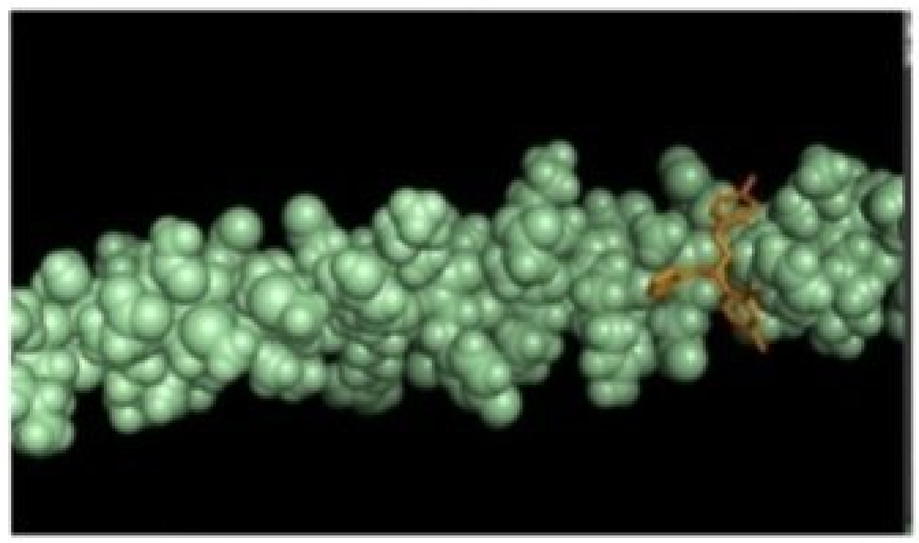
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Figure 5.1 : 2D Structures of antifungal drugs and curcumin with keratin

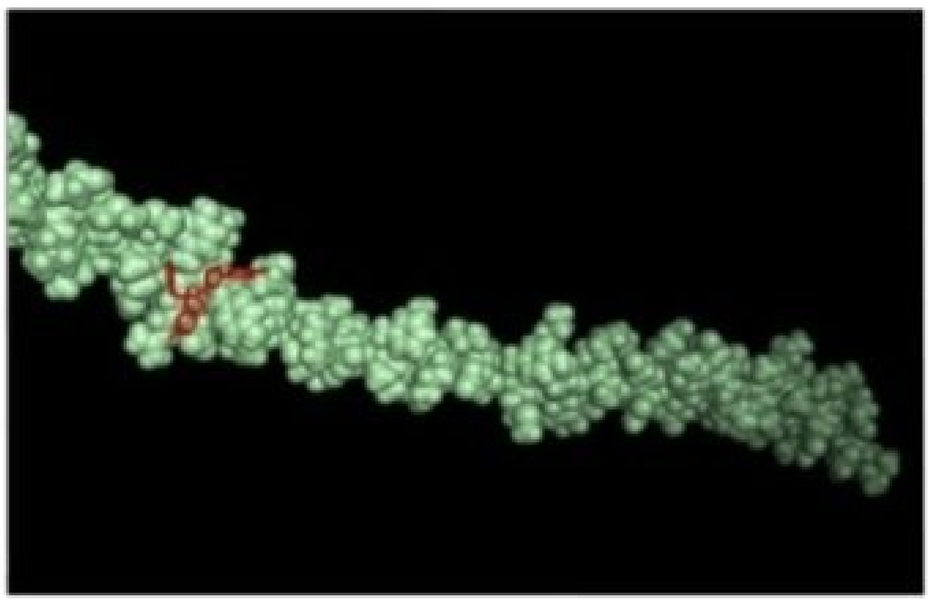
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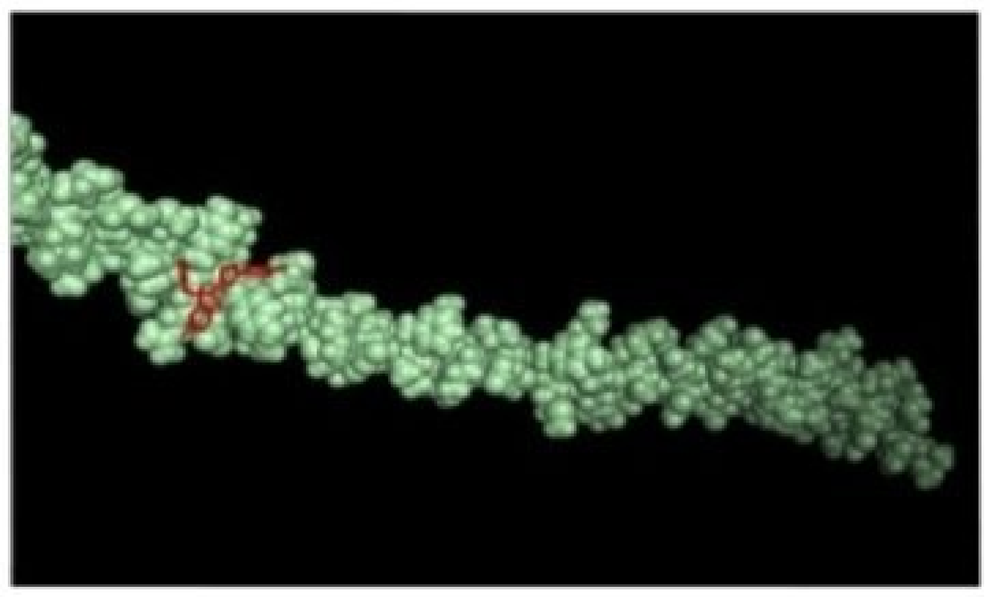
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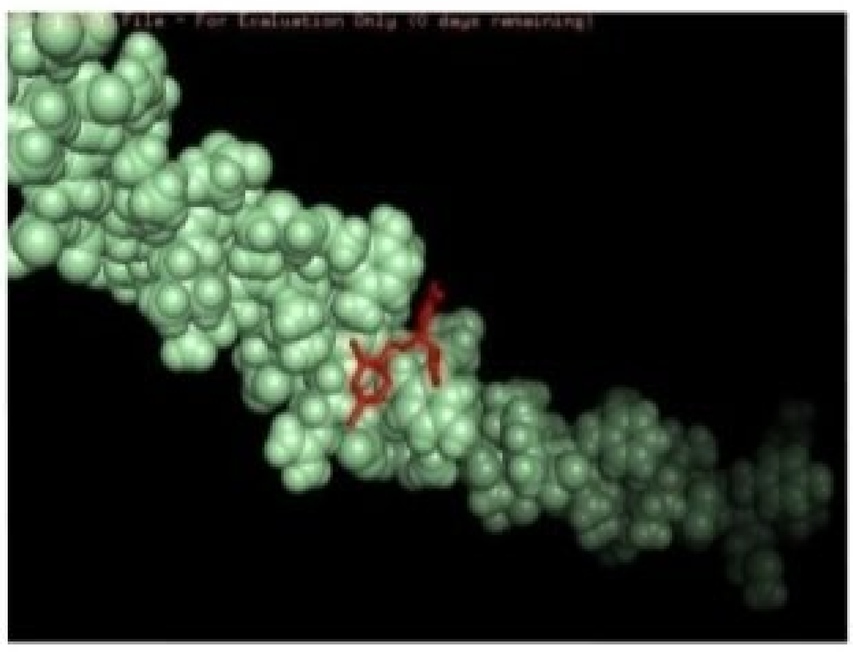
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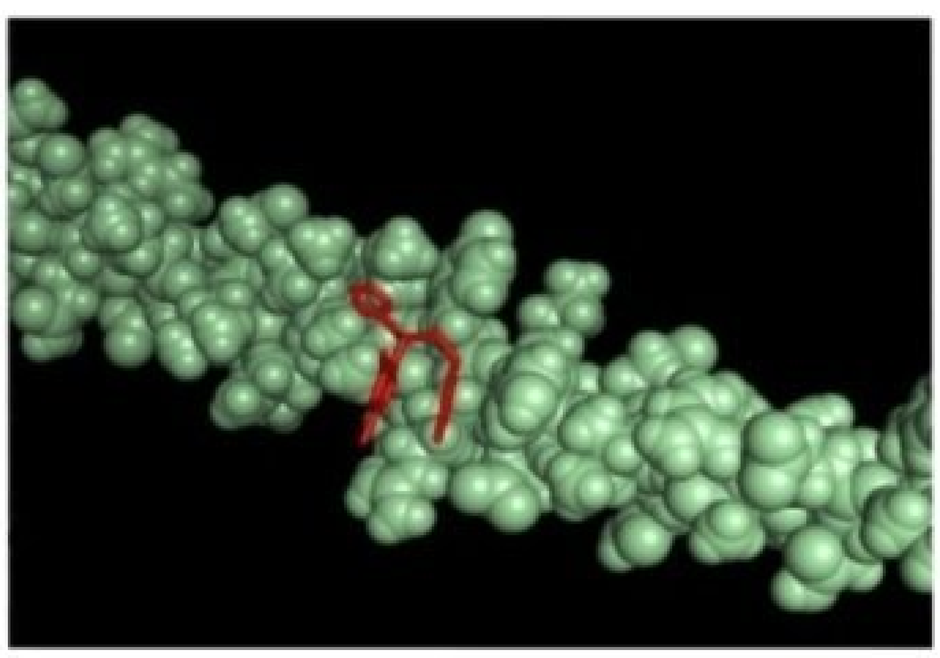
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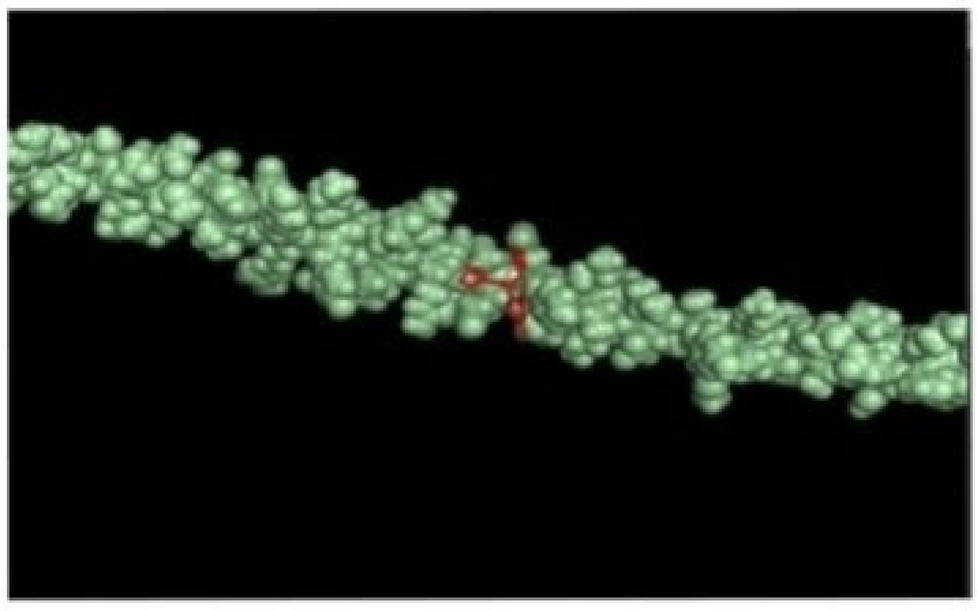
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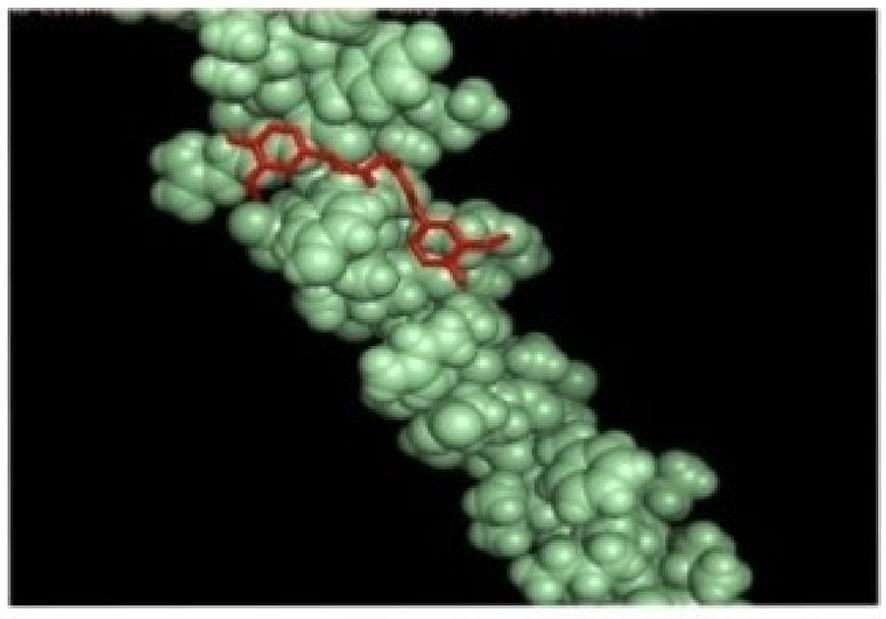
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6. SULCONAZOLE



7.TERBINAFINE



8. CURCUMIN

Figure 5.2: 3D Structures of Antifungal drugs and curcumin with keratin

TABLE 5.1: BINDING AFFINITIES

5.3 BINDING AFFINITY OF CURCUMIN AND ANTIFUNGAL DRUGS WITH KERATIN

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-5.6	0.000	0.000
2	-5.5	20.138	23.609
3	-5.4	17.175	20.352
4	-5.4	20.141	23.413
5	-5.4	17.017	19.819
6	-5.4	14.362	18.371
7	-5.3	13.351	17.662
8	-5.3	17.013	20.776
9	-5.2	3.439	5.052

1.CLOTRIMAZOLE

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-5.7	0.000	0.000
2	-5.7	17.541	20.529
3	-5.6	20.569	23.989
4	-5.6	20.627	23.769
5	-5.4	17.996	21.182
6	-5.4	17.467	20.225
7	-5.4	14.180	18.459
8	-5.3	15.471	18.045
9	-5.2	16.754	20.975

2. ECONAZOLE

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-5.9	0.000	0.000
2	-5.7	18.781	22.314
3	-5.7	2.143	2.811
4	-5.7	4.238	9.538
5	-5.7	18.149	21.944
6	-5.6	73.429	76.911
7	-5.4	70.223	75.838
8	-5.3	72.285	78.142
9	-5.3	33.266	37.526

3. FLUCANAZOLE

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-5.9	0.000	0.000
2	-5.7	18.781	22.314
3	-5.7	2.143	2.811
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7	-5.4	70.223	75.838
8	-5.3	72.285	78.142
9	-5.3	33.266	37.526

4. ISAVUCONAZOLE

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-5.5	0.000	0.000
2	-5.4	2.630	7.093
3	-5.4	18.616	21.601
4	-5.4	3.097	5.826
5	-5.3	2.529	3.374
6	-5.3	2.829	4.091
7	-5.3	3.220	5.365
8	-5.2	3.544	5.298
9	-5.2	2.908	4.678

5.MICONAZOLE

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-4.8	0.000	0.000
2	-4.6	4.823	6.082
3	-4.5	4.333	6.089
4	-4.4	1.550	2.109
5	-4.4	62.749	65.679
6	-4.4	5.047	6.004
7	-4.3	21.819	25.907
8	-4.3	4.741	5.647
9	-4.3	21.216	25.365

6. SULCONAZOLE

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-6.0	0.000	0.000
2	-5.9	50.568	53.368
3	-5.8	68.201	74.545
4	-5.8	121.567	126.362
5	-5.7	73.257	75.959
6	-5.5	74.140	78.257
7	-5.4	68.605	73.365
8	-5.3	64.182	69.875
9	-5.3	85.741	90.786

7.TERBINAFINE

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsd l.b.	rmsd u.b.
1	-6.2	0.000	0.000
2	-6.1	1.172	9.942
3	-5.6	2.998	4.838
4	-5.4	2.486	9.237
5	-5.3	16.555	19.762
6	-5.3	19.069	26.651
7	-5.2	3.222	9.065
8	-5.2	16.530	19.736
9	-5.1	21.542	25.809

8. CURCUMIN

5.4 RESULTS:

Binding affinity plays a crucial role in drug discovery as it determines the strength of interaction between a drug molecule and its target, which ultimately influences the drug's efficacy. The affinity values provided in the tables represent the strength of interaction between each drug and its target, with lower values indicating stronger binding.

Curcumin, as represented in the provided data, exhibits higher binding affinity values (ranging from -6.2 kcal/mol to -5.1 kcal/mol) compared to the other drugs listed. This suggests that curcumin forms stronger interactions with the target molecule, potentially leading to more stable drug-target complexes. Higher affinity is often desirable in drug discovery as it increases the likelihood of therapeutic efficacy and reduces the required drug concentration for desired effects, minimizing potential side effects.

Furthermore, RMSD (Root Mean Square Deviation) distances provide insights into the structural similarity between the drug-target complex and the optimal binding configuration. Lower RMSD values indicate closer structural resemblance, suggesting a more favorable binding geometry. In the case of curcumin, the RMSD distances are relatively lower compared to the other drugs listed, indicating that curcumin molecules exhibit less structural deviation from the optimal binding configuration. From a theoretical standpoint, these findings imply that curcumin has a superior binding capacity with keratin compared to the other drugs listed. The stronger binding affinity and lower structural deviation suggest that curcumin is more likely curcumin is more likely to form stable complexes with keratin, potentially leading to enhanced therapeutic outcomes. This theoretical comparison underscores the potential of curcumin as a promising candidate for drug development targeting keratin-related conditions, offering insights into its pharmacological relevance and potential clinical applications.

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

6.1 SUMMARY:

The project involves analyzing the binding affinities and structural similarities of various antifungal drugs with keratin. Through computational modeling, data on affinity values and RMSD distances were obtained for each drug, including clotrimazole, econazole, fluconazole, isavucanazole, miconazole, and sulconazole. The results revealed that curcumin exhibited higher binding affinities and lower structural deviations compared to the other drugs, suggesting stronger and more stable interactions with keratin.

6.2 CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, the findings of this project highlight the potential of curcumin as a promising candidate for drug development targeting keratin-related conditions. Its superior binding affinity and structural similarity to the optimal binding configuration with keratin suggest enhanced efficacy and stability compared to conventional antifungal drugs. Further research and clinical studies are warranted to validate these computational findings and explore the therapeutic potential of curcumin in treating fungal infections and other keratin-related disorders. Additionally, this study underscores the importance of computational modeling in drug discovery and highlights curcumin's pharmacological relevance in the context of keratin-targeted therapies.

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ABSTRACT

Sunscreens are the most common products used for skin protection against the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation Historically, sunscreens were developed to filter out UVB (290 nm – 320 nm), but now the importance of UVA (320 nm-400 nm) sunscreens is realized. The most common UVA sunscreens are Avobenzone, Parsol etc., however the photochemistry of these materials has been poorly understood. In this work, we have rationally designed core moieties using nitrogen mustards with increased photo protective capacities with a new energy dissipation mechanism. Using these scaffolds, we are planning to synthesize a series of compounds with tunable properties suitable for their use in sunscreens, and enhanced properties in terms of stability and light energy dissipation. This study provides the groundwork for the creation of safer and more efficient.

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CHAPTER 1

1. INTRODUCTION

In 1946 swiss chemist Professor Franz Greiter developed and commercialized the first modern sunscreen known as “Gletscher Crème”, or Glacier Cream. While on a mountaineering trip he wanted to protect his skin from the harsh alpine sun ,so he mixed zinc oxide with petrolatum and created a thick white paste that could be applied to the skin.

Sunscreen also known as sunblock is a spray, foam, lotion, gel, stick or other topical product that can absorb or reflect some of the ultraviolet [UV] radiation emmited by the sun and thus helps our skin from sunburn. Careful use of sunscreen can slow or temporarily prevent the development of wrinkles dark spots, saggy skin.

1.1 HISTORY

Early civilizations used a variety of plant products to help protect their skin from sun damage. Ancient Egyptians used extracts of rice jasmine and lupine plants whose products are still used in skin care today. Ancient greeks used olive oil for the purpose . Zinc oxide paste has been popular for skin protection for thousands of years. Among the nomadic sea-going Sama-Bajau the Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia, a common type of sun protection was a paste called borak or burak, which was made from water weed,rice and spices. It was used most commonly by women to protect the face and exposed Skin areas to tropical sun at sea The mayans from Central America are known to have used the oil from annatto plant as natural sun screen . Anotto oil contains a natural pigment bixin, which

have been shown to have some UV-protective properties ,by absorbing UB radiation and scavenging free radicals

500 BC ,In ‘CHARAKA SAMHITA’, an ancient Indian medical literature , the pushpanjan [zinc oxide] was discovered which is employed in physical sunscreen nowadays

Later Benjamin Green invented sunscreen for the military purpose to protect soldiers from over exposure to sun heat

1.2 TYPES OF SUN SCREEN

Depending on the mode of of action, sunscreen can be classified into two types. One is physical sunscreen [i.e., zinc oxide , titanium dioxide, which stays on the surface of the skin and mainly deflect the sunlight]. The second one is chemical sunscreen [i.e., UV organic filters, which absorbs the sunlight]. The former sunscreen physical sunscreen can also be called as mineral sunscreen.

1.3 PHOTO PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS IN PLANTS

Photo-protection occurs via several different mechanisms, often acting in concert with one another. Avoidance Photorespiration Dissipation, and Anti oxidation.

These mechanisms include quenching of singlet and triplet excited states of chlorophyll, synthesis of antioxidant molecules and enzymes and repair processes for damaged photosystem reaction centres.

1.4 SUN PROTECTION FACTOR [SPF]

Medical organizations such as American cancer society recommend the use of sunscreen because it aids in the prevention of squamous cell carcinomas . The routine use of sunscreen can also prevent the risk of melanoma.

Sunscreens are commonly rated and labelled with a sun protection factor [SPF] that measures the fraction of sunburn-producing UV rays that reach the skin. Other rating system indicate the degree of from non-burning UVA radiation. Sunscreen are designed to remain effective at original strength for upto three years and are typically of doubtful value after that period

SPF or sun protection factor , is a measure of how well a sunscreen will protect skin from UVB rays, the kind of radiation that causes sunburn, damages skin and can contribute to skin cancer.

1. 5UVB RAYS AND UVA RAYS

UVB radiation makes up only 5% of the UV rays from the sun, but it is very high energy. “UVB does not penetrate as deeply as UVA . but it can wreak havoc on the top layers of our skin. UVB damages skin cells and causes DNA mutations that can eventually lead to melanoma and other types of skin cancer.

UVA radiation makes up 95% of all the UV rays that make it to the earth’s surface . UVA penetrates deep into our skin and can even pass through glass. UVA damages your skin, resulting in a tan.

1.5 SPF 50 AND SPF 30

SPF is measured using the following formulae : SPF = MED of protected skin ÷ MED of unprotected skin .

The SPF value can be calculated by multiplying the correction factor [CF], the erythema effect spectrum [EE],the intensity spectrum from the sun [I] ,the absorbance [Abs] of the sample

So SPF50 means it takes you 50 times longer to burn than if you use no sunscreen.
Similarly SPF30 means it takes you 30 times longer to burn than if you use no sunscreen.

1.6 PA++++

PA+ has the ability to block the UVA rays at 40-50%. PA ++ is better at blocking UVA rays ,at 60-70% and the filter time is about 4-6 hours. PA+++ isa good UVA protection upto 90% , filter time about 8-12 hours. PA++++ is a very good UVA protection, is up to 90%

CHAPTER 2

2 LITERATURE SURVEY

The synthesis and characterization of three heterotopic ligands and their corresponding Ru(II) complexes.[4]

The coordination chemistry of two long conjugated bidentate Schiff-base ligands, L1 and L2, with cadmium and cobalt nitrate hydrates,resulting in the formation of four new coordination polymers. These polymers were characterized using various analytical techniques and exhibit diverse structural motifs.[10]

The synthesis and characterization of four new organic-inorganic coordination polymers using two Schiff base ligands, L1 and L2.These polymers exhibit diverse structural motifs, including two-dimensional non interpenetrating brick-wall structures, interpenetrating three-dimensional rhombus-grid polymers, and solvent-sensitive two-dimensional square-grid and one-dimensional ladder-type structures[3].

The synthesis and characterization of cobalt(II), nickel(II), and zinc(II) complexes with ligands of the 1,4-diaza-1,3-butadiene types .These ligands feature aryl (2,6-di-isopropylphenyl, mesityl) and alkyl (tert-butyl, iso-propyl) substituents at the nitrogen atoms.[11]

To analyze the structure and properties of the synthesized compounds.[14]

Analytical techniques, including NMR spectroscopy, infrared spectroscopy, elemental analysis, energy dispersive spectroscopy, UV/Vis spectroscopy, thermogravimetric analysis[9]

The synthesis and characterization of six new mixed-ligand coordination polymers.[2]

The reaction of Cd(II) with 1,4-bis(3-pyridyl)-2,3-diaza-1,3-butadiene (3-bpdb) and disodium succinate (Na2suc)The synthesis of ten new organic–inorganic coordination frameworks using the long, rigid ligands[1]

The synthesis of cobalt metal–organic framework (MOF)

Informative and comprehensive overview of the chemistry of azines, covering their synthesis, properties, applications, reactivity, and organometallic chemistry[7]

The importance of sunscreen in protecting against UV radiation and the potential risks associated with synthetic sunscreen compounds. The shift towards natural sunscreen formulations is indeed gaining traction due to their safety and effectiveness Cyanobacteria play a crucial role in fixing atmospheric nitrogen in various ecosystems, including wetland rice-fields, enhancing fertility as natural biofertilizers. However, the increase in ultraviolet-B radiation due to stratospheric ozone depletion can inhibit cyanobacterial processes[13]

The photoprotective mechanisms of nature-inspired ultraviolet (UV) filters using ultrafast spectroscopy. It discusses how plants and microorganisms have adapted to synthesize their own photoprotective molecules to shield their DNA from harmful UV radiation.[6]

To test the photo protective activities of eight octocrylene-related compounds. These compounds exhibited varied photoprotection profiles, with Sun Protection Factors (SPF) ranging from 1 to 5 and UVA Protection Factors (UVAPF) ranging from 1 to 8.[5]

CHAPTER 3

3 AIM AND SCOPE

Everybody needs sunscreen; including people with dark skin, similarly humans aren't the only organisms that need sunscreen to avoid DNA damage inflicted by ultraviolet light. Many tiny inhabitants of shallow waters such as cyanobacteria and algae also need sun protection, but they make their own, different types of sunscreens achieve these goals in several ways. There are two kinds of UV rays from the sun that people need protection from: UVA and UVB. UVA light has longer wavelengths, about 315–400 nm, and UVB rays are somewhat shorter, about 280–315 nm. UVB light can damage the DNA in the outer layer of our skin, called the epidermis, as well as cause sunburn. UVA rays can shoot through to the middle skin layers, called the dermis. They can cause minor damage, such as tanning and wrinkles, as well as trigger DNA damage that can lead to skin cancer. Of the UV rays that reach the earth's surface, about 90% are UVA, and 10% are UVB. The sun also emits UVC light, but it's filtered out by the ozone layer and the atmosphere, so doesn't reach the ground. The combination and quantity of sun filters is carefully selected to ensure proper coverage across the UVA and UVB range to provide broad-spectrum protection. The FDA estimated that in 2016 people in the US used over 28 million kg of sun filters, all organics. The next most-used filter was another organic filter, octinoxate, which people used a mere 8.6 million kgs. Last on the most-used list were two mineral sun filters, people slathered on around 5 million kg of each TiO_2 and ZnO. Skin cancer incidence has been increasing in the last decades, but most of the commercial formulations used as sunscreens are designed to protect only against solar erythema. Many of the active components present in sunscreens show critical weaknesses, such as low stability and toxicity. Thus, the development of more efficient components is an urgent health necessity and an attractive industrial target.

CHAPTER 4

4 MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS

All the materials which are being used in this synthesis are analytical grade and technical grade and are not purified further. The chemicals used are phosphorus oxychloride, N-phenyldiethanolamine [technical grade], benzene, Absolute Methanol, Dimethylformamide [DMF], Acetone, Ethanol, Hexane, Dichloromethane [DCM], Ethylyl acetate, silica gel, NaOH sodium hydroxide solution.

4.2 METHODS

4.2.1 PREPARATION OF N,N-bis{2-chloroethyl}aniline(II)

Scheme:

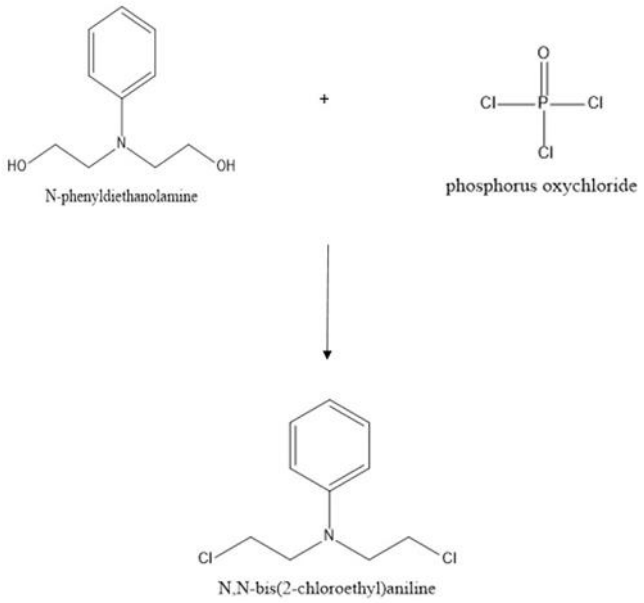


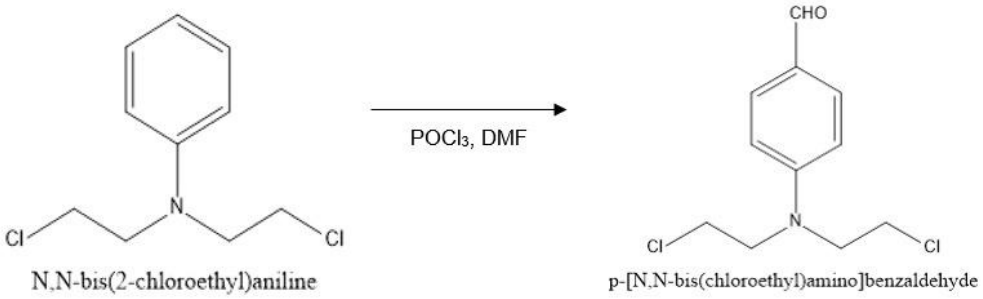
Fig 4.1: Preparation of N,N-bis(2-chloroethyl)aniline

The procedure is a modification of that of Ross. In a 100 ml round bottom flask to 170 g, {102 ml,1.1 mole} of phosphorus oxychloride($POCl_3$) chilled in an ice bath 100 g,{0.55 mole} of N-phenyldiethanolamine {Tennessee Eastman Co. technical grade} is slowly added. After the addition is complete, the mixture is warmed on the steam bath for 1 hour and then taken up in 500 ml of Benzene. The benzene solution is poured in onto 500 g ,of ice and the layers is separated. The aqueous layer is washed with three 50 ml portions of benzene and the combined benzene solution is dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate. This whole separation is carried out using separating funnel. After the removal of benzene you will be left with an oil which is taken up in the minimum amount of hot absolute methanol. On cooling and stirring 98 g {82%} product which has melting point of 41-45°C is separated. By use of this inverse quenching of the reaction mixture there is no difficulty in inducing crude material to crystallize.

4.2.2 PREPARATION OF p-[N,N-bis{2-chloroethyl}amino]benzaldehyde(III)

Scheme :

Fig 4.2: Preparation of p-[N,N-bis(2-



chloroethyl)amino]benzaldehyde

The method is that similar that described by Campaigne and Archer for the formulation dimethyl aniline is used. To a ice cold solution of 70g, (42 ml,0.46 mole) of phosphorus oxychloride in 340 ml, of dimethylformamide is added slowly with stirring and cooling. In an ice, a solution of 98 g, (0.45 mole) of N,N –bis(2-chloroethyl) aniline in 340 ml of dimethylformamide. After the addition is complete the solution is held at 5 for 15 minutes and then warmed to 40 for 2 hours. The mixture is poured into 1 kg of ice and water and the purple solid which precipitates rapidly is filtered at once. This is starting material. The filtrate rapidly deposits a copious precipitate of the desired aldehyde as long tan needles. Melting point of 85 to 88°C. After recrystallization from ethanol 81 g (73%) of white product with melting point 85 to 88°C is obtained.

4.2.3 SYNTHESIS OF (E)-4-(4-(bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)phenyl)but-3-en-2-one

Scheme:

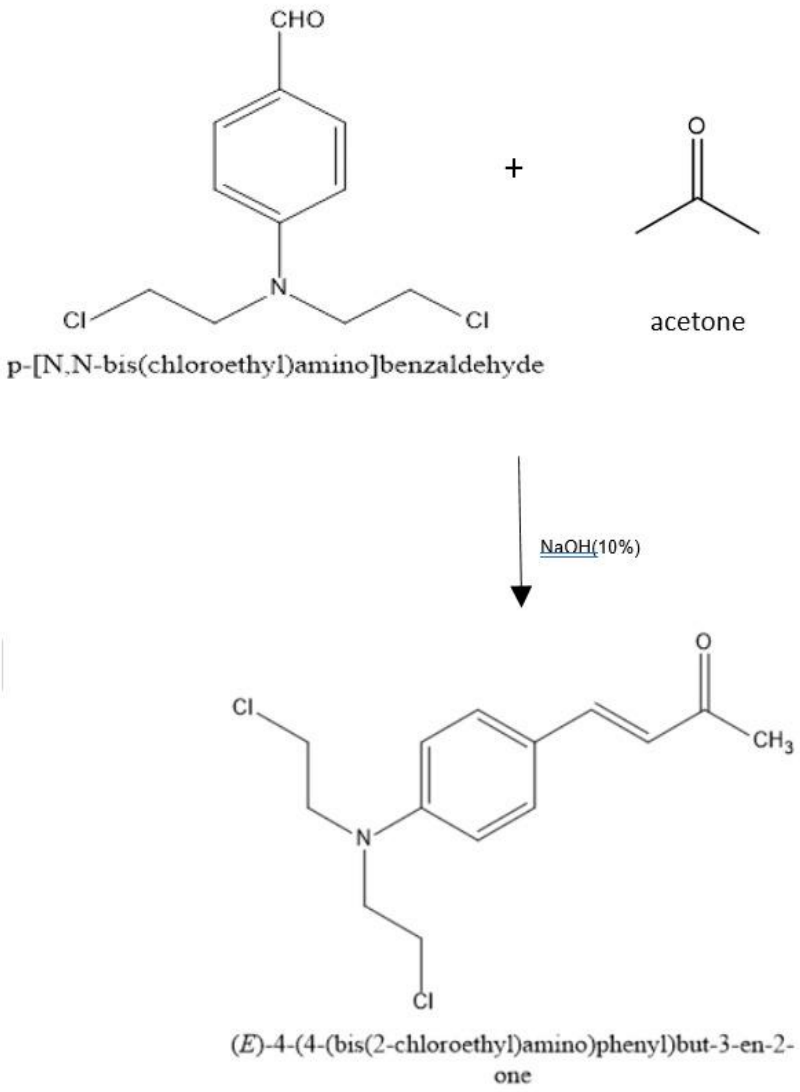


Fig 4.3: Synthesis of (E)-4-(4-(bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)phenyl)but-3-en-2-one

In an 100 ml round bottom flask of the synthesised starting material p-[N,N-bis (2-chloroethyl) amino]benzaldehyde(III) (0.2g) is taken and dissolved in 20 ml of ethanol. After the aldehyde is completely dissolved 70µ litres of acetone is added using a micro pipette. The acetone to aldehyde ratio is 1:1. To this 10% of 2 ml NaOH solution is added immediately. The whole process that is the addition of acetone and NaOH solution is carried out in an ice

cold condition. The contents in the round bottom flask are stirred using magnetic stirrer for about 2 hours. Thecontents are then run in rota and the solvents are being removed. A yellowish orange coloured crystals are obtained. Thus is (E)-4-(4- (bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)phenyl)but-3-en-2-one obtained.

4.2.4 TLC

The separation technique used here is a column chromatography setup with hexane ethyl acetate as mobile phase and silica gel as stationary phase.

The yellowish orange coloured crystals are washed with dichloromethane(DCM) and mixed with silica gel and turned into a slur. This slur is introduced into the column setup. A mixture of 15% ethylacetate and hexane solution is used as a mobile phase solvent in the column chromatography setup. After the completion of separation the samples obtained are checked for single spot using TLC (thin layer chromatography plates). The presence of sigle spot confirms the formation of the product. The samples which shows single spots under TLC are dried and the solvent are evaporated. The samples are then given for characterization for further studies.

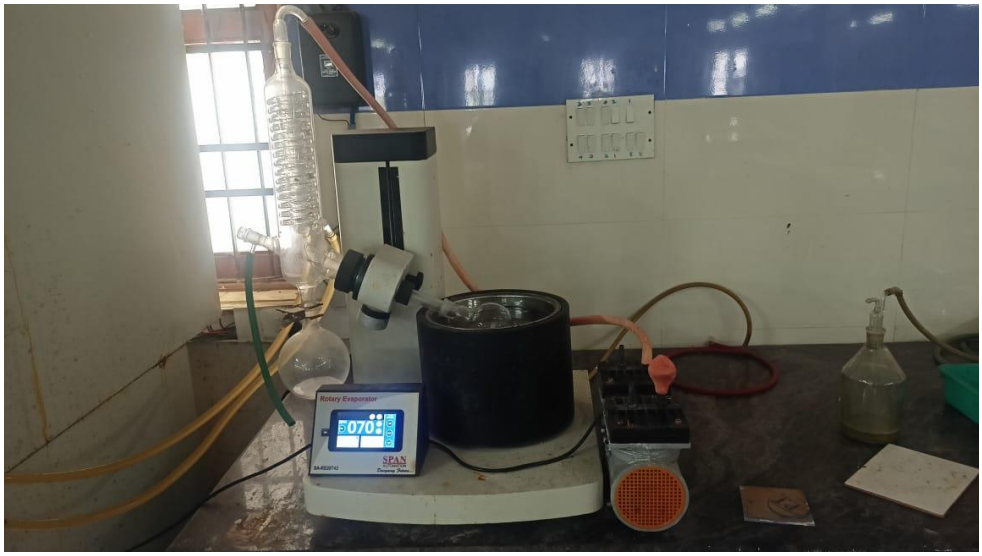


Fig 4.4: Preparation of starting material



Fig 4.5: Separation of the product by TLC

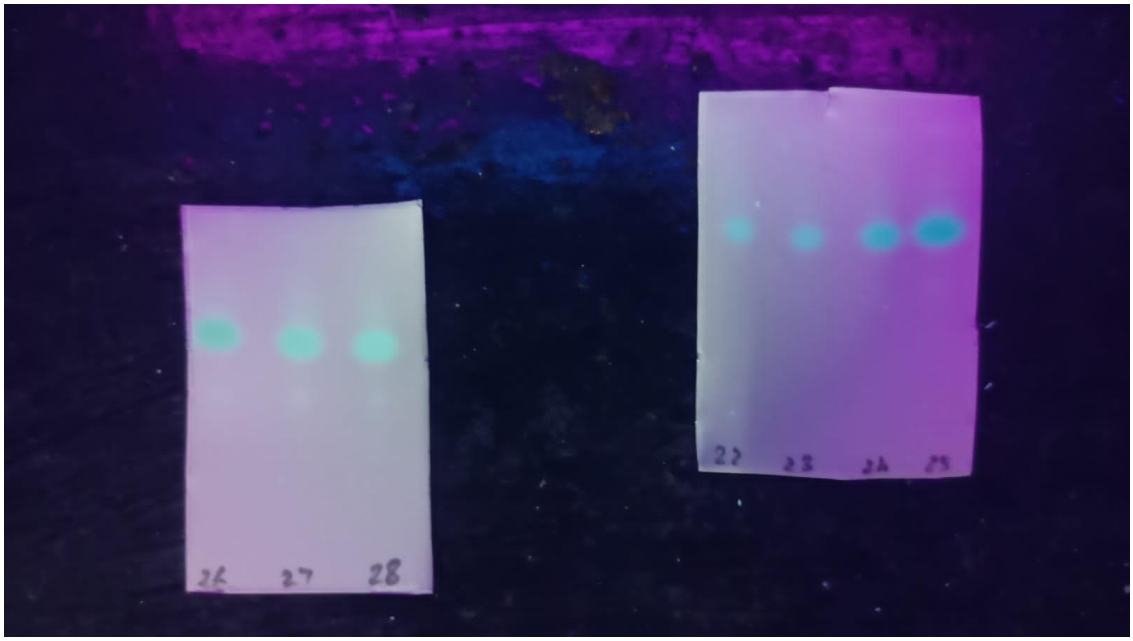


Fig 4.6: TLC single spot of the product

CHAPTER 5

5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION, PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

5.1 Spectral measurements

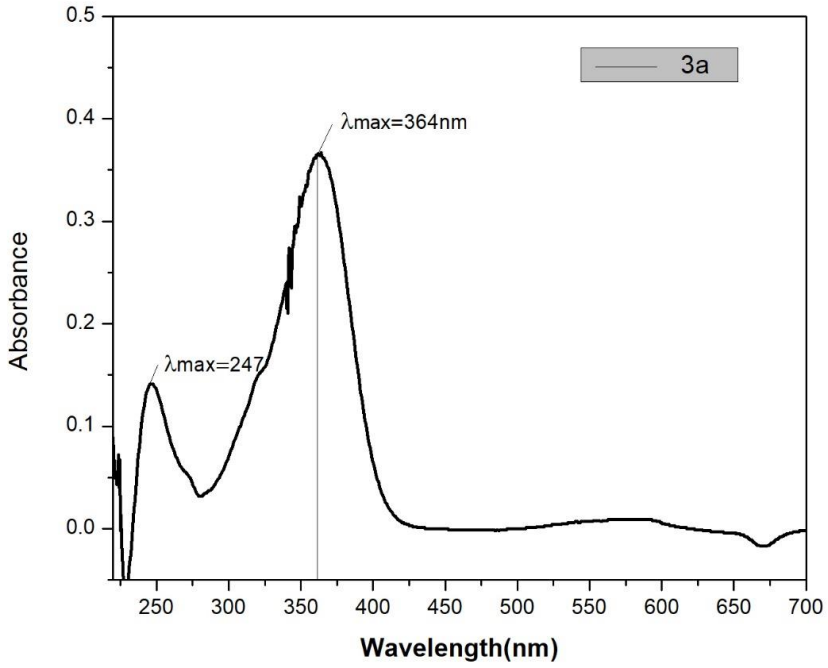
5.1.1 Electronic spectra.

The UV-visible absorption spectrum of the compound was recorded in the region around 200–800 nm using dimethylchloride(DCM) as a solvent. α,β-unsaturated carbonyl compounds usually show two absorption bands pertaining to the n–π* and π-π* transitions. The compound show intense absorption Peaks above 300 nm and weak bands at around 220–270 nm. The compound studied show two well defined absorption bands consistent with the above. 3a show a strong absorption band between 300–400 nm. This λmax value may be attributed to the molecule in its entirety and is not specific to Single chromophore. The compound show a weak absorption band at around 200–270 nm (π–π* transitions) due to the benzoyl or acrylophenone chromophore. Compound 3a also show a minor peak at around 320–400nm. The compound show bathochromic shifts if there are substituents other than Hydrogen in the para position of ring. Electron donating Groups show a larger shift when they are present on the ring. Ring in the Compound studied contains the same –N(CH2CH2Cl)2 group. Since the literature reports that ring is more sensitive to Substitution, significant changes in absorption were not expected. Electron withdrawing groups, however show a large bathochromic shift when present on ring. 3a absorption band shows Greater intensity.

λ [max] = 364nm strong band

λ[max] = 247 nm weak band

Fig 5.1: UV- Vis graph of the compound



5.1.2 IR spectra.

The IR spectra of the compound were studied. The stretching frequency of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl compounds usually lies in the range of 1660–1685 cm-1. However, Resonance with additional conjugation will lower the stretching Frequency. The carbonyl stretching frequencies for the compound investigated occur 1597-1731 cm-1 the carbonyl stretching frequency is located at1597 cm-1. This is probably due to the presence of two electron Donating methoxy groups and intramolecular hydrogen bonding Between the α-hydrogen and the methoxy oxygen. The C–Cl Stretching frequency occurs at 520–869 cm-1 while aromatic C–N Stretching is observed at 1246–1351 cm1. Absorption bands at1435–1595 cm-1 are due to CQC stretching vibrations. Alkyl And aromatic C–H bending occur at 1255-1410 cm-1 and1061–1179cm-1 respectively. In

compound C–O Stretching occurs at 1020–1387 cm-1. Absorption bands at1255 cm-1 in the compound can be attributed to Aromatic C–O stretching. The C-Cl stretching in the compound occurs at 520-731 cm-1.

Fig 5.2: FTIR graph of the compound

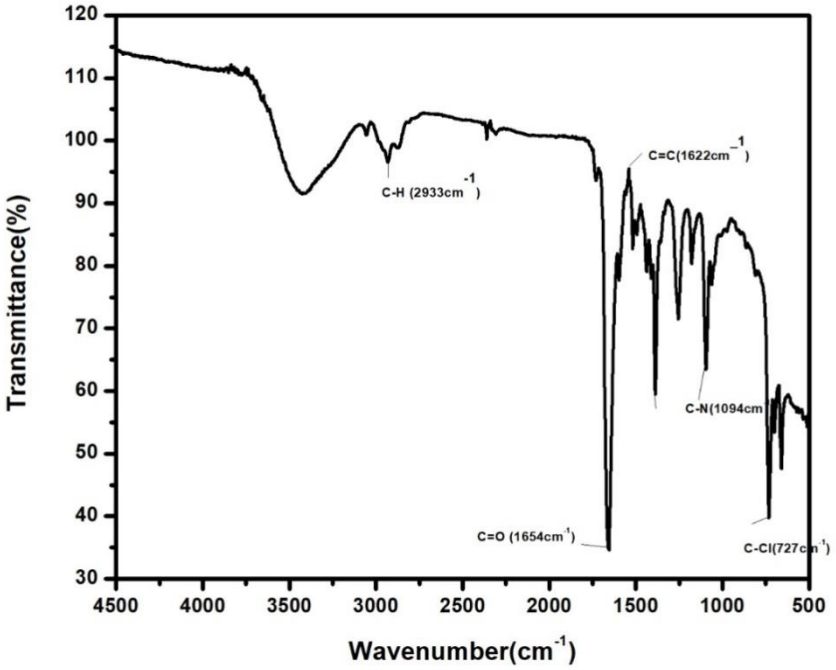


Table 5.1: FTIR data's

s.no	Wave number (cm)	Functional group
1	550-850	C-Cl
2	1720-1250	C=O
3	1640-3100	C=C
4	2850-2975	C-H
5	3300-3350	N-H
6	1200-1350	CN

5.1.3 NMR spectra.

The ¹H NMR spectra were recorded for the synthesized compounds with d6-DMSO as the solvent. The olefinic protons (7 and 8) appeared in the Region of 7.00–7.20 ppm with different splitting patterns. It appeared as singlets at 7.19 ppm. In order to overcome ambiguity in the splitting of these protons, the ¹H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl3 to observe the splitting of olefinic protons. It was noted that the protons appeared as singlets in the range of 7.00–7.20 ppm. The methylene protons Of the bis(chloroethyl)amino groups appear in the range of 0.50-2.5 ppm

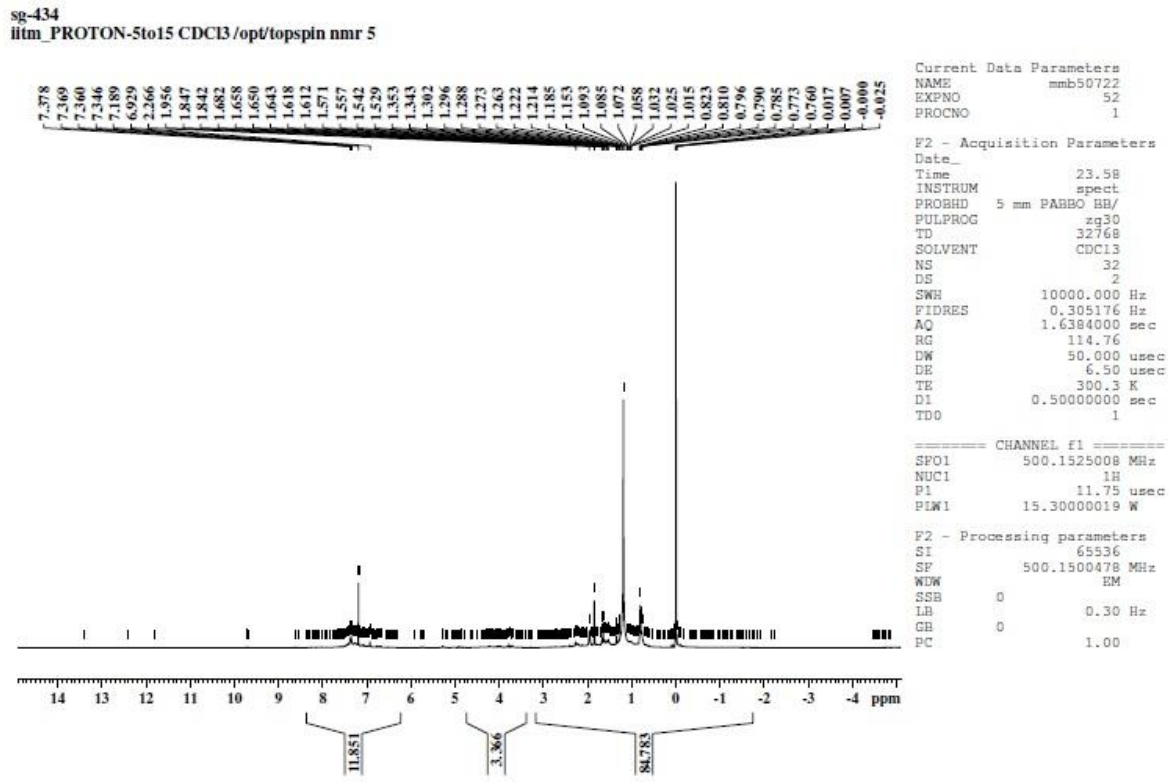


Fig 5.3 : NMR spectra of the compound

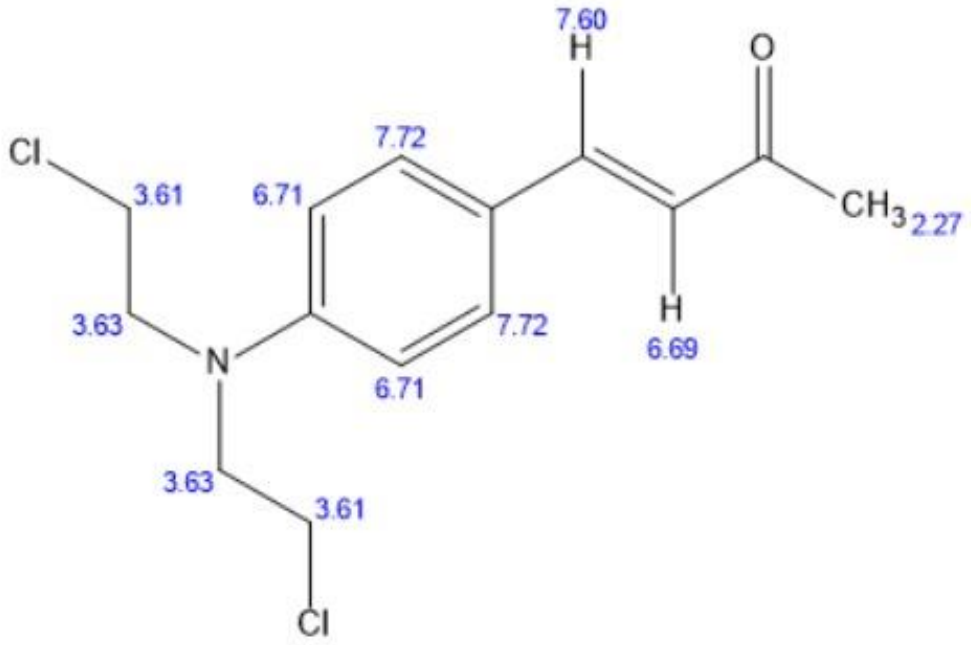


Fig 5.4: Expected NMR spectra of the compound

(E)-4-(4-(bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)phenyl)but-3-en-2-one

CHAPTER 6

6 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The (E)-4-(4-(bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)phenyl)but-3-en-2-one were synthesized using p-[N,N-bis(2-chloroethyl)amino] benzaldehyde and acetone via the Claisen–Schmidt condensation reaction. Nitrogen mustard based these derivatives absorbs strongly at 364 nm(UV –A) and weak bands at around 220–270 nm(UV –B). Which is due to n–π* and π-π* transition respectively including the carbonyl moiety. The stretching frequency of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl compounds usually lies in the range of 1644–1647 cm-1. However, resonance with additional conjugation will lower the stretching frequency. The 1H NMR spectra was recorded for the synthesized compounds with d6-DMSO as the solvent. The olefinic protons appeared in the region of 7.00 – 7.20 ppm with different splitting patterns. The aromatic protons of the ring appear in the range of 6.70 ppm. The methylene protons of the bis(chloroethyl)amino groups appear in the range of 0.5–2.5 ppm.The present studies, conclude that the nitrogen mustard based sunscreens are UV-A filter (oil-soluble) for sun care

In this investigation a chemical sunscreen that is an organic uv filter is synthesised and analysed. Firstly we acquire knowledge about sunscreen and photo protective mechanisms and their daily significant uses. We learn about the terms SPF, Pa+, and other important terms related to the compound

Later we synthesis the required product by using p-N,N-bis(2-chloroethyl)aniline(II) to produce the starting material 4[N,N-bis(2-chloroethyl)amino]benzaldehyde by using phosphorous oxychloride and dimethylformamide. The aldehyde is the starting material which is reacted with acetone in the ratio 1:1 by adding 10% of 2 ml NaOH. The sample obtained is separated by Column Chromatography and the is isolated. The isolated sample is then analysed by different

characterization techniques. These characterizations include FTIR,UV-visible spectroscopy and NMR. The results from these characterization techniques are studied and interpreted to gain the important charactristics such as molecular weight, structure, functional groups present are all determined. The products properties are thus found and these informations are used for further applications.

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The synthesis and characterization of zinc oxide (ZnO) nanoparticles utilizing sweet lime peel extract as a green and sustainable approach. Sweet lime peel, a waste byproduct rich in bioactive compounds, was employed as a reducing and capping agent in the synthesis process. The nanoparticles were prepared via a facile and eco-friendly method, avoiding the use of hazardous chemicals or high temperatures. The synthesized ZnO nanoparticles were characterized using various techniques including X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), and scanning electron microscopy (SEM). The results confirmed the successful formation of ZnO nanoparticles with desired morphology, crystallinity, and chemical composition. The utilization of sweet lime peel extract not only facilitates the green synthesis of nanoparticles but also enhances the biocompatibility and potential applications of ZnO nanoparticles in various fields including medicine, catalysis, and environmental remediation. This study highlights the promising role of agricultural waste in sustainable nanotechnology and underscores the importance of green synthesis methodologies for the development of advanced nanomaterials.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1. NANOTECHNOLOGY:

In recent years nanotechnology has become the most important field in physics, chemistry, engineering, and biology. Advancements in the field of nanotechnology have brought major developments in the history of science and technology. Nanotechnology can be defined as the science and engineering involved in the design, synthesis, characterization, and application of materials and devices whose smallest functional organization in at least one dimension is on the nanometer scale (10-9).

The prefix “nano”, derived from the Greek word “nanos” to mean “dwarf”, is becoming increasingly common in scientific literature. A nanometer is one billionth of a meter or three orders of magnitude smaller than a micron, roughly the size scale of a molecule itself (e.g., a DNA molecule is about 2.5 nm long while a sodium atom is about 0.2 nm). Nano-science is mainly based on the size of the particles. At these scales, consideration of individual molecules and interacting groups of molecules to the bulk macroscopic properties of the material or device becomes necessary, since it is the control over the basics of molecular structure that allows control over the macroscopic chemical and physical properties. The properties of the nanoparticle are influenced by the particle size of the material. While the word nanotechnology is relatively new, the presence of functional devices and structures of nanometer dimensions is a bit old, and in fact, such structures have existed on Earth for as long as life itself. Sea creatures like abalone and mollusks construct very strong shells having shimmering inner surfaces; these inner surfaces are made using calcium carbonates which are arranged into well-built nanostructured bricks held together by glue made of a carbohydrate-protein mix. Nano-sized particles of gold and silver have been used as colored pigments in discolored glass since the 10th century AD.

Order to appreciate the broader suggestions of nanotechnology, and learn how to put up to this stimulating new field. Nanotechnology has the possibilities to increase the research area of nanotechnology is multidisciplinary, covering an extensive variety of subjects ranging from the chemistry of the catalysis of nanoparticles to the physics of

the quantum dot laser. As a result, researchers in any one particular area need to reach beyond their expertise in the efficiency of energy consumption.

The properties of materials at the nanoscale are different from those at the large scale. When the size drops below 100 nm considerable changes occur to the properties of the material. The special physical and chemical properties of nanomaterials can be utilized for commercial applications and for novel performance that benefits society. Nanotechnology can be seen as an extension of existing science into the nanoscale, or as an alteration of existing sciences using the latest, more modern term.

Nanotechnology has been acknowledged as a property. Evidence of the use of nanomaterials in human history can be found dating back to the fourth century AD in the form of the “Lycurgus Cup”, which has unusual optical properties arising from metallic nanoparticles that make the cup appear either red or green in transmitted or reflected light, respectively. Materials exhibit unique and often enhanced properties that differ from their bulk counterparts, making nanotechnology a rapidly evolving and multidisciplinary field with applications across various sectors.

Nanotechnology has enabled the development of smaller, faster, and more efficient electronic components, leading to advancements in areas like nanoelectronics, nanophotonics, and quantum computing. Nanomaterials such as carbon nanotubes, graphene, and quantum dots have revolutionized the semiconductor industry, paving the way for next-generation electronic devices with improved performance and reduced power consumption, and hold immense promise for targeted drug delivery, imaging, and diagnostics. Nanoparticles and nanostructured materials can be engineered to interact with biological systems at the cellular and molecular levels, enabling precise delivery of therapeutics to specific disease sites while minimizing side effects.

1.1.1 SIGNIFICANCE OF NANOTECHNOLOGY:

Nanomaterials become more important due to their different behavior compared to that of the bulk material. Properties like color, melting point, and electrical and magnetic properties for bulk materials do not depend on size, but after a certain size limit which is less than 100 nm 5 the properties change. This is mainly due to the improved surface-to-volume ratio. Increased surface area increases the reactivity. For

example, bulk gold is yellowish in color but at nanoscale, it is ruby red. Therefore, the properties of materials change when we approach nanoscale. At the nanoscale, the matter may change color; for example, gold nanospheres turn blue or red depending on their diameter and wall thickness. The phenomena involved in these effects are surface plasmon resonance, a coherent excitation of free electrons by light, electron confinement, and light wavelength. Thus, it is possible to arrange molecules in a manner that is different from their natural or normal occurrence and hence bring about a change in the properties of materials. Nanotechnology thus possesses the ability to create better materials and devices that can be applied to modern technologies.

Nanotechnology enables the design and fabrication of materials with tailored properties and functionalities at the nanoscale. This includes nanocomposites, nanoparticles, nanofibers, and nano coatings, which exhibit enhanced mechanical, electrical, thermal, and optical properties. These advanced materials find applications in aerospace, automotive, construction, electronics, healthcare, and energy sectors, leading to improved performance, durability, and efficiency of products and processes and in revolutionizing healthcare Nanosensors enable rapid and sensitive detection of biomarkers for early disease diagnosis. Nanobiomaterials facilitate tissue engineering and regenerative medicine applications, promoting healing and tissue regeneration. Additionally, nanotechnology plays a vital role in imaging techniques, allowing for high-resolution visualization of biological structures and processes.

Nanomaterials enhance the performance and efficiency of energy storage devices, such as batteries and supercapacitors, enabling the transition to renewable energy sources. Nanocatalysts enable more efficient and selective chemical reactions for energy conversion and environmental remediation. Nanofiltration membranes provide cost-effective solutions for water purification and desalination, addressing global water scarcity issues. Furthermore, nanotechnology contributes to the development of lightweight and durable materials for energy-efficient transportation and sustainable infrastructure, and also it drives advancements in information technology by enabling the fabrication of nanoscale components and devices. This includes nanoscale transistors, memory devices, and interconnects, leading to denser and more powerful integrated circuits. Quantum computing, which harnesses the principles of quantum mechanics at the nanoscale, promises unprecedented computational capabilities for solving complex problems in cryptography, optimization, and simulation.

Governments, industries, and academic institutions worldwide invest significant resources in nanotechnology research and development to capitalize on its potential benefits and maintain leadership in key technological areas. Nanotechnology-based products and services contribute to economic diversification, export growth, and improved standards of living. While nanotechnology offers tremendous potential for societal benefits, it also raises ethical, safety, and societal implications that require careful consideration. These include concerns about environmental impact, human health risks, privacy issues, and equitable access to nanotechnology benefits. Ethical frameworks and regulatory mechanisms are essential to ensure responsible development, deployment, and governance of nanotechnology, balancing technological progress with societal values and interests.

1.1.2 SYNTHESIS OF ZnO NANOPARTICLES:

Nanoparticles can be synthesized using various methods, In the ***precipitation method***, zinc salts (such as zinc acetate, zinc nitrate, or zinc chloride) are dissolved in a solvent, typically water or alcohol. A base, such as sodium hydroxide or ammonium hydroxide, is added to the solution to initiate the precipitation of zinc hydroxide, and the resulting precipitate is then heated or calcined at elevated temperatures to convert it into ZnO nanoparticles. This method allows for the control of nanoparticle size and morphology by adjusting reaction parameters such as pH, temperature, and concentration of reactants. The nanoparticles are under high-pressure and high-temperature conditions in a sealed autoclave. Zinc precursors and a hydroxide source, such as zinc acetate and sodium hydroxide, are mixed in a solvent, typically water. The reaction mixture is heated to temperatures ranging from 100°C to 200°C for several hours, promoting the nucleation and growth of ZnO nanoparticles and allowing for the synthesis of well-defined ZnO nanoparticles with controlled size, shape, and crystallinity.

ZnO nanoparticles in the ***sol-gel method*** utilize the hydrolysis and condensation of zinc-containing precursors, such as zinc acetate or zinc nitrate, to form a sol, the sol is then subjected to further processing, such as drying or calcination, to obtain ZnO nanoparticles. This method offers control over nanoparticle size, morphology, and composition by adjusting reaction parameters and precursor concentrations. It is suitable for the synthesis of ZnO nanoparticles and thin films with tailored properties

for applications in electronics, optics, and catalysis. Vapors react at elevated temperatures on a substrate surface to deposit ZnO nanoparticles or thin films. CVD allows for the growth of ZnO nanoparticles with precise control over film thickness, crystallinity, and orientation.

ZnO nanoparticles with controlled properties provide reliable routes but they often involve the use of hazardous chemicals, high temperatures, and energy-intensive processes.

1.1.3 SWEET-LIME PEEL:

Sweet lime, also known as Citrus limetta, is a citrus fruit belonging to the Rutaceae family. The flesh of sweet lime is pale green to yellow and segmented, containing juice-filled vesicles similar to other citrus fruits. Sweet lime peel, like other citrus peels, contains a rich array of bioactive compounds, including flavonoids, phenolic acids, limonoids, carotenoids, and essential oils. These compounds contribute to the characteristic aroma, flavor, and health-promoting properties of sweet lime peel. The peel of sweet lime is highly aromatic and contains essential oils that impart a distinct citrusy fragrance and flavor. The essential oils extracted from sweet lime peel are commonly used in perfumery, aromatherapy, and food flavoring, It is a good source of dietary fiber, vitamins, and antioxidants. It provides essential nutrients such as vitamin C, vitamin A, potassium, calcium, and magnesium. Consuming sweet lime peel along with the flesh can enhance the nutritional benefits of the fruit.

Sweet lime peel is utilized in culinary applications for its flavoring and aromatic properties. It can be grated or zested and added to various dishes, desserts, beverages, and sauces to impart a citrusy flavor. Sweet lime peel is also used in the preparation of jams, marmalades, candies, and preserves, and contains bioactive compounds with potential health benefits, including antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, and anticancer properties. Extracts or infusions of sweet lime peel have been used in traditional medicine for the treatment of various ailments, including digestive disorders, respiratory infections, and skin conditions.

Sweet lime peel is a valuable byproduct of sweet lime fruit processing, offering culinary, medicinal, and industrial applications. Its rich nutrient content and bioactive

compounds make it a versatile ingredient with numerous potential uses in various sectors.

1.1.4 POTENTIAL APPLICATION OF SWEET LIME PEEL-MEDIATED ZnO PARTICLES:

The synthesis of zinc oxide (ZnO) nanoparticles using sweet lime peel extract offers a green and sustainable approach that incorporates bioactive compounds from the peel extract into the nanoparticle synthesis process. These sweet lime peel-mediated ZnO nanoparticles exhibit unique properties.

- Sweet lime peel-mediated ZnO nanoparticles can be utilized as drug carriers for targeted delivery of therapeutic agents to specific cells or tissues in the body. Their small size and biocompatibility make them suitable for encapsulating and transporting drugs, enhancing their efficacy and reducing side effects. ZnO nanoparticles exhibit intrinsic fluorescence and can be functionalized with targeting ligands for use as contrast agents in biomedical imaging techniques such as fluorescence imaging and bioimaging. This enables real-time visualization of biological structures and processes at the cellular and molecular levels.
- Sweet lime peel-mediated ZnO nanoparticles can be incorporated into coatings for surfaces and textiles to impart antimicrobial properties. The nanoparticles release reactive oxygen species (ROS) upon exposure to light, which exhibit strong antimicrobial activity against bacteria, viruses, and fungi. This makes them suitable for applications in hospitals, food packaging, and consumer products to inhibit the growth of pathogens and prevent infections. ZnO nanoparticles can be used in water purification systems to disinfect and remove microbial contaminants from drinking water. Sweet lime peel-mediated ZnO nanoparticles offer a sustainable and cost-effective alternative for water treatment, harnessing the natural antimicrobial properties of citrus extracts.
- ZnO nanoparticles are efficient photocatalysts that can be employed for environmental remediation and pollution control. Sweet lime peel-mediated ZnO nanoparticles can degrade organic pollutants and toxic compounds in wastewater under UV or visible light irradiation, converting them into harmless

byproducts. This photocatalytic activity makes them valuable for applications in wastewater treatment, air purification, and green chemistry processes.

- Sweet lime peel-mediated ZnO nanoparticles can be incorporated into biodegradable films for food packaging to extend the shelf life of perishable products. The nanoparticles release antioxidants derived from the peel extract, which inhibit the growth of spoilage microorganisms and delay food degradation caused by oxidation and microbial spoilage. This enhances food safety and reduces food waste in the supply chain.
- ZnO nanoparticles are commonly used in sunscreen formulations due to their ability to absorb and scatter UV radiation, providing protection against sunburn and skin damage. Sweet lime peel-mediated ZnO nanoparticles offer a natural and sustainable alternative for formulating sunscreen products, incorporating antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties derived from the peel extract to enhance skin health and protection.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

1. Title: Green Wastes Mediated Zinc oxide nanoparticles: synthesis, characterization and electrochemical studies

Authors: Okpara, Enyioma C., Omolola E. Fayemi, El-Sayed M. Sherif, Harri Junaedi, and Eno E. Ebenso.

Journal: Materials 13, 2020

Inference: Zinc oxide (ZnO) nanoparticles were synthesized from three distinct citrus peel waste extracts in an alkaline media by employing a straightforward green synthesis technique. The synthesized nano-crystalline materials were examined using transmission electron microscopy (TEM), energy-dispersive x-ray spectroscopy (EDS), Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy (UV-vis), and x-ray powder diffraction (XRD). The ZnO NPs (zinc oxide nanoparticles) from the three citrus peel extracts had large peaks at 360 nm in the UV-vis examination of the particles. The Zn–O band about 553 cm−1 that ZnO NPs displayed provided more evidence that the ZnO NPs had formed. The ZnO NPs from grape (ZnO NPs/GPE), lemon (ZnO NPs/LPE), and orange (ZnO NPs/OPE) were found to have bandgaps of 3.26 eV, 3.20 eV, and 3.30 eV.TEM and ESEM analyses, respectively, verified the nanoparticle sizes and surface shape. Additionally, the great stability of the nanoparticles was indicated by the zeta potential of the as-prepared ZnO NPs from OPE, LPE, and GPE, which were −34.2 mV, −38.8 mV, and −42.9 mV, respectively. When compared to the bare SPCE, the citrus peel extracts (CPE) mediated ZnO NPs modified screen plate carbon (SPC/ ZnO NPs/CPE) electrodes demonstrated improved catalytic properties, according to an investigation of the synthesized nanoparticles' cyclic voltammetric properties across extracts. The electroactive areas calculated from the enhancement of the bare SPCE were almost three times higher than that of the bare SPCE for SPCE/ZnO NPs/LPE, SPCE/ZnO NPs/GPE, and SPCE/ZnO NPs/OPE. Comparison between The extracts revealed that ZnO NPs from GPE have special catalytic characteristics for nanoparticles.

2. Title: Green synthesis of ZnO nanoparticles using peels of Citrus limetta and evaluation of their antibacterial activity.

Authors: Thenmozhi, J. R., S. Shahanaz, and Suba GA Manuel

Journal: Journal of Applied Pharmaceutical Research 11, 2023

Inference: Fruit peel wastes generated during the post-production processing of many agriculture-related products are not fully used, and their environmental impact has grown to be a major worldwide concern. Waste from citrus peels contains biopotential activity and is nutrient-rich. The primary goals of the current work are to create zinc oxide nanoparticles utilizing a green manufacturing method and analyze citrus limetta peels both qualitatively and quantitatively. X-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and UV-visible spectroscopy (UV-Vis) were used to characterize the synthesized ZnO NPs. The Agar Disc Diffusion technique assessed the antibacterial activity of C. limetta peels ZnO NPs against Pseudomonas aeruginosa.

3. Title: Biogenic synthesis and characterization of ZnO nanoparticles for degradation of synthetic dyes: A sustainable environmental cleaner approach.

Authors: Rasool, Atizaz, Shumaila Kiran, Tahsin Gulzar, Shazia Abrar, Abdul Ghaffar, Muhammad Shahid, Sofia Nosheen, and Saba Naz.

Journal: Journal of Cleaner Production (2023)

Inference: Agricultural practices sometimes result in the disposal of leaves, manure, plant parts, vegetables, and other generally unwanted materials, which can have negative effects on the environment and human health. The primary goal of this work is to create ZnO nanoparticles from agro-waste that can be utilised to break down two artificial colours. ZnO-NPs, or zinc oxide nanoparticles, are made from Citrus limetta (C. limetta) fruit peel extract. The ideal parameters for the synthesis of ZnO-NPs were 80 °C, 9 pH, a 1:4 reactant ratio, and 80 minutes of contact time. UV-visible spectroscopy was used to characterise ZnO-NPs, revealing a λmax at 350 nm. SEM, or scanning electron microscopy, was utilised to describe the size and form of ZnO nanoparticles that were produced. The size range of the nanoparticles was 40–42 nm. ZnO-NPs were subsequently utilised for the remediation of two dyes: Direct Fast Rose FR Red 227 (dye B) and Basic Brilliant Flavine Y-40 (dye A), after optimising experimental parameters such as temperature, pH, H2O2 level, nanoparticle concentration, and dye concentration. The artificial dyes showed decolorization at 30%, 49%, and 59% dye concentrations; additionally, dye A and dye B showed

decolorization at 85% and 89% at 50 °C, 43% at 5 mg and 56% at 4% NPs, 58% and 63% at pH 7, 71% at 0.4 M, and 76% at 0.5 M H2O2. According to the experimental findings, dye A and dye B had COD, TOC, and toxicity ratings of 74.56 & 73.24% and 92 & 91%, respectively. The FTIR and UV-visible investigations also verified the deterioration of certain dyes. For a tidy and clean atmosphere, the current study recommended a more environmentally friendly method of environmental cleanup.

4. Title: Green Synthesis and Characterization of Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles Using Citrus Limetta Peels Extract and Their Antibacterial Activity Against Brown and Soft Rot Pathogens and Antioxidant Potential.

Authors: Rashid, Mamoon Ur, Syed Jehangir Shah, Safira Attacha, Luqman Khan, Jawad Saeed, Syed Tanveer Shah, and Heba I. Mohamed.

Journal: " Waste and Biomass Valorization (2024)

Inference: The burgeoning field of nanotechnology can benefit from the creation of food waste, such as fruit peels, and organic solid waste from municipal sources. The goal of the current work was to determine whether zinc oxide nanoparticles made from citrus limit peel extract could be antagonistic to plant pathogenic bacteria (Clavibacter michiganensis, Ralstonia solanacearum, and Erwinia carotovora) both in vitro and in vivo. Several characterization techniques, including UV–vis spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR), high-resolution scanning electron microscopy (HR-SEM), and energy dispersive X-ray (EDX), were used to assess the nanoparticles produced using the green method. The produced nanoparticles' UV–vis spectrum was measured at 339 nm, and the optimal absorption spectrum for zinc oxide nanoparticles (ZnO NPs) is located between 290 to 400 nanometers. According to XRD analysis, the synthetic ZnO NPs have an average size of 16.58 nm and are crystalline in form.

5. Title: "Pomegranate peel extract-mediated green synthesis of ZnO-NPs: Extract concentration-dependent structure, optical, and antibacterial activity."

Authors: Alnehia, Adnan, Abdel-Basit Al-Odayni, Annas Al-Sharabi, A. H. Al-Hammadi, and Waseem Sharaf Saeed.

Journal: *Journal of Chemistry* 2022

Inference: Plant-based nanoparticles (NPs) are characterised by a variety of biological and therapeutic uses, as well as numerous advantages over physical and chemical techniques. In this study, gentle and environmentally friendly conditions were used to synthesise zinc oxide nanoparticles (ZnO-NPs) utilising pomegranate peel aqueous extract. Fourier transform infrared (FTIR), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), ultraviolet-visible (UV-Vis), and X-ray diffraction (XRD) techniques were used to examine the structure, morphology, and optical characteristics of ZnO-NPs. Using the disc diffusion method, antibacterial activity against both Gram-positive and Gram-negative microorganisms was assessed. Researchers also looked at how the final NPs' qualities were affected by the extract concentrations of 20, 30, and 40 mL and the NPs concentrations of 50, 100, and 200 mg/mL utilised in the antibacterial test. The findings show a hexagonal structure where the size of the particles increases with an increase in extract concentration (D) = 18.53, 29.88, and 30.34 nm), whereas there was a decrease in the optical bandgap (Eg = 2.87, 2.80, and 1.92 eV). ZnO-NPs showed excellent antibacterial activity that was on par with or even greater than that of azithromycin, the control drug, especially against S. aureus. The antibacterial activity increased with NPs concentration and was best when the NPs were made from high extract concentrations. These encouraging physicochemical characteristics bolster the proposed bio-route's use and effectiveness in producing ZnO-NPs and could promote its use in large-scale production.

6. Title: "Bio-waste and natural resource mediated eco-friendly synthesis of zinc oxide nanoparticles and their photocatalytic application against dyes contaminated water."

Authors : Bhardwaj, Kajal, and Arun K. Singh.

Journal: *Chemical Engineering Journal Advances* 16 2023.

Inference: Zinc oxide nanoparticles, or ZnO NPs, have been the subject of research in recent years regarding their potential use in photocatalytic remediation of water contaminated with dyes. In comparison to traditional physical and chemical approaches, the synthesis of ZnO NPs using bio-waste and natural resources (plant parts, such as fruit, leaves, flowers, etc.) leads to the development in the production of low-cost, environmentally friendly, and long-term stabilized NPs. The synthesis of ZnO NPs mediated by bio-waste and natural resources reduces the potential for dangerous chemical by-products and the intricacy of the reaction stages. From this

angle, the focus of this review is on methods for creating and stabilizing ZnO NPs with plant-based materials and extracts from different types of biowaste. The function and mechanism of phytochemicals found in various bio-wastes are addressed here for the synthesis of ZnO NPs. The photocatalytic use of ZnO NPs mediated by biowaste for the treatment of water tainted with dyes is highlighted in particular. Furthermore, opportunities for practical use in actual environmental domains are also addressed, along with present obstacles.

7. Title: Green Synthesis of Nanomaterials and Their Applications.

Authors: Chaturvedi, Shivani, and Abhishek Chaudhary

Journal: (2021).

Inference: The little particles can significantly alter our planet. A substance with at least one exterior dimension of less than or equal to one hundred nanometers is referred to as a nanomaterial. According to the European Commission's definition, at least half of the particles in the numerical size distribution must be at least 100 nm in size.

Nanomaterials can be created specifically for a given purpose, occur naturally, or arise as byproducts of combustion events. When compared to the primary components, these materials exhibit distinct chemical and physical characteristics. Because of their enormous potential in the realm of nanotechnology, metal nanoparticles, or NPs, have drawn the attention of scientists in recent decades. The capacity to create different sizes, Metal nanoparticles (NPs) can attach to medicines, antibodies, and targeted ligands thanks to their varied surface modifications and geometries, which provides a wide range of application potential. However, there is a serious shortage of information regarding toxicity and its detrimental impacts on both human health and the environment. Some of the main causes of NP toxicity and negative consequences are the chemical and physical characteristics of metal nanoparticles (NPs), such as their surface, size, shape, composition, charge, and presence or absence of specific active groups on the surface. Because they may be manufactured in a particular way, materials that play a significant role in a variety of industries, including health care, cosmetics, environmental protection, and air purification, use nanoparticles.

8. Title: "Bio-functionalized, elongated hexagonal bi-pyramidal, citrus limetta/ZnO nanostructures as potential photocatalytic and seed germinating agents."

Authors: Gaur, Jyoti, Sanjeev Kumar, Mohinder Pal, Harpreet Kaur, Ramneet Kaur Rana, Kanchan Bala, Prit Pal Singh, and Changanamkandath Rajesh.

Journal: *Functional Composites and Structures* ,. 3 (2023)

Inference: This study examined the photocatalytic and seed germination potentials of zinc oxide (ZnO) nanoparticles (NPs) that have been biofunctionalized and synthesized. Zinc acetate hexahydrate was reduced using an extract from the peel of citrus limetta (C. limetta) to produce ZnO NPs. The crystallite diameters of the hexagonal wurtzite crystal ranged from 50 to 60 nm, and its energy-band gap was observed to be 3.08 eV in C. limetta/ZnO NPs. The presence of phytochemicals from C. limetta on the surface of the resulting ZnO was confirmed by Fourier-transform infrared spectra. The distinct, lengthy hexagonal bi-pyramidal nanostructures were verified by field emission scanning electron microscopy and high-resolution transmission electron microscopy to be uniformly distributed over a large area. C. limetta/ZnO was found to have a highly porous microstructure and a large specific surface area of 80.72 m2 g−1. by Brunauer-Emmett-Teller examination. It was investigated how well C. limetta/ZnO catalysed the breakdown of the commercial reactive yellow 18 dye (RY18). In 100 minutes, the RY18 dye could degrade by over 98% when exposed to UV light. The C. limetta/ZnO NPs showed remarkable performance, with a figure-of-merit of 2.92 × 10−10 mol l J−1g−1h−1 and a quantum yield of 1.79 × 10−4Ш, with a low energy consumption of 4.34 × 1022 J mol−1. For the first time, the potential of C. limetta/ZnO to germinate seeds was examined concerning the Brassica juncea crop. By priming with C limetta/ZnO, Brassica juncea seed germination and development were significantly improved. Therefore, it is determined that C. limetta/ZnO NPs are highly effective photocatalytic agents that promote seed germination.

9. Title: "Biosynthesis of zinc oxide nanoparticles by using fruit extracts of Ananas comosus and its antibacterial activity."

Authors: Ahmad, RA Raja, Zawati Harun, Mohd Hafiz Dzarfan Othman, Hatijah Basri, Muhamad Zaini Yunos, Azlinnorazia Ahmad, Siti Hajar Mohd Akhair et al.

Journal: *Malays. J. Fund. Appl. Sci* 15 2019

Inference: In comparison to other traditional physical and chemical processes, the biosynthesis of metallic nanoparticles utilizing plants, enzymes, and microorganisms has been recognized as an environmentally benign option. Scientists and researchers have recently shown a great deal of interest in the biological synthesis of nanoparticles because of their low cost, eco-friendliness, non-toxicity, and straightforward method. Therefore, it was reported in this work that zinc oxide nanoparticles (ZnO-NPs) were synthesized utilising a reduction agent derived from Ananas Comosus fruit extracts. Using a Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope (FESEM) in conjunction with Energy Dispersive X-ray Analysis (EDX), UV-Vis Absorption Spectrophotometry, and X-ray Diffraction (XRD), the biosynthesized ZnO-NPs were characterized. It was discovered that the nanoparticles' average size fell between 30 and 57 nm. ZnO-NPs' antibacterial activity was assessed using the agar diffusion method against harmful organisms. It was noted that Escherichia coli (E-coli) was effectively inhibited by the biosynthesized ZnO-NPs in the procedure. In conclusion, the green synthesized ZnO-NPs utilising Ananas Comosus fruit extract were successfully produced, and surprisingly, it has also been demonstrated to show antibacterial activity against strains of E. coli.

10. Title: "Green Synthesis of Metal-Oxide Nanoparticles from Fruits and Their Waste Materials for Diverse Applications."

Authors: Khan, Anam, Reena Vishvakarma, Poonam Sharma, Swati Sharma, and Archana Vimal.

Journal: Springer Nature Singapore, 2023

Interference: Modern technology, such as nanotechnology, opens up new avenues for creativity and offers boundless potential in nearly every aspect of daily life, from microelectronics and sensors to medical, agricultural, and chemical applications. In this context, one of the primary issues with metal-oxide nanoparticles is their manufacture and safe application to mitigate the overall harmful effect on the food chain. Green chemistry, also known as green synthesis, is a more environmentally friendly and cleaner way of generating nanoparticles, and it is being seen as a good alternative to address this challenge. Biosynthesized metal-oxide nanoparticles are proven to have various features, including antimicrobial, antiviral, antifungal, drug

transport, and catalytic activity. The function of fruits and their wastes in this chapter Metal-oxide nanoparticle green synthesis is addressed. This might effectively lower costs and protect the environment, enabling us to ask for more benefits without endangering the environment too much.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

3.1 AIM OF THE WORK:

The aim is to explore a green and sustainable approach for the synthesis of ZnO nanoparticles by utilizing sweet lime peel extract as a reducing and capping agent. The primary goal is to synthesize ZnO nanoparticles through a facile and environmentally friendly method that avoids the use of hazardous chemicals and high temperatures. Sweet lime peel extract is employed as a natural source of reducing agents and stabilizers, facilitating the conversion of zinc precursors into nanoparticles. The research aims to assess the biocompatibility and potential applications of sweet lime peel-mediated ZnO nanoparticles. This may include conducting cytotoxicity studies to evaluate the nanoparticles' effects on cellular viability and exploring potential applications in biomedicine, catalysis, environmental remediation, and other fields.

3.1.1 OBJECTIVE OF THE WORK:

- The primary objective is to develop a cost-effective and environmentally friendly method for the synthesis of ZnO nanoparticles. Sweet lime peel extract is utilized as a natural source of reducing agents and stabilizers to facilitate the formation of ZnO nanoparticles from zinc precursors.
- To evaluate the efficacy and efficiency of the green synthesis method using sweet lime peel extract. This involves assessing factors such as reaction yield, nanoparticle size distribution, stability, and reproducibility of the synthesis process.
- To involve conducting cytotoxicity studies to assess the nanoparticles' impact on cellular viability and exploring potential applications in biomedicine, catalysis, environmental remediation, and other fields.

3.2 SCOPE OF THE WORK:

- To develop and optimize a green and sustainable method for the synthesis of ZnO nanoparticles using sweet lime peel extract as a reducing and capping agent. This involves exploring different experimental parameters such as reaction conditions, precursor concentrations, and extract-to-precursor ratios to achieve efficient nanoparticle synthesis.

- The scope may involve evaluating the biocompatibility of sweet lime peel-mediated ZnO nanoparticles through cytotoxicity studies using cell culture models. This aims to assess the nanoparticles' potential for biomedical applications and ensure their safety for use in biological systems.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS:

Various materials used in this project are sweet lime peel, obtained from Citrus limetta fruit. A solvent is used to extract bioactive compounds from sweet lime peel and dissolve the zinc precursor for nanoparticle synthesis. Common solvents include water, ethanol, methanol, or a mixture of water and organic solvents. solvents required for techniques such as UV-Vis spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), and scanning electron microscopy (SEM). These materials are essential for the synthesis, characterization, and evaluation of ZnO nanoparticles using sweet lime peel extract as a green and sustainable approach. The selection and use of these materials depend on the specific experimental protocols, objectives, and analytical techniques employed in the research.

4.2 METHODS:

Methods used in this project are a solution of zinc precursor, followed by the reduction of zinc ions to form ZnO nanoparticles. Sweet lime peel extract serves as a green alternative to traditional chemical-reducing agents. This method involves the reduction of zinc salts (e.g., zinc acetate, and zinc nitrate) in the presence of a reducing agent and a stabilizing agent. Sweet lime peel extract serves as a green alternative to traditional chemical-reducing agents.

4.3 EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS:

4.3.1 PREPARATION OF ZINC OXIDE (ZnO) NANOPARTICLES:

Zinc oxide has the formula ZnO and is an inorganic substance. It is a white powder that is water-insoluble. ZnO is a semiconductor of the II-VI semiconductor group with a large and straight band gap (3.37 eV). Its microcrystals are particularly efficient light absorbers in the UVA and UVB regions of the spectrum because of their large bandgap. ZnO nanoparticles are typically found in clusters and have a size distribution of 30–150 nm. The shape of zinc oxide will alter as a result of the synthesis process. Nanorods, nanoplates, nanospheres, nanoboxes, hexagonal, tripods, tetrapods, nanowires, nanotubes, nanorings, nanocages, and nanoflowers are examples of

nanomaterials[27]. High electron mobility, high thermal conductivity, good transparency, high binding energy, and strong room-temperature luminescence are all characteristics of ZnO.

ZnO nanoparticles are multifunctional semiconductor photoconductive antimicrobial agents utilized as an antimicrobial agent and as a biofilm growth inhibitor in antibacterial creams, lotions, and ointments (for example, Sudocrem), mouthwashes, and paints. Although ZnO nanoparticles have antibacterial properties, dissolved zinc can be toxic to aquatic life. The shape, particle size, exposure period, concentration, pH, and biocompatibility of zinc oxide affect biological processes. Citric acid-assisted ZnO nanoflakes, for example, have stronger antibacterial activity than glycine-assisted ZnO nanoflakes because of better capping, which results in finer forms with less agglomeration. In low concentrations, ZnO is a safe and non-toxic food additive that has been approved by the FDA. As a result of their antibacterial activity, it is frequently utilized in the food sector to maintain colors and prevent decomposition. ZnO nanoparticles' antibacterial effects are ascribed to their capacity to destroy bacteria's cell walls and impair DNA replication. Inside the cells, the nanoparticles release metal ions and produce reactive oxygen species.

4.3.2 PREPARATION OF SWEET LIME PEEL EXTRACT:

A sweet lime was taken and its skin was peeled out, The sweet lime peel was washed thoroughly with distilled water and cut into small pieces. The pieces were left for the drying process for about two weeks, and ground to obtain a fine powder. The distilled water (50ml) was added to 1gm of dry sweet lime peel powder and stirred. The above mixture was heated at 60° C for an hour.

4.3.3 SYNTHESIS OF SWEET LIME CAPPED ZnO NANOPARTICLES:

25 ml of the sweet lime peel extract was added to 2gm of zinc oxide. the above mixture was stirred thoroughly using a magnetic stirrer until the gel consistency was reached, and then the gel was taken in a crucible and heated at 400^{0} c for 1 hour, the material was further crushed into a fine powder and stored in an airtight container for further analysis.

4.4 CHARACTERISATION TECHNIQUES:

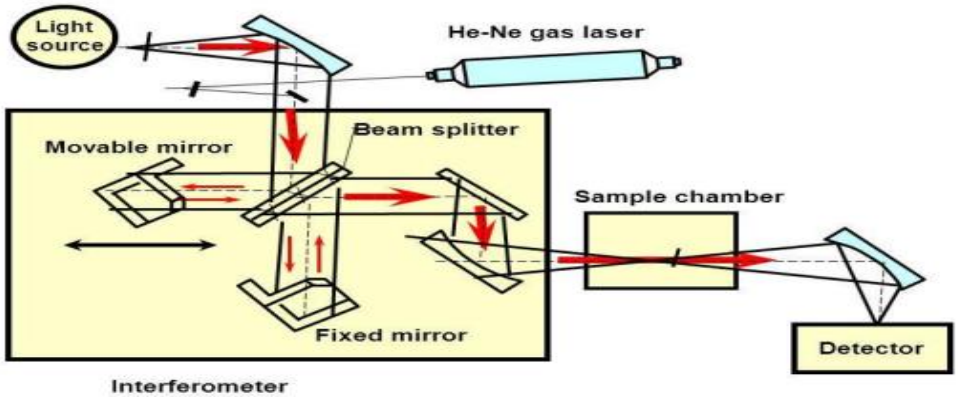
4.4.1 FOURIER-TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY:

PRINCIPLE:

When molecules containing either permanent dipole moment or dipole moment arising due to vibration of atoms in molecules are subjected to IR radiation of a particular frequency, it induces an oscillating dipole moment and excites them to undergo vibrational transitions. Vibrational transition is produced by the absorption of energy (suitable IR radiation). Infrared light from the light source flows via a Michelson interferometer along the optical path in FTIR analysis. A beam splitter, moving mirror, and fixed mirror make up the Michelson interferometer. The beam splitter splits the light beam into two, which is reflected by the moving and fixed mirrors before being recombined by the beam splitter. The optical path difference between the moving and stationary mirrors changes as the moving mirror reciprocates, causing the phase difference to fluctuate over time. In the Michelson interferometer, the light beams are recombined to produce interference light. An interferogram is used to record the intensity of interference light, with the optical path difference recorded along the horizontal axis.

WORKING:

The FTIR device delivers infrared radiation in the range of 10,000 to 100 cm-1 through a material, with part of it absorbed and some of it passing through. The sample molecules transform the absorbed light into rotational and/or vibratory energy. The resulting signal appears as a spectrum at the detector, typically ranging from 4000 cm-1 to 400 cm-1, and represents the sample's molecular fingerprint. FTIR analysis is a great tool for chemical identification because each molecule or chemical structure produces a unique spectral fingerprint.



Schematic working of FTIR

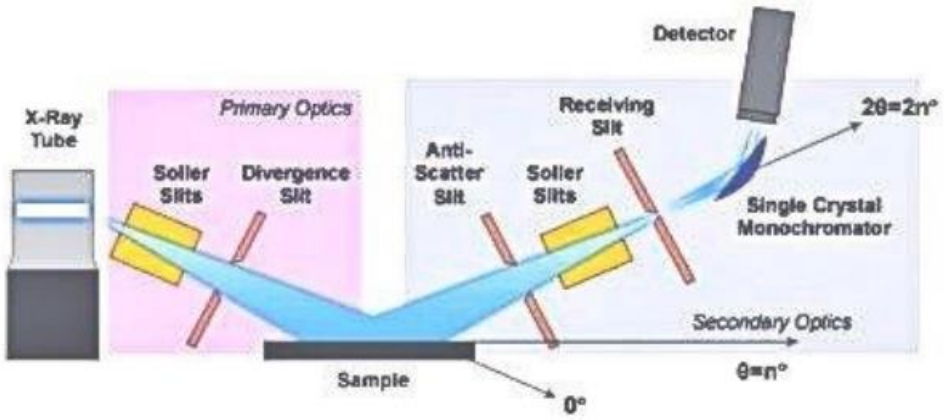


FTIR INSTRUMENT

4.4.2 X-RAY DIFFRACTION (XRD):-

XRD is one of the characterization techniques that reveals the structural properties of nanoparticles. It provides information on the phase, chemical composition, symmetry of unit cells, crystallinity, lattice constant, and properties of the nanoparticles. This technique is employed for the identification of both single and multiphase nanoparticles. XRD is considered one of the oldest non-destructive methods for the

analysis of nanoparticles. The XRD pattern is influenced by the size and shape of the unit cell of the crystal. Consequently, the properties of a material are dependent on its structure about 90% of solid materials are crystalline in nature and each crystalline has a significant X-ray diffraction pattern which can be used as a fingerprint to detect the material. A diffraction pattern is obtained only when the X-rays are interacted with the crystal. Information like the symmetry of the unit cell, stress, strain, size of crystallite growth orientation, etc. is obtained from the diffraction patterns.



SYSTEMATIC WORKING OF XRD



XRD INSTRUMENT

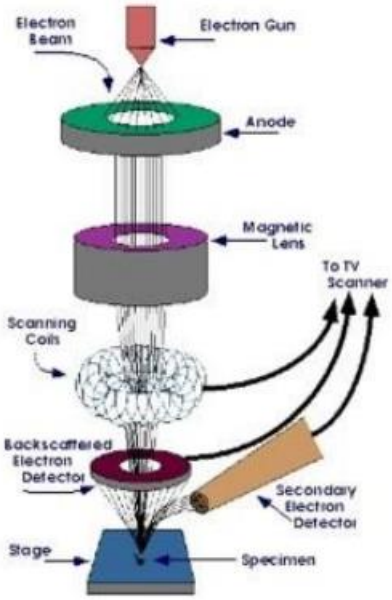
4.4.3 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE (SEM):

SEM (Scanning Electron Microscope) is a type of electron microscope that scans the surfaces of microorganisms using a low-energy electron beam to focus and scan specimens.

PRINCIPLE: The scanning electron microscope, unlike the transmission electron microscope, employs released electrons instead of transmitted electrons. The Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) operates on the premise of using kinetic energy to generate signals from electron interactions. Secondary electrons, 34 backscattered electrons, and diffracted backscattered electrons are all types of electrons used to observe crystalline elements and photons. An picture is created using secondary and backscattered electrons. The major purpose of the secondary electrons generated by the specimen is to detect the shape and topography of the specimen, whereas the backscattered electrons exhibit contrast in the composition of the specimen's constituents.

WORKING: A scanning electron microscope (SEM) is a type of electron microscope that uses a concentrated beam of electrons to scan the surface of a sample to obtain pictures. When electrons contact with atoms in a sample, they produce a variety of signals that carry information about the sample's surface topography and composition. A raster scan pattern is used to scan the electron beam, and the position of the beam is coupled with the intensity of the received signal to create a picture. Secondary electrons generated by atoms stimulated by the electron beam are detected by a secondary electron detector (Everhart–Thornley detector) in the most common SEM mode. The quantity of secondary electrons that may be detected, and hence the signal strength, is influenced by specimen topography, among other factors.





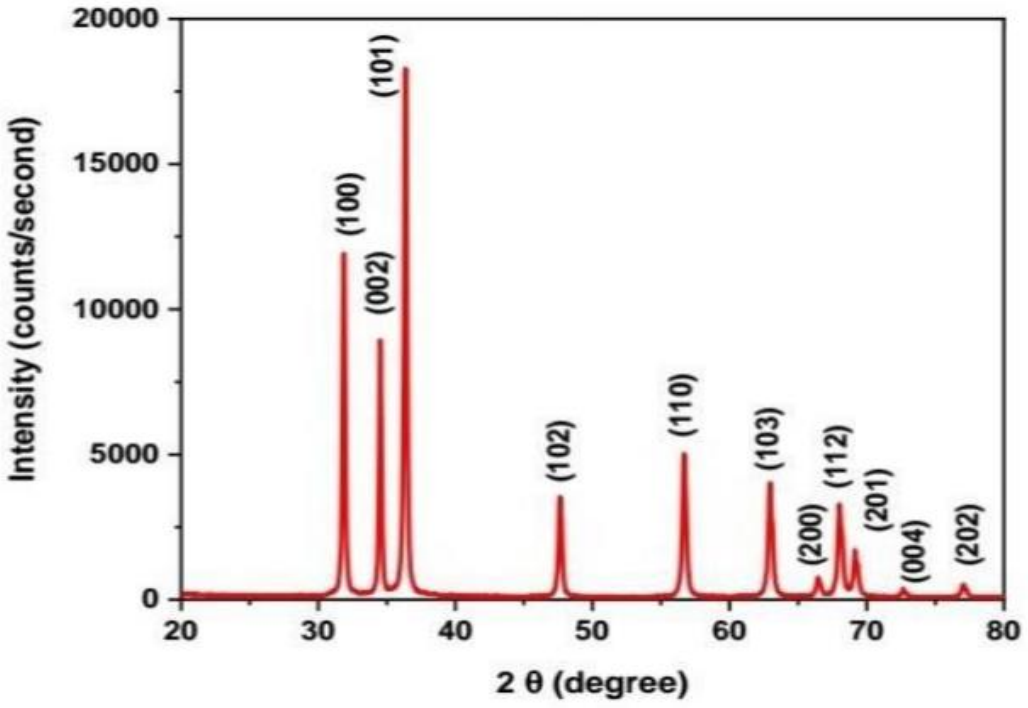
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CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The characterization of the biosynthesized zinc oxide nanoparticles was carried out by various techniques such as scanning electron microscope (SEM), X-ray diffraction (XRD), and Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), antibacterial test.

5.1 XRD ANALYSIS:



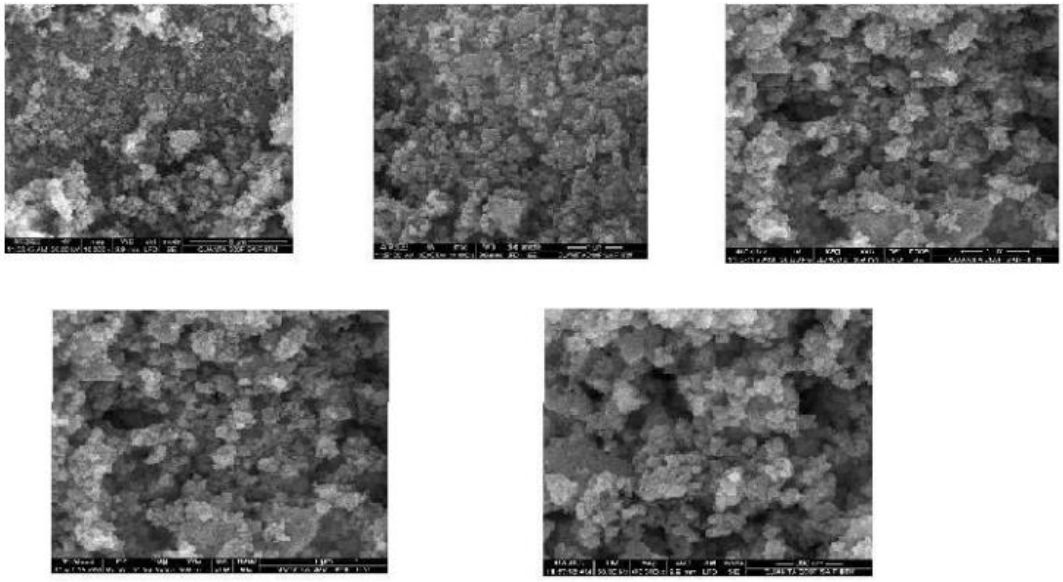
The XRD pattern of biosynthesised ZnO nanoparticles:

The XRD pattern of the biosynthesized ZnO NPs using leaves extract of aloe vera showed 2θ values at 31.76°, 34.44°, 36.24°, 47.56°, 56.66°, 62.90°, 66.42°, 67.96°, 69.14°, 72.64°, and 76.98°. The 2θ values were assigned to (100), (002), (101), (102), (110), (103), (200), (112), 45 (201), (004), and (202) planes, respectively. All the diffraction peaks were indexed in the ZnO hexagonal wurtzite structure (JCPDS card number: 36-1451) and agree with XRD peaks of biosynthesized ZnO NPs. The sharp and narrow peaks indicated that the biosynthesized ZnO NPs were highly crystallized. Additionally, ZnO NPs were free of impurities where no characteristic XRD peaks other than zinc oxide peaks were observed. The average crystallite size of ZnO was found

using scherrer's formula is 29.89 nm. The lattice constant for hexagonal ZnO structure was calculated as a=3.240Å and c= 5.199 Å which matches well with the standard lattice constant a= 3.249 Å and c= 5.206 Å.

5.2 Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM):

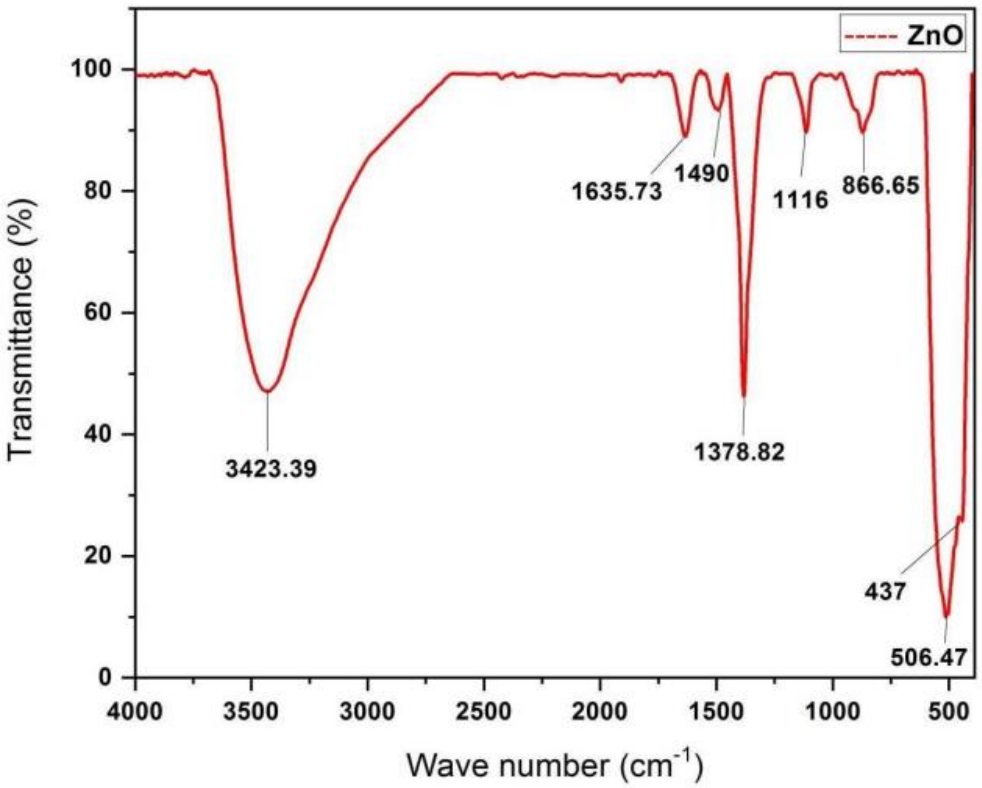
Scanning electron microscopic image confirmed the surface morphology of Zinc oxide nanoparticles at different magnifications. The biosynthesised zinc oxide nanoparticles consist of nanorods and nanoplates structures.



Zinc oxide nanoparticles visualised through SEM at different magnifications

5.3 Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR):

The chemical composition of the synthesized ZnO nanoparticle were examined by FTIR spectroscopy. The FT-IR spectra of ZnO nanoparticle, ranging from 400 to 4000 cm-1 in wavenumber is shown in Fig. The broad absorption peak at 3423.39 cm-1 and 1635.73 cm-1 corresponds to the -OH group indicating the existence of water absorbed on the surface of the 47 nanoparticle. The absorption peak at 506.47 cm-1 and 437 cm-1 corresponds to metal-oxygen (Zn-O stretching vibration) vibration mode . The peak at 1116 cm-1 and 1378.82 cm-1 are ascribed to primary, secondary alcohol in-plane bend or vibration. The peak at 866.65 cm-1 maybe due to the stretching vibrations of C-O bond. The –C-H bending vibration band arises at 1490 cm-1 .



The FTIR spectra of biosynthesised zinc oxide nanoparticles

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this study successfully demonstrated a green and sustainable approach for the synthesis of zinc oxide (ZnO) nanoparticles using sweet lime peel extract as a natural reducing and capping agent. Through a series of experiments, we synthesized ZnO nanoparticles with well-defined morphology, crystalline structure, and optical properties. Characterization techniques including UV-Vis spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) confirmed the successful synthesis and characterization of the nanoparticles. The utilization of sweet lime peel extract not only provided a green and eco-friendly synthesis route but also introduced bioactive compounds into the nanoparticles, potentially enhancing their functionality and biocompatibility. The nanoparticles exhibited promising properties for various applications, including biomedical, catalytic, environmental, and agricultural fields. Furthermore, the scalability and cost-effectiveness of the synthesis method highlight its potential for industrial-scale production of ZnO nanoparticles.

Further studies are warranted to fully elucidate the mechanisms underlying the synthesis process and the interactions between sweet lime peel extract and ZnO nanoparticles. Additionally, in-depth investigations into the biocompatibility, cytotoxicity, and long-term stability of the nanoparticles are essential for their safe and effective use in biomedical applications.

The synthesis and characterization of ZnO nanoparticles using sweet lime peel extract offer a promising avenue for sustainable nanotechnology and provide valuable insights into the utilization of natural resources for nanoparticle synthesis. This research contributes to the growing body of knowledge on green synthesis methodologies and underscores the importance of sustainable practices in nanotechnology research and development.

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ABSTRACT

The study elucidates the synthesis and characterization of a fluorescent probe **L**, which was synthesized via Schiff base condensation reaction of pyrene aldehyde with 2-aminophenylbenzimidazole in ethanolic medium. The structure of **L** was characterized by using ^{1}H-NMR, FT-IR and HRMS analysis. The sensing potential of receptor **L** towards different metal ions was analysed by UV-Visible and fluorescence studies. The AIE properties of **L** were examine by fluorescence spectra in DMSO-H_2O mixed medium, which shows bright blue fluorescence and good intensities at 425nm when the water fractions increased from 70% to 95%. The identification phenomena of receptor **L** were investigated by adding relevant metal ions such as Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+}, Hg^{2+}, Pb^{2+}, Al^{2+} and Cr^{3+} at 80% water percentage, which caused a color shift from colorless to yellow with the addition of Cu^{2+} and Ni^{2+}, as well as a very little brown color change in the presence of Fe^{3+} ions. Under the same situation, fluorescence changes of **L** with the above-mentioned metal ions which resulted in bright blue fluorescence mainly with the selective addition of Fe^{3+} ions, indicate that sensor **L** is extremely selective for Fe^{3+} in both the ground and excited states.

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CHAPTER 1

1. INTRODUCTION

Chronic health disorders such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease are induced by environmental pollutants and pose a severe danger to human well-being. Chemists and biologists conducted research that found that metal ion changes are directly associated to diseases *Drago, et.al., (2008*). For example, the brain has a relatively high concentration of transition metals such as Fe, Zn, and Cu, which participate in neuronal activity at synapses and assure the function of numerous metalloproteins (cytochrome C-oxidase, Cu/Zn superoxide dismutase, etc.). However, due to unknown causes, metal ion homeostasis is significantly disrupted in Alzheimer's disease (AD) *Kozlowski, et.al., (2009)* with aberrant levels of Cu^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, and Fe^{3+} observed. The brain struggles to handle oxidative stress caused by Cu^{2+} and Fe^{3+} ions in Aβ aggregates. The linked homeostasis of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and metal ions is also thought to play a major factor in the development of cancer and neurological illnesses like as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease *Barnham, et.al., (2004).*

Aluminium’s toxicity has long been acknowledged, and there is debate regarding its potential role in Alzheimer's disease. Some studies have also found that abnormalities in copper transport and the regulation mechanism led to deadly disorders such as Wilson's disease and Menkes syndrome *Waggoner, et.al., (1999).* Aside from metal ions, the action of anions on cellular biological processes is typically mediated by macromolecular receptors, which are protein-based in nature. Protein-anion interactions in biological systems provide specialized functions, such as enzymatic transformations (the majority of enzymes bind anions as substrates or cofactors), substance transport, and signal transduction.

Anions, particularly carboxylates, halides, and phosphates, play important roles in a range of biological processes, including nerve impulses, muscular contraction, cell activity regulation, and apoptosis. Monitoring nitrate levels, for example, is used to trace pollution from agriculture (nitrate fertilizers), to inspect fish farms and other aquaculture facilities for waste buildup, and to assess nutrient levels in natural water bodies. The F- ion is significant in the therapeutic treatment of osteoporosis and the

detection of fluoride toxicity caused by excessive F- accumulation in bone *Kleerekoper, (1998).* Thus, the ability to recognize, understand at the molecular level, and treat disorders caused by insufficient/surplus metal/anion function is an important element of medicinal research.

As a result, monitoring changes in amino-acid/ion concentration levels is critical to determining illness severity. A substantial research effort is being directed toward developing low-cost, reliable, and easy methods of detecting analytes in solution. As analytical techniques progress, a variety of ways for detecting ions/amino-acids are now available *Van den hoop, (1996)*. However, many of them necessitate complex sample preparation, as well as expensive and specialized equipment. Furthermore, these complex instrumental procedures are not well adapted for rapid in-field detection or in-vivo research.

To solve these challenges, the recognition and detection of one of the targeted analytes using purpose-built chromogenic/fluorogenic host sensors with selectivity for a specific analyte has attracted substantial interest in the field of host-guest chemistry over the last decade *de silva, (1997)*. These colorimetric and fluorogenic receptor molecules enable the detection of the targeted analyte by binding-induced changes in the optical response, such as electronic and fluorescence spectrum alterations.

1.1 Chemosensors

In general, a sensor is a device that interacts with matter or energy and produces a measurable signal in return. It could be a minuscule device, such as a pH electrode, or individual molecules that can do meaningful work on other molecules. Phenolphthalein is an excellent example of such a sensor. In host guest chemistry, the term "chemosensor" is more directly related to a molecular event. A sensor is a system that, when stimulated by any type of matter or energy, changes its own state and thus one or more of its properties *L. Prodi, (2005).* This change is utilized to study the stimulant qualitatively and quantitatively.

The optical and photophysical changes in a molecule are more useful in this regard. These receptor molecules, which will be utilized as chromosensors, should respond selectively to specific ions or neutral substances. A suitable definition of a

chemical sensor is the "Cambridge definition" *Wolfbeis, (1991)* Chemical sensors are little devices that may provide real-time and online information about the presence of certain chemicals or ions in even complex samples. The most common techniques used in chemical sensors are optical absorption, luminescence, and redox potential, but sensors based on additional spectroscopies and optical characteristics, such as refractive index and reflectivity, have also been developed *McDonagh, et.al., (2008).*

An optical chemosensor consists of a molecule that has a binding site, a chromophore or fluorophore, and a method for communication between the two (**Fig 1.1**).*Orellana and Bondi, (2005)* When analytes bind, the chemosensor's optical characteristics change (absorption or fluorescence). The chemosensor binding site cannot be biological in nature (e.g., an enzyme or antibody); it must be an engineered receptor. Biotic receptors in biosensors may have excellent affinity and selectivity for biological analytes, but artificial receptors offer numerous advantages. Biomolecules are susceptible to pH, oxidizing chemicals, and heat, whereas inanimate receptors can be made from more durable materials.

Artificial receptors can be customized for a variety of analytes, and their physical properties can be tailored to specific sensor needs. Sensors are divided into two groups based on the sort of signals produced during the binding event: electronic sensors and optical sensors *Prodi, et.al., (2000).* The former generate signals in the form of changes in electrochemical characteristics, whereas the latter cause changes in visual properties. The optical sensors are further divided into two categories: chromogenic chemosensors and fluorogenic chemosensors.

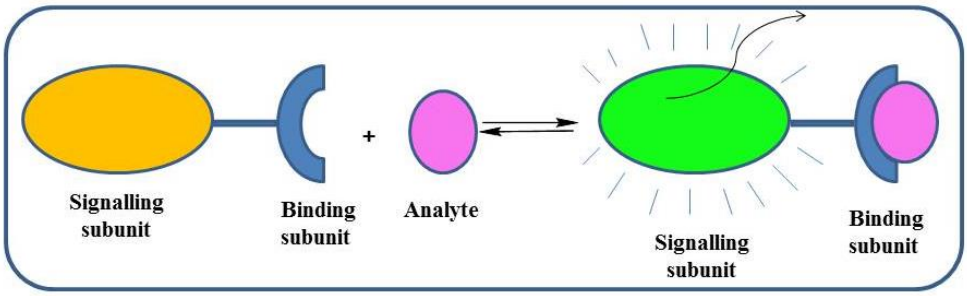


Fig 1.1: Schematic representation of a chemosensor

1.1.1 Chromogenic Chemosensors

Colorimetry has been utilized as a form of sensor signal transduction for decades due to its ease of detection, first with the naked eye and later with simple, inexpensive

spectrophotometers. While colorimetric investigations are not as popular as fluorescent or luminescent techniques today, this design remains extremely valuable and significant. In fact, color is used in many of the most frequently used commercially accessible diagnostic procedures, including blood glucose monitoring *Blake and McLean, (1989)* and early pregnancy tests *Bangs, (1996).* Colorimetric assays offer lower capital costs than fluorescent sensors, which require a UV light source and spectrophotometric apparatus.

Furthermore, due to the paramagnetic nature of heavy metal ions, some sensors frequently experience fluorescence quenching upon heavy metal ion attachment via an electron or energy transfer process, reducing sensor sensitivity. Color fluctuation or change in absorbance on the selective binding of target analyte, on the other hand, is a convenient way for designing high selectivity chemosensors for both heavy and light metals. However, colorimetric assays have one disadvantage: they are less sensitive and do not have the same low limit of detection as fluorescence or luminescent-based approaches. This is largely owing to the reduced background provided by this strategy. Furthermore, in many typical experiments, the analyte of interest occurs naturally at millimolar concentrations. Under these settings, colorimetric analyses are appropriate.

1.1.2 Fluorogenic Chemosensors.

A fluorescent chemosensor consists of a fluorophore and an ionophore connected with or without a spacer *Desvergne and Czarnik, (1997).* The fluorophore functions as a signal transducer, converting the recognition event into photophysical changes including spectrum, fluorescence quantum yield, and lifetime. These changes are caused by the disruption of photoinduced processes such as electron transport, charge transfer, energy transfer, and excimer production. The binding selectivity and sensitivity of an ionophore are mostly determined by its recognition moiety. Noncovalent bonding, including as hydrogen bonding, metal complexation, π-π stacking, hydrophobic forces, and electrostatic interactions, frequently underpin interactions between ionophore and guests *Gallman, (1997)*. Furthermore, the fluorescence sensor should be thermally and photochemically stable, with the recognition process reversible to allow for continuous monitoring of the analyte. Thus, fluorescent chemical sensors offer various advantages in terms of sensitivity,

selectivity, response time, and fluorescence imaging *Tsien, (1993)* Its simplicity also enables on-site and real-time detection.

1.2 Theory of Fluorescence

Fluorescence is a member of the ubiquitous luminescence family of phenomena in which sensitive molecules produce light from electrically excited states caused by an optical (for example, light absorption), mechanical (friction), or chemical action. Photoluminescence is a phenomenon that occurs when a molecule is excited by ultraviolet or visible light photons. It is classified into two types: fluorescence and phosphorescence, depending on the electronic configuration of the excited state and the emission pathway. The fluorescence process is regulated by three major processes that occur on timescales that differ by several orders of magnitude. An incoming photon excites a sensitive molecule in femtoseconds (10-15 seconds), however vibrational relaxation of excited state electrons to the lowest energy level is significantly slower and can be measured in picoseconds (10-12 seconds). The final step, emitting a longer wavelength photon and returning the molecule to its ground state, takes nanoseconds. The Jablonski energy diagram is traditionally used to depict the various energy levels involved in light absorption and emission by a fluorophore.

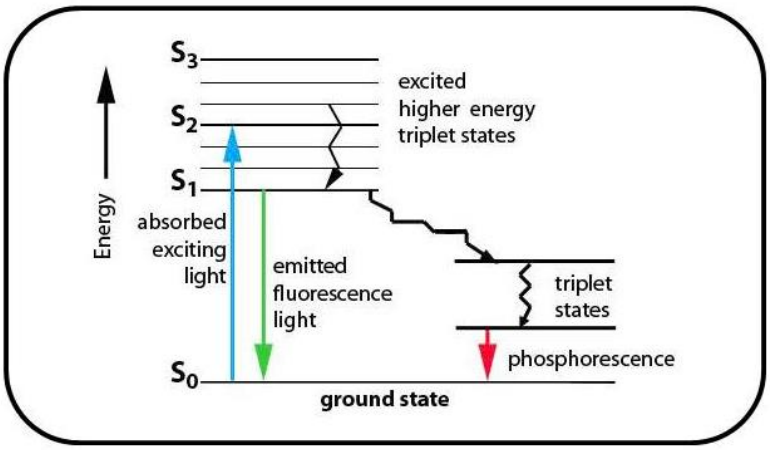


Fig 1.2: Jablonski diagram showing the de-excitation pathways of a molecule

Several alternative relaxation mechanisms, each with a different probability, compete with the fluorescence emission process. The excited state energy can be released non-radiatively as heat **(Fig 1.2)**, the excited fluorophore can collide with another molecule to transmit energy in a second sort of non-radiative process, or the lowest

excited triplet state can be reached through intersystem crossover. The latter event is uncommon, but it eventually culminates in either a photon emission via phosphorescence or a transition back to the excited singlet state, which produces delayed fluorescence. Transitions from the triplet excited state to the singlet ground state are banned, resulting in triplet emission rate constants that are many orders of magnitude lower than fluorescence. As a result, it is the simplest way for transmitting information about molecular occurrences to the macroscopic world.

1.3 Design of Synthetic Receptors

Ion recognition necessitates careful probe design since both recognition and signaling moieties must be considered. It should be noted that the medium in which recognition occurs is critical: parameters such as the nature of the solvent (polarity, hydrogen-bonding ability, protic or aprotic character), pH, ionic strength, and so on all play an important role because they can affect not only the efficiency and selectivity of binding, but also the photophysical properties of the fluorophore (for example, protonation may compete with cation binding). Furthermore, in many practical circumstances, and of course for biological materials, aqueous solutions are preferred, and water-soluble probes are preferred; however, in other analytical applications (e.g., extraction), the probe might be in an organic phase. For example, because proteins absorb ultraviolet light, optical chemosensors for analytes in biological fluids (e.g. blood) should have λmax values for absorption bigger than 400 nm. Fortunately, Stokes Law assures that fluorescent chemosensors emit light (λem) at a longer wavelength than that utilized for excitation (λex). However, practical concerns also come into play. For reasons of instrument setup, sensor cost, and light scattering, it may be preferable to use optical filters to minimize excitation light reaching the detector rather than orienting the detector perpendicular to the incident light beam, as in traditional spectrofluorometers. A significant Stokes shift is typically sought (e.g., λem - λex > 50 nm). Furthermore, an ideal fluorescent probe should generate a valid signal with a high quantum yield after selectively interacting with the required analyte. To prevent UV-induced cell damage, the excitation wavelength (λex) should surpass 340 nm, while the emission wavelength (λem) should be around 500 nm to avoid autofluorescence from the cell's own species.

1.4 Sensing Targets: Cation, Anion and Amino acid

Molecular sensing is an important part of analytical chemistry. For several decades, considerable attention has been paid to the development of sensors that exhibit unique capacity in detecting analytes such as DNA *Genaro, et.al., (2012)*, nucleic acids *Guo, et.al., (2012)*, sugars *Bertelli, et.al., (2010)*, metal ions *Neupane, et.al., (2012)*, anions *Antonisse and Reinhoudt, (1998)* and other biologically or environmentally related species in low concentration *Demchenko, (2011).* But our own interest lies primarily in detecting cations, anions and amino acids using synthetic receptors.

1.4.1 Metal Ions

The most developed class of chemosensors is that of sensors which recognize metal ions. The first entry in this category is the crown ethers *Pedersen, (1967)* **1-3** which complex metal ions in water with a great deal of size selectivity **(Fig 1.4.1)**.

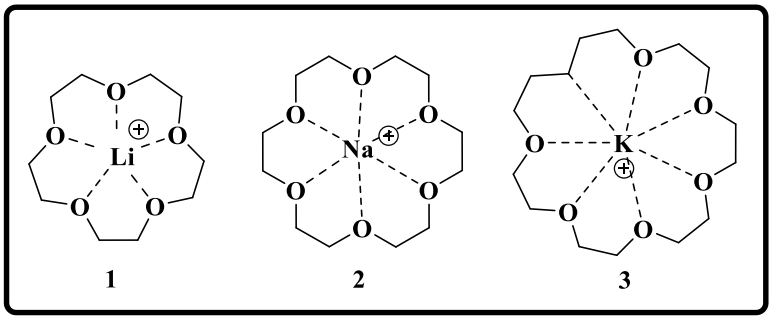


Fig 1.4.1: Crown ether-based cation sensors

Following Pederson's initial discovery on crown ether, Cram and J. M. Lehn's reports on coronands and cryptands in the late 1960s contributed significantly to the beginning of an exponential boom in cation recognition research. Since then, cation recognition chemistry has matured, and the vast amounts of data accessible in the literature have allowed for an effective correlation between receptor shape and specificity in binding to a specific cationic species. This was aided further by the concurrent growth in user-friendly molecular modeling software and computational facilities, which led chemists to more successful design of tailored-made receptors for targeted cation(s) for practical applications, such as in-vivo or in-vitro detection of a metal ion in live organisms or environmental samples. Recent advances in the basic understanding of various weak interactions, such as ion-dipole, dipole-dipole, C-H, π-π-stacking, and hydrogen bonding interactions, have significantly contributed to developing

appropriate receptors for organic cations like quarternary ammonium, pyridinium, and imidazolium. However, the concept of linking receptor fragments with strong complementarity to specific metal ions or organic cations to colorimetric or fluorogenic centers first developed in 1985, which formally led to the establishment of research on colorimetric and fluorogenic sensors *Lohr and Vogtle, (1985).*

1.5 Multi-Functional Chemosensor

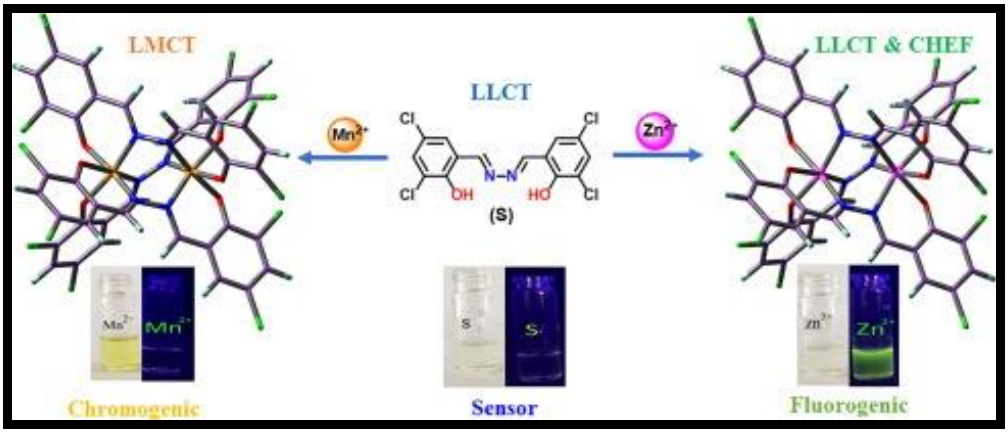


Fig 1.5: A multifunctional Schiff-base chromogenic chemosensors

All of the probes mentioned in earlier sections for metal ions and anions respond to a single species in a highly complex sequence of events. However, because cellular activities are frequently influenced by several factors, imaging a single metal cation or intracellular molecule may not provide an accurate picture of their biological participation **(Fig 1.5**). Furthermore, because a variety of complicated molecular events and micronutrient shortages contribute to the progression of human diseases, such parallel investigations are required. As a result, the development of multifunctional or dual-signal sensors that react with two or more cellular species and can explicate their interaction under stressed conditions is of great interest. Sensing numerous targets entails evoking distinct responses from the probe in the presence of various analytes. Such a probe would include numerous binding sites that result in diverse binding modes, multiple signal transducing units (e.g., chromophores/fluorophores/redox active moieties), multiple read-out modes, or any combination of the foregoing. As a result, it is highly valued for its convenience and cost-effectiveness. Some fascinating dual-analyte fluorescence probes based on a traditional chemosensor method have been successfully described.

1.6 Photophysical Mechanisms Involved on Fluorescent Chemosensors

The signalling subunit is one of the most important components of any efficient sensor. Change in output signal, either in the form of fluorescence or electronic spectral changes of the reporter functionality in response to the receptor-analyte interaction is essentially the manifestation of the relative change in the difference in the energies of the frontier orbitals (highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest occupied molecular orbital (LUMO)), as well as the differences in the ground and excited state properties of the photoactive unit in the framework. Such spectral response processes typically involve mechanistic pathways **(Fig 1.6)** such as photoinduced electron transfer (PET), electronic energy transfer (EET), photoinduced charge transfer (PCT), twisted intramolecular charge transfer (TICT), fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET), and excimer/exciplex formation. In a few circumstances, changes to the reporter group's redox potential are exploited to construct an appropriate sensor molecule. However, with the rapid growth of supramolecular chemistry, a number of novel emergent design principles have recently been employed in fluorescence sensing, including Aggregation-Induced Emission (AIE), C=N isomerization, and Excited State Intramolecular Proton Transfer (ESIPT). The following sections describe signalling mechanisms and provide key examples.

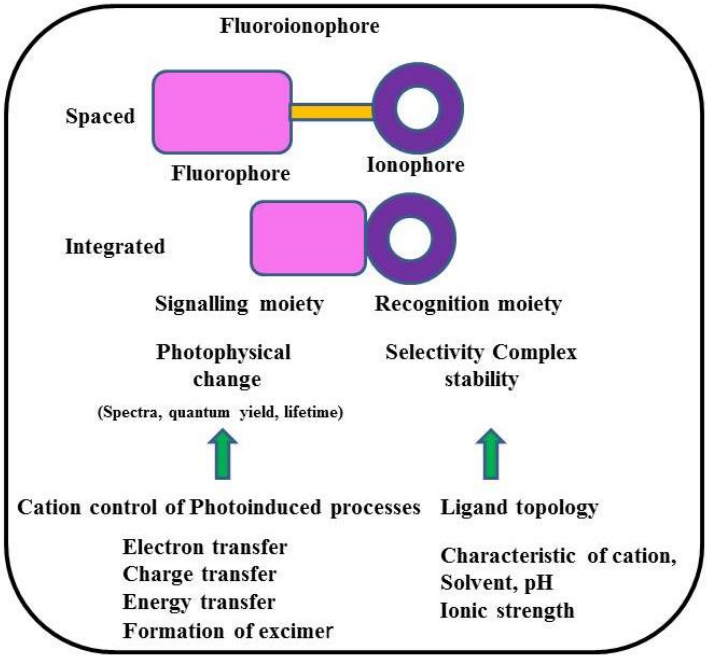


Fig1.6 Illustration of fluoroionophore

1.6.1 Aggregation-Induced emission (AIE)



Fig 1.6.1.a): Aggregation induced emission

Tang and colleagues developed an unusual luminogen system in 2001 in which aggregation was constructive rather than destructive, as in ordinary systems *Tang, et.al., (2011)*. They discovered that a variety of silole derivatives were non-emissive in dilute solutions but were extremely luminous when aggregated in concentrated solutions or cast into solid films **(Fig 1.6.1.a**). Because the light emission was caused by aggregate formation, the process was known as "Aggregation-Induced Emission" (AIE). This unique fluorescence behaviour was seen in a solution of 1-methyl-1,2,3,4,5-pentaphenylsilole 28. *Gelman (1997*), The fluorescence quantum yield of 28 in pure ethanol is 0.63x10-3, but it rises to 0.21 when the water percentage is raised by 90%. The AIE effect increases the fluorescence quantum yield of 28 by 333 times, transforming it from practically non-fluorescent to highly fluorescent. The same group later reported that a range of tetraphenylethene 29, diphenyl dibenzofulvenes 30, substituted olefins, and pyran derivatives exhibited AIE phenomena *Wang, et.al., (2010)*. They determined that the limiting of intramolecular rotation in aggregates was the primary source of the AIE phenomena. Unhindered intramolecular rotation in AIE molecules in the free state results in effective non-radiative decay of the associated excited states, rendering them non-emissive. When molecules aggregate in a proper environment, intramolecular rotation is restricted, resulting in increased emission. As a result, a number of innovative AIE-active fluorescent bio/chemosensors have been created to detect ionic species (Hg2+, Ag+, CN-), biomolecules (protein, heparin, ATP, and DNA), gases and explosives (CO2, TNT, picric acid), and nuclease activities **(Fig1.6.1. b).**

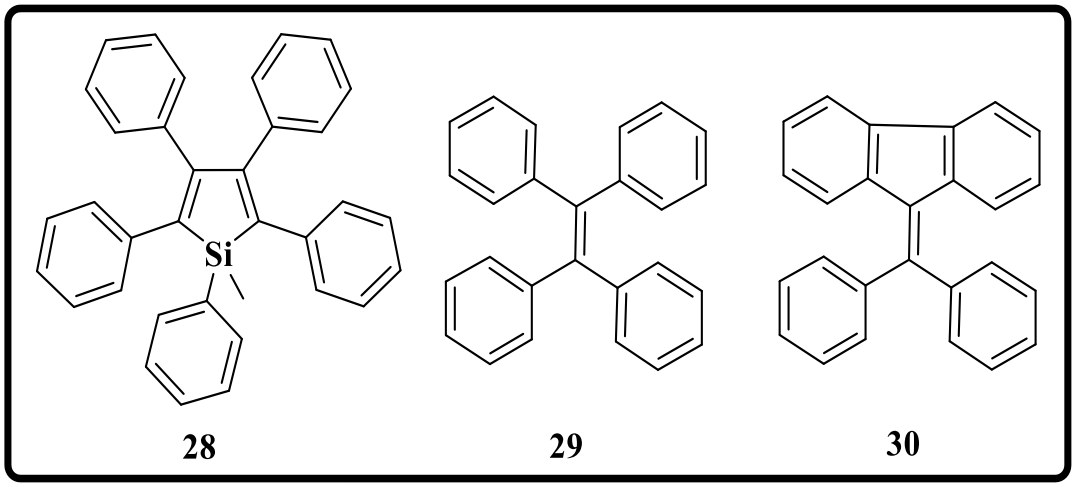


Fig 1.6.1. b): Structure of AIE active molecules.

1.7 Applications of Chemosensors

Fuel cell-based alcohol breath analysers are an excellent example of forensic chemical sensor application. Since their inception in the 1980s, these devices have been widely employed by law enforcement and, together with the clinical glucose sensor, gas sensors, and the glass electrode, are likely among the most widely used chemical sensors in the world. Explosives are one area where sensor research has grown significantly *Wang, (2007).* As the profile of international terrorism has grown, detecting and analysing trace explosives and explosive residues has become a top priority *Royds, et.al., (2005).*

However, none of these research initiatives have resulted in a commercially accessible sensor that is widely distributed. a , b. In addition to determining unknown and unlawful substances, chemical procedures are often utilized to improve marks and impressions at crime scenes *Houck and Siegel (2006).* Latent bloodstains can be identified using a reagent comprising luminol and hydrogen peroxide, with the ensuing chemiluminescent glow caused by the reaction of luminal and haemoglobin *Barni, etal., (2007)* Latent fingermarks on paper are commonly detected using a variety of amino acid-sensitive probes.

This can be thought of as trace detection of amino acids, in which the spatial distribution of the amino acids inside (on) the substrate must be preserved *Jelly, et.al., (2009)* Fluorescent chemosensors have been completely utilized in two significant fields: detection of ecologically critical contaminants such as heavy metal ions and as

probes for fluorescence imaging to monitor biologically relevant species *Nolan and Lippard, (2008)*. Previously, by incorporating into microfluidic devices, relatively efficient methods for detecting ions were created, with a detection limit that met WHO requirements. The latter application is far more popular due to its significant benefit in visualizing biologic events in a spatiotemporal manner, which provides more information for early illness detection and therapy. Furthermore, fluorescence probing of the structure and dynamics of matter or living systems at a molecular or supramolecular level has been the subject of numerous investigations in various fields such as polymers, solid surfaces, surfactant solutions, biological membranes, vesicles, proteins, nucleic acids, living cells, fluoroimmunochemistry, clinical diagnosis, etc.

Fluorescent chemosensors are a potent instrument for detecting cationic, anionic, and neutral species, as well as measuring the concentration of specific analytes in biological and environmental samples **(Fig 1.7).**

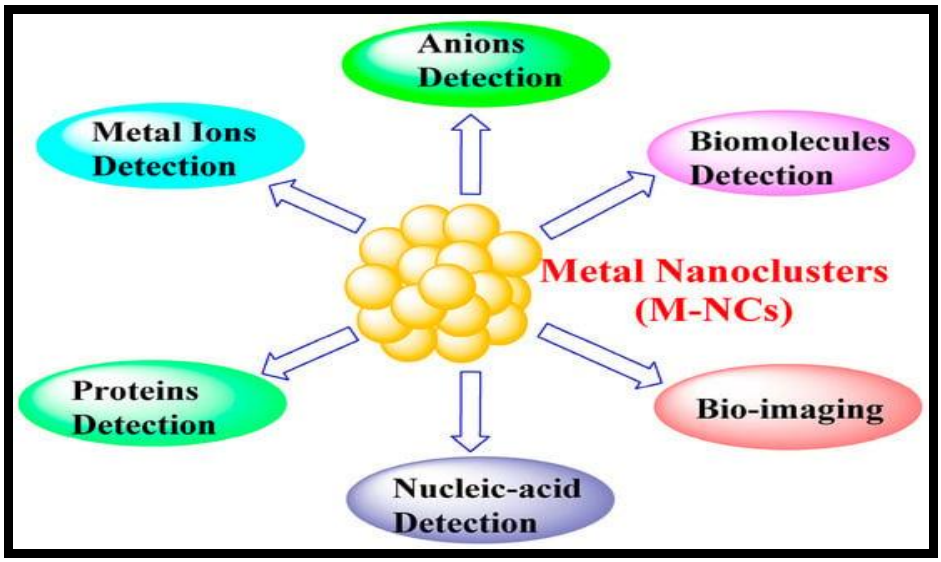


Fig 1.7: Potential applications of chemosensors.

Bifunctional probes, which are based on a single host and can distinguish two guest species with discrete spectral responses via the same or different channels, are increasingly becoming a study focus. The growing interest in fluorescent probes among researchers can be attributed to significant improvements in instrument sensitivity and spatial or temporal resolution, as well as the development of a diverse range of commercially available probes for specific applications. However, there is still

a need for probes with improved specific response and minimal microenvironmental disturbance, particularly for ion and amino acid identification. Sensors that can sense/recognize diverse analytes in aerobic and aqueous environments are still in great demand.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

In recent years 2-Aminophenyl benzimidazole Schiff base sensors have gained significant attention due to their ability to selectively detect metal ions and anions. These sensors are synthesized by the condensation of 2-aminophenyl benzimidazole with various aldehydes, resulting in the formation of a Schiff base. The resulting compound exhibits a weak emission in its native state, but upon incorporation of specific metal ions or anions, the emission intensity increases significantly due to the absence of photoinduced electron transfer (PET).

Bec*, et.al*., (2023) have reported multifunctional D-π-A molecular systems having the N, N-diethylamino group as a pH sensitive donor unit connected to the electron accepting substituents such as the cyano moiety and the pH responsive benzimidazole fragment[1]. For that purpose, they've synthesized three types of derivatives, namely acrylonitrile, Schiff base and iminocoumarin derived benzimidazoles **(Fig 2.1)**, whose photophysical characterization has been carried out in several polar and non-polar organic solvents as well as aqueous solution buffers with different pH. Both sets of results jointly indicate that all molecules are predominantly unionized under neutral conditions, while their transition towards monocationic forms, responsible for spectroscopic response changes, occurs at pH ≈ 1–4 for acrylonitriles 4–5, pH ≈ 4–5 for Schiff bases 11–12, and pH ≈ 4.5–6.5 for iminocoumarins 7–8, thus increasing their practical attractiveness for a broad range of applications in the same order.

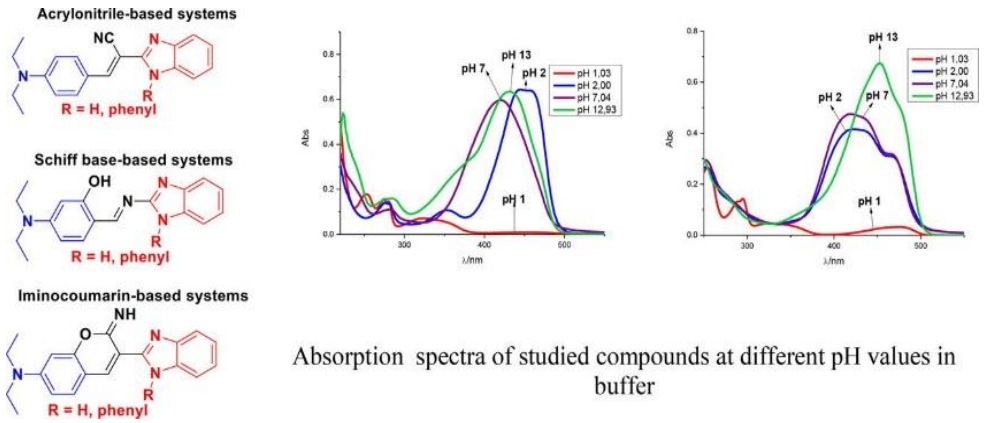


Fig 2.1: Synthesis of bezimidazole derivatives

Kalarani, *et.al*., (2020) have presented the synthesis of Co (II), Cu (II) and Zn (II) complexes of bidentate Schiff base ligand (L) 2-((1H-Benzo [d]imidazole-4ylimmino) methyl phenol. The sensor activity of Schiff base towards calcium and magnesium ions was studied by absorption spectroscopy. Electrochemical nature of the copper (II) complex was studied by cyclic voltammetry technique and indicates the reversible nature of Cu (II)/Cu(I) couple. The antimicrobial activity of the Schiff base and its metal (II) complexes showed good potency against various microorganism such as Escherichia coli, Staphylococcus aureus, Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Candida albicans. DNA binding properties of the metal complexes were investigated using UV–Vis absorption spectroscopy and found that the Cu (II) complex has more binding ability than L, Co (II) and Zn (II) complexes**(Fig 2.2)**.

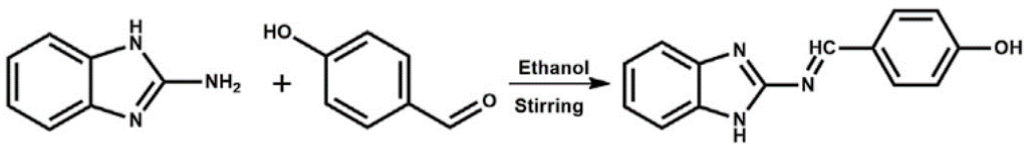


Fig 2.2: Synthesis of Schiff base.

Muriel, *et.al*., (2021) has explained the study of lanthanum and cerium complexes, including Schiff base ligands derived from (1H-benzimidazol2-yl) aniline, salicylaldehyde, and 2,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde**(Fig 2.3)**, for their cytotoxic activities in various human tumour cell lines. They also examined the compounds' antiparasitic activity against Leishmania braziliensis, Plasmodium falciparum, and Trypanosoma cruzi, as well as antibacterial activities against two Gram-positive and two Gram-negative strains. The lanthanide complexes showed increased biological activity compared to the free Schiff base ligands. The compounds did not affect model membranes and interacted with DNA strands through groove interactions. Molecular docking studies suggested that the compounds' interactions with studied receptors depended primarily on ligand structures.

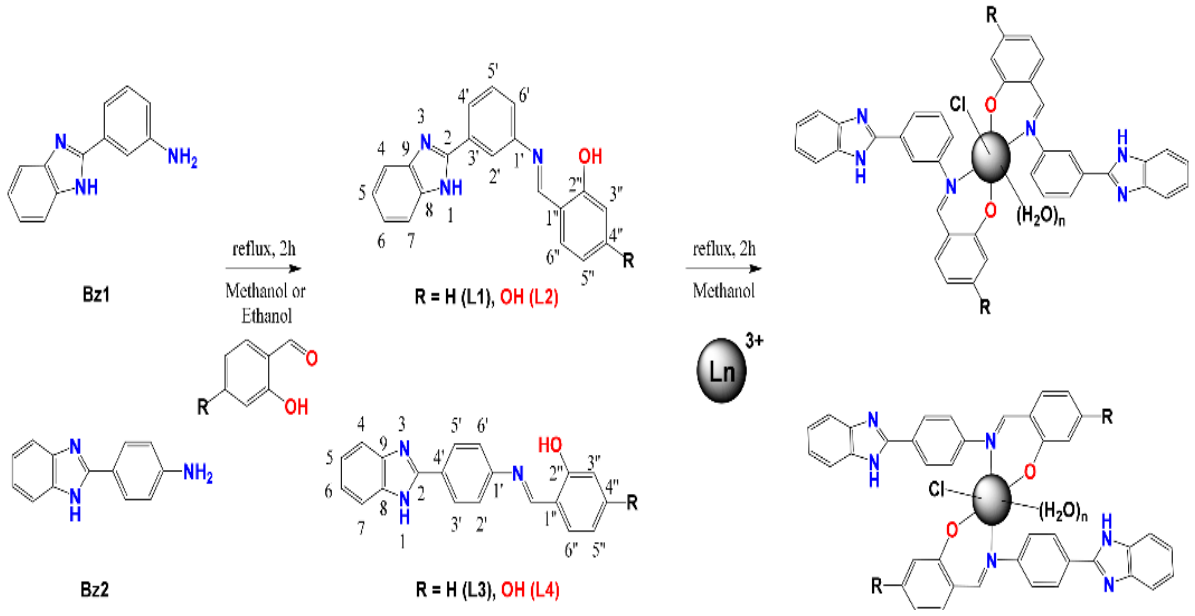


Fig 2.3: lanthanum and cerium complexes including Schiff base ligand.

M. Hessoon, (2015) they have explained that A novel azo-Schiff base ligand, BIADMebP, was synthesized from the condensation of 2-[(-2-benzimidazolyl) azo] -5-amino phenol with N, N-dimethyl benzaldehyde. This ligand formed chelates with divalent transition metal ions such as Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), Zn(II), Pd(II), and Pt(IV). The complexes were found to have octahedral geometry for Co(II), Ni(II), C (II), Zn(II), and Pt(IV) ions and square planer geometry for Pd(II) ion **(Fig 2.4)**. The antimicrobial activity of the ligand and its complexes were tested in vitro against Escherichia coli, Staphylococcus aureus, Candida albicans, and Aspergillus Niger. The results showed that the metal complexes had higher antibacterial and antifungal activity than the free ligand.

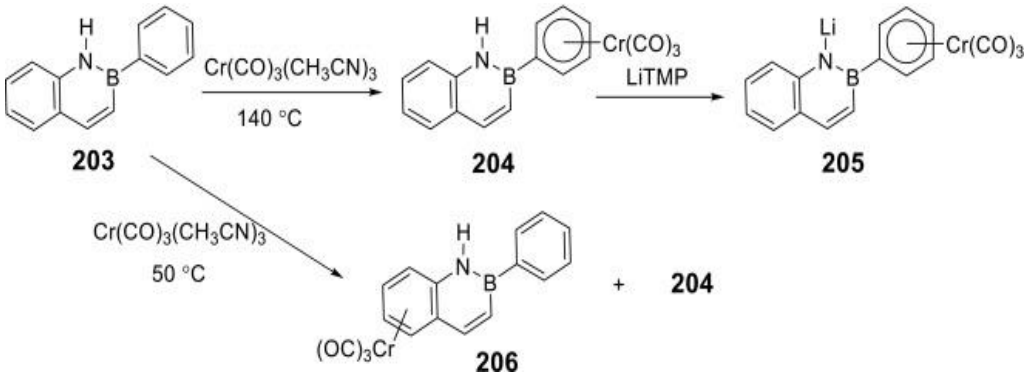


Fig 2.4: synthetic pathway of 4-(Dimethylamino)benzaldehyde

Coa, *et.al.,* (2014) A new family of Schiff-base compounds has been created using a condensation reaction. These compounds exhibit aggregation-induced emission (AIE) and crystallization-enhanced emission (CEE) properties, which change over time when the concentration is 10 μM **(Fig 2.5)**. The different forms of aggregation and crystal growth of these compounds are responsible for varying degrees of fluorescence enhancement. This has been observed and studied using scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM).

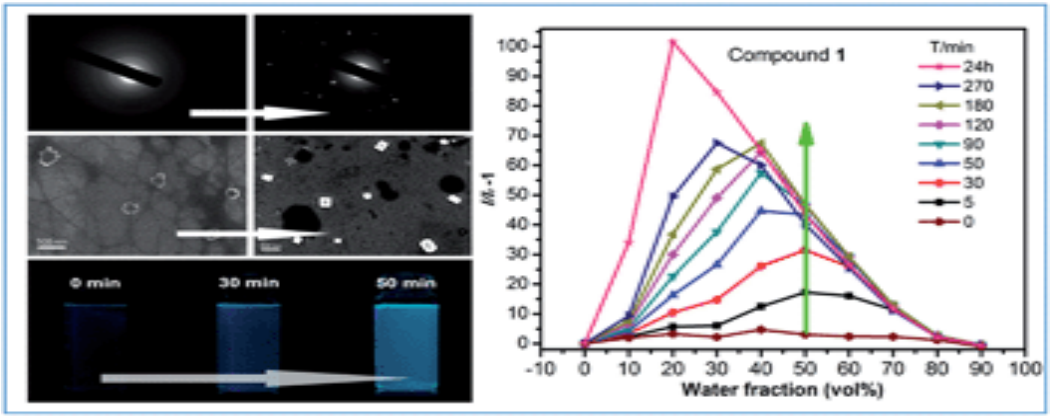
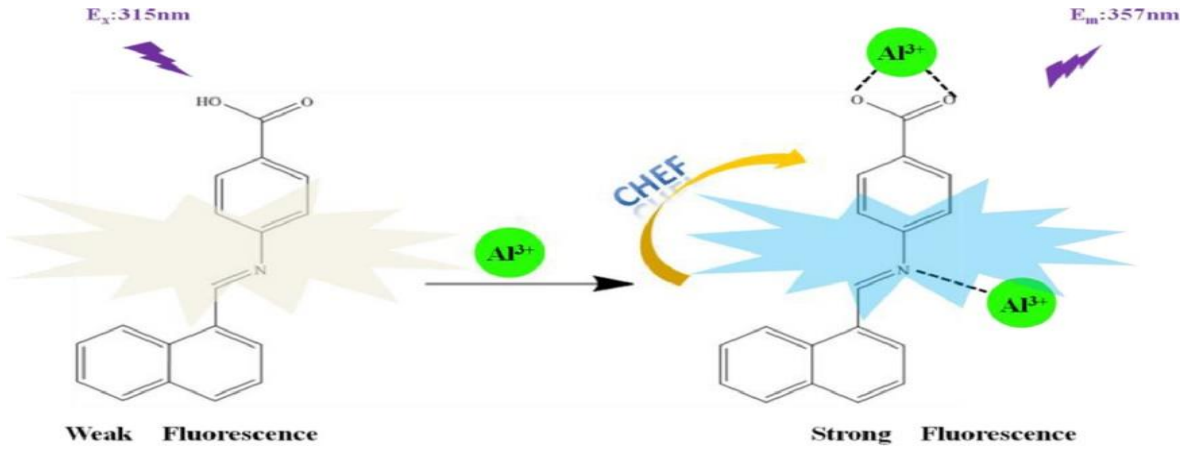


Fig 2.5: Compound showing AIE and CEE properties.

Wang*, et.al*., (2022) Two new fluorescent probes, L and S, were created to detect Al^{3+} ions in water. Schiff base compounds like L and S are used for selective ion detection**(Fig 2.6)**. Coumarin-based probes, including Schiff bases, are vital for detecting metal ions. Novel probes like Tri-R6G and Tri-Flu can detect Hg^{2+} and Al^{3+} ions. Additionally, Schiff-base probes like L and L can detect Al^{3+} ions in specific solutions



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Fig 2.6: Compound L and S detecting metal ions

Hou, *et.al*., (2023) The three metal complexes were made using a solvothermal process with a Schiff base derived from 2,3-dihydroxybenzaldehyde-2-(2-aminophenyl) benzimidazole**(Fig 2.7)**. Complex 1 is monoclinic, complex 3 is trigonal, and complex 2 is triclinic with a tetranuclear crystallographic structure. Complex 2 has the best anticancer properties against CNE-2Z cells, even better than cisplatin. Complex 2 also inhibits tumour cell proliferation through apoptosis and migration. Solvothermal processes can control the size, morphology, and chemical composition of crystallites by changing the temperature, pressure, pH, and solvent. The solvent can also control the concentration and coordination of chemical species, leading to specific structures.

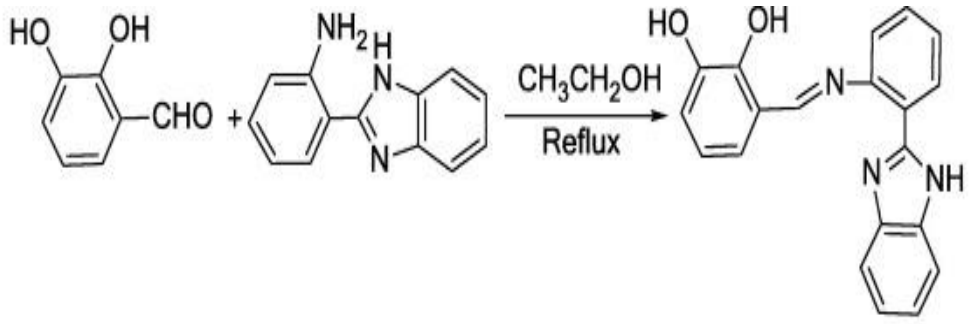


Fig 2.7: Schiff base derived from 2,3-dihydroxybenzaldehyde-2-(2-aminophenyl) benzimidazole.

Wang, *et.al*., (2016) A new fluorescent sensor, H L, and its Zn(II) complex have been synthesized and characterized. H L can detect Cu(II) ions in aqueous media, forming a Cu(II) Schiff-base complex (CuL) **(Fig 2.8).** CuL can then detect histidine (His) via a ligand displacement approach, showing an on-off-on phenomenon. The Zn(II) complex (1) is formed by the coordination of H L with Zn(II), promoting C N bond breakage and quinazoline ring-opening of H L. H L is stable in neutral and weak basic solutions. The complexes can be used for intracellular Cu ion and His detection under physiological conditions, and CuL can determine His in urine.

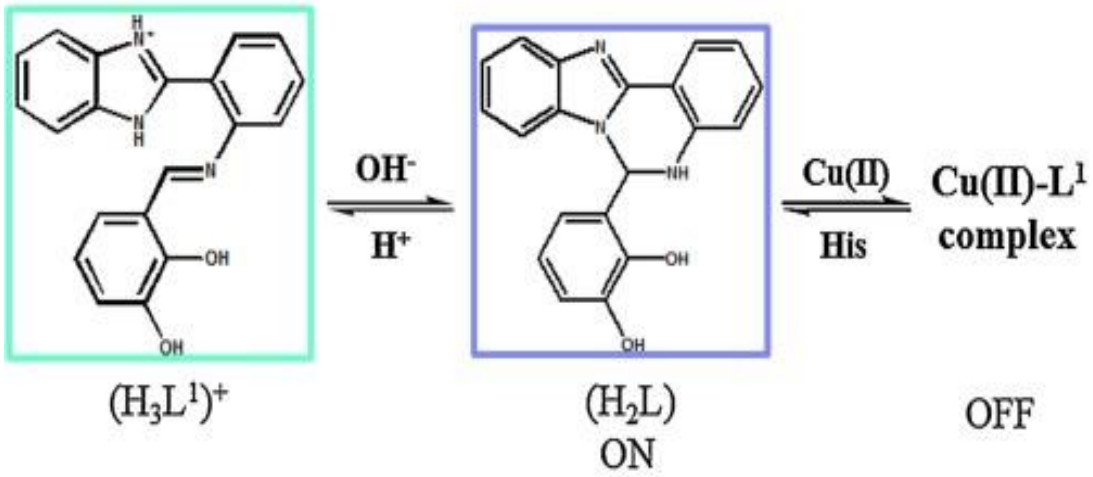


Fig 2.8: Synthetic pathway of Cu(II) Schiff-base complex (CuL)

The literature survey reveals the new direction of research to conjugate aminophenyl benzimidazole and pyrene aldehyde on sensors for the selective and sensitive optical detection of bioactive metal ions and anions. In addition to the selective sensing of the target analytes in aqueous environment it's the goal of the work.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

Heterocyclic compounds, particularly Schiff bases, have been widely studied for their ability to form fluorescent sensors. These sensors often exhibit aggregation-caused quenching (ACQ), where the fluorescence is suppressed in the aggregated or solid state. However, AIE (aggregation-induced emission) active derivatives, including certain Schiff bases, display bright fluorescence in the aggregated or solid state due to the restriction of intramolecular rotation (RIR) and the activation of the excited-state intramolecular proton transfer (ESIPT) process. AIE active Schiff bases have been used for the sensing of cations and small molecules, The C=N bond of Schiff bases can isomerize, leading to non-radiative transitions and decreased fluorescence. However, the AIE effect results in strong fluorescence in the aggregated state, making these compounds useful for sensing applications in aqueous environments.

Despite the potential of AIE active Schiff bases, there are challenges in their development and application. Instability and poor water solubility are major drawbacks, limiting their use in biological and environmental systems. Improving the selectivity and sensitivity of Schiff base sensors, here we are going to prepare pyrene aldehyde and 2-aminophenyl benzimidazole derivative for addressing their stability and water solubility issues and selectivity, are key areas for future research.

CHAPTER 4

EXPERIMENTAL MATERIALS AND METHODS:

The details of the materials, instruments used for various analyses and general procedure for the preparation of stock solutions, preparation of buffer solutions, determination of binding constants, detection limit, determination of binding stoichiometry using Job′s plots, and Computational calculations are discussed in this chapter.

4.1 Materials

4.1.1Chemicals

All chemicals used were analytical grade and used without further purification.

Chemicals	Suppliers
Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)	Aldrich
Dimethyl Formamide (DMF)	Aldrich
Ethanol	Aldrich
2-Amino phenyl benzimidazole	Aldrich
Diethyl ether	Aldrich
Pyrene aldehyde	Aldrich
Methanol	Aldrich

All the metal salts (Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+}, Hg^{2+}, Pb^{2+}, Al^{3+} and Cr^{3+}) were purchased from Aldrich chemicals.

4.2 General procedure

4.2.1 Synthesis of Compound L

A 250 mg of 2-aminophenylbemzimidazole dissolved in 10 ml of ethanol. Separately ,274 mg of pyrene aldehyde also dissolved in 10 ml of ethanol. The two solutions were combined in Round Bottom Flask (RB) for a single pot reaction and heated under reflux. The reaction was kept for 2 hours and observed till the formation of precipitate. The resulting Schiff base compound **L (Fig 4.2.1**) was washed by using diethyl ether and then purified by recrystallization. The compound was further characterised by using 1H-NMR, IR and Mass data.

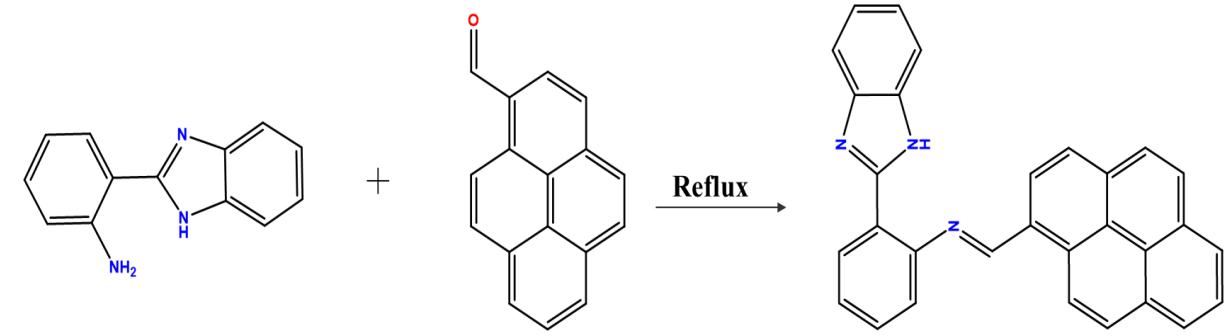


Fig 4.2.1: Synthetic route of '**L**'

4.2.2 Preparation of stock solutions

Stock solutions (1.0 x 10^{-3}mol L^{-1}) of metal ions such as Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+}, Hg^{2+}, Pb^{2+}, Al^{3+} and Cr^{3+} were prepared by dissolving the appropriate amount of metal chlorides in 100 ml of double distilled water. Working stock solutions were obtained from these 1.0 x 10^{-3}mol L^{-1}solutions by further dilution with double distilled water/buffer solution.

4.2.3 Estimation of detection and quantitation limits

Limit of Detection (LOD) and Limit of Quantification (LOQ) were calculated based on the standard deviation (SD) of the response and the slope(S) of the calibration curve at levels approximating the LOD according to the formula:

$$\mathrm{LOD} = 3.3\ (\mathrm{SD}/\mathrm{S})$$

and LOQ according to the formula:

$$\mathrm{LOQ} = 10\ (\mathrm{SD}/\mathrm{S})$$

4.2.4 Determination of the binding constants of receptors with analytes

The following equation (1) is employed for determination of the receptor-analyte complexation is where R is the receptor; A is the cation/anion/neutral analytes, and C is the complex.

$$\mathrm{R} + \mathrm{nA} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{C} \qquad (1)$$

The binding constant K of the complex was determined by equation (2), assuming the concentration of free analyte was about equal to its total concentration ($[A] \cong [A]_t$),[3]where F_0, F, and F_m were the corrected fluorescence emission intensity/UV-Vis. absorbance of the complex at initial, interval t, and the final state at which the complex was fully formed upon addition of analytes respectively.

$$\frac{\mathrm{F} - \mathrm{F_0}}{\mathrm{F_m} - \mathrm{F}} = \frac{[\mathrm{C}]}{[\mathrm{R}]} = \mathrm{K}[\mathrm{A}]^{\mathrm{n}} \qquad (2)$$

The binding constant K was determined from the plot of the linear regression of log[(F-F_0)/(F_m-F)] *Vs.* log[M] in equation (3) derived from equation (2) to obtain the intercept as log K and the slope as n.

$$\log \frac{\mathrm{F} - \mathrm{F_0}}{\mathrm{F_m} - \mathrm{F}} = \log \mathrm{K} + \mathrm{n} \log\ [\mathrm{M}] \qquad (3)$$

4.3 Instrumentation

4.3.1 Spectroscopic techniques

- The fluorescence spectra were obtained by using Cary Eclipse spectrophotometer (Agilent Technologies). The fluorescence spectra range is in between 410nm-750nm, keeping slit width of 10:10nm with an excitation wavelength of 400 nm and the voltage was kept as medium i.e. 600 volts.

- For UV-visible spectra, Varian Cary 50 spectrophotometer (Agilent Technologies) was used with quartz cuvette of path length 1cm. UV–Visible absorption spectra were recorded using JASCO-spectra manager (V-550) in 1 cm path length quartz cuvette with a volume of 2 mL at room temperature.
- The ^{1}H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker (Avance) 300 MHz NMR instrument using TMS as internal standard and $CDCl_3$ and DMSO-d^6 as solvents. Standard Bruker software was used throughout.
- The HRMS spectra were recorded on an Agilent 6546 LC QTOF HRMS instrument using PDA as the detector and acetone was used as a solvent. Standard Agilent software was used throughout.
- The FTIR spectra were recorded on a Jasco FT/IR 6600 Type A instrument using a standard light source. The detector used was TGS. Standard Jasco software was used throughout.

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The fluorescent probe **L** was synthesized *via* Schiff base condensation reaction of pyrene aldehyde with 2-aminophenylbenzimidazole in ethanolic medium. The structure of **L** was characterized by ^{1}H NMR, ATR-FT-IR, and HRMS analysis. The sensing ability of receptor **L** towards different metal ions was investigated by UV-Visible and fluorescence studies.

5.1 Proton Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (^{1}H NMR)

^{1}H- NMR spectroscopy is a powerful tool to determining the structures of organic compounds.

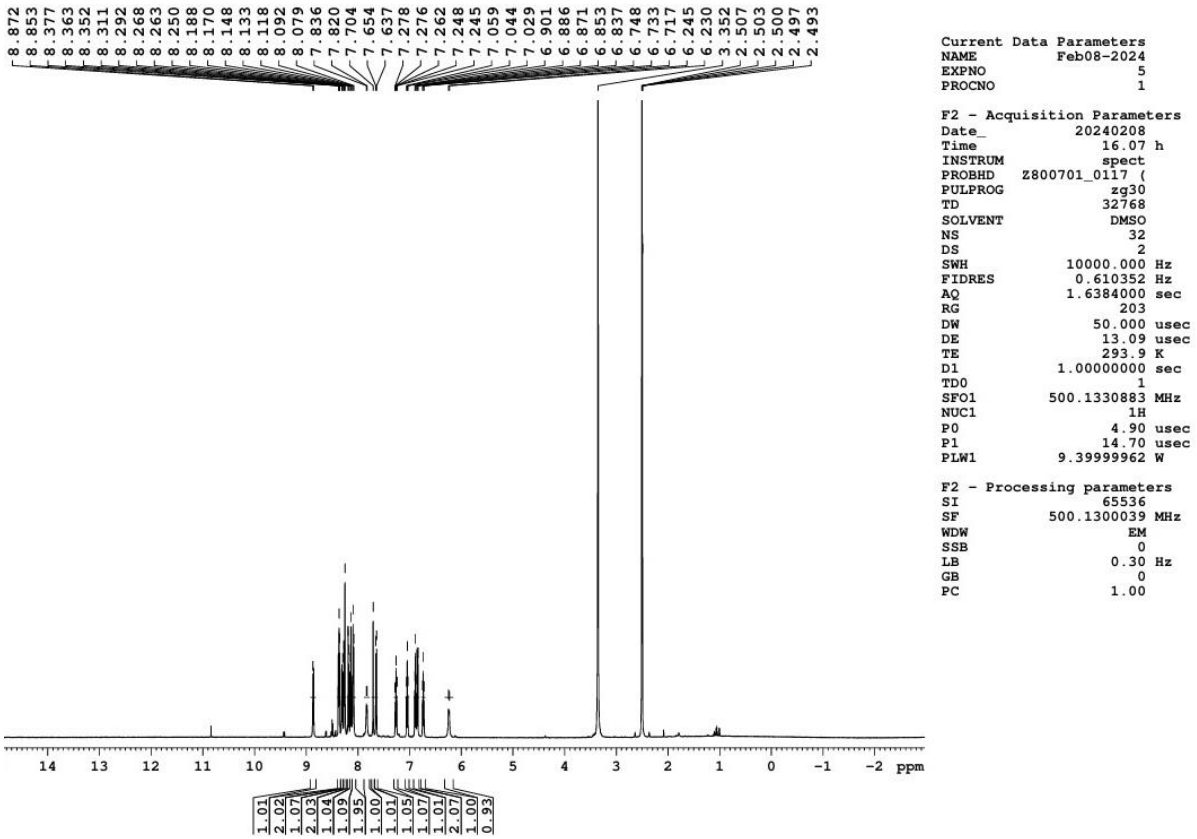


Fig 5.1 ^{1}H-NMR Spectra of L in D^{6}-DMSO

The ^{1}H-NMR spectral studies of the compound were performed in D_6-DMSO medium. The peak at 7.70 confirms the presence of Imidazole NH group. Another peak at 8.25 confirms the presence of imine group. The peaks from 6-8 and their splitting patterns

were clearly confirming the coupled reaction of pyrene and benzimidazole compound **(Fig 5.1**). ^{1}H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.86 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (ddd, J = 21.0, 10.8, 6.7 Hz, 5H), 8.20 – 8.05 (m, 4H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.73 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H)

5.2 Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)

FTIR, is a techinique by which we can analyse the infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum to identify the functional group of materials based on their unique molecular vibrations.

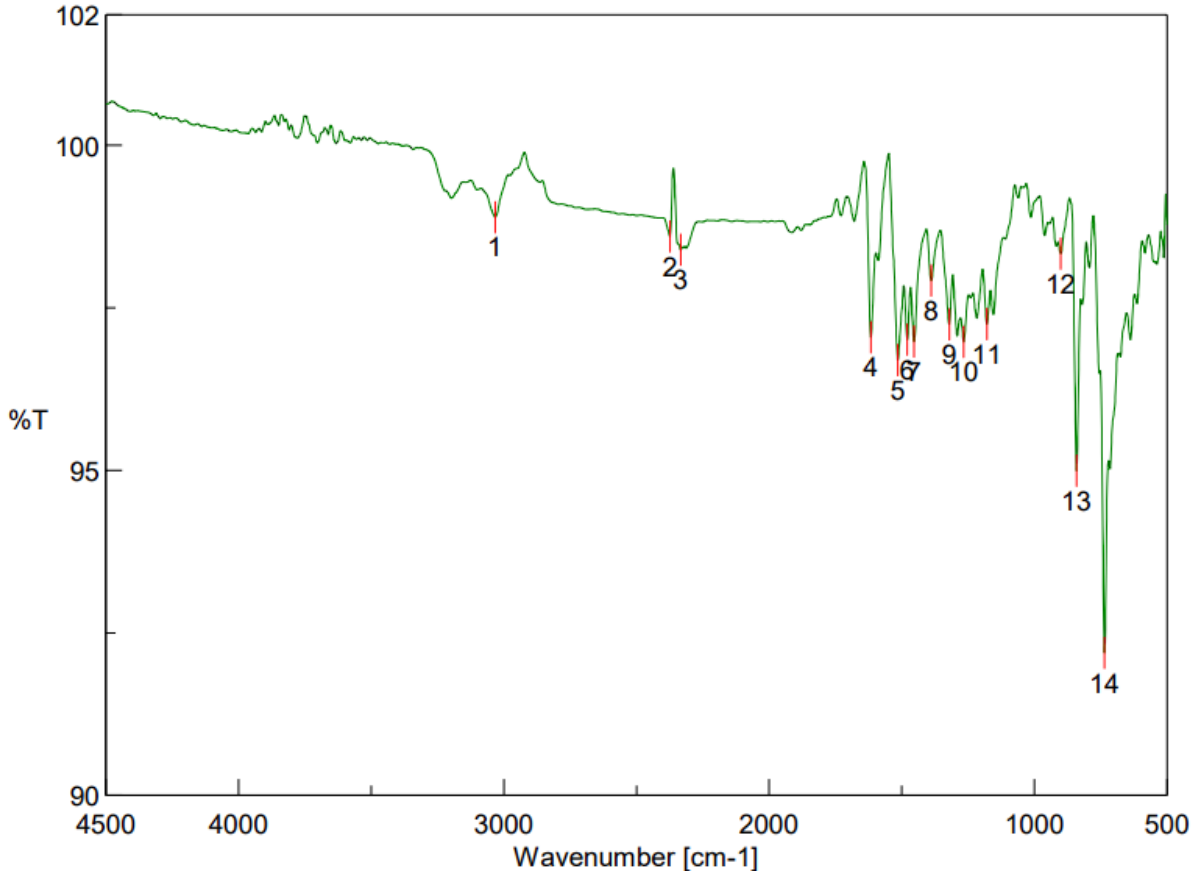


Fig 5.2 FTIR Spectra of L

By above spectra, **(Fig 5.2)** the peak at 3032cm^{-1} confirms the presence of NH group vibration. The sharp peak at 1616 cm^{-1} confirms the presence of imine group vibration. The sharp peak at 1267 cm^{-1} confirms the bending vibration of imine group. The finger print region also confirms the presence of pyrene coupled compound.

5.3 High Resonance Mass Spectrometry (HRMS)

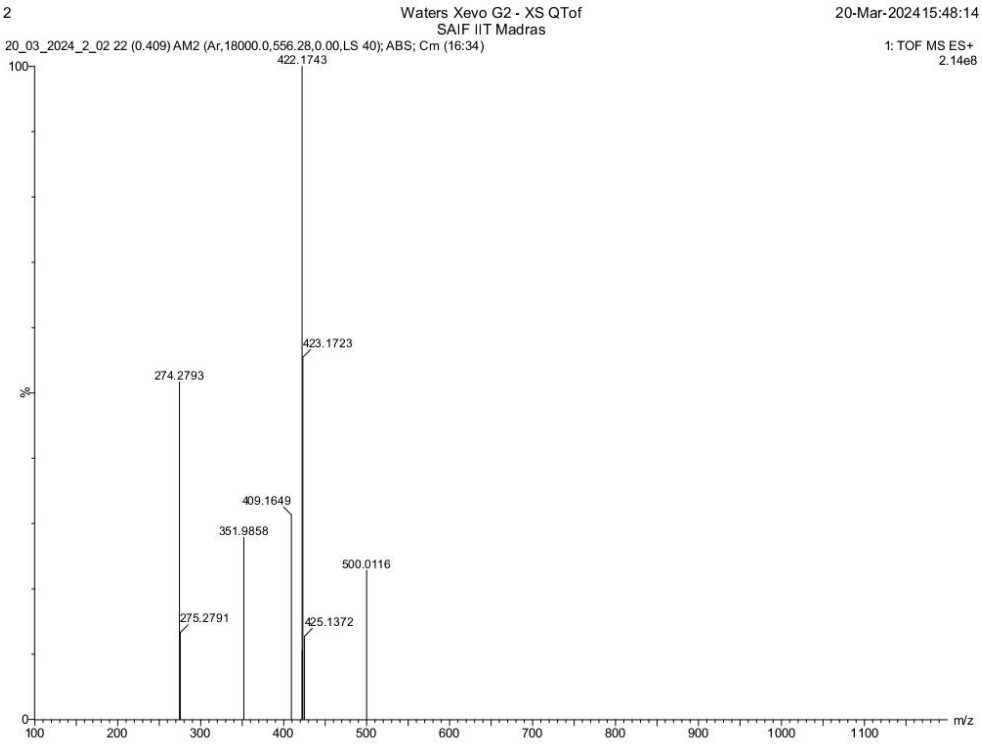


Fig 5.3 HRMS Spectra of L.

High Resolution Mass Spectrometry is an analytical techinique used to examine the exact molecular masses of compounds with high accuracy. From the above spectra, **(Fig 5.3)** the calculated mass of the compound is 421.13 and the observed mass of the compound is found to be at 422.17$(M+H)^+$.

5.4 AIE characteristic of L

The AIE properties of **L** were studied by fluorescence spectra in DMSO-H_2O mixed medium. The corresponding results of fluorescent spectra were illustrated in **(Fig 5.4)**. As shown in Figure **L**, vials having less than 70% HEPES fractions are slight- blue fluorescence under UV light and their fluorescence intensities were weak to moderate. When the water fractions increased from 70% to 95%, the compound exhibits bright blue fluorescence and good intensities at 425 nm *Wang, et.al., (2022)* The enhancement of fluorescence after aggregation is due to restriction of intramolecular rotations and conformational rigidity in the system. *He, et.al., (2019), Pasha, et.al., (2017), Bhardwaj, et.al., (2023)*

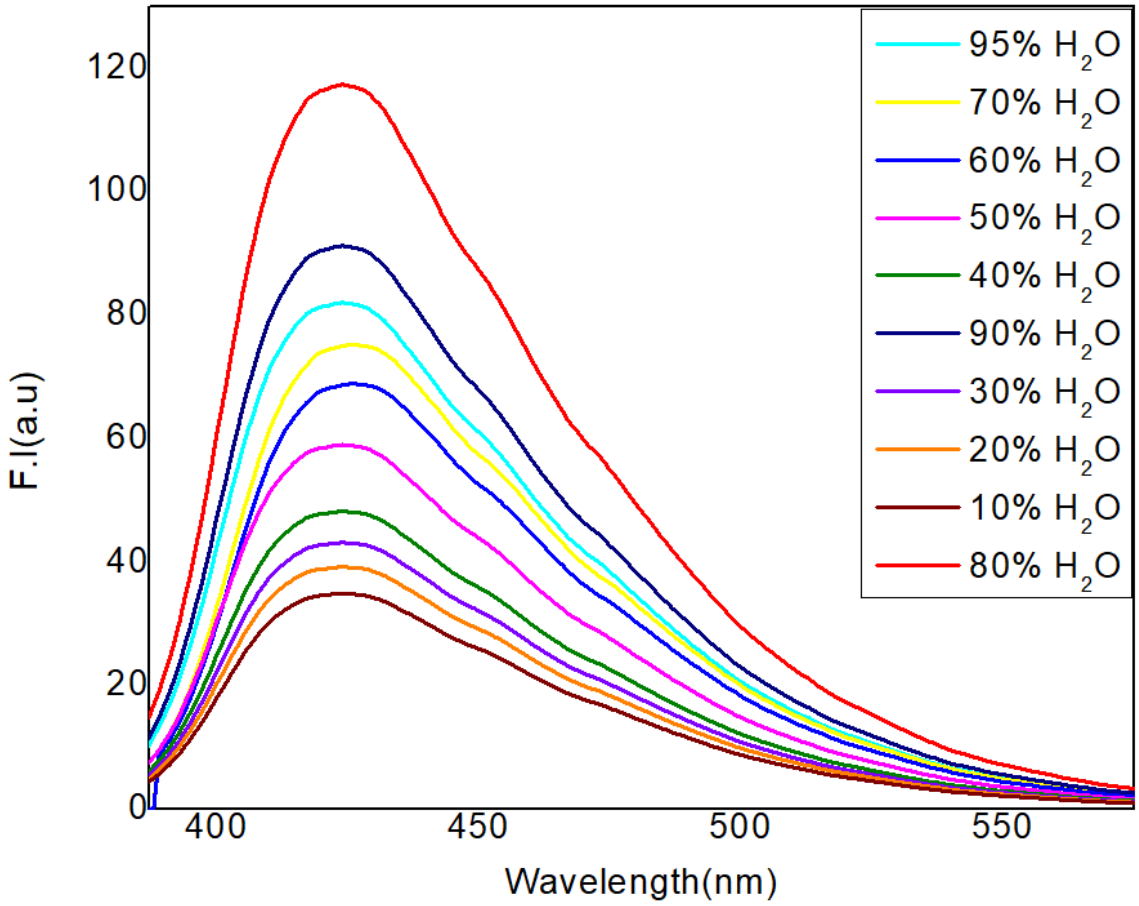


Fig 5.4 Aggregated solutions fluorescence spectra of compound **L**.

5.5 Naked-Eye detection and fluorescence detection:

The recognition phenomena of receptor **L** were investigated by adding physiologically and environmentally relevant metal ions such as Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+}, Hg^{2+}, Pb^{2+}, Al^{3+} and Cr^{3+} at 80% water percentage. At initially, in the naked-eye experiment, the addition of metal ions with **L** causes a color shift from colorless to yellow with the addition of Cu^{2+} and Ni^{2+}, as well as a very little brown color change in the presence of Fe^{3+} ions **(Fig 5.5 a**). As expected, receptor **L** was insensitive to the addition of high amounts of other metal ions. Under the same conditions, fluorescence variations of **L** with the aforementioned metal ions were observed using UV light irradiation at 365 nm. The basic probe **L** had extremely little

fluorescence. When fluorescence changes are examined with the addition of cations, vivid blue fluorescence is instantly noticed exclusively with the selective addition of Fe^{3+} ions, and the changes are plainly visible to the naked eye **(Fig 5.5 b)**. The addition of other cations did not result in any luminous color changes under a UV lamp. This result clearly demonstrates that sensor **L** is extremely selective for Fe^{3+} in both the ground and excited states.

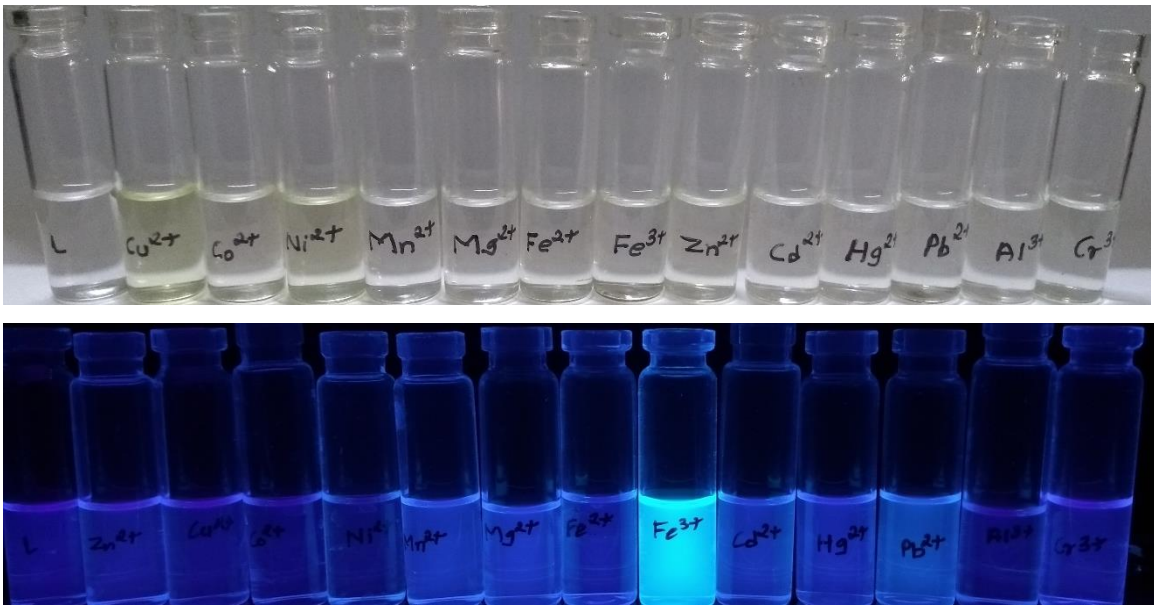


Fig.5.5 (a) Colorimetric and Fluorescence **(b)** detection of **L** in presence of a metal ion Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+}, Hg^{2+}, Pb^{2+}, Al^{3+} and Cr^{3+} in 80% f_{H2O}. λ_{ex} = 365 nm

5.6 UV-Visible absorbance study:

UV-Vis absorbance studies were conducted with various metal ions to study the probe **L**'s chromogenic behaviour. In an aqueous DMSO solution (80% f_{H2O}) solution, the simple probe **L**'s absorption spectra exhibit a fairly broad band at 354 nm. When Cu^{2+} and Ni^{2+} were added to **L**, the absorption band at 354 nm was reduced, and a new red-shifted band at 433 nm was noticed, as well as a visible color change from colorless to lime yellow. The absorbance band at 354 nm changes after adding Fe^{3+} ions, but we also see a new shoulder band at 320 nm and one large broad band at 413 nm. On the contrary, the addition of an excess amount of other metal ions to receptor **L** solution causes a substantial change in the visible spectrum because the system may easily form complexes with transition metal ions.

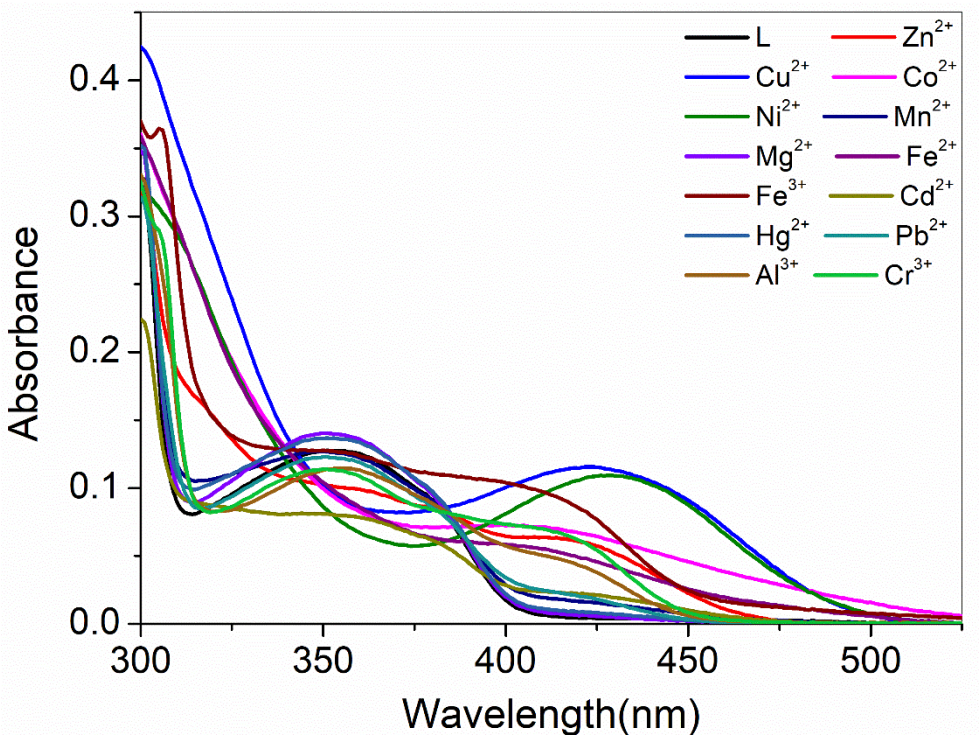


Fig 5.6 UV-vis absorption spectra of the Probe **L** with the addition of alkali, alkaline and transition metal ions.

5.7 Fluorescence Study:

In an aqueous DMSO solution (80% $f_{H2O)}$ medium, we first investigated the metal-ion complexation characteristics of receptor **L** with metal ions Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+}, Hg^{2+}, Pb^{2+}, Al^{3+} and Cr^{3+}. When stimulated at 350 nm, **L** initially emits a emission band at 425 nm, due to inhibition of rotation. While the addition of an excess amount of other common alkali, alkaline earth, and transition metal ions caused no discernible change, the presence of Fe^{3+} resulted in a new red-shifted emission band at 472 nm and the removal of the band at 425 nm, respectively **(Fig 5.7.a)**.This demonstrates that Fe^{3+} forms a compound with pyrene and aminobenzimidazole Schiff bases. As a result, the increasing addition of Fe^{3+} pushes the fluorescence band towards the upper field. Thus, this result indicates that receptor **L** is selective for Fe^{3+} in the presence of common cations.

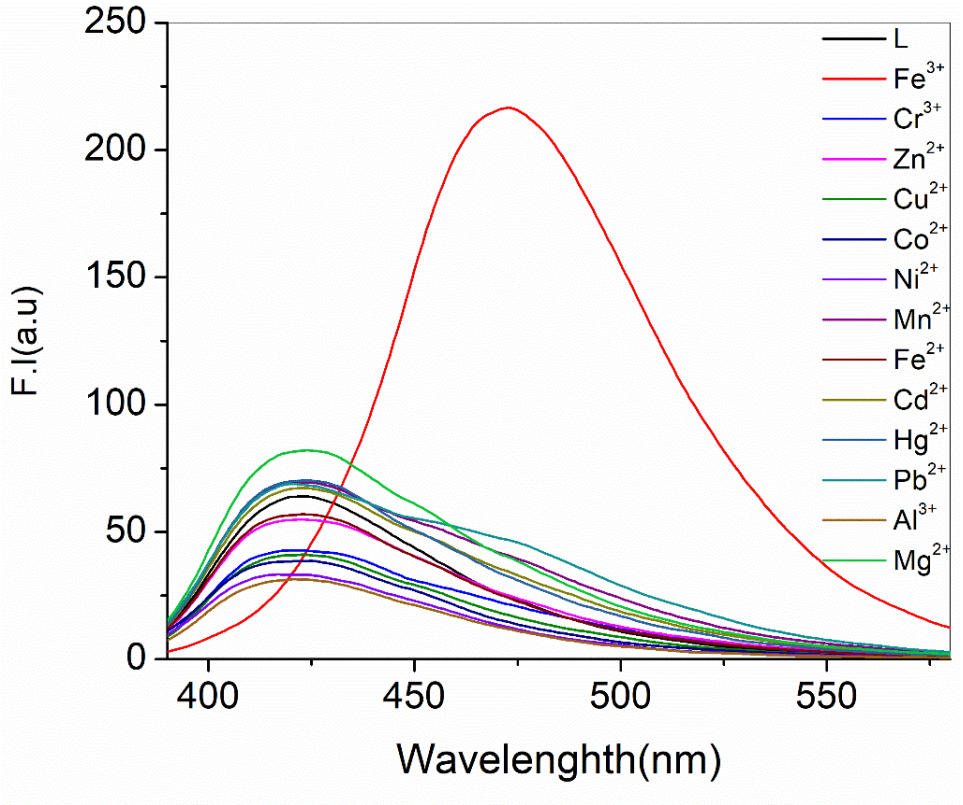


Fig 5.7.a) Fluorescence selectivity Spectra of probe **L** with the addition of alkali, alkaline and transition metal ions.

In addition, the fluorescence response of **L** with the addition of Fe^{3+} was investigated in aqueous DMSO solution (80% $f_{H2O)}$ medium. As the concentration of Fe^{3+} ion increased, the fluorescence emission band at 425 nm, which began to decrease gradually, while the emission band at 472 nm became more prominent fast, with an isoemissive point **(Fig 5.7.b)**. The linear relative coefficient for Fe^{3+} concentrations ranging from 0 to 10^{-5} M was 0.995, as shown by the fluorescence titration graph. The fluorescence intensity of the aminobenzimidazole moiety changed only minimally with the addition of Fe^{3+} (1.5×10^{5}- 6×10^{5} M), indicating that the fluorescence intensity of benzimidazole achieved its maximum with saturated Fe^{3+} ion. These findings revealed that the probe could perform quantitative analysis and segmented detection of Fe^{3+}. Binding of Fe^{3+} to the receptor **L** via imine-N and imidazole N **(Fig 5.7.d)** may result in fluorescence amplification due to chelation-induced fluorescence enhancement Alam,et.al., (2016), Kar et.al., (2013) (CHEF). The chelation inhibits C=N isomerization at the excited state, resulting in fluorescence amplification. These findings revealed that the probe could perform quantitative

analysis and segmented detection of Fe^{3+}. Fluorescence titration data was used to determine the limit of detection for Fe^{3+} at 2.18×10^{-7} M.

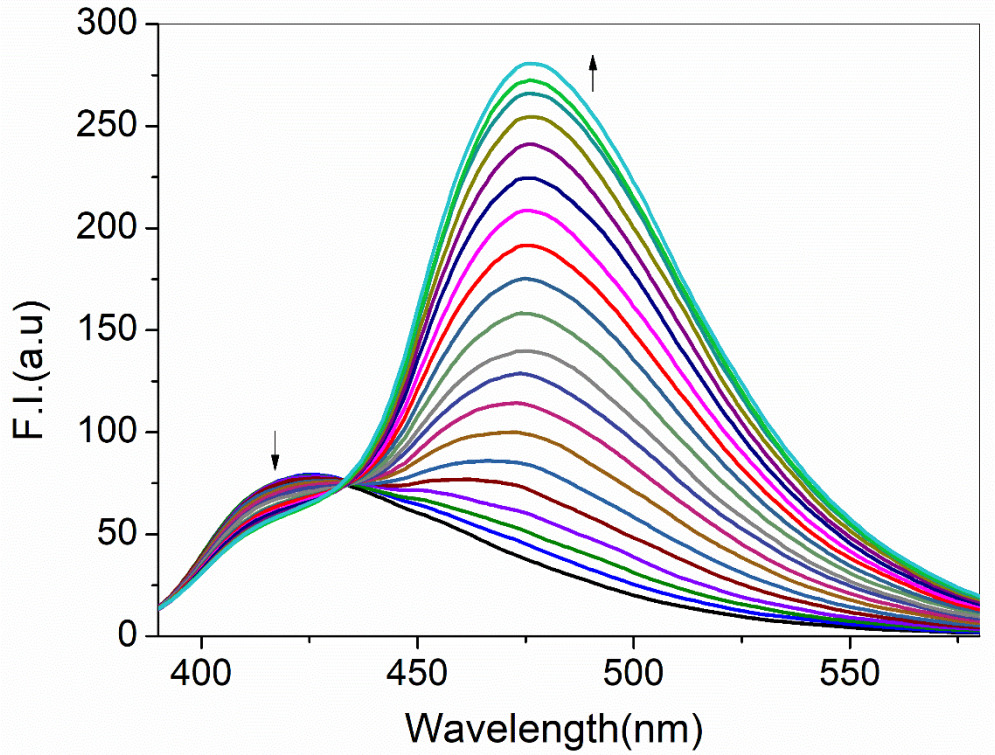


Fig 5.7.b) Fluorescence sensitivity Spectra of probe **L** after increasing the concentration of Fe^{3+} ion.

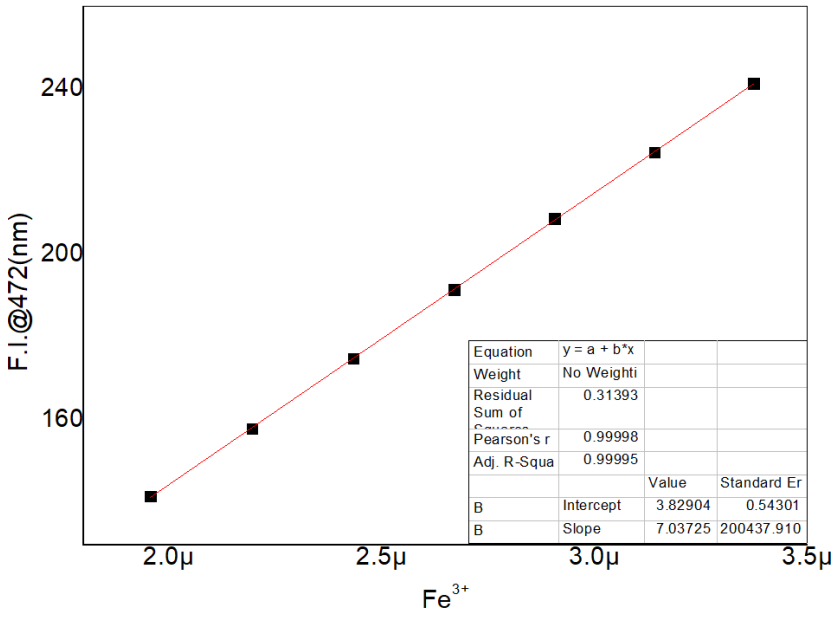


Fig 5.7.c) Calibration curve to evaluate the Limit of Detection (LOD) of **L** for Fe^{3+} ion.

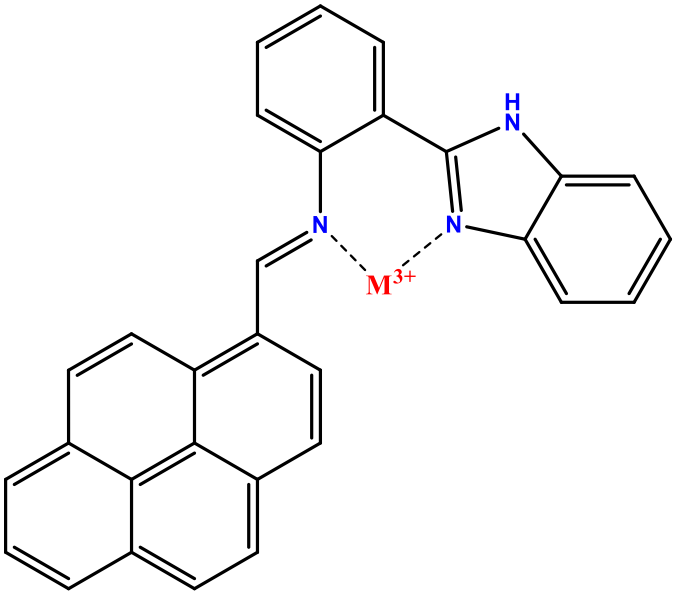


Fig 5.7.d) Schematic representation of **L** with complex formation with Fe^{3+}.

To demonstrate the selective sensing of Fe^{3+} ions, a competitive experiment was performed for the receptor **L** in the presence of interfering metal ions such as Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+}, Hg^{2+}, Pb^{2+}, Al^{3+} and Cr^{3+}. There is no substantial change in the fluorescence band at 472 nm, and the fluorescence color change was detected in the presence of other competitive metal ions as compared to the solution containing only Fe^{3+}. These findings show that the novel chromogenic receptor **L** could serve as a chemosensor for Fe^{3+} in a competitive setting. This sensor has the benefit of being unaffected by other metal ions **(Fig 5.7.e)**.

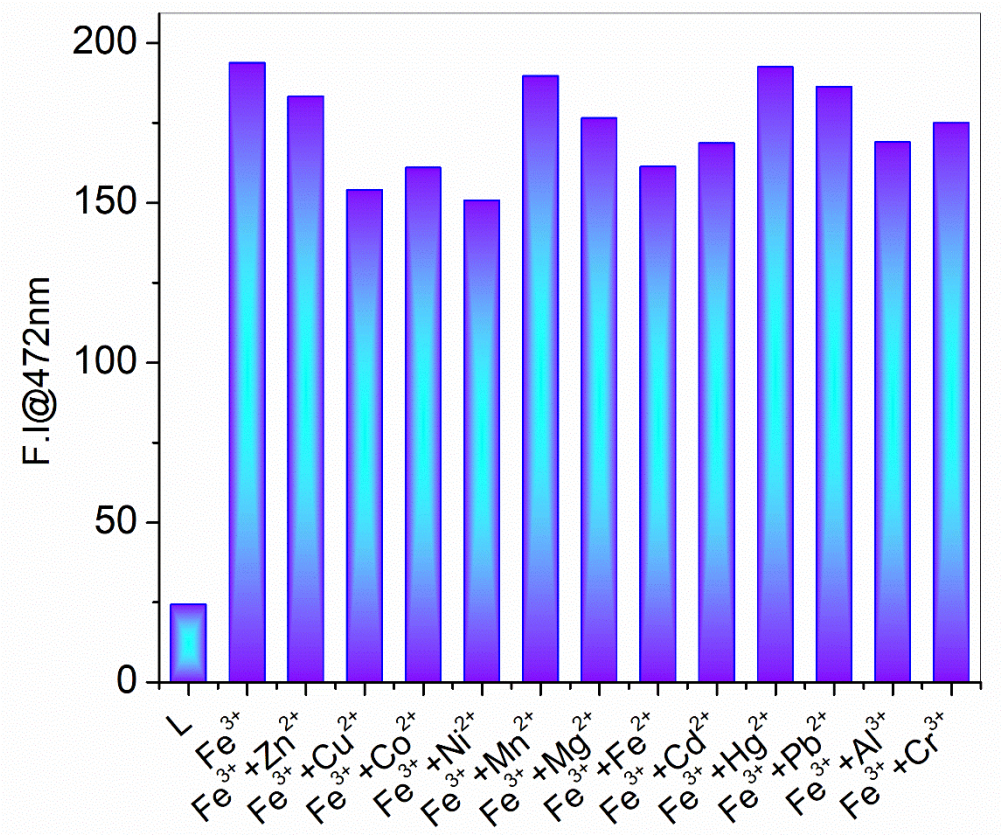


Fig 5.7.e) The bar graph of **L** in presence of Fe^{3+}ion and other competitive ions.

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The compound **L** was synthesized via Schiff base condensation reaction and then characterized by using ^{1}H NMR, FT-IR, and HRMS. The sensing capacity of receptor **L** towards different metal ions was explored using UV-Visible and fluorescence studies. The ^{1}H-NMR spectral studies confirmed the presence of Imidazole NH and imine groups. The AIE properties of **L** were studied in DMSO-H_2O mixed medium, and it shows bright blue fluorescence with good intensities with increase in water fractions from 70% to 95%. The receptor L was insensitive to the addition of high amounts of other metal ions, but it results in color change from colourless to yellow with the addition of Cu^{2+} and Ni^{2+}, as well as a very little brown color change in the presence of Fe^{3+} ions. The fluorescence study showed that Fe^{3+} formed a compound with pyrene and aminobenzimidazole Schiff bases, resulting in a new red-shifted emission band at 472 nm. The Limit of Detection (LOD) for Fe^{3+} was deliberated to be 2.18×10^{-7} M.

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ABSTRACT

Water pollution is a pressing environmental issue that demands immediate attention. The purity of water is compromised by the heavy discharge of industrial waste, leading to an increase in organic matter, a shift in chemical oxygen demand, and ultimately, the death of aquatic life. This research focuses on addressing water pollution by using a copper-incorporated polymer as an adsorbent to degrade the industrial pollutant, Congo red dye. Congo red can be converted into benzidine, a known human carcinogen, necessitating its removal from industrial waste. In this study, we successfully prepared a reusable PVA-Cu composite through complexation reaction. This composite was characterized using various techniques, including Ultraviolet-Visible spectroscopy, Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR), and scanning electron microscopy (SEM). When this composite is introduced to water bodies polluted with industrially released Congo red dye, it facilitates the removal of the dye, thereby cleansing the water bodies. Additionally, it restores the water's pH level from a basic pH of 9 to a neutral pH of 7. The results indicate that PVA-Cu composite can be used as a promising adsorbent and an effective method for removal of Congo red dye from solutions. Thus, this study contributes significantly to the ongoing efforts to combat water pollution.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

PVA	Polyvinyl Alcohol
CRD	Congo Red Dye
Cr	Congo Red
Cu	Copper
$CuSO_4$	Copper Sulphate
g/mL	Gram Per Milliliter
pH	Potential of Hydrogen
mL	Milliliter
UV-Vis	Ultraviolet Visible
FTIR	Fourier Transform Infrared
XRD	X-Ray Diffraction
SEM	Scanning Electron Microscope

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 POLYVINYL ALCOHOL:

In 1924, Hermann and Haehnel first synthesized Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) by hydrolyzing polyvinyl acetate in ethanol using potassium hydroxide. PVA, a significant polymer in the industry, is renowned for its water solubility and is widely used in various optoelectronic devices and applications due to its environmental friendliness and cost-effectiveness. PVA is a semi-crystalline polymer known for its excellent optical properties, high dielectric constant, robust physical attributes, and remarkable transparency. Even in the absence of the best low, polymer glasses with the lowest refractive index (n = 1.3–1.4) are used to minimize light scattering loss. Amorphous polymers, such as perfluoropolymers, exhibit high transmission rates (0.3 dB/km at 1.3 m). PVA, due to its large size comparable to silica fiber, has been the subject of extensive research. Its chemical versatility and superior optical properties make it suitable for a broad spectrum of potential applications.(Bulinski 2021)

Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), a water-soluble synthetic polymer, is produced commercially from polyvinyl acetate through a continuous process. This process involves the hydrolysis of acetate groups by ester interchange with methanol, in the presence of either anhydrous sodium methylate or aqueous sodium hydroxide. The physical properties and specific functional uses of PVA depend on the degree of polymerization and hydrolysis. It is classified into two main categories: partially hydrolyzed and fully hydrolyzed. Partially hydrolyzed PVA finds use in the food industry, where it serves as a moisture barrier film for food supplement tablets and for foods that contain inclusions or dry food with inclusions that need protection from moisture absorption. PVA, also known as PVOH, has the ideal formula $[CH_2CH(OH)]_n$. It is used in a variety of applications, including papermaking, textile warp sizing, as a thickener and emulsion stabilizer in PVAc adhesive formulations, in various coatings, and 3D printing. PVA is typically a colorless (white), odorless, translucent, white, or cream-colored granular powder. It is commonly supplied as beads or as solutions in water. It’s important to note that PVA is not a naturally

occurring product. In the absence of a crosslinking agent added from a distance, a PVA solution can be transformed into a gel through a continuous cycle of freezing and thawing. This process results in robust, ultra-pure, biocompatible hydrogels. These hydrogels have found a variety of applications, including use in vascular stents, ligaments, contact lenses, and more.

1.1.1 CHARACTERIZATION AND PRODUCTION PROCESS OF PVA:

Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA) is completely soluble in water, has slight solubility in ethanol, but is insoluble in other organic solvents. A 5% solution of PVA typically displays a pH value ranging from 5.0 to 6.5. The melting point of PVA lies between 180 to 190°C. It possesses a molecular weight in the range of 26,300 to 30,000, and its degree of hydrolysis is between 86.5 to 89%.

The primary raw material to produce Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA) is the Vinyl Acetate Monomer. This is achieved by first polymerizing the vinyl acetate and then subjecting it to partial hydrolysis. The hydrolysis process involves the partial substitution of the ester group in vinyl acetate with a hydroxyl group, which is completed in the presence of aqueous sodium hydroxide. Following this, the aqueous solution is gradually introduced. The saponification agent then precipitates the polyvinyl alcohol, which is subsequently cleaned and dried. The degree of hydrolysis is determined by the point at which the saponification reaction is halted.(S.K. Saxena 2004)

The structure of polyvinyl alcohol (partially hydrolyzed) is.

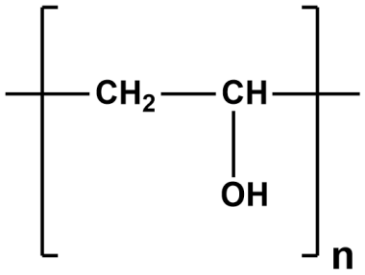


Fig 1.1 Structure of PVA

1.1.2 APPLICATION AND USES OF PVA:

PVA is favored in numerous medical applications due to its biocompatibility, minimal protein adhesion, and low toxicity. It finds specific use in cartilage replacements, contact lenses, and eye drops. Polyvinyl alcohol serves as an aid in suspension polymerizations. In China, it's predominantly used as a protective colloid in polyvinyl acetate dispersions. In Japan, its main use is in the production of Vinylon fiber. North Korea manufactures this fiber for self-sufficiency, as it eliminates the need for oil. Another application of PVA is in photographic films. In the realm of additive manufacturing, PVA-based polymers are frequently used. In the pharmaceutical industry, 3D printed oral dose formulations using PVA show significant potential. The production of drug-loaded tablets with varying drug-release mechanisms is possible.

Poly (vinyl alcohol) is employed in various industries. In the coatings industry, it serves as a thickening agent for water-based systems. It is also used in the production of adhesives, the finishing of paper and cardboard, and paper coating. Additionally, it is used in the creation of strippable coatings and acts as a protective colloid for dispersions.

Ceramics, leather, fabric, nonwoven textiles, and paper, along with paper coatings, are all applications of this material. It’s also used for making paper grease-proof, as an emulsifying agent, and as a thickener and stabilizer. It’s used in the textile industry for warp and yarn sizing, in photosensitive films, and in the preparation of cement and mortars. It serves as an intermediate for other polyvinyl compounds, in the production of imitation sponges, and in the formulation of printing inks for glass.

PVA polymer is utilized in a variety of applications. Many medications contain it as a primary ingredient. Its sticky property is used in a variety of applications. PVA stands for polyvinyl alcohol, and it's a form of synthetic adhesive. PVA glue is used in a variety of applications. A glue or fixative made of polyvinyl alcohol is known as PVA glue. PVA glue is water soluble and can be used to make emulsions. It's mostly used to secure porous materials. It's used to glue wood, paper, and cloth together. PVA is an excellent absorbent.

The properties of PVA are highly valued in the textile industry. Its quick-drying nature makes PVA a popular choice for use in the production of textiles.

1.2 HEAVY METAL POLLUTANTS:

Heavy metals, such as Fe, Co, Zn, Pb, Cd, Hg, and As, are natural constituents of the Earth's crust. Some microorganisms require these metals as micronutrients for their metabolic activities and have developed mechanisms to contend with their toxicity. However, heavy metals can be harmful to humans and other microorganisms. In humans, they can cause organ impairment, neurological disorders, and even death. In microorganisms, elevated levels of heavy metals can destroy cell membranes and decrease microbial population, diversity, and activities, although some can develop resistance mechanisms for survival.

Heavy metals are generally defined as metals with relatively high densities, atomic weights, or atomic numbers. The criteria used, and whether metalloids are included, vary depending on the author and context. In science, heavy metal is a metallic element which is toxic and has a high density, specific gravity, or atomic weight. Some heavy metals are either essential nutrients (typically iron, cobalt, and zinc), or relatively harmless (such as ruthenium, silver, and indium), but can be toxic in larger amounts or certain forms. Other heavy metals, such as arsenic, cadmium, mercury, and lead, are highly poisonous.

The advancement and evolution of human civilization are significantly influenced by natural resources. These resources, which include biotic elements (living organisms and their by-products) and abiotic elements (air, water, and soil), are harnessed and utilized to meet the demands of our progressing civilization.

During periods of rapid advancement, we have been utilizing resources without considering the time required for their replenishment. This imprudent consumption of resources not only leads to a future shortage but also introduces new compounds or increases the concentration of existing ones in our environment. This process of adding undesired substances to the environment is termed "pollution," and the substances added are referred to as "pollutants".(Tchounwou et al. 2012)

Pollutants, caused from numerous developmental activities, pose significant threats to ecosystems and human lives. The seriousness of these pollutants has been underscored by historical incidents such as the Bhopal gas tragedy, the Minamata Bay disaster, and the London smog. These pollutants can exist as a gas, liquid, or

solid, and can be produced and released due to human activities or can surface in the biosphere due to over-exploitation of resources, leading to the exposure of contaminants from deeper soil layers. Among several types of contaminants, heavy metals have drawn considerable attention from the scientific community due to the serious health risks they present.

Metals are naturally occurring elements, but their concentration in the biosphere has increased due to overuse of resources and human activities. For instance, the rise in arsenic levels in groundwater at various locations can be attributed to the over-extraction of underground water resources, leading to mineral breakdown. Heavy metals, once introduced into the environment, persist for a long time as they cannot be degraded. While certain heavy metals are needed in small quantities for the physiological metabolism of plants and animals, they become toxic at elevated levels.

1.2.1 COPPER:

Copper, symbolized as Cu (from Latin *cuprum*), is the 29th element on the periodic table. It's a soft, malleable, and ductile metal with extremely high thermal and electrical conductivity. A freshly exposed surface of pure copper has a pinkish orange color. Copper is found in the free metallic state in nature. This native copper was first used as a substitute for stone by Neolithic (New Stone Age) humans around 8000 BCE. Copper is found in various minerals such as chalcocite, chalcopyrite, bornite, cuprite, malachite, and azurite. It is also present in the ashes of seaweed, in many sea corals, in the human liver, and in many mollusks and arthropods. Copper plays the same role of oxygen transport in the hemocyanin of blue-blooded mollusks and crustaceans as iron does in the hemoglobin of red-blooded animals. Copper is commercially produced mainly by smelting or leaching, usually followed by electrodeposition from sulfate solutions. By the early 21st century, Chile had become the world's leading producer of copper. Other major producers include Peru, China, and the United States.

- Atomic number (number of protons in the nucleus): 29
- Atomic symbol (on the periodic table of elements): Cu
- Atomic weight (average mass of the atom): 63.55

- Density: 8.92 grams per cubic centimeter.
- Phase at room temperature: Solid
- Melting point: 1,984.32 degrees Fahrenheit (1,084.62 degrees Celsius)
- Boiling point: 5,301 F (2,927 C)
- Number of isotopes (atoms of the same element with a different number of neutrons): 35, 2 stables
- Most common isotopes: Cu-63 (69.15% natural abundance) and Cu-65 (30.85% natural abundance).(Stephaie Pappas 2022)

1.2.2 PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:

Copper, it is like precious metals such as gold and silver, is in Group IB of the periodic table, between nickel and zinc. Its attractive physical properties, including its visual appeal, ability to blend with other metals, low corrosion rate, flexibility, and excellent heat and electricity conduction, make it industrially valuable. Copper remains intact in acidic environments unless there's an oxidizing agent, and it forms a green layer of copper carbonate that shields it from further oxidation.

1.2.3 CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

Cuprous ions (I) quickly dissociate into cupric (II) and metallic copper in water-based solutions. Only the insoluble cuprous compounds (CuCl) remain stable in aqueous solutions. Cupric compounds, which are usually blue or green, are often found in water and are generally highly soluble in water-based solutions. Cu (III) is a potent oxidizing agent, but it doesn’t have much industrial or environmental importance. Copper constitutes about one-fourth of the mass of copper sulphate ($CuSO_4.5H_2O$). The quantity of copper that leached from copper pipes increases as the water’s acidity increases.(Donald G. Barceloux Topanga 1999)

1.2.4 USES:

Copper, a noble metal, is widely used in various industries due to its unique properties. It’s an excellent conductor of electricity and heat, making it a primary choice for electrical wiring and heat exchangers. In the construction industry, copper is used for plumbing and roofing. It’s also used in the production of industrial

machinery, transportation vehicles, and electronic products. Copper's antimicrobial properties make it ideal for use in hospitals and other healthcare settings. In the culinary world, copper's superior heat conductivity makes it a preferred material for cookware. Additionally, copper is used in the production of alloys like brass and bronze. Its resistance to corrosion and aesthetic appeal makes it a popular choice for decorative items and jewelry. Despite its widespread use, copper is a finite resource, and its extraction and use need to be managed sustainably.

1.2.5 COPPER AS A HEAVY METAL:

Heavy metals are generally defined as metals with relatively high densities, atomic weights, or atomic numbers. The earliest known metals, including common metals such as iron, copper, and tin, as well as precious metals such as silver, gold, and platinum, are heavy metals. Copper is one of the most ductile metals. It is not especially strong or hard, but its strength and hardness can be appreciably increased by cold-working. While copper is necessary for survival and supports various body functions, it can cause major problems if imbalanced, and extreme amounts can result in heavy metal poisoning. Most diets contain enough copper (2-5 mg daily) to prevent a deficiency and not enough to cause toxicity. Copper toxicity can result from exposure to elevated levels of copper through contaminated food and water. Symptoms of this condition include diarrhea, headaches, and in severe cases, kidney failure or Wilson's disease which is a genetic illness.

Copper toxicity (also known as Copperiedus), is a type of metal poisoning caused by an excess of copper in the body. It can occur from consuming excess copper salts, but most commonly it is the result of genetic conditions like Wilson's disease and Menke's disease, which are associated with mismanaged transport and storage of copper ions. The symptoms of copper toxicity can vary. Acute symptoms of copper poisoning by ingestion include vomiting, hematemesis (vomiting of blood), hypotension (low blood pressure), melena (black "tarry" feces), coma, jaundice (yellowish pigmentation of the skin), and gastrointestinal distress. Chronic (long-term) copper exposure can damage the liver and kidneys. Mental and behavioral symptoms may also occur, including feeling anxious or irritable, having trouble paying attention, feeling overexcited or overwhelmed, feeling unusually sad or depressed, and sudden

changes in mood. Copper toxicity can be caused by unintentionally ingesting too much copper from water supplies that contain elevated levels of copper. Water can be contaminated by farm operations or industrial waste that runs off into nearby reservoirs or public wells. Water traveling through copper pipes can absorb copper particles and become contaminated with too much copper, especially if the pipes are corroded. Although rare, the same thing can happen to food served on rusting copper dishes or alcoholic drinks prepared in corroded copper cocktail shakers or copper drinkware. Some genetic conditions can also affect your liver's ability to filter out copper properly. This can result in chronic copper toxicity. Some of these conditions include Wilson's disease, liver disease, hepatitis, anemia (low red blood cell count), thyroid issues, leukemia (blood cell cancer), lymphoma (lymph node cancer), and rheumatoid arthritis.

Individuals residing near to copper production facilities, including mines, smelters, refineries, or involved in copper manufacturing, are more susceptible to excessive copper exposure. The inhalation of copper dust and fumes can lead to exposure. Certain environmental sources of copper can pose health risks. Copper is reportedly found in more than half of the hazardous waste sites on the EPA's National Priorities List. The concentration of copper in the air and soil near copper processing facilities, such as smelters, is often significantly higher than in other areas. Agricultural runoff may contain copper-based pesticides, which can be detrimental to human health. However, copper readily binds to molecules in soil and water, reducing its bioavailability to humans.(Tchounwou et al. 2012)

Here we use copper sulphate. The molecular formula of copper sulphate is $CuSO_4$. It has a molecular weight of 159.609 g/mol and a valency of +2. The boiling point of $CuSO_4$ is 650°C, while its melting point is less than 200°C. It has a density of 3.603 and a water solubility of 14.3 g/mol at 0°C. Copper sulfate finds extensive use as an agricultural pesticide and as an algicide in water treatment processes.



Fig 1.2 Structure of Copper Sulphate

1.3 POLYVINYL ALCOHOL WITH METAL:

Polyvinyl alcohol is a water-soluble synthetic polymer. It can be combined with metals in several ways for different applications. Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) is a water-soluble polymer that, when mixed with a copper sulphate solution, undergoes a process known as doping. In this process, the copper ions from the copper sulphate solution become embedded within the PVA polymer chains as the mixture is continuously stirred. This interaction alters the properties of the PVA, creating a copper doped PVA polymer with unique characteristics. The resulting material's properties and potential applications depend on the amount of copper doped into the PVA and the conditions under which the process was conducted.

1.4 ADSORPTION:

Adsorption is a process where a substance (adsorbate) accumulates on the surface of another substance (adsorbent). This is a surface phenomenon that occurs due to the attraction between the adsorbate molecules and the adsorbent surface. Adsorption is used in various applications, such as in water purification, air conditioning, and in catalysis to increase the surface area for reaction.

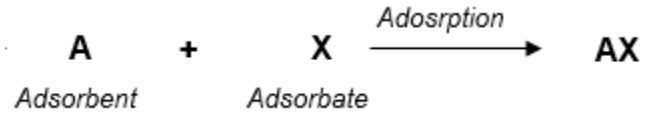
Some of the important characteristics of adsorption are:

- Adsorption does not initiate a process.
- Adsorption is not consumed in the process.
- Adsorbents interact with adsorbates to form a surface complex.
- Adsorbents can be regenerated.
- Adsorbents can be in solid or liquid forms.

1.4.1 MECHANISM OF ADSORPTION:

The fundamental concept of adsorption is that it is a surface phenomenon where a substance (adsorbate) accumulates on the surface of another substance (adsorbent). This accumulation occurs due to the attractive forces between the adsorbate molecules and the adsorbent surface. The total free energy of the system decreases as a result of adsorption, leading to a more stable state. The adsorbent typically interacts physically or chemically with the adsorbate but is eventually regenerated, leaving the adsorbent quantity unchanged. Since the adsorbent isn't consumed, each adsorbent molecule can facilitate the adsorption of numerous adsorbate molecules. By selecting the right adsorbent, a specific adsorption can be made to occur almost exclusively, which is the basis for many important applications of adsorption.

Adsorbents interact with one or more adsorbates to create a surface complex, which then yields the final product of the adsorption, thereby regenerating the adsorbent. Here's a common adsorption scheme:



The adsorbent, while consumed in the first step and regenerated in the last, does not feature in the overall adsorption. Given its regenerative nature, it is needed only in minimal amounts for the adsorption. It's important to note that an adsorbent doesn't alter the equilibrium position of a chemical reaction; it merely influences the speed at which equilibrium is reached.

The main types of adsorbents are,

- **Physical Adsorbents:** Physical adsorption is a process where the adsorbate accumulates on the adsorbent surface due to physical forces of attraction. The adsorbate and adsorbent are typically in separate phases. This type of adsorption is usually reversible and occurs rapidly at higher temperatures.
- **Chemical Adsorbents:** Chemical adsorption, also known as chemisorption, involves the formation of a chemical bond between the adsorbate and the

adsorbent. This type of adsorption is usually irreversible and occurs rapidly at lower temperatures.

- **Activated Carbon:** Activated carbon is a commonly used adsorbent due to its high porosity and large surface area. It is used in various applications, such as water purification and air purification.
- **Zeolites:** Zeolites are microporous minerals that are commonly used as adsorbents in processes like gas separation and ion-exchange.
- **Silica Gel:** Silica gel is a form of silicon dioxide and is a commonly used desiccant for controlling humidity.

1.5 CONGO RED DYE:

Congo red, the first synthetic direct dye, doesn't require a mordant (a substance like tannin or alum that fixes the color to cotton fibers). This azo dye, derived from benzidine, was first introduced in 1884. While it was initially used to color cotton, it has been replaced by dyes that are more resistant to light and washing. However, it is still used in histology for tissue staining and as an acid-base indicator, turning red in alkaline conditions and blue in acidic conditions.[50]

Congo red is the sodium salt of 3,3′-([1,1′-biphenyl]-4,4′-diyl)bis(4-aminonaphthalene-1-sulfonic acid), another type of azo dye. It is water-soluble, forming a red colloidal solution, but it is more soluble in organic solvents. Despite these properties, the use of Congo red has been largely discontinued due to its carcinogenic nature. As an azo dye, Congo red is toxic to many organisms, pollutes the environment, and is a suspected carcinogen and mutagen.

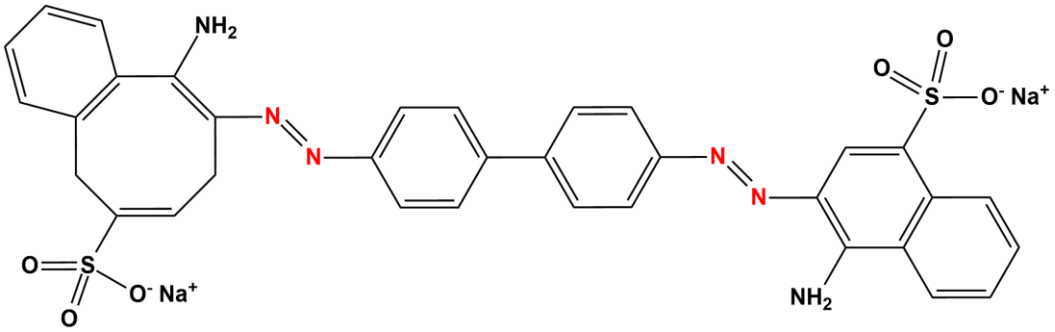


Fig 1.3 Structure of Congo Red Dye (CRD)

1.5.1 POLLUTION AND POLLUTANT:

Pollution is the introduction of contaminants into the natural environment that cause adverse changes. It can take the form of any substance (solid, liquid, or gas) or any form of energy (such as heat, sound, or radioactivity) to the environment at a rate faster than it can be dispersed, diluted, decomposed, recycled, or stored in some harmless form. Pollution can have widespread negative impacts on the environment, wildlife, and often impacts human health and well-being. There are four main types of pollution namely air pollution, water pollution, land pollution and noise pollution.

A pollutant, on the other hand, is a substance or energy introduced into the environment that has undesired effects, or adversely affects the usefulness of a resource. These can be both naturally forming (i.e. minerals or extracted compounds like oil) or anthropogenic in origin (i.e. manufactured materials or byproducts). Pollutants result in environmental pollution or become public health concerns when they reach a concentration high enough to have significant negative impacts.

1.5.2 INDUSTRIAL WATER POLLUTION:

Industrial wastewater pollution occurs when harmful chemicals and substances are discharged into water, making it unsuitable for human consumption and other uses. Even though 60-70% of land is used for agriculture, water bodies such as lakes, ponds, and rivers are crucial. Freshwater is provided through reservoirs and water courses, which must be maintained in a clean state.

The surge in population has led to an increased demand for goods, triggering rapid industrialization. This growth in industrial establishments has resulted in a rise in industrial waste generation. Such wastes contaminate water, air, and soil, inflicting significant environmental harm. The nature of the industry dictates the quality and volume of wastewater produced. It may contain non-biodegradable waste like heavy metals, pesticides, plastic, and other such compounds, as well as biodegradable substances like paper, leather, and wool. Industrial wastewater can be toxic, reactive, carcinogenic, and flammable. Consequently, disposing of waste into water bodies without appropriate treatment and management strategies can lead to catastrophic environmental and health impacts.

1.5.3 CONGO RED DYE AS INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER POLLUTANT:

Businesses in the printing, dyeing, and paint sectors have seen rapid growth in recent years, leading to a significant amount of color-containing wastewater. The untreated effluents from these companies negatively affect both the environment and the health of residents in the surrounding areas. This wastewater increases the content of organic matter, alters the chemical oxygen demand, and can lead to the death of aquatic life. Dyes have been found to contain nitro and amino chemicals, as well as heavy metals like copper, zinc, and arsenic. These pollutants can enter the groundwater system through water circulation and bioaccumulate in organisms, increasing toxicity. Therefore, it's crucial to treat wastewater containing dyes before discharging it into the environment. Congo Red, when discharged into wastewater, can pose environmental hazards. Congo Red can also transform into benzidine, a known human carcinogen. Hence, it's essential to remove congo red from the solution.(Wen et al. 2020)

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CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

1. **Title:** Adsorption of Congo red from solution by iron doped PVA-Chitosan composite film.

Authors: Kang Wen, Yi Li, Shuxing Zhang, Xiaoting Zhang, Runping Han.

Journal and Year: Desalination and Water Treatment, 18th January 2020.

Inference: The study introduces the development of chitosan-polyvinyl alcohol-iron composite films, emphasizing their acid resistance and high adsorption capacity for efficient Congo Red removal. The research is focused on the preparation of these composite films by doping trivalent iron, chitosan, and polyvinyl alcohol for the adsorption of Congo Red. It further investigated the adsorption mechanism, kinetics, thermodynamics, and potential applications for the efficient removal of Congo Red from the solution. The composite films demonstrated a high adsorption capacity for Congo Red at pH 5.0, involving physical and chemical adsorption mechanisms primarily through hydrogen bonding, ion exchange, and complexation, showing promising potential for the efficient removal of Congo Red from the solution.

2. **Title:** Removal of anionic dye Congo red from aqueous environment using polyvinyl alcohol/sodium alginate/ ZSM-5 zeolite membrane.

Authors: Sabarish Radoor, Jasila Karayil, Jyothish Kumar Parameswaranpillai and Suchart Siengchin.

Journal and Year: Scientific Reports, 2020

Inference: Majority of companies discharged untreated water into bodies of water, poisoning them with harmful metals, dyes, herbicides, and insecticides. The PVA/agar/ZSM-5 zeolite membrane, which is fabricated specifically for Congo red removal, demonstrates efficient removal of Congo red dye and exhibits bactericidal effects by inhibiting the growth of E. coli and S. aureus. This membrane has been characterized by using various techniques to confirm its stability and efficiency. Notably, it can regenerate and maintain its effectiveness. The adsorption process of this membrane follows pseudo-second-order kinetics and the Freundlich isotherm model, indicating a high adsorption capacity under optimal conditions. Given these

properties, this membrane shows promising potential as an effective and eco-friendly solution for water treatment.

3. **Title:** Efficient removal of Congo red dye from aqueous solution by adsorbent films of polyvinyl alcohol/melamine-formaldehyde composite and bacterial effects.

Journal and Year: Journal of Cleaner Production, 10th January 2020.

Inference: This study highlights the development of sustainable dye adsorbent films for the removal of harmful dyes and bacterial growth inhibition. It reports the synthesis of biodegradable composite films using melamine-formaldehyde (MF) and polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) for efficient Congo red (CR) dye removal. These films were characterized using various techniques and showed high CR dye adsorption capacity. The adsorption process was influenced by several parameters and followed the Freundlich isotherm and pseudo-second-order kinetics. The PVA/MF composite films exhibited superior antibacterial activity and are suggested as potential adsorbents for CR dye removal and antibacterial applications.

4. **Title:** Sono catalytic rapid degradation of Congo red dye from aqueous solution using magnetic FeO/Polyaniline nanofibers.

Authors: Raghunath Dasa, Madhumita Bhaumik, Somnath Giria, Arjun Maitya.

Journal and Year: Ultrasonics Sonochemistry, 16th February 2017.

Inference: The study investigates the sonocatalytic degradation of CRD using magnetic Fe0/polyaniline nanofibers. The nanofibers were synthesized at room temperature and tested under various conditions. The process could remove 98% of Congo red within 30 min under optimal conditions. However, efficiency declined with the addition of common inorganic salts. The degradation follows pseudo-second order rate kinetics and Langmuir isotherm model. The high degradation capacity is attributed to the formation of active hydroxyl radicals and subsequent free radical reactions. The study suggests that these nanofibers can be an effective composite for dye degradation.

5. **Title:** Photocatalytic degradation of Congo red using Carissa edulis extract capped zinc oxide nanoparticles.

Authors: J. Fowsiya, G. Madhumita, Naif Abdullah Al-Dhabi, Mariadhas Valan Arasu.

Journal and Year: Photochemistry and Photobiology, 11th July 2016.

Inference: In this study, secondary metabolites were obtained from Carissa edulis (C. edulis) using microwave-assisted extraction at 70 °C and 400 W. These metabolites were then used as a capping agent to create ZnO nanoparticles, with Zn (NO3)2 serving as the metal precursor. The resulting nanoparticles were analyzed using UV-Vis spectroscopy, FT-IR, XRD, SEM, and HR-TEM.

6. **Title:** Polymer Nanocomposites for Photocatalytic Degradation and Photoinduced Utilizations of Azo-Dyes.

Authors: Emily Z. Wang, Yigui Wang and Dequan Xiao.

Journal and Year: Polymer Nanocomposites, 9th April 2021.

Inference: This study explores the use of polymer nanocomposites for photocatalytic degradation and photoinduced applications of azo dyes. It discusses various techniques like incorporating MgO nanoparticles in a TiO2 framework, immobilizing TiO2 on fly ash with conductive polymer grafting, and doping TiO2 with N-(urea) and C-N (L-asparagine). The study also investigates the synthesis of Cu-doped TiO2-Bi2O3 nanocomposites, the use of Mn, Mo, and La/TiO2 activated carbon for wastewater treatment, and self-assembly methods to introduce azo dyes into polymer nanocomposites. These materials show potential in applications like nonlinear optical materials and light-aligning materials.

7. **Title:** Oxidative degradation of Congo red using Zeolite Y as a support for Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II) ions.

Authors: Smita Chowdhury, Krishna. G. Bhattacharyya.

Journal and Year: Applied Sciences, 16th September 2019.

Inference: The study focused on the oxidative degradation of Congo red dye using zeolite Y as a support for Co(II), Ni(II), and Cu(II) ions under various experimental conditions. The research investigated the impact of factors like pH, composite loading, dye concentration, and reaction time on the degradation process. Results indicated that Ni(II)-incorporated zeolite Y exhibited the highest rate of conversion of Congo red in aqueous solution. The study found that the oxidative reactions followed second-order kinetics, with the second-order rate coefficients showing that Ni(II)-zeolite Y had the most significant conversion rate. Additionally, the study confirmed that more than 90% COD reduction was achieved using metal-incorporated

composites, demonstrating successful decolorization through oxidative degradation.

8. **Title:** An Experimental Study of Photocatalytic Degradation of Congo Red using Polymer Nanocomposite Films.

Authors: Mashael, Nasser, Alshabanat and Murefah. M. AL-Anazy

Journal and Year: Polymer Nanocomposite, 2nd December 2018.

Inference: The study investigates the photocatalytic degradation of Congo Red using eco-friendly polymer nanocomposite films. The films were prepared using biodegradable polymers chitosan and polyvinyl alcohol as matrices and carbon black nanoparticles as reinforcement. The photocatalytic activity of the films was evaluated under various operational conditions, including pH, dye concentration, contact time, and light intensity. The results showed that the polymeric substrate type did not significantly impact the photodegradation of Congo Red, and the best operational conditions were at a pH of 6 and a dye solution concentration of 8 mg/L. The study highlights the potential of these eco-friendly films as effective photocomposites for wastewater treatment, particularly for Congo Red degradation.

9. **Title:** Stabilized nanofibers of Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA) crosslinked by unique method for efficient removal of heavy metal

Authors: Sana Ullaha, Motahira Hashmia, Nadir Hussaina, Azeem Ulaha, Muhammad Nauman Sarwara, Yusuke Saiota, Seong Hun Kimb, Ick Soo Kim.

Journal and Year: Journal of Water Process Engineering, February 2020

Inference: This article presents novel method for crosslinking PVA nanofibers for efficient removal of heavy metal ions like copper (Cu^{2+}) and lead (Pb^{2+}) from water, they used two different crosslinking methods, vapor crosslinking using glutaraldehyde vapors and solution crosslinking using a self-designed method. The results showed that the solution crosslinked PVA nanofibers had a uniform morphology and improved thermal stability, mechanical properties, and adsorption capacity for copper and lead ions compared to uncrosslinked and vapor crosslinked PVA nanofibers. The study has potential applications in water purification systems for efficient removal of heavy metal ions. PVA nanofibers use a self-designed solution crosslinking method, which has shown improved adsorption capacity and mechanical properties.

10. **Title:** Tuning optical properties of polyvinyl alcohol doped with different metal oxide nanoparticles.

Authors: M. Rashad

Journal and Year: Optical materials and 10th April 2020.

Inference: The study investigates the impact of doping polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) with Fe_2O_3 or NiO nanoparticles (NPs) on its structural and optical properties. The research reveals that the amorphous nature of PVA is affected by doping, and the optical band gap varies depending on the doping material. Fe_2O_3 NPs enhance the optical conductivity of PVA, while NiO NPs increase the refractive index. The absorption coefficient, refractive index, and optical conductivity were estimated for all PVA samples. The nonlinear optical susceptibility and refractive index were found to be doping dependent. These findings suggest the potential application of these samples in optoelectronic applications.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

3.1 AIM OF THE PRESENT WORK:

To study the catalytic efficiency of the newly synthesized composite (PVA-Cu), exploring its potential applications and investigate the adsorption properties of Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA) when interacting with Congo Red Dye (CRD and Copper Sulphate ($CuSO_4$).

3.1.1 OBJECTIVE OF THE PRESENT WORK:

The objective of the study is to:

- Integrate heavy metal into the polymer and utilize it as a composite to examine its efficiency.
- Characterize the composite using various techniques such as Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR), Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy, and Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM).
- Investigate the molecular structure of the compound through single crystal X-ray diffraction studies.
- Assess the degradation of the Congo Red Dye.

3.2 SCOPE OF THE PRESENT WORK:

- To reduce industrial water pollution.
- To facilitate degradation of the pollutant, Congo Red Dye, from industrial wastewater.
- To enhance the composite's efficiency by doping it with various heavy metals such as Cadmium, Cobalt, Nickel, Zinc, Iron, Mercury, etc.
- To accelerate the rate of Congo Red Dye degradation by improving the composite efficiency through doping with other metals.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 MATERIALS:

The materials used are Polyvinyl alcohol, Copper sulphate, Congo Red Dye (CRD), Acetone, Sodium Chloride, Hydrochloric acid, Sodium hydroxide pellets, beaker, measuring cylinder, Glass rod, Watch glass, Magnetic Stirrer, Shaker, Hot air oven, pH paper.

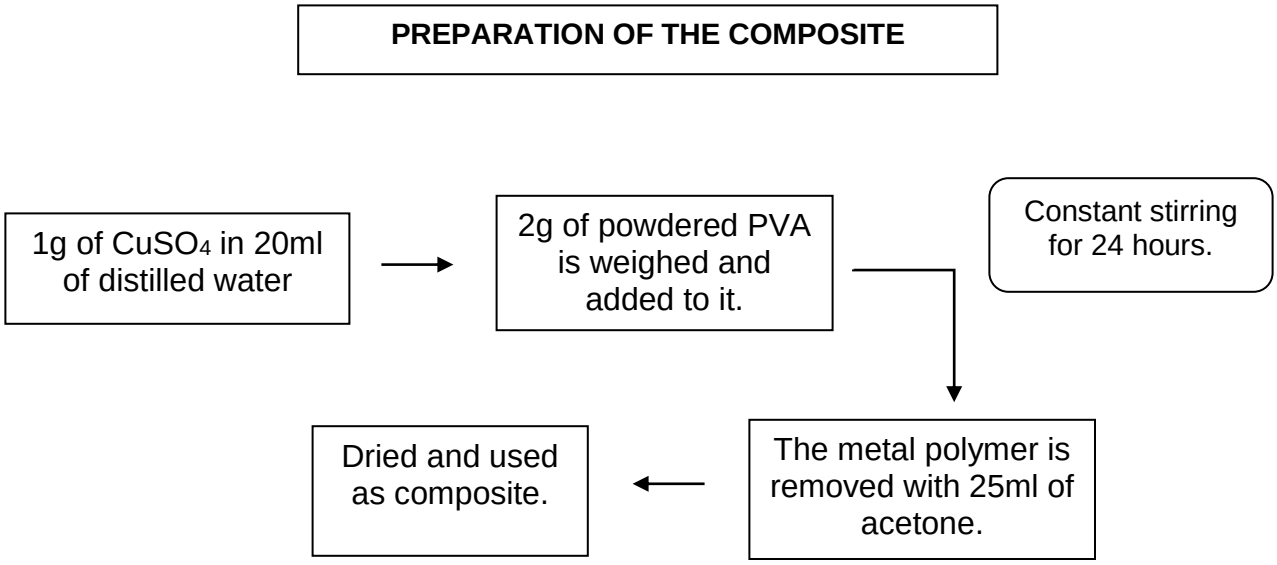
4.2 METHODS:

4.2.1 SYNTHESIS OF COMPOSITE:

1g of Copper Sulfate is measured and dissolved in 20mL of distilled water. This solution is then brought up to a volume of 25mL. To this, 2g of powdered Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA) is weighed and added to the solution with continuous stirring. The solution is then placed in a shaker for continuous stirring for over 24 hours. Finally, the metal is isolated in the form of a polymer by extracting it with 25mL of acetone.



Fig 4.1 PVA-Cu composite (After dried)



4.2.2 PREPARATION OF CONGO RED DYE:

Congo Red Dye is weighed and dissolved in different volume of distilled water to get different concentrations.

1st Concentration of CRD solution:

0.01g of CRD powder is weighed and dissolved in distilled water and made up to 100ml in 100ml standard flask. (100mg/L)

2nd Concentration of CRD solution:

From the 1st concentration solution, 50ml solution is measured and made up to 100ml in 100ml standard flask. (50mg/L)

3rd Concentration of CRD solution:

0.1g of CRD powder is weighed and dissolved in distilled water and made up to 100ml in 100ml standard flask. (1000mg/L)

4th Concentration of CRD solution:

From the 4th concentration solution, 50ml solution is measured and made up to 100ml in 100ml standard flask. (500mg/L)

4.2.3 DEGRADATION OF CONGO RED DYE:

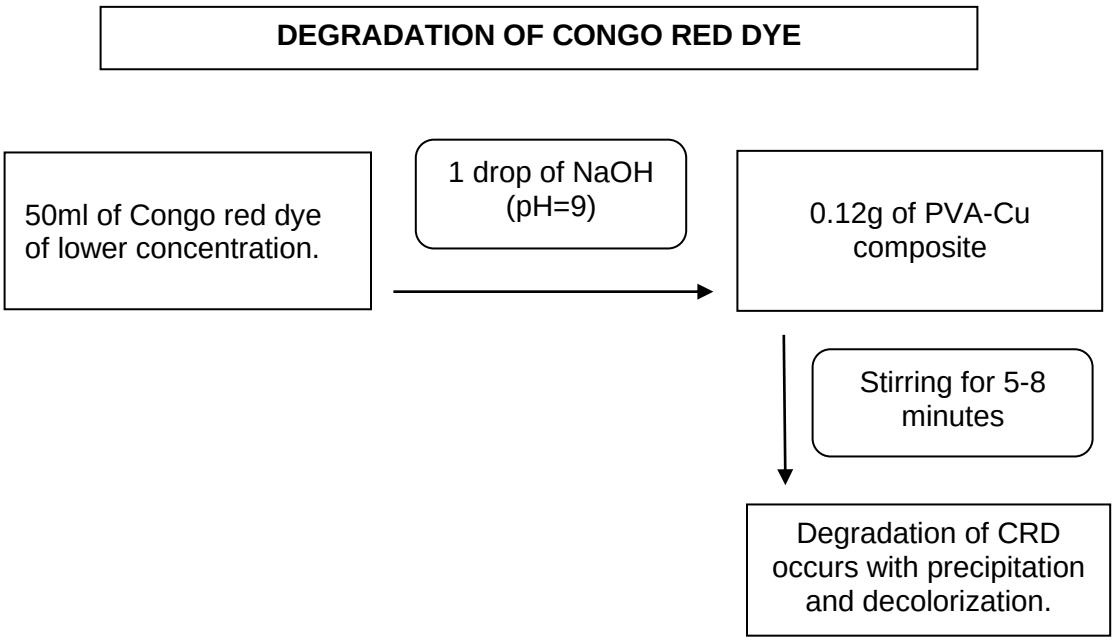
50ml of CRD solution of 1st concentration is pipetted out into a clean beaker and 1 drop of NaOH is added to maintain the pH=9. Then 0.12g of copper (metal) incorporated polymer is used as a composite for degradation which is added to it. The contents are kept stirring for 4-5 hours and the CRD solution got degraded.

OBSERVATION:

- Coagulation
- The pH becomes neutral.
- Filtrate is obtained as a clear solution.
- Composite can be reused.

The same procedure was repeated with 3rd and 4th concentration (higher concentration) than 1st concentration. 0.12g of composite is added in 50ml of CRD and kept stirring for 5-6 hours degradation of CRD occurs.

Degradation of CRD occurs at both concentrations, but it happens more rapidly at lower concentrations compared to higher concentrations.



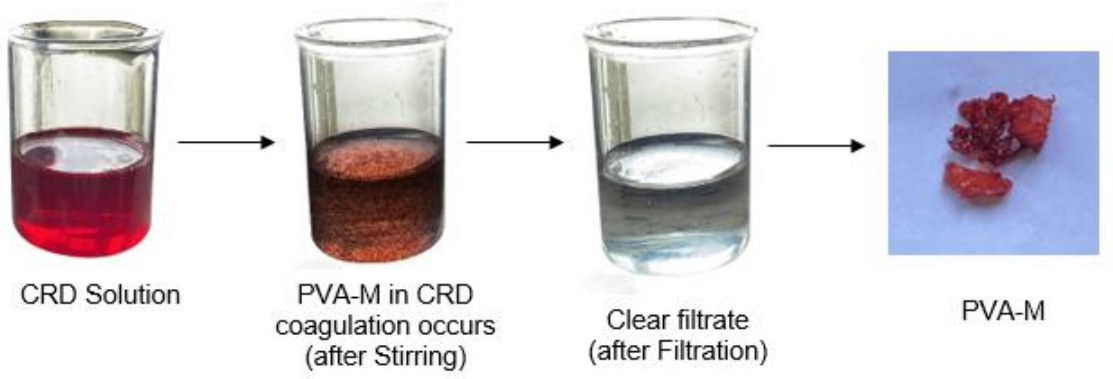


Fig 4.2 Degradation of CRD

4.3 CHARACTERISATION TECHNIQUES:

4.3.1 UV SPECTROSCOPY:

PRINCIPLE:

The principle of UV-Visible Spectroscopy is rooted in the absorption of ultraviolet or visible light by chemical compounds, which results in the generation of distinct spectra. This spectroscopic technique is fundamentally based on the interaction between light and matter. When matter absorbs light, it experiences a process of excitation and subsequent de-excitation, which culminates in the creation of a spectrum.

WORKING:

When matter absorbs ultraviolet light, the electrons within it become excited. This causes them to jump from a ground state, which is an energy state with a relatively lower amount of energy associated with it, to an excited state, which is an energy state with a higher amount of energy associated with it.

The ease with which the electrons get excited (i.e., the smaller the energy gap between the HOMO and the LUMO), the longer the wavelength of light they can absorb. This is because they can absorb energy in the form of ultraviolet or visible light to excite these electrons to higher anti-bonding molecular orbitals. Molecules containing bonding and non-bonding electrons (n-electrons) can participate in the excitation process.

There are four types of transitions (π–π*, n–π*, σ–σ*, and n–σ*), and they can be ordered as follows: σ–σ* > n–σ* > π–π* > n–π*.

UV/Visible spectroscopy is commonly used in analytical chemistry for the quantitative analysis of various analytes or samples. These include transition metal ions, highly conjugated organic compounds, and biological macromolecules. While spectroscopic analysis is typically conducted on solutions, it can also be applied to solids and gases.

- All diluted inorganic solutions are active in the UV spectrum.
- Solutions of transition metal ions can exhibit color (i.e., they absorb visible light) because the d electrons within the metal atoms can be excited from one electronic state to another.
- The presence of additional species, such as anions or ligands, significantly influences the color of metal ion solutions. For instance, a dilute solution of copper sulphate displays a very faint blue color; the addition of ammonia intensifies the color and shifts the wavelength of maximum absorption (λmax).
- Although charge transfer complexes also produce colors, these colors are often too intense for quantitative measurement.
- As per the Beer–Lambert law, a solution's absorbance is proportional to the concentration of the absorbing species in the solution and the path length. Therefore, UV/Visible spectroscopy can be used to determine the concentration of the absorber in a solution for a specific path length. It's important to understand how quickly absorbance changes with concentration. This can be calculated using references (tables of molar extinction coefficients) or more accurately, a calibration curve.

This method is most commonly used in a quantitative manner to determine the concentration of absorbing species in a solution using the Beer-Lambert law.

where A = absorbance

I = intensity of the incident is the transmitted intensity,

L = the path length

c = concentration of absorbing species

ε = molar absorptivity coefficient.

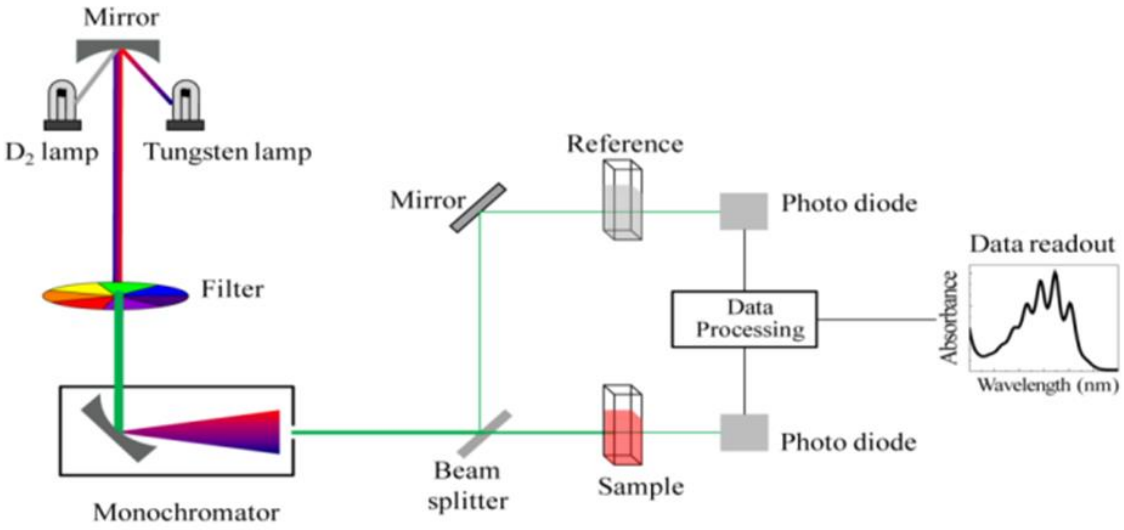


Fig 4.3 Schematic working of UV-Visible spectroscopy.



Fig 4.4 UV Instrument

4.3.2 FOURIER-TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY:

PRINCIPLE:

Molecules that possess either a permanent dipole moment or a dipole moment that arises due to the vibration of atoms within the molecules, when exposed to IR radiation of a specific frequency, experience an induced oscillating dipole moment. This excites them to undergo vibrational transitions. These vibrational transitions are brought about by the absorption of energy in the form of suitable IR radiation.

In FTIR analysis, infrared light from the light source travels along the optical path via a Michelson interferometer. The Michelson interferometer is composed of a beam splitter, a moving mirror, and a fixed mirror. The beam splitter divides the light beam into two, which are reflected by the moving and fixed mirrors and then

recombined by the beam splitter. As the moving mirror moves back and forth, the optical path difference between the moving and stationary mirrors changes, causing the phase difference to vary over time. In the Michelson interferometer, the light beams are recombined to generate interference light. The intensity of this interference light is recorded in an interferogram, with the optical path difference plotted along the horizontal axis.

WORKING:

The FTIR instrument emits infrared radiation in the range of 10,000 cm^{-1} to 100 cm^{-1} through a substance. A portion of this radiation is absorbed by the substance, while the rest passes through. The molecules in the sample convert the absorbed light into rotational and/or vibrational energy. The signal that results from this process is displayed as a spectrum on the detector, typically spanning from 4000 cm^{-1} to 400 cm^{-1}. This spectrum serves as the molecular fingerprint of the sample. FTIR analysis is an excellent method for chemical identification, as each molecule or chemical structure generates a unique fingerprint.

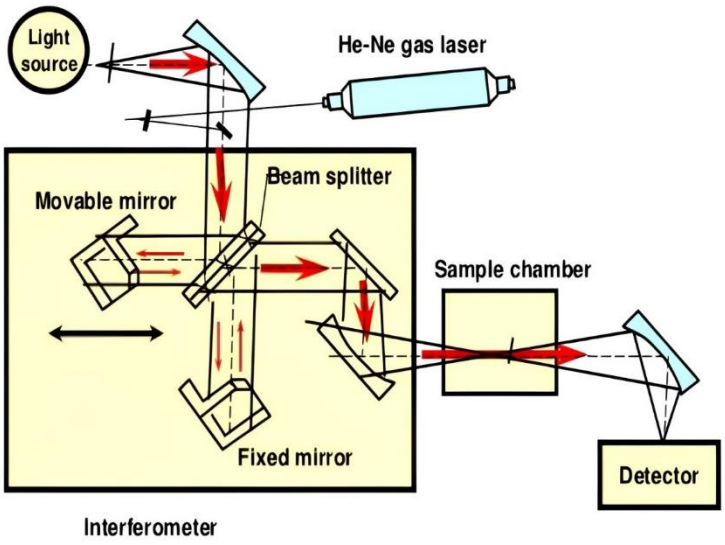


Fig 4.5 Schematic working of FTIR



Fig 4.6 FTIR Instrument

4.3.3 ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (AAS):

AAS (Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy) is a analytical technique used for the quantitative determination of specific elements using the absorption of light by free atoms in the gaseous state. In AAS, a solution containing a metal salt is vaporized into a flame, producing atoms of the metal. Many of these gaseous metal atoms remain in the ground state and are capable of absorbing radiant energy of their specific wavelength.

PRINCIPLE:

Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS) operates on the principle of light absorption by free atoms in the gaseous state. When a solution containing a metal salt is vaporized into a flame, it produces metal atoms. Many of these atoms, which are in the ground state, can absorb radiant energy of a specific wavelength. When light of this resonance wavelength passes through the flame containing these atoms, some of the light is absorbed. The extent of this absorption, which is directly proportional to the number of ground state atoms in the flame, allows for the quantitative determination of specific elements in a sample.

WORKING:

A solution with a metal salt is vaporized into a flame, creating metal atoms. Many of these atoms remain in the ground state and can absorb radiant energy of a specific wavelength. When light of this resonance wavelength passes through the flame containing the analyte atoms, some light is absorbed. The absorption extent is directly proportional to the number of ground state atoms in the flame. This technique is widely used in various fields, including clinical analysis of metals in biological fluids and tissues, pharmacology, biophysics, archaeology, and toxicology research. It uses

standards with known analyte content to establish the relation between the measured absorbance and the analyte concentration, relying on the Beer–Lambert law. AAS is a powerful tool for analyzing the concentration of specific elements in a sample by measuring light absorption.

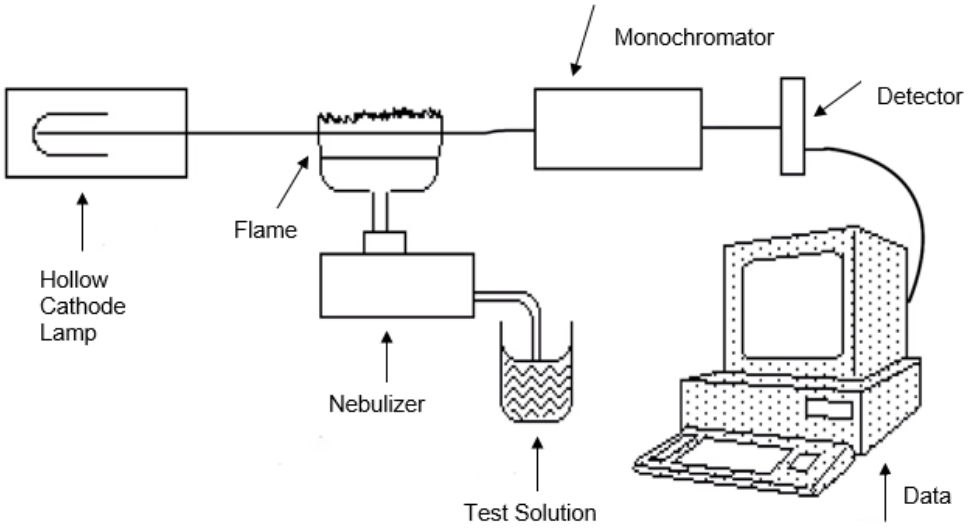


Fig 4.7 Schematic working of AAS.



Fig 4.8 AAS Instrumentation

4.3.4 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE (SEM):

SEM (Scanning Electron Microscope) is a type of electron microscope which scans the surfaces of microorganisms using a low-energy electron beam to focus and scan specimens.

PRINCIPLE:

The scanning electron microscope, unlike the transmission electron microscope, employs released electrons instead of transmitted electrons. The SEM operates on the premise of using kinetic energy to generate signals from electrons interactions. Secondary electrons, backscattered electrons and diffracted backscattered electrons are all types of electrons used to observe crystalline elements and photons. A picture is created using secondary and backscattered electrons; The major purpose of the secondary electrons generated by the specimen is to detect the shaped and topography of the specimen, whereas the backscattered electrons exhibit contrast in the composition of the specimen’s constituents.

WORKING:

A scanning electron microscope (SEM) is a type of electron microscope that uses a concentrated beam of electrons to scan the surface of a sample to obtain pictures. When electrons contact atoms in a sample, they produce a variety of signals that carry information about the sample's surface topography and composition. A raster scan pattern is used to scan the electron beam, and the position of the beam is coupled with the intensity of the received signal to create a picture. Secondary electrons generated by atoms stimulated by the electron beam are detected by a secondary electron detector (Everhart–Thornley detector) in the most common SEM mode. The quantity of secondary electrons that may be detected, and hence the signal strength, is influenced by specimen topography, among other factors.(Mokobi 2021)

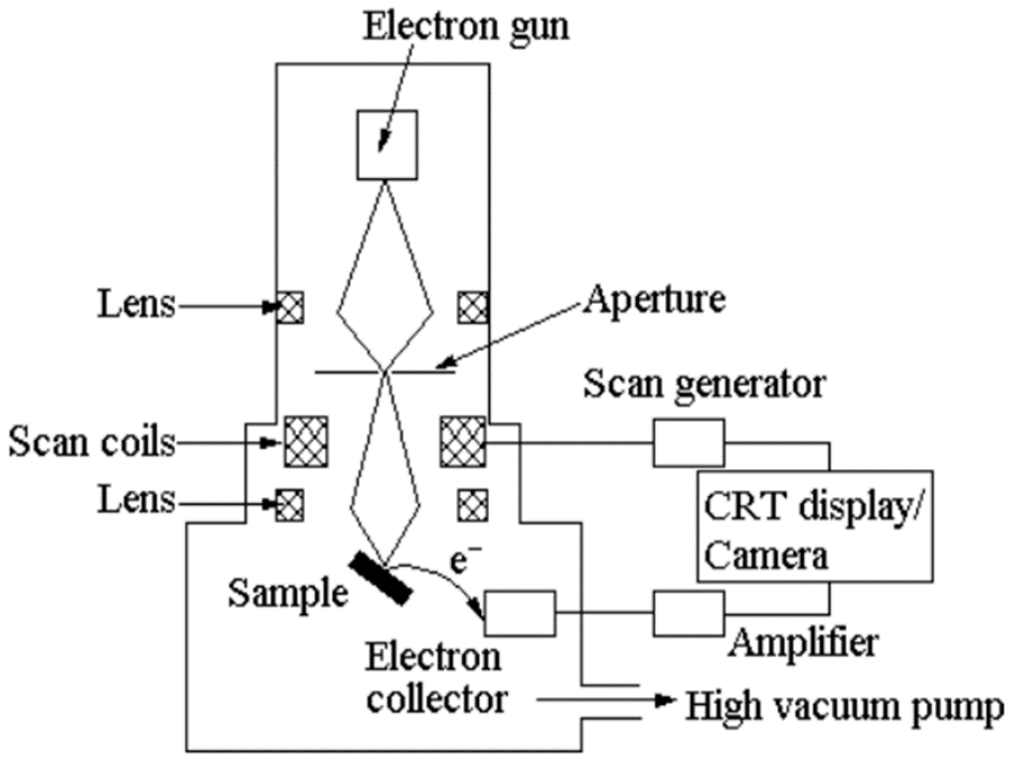


Fig 4.9 Schematic diagram of SEM

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Crystal structure, morphology, structural composition and functional group analysis of the given PVA-Cu composite have been confirmed by the following characteristic techniques, they are SEM, UV-Vis spectroscopy, AAS and FTIR.

5.1 FOURIER-TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY:

This spectroscopic technique is used to determine the functional groups present in the compound at different frequency levels.

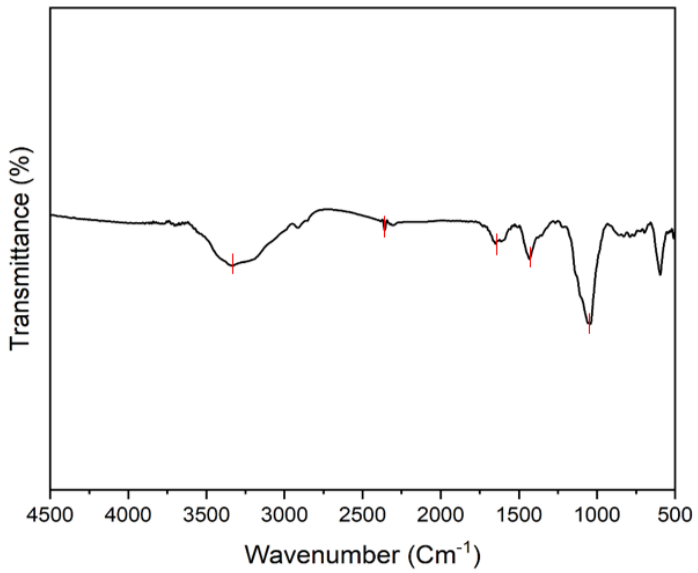


Fig 5.1 FTIR spectrum of the coagulated CRD

WAVENUMBER	FUNCTIONAL GROUP
3467 cm^{-1}	-NH stretching
1584 cm^{-1}	Aromatic -C=C stretching
1446 cm^{-1}	-N=N stretching
1240 cm^{-1}	-CN bending
1062 cm^{-1}	-S=O stretching

TABLE 5.1 Spectral Data of FTIR Spectrum of coagulated CRD

In the IR spectra of the given compound, the major peaks were observed were as follows: bands at 3467 cm^{-1} is assigned to -NH stretching vibrations, 1584 cm^{-1} is assigned to -C=C stretching vibrations, 1446 cm^{-1} is assigned to –N=N stretching vibration, 1240 cm^{-1} is assigned to -CN Bending vibration and 1062 cm^{-1} is assigned to -S=O stretching vibration.

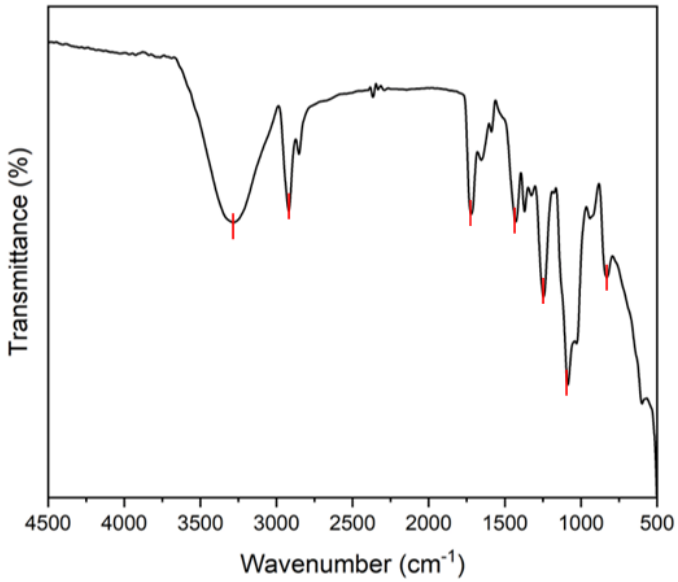


Fig 5.2 FTIR Spectrum of PVA-Cu-CRD Composite

WAVENUMBER	FUNCTIONAL GROUP
3412 cm^{-1}	OH stretching
2910 cm^{-1}	CH stretching
1419 cm^{-1}	CH bending
1903 cm^{-1}	C-O stretching
860 cm^{-1}	-S=O bending
1415 cm^{-1}	-S=O stretching

TABLE 5.2 Spectral data of FTIR PVA-Cu-CRD Composite

5.2 ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (AAS):

Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS) uses standards with known analyte content to establish the relation between the measured absorbance and the analyte concentration, relying on the Beer-Lambert law. AAS is a powerful tool for analyzing the concentration of specific elements in a sample by measuring light absorption.

Std/Sample Name	Weight (gms)	Volume (ml)	Dilution Factor	Abs.	Conc. (ppm)	Conc. in Sample (ppm)
Std 1	-	-	-	0.346	1.25	
Std 2	-	-	-	0.561	2.50	
Std 3	-	-	-	1.071	5.00	
Sample 1	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.467	2.27	2.27
Sample 2	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.512	0.97	0.97

TABLE 5.3 Spectral data of AAS

Sample 1 and Sample 2 are mixtures prepared for an experiment involving Congo red dye (CRD), copper sulfate ($CuSO_4$), polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), and distilled water.

Sample 1 is a mixture containing 20ml of PVA, 5ml of CRD, 5ml of $CuSO_4$, and 20ml of distilled water. The concentration of copper in this sample is 2.27 parts per million (ppm).

Sample 2, on the other hand, is a mixture containing 20ml of PVA, 5ml of CRD, 20ml of $CuSO_4$, and 5ml of distilled water. The concentration of copper in this sample is 0.97 ppm.

This suggests that Copper plays a significant role in the adsorption process. The increased metal concentration enhances the interaction between the metal ions and the Congo Red dye, leading to greater adsorption.

5.3 UV-VIS SPECTROSCOPY:

Ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy is a technique that finds extensive use across various scientific domains, including bacterial culturing, drug identification, purity checks and quantification of nucleic acids, quality assurance in the beverage industry, and chemical research. It is a quantitative method employed to determine the extent to which a chemical substance absorbs light. This is achieved by comparing the intensity of light that passes through a sample to the intensity of light that passes through a reference sample or blank.

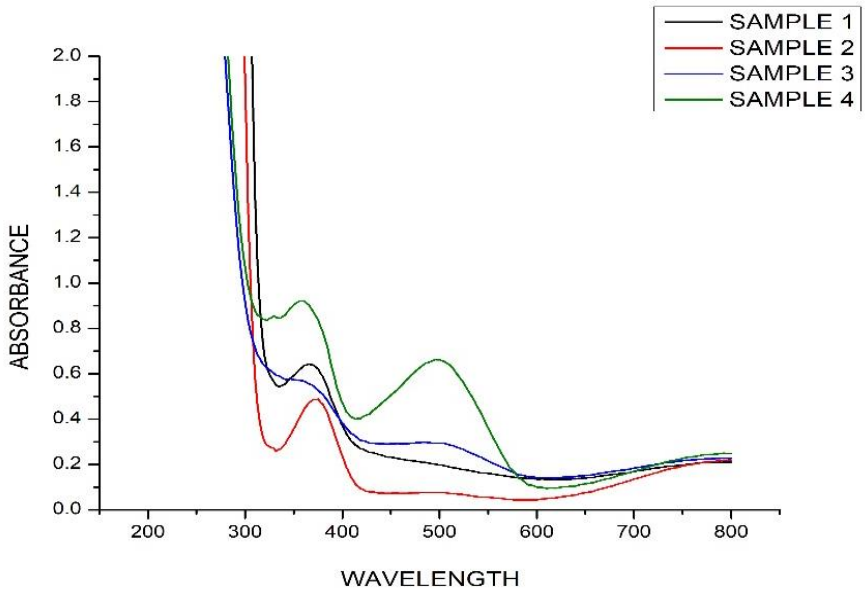


Fig 5.3 UV-Vis Spectra

In the conducted experiment to study the removal efficiency of Congo red dye using copper sulfate (CuSO4), it was observed that varying the concentration of the metal and dye had significant effects. When the concentration of Congo red was kept constant and the concentration of Copper was varied, an increase in Copper led to a more efficient removal of the dye. Specifically, when the solution contained 5ml of Congo red dye and 20ml of Copper, the difference in Congo red absorbance before and after the reaction was 2.322, indicating a significant reduction in dye concentration. On the other hand, when the concentration of Copper was kept constant and the concentration of Congo red was varied, the removal efficiency remained relatively low. These findings suggest that the concentration of Copper plays a crucial role in the removal of Congo red dye.

5.4 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE (SEM):

The scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) images allowed a detailed study on the morphological structure of the composite (PVA-Cu). The scanning electron microscope operates in the same manner as an optical microscope, but instead of detecting photons, it detects electrons scattered from the sample. The wavelength of electrons can be made shorter than that of photons because electrons can be accelerated by an electric potential. As a result, the SEM will magnify pictures up to 200.000 times.

The morphological variations in the dye adsorbed sample nanoparticles were detected and analyzed. The composite PVA-Cu were analyzed by SEM are shown in figure 5.4. PVA-Cu thus synthesized at room temperature was analyzed and the images are displayed in the below figure.

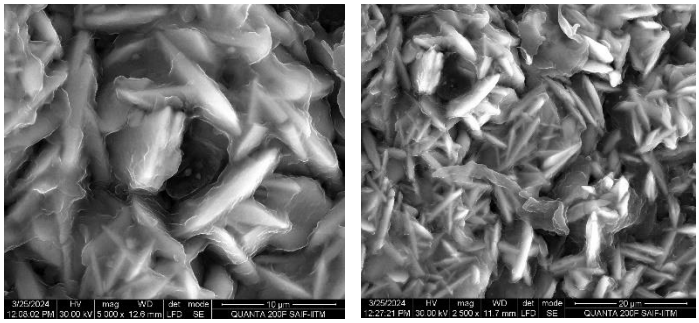


Fig 5.4 SEM image of PVA-Cu (Dye adsorbed)

The provided HR-SEM (High-Resolution Scanning Electron Microscopy) image represents the adsorption of congo red dye on a PVA-M (Polyvinyl Alcohol-Metal) complex, where the metal is Copper sulfate. The image, captured at a high voltage of 30.00 kV using a QUANTA 200F SEM at the SAIF-IITM facility, exhibits a highly magnified view of the adsorbed dye on the PVA-M complex.

The image reveals a densely packed, irregular, and jagged structure, reminiscent of rugged terrain. The grooves and non-uniform pores were observed in and on the surface of the polymer composite films. The surface morphology of the composite shows good compatibility for the adsorption of dye in the dye PVA-Cu.

PVA-Cu shows the crystal morphology with average diameter 10μm to 20μm for PVA-Cu, respectively as the nanofibers structure.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION

In this study, we have successfully engineered a potent composite for the elimination of the poisonous congo red dye from water-based solutions. Polyvinyl alcohol, a byproduct in numerous industries, and toxic metals, which contribute to heavy pollution, was utilized for the synthesis of the composite. The composite was characterized using various analytical techniques. We also investigated the interaction of different concentrations of heavy metals in the adsorption of the congo red dye. Our findings revealed that an increase in metal concentration led to enhanced dye removal.

The composite demonstrated its efficacy in removing the congo red dye pollutant from industrial wastewater. The photocatalytic capability of the PVA-Cu composite was assessed by applying it to the degradation of congo red dye under room temperature and visible light. The PVA-Cu composite, once prepared, was regenerated and reused, showing remarkable catalytic activity over multiple cycles.

Therefore, based on our current work, we can conclude that the PVA-Cu composite could be a promising solution for the removal of heavy metal and congo red from polluted water.

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This study investigated Fluorescence spectral studies on the interaction of formic acid (guest dye) with 4- dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4h-pyran (DDP) dye (host dye) in an aqueous solution. The absorbance peak of the DDP dye decreased upon the addition of formic acid at different concentrations, while the absorbance at the ICT absorption maximum remained unchanged. Stern Volmer analysis identified the fluorescence quenching of the DDP dye, which was attributed to the in formic acid that are highly sensitive to their local environment. Additionally, the fluorescence decay of the DDP dye in the presence of formic acid exhibited a tri- exponential decay, with changes observed in the fluorescence lifetime components of the dye. Specifically, one component showed a significant decrease in fluorescence lifetime, while another component showed an increase, andthe relative amplitude distribution remained unchanged. The multi-exponential lifetime components of the dye suggest the existence of various hydrogen-bonding arrangements of dye with water molecules in the presence of formic acid. The results suggest that the interaction between DDP dye and formic acid is largely hydrophobic, withthe presence of hydrogen-bonding functional groups in formic acid influencing the excited- state spectral properties of the DDP dye. Further studies could help expand our understanding of the interaction between DDP dye and biomolecules, with potential applications in biosensors and other optical technologies.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

ABBREVIATIONS

SL.NO	ABBREVIATIONS	DEFINITION
1	AO	Atomic Orbital
2	CT	Charge transfer
3	DCM	Dicyanomethylene-2-methyl-6-p-Dimethylamine - 4H-pyran
4	DDP	Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran
5	FRET	Fluorescence resonance energy transfer
6	Fs	Femtoseconds
7	HOMO	Highest occupied molecular orbital
8	ICT	Intramolecular Charge Transfer
9	LUMO	Lowest occupied molecular orbital
10	MEP	Molecular electrostatic potential
11	MO	Molecular orbital
12	ns	Nanoseconds
13	ps	Picoseconds
14	TAC	Time to Amplitude Convertor
15	TCSPC	Time Correlated Single Photon Counting
16	TICT	Twisted Intramolecular Charge Transfer
17	UV-Vis	Ultraviolet-Visible

SYMBOLS		
SL.NO	SYMBOLS	DEFINITION
1	χ	Chi
2	C	Concentration
3	Q	Concentration of the Quencher
4	I	Fluorescence intensity of dye with hydrogen-bonding solutes
5	Io	Fluorescence intensity of free dye
6	*f*	Frequency
7	*υ*	Frequency in cm-1
8	τ	Lifetime
9	mol L-1	Number of moles per litre
10	π	Pi
11	*B*	Relative amplitude
12	K_{SV}	Stern-Volmer constant
13	nm	Wavelength

CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

Fluorescence spectral studies in micro-heterogeneous environments investigate the behaviour of molecules and materials confined or localised within micro-heterogeneous structures. These studies aim to comprehend how the microenvironment influences the photophysical properties of molecules or materials within this confined system, such as absorption, emission, energy transfer, and photochemistry. In micro-heterogeneous systems, charged interfaces in hydrophilic and hydrophobic domains explain the precise characteristics of more than one homogeneous environment. Species that form molecular aggregates and self-assemblies that are predominantly formed through hydrogen bonding are the two maintypes of micro-heterogeneous systems. The primary reasons for studying micro heterogeneous system assemblies are (i) photophysical and photochemical processes to probe the dynamic and static properties of these organised systems; and (ii) excited-state molecular processes in a novel microenvironment. The distribution ofsolutes within a solution or aggregate can be inhomogeneous. Solutes may be able to access unique properties in hydrophobic and hydrophilic cavities/cages/pockets/pools or pores. Charged interfaces where electrostatic effects can have a significant impacton solute distribution and reactions. We need optically transparent (non-turbid) solutions that can be investigated photochemically using a steady state and pulsed photolysis techniques. As the system becomes more complex, no single technique can provide a solution or even clearly resolve various processes that can use a varietyof physical and chemical methods.

It is known that, at theoretical and practical levels, the nature of interactions with relatively soluble solutes in aqueous solutions has become increasingly important. Two major interactions that govern and operate are hydrogen bonding and hydrophobic interactions. Among these interactions, hydrogen bonding plays an important role in biology, enabling the reversible formation of aggregates that are not covalently linked and the stability of multiple hydrogen bonding systems is dependent not only on the number of hydrogen bonds but also on the hydrogen bonding pattern with the solvent molecules.

Conversely, in a large number of physiological biochemical processes, hydrophobic interaction is important. Hydrophobic interactions are well known to be one of the major components of biology, and it is clear that water molecules around a non-polarized solute were involved in an increased order or molecular structure which led to their interaction (Kauzmann, 1987; Lakowicz, 1999). This study used spectroscopic techniques to investigate how DDP dye (host molecule) interacted with (guest molecule).

1.1. EXCITED STATE PROPERTIES

Fluorescence is a type of luminescence that occurs when certain molecules absorb light at a particular wavelength and subsequently emit light at a longer wavelength after a short time delay, typically in the nanosecond range. This phenomenon is commonly observed in a wide range of natural and synthetic materials, including dyes, proteins, and minerals, and has important applications in fields such as analytical chemistry, biochemistry, and materials science. The fluorescence process involves the excitation of a molecule from its ground state to an excited electronic state upon absorption of a photon of light. The excited state is typically short- lived, with a lifetime in the range of picoseconds to nanoseconds, and can decay through several pathways, including fluorescence emission, non-radiative relaxation, and intersystem crossing. If the excited-state molecule decays through fluorescence emission, it emits light at a longer wavelength than the absorbed light, resulting in a characteristic fluorescence spectrum.

The fluorescence properties of a molecule can be affected by various factors, such as the molecular structure, solvent environment, and temperature. These properties can be characterised by various parameters, including the fluorescence quantum yield, fluorescence lifetime, and emission spectrum, which can provide valuable informationabout the molecular structure, dynamics, and environment. The process is governed by three important events, all of which occur on time scales separated by several orders of magnitude, as illustrated by the Jablonski energy diagram, a graphical representation of photophysical processes that includes the various energy levels thata molecule can occupy and the transitions between those levels and are often used as the starting point for discussing light absorption and emission.

Jablonski diagrams are used in a variety of forms, to illustrate various molecularprocesses that can occur in excited states. These diagrams are named after Professor Alexander Jablonski, who is regarded as the father of fluorescence spectroscopy. The Frank-Condon principle, on the other hand, is a concept that describes a molecule's vibrational relaxation during electronic transitions. Solvation is the process by which amolecule in a solution is surrounded by solvent molecules.

When a molecule or atom absorbs a photon of light, it is excited to a higher electronic state S_0 - S_1. The time scale for absorption is typically on the order of femtoseconds (10^{-15} s), which is the time it takes for the photon to be absorbed. After absorbing a photon of light, the excited molecule or atom rapidly loses energy through collisions with its surroundings, such as other molecules or solvent molecules. This causes the molecule or atom to vibrate and rotate, eventually reaching the lowest vibrational levelof the excited state. The time scale for vibrational relaxation is typically on the order ofpicoseconds (10^{-12} s).

In some cases, the excited molecule or atom may undergo a non-radiative transition to a lower electronic state, releasing energy as heat $S_2 \rightarrow S_1$. This process is called internal conversion, and it can occur on a time scale of nanoseconds (10^{-9} s) to microseconds (10^{-6} s), depending on the molecule or atom.

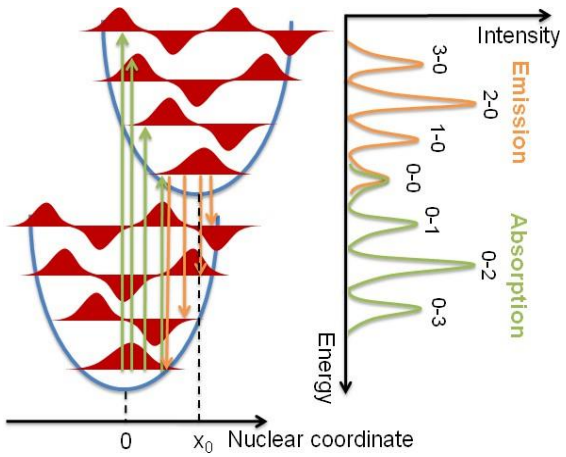


Fig: 1:1 Franck Condon energy diagram.

When the excited molecule or atom returns to the ground state $S_1 \rightarrow S_0$, it can emit a photon of light as fluorescence. The time scale for fluorescence is typically on the order of nanoseconds to microseconds, depending on the molecule or atom. As a consequence of the rapid vibrational relaxation and internal conversion processes described above the fluorescence occurs, with some exceptions, from the lowest vibrational level of the first electronic excited singlet state to the singlet ground state. This energy loss prior to fluorescence is the physical origin of the famous Kasha's Rule which states that: "luminescence (fluorescence or phosphorescence) only occurs with appreciable yield from the lowest excited state of a given multiplicity". It is also responsible for the Stokes-Shift; where the fluorescence occurs at a longer wavelength than the absorption.

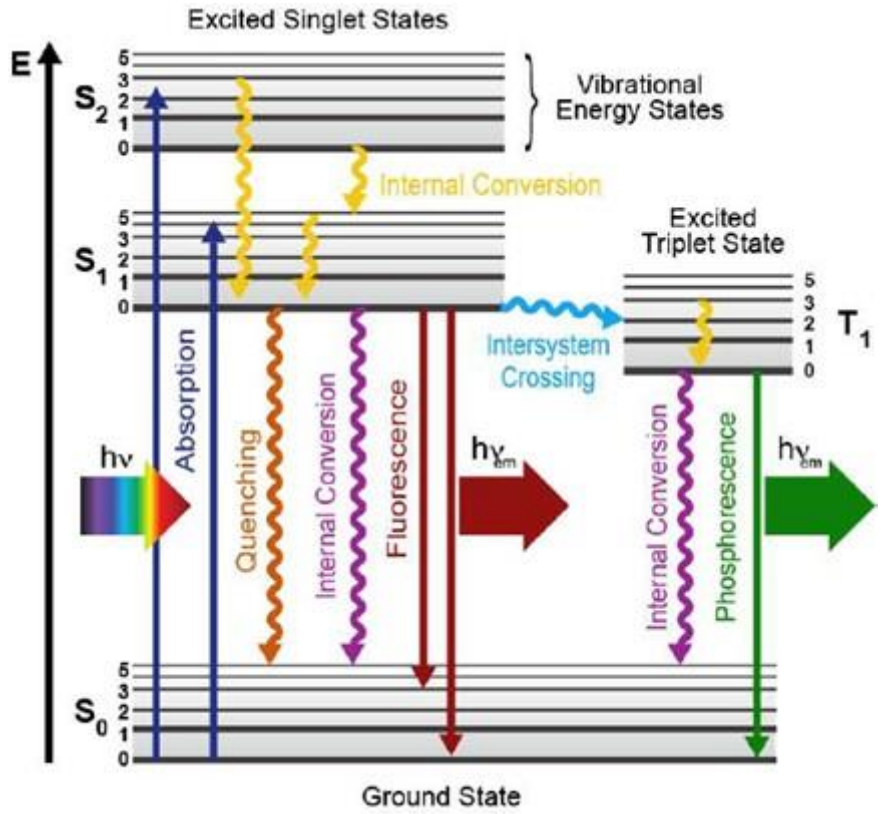


Fig.1:1 B Jablonski diagram.

1.1 FORMIC ACID:

Formic acid represents one of the most promising modern fuel sources for low-temperature, proton-exchange membrane fuel cells. As FA is a relatively nontoxic liquid at room temperature, it is much easier to store and miniaturize than hydrogen, providing an additional economic incentive to develop direct formic acid fuel cells (DFAFCs) for commercial use. Although FA has a relatively low energy density (2086 W h L^{-1}) compared to methanol (4690 W h L^{-1}) and ethanol (5805 W h L^{-1}), it can be highly concentrated (20 M) affording an overall larger power density than alcohols.[1] Additionally, because of the electrostatic repulsions between the sulfate groups of Nafion membranes and formate ($HCOO^-$), DFAFCs experience much lower membrane crossover than direct alcohol fuel cells, which greatly enhances their durability. Furthermore, the theoretical open-circuit voltage of a DFAFC is 1.45 V, which is markedly larger than that (1.18 V) of direct methanol fuel cells, and even hydrogen fuel cells (1.23 V).[2] Given these distinct advantages, DFAFCs warrant significant attention from the scientific community as they may provide the efficiency required for large-scale commercialization of fuel-cell technologies.

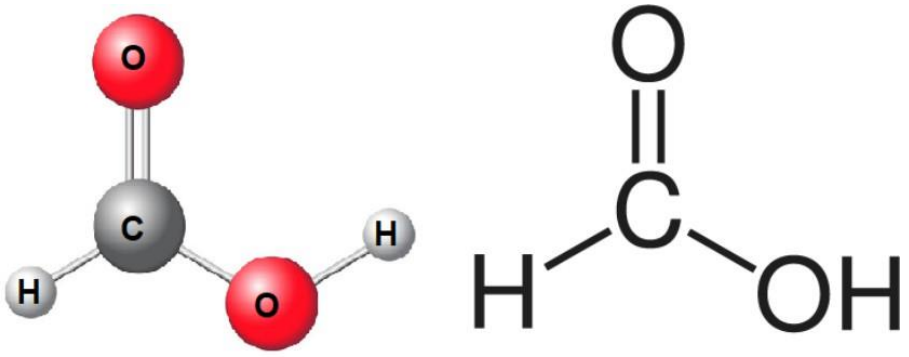


Fig:1:2 Structure of Formic Acid

1.2. *DDP DYE (4-Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran*):

DDP dye (Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran) is a water-soluble fluorophore with electroluminescent properties. The structure of DDP dye is similar to that of DCM dye, a well-known ICT dye. There is no possibility of the Twisted Intramolecular Charge Transfer (TICT) phenomenon, unlike DCM dye such that the complexity of DCM dye is eliminated. DDP dye contains a strong acceptor

moiety (dicyanomethylene, $C(CN)_2$) in the 4th position and a substituted donor moiety (methyl) in the 2nd and 6th positions. DDP dye has a significant advantage over DCM dye in terms of water solubility, and its photophysical nature can be probed by the addition of hydrogen bonding to study the nature of host-guest interaction. DCM dye, on the other hand, is not soluble in water, so no such studies could be carried out in an aqueous solution. DDP dye exhibits excellent luminescence character in the presence of more electron-releasing moieties and acts as an ideal that is used as the host molecule. (Sreeram Gadi 2019)

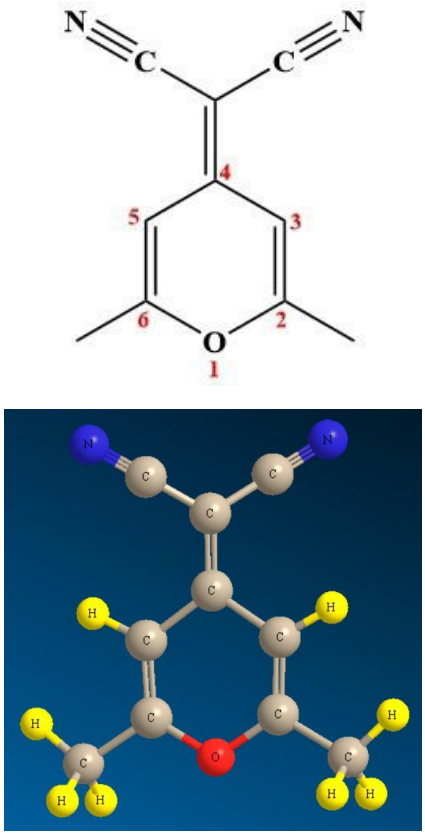


Fig.1.3. 4-Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran (DDP dye)

1.3. PREPARATION OF DDP DYE:

The mixture of 2,6-dimethyl-4-pyrone (4: 1.25 g, 10.06 mmol) and malononitrile (0.783g, 11.85 mmol) in 5 mL of acetic anhydride was stirred and heated to 140 °C for 1 h under nitrogen atmosphere. The acetic acid was aspirated off, and the residue was washed with 10 mL of boiling water and collected by filtration to give brown material (Wood 1958)

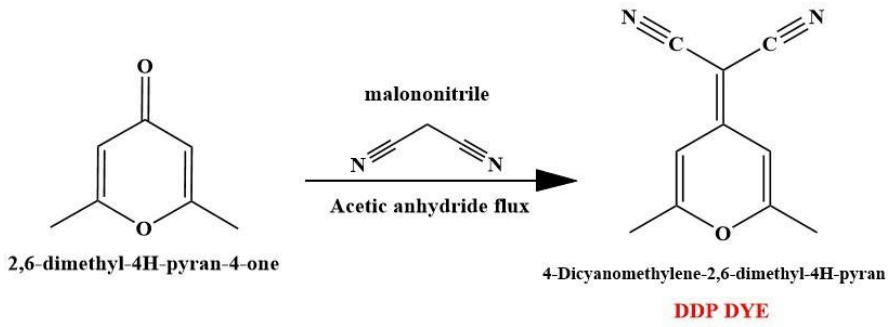


Fig.1.4. Preparation of DDP dye

1.4. INTRAMOLECULAR CHARGE TRANSFER (ICT) BEHAVIOUR OF DDP DYE:

DDP is an example of a donor-acceptor molecule. Its structure is comprised of an electron-donating methyl group and an electron-accepting di-cyano group, where it participates in intramolecular charge transfer. During this process, the excited free electron moves from the donor to the acceptor before relaxing back to a less polar ground state. The intramolecular charge transfer is mediated by a π molecular orbital(MO)that extends from the donor to the acceptor by overlapping the p-orbitals from theconstituent carbon atoms or from lone pairs. In the ground state of a conjugated system, the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO)is fully occupied and electronscannot move. However, if an electron from the donor group is excited into the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital state, it is free to migrate along the delocalised orbital.

The existence of an overlap of the HOMO and LUMO wave functions and transition cannot be attributed to pure charge transfer character. Electron density redistribution clearly suggests π → π* transition character, except for the small fraction of σ → π*coming from donor methyl groups for DDP dye. The position of the absorption maximain the spectra of the DDP dye is because of the bands that formed with the participationof π-type Molecular Orbitals delocalized on the Atomic Orbitals (AO) of the pyran ring and with any one of the methylene group. The molecular electrostatic potential (MEP) of DCM dye shows that nitrogen atoms of the cyano group and oxygen of the pyran cycle are responsible for the proton-acceptor properties in the ground and excited states of the molecules which give strong evidence for DDP dye where charge-transferto occur.

The donor group (methyl substituents) of DDP dye is expected to have orbitals that are in between pure sp^3 and sp^2 hybrid orbitals. This is due to resonance structures that involve the delocalisation of the lone pair to the pyran ring of the dye molecule. The dye molecule takes on a more planar conformation with respect to the ring because the orbitals are closer to sp^2 and the lone pair resides in a p-orbital. The overlap between the lone pair orbital and the π orbitals in the pyran ring determines the ability of the lone pair to delocalised; thus the sp^2 hybridisation is preferable for charge transfer to occur. The charge from the lone pair orbital is then free to migrate towards the acceptor cyano group on the pyran ring. This polar excited state is referred to as a charge transfer state. (Jayaram, 1988; Mayer and Mac, 1998)

CHAPTER 2
LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1. Webster and W. McGolgin. Arylidene dyelasers, US patent 3,852,683, 1974:

DCM is a fluorescent dye developed by the Eastman-Kodak company, in the mid-1970s BY F. Webster and W. McGolgin. to extend the range of dye lasers into the red spectrum. Its spectral properties include a broad fluorescence band, long excited-state lifetime, and large solvent-dependent Stokes shift. DCM has been widely studied for its excited-state dynamics and molecular configuration. It is a donor-π-bridge-acceptormolecule, containing an electron-donating dimethylamino group and an electron- accepting dicyano group. Photoinduced intramolecular charge transfer is expected to occur in such systems, involving the migration of the excited free electron from the donor to the acceptor before relaxing back to the ground state. Research on DCM has focused on its energy, excited-state dynamics, and potential applications in sensing and imaging.

2.2. Absorption of DCM Dye in Ethanol: Experimental and Time Dependent Density Functional Study:

Syed Hassan Nabi (2018) has studied Absorption of DCM Dye in Ethanol: Experimental and Time Dependent Density Functional Study in which he describes the synthesis of the DCM intermediate and DCM dye using a combination of malonitirile, 2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran-4-one, (N, N-Dimethyl) benzaldehyde, toluene, piperidine, and acetic acid. The intermediate was obtained through refluxing, washing, and recrystallization, while the dye was produced by refluxing the intermediate under argon gas for 20 hours, followed by column chromatography for purification. The hydrogen NMR spectrum of the final DCM product is available in supporting information. A literature survey may explore the properties and uses of DCM dyes, the synthesis of pyran derivatives, and the potential applications of the intermediate in organic synthesis.

2.3. Fluorescence umpolung enables light-up sensing of N-acetyltransferasesand nerve agents:

Chenxu Yan (2021) discusses the recent advances in the development of Intramolecular Charge Transfer (ICT) based fluorophores along with tailoring their emission properties for high-fidelity bioimaging by investigating the use of high -performance donor-π-acceptor (D-π-A) fluorescent dyes, such as dicyanomethylene-4H-pyran (DCM), quinoline-malononitrile (QM), and so on, for biosensing and bioimaging applications. These fluorophores are known for their high sensitivity to electron disturbance and large Stokes shifts, making them promising platforms for developing fluorescent dyes and probes. However, the interaction of the donor receptor with electron-withdrawing targets (EWTs) can suppress the ICT pathway and quench the fluorescence, limiting their applicability. To address this issue, a molecular design strategy has been proposed wherein an indazole building block is inserted intothe D-π-A motif to regulate intramolecular rotational driving energy. This strategy leads to a fluorescence umpolung effect, completely overturning the EWT-induced quenching mode into the light-up mode. The straightforward insertion of an indazole building block into the D-π-A fluorophores can substantially increase intramolecular rotation, resulting in a rotation-induced dark state, whereas the incorporation of EWTs can efficiently suppress rotation and enhance fluorescence. This strategy expands ourunderstanding of ICT mechanisms and enables the design of ICT probes for light-up sensing of EWTs, such as N-acetyltransferases and nerve agents.

2.4. Photophysical and Electrochemical studies of 4-dicyanomethylene 2,6-dimethyl- 4H-pyran (DDP) dye with amides in water:

Somasundaram Gayathri (2019) discussed that the DDP dye, also known as Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran, which is an intermediate in the preparation of DCM dye was synthesized and studied the photophysical and electrochemical properties of DDP dye with formamide and alkyl-substituted amides in water were investigated. The addition of amides results in an isosbestic point and fluorescence enhancement of the DDP dye. The position of emission maxima of DDP dye shifted towards the blue and red regions with the addition of ACM and DMF, respectively. The fluorescence lifetime and relative amplitude of DDP dye vary significantly by the addition of amides in an aqueous solution, which is influenced by the amide

water hydrogen-bonding network and hydrophobic influences of the alkyl-substituted amides. The interaction between dye and amide is predominantly through hydrogen bonding. EIS results showed that there are at least three different microenvironmentsthat support the existence of different fluorescence lifetimes of DDP dye. The fluorescence spectral technique is an efficient tool to elucidate the nature of the interaction of water-soluble probes with hydrogen-bonding solutes. Overall, the study provides insights into the photophysical and electrochemical properties of DDP dye and its interactions with different amides in aqueous solution.

2.5. Spectro electrochemical Investigation of 4-dicyanomethylene 2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran (DDP) dye with Guanidine hydrochloride (GuHCl) in water:

Somasundaram Gayathri (2018) investigates the interaction between guanidine hydrochloride (GuHCl) and 4-dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran (DDP) dye through photophysical and electrochemical techniques. The results indicate that the interaction between DDP dye and GuHCl is primarily through hydrogen bonding, although electrostatic interactions also play a role in the aqueous phase. The addition of amides to the aqueous solution affects the ground state and excited state properties of DDP dye, as evidenced by fluorescence enhancement and shift in the emission maximum. Hydrogen bonding and hydrophobicity of the amides are the main factors influencing this photophysical nature. The formation of a dye-water-amide hydrogen-bonding network along with dye-water and amide-water hydrogen-bonding assemblies is responsible for this effect.

2.6. Photophysical and Electrochemical Impedance Spectral studies on the interaction of 4-dicyanomethylene 2, 6-dimethyl- 4H-pyran (DDP) dye with urea derivatives in aqueous solution*:*

Somasundaram Gayathri and Rajaram Vasanthi (2018) performed studied the interaction between urea derivatives and DDP dye using photophysical and electrochemical techniques. The addition of urea derivatives to DDP dye resulted in fluorescence enhancement and a shift in emission wavelength. Fluorescence lifetimestudies showed the coexistence of three different components, indicating a heterogeneous microenvironment around the dye. The urea derivatives influenced the excited state characteristics of the dye, resulting in the formation of different

microenvironments. Electrochemical impedance spectral studies validated the existence of multiple environments attributed to urea-water structural behaviour. The urea derivatives' hydrophobicity and hydrogen-bonding properties influenced the dye's photophysical and electrochemical nature.

2.7. Characterization of the toxic mechanism of two fluoroquinolones to by spectroscopic and computational methods:

Yanxu Guo (2019) highlights the quenching of intrinsic fluorescence of by fluoroquinolones (FQs) ciprofloxacin (CPFX) and enrofloxacin (ENFX) through moderately strong complexes formed via van der Waals forces and hydrogen bonds. The binding of FQs caused conformational and micro-environmental changes in, altering its molecular activity, which was observed through multiple spectroscopic methods and functional tests.

2.8. Correlation of Tryptophan Fluorescence Spectral Shifts and LifetimesArising Directly from Heterogeneous Environment:

Qiu Pan (2011) investigated the use of tryptophan (Trp) fluorescence as a tool for studying protein conformational ensembles in solution. The interpretation of wavelength-dependent complex fluorescence decays of proteins is controversial due to multiple plausible origins of the typical multiple fluorescence lifetimes. The author demonstrates how multiple conformational populations can result in the same strong wavelength-lifetime correlation in cyclic hexapeptides containing a single Trp residuein this study. The quenching of fluorescence in these peptides is caused by electron transfer. The author calculated fluorescence wavelengths and lifetimes for hexapeptides using simulations and discovered that rotamers with blue- shifted emission spectra have a higher probability of quenching during fluctuations in the environment.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

3.1. AIM:

To investigate fluorescence spectral studies on the interaction of Formic acid with 4- dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4h-pyran (DDP) dye in an aqueous solution.

3.2. SCOPE:

Our study focuses on Fluorescence spectral studies in a micro heterogeneous environment to investigate the behaviour of Host and Guest molecules. These studies aim to comprehend how the microenvironment influences the photophysical properties such as absorption, emission, and fluorescence lifetime of an Intramolecular charge transfer (ICT) based 4- Dicyanomethylene-2,6-dimethyl-4H-pyran (DDP) dye with theaddition of formic acid. The presence of both hydrophilic and hydrophobic moieties in the solutes behaves as an ideal host molecule. The majority of the research in the literature on the probe–host interactions took place in non–aqueous and organic solvents, but in the present investigation, the photophysical studies of these are carried out in the water, which is considered of biological importance.

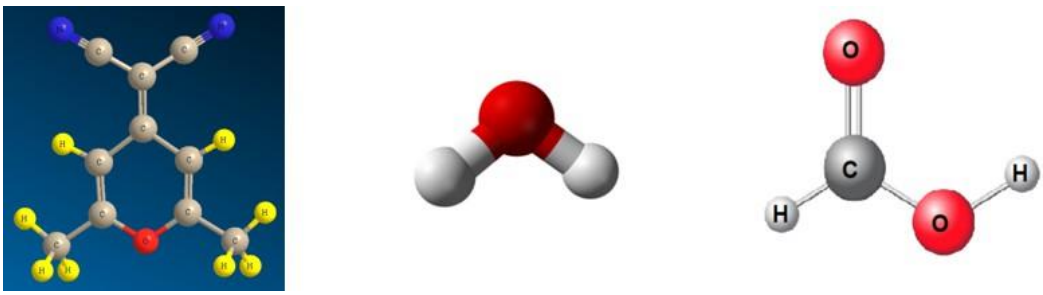


Fig.3.2. Interaction of Formic acid with DDP dye in water

3.2.1. The objective of the study:

Fluorescence spectral analyses of the interaction of formic acid with DDP dye in an aqueous solution have the following objectives:

- Absorption spectroscopy to ascertain the mode of interaction between formic acid and the DDP dye.
- Investigate how formic acid affects the DDP dye's micro-heterogeneous environment and learn more about the nature of the interaction through emission spectroscopy.
- Examine and analyse the quenching mechanism of the DDP dye by formic acid using the Stern-Volmer method.
- Using lifetime analysis, determine the fluorescence lifetime of the DDP dye in the presence and absence of formic acid and learn about the interaction mechanism.
- Provide a comprehensive understanding of the interaction between formic acid and the DDP dye in an aqueous solution using multiple fluorescence spectroscopic techniques, as well as develop and apply new methodologies and advancements for studying guest-host interactions.

CHAPTER 4 MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1. MATERIALS:

2,6-dimethyl-4-pyrone; malononitrile; acetic anhydride and formic acid Powder, the porcinepancreas was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich are the chemicals used in the study. Ultrapure water was used throughout the experiments.

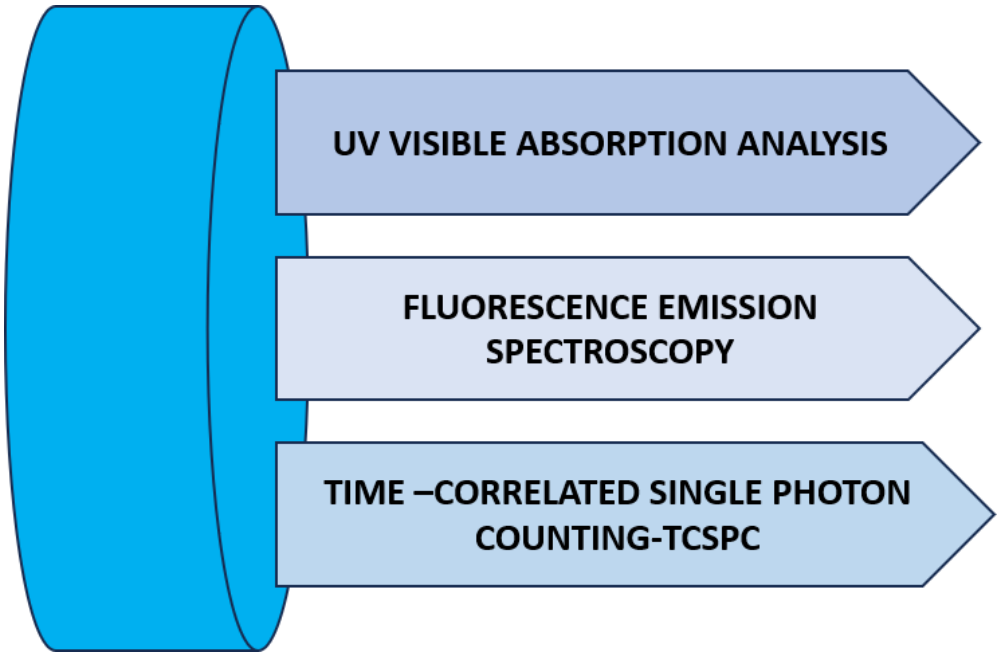
4.2. METHODS:

4.2.1.1 PREPARATION OF DDP DYE AND FORMIC ACID SOLUTIONS FOR SPECTRAL STUDIES:

Formic acid was dissolved in ultra-pure water to form a $5x10^{-5}$ mol L^{-1} solution and then preserved at -20°C; different concentrations of formic acid (2.0 M, 4.0 M, 6.0 M, and 8.0 M) were prepared where the concentration of DDP dye ($8x10^{-5}$ mol L^{-1}) was fixed for steady-state absorption, emission and time-resolved fluorescence spectral studies.

4.2.2. INSTRUMENTAL TECHNIQUES:

The study employed spectroscopic methods to examine the interaction betweenDDP dye (the host molecule) and formic acid (the guest molecule).



4.2.2.1. UV–VISIBLE ABSORPTION ANALYSIS:

UV-VIS spectroscopy is based on the measurement of light absorbance across the ultraviolet (UV) and visible (VIS) regions of the electromagnetic spectrum with wavelength ranges of 200-800 nm. Incident light hits matter which can either be absorbed, reflected, or transmitted. The absorbance of radiation in the UV-Vis range causes atomic excitation, which refers to the transition of molecules from a low-energyground state to an excited state.

The working principle of UV spectroscopy is based on the Beer-Lambert principle. When a monochromatic light beam passes through a solution of an absorbing material,

the rate at which the intensity of the radiation decreases with the thickness of the solution is proportional to both the incident radiation and the concentration of the solution.

$$A = \log (I_o/I) = \epsilon cl$$

A – Absorbance; I_o - Intensity of incident light; I - Intensity of emission of light from the sample; ϵ – Molar extinction coefficient (measure of probability of electronic transition); c – Concentration of absorbing species; l – Distance

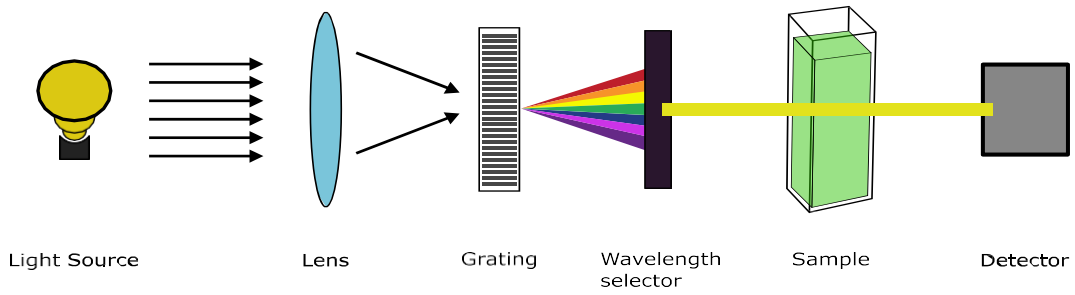


Fig.4.2.2.1.A. Components of UV Spectrophotometer

When a sample is placed in a spectrophotometer, it absorbs light at specific wavelengths determined by its chemical composition and structure. The detector measures the remaining light as it passes through the sample. The detector converts the intensity of the light into an electrical signal, which is then displayed on the screenas an absorbance versus wavelength spectrum.



Fig.4.2.2.1.B. UV–VIS-1900I Spectrophotometer

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4.2.2.2. FLUORESCENCE EMISSION SPECTROSCOPY:

Fluorescence emission spectroscopy is a potent analytical method that's frequently used for investigating a sample's electronic and molecular characteristics. It is based on the fluorescence phenomenon, which is when a molecule emits light after absorbing light of a particular wavelength.

When electromagnetic radiation interacts with matter's atoms and molecules, the electrons contained within these atoms may absorb energy and jump to a higher energy state, losing their stability. The excited electron is unstable in this higher energy state and rapidly loses its energy by vibrating with the nearby molecules, a process known as vibrational relaxation. A photon of light with a longer wavelength than the absorbed light is released as a result of this energy loss, which causes the excited electron to transition to a lower energy state. This spectrum of radiation emitted by electrons in excited atoms or molecules is known as the emission spectrum.



Fig.4.2.2.2. F-7100 FL Spectrophotometer

4.2.2.3. TIME-CORRELATED SINGLE PHOTON COUNTING – TCSPC:

TCSPC stands for time-correlated single photon counting is a technique used to measure the time-of-flight of photons emitted by a sample. It is a methodof using the timing of a pulsed excitation source, like a laser or LED, with

thetiming of the arrival of single photons on a detector to reconstruct the lifetime decay over many events (repetition of pulses and photons detected). This technique is based on the fact that the probability of detecting a single photon at time, t after an exciting pulse is proportional to the fluorescence intensity attime t.

The repetition of a laser or LED pulsed at a relatively high repetition rate (10 kHz to 100 MHz) is synchronized with the time the next photon arrives at a detector (i.e. PMT). Timing electronics in the form of a time-to-digital converter or time-to-amplitude converter (TAC) are used to record these events in succession until sufficient statistics are collected to reconstruct the decay. The decay is then fit to an exponential function to model the lifetime decay (t). TCSPC is typically used to measure fluorescence lifetimes from the picosecond to the microsecond time scale.



Fig.4.2.2.3. Time-Correlated Single Photon Counting (TCSPC) [Fluorolog – 3]

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1. UV–VISIBLE ABSORPTION ANALYSIS:

The UV–Visible absorption spectra of DDP dye with the addition of formic acid at different concentrations were investigated by a UV–Vis-1900i spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, Japan) which was equipped with 1cm quartz and performed from 180nm to500nm.

DDP dye exhibits absorption peaks at 248 ± 2 nm and 348 ± 2 nm accompanied by ashoulder around 360 nm in water as shown in Fig 5.1.1. The absorption peaks at 248 ± 2 nm and 348 ± 2 nm are attributed to n→π* and charge transfer (CT) transitions respectively. (Fig.5.1.1).

The addition of Formic acid (10^{-5} M to 1.0 M) results in no significant change in the absorbance at the longest wavelength of DDP dye. The absorbance at the ICT absorption maximum remains unaltered even in the presence of more formic acid molecules surrounding the close vicinity of the dye but there is a decrease in the intensity of absorption peak upon the addition of formic acid. (Fig.5.1.2)

The results indicate that the addition of FORMIC ACID to DDP dye decreased the dye concentration but had no effect on the dye's absorption properties or ICT process. These experiments shed light on the interaction of formic acid and dyes, which could be useful in a variety of applications.

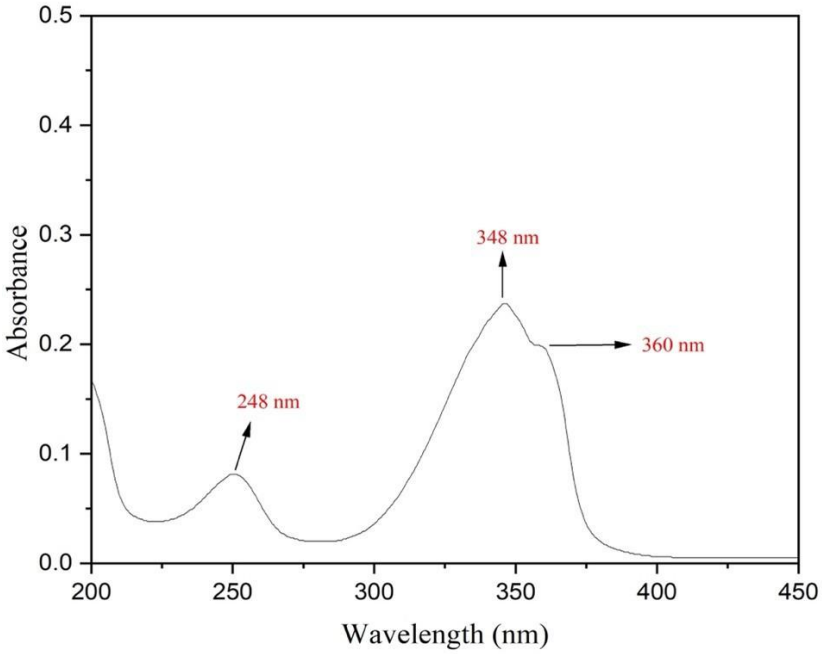


Fig.5.1.1. Absorption spectra of DCM dye (8 x 10^{-5} M) in water.

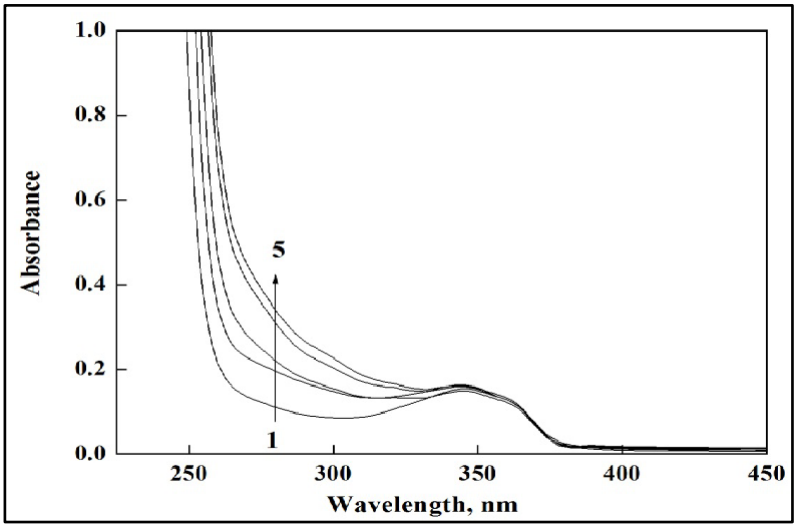


Fig.5.1.2. Absorption spectra of DDP dye (8 x 10^{-5} M) with varying concentrations of Formic acid in water.

The absorption spectrum could not completely resolve the authenticity of the nature of the interaction between dyes and formic acid. To determine the precise nature of the interaction between dye and formic acid, steady-state and time-resolved fluorescence spectral studies were used to characterise the excited state properties of dye in the absence and presence of Formic acid.

5.2. FLUORESCENCE SPECTRA ANALYSIS:

All fluorescence spectra were recorded on an F-7100 FL Spectrophotometer (Hitachi, Japan) at the International Research Centre (IRC) , equipped with a 150W Xenon lamp source, and a 10mm quartz cell. The solution was moved to a quartz cell for analysis, and the widths of theemission and excitation slits were both set at 10.0 nm. The fluorescence emission spectra varied from 390 to 600nm, while the wavelength of excitation was chosen to be 370 nm.

The fluorescence spectrum of DDP dye in water exhibits a broad peak at approximately 436 ± 2 nm when excited at the longest wavelength absorption maximum, and this peak is assigned to the LE state emission. fig.5.2.A. Spectroscopy is an effective and efficient way to investigate the conformational changes in proteins, as it allows for non-intrusive measurements of substances at low concentrations undersimulated physiological conditions.which are highly sensitive to their local environment. Upon adding formic acid to DDP dye, the fluorescence intensity gradually decreases without any new emission band appearing. This observation rules out the formation of an exciplex as an intermediate. It is presumed that formic acid orients between the donor and acceptor moiety of DDP dye, resulting in a large variation in the microenvironment around the dye's close vicinity, leading to a quenching of the fluorescence intensity.

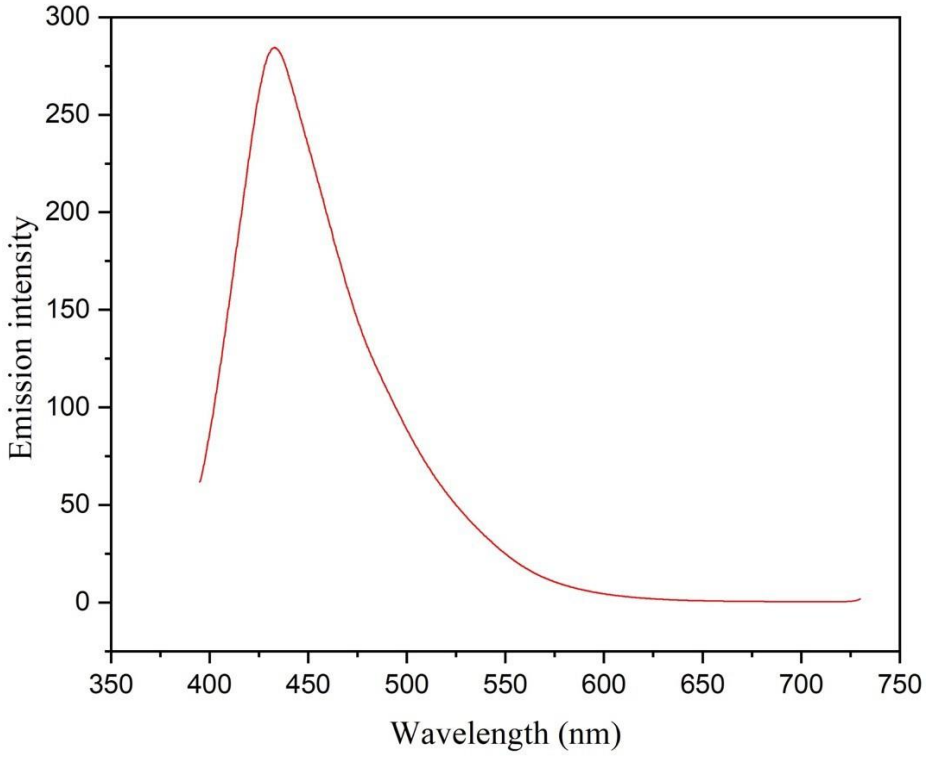


Fig.5.2.A. Emission spectra of DDP dye (8 x 10^{-5} M) in Water.

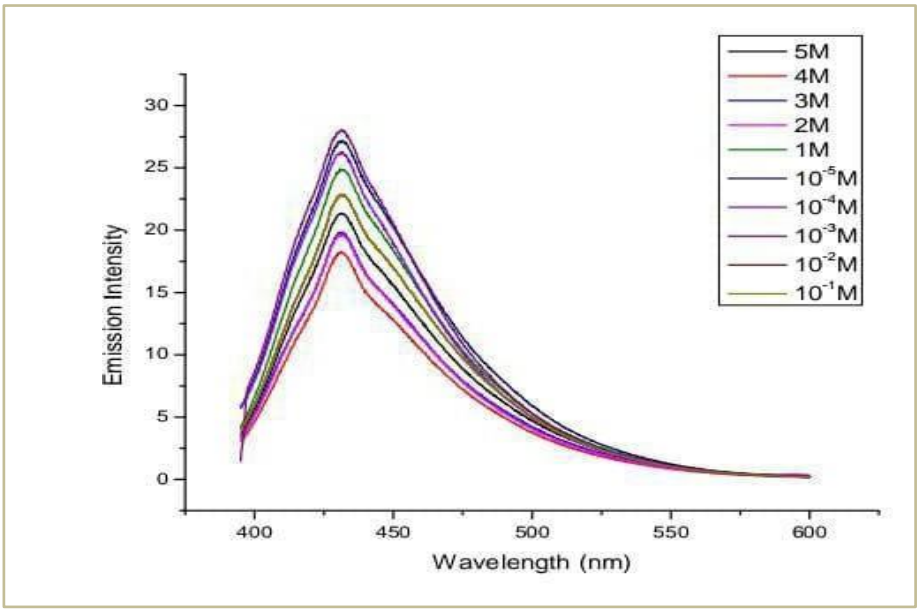


Fig.5.1.B. Emission spectra of DDP dye (8 x 10^{-5} M) with varying concentrationsof Formic acid in water.

5.3. TIME-RESOLVED FLUORESCENCE STUDIES:

Time-resolved fluorescence spectra of DDP dye in the presence and absence of formic acid at different concentrations were analysed by Fluorolog-3 at the Department of Medical Physics at Anna University with λex370 nm and λem 436 nm.

The fluorescence decay of DDP dye exhibits a triexponential lifetime in an aqueous solution. A short lifetime component of 0.3 ns accompanied by a relatively long lifetime component coexisting in an aqueous solution at any concentration of the amide is observed. The addition of formic acid results in a decrease and increase in the three lifetime components irrespective of the concentration of the formic acid used and the fluorescence lifetime is provided in Table 5.3.3. All three lifetime components coexist in the aqueous phase even in the absence of formic acid. With the addition of formic acid, there is no abrupt change in the relative amplitudedistribution of these components but a significant decrease in the fluorescence lifetime of one component and an increase in thefluorescence lifetime of another component. The fluorescence lifetime component of ≈0.3 ns of DDP dye exists in solution even inthe presence of a high concentration of Formic acid. The existence of the small nanosecond component of DDP dye clearly reveals that the dye is predominantly surrounded by water molecules in its proximity even in the presence of formic acid. The various hydrogen-bonding arrangements of dye with water molecules in thepresence of formic acid coexist in the aqueous phase with large variations in theirdistribution supporting the existence of the multi-exponential lifetime components of dye. The decrease and increase in the fluorescence lifetime component of DDP dye are attributed to the hydrogen-bonding interaction of DDP dye by formic acid.

Table 5.3. Fluorescence lifetime decay analysis of DDP dye with Formic acid in water

S.NO	[C]	τ_1	τ_2	τ_3	B	B	B	X^2
	10^{-5}							
	10^{-3}							
	10^{-1}							

5.4. FORMIC ACID DDP-DYE HYDROGEN BONDING IN THE PRESENCE OF WATER MOLECULES:

The Role of Hydrogen Bonding in the Interaction of formic acid and DDP Dye in AqueousSolutions in Different Phases:

In the shell phase, formic acid and DDP dye can form a well-organised hydrogen-bondingnetwork with water molecules. The water molecules in the shell phase can surround the dye, and the hydrogen atoms of the water molecules can form hydrogen bonds with the electronegative atoms in the DDP dye and formic acid . In this phase, themicroenvironment of the dye is mainly influenced by the surrounding water molecules.

In the intermediate phase, the dye is surrounded by fewer formic acid molecules in the aqueous solution. In this phase, hydrogen bonds between the dye and formic acid may form via formic acid amino acid residues. The dye's microenvironment in this phase is influenced by both the surrounding water molecules and the formic acid residues.

In the bulk phase, the dye is surrounded by more formic acid molecules in the aqueous solution. The formation of hydrogen bonds between the formic acid molecules can influence the hydrogen bonding between the dye and formic acid during this phase. The dye's microenvironment in this phase is primarily influenced by the surrounding formic acid molecules, but the presence of water molecules can also contribute to the hydrogen bonding interactions between the dye and formic acid.

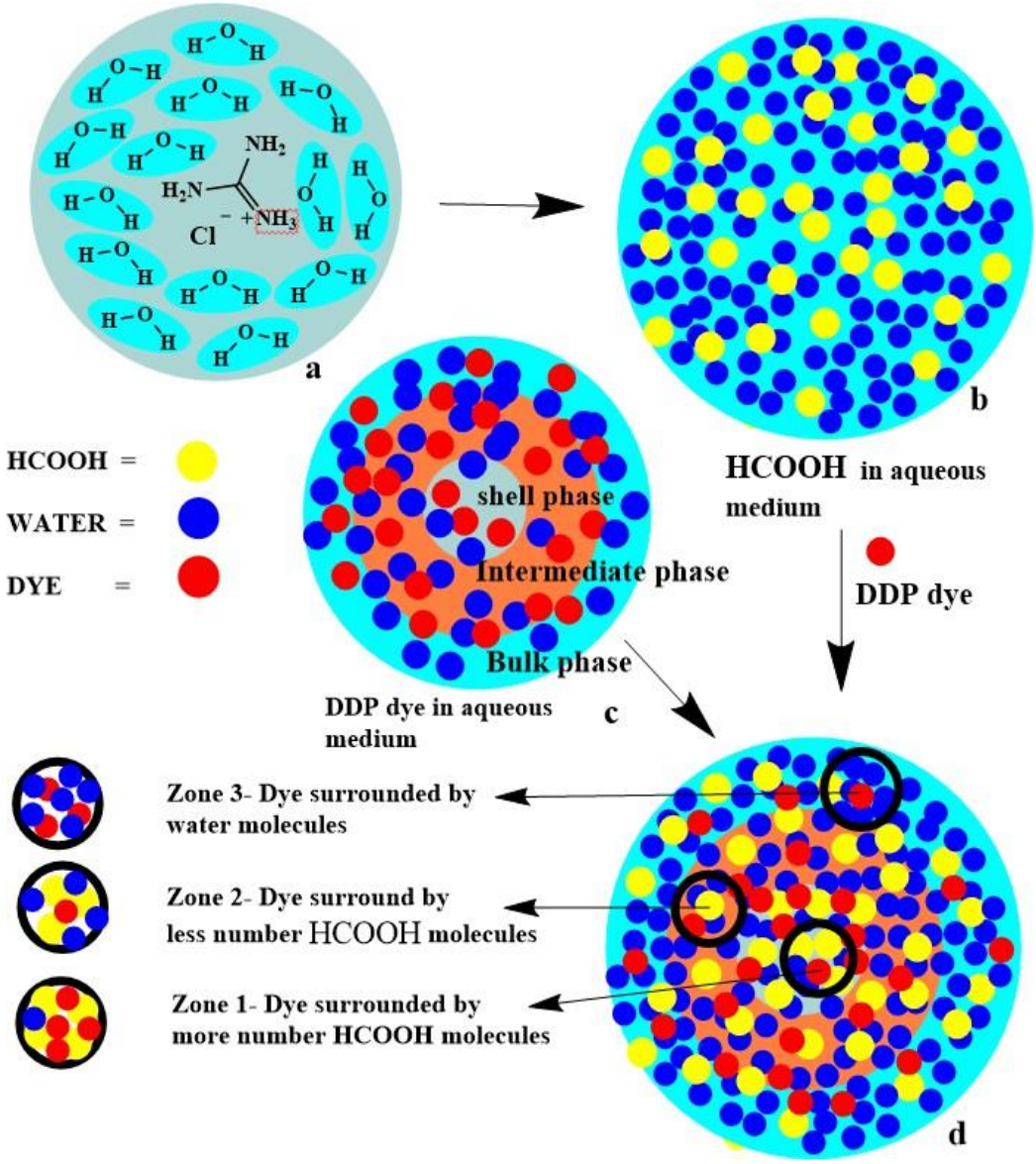


Fig.5.4. Hydrogen-bonding interaction of Formic acid with DDP dye in water

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The study investigated the interaction between formic acid and the DDP dye in an aqueoussolution through fluorescence spectral analysis. The absorption peak for the DDP dyewas found at 248 ± 2 nm, 348 ± 2 nm, and 360 nm, and on adding formic acid at differentconcentrations, the intensity peak decreased, while the absorbance at the ICT absorption maximum remained unaltered. This decrease was attributed to the promotion of an intramolecular charge transfer process between the donor and acceptor moieties of the dye ring structure.

Additionally, the fluorescence emission peak was found at 436 ± 2 nm, and the fluorescence quenching of the DDP dye was identified using Stern Volmer analysis. Furthermore, the fluorescence decay of the DDP dye in the presence of formic acid showed a tri-exponential decay, indicating the presence of varying microenvironments around the dye with different fluorescence lifetimes and distributions. Specifically, one component exhibited a significant decrease in fluorescence lifetime, while another showed an increase, and the relative amplitude distribution remained unaltered. Thissuggests that the dye is located in a heterogeneous environment that causes variations in fluorescence lifetime and distribution.

Overall, the interaction of the DDP dye with formic acid was largely hydrophobic, but the presence of hydrogen-bonding functional groups in formic acid influenced the excited-statespectral properties of the DDP dye.

6.1. FUTURE DIRECTIONS:

There are several potential future directions for fluorescence spectral studies on the interaction of formic acid with DDP dye in an aqueous solution. One possible direction is to perform molecular modelling and simulations to better understand the structural anddynamic aspects of the interaction between formic acid and DDP dye. This could involve using computational methods to explore how changes in the micro-environment.

Quantum chemical calculations could also be used to investigate the electronic structure and excited state propertise of the DDP dye in the presence of

formic acid. calculations could help to elucidate the underlying mechanisms of fluorescencequenching observed in the current study. Additionally, such calculations could assist in the design of new probes with improved photophysical properties for use inbiosensors or laser applications.

Furthermore, it could be interesting to study the interaction between DDP dye and other proteins or enzymes to determine photophysical properties or are more broadly applicable. This could involve using fluorescence spectral techniques to monitor changes in the dye's emission spectra or fluorescence lifetime in the micro-environment presence of different molecular aggregates components.

Overall, further investigations using advanced computational methods and a broader range of biological targets could help to expand our understanding of the interaction between DDP dye and biomolecules, with potential applications in biosensors and other optical technologies.

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ABSTRACT

Personal hygiene products are integral to urban society, providing comfort and reliability to individuals, especially those who are unwell, women, and children. The current trend of using acrylate-based superabsorbent in hygiene items has led to a significant accumulation of non-degradable waste. These synthetic materials pose environmental risks and health concerns. However, cellulose, abundant and biocompatible, offers an alternative. Cellulose-based hydrogels, with their fast-swelling properties, biodegradability, and biocompatibility, can partially or completely replace non-renewable superabsorbent. In this context, we explore the suitability of cellulose-based hydrogels for personal hygiene products, emphasizing their positive impact on sustainability. We employed several analytical techniques, including FTIR spectroscopy, SEM analysis, and XRD. FTIR to study the Functional group present and the chemical bonds in the molecule by producing an infrared absorption spectrum over a range of 400 to 4000 cm^{-1}. SEM analysis is for to know the morphology surface of the sample at 10 µm and 2 µm. The corncob powder sample surface was coarse, irregular and non-porous in nature. The cellulose sample showed the presence of particles which are dispersed. The XRD graph shows the diffraction patterns, Intensity to know the crystalline structure. The x-ray diffraction at $2\theta=22.15$ its crystalline size is 44nm. The outcomes affirm that the properties of the synthesized hydrogel render it suitable for diverse applications. These include personal absorbent products, tissue engineering, biomedical uses, and its efficacy as an adsorbent material for treating polluted water.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CMCNa	Carboxymethylcellulose sodium salt
HEC	Hydroxyethyl cellulose
EDTA	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
SAH	Super-absorbent hydrogels
SEM	Scanning electron microscopy
FTIR	Fourier-Transform Infrared spectroscopy
XRD	X- Ray diffraction

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CHAPTER - 1

INTRODUCTION

Hydrogels are intricate three-dimensional matrices formed by interlinked hydrophilic polymer chains, either through physical bonds, chemical reactions, or polymerization processes. These materials possess the remarkable ability to absorb and retain significant quantities of water within their structure, owing to the combined effects of surface tension and capillary forces. The extent of water uptake by hydrogels is contingent upon various factors such as the nature of functional groups present, the condition of the water itself, and the density of the cross-linked network within the hydrogel (Lim, et.al.,) Hydrogels sourced from renewable natural materials like cellulose, hyaluronate, alginate, starch, gelatin, chitin, and chitosan are gaining significant interest lately. This is primarily because of their ability to break down naturally, compatibility with living systems, and their minimal environmental impact. (Mahmud. M, et.al.,) Cellulose stands out among these natural sources due to its exceptionally high production yield. It originates predominantly from plant sources, which are plentiful and can naturally renew themselves (Bauli, et.al.,) Because of its capacity to absorb significant quantities of water and its excellent compatibility with biological systems, hydrogels have found extensive application as wound dressings, in medical and pharmaceutical fields, biotechnology as well as in Sanitary pads. Moreover, they are utilized as carriers for delivering drugs and agrochemicals efficiently (Pei, Z. et al.,) Hydrogels are primarily synthesized from artificial polymers, including polyacrylic acid, polyamides, polyethylene glycol, polymethacrylamide, polyhydroxyethyl methacrylate, and polyN-isopropylacrylamide (Tanpichai, et.al.,) (Boonmahitthisud, et.al.,) Acrylate-based hydrogels are the most superabsorbent materials currently available, but they are not biodegradable (C Winarti et al.,) Numerous substances utilized in crafting superabsorbent polymers contribute to the onset of persistent diaper rash and asthma, alongside potentially severe health complications like male infertility or even testicular cancer. Moreover, the non-biodegradable nature and toxic components of disposable diapers significantly

contribute to environmental pollution, posing notable ecological concerns (Omidian, H, et.al,).

Agricultural leftovers rich in lignocellulose, such as stalks, straws, husks, leaves, and similar materials, represent a viable reservoir for extracting cellulose. As an example, corn Stover consists of approximately 15% cob, 51% stalks, 21% leaf blades, and 13% husks. These residual components are primarily rich in cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin. Enhancing the utilization of these byproducts by extracting these polymers could substantially elevate the value of the corn plant. Traditionally, these remnants are employed for animal feed or fuel purposes, with some being subjected to incineration.

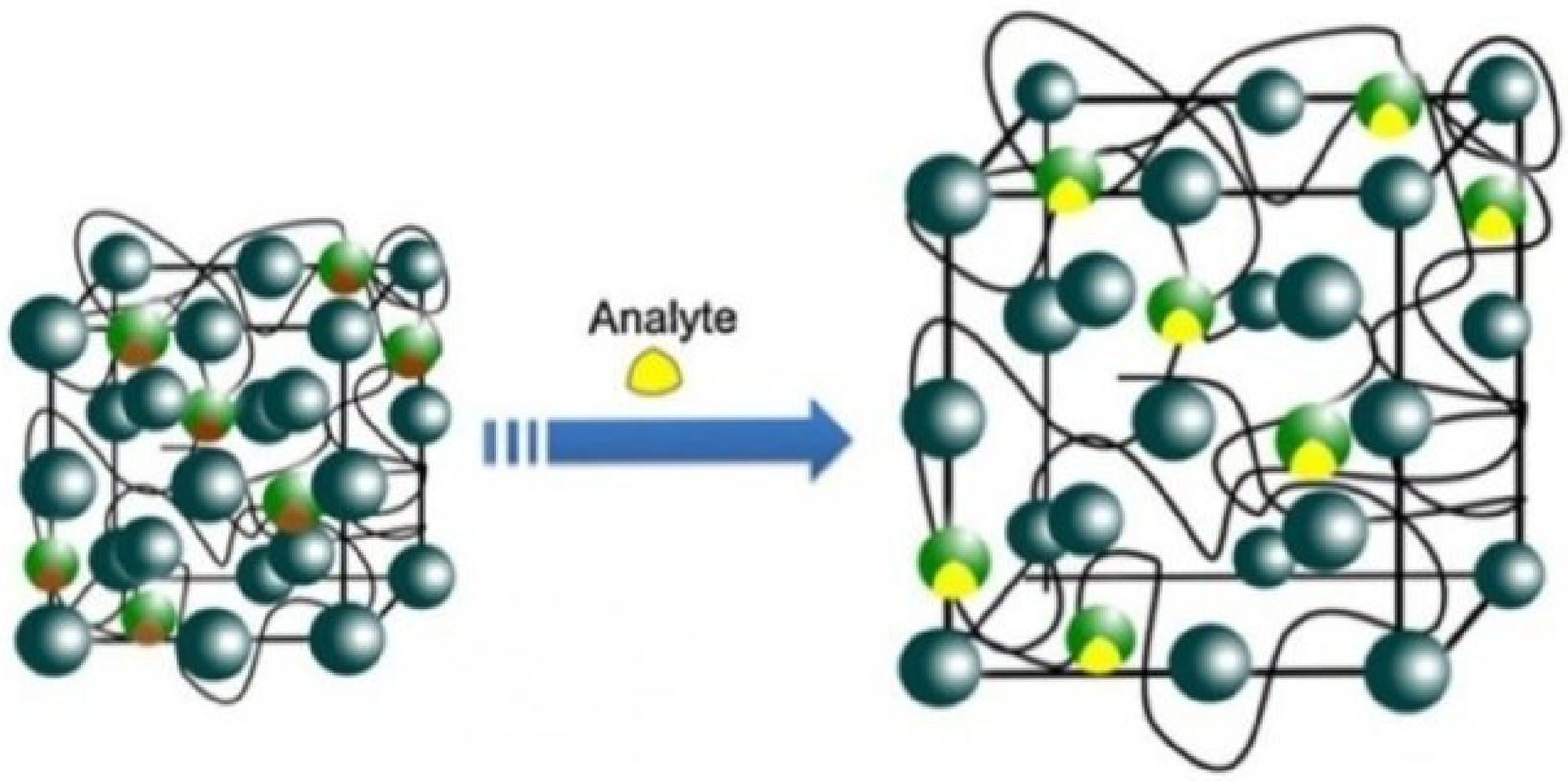


Fig: 1.1: ***Volume increases while hydrogel absorb water*** (Alexander, et.al.,)

The use of corncob and cornsilk in crafting cellulose-based hydrogels presents a promising avenue for diminishing the reliance on synthetic polymers within artificial hydrogel formulations. This expansion of superabsorbent applications, particularly in hygiene products like sanitary pads, holds significant potential. While international research has explored various applications for corn byproducts, limited attention has been directed towards the creation of dried hydrogels specifically from corncob and corn silk together. To the best of the authors' understanding, there is no existing record of any prior research documenting the creation of a hydrogel derived from corncob and corn silk dried hydrogel.

1.1 DRIED HYDROGEL

Dried hydrogels, also known as aerogels or xerogels depending on the drying method employed, are fascinating materials that retain the three-dimensional structure of hydrogels but with minimal moisture content (Poletto, M., et.al.,) These dried forms exhibit unique properties, such as high porosity, low density, and large surface area, making them attractive for various applications. Dried hydrogels are utilized in fields ranging from biomedical engineering and drug delivery to environmental remediation and insulation (Zainal, et.al) (Erdagi, et.al.,)

Their porous structure allows for efficient loading and release of drugs, making them ideal candidates for controlled drug delivery systems. Moreover, their high surface area enables effective adsorption of pollutants, making them valuable in wastewater treatment and environmental cleanup efforts (Klein M, et.al.,). In the realm of insulation, dried hydrogels offer lightweight yet effective thermal and acoustic insulation solutions.

In this process, utilizing corn cob and corn silk as raw materials for dried hydrogel synthesis offers a sustainable and environmentally friendly approach. The abundant availability of corn cob and silk residues makes them attractive candidates for hydrogel production, contributing to waste reduction and resource utilization (Maddu, A.; Winari, et.al.,). Furthermore, the unique composition of corn cob and silk, rich in cellulose and hemicellulose, provides an excellent source for creating hydrogels with tailored properties suited for various applications. Dried hydrogels derived from corn cob and silk hold promise for applications in personal hygiene agriculture, biomedicine, and environmental engineering, offering innovative solutions for a range of challenges while promoting sustainability and resource efficiency (Azadeh Bashari, et.al.,) (Yu. J. Wang, A.C et.al.,)

1.2 CELLULOSE

Cellulose, a vital component of plant cell walls, has garnered significant attention in various fields due to its biocompatibility, biodegradability, and abundance in nature (Akinyemi, et.al.,) Its unique properties make it an attractive candidate for a wide range of applications,

from biomedical to environmental engineering. In recent years, the synthesis of cellulose hydrogels has emerged as a promising area of research. When cellulose is incorporated into hydrogel matrices, it imparts desirable properties such as mechanical strength, biocompatibility, and biomedical activity.

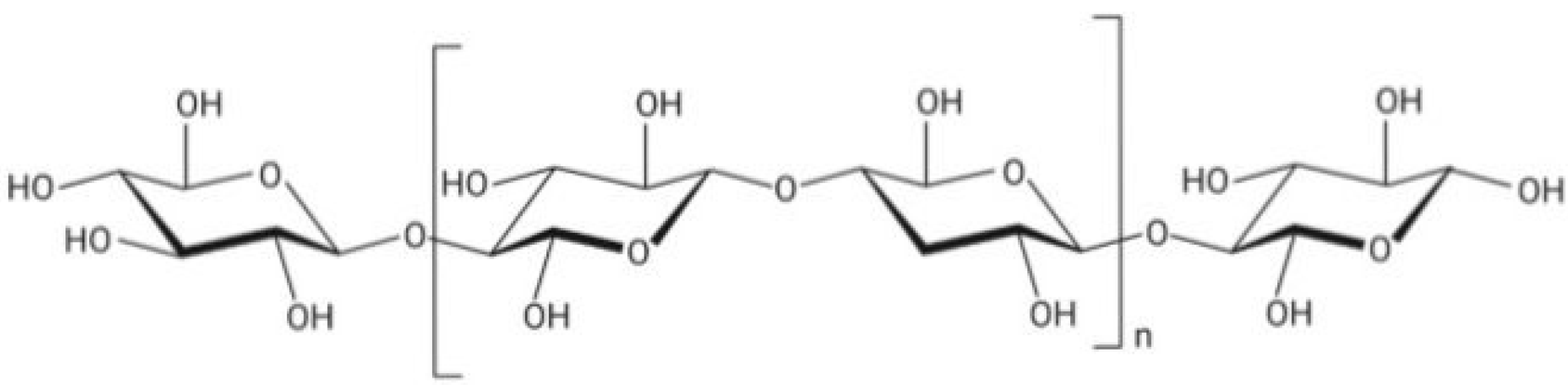


Fig: 1.2: ***Chemical structure of cellulose***

The synthesis of cellulose hydrogels typically involves the crosslinking of cellulose chains within a hydrogel network. This can be achieved through various methods, including physical crosslinking, chemical crosslinking, or a combination of both. Physical crosslinking methods involve the formation of physical interactions, such as hydrogen bonds or electrostatic interactions, between cellulose chains and hydrogel components. Chemical crosslinking, on the other hand, involves the formation of covalent bonds between cellulose molecules or between cellulose and crosslinking agents. One common approach to synthesizing cellulose hydrogels is through the regeneration of cellulose from cellulose derivatives, such as cellulose ethers or esters, followed by crosslinking of the regenerated cellulose chains within a hydrogel matrix. Alternatively, cellulose can be directly dissolved in suitable solvents and subsequently crosslinked to form hydrogels (Phoothong, et.al.,) Cellulose hydrogels exhibit a range of desirable properties, including high water absorption capacity, tunable mechanical properties, and biocompatibility, making them attractive for applications such as drug delivery, tissue engineering, wound dressing, and environmental remediation (Khapre, et.al.,) (Kodai Kikuchi, et.al.,)

1.3 CELLULOSE BASED HYDROGEL

Cellulose-based hydrogels have emerged as promising materials due to their biocompatibility, biodegradability, and remarkable mechanical properties. These hydrogels are synthesized through various method, often involving the incorporation of cellulose into a hydrogel matrix. This synthesis typically entails the crosslinking of cellulose chains within the hydrogel network, achieved through physical or chemical means. Physical crosslinking involves the formation of interactions like hydrogen bonds, while chemical crosslinking forms covalent bonds between cellulose molecules or with crosslinking agents. Techniques such as cellulose regeneration from derivatives or direct dissolution in suitable solvents followed by crosslinking enable the fabrication of cellulose-based hydrogels. The resulting materials exhibit high water absorption capacity, tunable mechanical properties, and biocompatibility, rendering them promising for applications in drug delivery, tissue engineering, wound healing, and environmental remediation.

1.3.1 *Cellulose based dried Hydrogel for personal hygiene products*

Cellulose-based hydrogels offer a groundbreaking solution for personal hygiene products, revolutionizing the way we approach cleanliness and comfort. By harnessing the remarkable properties of cellulose, these hydrogels provide an ideal medium for applications in personal hygiene. Through sophisticated synthesis techniques, cellulose is integrated into hydrogel formulations, resulting in materials that excel in moisture absorption, retention, and softness. These hydrogels, known as hydrogels, represent a paradigm shift in personal hygiene product design. Their ability to retain large amounts of water while remaining gentle on the skin makes them ideal for use in products such as sanitary napkins, diapers, and incontinence pads. The cellulose-based hydrogels ensure superior absorbency, effectively locking away moisture and providing a dry, comfortable experience for the user. Furthermore, cellulose-based hydrogels exhibit excellent biocompatibility and biodegradability, aligning with consumer preferences for eco-friendly and sustainable products. By incorporating these hydrogels into personal hygiene items, manufacturers can offer innovative solutions that prioritize both performance and environmental responsibility. In essence, cellulose-based hydrogels represent a transformative advancement in personal

hygiene products, catering to the needs of consumers while promoting sustainability and comfort. Their integration into various hygiene items marks a significant step forward in the quest for more effective, eco-conscious solutions for everyday cleanliness.

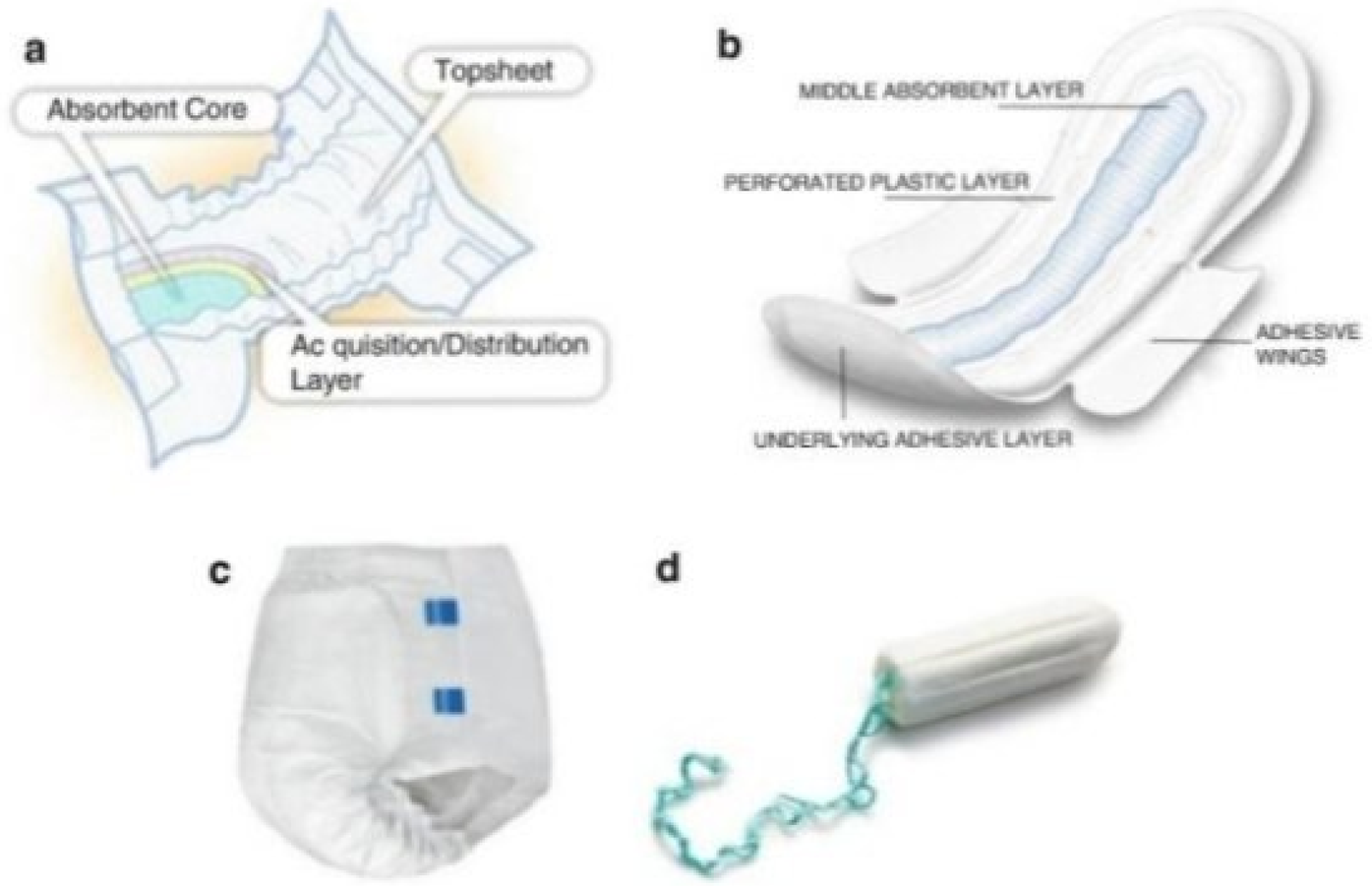


Fig: 1.3*: Cellulose based hydrogel for personal hygiene products* (Md. Obaidul Haque, et.al.,)

1.4 SUSTAINABILITY OF CELLULOSE DRIED HYDROGEL

Cellulose-based hydrogels offer a sustainable alternative in the realm of biomaterials, aligning with the growing demand for eco-friendly solutions. Derived from renewable sources such as plant biomass, cellulose serves as the cornerstone of these hydrogels, ensuring their environmental friendliness throughout their lifecycle.

The sustainability of cellulose-based hydrogels stems from multiple factors. Firstly, cellulose is abundantly available in nature, making it a renewable resource that can be harvested without depleting finite reserves. Additionally, the synthesis processes for cellulose-based hydrogels often employ environmentally benign solvents and fabrication techniques, minimizing the ecological footprint associated with their production.

Moreover, cellulose-based hydrogels exhibit notable biodegradability, breaking down into harmless byproducts over time. This characteristic ensures that these materials do not contribute to long-term environmental pollution, offering a sustainable end-of-life solution. Furthermore, the applications of cellulose-based hydrogels in various fields, such as biomedicine, agriculture, and environmental remediation, further enhance their sustainability credentials. Whether used as biodegradable wound dressings, soil moisture retainers, or water purification agents, these hydrogels contribute to sustainable practices by promoting resource efficiency and reducing environmental impact. Cellulose-based hydrogels epitomize sustainability in biomaterials, leveraging renewable resources, eco-friendly manufacturing processes, and biodegradable properties to address diverse societal needs while minimizing environmental harm. As the demand for sustainable alternatives continues to rise, cellulose-based hydrogels stand poised to play a pivotal role in shaping a greener, more sustainable future.

1.5 ADVANTAGE OF CELLULOSE BASED DRIED HYDROGEL:

Cellulose-based dried hydrogels offer a multitude of advantages across various applications, owing to their unique properties and versatility.

High Water Absorption: Cellulose-based dried hydrogels exhibit exceptional water absorption capacity due to the hydrophilic nature of cellulose. This property makes them highly effective in applications where moisture management is crucial, such as wound dressings and agricultural soil amendments.

Biocompatibility: Cellulose is inherently biocompatible, making cellulose-based dried hydrogels suitable for use in biomedical applications, including wound healing and drug delivery. Their compatibility with biological systems minimizes the risk of adverse reactions and promotes tissue regeneration.

Mechanical Strength: Despite their highwater content, cellulose-based dried hydrogels can possess significant mechanical strength and integrity. This feature enables their use in structural applications, such as scaffolds for tissue engineering or as components in functional materials.

Sustainability: Cellulose, derived from renewable sources such as plant biomass, lends cellulose-based dried hydrogels inherent sustainability. Their production from natural materials and potential biodegradability contribute to environmentally friendly alternatives in various industries.

Tunable Properties: The properties of cellulose-based dried hydrogels can be easily tuned through adjustments in processing parameters, such as cellulose concentration, crosslinking density, and drying methods. This tunability allows for customization to suit specific application requirements, offering versatility and flexibility.

Long Shelf Life: Dried cellulose-based hydrogels can have extended shelf lives compared to their fully hydrated counterparts, as they are less prone to microbial growth and degradation. This characteristic enhances their stability during storage and transportation, particularly in medical and agricultural contexts.

Cost-Effectiveness: Cellulose is a widely available and cost-effective raw material, which contributes to the affordability of cellulose-based dried hydrogels. Their production processes can also be relatively straightforward, further reducing manufacturing costs compared to alternative materials.

1.6 DISADVANTAGE OF CELLULOSE BASED DRIED HYDROGEL

While cellulose-based dried hydrogels offer numerous advantages, they also come with some limitations and disadvantages that need to be considered:

Brittleness: Dried cellulose-based hydrogels can exhibit brittleness, especially when subjected to significant mechanical stress or sudden changes in environmental conditions. This brittleness may limit their suitability for certain applications that require flexibility or resilience.

Slow Rehydration: Cellulose-based dried hydrogels may rehydrate relatively slowly compared to other hydrogel materials. This slow rehydration process can be disadvantageous in applications where rapid absorption or response to changes in moisture levels is critical.

Limited Drug Loading Capacity: In drug delivery applications, the drug loading capacity of cellulose-based dried hydrogels may be limited compared to other hydrogel systems. This limitation can impact the efficiency of drug delivery and may necessitate larger volumes of hydrogel for achieving desired therapeutic effects.

Processing Challenges: The processing of cellulose-based dried hydrogels can be more complex compared to other hydrogel materials. Achieving uniform drying and controlling the structural integrity of the dried hydrogel matrices may require specialized equipment and expertise, adding to the manufacturing complexity and cost.

Potential Environmental Impact: While cellulose itself is derived from renewable sources, the processing of cellulose-based dried hydrogels may involve chemical treatments or crosslinking agents that could have environmental implications if not managed properly. Additionally, disposal of used cellulose-based hydrogels may require specific considerations to minimize environmental impact.

Limited Compatibility with Certain Solvents: Cellulose-based hydrogels may have limited compatibility with certain solvents, which can restrict the range of processing techniques that can be employed. This limitation may affect the choice of fabrication methods and could potentially limit the versatility of the hydrogel material.

Hydrophobicity of Some Cellulose Derivatives: Certain cellulose derivatives used in the synthesis of cellulose-based hydrogels may exhibit inherent hydrophobicity, which can affect the water absorption and retention properties of the resulting hydrogel. This limitation may necessitate additional processing steps to enhance hydrophilicity or modify properties.

1.7 APPLICATION OF CELLULOSE BASED DRIED HYDROGEL

Cellulose-based hydrogels find diverse applications across various fields due to their unique properties and versatility. These applications span from biomedical to environmental and industrial sectors.

In the biomedical field, cellulose-based hydrogels are utilized in wound dressings, tissue engineering scaffolds, and drug delivery systems. Their biocompatibility, high water absorption capacity, and ability to mimic the extracellular matrix make them ideal for promoting wound healing, supporting cell growth, and delivering therapeutic agents to target sites.

In personal care products, such as diapers, sanitary napkins, and incontinence pads, cellulose-based hydrogels serve as highly absorbent materials, enhancing comfort and moisture management. Their ability to retain large amounts of liquid while remaining soft and breathable is particularly advantageous in these applications.

In agriculture, cellulose-based hydrogels are employed as soil amendments and water-retention agents. By enhancing soil moisture retention, these hydrogels improve crop yield, water use efficiency, and soil health, contributing to sustainable agriculture practices.

In environmental applications, cellulose-based hydrogels are utilized in wastewater treatment, soil remediation, and pollutant adsorption. Their high surface area, porosity, and ability to selectively capture contaminants make them effective for removing pollutants from water and soil environments, thereby mitigating environmental pollution.

In the food and packaging industry, cellulose-based hydrogels are used as food additives, thickeners, and edible coatings. Their biocompatibility, biodegradability, and safety make them suitable for enhancing food texture, stability, and shelf life, while reducing reliance on synthetic additives.

Overall, the wide-ranging applications of cellulose-based hydrogels highlight their significance in advancing various fields, offering sustainable and effective solutions to address diverse challenges. Whether in healthcare, agriculture, environmental protection, or consumer products, cellulose-based hydrogels continue to play a pivotal role in driving innovation and promoting sustainability.

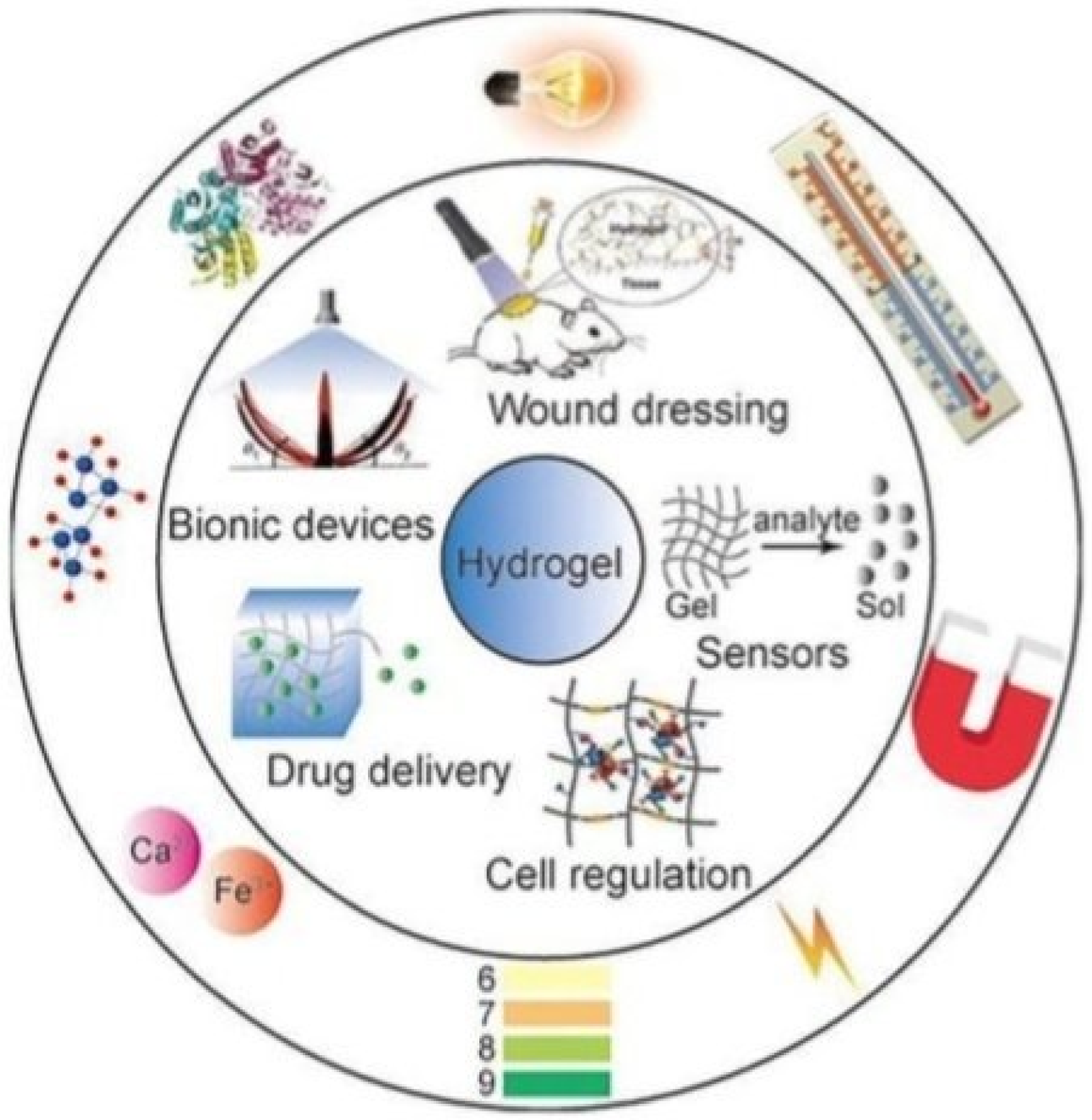


Fig: 1.7: Application of dried cellulose-based hydrogel

CHAPTER – 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

1.Title: Synthesis and Characterization of Superabsorbent Cellulose-Based Hydrogel for Agriculture Application by Dipankar Das et.al.,

This study focuses on synthesizing and characterizing biodegradable hydrogels using citric acid as a crosslinker. The hydrogels are characterized using Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy. The study also examines the effects of cellulose nanocrystals (CNCs) on hydrogel properties. The study finds that poor CNC dispersion within the hydrogel matrix decreases tensile strength. The optimum use of cross linkers and proper CNC distribution could improve hydrogel material utilization for agricultural applications.

2. Title: Synthesis and characterization of carboxymethyl cellulose based hydrogel and its applications on water treatment by Aisha Hameed, Shazia Khurshid, Ahmad Adnan.

A hydrogel based on carboxymethyl cellulose, potato starch, and amylum starch was synthesized using aluminum sulfate octahydrate. The hydrogel was studied for its swelling behavior, swelling kinetics, and thermal stability. It was applied to tap water to remove heavy metal ions, which are harmful to human health. The hydrogel showed swelling and de-swelling behaviors in various solvents and salt solutions. The hydrogel's selectivity towards different metal ions was found to be ions, suggesting its ability to bind with heavy metal ions depends on their interaction.

3. Title: Preparation of Cellulose-based Hydrogel: A Review by Sarah Husnaini Zainal, Nurul Hanisa h Mohd, et.al.,

This paper discusses the preparation of hydrogels based on cellulose and its derivatives, a natural organic polymer with low solubility in water and organic solvents. The hydrogel, a 3D network structure, requires specific solvent systems like NaOH/urea, NaOH/thiourea, lithium chloride, and ionic liquids to vary its application. The paper discusses materials and crosslinking techniques for producing hydrogels

from dissolved cellulose and its derivatives, including chemical, physical, and polymerization methods. The importance of using compatible techniques for specific purposes is highlighted.

4. Title: Synthesis and Characterization of Cellulose-based Eco-Friendly Hydrogels by Md. Obaidul Haque and Md. Ibrahim H. Mondal.

The biodegradable nature of hydrogels is a significant concern, and cellulose and cellulose derivatives can be copolymerized to produce green hydrogels for improved adsorption performance. This paper presents an innovative cellulose-based environment-friendly hydrogel, prepared through free radical graft copolymerization of cotton with acrylic acid and acrylamide. The hydrogels have a maximum water absorption capacity of 50 g/g in deionized water. The hydrogel's characteristics make it suitable for personal absorbent products, tissue engineering, biomedical applications, and polluted water treatment.

5. Title: Synthesis and Characterization of Cellulose-Based Hydrogels to Be Used as Gel Electrolytes by Maria Assunta Navarra et.al.,

Cellulose-based hydrogels, prepared from various cellulose types, are proposed as gel electrolyte membranes. Characterized using infrared spectroscopy, scanning electron microscopy, thermo gravimetric analysis, and mechanical tests, the hydrogels' liquid uptake capability and ionic conductivity were evaluated. Cyclic voltammetry tests revealed high reversibility and ion diffusivity in the entrapped electro active species.

6. Title: Preparation of sugarcane bagasse nanocellulose hydrogel as a colourimetric freshness indicator for intelligent food packaging by Peng Lua et.al.,

A sugarcane bagasse nanocellulose-based hydrogel has been developed as a colourimetric freshness indicator for monitoring chicken breast spoilage. The hydrogel, made from TEMPO-mediated oxidation of bagasse cellulose filaments, changes color according to the chicken sample's freshness. This innovative design is expected to be useful in intelligent packaging and reducing the use of bagasse nanocellulose.

7. Title: Cellulose-based functional hydrogels derived from bamboo for product design by Xiaobing Cao et.al.,

Cellulose-based functional hydrogels derived from bamboo are gaining research interest due to their excellent specificity, smart structural design, precise molecular recognition ability, and superior biocompatibility. These hydrogels have potential applications in environmental protection, biomedicine, energy, food packaging, and plant agriculture. Researchers have extracted cellulose from bamboo and generated various types of hydrogels using cross-linking methods. This review provides a reference for further development of cellulose-based hydrogels.

8. Title: Synthesis of Hydrogels from Banana Stem Cellulose (Musa paradisiaca L.) with Chitosan and Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid by Nur Amaliyah Aslin et.al.,

This study investigates the preparation of cellulose hydrogel using chitosan and ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) in banana stems. The freeze-thaw method was used for synthesis, and characterization was done using FTIR, SEM, and XRD. The results showed specific functional groups in the hydrogel, a wavy surface, and amorphous structure. The highest deswelling value was achieved in the H1 hydrogel, with 221.52%. The study aims to determine the cellulose content and characteristics of banana stems.

9. Title: Cellulose fibers extracted from rice and oat husks and their application in hydrogel by Jean Paulo de Oliveira et.al.,

The study analyzed commercial cellulose fibers and cellulose fibers from rice and oat husks for their chemical composition, morphology, functional groups, crystallinity, and thermal properties. The fibers were used to create hydrogels with poly (vinyl alcohol) and showed different structural, crystallinity, and thermal properties. Rice cellulose hydrogels had a network structure with homogeneous pores and a water absorption capacity of 141.6-392.1%. The highest water absorption capacity and maximum stress compression were found in rice cellulose hydrogels.

10. Title: Synthesis and Characterization of Superabsorbent Cellulose-based Hydrogel for Agriculture Application by Dipankar Das et.al.,

This study deals with the synthesis and characterization of carboxymethylcellulose sodium salt (CMCNa) and hydroxyethylcellulose (HEC) based biodegradable hydrogels using critic acid (CA) as a crosslinker. The chemical analysis of synthesized hydrogels was performed using Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR). The cellulose nanocrystals (CNCs), synthesized by the acid hydrolysis process were incorporated into the hydrogel matrix and the effects of CNCs on hydrogel properties were assessed. The effects of CA crosslinker on hydrogels swelling properties were also studied and about 600% swelling was observed for the hydrogel synthesized using 2% of CA crosslinker. Using CNCs as reinforcing agents for hydrogel composites has decreased the tensile strength of hydrogels because of poor CNCs dispersion within the hydrogel matrix that can be seen in the scanning electron microscope (SEM) images. The optimum use of crosslinker and proper distribution of reinforcing agents (CNCs) in the hydrogel matrix could provide a promising hydrogel material that can absorb and release water in a controlled manner to improve better utilization of available water resources for agricultural applications.

11. Title: Enhanced swelling ratio and water retention capacity for novel super-absorbent hydrogel by Qingyun Lv et.al.,

Super-absorbent hydrogels (SAH) are crucial for various applications, including agriculture, wastewater treatment, and hygienic products. However, their swelling ratio (SR), swelling rate, and water retention capacity are often opposite. A novel SAH with high SR over 5500 g/g and excellent water retention capability has been achieved through co-polymerization of AA and AM monomers. The water retention ratio remains over 60% even after 3 days in open air, indicating excellent water retention. The SAH also shows good water absorption behavior in salt solutions and excellent adsorption performance for removing methylene blue dye. This work opens new ways to design and develop novel SAH with improved swelling ratio and water retention capability for various applications.

12. Title: Synthesis of self-crosslinking sodium polyacrylate hydrogel and water-absorbing mechanism by Fengjun hua.

This paper synthesizes a self-crosslinking sodium polyacrylate using reversed-phase suspension polymerization under gamma-ray irradiation. The water-absorbing mechanism of the hydrogel is revealed, and physical parameters of the network are estimated and investigated. The stable suspension polymerization involves a surfactant complex, consisting of anionic surfactant DSS and nonionic surfactant Span60 or Span20. The water-solubility is related to radiation conditions such as dose, dose rate, and degree of monomer neutralization. The gel dose is 1.57 kGy, and the crosslinking probability is 2.46 (1/100 ev). The water-sorbing procedure includes sorption on the pore surface, ionization of fixed charges, and swelling equilibrium.

13. Title: Cellulose-based hydrogels for personal care products by Azadeh Bashari, et.al.,

Cellulose, a natural carbohydrate with numerous hydroxyl groups and high water absorption capacity, is the most abundant natural polymer found in plants. Some bacteria, like Acetobacter xylinum, can synthesize bacterial cellulose. Cellulose-based hydrogels are superabsorbent materials that form 3D networks, connected by chemical bonds or cohesive forces like hydrogen bonding or ionic interactions. These hydrogels can swell and absorb water and other aqueous fluids, but are insoluble in them. The increasing demand for biodegradable materials and products made from renewable resources like cellulose has led to the large use of cellulose-based personal care products. These products are used as thickeners, stabilizers, or moisturizing agents to improve the skin feel of the product. Hygienic cellulosic absorbent products like diapers, panty liners, tampons, paper towels, and tissue papers are used as personal care products, available in different absorbency ratings from junior to ultra-absorbency. This review reviews the applications of cellulose-based hydrogels in personal care products.

14. Title: Cellulose: a fascinating biopolymer for hydrogel synthesis by Sachin Bhaladhare and Dipankar Das .

The increasing environmental concerns and demand for eco-friendly materials have led researchers to explore naturally occurring biopolymers, such as cellulose, for potential applications in various fields. Cellulose, a renewable, biocompatible, non-toxic, and biodegradable biopolymer found in plant cell walls, is used in hydrogels, which are crosslinked macromolecular networks capable of absorbing and releasing water and

other fluids. These hydrogels have attracted attention in biomedical, agriculture, and flexible electronic fields due to their high absorption efficiency and stimuli responsiveness. This comprehensive review of cellulose-based hydrogels, their structures, physicochemical properties, and applications in diverse areas will help readers understand cellulose and its functionalities, enabling further research and exploration of new biomaterial applications. The review aims to provide readers with a better understanding of cellulose and its potential applications in various fields.

15. Title: Synthesis of grafted nano-fibrillated cellulose-based hydrogel and study of its thermodynamic, kinetic, and electronic properties by Mohammad A. Khalilzadeh, et.al.,

Hydrogels were synthesized by a copolymerization reaction of nanofibrillated cellulose (CNF) with acrylic acid (AA) and acrylamide (AM) and N,N-methylene-bis-acrylamide (MBA) as a cross-linker and their absorption performance as a function of composition was determined. Hydrogels with 4% by weight CNF had swelling of about 250 g/g and with 7% CNF about 200 g/g for water. Thermodynamic and kinetic studies of the reaction pathways and the electronic properties of the cellulose and monomers were investigated through density functional theory calculations. Thermodynamic investigations revealed that the radical formation of cellulose that initiates the hydrogel process can occur through the breaking of the homolytic covalent bonds C6–OH and C3–OH. The results show that the reaction of CNF with monomers is thermodynamically favorable in the decreasing order of AM, AA, and MBA. The kinetic study also indicates that the reaction kinetics of CNF with AM is faster than with AA which is much faster than with MBA. Overall, this study has elucidated some of the key chemical characteristics that impact the derivatization of nanocellulose structures to produce advanced renewable bioproducts.

16. Title: Cellulose-Based Nanohydrogel from Corncob with Chemical Crosslinking Methods by C Winarti et al.,

Indonesia, the sixth-largest corn producer globally, has been exploring the use of waste corn cob as a potential alternative to environmental pollution. A study was conducted to investigate the effects of Ech concentration and cellulose: solvent ratio on the characteristics of nanohydrogel. The results showed that higher Ech concentrations led to increased swelling ratios. The best treatment was nanohydrogel with 28% Ech

concentration and a 1:2 cellulose: solvent ratio. The hydrogel showed a 514% swelling ratio, 44% gel fraction, and 0.33 mJ hardness, with higher porosity. This hydrogel has potential as a water absorbent material in dry agricultural areas and as a fertilizer carrier agent.

17. Title: Synthesis of a Cellulose-Co-AMPS Hydrogel for Personal Hygiene Applications Using Cellulose Extracted from Corncobs by Haymanot Enawgaw et.al.,

This study synthesized a biodegradable cellulose-co-AMPS personal hygiene hydrogel, which was created by grafting 2-acrylamido2-methyl propane sulfonic acid onto corncob cellulose using potassium persulfate and borax decahydrate. The hydrogel showed an average swelling ratio of 279.6 g/g to water and 83.3 g/g to a urine solution with a 97% gel fraction. It did not support the growth of bacteria, Gram-positive or -negative. The hydrogel's FT-IR spectra confirmed the grafting of an AMPS co-polymer onto cellulose chains. Its thermal properties showed three-step degradation, with a complete degradation temperature of 575 °C.

18. Title: Characterization of prepared corn starch-based hydrogel membranes by K. PAI, A.K. BANTHIA, D.K. MAJUMDAR.

The design and development of novel hydrogel membranes prepared by crosslinking polyvinyl alcohol with heattreated cornstarch (CS) and CS suspensions was attempted. Degradation studies of the hydrogel membranes were conducted using α-amylase. The mechanical property of the hydrogel membranes was characterized by tensile tests. The swelling behavior of the membranes was also evaluated. Methyl tetrazolium assay of the membranes was performed using mice splenocytes and the L929 cell line to establish cytocompatibility. The membranes had sufficient strength and water holding capacity. The membrane was found to be biocompatible with L929 fibroblast cells and mice splenocytes.

19. Title: Biodegradable Cellulose-based Hydrogels: Design and Applications by Alessandro Sannino et.al.,

Macromolecular networks known as hydrogels have the capacity to reversibly absorb and release water solutions in response to particular environmental stimuli. Hydrogels

are a desirable material for the design of "smart" devices that can be used in many different technical domains because of their stimuli-sensitive behavior. The created device may have added utility if the hydrogel network's biodegradability and degradation rate can be controlled, particularly in situations involving ecological or biocompatibility concerns. Because cellulose is abundant in nature, it degrades naturally, and certain cellulose derivatives exhibit intelligent behavior, there has been much research done on the design and applications of cellulose-based hydrogels. This review covers these topics.

20.Title: Cellulose-based hydrogel beads: Preparation and characterization by Guangjun, Nie, et.al.,

Hydrogel beads made of biopolymers, which are naturally low-toxic, biocompatible, and biodegradable, have found extensive use in a variety of applications. Cellulose is one of the most prevalent renewable biomaterials among the biopolymers. Here, cellulose was dissolved in a 68% ZnCl2 solution to create cellulose hydrogel beads, which were then crosslinked by calcium ions. Scanning electron microscopy, Raman spectroscopy, X-ray powder diffraction, and Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy all demonstrate how the washing of the beads in water and ethanol significantly affects their design. The amount of calcium ions in the beads increases with their total crystallinity index, which is further improved by water washing. These beads have a layer-like nanoporous structure that allows them to load and release bovine serum albumin (BSA) over time.

CHAPTER – 3

AIM AND SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

3.1 AIM

Personal hygiene products are integral to urban society, providing comfort, reliability, and flexibility to individuals, including the sick, women, and children. These products often incorporate superabsorbent polymers (hydrogels) that efficiently absorb substantial amounts of bodily fluids. However, the prevalent use of non-biodegradable super absorbents contributes significantly to urban waste, posing environmental challenges.

The primary aim of sustainable cellulose-based hydrogels is to address these issues by leveraging cellulose, a naturally abundant biocompatible material derived from plants. Cellulose-based hydrogels offer an alternative to synthetic superabsorbent polymers, combining high water-holding capacity with biodegradability. By utilizing cellulose and its derivatives, we aim to partially or completely replace nonrenewable superabsorbent materials in personal hygiene products.

The objective of the study is to develop a cellulose-based hydrogel utilizing agricultural waste materials as the cellulose source.

1. Agricultural waste extraction and cellulose isolation - In the corn shops in the surrounding collecting the leftover waste mainly corn cob and corn silk and it is dried and used for the cellulose isolation.

2. Hydrogel formulation and characterization - After the formation of dried hydrogel it is followed by characteristic analysis technique like SEM, FT-IR, and XRD.

3. Characterization means: assessment of hydrogel performance and sustainability – To check the sustainability of the prepared hydrogel swelling ratio test and water retention test is carried out.

The aim of sustainable cellulose-based hydrogels is to create efficient, safe, and eco-friendly personal hygiene products that benefit both users and the planet.

3.2 SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

- ***Hydrogel Synthesis***: We explore the synthesis of hydrogels from cellulose and its derivatives. These materials exhibit fast swelling properties, making them suitable for absorbing bodily fluids while remaining biocompatible and environmentally friendly.

- ***Health and Environmental Considerations:*** We critically examine the health risks associated with non-cellulosic absorbent materials commonly used in hygiene products. Additionally, we emphasize the environmental impact of non-degradable super absorbents.

- ***Suitability of Cellulose-Based Hydrogels:*** We highlight the advantages of cellulose-originated hydrogels over acrylate-based counterparts. These benefits include biocompatibility, biodegradability, and sustainable sourcing.

- ***Recommendations for Development:*** We propose strategies for advancing cellulose-based hydrogels in personal hygiene applications, emphasizing circular economy practices and long-term sustainability.

- ***Biocompatibility and Safety Assessment***: We delve into the biocompatibility of cellulose-based hydrogels. This includes evaluating their interaction with human skin, mucous membranes, and other sensitive areas. Ensuring that these hydrogels do not cause irritation, allergies, or adverse reactions is crucial for their successful adoption in hygiene products.

CHAPTER - 4

MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 MATERIAL

Corn cob and Corn silk is dried in sunlight and made into fine powder. All the chemicals used in this experiment were of analytical grade and is used without any further purification. Choline chloride was purchased from Loba chemical. Urea was purchased from Indian Research Product. Hydrogen peroxide was purchased from Merck. Potassium Persulphate was purchased from fisher and Sodium hydroxide was purchased from Nice. Ethanol and Acetone were purchased from SRL. All of these solutions were prepared using deionized water.

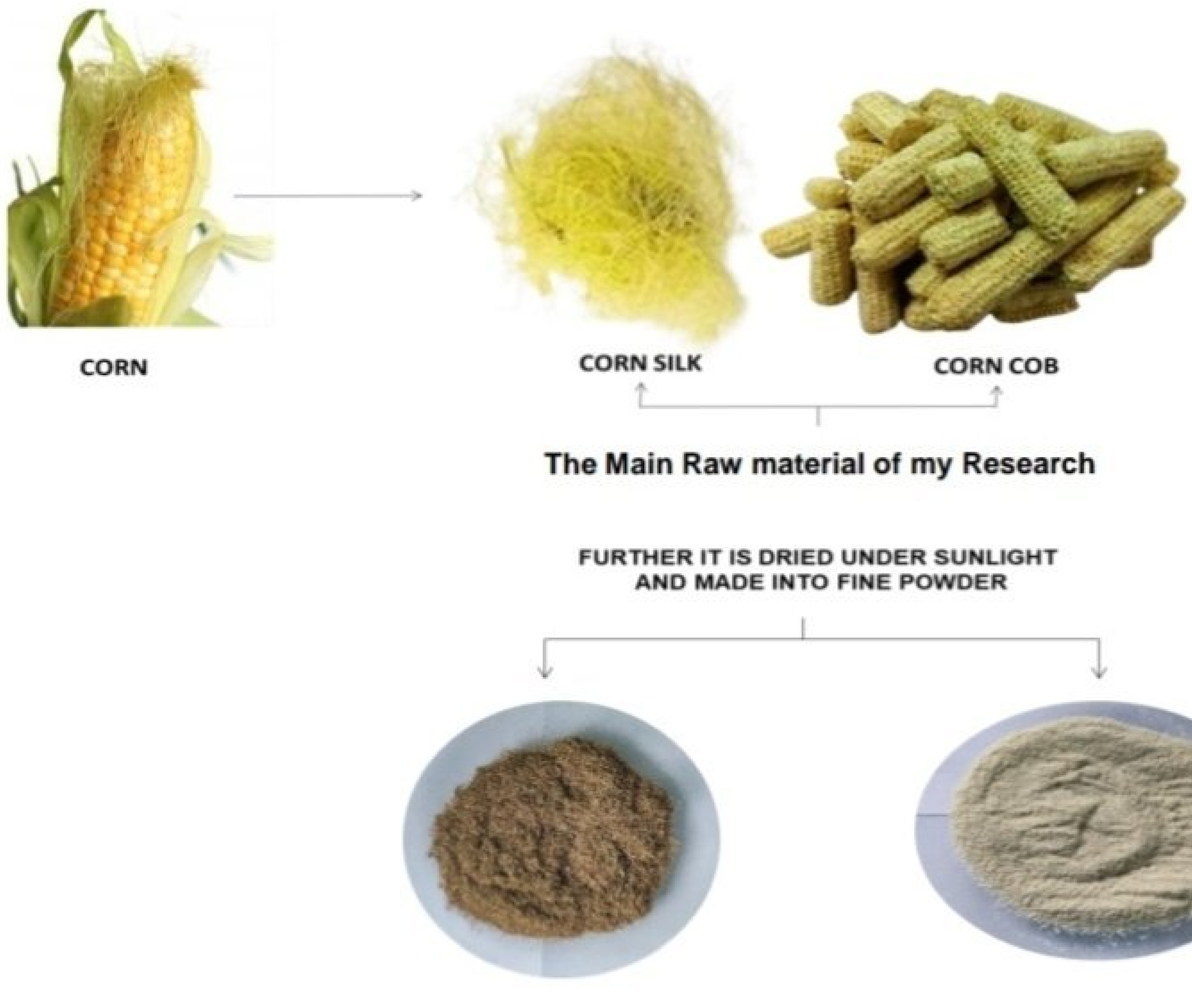


Fig: 4.1: *RAW MATERIAL USED IN EXPERIMENT*

4.2 METHODOLOGY:

The experiment for producing super absorbent material is conducted using two methods:

- PREPARATION OF NANOCELLULOSE DRIED HYDROGEL
  - CORN SILK
  - CORN COB
- SYNTHEISIS OF DRIED GEL FROM NANOCELLULOSE

One involves creating a hydrogel from Natural Nano cellulose, while the other utilizes natural cellulose to form the hydrogel. Both approaches aim to achieve the same outcome but employ different starting materials and methods.

4.2.1 PREPARATION OF NANOCELLULOSE DRIED HYDROGEL FROM CORN SILK

To prepare super absorbent material 5 grams of corn silk powder were placed in a beaker. To this, 6 grams of sodium hydroxide (NaOH) were added, and the mixture was heated for 1 hour. After heating, the solution was allowed to cool for 2 hours, resulting in the formation of a brown-colored corn silk pulp. The pulp was then thoroughly washed with distilled water more than 10 times to remove impurities. Subsequently, the substance was ground to achieve a smooth texture. Finally, the brown color was eliminated by rinsing with hydrogen peroxide, leading to the production of cellulose pulp.



Fig: 4.2: ***Scheme of Nanocellulose from Corn Silk***

4.2.2 PREPARATION OF NANOCELLULOSE FROM CORN COB

In a laboratory experiment, 3 grams of corn cob powder, 12 grams of choline chloride, and 9 grams of urea were combined in a beaker. The mixture was placed on a magnetic hot plate and stirred continuously for over 4 hours at a temperature of 45°C. After the stirring period, the solution was allowed to cool for 30 minutes, during which time any precipitate settled down. The solution was then filtered, and the resulting precipitate was washed with a hydrogen peroxide solution. Remarkably, the color of the solution transformed from brown to a creamy white hue.



Fig: 4.3: ***Scheme of Nanocellulose from Corn Cob***

4.2.3 SYNTHESIS OF DRIED GEL FROM NANOCELLULOSE

The procedure is followed by taking 0.5 grams of prepared corn cob cellulose were combined with 0.05 grams of potassium persulphate ($K_2S_2O_8$) and 20 ml of water in a beaker. After 5 minutes of stirring, 5 ml of glutaraldehyde were added, and the mixture was left to dissolve for 15 minutes. Subsequently, 0.7 grams of polyacrylamide (C_3H_5NO) were introduced, and the entire solution was stirred for 2 to 3 hours at 50 degrees Celsius. A remarkable creamy white solubilized gel. This gel was then carefully

poured into a petri dish. Over the course of several days, the prepared hydrogel was diligently washed with distilled water to remove any residual impurities. The hydrogel underwent additional purification: it was washed several times with pure ethanol to facilitate dewatering. Finally, the hydrogel was meticulously rinsed with distilled water once more and then dried in an oven for a full 24 hours at 50 degrees Celsius.

4.3 CHARACTERIZATION

The characteristic analysis of this experiment is carried out using three essential techniques: FTIR (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy), SEM (Scanning Electron Microscopy), and XRD (X-ray Diffraction). These methods play a pivotal role in understanding the structural and compositional properties of materials.

4.3.1 SEM ANALYSIS:

A scanning electron microscope (SEM) is an advanced type of electron microscope that captures detailed images of samples by scanning their surfaces with a focused beam of electrons. As the electron beam interacts with the atoms in the sample, it generates various signals that reveal valuable information about the sample's surface topography and composition. The SEM operates by scanning the sample in a systematic raster pattern, and the resulting image is formed based on the position of the beam and the intensity of the detected signals.

In the most common SEM mode, secondary electrons emitted from excited atoms are detected using a specialized secondary electron detector (known as the Everhart–Thornley detector). The number of secondary electrons detected depends on factors such as specimen topography. Remarkably, some SEMs can achieve resolutions finer than 1 nanometer.

Researchers typically observe specimens in high vacuum conditions using a conventional SEM. However, for specific applications, SEMs can also operate in low vacuum or wet environments (using variable pressure or environmental SEMs). Additionally, specialized SEM instruments allow observations at extreme temperatures, ranging from cryogenic to elevated levels.

Principle of Scanning Electron Microscopy:

SEM equipment is similar to a television. The principle of SEM is to use a focused beam of high-energy electrons to generate a variety of signals at the surface of solid specimens, such as secondary electrons, backscattered electrons, and X-rays. These signals are collected by detectors to form images of the sample displayed on a cathode ray tube screen.



Fig: 4.4: *Scanning Electron Microscopy*

Working Mechanism of SEM:

The electron gun produces a stream of monochromatic electrons and the condenser lens is used to form the beam and to limit the amount of current in the beam. It works in conjunction with the condenser aperture to eliminate the high-angle electrons from the beam. The second condenser lens forms the electrons into a thin, coherent beam. A user selectable object aperture further eliminates high-angle electrons from the beam. The electron beam is scanned in a rectangular raster over the specimen and a set of coils are used to scan the beam in a grid fashion, dwelling on points for a period of time, usually for a few microseconds, as determined by the scan speed. The object lens focuses the scanning beam onto the part of the specimen desired. When the beam strikes the sample (and dwells for a few microseconds), interactions occur inside the sample and are detected with various instruments.

Before the beam moves to its next dwell point, these instruments count the number of e-interactions and display a pixel on a cathode ray tube (CRT). The intensity of the pixel is determined by the number of electron-sample interactions (the more the reactions the brighter the pixel). The intensities of various signals created by interactions between the beam electrons and the specimen are measured and stored in computer memory.

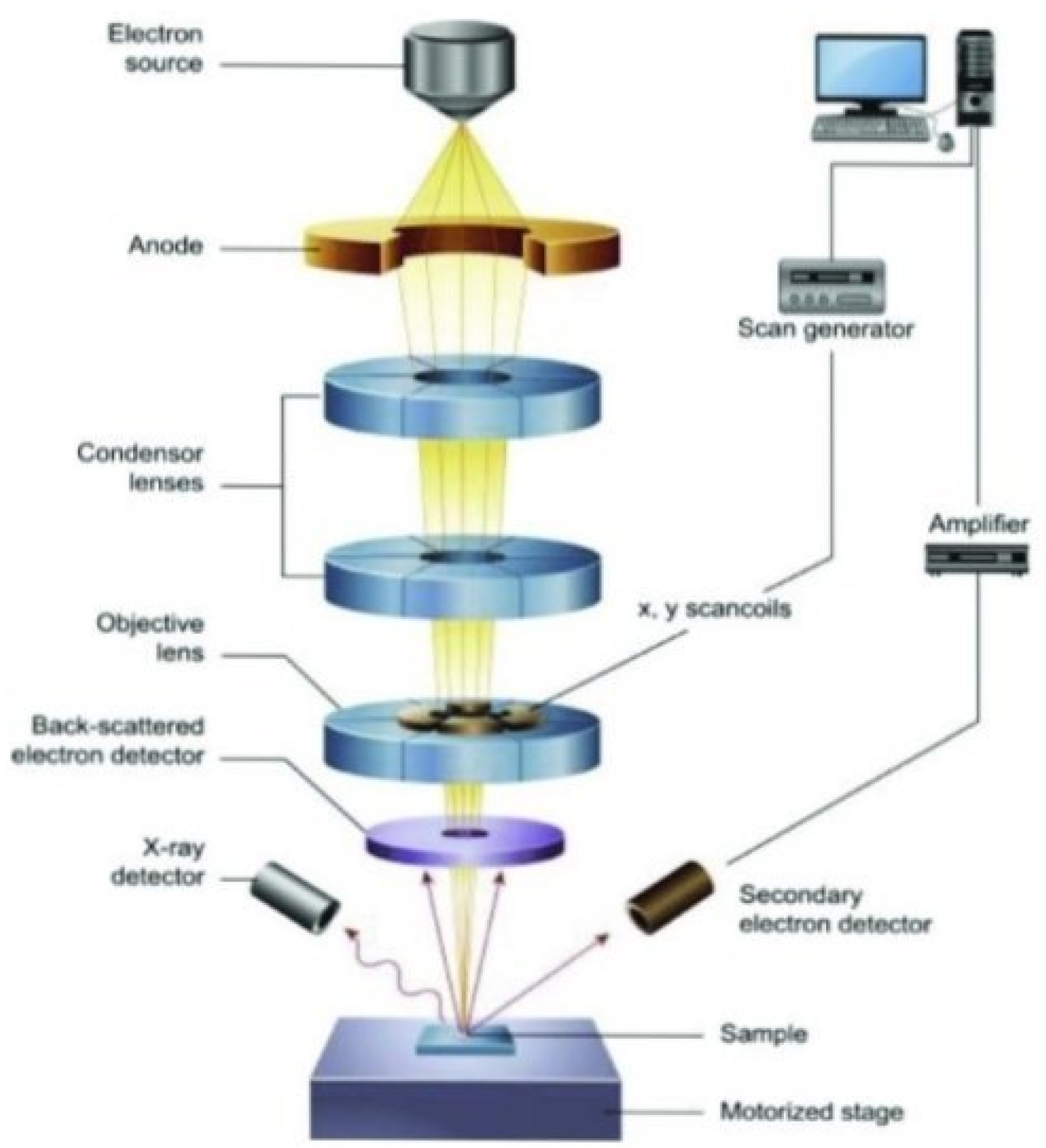


Fig: 4.4: *Schematic Diagram of SEM*

My sample was tested and analyzed by the CAREL ZEISS EVO 18, is an analytical tool that provides high-quality imaging results. It is capable of handling diverse material types. EVO 18 offers both Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy (EDS) and Wavelength Dispersive Spectroscopy (WDS) ports as standard features. The EVO 18's five-segment diode Backscattered Electron (BSE) detector enhances low-kV performance and provides valuable topography information.

Additionally, its variable pressure functionality allows analysis of both dry and hydrated samples. The coplanar design facilitates Electron Backscatter Diffraction (EBSD) in conjunction with EDS.

4.3 2. FTIR ANALYSIS:

FTIR spectroscopy, which stands for Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy, is a powerful analytical technique used to obtain an infrared spectrum of absorption or emission of a solid, liquid, or gas. It works by passing IR radiation through a sample and measuring the radiation that is absorbed and transmitted, creating a unique molecular fingerprint of the sample. FTIR can determine the structure of unknown chemical substances by comparing their spectral data with known reference spectra. Every chemical compound has a unique infrared absorption spectrum, akin to a molecular fingerprint. FTIR can identify compounds by matching their spectra with known references. It helps in identifying functional groups within a molecule by analysing specific absorption bands, which correspond to different types of chemical bonds.

PRINCIPLE OF FTIR:

The Michelson interferometer consists of a beam splitter, a moving mirror, and a stationary mirror. The beam splitter divides the light beam into two halves, which are reflected by the moving and fixed mirrors before being recombined by the beam splitter. As the moving mirror makes reciprocating movements, the optical path difference to the fixed mirror changes, causing the phase difference to shift over time. Interference light is created in the Michelson interferometer by recombining the light beams. An interferogram records the intensity of the interference light, with the optical path difference recorded along the horizontal axis.



Fig: 4.5: *Fourier-Transform Infrared spectroscopy*

Working Mechanism of FTIR:

FTIR, or Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy, operates by exposing a sample to infrared radiation emitted from a source. As the radiation interacts with the sample, its molecular bonds absorb specific wavelengths, resulting in a unique absorption pattern. In FTIR, an interferometer modulates the infrared radiation, splitting it into two beams that follow different paths—one through the sample and the other as a reference. After recombination, the resulting interference pattern is subjected to Fourier transformation, converting it into a spectrum representing absorbed radiation intensities at different wavelengths. Analyzing this spectrum reveals characteristic absorption peaks corresponding to functional groups and chemical bonds present in the sample, enabling identification and quantification of compounds or molecular structures. FTIR spectroscopy finds widespread use across chemistry, materials science, pharmaceuticals, and environmental science for qualitative and quantitative analysis of diverse materials. This spectrum displays absorption peaks indicative of the sample's functional groups and chemical bonds, facilitating the identification and quantification of compounds or molecular structures present.

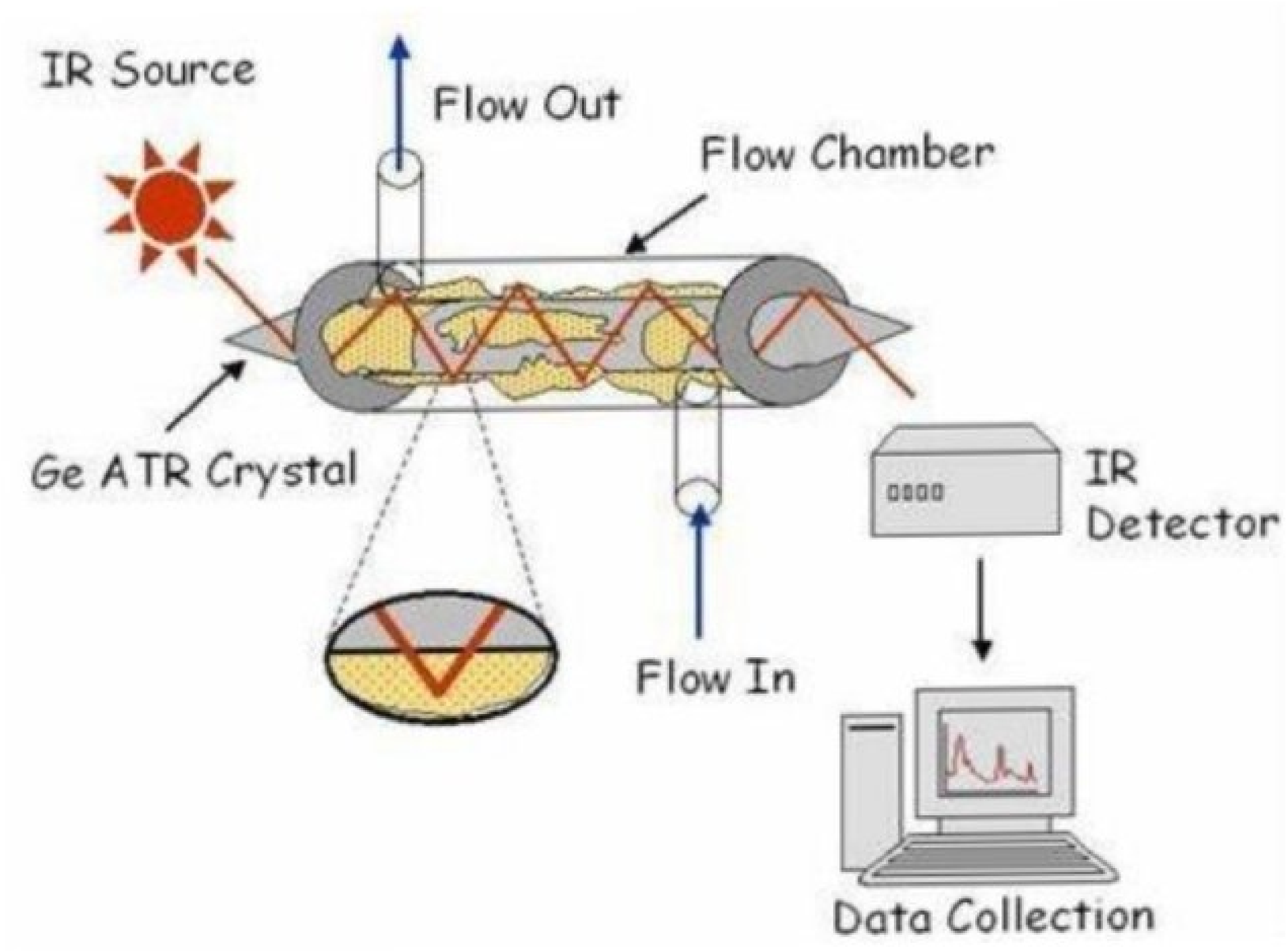


Fig: 4.6*: Schematic Diagram of FTIR*

My sample was tested and analyzed by the PerkinElmer Spectrum Two FTIR is a powerful tool for analysis molecular vibrations in materials. It covers a wide spectral range from 4000 cm^{-1} to 400 cm^{-1} (spectral resolution, KBr pellets). FTIR works by measuring the absorption of infrared light by a sample. It provides valuable information about functional group, Chemical bonds, and molecular structures. Researches use FTIR to identify Compounds, study polymers, and investigate material composition

4.3.3 XRD ANALYSIS:

X-ray diffraction (XRD) is a versatile diagnostic method used to examine the physical properties of samples in various states: powder, solid, or liquid. It evaluates characteristics such as phase composition, crystalline structure, and spatial alignment. Bragg's Law establishes the mathematical relationship governing X-ray scattering by crystals:

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin\theta$$

- (d) signifies the distance between atoms within a crystal lattice,
- (θ) denotes the X-ray's angle of entry,
- (n) represents an integer value, and
- (λ) is the X-ray's wavelength.

Bragg's Law elucidates the specific angles at which crystals reflect X-ray beams. A notable reflection occurs when the waves bouncing off successive layers of the crystal lattice exhibit a path difference that is a whole number multiple of the wavelength [61,62], a phenomenon known as Bragg reflection. In the domain of chemistry, XRD serves as a powerful tool with diverse applications. Powder XRD, in particular, is indispensable for analyzing powdered crystalline substances. It is crucial for identifying crystalline phases within a sample, utilizing distinct diffraction patterns that can be compared against a reference database for identification. This technique also enables the evaluation of sample purity and the detection of any contaminants. Additionally, powder XRD facilitates the determination and refinement of a crystal's lattice parameters, a critical aspect in understanding its properties. The Scherrer equation correlates the width of the diffraction peak with the size of the particles, offering a method to ascertain this dimension.

My sample was tested and analyzed by the smart lab 9kW Rigaku XRD model is essential for studying crystalline materials. XRD analyzes the diffraction pattern produced when X- Rays interact with crystal lattice. By measuring the angle and intensities of diffracted X- rays, researches can determine the crystal structure, lattice parameters, and phase composition. XRD is widely used in materials science, geology, and solid- state physics to characterize minerals, alloys and ceramics

Principles of XRD:

XRD finds the geometry or shape of a molecule using X-rays. XRD techniques are based on the elastic scattering of X-rays from structures that have long range order. The X-rays get diffracted by a crystal because the wavelength of X-rays is similar to the inter-atomic spacing in the crystals.



Fig: 4.7: *X-ray Diffraction*

Working Mechanism of XRD:

X-rays are generated in an X-ray tube by heating a metal filament to produce electrons. The electrons are then accelerated towards a target material, which produces X-rays. The wavelength of the X-rays produced depends on the type of target material used. The X-ray beam is collimated to focus it into a narrow beam. This is done using a collimator, which is a device that contains a series of slits or holes. The slits or holes allow only the X-rays that are traveling in a straight line to pass through. The sample is typically placed in a sample holder, which is positioned in the path of the X-ray beam. The sample holder is typically made of a material that is transparent to X-rays, such as aluminum or plastic. When the X-ray beam hits the sample, some of the X-rays will be diffracted. The diffracted X-rays will be scattered at different angles, depending on the crystal structure of the material. The intensities of the diffracted X-rays are measured using an X-ray detector. The X-ray detector is typically placed behind the sample. The XRD pattern is a plot of the intensity of the diffracted X-rays versus the scattering angle. The XRD pattern can be used to identify the material, determine its phase composition, and measure its crystallite size and strain.

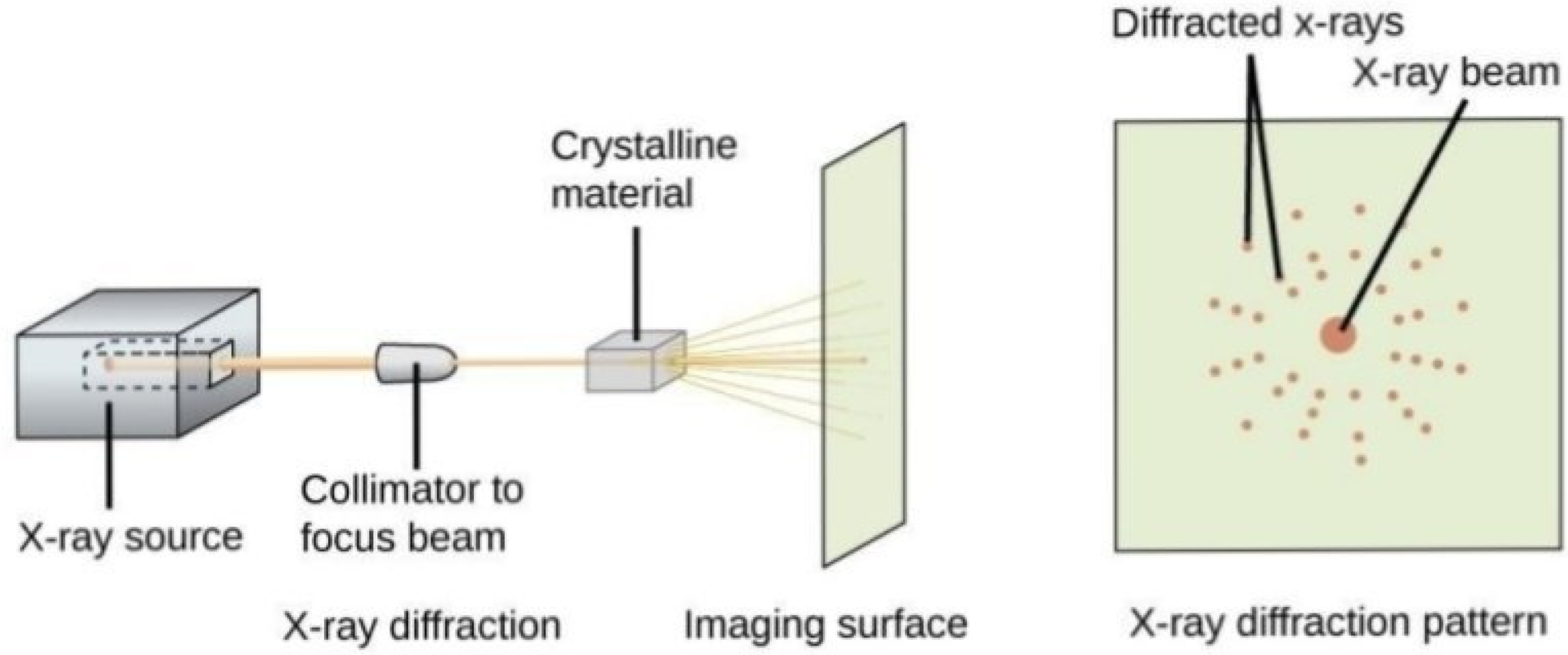


Fig: 4.8: ***Schematic Diagram of XRD.***

4.3.4 SWELLING RATIO TEST:

The swelling ratio test assesses how much a material expands when exposed to a specific solvent or environment. Typically performed on polymers, gels, and hydrogels, this test involves immersing a prepared sample into the chosen solvent and allowing it to swell for a set duration. Afterward, the swollen sample's dimensions are measured and compared to its initial dimensions to calculate the swelling ratio. This ratio provides a quantitative measure of the material's swelling behavior, influenced by factors such as its chemical composition, porosity, and affinity for the solvent. By analyzing the swelling ratio data, researchers can gain insights into the material's structure and its interaction with the surrounding environment, crucial for applications like drug delivery systems, biomaterials, and engineering materials.

Calculate the swelling ratio using the following formula:

SWELLING RATIO = FINAL DIMENSION in Height/ INITIAL DIMENSION

By conducting the swelling ratio test, researchers and engineers can gain valuable information about a material's response to solvent exposure, which is crucial for optimizing material formulations, designing drug delivery systems, developing biomaterials, and addressing other engineering and scientific challenges.

4.3.5 WATER RETENSION TEST:

The water retention test for hydrogels evaluates the material's ability to absorb and retain water, a crucial characteristic for various applications such as agriculture, wound dressings, and drug delivery systems. In this test, a predetermined amount of water is added to a sample of the hydrogel, and the hydrogel is allowed to absorb water for a specific period. After this absorption phase, any excess water is removed, and the hydrogel is weighed to determine the amount of water retained. The water retention capacity is then calculated by comparing the weight of the hydrated hydrogel to its initial dry weight. This test provides valuable information about the hydrogel's swelling capacity, water absorption kinetics, and its potential performance in practical applications where water retention is essential.

The formula to calculate water retention capacity for hydrogels is:

$$WC = \frac{W_{\text{wet}} - W_{\text{dry}}}{W_{\text{dry}}} \times 100\%$$

This formula expresses the water retention capacity as a percentage, indicating the amount of water retained by the hydrogel relative to its initial dry weight.

CHAPTER - 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Synthesized dried Corn silk hydrogel and dried corn cob hydrogel and also dried gel from nanocellulose were analysed to know their morphological structure, functional group, structural integrity Using variety of instruments. These instruments include X-ray Diffraction (XRD), Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM), Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR). The techniques emphasized in this project are showcased within. A concise overview of these methods is provided in the subsequent segment.



CELLULOSE FROM CORN SILK | DRIED GEL FROM NANOCELLULOSE | CELLULOSE FROM CORN COB

Fig: 5.1: ***Synthesized Cornsilk, Corn cob and Dried gel from Nanocellulose***

Table 5.1: Materials and Measurements for Cellulose synthesis

MATERIALS	MEASUREMENTS
Corn silk powder	5 grams
Sodium Hydroxide	6 grams
Corn cob powder	3 grams
Choline chloride	12 grams
Urea	9 grams

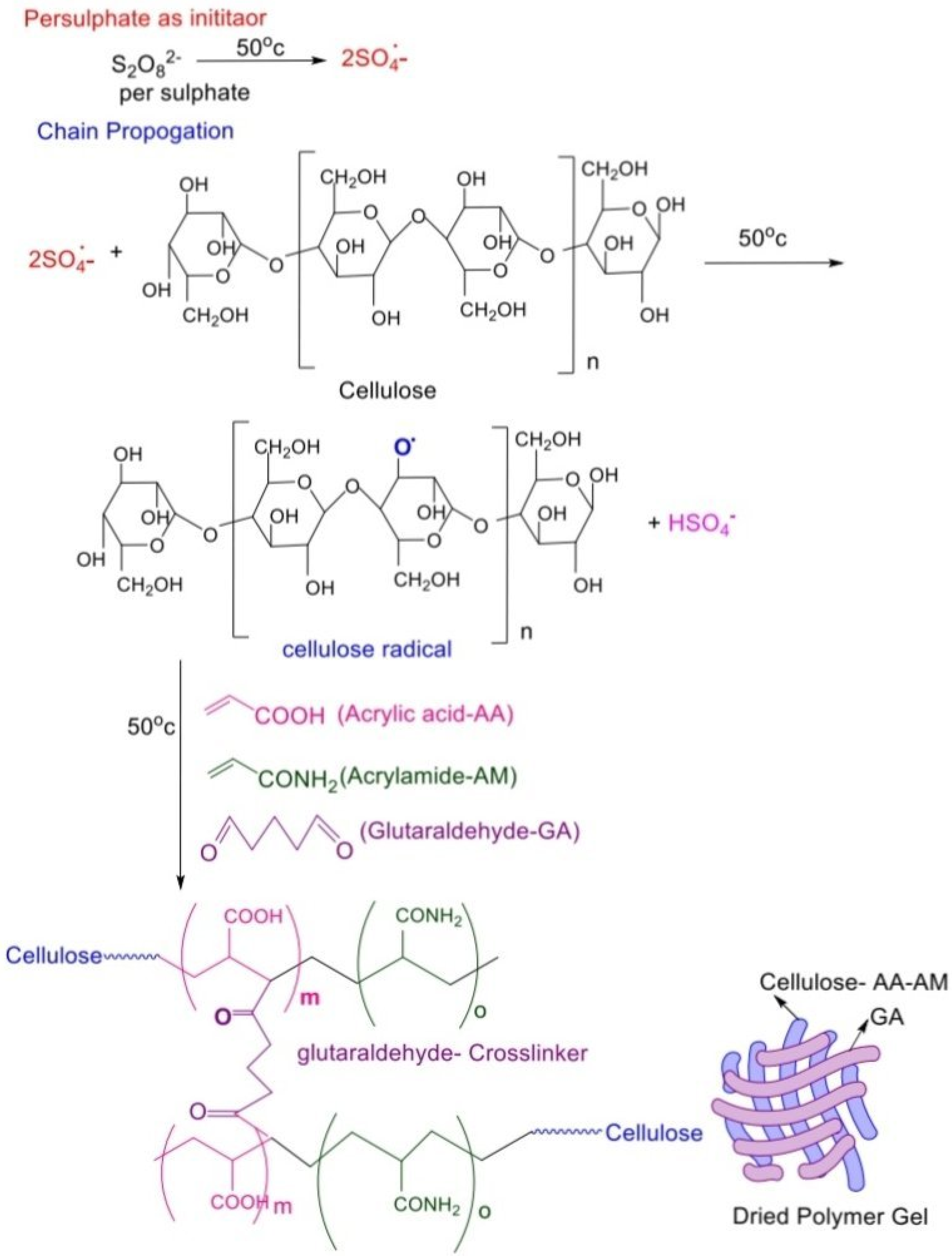


Fig: 5.2: ***Schematic mechanism for the synthesis of dried polymeric gel***

5 grams of cornsilk powder with 6 gram of sodium hydroxide yield obtained is 6.5 grams of Cellulose from corn silk. 3grams of corn cob powder, 12 grams of choline chloride, and 9 grams of urea synthesized yield obtained is 7 grams of cellulose from corn cob.

Table 5.2: Materials and Measurements for Dried gel

MATERIALS	MEASUREMENTS
Corn cob cellulose fiber	1.5 grams
Potassium persulphate	0.05 grams
Gluteraldehyde	5 ml
Polyacrylamide	0.7 grams

From the obtained corn cob cellulose fiber taking 1.5 grams and adding 0.05 grams of potassium persulphate, 5ml of gluteraldehyde, 0.7 grams of polyacrylamide is synthesized and obtained yield is 3 grams of synthesized dried hydrogel.

5.2 X-RAY DIFFRACTION (XRD):

The XRD graph shows the diffraction patterns of four samples such as, cob powder, silk powder, dried gel, and cellulose. Each material is represented by distinct peaks on the graph. The x-axis represents the 2θ angle. The y-axis indicates intensity (abu) showing how strongly each material diffracts X-rays at various angles. Diffraction Peak for cob powder, silk powder and dried gel is 2θ=21.28, 2θ=21.40, 2θ=21.81 as it is they are Amorphous. There is no distinct peak but, Cellulose obtained shows crystalline peak indicating at 2θ=22.15 with the crystalline size of 44nm.

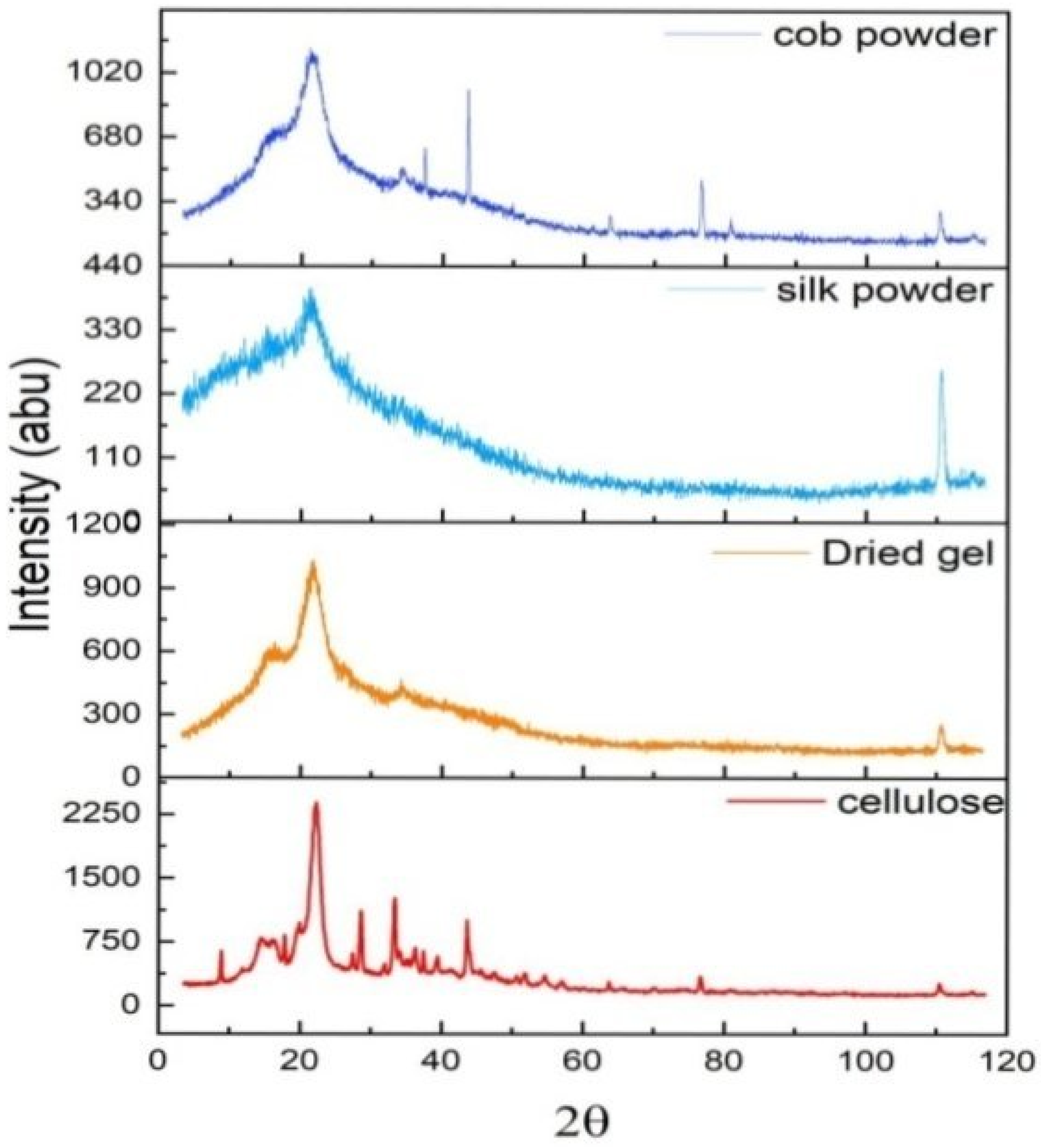


Fig: 5.3: ***XRD Spectra for Corncob Powder, Cellulose and Dried gel.***

Table 5.3: Diffraction peak Data for *Corncob Powder, Cellulose and Dried gel.*

S.no	Sample	2θ	Crystallite size nm
1	Cellulose	22.15	44
2	Dried gel	21.81	Amorphous
3	Corn silk powder	21.40	Amorphous
4	Corn Cob	21.28	Amorphous

5.3 FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY (FT-IR):

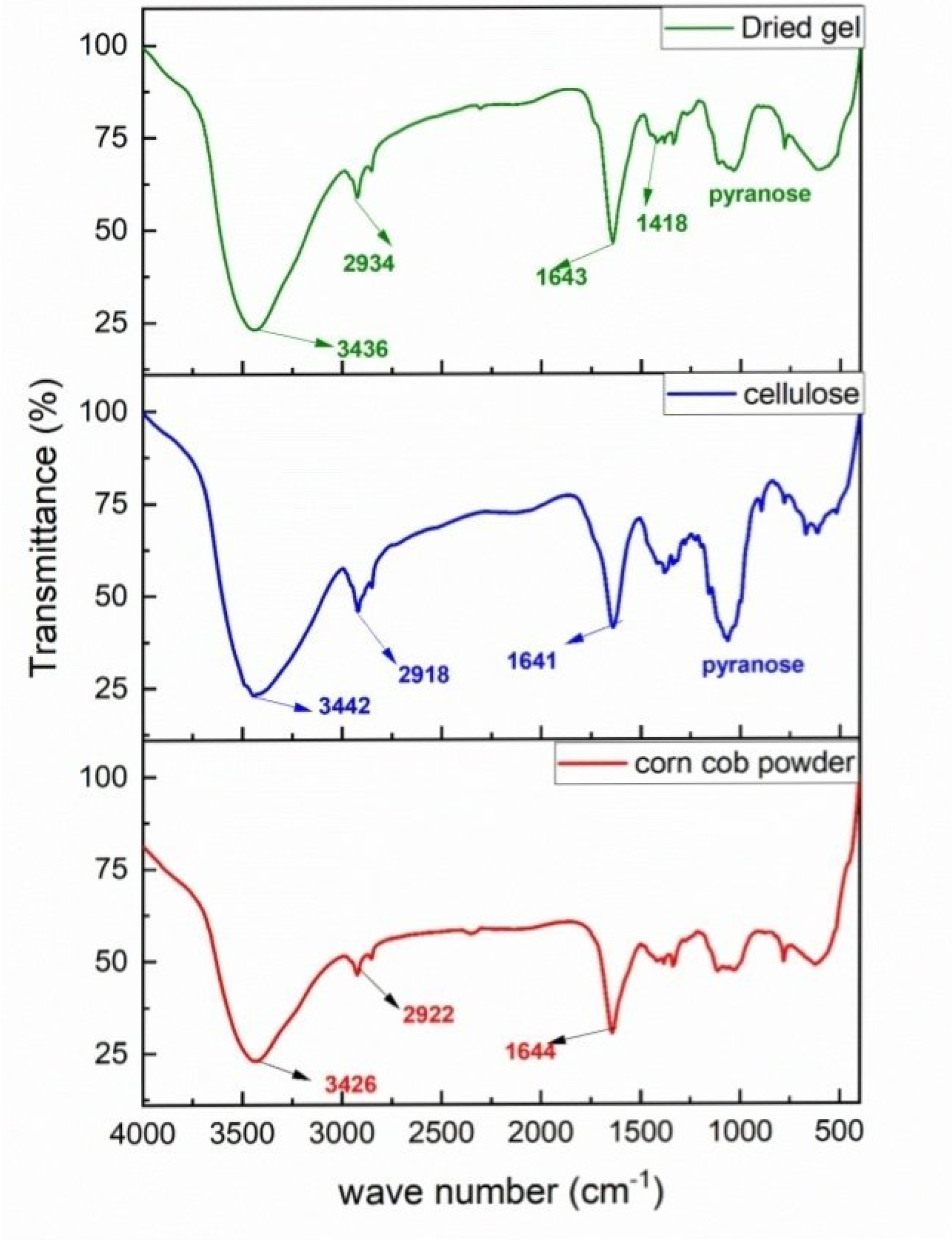


Fig: 5.4: ***FTIR Spectra for Corncob Powder, Cellulose and Dried gel.***

The FTIR spectra were carried out using a Shimadzu FTIR spectrometer, over a range of 400 to 4000 cm^{-1} and is represented in Fig. 5. 4 for corn cob powder, cellulose and dried gel. Examination of these spectra reveals absorption bands which are as follows: The absorption band characteristic of O-H bonds is located around 3400 cm-1 for all the three samples, the O-H band is spread out between 3200 and 3600 cm^{-1}. The band observed at 2918- 2934 cm^{-1} is attributed to C-H vibrations. The deformation of the hydroxyl groups of the absorbed water is localized around 1641 cm^{-1}. Pyranose skeleton vibrations (-C-O-C-) are observed at 1036 cm^{-1} the band of $-CH_2-$ bonds located at 1384 cm^{-1} and -CH- bonds located at 780 cm^{-1}. Cellulose-acrylamide spectra show the appearance of new absorption bands attributed to the grafted acrylamide group. Indeed, the new bungs detected at 1643 cm^{-1} and 1418 cm^{-1} are attributed to the C=O vibrations of the primary amide group and the carboxylate, respectively. The appearance of the carboxylate functions on the FTIR spectra is due to the saponification of the grafted amide group under the action of the NaOH base. The absence of an absorption band characteristic of the elongation of C=C at 1614 cm^{-1} on the Cellulose-acrylamide spectra is a strong indication of acrylamide grafting on the cellulosic backbone.

5.4 Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)

The surface morphologies of corncob powder, cellulose and dried gel were subjected to SEM analysis and is presented in Fig. 5.3. The corncob powder sample surface was coarse, irregular and non-porous in nature. The cellulose sample showed the presence of particles which are dispersed. The dried gel has an open- porous structure, with a microporous architecture. The electrostatic repulsions caused by the ionic charge of the carboxylate anions (COO^-) in the hydrogel have increased the space of the cross-linked hydrogel network. The high porosity of the hydrogels would facilitate rapid mass penetration, which is useful in superabsorbent applications.

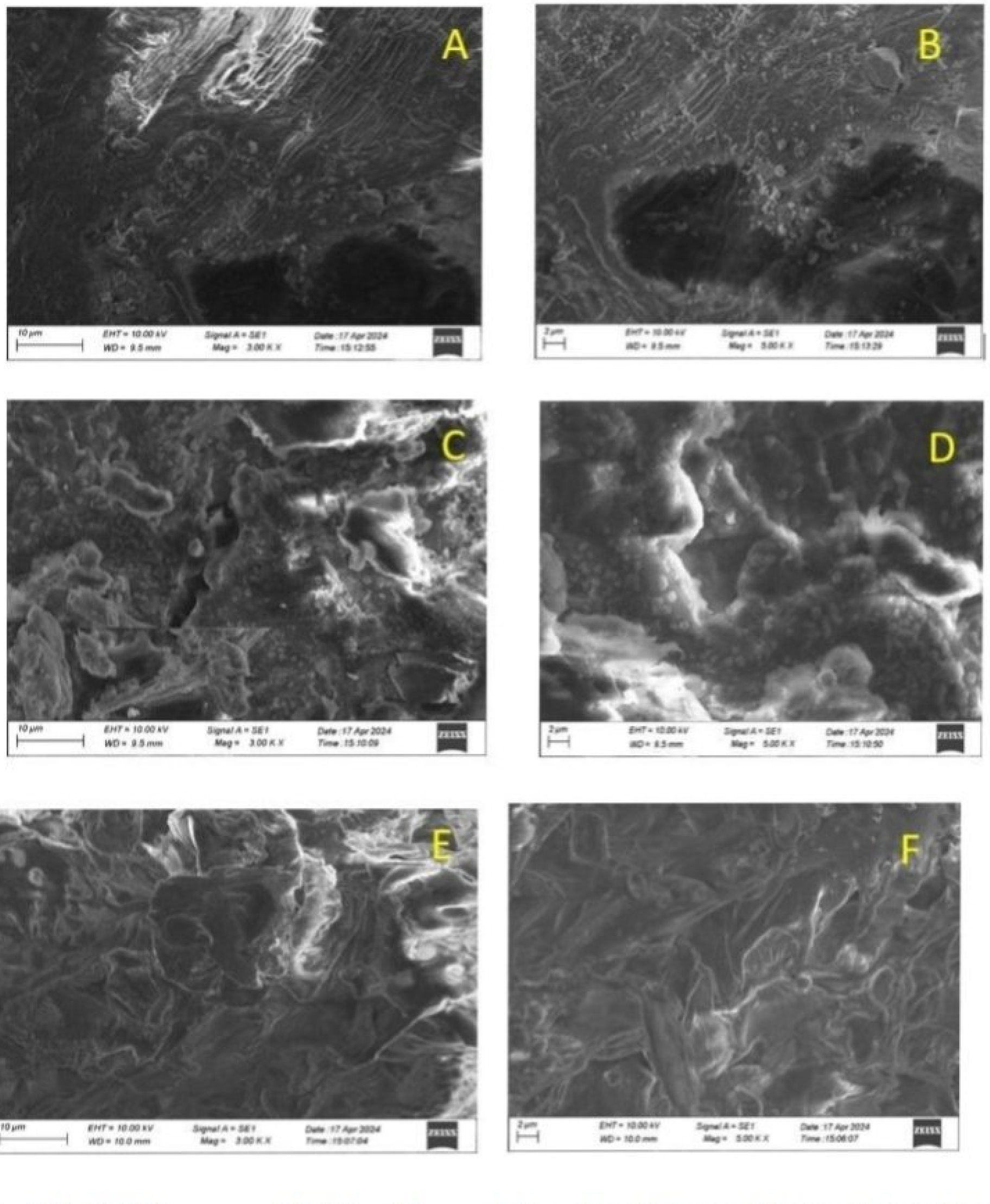


Fig: 5.5: ***SEM Images of A-10µm Corncob Powder; B-2 µm of Corncob powder; C-10µm Nanocellulose; D-2 µm of Nanocellulose; E- 10µm Dried gel; F- 2 µm of Dried Gel.***

5.5 SWELLING RATIO TEST:

The Synthesized dried hydrogel from corn cob, cellulose and natural corn cob powder is also tested for the swelling ratio to know its absorbtion level of water. This swelling test is experimented by dissolving the three components separately in the distilled water for 10h, 20h, 30h, 40h and noted the absorbtion level. Thus, prepared Corn Cob dried hydrogel has the highest Swelling ratio of 12.

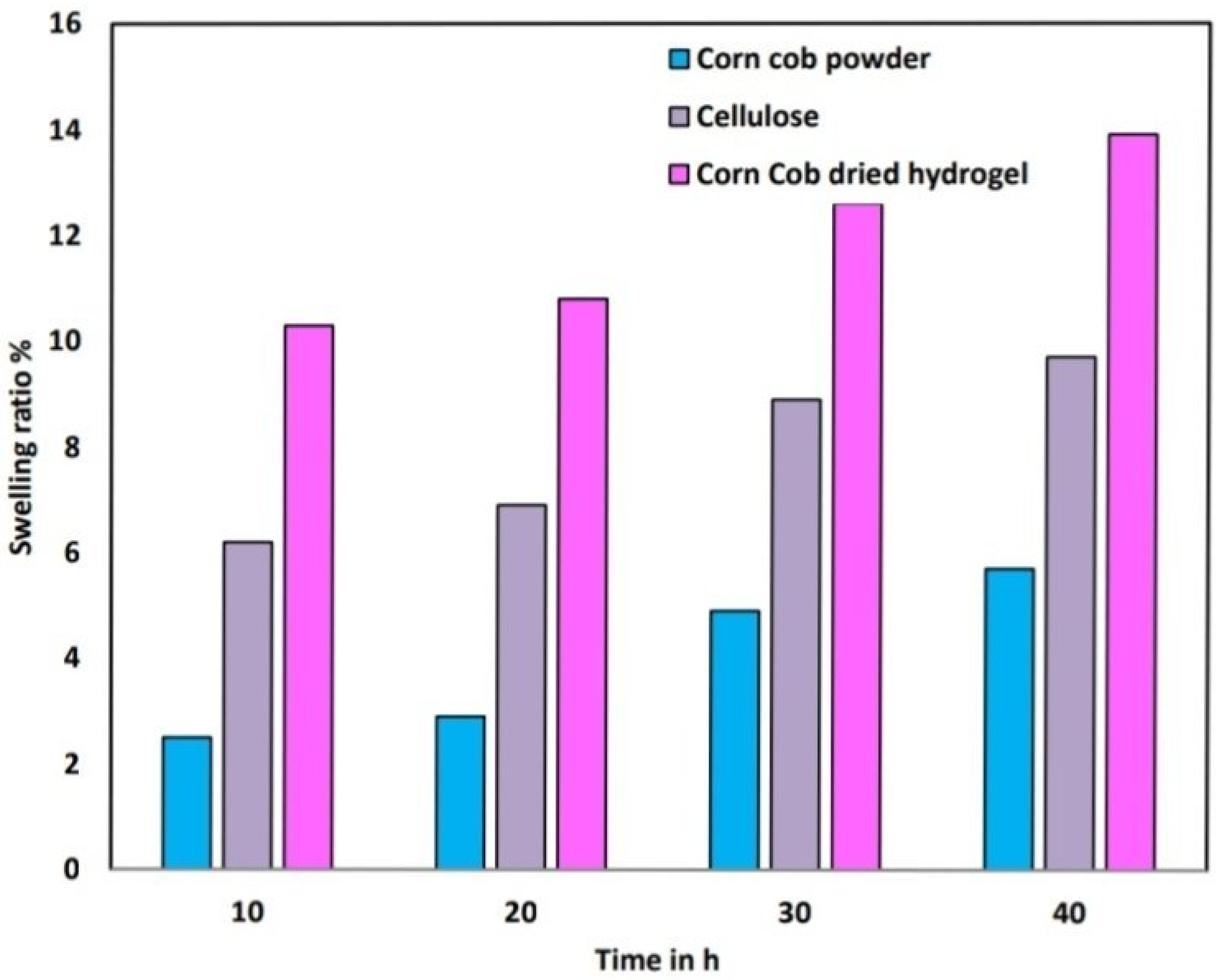


Fig: 5.6: ***Swelling Ratio Test for Corncob Powder, Cellulose and Dried gel.***

5.6 WATER RETENTION TEST

Assessing the capacity for water retention in dried form of gel is important for understanding of the potential of the hydrogel as a super absorbent material. Corn cob powder is relatively lower than other two. It absorbs less water. Corn silk dried hydrogel

exhibits a moderate swelling ratio, it can also absorb water but its capacity is not high as the other two. Among the three, corn cob dried hydrogel stands out. It has a significantly higher swelling ratio, indicating excellent water retention capability

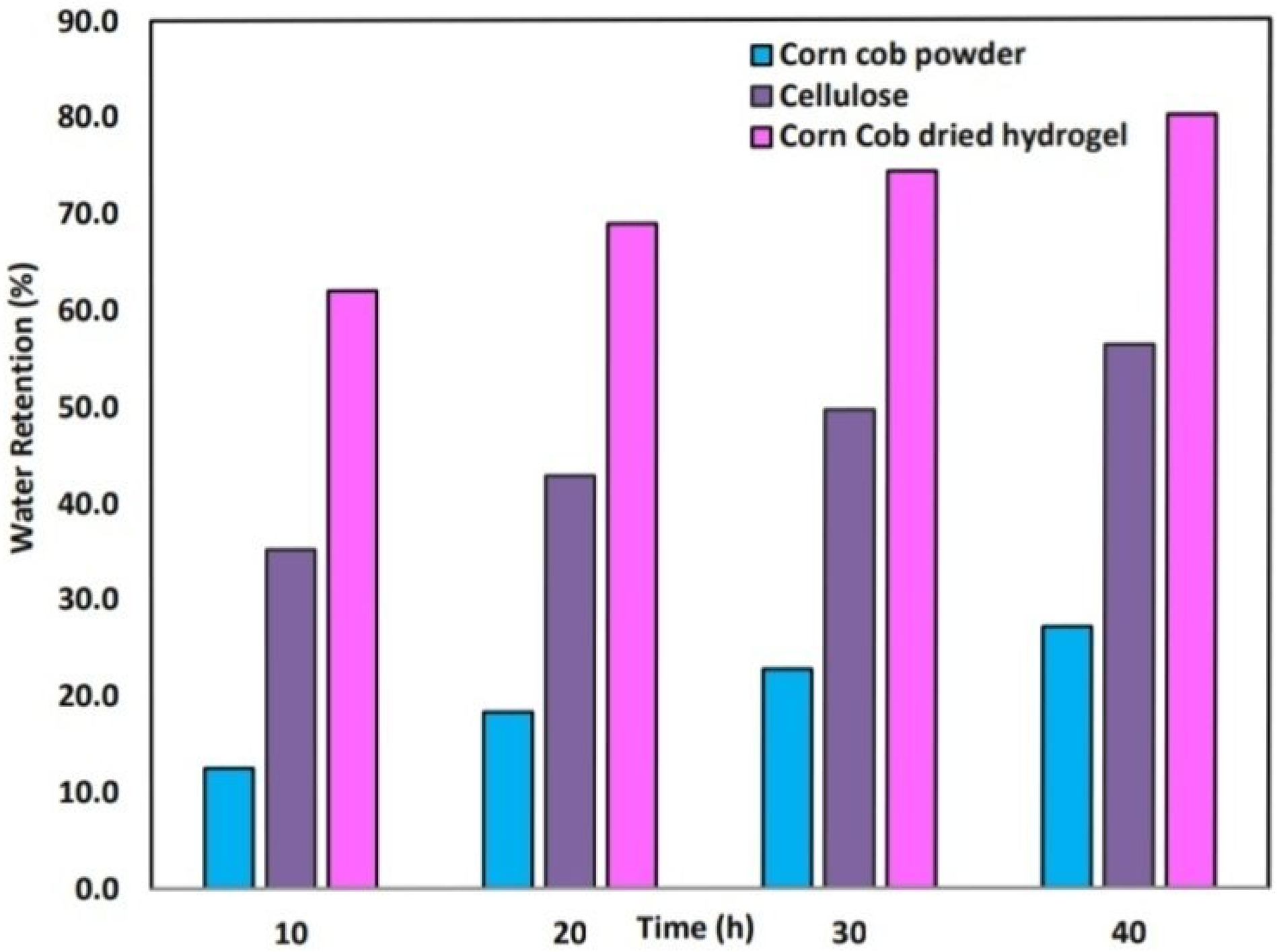


Fig: 5.7: ***Water Retention Test for Corncob Powder, Cellulose and Dried gel.***

5.7 Personal Hygiene product (Disposable Pad)

A disposable pad was fabricated using the nanocellulose and gel as the absorbent material and is represented in Fig. 5.7. A non-woven fabric is used as the upper and lower layer. A cellulose mixed with dried gel in the ratio of (10:1) is sandwiched between the layers and it is manually stitched. The prepared pad has the ability to retain the water up to 73%.

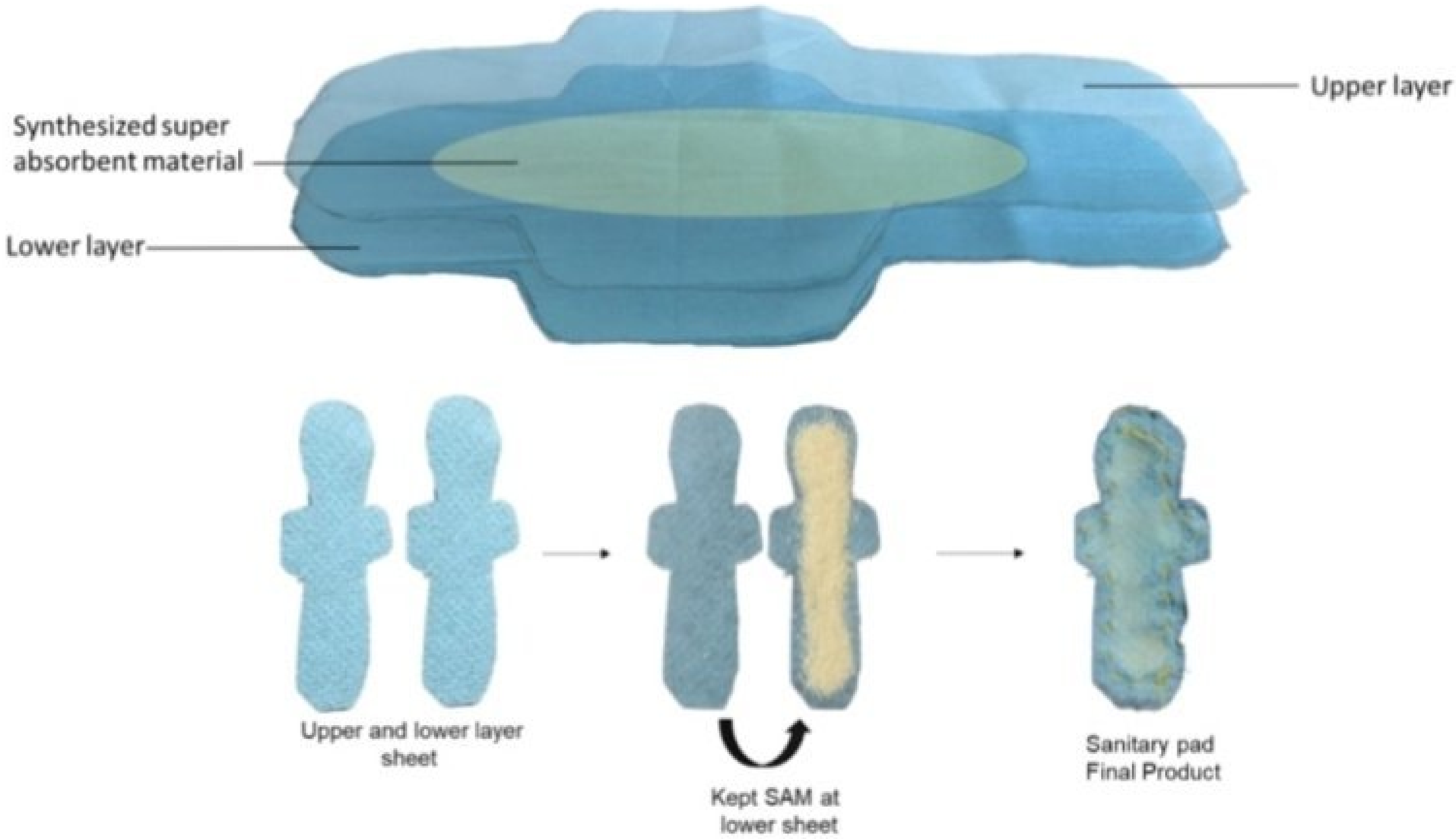


Fig: 5.8: ***Lateral view of Disposable pad with the developed absorbent material.***

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The dried hydrogels that are based on cellulose demonstrated excellent features for the management of Personal Hygiene. Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) revealed that the corncob powder sample surface was coarse, irregular and non-porous in nature. The cellulose sample showed the presence of particles which are dispersed. The dried gel has an open- porous structure, with a microporous architecture. The high porosity of the hydrogels would facilitate rapid mass penetration, which is useful in superabsorbent applications. X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) analysis verified the Diffraction Peak for cob powder, silk powder and dried gel is 2θ=21.28, 2θ=21.40, 2θ=21.81 as it is they are Amorphous. There is no distinct peak but, Cellulose obtained shows crystalline peak indicating at 2θ=22.15 with the crystalline size of 44nm. Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) producing an infrared absorption spectrum over a range of 400 to 4000 cm^{-1}. Cellulose-acrylamide spectra show the appearance of new absorption bands attributed to the grafted acrylamide group. The appearance of the carboxylate functions on the FTIR spectra is due to the saponification of the grafted amide group under the action of the NaOH base. The absence of an absorption band characteristic of the elongation of C=C at 1614 cm^{-1} on the Cellulose-acrylamide spectra is a strong indication of acrylamide grafting on the cellulosic backbone. The synthesized materials are also promising for applications in wound dressing, tissue engineering scaffolds, drug delivery system, for agriculture contributing to sustainable agriculture practices and also in environmental applications, food and package industries. The synthesized dried hydrogel using corn silk and corn cob act as Super absorbent material for the disposable pad (Personal hygiene product) and can retain water up to 72%.

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