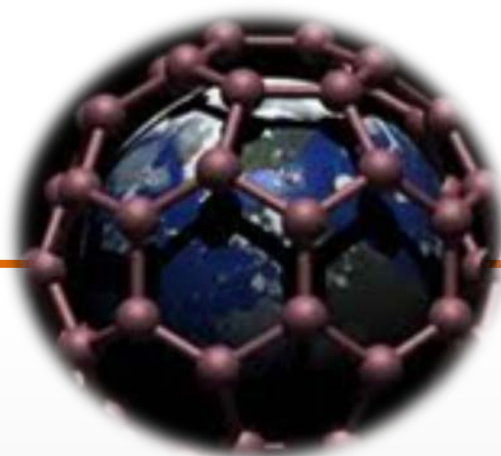
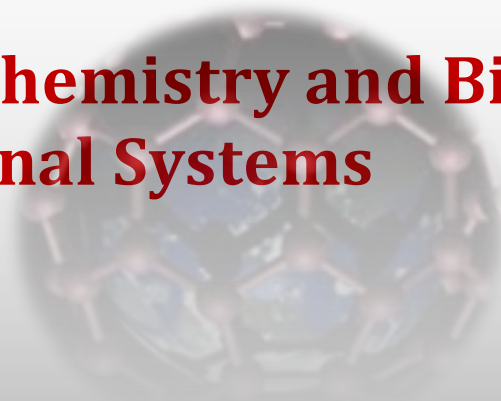




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Cobalt oxide nanoparticles were synthesized by sonochemical reduction method using cobalt nitrate [Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O] and sodium borohydride (NaBH<sub>4</sub>) as precursors and poly (vinyl) alcohol (PVA) as capping agent. Reaction was also carried out in ozone flow to investigate its effect on the optical and structural properties of the obtained cobalt oxide particles. The synthesized particles were characterized by UV-visible spectroscopy (UV-Vis), Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction (XRD), and energy dispersive X-ray analysis (EDAX).

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, among the transition metal oxides cobalt oxides have attracted considerable interest due to their optical, magnetic, catalytic and electronic properties. Cobalt has two stable oxides: CoO and Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. CoO crystals adopt the rock salt structure and it has many applications based on magnetic [1], catalytic [2], and gas-sensing properties [3]. It is also widely used in the ceramics industry as an additive to create blue colored glazes and enamels. It is difficult to synthesize CoO nanoparticles in pure form, because in most cases the synthesized product consists of a mixture of Co metal or Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. Various methods have been reported to synthesize CoO and Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles with different morphologies such as solvothermal [4], spray roasting method [5], sol-gel [6], thermal decomposition [7], chemical bath deposition [8], solution combustion synthesis method [9], hydrothermal [10], chemical precipitation [11], sonochemical [12], pyrolysis [13], microwave-assisted [14] and electrospinning technique [15]. S. Chattopadhyay et al. [16] synthesized phosphonomethyliminodiacetic acid (PMIDA) coated CoO nanoparticle by thermal decomposition method and studied anti-cancer activity to cancer cell in vitro. 3D porous Co/CoO composite films have been prepared by electrodeposition method and was applied as cathode for alkaline hybrid batteries [17]. Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is a p-type antiferromagnetic oxide semiconductor. It is a

mixed valence compound (CoO·Co<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) and adopts the normal spinel crystal structure, in which Co<sup>2+</sup> ions occupy the tetrahedral 8a sites and Co<sup>3+</sup> ions occupy the octahedral 16d sites. Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles have potential applications such as supercapacitor [18], anode material in Li-ion batteries [19], gas sensors [20], catalysts [21], electrochemical sensor [22], solar absorbing material [23], electrochromic devices [24] etc.

In the present paper cobalt oxide nanoparticles were synthesized by sonochemical method. Firstly, cobalt nanoparticles were obtained by reducing with NaBH<sub>4</sub> and then subjected to oxidation with ozone. To the best of our knowledge, use of PVA as a stabilizing/capping agent was reported for the first time on the Co<sup>2+</sup>-NaBH<sub>4</sub> redox reaction. The powders were characterized by XRD, UV-Vis and FT-IR spectroscopy and EDX analysis.

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL

For the preparation of nanostructured cobalt oxide, cobalt nitrate [Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O], sodium borohydride (NaBH<sub>4</sub>) were used as precursors and poly (vinyl) alcohol (PVA) was used as capping agent/stabilizer. For the synthesis, 0.1 M of Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O was completely dissolved in 40 ml of distilled water. PVA solution (2.0 wt%) was prepared by dissolving the required amounts in the distilled water. As-prepared NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.2 M) was added drop wise into the cobalt nitrate solution containing PVA under sonication process using an ultrasonic probe. This reaction was

sonicated for 1 h. The reaction of cobalt nitrate with poly (vinyl) alcohol followed by reduction with sodium borohydride leading to green powders. The obtained product was washed three times with deionized water and ethanol and collected through centrifugation. Finally, the synthesized sample was dried at room temperature. Similarly, the experiment was repeated by ozone flow, maintaining other reaction parameters. Finally, to achieve  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles synthesized powders were annealed at  $500^\circ\text{C}$  in air for 4 h. The reduction reaction between  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{NaBH}_4$  has been shown in the following equation:



The structural analysis of the synthesized oxide powders was analyzed by Rigaku Mini Flex 600 X-ray diffractometer ( $\lambda = 1.54060 \text{ \AA}$ ) using Ni-filtered Cu Ka radiation. Optical properties of the samples were investigated by Specord 250 Plus UV-vis Spectrophotometer. FTIR measurement has been conducted within  $400\text{--}4000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  region on a Varian 3600 FTIR spectrometer.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The XRD patterns of nanoparticles are shown in Fig. 1. In the XRD pattern of samples synthesized in without [Fig.(a)-1] and under ozone flow condition [Fig.(b)-1] no peaks corresponding to cobalt or cobalt oxide were observed. It means that the prepared product consists of particles with amorphous nature. But after thermal annealing of powders at  $500^\circ\text{C}$  in air for 4 h very small intensity peaks were appeared. For samples synthesized in without ozone reaction condition the diffraction peaks at  $2\theta$  values of  $36.71^\circ$ ,  $39.71^\circ$  and  $54.56^\circ$  corresponding to (311), (222), (422) planes indicates the formation of low crystalline  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  (JCPDS, card no 09-0418). The peak was also observed at  $2\theta = 33.22^\circ$  corresponding to (111) plane, which is in good agreement with CoO (JCPDS, card no 42-1300). It means that the obtained particles consist of two phases. For samples synthesized by the reaction with ozone flow the peaks were observed at  $2\theta$  values of  $36.64^\circ$ ,  $44.77^\circ$  and  $65.26^\circ$  corresponding to (311), (400), (440) planes, indicate the formation of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ . The existence of very small intensity peaks can be attributed small sized particles. The particle size

$D$  of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  was calculated using the Scherrer formula:

$$D = 0.89\lambda / \beta \cos\theta \quad (1)$$

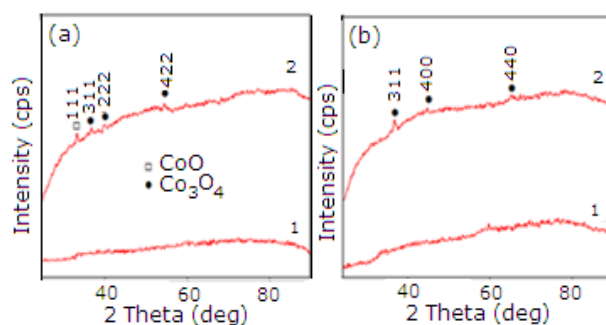


Figure 1. X-ray diffraction pattern of nanoparticles before (1) and after annealing (2) synthesized in (a) without ozone and (b) under ozone flow reaction condition

Evaluated from Eq. (1), the average size of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  particles obtained in ozone flow reaction condition is 14 nm. After annealing of samples synthesized in air in the diffractogram the intense peak corresponds to CoO for particles synthesized in normal reaction condition and particle size is 36 nm.

UV-vis spectra measurement was carried out to determine optical absorption properties of samples. The optical band gap ( $E_g$ ) of the particles can be calculated using the following equation:

$$\alpha = B(h\nu - E_g)^n / h\nu \quad (2)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the absorption coefficient,  $h\nu$  is the photon energy,  $B$  is a constant, and the value of  $n$  is depend on nature of transition;  $1/2$  for directly allowed and 2 for indirectly allowed transitions.

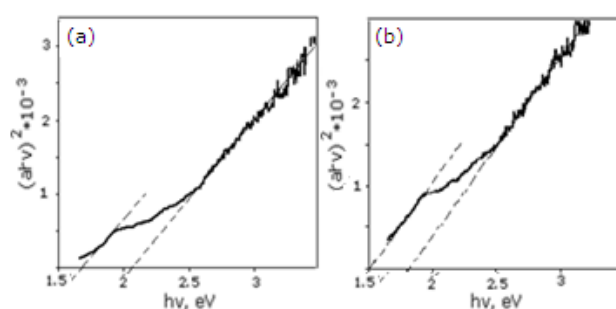


Figure 2.  $(\alpha h\nu)^2$  versus  $(h\nu)$  for  $\text{Co}_x\text{O}_y$  samples synthesized in a) without ozone and b) under ozone flow reaction condition

As shown in Fig. 2,  $\text{Co}_x\text{O}_y$  samples have two band gaps. The optical band gaps of samples before annealing obtained without and with ozone flow reaction condition are 1.65 eV and 2.06 eV, 1.51 eV



and 1.81 eV, respectively. The band gap energy decreases for samples synthesized in ozone flow reaction condition. It can be attributed that when nanoparticle interact with ozone their size gradually increase. Fig. 3 shows the band gap energies of particles after thermal annealing at 500°C in air. For samples obtained without and with ozone flow reaction condition band gap energy was calculated as 1.12 eV and 1.38 eV; 1.10 eV and 1.32 eV, respectively.

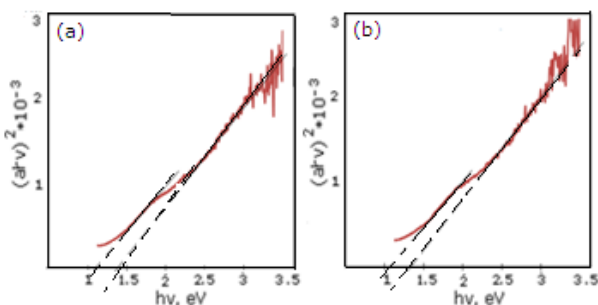


Figure 3.  $(\alpha hv)^2$  versus  $h\nu$  for  $Co_3O_4$  samples synthesized in a) without ozone and b) under ozone flow reaction condition

Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 show the IR spectrums of samples before and after annealing at 500°C. The strong and wide band at 3440  $cm^{-1}$  and 3441  $cm^{-1}$  observed at the spectra of particles synthesized in without and under ozone flow condition, respectively are attributed to the stretching vibrational mode of hydrogen bonded hydroxyl group of PVA. The absorption band at 2928  $cm^{-1}$  for  $Co_xO_y$  particles synthesized in without ozone and the band at 2920  $cm^{-1}$  for particles synthesized in ozone flow condition are assigned to the asymmetric C-H stretching. Also, the band observed at 2851  $cm^{-1}$  for ozone reaction is attributed to the symmetric C-H stretching [25]. The bending and wagging vibrations of  $CH_2$  are found at 1443  $cm^{-1}$  and 1340  $cm^{-1}$ , respectively. The bands at 1740  $cm^{-1}$  (for without ozone reaction) and 1642  $cm^{-1}$  (for ozone reaction) are assigned to the C=O stretching of the acetate group of PVA [26]. The band observed at 1126  $cm^{-1}$  (for without ozone reaction) is the characteristic to the C–O stretching vibration. This characteristic peak was observed at 1121  $cm^{-1}$  for ozone reaction and intensity of this peak decreased slightly. It can be due to the more nanoparticle formation and defects induced by them. Moreover, the absorption bands observed at 676  $cm^{-1}$  and 655  $cm^{-1}$  for without and with ozone flow

reaction condition, respectively, is assigned to the stretching vibration mode of metal-oxygen [14].

If we compare two spectrums, we can observe shift in the low frequency of peaks for ozone reaction. It can be explained by the fact that nanoparticle size was increased in ozon flow reaction due to the oxidation and obtained nanoparticles weakened of the chemical chain energy.

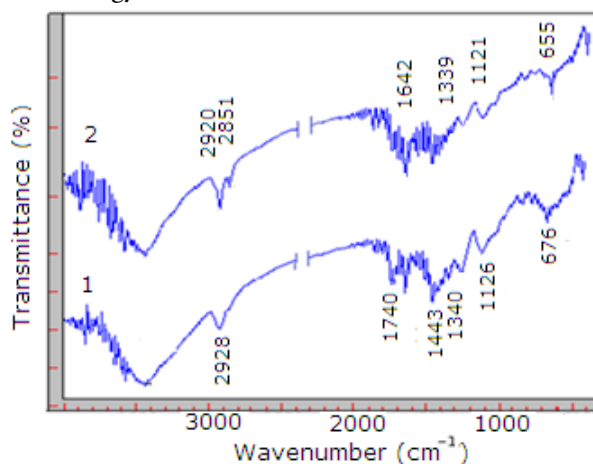


Figure 4. FT-IR spectrum of the powders before annealing synthesized in without ozone (1) and under ozone flow reaction condition (2)

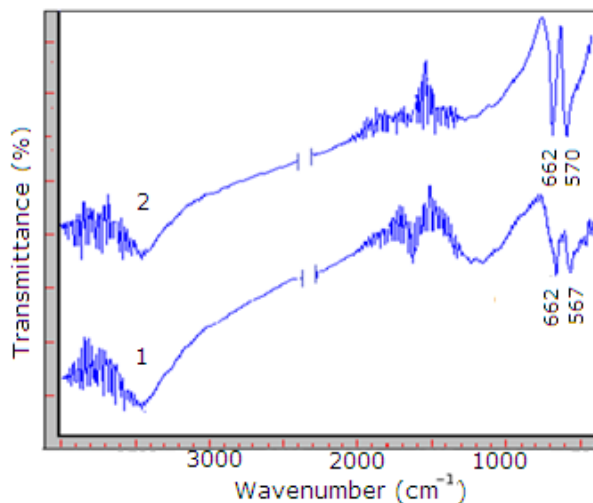


Figure 5. FT-IR spectrum of the  $Co_3O_4$  powders synthesized in without ozone (1) and under ozone flow reaction condition (2)

After thermal annealing at 500°C of samples, two strongest and sharp peaks at 662 ( $\nu_1$ )  $cm^{-1}$  and 567 ( $\nu_2$ )  $cm^{-1}$  for without ozone reaction, 662 ( $\nu_1$ )  $cm^{-1}$  and 570 ( $\nu_2$ )  $cm^{-1}$  for ozone flow reaction condition were observed. The  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_1'$  bands are attributed to the tetrahedral coordinated  $Co^{2+}$  ions, while the  $\nu_2$  and

$\nu_2$  bands is the characteristic to the octahedral coordinated  $\text{Co}^{3+}$  ions [27].

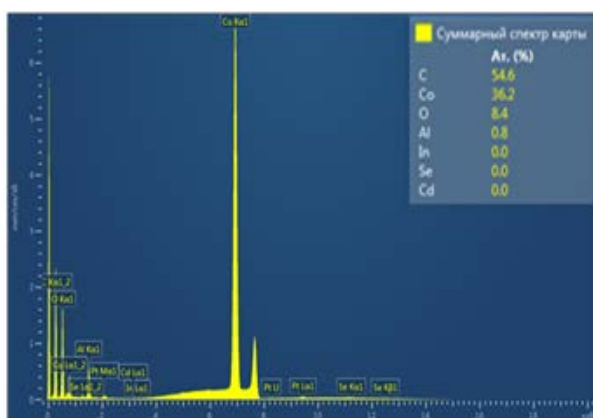


Figure 6.EDX spectrum of samples before annealing synthesized in without ozone reaction condition

These characteristic peaks are more intensive for ozone reaction. This may be due to more crystallinity of the particles. It is determined that bands of PVA have been disappeared after annealing at  $500^\circ\text{C}$ . It indicates the decomposition and evaporation of PVA from nanocomposite [28].

Energy dispersive X-ray spectrometry (EDX) analysis was employed to determine the composition of the samples. EDX spectrum of particles before annealing synthesized without ozone reaction condition shows that the experimental atomic percentages of cobalt and oxygen are found to be 36.2% and 8.4%, respectively (Fig. 6).

This result indicates that the synthesized product consists mainly of cobalt nanoparticles and poor oxidation was occurred due to dissolved oxygen in the solution. For samples before annealing synthesized in ozone flow experimental atomic percentages of cobalt and oxygen are found to be 5.3% and 42.1%, respectively (Fig. 7). It is known that ozone is a strong oxidizer due to the formation of free oxygen radicals during decomposition and it has an active interaction with substances. For this reason strong oxidation of particles was occurred.

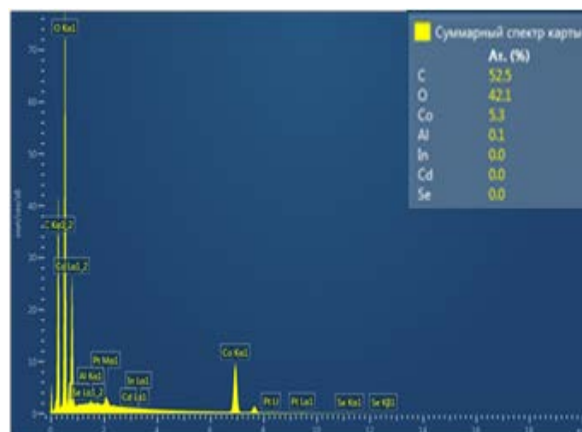


Figure 7.EDX spectrum of samples before annealing synthesized in ozone flow reaction condition

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In the present study, we synthesized cobalt oxide nanoparticles by sonochemical reduction method using PVA as capping agent. It is observed two band gaps from optical studies for cobalt oxide. For samples after annealing obtained without and with ozone flow reaction condition band gap energy was calculated as 1.12 and 1.38 eV; 1.10 and 1.32 eV, respectively The band gap decreased for samples synthesized by ozone flow reaction. So it can be concluded that when nanoparticle interact with ozone, which is bubbled through a solution, the nanoparticles size gradually increase due to their losing aggregation stability. The average size of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  particles obtained in the reaction condition by ozone flow is calculated as 14 nm from XRD. FT-IR measurements also confirm the formation of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ .

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## THE EMERGENCE OF DRIFT CAPACITY IN 2D InSe CRYSTALS

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I – V characteristics and current kinetics under the action of a laser pulse in ultrathin InSe films, 1.3 μm thick, delaminated from a single-crystal ingot by mechanical means were studied. The saturation of the current in I – V characteristic at high fields is explained by the limitation of the injection of electrons from the source. When a film is excited by a laser pulse with duration of 12 ns, a drift capacitance arises in it, which discharges after the termination of the laser pulse and the current relaxation can be viewed as a dissipative relaxation-type flow and apply Maxwell – Cattaneo equations to it.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Among 2D materials, the most promising for nanoelectronics and photonics is the atomically thin film of indium selenide [1-4]. The advantages of a 2D InSe crystal over other 2D materials, such as graphene, silicon, Mo<sub>2</sub>S, etc. this is due to the fact that InSe has a very high mobility of conduction electrons [5, 6] with a relatively short lifetime of non-equilibrium current carriers and high mechanical flexibility of ultrathin films [7-9]. When the number of monolayers decreases from twenty to two layers, the band gap of ultrathin films of indium selenide varies in the range from 1.26 eV to 1.66 eV [8, 10]. Consequently, ultrathin layers of indium selenide can be in demand for the manufacture of high-speed and high-performance photodetectors operating in the near infrared region of the spectrum. However, ultrathin InSe films consisting of several monolayers, i.e. several hundred angstroms thick, have a low absorption coefficient value [11], which somewhat overshadows the material prospects for photoelectronics.

This paper presents the results of studies of the electrical and photoelectric properties of 1.3 μm thick InSe thin films, which is comparable with the wavelength of the corresponding fundamental absorption edge of a crystal with a high absorption coefficient.

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL

Tonkin InSe films are obtained by mechanically peeling a film from a single-crystal ingot. Monocrystalline ingots of indium selenide were obtained by the Bridgman method in the horizontal version. Samples (4 × 4 × 10) mm<sup>3</sup> were cut from the middle section of the ingot, and then several layers were peeled off from the surface (4 × 4) mm<sup>2</sup> perpendicular to the c axis of the crystal. From the last layer located on the adhesive tape, more layers were removed to obtain an ultrathin film with a thickness of 1.3 μm. Figure 1 shows the SEM image of the film edge, which allows determining the film thickness.

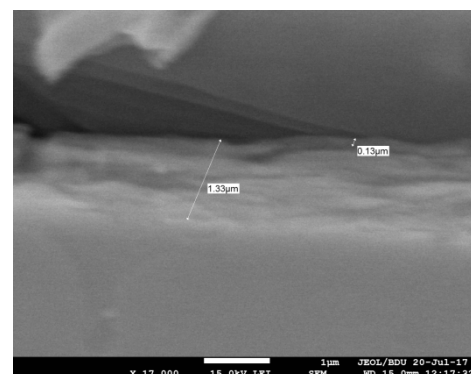


Figure 1. Image on SEM edge of thin film InSe.

The thickness of each monolayer in InSe is 63 Å, therefore, the film consists of 100 monolayers. Conductive contacts of low-resistance silver paste were

deposited on the resulting film.

The volt-ampere characteristic of the samples was taken in the mode of constant and alternating currents without connecting the load resistance using the TR-4805 characterograph. To study the photoelectric properties of the samples, a halogen lamp with a quartz base, a monochromator of type M833 with double dispersion, a pulsed Nd<sup>+</sup>:YAG laser with generation of the second and third harmonics were used. The duration of the laser radiation was 12 ns, with a maximum power of 7 MW/cm<sup>2</sup>.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Mechanisms of current passage in 2D-crystals may differ significantly from bulk crystals. In atomically thin films, the number of lattice defects, including the amount of foreign impurities, is reduced to zero, and the material has almost intrinsic conductivity. Therefore, currents that depend on temperature and on external influences (for example, light) in two-dimensional crystals are limited by the number of free charge carriers injected from the source, similar to currents limited by the volume charge in high-resistance crystals. However, unlike three-dimensional, in two-dimensional crystals along with ionized atoms, neutral lattice atoms occupying a certain portion of the cross section of atomically thin films can play the role of a shielding element and cause resistance for charge carriers, reducing their mobility. I – V characteristic of an ultrathin InSe film 1.3 μm thick shown in Figure 2 clearly demonstrates the above-mentioned assumption. The length of the film between the conductive contacts (between the source and drain) was 4 mm, therefore in the range of the field strength 0-400 V/cm, the characteristic obeys Ohm's law and the current density in the sample is determined by the expression:

$$j = e(n\mu_n + p\mu_p)E. \quad (1)$$

Considering that the film has n-type conductivity and the electron mobility in ultra-thin InSe films ( $\mu_n = 720 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ ) far exceeds the hole mobility, equation (1) can be written as:

$$j = en\mu_n E. \quad (2)$$

Starting at 400 V/cm, the current is saturated in the sample, which is caused by the restriction of

electron injection due to the small cross section of the film. Taking into account the cross section of the film ( $4 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2$ ), using the formula (2), we calculate the maximum concentration of electrons injected from the source:  $n \approx 7 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ sm}^{-3}$ .

In the field of strong fields ( $E > 400 \text{ V/cm}$ ), the current through the sample increases slightly. In all likelihood, this is due to the field dependence of the electron mobility. When the film is illuminated with white light with an intensity of 160 and 200 Lux, non-equilibrium charge carriers are generated in the film, and the current increases accordingly. From curves 2 and 3 in Figure 2, it can be seen that the sublinearity of the characteristics of the illuminated sample begins at lower field strengths. However, the resistance of the samples at small fields and different levels of illumination are equal. This means that the concentration of generated non-equilibrium charge carriers also saturates, and the increase in current in the region of high fields and levels of optical excitation is necessarily caused by an increase in the mobility of charge carriers. High electron mobility and ultrathin structure, i.e. The 2D format of the film contributes to the appearance of drift capacitance when current passes through the film.

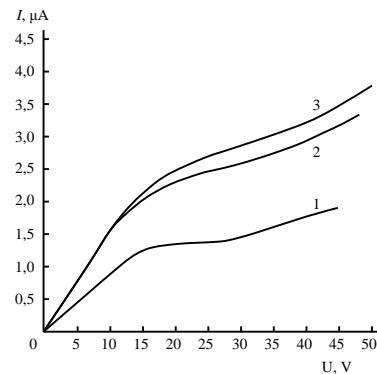


Figure 2. I – V characteristics of a thin film InSe, 1.3 microns thick. 1 - in the dark; 2 - when illuminated 160 lux, 3 - when illuminated 200 lux.

Since highly mobile electrons leave the sample sink, and slow-moving holes slow down the injection of electrons from the source, a negative charge accumulates around the source (Fig. 3). Thus, a positive charge accumulates at the drain (anode) of the sample, and a negative charge at the source (cathode). With a steady flow of current, the drift capacitance has a small value. However, when a film is illuminated by

a laser pulse, a photocurrent pulse arises due to nonequilibrium electrons and holes. Extraction of high-mobility electrons near the anode and recombination of slow-moving holes contributes to the appearance of a large drift capacitance.

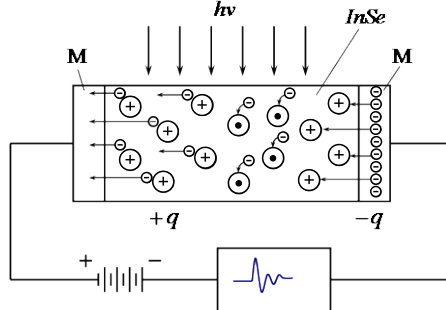


Figure 3. Diagram illustrating the occurrence of drift capacity in InSe.

An 1.3  $\mu\text{m}$ -thick InSe film was irradiated with a laser pulse of 12 ns duration and a wavelength of 535 nm. As a result, an equal number of nonequilibrium electrons and holes was generated. Electrons with high mobility quickly leave the film runoff. After the cessation of illumination, in the middle of the film, a part of nonequilibrium holes recombines with electrons and a high-resistance region of neutral atoms is formed.

Thus, after the cessation of optical excitation, along with the usual relaxation of the photocurrent caused by the recombination of nonequilibrium charge carriers, the drift capacitance formed by the region of charged positive ions in the near-anode region of the film and the cathode electrons also discharge. Therefore, the relaxation process can be considered as a dissipative flow of the relaxation type and apply the Maxwell-Cattaneo equations to it [12]:

$$j + \tau \frac{dj}{dt} = -\sigma \nabla \varphi, \quad (3)$$

where  $j$  – current density,  $\tau$  – photocurrent relaxation time,  $\sigma$  – film electrical conductivity,  $\varphi = \frac{q}{C}$  – potential transfer capacity due to drift.

At zero gradient of the transfer potential, i.e. the absence of the process of the drift capacitance in the film, single-channel recombination of non-equilibrium charge carriers occurs according to the law:

$$j = -\tau \frac{dj_f}{dt}. \quad (4)$$

where  $j_f$  – current density. The photocurrent density with constant electron mobility can be expressed by the formula:

$$j_f = e \Delta n v = \frac{eN}{V} v = \frac{q}{V} v, \quad (5)$$

where,  $V$  – film volume,  $v$  – electron drift velocity,  $q = eN$  – the number of non-equilibrium electrons decreasing over time by the formula:

$$q(t) = q_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}, \quad (6)$$

where,  $q_0$  – the amount of non-equilibrium electrons generated by laser radiation.

The discharge of positive and negative charges of the drift capacitance through the measuring circuit, will occur according to the law:

$$q' = q'_0 e^{-\delta t} \cos \omega t, \quad (7)$$

Where  $q'_0$  – charge drift capacitance at the time of termination of optical excitation,  $\delta$  – logarithmic damping decrement,  $\omega$  – natural frequency of the measuring circuit. The transfer potential due to the field between the cathode and anode is equal to:

$$\varphi = \frac{q'}{C} = \frac{q'_0}{C} e^{-\delta t}, \quad (8)$$

Where  $C$  – drift capacity. Potential gradient  $\nabla \varphi$  determined only in the direction of current flow over a distance  $\ell$ , between the anode and cathode, and it can be written with a simple expression  $\varphi/\ell$ .

Taking into account equations (5), (6) and (7) in (3), we obtain the expression for the relaxation of the photocurrent pulse in thin films of the type InSe:

$$i = j \cdot S = \frac{v q_0}{\ell} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} - \frac{q'_0 \sigma S}{C \ell} e^{-\delta t} \cos \omega t, \quad (9)$$

where  $S$  – cross section of thin film. The pre-exponential factors are constant, independent of time for a given thin film. Therefore, equation (9) can be written as:

$$i = Ae^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} - A'e^{-\delta t} \cos \omega t, \quad (10)$$

where,  $A = \frac{\nu q_0}{\ell}$ ,  $A' = \frac{q_0' \sigma S}{C \ell}$ . When choosing values for constant  $A = 0.08$ ;  $A' = 0.05$ ;  $\tau = 0.5$  ns;  $\delta = 0,05$  ns<sup>-1</sup> and  $\omega = 20$  ns<sup>-1</sup>, dependence  $i(t)$  calculated by formula (10) has the form shown in Fig. 4. The photocurrent kinetics in ultrathin InSe films under the action of pulsed laser radiation with duration of 12 ns is shown in Fig. 5. Comparing the calculated and experimental dependences of the relaxation current on time, we observe good consistency between them. Thus, equation (9) can be used for mathematical modeling of current pulse relaxation in ultrathin 2D crystals of the indium selenide type. In this case, it is meant that the properties of indium selenide should be taken into account. As noted above, the electron mobility in InSe nanolayers is many times greater than the hole mobility. This feature is necessary for the appearance of drift capacitance in 2D crystals.

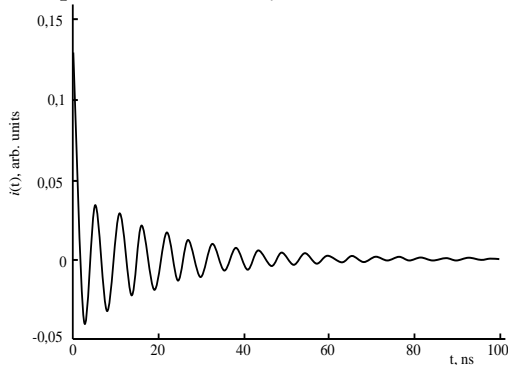


Figure 4. Calculated current versus time using Maxwell-Cattaneo equation.

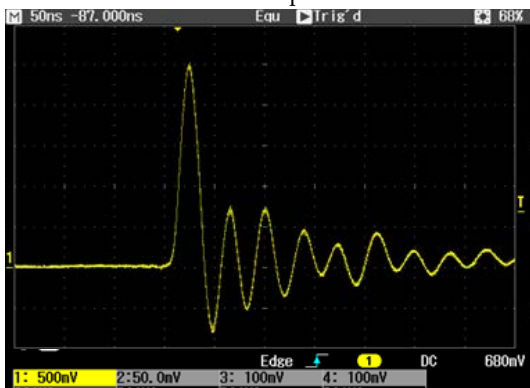


Figure 5. Experimental time dependence of the relaxation current in ultrathin InSe films under the action of pulsed laser radiation.

The main parameters of standart and nano-granular solar cells on the basis of TiO<sub>2</sub>/Cd<sub>0.1</sub>Zn<sub>0.9</sub>S<sub>0.2</sub>Se<sub>0.8</sub>/Si heterojunctions are shown in Figure 2.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

The saturation of the current in ultrathin InSe films is due to the restriction of the injection of electrons from the cathode. When the film is illuminated with white light, the concentration of generated nonequilibrium charge carriers also saturates, and the increase in current in the region of high fields and levels of optical excitation is necessarily due to an increase in the mobility of charge carriers. After optical excitation of the film by a light pulse with a duration of tens of nanoseconds, along with the usual relaxation of the photocurrent caused by the recombination of nonequilibrium charge carriers, the drift capacitance formed by the region of charged positive ions in the near-anode region of the film and the cathode electrons also occurs. Therefore, the relaxation process can be considered as a dissipative flow of the relaxation type and the Maxwell-Cattaneo equations can be applied to it.

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SYNTHESIS AND STABILIZATION OF BIMETALLIC  
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In this paper bimetallic nanoparticles on the base Fe/Ni and Fe/Cu were synthesized in the presence of different surface-active substance medium by borohydride reduction method under nitrogen conditions. The characterization of the bimetallic nanoparticles was performed using XRD, SEM and AFM techniques. It was found that in the presence of sodium oleate surfactant, bimetallic nanoparticles were more effectively stabilized against oxidation and agglomeration. It was also determined that in the presence of sodium oleate stabilizer produced stable, well-dispersed bimetallic nanoparticle solutions. Electron microscopic studies have shown that the particle size for monometallic iron nanoparticles is 40-80 nm, for bimetallic nanoparticles Fe/Ni and Fe/Cu- 10-60 nm.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In the last decade, zero-valent iron as a reductant and efficient agent has been used in water and soil treatment to decrease the concentration of environmental pollutants under toxicity limit. NZVI nanoparticles possess unique physical and chemical properties different from bulk material. They have many potential applications in environment.

Coating of nanoiron with other metals such as Cu, Ni, Pd, Pt and Ag has been proposed for treating a number of contaminants in water and soil. Bimetallic nanoparticles have a higher reaction rate compared to those observed for nZVI alone [3]. Recently, bimetallic nanoparticles have received considerable attention because of their importance for magnetic, optical, and catalytic applications in a variety of fields; their value arises from their distinctive properties, which are clearly different from those of monometallic nanoparticles.

Generally, bimetallic nanoparticles can be categorized into two main groups: core-shell and alloys structures. Depending on the synthetic approach used in the preparation of bimetallic nanoparticles, the spreading of every metal in a particle and their

organization will vary to adopt either core-shell, random alloy, alloy with an intermetallic compound type or cluster-in-cluster, subclusters, etc. The mechanism responsible for their reactivity is related to catalytic hydrogenation and electrochemical effects [4]. It was indicated that coating of nZVI by second metal decreases the aggregation and agglomeration of nZVI, in addition to enhancing the rate of reduction in aqueous solution for treatment pollutants [5]. However, the efficiency of the catalyst used in bimetallic nanoparticles decreases during time due to formation of an iron hydroxide layer, which hinders the contact between the reactants and the catalyst [6].

In the bimetallic nanoparticles with cluster-in-cluster structures, one nanoclusters act with other nanoclusters as a binder. The cluster-in-cluster structure may be considered as a modification of the core-shell structure. It has been reported that heterogeneous bimetallic nanoparticles have more properties than the single component metal nanoparticles, according to their tunable chemical and physical properties [2]. The properties of bimetallic nanoparticles can be tuned by adjusting composition, atomic ordering, morphology, and size. Bimetallic nanoparticles are the multifunctional nanomaterials

with applications in different fields: environment, industry, technology. Researchers are trying to synthesize more and more new bimetallic nanoparticles with desired and controlled geometrical as well as magnetic properties. It can also be concluded that bimetallic nanoparticles are of greater importance as compared to monometallic nanoparticles because of enhanced properties. These particles have greater surface area, as a result of which they act as catalyst and helps in effectively catalyzing various reactions.

In this review reported the stabilization of bimetallic particles in aqueous media in the presence of surfactants as stabilizers. It is desirable to have the flexibility of using nanoparticles both in the liquid and solid phases, preferably with the same matrix and stabilizer. Additionally, using iron as the main catalysts gives to us opportunity to easily recover after the reaction and hence avoid elaborating separation procedures, due to its magnetic properties.

In the present study, stabilized bimetallic nanoparticles containing Fe by Ni and Cu were synthesized in the presence of surface-active substance-sodium oleate and characterized by different techniques ( XRD, SEM, EDS). Experiments were carried out in batch mode under strong agitation in the presence and absence of dissolved oxygen.

## 2. EXPERIMENTS AND METHODS

### 2.1. Materials

Iron (III) chloride hexahydrate (PLC 141358 - 99 % chemically pure), sodium borohydride (PLC 143314 - 99 % chemically pure), nickel (II) sulphate heptahydrate (PLC 141445, 98 % chemically pure), copper sulphate pentahydrate (PLC 175639), sodium oleate (  $C_{18}H_{33}NaO_2$  PLC - 113655 ) and ammonia solution (28- 30%) were used for nZVI and bimetallic Fe/Ni and Fe/Cu particles synthesis. All chemicals were of analytical grade and were used as received without further purification.

### 2.2. Synthesis and stabilization of Fe/Ni and Fe/Cu bimetallic nanoparticles

Bimetallic nanoparticles were synthesis in a flask reactor with three open necks. To avoid the agglomerating, dispersing agents were used during

synthesis. Several dispersing agents were evaluated in this work including sodium oleate (SO), carboxymethylcellulose sodium salt (CMC), cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTABr), polyethylene glycol (PEG). It was found that in the presence of sodium oleatesurfactant, bimetallic nanoparticles were more effective stabilized against oxidation and agglomeration. Of these, SO was found to disperse nanoparticles well, than others which stabilize not well and oxidise faster.

Bimetallic nanoparticles were prepared by mixing 0.1M  $Fe^{3+}$  solution with 30 ml of 0.5% solution of sodium oleate. It was well mixed on a magnetic stirrer at 500 rpm. After 15 min, different amount of the second metal (Ni and Cu) was added into the solution for test which loading of the second metal is better (0.1%, 0.3% and 0.5%). On the other hand, 100 ml 0.3 M sodium borohydride solution was prepared and added into the above solution dropwise and stirred constantly. All the reaction was at room temperature and in a free oxygen atmosphere under nitrogen gas. The mixture was left for another 10 minutes of stirring after adding sodium borohydride solution, so that the reaction was complete.

For complete removal of non-reactive ions synthesized bimetallic nanoparticles were washed 3 times with absolute ethanol. CR4000 pro-Analytical centrifuge was used for nanoparticles washing.

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1. Characterization of the so-bnp system

*SEM Analysis.* The morphologies of bimetallic Fe/Ni and Fe/Cu nanoparticles have been studied by scanning electron microscopy (SEM, JEOL JSM-7600 F). Scanning was carried out in SEI mode with an accelerating voltage of 15 kV and a working distance of 4.5 mm. Figure 1 shows the SEM image of freshly synthesized nZVI nanoparticles without additional of the second metal and bimetallic nanoparticles on the base Fe/Ni and Fe/Cu. It can be observed that the iron particles are in the form of nanospheres, which exist in contact with each other and form chains having diameters of 40-80 nm. But bimetallic nanoparticles (Fe/Ni and Fe/Cu) shows significantly difference in size distribution. As seen in SEM analysis, size of bimetallic nanoparticles became dramatically less after addition of the second metal, approximately 10-60

nm. The particles were well dispersed and the specific surface area of particles increased due to the joining of the second metal. Figure 2 and 3 shows the energy-dispersive spectrum and mapping of nZVI and bimetallic nanoparticles (Fe/Ni and Fe/Cu). As can be seen from Figure 2 and 3 the synthesized nanoparticles belong to bimetallic Fe/Ni and Fe/Cu nanoparticles.

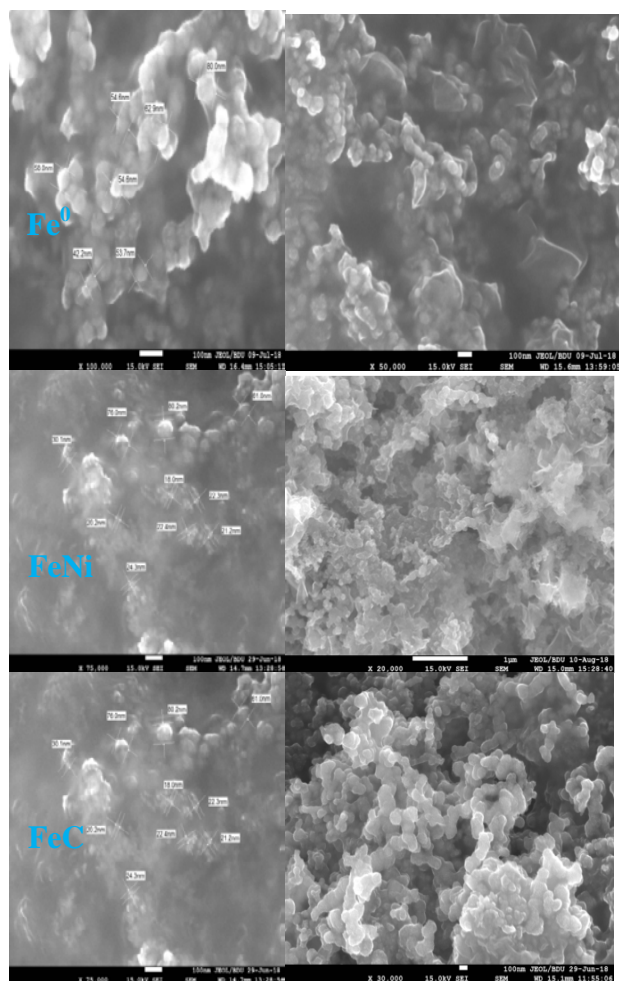


Figure 1. SEM images of nZVI particles and 0.5% the second metal loading bimetallic (Cu, Ni) nanoparticles.

**XRD analysis.** X-ray diffraction analysis of bimetallic nanoparticles was performed on Rigaku Mini Flex 600 XRD diffractometer at ambient temperature. In all the cases was used Cu K $\alpha$  radiation from a Cu X-ray tube (run at 15 mA and 30 kV) and scan area was 20-80°. When the standard deviation is higher (~4.82), the phase may not be detectable by XRD. This limitation of XRD has amorphous structure, which exhibits only short-range ordering. XRD of FeNi and FeCu bimetallic nanoparticles determined amorphous phase.

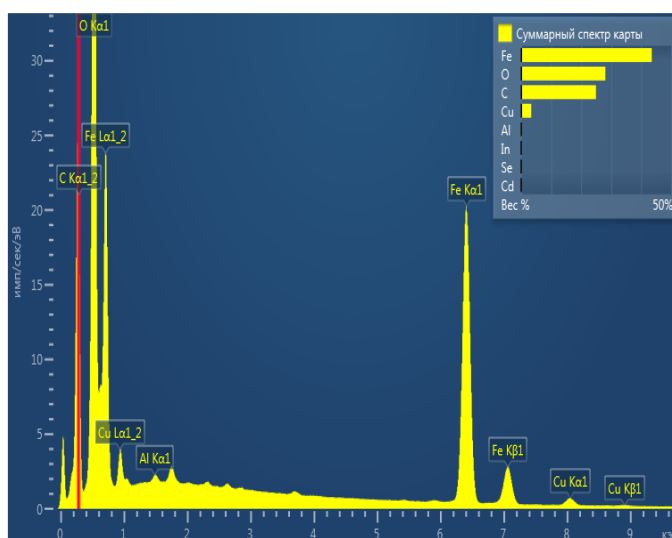
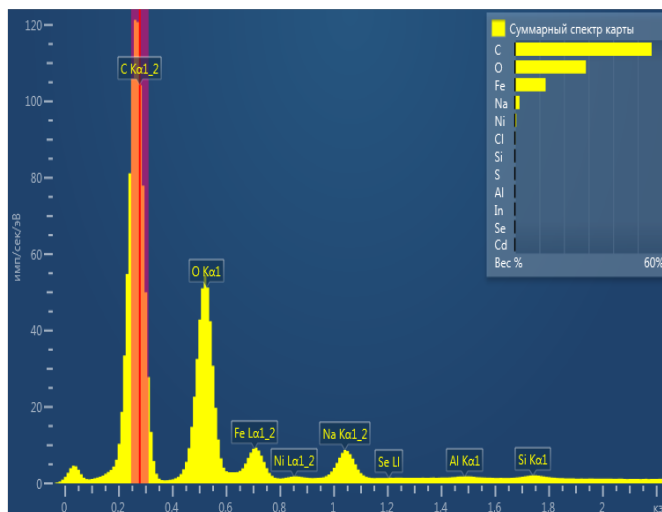
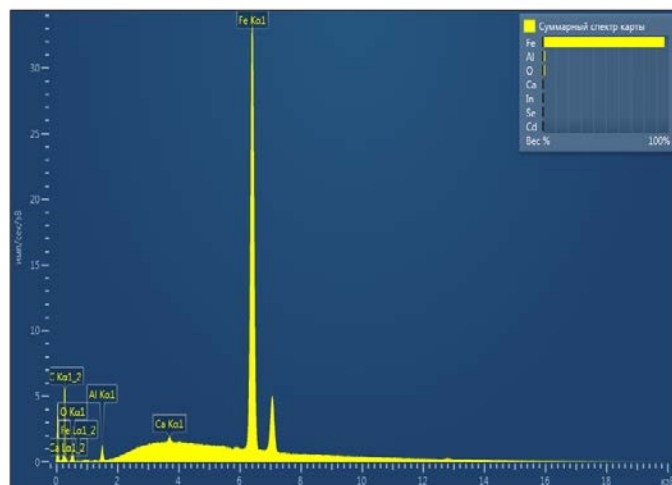


Figure 2. EDS spectra of nZVI particles and the Fe/Cu and Fe/Ni bimetallic nanoparticles



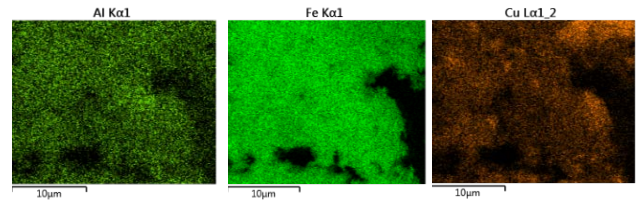
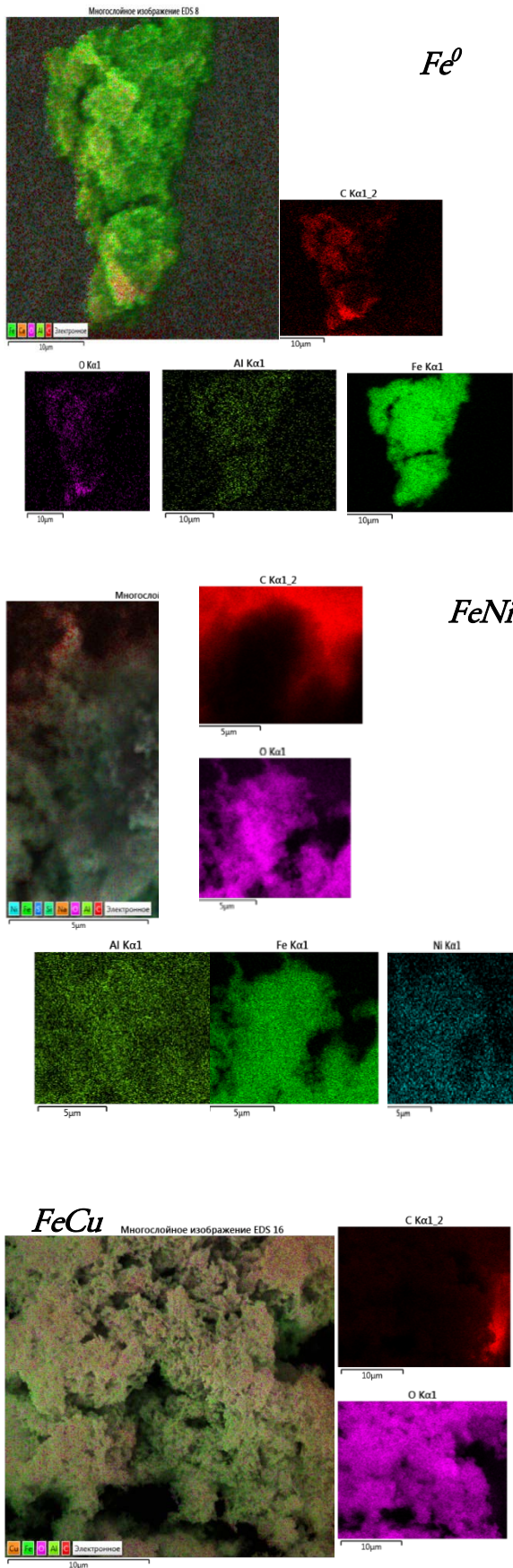


Figure 3. Mapping of nZVI particles and the Fe/Cu and Fe/Ni bimetallic nanoparticles

**AFM analysis.** The morphology of nanoparticles was studied by using Integra-Prima (NT-MDT, Zelenograd). A special silicon cantilever, prepared by plasma chemical method of etching with radius of curvature of needle 20 nm and resonance frequency 1–5 Hz was used. The measurement was implemented in semi contact mode in air, where the vibration of cantilever needle, that determines the surface topography was fixed. The scanning rate and scanning lines number on the image are 1.969 Hz and 256 Hz, respectively. AFM results show that the average size of iron nanoparticles is 30-90 nm and for Fe/Ni-26-45 nm. As can be seen, SEM and AFM studies correlate well with each other.

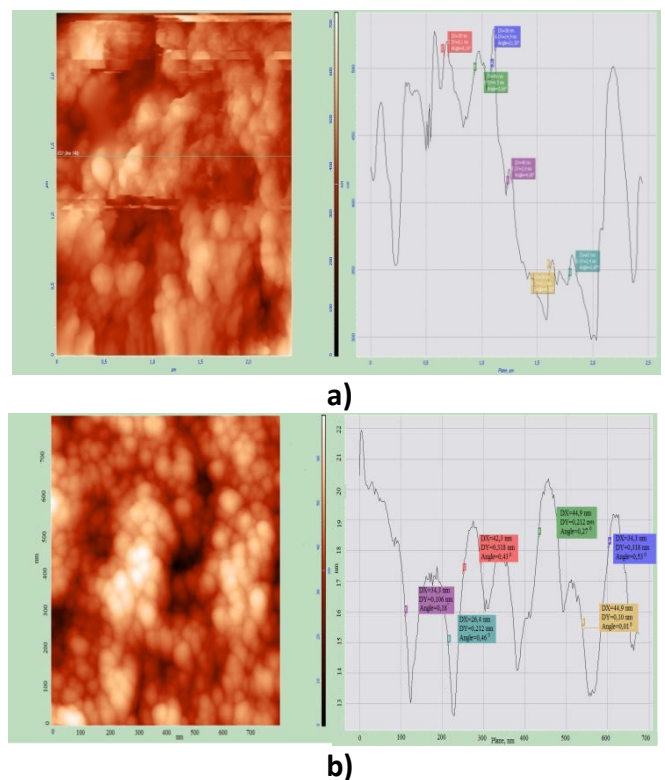


Figure 4. AFM 2D of the surface and size distribution of the Fe (a) and Fe/Ni (b) nanoparticles.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

Bimetallic nanoparticles on the base Fe/Ni and Fe/Cu were synthesized in the presence of different surface-active substance medium by borohydride reduction method under nitrogen conditions. The characterization of the bimetallic nanoparticles was performed using XRD, SEM and AFM techniques. It was found that in the presence of sodium oleate surfactant, bimetallic nanoparticles were more effectively stabilized against oxidation and agglomeration. It was also determined that in the presence of sodium oleate stabilizer produced stable, well-dispersed bimetallic nanoparticle solutions. Electron microscopic and AFM studies have shown that the particle size for monometallic iron nanoparticles is 40-80 nm, for bimetallic nanoparticles Fe/Ni and Fe/Cu- 10-60 nm.

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INFLUENCE OF CONCENTRATION OF Ag<sup>+</sup> IONS IN SOLUTIONS TO PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF CdS NANOPARTICLESL.R.GAHRAMANLI<sup>1\*</sup>, M.B. MURADOV<sup>1</sup>, Á. KUKOVECZ<sup>2</sup>, O.O. BALAYEVA<sup>3</sup>,  
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In the present work, we were study the influence of ion exchange process of CdS nanoparticles with silver ions to optical and structural properties. CdS nanoparticles were synthesized by sonochemical method. After obtaining powder of CdS nanoparticles, ion exchange process was carried out in different concentrate. The effects of the ion exchange process on the optical and photoluminescence properties of CdS nanoparticles have been studied by X-ray Diffraction (XRD), UV-Visible, Infrared spectroscopes and spectrofluorimeter (PL).

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The interest in studying particles at the nanometer – size is related to changing of optical and electrical properties depending on the particle size. In nanoparticles preparation, it is very important to control the particle size, particle shape and morphology [1]. Semiconductor nanoparticles attract considerable attention due to width of application areas. The interest in element of II-VI groups is related to their potential technological application. Nanometer sized particles display many interesting optical, electronic, magnetic and chemical properties yielding applications in biological nano sensors, optoelectronics, nano devices, nano electronics, information storage and catalysis [2].

Recently, there has been growing interest in the study of nanomaterials due to their unique physical and chemical properties and potential applications in the fields of catalysis [3], photocatalysis [4], solar cells [5] and sensors [6] etc. CdS is one of the interesting materials of II-VI group's semiconductors. The prominent application fields of CdS is nonlinear optical devices, flat panel displays, light emitting diodes, lasers, logic gates, transistors, etc [7-9]. In the synthesis of nanoparticles by chemical methods, using of capping agents, allows that control of the particles size and to prevent agglomeration of the synthesized particles.

The optical properties of semiconductor CdS nanoparticles can vary over a wide visible range depending on the particle size due to the quantum-confined effect [10]. The morphology, degree of crystalline, surface state of nanoparticles, their interaction with the substrate and with each other also affects their optical properties [11-15]. It is possible to obtain strong affinity to ions, high absorption capacity and well-dispersed nanoparticles by ion exchange process. Currently, the sonochemical method has been used extensively to generate novel materials with unusual properties, since they form particles of a much smaller size and higher surface area than those reported by other methods [16].

In this study, we were synthesized CdS nanoparticles with sonochemical method. After that, the effect of ion exchange on the optical properties of synthesized nanoparticles was investigated.

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL

### 2.1. Synthesis of CdS nanoparticles

0.01M solution of Cd (CH<sub>3</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O and 0.07 M solution of Na<sub>2</sub>S were separately dissolved in 50 ml distilled water. 5% of 3-Mercaptopropionic acid was used as capping agent. For exposing oxygen gas from the reaction medium. The reaction medium was continuously affected with nitrogen gas. Reaction was carried out for 2 hours. The yellow precipitate-

CdS nanoparticles were formed. The final solution were centrifuged, washed with distilled water and then alcohol and dried at room temperature.

## 2.2. Ion exchange of CdS nanoparticles with Ag<sup>+</sup> ions

For ion exchange of CdS nanoparticles with Ag<sup>+</sup>, two different concentration- 0.005M and 0.1M of Ag(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> were added in CdS dried powder, separately. In small concentration - 0.005M of solution of ion exchange of CdS nanoparticles with Ag<sup>+</sup> ions (*sample 1*) gradually turns into black color. In 0.1M of solution of ion exchange of CdS nanoparticles with Ag<sup>+</sup> ions (*sample 2*) suddenly turns into a black color. Changing of optical properties has been studied with UV-visible.

## 3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1. X-ray diffraction

The X ray diffraction (XRD) patterns for cadmium sulfide and ion exchanging samples of cadmium sulfide were recorded on a Rigaku Miniflex 250 with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation (Cu K $\alpha$ :  $\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$ ) with  $2\theta$  ranging from 20° to 60°. The XRD is the ideal technique for determining the structural structure of the samples, the crystallite size and identify of samples compared to the literature. The XRD patterns of the prepared samples of cadmium sulfide nanoparticles and ion exchanging samples of cadmium sulfide are shown in Figure 1.

The XRD patterns of the CdS samples and Sample 1 exhibit a single phase cubic structure. The peaks with  $2\theta$  values of 25.87°, 43.10°, 53.07° for CdS nanoparticles, respectively, 26°, 43°, 55° for Sample 1 correspond to the (110), (220), (311) planes of the cubic phase CdS (JCPDS Card No. 10-0454). Figure 1.c show the XRD pattern of the sample 2, containing silver sulfide nanoparticles and may be assigned to the (110), (-113), (-122), (013), (031), (-202), (014), (224) Miller indices. The formed particles are compatible to the monoclinic silver sulfide Ag<sub>2</sub>S from literature review [22]. The crystal structure of the samples has changed from the cubic phase of cadmium sulfid to monoclinic silver sulphide with increasing Ag<sup>+</sup> ions concentrations.

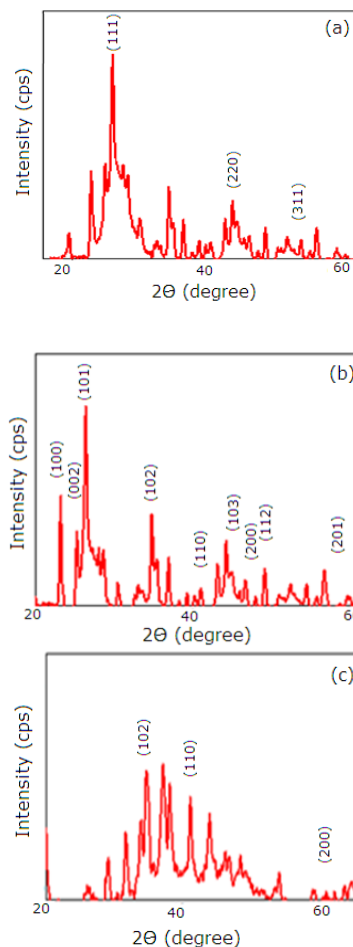


Figure 1. XRD patterns of CdS nanoparticles (a), Sample 1(b) and Sample 2 (c).

The size of the synthesized cadmium sulfide nanoparticles are calculated using Scherrer equation:

$$D = 0.9 \lambda / \beta \cos\theta$$

Where  $\lambda$  represents wavelength of X-rays,  $\beta$  represents half width at full maximum and  $\theta$  is the diffraction angle [1]. Based on Scherer equation the average size of the particles are approximately 28 nm, 33 nm, 24 nm according to nanoparticles of CdS, sample1 and sample2.

In the ion exchange process, the decreasing of the particles size with the increase in concentration is related to the contraction of the particle area due to the increasing of transformation process. The localization of the particles decreases with increasing concentration of ion exchange process.

### 3.2. UV-vis spectroscopic analysis

The band gap of the synthesized cadmium sulfide nanoparticle and ion exchanged samples were determined by using UV-visible studies. The absorption spectra of obtained CdS powder and both of ion exchanged samples are shown in Figure 2.

In Figure.3 shows the graph to find the band gap of nanoparticles. From the graph, the optical band gap of cadmium sulfide nanoparticles is 2.25eV. The band gaps of ion exchanged samples are 1.62eV and 1.60eV according to Sample 1 and Sample 2.

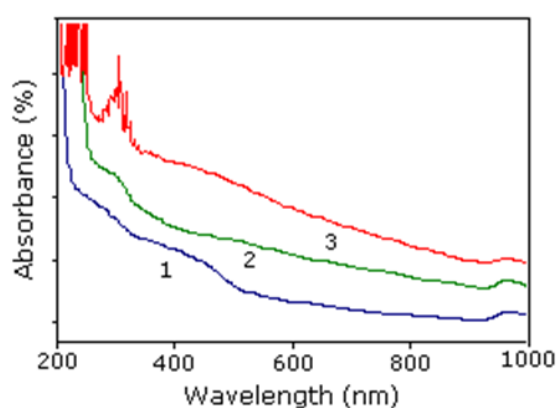


Figure 2. Absorption spectra of CdS nanoparticles (1), Sample 1(2) and Sample 2 (3).

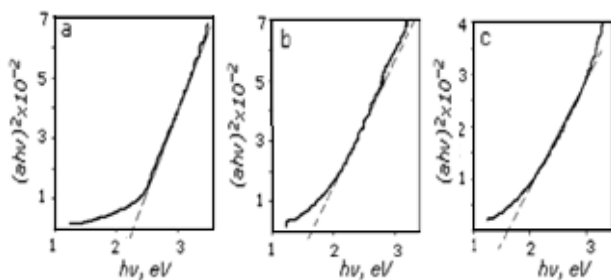


Figure 3. Band gap of CdS nanoparticles (a), Sample 1(b) and Sample 2 (c).

The direct band gap of CdS nanoparticles is 2.42 eV at room temperature [17]. Ag<sub>2</sub>S is an effective semiconductor material due to a large absorption coefficient and a direct band gap of 0.9 eV to 1.05 eV [18]. With the increasing of the concentration, the value of the band gap zone has been reduced. After ion exchange process, the intermediate value of the band gap zone shows that two structures were formed: CdS and Ag<sub>2</sub>S.

Comparing the value of the band gap by the particles size of calculated according to the XRD results, value of the band gap had to be increased by the reduction of the particles size, based on the quantum measurement effect. This is due to the different method of measurement. XRD allows that to define the size of the formed crystal structure.

### 3.3. Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopy

The Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) was carried on CdS-MPA nanoparticles (a), Sample 1 (b) and Sample 2 (c) to identify the functional groups and the biomolecules. The FTIR results showed a number of absorption bands in the region 4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

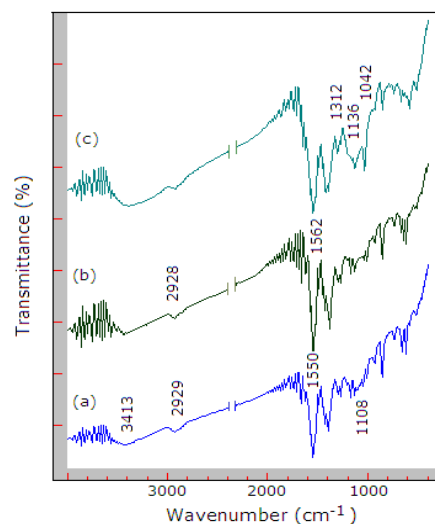


Figure 4. FTIR spectra of CdS nanoparticles (a), Sample 1(b) and Sample 2 (c).

The peak in the range of 3413.6 cm<sup>-1</sup>(a) and 3342.8 cm<sup>-1</sup>(c) assigned to stretching vibration of hydroxyl group with strong hydrogen bond. Two strong peaks at 2929.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> (a) and 2927.6 cm<sup>-1</sup> (c) are the characteristic bands of the asymmetric and symmetric aliphatic C–H stretching vibration respectively. The characteristic infrared peak of C=C appeared at 1551.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>(a) and 1550.2 cm<sup>-1</sup>(c). The infrared absorption peak at 1108.3 cm<sup>-1</sup>(a) and 1136.9 cm<sup>-1</sup>(c) was assigned as C–C and C–O–C stretching vibrations. FTIR absorption spectra of the silver (CdS-Ag nanoparticles) occurring in the range of 1300-1000 cm<sup>-1</sup>, peaks centered at 1312 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1201 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1136 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1042 cm<sup>-1</sup> are due to the stretching vibrations of C-

O groups of anhydrides, esters, ethers, alcohols and phenols, C-O-H and of C-N of amines. The peak at  $2313.7\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in (a) arises from the S-H stretching vibration of MPA. The Sample 1 (b) nanoparticles show a strong peak at  $1562.3\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2928\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Which corresponds to the C=C bending vibrations of aromatics and C-H stretching vibrations of alkanes.

### 3.4. Photoluminescence analysis of the CdS and ion exchange of CdS nanoparticles with $\text{Ag}^+$

The PL spectrum of samples was taken at room temperature in the range 200-1000 nm. The excitement wavelength was 385nm. At this time, samples were observed in the region of 400-600nm. In the radiation spectrum of the CdS aqueous solution, the blue-green region was observed to have a maximum of two luminescence:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}=527.95\text{ nm}$  and  $\lambda_{\text{max}}=486.96\text{ nm}$ . The PL spectrum of CdS nanoparticles are shown in Figure 5(a).

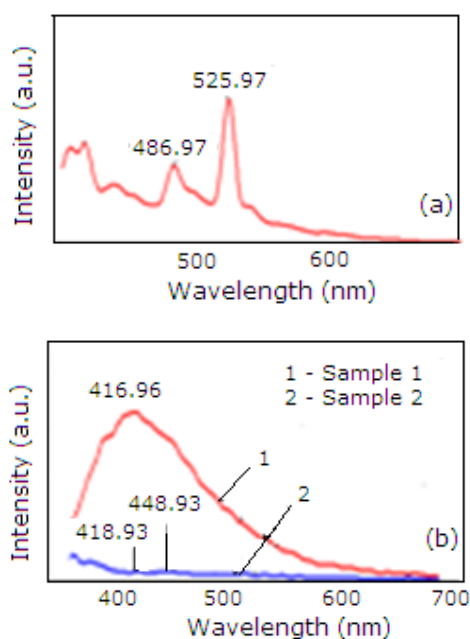


Figure 5. PL spectra of CdS nanoparticles (a), Sample 1 and Sample 2 (b).

Photoluminescence spectra were measured in the wavelength range 200-1000 nm excited at wavelength 330 nm [19]. Figure 5(b) shows the luminescence spectra of the ion exchange of sample 1 and sample 2. At the time, in the sample revealed violet-blue irradiation in the region of 380-500 nm [20, 21]. In the irradiation spectrum of the sample 1, the

maximum amplitude of the two luminescence was observed:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}=418.93\text{ nm}$  and  $\lambda_{\text{max}}=448.93\text{ nm}$ . There is an intensive radiation spectrum in the range of 350-450 nm with the increase in the molar concentration of the  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}$  nanoparticles. At the same time, the observed irradiation line at  $\lambda_{\text{max}}=418\text{ nm}$  with the increase of concentration shifted towards the short wavelength region and observed at  $\lambda_{\text{max}}=416.96\text{ nm}$ . The observed red shift in the spectrum is associated with the broad of width of band gap zone of sample 2 compared with the sample 1. Thus, according to the spectrum, the band gap zone of sample 1 and sample 2 were calculated as  $E_g = 2,95\text{ eV}$  and  $E_g = 2,97\text{ eV}$ , respectively.

## 4. CONCLUSION

The cadmium sulfid nanoparticles were synthesized by sonochemical method. The effects of the ion exchange process to structural, optical and photoluminescence properties of obtained particles were studied. In the ion exchange process with the increasing of concentration, the phase of the formed particles passed from the cubic phase of cadmium sulfid to monoclinic silver sulphide. From the FTIR spectrum, the stretching and bending frequencies of the molecular functional groups in the sample are studied.

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# SYNTHESIS OF BICYCLIC 1-AZAFAGOMINE ANALOGUE OBTAINED FROM DIETHYL (S)-3-(HYDROXYMETHYL)-3,6-DIHYDROPYRIDAZINE-1,2-DICARBOXYLATE

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Pure (S)-(1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazin-3-yl) methanol was synthesized by a Diels-Alder cycloaddition using S-BINOL as a chiral inductor. The carbonylation of the hydroxyl group was led to form target bicyclic structure. The structures of synthesized compounds were proved by IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, HRMS (ESI) spectroscopies, and a specific rotation was determined by AUTOPOL III polarimeter.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Aza sugars and imino sugars are subject to intense current interest.[1–3] A while ago it was found that a subtle change in the classical imino sugar inhibitor of nojirimycin type, by moving the nitrogen to the pseudo-anomeric position (the position that corresponds to the anomeric position in a monosaccharide), gave a very potent class of glycosidase inhibitors the so-called 1-azasugars.[4,5] An important class of glycosidase inhibitors is made up of the hydroxylated piperidines and pyrrolidines that occur in plants and microorganism and have been dubbed the "sugar-shaped alkaloids from plants". They are reversible competitive inhibitors of glycosidases. One example of these compounds is 1-deoxynojirimycin, which closely resembles glucose the ring oxygen has been exchanged for a nitrogen atom. A member of this class of compounds is 1-azafagomine, hydrazine, that inhibits both  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -glucosidase strongly. [6,7] The reason for the biological activity of 1-azafagomine is perhaps that, in the protonated form, it mimics the transition states of  $\alpha$ -glucoside and  $\beta$ -glucoside cleavage. Recently, it was found out that 1-azasugars applied treatment of diabetes, [8] cancer, AIDS, [9] hepatitis, [10] Gaucher, [10] tumor metastasis. Obviously, the field of iminosugars have become very exciting area for research on both chemical and biological fronts.

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL

Solvents were distilled under anhydrous conditions. All reagents were purchased and used without further purification. Glassware was dried prior to use. Compounds were purified by dry flash chromatography using silica 60, <0063 mm and water pump vacuum or by flash-chromatography using silica 60 Å 230–400 mesh as stationary phases. TLC plates (silica gel 60 F254) were visualized either at a UV lamp or in I2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were run on a Bruker Avance III 400 spectrometers. (measuring frequency: <sup>1</sup>H NMR = 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C NMR = 100.6 MHz) Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bomem MB 104. Samples were run as oils as thin films. Melting points are uncorrected. MS spectra were recorded on a Varian 500-MS LC Ion Trap Mass and VG Autopsc M spectrometer. Specific rotation was determined by AUTOPOL III polarimeter.

**Elemental analysis** was performed on the analyzer Carlo Erba 1108.

### NMR experiments

The NMR experiments have been performed on a BRUKER FT NMR spectrometer AVANCE 400 (Bruker, Karlsruhe, Germany) (400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 100.6 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C) with a BVT 3200 variable temperature unit in 5 mm sample tubes using Bruker Standard software (TopSpin 3.1). The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C chemical shifts were referenced to internal tetramethylsilane (TMS); the experimental parameters for <sup>1</sup>H are as follows: digital resolution = 0.23 Hz,

SWH (spectral width in Hz) = 8224 Hz, TD (time domain) = 65 K, SI (Fourier transform size) = 32 K, 90 pulse-length = 10  $\mu$ s, PL1 (power level for F1 channel) = 3 dB, ns (number of scans) = 1, ds (number of dummy scans) = 0, d1 (relaxation delay) = 1 s and for  $^{13}\text{C}$  as follows: digital resolution = 0.27 Hz, SWH = 25253 Hz, TD = 65 K, SI = 32 K, 90 pulse-length = 9  $\mu$ s, PL1 = 2 dB, ns = 100, ds = 2, d1 = 3 s.

HSQC: pulse program = hsqcetgp, digital resolution = 1.97 Hz, SWH = 5342, TD = 4096, SI = 1024, 90 pulse-length = 20  $\mu$ s, PL1 = 3 dB, ns = 4, ds = 16, d1 = 1.5 s.

HMBC: pulse program = hmbcgpplndgf, digital resolution = 1.97 Hz, SWH = 6810, TD = 4096, SI = 2048, 90 pulse-length = 20  $\mu$ s, PL1 = 3 dB, ns = 24, ds = 16, d1 = 1.5 s.

The NMR-grades DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  was used for the solutions of 1-7.

#### IR experiments

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bomem MB 104. Samples were run as oils as thin films. The spectrum was taken in the range of 4000-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  at room temperature.

#### MS experiments

MS spectra were recorded on a Varian 500-MS LC Ion Trap Mass and VG Autopscic M spectrometer.

#### Synthesis of (2*E*)-Penta-2,4-dien-1-ol

250 ml necked bottom flask with magnet stir bar was placed in ice bath, 5.09 g 2,4-pentadienic acid was dissolved in dried THF (77 ml) then  $\text{NEt}_3$  8.9 ml was added, 5 ml ethyl chloroformate dissolved in 13 ml THF and placed in dropping funnel then was connected with 250 ml three bottom flask and left it to pour drop by drop after that left it to stir for 30 min  $-5^{\circ}$ - $0^{\circ}$  C. After 30 min reaction was stopped and filtrated under the vacuum then was washed thoroughly THF (3x50ml) (Solution A). 1L three necked bottom flask was placed in ice bath ( $7^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) 515 ml  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 4.804 g  $\text{NaBH}_4$  were added and was stirred (temperature  $15$ - $17^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). Solution A was added drop by drop for 30 min, in meanwhile ice bath was removed then left it to stir for 3.5 h. In the next step after 3.5 h 1L flask was placed nine bath 20 ml 37% HCl was added (under N balloon) with dropping funnel drop by drop. The mixture was extracted firstly with diethyl ether (200 ml+2x100 ml) organic layer was combined washed with 10 % NaOH (50 ml) +

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (50 ml) + Brine (50 ml) then  $\text{MgSO}_4$  was added and filtrated under the vacuum. Using Buchi-580 under  $75^{\circ}\text{C}$  temperature diethyl ether and THF were distilled to obtain 2,4-pentadienol. ],  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$  3616, 3444, 2873, 2254, 1824, 1731, 1606, 1455, 1377, 1083, 994, 902;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 6.25 (2H, m,  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}$ ), 5.74 (1H, dt,  $J=14.7$ , 5.7,  $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), 5.13 (1H, d,  $J=16.4$ , CH), 5.01 (1H, d,  $J=9.6$ , CH), 4.07 (2H, m,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), 3.12 (1H, br s, OH);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (100 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 136.2 (CH), 132.5 (CH), 131.2 (CH), 116.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 62.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{O}$ : C, 71.42; H, 9.52. Found: C, 71.47; H, 9.48.

#### Synthesis of (S)-Diethyl 3-(hydroxymethyl)pyridazine-1,2(3*H*,6*H*)-dicarboxylate (1)

Solution A was diluted with dry toluene (10 mL), added to solution B, stirred for 5 min, and then refrigerated at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ . To this mixture was added a solution of diethyl azodicarboxylate (543  $\mu\text{L}$ ; 1.19 mmol) in dry toluene (10 mL). The temperature was allowed to rise gradually to rt, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 18h. The reaction was quenched with saturated solution of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (1 mL), filtered through a pad of Celite<sup>®</sup>, and the Celite<sup>®</sup> washed with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The filtrates were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure giving a yellow oil. The crude oil was purified by "dry-flash" chromatography (silica, petroleum ether / diethyl ether). (S)-BINOL was recovered with petroleum ether (1): ether (1) (0.200 g; 69%) and product (-)-1 with diethyl ether (0.225 g; 73%) as a yellow oil.

Solution A: a solution of  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  1.2 M in toluene (991  $\mu\text{L}$ ; 1.19 mmol) was added to a solution of penta-2,4-dien-1-ol (0.100 g; 1.19 mmol) in dry toluene (6 mL) at  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and stirred for 5 min.

Solution B: a solution of  $\text{MeMgBr}$  1.4 M in toluene/THF (849  $\mu\text{L}$ ; 1.19 mmol) was added to a solution of (S)-BINOL (0.340 g; 1.19 mmol) in dry toluene (6 mL) at  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and stirred for 5 min.

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$   $-23.4^{\circ}$  (conc. 1.25% in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (neat) 3483, 1707  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 1.23-1.30 (12H, m, 4 x  $\text{CH}_3$ , A+B), 2.58 (1H, br s, OH), 3.35 (1H, dd,  $J$  12.3, 9.5 Hz, H-3', A), 3.45 (1H, dd,  $J$  12.0, 9.8 Hz, H-3', B), 3.56-3.69 (2H, m, 2 x H-3', A+B), 3.77 (1H, dd,  $J$  13.5, 4.3 Hz, H-6, A), 3.91 (1H, br s, H-6, B), 4.11-4.26 (8H, m, 4 x  $\text{CH}_2$ , A+B),

4.30 (1H, tdd, J 6.0, 3.9, 2.2 Hz, H-6, B), 4.34-4.44 (1H, m, H-6, A), 4.72 (2H, br s, H-3, A+B), 5.66-5.88 (4H, m, H-4 + H-5, A+B) ppm.  $\delta_C$  (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )<sup>19</sup> 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>, A), 14.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>, B), 42.2 (C-6, A), 43.6 (C-6, B), 55.9 (C-3, A), 56.9 (C-3, B), 61.9 (C-3', A+B), 62.6, 62.7, 62.8, 62.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>, A+B), 123.4, 124.2, 124.6, 125.2 (C-4 or C-5, A+B), 154.9, 155.7, 156.2, 156.3 (C=O, A+B) ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>; 281.1108; found: 281.1109.

### Synthesis(S)-(1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazin-3-yl) methanol (2)

To a stirred solution of cycloadduct1 (0.119 g; 0.461 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added NaOH 2M (2mL). The mixture was left under reflux for 3h. After cooling down to the reaction mixture was added THF (2 mL), and a suspension of Amberlite (H<sup>+</sup>) in water. The mixture was swirled o promote contact and then immediately filtrated under the vacuum. The solvent was evaporated. By adding acetone, water was co-evaporated in the rotary evaporator giving a yellow oil (0.048 g; 91.0 %).  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -20° (conc. 0.3% in EtOH).  $\nu_{max}$ (neat): 3422 (N-H), 1643 (C=C) cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) 6.01 (1H, ddd, J 2.4, 5.6, 10.4 Hz H-5), 5.79 (1H, ddd, J 2.0, 4.4, 10.4 Hz, H-4), 3.65-3.57 (2H, m, H-3'), 3.54-3.48 (1H, m, H-3), 3.35 (1H, ddd, J 2.8, 5.2, 17.6 Hz H-6), 3.24 (1H, ddd, J 2.6, 3.2, 17.2 Hz, H-6) ppm.  $\delta_C$ (100.6 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) 127.4 (C-4 or C-5), 125.0 (C-5 or C-4), 62.5 (C-3'), 54.8 (C-3), 44.2 (C-6) ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 114.0793; found: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 115.0165.

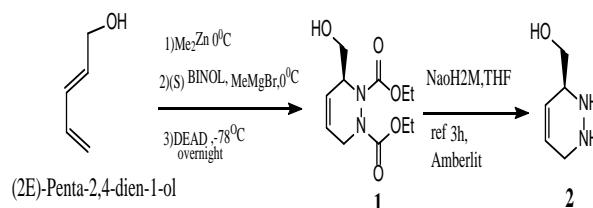
### Synthesis of (5S)-3-oxa-1,9-diazabicyclo [3.3.1] non-6-en-2-one (3)

To stirred solution of 2 (0.051g; 0.447 mmol) dissolved in DCM (4.6ml) (dried) were added DIPEA (10 ekv, 0.78 ml; 0.447 mmol) and triphosgene (0.5ekv, 0.066g; 0.447mmol) then left to stir for 5 min at the rt. The solvent was removed. The column was applied (2:1 EtOAc: Petr/ether) to obtain yellow oil (0.0031g; 7%) $\nu_{max}$ (neat): 3289,2924 (N-H), 1714 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>. (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 6.11 (1 H, ddt, J 10.0, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, H<sub>D</sub> and H<sub>C</sub>), 5.84 (1H, m, H<sub>D</sub> or H<sub>C</sub>), 4.60 (1H, dd, J 10.4, 6.4, H<sub>F</sub> or H<sub>G</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 4.45 (2H, dd, J 10.08 Hz, H<sub>F</sub> or H<sub>G</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>-O, NH), 4.05 (1H, ddd, J 17.2, 4.0, 1.2 H<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.88 (1H, ddd, J 17.2, 4.0, 1.6 H<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.81 (1H, br d, J

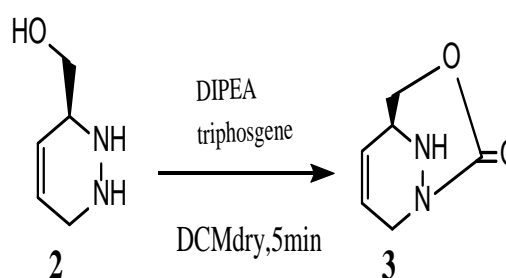
5.6 H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>E</sub>) ppm.  $\delta_C$ (100.6 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ), 130.2 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 74.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 52.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 45.5 (CH) ppm

### 3. RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS

Optically pure (S)-Diethyl 3-(hydroxymethyl)pyridazine-1,2(3H,6H)-dicarboxylate (1) was obtained according to Bols's protocol [11] by changing the dienophile /diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD) instead of 4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazole-3,5-dione (PTAD) and using chiral catalyst BINOL. 2,4-Pentadienol was obtained by repeating the literature procedure. [12] The main reason to choose Diels-Alder strategy to reach (1) is that it would be quite a short route. Cleavage of ethyl carbamate groups under reflux of an aqueous solution of NaOH 2M/dioxane for 3h followed by treatment with the acidic resin leading to pure (S)-(1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazin-3-yl) methanol (2) in 99% yield. The structures of compound (2) were confirmed by 1H and 13C NMR, IR, and HRMS analysis. Specific rotation for compound (2) was determined by AUTOPOL III polarimeter.



**Scheme 1.** The synthesis of azafagomine analogue based on optically active cycloadducts



**Scheme 2.** The synthesis of azafagomine analogue

The treatment (2) with bis(trichloromethyl)-carbonate (triphosgene)[11] in the presence diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) gives the product (3) in just 5 minutes after purification with column chromatography.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, pure (S)-(1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazin-3-yl) methanol was synthesized based on (S)-Diethyl 3-(hydroxymethyl) pyridazine-1,2(3H,6H)-dicarboxylate (1) in high yield. The obtained compound was used to obtain optically active 1-azafagomine analogues.

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# RESEARCHING ANTIMICROBIAL PROPERTIES OF DICHLORO DIAZABUTADIENE SYNTHESIZED BASED ON 4-CHLOROBENZALDEHYDE

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Antimicrobial properties of 1,1-dichlorodiazene derivatives synthesized from phenylhydrazones which have high physiological activity have been researched against gram-positive golden staph (*St.aureus*), gram-negative bacilli (*E.coli*), pigment producing blue-green pus (*Ps.aeruginosa*) and candida fungus (*C.albicans*). Antibacterial and antifungal properties of synthesized substances were approved according to results.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

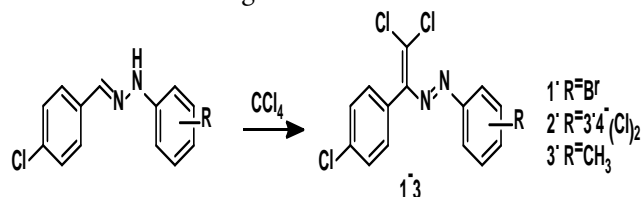
It is evident that, phenylhydrazones are easily synthesized substances which have high pharmacological properties. They are the main part of antimicrobial, anti cold, anticancer, antifungal, anti tuberculosis, antiviral and antimalarial medicines [1-8]. Schiff bases of phenylhydrazone are also used as useful sintons for synthesizing N-heterocyclic substances (pyrazoles, pyridazine, dehydropyridazine etc.) which have high biological activity.

In a presence of CuCl-catalyzed olefination of 1,1-dichlorodiazene derivatives synthesized from phenylhydrazones which are physiologically active, have received research interest [9-16]. So, biological activity of (E)-1-(2,2-dichloro-1-phenylvinyl)-2-phenyldiazene synthesized at previous research was examined and determined that, this substance has antibacterial and antifungal properties [17].

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL PART

Thus, dichlorodiazenes of corresponding phenylhydrazones which are synthesized from Cl derivatives of benzoyl aldehyde were synthesized,

respectively, their antimicrobial properties were determined according to the serial dilution method.



1. (E)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(2,2-dichloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl) diazene
2. (E)-1-(2,2-dichloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) diazene
3. (E)-1-(2,2-dichloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)-2-(p-tolyl)diazene

For this, 1% solution of a new substance into ethanol was diluted into sterile distilled water at 1:100, 1:200, 1:400, 1:800 ratios, (1,2,3,4).

Antimicrobial property of these substances was researched in compare with ethanol, nitrofungin and rivanol. As test-cultura, gram-positive golden staph (*St.aureus*), gram-negative bacilli (*E.coli*), pigment producing blue-green pus (*Ps.aeruginosa*) and Candida fungus (*C.albicans*) were taken. To grow bacteria meat peptone agar, to grow fungus Saburo food environment was used.

Growings were done in each 10, 20, 40 and 60 minutes, for bacteria they were kept 24 hours at 37



degree Celsius, for fungus they were kept 48 hours at 28 degree Celsius.

In this experiment, emulsion of 500 million microbe in 1 ml was dropped into each vial. Growing was done from each vial after 10, 20, 40 and 60 minutes. Obtained new substances and antimicrobial properties of controls are given in the following table.

### 3. CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

As it is shown in a table, all of 3 new obtained substances have antimicrobial effect, but to different microbes, these substances differ from each other. (E)-1-(2,2-dichloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) diazen is more active within these substances.

Table 1. Antimicrobial effect of new synthesized substances-  
(Symbols: 1, 2, 3, 4 are properly 1:100, 1:200, 1:400, 1:800 ratios, "+": process fully completed, "-": process did not complete.

Test cultures	Exposition time (minute)	Inspected items											
		1				2				3			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
St.aureus	10	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
	20	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
	40	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
	60	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Ps.aeruginosa	10	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
	20	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
	40	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
	60	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
E.coli	10	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
	20	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
	40	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
	60	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
Candida albicans	10	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
	20	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
	40	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
	60	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+

So, this substance killed staphylococci during 20 minutes, blue-green pus and Candida during 40 minutes in a ratio 1:400.

But, in comparison bacillus had stood, this means that, in this ratio that substance had killing effect in every hour.

(E)-1-(2,2-dichloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) diazen even in a 1:800 ratio killed staphylococci in one hour.

(E)-1-(2,2-dichloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)-2-(p-tolyl) diazene killed blue-green pus in a ratio 1:400 in one hour, those 4 sort of microorganisms during 20 minutes in a ratio 1:100.

(E)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(2,2-dichloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl) diazene had stopped growth of all of these microbes for 10 minutes in a ratio 1:200, but had killed candida during 60 minutes in a ratio 1:800.

Table 2. Antimicrobial properties of controls

Controls											
Rivanol				Ethanol				Nitrofungin			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+				
+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+				
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+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

### 4. CONCLUSION

Thus, according to the bactericide and fungicide activity, (E)-1-(2,2-dichloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) diazene can be shown as the most effective substance among the substances which were researched in microbiological laboratory and this substance can be recommended as an antimicrobial substance

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# MULTICOMPONENT CASCADE CARBOCYCLATION REACTION ON THE BASIS OF METHYLENE ACTIVE NITRILES, BENZALDEHYDE AND ACETYLACETONE

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The interaction of representatives of methyleneactive nitriles such as malononitrile and butyl 2-cyanoacetate with benzaldehyde and acetylacetone was studied and it was determined that the structure of nitrile component and the sequence of adding of the reagents into the reaction medium affected significantly to the reaction course. Thus, the reaction of benzaldehyde, malononitrile and acetylacetone respectively in a molar ratio of 2:2:1 in the presence of NaOH as catalyst results in the synthesis of new bicyclic system– 3-aza-7-acetyl-4-imino-2-oxo-6-methyl-1,5-dicyan-8,9-diphenylbicyclo[3.3.1]nonen-6 compound. The multicomponent interaction of the butyl 2-cyanoacetate with the same reagents led to the formation of dibutyl 1,3-dicyan-2,6-diphenyl-5-acetyl-4-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexane-1,3-dicarboxylate. The structure of the synthesized compounds was confirmed by X-ray analysis.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

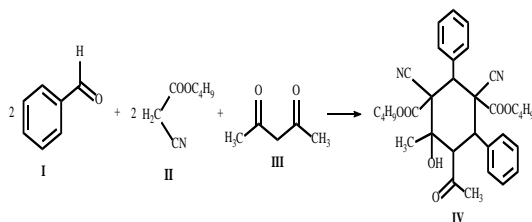
One of the developed trends of modern organic chemistry in recent years is related with the preparation of productive methods for the synthesis of complex carbo-, heterocyclic compounds. The effectiveness of these methods is provided through creation of synthesis schemes with minimal stages, total convergent, minimal consumption of reagents, solvents and other material resources. The obtaining of starting substances in easy manner is also an aspect that increases the efficiency factor. From the point of view of the strategies developed in modern times, it is necessary to mention the multicomponent reactions that are entered into the synthetic arsenal of organic chemistry. Multicomponent reactions are carried out in a single reactor on the basis of interaction of at least three substances, reaction products contain structural fragments of starting substances, added reagents simultaneously constitute the final product through consistent happening elementary transformations (cascade or tandem reactions)[1-4].

Methylene active nitriles (malononitrile,

malonodinitrile, alkyl 2-cyanoacetates and etc.) are one of the bifunctional reagents that perform as sintone of various multicomponent reactions, generate multi vectoral transformations [5-9] and the chemistry of these compounds has not yet fully expended its synthetic potential.

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL

The aim of the current research has consisted to determine the new directions of the interaction of benzaldehyde, butyl 2-cyanoacetate and acetylacetone. The reaction of these reagents usually results in formation of 2-aminopyrrolane compounds and there are research works in the literature confirming this [10-15]. As a result of investigations, it was determined that adding of benzaldehyde (I), butyl 2-cyanoacetate (II) and acetylacetone (III) in certain sequence in the presence of base catalyst NaOH led to the formation of previously unknown carbocyclation product–dibutyl 1,3-dicyan-2,6-diphenyl-5-acetyl-4-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexane-1,3-dicarboxylate (IV) with 66% yield (Scheme 1.):

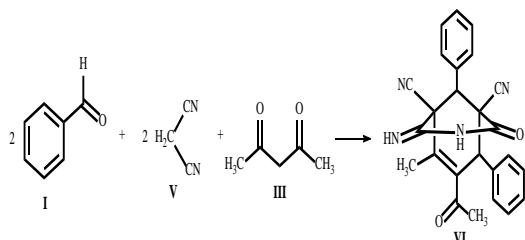


Scheme 1. The synthesis of compound IV

In order to confirm the structure of synthesized compound (IV) was applied to  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopy methods. Signals corresponding to proton and carbon atoms in NMR spectra were observed. However, due to the fact that spectroscopic data were not enough for structure confirmation, X-ray analysis was done, which allowed to totally confirm the structure of investigated compound.

The single crystal of compound (IV) was obtained by two times recrystallization from ethanol.

The interaction of benzaldehyde (I), acetylacetone (III) and malononitrile (V) in the same molar ratio and under the similar condition resulted in the synthesis of 3-aza-7-acetyl-4-imino-2-oxo-6-methyl-1,5-dicyan-8,9-diphenylbicyclo[3.3.1]nonen-6 (VI) with 72% yield (Scheme 2.):



Scheme 2. The synthesis of compound VI

The structure of compound (VI) was also confirmed by X-ray analysis method.

#### The synthesis of dibutyl 1,3-dicyan-2,6-diphenyl-5-acetyl-4-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexane-1,3-dicarboxylate (IV)

10 ml of ethanol, 0.53g of benzaldehyde (5 mmol) and 1.41g (10 mmol) of butyl 2-cyanoacetate were placed to 50ml flat flask supplied with magnetic mixer. In mixing condition Afterwards, 3ml of water solution of 0.1g of NaOH was added to

the reaction medium. After half an hour, 0.5g of acetylacetone (5 mmol) and 0.53g of benzaldehyde (5 mmol) were added to the medium. The reaction medium was kept at room conditions for 48 hours after mixing for one more hour. The precipitated crystals were filtered and recrystallized in ethanol.

#### The synthesis of 3-aza-7-acetyl-4-imino-2-oxo-6-methyl-1,5-dicyan-8,9-diphenylbicyclo[3.3.1]nonen-6 (VI)

20 ml of ethanol, 0.53g of benzaldehyde (5 mmol) and 0.66g of malononitrile (10mmol) were placed to the 50ml flat flask supplied with magnetic mixer. Afterwards, 5ml of water solution of 0.2g of NaOH was added to the reaction medium. After half an hour, 0.5g of acetylacetone (5 mmol), 0.53g of benzaldehyde (5 mmol) were added to the medium. The reaction medium was kept at room conditions for 24 hours after mixing for one more hour. The precipitated crystals were filtered and recrystallized in ethanol.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra recorded on a Bruker AC-300 instrument (300 MHz on  $^1\text{H}$  and 75 MHz nuclei at  $^{13}\text{C}$  cores) in a  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$  solution, residual signals of the solvent used as the standard. The melting points were determined on a Kofler's table. TLC monitored the purity of the resulting compounds on Silufol UV-254 plates, eluent acetone-hexane 1:1, developer-iodine vapor, UV detector. The XRD analysis of compounds IV and VI were performed on a Bruker SMART APEX II CCD diffractometer ( $\text{MoK}_\alpha$  radiation, graphite monochromator,  $\varphi$ - and  $\omega$ -scanning).

Crystal data:  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ ,  $M = 558.65$ , orthorhombic, space group  $\text{Pbca}$ ,  $a = 14.1473(7) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 16.2061(9) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 25.3549(14) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $V = 5813.2(5) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 8$ ,  $d_c = 1.277 \text{ mg/m}^3$ ,  $\mu = 0.088 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 2384$ , crystal size  $0.233 \times 0.227 \times 0.226 \text{ mm}^3$ . The intensity data were collected within the range of  $1.606 \leq \theta \leq 27.000^\circ$  using  $\text{Mo-K}_\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). Reflection

collected-66196; independent reflections-6106[R(int)= 0.0734]; completeness to theta=25.242° - 97.6%; final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] - R1=0.0613, wR2=0.1328; R indices (all data) - R1=0.0803, wR2=0.1404. All calculations were carried out using the SHELXTL program package[16]. Crystal data: C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, M 454.52, monoclinic, space group P2<sub>1</sub>/n, a=13.6759(8) Å, b =9.5691(6)Å, c =19.1533(12)Å, α= 90°, β= 97.090(2)°, γ=90°, V = 2487.3(3) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z =4, d<sub>c</sub> = 1.214 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, μ = 0.081 mm<sup>-1</sup>, F(000) = 960, crystal size 0.343 × 0.270 × 0.176 mm<sup>3</sup>.

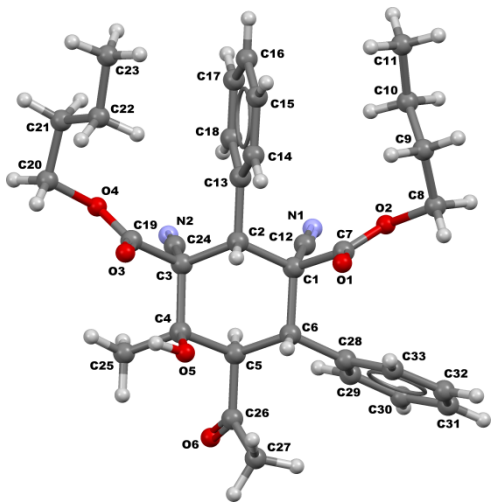


Figure 1. The monocrystalline of compound (IV)

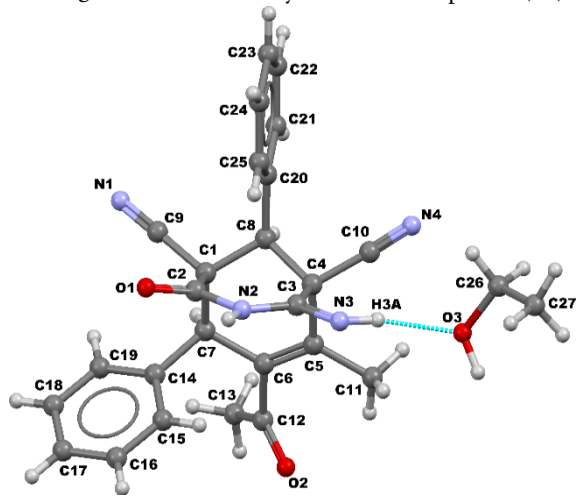


Figure 2. The monocrystalline of compound(VI)

The intensity data were collected within the range of 1.733 ≤ θ ≤ 25.999° using Mo-K<sub>α</sub> radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å). Reflection collected-23861; independent reflections- 4751[R(int)= 0.0915]; completeness to theta=25.242° - 98.4%. All calculations were carried out using the SHELXTL program package[16].

**Dibutyl 1,3-dician-2,6-diphenyl-5-acetyl-4-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexane-1,3-dicarboxylate(IV)**, colorless solid, t<sub>m,p</sub>=205°C yield: 66%

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO), δ, m.h.: 0,98 (6H, t, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.10 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1,20-1,30 (8H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2,1 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.7 (1H, d, CH<sub>3</sub>); 3.6(1H, d, CH); 4.21 (4H, kv, OCH<sub>2</sub>); 7.19-7.29 (10H, m, CHar)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO): 14.1; 14.3; 21.3; 32; 41.5; 46.7; 48.8; 54.8; 60.7; 61.3; 62; 70; 110.1; 110.2; 126.4; 126.5; 128.5; 129.0; 137.6; 144; 168.0; 170; 210

**3-aza-7-acetyl-4-imino-2-oxo-6-methyl-1,5-dician-8,9-diphenylbicyclo[3.3.1]nonen-6(VI)**, bright yellow solid, t<sub>m,p</sub>=295°C yield: 72%

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, δ, ppm): 2.1 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.18(1H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 4.56 (1H, s, CH); 5.04 (1H, s, CH); 7.1-7.5 (10H, s, Car); 9.36 (2H, s, NH)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, δ, ppm): 18.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>); 26 (CH<sub>3</sub>); 42.0 (CH); 44.68 (CH); 60.0 (OCH<sub>2</sub>); 62.0(C); 113 (CN); 115 (CN); 130.54 (CHar); 131.0 (CHar); 129.2 (CHar); 137.0(Car); 158.66 (CON); 164 (C=NH); 198.0 (C=O)

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we can say that new transformations -cascade carbocarbocyclation and heterobicyclic directions were determined during interaction of benzaldehyde and acetylacetone with methyleneactive nitriles.

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# APPLICATION OF THE MODEL OF MANAGEMENT OF SOIL FERTILITY TO PRESERVE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THE SOIL UNDER THE VINEYARDS

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Carrying out of the complex investigations according to the growing condition of the plants paying attention to their necessity for the environment, the structure and characters of the soils, increase of soil fertility and productivity of agrocenosis is one of the main problems. The investigation of composing the soil-plant-landscape system in order to learn the relation of it with the natural and anthropogenic factors has been carried out according to structural elements of ecological fertility model.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

V.A.Kovda shows in his monograph called "Biological systems in agriculture and forestry" that each private ecosystem - biogeocenosis is a historic formed self - regulating mechanism and represents a certain level of formation and mutual influence of animated object and dead matter. Biogeocenosis is formed from the plant, livings, microorganisms, homogenous soil surface and it is characterized by the mutual influence and depends of material and energetic exchange process.

The boundry of the spreading areals is determined by the border of phytocenosis. The human's influence on biogeocenosis by agriculture, forest and water economy requires the management of biosphere and its components in the scientific-grounded form. If the cognition of ecosystem is scientific and trustworthy, its management methods and technique is exact, tender and perfect then the obtaining product will be high.

At present the investigation of the complicated systems as biogeocenosis requires a construction of the conceptual model of the object studying by the application of the systematic method of approaching, so expressing its structure, functions and mutual relations by a word, graphic, formula and figures. One of the main methods is modelling for carrying out such investigations [1].

It is impossible to solve the increase of the productivity of soil and landscape by any method without the investigation of the complex methods. Soil is the most guided component being one of the main composition parts of biosphere in present developed level of the science and technique. The man can control water ecosystem and organisms a little (by the soil), but he can't intervene in atmosphere and climate.

So, it is necessary to possess the trusty scientific basis about the same soils for the solution of the problems of the control of soil fertility. The construction of the models of soil fertility in a different level gives an opportunity to form such bases on the basis of information methods [2]. It is necessary to take account that the laws of "Nature harmony" action in the natural landscapes, at this time the exchange of substance, energy and information is in the form of equivalent among the ecosystem components. The balance of this energy, substance and information is disordered for some or other direction under the influence of long anthropogenic in agrosystems.

We consider advisable to carry out the investigation of natural biogeocenosis (including, pasture biogeocenosis) over three rings connected with the hierarchical chain: soil – plant - landscape system. In this connection it is necessary to carry out the system

of investigations over its each composition part (object). The main object of the research is a soil, complex and open functional dynamic system and its structure, character and regimes must be investigated [3].

The second object – the plant (phytocenosis) possesses the ability of crop production being material carrier of the whole system. Here mainly the reaction of the plant to character and regimes of the soil is studied from a crop quality and quantity standpoint. The third object of the research is a landscape of the land (geological basis, soilforming rocks, land relief, climate, hydrothermic condition). Here the landscape is studied as a general background in hierarchic connection.

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## 2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The ecological fertility model of under vineyards soils is a schematic structure formed from the blocks of the study of the complexity of the mutual relation with the natural and anthropogenic factors of the soil – plant - landscape system by the application of the system approach. The blocks are formed of the factors, elements and parameters reflecting the direction of the changes taking place as a result of natural process and anthropogenic influence.

The ecological fertility model of under vineyards soils is formed of 7 blocks differing for the importance, significance degree in fertility control: ecological block, soil composition, the block of soil characters, plant block, evaluation block, monitoring block, agromelioration block.

**Ecological block** is formed from two subblocks: climate and relief. The climate factors fix the space-atmosphere parameters in itself forming energy source of biogeocenosis (radiation, rainfalls, temperature,

evaporation, wind, humidity and etc). The intensity of the sun radiation determines the intensity of photosynthesis having influence on plant directly. The rainfalls have influence on plant indirectly by the change of soil fertility. The air temperature has influence on intensity of biochemical process on the surface of the plant. The speed and direction of the wind condition turbulent process changing air temperature and wetness. The high speed of the wind is cause for deformation process and it has destroying influence on plant.

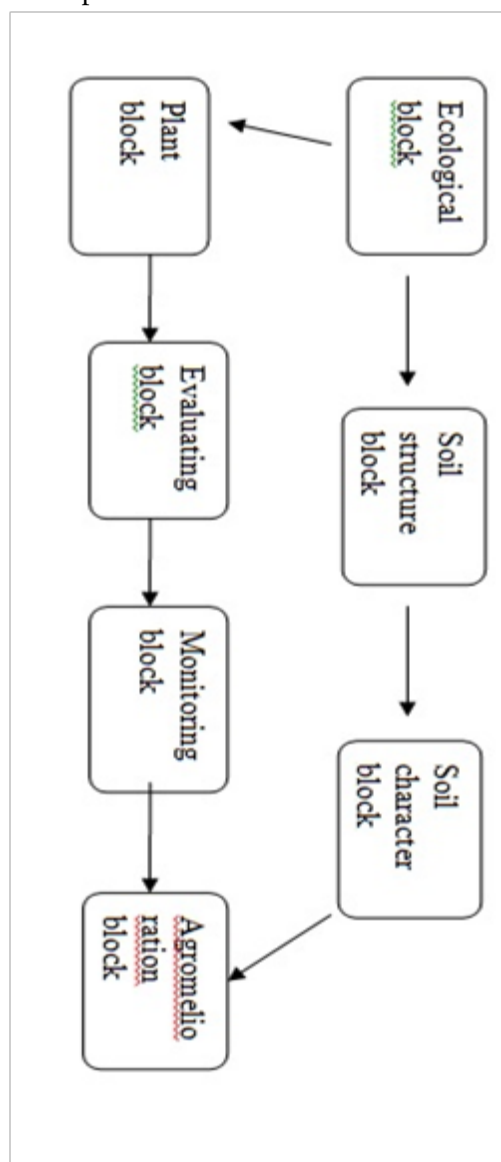


Figure 1 . Structural elements of the ecological fertility model

The relief sub block is formed from the following factors: relative and absolute height, the inclination of the slopes, level of subsoil waters, vertical and

horizontal distribution of air flow. Different kinds of relief soil has influence on settlement of natural plant cover, air-water regime of soils, mechanical composition, technological characters. Relief increases or decreases the intensity of the climate factors distributing them on the surface.

Thus the inclination of the slopes is the main factor which changes the intensity of sun radiation: the length and inclination of the slopes distribute rainfalls, the absolute height changes the composition of atmosphere and etc. The relief factors change the temperature of soil cover, condition the intensity of alluvial, delluvial, proluvial and eol deposits, erosion and deflation projection.

They are the blocks of gathering the character and parameters of soil which is the main component of biogeocenosis, of soil composition and characters informing about the factors limiting the fertility, and they play a leading role in structure of the ecological model. The soil cover offers facilities for photosynthetic activity of the plants providing the nutrition of the plants by mineral, water, carbon dioxide gas and nutrients.

V.A.Kovda writes that the soil represents the living environment and condition of plant, animal and microorganisms. The soil cover plays a role as a screen for preventing the stream of the important elements of biosphere into the world ocean and the geochemical stream to the deserts [4]. It fulfills universal, biological absorbent, destructive and neutralizing functions.

The soil has influence on plant by the activity and concentration of the biologically active substances and chemical elements on the horizon where the root spreads. The soil belongs to open systems as biogeocenosis, so they are not only in the substance and energy exchange between themselves, also between the neighboring systems.

**The soil composition block** is separated into three sub blocks: granulometric, organic and chemical composition. The granulometric composition possesses integral function in formation of agronomic characters of the soils, determines water, air and heat regimes of the soil, and it influences on intensity of the whole physiological and biological process of the plant.

The organic composition reflects the quantity of humus by percentage and its reserve. Humus plays an integrator role of soil fertility, gives an opportunity to define the possible directions of the increase of fertility, plays a leading role in formation of the valuable agronomic structure. Humus stimulates the growth and development of the soil having influence on it directly. The sum of the absorbing bases (by mg-ekv) and mineral biogenic elements – the quantity and reserve of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium include in chemical structure (by %).

**The block of soil characters** gathers agro physical and agrochemical in itself.

One of the important structural parts of biogeocenosis is a plant, the plant produces biological mass, organic substance from unorganic matter assimilating energy and substance from the environment. The geobotanical information about the main fodder crops forming phytocenosis, association, plant types spread in the pastures investigating in a **plant block** is collected. The results of the analyses about biochemical composition of phytocenosis, the productivity over botanical - economic groups and general productivity of the plant formations, botanical sort composition and structure of the main plant are collected, the category, capacity, fitness degree of the pastures and the use norms of them are analyzed and determined.

**The evaluating block.** The evaluating block of under vineyards soils consists of composition parts as soil evaluate and grouping of agricultural - works, estimation of landscape complexes. The soil evaluate is a value of the comparative quantity of their fertility level. The main importance of the evaluate is a definition of the relation between soil characters and its productivity. During the evaluate the soil character is given by the constant parameters as a quantity of absorbed bases and nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium reserves. These parameters possess positive correlation by the plant productivity.

Agricultural - works grouping of the soils is generalization of soil units possessing similar and alike agronomic characters towards any plant or plant group. Such generalization is carried out obeying seriously to certain requires of soil condition. The

evaluate of the landscapes was carried out paying attention to important position of phytocenosis (plant association) in under vineyards soils. The landscape evaluate is the second stage after the soil evaluation and it gives a chance to evaluate the landscape complexes quantitatively differentiating qualitatively.

**Monitoring block** – ecological monitoring is such an observation system that the biosphere condition is studied, controlled, evaluated under the influence of natural and anthropogenic factors at a certain period and the future information is given. The ecological monitoring is separated into global, regional and local levels for generalization and capacity of the information. The negative changes happening in soil as a result of the influence of the anthropogenic pressure and natural factors necessitated the ecological control on soil, that is soil monitoring.

The superficial and solid improvement measures directed to the improvement of the rational use from under vineyards soils, water, air regime, soil composition are gathered in **agromelioration block**.

### 3. CONCLUSION

As agrobiogeocenosis (including the under vineyards soils) expose to transformation directing to degradation as a result of the human's advisable, plenty of time spontaneous activity protecting these ecosystems and rational using of them must be the main duty of the modeling. Models of soil fertility

under the vineyards are made up of a 7 block, differing in the level of significance and importance.

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# PHOTOCATALYTIC SUBSTANCES IN ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDICATION

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In chemistry, photocatalysis is the acceleration of a photoreaction in the presence of a catalyst. In catalysed 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 (e.g. hydroxyl radicals:  $\bullet\text{OH}$ ) able to undergo secondary reactions. Its practical application was made possible by the discovery of water electrolysis by means of titanium dioxide ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ). Metal oxides are of great technological importance in environmental remediation and electronics because of their capability to generate charge carriers when stimulated with required amount of energy. The promising arrangement of electronic structure, light absorption properties, and charge transport characteristics of most of the metal oxides has made possible its application as photocatalyst. In this article definition of metal oxides as photocatalyst, structural characteristics, requirements of the photocatalyst, classification of photocatalysts and the mechanism of the photocatalytic process are discussed.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Photocatalysis, among all the various advanced oxidation processes is the one that has found wider use: it's a chemical reaction that mimics trees photosynthesis to absorb and transform pollutants into non-harmful elements. If we try to dig into details of this revolutionary discovery, we find that its operations follows just exactly what happens in nature. Photocatalysis imitates, as we said, the well-known photosynthesis in transforming harmful substances for mankind. The chemical process that is at the base is in fact an oxidation that starts thanks to the combined action of light (solar or artificial) and air. Photocatalysis is increasingly used as a method to clean up air and water, and the reasons why this process is becoming increasingly popular are the following:

- It significantly degrades recalcitrant pollutants present in the air and water
- The pollutant is mineralized to  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and not transferred into another phase
- It's cheap and does not require regeneration

- It's not selective, can eliminate lots of pollutants of different nature

- It takes advantage of UV light and water (in the case of air, humidity)

Photocatalysis is a science of employing catalyst that is utilized for speeding up chemical reactions that requires or engages light. A photocatalyst is defined as a material that is capable of absorbing light, producing electron-hole pairs that enable chemical transformations of the reaction participants and regenerate its chemical composition after each cycle of such interactions [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [6]. There are two types of photocatalytic reactions i.e. homogeneous photocatalysis and heterogeneous photocatalysis.

The significant features of the photocatalytic system are the desired band gap, suitable morphology, high surface area, stability and reusability [3], [4], [5], [6]. Metal oxides such as oxides of vanadium, chromium, titanium, zinc, tin, and cerium having these characteristics follow similar primary photocatalytic processes such as light absorption, which induces a charge separation process with the formation of positive holes that are able to oxidize organic

substrates [4], [5], [6]. In this process, a metal oxide is activated with either UV light, visible light or a combination of both, and photoexcited electrons are promoted from the valence band to the conduction band, forming an electron/hole pair ( $e^-/h^+$ ). The photogenerated pair ( $e^-/h^+$ ) is able to reduce and/or oxidize a compound adsorbed on the photocatalyst surface. The photocatalytic activity of metal oxide comes from two sources: (i) generation of  $\cdot\text{OH}$  radicals by oxidation of  $\text{OH}^-$  anions, (ii) generation of  $\text{O}_2^-$  radicals by reduction of  $\text{O}_2$ . Both the radicals and anions can react with pollutants to degrade or otherwise transform them to lesser harmful byproducts [5], [6].

There are many catalysts reported in the literature for this exciting process. Among these metal oxides ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{ZnO}$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2$  and  $\text{CeO}_2$ ), which are abundant in nature, have also been extensively used as photocatalysts, particularly as heterogeneous photocatalyst since several decades [5], [6]. This is because of their biocompatibility, exceptional stability in a variety of conditions and capability to generate charge carriers when stimulated with required amount of light energy. The favourable combination of electronic structure, light absorption properties, charge transport characteristics and excited lifetimes of metal oxides has made it possible for their application as photocatalyst [2], [3], [4], [5], [6].

Heterogeneous photocatalysis employing metal oxides such as  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{ZnO}$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2$  and  $\text{CeO}_2$  has proved its efficiency in degrading a wide range of distinct pollutants into biodegradable compounds and eventually mineralizing them to harmless carbon dioxide and water.

Recent research has also shown that (Fig. 1) metal oxides can be used as a photocatalyst to decompose toxic organic compounds, photovoltaics, prevent fogging of glass and even split water into hydrogen and oxygen [2], [3], [4], [5], [6]. Hence, they are of great technological importance in areas of environmental remediation, storage, hydrogen production and electronic industries [3], [4], [5], [6]. The heterogeneous photocatalysis is also being actively investigated (Fig. 1) as a promising self-cleaning, antibacterial and deodorization

system [3], [4], [5], [6]. The applications of such photocatalytic process are mostly needed for the purification of waste water, by removal of bacteria and other pollutants, as this can render water reusable.



Figure 1. Possible applications of metal oxides

## 2. COMPARING PHOTOCATALYSTS

Among the photocatalysts,  $\text{TiO}_2$  is the one who found more use so far:

- It's a crystalline white powder
- Particularly effective if irradiated by UV rays
- Economic
- Very efficient in photocatalytic processes
- It's used as a colorant (E171) for different products (e.g. foodstuffs, toothpastes, paints), and it is therefore available in large quantities.

Titanium dioxide can exist in amorphous form or in three different crystalline forms: Rutile, tetragonal shape. It is the form used industrially. It may present a black color, reddish brown in larger crystals, or yellow in finer crystals.

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There are several materials that show photocatalytic properties ( $TiO_2$ ,  $ZnO$ ,  $SnO_2$ ,  $CdS$ , etc.), however not all are quite efficient and stable over time to be used for this purpose. This is because the ability to transfer the charge of a semiconductor is governed by the position of its band and by the potential of oxidation-reduction.

The oxidation-reduction potential is a measure of the tendency of a chemical species to acquire electrons, that is, to be reduced. Between two species that interact with each other: the species with lower potential  $E$  oxidizes (yields electrons) the species with higher potential  $E$  reduces (acquires electrons)

The red-ox potential of the hole in the valence band must be sufficiently positive to allow the acceptor function. The red-ox potential of  $e^-$  in the conduction band must be sufficiently negative to allow the donor function. Other photocatalysts (like  $GaP$ ,  $GaAs$ ,  $CdSe$ ,  $CdS$  or  $Fe_2O_3$ ) appear to be less stable in air and to degrade more easily:  $ZnO$ , despite having a band gap that lends itself well to promote the photocatalytic degradation processes of organic compounds in aqueous solution, forms a passivating

layer of  $Zn(OH)_2$  on its surface which seriously compromises the characteristics

- $SnO_2$  has an excessively high band gap
- $WO_3$  tungsten trioxide instead is an excellent photocatalyst

Titanium dioxide is without doubt the photocatalyst that, for many reasons, find more uses from a commercial point of view; its limit is the fact that it is activated only under UV rays illumination, and this is a problem in case of a low percentage solar energy. For this reason, to overcome this limitation, our company has used a sensible catalyst to visible light also, such as tungsten trioxide.

### 3. PHOTOCATALYSIS BENEFITS

Now that we've understood the operations of photocatalysis, we can list its advantages. The photocatalytic process really brings the occurrence of three realities:

1. Antipollution
2. Antifouling
3. Antibacterial

These properties are simply the result of oxidation of substances that encounter a photocatalytic surface. If they are pollutants (nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, fine particulate matter) we can speak of antipollution reaction, if they are fouling substances (carbon blacks, dyes) we can talk about self-cleaning reaction, if they are bacteria, molds, fungi and microorganisms, we can speak of antibacterial reaction. Nowadays there is a long series of products using the concept of photocatalysis to improve the environment where we live, and at the same time to be compatible with the needs and style of the modern world.

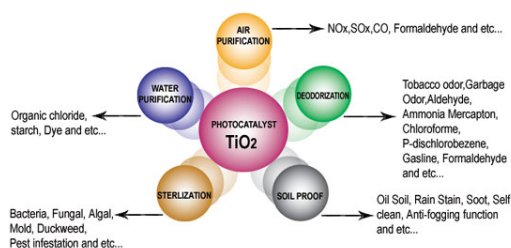


Figure 2. Benefits of photocatalyst  $TiO_2$

The photocatalytic process is used in various engineering applications, which is why many companies in the construction and air/water treatment industry are investing in this green technology. Without doubt the photocatalytic process, in the next few years, will play an increasingly important role in sustainable treatment processes. There are many products that could potentially be included in the daily use and that would give significant benefits to improve the air we breathe (e.g.: tiles with photocatalytic surface, photocatalytic cement and paints, water purification plants).

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