# Manufacture spectral responsivity of n-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/p-Si heterojunction with effect Cl doping for high sensitive devices

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Visible-light photodetectors constructed  $Fe_2O_3$  were manufactured effectively concluded chemical precipitation technique, films deposited on glass substrate and Si wafer below diverse dopant (0,2,4,6)% of Cl, enhancement in intensity with X-ray diffraction analysis was showed through favored orientation along the (110) plane, the optical measurement presented direct allowed with reduced band gap energies thru variation doping ratio , current–voltage characteristics  $Fe_2O_3$  /p-Si heterojunction revealed respectable correcting performance in dark, amplified by way of intensity of incident light, moreover good photodetector properties with enhancement in responsivity occurred at wavelength between 400 nm and 470 nm.

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#### 1. Introduction

Iron(III) oxide is the mineral composite through the formulation Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Greatest of three mainly oxides of iron, existence iron(II) (FeO), besides iron(II,III) (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>), which similarly arises certainly as the inorganic magnetite. By way of the inanimate identified by hematite, α -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is the foremost sources of iron in steel manufacturing [1]. Among various metal oxides, iron oxide was a lowest rate non-toxic situation responsive materials effortlessly available in nature [2], furthermore was a rhomb euhedrally center hexagonal construction by close pack lattice [3]. Similarly is an n-type semiconducting properties with optimum band gap of 2.1 eV for solar light absorption hence it was a talented materials for photo voltaic, photo catalytic then photo electrochemical application [4-6]. Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> displays wide ranges of requests for instance light induced water splitting [7], catalysis[8], gas sensors [9], solar cells[10] and spin electronic devices[11]. In comparison with various methods for α-Fe2O3 nanostructures, chemical precipitation technique had numerous benefit for example low costs, shortest perpetrated time, squat react temperature, fine crystallize per highly purities products [12]. Up to now, insufficient study had been described on illumination detection through Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, photodetectors constructed in discrete Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nan bridge among two Au electrode were testified, the devices presented faster response time of lower (20 ms) by a wavelength of 490 nm. The struggle to separated and facilities to recombined electron hole pair at Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> were mainly limitations. Additional improvement of the photo response presentations was required for useful applications [13]. Furthermore, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Zn:Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles were organized thru sol-gel thru diverse Zn percentages. The photo degradation investigation displayed 87% of RB dye besmirched in 90 min associated toward 63% per pure Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [14], effective doping might meaningfully advance the movement of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Lately, Mg dopant Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> photocatalytic efficiency. Un dopant and doping Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> constructions were adult via two step electrochemically technique. Photocatalytic activities of 81% was gotten for the Mg: Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanostructures in 180 min, while Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> controlled lone 56% of deprivation [15]. This work aims to manufacture (n- Cl: Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/p-Si) photo detector utilized chemical spry

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pyrolysis process then the characterizations for (n- Cl:  $Fe_2O_3/p$ -Si) and the fabrication photodetector were deliberated .

## 2. Experimental practice

Thin film (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) were equipped by chemical spry pyrolysis deposition with thickness (400nm), Iron nitrate aqueous material Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>.9H<sub>2</sub>O was used to prepare iron oxide thin films (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) with a purity of 99%, ,the solution was prepared at a molar concentration (0.1M) by dissolving (4.0402gm) of the substance in (100ml) of purified water utilized a magnetic stirrer for a period of (15min) to ensure the homogeneity of the solution, and after completing the dissolution process, the solution was kept in a volumetric vial and left for (24hr) to ensure that there is no sediment or stuck in it. Also used (NH<sub>4</sub>Cl) with a molecular weight of (53.49 gm / mol) with purity (99%), when preparing the solution at a concentration of (0.1M) (0.5349 gm) was dissolved in (100 m l) of distill water utilized a magnetic mixer for period on (15 min), The Cl ratio was adjusted at (2,4,6)%, annealing procedure completed intimate furnace at (500 °C) for 1h. After preparing the thin films, their crystal structure and the effect of doping are identified by studying the X-ray diffraction pattern. The optical properties spectra were documented using of UV–VIS spectrophotometer "OPTIMA SP-3000" for wave length variety (200-1000) nm, besides with Tauc relative [16,17], the changed of direct band gap studied. Spectral responsivity regulate through utilized a mono chromatic light source through spectral variety (200-900) nm.

### 3. Results and discussions

The influence of Cl dopant construction iron oxide compounds was scrutinized through X-ray diffraction. Figure  $(1_{a,b,c,d})$  show four state explained different ratio (0,2,4,6)% for Cl, some diffraction peaks situated at  $2\theta = 33.14$ , 35.6, 54.11, and  $62.3^{\circ}$  experiential in the designs of the un doped besides Cl dopant Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thin films, conforming to the (104), (110), (116), and (214) planes, individually, of characteristic Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> phase structured (rhombohedral, a = b = 5.023 Å, c = 13.70 Å where (JCPDS Card No. 01-089-8104) [18,19].

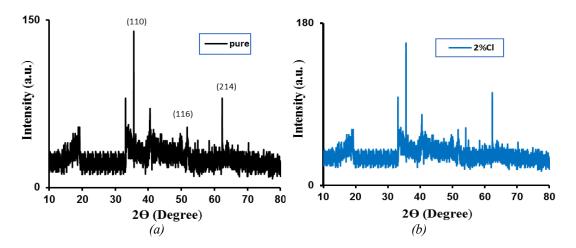


Fig. 1 a) b) XRD decorations of un doped plus Cl-dopant Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thin films for different contents a) Pure, b)2% Cl

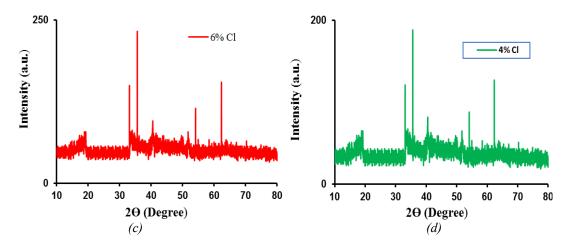


Fig. 1 c)d) XRD decorations of un doped plus Cl-dopant Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thin films for different contents. c) 6% Cl, d) 4% Cl

Definitely not different peaks construction was detected, this approves high purity product and chlorine has effectively substituted into the Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> matrix. Investigation of X-ray demonstrations films are poly crystalline plus had a favored alignment sideways the (110) plane, similarly small shifts to highest diffraction angles were noticed of doped models, the variation with the doping concentration of Cl due to propensity of crystallized to change laterally the (110) plane growths thru the upsurge of the Cl dopant meditation active for 6 %.

The lattice factors a and c of the nanocrystals besides grain size D of completely the samples were assessed rendering to the equation (1) and Scherrer's formula [20,21]

$$\frac{1}{d^2} = \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{h^2 + hk + k^2}{a^2} \right) + \frac{l^2}{c^2} \tag{1}$$

where (hkl) are the Miller indices, the valued standards of lattice parameter are obtainable in Table 1. The considered standards of the unit cell parameter of cl dopent  $Fe_2O_3$  were create to be subordinate than un doped films, which consequence in a decrease in the grain size .Chlorine combination produced local variations in the  $Fe_2O_3$  environment, which approves the fruitful manufacture of Cl doping  $Fe_2O_3$  thin film [22]. For additional Table (1) expression investigation of the influence of Cl dopant on the microstructure film.

Table 1. The disp	parity of grain s	ize (D), unit cell	volume (V) con	trasted with	h Cl different ratio.

Cl %	a (Å)	c(Å)	V (Å)	hkl	D(nm)
0	5.034	13.77	302.1976	(110)	28.259
2	5.024	13.73	300.1238	(110)	27.822
4	5.024	13.72	299.9052	(110)	25.968
6	5.023	13.72	299.7858	(110)	25.355

Variation of the absorption coefficient by way of role of energy of the photon occurrence and the reflection as a function of the wave length of all films demonstration in figure (2) . It is clear from the results obtained that all films have higher values of the absorption coefficient, which designates a high probability of direct electronic transfers[23], we find that the modification in the absorption coefficient thru the photon energy of the  $Fe_2O_3$  thin film is small by low energies, then the amount of change becomes greater and increases rapidly near the edge of optical absorption at the range of energies (2.55-4) eV, which reflects the presence of direct electronic transitions within this range of photon energies[24].

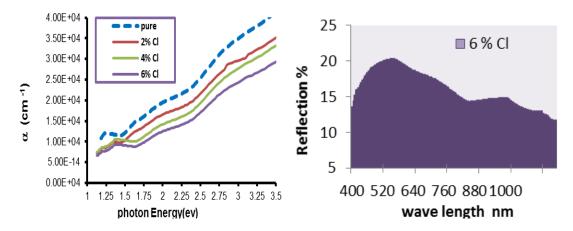


Fig. 2. The absorption coefficient (a) of undoped and Cl doped  $Fe_2O_3$  and reflectance (R) for 6% Cl ratio.

It is noted from Figure, the values of the absorption coefficient decrease with increasing doping ratio, this is because the distortion process has generated scalable levels within the energy gap near the valence beam, reducing absorption.

The reflection information permits the estimate of the band gap standards done the discrepancy reflectance spectra for instance meaning of wavelength. According to Tauc

Formulas [25], the optical direct band gaps, values attained for iron oxide semiconductor and doping simple distinctive in figure (3), intensification of the direct transition rate through Cl dopant contented was experiential from (2.2 to 3.1) eV for pure and 6 % Cl doped Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. We observed from figure decent connection with the crystallinities detected that identical doping percentage, where concentrated the structural defects. Also, absorption spectrum of all films displays an absorbance arrival nearby 500 nm and peak about 400 nm agreeing with 2.55 eV besides 3.1 eV, individually.

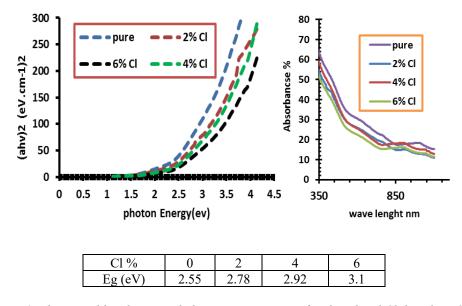


Fig. 3. The optical band gaps and absorption spectrum of undoped and Cl doped  $Fe_2O_3$  with different ratio.

(I-V) features of  ${\rm Fe_2O_3}$  / Si hetero junction photodetector in dark equally forward and reverse bias voltage show in figure (4). The forward current is proportional exponentially thru bias voltages which diffusion currents was the central constituent than recombination current.

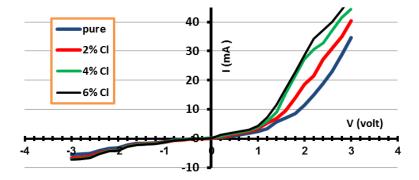


Fig. 4. Dark I–V features of n-Fe2O3 /p-Si heterojunction photodetector with (0,2,4,6)% Cl dopant ratio.

The illumination I-V characteristic of n-Fe2O3 /p-Si heterojunction photodetector at reverse bias was revealed in Figure (5). The cumulative of photocurrent through growing the reverse bias voltage dismiss qualified to the interior electric field laterally the depletion region where avoid the recombine photo produced electrons-holes. Below illumination per dissimilar power densities, (18,60, 100) mW/cm², the photocurrent was create to be amplified thru light power as presented in Figure. This increasing in the photocurrent container stand correlated to photo produced carriers which cumulative the attentiveness of minor carriers controlling the photocurrent below reverse bias.

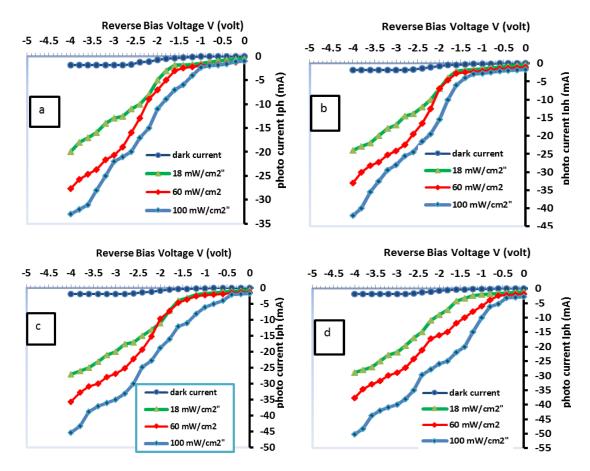


Fig. 5(a,b,c.d). Illumination (I-V) characteristic of n-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/p- Si hetrojunction photodetector with (0,2,4,6)% Cl dopant ratio respectively.

Figure (6) demonstrations the spectral response at (4V) reverse bias of pure  $Fe_2O_3$  thin film based photodetector with (0,2,4,6)% Cl dopant ratio, the responsivity extending (400-1000) nm wavelength and defined by photocurrent generated per unit of power of the incident light intensity on active areas, version to equation [26]. The spectrum expressions wideband responses in the variety (400 - 700) nm, besides the responsivity of  $Fe_2O_3/Si$  photodetector was 0.571 A  $W^{-1}$  at 470 nm, the device displays a broadband sensitive cover the visible to near infrared district, the distinction of noise equivalent power as a function of wavelength for doped and undoped detectors was revealed in figure (7), the lowest NEP befalls as soon as spectral response has the maximum value, we can notice that NEP decreases when the films doping due to the defects which decrease with doping, and thus decrease noise current.

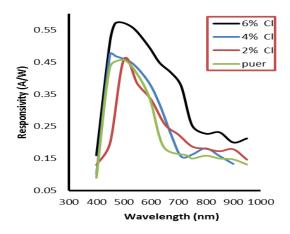


Fig. 6. The Spectral Responsivity of  $Fe_2O_3$ /p-Si photodetector for dissimilar Cl doping percentage.

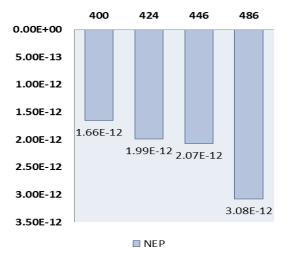


Fig. 7. The variation of noise equivalent power (NEP) thru wavelength  $Fe_2O_3$  /p-Si photodetector at unrelated Cl doping ratio.

## 4. Conclusion

In summary, we attention on producing visible UV photodetectors and improvement the high response by enhancements on materials then structures. Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Cl doped Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>were effectively manufactured by chemical spry pyrolysis method. A structural characterization revision shown that totally films are rhombohedral structure with (110) by means of primary orientation, where approves that Cl was fine combination for the Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> lattice, specifically for (6 % Cl). A direct band gap energy of rang (2.55-3.1) eV was assessed since absorption spectrum. The fabricated Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> /p-Si heterojunction revealed decent possessions thru spectral response, strong

absorption of Cl doped  $Fe_2O_3$  in the visible light and peak response of (0.571 A/W) situated on (470 nm) for (6% Cl).

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