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ABSTRACT

The field of nanotechnology encompasses rapidly emerging technologies based upon the scaling down of existing technology to the next level of precision and miniaturization. Materials in the nanoscale may exhibit physical properties, distinctively different from the bulk. Decrease in size gives rise to an increase in the energy gap as well as splitting of the conduction and valance band into discrete energy levels becomes evident.

The II-IV compound semiconductors are of great importance due to their application in various electro-optic devices. This dissertation is based on the study of semiconducting ZnS nanoparticles. The ZnS nanoparticles are synthesized by chemical route embedded in PVOH matrix. ZnS having wide band gap 3.50-3.70eV is a promising material to be used in photovoltaic device, solar cells. The optical, structural and electrical properties of fabricated ZnS nanoparticles have been examined by various characterization techniques. The structure of the ZnS nanoparticles is confirmed by X-Ray analysis. Band gap is calculated from UV visible. The I-V curves are plotted for analyzing the switching property of the sample. The study concludes that ZnS nanoparticles are promising material for electro-optic, luminescent as well.

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