

Crystalline and Absorption Studies on Cadmium Sulphide doped Polycarbonate Composite

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Abstract. In this paper we have studied the preparation of composites of polycarbonate composite by incorporating Cadmium Sulphide (CdS) particles with different concentration. The prepared samples were characterized by the different techniques used like X-ray diffraction (XRD) techniques and UV-vis spectroscopy (UV-Vis). The X-Ray diffraction technique gives the information on Crystallinity of the Sample, Interplaner Distance (d) and Crystallite Size (D). When the doping concentration is increased the crystallinity of the sample is increases and Crystallite size (D) is also increases. The UV-Vis spectroscopy technique gives information of Optical Band Gap. The energy band gap of pure polycarbonate is 4.437 eV and as we increase the concentration of cadmium sulphide the energy band gap decreases.

INTRODUCTION

Polycarbonate (PC) is an amorphous and polar thermoplastics polymer. It is used as engineering material because it has several properties such as transparency, dimensional stability, flame resistance, high heat distortion temperature and high impact strength [1]. Polycarbonate is soft in nature and the surface of polymer is easily stretched. It is used in electronic and electrical applications and has quite good insulation characteristics. Cadmium sulfide is an important II-IV group element semiconductor (at room temperature) with many excellent physical and chemical properties. This has promising application in multiple technical fields including photochemical catalysis, gas sensor, detectors for laser and infrared.

EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

Material Used in Present Study

The polycarbonate with molecular weight 45.0 Mw, from Company Acros Organics, New Jersey USA. Cadmium Sulphide (orange in colour), molecular weight 144.48 99% pure from Research Lab Fine Chemical Mumbai, India.

Preparation of Samples

The solvent cast technique was adopted for preparation of pure and composite samples. The specimen of pure PC, 0.2% CdS+PC, 0.4% CdS+PC, 0.6% CdS+PC, 0.8% CdS+PC, 1.0% CdS+PC in the presence of Chloroform as a solvent. The solution was constantly stirred with the help of electronics stirrer for 2 hrs at room temperature and sonicated to obtain homogeneous solution. The prepared solution was poured on glass Petri disk. The film were kept at room temperature for overnight and then films were then removed from Petri disk and stored in air tight polyethylene bags for further characterization.

Characterization of Samples

X-Ray Diffraction studies has been carried out using Bruker D2 Phaser 2nd Generation Diffractometer. X-Ray Diffraction technique is very important to determine the Degree of Crystallinity, interplanar distance d , and of the crystalline region (D). The crystallinity index is [2,3]-

$$\text{Crystallinity} = \frac{\text{Area of Crystalline Peaks}}{\text{Total Area}} \times 100\% \quad \text{ii)}$$

The relationship between crystallite size and x ray line broadening was determined from Scharrer's Formula:

$$D = \frac{n\lambda}{\beta \cos\theta} \quad \text{ii)}$$

Where D is the crystallite size, λ is the wavelength, β is the angular line width of half maximum intensity and θ is the bragg's diffraction angle while k is constant 0.89 [4].

In present study the absorption studies has been carried out using Shimadzu UV-Vis Spectrometer UV-1800, and absorption coefficient can be defined as:

$$\alpha = \frac{2.303A}{d} \quad \text{iii)}$$

where A is the absorbance and d is the thickness of sample. And at given wavelength 190-1100 nm the absorbance peak determine.

The band gap energy of catalysts is calculated by the equation –

$$E_g = \frac{1239.8}{\lambda_{os}} \text{ eV} \quad \text{iv)}$$

Where λ is in nm and energy band gap in electron Volt (eV), the boundary starting point λ_{os} of absorption edge zone is determined by straight line extrapolation and wavelength direction intersection from UV-Vis absorption spectra [5,6].

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

X-Ray Diffraction

X-ray diffraction pattern for pure Polycarbonate, pure Cadmium Sulphide and polycarbonate doped cadmium sulphite sample shown in Figure 1 and summarized in Table 1. In all the samples crystalline peak observed between $2\theta = 16.25^\circ$ to 17.69° . For pure polycarbonate film the crystalline peak is observed 16.88° and there crystallinity is 33.41%, inter planer distance $d = 5.245 \text{ \AA}$ and crystallite size $D = 15.1 \text{ \AA}$. In addition of cadmium sulphide in polycarbonate shifts of crystalline peak are observed sharp in higher percentage of cadmium sulphide. For 0.2% CdS+PC polymer film, crystalline peak are observed $2\theta = 17.49^\circ$, which yields the crystallinity of 40.63% with interplaner distance, $d = 5.066 \text{ \AA}$ and crystallite size $D = 15.8 \text{ \AA}$. for 0.4% CdS+PC polymer film similarly increases in various properties have been observed. Crystallinity of different wt% of polymer is continuously increases 0.4%, 0.6%, 0.8% and 01% films are 45.78%, 49.50%, 51.99% and 52.47% respectively.

Table 1 Crystallinity, peaks at 2θ ($^\circ$), interplanar distance 'd', crystallite size 'D' (\AA) for Samples.

S. No.	Sample with wt% of CdS	Crystallinity index CrI (%)	Peaks at 2θ ($^\circ$)	Interplanar distance 'd' (\AA)	Crystallite size 'D' (\AA)
1	Pure PC	33.41	16.88	5.245	15.1
2	.2% CdS+PC	40.63	17.49	5.066	15.8
3	.4% CdS+PC	45.78	17.69	5.00	16.3
4	.6% CdS+PC	49.50	17.20	5.15	17.1
5	.8% CdS+PC	51.99	16.95	5.22	22.7
6	1% CdS+PC	52.47	16.25	5.44	95.6

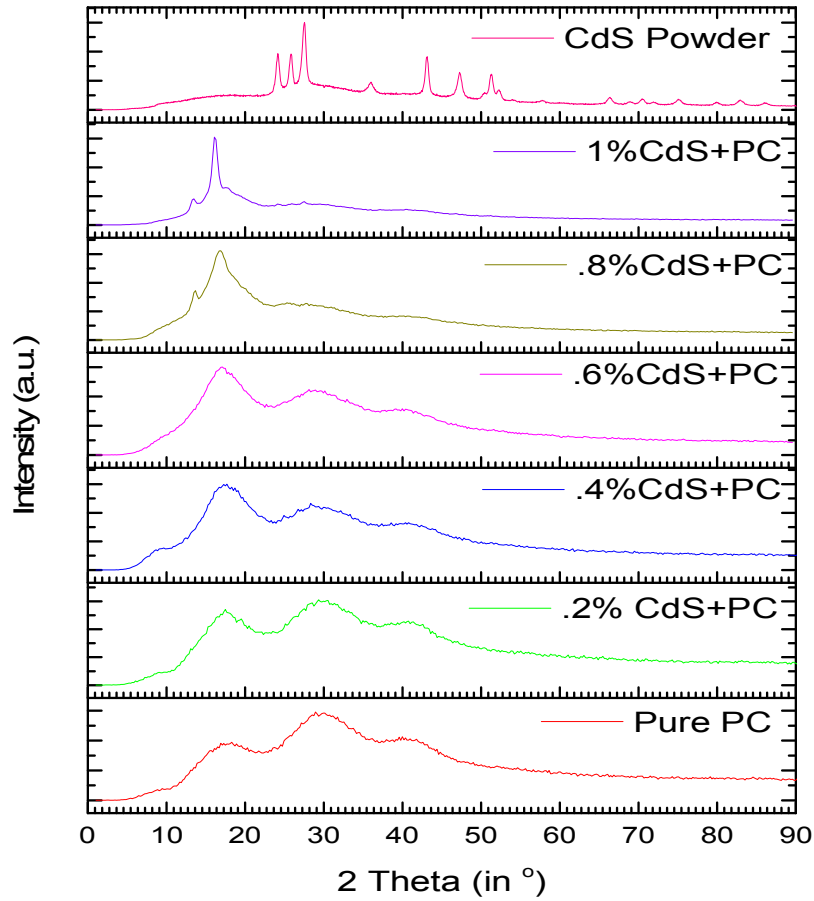


FIGURE 1. X-ray diffraction Pattern of Pure Polycarbonate, .2% CdS+ Polycarbonate, .4% CdS+ Polycarbonate, .6% CdS+ Polycarbonate, .8% CdS+ Polycarbonate, 1% CdS+ Polycarbonate.

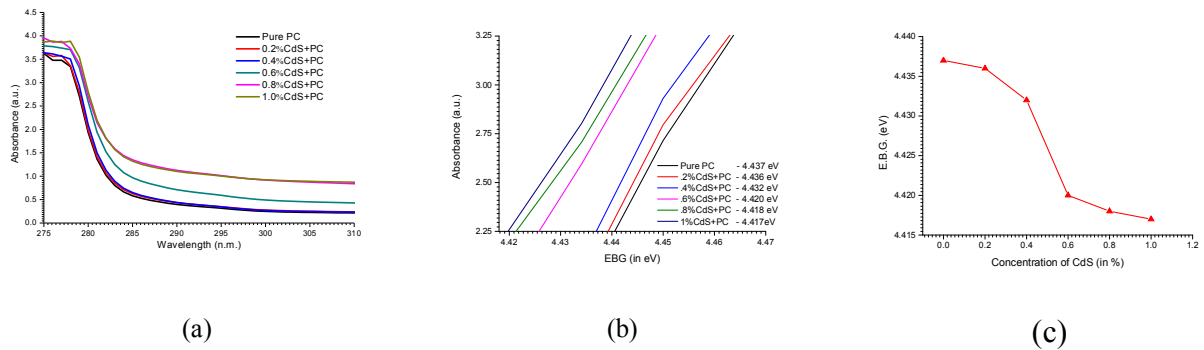


FIGURE 2. (a) UV-VIS Spectrums of Pure Polycarbonate, .2% CdS+ Polycarbonate, .4% CdS+ Polycarbonate, .6% CdS+ Polycarbonate, .8% CdS+ Polycarbonate, 1% CdS+ Polycarbonate; (b) Energy band gap for Pure PC and PC/CdS blend films; (c) Variation in Energy Band Gap with Doping Concentration of CdS.

The optical energy band gap E_g values for the pure as well as for doped polycarbonate film are shown in Figure 2(a). The value of energy band gap for various dopant concentrations of the samples are presented in Figure 2(b). When the dopant concentration increases the energy band gap value decreases. The decrease of optical energy band gap (E_g) due to the presence of local cross linking that occurred within the non-crystalline phase of the composite polymer. Figure 2(c) shows energy band gap for pure PC and PC/CdS blend film, here the energy band gap for pure polycarbonate is 4.437 eV. As the concentration of CdS is increased the energy band gap decreases. The energy band gap of 0.2% CdS+PC, 0.4% CdS+PC, 0.6% CdS+PC, 0.8% CdS+PC and 01% CdS+PC is 4.436, 4.432, 4.420, 4.418, 4.417 eV respectively.

CONCLUSION

X-ray diffraction gives the crystallinity of the sample between 33.41 to 52.47. As the concentration of cadmium sulphide increases the crystallinity of the sample increases and the peak of 2θ ($^\circ$), gives sharp peak and crystallite size $D(\text{\AA})$ increases from 15.1 to 95.6 \AA . Optical Absorption study of samples reveals that, as we increase the concentration of cadmium sulphide (CdS) the energy band gap decreases. The energy band gap for pure polycarbonate is 4.437 eV and it is decreasing from 4.436 to 4.417 eV with increase in concentration of CdS.

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