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Interaction of nanoscale damages with static and dynamic contact induced damages in alumina: A novel approach using nanoindentation

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Abstract

The present work makes novel usage of the well-known nanoindenation (NI) technique to study how the nanohardness (H) and Young's modulus (E) are affected due to variations in the loading rates ranging from 1 to 1000 mN s^{-1} for a pressureless sintered alumina of intermediate e.g., 8 μm grain size and 91% relative density. The same NI technique is also utilized to understand how the presence of microindentation induced radial cracks affect H and E when the nanoindents are at different angular orientations of 0°, 30°, 45° and 90° with respect to the aforesaid radial cracks. Finally, the study is also extended towards using the NI technique to understand how H and E of the same alumina are influenced by the presence of the dynamic contact induced scratch grooves created at normal loads in the range of 2–15 N. Based on the experimentally measured data, extensive usage of

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Here we report for the very first time, the detailed mechanisms of the formation of 'micro pop-in' events observed during nanoindentation at 10–1000 mN load in a 10 ZTA (i.e., 10 vol% zirconia toughened alumina) ceramic. Explicit analysis of the experimental results backed up by comprehensive Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy (FESEM) based evidences suggests that the maximum shear stress (τ_{max}) generated underneath the nanoindenter, the formations of shear bands and localized microcrackings play significant role in the initiation of nanoscale plastic events in the present ZTA ceramic.

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Effect of molecular structure on dielectric and electro-optic properties of chiral liquid crystals based on lactic acid derivatives

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Self-assembling behaviour of a few lactic acid derivatives with several ester linkage groups in the molecular core has been studied. The *molecular structure–physical property* correlations has been discussed in the light of the temperature dependences of the static permittivity, dielectric anisotropy, spontaneous polarization, response time and torsional bulk viscosity for eight chiral ferroelectric liquid crystalline compounds. Depending on the molecular structure these compounds exhibit the chiral nematic (N*) phase, the paraelectric orthogonal smectic A* (SmA*) phase and the ferroelectric tilted smectic C*(SmC*) phase being thermally stable over relatively broad temperature range. The temperature behaviour of the spontaneous polarization clearly confirms the second order nature of the SmA*-SmC* phase

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Abstract: Size of the heterogeneous data is increasing rapidly at an electrifying speed. But we cannot handle this massive amount of unstructured data in traditional database, most of the data in the digital universe is unstructured. Big data analytics provides better computational power and efficient mechanism to handle this situation. This paper attempts to offer a survey report of big data, which changes rapidly of high volume, velocity, verity. In this paper we discuss some of the major challenges with a focus on big data characteristics followed by a conceptual framework of big data. This survey paper also focuses on the complexity of medical images and data mining problems.

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Detection of disease and Prediction of Post Risk Level from DNA Sequence Using Pattern Matching and GA, A Proposed System

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ABSTRACT:

Pattern matching algorithm finds the occurrences of a small sequence called pattern in a larger sequence text, takes an essential responsibility in bioinformatics and parallel in medical science. In this paper I have proposed a system that will find the occurrences of infected genes in any sample of human gene sequence. KMP string matching algorithm is being used as sequence matcher. Depending upon the frequency of occurrence of the pattern the disease will be leveled. Along with detecting the stage of the infection the proposed system will be played an important role in detection of upcoming growth for expected cell mutation.

KEYWORDS: DNA sequence, String Matching, KMP Algorithm, Genetic Algorithm.

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Abstract

The Rapid growth of technology and infrastructure has made our lives easier. The advent of technology has also increased the traffic hazards and the road accidents take place frequently which causes huge loss of life and property because of the poor emergency facilities. Our project will provide an optimum solution to this draw back. According to this project, when a vehicle meets with an accident, the Micro electro mechanical system (MEMS) sensor will detect the signal and this signal will be analyzed by Arduino. The Arduino sends the alert message through the GSM Module including the location to police control room or a rescue team. So, the police can immediately trace the location through the GPS Module, after receiving the information. Then after confirming the location necessary action will be taken. The aim of this work is to automatically detect an accident and alert the nearest hospital or medical services about the exact location of the accident.

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An approach for long term economic operations of competitive power market by optimal combined scheduling of wind turbines and FACTS controllers

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Wind power has shown enormous potential in capacity addition and substantial use throughout the world during the last few decades. From the very last era of the 1990s, wind energy has re-emerged and framed as a major source of renewable power generation. The worldwide wind power installed capacity has been doubled in every three years over the last decades of the 20th century. This paper demonstrates the important aspects along with the promotion policies which are adopted by the Indian government for enlarging the country's own energy security by proper utilization of available renewable energy sources. In India's perspective, wind power is not only used for power generation but also to provide the energy in a cost-effective manner. The details of India's entire power generation, demand, and contributions of various renewable sources are also comprised in this study. The present scenario of wind power potential in India has been also compared with the other leading countries in the world.

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A two step approach for improvement of economic profit and emission with congestion management in hybrid competitive power market

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Facial expression recognition using distance and texture signature relevant features

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Anomalous electrical conductivity in selenite glassy nanocomposites

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CuI doped selenite glass-nanocomposite system has been prepared using melt-quenching route. Their microstructure and electrical transport properties have been studied. It is observed from X-ray diffraction (XRD) study that the size of $CuSeO_3$ nanocrystallite is found to be almost same, but the variation of selenium oxide nanoparticles does not follow any trend. Fourier transform infrared spectra (FT-IR) reveal that major bands are attributed to the Se—O stretching vibration. We have investigated the electrical conductivity of these glass-nanocomposites in a wide frequency and temperature range. Dc conductivity show thermally activated anomalous nature, which may be explained from their structural point of view. Ac conductivity data have been analyzed using a power law model. It has been observed that mobile ion

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Homestay-Based Tourism - A Tool for Socio Economic Upliftment of Host Communities in Hilly Region of Rural Darjeeling District Of West Bengal: An Analytical Study

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ABSTRACT

Homestay being the upcoming model of community based rural tourism aims to promote households to earn income from tourism directly as an extended form of local people involvement in tourism where the tourists experience an excellent opportunity to share, see and feel the diverse ethnic lifestyle, local culture and tradition. The present study dealt with the homestay operations in 'Queen of Hills'- Darjeeling Hills in developing stage. The inadequate traditional tourist accommodation infrastructure around the main town contrary to heavy footfall of tourists almost across all the seasons has made Homestays the only solution to the problem of over congestion of tourists. This research article aims to investigate the contribution of home-stays as instrumental for boosting the socio-economic well-being of rural communities of Darjeeling hills, based on the exploratory & cross sectional form of descriptive research contribution of home-stays as instrumental for boosting the socio-economic well-being of rural communities and made use of chiefly primary data. Data were collected from the 100 home-stays chosen randomly from rural Darjeeling divided into five promising zones. Descriptive analysis, Pearson Correlation and Chi-square test of significance were used to analyse the data using SPSS. It is found that majority of respondents have managed their household expenditure from the income of home-stay entities since income is the strongest motivator for local folk to participate in the homestay business and it was considered by most as a significant contributor to their socio-economic upliftment.

Key words: Homestay business, Socio-economic Development, Community Participation, Darjeeling

I. INTRODUCTION

Homestay is a new concept in tourism and hospitality industry. The homestay is a tourism product which was introduced to give a chance to the tourist to stay with selected local family and experience their daily lifestyle and learn their cultures. The home-stay seeks to draw tourists away from the dean & bustle of the posh and crowded areas to the rural tranquility full of natural surroundings, with clean, comfortable and budget-friendly fooding & lodging. In home-stay tourism, visitors spend ample time with the rural, ethnic family observing their customs, values and culture, which give them the opportunity to feel the taste of rural life

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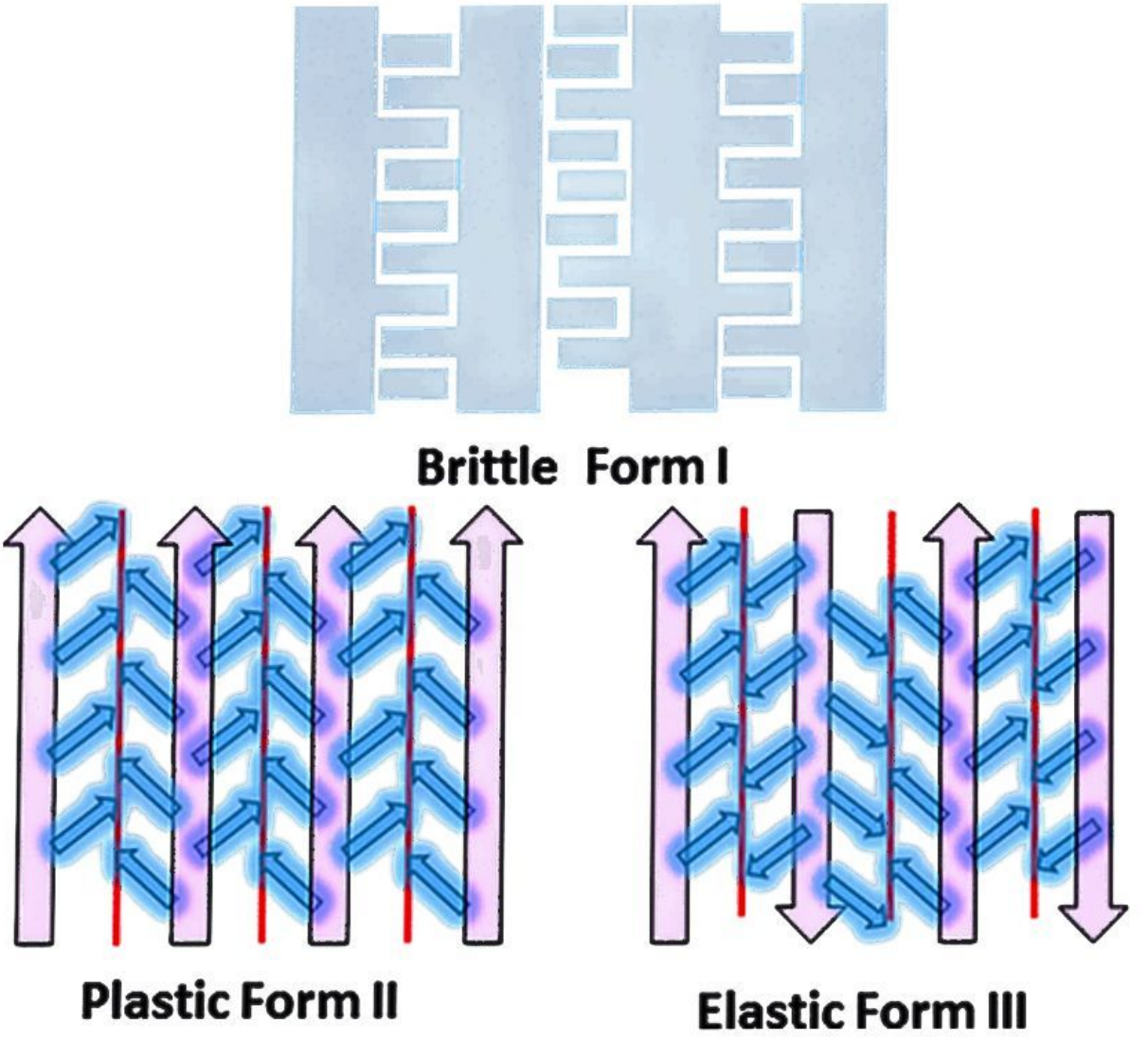

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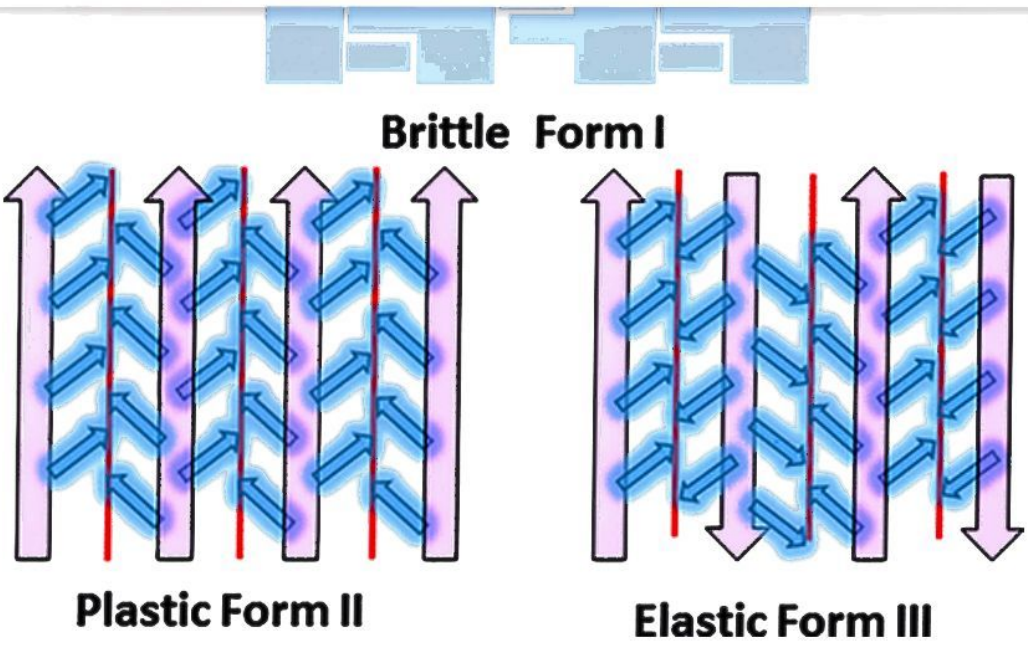

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interaction energies from energy frameworks analysis, slip layer topology, Hirshfeld surface analysis, and nanoindentation. The quantitative nanoindentation studies unveiled that Form III has higher elastic modulus and stiffness than Forms I and II, while the hardness was lowest for the plastic Form II. Despite high structural similarity in Forms II (plastic) and III (elastic), the *E* of elastic Form III was found to be 3 orders of magnitude higher than that of plastic Form II crystals, which is attributed to the subtle differences in interaction energies and slip layer topology in the two cases. Consideration of slip layer topology and interaction energies from the structures are very useful for rationalizing mechanical properties, but may not be always sufficient, and one may also need to know the topology of the potential energy surface of the slip layers for understanding the distinct mechanical behavior.

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Reversible, repeatable and low phase transition behaviour of spin coated nanostructured vanadium oxide thin films with superior mechanical properties

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Smooth, uniform and crystalline vanadium oxide thin films were deposited on quartz by spin coating technique with four different rpm i.e., 1000, 2000, 3000 and 4000 and subsequently post annealed at 350, 450 and 550 °C in vacuum. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM), Field emission scanning electron microscopy (FESEM) and X-ray diffraction (XRD) techniques were utilized for microstructural characterizations and phase analysis, respectively, for vanadium oxide powder and deposited film. Nanorods were observed to be grown after vacuum annealing. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) technique was utilized to study the elemental oxidation state of deposited vanadium oxide films. Thermo-optical and electrical properties such as solar transmittance (τ_s), reflectance (ρ_s), absorptance (α_s), infrared (IR) emittance (ε_{ir}) and sheet resistance (R_s) of different

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Indentation size effect and energy balance issues in nanomechanical behavior of ZTA ceramics

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It is well known that physical, structural, mechanical as well as other functional properties change drastically at the nanoscale, thereby giving rise to size effects in all materials, especially ceramics. Therefore, it is extremely relevant today to understand the basic scientific issues involved in the development of size effects in materials, particularly ceramics which are characteristically brittle in nature. Hence, to be able to design better contact resistant ceramics; it is of significant importance to understand the genesis of indentation size effect (ISE) in the nanomechanical response of structural ceramics like zirconia toughened alumina (ZTA). Here we report the first-

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ISE, the efficacies of existing models in explaining the same; were critically examined. Among existing models, the strain gradient plasticity model provided the real physical reason for the genesis of ISE in ZTA and hence, explained the data the best. Similarly, existing models were used to predict the variations in experimentally measured ratios of plastic to total energy spent in the nanoindentation process. The results showed that the Malzbender model predicted experimental data the best. This observation implied the best efficacy of the internally expanded cavity concept in explaining the nanoindentation response of the present ZTA ceramics. In addition, the other possible mechanisms of ISE in ZTA were discussed. Finally, the linkage of microstructural parameters to ISE in ZTA was explored.

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A facile synthesis methodology for preparation of Ag–Ni-reduced graphene oxide: a magnetically separable versatile nanocatalyst for multiple organic reactions and density functional study of its electronic structures†

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Here, we report a simple '*in situ*' co-precipitation reduction synthesis method for the preparation of nanocatalysts composed of Ag, Ni nanoparticles, and reduced graphene oxide (RGO). First-principles calculations based on Density Functional Theory (DFT) were performed to obtain the electronic structures and properties of Ag–Ni-graphene superlattice and to understand the interfacial interactions which exist at the interface between Ag, Ni, and graphene. The catalytic performance of the synthesized catalysts $(Ag_xNi_{(1-x)})_yRGO_{(100-y)}$ were evaluated for four reactions (i) reduction of 4-nitrophenol (4-NP) in the presence of excess $NaBH_4$ in aqueous medium, (ii) A3 coupling reaction for the synthesis of propargylamines, (iii) epoxidation of styrene, and (iv) 'Click reaction' for the synthesis of 1,2,3-triazole derivatives. For all of these reactions the catalyst composed of Ag, Ni, and RGO, exhibited significantly higher catalytic activity than that of pure Ag, Ni, and RGO. Moreover, an easy magnetic recovery of this catalyst from the reaction mixture after completion of the catalytic reactions and the good reusability of the recovered catalyst is also reported here. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time the demonstration of the versatile catalytic activity of

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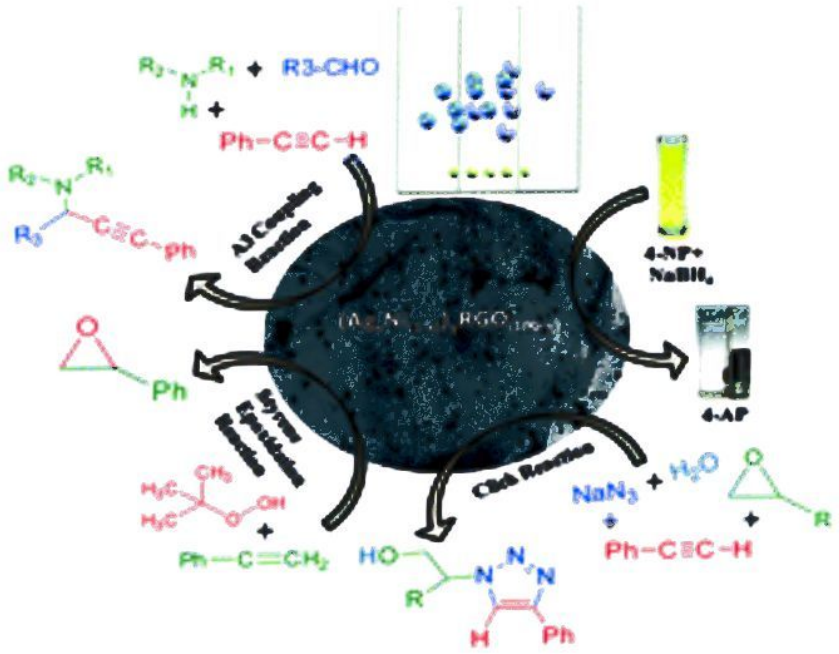

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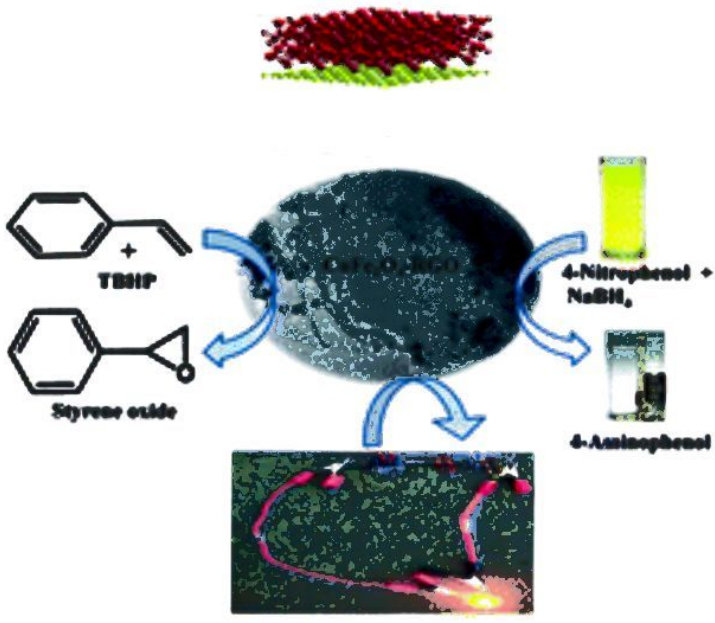

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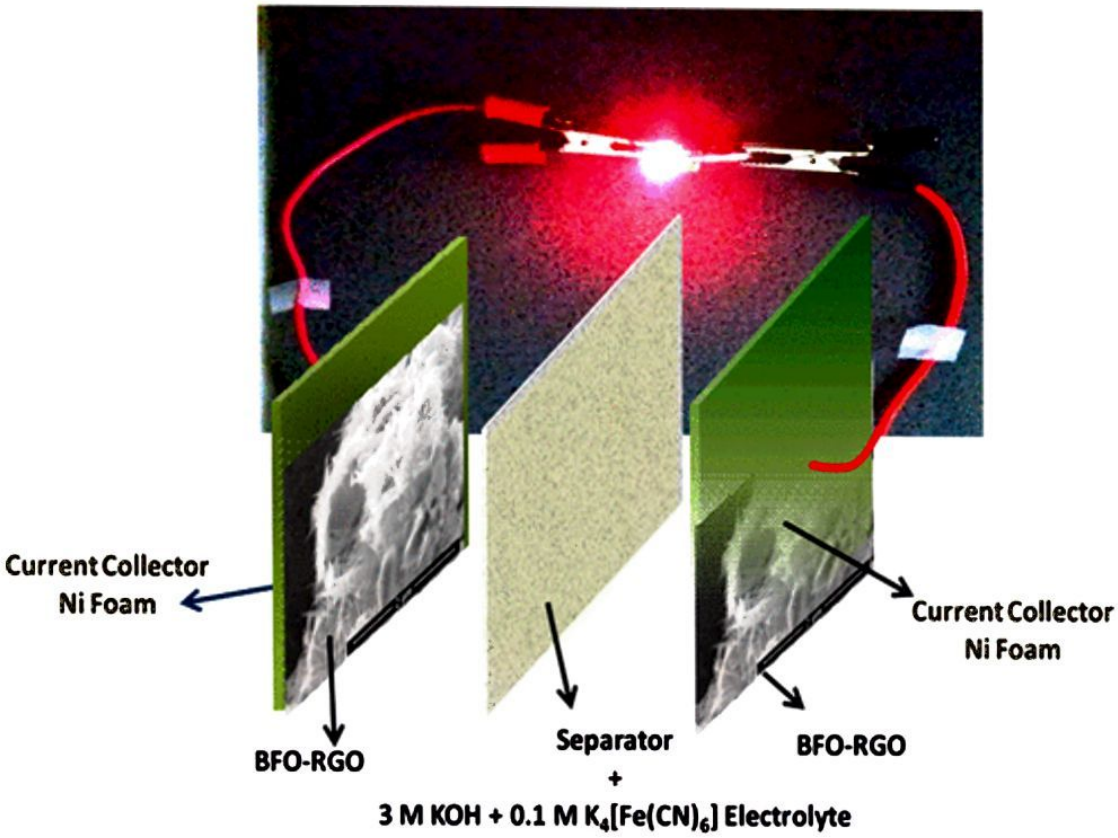

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Li-Fi: A Full-Fledged Wireless Communication Technology

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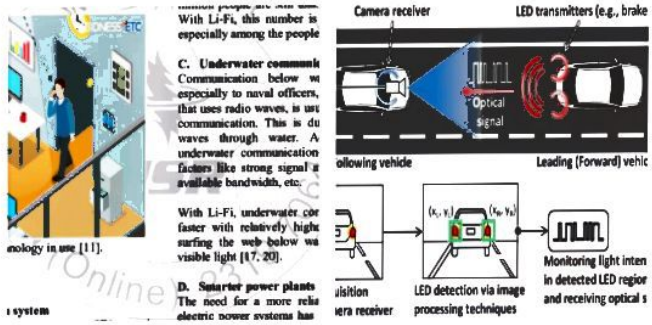

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Wind power integration in an existing power system needs more attention due to its uncertain nature. If a difference creates between the actual and forecasted wind speeds and the power delivery contract is signed between the Generation Companies (GENCOs) and Distribution Companies (DISCOs) as per the forecasted speed, then the GENCOs may be awarded or penalized by the Independent System Operator (ISO) for their surplus or deficit power supply. This paper proposes an approach to assess the uncertainties of wind speed of the wind integrated electrical system within a completely deregulated environment. In this work, twelve spots in India have been chosen randomly for the application of the proposed approach and to verify the outcome of the proposed approach. The real time data for actual wind speed (AWS) and forecasted wind speed (FWS) of all selected spots have been also con
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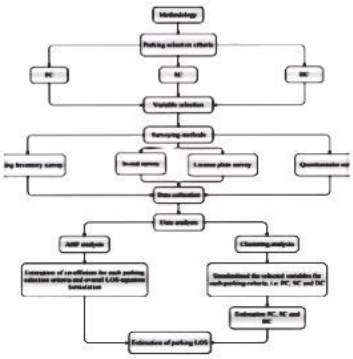

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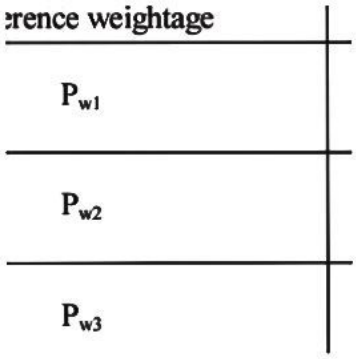

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A STUDY ON CRYPTOCURRENCY POTENTIAL IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The recent boom in cryptocurrencies has gathered a lot of attention from everyone around the globe. The year 2017 saw a hefty rise in the value of Bitcoins making it a household name. However, this wasn't enough for India to accept it as a legal tender and the future of cryptocurrency in India is still uncertain. This study was conducted to understand the potential of Bitcoins in India. Bitcoin is a unique exchange mode compared to a typical bank as the transactions are verified by network nodes and written in a publicly distributed book called Blockchain. The price of the bit currency is variable and they are considered high-risk assets as transactions can be reimbursed but cannot be reversed. Bitcoin was born in January 2009 when Nakamoto Satoshi extracted the first block of the Bitco Block. Since then, many followers have made deals and received coins of little value. Countries around the world began to accept small currencies as legitimate forms of currency. But India has not legitimized the use of this call for a variety of reasons. The purpose of this document is to understand the recognition of the existence of bit currencies and to evaluate the potential of bit currencies in India

KEYWORDS: *Bitcoins, Cryptocurrency, Blockchain, India*

INTRODUCTION

The world came to know about cryptocurrency when Satoshi Nakamoto published a paper about a new type of currency called Bitcoins (Nakamoto, 2008). Therefore it can be surmised that Bitcoin was founded by the anonymous Satoshi Nakamoto in a white paper and released in 2009. A cryptocurrency is a digital asset intended as a medium of exchange that uses cryptography to secure its transactions, to control the creation of additional units, and to validate the transfer of assets. Bitcoin is a cryptocurrency and worldwide payment system. It is the first digital currency to work as a decentralized system works without any central bank control and the network is peer-to-peer with the transactions taking place between users without an intermediary. These transactions are confirmed by network nodes using cryptography and recorded in a public distributed ledger called a Blockchain.

Bitcoin transactions are considered unstable and the price of this currency is very volatile which increases or decreases without notice. Transactions made with cryptocurrency cannot be reversed and the person who receives the money can only make a refund. Hence, if deals are not made with people who are familiar and reliable, the money sent by people from their accounts is not guaranteed. Also, every bit currency transaction is stored on the network, and anyone can see the transaction and the balance, although the identity of the user behind a particular currency address is concealed unless the user discloses the information.

A STUDY ON OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF CRYPTOCURRENCY IN INDIA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO BITCOIN

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ABSTRACT: *From a few years onwards cryptocurrencies and Bitcoin grab a hot topic in the financial industry. Cryptocurrency is a digital or virtual or internet currency that uses cryptography for security. Cryptocurrency has created unmatched changes in the financial market having both positive and negative contributions. The concept of cryptocurrency is a little hard to accept, but it is easy to use. It is considered difficult because it is entirely different from our conventional currencies that we people are using since ages.Bitcoin was created in the wake of the 2008 global financial crisis to operate outside of governments, central banks and financial institutions. Since then, Bitcoin's framework has challenged many regulators, as most of them struggled to find ways to bring it under control. This led to some countries banning it or making it illegal, while some others remained observant and the rest worked out ways to tax and regulate its operations. This is a conceptual papertries to studythe different aspects of cryptocurrencies, starting with their history, types, its working, advantages and disadvantages, challenges and opportunities. The study also tries to analyse the legal status of Bitcoin in India.*

Key Words: *: Cryptocurrency, Bitcoin, blockchain, Advantages, Disadvantages, Challenges.*

INTRODUCTION

The instruments used as exchange instruments to make the trade transactions as easy as possible according to the market needs have experienceda huge development and change. Those instruments used to intermediate the exchange of goods are known as money. Money as something that serves as a medium of exchange, an unit of accounting, and a store of value. Money is a medium of exchange in the sense that we all agree to accept it in making transactions. Merchants agree to accept money in exchange for their goods; employees agree to accept money in exchange for their labor. As a unit of accounting, money provides a simple device for identifying and communicating value. Money serves as a store of value in that it allows us to store the rewards of our labor or business in a convenient tool.From the era of barter to commodity money, metal and coins, to gold and silver, continuing by modern monetary systems and checks and ending with the latest global currency developments, such as introduction of cryptocurrencies known as Bitcoin and Ethereum and alike.. The introduction of cryptocurrencies has revolutionized the international payment system in a scale that just few years ago were unimaginable. A cryptocurrency is a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security.In 1983, the American cryptographer DavidChaum conceived an anonymous cryptographic electronic money called e-cash. Later, in 1995, he implemented it through Digicash,an early form of cryptographic electronic payments which required user software in order to withdraw notes from a bank and designate specific encrypted keys before it can be sent to a recipient. This allowed the digital currency to be untraceable by the issuing bank, the government, or any third party.A cryptocurrency is difficult to counterfeit because of its security feature. A defining feature of a cryptocurrency is that it is not issued by any central authority. It is completely decentralized

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To understand the concept of crypto currency, its working, its types and the top player Bitcoin.
- To study the advantages and drawbacks of Bitcoin.
- To analysethe legal status, challenges and opportunities of Bitcoin in India.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This paper is purely based on secondary data referring to various sources such as journals, newspaper articles, websites and statutory reports.

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Park Tourists Behavioral Loyalty in India: A Study on Revisit Intention and Willingness to Recommend *Doors* as a Tourism Destination

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Abstract

Park tourism is a relatively new concept in tourism which may be considered as a purposeful travel to natural areas to comprehend the cultural and natural history of surroundings without disturbing the ecosystem. Park tourism is supposed to generate economic opportunities for the local people who do not have much option to enhance their economic condition. Like ecotourism, park tourism also promises the sustainable use of natural resources without degrading the natural environment. Growth in income and changing life style orientations has increased the demand for tourism, including nature-based tourism. There is a tremendous demand for nature based tourism in India though the scope is limited due to fragmented size of forest available for sustainable development of park tourism which is a form of ecotourism endeavor. The study conducted in the past revealed that in India a total of 590 protected areas cover less than five percent of total land area which are relatively smaller in size(average size is less than 300 square Km) and having a high density of population who are very poor.

A plethora of past studies in the field of destination satisfaction reveals that that visitor satisfaction is the basic factor behind the growth of tourism industries all over the world. Researchers and practitioners have focused a great deal to address various issues concerning the service quality, tourist satisfaction, behavioral intentions and satisfied tourist spreading positive word of mouth communication. However, there is a dearth of empirical research establishing the relationship between perceived service quality and satisfaction of visitors going to destinations surrounding parks and wildlife sanctuaries. This study investigates these service quality issues within the ecotourism initiatives adjoining the National Park and Wild Life Sanctuaries in the *Doors* region. This study included a questionnaire survey of visitors in the vicinity of *Gorumara* National Park. That data on visitors' satisfaction have been gathered by personally administering a questionnaire from tourists visiting different resorts surrounding the National Park and Wild Life Sanctuaries. The study makes several significant theoretical and managerial contributions. The key finding is that the behavioral intention to recommend the destination can be predicted as revealed by the magnitude of the goodness of fit of the multiple regression model. Similarly, it is interesting to note that the willingness to revisit the destination is significantly associated with the quality of holiday satisfaction perceived by the visitors. The Structural Equation Model (SEM) also corroborates the findings as reported above. Conclusions and managerial implications are also discussed to improve the quality of service delivered to enhance the image of the destination.

Key Words: Park, Tourism, Satisfaction, IPA, Behavioral Intentions, SEM

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Electrical relaxation and grain boundary effect in CdI_2 doped glass-nanocomposites

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Electrical relaxation in CdI_2 doped $Ag_2O–V_2O_5–ZnO$ glass-nanocomposites has been studied using complex modulus formalism. The conductivity formalism has been attempted to explain conductivity spectra due to leaving off of the conductivity in the lower frequency region. This lower frequency conductivity is not distinct due to grain boundary effect. The formation of grain boundary region causes the non-uniform motion of Ag^+ in the lower frequency region. Non-Debye type relaxation of Ag^+ has been analyzed by invoking Kohlrausch-Williams-Watts function. It is observed that relaxation time (τ_m) increases up to x = 0.1 and then decreases. Formation of grain boundary and Ag_3VO_4, $Zn_2V_2O_7$, $Ag_4V_2O_7$, CdV_2O_6 and $Cd_2V_2O_7$ nanocrystallites play important role in the variation of relaxation time. The stretched exponent (β) values indicate strong ion-ion interaction between

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DURGA PUJA: Blending of Festive Rituals with Brand Building Exercise

Shomnath Dutta

Durga Puja for the Bengalis is much more than a festival. It is a carnival and an emotion that marks the time of happy tides. Families immerse themselves in this five-day gala of awesome food, pandal hopping, music and cultural evenings and welcoming Ma Durga back to her paternal home. Durga Puja is actually, the celebration of 'life' and the joy of 'living' more than anything else. It's like all the joys of this 'City of Joy'; Kolkata is out on its very streets. Durga Puja becomes an expression of the city itself & these pujas of Kolkata are thus not just an annual festival or the carnival of the city, nor are they even the most vivid symbols of Bengali culture. They are, in fact, the best exhibitions of creative spirit that manifests itself through the popular arts and they are also the most appropriate occasion to be in the city of joy and freedom, to soar high on the wings of human spirit that knows no bounds for four blessed days. Durga Puja today is, no doubt, commoditized primarily through corporate sponsorship and the heavy buying and selling that this annual festivity of Bengali Hindus involves. With this came the trend for giving awards to pujas in several separate categories (idol, decoration, artwork, lighting, music, crowd management, and so on) by the

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Microstructure, electrical conductivity and modulus spectra of CdI_2 doped nanocomposite-electrolytes

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Ionic conductivity and dielectric behavior of Ag_2O–CdI_2–CdO nanocomposite system have been studied. X-ray diffraction has been carried out to obtain the crystallite sizes and the growth of CdO dispersed in glass-matrices. Total conductivity of them shows thermally activated nature. It is observed that total conductivity decreases and corresponding activation energy for conduction follows opposite behavior. The high-frequency ac conductivity may correspond to a nonrandom, correlated and sub-diffusive motion of Ag^+ ions. Conductivity relaxation time is found to increase. The nature of scaling of the conductivity as well as modulus spectra indicates that the electrical relaxation of Ag^+ is temperature independent but depends upon composition.

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Formation of nano-phases and study of transition metal oxide doped glassy systems

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Glassy systems, $0.3V_2O_5$–$0.7(0.05\ A_mO_n$–$0.95\ ZnO)$ where, $A_mO_n = MoO_3$, Nd_2O_3, CdO, and SeO_2 respectively have been prepared by melt quenching route. Crystallite sizes of new phases $Zn_3V_2MoO_{11}$ and $Zn_{2.5}VMoO_8$, $NdVO_4$, $Cd_2V_2O_7$ and $ZnVSe_2O_7$ have been estimated from XRD studies. Average sizes of $ZnVSe_2O_7$ and $Zn_3V_2MoO_{11}$ are found to be maximum and minimum in SeO_2 and MoO_3 doped glassy systems respectively. Bond weakening in SeO_2 doped glassy system is maximum. More number of bond breaking may increase the more number of cluster formation and may offer high resistive path for electron or polaron conduction. The present glassy systems behave as an indirect gap semiconductor. The variation of dc conductivity data with reciprocal temperature indicates small polaron hopping conduction in transition metal oxide glassy system. The electrical measurement data also show that dc conductivity increases with increasing polaron radius. The th

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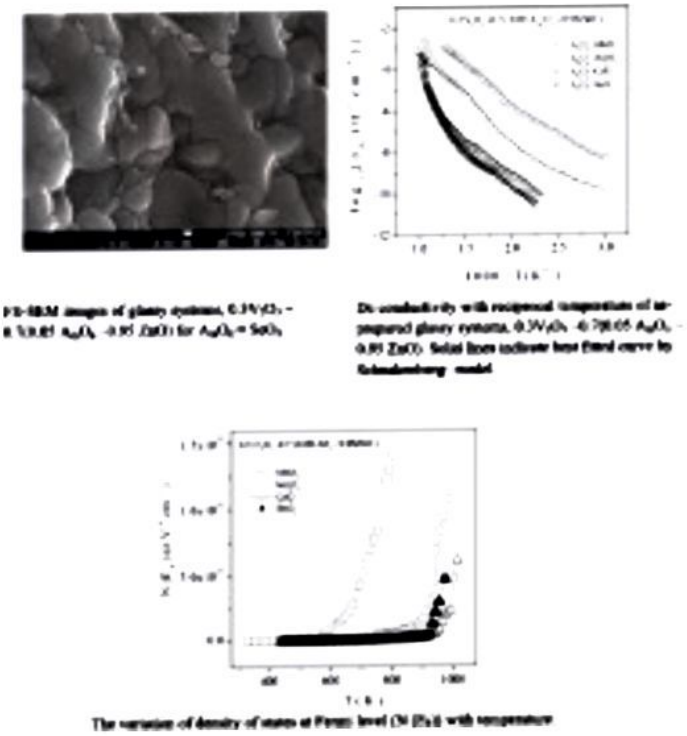

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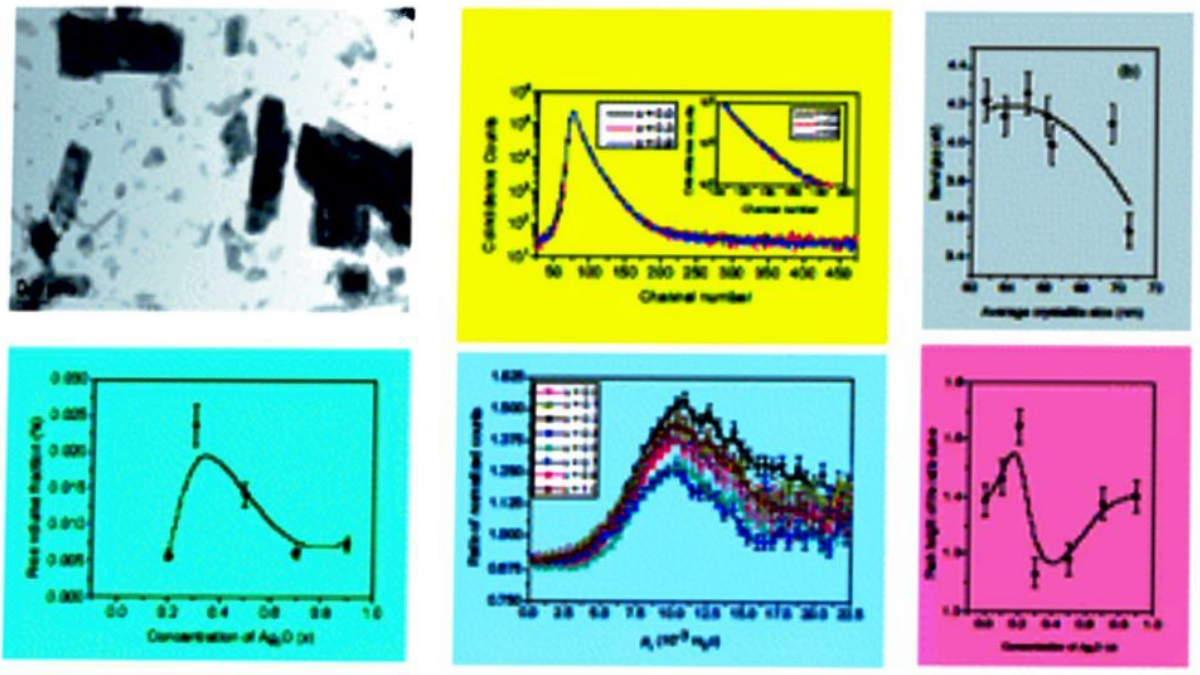
Abstract

Metal oxide nanocomposites of the composition xAg_2O–$(1$

Abstract

Metal oxide nanocomposites of the composition $x$$Ag_2O$–(1 – x)(0.3CdO–0.7MoO_3) were prepared by a melt-quenching method and were characterized by different experimental techniques like X-ray diffraction, high resolution transmission electron microscopy and optical absorption spectroscopy. X-ray diffraction showed sharp diffraction peaks indicating large crystallites but transmission electron microscope images also showed crystallites of nanometer dimensions in appreciable concentrations, which confirmed the nanocomposite structure of the samples. Although the lattice constants did not show significant changes with the increase in concentration (x) of Ag_2O, there is considerable relaxation of the growth-induced strain above x = 0.2. Interestingly this is also the concentration above which the optical band gap energy showed a mild decrease. One salient feature of this study is the use of positron annihilation spectroscopy for identifying and monitoring the structural defects such as vacancies and vacancy clusters as well as the free volume cavities during the change in concentration of Ag_2O. Positron lifetime measurements indicated trapping of positrons initially in the interfacial defects within the 0.3CdO–0.7MoO_3 nanocrystalline ensemble and then in

$0.3CdO–0.7MoO_3$ nanocrystalline ensemble and then in the free volume defects within the amorphous Ag_2O matrix. At higher Ag_2O concentrations, positron trapping appeared to take place within the Cd^{2+}-monovacancies in CdO and in the divacancies of neighbouring cationic and oxygen monovacancies in the α-MoO_3 and $CdMoO_4$ nanocrystallites. At $x = 0.1–0.2$, the effective positron trapping centres are translocated to the tetrahedral Mo^{6+}-monovacancies instead of the Cd^{2+}-monovacancies. The results of coincidence Doppler broadening spectroscopic measurements, which map the electron momentum distribution and its variations, indicated increasing trapping of positrons with increasing concentration of Ag_2O, which again is attributed to the trapping sites in the increasing number of nanocrystallites being formed.



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Anomalous electrical conductivity in selenite glassy nanocomposites

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Abstract

CuI doped selenite glass-nanocomposite system has been prepared using melt-quenching route. Their microstructure and electrical transport properties have been studied. It is observed from X-ray diffraction (XRD) study that the size of $CuSeO_3$ nanocrystallite is found to be almost same, but the variation of selenium oxide nanoparticles does not follow any trend. Fourier transform infrared spectra (FT-IR) reveal that major bands are attributed to the Se—O stretching vibration. We have investigated the electrical conductivity of these glass-nanocomposites in a wide frequency and temperature range. Dc conductivity show thermally activated anomalous nature, which may be explained from their structural point of view. Ac conductivity data have been analyzed using a power law model. It has been observed that mobile ion concentration is independent of temperature.

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Currently, India generates annually about 112 million tones of fly ash (FA), as an industrial waste from thermal power plants. As part of the global journey to convert waste to wealth here we report the intelligent design based synthesis of FA based hybrid composites with spectacular improvement in Young's modulus and nanohardness. The novel design approach utilized alkali activation as well as simultaneous reinforcements of the porous FA matrix with a layered white china clay (WCC) and chopped E glass fiber. The developed materials were subsequently characterized by nanoindentation technique, pH measurement, alkali dissolution, FESEM, etc. techniques to evolve the structure-property correlation. The optimized design and optimal alkali activation lead to achievements of about 233% and 545% enhancements in Young's modulus and hardness, respectively. These results are rationalized in terms of chemical analysis, Si:Al

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The present work reports the utilization of a relatively simple, cost effective sol-gel technique based route to synthesize highly transparent, spin coated 4.1 at% Al^{+3} doped MgO thin films on quartz substrates. The films were characterized by XRD, XPS, Raman spectroscopy, and SIMS techniques. The microstructures were characterized by FESEM and TEM while the nanomechanical properties were assessed by the nanoindentation technique. Finally the optical transmittance was measured by UV–vis technique. The x-ray diffraction (XRD) study suggests the crystal facet (2 0 0) of MgO lattice to be distorted after incorporation of Al^{+3} into MgO lattice. From FESEM the doped films were found to have a dense microstructure with crystallite size of about 20 nm as revealed by the TEM studies. Nanoindentation measurements indicated drastic increase of elastic modulus for the Al^{+3} doped MgO thin films by ~73% compared to that of the pristine MgO thin films along with retaining the nanohardness at ~8 GPa. The

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Plasma nitriding of the Ti-6Al-4V alloy (TA) sample was carried out in a plasma reactor with a hot wall vacuum chamber. For ease of comparison these plasma nitrided samples were termed as TAPN. The TA and TAPN samples were characterized by XRD, Optical microscopy, FESEM, TEM, EDX, AFM, nanoindentation, micro scratch, nanotribology, sliding wear resistance evaluation and in vitro cytotoxicity evaluation techniques. The experimental results confirmed that the nanohardness, Young's modulus, micro scratch wear resistance, nanowear resistance, sliding wear resistance of the TAPN samples were much better than those of the TA samples. Further, when the data are normalized with respect to those of the TA alloy, the TAPN sample showed cell viability about 11% higher than that of the TA alloy used in the present work. This happened due to the formation

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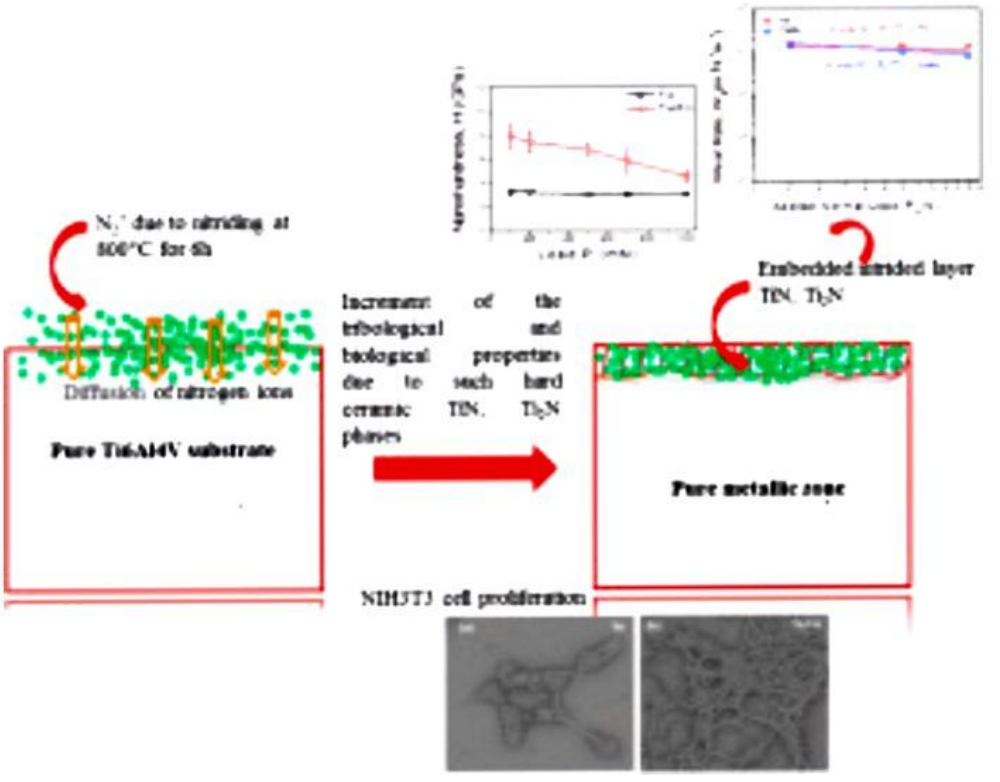

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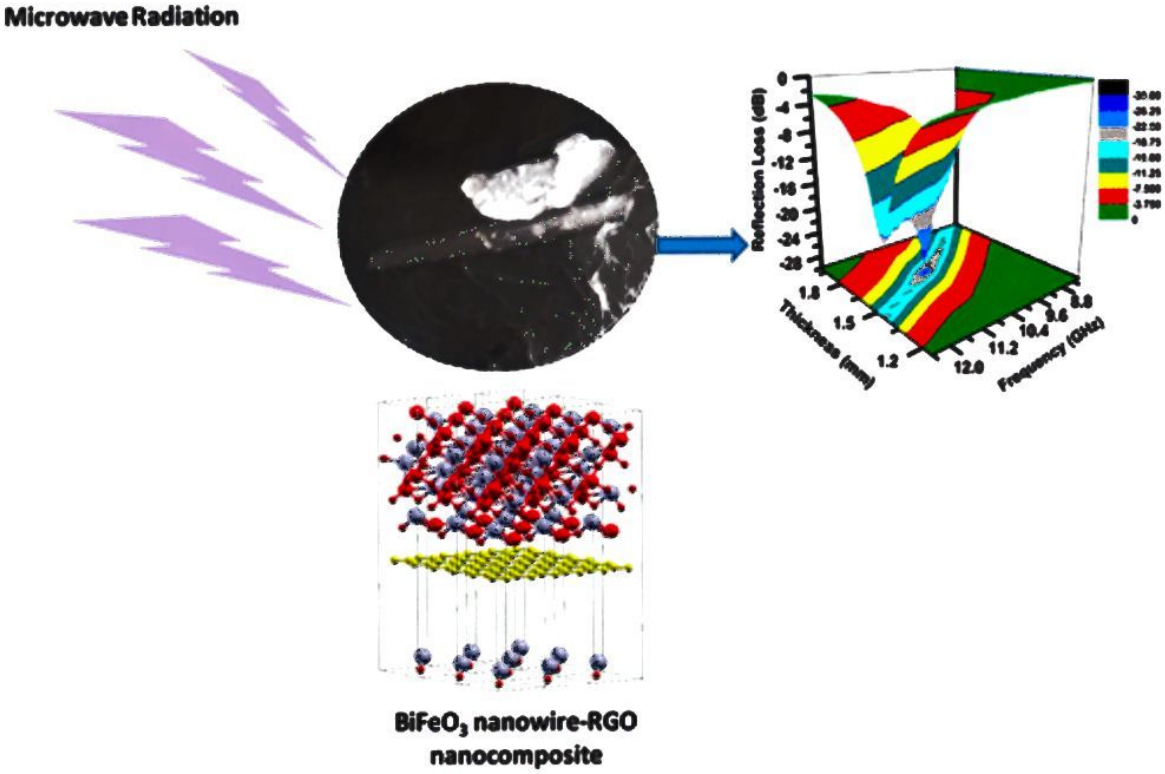

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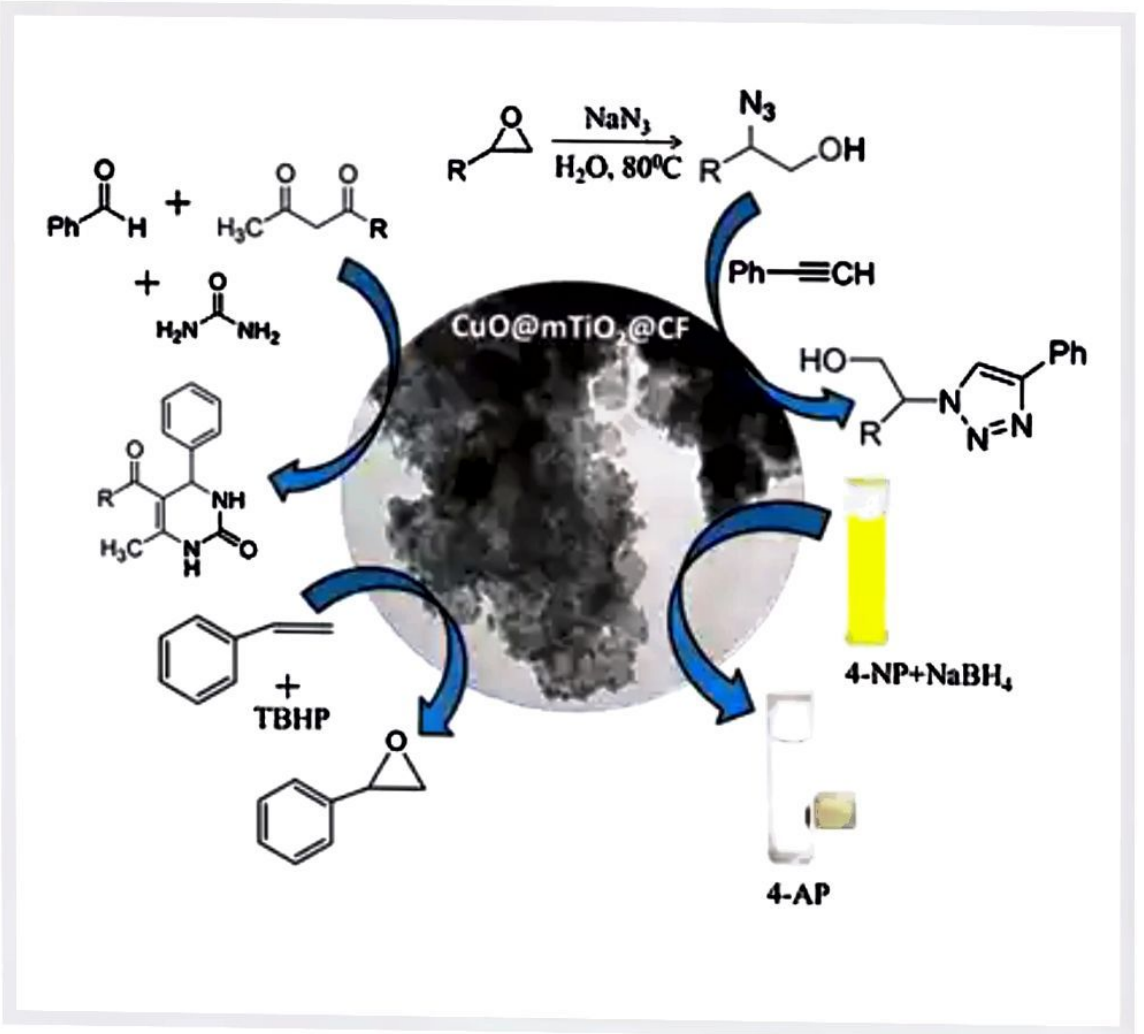

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Ag nanoparticle immobilized mesoporous TiO_2-cobalt ferrite nanocatalyst: A highly active, versatile, magnetically separable and reusable catalyst

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Here, a simple method for preparation of a novel nanocatalyst, composed of Ag nanoparticle, mesoporous TiO_2 and $CoFe_2O_4$ nanoparticle, has been reported for three important reactions (i) epoxidation of styrene, (ii) reduction of 4-nitrophenol (4-NP) and (iii) photocatalytic degradation of Methylene Blue dye. The synthesized catalyst exhibited high catalytic activities towards all of these three reactions. For styrene epoxidation, ~98.1% conversion of styrene with ~94.5% selectivity of styrene oxide was observed within 10 h. This catalyst catalyzed the reduction of 4-nitrophenol within 4 min with $k_{app} = 1.08\ min^{-1}$. The catalyst also showed complete photodegradation of Methylene Blue within 60 min under visible light exposure. The catalyst was easily recovered from the reaction mixture by applying a permanent magnet externally. The recovered catalyst also showed excellent reusability. Easy synthesis methodology, versatile catalytic activity,

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We report a simple synthetic route for the preparation of titanium dioxide (TiO_2), cobalt ferrite ($CoFe_2O_4$) nanoparticle and reduced graphene oxide (RGO) based nanocomposites $TiO_2/CoFe_2O_4$/RGO. This is the first time a non-hydrothermal technique is reported for preparation of $TiO_2/CoFe_2O_4$/RGO nanocomposites. Moreover, unlike other reported methods only water was used as reaction medium. Catalytic activity of synthesized nanocomposites towards degradation of various dyes, such as Methyl Orange, Rhodamine B, Methylene Blue under visible light were investigated. Catalysis reactions were monitored by using UV-vis spectroscopy. $TiO_2/CoFe_2O_4$/RGO exhibited its high capability to act as an excellent magnetically separable catalyst towards degradation of various dyes under visible light. The high catalytic activity and simple preparation methodology make $TiO_2/CoFe_2O_4$/RGO nanocomposites an attractive catalyst for degradation of hazardous organic dyes.

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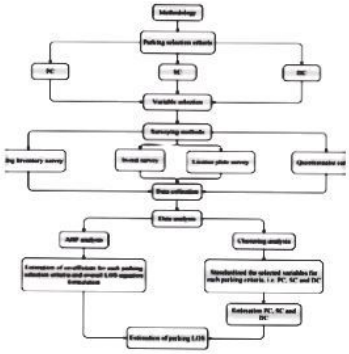

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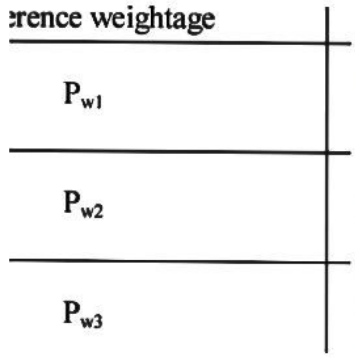

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In this paper, novel features offered by Resonant Tunneling Diode (RTD) are reviewed by simulating it under different conditions. GaAs/AlGaAs based RTD is used as the reference one to obtain the characteristics due to parametric variations. To fulfil this purpose a simple model of resonant electronic transport through a double-barrier structure is developed. I-V characteristics are studied by varying barrier parameters and well width. Different peak and valley currents are measured under these conditions. For the same set of parameters both symmetric and asymmetric cases are considered. Different materials of lower effective mass are also taken into

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Distance and Shape signature features in human faces offer formidable significance in recognizing facial expressions. Identifying appropriate landmarks is a crucial as well as challenging issue in the field of expression recognition of human faces. Appearance model has been found useful to detect the salient landmarks on human faces. These salient landmarks induce a grid on the human face along with the formation of possible triangles joining the grid. Normalized distance and shape signatures are determined from the grid. Distance signature as well as shape signature find respective stability indices which play important role to recognize the facial expressions. Statistical measures such as range, moment, skewness, kurtosis and entropy are calculated from normalized distance and shape signature pair to supplement the feature set. This enhanced feature

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BAN ON MAGGI NOODLES IN INDIA: CONSUMER PERCEPTIONS TOWARDS THE QUALITY OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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ABSTRACT

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is one of the most important notions in the corporate. In spite of the emerging research work conducted in the field of CSR it is really difficult to operationalize the construct and provide a reliable and valid measure to capture various dimensions of CSR. The aims of this study are very specific. First, it contributes to understanding the business case for CSR in developing countries by focusing on the consumer sentiments toward marketing concepts followed by the domestic as well as multinational firms. The second objective of the study is to develop a scale by conducting a comprehensive review of literature to generate pools of items to measure the recent ban on Maggi noodles in India. Nestle's star brand Maggi is facing the heat of ban in India since June, 2015. It was due to an episode that took place in the State of Uttar Pradesh where a few samples of Maggi instant nobles were found to contain lead and monosodium glutamate beyond the permissible limit. Tests were conducted in Government as well as in private laboratories, but the outcome of the test results revealed contradictory findings. In this paper an attempt has been made to construct a scale encompassing three main construct to measure the CSR practice of Nestle India. These are: advertising communication made by Nestle India mostly by celebrities having no idea about the ingredients present in the stuff which is basically targeted towards the kids and young adults, secondly, whether the common CSR norms were adhered to and lastly to investigate whether concern for consumers were given due respect. To capture these constructs a small scale was developed to examine the perception of the consumers who are mostly in the lower age category. The findings of the study reveal that Nestlé could be more responsive to the needs of the people and could control the desired quality norms since it has got nearly eighty percent market share in India. Various parametric and non-parametric tests have been employed to establish the validity and reliability of the scale. The results of factor analyses revealed the construct validity of the scale and the alpha values are also within the acceptable limit. The factor score regression reveals that the consumer will not spread positive word of mouth unless the product conforms to all safety norms. The impact of recent ban has also been found to affect the brand loyalty behavior of consumers. Managerial implication and scope for further studies has also been discussed for researchers working in this field.

KEYWORDS: CSR, Nestle, Maggi, Brand Loyalty, Marketing Concept

INTRODUCTION

It is quite interesting to recognize that the function and responsibility of business organizations towards the society have been a hot topic of discussion in the recent past. The mounting demands of businesses on the society at large

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A STUDY ON JOB INDUCED STRESS OF BPO EMPLOYEES: A BINARY LOGISTIC REGRESSION APPROACH

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ABSTRACT

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Analytical Study on Attitudinal Profile of the Customers towards Branded Tea and Competitive Position of Brooke Bond Red Label in North Kolkata Metropolis

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Abstract: *Indian tea industry being an oldest labour-intensive organized sector with a contribution of nearly 30% of the global production, acts as nation's one of the major foreign exchange earner and employment generator. The Indian branded tea market is highly vibrant and one of the most penetrated product category with a large network of tea producers, retailers, distributors, auctioneers, exporters and packers. This article attempts to ventilate some interesting aspects of the branded tea market in India in the packed, tea bag and flavored tea segments and also investigates the profile of attitudinal preference shown by the customers of the branded (packaged) tea in North Kolkata area followed by comparative evaluation of the brand Brooke Bond Red Label relative to other rival brands available.*

Keywords: *Beverage product, Branded tea, Consumer attitude, Intrinsic factors*

I. Introduction

Tea that had been known in India as a medicinal plant got its unique utility as an energizer, stress-reliever after the British used to drink it for pleasure and established plantations in the 19th century. In 1824 tea plants were discovered by them in Assam and introduced the tea culture into India in 1836. Tea being one of the oldest as well as popular & cheapest beverages appears to be both competitive and challenging in terms of product and competition. The Indian branded tea market is highly vibrant and one of the most highly penetrated branded product category with a large network of tea producers, retailers, distributors, auctioneers, exporters and packers. India apart from being the largest consumer of tea worldwide (30 % of the global tea production[1]) has still modest per-capita consumption of 750 grams per person every year. With yearly 950 million kilograms of tea production over six lakh hectares of cultivation area across the country, India has ranked second largest after China in production. The Indian tea industry is likely to reach a turnover of Rs 33,000 crores by 2015, clocking a CAGR of 15 percent. The Indian Tea Industry because of its labour intensive nature contributes in employment generation and foreign exchange earnings. Although loose tea suppliers enjoy a lion's share, branded tea makers are fighting the race too in escalating their market share due to rising consumer incomes, quality consciousness and diversified flavoured tea production. It not only has a wide geographical spread but also has complex demographics, which lead to varied regional taste preferences creating challenges for any tea marketer. Branded Packet tea market dominated by HUL and Tata tea is highly populated by multiple brands, having a deep presence in both urban and rural market, together accounting 30-40% of the total packaged tea segment. The next major players - Duncan's, Eveready, Goodricke, GPI, Waghbakri, Girnar, Sapat, Dhunseri, Mohini, Society, Marvel etc. The study was undertaken with site visits for three festive months (October to December) in & around North Kolkata to measure the demand and satisfaction of tea-lovers. In the questionnaire some attributes like customers' requirement in terms of flavour, colour, taste, variety and availability of different pack-size offered by company were identified as motivational factors for increased sales & satisfaction to consumers. Since, in North Kolkata region Red Label tea encounters a stiff competition from Duncan's, Goodrick, Tata tea it was essential to know the feedback of customers so as to plan effective marketing and sales strategies in future and improve the quality of service to achieve better consumer satisfaction.

II. Branded Tea Market In India

Indians consider drinking tea as past time of the nation with highest share in the non-alcoholic beverages market in the country & contributing 4% of our national income from tea. As of 2013 India's total annual tea production was 1200 million kgs out of which 65%, used to come from the big tea gardens while the rest is small tea growers. According to ASSOCHAM report 2013, Assam produces more than half of India's tea sharing over 12% of the annual global tea yield. This state along with West Bengal have 8,500 tea estates and the southern states of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu covers 5,500 tea estates. In case of packaged or

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ABSTRACT

The present work points to highlight the physical, structural and the optical properties of some semiconducting V_2O_5-MoO_3-ZnO glass-nanocomposites using density, molar volume, X-ray diffraction (XRD), field effect scanning electron microscopy (FESEM), Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), Raman spectroscopy and UV-VIS absorption spectra. We have observed that addition of V_2O_5 increases (or decreases) the density (or molar volume) of the glassy system due to structural changes. Distribution of $Zn_3V_2MoO_{11}$, $Zn_{2.5}VMoO_8$ and $Zn_2V_2O_7$ nanoparticles has been confirmed from FESEM and XRD studies. It has been observed from FTIR spectra that the network structure depends upon isolated strongly deformed M oO_4 polyhedra and VO_4 metavanadate chains. Vibrations of MoO_6 octahedra, $Zn_2V_2O_6$, $Zn_2V_2O_7$, $Zn_3V_2MoO_{11}$ and VO_2 are observed from the Raman spectroscopic

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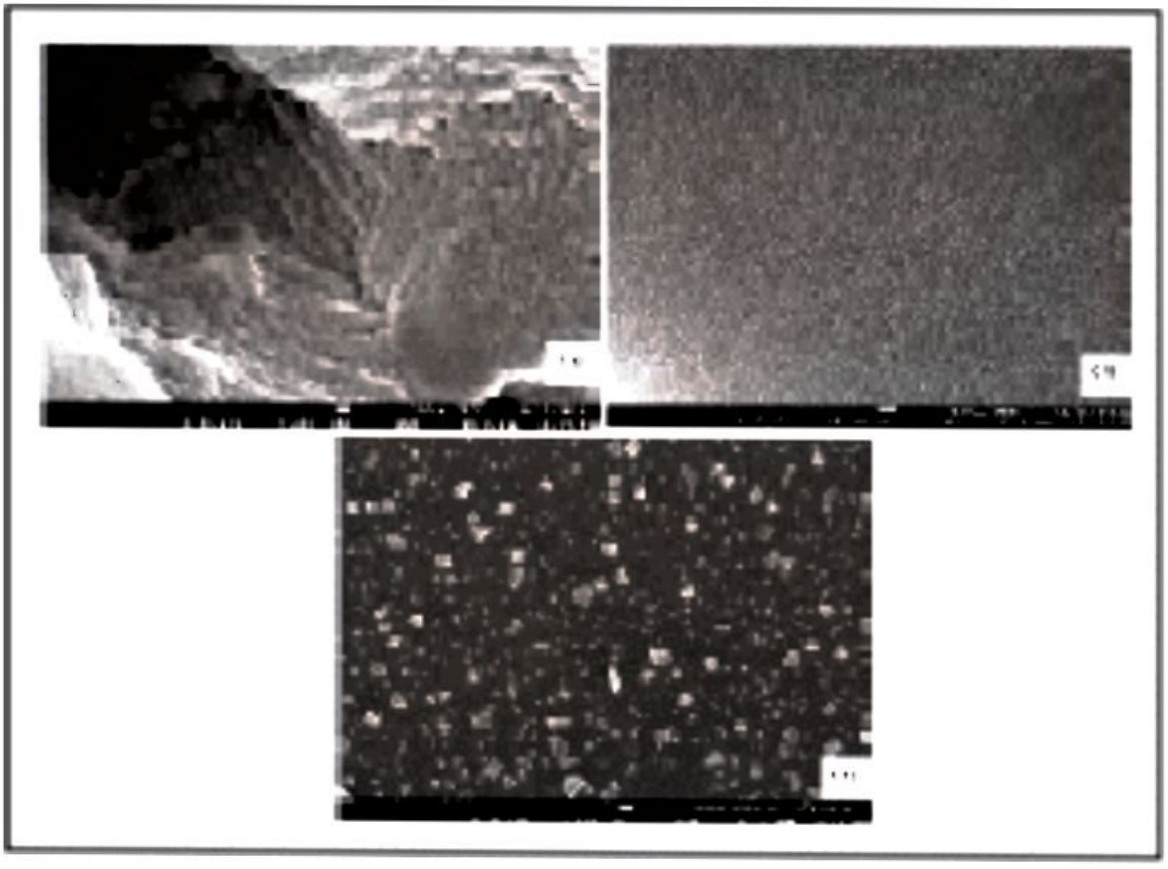

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Electrical relaxation and grain boundary effect in CdI_2 doped glass-nanocomposites

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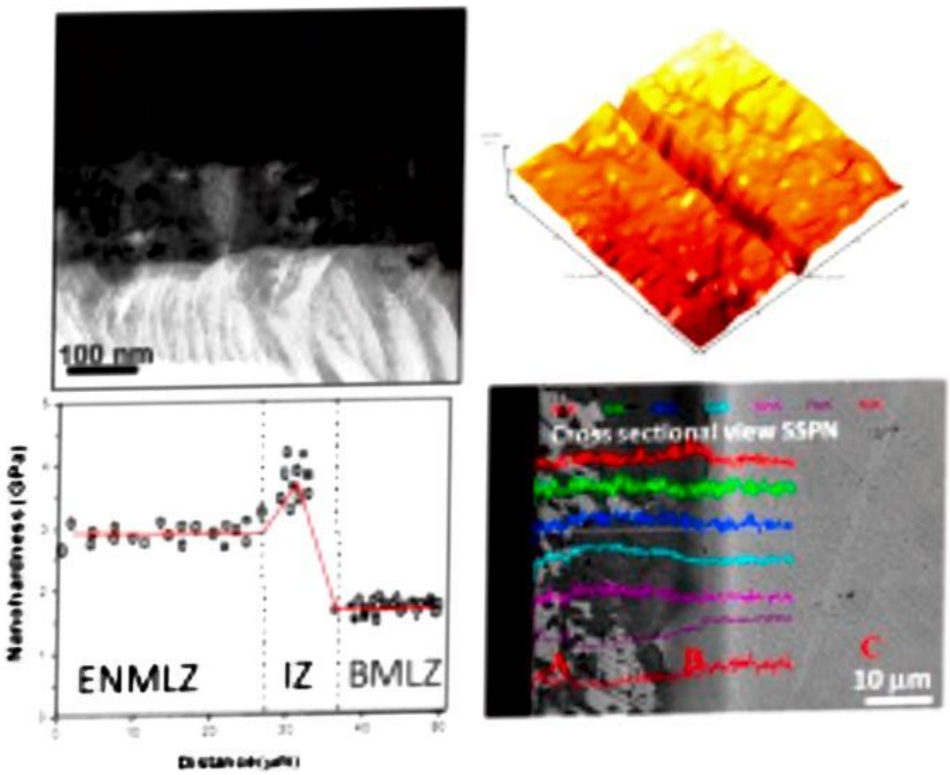

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Nanomechanical responses of human hair

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Abstract

Here we report the first ever studies on nanomechanical properties e.g., nanohardness and Young's modulus for *human hair of Indian origin*. Three types of hair samples e.g., virgin hair samples (VH), bleached hair samples (BH) and Fe-tannin complex colour treated hair samples (FT) with the treatment by a proprietary hair care product are used in the present work. The proprietary hair care product involves a Fe-salt based formulation. The hair samples are characterized by optical microscopy, atomic force microscopy, field emission scanning electron microscopy, energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDAX) genesis line map, EDAX spot mapping, nanoindentation, tensile fracture, and X-ray diffraction techniques. The nanoindentation studies are conducted on the cross-sections of the VH, BH and FT hair samples.

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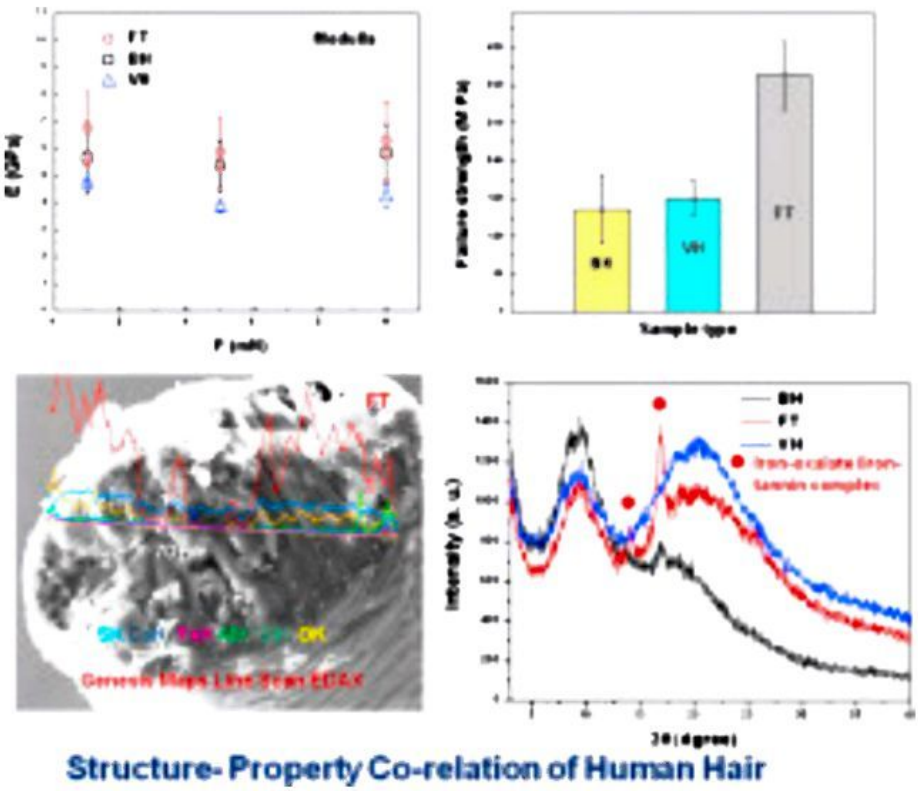

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Abstract

This work reports the loading rate effect on nanohardness of sapphire. The intrinsic nanoscale contact deformation resistance of sapphire increased with the loading rates following empirical power law dependence with a positive exponent. The results showed a significant enhancement (e.g., ~66%) of the nanohardness of sapphire with the increase in loading rates from 10 to 10,000 $\mu N\ s^{-1}$. These results were explained mainly in terms of the maximum shear stress generated underneath the nanoindenter, dislocation density and critical resolved shear stress of the sapphire.

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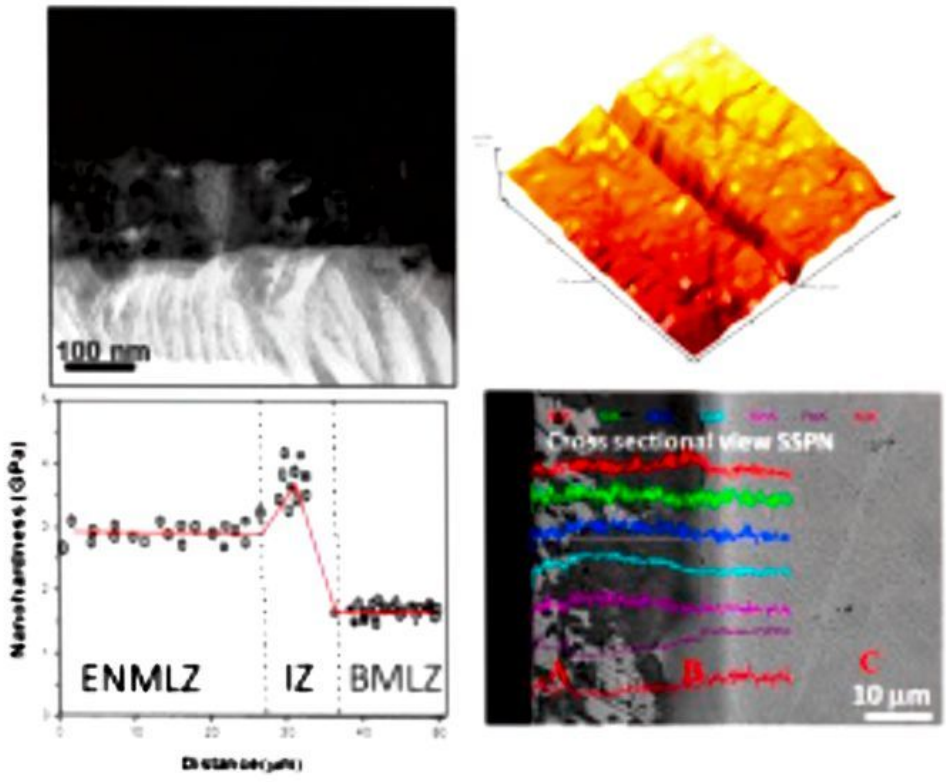

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Microstructural, thermo-optical, mechanical and tribological behaviours of vacuum heat treated ultra thin SS304 foils

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Abstract

The purpose of this present study was to evaluate the effect of vacuum (i.e., 10^{-5} mbar) heat treatment at 300 to 1100 °C on morphological, thermo-optical, mechanical and tribological properties of 75 μm thin SS304 foils. Microstructural, morphological and surface properties of the foils were characterized by field emission scanning electron microscopy (FESEM), profilometry, x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) and water contact angle (WCA) measurement techniques, respectively. The x-ray diffraction (XRD) was employed to identify the phase of SS304 foils after different heat treatment temperatures. Thermo-optical properties such as solar absorptance (α_s), reflectance (ρ_s) and IR emittance (ε_{ir}) were also evaluated. The nanomechanical properties i.e., nanohardness (H) and Young's modulus (E) of as-received and heat treated SS304 foils were evaluated by the nanoindentation technique. Tribological and tensile properties i.e., yield strength (σ_y) and percentage of elongation of

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Effect of low temperature vacuum annealing on microstructural, optical, electronic, electrical, nanomechanical properties and phase transition behavior of sputtered vanadium oxide thin films

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Vanadium oxide thin films were deposited on quartz substrate by pulsed RF magnetron sputtering technique at 400–600 W and subsequently annealed at 100 °C in vacuum (1.5×10^{-5} mbar). Phase analysis, surface morphology and topology of the films e.g., both as-deposited and annealed were investigated by x-ray diffraction, field emission scanning electron microscopy and atomic force microscopy techniques. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was employed to understand the elemental oxidation of the films. Transmittance of the films was evaluated by UV–vis-NIR spectrophotometer in the wavelength range of 200–1600 nm. Sheet resistance of the films was measured by two-probe method both for as-deposited and annealed conditions. XPS study showed the existence of V^{5+} and V^{4+} species. Metal to insulator transition temperature of the as-deposited film decreased from 339 °C to 326 °C after annealing as evaluated by differential

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Failure and deformation mechanisms at macro- and nano-scales of alkali activated clay

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Here we report two qualitative models on failure and deformation mechanisms at macro- and nano-scales of alkali activated clay (AACL), a material of extraordinary importance as a low cost building material. The models were based on experimental data of compressive failure and nanoindentation response of the AACL materials. A 420% improvement in compressive strength (σ_c) of the AACL was achieved after 28 days (d) of curing at room temperature and it correlated well with the decrements in the residual alkali and pH concentrations with the increase in curing time. Based on extensive post-mortem FE-SEM examinations, a schematic model for the compressive failure mechanism of AACL w proposed. In addition, the nanoindentation of AACL provided the first ever experimental evidence of the presence of nano-scale plasticity and a nano-scale contact deformation resistance that increased with the applied load. These results meant the development of a unique strain tolerant microstructure in the AACL of Indian

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Nanoscale contact resistance of V_2O_5 xerogel films developed by nanostructured powder

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Here we report the synthesis of V_2O_5 nanostructures by a fast, simple, cost-effective, low-temperature chemical process; followed by the deposition of V_2O_5 xerogel thin films on a glass substrate by a sol–gel route. Phase analysis, phase transition, microstructural and electronic characterization studies are carried out by x-ray diffraction, texture coefficient analysis, field emission scanning electron microscopy, transmission electron microscopy (TEM), related selected area electron diffraction pattern (SAED) analysis, Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy, thermogravimetry and differential thermal analysis, differential scanning calorimetry, and x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy techniques. Confirmatory TEM and SAED data analysis further that in this polycrystalline powder there is a unique localized existence of purely single crystalline V_2O_5 powder with a preferred orientation in the (0 1 0) direction. The most interesting result obtained in the present work is that the xerogel thin films exhibit an inherent

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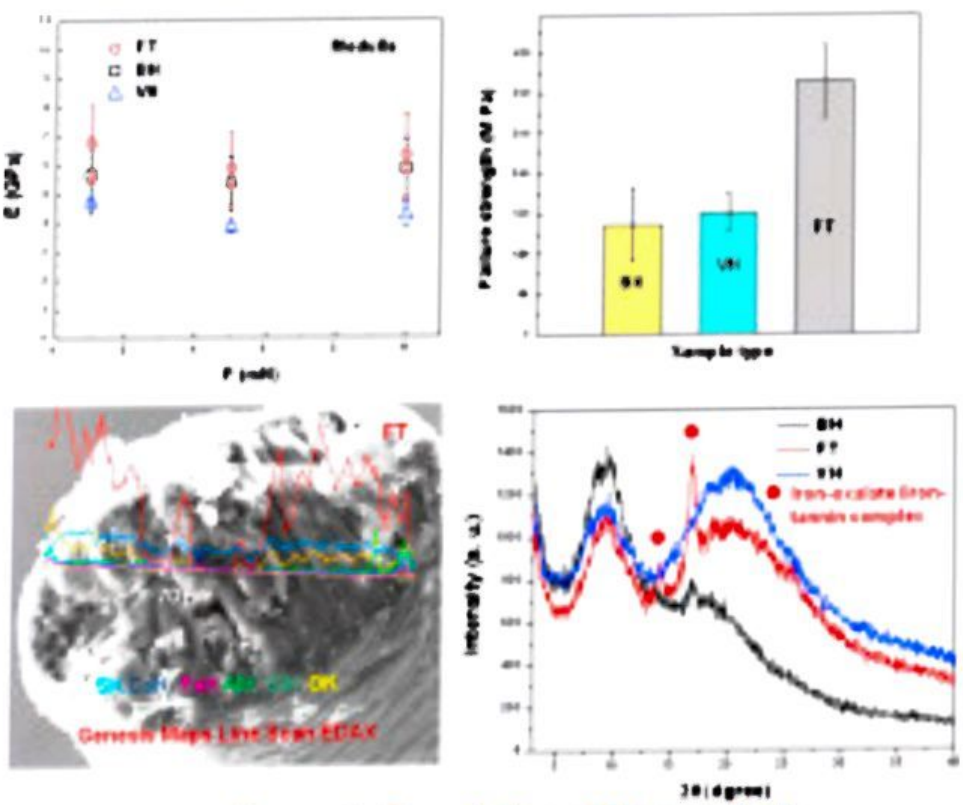

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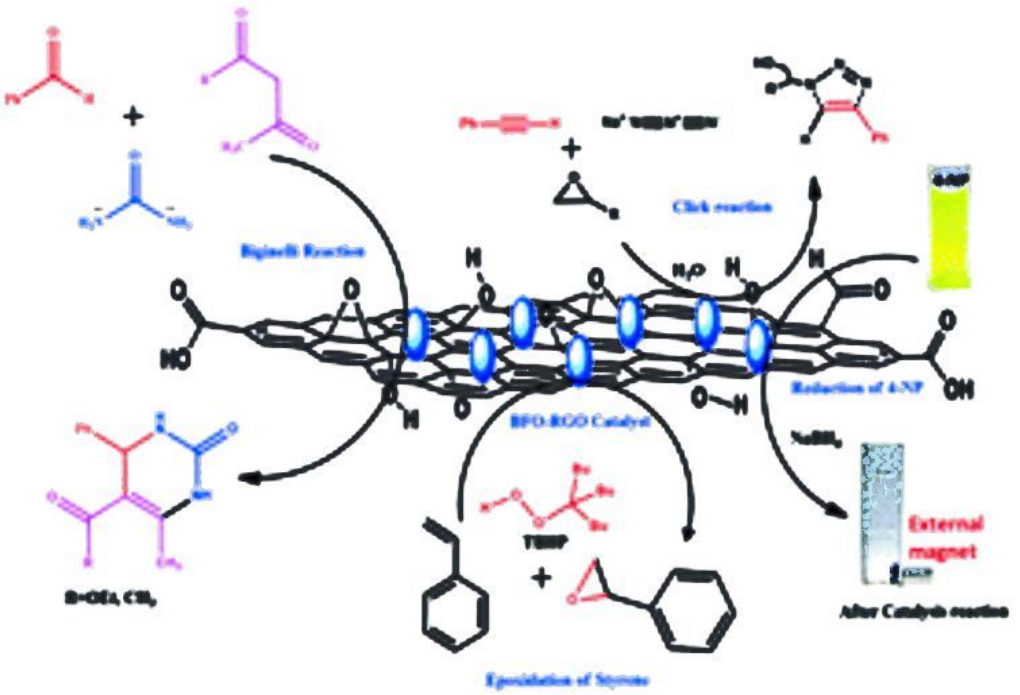

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Abstract

Here, an '*in situ*' co-precipitation reaction method has been reported for the preparation of $CoFe_2O_4$–RGO (CF–RGO) nanocomposites. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time a simple synthetic method is reported for the preparation of $CoFe_2O_4$–RGO nanocomposites where a hydrothermal technique was not used. The novelty of this technique lies in its simplicity, cost-effectiveness, and the capability of large scale production of $CoFe_2O_4$–RGO nanocomposites. The synthesized $CoFe_2O_4$–RGO nanocomposites possess excellent microwave absorbing properties as well as high photocatalytic activity towards the degradation of various dyes under visible light irradiation. 85CF–15RGO (85 wt% CF and 15 wt% RGO) showed excellent microwave absorption properties with a Reflection Loss (RL) of −31.31 dB (~99.94% absorption) at 9.05 GHz with an 8.2–10.92 GHz effective band width range. To the best of our knowledge 85CF–15RGO nanocomposite exhibited comparable and even superior microwave absorption properties in the X-band region than most of the ferrite based composites. 75CF–25RGO (75 wt% CF and 25 wt% RGO) acted as a very good magnetically separable photocatalyst for the degradation

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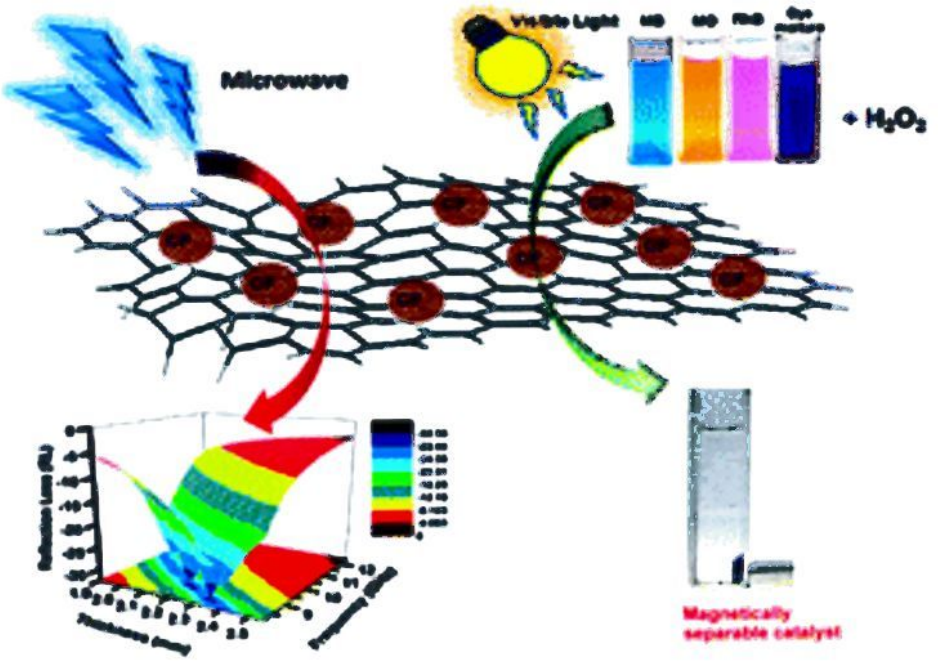

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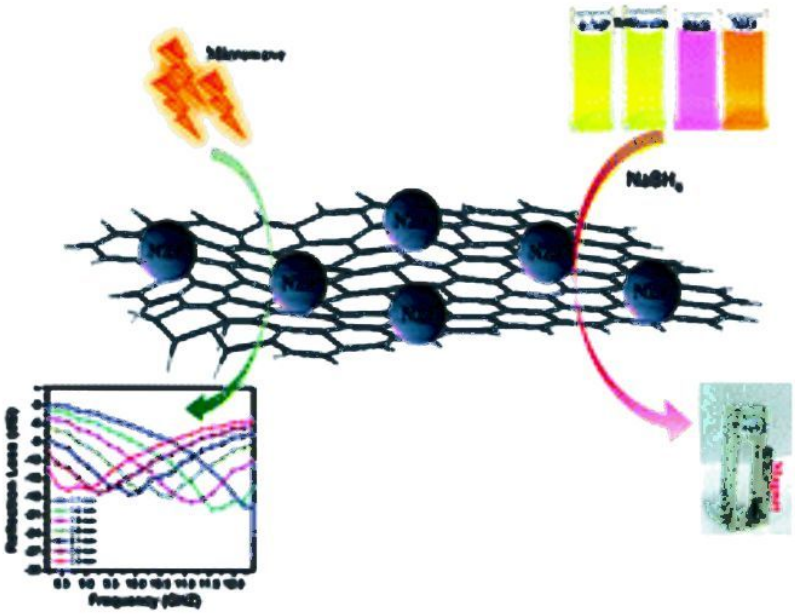

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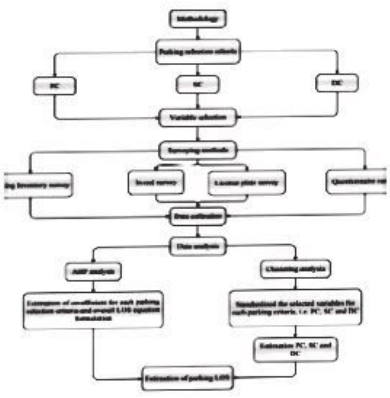

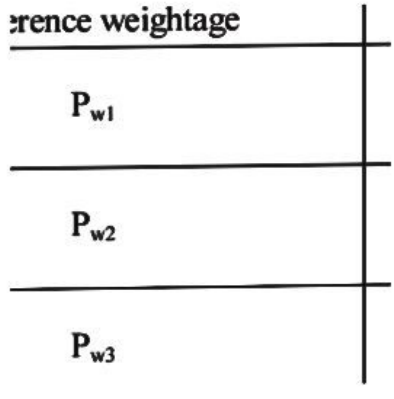

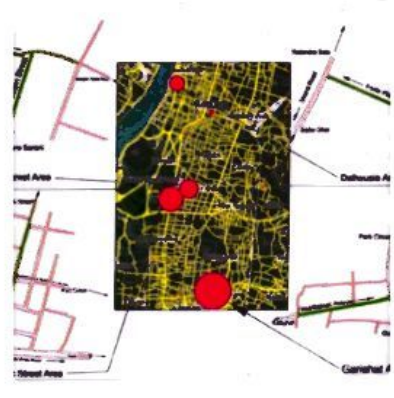

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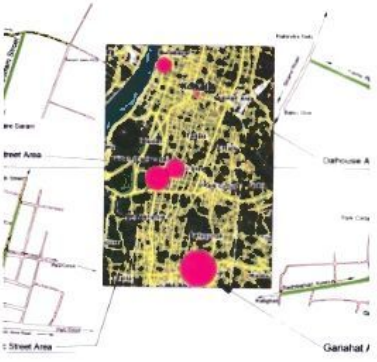

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Abstract – In the recent years, basaloid squamous cell carcinomas (BSCCs) have gained attention because of (1) observation of a relative increase in the number of tumors arising particularly in head and neck sites, (2) identification of human papillomavirus (HPV) in BSCCs arising predominantly in the oropharynx, and (3) controversies that exist regarding the biological aggressiveness of the tumor. The objective of the present review was to address the issues mentioned above by focusing primarily on oral BSCCs, using literature that has been published in the English language up to 2013. According to the literature review, oral BSCCs were found to be relatively more common in elderly patients with a mean age of 64 years. A male predominance with a male/female ratio of 3:1 was observed. The predominant site was the tongue, with almost half of the reported cases occurring at this site, followed by the floor of the mouth and palate. With reference to habit history, majority were found to be tobacco and alcohol users. However, only 3 studies revealed data on HPV status of purely oral BSCC, and according to the results of these studies, of the 17 tumors tested, 4 had harbored high-risk HPV.

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I. INTRODUCTION

SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA(SCC) of the lip is an infiltrating and destructive malignant epithelial tumour, with high potential for lymphatic and/or blood metastasizes. Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) is an uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells arising in the squamous cells, which compose most of the skin's upper layers (the epidermis). SCCs often look like scaly red patches, open sores, elevated growths with a central depression, or warts; they may crust or bleed. SCC is mainly caused by cumulative UV exposure over the course of a lifetime. It can become disfiguring and sometimes deadly if allowed to grow. An estimated 700,000 cases of SCC are diagnosed each year in the US, resulting in approximately 2,500 deaths. SCCs may occur on all areas of the body including the mucous membranes and genitals, but are most common in areas frequently exposed to the sun, such as the rim of the ear, lower lip, face, bald scalp, neck, hands, arms and legs. Often the skin in these areas reveals telltale signs of sun damage, such as wrinkling, changes in pigmentation, and loss of elasticity.Squamous cell carcinoma most commonly occurs on the lip, floor or roof of the mouth, tongue, soft palate, gums, and other areas of the oral cavity. Lip SCC is 15-30% of all SCC the cephalic extremity and 1/5 of the upper aerodigestive tract cancers. We conducted a prospective study in Dermatology Clinic from Craiova, between 2004-2010, with the aim of highlighting the epidemiological aspects, clinical and therapeutically evolution of patients with lip SCC. Lip SCC onset occurs frequently on premalignant lesions, especially on chronic keratozicchеilitis, pointing out the importance of early diagnosis and appropriate treatment for preblastomatouscheilitis. Early establishment of treatment of lip SCC offers the safety of therapeutic accomplishment. Option for surgical treatment of T0, T1N0M0 lip SCC is justified by the very good oncological, aesthetic and functional results in most cases. Surgical treatment of primary T0, T1 lesions, respecting the oncological surgery principles makes it not recommended to "filling in" the results with other therapeutic methods. Patients should be regularly examined for a period of at least three years to capture the moment of occurrence of metastases, or a possible relapse of a lip SCC. Actions are needed to educate the population about the risk factors and to detect precancerous lesions and SCC of rim in early stage. To present incisional biopsy importance as an effective clinical approach for the diagnosis of lip squamous cell carcinoma and actinic cheilitis malignancy as well as the professional's lack of knowledge on these two diseases.The physician and dentist must be aware of the main clinical features of lip squamous cell carcinoma so that they can establish its correct diagnosis and early treatment.

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III. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Squamous cell carcinoma, or squamous skin cancer, is a type of skin cancer that develops from the flat, squamous cells that are the primary cell type that makes up the outermost layer of the skin, the epidermis. Squamous cells produce a protein called keratin, which helps to provide a protective layer for the rest of

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Size dependent photoluminescence property of hydrothermally synthesized crystalline carbon quantum dots

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Abstract

In this work, simple hydrothermal synthesis of water soluble Carbon quantum dots (CQDs) of different sizes has been reported. The effect of synthesis temperature and synthesis time on the particle size has also been shown. The structures of all the as-prepared samples were studied by field emission scanning electron microscope and high resolution transmission electron microscope. Fourier transformed infrared spectrophotometer analyzes the different bonding present in the sample whereas Raman spectrophotometer quantifies the hybridization state of the prepared samples. UV–vis spectrophotometer gives the variation of absorbance of all the samples with wavelength. Dynamic light scattering study shows the variation of particle size with deposition condition and corresponding zeta potential gives the idea about the stability of the CQD solutions. The photoluminescence (PL) properties of the as

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Easy synthesis of porous carbon mesospheres and its functionalization with titania nanoparticles for enhanced field emission and photocatalytic activity

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A simple low temperature chemical approach for synthesizing porous carbon microspheres and its hybrid structure with titanium dioxide (TiO_2) nanoparticle is reported. The carbon spheres and related hybrid structures were characterized by X-ray diffraction, scanning and transmission electron microscopy, Raman and UV–Vis–NIR spectroscopy. The microscopic studies confirm the successful synthesis of hybrid structure of carbon spheres with TiO_2 nanoparticles. Also it reveals that the porous carbon spheres were actually composed of few layers thick carbon flakes. The performance of these as-synthesized pure and hybrid materials on removal of poisonous dyes from water under photon irradiation was studied. It is found that the hybrid sample shows better photocatalytic activity. It is also shown that TiO_2 nanoparticle functionalization enhances the electron field emission properties of carbon sample with reduction of turn-on field from 5.1 to 3.4 V/μm. The enhancement in the photocatalytic activity is due to the combined effect of higher surface area and the

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the combined effect of higher surface area and the injection of electrons from carbon to TiO_2 nanoparticles whereas in case of field emission TiO_2 particles act as additional sites with lower work function and increase the roughness helping enhancement of field strength giving enhanced emission.

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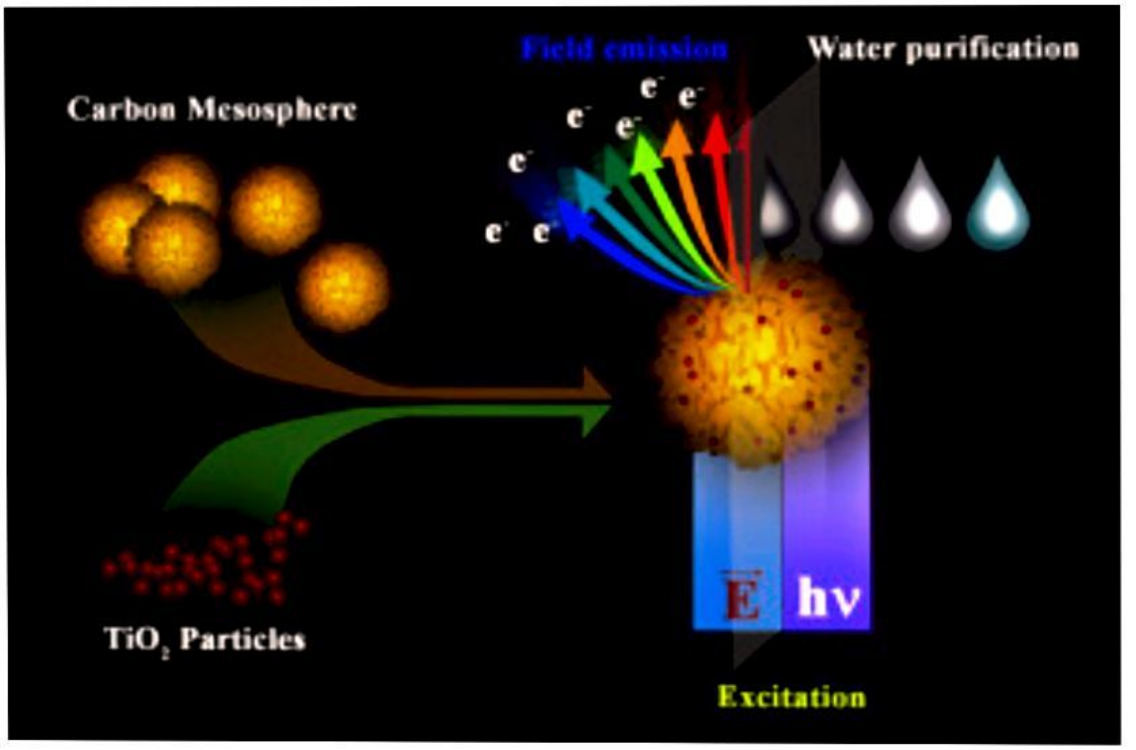

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A comprehensive theoretical study of dual loop optoelectronic oscillator

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Abstract

In the present paper a theoretical analysis of pole movement in dual loop optoelectronic oscillator (DLOEO) has been carried out. A new circuit arrangement for DLOEO is proposed, where the band pass filter (BPF) has been replaced by an oscillator using injection locking technique. It has been seen from the theoretical and simulation results that the performance of the proposed system is similar to that of the conventional DLOEO. Moreover the proposed system eliminates the requirement of RF filter in the feedback loop of the Optoelectronic Oscillator (OEO).

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On the effect of combining an external synchronizing signal feeding the Mach–Zehnder modulator in an optoelectronic oscillator

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Injection locking properties of a single loop optoelectronic oscillator have been re-visited with particular emphasis on injecting an external microwave signal to the stationary microwave signal present in the loop shining on the Mach–Zehnder modulator. This approach has made it possible to investigate the behavior of the normalized amplitude and frequency with the fiber delay. Detailed theoretical calculations have been carried out to investigate the dependence of the locking characteristics on the loop parameters. Also presented are experimental results in support of the theoretical findings.

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Design of an Oscillation-Based BIST System for Active Analog Integrated Filters in 0.18 µm CMOS

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Abstract: In this paper, an oscillation-based built-in self-test system for active an analog integrated circuit is presented. This built-in self-test system was used to detect catastrophic and parametric faults, introduced during chip manufacturing. As circuits under test (CUT), second-order Sallen-Key, Akerberg-Mossberg and Tow-Thomas biquad filters were designed. The proposed test hardware detects parametric and catastrophic faults on changeable limits. The influence of both oscillation and test hardware on fault detection limits were investigated and analyzed. The proposed oscillation based self-test system was designed and simulated in 0.18 µm complementary metal-oxide semiconductor (CMOS) technology. Due to the easiness of implementation and configuration for testing of different active analog filters, such self-test systems can be effectively used in modern integrated circuits, made of a large number of devices and circuits, such as the multi-standard transceivers used in the core hardware of software-defined radios. Using the proposed test strategy, the fault tolerance limits for catastrophic faults varied from 96% to 100% for all injected faults in different structures of low pass filters (LPF). The detection range of parametric faults of passive components' nominal value, depending on the used structure of the filter, did not exceed –0.74% – 0.72% in case of Sallen-Key, –3.31% – 1.00% in case of Akerberg-Mossberg and –2.39% – 1.44% in case of Tow-Thomas LPF.

Keywords: CMOS; self-test; analog filter; low-pass; oscillation; transmission gate

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Recent developments of solar energy in India: Perspectives, strategies and future goals

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Power is the most paramount ingredient of infrastructure for growth in economics and welfare of a nation. Development for sustaining the growth of the Indian economy in the existing infrastructure is crucial. The power sector of India is one of the largest expanded power sectors in the world. Due to the continuous increment in electricity demand day-by-day, Indian power sector is interfacing some challenges to maintain the balance between the power generation and demand with suffering from supply constraints and shortages in power. For maintaining the ratio of generation and demand of power, moving from conventional sources to non-conventional sources is not only an option, it is a

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Improvement of economic profit by optimal allocation of TCSC & UPFC with wind power generators in double auction competitive power market

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Abstract

This paper presents a simple and reliable optimization approach to optimally allocate the Thyristor Controlled Series Compensator (TCSC) and Unified Power Flow Controller (UPFC) with wind generator under deregulated power system. The proposed approach is based on step by step variation in control parameters of TCSC and UPFC devices. Results have been determined for all possible locations, compensation level and reactance of TCSC & UPFC, reactive power injection or absorption, maximization of social welfare, maximization of profit with minimization of objective function. The double auction bidding model has been incorporated in this paper. The impacts on the locational marginal pricing and system voltage have been also investigated in this work. The effectiveness of the proposed approach for optimal placement of TCSC and UPFC has been tested and analyzed on modified IEEE 14-bus and modified IEEE 118-bus systems.

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A Joint Scheduling Optimization Strategy for Wind and Pumped Storage Systems Considering Imbalance Cost & Grid Frequency in Real-Time Competitive Power Market

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Abstract

This paper presents a simple and efficient operating strategy for the operation of Pumped Storage Hydro (PSH) plant so as to maximize the profit of the Wind-Thermal-PSH hybrid plant with considering the grid frequency (f) and current energy level of the PSH plant. The wind speed is predicted for a day-ahead market and with this predicted value of wind speed the wind plants are committed to supply the demand; and if there is a difference between the predicted and actual wind power output, the PSH is operated in order to reduce this difference and trying to minimize the effect of imbalance cost, which is occurred due to the mismatch between the actual and predicted data. Thus the combined operation of wind, thermal and PSH helps to reduce the uncertainty of wind power in economic manner under completely deregulated power market. Two new energy levels (E_{opt} and E_{low}) for pumped storage have been also incorporated in this work to maximize the profit and revenue of the system. The proposed strategy is implemented using MATLAB Interior Point Solver (MIPS) to solve the optimal power flow problem. The implementation has been done on modified IEEE 30 bus system. The results of proposed strategy have been compared with an existing strategy to show the effectiveness of the proposed strategy.

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Comparative Performance Study for Closed Loop Operation of an Adjustable Speed Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor Drive with Different Controllers

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Abstract

In this paper an extensive comparative study is carried out between PI and PID controlled closed loop model of an adjustable speed Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor (PMSM) drive. The incorporation of Sinusoidal Pulse Width Modulation (SPWM) strategy establishes near sinusoidal armature phase currents and comparatively less torque ripples without sacrificing torque/weight ratio. In this closed loop model of PMSM drive, the information about reference speed is provided to a speed controller, to ensure that actual drive speed tracks the reference speed with ideally zero steady state speed error. The entire model of PMSM closed loop drive is divided into two loops, inner loop current and outer loop speed. By taking the different combinations of two classical controllers (PI & PID) related with two loop control structure, different approximations are carried out. Hence a typical comparative study is introduced to familiar with the different performance indices of the system corresponding to time domain and frequency domain specifications. Therefore overall performance of closed loop PMSM drive is tested and effectiveness of controllers will be determined for different combinations.

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Improving Power Quality of a Transmission Line using Static VAR Compensator

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***Abstract**: In this paper improvement of power quality and efficiency of transmission line has been discussed using Static VAR Compensator (SVC). The Matlab Simulink model of SVC addressed here comprises of Thyristor Switched Capacitor (TSC) and Thyristor Controlled Reactor(TCR) which gave the enhanced results in terms of voltage , current and improved power quality in the transmission line.*

1. Introduction

Over the last few years, power quality has been an important issue in the field of power system. Need of rapid dynamic response, ability to adapt the frequent variations in output and smooth adjustable output, an improvement of voltage flicker in power transmission has led to the use of FACTS devices. Among various FACTS devices the SVC plays an important role in regulation of voltage and improvement of power transfer capability in power system. There are two main applications of SVCs:-

Transmission SVC: - They are connected to power system to regulate the transmission voltage

Industrial SVC:-They are connected near large industrial loads, to improve power quality.

1.1. SVC

It is series compensated power electronics device which provides fast acting reactive power on high voltage electricity transmission network. SVCs either absorb or supply reactive power based on the change of VAR requirement of the load. Thus SVC provides power factor correction to maintain the unity power factor at variable loads. In this paper SVC has been modeled using TSC and TCR.

The SVC can be operated in two different modes: In voltage regulation mode and in VAR control mode (the SVC Susceptance is kept constant).

The system characteristic is represented by the load line A which intersects the SVC characteristics at reference voltage. The load line B intersects the SVC characteristics at voltage V2. Since voltage V2 is above the reference voltage, the reactive power needs to be absorbed from the system (indicates inductive reactive power is required). The current I1 corresponds to voltage V2 in the inductive region and therefore it requires the operation of the Thyristor Controlled Reactor (TCR) . The load line C intersects the SVC characteristics at a voltage V1 which is below the reference voltage and hence reactive power needs to be provided to the system (capacitive reactive power is required). Thus the current I2 corresponding to voltage V1 is in the capacitive region of operation [1].

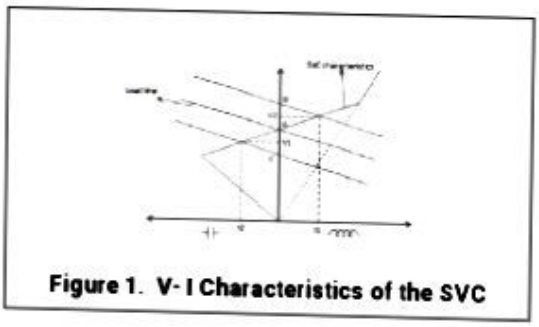

Figure 1. V- I Characteristics of the SVC

1.2. TCR

The TCR is a Thyristor Controlled Reactor whose effective reactance can be varied continuously by partial conduction control of thyristor valve [2,3].The basic principle of TCR is to control the reactive power by controlling the firing angle of the thyristor valve. The controlled element is the reactor and the controlling element is the thyristor controller consisting of two oppositely poled thyristors which conducts at every alternate half cycles of the supply frequency [4].

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Designing and Modelling of the STATCOM for Voltage Improvement in the Transmission Line.

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***Abstract*— This paper presents the use of the Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM) for the voltage regulation in the power system. A STATCOM is a Power Electronics based Voltage Source Converter (VSC). The objective of this study was to decrease the voltage fluctuation or dip and to increase the power flow in the power system. The MATLAB Simulation was carried out which allowed to analyse the response of the STATCOM at the time of change in load.**

***Keywords*—Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM), State Space Vector PWM (SVPWM), Voltage Source Converter (VSC), Flexible AC Transmission Systems (FACTS)**

I. INTRODUCTION

Due to continuous increase in the demand of the electricity it has affected the stability of the power system. The STATCOM is one of the FACTS devices which can improve the voltages profile in the transient state and can improve power quality of the transmission system. The voltage stability, steady state and transient stabilities of a power system can be improved by the use of FACTS devices [1]. The STATCOM falls into Shunt Controllers category which provides high efficiency, continuous and fast response time, continuous and dynamic voltage control.

The voltage control and reactive power control is an important issue in power system operation. This is because of the differences between generation and transmission systems. This paper comprises of the techniques which will avoid the voltage collapse in the power system. In order to achieve efficient and reliable operation of power system, the control of voltage and reactive power should satisfy the following objectives:-

1. Voltages at all terminals of all equipment in the system
1. are within acceptable limits
2. System stability is enhanced to maximize utilization of the transmission system
3. The reactive power flow is minimized so as to reduce I^2R and I^2X losses.

The power system supplies power to a large number of loads and is feeding from many generating units, which leads to a problem of maintaining voltages within the required limits. As load varies, the requirements of reactive power in the transmission system also vary. As it is known that the reactive power cannot be transferred or transported over long distances, voltage control can be controlled by using special devices located through the system which possess difficulties in keeping sufficient levels of voltage in the power system network.

The proper selection and coordination of equipment for controlling reactive power and voltage stability is very important for upgrading the voltage level in the power system. Due to these challenges some FACTS devices for controlling and compensating reactive power in the power system. To overcome the additional demand for reactive power and to maintain the voltage stability in the power system devices such as SVC (Static Var Compensator) , STATCOM (Static Synchronous Compensator)were introduced. The main aim of FACTS device is only to increase of power flows in the high voltage side of network during both steady state and transient conditions. In recent decades, there has been significant progress in terms of equipment designed to improve the stability of voltage in power systems. This is mainly due to the development of power supply systems in the world, which requires seeking better ways of adjusting and controlling power flows and voltage levels.

In this paper detailed explanation about the effects of the STATCOM at the time of voltage dip at 0.6sec has been mentioned. The MATLAB Simulation results obtained explains how effectively STATCOM injects the reactive power in the transmission system in order to improve the voltage dip in the power system.

II. SYSTEM MODELLING

The MATLAB blocks represent a test system model. The test system model consists of a three phase source which generates 11 kV at 50Hz. The voltage has been stepped up to 33 kV using a 11kV/33kV, 5MVA three phase transformer.

Performance Enhancement of DC Motor Drive using Fuzzy Logic Controller

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Abstract—This paper demonstrates how the performance of a DC motor drive can be enhanced using a fuzzy logic controller. The performance of the DC motor drive is judged without controller, with a most commonly used controller (Ziegler-Nichols Tuned PID) and fuzzy logic controller (FLC). For the considered system 7 fuzzy rules are framed for FLC. Comparison between the outputs in different scenario was done on the basis of the simulation result obtained by MATLAB. Finally, the result shows that the fuzzy logic approaches using the designed set of fuzzy rules enhance the performance of the DC drive system.

Key words: DC Drive, PID Controller, Ziegler-Nichols, FLC (Fuzzy Logic Controller)

I. INTRODUCTION

DC motor is a machine which converts electrical energy to mechanical energy. DC motors are widely used in industry, robot manipulators and home appliances where speed and position control of motor is required because of their high performance reliabilities, flexibilities, and low costs. So, the performance analysis of speed control of DC motor is very much necessary. The speed of DC motor can be adjusted to a great extent so as to provide easy control and performance. There are many conventional and numeric methods for controlling of the speed of DC motor. The tunings methods are very much important of controller. The most commonly used controller is PID controller which can be tuned by Ziegler-Nichols method. The modern control system used intelligent control like knowledge based expert system, fuzzy logic and neural networks. All three approaches are interesting and very promising areas of research and development [1]. Fuzzy logic controller can replace the PID controller very successfully because they can cover a much wider range of operating conditions than classical controller. The aim of this paper is characteristic analysis of the speed of the DC motor and performance enhancement of DC motor using Fuzzy Logic Controller. In this paper one knowledge based approach is proposed using 'if-then' rules which control action is implemented through fuzzy-logic controller.

II. MODELLING OF DC MOTOR

The DC or direct current motor works on the principal, when a current carrying conductor is placed in a magnetic field; it experiences a torque and has a tendency to move. The basic principle behind DC motor speed control is that the output speed of DC motor can be varied by controlling armature voltage for below and up to rated speed keeping field constant. To analyze the performance of the DC motor using simulation an appropriate model needs to be established.

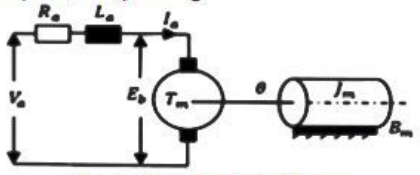

Fig. 1: Model of D.C. Motor

In general the torque of the DC motor is proportional to the current (I_a)

$$T_m = K_t I_a \qquad (1.1)$$

The back emf is proportional to the angular velocity of the shaft of the motor.

$$E_b = K_b w \qquad (1.2)$$

From the above figure the electrical and mechanical equations are

$$V_a = R_a.I_a + L_a.\frac{dI_a}{dt} + E_b \qquad (1.3)$$

$$T_m = J_m.\frac{dw}{dt} + B_m.w \qquad (1.4)$$

Where :
V_a= armature voltage (V)
Ra= armature resistance (ohm)
La=armature inductance (Henry)
Ia = armature current (A)
E_b= Back emf (V)
θ_m = angular position of rotor shaft (rad)
w = angular speed of the motor (rad/sec)
T_m= motor torque (N/m)
J_m= rotor inertia (kgm^2)
B_m= viscous friction coefficient (Nms/rad)
K_t = torque constant (Nm/A)\
K_b= back emf constant (Vs/rad)

Applying the Laplace Transform, the above modeling equation can be expressed as follows:

$$V_a(s) = R_a.I_a(s) + L_a.sI_a(s) + K_b W(s) \qquad (1.5)$$

$$K_t I_a(s) = J_m.s.W(s) + B_m.W(s) \qquad (1.6)$$

From the above equation the transfer function of the DC motor is

$$\frac{W(s)}{V_a(s)} = \frac{K_t}{L_a J_m s^2 + (R_a J_m + L_a B_m)s + (R_a B_m + K_b K_t)}$$

The speed of the motor: $W(s) = s.\theta_m(s)$ (1.7)

So, the equation no. 1.7 can be written as

$$\frac{\theta_m(s)}{V_a(s)} = \frac{K_t}{L_a J_m s^3 + (R_a J_m + L_a B_m)s^2 + (R_a B_m + K_b K_t)s}$$

Using the above equation the SIMULINK model of the DC motor is developed as shown in Fig. 2.

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Performance Enhancement of DC Motor Using Genetic Algorithm

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Abstract: ***This paper proposes a simulation of a speed control of DC motor drive using Genetic algorithm at MATLAB. A proposed speed controller is developed based on Genetic Algorithm. A comparative study and analysis of proposed technique to classical method of PID control system applied to DC motor drive is presented. This comparison study has been done by MATLAB Simulink Toolbox. The simulation result shows that the proposed controller enhances the performance of speed control of Dc motor drive than the conventional PID controller.***

Keywords: DC motor Drive, Speed control, PID, GA, Simulink.

1. Introduction

The Speed control of the DC motor drive is very important to provide the high performance. Generally a high performance motor drive system must have good dynamic speed command tracking and load regulating response. Because of the simplicity, high reliabilities, flexibilities and low costs DC motor drive are widely used in various fields of industry, robotics and home appliances. Many kind of control scheme has been used to control the speed of the DC motor drive. The conventional PID controllers are commonly used because of their simple structure and intuitionally comprehensible control algorithms. In PID controller the controller parameters are generally tuned using Ziegler-Nichols frequency response method. In this paper the tuning of the controller parameter has been done by Genetic Algorithm (GA). The tuning has been done by GA Toolbox in MATLAB.

2. Mathematical Modeling of DC motor

The speed control is one of the important components in DC motor operation. The DC or direct current motor works on the principal, when a current carrying conductor is placed in a magnetic field; it experiences a torque and has a tendency to move. A simplified mathematical modeling is necessary to build up the DC motor's transfer function. This model consists of different equations for electrical, mechanical and the inter connections between them. The basic principle behind DC motor speed control is that the output speed of DC motor can be varied by controlling armature voltage for below and up to rated speed keeping field constant. In controlling the speed of a DC motor, some improvement needs to be done toward speed regulation during transient loading conditions. The control includes a regulating circuit that having an output for controlling the armature voltage to the motor. An input speed reference signal corresponding to the desired speed is provided to the regulating circuit. A feedback signal proportional to armature voltage is also provided to the regulating circuit to establish an error signal for operating the control to regulate the voltage to the motor and therefore the motor speed.

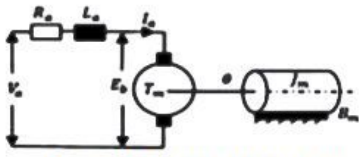

Figure 1: Model of D.C. Motor

In general the torque of the DC motor is proportional to the current (I_a)

$$T_m = K_t I_a \quad (1.1)$$

The back emf is proportional to the angular velocity of the shaft of the motor.

$$E_b = K_b w \quad (1.2)$$

From the above figure the electrical and mechanical equations are

$$V_a = R_a . I_a + L_a . \frac{dI_a}{dt} + E_b \quad (1.3)$$

$$T_m = J_m . \frac{dw}{dt} + B_m . w \quad (1.4)$$

Where:
V_a= armature voltage (V)
Ra= armature resistance (ohm)
La=armature inductance (Henry)
Ia = armature current (A)
E_b= Back emf (V)
θ_m = Angular position of rotor shaft (rad)
w = angular speed of the motor (rad/sec)
T_m= motor torque (N/m)
J_m= rotor inertia (kgm^2)
B_m= viscous friction coefficient (Nms/rad)
K_t = torque constant (Nm/A)\
K_b= back emf constant (Vs/rad)

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A review on wearable photoplethysmography sensors and their potential future applications in health care

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waveform can help researchers and clinicians to evaluate various cardiovascular-related diseases such as atherosclerosis and arterial stiffness. Moreover, investigating the second derivative wave of PPG signal can also assist in early detection and diagnosis of various cardiovascular illnesses that may possibly appear later in life. For early recognition and analysis of such illnesses, continuous and real-time monitoring is an important approach that has been enabled by the latest technological advances in sensor technology and wireless communications. The aim of this article is to briefly consider some of the current developments and challenges of wearable PPG-based monitoring technologies and then to discuss some of the potential applications of this technology in clinical settings.

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Development of a Low Cost Under-Voltage and Over-Current Protection Device

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ABSTRACT: This paper presents the design and construction of a low cost under-voltage and over-current protective device, which was fabricated using a comparator, IC, Transistor and other discrete devices. The comparator LM324 is at the heart of the device which performs the major control of the device. The device is simple and of low cost. The required set voltage range for the device to allow supply to the connected load at the output varies from 200 – 230 Volts. It can be used to protect loads such as refrigerator, T.V., VCR/DVD players etc. from undesirable under voltages and over currents, as well as surges caused due to sudden failure/resumption of mains power supply. It protects the load when (1) the input voltage to the motor drops below a particular value, (2) the current through the motor exceeds a particular value, (3) both the current increases beyond a particular value and the voltage drops to a particular value. This device can be used directly as a standalone equipment between the mains supply and the load, or it may be inserted between an existing automatic/manual stabilizer and the load.

KEYWORDS: Comparator, over current, Protection, under voltage.

I.INTRODUCTION

Voltage irregularities are one of the greatest power quality issues facing industry and home today and often times, is responsible for damaging valuable electrical equipment. Electrical Power System protection is required for protection of both user and the system equipment from fault, hence electrical appliances are not allowed to operate without any protective device installed. Power System fault is defined as undesirable condition that occurs in the power system, and the undesirable conditions are short circuit, current leakage, ground short, over current, under and over voltage. The ability of protection system is demanded not only for economic reason but for expert and reliable service (Bayindar et al., 2008).

Technically speaking, an under voltage condition is reached when the voltage lags the nominal voltage by 10% for more than 1 minute. Short duration voltage events can also occur such as transients (both impulsive and oscillatory), sags/dips and swells. Short duration intermittent supply failures can last anywhere from 0.5 cycles up to 1 minute and can be caused by a number of occurrences such as supply system faults, equipment failures, or malfunctions in control equipment.

Over current or excess current is a situation where a larger than intended electric current exists through a conductor, leading to excessive generation of heat, and the risk of fire or damage to equipment. Under-voltage might result into brownout, distortion or permanent damage while for overcurrent causes include short circuits, excessive load, incorrect design, or a ground fault. Fuses, circuit, temperature sensors and current limiters are commonly used protection mechanisms to control the risks of overcurrent.

Owing to the incessant damages done by fluctuations in the power supply, there is dire need to address the problem through other alternatives, which give birth to design and construction of an equipment to protect the connected loads against under voltage supply. Under voltage and over current protection is needed between supply terminal and the appliances (connected loads).

II.LITEARTURE SURVEY

Bayindir R. (2008) [6], discussed about fault detection and load protection with sensors which protects the devices from under voltage and over voltage faults with the use of sensors. The sensors detects the faults and cut the supply

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Abstract

The Law of retail gravitation is a heuristic idea conceptualized by William J. Reilly in 1931, which depicts that "customers are willing to travel longer distances to larger retail centers given the higher attraction they present to customers". According to Reilly's formulation, "the attractiveness of the retail center becomes the analogy for size (mass) in the physical law of gravity". The law of retail gravitation (LRG) and the economic law of market areas (LMA) both seek to define the market-area boundary between two competing centers. Each law is characterized in terms of the primary magnitudes of the market-area periphery. It is revealed that under specific circumstances the two laws keep up a correspondence precisely, so the LMA is able to offer some economic hold for the LRG. The two laws are also viewed within the

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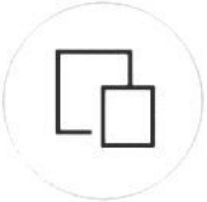

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Abstract

Some current trends and prospects of the world construction industry development from environmental economics position are presented in article. The increased role of innovations and their influence on the competitiveness of construction company in the context of economic, social and ecological components is analyzed. Reduction of some negative impact of all the types of technological processes of construction on the environment is connected with the growth of innovative opportunities. This research proves the need of overcoming technical and technological lag for the development of the construction industry by the means of introduction of business processes management instruments. Justification of reengineering as an effective way of transformation of the technology of construction production is made. The algorithm of stage-by-stage reengineering of business processes, offered in the article is the instrument of effective introduction of technological innovations in the construction companies according to current ecological requirements.

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A COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT OF ECOTOURISM ORIENTATION OF ADVENTURE AND LEISURE TOURISTS VISITING DARJEELING

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ABSTRACT

It is recommended that for the sustainable growth of tourism in tourist spots, it is imperative to have conscientious visitors with high pro-environmental orientation and a critical minimum knowledge of ecotourism. The adventurous, and leisure destinations in India are in ecologically sensitive locations with abundant environmental resources. Thus, understanding tourists' environmental orientation is critical for destination management. In this context, the present study investigates the environmental orientation and ecotourism awareness of adventure and leisure tourists visiting Darjeeling. A comparative analysis of the environmental orientations of adventurists, and leisure tourists is presented. The findings reveal that there exist significant differences between these categories in terms of environmental orientation and awareness about ecotourism. Adventurists exhibit superior environmental orientation compared to leisure tourists. The paper is concluded with a discussion of the implications for future research and managerial practice.

Keywords: Ecotourism, Environmental Orientation, Adventure Tourists, Leisure Tourists, Darjeeling

Introduction

Darjeeling is home to unending tea gardens, babbling rivers, urban settlements with modern facilities sprinkled with tiny ethnic settlements, which constitute a fascinating tourist destination. A fascinating and tempting landscape with breathtaking natural beauty, exotic locations, and a rich treasure of flora and fauna make it a veritable paradise for lovers of mass as well as ecotourists. The colorful rituals and unique lifestyles of ethnic communities like Bhutias, Lepchas, Sherpas and Yolmos make it all the more irresistible for lovers of ethnic and ecotourism.

The ways in which adventure tourists have been characteristically identified in the bulk of the literature is limited by relying too heavily on apparent markers of behavior, destination, and/or circumstance. All of these are pointers of possible ecotourists. Tourists typically participate in various activities offering a range of experiences that they may find attractive to pursue, regardless of personal characteristics (Weaver, 2001b). They have certain characteristics and attributes – attitudes, values, beliefs, motives, commitments, needs, desires, and interests – that might predispose them to visit ecotourism destinations and engage in ecotourism-related activities. In some cases, their predisposition might shape their commitment to protecting and preserving these interests, whether the protection of environments, the conservation of native species, the support of research, or the desire to volunteer (Nowaczek and Smale, 2010). On the other hand, leisure tourists are more interested in having a comfortable stay with an appetite for amenities of luxury and lavishness. They have little or negligible environmental orientation as the emphasis is more on fun and enjoyment.

Literature Survey

Studies of ecotourists usually have identified them based on the destinations they go to, the behaviors in which they engage, the tours that they take, or in some cases, self-identification by the travelers themselves (Ballantine and Eagles, 1994; Fennell, 1999). Only very recently, studies have begun to identify ecotourists based on their psycho-social personal makeup (Lemelin and Smale, 2007) of more stable and deeply embedded character traits responsible for directing visitor impetus and behaviors (Ajzen, 1991; Fishbein and Ajzen, 1975). This approach is an extension of the earlier studies, which reported on visitor motivations and observations (Blamey, 1997; Weaver, 1999). Many

STRESS AND JOB INDUCED TENSION OF BPO EMPLOYEES: AN EMPIRICAL EXPLORATION OF INTENTION TO LEAVE THE JOB

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ABSTRACT

A considerable number of service providers companies are making persistent efforts for enhancing their performance through customer-driven strategies to win new segments of the broader market for their continued existence. A firm's human resources can be a foundation of its continued competitive benefit and thus organizations have to develop suitable strategies to attract, inspire and keep appropriate talent. The results of the factor analysis amply demonstrate that the three factor solution is quite satisfactory considering the Eigen values, percentages of variance explained and the loadings of the original variables onto various factors. It has been observed from the table that job supervision and job induced tension are positively associated with intention to leave the organization. The results of factor regression are also found to be significant. The employees have no dissatisfaction with job supervision but females are less satisfied with the quality of supervision probably due to long working hours and shifting job schedule.

Keywords: Job Stress, ITES, Intention to leave, Supervision, Factor Analysis.

Introduction

Information Technology (IT) industries in India characterize a growing industry typically recruiting workers with adequate knowledge and skill. However, it is a major concern for the Human Resource (HR) professionals to retain the employees for the sustainable growth of these companies. Many scholars and practitioners have expressed their concern as to how to retain employees. A large volume of studies has drawn attention of the industry for highlighting this issue (e.g. Taylor and Bain, 2005; Thite and Russell, 2010). A plethora of empirical studies had recognized that customers, in today's competitive environment, had more access to information, claim fast and flawless service and exhibit greater expectations from the service providers (Felps, Mitchell, Hekman, Lee, Holtom and Harman, 2009). In view of the changing needs and demands, a substantial number of service providers companies are making relentless efforts for recruiting talented professional and taking measures to retain those staffs to enhance their performance. The Indian Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) and Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industries are under pressure to retain employees with requisite knowledge, skill and abilities. The greatest problem with human capital is that firms cannot own them like other tangible resources. Researchers' working in the field of human resource has conducted studies to explore reasons behind the intention to leave the job. A substantial research work has been undertaken in the developed countries to study

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PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPONENTS AS PREDICRTORS OF KABADDI PERFORMANCE

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The purpose of the present research was to analyze the relationship between physical fitness components and kabaddi performance as predictors. Ninty (N=90) male kabaddi layers were selected as a subjects , their age was between 18and25 years they are studying in various degree colleges affiliated to Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Chittoor Dt. Andhra Pradesh. Independent variables are Speed, Strength, power, Agility, Flexibility, and Cardio respiratory endurance. Speed was measured by 50 mts Sprint, abdominal muscle strength was measured by bent knee sit ups, Power was measured by standing broad jump, Flexibility was measured by forward bend and reach test, Agility was measured by 30 mts shuttle run and Cardio vascular endurance was measured by Harvard step test. The playing ability (dependent variables) was measured depending up on execution of their performance. The Pearson product movement 'r' was used to determine the inter correlation among them, and the multiple linear regression was applied to predict the playing ability of

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Sustainability & Tourist-crowding Trade-off at Wildlife Based Tourist Spots in Dooars Region of North Bengal: A Study on Ecotourism Carrying Capacity of Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary in Dooars, Jalpaiguri (W.B)

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ABSTRACT

Having realized the proliferated growth of ecotourism, forest based wildlife tourism in sub-himalayan Dooars belt of West Bengal has opened up a new milestone for socio-economic development of this economically distressed region. Such protected areas are capable enough to generate more revenue in terms of tourism, biodiversity conservation, improvement of climate, purification of water and air, storage and supply of fresh water and flood control but without any physical exploitation. This article highlights existing scenario of wildlife tourism in the Dooars area for promoting it as one of the hottest wildlife tourist destinations of India. This article attempts to ventilate the glaring impacts of tourist congestion on the carrying capacities of the various forest tourist sites with reference to Chapramari Wildlife sanctuary of Dooars in Jalpaiguri district. For assessing trade-off between carrying capacity on both ecological & effective dimensions and ecotourism prospect, visitors were interviewed with semi structured questionnaire. Finally the paper concludes by showcasing the maintenance of sustainable carrying capacities to eliminate ecological imbalances which would otherwise hinder the growth of wildlife tourism.

Keywords: Carrying capacity, Ecotourism, Ecological carrying capacity, Wildlife tourism, Tourist congestion

1. INTRODUCTION

In India, Dooars region of the northern sub-Himalayan West Bengal acts as a treasure hunt for the nature bound wildlife lovers of India and abroad, offering a rich biodiversity in the dense forests with diverse collection of wild species and ethnic tribal cultures. But sustained preservation of nature and its wild habitat is severely affected by mushrooming of private resorts causing tourist congestion & thereby hampering the physical & ecological carrying capacity of the wildlife safari parks both at visitor's and host resident's level. According to the report of UNEP 1998, an optimal number of visitors' footfall may enhance the quality of visitors' satisfaction without deteriorating the physical, economic, socio-cultural environment. The tourist carrying capacity has been defined as the ability of a natural or man-made system to absorb population growth without significant degradation (Schneider1978) assuming that an increased level of contact could produce large reductions in visitor satisfaction (Lucas and Priddle 1964). Wildlife itself is often disturbed by tourist influx leading to loss of habitat. Usually people flock together to wildlife sanctuaries and national parks in Dooars to spend an enjoyable vacation in the midst of pristine wilderness. In Dooars, Chapramari forest possesses the backdrop of serene beauty with stark mental and physical calmness where forest lovers get themselves involved in bird-watching, safaris and nature-walk. Heavy tourist traffic in this type of protected areas for enjoying serene natural beauty amidst wilderness together with wildlife safaris promotes ecotourism and socio economic upliftment of the adjacent tribal communities. This article attempts to assess the trade-off between ecological carrying capacity and ecotourism potential of such wildlife tourism spots. Within the purview of this paper a number of issues regarding sustainable management of ecotourism are analyzed in relation to optimal carrying capacity of such wildlife tourist attractions.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

As per Schneider (1978) carrying capacity of a forest safari park is its capability to absorb population growth without hampering environment. In the year 1983, Pigram defined carrying capacity in physical dimension in terms of accommodation and in ecological context, a limit up to unacceptable or irreversible decline in ecological values and in societal background it speaks of maximum recreational usage level. Under the constraint of space in such areas the physical capacity can be increased if some management parameters are developed for complete or efficient utilization

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Abstract

The electro-optical properties of orthoconic antiferroelectric liquid crystals of some analogues of (S)-MHPOBC ((S)-4-(1-methylheptyloxy)carbonylphenyl 4'-octyloxy-4-biphenylcarboxylate) have been investigated and discussed in terms of the structure property correlations of liquid crystalline molecules. Polarisation field reversal technique has been used for their characterisation. In this study the occurrence of such a high value of spontaneous polarisation (P_s) for the investigated compound is especially noteworthy as they comprise a bulky chiral unit, zigzag ester linkage and polar fluorinated terminal. Lengthening of oligomethylene spacer in the terminal chain and placement of fluorine atom in the molecular core structure leads to reduction in the value of P_s. The

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Laterally fluorinated bi- and ter-phenyl compounds exhibiting negative dielectric anisotropy are widely used in multicomponent mixtures for application in vertically aligned (VA) mode liquid crystal displays (LCDs). This work reports the mesomorphic and viscoelastic properties of several laterally fluorinated compounds with the aim to identify suitable compounds as components of mixtures for VA mode LCDs. The position of the fluoro substituent in the rigid core and the variation of the terminal alkyl/alkoxy chain have been found to have a pronounced effect on the physical properties of these compounds. Moreover, the viscoelastic coefficient, figure of merit and orientational order parameter values have also been reported. The

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Keywords: laterally fluorinated liquid crystals | negative dielectric anisotropy | birefringence | rotational viscosity | figure of merit

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The effect of several polar ester linkage groups incorporated in the molecular core of a chiral lactic acid derivative on self-assembling properties has been investigated by polarizing optical microscopy, small angle X-ray diffraction, differential scanning calorimetry, optical and electro--optical studies. The compound possesses the paraelectric smectic A* (SmA*) and ferroelectric smectic C* (SmC*) phases over a broad temperature range. Mesomorphic behaviour, spontaneous polarization, birefringence, optical transmission, dielectric anisotropy and structural properties of the self-assembled chiral material have been determined. The obtained results are discussed and compared with that of other liquid crystalline materials. Experimentally determined spontaneous

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Keywords: phase transition, ferroelectric liquid crystal, lactic acid derivative, self-assembling, spontaneous polarization, birefringence

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Abstract

We have prepared three different binary systems by mixing an achiral low viscous phenyl pyrimidine liquid crystalline SmC compound with three different orthoconic antiferroelectric analogous of (S)MHPOBC exhibiting SmA*-SmC*-SmC_A* phase sequences. In these binary mixtures, ferroelectric and antiferroelectric phases were induced and their mesomorphic parameters (spontaneous polarization, response time, effective torsional viscosity, and anchoring energy coefficient) were determined by thermo-microscopic and electro-optical study. All the physical parameters show a nonadditive behavior with respect to the concentration of chiral mesogens due to strong dipole-dipole and/or intermolecular interactions between polar fluorinated chiral esters with heterocyclic phenyl pyrimidine compound.

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Unified scheme for finding disjoint and overlapping communities in social networks using strength of ties

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Abstract: In this paper, we have defined a metric that measures the strength of a link (SOL) in the network to calculate the degree to which it is considered to be part of a community. Higher the strength value of a link, more likely it is to be an integral part of a community whereas links with lesser strength value, such as bridges, are considered to be on the border of the communities. Based on the strength of the links, first we have devised a disjoint community detection technique and then we have extended it to form a unified scheme capable of detecting both disjoint and overlapping communities. This method does not need any predefined number of communities as input and shows the best set of clusters as output. Proposed methods produce results closer to ground truth compared to some popular community detection methods and has a high clique retention index.

An Empirical Study on Selection Behaviour of Ball-point & Gel Pen Brands in Siliguri city of Northern West Bengal

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Abstract: Writing instruments continue to play integral part in the life of particularly every business, school and household. Pen and pencils continue to be the staples of everyday life and indispensable items for everyday use. The Indian writing instruments market today is still on the path of discovering new niches with ergonomic designed products, promotional marketing items and luxury items. Through this paper attempts have been made to crystallize the major pen-brand selection parameters for Ball-point & Gel pens and their categorization for identifying the least important ones. The study thereafter analyzes the inherent interrelationships between the pen brands popular in Siliguri city of Northern West Bengal and top most influential selection factors using statistical tools like ANOVA, Factor analysis and Chi-Square.

Keywords: Brand Selection, Inter factor Relationships, Utility factors Statistical, Hypothesis tests.