

# Sensing and Electrical properties of Tungsten oxide polyaniline nanocomposites

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### Abstract -

*The WO<sub>3</sub>-Paninanocomposites were synthesized by in-situ polymerization method. It is a simple and low cost method to prepare nanocomposite. The prepared samples were characterized by using Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) to get surface morphology, idea of getting particles of nanosized range so that further characterization can be done, to study the sensing properties of synthesized nanocomposite and measure.*

**Key words:** *Tungsten Oxide ,nanoparticles, polyaniline, Electrical properties.*

### 1. Introduction

Polymers are generally insulators and to exhibit electrical conductivity they must possess, ordered conjugation with extended ( $\pi$ ) electrons and large carrier concentrations. Conjugated polymers are the organic compounds that have an extended ( $\pi$ ) orbital system and conjugated carbon system [1]. Conductive polymer with polyaromatic backbone including polypyrrole, polythiophene, polyaniline, etc. has received a great deal of attention in the last two decades [2].

In this direction polyaniline (PANI) has been studied and investigated extensively with respect to facile synthesis by chemical and electrochemical process, environmental stability, low cost, high conductivity, solubility, and chemical sensitivity. It has drawn considerable attention for its wide application in microelectronic devices, photodiodes,

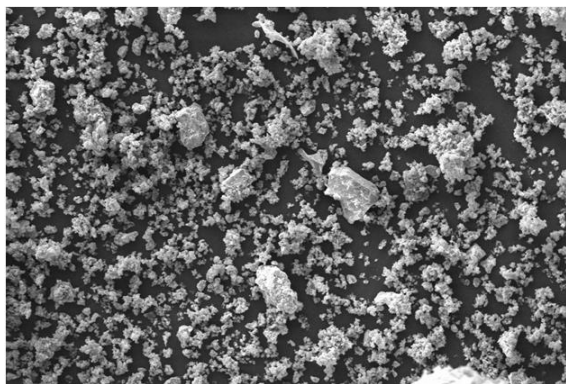
sensors, light weight batteries, solar cells, electrochemical capacitors, corrosion capacitors, corrosion inhibitors, drug delivery and electromagnetic interference shielding materials. Various composites of PANI with different fillers or dopants like MoO<sub>3</sub>, MnO<sub>3</sub>, WO<sub>3</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, BF<sub>3</sub>, CNTS etc. have been synthesized, characterized and explored for various possible applications [3-6].

### 2 Preparation of Polyaniline/Tungsten oxide nanocomposites

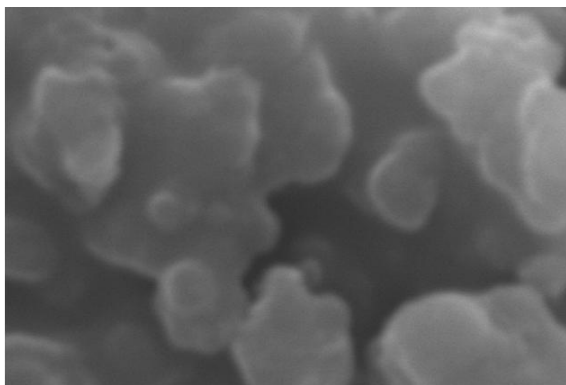
Synthesis of the PANI– Tungsten oxide nanocomposites was carried out by in-situ polymerization method. Aniline (0.1 M) was mixed in 1 M HCl and stirred for 15 min to form aniline hydrochloride. Tungsten oxide nanoparticles were added in the mass fraction to the above solution with vigorous stirring in order to keep the WO<sub>3</sub> homogeneously suspended in the solution. To this solution, 0.1 M of ammonium persulphate, which acts as an oxidizer was slowly added drop-wise with continuous stirring at 5°C for 4 h to completely polymerize. The precipitate was filtered, washed with deionized water, Acetone, and finally dried in an oven for 24 h to achieve a constant mass. In this way, PANI– Tungsten nanocomposites containing various weight percentage of Tungsten (10 %, 20 %, 30 %, 40 %, and 50 %) in PANI were synthesized.

### 3 Result and Discussion

#### 3.1 Scanning Electron Microscope



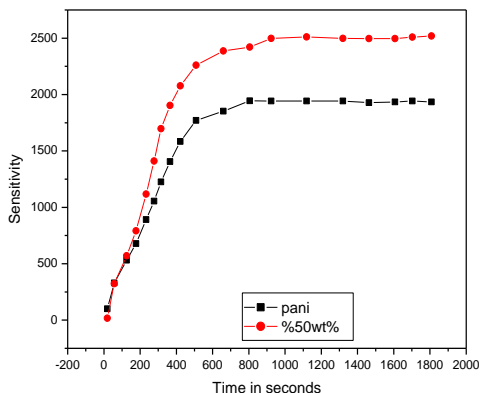
Wo3



Wo3 /Pani Composites

.It is observed from the figure that the distribution of Wo3 nanoparticles in the PANI matrix is homogeneous and the sizes of the Wo3 nanoparticles are measured as 52 and 67 nm as indicated by the rectangle.

#### 4 Sensing properties



From figure .4 it clearly seen that the difference in Sensitivity with time when pellets are exposed to LPG. from figure the linear increment in sensitivity

upon exposure to LPG vapor ,it increase up to some time and decreases after being transferred to clear air. Among all the PANI/ tungsten oxidenanocomposites, 50 wt% are showing maximum Sensitivity when compared to pure PANI This is due to reaction between the metal oxide and LPG. .In the case of PANI alone the change in sensitivity is very low due to lower adsorption because of lower surface area.

#### 5 DC conductivity

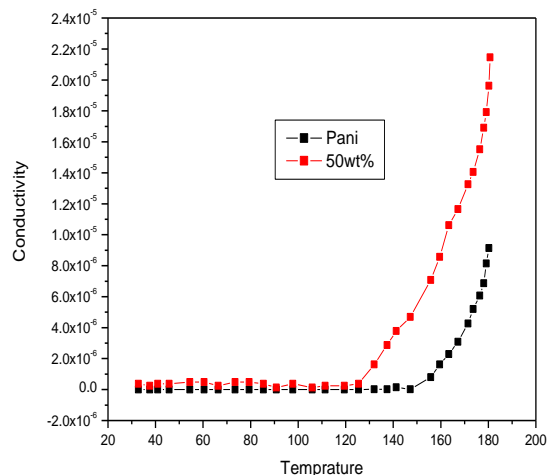


Figure 5 shows theTemperature dependence of conductivity of pure PANI, PANI/ tungsten oxidenanocomposites. The electrical conductivity behavior of the nanocomposite were measured with increasing temperature (35°C-180°C) by using two probe DC electrical conductivity-measuring instrument. In the case of pure pani composites ,highest conductivity was observed.as compared to the pani composite this support the fact that nanoparticles is mainly responsible for electrical conduction

#### Conclusions

Tungsten nanocomposites were successfully synthesized by in-situ polymerization method. The results of SEM conformed the formation of the composite and indicate aninteraction between Pani and Tungstenoxide nanoparticles. The maximam conductivity and sensitivity is observed for50wt% of Tungsten oxide nanocomposites and it decreases with decreasing in the concentration of Tungsten oxide, and the composites particles exhibit a better sensitivity to vapors compared with Pani. Theprepared nanocomposites show supermagnetic behaviors and hence this composite is a promisingmaterial for potential and sensing applications.

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