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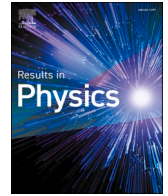
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### ABSTRACT

The solid solution of pure ZnO nanoparticles and doped Polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) green hybrid nanomaterial's synthesized by using the electro spinning method. The synthetic polymer matrix nonwoven fibrous mats containing innovative properties are shown to shrink and encapsulated the zinc oxide materials to change the surface morphology when the concentration of PVP is increased from 1 % to 2 % dopants. The crystalline nature and morphological studies were examined by using x-ray diffraction and a scanning electron microscope. The average crystallite sizes of easily formed ZnO nanoparticles and nanorods that are 21 nm and 62 nm respectively. Moreover, the electrical and optical properties of the fibrous mesh were determined by using electrical impedance analyzer. The electrical conductivity values were measured in the pure ZnO nanoparticles in contrast to the doped ZnO/PVP. The tangent loss, dielectric constant, capacitance and relaxation time values are revealed in this study. All the characterization has been carried out at room temperature. The relaxation time for 1 %, and 2 % ZnO/PVP is (0.8 ns) and (0.79 ns) respectively which is suitable for the application of trigger using devices. The overall findings of this study implemented in a wide range of technologies i.e. photonics, electronics and super capacitor devices etc.

### Introduction

Nanotechnology has emerged as a pivotal field in the 21st century, with nanoparticles (NP's) at the forefront of innovative technologies [1]. The nanoscale materials form the basis for a myriad of novel devices and patentable technologies. Understanding the fabrication and growth

mechanisms of nanostructures materials are crucial for their wide spread application various scientific fields [2]. Materials within the nanoscale range of 1 to 100 nm, termed as nanomaterials, possess many applications in diverse sectors such as healthcare, medicine, food packaging, textiles, and cosmetics [3]. The synthesis of nanomaterials

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can be achieved through either top-down or bottom-up approaches. A noteworthy success in the top-down approach is the synthesis of (1, 2 %) ZnO/PVP nanomaterials. [4] ZnO and PVP represent distinct nanomaterial structures, each possessing unique characteristics. Metal precursors play a vital role in the formation of Metal Oxide Nanoparticles (MONP's), contributing significantly to material sciences, chemical sciences, and physical sciences. ZnO/PVP NP's as a suitable candidate material among different size NP's due to its optimum optical, structural, microstructural and dielectric properties for multiple applications i.e. paint, absorption, rubber additives, gas sensors and super capacitors etc. [5,6]. The PVP blends have gained prominence in recent years due to their eco-sustainability, nontoxicity, biocompatibility, long-term stability, and cost-effectiveness arising from water solubility. PVP, being an amorphous polymer, exhibits high conductivity, transparency, hydrophobicity, and excellent film-forming properties [7,8]. The compatibility between ZnO and PVP matrices are attributed to inter-chain hydrogen bonding, making PVP a suitable host matrix for various dopant materials. This has prompted extensive research, resulting in the development of hybrid blend nanostructures that exhibit enhanced physical and chemical properties, expanding their potential applications. In the realm of PVP blends, various metal oxides such as  $\text{LiMnO}_4$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2$ ,  $\text{SnO}$ ,  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CuO}$ , and  $\text{ZnO}$  etc, have been explored as dopants [9–15]. Notably, ZnO-doped 1 % PVP and 2 % PVP have demonstrated outstanding performance. This research sets the stage for a deeper exploration of the electrical and optical properties of ZnO/PVP compositions, providing a foundation for their potential applications in various industries [16]. PVP Nano fibers (NF's) exhibited spherical like structure with irregularly surface morphological shape ZnO nanoparticles (NP's). Conversely, 1 % PVP nanorods (NR's), as a result of doping, manifest as elongated rod-like structures characterized by a one-dimensional (1D) morphology. This diversification in structure imparts unique characteristics of the nanomaterial. ZnO NR's have longer structures and a different surface area profile than their nanoparticle equivalents. ZnO NR's and NP's are both often produced, each serving a particular purpose depending on its structural characteristics. Polymer materials are outstanding options for fiber manufacturing using semiconductor electrospinning processes. These methods improve the applicability of ZnO NR's and NP's for electrical applications while also making it easier to integrate them into polymeric matrices [17]. We start the synthesis and characterization of a correlated with concentration of ZnO-based polymeric NP's in the framework of our current investigation. We conduct a thoroughly investigation of the related structural, microstructural, optical, and dielectric properties of the samples by using the electro spinning technique. The aim of this study to clarify the complex nature of concentration-dependent changes while offering a deeper understanding of how these elements affected the general characteristics of NP's. Our study is designed to provide new important understandings into the possible uses of the polymeric based nanostructures materials. We have investigated the suitability of many characterizations of the samples particularly structure, microstructure, electrical, optical and dielectric properties. The finding of our research work has creating the opportunities for multiple applications.

## Experimental procedure

### Materials

Zinc nitrate Hexahydrate. ( $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 99.5 %), polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_9\text{NO}$ ) $_n$ , and sodium hydroxide (NaOH, 99 %), were purchased from Sigma Aldrich chemicals Germany.

### Preparation of ZnO/PVP

The solid solution of pure ZnO NP's and doped with various PVP composition was synthesized by using co-precipitation and electro spinning methods. This sophisticated procedure be revealed within the

confines of the nanophysics laboratory at AWKUM, Pakistan, specifically within the Department of Physics. Initially, a homogeneous mixture was formulated by combining precise proportions of  $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Sigma-Aldrich) prepared by co-precipitation methods. The solution experienced continuous stirring for 1 h, to obtained colloidal solution to appropriate quantity of NaOH solution was introduced to maintain a pH level within the range of 9–11. The mixture underwent uninterrupted stirring for 2 h until white precipitates emerged. Subsequently, the precipitated solution was filtered through filter paper and subjected to thorough washing with deionized water and ethanol, repeating the process three to five times. The resulting solution was subjected to another filtration step before undergoing drying at 80 °C for 2 h in an oven. The resulting sample was finely ground and subjected to annealing at 500 °C for 2 h in a box furnace under atmospheric air. Four distinct samples, specifically ZnO, were prepared following the aforementioned protocol. Moreover Polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) dopants, obtained from Sigma Aldrich Germany, were incorporated into the solution. Different concentrations of PVP (1 % and 2 %) were added to the prepared ZnO solution for each ratio. Subsequently, the ZnO/PVP solution used for electrospinning method was employed to produce the nano fibers, as depicted in Fig. 1.

### Fabrication of Nano fibers (NF's)

Electro spinning technique as versatile and straight forward approach for producing NF's using electrostatic force, utilizing polymer solutions. A conventional electro spinning system typically comprises three main components: a spinneret (which supplies polymer sources), a high voltage power supply (for providing electric forces), and a collector (to gather nanofibers), as illustrated in Fig. 1. During the process, the polymer solution or melt forms a “Taylor cone” at the end of the spinneret as the spinning voltage gradually increases between the spinneret and the collector. Once the applied voltage beats a critical threshold, a polymer jet is ejected from the “Taylor cone” tip, solidifying into nanofibers upon reaching the collector. The electro spinning technique offers various attractive features, including simplicity, affordability, scalability for mass production, and wide-ranging applicability. Notably, electro spinning holds significant promise for recycling and reutilizing plastic waste, showcasing three primary advantages in this context. Moreover this critical phase, the resultant solution, now transformed into a dense, viscous fluid, was seamlessly transferred into a 10 ml syringe. Subsequently, this carefully prepared solution found its place within an electrospinning apparatus, where nanofibers were meticulously crafted. The culmination of this process involved allowing the freshly created nanofibers to undergo a thorough drying procedure before subjecting them to a rigorous evaluation. The generation of ZnO Nano rods (NR's)/PVP nanofibers mirrored the preceding procedure, it (2 %) as it too involved the insertion of the invented solution into a stainless-steel needle syringe depicted in Fig. 1. The electro spinning process resulted with precision, where an applied voltage of 12 kV and a controlled flow velocity of approximately 3 mm/hr were maintained. Crucially, the separation distance between the “Taylor cone” needle's tip and the collector was precisely set at 12 cm, ensuring optimal conditions for the formation of NF's. This synthesis method is undergoes to control the processing parameters to growth of ZnO NP's and NF's related phases within the medium of PVP.

## Results and discussions

### X-rays diffraction analysis

Fig. 2 shows the X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern of ZnO, (1 %) PVP, PVP Nano fibers and (2 %) PVP. The XRD analysis revealed that the presence of dominant peaks all over the samples. The peaks that were identified from different diffractions that correspond to different crystallographic planes clearly indicate that ZnO has an intrinsic hexagonal



Fig. 1. Synthesis of PVP/ ZnO obtained for electro spinning method.

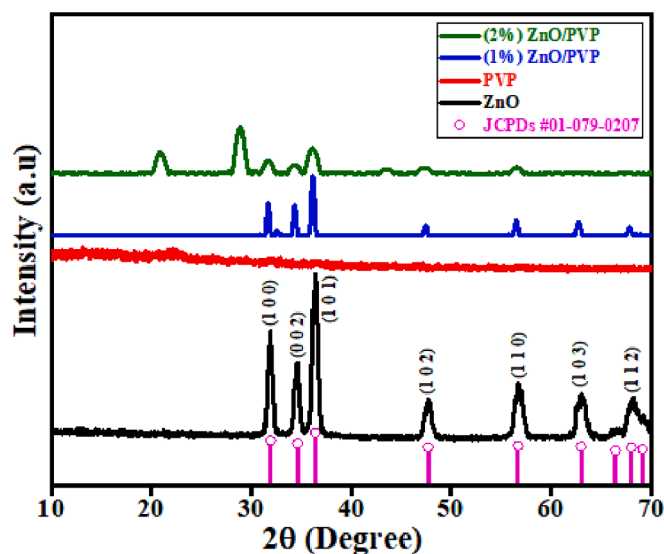


Fig. 2. XRD graph of pure ZnO, (1 %) PVP, PVP Nano fibers and (2 %) PVP.

structure. The clear identification of the hexagonal crystalline structure confirms that ZnO has been successfully integrated into the PVP copolymer matrix, demonstrating the accuracy and effectiveness of the synthesis technique used. An essential diagnostic technique, the XRD (JDX-3532, JEOL, Japan) investigation sheds light on the crystalline structure and conformance of the produced PVP copolymer-capped ZnO. The noticeable presence of characteristic peaks underscores the potential for targeted applications where the crystalline structure plays a key role in determining material properties and functionalities.

The structural properties of the prepared samples were examined by using X-ray powder diffraction technique. The data is displayed from  $20^\circ$  to  $70^\circ$ . Fig. 2 shows the sample's X-ray diffraction pattern. The measured diffraction peaks at  $2\theta = 31.699^\circ, 34.382^\circ, 36.182^\circ, 47.495^\circ, 56.87^\circ, 62.760^\circ, \text{ and } 67.805^\circ$  align with (1 0 0), (0 0 2), (1 0 1), (1 0 2), (1 1 0),

(1 0 3), and (1 1 2) plans, that fits with JCPDS# 01–079–0207. The X-ray diffraction graph of the pure ZnO NP's showed wide peaks broadening, indicating the formation of Nano crystals [18]. The most prominent feature is that for all the samples with different plugging agents as well as for the pure sample the (1 0 1) peak is the strongest one. Additionally, the strong and narrow diffraction peaks make known the high purity, good crystallinity and size of the as prepared samples as far as the doping (1 %), and (2 %) PVP, the peak intensity decreases with broadness because the PVP is semi crystalline materials the crystal deformation show that loss crystallinity the final peak behavior is like semi crystalline. From XRD patterns of the filaments in an expansive top around  $22^\circ$  showed up, relating to PVP semi-crystalline in the Nano filaments [19]. The average crystallite size of ZnO NP's/PVP and ZnO NR's/PVP NF's is found to be 21.679 nm and 62 nm respectively by using Scherer-Debye formula despite the fact the crystallinity. When used to make materials, PVP polymer has low tensile strength, and low tensile stress lowers the FWHM and enhances crystallite size seen during creation [20].

#### Surface morphology

The intricate morphology of ZnO NP's was precisely investigated through the utilization of advanced imaging techniques, for utilizing a scanning electron microscope (SEM) (JSM-5910, JEOL Japan). The obtained images reveal a striking representation of the nanoscale features, separating a typical particle size within the range of approximately 50 nm as depicted in Fig. 3a. This dimension aligns with the prevalent standards for ZnO NP's, showcasing a meticulous control over the synthesis process [21]. Furthermore, the topography of the pure PVP unfolds as a network of finely spun nanofibers, as observed in the Fig. 3b. Notably, the introduction of a 1 % PVP dopant induces a distinct transformation, wherein nanorods emerge with a discernible clustering tendency, marked by considerable porosity. These unique Nano rods in Fig. 3c formation can be attributed to the Brownian effect of PVP molecules, orchestrating a performance that leads to stacking the Nano rods with a distinct structure [22]. The growth rates of PVP contribute significantly, resulting in the observed nanorods morphology with dimensions ranging between 50 nm and 70 nm, presents SEM images



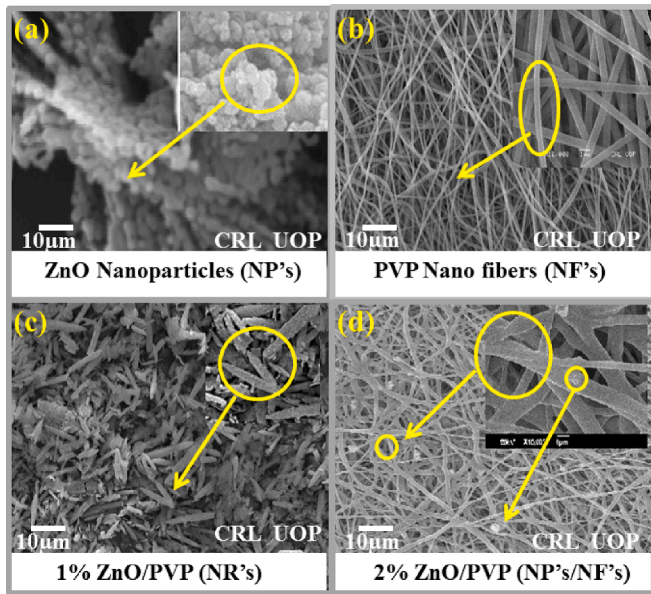


Fig. 3. Scanning electron microscopy images (SEM) of (a) ZnO NP's (b) PVP NF's (c) ZnO/PVP- NR's (d) ZnO/PVP- NF's.

capturing the morphological intricacies of ZnO doped with 2 % PVP. Remarkably, this configuration exhibits a compelling manifestation of completely formed nanofibers as illustrated in Fig. 3c interspersed with small nanoparticle clusters adhering to the fiber walls. These electro spun structures, originating from a pristine PVP matrix, showcase dimensions carefully measured at 310 nm, 520 nm, 549 nm, 860.8 nm, and 533.43 nm. The meticulous control over dimensions and morphology evident in these SEM images signifies a nuanced understanding of the doping process, laying the groundwork for tailored applications in diverse scientific and technological domains [23].

**Electrical properties**

*AC conductance analysis*

Our investigation employed an impedance analyzer (Agilent-E4991A) spanning frequencies from 10 Hz to 2 MHz to assess the conductance (G) of samples held at room temperature. The results,

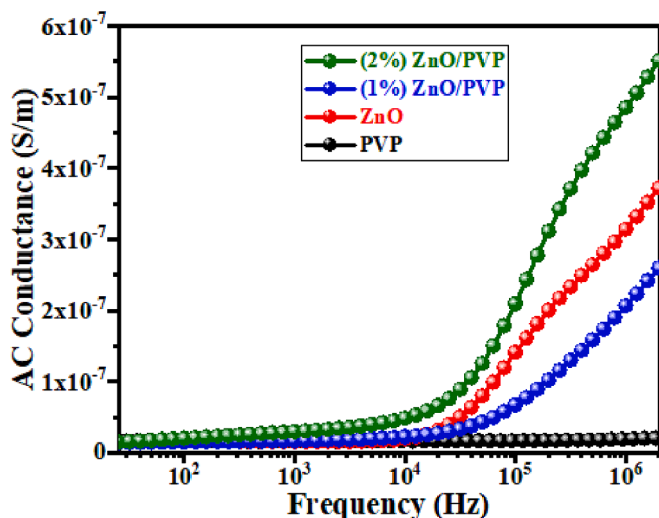


Fig. 4. Frequency versus AC Conductivity of PVP, ZnO, 1 % ZnO/PVP & 2 % ZnO/PVP compositions.

depicted in Fig. 4, reveal a distinctive trend in conductance values concerning variations with frequency. Fig. 4 illustrates a noticeable rise in conductance values with increasing frequency for all samples. This behavior is ascribed to the influence of the hopping conduction mechanism, which significantly shapes the electrical characteristics of the samples. Two distinct zones are present, according to the data collected by the impedance analyzer. The first region appears at lower frequencies, when the electric field is not strong enough to cause hopping conduction mechanisms. This region has two conflicting relaxation processes, the unsuccessful hop and the successful hop, and is intimately related to DC conductance. These findings provide important new information on the complicated interaction between conductance and frequency in our samples. The patterns that have been seen demonstrate how crucial the hopping conduction process is in shaping the electrical features, providing a deeper understanding of the underlying processes governing the material's dynamic response. The electrical conductivity of ZnO and PVP related samples varies due to increasing doping concentration [24–27].

Moreover the increasing the ac conductivity at high frequency maybe due to many factors, like increase in temperature, higher frequencies, shifting of peaks towards Bragg's angles, different kind of polarization phenomena, variation in particle size, and relative densities etc. Which shows the variations in ac conductivity of pure ZnO NP's and (1 %) doped ZnO/PVP composition. In case of dielectrics, the mechanism of polarization can be described in terms of discontinuous hopping of charges [28,29]. As per jump relaxation model (JRM), the ac conductivity is correlated with the narrow unsuccessful hopping of electrons or ions [30,31]. Furthermore, the appearance of unsuccessful hop rises with frequency. And thus, the high frequency domain shows the localized or reorientation hopping processes. Therefore, the forward-backward jumping mechanism, that is "unsuccessful hops," leads the ac conductivity process [32].

*Resistance analysis*

The relationship between resistance and frequency that was gathered in the 10 Hz to 2 MHz range has been measured by using LCR meter (Chroma 11021/11021-L) as shown in the Fig. 5 observed various resistance values for various samples at the same frequency. The nano materials at room temperature was used to calculate the resistance values for the ZnO NP's, and doped PVP Nano fibers shows different behavior. A decrease in resistance occurs when certain electrons in semi-conductive materials build up thermal energy and break through the

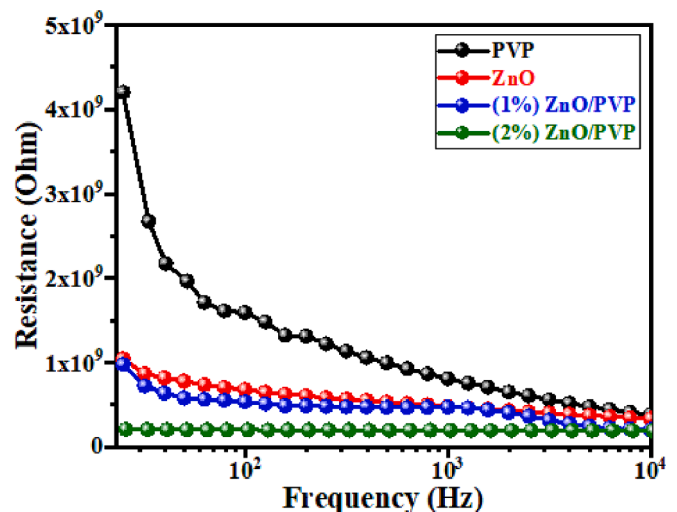


Fig. 5. Frequency versus Resistance of PVP, ZnO, 1 % ZnO/PVP & 2 % ZnO/PVP compositions.

barrier splitting the valance and conduction bands [33]. A little amount of energy is needed to initiate the conduction process. The resistance value of pure PVP is reported 4250 MΩ which is decreases to 250 MΩ with 2 % ZnO/PVP composition. Due to the low resistance values of ZnO/PVP Nano fibers, charges will flow smoothly throughout the samples which are helpful for making electrical devices [34,35].

*Dielectric constant*

The convoluted relationship between dielectric constant and frequency is brightly shown in the Fig. 6 and has been measured by using impedance analyzer (Agilent-E4991A, USA) spectroscopy. The dispersion behavior loosens a relationship, highlighting a distinctive inverse correlation between frequency and dielectric constant. In our investigation, ZnO NP's -doped Nano fibers with varying PVP concentrations (1 % and 2 %) were studied. Notably, the dielectric constants for these nanofibers are found to be 7.8 and 24, respectively. The overall values of dielectric constant for all samples decreases with increasing frequency (see Fig. 6). At lowest frequency highest value of dielectric constant (45) is recorded at 2 % ZnO/PVP which is suitable for the application of dielectric resonator antenna. The significant difference in dielectric constants positions the 2 % PVP NF's as insulators, surpassing their 1 % counterpart. This observation emphasizes the key role of dopant concentration in influencing dielectric properties. Furthermore, a comprehensive comparison of the effects of various dopant materials, particularly at concentrations of 1 % and 2 %, underscores the pronounced impact of increased dopant materials. The enhanced dielectric constant performance exhibited by the 2 % PVP Nano fibers signifies superior energy storage capacity compared to their 1 % counterparts. High  $\epsilon_r$  dielectrics, such as 2 % ZnO/PVP, have a dielectric constant of about 45, which means that they can store more charge per unit area, this finding opens new avenues for optimizing energy storage applications by tailoring dopant concentrations in NF's materials. The presented results not only contribute to the fundamental understanding of dielectric behavior in NF's composites but also cover the way for designing advanced materials with enhanced dielectric properties for diverse technological applications [36,37].

*Tangent loss*

Fig. 7 shows the tangent loss of the composition of a) PVP, b) ZnO, c) 1 % ZnO/PVP & d) 2 % ZnO/PVP. The Nano crystals ZnO NP's-doped

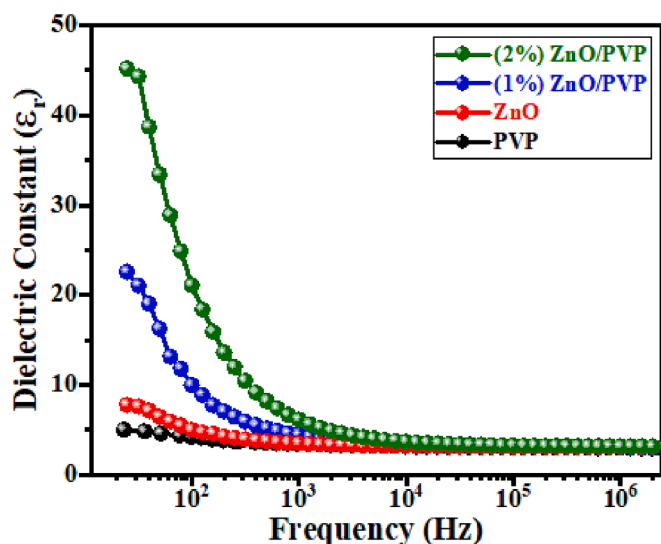


Fig. 6. Frequency versus Dielectric constant of PVP, ZnO, 1 % ZnO/PVP & 2 % ZnO/PVP compositions.

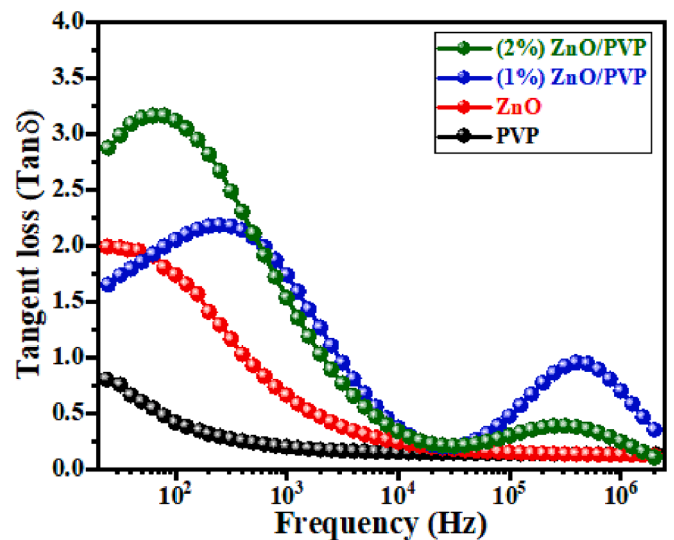


Fig. 7. Frequency versus Tan loss of PVP, ZnO, 1 % ZnO/PVP & 2 % ZnO/PVP compositions.

NF's with varying PVP concentrations (1 % and 2 %), the tangent loss is decreases with increasing PVP concentration and frequency as well. Moreover, the innovative materials NF's have a larger Tang loss value than (1 % PVP) NF's because to their higher dielectric constant value [33]. The dielectric loss, or energy lost as heat from the applied field into the sample, is proportional to the loss tangent ( $\tan \delta$ ). Therefore, in dielectric schemes, the energy dissipation can be determined by loss tangent ( $\tan \delta$ ), and it is expected that domain wall resonance supports it. Because domain wall motion is constrained and magnetization is forced to shift gyration at higher frequencies, this loss is often negligible [38]. The loss tangent variation with frequency for both pure and doped samples is shown in Fig. 7.

Dielectric Losses are particularly high around the relaxation or resonance frequencies of polarization mechanisms. The polarization delays the applied field, resulting in an interaction between the field and the Dielectric's polarization, leading to energy dissipation. These two peaks are in the Fig. 7 maybe due to the different kinds of polarizations mechanism and structural homogeneity [39]. Further the tangent loss peaks as a function of frequency is telling you something about the dissipation process that is producing the energy loss. It might correspond to a molecular Debye-type relaxation (dipole resonances or oscillating dipoles). In Debye type dielectric relaxation, such peaks are seen easily. The  $\tan \delta$  signal or graph is defined as the quotient of the loss modulus (mechanical) or dielectric loss and the storage modulus (mechanical) or permittivity (dielectric), respectively. When a loss peak is clearly evident, I prefer to use its spectrum over that of a  $\tan \delta$ . In mechanical measurements, the highest temperature peak in  $\tan \delta$  is taken to indicate the glass transition temperature (peak temperature). This sometimes carries over to dielectric measurements, but typically, dielectric measurements may indicate more  $\tan \delta$  peaks than one sees mechanically [40,41].

*Impedance spectroscopy (IS)*

Fig. 8 shows the variation of capacitance with frequency of a) PVP, b) ZnO, c) 1 % ZnO/PVP & d) 2 % ZnO/PVP compositions. The capacitance of the capacitor can also be influenced by the frequency of the signal that is present at its terminals and capacitive reactance as well. The reason for this phenomenon, known as dielectric dispersion, is because the dielectric's polarization lags behind the quickly varying signal. Capacitive reactance increases when the frequency is lower and decreases when the frequency is higher. The relationship between capacitive reactance and system frequency is inversely.

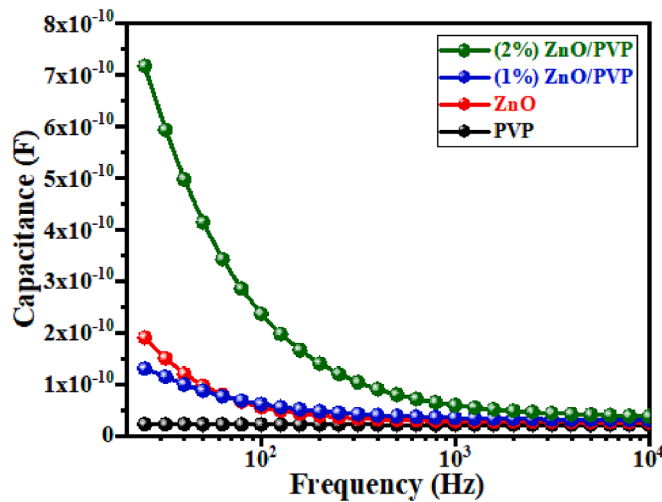


Fig. 8. Variation of Capacitance with Frequency of PVP, ZnO, 1 % ZnO/PVP & 2 % ZnO/PVP compositions.

The capacitance measurements show how the stabilizing agent and surfactant affect the metal oxide nanoparticles' specific capacitance [42]. Furthermore, the specific capacitance is greatly influenced by the precursors and synthesis techniques used to create NPs. Selecting the right precursors is crucial for increasing specific capacitance since synthesis-formed impurities can reduce conductivity [43]. The precursor used can also affect the size and shape of the particles, which can affect the working electrode's capacitance [44–46]. ZnO particles were produced by Alver et al. using several zinc precursors. The predecessors offer differences in ZnO particle morphologies and sizes, which affect the final material's specific capacitance [47]. Similar to this, the technique used is also important for calculating specific capacitance because the values rely on electron diffusion, which is directly related to the structure of the material being synthesized [48,49]. The ZnO/PVP exhibit a semicircle arc, which is proof that the addition of ZnO nanoparticles to the PVP changed the material's behavior from insulating to semi-conductive. The semicircle's diameter exhibits the resistance of the grain boundary the plot, it is obvious that dopant of 1% – PVP NF's have a diameter semicircle. The diameter of the semicircle used to compute the grain boundary resistance ( $R_{gb}$ ) for the samples is 8.1 and 18  $\Omega$  [50]. Moreover, the electrical response of a substance is investigated using impedance spectroscopy. By using this method, it is possible to retrieve information about the material's conduction mechanism, relaxation events, and various contributions from the grain, grain border, and electrodes. Further, the instrument impedance analyzer was used to perform impedance spectroscopy (IS) the frequency used ranged from 10 Hz to 2 MHz. The data were shown in Fig. 9 by using a Nyquist diagram that includes both real and imaginary impedances [51]. In addition, figure's linear impedance response for PVP NF's is caused by the insulating properties of PVP. The data were shown in Fig. 10 by using a Nyquist graph, which includes imaginary impedance versus real impedance. As a result, the insulating qualities of PVP are the reason behind the linear impedance response for PVP NF's depicted in the picture [52,53].

Using the Arrhenius equation, we can compute the activation energy of various concentrations (1, 2 %) ZnO/PVP NF's numerically,

It is commonly known that the Arrhenius equation is

$$K = A e^{-E_a/RT} \quad (1)$$

The activation energy, general gas constant, temperature, and the frequency factor are represented by the letters  $E_a$ ,  $R$ ,  $T$ , and  $A$ , respectively. Besides, identify an unidentified parameter  $k$  in order to obtain the activation energy.

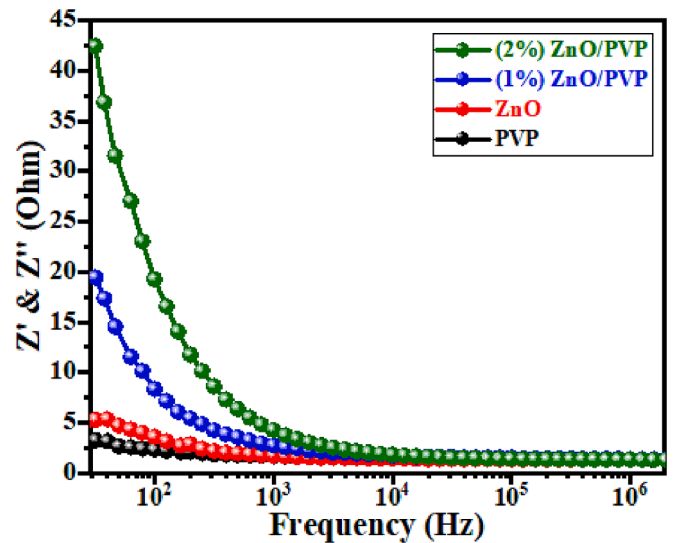


Fig. 9.  $Z'$ ,  $Z''$  vs. Frequency plot of PVP, ZnO, 1 % ZnO/PVP & 2 % ZnO/PVP compositions.

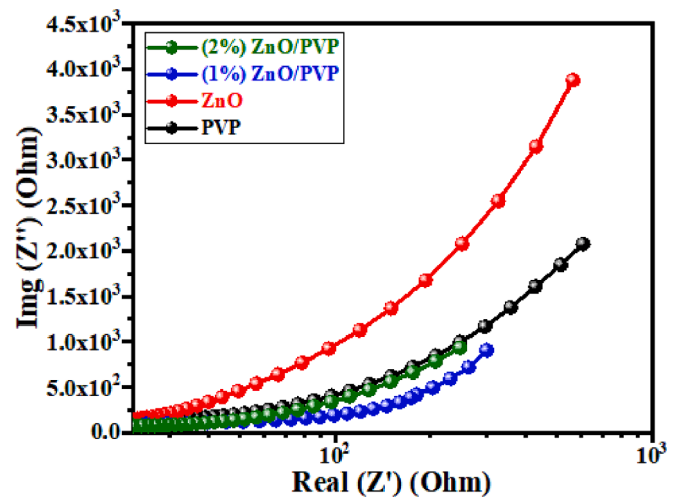


Fig. 10. Nyquist plot between  $\text{Img}(Z'')$  and  $\text{real}(Z')$  of PVP, ZnO, 1 % ZnO/PVP & 2 % ZnO/PVP compositions.

$$K = M/t$$

Here Molarity ( $M = 0.5148 \text{ mol/L}$ )

Time ( $t = 24 \text{ hrs or } 1440 \text{ mins}$ ).

By putting these values in the above equation, we obtained the 'k' value is  $0.00036 \text{ min}^{-1}$ .

The activation energy possibly found by rearranging the Arrhenius equation, which is given by

$$E_a = -RT \ln(K/A) \quad (2)$$

Here

Room temperature ( $T = 300.15 \text{ K}$ ).

General gas constant ( $R = 8.1314 \text{ J/mol.k}$ ).

Frequency factor ( $A = 4 \times 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).

By putting these values in equation (2) then we obtained the activation energy is  $96.0 \text{ KJ/mole}$

Relaxation time is calculated by the given formula

$$\tau = RC \quad (3)$$



Capacitance (C) will be calculated by using the following formula

$$C = 1/2\pi fR \quad (4)$$

Here

Resistance ( $R = 9 \Omega$ ).

Frequency ( $f = 2 \text{ MHz}$ ).

Pi ( $\pi = 3.14$ ).

By using these values 1 % Nano fibers in equation (4) we obtained the capacitance is 8.84 nF (Nano Farad).

The relaxation time (0.8 ns) for 1 % Nano fibers is obtained after putting the values of 'R' and 'C' in equation (3).

For 2 % Nano fibers composition, the capacitance values is 0.92 nanofarad while the relaxation time is 0.79 ns obtained by using the following parameters in equation (3) and (4).

Resistance ( $R = 86 \Omega$ ).

Frequency ( $f = 2 \text{ MHz}$ ).

Pi ( $\pi = 3.14$ ).

The reported values of the relaxation time are suitable for trigger related application [50].

## Conclusions

This study introduces a new approach for designing advanced materials by incorporating various concentrations of dopant (1 % and 2 %) of PVP with pure ZnO NP's. Our investigations focus on revealing the different structural, microstructural, electrical and optical properties of these samples. Broad electrical assessments were conducted, including parameters such as electrical conductivity, capacitance, dielectric constant, and tangent loss. Notably, the AC conductance values of PVP NF's based on ZnO NR's and NP's were measured at  $3.1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ S/m}$  and  $4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ S/m}$ , respectively. Surprisingly, despite the larger size and narrower grain boundaries of NR's, NF's incorporating them exhibited lower resistance (250 M $\Omega$ ) compared to those based on nanoparticles (4250 M $\Omega$ ). Furthermore, 2 % dopant ZnO NR's/PVP NF's demonstrated superior dielectric constant (45) and capacitance values ( $0.92 \times 10^{-9} \text{ F}$ ) compared to 1 % ZnO NP's/PVP NF's is (dielectric constant: 7.8, capacitance:  $8.84 \times 10^{-9} \text{ F}$ ). However, the study found higher tangent losses associated with 2 % PVP NF's, a factor deemed acceptable for the potential dielectric applications. Additionally, relaxation periods in NF's based on zinc oxide NR's (2 %) were found to be orders of magnitude slightly different than those in nanoparticle-based nanofibers (1 %). The main objective of this study is to investigate the impact of various dopant concentrations (1 % and 2 %) of PVP materials on pure ZnO NP's. Explore the diverse electrical, structural, dielectric and optical properties exhibited by different dopant concentrations for innovative material applications. Conduct a comprehensive electrical evaluation, including parameters such as electrical conductivity, capacitance, real and imaginary impedance, dielectric constant, temporal relaxation, and tangent loss. Compare the electrical properties of AC conductance in PVP NF's based on zinc oxide Nano rods and nanoparticles. The overall findings of this study have been used for multiple applications.

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The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

## Data availability

Data will be made available on request.

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