



## Study the structural and electrical properties of CdSe nanoparticles

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### ABSTRACT

CdSe nanoparticles were prepared in aqueous medium using chemical method. XRF spectrum reveal both Cd and Se. XRD spectrum shows that CdSe nanoparticles have hexagonal structure, From XRD, Crystallization size 85.6 nm, lattice constant  $7.28 \text{ \AA}$ , effective strain  $2.10^{-4} (\text{lin}^{-2} \text{m}^{-4})$  between the nano crystals and dislocation (irregular)  $2.85 \cdot 10^{-4} (\text{linm}^{-4})$  were determined. FTIR spectrum shows some toxicity in CdSe nanoparticles such O-H. From Impedance Spectrum of CdSe, activation energy 0.0275 eV and the density of carriers charge were determined. From C-V characteristic type of semiconductor and it was found to be n- type. CdSe has two donors levels ( $N_{d1} = 3.06 \cdot 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $N_{d2} = 6.12 \cdot 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ). Finally, the derivation of capacitance respect in function of temperature, from its graph energy diagram of CdSe nanoparticles was plotted. © 2015 Trade Science Inc. - INDIA

### KEYWORDS

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### INTRODUCTION

Cadmium selenide (CdSe) is solid hexagonal or cubic crystal. It is a direct band gap n-type semiconducting material with a band gap of 1.74 eV at 300K. Its molecular weight is 191.37 g/mol Where Cd is 58.74% and Se is 41.26%. Its appearance is dark red color. CdSe in the bulk form is not very interesting. The most interesting form of CdSe is nanoparticles. Much current research on CdSe has focused on nanoparticles. Researchers are concentrating on developing controlled synthesis of CdSe nanoparticles. It has useful properties for optoelectronic devices, laser diodes, nanosensing, biomedical imaging and high efficiency solar cells<sup>[1]</sup>. The nanoparticles of CdSe high quality may be identical in distribution, size, and that took attention increasingly in

industry. The smaller size of nanoparticles of CdSe from 1nm to 10nm, the surface atoms number increases from 20% to 100%, where the atom surface are often unsaturated linkages surface or the presence of peripheral links where these atoms have a large free energy to be active most of the atoms in the bulk materials<sup>[2]</sup>. CdSe belongs to component of II-VI, which like the other compounds of this group, is dimorph at ordinary pressures and this depends on the method of preparation. Where single crystal of CdSe crystallize either in sphalerite (cubic, zinc blende) structure. Sphalerite is the stable low temperature phase and the cubic-to-hexagonal transition occurs at critical temperature  $T_c = (95 \pm 5) \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The energy difference between the phases is a few meV when preparing samples at temperatures higher than the critical temperature where the

wurtzite structure remains present at room temperature. CdSe single crystals have a specific density of 5.816 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and melting point of 1541 K. Hardness of these crystals is about 4M and their thermal conductivity is 3.49 W m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>. As these belong to the crystal semiconductor n-type electrical conductivity ranging where these initial crystallization without alloy between 10<sup>-1</sup> - 10<sup>-7</sup> CdSe single crystals exhibit n-type electrical conduction without doping intentionally and their conductivity ranges change between 10<sup>-7</sup> - 10<sup>-1</sup> Ω<sup>-1</sup>cm. Hall mobility of CdSe single crystals has been measured to be between 325-1050 (cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs). CdSe single crystals with 2mm thickness transmit the light with wavelength between 0.53-15 μm. Their refraction index is 2.55 for incident light at 900nm<sup>[3]</sup>. In these works, the CdSe nanocrystalline samples were prepared and characterized by XRD, FTIR spectrum, XRF spectrum DC, AC Measurement.

## MATERIALS

Metallic selenium powder, sodium sulfite (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>), Cadmium chloride (CdCl<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O), Ethylene glycol, N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, NaOH, deionized water; all chemical from Mirck.

## SYNTHESIS OF CDSE QD

Nanocrystals of CdSe were prepared by chemical solutions method. Cadmium chloride (CdCl<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O) used as the cadmium source and sodium selenosulfate (Na<sub>2</sub>SeSO<sub>3</sub>) was chosen as the selenium source. Cadmium Chloride (22.8 gr) was solved in 100 ml of deionized water called solution (A). Sodium selenosulfate which was prepared by solving Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (12.6 gr) in 100 ml of deionized water, adding selenium powder (7.96 gr) to previous solution refluxed at 70 °C for 3 hours, red wine solution will appear called solution (B). Solution (A) (20ml) was added to solution (B) (5ml), ethylene glycol (5ml), hydrazine hydrate (5ml) were added to previous. CdSe colloidal solution was adjusted 10 by adding 1 ml NaOH solution. After this, the solution was filtered by high accuracy filter paper, dried in electrical oven for 2 hours at 50 °C. Ceramic mortar was used to mill CdSe powders. The milled CdSe powder was pressed as disc (diameter 21mm, thickness 2mm) using hydraulic compress at 7 tons / cm<sup>2</sup> for 10 minutes.

## QUALITATIVE MEASUREMENT

### XRF spectrum of CdSe sample

XRF spectrum was taken using Mo anode and applying 35kV with 1mA. Figure 1 shows XRF spectrum of CdSe (4/1) sample preparation in aqueous medium. From XRF spectrum can be determined the ratio in the preparation after calibration procedure with reference samples from Cd and Se. The TABLE 1 shows ratios materials involved in the sample as a result of XRF spectroscopy, where the ratio calculated spectrally was very close to the rates that took gravimetric calibration when was prepared, differences in resulting caused by used materials (not purity) and analytical capacity of the detector was small.

TABLE 1

Element	Density (gr/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Average count for X sample	Average count for standard samples	Ratio %
Cd	8.65	326	424	85
Se	4.81	2311	9454	15

### XRD spectrum of CdSe sample

X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern of CdSe disc sample was recorded by Philips system using Cu Kα (λ=0.154056nm) radiation with 2θ in the range 20-80° as Figure 2. From the (XRD) spectrum, the CdSe sample is polycrystalline in nature having all peaks corresponding to the specific planes. The extra peaks observed at 2θ (degree) 2θ° = 27.3°, 34.3°, 49.6° with maximum intensity peak from (101), (102), (112) planes respectively.

The lattice spacing, d, is calculated from the Bragg's formula<sup>[4]</sup>: For first peak n=1, 2θ = 27.3°:

$$d = \frac{n\lambda}{2\sin\theta} \Rightarrow d = \frac{1 \times 1.5418}{2 \times \sin(13.65)} = 3.26 \text{ \AA}$$

The peak broadening in XRD patterns may arise due to several reasons such as smaller crystallite size, instrumental error and fast scanning. As in the present case, proper precautions have been taken into account during scanning such as slow scan rate. Therefore, the observed broadening (Figure 2) is due to the strain and smaller crystallite size, where their contribution to peak

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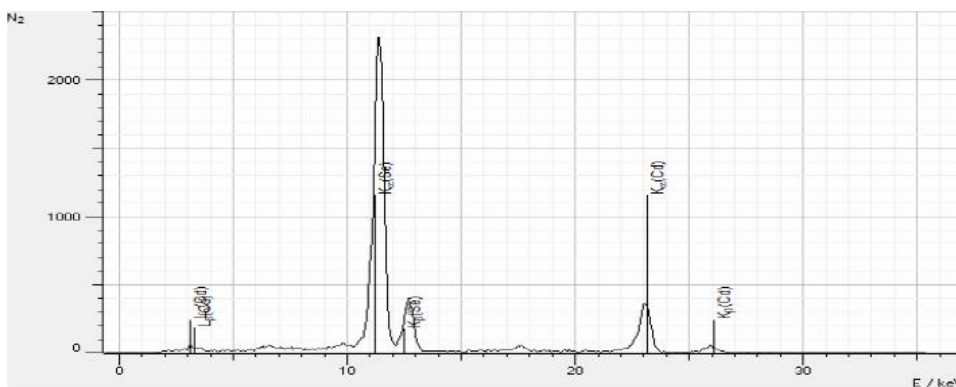


Figure 1 : Shows XRF spectrum of CdSe(4/1) sample.

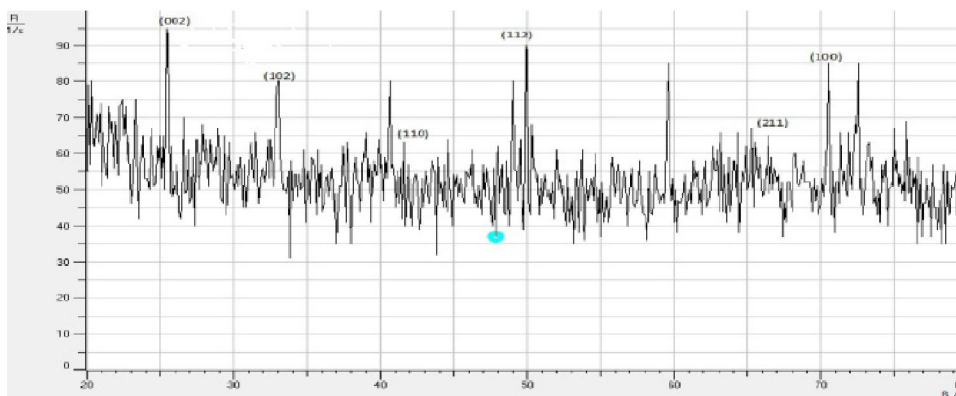


Figure 2 : Shows XRD spectra of CdSe sample with ratio CdSe (2/1)

broadening is independent of each other. Therefore, total broadening can be written as sum of these two as  $\beta_{total} = \beta_{strain} + \beta_{crystallite\ size}$  and can be calculated using Williamson–Hall (W–H) equation<sup>[5]</sup>:

$$\frac{\beta_{total} \cdot \cos \theta}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{d} + \frac{\eta \cdot \sin \theta}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \beta_{total} \cdot \cos \theta = \frac{\lambda}{d} + \eta \cdot \sin \theta$$

Where  $\eta$  is the effective strain present in the material,  $d$  the effective crystallite size,  $\lambda$  the wavelength of X-ray radiation,  $\beta$  the full width at half maxima and  $\theta$  the diffraction angle. By plotting  $\beta_{total} \cdot \cos \theta$  in function of  $\sin \theta$ , Negative slope of pure CdSe nanoparticles as shown in Figure 3 indicate the presence of effective compressive strain in the crystal lattice.

In materials science, a dislocation is a crystallographic defect, or irregularity, within a crystal structure. The presence of dislocations strongly influences many of the properties of materials. The dislocation density “ $\delta$ ” has been calculated by using the formula<sup>[6]</sup>:

$$\delta = \frac{15 \cdot \eta}{D \cdot a}$$

Where  $\eta$  effective strain values,  $D$  The crystallite size,  $a$

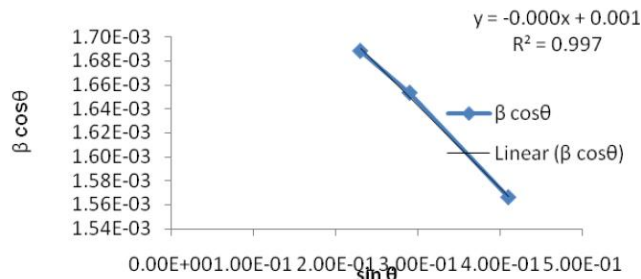


Figure 3 : W–H plot for pure CdSe nanoparticles

hexagonal lattice constant equal  $4.29 \text{ \AA}$ . The lattice parameter  $C$  is determined for hexagonal structure by the following expression<sup>[4]</sup>:

$$\frac{1}{d^2} = \frac{(h^2 + k^2 + \ell^2)}{c^2}$$

Where  $h, k$  and  $\ell$  represent lattice planes (102) which corresponding with diffraction angle  $2\theta = 34.4^\circ$ . Lattice constant  $C$  is close to standard value  $7.01 \text{ \AA}$ .

FTIR Spectrum of CdSe

Sample was mixed with KBr (CdSe/KBr 1/200mgr), compressed as disc using a hydraulic press (5 ton /  $\text{cm}^2$ ). FTIR Spectrum of CdSe was carried out

TABLE 2 : Summary of XRD spectrum.

$\delta$ ( $\text{lin} \cdot \text{m}^{-4}$ ) dislocation density	$\eta$ ( $\text{lin}^{-2} \cdot \text{m}$ ) effective strain	d ( $\text{\AA}$ ) lattice space	D (nm) Average crystallite	C ( $\text{\AA}$ ) hexagonal
$2.85 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	3.26	85.6	7.28

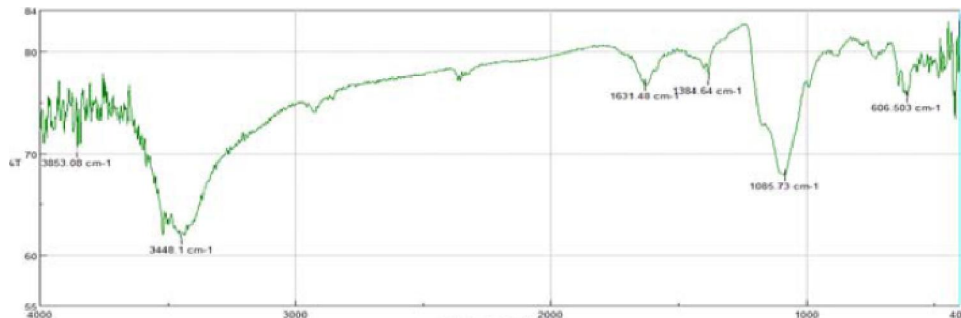


Figure 4 : Shows FTIR spectrum of CdSe in water solution.

using JASCO.4000 IR spectrophotometer in wavenumber range ( $400\text{-}4000\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). Figure 4 : shows FTIR Spectrum of CdSe it shows many absorption peak these peaks related to O-H ( $3448.08\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), C-H ( $3853\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) in ethylene glycol and bond length  $1085\text{cm}^{-1}$  is due to bonding that existing chloride cadmium.

## ELECTRICAL MEASUREMENT

### Impedance spectrum

AC measurement carried out using GAIN PHASE ANALYZER (Schlumberger-SII1253). A complex impedance spectrum in frequency range ( $1\text{-}20000\text{HZ}$ ) and at constant voltage ( $v=5\text{V}$ ), and different temperature ( $302, 322, 327$  and  $340\text{ K}$ ) where taken for CdSe:  $Z = R + jX$

Figure 5 shows the relationship between the imaginary part  $X(\omega)$  and the real part  $R(\omega)$  of the complex impedance. We note that impedance spectrum has a semi-cycle which means that it's due to Debye model which involves the grain to be homogenous.

$$\frac{1}{Z} = \frac{1}{R} + j\omega \cdot C = \frac{1 + j\omega \cdot CR}{R} \Rightarrow Z = \frac{R}{1 + j\omega \cdot CR}$$

To define The charge concentration and The change density of trapped state, complex impedance spectrum taken for CdSe sample at temperatures ( $302, 322, 327$  and  $340\text{ K}$ ) Figure 5. From above Figure, we note that when temperature of the samples rises, semi-cycle will be deformed and the shape of grain de-

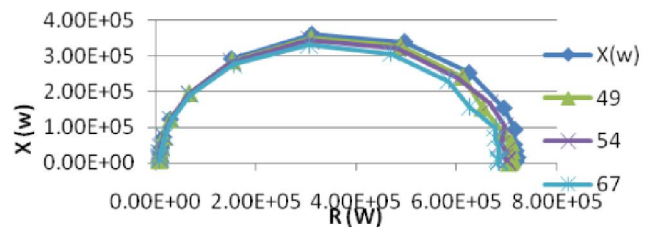
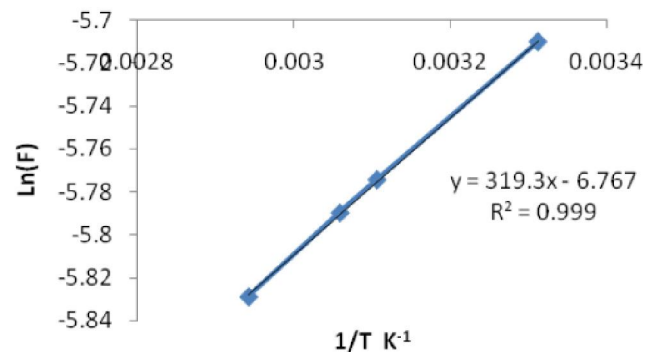


Figure 5 : Shows impedance spectroscopy for CdSe in different temperatures.

Figure 6 : Shows  $\text{Ln}(f) = (1/T)$  for CdSe sample.

formed too. Debye model transfers to Cole-Cole model. To calculate the activation energy of prepared CdSe sample, frequencies values had been taken at  $X(\omega) = R(\omega)$  from impedance spectrum at different temperature, where the following expression can be applied:

$$f = f_0 e^{\frac{E_a}{KT}} \Rightarrow E_a = 4.404 \times 10^{-21} \text{ joule} \Rightarrow E_a = 0.0275 \text{ eV}$$

By taking  $\text{Ln}(f)$  in function of  $1/T$ ; activation energy can be determined. The charge concentration (electrons or holes) were determined from the relation:

$$N_a = N_0 e^{\frac{E_a}{KT}} \Rightarrow N_a = 1.57 \times 10^{21} / \text{cm}^3$$

The change density of trapped state calculated from

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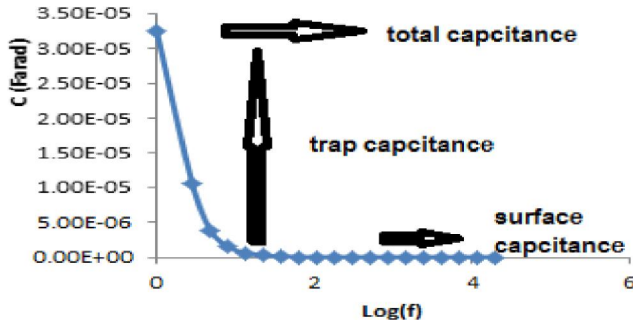


Figure 7 : Shows variable of C(F)=log(f).

thefollowing expression<sup>[9]</sup>:

$$N_s = \left( \frac{2\epsilon \cdot N_d \cdot \Psi}{e} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 4.80 \times 10^{20} / \text{cm}^3$$

Where  $N_d$  density of donor carriers,  $\Psi$  high barrier of the sample, dielectric constant  $\epsilon = 10.2$  sample of CdSe.

Deep trapped charge the contribution

Contribution estimation of deeptrapped charge density in CdSenanoparticles, can be done from measuring the capacitance C in function offrequency logarithm. Figure 7 : Shows the relationship between capacitance C and Log(f) in range frequency (1Hz-20KHz) measured by using Gain Phase analyzer. Figure 7 reveals that at frequencies from 1 to 10Hz, the capacitance decreases from value ( $3 \times 10^{-5} F$  - to  $0.1 \times 10^{-5} F$ ) that means carrier charge contribution decreases rapidly that's mean there are two kind of charge (surface and deep trapped charge) contribute in charge capacitance, and in the range of frequency (10Hz up to 20KHz) capacitance remains constant that's mean surface charge only contribute to the capacitance charge<sup>[9]</sup>. At low frequencies there are contributions of deep carrier due to the high relaxation time (low frequency), carrier charge have enough time to relax and appear on electrodes capacitance. the total capacitance at low frequency can be written as:

$$C_{tot} = C_{trap} + C_s$$

$$C_{Trap} = C_{TOT} - C_s$$

Where  $C_{Trap}$  the capacitance comes from the contribution deep trapped charges,  $C_s$  the capacitance contributions of surface carrier charge (measured at high frequency).  $C_{TOT} = 3.24 \times 10^{-5} F$  (measured at low

frequency),  $C_s = 7.5 \times 10^{-10} F$ .

Determine type of semiconductor for sample CdSe (3/1)

By calculating the capacitance between grains boundary, then by applying the following Mott-Schottky expression<sup>[10]</sup>:

$$\left( \frac{1}{C} - \frac{1}{2C_0} \right)^2 = \frac{2}{e \epsilon_0 \cdot \epsilon_r (N_d - N_a)} (\psi + v)$$

Where  $C_p$ ,  $C_0$  are the parallel capacitance between the grain at  $v^{ccc} 0$  and  $v=0$  respectively. Figure 6 shows, the relation between:

$$y = \left( \frac{1}{C} - \frac{1}{2C_0} \right)^2, x = V \text{ as function of applied voltage.}$$

When  $N_d \gg N_a$  the slope will be positive and the semiconductor is n-type; when  $N_a \gg N_d$  the slope will be negative and the semiconductor is p-type.

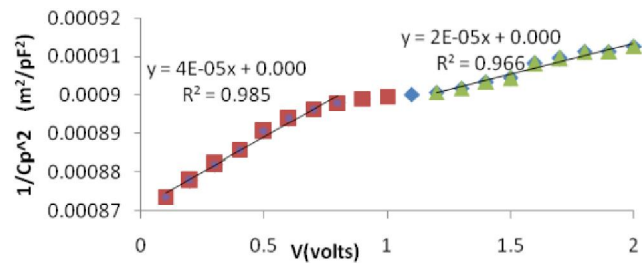


Figure 8 : Shows:  $\left( \frac{1}{C} - \frac{1}{2C_0} \right)^2 = f(V)$ .

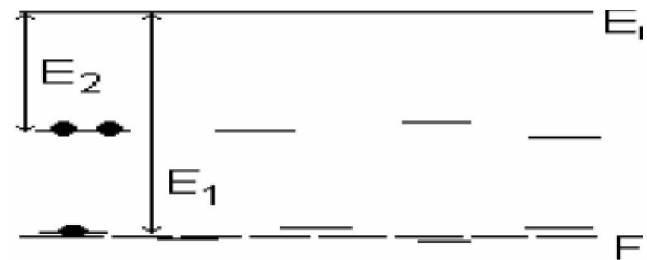


Figure 9 : Energy level corresponding to donor defects with two ionization states.

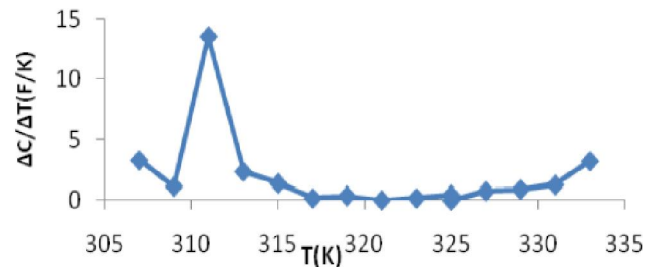


Figure 10 : Show variable capacitance with temperature.

Figure 8 have two regions (slopes) due to exist two donors levels founded between conduction and valence bands<sup>[11]</sup>.

That confirm by studying capacitance variable with temperature. Figure 10 shows  $\frac{\Delta C}{\Delta T}$  in function of T, it reveal two peaks appear at temperature 312 K and 334K, that means there are two donors levels<sup>[12]</sup>.

By using Mott – Schottky expression, donor carrier density can calculate form the slope one and two in the Figure 8. TABLE 3 shows two donors density and two energies levels of donors.

TABLE 3

$N_{1d}(\text{cm}^{-3})$ at low voltage	$N_{2d}(\text{cm}^{-3})$ at high voltage	$E_{1d}(\text{ev})$ at low temperature	$E_{2d}(\text{ev})$ at high temperature
$3.06 \times 10^{22}$	$6.12 \times 10^{22}$	0.026	0.028

## CONCLUSION

Cdse nanoparticles were prepared in medium solution, the prepared samples have structure identical to hexagonal structure with space lattice  $d = 3.26 \text{ \AA}$ , crystallization size was 85.7nm. The value of effective strain and dislocation of the formed crystal was close to standard values, found to be (0.026, 0.028)eV respectively. Electrical properties show CdSe nanoparticles were n-type semiconductor. The CdSe prepared found to have two donors level sit at energy close to activation energy which it equal to (0.0275 eV) energy diagram of CdSe nanoparticle was drawn as it indicated in Figure 9, there are deep trapped carrier density in CdSe nanoparticles.

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