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## ABSTRACT

Semiconductor/polymer nanocomposites are of increasing importance with their tunable properties being used as dielectric materials. This thesis focused on cadmium sulfide (CdS)/polymer nanocomposites. CdS has been combined with three polymer matrices, i.e. poly(styrene-divinylbenzene) [P(S-DVB)], poly(methacrylic acid-ethyleneglycoldimethacrylic acid) [P(MAA-EGDMA)] and sulfonated poly(styrene-divinylbenzene) [SO<sub>3</sub>H-P(S-DVB)]. CdS/P(S-DVB) nanocomposite was synthesized by *in-situ* polymerization in a miniemulsion system using monomer as oil-phase. CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA) nanocomposite has been synthesized by ion exchange and precipitation processes. While, the CdS/SO<sub>3</sub>-P(S-DVB) nanocomposite has been prepared by sulfonation, ion exchange and precipitation. Agglomerated nanoclusters of CdS were obtained from the above *in-situ* preparation methods. The structure-dielectric property relationship of the nanocomposites is elucidated by various techniques such as UV – Vis, FTIR, UV-Vis DR, TEM, SEM, XRD, impedance analyzer, AAS, EDX, thermal conductivity analyzer and thermogravimetric analysis. Dielectric properties of the CdS/polymer nanocomposites have been studied at frequencies of 0.1 – 1,000 kHz. The decrease in dielectric constant was found in CdS/SO<sub>3</sub>H-P(S-DVB) nanocomposite. Considering that the SO<sub>3</sub>H-P(S-DVB) has very high dielectric constant due to its proton mobility, the replacement of the proton of SO<sub>3</sub>H-P(S-DVB) with the CdS particles caused the decrease in dielectric constant of the nanocomposite. Interestingly, an increase in the dielectric constant was also observed in CdS/P(S-DVB) and CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA) nanocomposites compared to that of CdS nanoparticles or pure polymers. It is also demonstrated that the unusual enhancement of dielectric constant of CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA) depended on the concentration of CdS nanoparticles. The occurrence of strong interfacial interaction between CdS nanoparticles with P(MAA-EGDMA) polymer has been proved by FTIR spectra. One explains that an increase in dielectric constant is due to the increase of interfacial interaction among CdS nanoparticles and also CdS nanoparticles with polymer. These interactions increase the mobility of charge carriers and polarizability of electron. Based on the results of this study, it can be suggested that dielectric properties of CdS/polymer nanocomposites can be explained by the following unique properties i.e. nanosize of CdS particles, semiconductor property of CdS, the interfacial interaction between CdS nanoparticles and polymer and intrinsic properties of polymer. These conclusions lay the foundation for developing new synthetic strategies for designing new dielectric materials by varying the size, concentration and distribution of CdS nanoclusters in various polymer matrices.

## ABSTRAK

Semikonduktor/polimer menjadi sangat penting kerana sifat – sifatnya yang boleh diselaraskan sebagai bahan dielektrik. Tesis ini memfokuskan kepada nanokomposit kadmium sulfida (CdS)/polimer. CdS telah digabungkan dengan tiga polimer matriks iaitu poli(stirena-divinilbenzena) [P(S-DVB)], poli(asid metakrilik-asid etilenaglikoldimetakrilik) [P(MAA-EGDMA)] dan poli(stirena-divinilbenzena) tersulfonat [SO<sub>3</sub>H-P(S-DVB)]. Nanokomposit CdS/P(S-DVB) telah disintesis melalui kaedah pempolimeran *in-situ* dalam suatu sistem miniemulsi menggunakan monomer sebagai fasa minyak. Nanokomposit CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA) telah disintesis melalui kaedah penukaran ion dan proses pemendakan. Manakala, nanokomposit CdS/SO<sub>3</sub>-P(S-DVB) telah dihasilkan secara pengulfonan, penukaran ion dan pemendakan. Nanokluster aglomerat CdS telah diperolehi daripada kaedah penyediaan *in-situ*. Hubungan struktur-sifat dielektrik nanokomposit tersebut telah dianalisis menggunakan pelbagai teknik seperti UV – Vis, FTIR, UV – Vis DR, TEM, SEM, XRD, penganalisis impedans, AAS, EDX, penganalisis kekonduksian terma dan analisis termogravimetri. Sifat dielektrik nanokomposit CdS/polimer telah diukur pada frekuensi 0.1 – 1,000 kHz. Pemalar dielektrik bagi nanokomposit CdS/SO<sub>3</sub>-P(S-DVB) didapati telah berkurang. Memandangkan SO<sub>3</sub>H-P(S-DVB) mempunyai pemalar dielektrik yang sangat tinggi disebabkan oleh mobiliti protonnya, penggantian proton pada SO<sub>3</sub>H-P(S-DVB) dengan partikel CdS telah mengakibatkan penurunan pemalar dielektrik bagi nanokomposit. Yang lebih menarik, peningkatan pemalar dielektrik juga telah diperhatikan bagi nanokomposit CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA) dan CdS/P(S-DVB) berbanding partikel CdS atau polimer tulen. Telah ditunjukkan juga bahawa peningkatan yang luar biasa pemalar dielektrik bagi CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA) bergantung pada kepekatan partikel CdS. Kehadiran interaksi antaramuka yang kuat antara partikel CdS dengan polimer P(MAA-EGDMA) telah dibuktikan dengan spektrum FTIR. Dapat dijelaskan bahawa peningkatan pemalar dielektrik adalah disebabkan oleh pertambahan interaksi antaramuka di kalangan partikel – partikel CdS dan juga nanopartikel CdS dengan polimer. Interaksi tersebut telah meningkatkan mobiliti pembawa cas dan kebolehpengutuban elektron. Berdasarkan hasil kajian ini, adalah dicadangkan bahawa sifat dielektrik nanokomposit CdS/polimer boleh diterangkan dengan sifat – sifat unik berikut iaitu, saiz nano partikel CdS, sifat semikonduktor CdS, interaksi antaramuka antara nanopartikel CdS dengan polimer dan sifat intrinsik polimer. Kesimpulan ini menjadi asas kepada strategi sintesis yang baru bagi menghasilkan bahan dielektrik dengan cara mengubah saiz, kepekatan dan taburan nanokluster CdS dalam matriks pelbagai polimer.

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**LIST OF SYMBOL / ABBREVIATIONS**

FTIR	- Fourier transform infrared
UV - Vis	- Ultraviolet – visible
DR	- Diffuse reflectance
TEM	- Transmission electron microscopy
SEM	- Scanning electron microscopy
TGA	- Thermogravimetric analysis
AIBN	- 2,2'-Azobisisobutyronitrile
XRD	- X-ray diffraction
P(S-DVB)	- Poly(styrene-divinyl benzene)
P(MAA-EGDMA)	- Poly(methacrylic acid – ethylene glycol dimethacrylic acid)
CdS	- Cadmium sulfide
SO <sub>3</sub> H-P(S-DVB)	- Sulfonated-poly(styrene-divinyl benzene)
AOT	- Sodium bis(2-ethylhexyl)sulfosuccinate
SDS	- Sodium dodecyl sulfate
CTABr	- Cetyltrimethylammonium bromide
CVDAC	- Cetyl-p-vinyl benzyltrimethylammonium chloride
PS	- Polystyrene
Mac	- Maleic acid anhydride
P(MAA-PMMA)	- Poly(methacrylic acid-polymethylmethacrylic acid)
MMA-BMA	- Methyl methacrylate-butyl methacrylate
PVA	- Polyvinyl alcohol
DMF	- Dimethylformamide
PEO	- Polyethylene oxide
mA	- Milli ampere
KV	- Kilovolt
AC	- Alternating current

PCB	- Printed circuit board
PZT	- Lead zirconate titanate
PANI	- Polyaniline
PTT	- Poly(trimethylene terephthalate)
M	- Monomer
AAS	- Atomic absorption spectroscopy
K	- Dielectric constant
$\epsilon_r$	- Relative permittivity of a material
$\epsilon_0$	- Relative permittivity of vacuum
C	- Capacitance
Q	- Coulomb
A	- Area of the electrical conductor
V	- Volt
PWB	- Printed wiring board
d	- Thickness
IC	- Integrated circuit
PVC	- Polyvinyl chloride
PI	- Polyimide
PVB	- Polyvinyl butyral
PMN	- Lead magnesium niobate
CB	- Circuit board
P(TMPTA)	- Poly(trimethylolpropane triacrylate)
PEN	- Polyarylene ether nitriles
S-SEBS	- Sulfonated styrene-b-(ethylene-ran-butylene)-b-styrene block copolymers
LDPE	- Low density polyethylene
DS	- Diphenyl sulfoxide
LUMO	- Lowest unoccupied molecular orbital
HOMO	- Highest occupied molecular orbital
CMC	- Critical micelle concentration
HD	- Hexadecane
SPS	- Sodium persulfate
MWD	- Molecular weight distribution

KPS	- Potassium persulfate
VAc	- Vinyl acetate
EMA	- Ethyl methacrylic acid
PDA	- Personal digital assistant
Hi-Dk RCF	- High dielectric constant resin coated foil
VBTAC	- Vinyl benzyl trimethylammonium chloride
SLS	- Sodium lauryl sulfate

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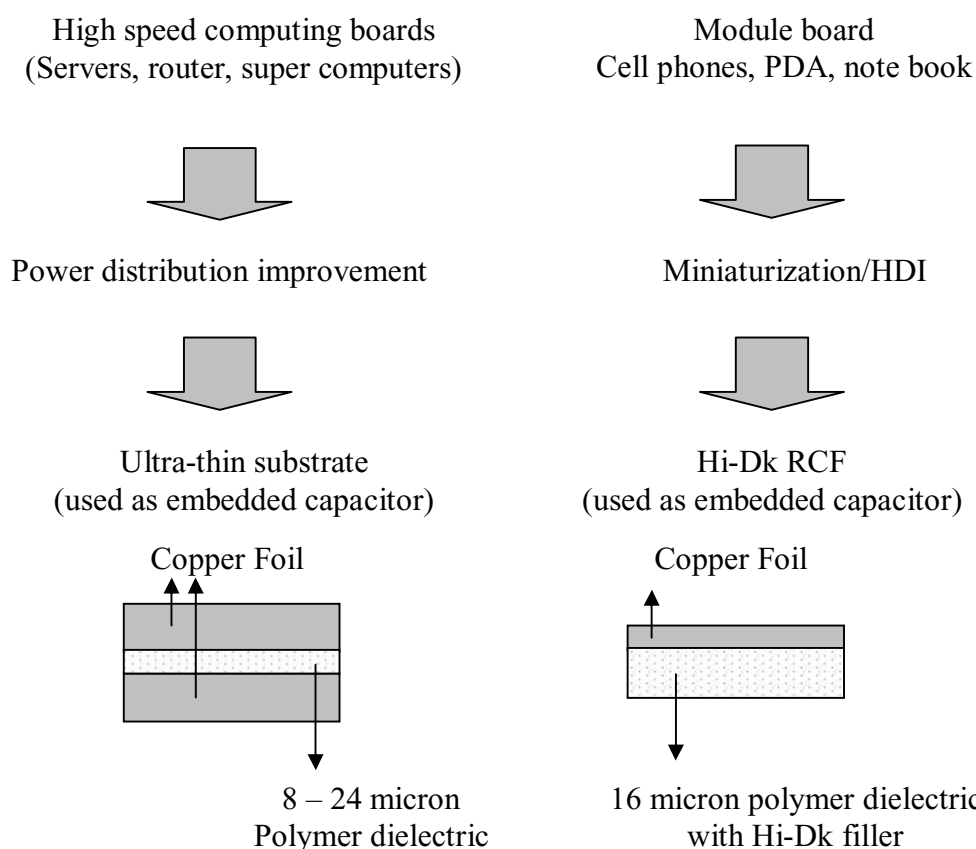
## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

High dielectric materials have been actively explored and used, because the material has potential for application in microwave communication devices, artificial muscles, and embedded capacitor for micro-electromechanical system. Dielectric materials that can store large electric energy are highly desirable for many electronic and electric systems for energy pulse and power conditioning applications. Ceramic materials usually have large dielectric constant, but they are limited by their relative small breakdown strength. On the other hand, polymers usually enjoy higher breakdown strength but suffer from much lower dielectric constant.

Nanotechnology has been the subject of increasing interest in recent years due to the optical, dielectric, electric, magnetic, biological, pharmaceuticals and catalytic properties that are present in the metallic and inorganic nanoparticles. These properties are used in the development of different nanodevices, including microelectronic uses. The ever escalating speed, functionality and portability requirement for microelectronic products exert tremendous pressure interest for researchers and manufacturers to meet with the rapid growing demand for the miniaturization and performance. The miniaturization and high performance in electronic devices has driven research and development activities to produce embedded passive. Passives are non-active electrical elements and can be divided into resistive, capacitive and inductive components. In a typical electronic product today, more than 80 % of the surface area of the printed circuit board (PCB) is occupied by passive component (Lu *et al.*, 2006).

By eliminating surface mount components and embedding it into the substrate board, embedded passive component offer various advantages over traditional discrete ones, such as higher component density, increased functionality, improved electrical performance, increased design flexibility, improved reliability and reduced unit cost. The architecture of passive component is one area with room for improvement due to the large and growing number of passive component in today's increasingly functional devices. Discrete passives, especially capacitors, have already become the major barrier of the electronic systems miniaturization. Therefore, the development of embedded passives is desired, if not required. Among passives component, the development of embedded capacitor has been an area of significant activity because the capacitor use in multiple functions, such as decoupling, by-passing, filtering, and timing capacitors (Rao and Wong, 2004; Lu *et al.*, 2007). Figure 1.1 shows a schematic of embedded capacitance solution for electronic devices.



**Figure 1.1:** Schematic representation of embedded capacitance solution for electronic devices



Studies and syntheses of polymer nanocomposites, including polymer/ceramic nanocomposites, polymer/inorganic nanocomposites and polymer/metal nanocomposites with high dielectric constant have been actively explored, with the hope to substantially enhance the electric energy density of the resulting nanocomposite. The utilized polymer nanocomposites for electronic application have many advantages such as light weight, shape-flexibility, cost effectiveness, and good process ability of the material.

Many studies were developed to produce polymer nanocomposites with high dielectric constant. Polymer nanocomposites are appealing for two reasons. First of all, they possess large interfacial exchange coupling through a dipolar interface layer and leading to enhancement in polarization and polarizability in polymer matrix near the interface. As a result, enhanced dielectric constant can be expected in the polymer matrix near the interfaces. Secondly, the nanoscale particles also make it possible to reduce the thickness of polymer matrix film to nano range, and thus increase its already high breakdown strength even further by avoiding avalanche effect.

Nanoparticles are generally categorized as the class of materials that fall between the molecular and bulk solid limits, with an average size between 1 – 100 nm. Semiconductor nanoparticles, referred to as quantum dots, with dimensions in the order of nanometers have been the subject of intense research in the past two decades, due to their unique optical, electronic, physical and chemical properties (Alivisatos, 1996; Wang and Herron, 1991). Inorganic materials on nano-sized metals and semiconductors provide a potential solution to meet present and future technological demand in virtue of the novel properties and unique property combination of both metal and semiconductor nanoparticles. On the other hand, uniform dispersion of nanoparticles in the nanocomposites is required because clumps of particles inside the polymer matrix will not lead to desirable electrical or dielectric properties. However, uniformly dispersed ultrafine particles in polymer matrix may not be easily achieved by incorporating pre-made nano-size particles into a polymer. This is caused by the easy agglomeration of nanoparticles and high viscosity of polymers. The most promising way to decrease an obstacle of these

factors on the dielectric properties of nanocomposites is the *in-situ* or direct formation of nanoparticles in polymer matrix.

The focus of this study is to synthesize CdS/polymer nanocomposites and characterization of the physicochemical and electrical properties. The materials were synthesized by *in-situ* polymerization and ion exchange-precipitation method. The nanocomposites were carried out by several techniques such as UV – Vis spectroscopy, UV - Vis Diffuse Reflectance (UV – Vis DR) spectroscopy, Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopy, X-ray Diffraction (XRD), Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS), Thermogravimetry Analysis (TGA), Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM), Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy (FESEM), AC Impedance Analyzer, and Thermal Conductivity Analyzer.

The use of CdS nanoparticles as nanofiller have received great attention because of their unique electrical and optical properties. The selected approach of synthesis methods and the intrinsic chemical properties of selected polymers will be produced on nanoscale CdS by encapsulated within polymer and attached on polymer matrices. The combination of CdS nanoparticles and the polymer have developed a CdS/polymer nanocomposite with a high dielectric constant and improved physicochemical properties.

## 1.1 Background of Study

Many researchers have developed methods for synthesis of high dielectric properties polymer nanocomposites. The first approach process for enhancing the dielectric constant of a polymer nanocomposites is to disperse a high dielectric constant insulating ceramic (ferroelectric materials), namely nanoceramic using barium titanate ( $\text{BaTiO}_3$ ) (Devaraju *et al.*, 2005; Pant *et al.*, 2006), lead titanate ( $\text{PbTiO}_3$ ), lead zirconate titanate (PZT) (Dong *et al.*, 2006), strontium titanate ( $\text{SrTiO}_3$ ) (Priyambodi *et al.*, 2005), into polymers. In order to obtain a high value of

dielectric constant, large amount of the filler has to be loaded into polymer matrix, resulting in loss of flexibility and inhomogeneous nanocomposites.

The second approach to obtain high dielectric constant polymer nanocomposites was achieved by dispersing conductive fillers into polymers. The common conductive materials used to produce the polymer nanocomposites are carbon nano-fibers, metals such as silver (Ag) nanoparticles (Lu *et al.*, 2006), aluminium (Al) and nanoparticle aluminium (Xu and Wong, 2007), cadmium oxide (CdO) (Pant *et al.*, 2006), zinc sulfide (ZnS) (Ghosh *et al.*, 2005b), polymers such as polyaniline (PANI) (Lu *et al.*, 2007), and organic acids such as sulfamic acid (Ameen *et al.*, 2007) and copper phthalocyanine. The polymer nanocomposites have successfully increased the dielectric constant of the polymer. The increased dielectric constant observed in such composites arises from conducting particles isolated by very thin dielectric layers to form micro-capacitors. However, the dielectric loss is very high and difficult to control, because the particles can easily form a conductive path in the composite as the filler concentration nears the percolation threshold.

The third approach to increase dielectric properties of polymer was to utilize an inorganic and organic materials such as, titanium oxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) (Li *et al.*, 2006; Yang and Kofinas, 2007; Mo *et al.*, 2008; Dey *et al.*, 2004), aluminium oxide (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) (Li *et al.*, 2007), clay (Zhang *et al.*, 2005), zinc oxide (ZnO<sub>2</sub>) (Hong *et al.*, 2005) and also other polymers such as poly(trimethylene terephthalate) (PTT) (Kalakkunnath and Kalika, 2006). The results showed that the dielectric constant of the polymer did not increase significantly.

The challenge to produce dielectric polymer nanocomposites relies on the ability to manipulate the fraction, characteristic length, and arrangement of dielectric component inside the engineered nanocomposites. No systematic studies to date have been published on the influence of effective volume fraction, characteristic length, and arrangement of dielectric components on the effective dielectric constant of the composites. This is due the intrinsic incompatibility between inorganic particles and organic matrices. Most of the previous studies have utilized the conventional method of blending a high dielectric constant material into polymer, which has no real

control on particles size and distribution within the polymer matrix (Yang and Kofinas, 2007).

The study, synthesis and characterization of semiconductor nanoparticles have attracted intense research lately owing to the unique chemical and physical properties of the nanoparticles and also the vast potential for practical application of the composite system incorporating the nanoparticles. Semiconductor nanoparticles have physical and chemical properties that may differ significantly from those of the bulk material. Such deviations are attributed to the small particle size and the accompanying surface structure effects. By controlling the particle size and surface structures of the semiconductor materials, electronic, optical, magnetic, mechanical, and chemical properties can be modified to suit a wide range of device application in various fields (Zhao *et al.*, 2001).

Semiconductor nanoparticles have interesting applications in electronic, optical, electro-optical devices, catalysis (Yanagida *et al.*, 1990; Graetzel and Graetzel, 1979), and optics (Wang, 1991). More particularly, cadmium sulfide (CdS) nanoparticles have made a great impact in applications including pigments, battery, optoelectronic devices, photocatalyst (Yanagida *et al.*, 1990; Graetzel *et al.*, 1979; Hirai *et al.*, 2002a, 2001, Hirai and Bando, 2005 and Yang, 2005), photosensitive matrices, and resistor for light detecting laser. Dielectric properties of CdS nanoparticles and bulk CdS have also been studied and reported (Zhou, 2003; Tiwari and Tiwari, 2006).

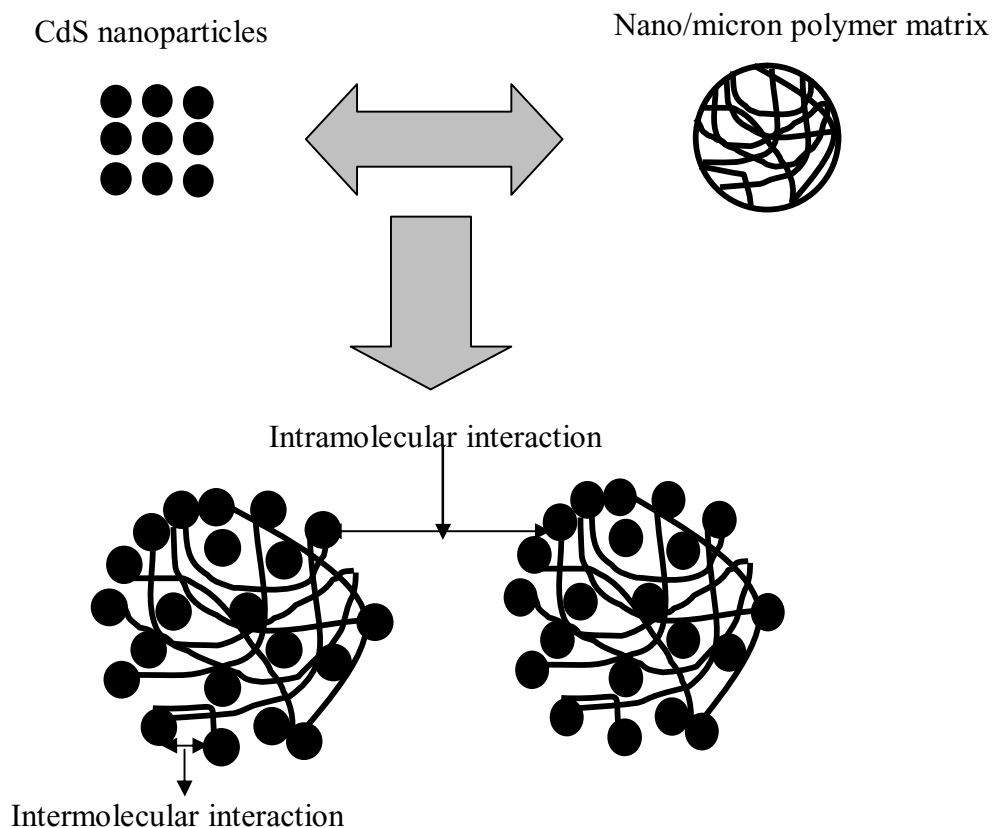
Polymers as matrices have several advantages for producing CdS nanoparticles and CdS/polymer nanocomposites. On the other hand, polymers with a type of spatial conformation can be used as template to make nanoparticles in solution with narrow size distribution and uniform confinement throughout their periodic micro-domain. Besides that, polymers are able to achieve surface passivation, prevent particles from agglomeration and maintain the particles degree of dispersion of particle, which are well-known for their ability in controlling the particle size and size distribution effectively (Yang *et al.*, 2003).

Based on these above explanations and reasons, studies on the synthesis, characterization, and elucidation of the dielectric and electrical properties of CdS/polymer nanocomposites are undertaken to develop a high dielectric constant material. The CdS/polymer nanocomposites were synthesized by combining several methods i.e. *in-situ* polymerization, ion exchange and precipitation. The polymer matrices employed are poly(styrene-divinylbenzene) [P(S-DVB)], poly(methacrylic acid-ethyleneglycol dimethacrylic acid) [P(MAA-EGDMA)] and sulfonated poly(styrene-divinylbenzene) [SO<sub>3</sub>H-P(S-DVB)].

## 1.2 Design and Strategy of Research

The synthesis strategy for preparation of high dielectric constant CdS/polymer nanocomposites with selected polymer matrices is shown schematically in Figure 1.2. In this study, the CdS/polymer nanocomposites were synthesized using three kinds of polymer i.e. P(S-DVB), P(MAA-EGDMA) and SO<sub>3</sub>H-P(S-DVB).

Polystyrene and polymethacrylic acid are common polymers used in preparation of encapsulated metal or metal oxide and solid phase extraction, respectively. The choice of the polymers is based on their different properties and degree of polarity. Among the polymers employed in the present study polystyrene has no functional group, polymethacrylic acid has a weak acid functional group (-COOH), while sulfonated-polystyrene has a strong acid functional group (-SO<sub>3</sub>H). Based on the different chemical properties of the polymers, hence different procedure of synthesis was applied in order to disperse CdS nanoparticles on the polymer surface or encapsulated within the polymer matrix.



CdS/polymer nanocomposites with high dielectric constant

**Figure 1.2:** Schematic representation of the synthesis of CdS/polymer nanocomposites

In this study, CdS/poly(styrene-divinylbenzene) [CdS/P(S-DVB)] nanocomposites were synthesized by *in-situ* polymerization in miniemulsion system. First, the CdS nanoparticles were prepared by reverse micelles in miniemulsion system using CTABr as the surfactant, styrene-divinyl benzene as the oil-phase, 2-propanol as the co-stabilizer, and also water. While, the CdS/poly(methacrylic acid-ethyleneglycol dimethacrylic acid) [CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA)] nanocomposites were synthesized by combination of three methods i.e. *in-situ* polymerization to produce P(MAA-EGDMA) nanoparticles, ion exchange and precipitation process to produce CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA) nanocomposites, respectively. The CdS/sulfonated-poly(styrene-divinyl benzene) [CdS/SO<sub>3</sub>-P(S-DVB)] nanocomposite were synthesized by combining four methods i.e. *in-situ* polymerization to produce P(S-DVB) nanoparticles, sulfonation reaction with fuming sulfuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>) to

produce  $\text{SO}_3\text{H-P(S-DVB)}$ , ion exchange and precipitation processes to produce  $\text{CdS/SO}_3\text{-P(S-DVB)}$  nanocomposites, respectively.

### 1.3 Objective of The Study

The main goals of this research are to synthesize, characterize and evaluate the dielectric and electrical properties of the  $\text{CdS/polymer}$  nanocomposites.

The objectives of the research are:

1. To synthesize and characterize  $\text{CdS}$  nanoparticles prepared by reverse micelles in miniemulsion system using monomer as the oil-phase
2. To synthesize and characterize pure  $\text{P(S-DVB)}$  and  $\text{P(MAA-EGDMA)}$  prepared by *in-situ* polymerization in miniemulsion system.
3. To synthesize and characterize  $\text{CdS/P(S-DVB)}$  nanocomposites prepared by *in-situ* polymerization in miniemulsion system using monomer as the oil-phase
4. To synthesize and characterize  $\text{CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA)}$  nanocomposites prepared by ion exchange and precipitation processes.
5. To synthesize and characterize  $\text{CdS/SO}_3\text{-P(S-DVB)}$  nanocomposites prepared by sulfonation reaction, ion exchange and precipitation processes.
6. To evaluate and to compare the dielectric properties, electrical properties, thermal properties and thermal conductivity of these  $\text{CdS/polymer}$  nanocomposites.

### 1.4 Scope of The Study

The scope of the study is focused on the following aspects i.e. synthesis of  $\text{CdS}$  nanoparticles, synthesis of pure  $\text{P(S-DVB)}$  and  $\text{P(MAA-EGDMA)}$ , preparation

of CdS/P(S-DVB) nanocomposites, preparation of CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA) nanocomposites, preparation of CdS/SO<sub>3</sub>-P(S-DVB) nanocomposites, and evaluation of dielectric properties, electrical properties, thermal properties and thermal conductivity.

**Table 1.1:** Outline of results and discussion

Outline of results and discussion	Section in chapter
CdS/P(S-DVB) nanocomposites	4.1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optimization of CdS synthesis and synthesis of CdS/P(S-DVB)</li> <li>• Physicochemical properties of CdS/P(S-DVB)</li> <li>• Dielectric properties of CdS/P(S-DVB)</li> </ul>	
CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA) nanocomposites	4.2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physicochemical properties of CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA)</li> <li>• Dielectric properties of CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA)</li> </ul>	
CdS/SO <sub>3</sub> -P(S-DVB) nanocomposites	4.3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physicochemical properties of CdS/SO<sub>3</sub>HP(S-DVB)</li> <li>• Dielectric properties of CdS/SO<sub>3</sub>-P(S-DVB)</li> </ul>	
Comparison of physicochemical and electrical properties of CdS/polymer nanocomposites	4.4

This research involves the synthesis of CdS nanoparticles by reverse micelles in miniemulsion using styrene-divinyl benzene as oil-phase, followed by the synthesis and characterization of CdS/P(S-DVB) nanocomposites via *in-situ* polymerization in the miniemulsion system. The miniemulsion system is prepared using CTABr as surfactant, monomer as oil-phase, 2-propanol as co-stabilizer and water. The formation, stabilization and particle size of CdS nanoparticles in the miniemulsion system were characterized using UV – Vis spectroscopy. Outcomes of this work are reported in Chapter 4. Chapter 4 also reports the synthesis and characterization of dielectric properties of CdS/P(MAA-EGDMA) nanocomposites



and observation on the preparation and characterization of dielectric properties of CdS/SO<sub>3</sub>-P(S-DVB) nanocomposites. The outline of the results and discussions section are shown in Table. 1.1.

Chapter 5 presents the conclusions of the synthesis, characterization and dielectric properties of all the nanocomposites of the prepared CdS/polymer nanocomposites.