



# Estimation of structure, characterization and studying properties of novel CuNiSnSex nanocomposits

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## ABSTRACT

CunisnSe nanocomposits were successfully synthesized in this study using the nanometric approach. It possesses a monoclinic structure and a hexagonal phase, according to XRD diffraction data. The tiny crystal size of CunisnSe causes the XRD line to expand. However, the comparison determined a significant number of grid ratios. The The agglomerated and circular rectangular configurations nanocomposit were confirmed by FESEM pictures. The optimal energy gap, according to optical characteristics, is 1.25 e v. which aids the thermoelctric performance of material or sorbeants in solar call applications.

## Keywords:

Optical Properties, Electric Properties, XRD

## 1INTRODUCTION

Thin-film photovoltaic cells a type of solar cell that uses a thin layer a low-cost alternative to traditional photovoltaic cells, and they've ben widely employed Light energy is converted into electrical energy. Nanostructures' quantum confinement effect has sparked interest in a variete of applicatiuns. Over the last few decades, semiconductor nanocomposits have already been widely explored. Semiconductor nanoparticles' intriguing optical properties have positioned them as inescapable In the future, there will be a variety of energy sources. Photocatalysis, photovoltaics, sensors, and photodetectors are all examples of photocatalysis, Renewable energy have developed as a significant component of electricity generation, and other semiconductor nanocomposits applications are

currently being explored. Although photovoltaics contributes significantly to this sector, cost reduction is one among the most popular challenging parts of remaining competitive with fossil fuels The level of energy swings when demand exceeds the upper limit on a daily basis of growth and appoeches a cretical level. The amount of energy used to construct new systems is greater than the amount of energy transported to that location by those systems The efficiency of PV panel conversion in land-based photovoltaic (PV) systems is dependent on the area covered by the panelsPV panels are strewn across a vast region<sup>(1 )</sup>. Given the lifespan of a PV panel, which has been in existence for more than 20 years Because of it highs abcorption coeffecient and the charge carriers' long mean free path, ternary and quaternary based chalcogenides have sparked a lot of scienatific and

technological interest in the creation of thin film solar cells. Chalcogenide-based materials from the chalcogenide family are frequently employed as solar absorbers because their straight band gap may be adjusted from 1.05 eV to 1.69 eV by adding sulfur and/or gallium. The selenium-based thin-film solar cells are among the most efficient thin-film solar cells. All of these chalcogenide-based materials have bandgaps of  $E_g = 1.71$  eV solar cells with high absorption coefficients of  $10^5$  cm<sup>-1</sup>. Despite this, due to the considerable roughness of the samples, optical examination of thin-film solar cell materials employing S (spectroscopic ellipsometry) has proven challenging. In a selenium or Se environment, high temperature selenization processes can be reduced or even abolished by utilizing CNSSe nanocomposites with set composition and crystalline structures. Furthermore, by altering the composition of the nanoparticles, the composition of the printed film may be easily regulated all sizes. Several approaches for the manufacture of CNSSe and related nanoparticles have been reported, including solvothermal. In the family of multicomponent chalcogenide semiconductors, ternary CuNiSnSe<sub>2</sub> (CNSSe), a promising PV absorber material for thin film solar cells, has received a lot of interest<sup>(2)</sup>.

## II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

**Preparation** The hydrothermal process was used to create CNSSe porous structures. In a typical procedure, 0.2938 g of NiCl<sub>2</sub> chloride is dissolved in 10 mL water and magnetically stirred for 11 minutes to obtain a clear solution. (2,4,6) wt% These solutions were placed in a stainless steel autoclave with Teflon lining, a 100 mL capacity, which was half-filled with distilled water, maintained for 6 hours. These solutions were placed in a Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave, lined with Teflon, at 180°C, then cooled to room temperature. CuNiSnSe<sub>x</sub> Thin films were cleaned three times with distilled water and ethanol to neutralize the solution, and the product's surrounding water was eliminated by drying it in the air for one hour at 60 degrees Celsius. To observe the effect of selenium, the technique was carried out under similar settings (Se). After that, the

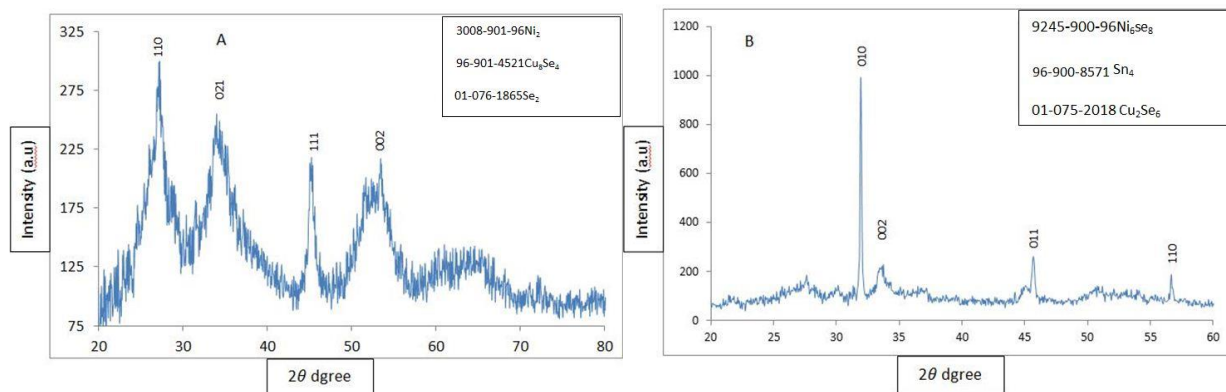
crystal structure, morphology, and optical properties will be studied. CuNiSnSe<sub>x</sub> was the name of the product containing Se, while CNSSe was the name of the end product without Se. **Characterization Details** : Continuous scan mode is used to get the X-ray diffraction line profile data ( $2\theta = 10-80$ ) with  $\text{CuK}\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 1.5406$  Å) room-temperature radiation using an X'Pert PRO (PAN analytical) in the Bragg-Brentano diffractometer parallel focusing the arrangement ( $\theta/2\theta$  geometry) (25 °C)<sup>(3)</sup>. The electrons emitted from the A 40 kV voltage and a 30 mA filament current were used to drive the cathode filament towards the anode plate (Cu). The optics of the diffraction beam include Solar slit of 0.04 rad, a fixed diverging slit (0.8719 slit size), a receiving slit with a diameter of 0.110 mm and a scintillator detector. To decrease the instrumental contribution to line broadening in XRD, the samples are scanned in a step-by-step manner of 0.05 deg of  $2\theta$  and a constant counting time of 1.5sec at each level. Under vacuum, field emission scanning electron microscopy was used to analyze particle size and shape (FESEM). A system for energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy has been installed. (EDAX). Heat evaporation is used to join aluminum electrodes using the Edward coating unit and an appropriate mask placed on the CuNiSnSe's surface. High conductivity silver was used to make connections between the aluminum and a few copper wires. By creating a stainless steel evacuated closed chamber with a controllable hot plate, rotating at nearly 90 degrees (10-11 mbar), a multi-pin feed through at the chamber's base provides electrical connections to the heater, thermocouple, and sensor electrodes. On the heater, the sample was placed and the electrical resistance of the sensor was measured with a multimeter.

## III. DISCUSSION AND RESULTS

Figure 1 shows the XRD pattern in pure structural studies. CNSSe and CNSSe<sub>x</sub> thin films made up of a mix (2, 4, 6) % wt Se. The hydrothermal process was used to create the content. As can be seen in Figure 1, all diffraction peaks of CNSSe are well suited to a tenorite

system's monoclinic structure. The major peaks can be found for (A) at ( $2\theta = 27.2184^\circ, 34.9058^\circ, 45.6948^\circ, 53.7103^\circ, 39.1926^\circ, 42.2145^\circ, 46.1799^\circ, 45.5945^\circ, 51.2987^\circ, 56.5742^\circ$ ) attributed to the (001), (001), (002), (011), (0012), (207), (213), (116), (218), (2014) planes for a tetrahadrite structure. Showing a hexagonal-phase CNSSe<sub>3</sub> formation, which is in agreement with JCDs card No: 96-901-3008, 96-901-4521, 01-076-1865. The major peaks can be found for (B) at ( $2\theta = 32.5320, 34.4785^\circ, 46.4767^\circ, 56.6866^\circ, 56.8576^\circ, 56.8898^\circ, 31.3182^\circ, 33.5637^\circ, 36.1696^\circ, 38.6949^\circ, 39.4017^\circ, 44.75^\circ$ ) attributed to the (010), (002), (011), (110), (0012), (116), (114), (1112), (213) A tetrahadrite structure's planes A hexagonal-phase CNSe formation is shown, which it in agreement with JCDs card No: 96-900-9245, 96-9008571, 01-075-2018. and the highest peaks are observed for (C) at ( $2\theta = 24.6656^\circ, 29.955^\circ, 33.5535^\circ, 36.7065^\circ, 45.0079^\circ, 53.0714^\circ, 54.1312^\circ, 54.5437^\circ, 54.985^\circ, 55.732^\circ$ ) attributed to the (009), (020), (111), (200), (121), (112), (703), (500), (752), (905) JCDs card for tetrahadrite structure planes

No: 0-035-1150, 03-065-4652 shows a hexagonal. Furthermore, because of its hexagonal form, the three-phase CNSS development, which is consistent with JCDs card No: 0-035-1150, 03-065-4652. In addition, In's hexagonal structure, The three patterns show a hexagonal structure. The pattern for pure sample shows low crystalline, the second and third pattern at (2, 4, 6) % wt. SE shows an increase in these x-ray diffraction peaks have increased in intensity, indicating improved crystalline and a bigger number of peaks. The Indium oxide peaks appear smaller at half maximum, indicating that the nickel oxide crystalline size is increasing at this ratio. It's probable that the rise in price has something to do with it. The catalysis of the CuNiSnSex-1 addition, which promotes crystal growth, is responsible for the crystalline size at this ratio. The widening of the peaks in X-ray diffraction suggests that their size is in the nanometer range<sup>(4)</sup>. The Scherrer method can be used to estimate the grain size of the particles. It is still used to figure out what the "apparent" domain is with physical broadening of the profiles since it is a very simple expression.



Using a hydrothermal method, glass surfaces were created and subsequently annealed at 180 degrees Celsius.

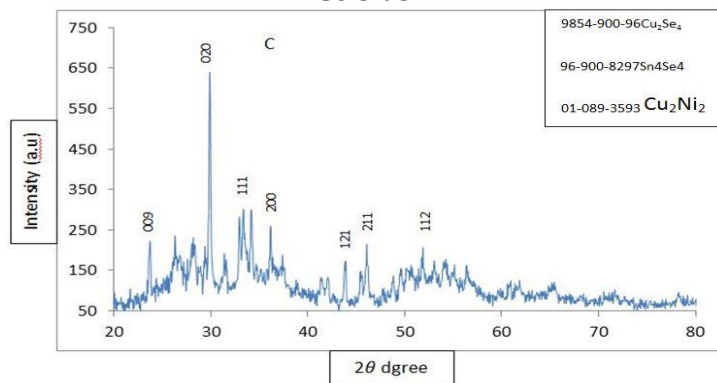


Figure 1: XRD patterns of (A) CNSSe, (B) CNSSe<sub>3</sub>, and (C) CNSSe<sub>2</sub> and (D) CNSSe nanocomposites was deposited on glass surfaces using technique and then annealed at 180 degrees Celsius.

In this method, the crystallite size is calculated using the mean effect size of the coherently scattering region normal to the reflecting planes. The Scherrer link between crystallite size and integral breadth is calculated using the formula below:

$$L = \frac{K\lambda}{\beta_L \cos\theta}, \beta_L = \frac{K\lambda}{L \cos\theta} \tag{1}$$

When L is the proper crystallite size it regards to the reflecting plane, B is the width of the integral of a specific peak, k is the form factor (0.8), λ is the wavelength of CuKα rays, and θ is the angle of diffraction. Size broadening in Eq. 1 shows that the order of a reflection is unaffected<sup>(5)</sup>. The density of dislocations (ρ) can be calculated using the equation below. The dislocation line length per unit volume of the crystal is defined as:

$$\delta = \frac{1}{L^2} \tag{2}$$

**Table 1 .** CuNiSnSe@ (2 percent ) Se structural characteristics, interplanar spacing, and crystalline size pure nanoparticle

Sample 2θ	FWHM [°]	β(rad)	Hkl	d <sub>hkl</sub> (Å)	Scherrer method		standard card
					L <sub>sh</sub> (nm)	δ(nm) <sup>-2</sup>	
26.2184	0.96	0.016747	110	1.311	16.514	0.000136	4521-901-96 3008-901-96
34.9058	0.90	0.015700	021	2.16	24.986	0.000317	
45.6948	0.72	0.012560	111	3.287	28.525	0.000229	
53.7103	1.02	0.017793	002	2.16	27.371	0.000227	
39.0926	0.72	0.012560	106	1.459	49.002	0.001416	
41.2145	0.96	0.016747	207	1.401	35.508	0.000225	
45.1799	0.48	0.008373	213	1.258	12.223	0.003693	
45.594	0.84	0.014653	116	1.255	52.661	0.000255	
51.2987	1.14	0.019887	218	1.105	41.541	0.000279	
56.5742	1.20	0.020933	2014	0.999	33.892	0.000319	

**Table 2 .** CuNiSnSe@ (4 percent) Se structural characteristics, interplanar spacing, and crystalline size of pure nanoparticle

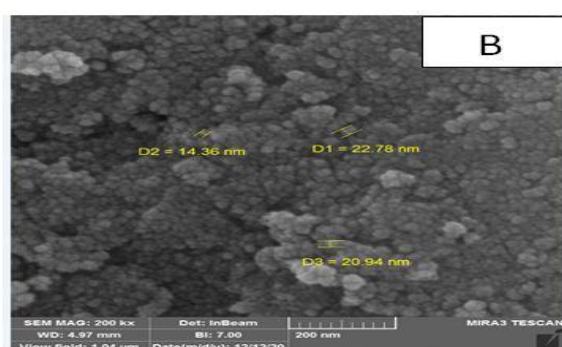
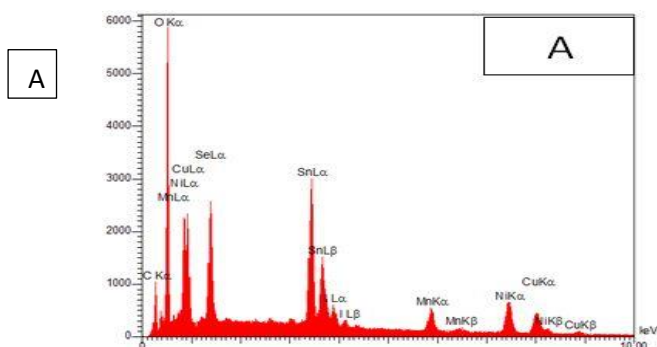
Sample $2\theta$	FWHM [°]	$\beta$ (rad)	Hkl	$d_{hkl}$ (Å)	Scherrer method		standard card
					$L_{sh}$ (nm)	$\delta$ (nm) <sup>-2</sup>	
32.532	0.0984	0.001717	010	2.7717	41.8306	0.0002508	9008571-96 9245-900-96
34.4785	0.0984	0.001717	002	2.66	35.8529	0.0001529	
46.4767	0.3936	0.006866	011	2.78	33.1727	0.0028573	
58.6866	0.1476	0.002575	110	3.431	53.7704	0.0002458	
31.3182	0.1968	0.003433	0012	1.8030	39.9084	0.0004278	
33.5637	0.0984	0.001717		1.7250	59.3645	0.0002587	
36.1696	0.2460	0.004291	116	1.5846	41.5194	0.0010065	
38.6949	0.1800	0.003140	114	1.4416	32.7561	0.0003470	
39.4017	0.1800	0.003140	1112	1.4416	42.6627	0.0005494	
44.75	0.1200	0.002093	213	1.2861	42.8553	0.0055311	

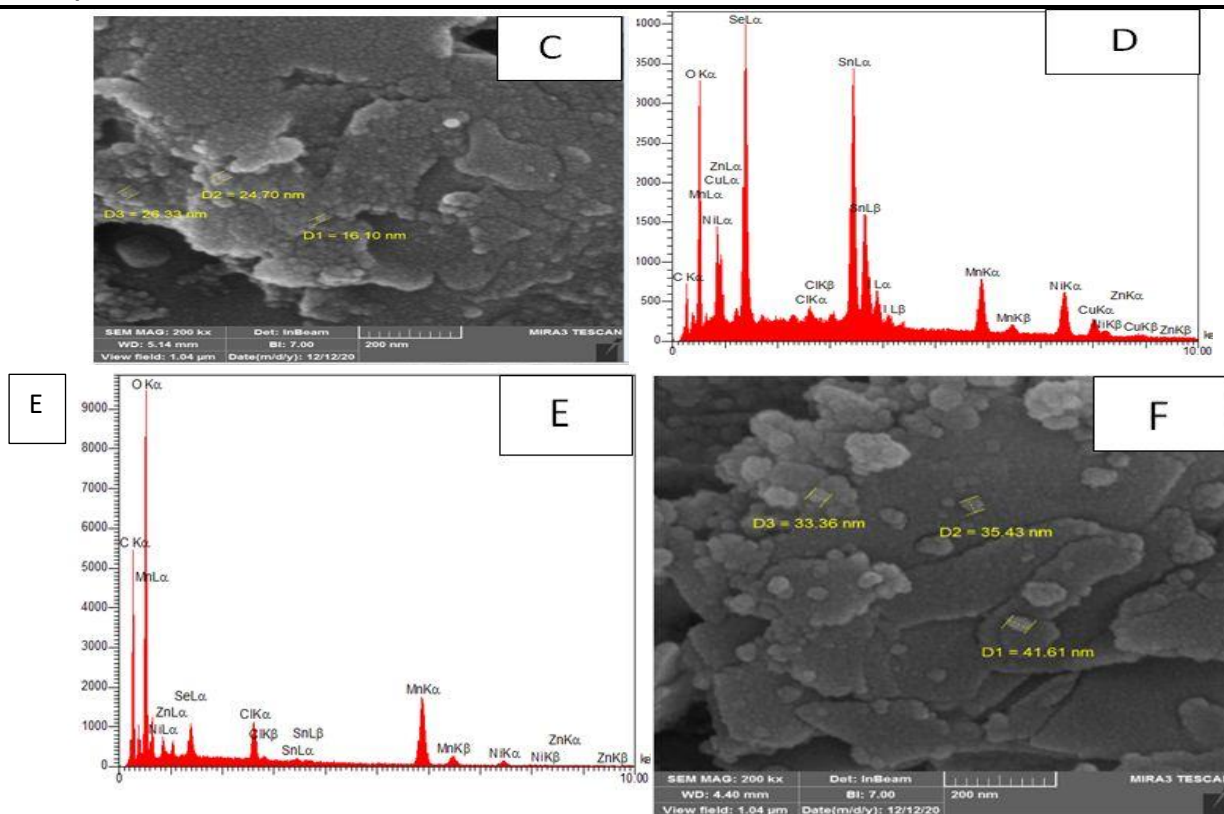
**Tabl 3 .**Structural parmeters, interplnar spacing, crystalline size pure nanoparticle CuNiSnSe@ (6 %) Se

Sample $2\theta$	FWHM [°]	$\beta$ (rad)	Hkl	$d_{hkl}$ (Å)	Scherrer method		standard card
					$L_{sh}$ (nm)	$\delta$ (nm) <sup>-2</sup>	
24.6656	0.72	0.01256	009	2.842	31.1791	0.003229	9854-900-96 1303-901-96
29.9555	0.30	0.00523	020	2.320	22.5464	0.001739	
33.5535	1.20	0.02093	111	3.532	56.1561	0.000128	
36.7065	0.66	0.01151	200	2.515	41.9187	0.000582	
45.0079	1.08	0.01884	121	1.910	62.9505	0.000218	
53.0714	0.78	0.01360	112	1.792	34.0862	0.001664	
36.1312	0.96	0.01674	703	1.517	50.7775	0.000253	
39.5437	1.08	0.01884	500	1.440	61.0730	0.000398	
43.9885	0.60	0.01046	752	1.305	18.6052	0.005294	
51.7302	1.08	0.01884	905	1.124	47.9593	0.000417	

**IV.FESEM Evaluation** FSEM (field emission scanning microscop a versatile instrument for analyzng the morphology of materials.

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Figur 2 . FESEM images of CuNiSnSe nanoparticles generated by hydrothrmal technique and annealed at 180°C (a, c, and e) surface morphology (a, c, and e). (a, b, d, and f) CuNiSnSe nanoparticles Analyzed with EDX

It provides a homogeneous size distribution with agglomerates and a rectangle-like shape in sizes smaller than 29.84nm observed . It also verifies that the particles are on the nanoscale. EDS techniques were used to analyze the nanoparticles' precise microstructure. EDS analysis of the CuNiSnSe as seen in hexahedral nanoparticles Fig.2 (b, d and f). two peaks corresponding in the copper (Cu) peak observed. located at about 0.9, in 8.9 Kev corresponding to  $L\alpha$  and  $K\alpha$ ,  $K\beta$  transitions and so forth. Whereas the nickel (Ni) peak arrived at around 3.4 & 3.5 keV, reaching the L and K transitions, the selenium (Se) peak appeared at about 3.31 & 3.51 Kev, reaching the L in K transitions. L transitions correspond to 1.4 Kev. They were inspecting the glass substrate as well as the height<sup>(6)</sup>. especially for (PEG), and (Na) peaks. The weight percentage ratio and atomic weight were calculated using an app that was coupled to the inspection device.

### V. Optical Qualities

In terms of wavelengths, Uv-Vis absorbance spectra were used to determine the film's optical absorption. (300-1200) nm at room in the visible temperature portion of the electron Zentic spectrum, and in the infrared region The optical absorbance value decreases as the wavelength rises, as seen in Figure 3. Cu Ni & Se Film optical absorption coefficient ( $\alpha$ ) photon energy ( $h\nu$ )<sup>(7)</sup>. That prepared then film looked to have a light value  $> 10^* \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . There indicates that straight truncations are permitted The bandgap energy can be calculated using the Tauc formula. ( $E_g$ ):

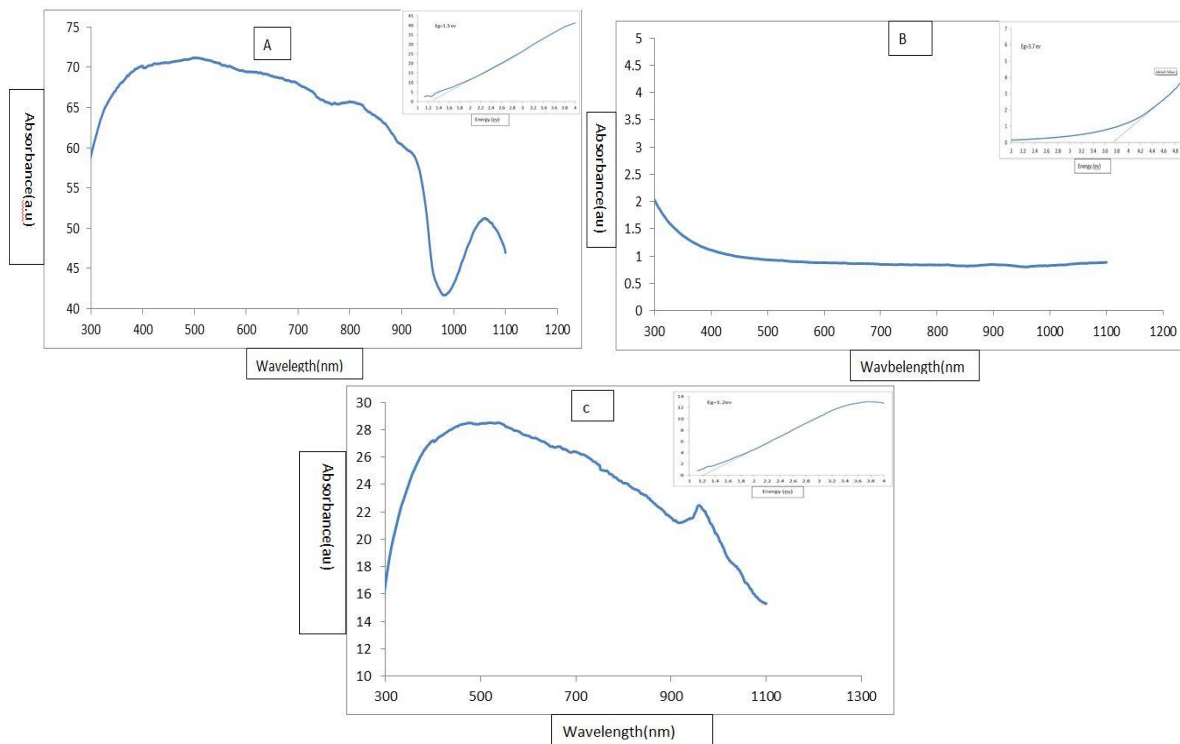
$$B = \frac{(\alpha h\nu)}{(h\nu - E_g)^r} \tag{3}$$

$$\alpha = B \frac{(h\nu - E_g)^r}{h\nu} \tag{4}$$

( $h\nu$ ) The photon energy is represented by, while the absorption coefficient is represented by. The energy in the bandgap is

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**VI. The Hall's Inflowce**

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$$R_H = \frac{1}{nq} \dots\dots (5)$$

The equation below relates the carryyr densite tu the Hill voltaege, The electron charge is q, and the carryer densety is

$$n = \frac{B}{qt} * \frac{I}{V_H}$$

..... (6) Where: a measurement of the thickness of a film And the mobility of carriers e or h is determined by the type of carrier, such as electron or hole.,  $\mu_{e,h}$  is calculated by:

$$R_H = \frac{\mu_{e,h}}{\sigma_{e,h}}$$

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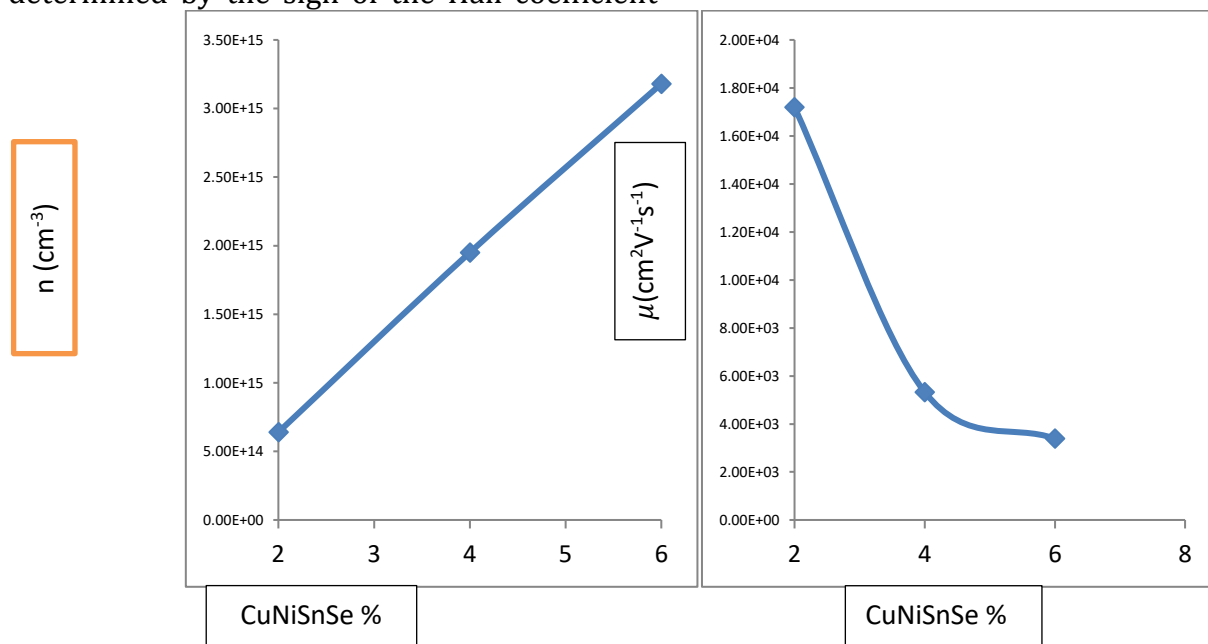
**Where**

$$\sigma_{e,h} = nq\mu_{e,h}$$

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Table ( 4 ) The result of Hall experiment for CuNiSnSe thin films

CuNiSnSex %	$R_H$ ( $\text{cm}^{-3}\text{C}^{-1}$ )	$\sigma$ ( $\text{o.cm}$ ) <sup>-1</sup>	$n$ ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ )	$\mu$ ( $\text{cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ )
2	9.75E+03	1.77E+00	6.40E+14	1.72E+04
4	3.19E+03	1.67E+00	1.95E+15	5.33E+03
6	1.96E+03	1.73E+00	3.18E+15	3.38E+03

The structure of the then film was changed upon addition of Se, As a result, it could be inextricably connected to a growth in size of a very thin film grains, whereas in c1, the conductivity decreases with an increase in c. This behavior can be explained according to what is given in ref, that the thin film's structure was altered to lower grain volume while increasing the barrier potential of the

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**VII..Conclusion**

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