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# Photoresponse Characteristics of Ppy/Ag<sub>2</sub>O Nanocomposites Synthesized by Hydrothermal Method

Polypyrrole (Ppy) and Ppy/silver oxide (Ag<sub>2</sub>O) nanoparticles (NPs) have been synthesized utilizing hydrothermal method. Then, the pure Ppy and its nanocomposites films with various volume percentages of Ag<sub>2</sub>O (10, 30 and 50 vol.%) films were deposited successfully using drop-coat method on glass and Si substrate. The morphology, structural and optical properties of the as-prepared films were measured and characterized utilizing FE-SEM/EDX, XRD, FTIR, and UV. further, these Ppy/Ag<sub>2</sub>O nanocomposites were tested to study their influence of Photoresponse properties The photo-detector fabricated employing the Ppy/ Ag<sub>2</sub>O-50% showed a good photo-sensitivity of 265.45% and a high responsivity of 243.33 mA/W under the light (532 nm) illumination at bias voltage 5 volt with the rise/decay times of 0.81 sec and 0.85 sec, respectively. The obtained results are proposing that the Ppy/ Ag<sub>2</sub>O nanocomposite is a promising material for optoelectronic applications.

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## 1. Introduction

In today's world, there is a high request for developed opto-electronic devices for everyday life, research organizations, industries, and education field, etc. [1-3]. As significant devices, photodetector (PDs) are fundamental tools in optoelectronic circuits and memory storage, as well as in light-wave communications, and high resolution imaging methods [4]. In the last few years, aromatic conducting polymers (CP), particularly electro-active polymers, have gotten much explore thought for utilize as advance materials due to their special physical characteristics. However, Conducting polymers, excite an wide interest among researchers due to their interesting optical, electronic, magnetic properties[5-7]. The detection of conducting polymers led to their wide range of applications are in photo-detectors, batteries, solar cells, acoustic wave devices, nano-generator, UV-nanolaser, varistors, etc. [8]. Among conductive polymers, Polypyrrole (PPy), is one of most extensively investigated polymers, possessing a wide potential application due to its facile, low-cost synthesis, thermal and air stability, good environmental stability, high conductivity [9-11]. In recent years, various types of photo-sensors have been developed by mixing inorganic nano-materials (semi-conductor type) with Conducting polymer, such as PPy/semiconductor-based nano-composites photodetectors, Ppy/TiO<sub>2</sub> [12], Ppy/WO<sub>3</sub> [13], Ppy/CdS [14] Ppy/SnO<sub>2</sub>, etc [15]. silver oxide (Ag<sub>2</sub>O) as a perfect p-type has narrow band gap (1.2eV) semiconductor material, is a suitable candidate [16]. Recently, Ag<sub>2</sub>O nano-particles have

received great attention because of their use for most industrial applications such as for photodetector, photovoltaic cells, storage devices, photodiodes, antibacterial coatings and so on [17]. Here, the advantage of this work is the synthesis of Ppy/Ag<sub>2</sub>O nanocomposites for photo-sensing application. The optical, morphological, structural, and photoresponse properties of prepared thin films of Ppy nanotubes and Ppy/Ag<sub>2</sub>O nanocomposites have been investigated.

## 2. Experimental:

Pure Ppy was synthesized employed by hydrothermal method. In this procedure, 0.167g of pyrrole solution and 0.041g of methyl orange acid were dissolved in 50 ml of DI water. Then, 0.675 g of iron (III) chloride was dispersed in 50 ml of DI water and then added it into the above solution with continuous stirring for 10 min in RT. After that, this mixture was transferred into a Teflon lined (autoclave) with heated for 5 h at 150 °C. Then precipitated solution was filtered and the remains obtained was washed several times by DI water and ethanol, alternatively. Further, the definitive product was dried for 3 h in the oven at 70 °C to get Ppy powder. The Ppy powder was dispersed in 15 ml of ethanol utilized the ultrasonic curing for 3 h and it's deposited via drop-casting technique on cleaned glass and Si substrate to make of Ppy thin film.

Ag<sub>2</sub>O NPs was synthesized utilized via hydrothermal method. In this step, 0.849 g of silver nitrate was dissolved in 50 ml of DI water. Thereafter, 50 mL of a sodium hydroxide (0.5M) aqueous solution was added drop-wise, with continuous

stirring for 10 min in RT. Then, the mixture solution was moved into a Teflon lined (autoclave) with heated for 5 h at 150 °C. After that, precipitated solution was filtered and the remains obtained was washed several times by DI water and ethanol, alternatively. Further, the definitive product was dried for 3 h in the oven at 100 °C to get Ag<sub>2</sub>O NPs. The Ag<sub>2</sub>O powder was dispersed in 15 ml of ethanol utilized the ultrasonic curing for 3 h and it's mixed with Ppy solution to form Ppy /Ag<sub>2</sub>O Nanocomposites with various volume percentages of Ag<sub>2</sub>O (10,30 and 50Vol.%), and deposited successfully using drop-coating method on glass and Si substrate to form of Ppy /Ag<sub>2</sub>O thin films and labeled as PA-10, PA-30 and PA-50 respectively. The prepared films were examined using Fourier transform-infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR), X-ray diffraction (XRD) Field emission-scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM), Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) and optical spectroscopy. For photodetector measurements, two Al electrodes were thermally-evaporated onto a thin film. the current–voltage (I–V) measurements and visible photo-response were recorded under laser light (532 nm) of power density 5 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> employing Source Measure Unit (UT81B).

### 3. Results and Discussion

The structural investigations of Ppy /Ag<sub>2</sub>O thin films were performed by X-ray diffraction and the obtained results were compared with that of PPy film. XRD plot of pure Ppy and Ppy /Ag<sub>2</sub>O films with 10, 30 and 50 Vol% of Ag<sub>2</sub>O NPs was showed in Fig. 1. For Ppy film, it is clearly noted that the existence of wide peak at  $2\theta = 22^\circ$ , referencing the amorphous nature of the polymer. The wide peak produces by X-ray scattering of Ppy chain [18]. in the state of Ppy/Ag<sub>2</sub>O thin films, The sharp peaks of Ag<sub>2</sub>O NPs were discovered at  $2\theta=26^\circ$ ,  $32^\circ$ ,  $38^\circ$ ,  $44^\circ$ ,  $55^\circ$ ,  $57^\circ$ ,  $64^\circ$ ,  $68^\circ$  and  $77^\circ$ , which are assigned to the diffraction from (110), (111), (200), (211), (220), (221), (311), (222), and (123) planes of Cubic Ag<sub>2</sub>O [19-20]. These peaks are agreed with the JCPDS card no. 76-1393 for Cubic Ag<sub>2</sub>O. The difference in average crystallite size of the as-prepared samples were calculated with utilizing Scherer's relation [21]

$$D_{av} = \frac{0.9 \lambda}{\beta \cos \theta} \quad (1)$$

where  $\lambda$  is X-ray wavelength (Cu K $\alpha$ -1.54056 Å),  $\theta$  is the diffraction angle, and  $\beta$  is full-width at half-maxima respectively. The measurements showed that the values of average size for PA-10, PA-30 and PA-50 nanocomposites are 35, 37 and 41 nm respectively.

The characteristics of the FTIR spectroscopy for Ppy and their nanocomposites films are demonstrated in the Fig. 2. The main peaks for pure Ppy were observed at 1543, 1483, 1319, 1184, 1037, 964, and 918 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The peaks at 1543 and 1483cm<sup>-1</sup> may be ascribed to the C-C and C-N stretching-vibrations in the pyrrole rings, respectively [22]. The band

assigned at 1319 cm<sup>-1</sup> was related of C–H or C–N in-plane deformation modes [23 ], while the peaks at 1184 and 1037cm<sup>-1</sup> were related to the breathing-vibrations of the pyrrole rings[24]. In also, the peak related at 964 cm<sup>-1</sup> correspond to the C–H and N–H in-plane deformation-vibrations [25]. The out-plane bending-vibration of the C–H is assigned at about 918 cm<sup>-1</sup>[26]. However, some changes of characteristic peaks are observed in Ppy-Ag<sub>2</sub>O samples. This shift can be occurred due to the incorporation of Ag<sub>2</sub>O within the Ppy structure.

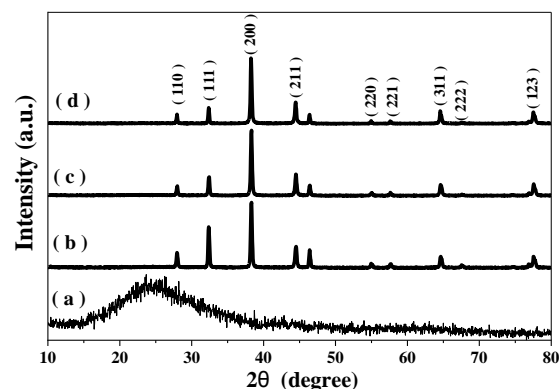


Fig. (1) XRD patterns of (a) Ppy, (b) PA-10, (c) PA-30 and (d) PA-50

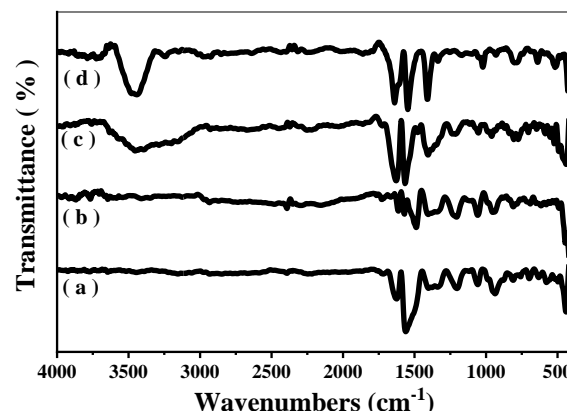


Fig. (2) FTIR spectra of (a) Ppy, (b) PA-10, (c) PA-30 and (d) PA-50

Figure (3) displays the FE-SEM pictures of Ppy and Ppy /Ag<sub>2</sub>O nanocomposites films. The FE-SEM picture of pure PANI has a mixture of nanotubular morphology with some irregular globular. Dye-free polypyrrole possess a characteristic spherical shape. However, the presence of Methyl Orange into the polymerization medium led to the formation of nanotubular morphology having average particle diameter approximately 100–200 nm, because it works as a morphology-directing factor [27]. The FESEM pictures of Ppy /Ag<sub>2</sub>O nanocomposites films Fig. 3(b) to (d) confirmed that Ag<sub>2</sub>O NPs were implanted almost fully in the polymer form with average particle diameters approximately 200–400 nm, confirming the preparation of nano-composites, and it's observed that improvement in the

incorporation of Ag<sub>2</sub>O NPs to the Ppy form with increasing concentration of Ag<sub>2</sub>O. Thus, the outcomes obtained from FESEM analyses which would ease good electrical-conductivity [28].

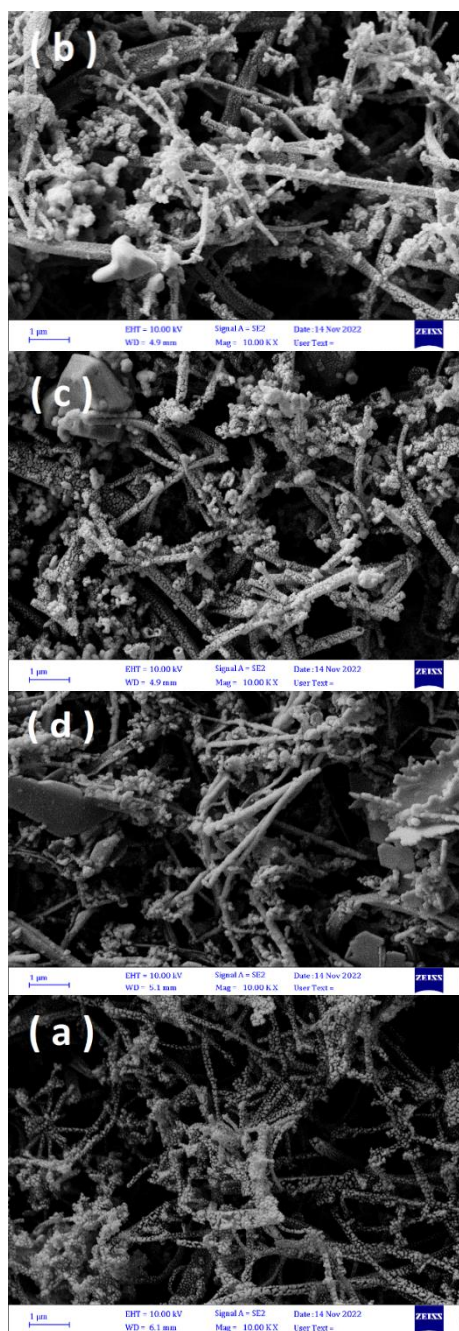


Fig. (3) FE-SEM images of (a) Ppy, (b) PA-10, (c) PA-30 and (d) PA-50

In addition, an elemental analysis of all films was tested via EDX analysis. Figure (4) displays the EDX image of the as-deposited films that confirms the presence of S, C and N in the Ppy film, and also it revealed the existence of Ag and O elements in Ppy/Ag<sub>2</sub>O nanocomposites films. The existence of sulfur(S) confirms that MO was integrated in films [29]. The outcomes obtained that confirms in the incorporation of Ag<sub>2</sub>O NPs in polymer structure without forming any impurities.

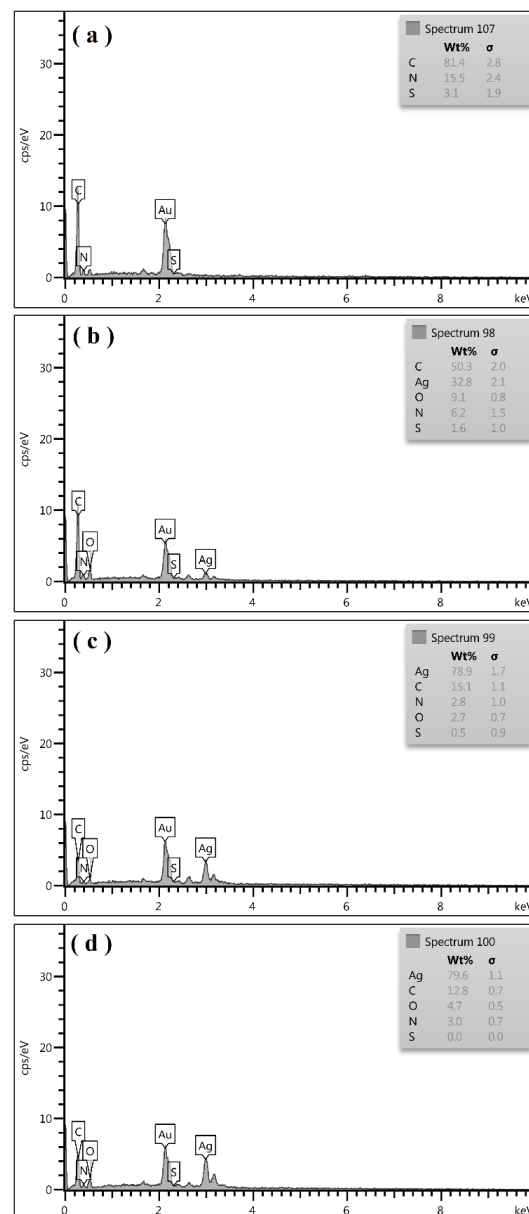


Fig. (4) EDX images of (a) Ppy, (b) PA-10, (c) PA-30 and (d) PA-50

In order that discuss the optical properties of all samples, the UV-Visible absorption spectra and  $(\alpha h\nu)^2$  with  $h\nu$  plots are displayed in Fig. 5 and 6. As is obvious from Fig. 5, the absorbance spectra of Ppy film showed absorption peak at 463 nm associated as being a  $\pi-\pi^*$  transition, with the bi-polaron peak at 970 nm. Compared by Pure Ppy, the nanocomposites films exhibits the  $\pi-\pi^*$  peak is expanded, and red shifted due to the incorporation of Ag<sub>2</sub>O NPs in polymer structure with increasing concentration of Ag<sub>2</sub>O and also, the bi-polaron peak is expanded, that indicates a change in the conjugation length [30-32].

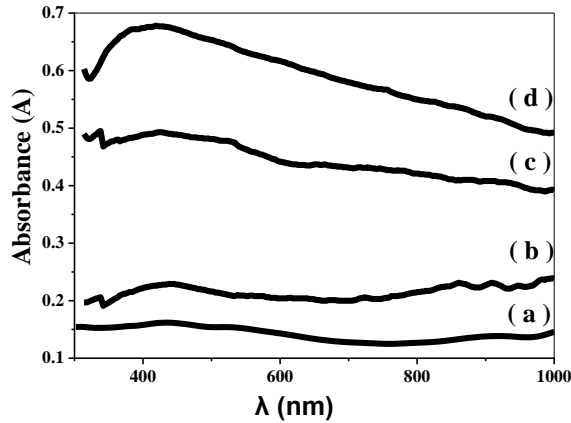


Fig. (5) Absorption spectra of (a) Ppy, (b) PA-10, (c) PA-30 and (d) PA-50

The direct band gap ( $E_g$ ) of the as-prepared films were obtained by the following relation [33]:

$$(\alpha h\nu) = A(h\nu - E_g)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (2)$$

where  $A$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\nu$  and  $h$  indicate for the constant

A gradual fall of  $E_g$  value from 1.63 to 1.46 eV is observed with adding  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$  NPs as illustrated in Fig. (6). This decrease in  $E_g$  may be due to the increasing in the crystallite size, with increase in  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$  NPs.

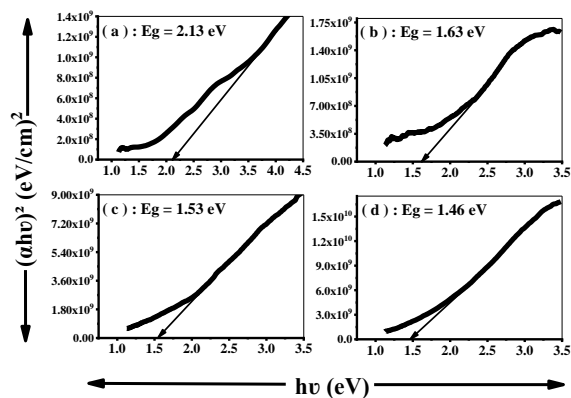


Fig. (6) Plots of  $(\alpha h\nu)^2$  with  $h\nu$  for (a) Ppy, (b) PA-10, (c) PA-30 and (d) PA-50

The current-voltage (I-V) test of as-fabricated photodetectors were studied in the existence and non-existence of laser light (532 nm) of power density of  $5 \text{ mW/cm}^2$  for the potential range between 5V and -5V. Figure (7) displays the I-V plots of the devices measured under dark and visible-light of  $5 \text{ mW/cm}^2$  intensity. In light state the value of photocurrent increases significantly when compared to the dark state, due to the generation of an electron-hole pair under illumination.

Figure (8) shows that the Photo-current verses time of all photo-detector. Obviously, all films display higher photocurrent compared to the corresponding dark current under the existence of illumination, which implies the generation of phot-induced electron-hole pair in the films.

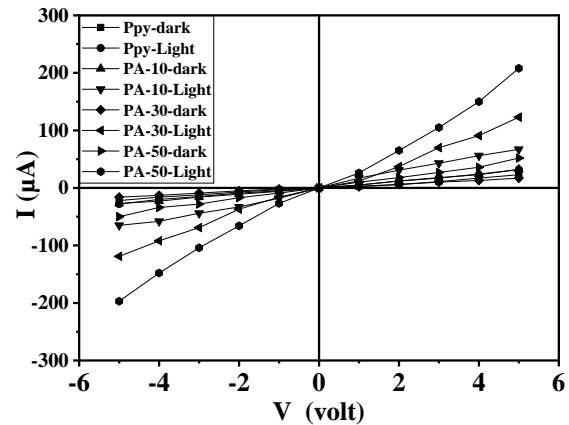


Fig. (7) I-V characteristics of as-fabricated photodetectors

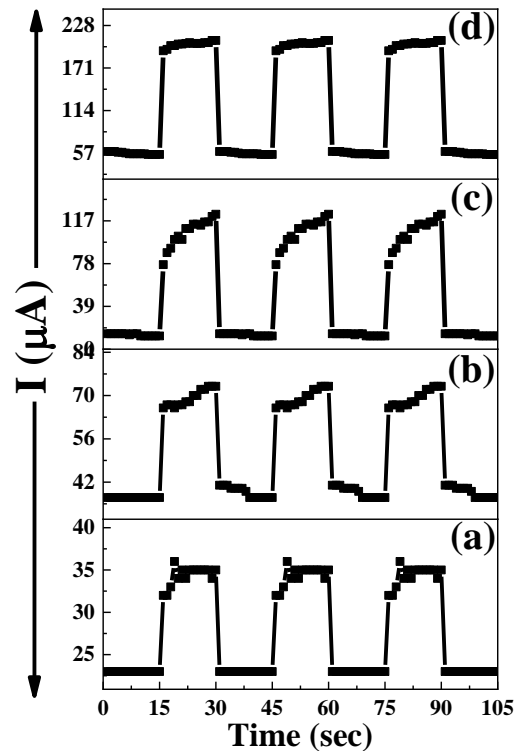


Fig. (8) Variation of photo-current with time for (a) Ppy, (b) PA-10, (c) PA-30 and (d) PA-50.

The three parameters, i.e., sensitivity ( $S$ ), responsivity ( $R$ ), and specific detectivity ( $D^*$ ), of the photodetectors are evaluated by the relations [34]:

$$S(\%) = \frac{I_{ph}}{I_{dark}} \times 100 \quad (3)$$

$$R = \frac{I_{ph}}{A \cdot P} \quad (4)$$

$$D = \frac{R \cdot A^{1/2}}{(2 \times e \times I_{dark})^{1/2}} \times 100 \quad (5)$$

where  $I_{ph}$  is the photocurrent ( $I_{ph} = I_{light} - I_{dark}$ ),  $P$  is the power of light,  $A$  is lighting area and  $e$  is electronic-charge

The estimated photodetectors parameters are tabulated in table (1). The as-fabricated device of pure Ppy display a sensitivity of 39.13%,  $R$  of  $15 \text{ mA/W}$  and detectivity of  $1.92 \times 10^9$  Jones for the illumination intensity of  $5 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ . The as-fabricated device based on PA-50 exhibits sensitivity as high as,



265.45%, R of 243.33 mA/W and detectivity of  $20.09 \times 10^9$  Jones. Clearly, the performance of PA-(10, 30 and 50) device enhanced several times with compared to pure Ppy. A compare of the photodetector performance of the current paper with past photodetectors for Ppy/ metal oxide nanostructures are displayed in table (1). Obviously, these results that the performance of Ppy/Ag<sub>2</sub>O photodetector is excellent in several asides of previously reported papers.

The rise time and decay time of as-fabricated photodetectors were evaluated for 1 cycle from Fig. (8). The rise time and fall time of Ppy, PA-10, PA-30 and PA-50 photodetectors are (0.88, 0.85, 1.51 and 0.85 s) and (0.8, 0.83, 0.79 and 0.81 s) respectively. The values of rise/decay time are less than 2 s. Comparison of rise /decay times of as-fabricated photodetectors with other previous works are tabulated in Table 1. From the results, it is shown that Ppy/Ag<sub>2</sub>O nanocomposite are a promising component for next-generation visible-light photodetection devices.

#### 4. Conclusions

In this article, Polypyrrole NTs and Ag<sub>2</sub>O NPs have been successfully prepared employing hydrothermal method. Also, it studied the effect of adding Ag<sub>2</sub>O NPs with different mixing ratios (10, 30, and 50 vol.%) on the physical properties of Ppy thin films prepared employing drop-casting. The XRD analysis displayed the amorphous structure of Ppy film and the formation of cubic structure of Ppy /Ag<sub>2</sub>O films. FE-SEM analysis showed the nanocrystalline nature by formation of a mixture of nanotubular and globular morphology. The improvement in the direct band-gap value from 2.13 eV for pure Ppy to 1.46 eV for Ppy/Ag<sub>2</sub>O-50%. The photo-detector fabricated of Ppy/Ag<sub>2</sub>O-50% showed a good photo-sensitivity of 265.45% and high responsivity of 243.33 mA/W at 5 V applied bias with rise time and decay times < 2s.

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**Table (1) The Photodetector parameters of Ppy and Ppy/Ag<sub>2</sub>O nanocomposites thin films when compared to other previous works**

Photodetector	Wavelength (nm)	Bias (V)	S (%)	R (mA/W)	D (Jones)	Rise Time (s)	Fall Time (s)	Refs
Ppy/TiO <sub>2</sub>	365	-	1.17	-	-	273	253	[35]
Polyaniline/TiO <sub>2</sub>	320	5	-	3×10 <sup>-3</sup>	-	-	-	[36]
Polyaniline/MgZnO	250	5	-	0.1	-	-	-	[37]
Ppy/CdS	850	10	120	3.8	2.1×10 <sup>16</sup>	-	-	[38]
Ppy/ZnO	720	-	167.4	-	-	2.5	3	[39]
Ppy/MoO <sub>2</sub> , MoO <sub>3</sub>	540	2	-	4	5.85×10 <sup>8</sup>	-	-	[40]
Ppy/GO	540	2	-	0.31	6.9×10 <sup>7</sup>	-	-	[41]
Ppy/Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	540	3	-	0.0143	3.21×10 <sup>6</sup>	-	-	[42]
Ppy	532	5		39.13	15	0.8	0.88	This work
PA-10				83.78	51.67	0.83	0.85	
PA-30				733.33	146.67	0.79	1.51	
PA-50				265.45	243.33	0.81	0.85	