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List of Samples and Abbreviations

| Symbol | Description | units |
|---------------------|--|----------------------------|
| a | Electrode area | cm^2 |
| a.c | Alternative current | Amper |
| A | Cross section area of the film | cm^2 |
| \vec{B} | Magnetic Field | W_b/cm^2 |
| C | Capacitance | Farad |
| C .B | Conduction Band | |
| CBH | Correlated barrier hopping | |
| D^- | Negative Dangling Bond | |
| D^+ | Positive Dangling Bond | |
| d.c | Direct current | Amper |
| $d_{(hkl)}$ | The Inter Planar Distance for Different Planes | \AA |
| E_a | Electrical Activation Energy | eV |
| E_c | Conduction Band Energy | eV |
| E_F | Fermi Level Energy | eV |
| E_H | Hall Electric Field | |
| E_v | Valence Band Energy | eV |
| E_ω | A.C Activation Energy | eV |
| h | The distance Between The Boat and Substrate | cm |
| I_o | Direct current | Amper |
| I_p | Polarization displacement current | Amper |
| J | Current Density | Amper/cm^2 |
| k_B | Boltzman Constant | J/cm^2 |
| L | Distance between the electrodes | cm |
| LP | Large polaron Tunneling | |
| LRO | Long Range Order | |
| m | Mass of material | gm |
| $N(E_{\text{ext}})$ | Density of extended states | cm^{-3} |
| $N(E_F)$ | Density of States Near Fermi Level | cm^{-3} |
| $N(E_{\text{loc}})$ | Density of localized states | cm^{-3} |
| N_A | Acceptors concentration | cm^{-3} |
| N_D | Donors concentration | cm^{-3} |
| n | Electron concentration | cm^{-3} |
| P | Holes Concentration | cm^{-3} |
| $q = e$ | Charge of Electron | Colomb (C) |

| | | |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|
| QMT | Quantum Mechanical Tunneling | |
| R | Film resistance | $\Omega.cm^2$ |
| R_H | Hall Coefficient | cm^2/C |
| R_w | Tunneling Distance | $\overset{o}{A}$ |
| r_o | Polaron radius | $\overset{o}{A}$ |
| s | Frequency Exponent | |
| SP | Small Polaron Tunneling | |
| SRO | Short Range Order | |
| T | Absolute Temperature | K |
| t | Film Thickness | nm |
| T_a | Annealing Temperature | K |
| T_s | Substrate Temperature | K |
| V.B | Valence Band | |
| V_H | Hall Voltage | Volt |
| W_m | Maximum Barrier Height | Volt |
| W_p | Activation enery of polaron | eV |
| X | Concentration of material | |
| ΔX | Distance between fringes | $\overset{o}{A}$ |
| x | Width of fringe | $\overset{o}{A}$ |
| XRD | X-Ray Diffraction | |
| α | polarizability | |
| ρ | Resistivity | $\Omega.cm$ |
| μ_H | Hall Mobility | $cm^2/V.sec$ |
| $\sigma_{d.c}$ | D.C. Conductivity | $(\Omega.cm)^{-1}$ |
| $\sigma_{a.c}$ | A.C. Conductivity | $(\Omega.cm)^{-1}$ |
| σ_{tot} | Total conductivity | $(\Omega.cm)^{-1}$ |
| χ' | Real part of susceptibility | |
| χ'' | Imaginary part of susceptibility | |
| ϵ | Complex Dielectric Constant | |
| ϵ_0 | Space dielectric constant | |
| ϵ_1 | Real Part of Dielectric Constant | |
| ϵ_2 | Imaginary Part of Dielectric Constant | |
| ϵ_s | Static Dielectric Constant | |
| ϵ_∞ | Dielectric constant at infinite frequency | |
| ζ | flat distribution | |
| τ | Relaxation time | sec |
| τ_D | Deby relaxation time | sec |
| λ | Wavelength | nm |
| λ_D | The half peak width of Debye | nm |

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|------------|----------------------|------------------|
| ρ | Density of materials | cm^{-3} |
| ω | Angular Frequency | Hz |
| ω_p | Loss peak frequency | Hz |

Abstract

This thesis was including study the effect of different concentration ($X=0.1,0.2,0.3,$ and 0.4), thickness, t (200-500)nm ,and substrate temperature , T_s (300-393)K on the structural and electrical properties for Cd_xSe_{1-x} thin films ,which prepared by thermal evaporation on glass substrate under vacuum of (2×10^{-5} mbar), and studying the mechanism of transition for the d.c conductivity and a.c conductivity.

Cd_xSe_{1-x} alloys for different (X) was prepared inside quartz vacuum tube; then heated to melting point and left for five hours to get homogenous compound and then allowed to cool slowly to room temperature. From X-ray diffraction spectrum appeared that all alloys have polycrystalline structure with hexagonal Wurtzite phase at ($X=0.2$) and mixture phase of hexagonal and cubic at ($X=0.1,0.3,0.4$).

XRD results shows that all Cd_xSe_{1-x} films for thickness (400 nm) at ($T_s=300$ K) are polycrystalline with mixture of hexagonal and cubic phase at ($X=0.1,0.3,0.4$), while the other films at ($X=0.2$) at the same condition are polycrystalline with cubic structure and the preferred orientation is (111), also it has been found that the structure of the film at ($X=0.3$), and at room temperature ($T_s=300$ K) with different thicknesses are polycrystalline with mixture structure a hexagonal and cubic phase and the preferred orientation is (111), but at the same concentration ($X=0.3$) at thickness (400 nm) with different substrate temperature the films are polycrystalline with hexagonal and cubic structure, and the concentration of Se increases with substrate temperature increasing.

D.C. conductivity showed irregular behavior with increasing concentration (X), but it's increases with the increase in thickness (t), while decrease when increase substrate temperature, and all films have two activation energy.

From studying the variation of A.C. conductivity and the exponent factor (s) with angular frequency and temperature, we founded that the correlated barrier hopping (CBH) is a suitable model to explain experimental result, also by use the Cole-Cole diagram we calculated relaxation time (τ), (τ_D) for ideal and non ideal Debye model respectively, polarization (α), and the static dielectric constant (ϵ_s) and we found that the static dielectric constant increasing from 3.7 to 28 with increasing the substrate temperature from 300 K to 393 K, but the relaxation time decreasing with increasing the substrate temperature. Hall measurements confirmed that all the films are (p-type).

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Chapter One

Introduction

(1-1) Introduction:

The term of “Thin Films “is used to describe a layer or several layers of the atoms of a certain substance whose thickness ranges between (10nm) and less than (1 μm .)^[1]. Being very thin, the film layer deposits on certain plates chosen according to the nature of the study or the scientific need. Such plates could be glass slides, silicon wafers, aluminum, quartz and others. The physical properties of the thin films are different from those of their characteristics materials in their bulk.^[2]

These films are first made by (Busen & Grove) in 1852 by using (Chemical Reaction). In 1857, the scientist (Faraday) has been able to obtain a thin metal film by means of (Thermal Evaporation).^[3]

The thin films have huge importance today, because their applications industry, these films have been various used that they are used in the field of manufacturing (p-n) junctions, rectifiers, mirrors with two types ordinary and thermally, reflected & anti-reflected coating, computers, photograph, digital photo, integrated circuits, and of optical communications as light emitting diodes, lasers of semiconductors, detectors and of solar cells, , etc.^[4]

There are many methods to prepare thin films, as following:^[5]

- 1- Thermal Evaporation.
- 2- Sputtering.
 - I- DC sputtering.
 - II- RF sputtering.
- 3- Glow Discharge.
- 4- Molecular Beam Epitaxy(MBE).
- 5- Chemical Vapor Deposition(CVD).

Thermal evaporation method is used to prepare $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ films in this research. The deposition by thermal evaporation method is simple, very convenient and most widely for producing thin films. It may be achieved by resistive heating, and this method consists of heating the material with resistivity heated filament of boat by passing electrical current through it in vacuum chamber at pressure between 10^{-5} - 10^{-9} Torr. Pressure lower than 10^{-5} Torr are necessary to ensure a straight-line path for most of the emitted vapor atoms^[6]. Thin films preparation in thermal evaporation depends on substrate temperature, substrate-source separation and orientation, base gas pressure in the chamber and boat or filament temperature^[6]. The rate of deposition of the vapor on a substrate depends on the vapor source geometry, and its position relative to the substrate^[7].

(1-2) Semiconductors Materials:

These materials have an electrical conductivity between conductors and insulator materials about $(10^3 \text{ _ } 10^{-8}) (\Omega.\text{cm})^{-1}$. There intermediate properties are determined by the crystal structure, bonding characteristics, and electronic energy band.

The crystal structure has a profound effect on the electronic and optical properties of the semiconductor. According to the quantum theory, the energy of an electron in the crystal must fall within well-defined bands. The energy of valence orbital which form bonds between the atoms represent just such a band of states, the valence band. The next higher band is the conduction band that is separated from the valence band by the energy gap, or band gap^[8]. The width of the band gap is a very important characteristic of semiconductor and is usually denoted by E_g ^[9].

(1- 3) Semiconductors Classification :

Semiconductors classified according to its structure as ^[8,10]:

1-3-1 Crystalline semiconductor

There are two types of the ordered array of atoms in crystalline semiconductors:

a) Single Crystalline Semiconductors

Single crystal is defined as materials characterized by having atoms arranged in a pattern that is repeated periodical over long distance (Long Range Order [LRO]) as shown in fig (1.1-a).The single crystal semiconductor gives rise to three dimensions (3D) with spot diffraction patterns where the overlap among different diffraction peaks is minimal. Most of semiconductor devices require the used of single crystal material because of its electrical properties are superior to those of a non single crystal semiconductors^[11].

b) Polycrystalline Semiconductors

The structure of polycrystalline materials consist of many tiny single crystal known as grains or crystalline which are separated by grain boundaries each of which contains a periodic array of atoms and is considered to pass long range order, while the grain in polycrystalline state posses (Short Range Order [SRO]) with random grain sites, shape and orientation packing as shown in fig (1.1-c) ^[11].

1-3-2 Amorphous Semiconductors:

Amorphous semiconductor is defined as materials in which the atomic sites are randomly arranged in three-dimensions, as shown in fig(1.1-b).

Amorphous semiconductor is lacking long rang periodic ordering in their lattice network, [i.e. they have short rang order (SRO)] because of the variation in the inter atomic distance and bond angles that mostly form covalently bonded atoms which are arranged in an open network, through its

to bonds are saturated, with correlations in the ordering up to the third or fourth nearest neighbors . The properties of amorphous semiconductor thin films are very sensitive for the preparation technique and thermal history because there is no limit to the variation of bond lengths and angles in addition to the preparation^[12].

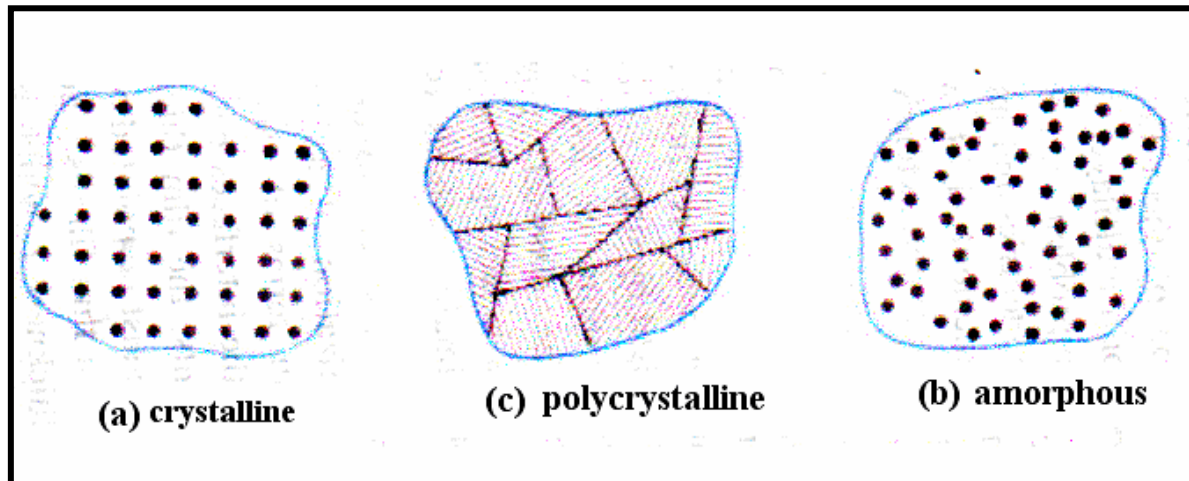


Figure (1.1) : shown structure of solid state^[13]

(Alexander 1974)^[14] could distinguish the crystalline and amorphous materials by studying the diffraction patterns of these materials ,which caused by dispersed the X-rays ,then he found out that the diffraction patterns of the one-crystalline materials will be spots , while it be wide and dim light rings which overlaps and center joined in the amorphous materials.

The amorphous materials are thermodynamic unstable, at the time when these materials are getting the enough energy transformed to the polycrystalline materials and after that transformed to the crystalline materials.

The critical point of the energy barrier is the limit between the amorphous and crystalline materials, which measured by the atomic measurement, as applying

amount of energy which is enough to change the energy barrier and transformed the amorphous materials to the crystalline materials, as shown in fig (1.2).

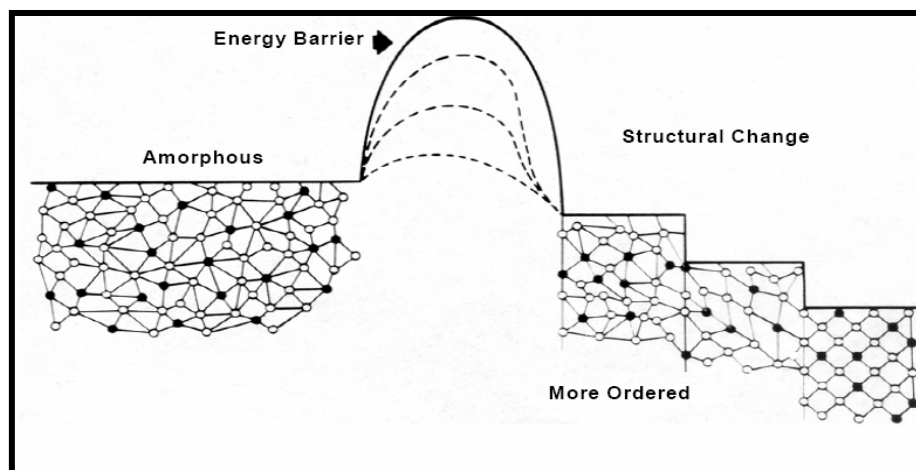


Figure (1.2): structural transformation from amorphous to crystalline.^[15]

This transformation of these materials is responsible about the changing of many physical properties,

(1-4) The physical properties of CdSe

Cadmium Selenide (**CdSe**) is a binary chalcogenides (II-VI) semiconductors. The atoms of (Cd) and (Se) have been joined with each other by the covalent bonds, which caused by subscription two electrons between (Cd) and (Se) atoms^[16].The (CdSe) compound consider as a toxic black bulk materials^[17], which influenced to atmospherically circumstances especially the oxygen^[18], hence imperative studying its properties under vacuum As a semiconductor CdSe has a band gap of 1.74 eV at 300 K and a n-type semiconductor which make it an interesting material for various application such as solar cells, thermal detectors and photo detectors^[19], also it has been fit for nuclear detectors because of its atomic weight equal (40)^[20].

(1-5) Crystallography of (CdSe)

Most of compound semiconductors form the zincblende structure, but a few of (II-VI) compounds crystallize in slightly different form known as wurtzite, in which the tetrahedral bonding is maintained but the two interlocking sub lattices are hexagonal rather than (FCC) .

The lattice structure of CdSe can be found in the forms of sphalerite (cubic) and wurtzite (hexagonal) as shown in figure (1.4-a,b). The former is a metastable phase constituting the almost exclusive product of an electrochemical formation process, while the latter is thermodynamically stable structure obtained either by annealing the cubic phase or directly by various preparation techniques^[21].

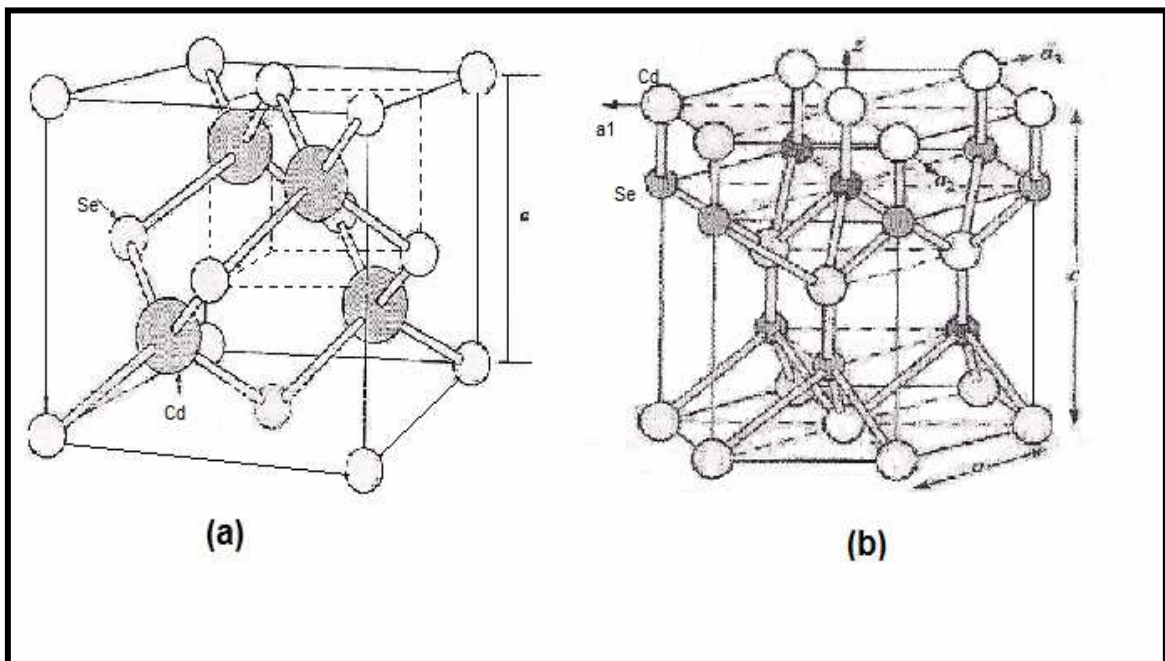


Figure (1.3): the structure of CdSe (a) Zincblende structure (b) Wurtzite structure.^[22]

(1-6) Literature Review

Kubovy et. al ^[23], observed that the structure and chemical composition of the CdSe films which evaporated on glass and mica substrate at room temperature are strongly dependent upon the deposition rate (0.2 to 700 $\text{\AA}/\text{s}$), because at low rate of deposition films with amorphous structure appear, while for medium rate the crystalline size of CdSe increases, and at high rate the films consist of a Cd – Se phase which is formed by amorphous Se and dispersed Cd.

Snejdar, and Jerhot. ^[24], observed that the resistivity of CdSe film increase with increasing the substrate temperature from (298-473) K, while the concentration of carrier decrease.

Thutupalli et. al ^[25], studied the structural properties for CdSe films which deposited at different substrate temperatures (R.T-473)K, he found that the films have a hexagonal structure at room temperature, while the cubic phase appeared when the substrate temperature increased.

Dhere et. al ^[26], reported the structural characterization of CdSe films about (1 μm) thick deposited on unheated glass substrates, by the reflection electron diffraction studies showed the growth of a one dimensional [001] texture orientation of the hexagonal phase, and illustrated the resistivity of films decrease by increasing the heat treatment from 0.035($\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$) at room temperature to 0.02 ($\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$) at 413 K, and he found that the resistivity increased by increasing the rate of deposition from 0.035 ($\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$) at 8.8 ($\text{\AA}/\text{s}$) to 0.735($\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$) at 79.4($\text{\AA}/\text{s}$).

Sharma, and Barua ^[27], found that the electrical resistivity of the CdSe films which prepared by thermal evaporation method, decrease with increasing the substrate temperatures which was attribute to the recrystallization, in addition to the increasing the mobility and decreasing the concentration of charge carrier.

Uthanna , and Reddy ^[28], pointed to the crystal structure of CdSe films which prepared by thermal evaporation method was polycrystalline and the structure become better by increase the substrate temperature , while all the films were found to be (n-type).

Masahiko ,and Tado ^[29], prepared the CdSe compound by the molecular beam technique, and the structural examination showed that the films have the hexagonal phase were preferentially oriented with (001), with the grain size increased by increase the substrate temperature from room temperature to 573 K ,and he found that a large value of the electrical resistivity equal ($1 \times 10^5 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$) at substrate temperature (473 K).

Raoutl et. al ^[30], noticed that the values of resistivity of the CdSe films which prepared by thermal evaporation method to be unstable, but after annealing it was much order especially at temperature (618 K), because of the improvement of a crystallization by increasing the grain size and discarding from the defect like pending bond and vacancies in the energy gap.^[31]

Mondale et. al ^[31], pointed up to all CdSe films were found to be (n-type) and the Hall mobility not influenced by a substrate temperature at the range (390-550)K , while the charge carrier increases from ($4 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$) to ($5 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$) at the same range.

Rao, and Islam ^[32], studied the structural properties for the CdSe films which prepared by electron beam evaporation at room temperature , and the structural examination showed the crystal structure with cubic phase and the preferred orientation along (111) plane.

Shaharie et. al ^[33], found the crystal structure was polycrystalline for all CdSe films which prepared by the chemical deposition, and the electrical conductivity was $\{10^{-6} (\Omega \cdot \text{cm})^{-1}\}$, while all the films were found to be (n-type).

Makeeha ^[34], studied the structural and electrical properties of the CdSe films which prepared by a thermal evaporation method with a thickness of (680 nm) at room temperature, the XRD shows that all the samples were amorphous, while from the d.c. conductivity measurement she founded that the conductivity was $7.84 \times 10^{-7} (\Omega \cdot \text{cm})$ with two activation energies, and all the films were found to be (n-type).

Abbas ^[35], studied the effect of the rate of deposition and substrate temperature on the structure and electrical properties for CdSe thin films which prepared by thermal evaporation method with thickness of (360 nm), at different rate of deposition, and different substrate temperature, the structure of thin films appeared variation in the phase when increasing the rate of deposition. From d.c conductivity measurement he noticed that a large value of conductivity was equal $2.55 (\Omega \cdot \text{cm})^{-1}$ for the films at room temperature and rate deposition ($0.2 \text{ }^\circ\text{A/s}$), while a small value was equal $39 \times 10^{-5} (\Omega \cdot \text{cm})^{-1}$ for the films at ($T_s=473 \text{ K}$) and rate deposition ($1.2 \text{ }^\circ\text{A/s}$), also he found that all the films have two activation energy, while by studying the a.c conductivity measurement he noticed that a large value of conductivity was equal $6.16 \times 10^{-8} (\Omega \cdot \text{cm})^{-1}$ for the films at room temperature and rate deposition ($0.6 \text{ }^\circ\text{A/s}$), while a small value was equal $7.85 \times 10^{-10} (\Omega \cdot \text{cm})^{-1}$ for the films at ($T_s=473 \text{ K}$) and rate deposition ($1.2 \text{ }^\circ\text{A/s}$), also he showed the correlated barrier hopping (CBH) was a suitable model to explain experimental result.

Shreekanthan et. al ^[36], studied the effect of various growth parameters like rate of deposition and deposition temperature for the CdSe films which prepared by thermal evaporation method, and he found that the films which deposited at R.T are cadmium rich with segregated selenium globules. But the deposition temperature (453 K) has been found to yield stoichiometric, homogeneous films, and he found that all the films to be (n-type) with atypical low resistivity of the order of $\{10^{-2} (\Omega.cm)^{-1}\}$, and two activation energy 0.34 - 1.86) eV at low and high temperature respectively.

Baban et. al ^[37], studied the structural properties of the CdSe thin films which deposited by thermal evaporation under vacuum on to glass substrates. The XRD showed that the polycrystalline films with hexagonal (002) planes and he found that the crystallites size increases when the substrate temperature and the temperature of the evaporation source are increased.

Suthan et. al ^[38], studied the optical and structural properties of the CdSe thin films which deposited by the physical vapour deposition method of electron beam evaporation (PVD.EBE) technique under pressure of (5×10^{-5} mbar) at substrate temperature ($T_s = R.T$), and different thickness (710,290,160,120)nm. The deposited films grow in nanocrystalline phase with (002) hexagonal plane orientation. The crystalline size of the particles increases as a result of increasing film thickness, and he found that the band gap value is 1.92 eV.

Elahi, and Ghobadi ^[39], studied the effect of annealing temperature, annealing time, and deposition time on the structural and electrical properties of CdSe thin films which prepared by chemical bath deposition method (CBD), he found that the Films grew with nanocrystalline cubic phase, and he found that the electrical conductivity in the temperature range of (300-475) K was due to the hopping of carriers between localized states at the Fermi levels.

Haidar ^[40], studied the structural and electrical properties of CdSe thin films, which prepared by thermal evaporation method on glass substrates under vacuum of (10^{-5} mbar) with different thickness(0.5 , 1 , 1.5 , 2) μm , and rate of deposition ($1.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ $\mu\text{m/s}$) at different annealing temperatures (373, 423 , 473)K , he showed by the XRD that all the films were nearly single crystalline with a hexagonal structure , and the preferentially oriented is (002) , and from the studying the electrical properties of these films he found that the d.c conductivity increased with thickness increasing .there were two activation energies for d.c conductivity, which decreases with increasing of thickness. By the a.c conductivity he found that the films with different thickness consistent with correlated barrier hopping model (CBH), also he pointed to all the films were found to be (n-type) conduction.

(1-7) The Aim of Research Work

We note that progress of research and studies that addressed to study the properties of the A.C. conductivity of the CdSe films, and the affected of the concentrations, thicknesses, and substrate temperature on the D.C. conductivity and Hall measurement are not extensively, as well as the impact of these variables on the dielectric properties .Therefore, we focused in our study the effect of each of the concentration, thickness and substrate temperatures on the A.C. conductivity, D.C. conductivity, dielectric properties , and Hall measurement, As well as, the structural properties of the prepared $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ films in order to give a comprehensive picture of the behavior of electronic transitions and mechanism of transition.

Chapter Two

The Electrical

Properties

(2-1) Introduction

The electrical properties of semiconductors depend on many factors ;(heat, light, magnetic field, and doping), the sensitivity of semiconductor on these factors make it an important material in many scientific and technological applications.

(2-2) D.C-Conductivity

The D.C conductivity in semiconductors depends on the presence of free electrons and free positive holes. At (0K), the valance band is regarded as filled and conduction band is empty.As temperature is raised the free electrons are excited into conduction band, and this leaved behind holes in valance band^[41] . The electrical conductivity(σ) is given by Ohm's law

$$J=\sigma E \dots\dots\dots (2-1)$$

Where J: is the current density.

E: is the electrical field.

$$\sigma = nq\mu \dots\dots\dots(2-2)$$

Where n: is the carrier's concentration.

q: is the electron charge.

μ : is the mobility.

The change of electrical conductivity with temperature for most cases of intrinsic semiconductors is given by:

$$\sigma = \sigma_o \exp (-E_a/K_B T)\dots\dots\dots (2-3)$$

Where:

E_a : is the thermal activation energy

T : is the absolute temperature

K_B : is the Boltzmann constant

σ_o : is the minimum electrical conductivity at (0K)

Indeed for intrinsic semiconductor $2E_a = E_g$, where the Fermi energy is centered at the middle of the gap, and equation above can be written as ^[42].

$$\sigma = \sigma_o \exp (-E_g/2K_B T) \dots \dots \dots (2-4)$$

(2-3) A.C. Conductivity

A.C measurements are complementary to D.C measurements and not a substitute for them. Alternative current response as a function of frequency offers valuable additional information about the dynamic response of the system. However the principle strength of ac-studies lies their ability to provide information on the polarization response under the study, from which many deductions may be regarding the physical process involved the ac-conductivity for many materials such as amorphous semiconductors, chalcogenide and crystals increases linearly with frequency and obey the empirical formula^[43,44].

$$\sigma(\omega) = A \omega^s \dots \dots \dots (2-5)$$

Where A is multiplicity factor, (s) is exponent factor w is the angular frequency. The value of (s) is less than one if A and s are independent on temperature, but if they are temperature dependent, (s) will equal unity at low temperature^[45,46]. The exponent (s) is function of frequency and is determined from the slope of a plot $\ln \sigma_{a.c}(\omega)$ versus $\ln(\omega)$ then:

$$s = d \ln \sigma(\omega) / d \ln(\omega) \dots \dots \dots (2-6)$$

Alternating current loss measurements are an important means by which deep defect centers may be studied. They are sensitive to processes in which such centers, or groups of centers develop electron dipole moments under the action of the applied field, and the interactions of the applied field with such a pair can in general be split in to two groups^[46,55]:

(a) Resonant Absorption.

Due to the interaction between the two centers, the ground state of the combined system will be split into symmetric and anti-symmetric levels.

Resonant absorption of a photon from the applied field will then occur when the photon energy is equal to the ground state splitting, and the presence of a wide range of atomic environments in an amorphous solid ensures that photon absorption will occur over a wide range of frequencies.

Analysis of this type of process suggests, however, that when the photon energy is less than thermal energy ($K_B T$), the loss due to resonant processes will vary as (ω^2) which is stronger frequency dependence and will be tend to dominate only at higher frequencies.

(b) Relaxation Processes

These processes events, the exciting field changes the relative environment of a pair of centers, and causes transitions between them governed by the intrinsic relaxation time of the pair, τ is given by^[46]

$$\tau = \tau_0 \exp (\xi) \dots\dots\dots (2-7)$$

Where τ_0 is a constant characteristic relaxation time and ζ has a flat distribution.

Generally there are two physical microscopic relaxation mechanisms:

1) Classical hopping of a carrier over the potential barrier separating two energetically favorable sites in which^[46] :

$$\zeta = W/K_B T \dots\dots\dots (2-8-a)$$

2) Phonon – assisted quantum-mechanical tunneling through the barrier separating two equilibrium positions. In which case

$$\zeta = 2\alpha R \dots\dots\dots (2-8-b)$$

W: the barrier high separated between two positions.

α : the polarizability.

the ac-conductivity is constant at low frequencies and increases rapidly at higher frequencies this behavior is observed in all amorphous semiconductors, so the total conductivity $\sigma_{tot}(\omega)$ at particular frequency is given by^[55,46] :

$$\sigma_{tot}(\omega) = \sigma_{dc} + A\omega^s \dots\dots\dots(2-9)$$

Where σ_{dc} is the dc conductivity at zero frequency.

Fig (2.1) reveals the ac- conductivity versus angular frequency (ω), region (a) occurs at a very low frequency which is attributed to electrode polarization .Region (b) is due to the dc conductivity and it is frequency independent. Dispersion (c) is due to high frequency and takes the power law form (ω^s), this dispersion occurs at frequency larger than ($1/\tau$) (where τ is the relaxation time).

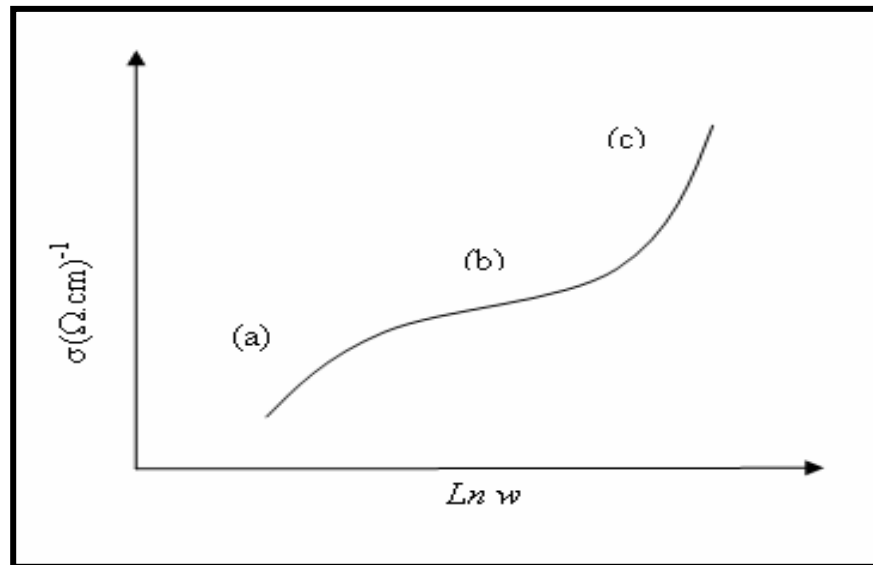


Figure.(2.1) the variation of total conductivity vs. angular frequency^[48]

We think that the study of dc and ac - conductivity is very important because it gives a complete picture about the electronic structure of the solid films. According to equation (2-6) $\sigma(\omega)$ dominates at high frequencies or low temperatures while σ_{dc} dominate at low frequencies or high temperatures^[47]. It is found that the temperature dependence of $\sigma(\omega)$ is less than that for σ_{dc} , this means that dc- activation energy is always greater than for ac.

(2-4) Models Of A.C Conductivity

There are several models proposed for ac-conductivity which explain the experimental data for amorphous semiconductors and chalcogenide, these models are briefly reviewed.

2-4-1 Quantum Mechanical Tunneling Model (QMT)

This was the first type of charge transfer process considered first by Pollak^[49] and Geballe 1961^[49] in connection with impurity conduction in doped crystalline Si . and subsequently applied to the case of amorphous semiconductors first by Austin and Mott (1969)^[50].

This model is widely used for deep states within the energy gap (closed to the Fermi level)^[44].

The ac conductivity for (QMT) is given by:

$$\sigma(\omega) = Ce^2k_B T/\alpha N^2(E_f) \omega R_\omega^4 \dots\dots\dots(2-10)$$

Where C is a constant and equal to $(\pi^4/24$ or $\pi^2/12)$, $N(E_f)$ is the density of states at the Fermi level ($\text{eV}^{-1}.\text{cm}^{-3}$) and $N = K_B T N(E_f)$, is the number of states actually contributing to the a.c loss R_ω is the tunneling distance and given by:

$$R_\omega = 1/2\alpha \ln(1/\omega\tau_0) \dots\dots\dots(2-11)$$

α : is the decay of localized wave function. The exponent (s) of this model given by

$$s = 1 - 4/\ln(\omega\tau_0) \dots\dots\dots(2-12)$$

Where τ_0 is the relaxation time.

Note that in this model the exponent (s) is temperature independent but it is frequency dependent and decreases with increasing frequency.

In this model there is no lattice distortion associated with the carrier whose motion gives rise to the a.c conductivity (i.e polaron formation is not considered).

2-4-2 Small Polaron Tunneling (SP)

When addition of charge carrier to the covalent solid causes a large degree of Local lattice distortion; this may form small polaron have total energy (electronic+ distortion) of the system is lowered by an amount (W_P), the polaron energy. As the name implies small polarons are generally assumed to be so localized that their distortion clouds do not overlap. In this case the activation energy for polaron transfer, $W_H \approx (1/2) W_P$, and the relaxation time for small polaron tunneling take two formulas according to the temperatures;

at high temperature can be written

as: $\tau = \tau_0 \exp(W_H/K_B T) \exp(2\alpha R) \dots \dots \dots (2-13)$

Whereas at very low temperatures the relaxation time are no longer thermally activated and can be written as:

$$\tau = \tau_0 \exp(W_H/\frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_0) \exp(2\alpha R) \dots \dots \dots (2-14)$$

Where ω_0 the vibrational frequency describing the lattice distortion.

So the ac-conductivity in the high temperature limit expected for the tunneling of the carriers trapped at structural defects.

The frequency exponent (s) may be written as:

$$S = 1 - 4 / [\ln(1/\omega\tau_0) - (W_H/K_B T)] \dots \dots \dots (2-15)$$

Equation (2-15) predicts that (s) increases as (T) increases and decreases as ω increases as shown in fig(2.3).

2-4-3 Large Polaron Tunneling (LP)

In this model, a.c conductivity occurs by forming an extended polaron which is large compared with the interatomic distance; therefore; it is called large polaron , and the a.c conductivity is given by ^[46]

$$\sigma_{a.c}(\omega) = (\pi^4/12) q^2 (K_B T)^2 N^2(E_f) \left[\frac{\omega R^4}{2\alpha K_B T + \frac{W_{H_0} r_0}{R^2 \omega}} \right] \dots \dots (2-16)$$

Where r_0 is the polaron radius, and W_{H_0} is a function of atomic position.

The frequency exponent s can then be evaluated as

$$S = 1 - \frac{1}{R^2} \left[\frac{4 + 6W_{H_0} r_0 / K_B T R^2}{(1 + W_{H_0} r_0 / K_B T R^2)^2} \right] \dots \dots \dots (2-17)$$

Where the reduced quantities $\dot{R}_\omega = 2\alpha R_\omega$ and $\dot{r}_\omega = 2\alpha r_\omega$

Where R_ω is the tunneling distance .

And the relaxation time for a large polaron tunneling transition is the same of the small polaron at the high temperature in equation(2-13)

From equation(2-17) this overlapping polaron model predicts that s should be both temperature and frequency-dependent.

2-4-4 Correlated Barrier Hopping Model (CBH)

Primarily this mechanism had been first explained by Pike [49]. Elliot [46] followed Pike and developed a new model for ac conduction for Chalcogenide material based on Pick's concepts as Correlated Barrier Hopping (CBH), in this model the electrons hopping over the potential barriers between two sites See fig.(2.2) each having a coulombic potential well associated with it. For neighboring sites at a separation R ,the coulomb wells overlap resulting in a lowering of the effective barrier from W_m to a value W ,which for the case of a single electron hopping between positive defect centers, then the potential barrier will be reduced by the coulomb interaction.

$$W = W_m - \frac{e^2}{\pi\epsilon\epsilon_0 R} \dots\dots\dots(2-18)$$

Where ϵ :dielectric constant.

The relaxation time for the electrons to hop over a barrier of height W is given by:

$$\tau = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{W}{K_B T}\right) \dots\dots\dots(2-19)$$

so the conductivity is given approximately as:

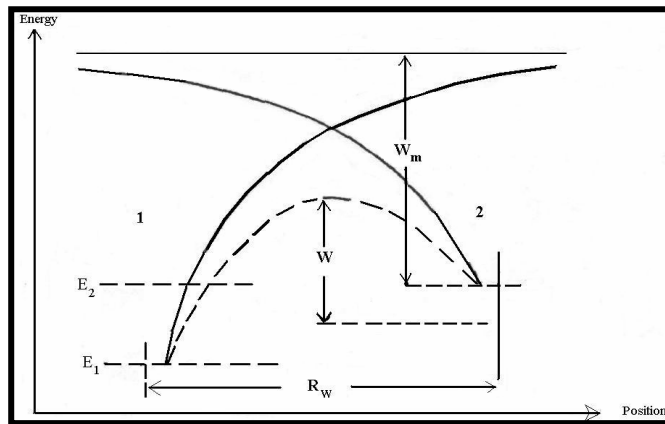
$$\sigma(\omega) = \frac{1}{6} \pi^3 N^2 \epsilon \epsilon_0 \omega R_\omega^6 \dots\dots\dots(2-21)$$

Where the hopping distance at a frequency ω is given by:

$$R_\omega = \frac{e^2}{\pi \epsilon \epsilon_0 [W_M - K_B T \ln(1/\omega \tau_0)]} \dots\dots\dots(2-22)$$

The frequency dependence in the CBH model (for both limits) can be expressed in terms of the frequency exponent (s):

$$S = 1 - \frac{6K_B T}{W_M - K_B T \ln(1/\omega \tau_0)} \dots\dots\dots(2-23)$$



Figure(2.2) Two level system with Coulomb like potential of the barrier height separated between two charge carriers in case of (CBH) [55].

Note that (s) is predicted to be both frequency and temperature dependent.

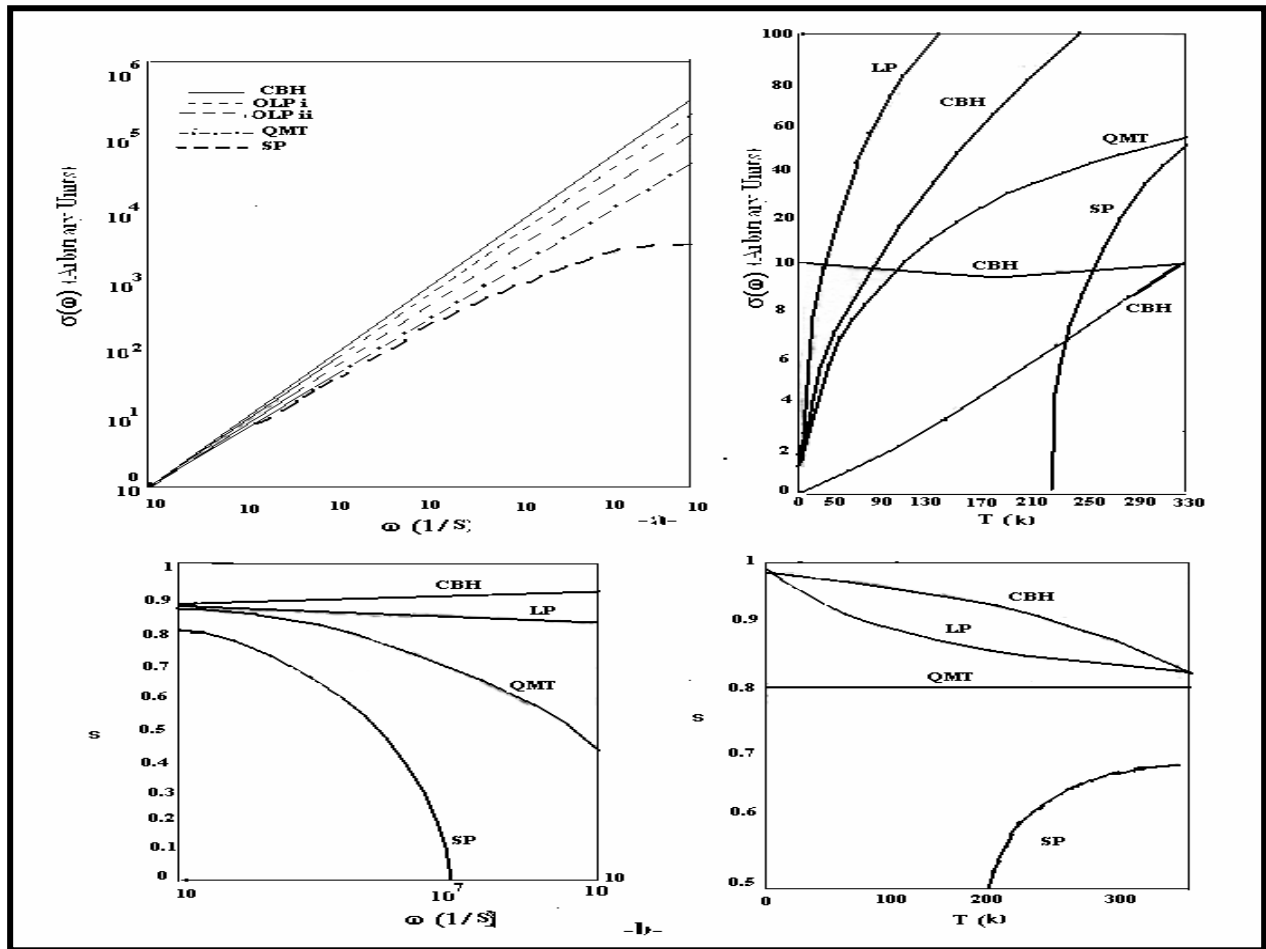


Figure (2.3) a-frequency dependence of exponent (s) . b- Temperature dependence of exponent (s) in case of CBH, QMT, SP&LP.^[46]

(2-5) Polarization and Dielectric Response:

When an external electric field is applied to any material medium, a finite amount of charge transport by either electrons or ions takes place resulting in a direct current I_0 and polarization displacement current I_p , the magnitudes of I_0 and I_p may vary in wide limits according to the nature of the material medium. The material medium is said to be insulator if the magnitude of I_0 is found to be very small in comparison to I_p and in such materials the phenomena of polarization and relaxation dominate, whereas if I_0 dominates, the medium is said to be a conductor of electricity.

When a bounded charge or a dipole displaces from its equilibrium position by the application of the applied field, polarization is said to occur. There are several distinct physical mechanisms of polarization which are characterized by very different response rate and are given below^[51,52]:

1- Electronic polarization:

A dielectric medium consists of ions surrounded by the electron cloud and possesses a complete neutrality in the absence of an external applied field and shows a relative shift in their charge centers when an external field is applied. This shift of electronic charge nature is referred as electronic polarization. As the electrons are very light they have a rapid response to the field changes.

2- Ionic polarization:

In ionic materials, (e.g. alkali halide), the external applied field displaces the ions with respect to each other and induces ionic polarization which has a response time of order (10^{-13} sec), the vibration time of ions.

3- Molecular polarization:

Bonds between atoms in molecules are stretched by the applied of electronic field when the lattices are charged. Small deformation of the ionic bond will increase the dipole moment of the lattice. The polarization achieved in this way is known as molecular polarization.

4- Orientational polarization:

When the molecules of gases or liquids having permanent or induced dipole moments move in line with the applied field, the polarization is said to occur and is termed as orientational polarization.

Basically the mechanisms of electronic, ionic and orientational polarization are due to charges which are locally bound in atoms, in molecules or in the structure of solids. Some mobile charges either electrons or ions can also be found in dielectrics and may move by hopping between localized sites. If the hopping is confined only to limited paths it does not produce d.c conduction

which requires transfer of charge from one electrode to other. When a time dependent electric field is applied to a dielectric medium, it disturbs the equilibrium of the dielectric medium, the process of recovery of the equilibrium within the

System after the removal of the disturbing field is called relaxation time. The first relaxation model was proposed by Debye dealing with the non-interacting permanent dipoles embedded in a viscous medium. So the polarization vanishes by vanishing the applied electric field. And the response mechanisms of the medium at the limiting frequency range according to Debye model is:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(\omega) &= \chi'(\omega) - i\chi''(\omega) \quad \dots\dots\dots(2-24) \\ \chi(\omega) &= \chi(0)(1 + i\omega\tau)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$\chi(0)$ is the magnitude of the real part of the complex susceptibility at zero frequency, the real and imaginary part of the susceptibility gives by :

$$\chi'(\omega) = \chi(0)(1 + \omega^2\tau^2)^{-1} \quad \dots\dots\dots(2-25-a)$$

$$\chi''(\omega) = \chi(0)(1 + \omega^2\tau^2)^{-1} \omega\tau \quad \dots\dots\dots(2-25-b)$$

The ratio of the imaginary part to the real part of the complex susceptibility for a Debye system is given as:

$$\frac{\chi''(\omega)}{\chi'(\omega)} = \omega\tau \quad \dots\dots\dots(2-26)$$

Which is a frequency dependent parameter.

A Debye system is shown in figure(2.4),the dielectric loss curve is symmetric about the loss peak frequency in the logarithmic frequency plot with the characteristic full width at half height as(1.44 decades).

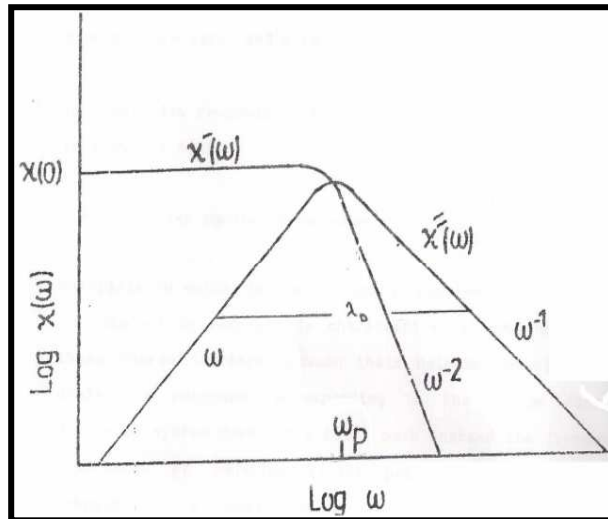


Figure (2.4): The frequency dependence of the real and imaginary components of the complex susceptibility corresponding to the ideal Debye response^[52].

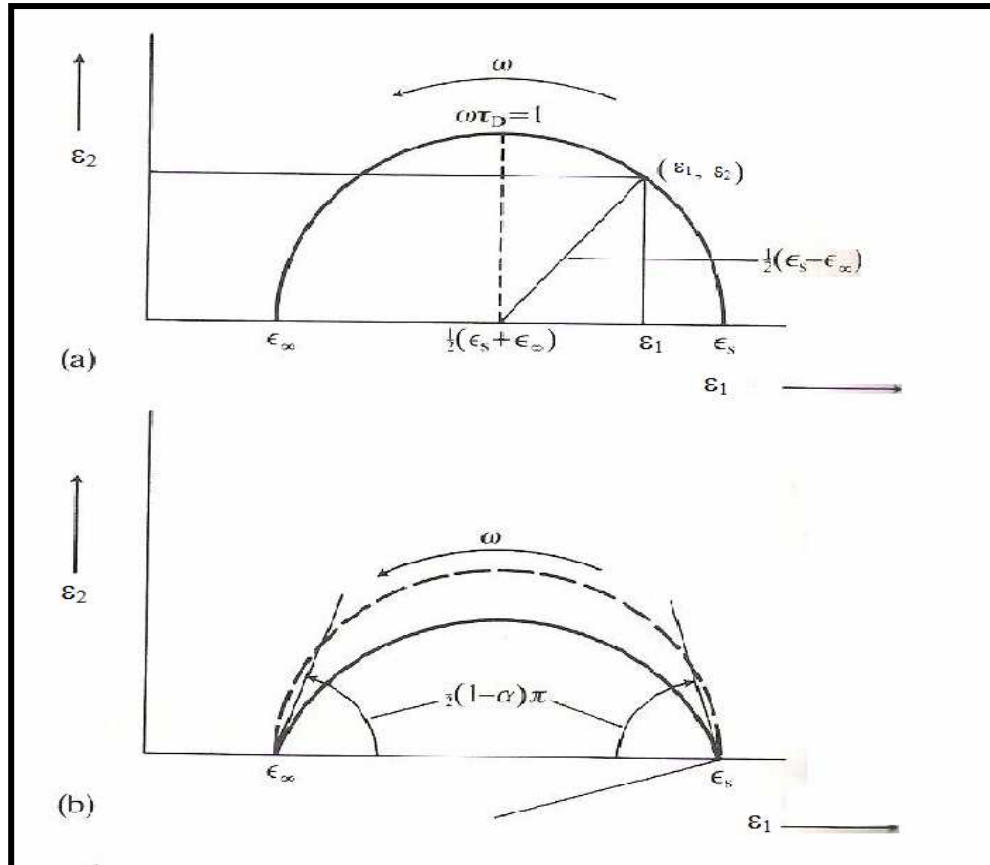
In the Debye process the dielectric process is thermally activated by an activation energy E , the loss peak moves towards the higher frequencies with the increase of temperature.

The loss peak frequency ω_p can be given as:

$$\omega_p = \frac{1}{\tau} = \omega_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E}{K_B T}\right) \dots\dots\dots(2-27)$$

Where ω_0 is the pre exponential factor.

The well known method of displaying Debye type relaxation is by drawing a Cole-Cole plot, Cole and Cole suggested that the real part of dielectric constant ϵ_1 as a function of imaginary part of dielectric constant ϵ_2 gives important information about the distribution of relaxation times. In this model the dielectric constant depends mainly on four parameters, the static dielectric constant ϵ_s , the dielectric constant at infinite frequency ϵ_∞ the relaxation time τ_D ^[53], as shown in figure(2.5,a,b):



**Figure (2.5):a- The Cole-Cole plot for the ideal Debye dielectric.
b- The Cole –Cole plot for the non ideal Deby dielectric. [54]**

The simplest plot is for ideal Debye, because which verifies that the locus of the points $[\epsilon_1(\omega), \epsilon_2(\omega)]$ is a semicircle with radius $\left(\frac{\epsilon_s - \epsilon_\infty}{2}\right)$.and centre on ϵ_1 axis at $\epsilon_1(\omega) = \left(\frac{\epsilon_s + \epsilon_\infty}{2}\right)$. The maximum value of ϵ_2 occurs when $\epsilon_1(\omega) = \left(\frac{\epsilon_s + \epsilon_\infty}{2}\right)$ this is when $(\omega \tau_D = 1)$ as will be seen in figure(2.5,a), for a Debye dielectric the relaxation time τ_D can be determined by measuring the angular frequency at which ϵ_2 is a maximum. In the case the centre of a circular arc lies below the horizontal axis, the plot is symmetrical about the

vertical line through the point $\epsilon_1(\omega) = \left(\frac{\epsilon_s + \epsilon_\infty}{2} \right)$ when ϵ_2 is a maximum at frequency $[2\pi\tau_0(1 + 2\sin\pi\alpha)]^{-1}$. The circular arc intersects the ϵ_1 axis at the acute angle of $(1-\alpha)\pi/2$ at both ends as illustrated in figure(2.5,b), where α : the polarizability.

Chapter Three

Experimental Part

(3-1) Introduction

This chapter includes the preparation and processing of $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ alloy and technique employed to produce $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ films of various concentrations, ($X= 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4$), thicknesses and substrate temperature, which deposited onto glass substrates. The $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ alloys prepared by us were used as a source to prepare the films.

The X-ray diffraction technique was used to determine the crystalline structure. The electrical measurements (D.C conductivity, Hall effect, and A.C conductivity) were made for films deposited on glass substrates to study the transmissions mechanisms and there models in addition to study the dielectrics responsibility.

All these procedures are illustrated as scheme in fig (3.1).

(3-2) $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ Compound preparation

The $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ with ($X=0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4$) compound were prepared as alloys by using stoichiometric and high purity (99,999%) cadmium metal and high purity (99,999%) selenium metal obtained from Balzeres company. Each element weighted according to its atomic weight and then mixing in quartz tube (length=7 cm, diameter=0.9 cm) evacuated at pressure of (10^{-3} mbar).

The tube was sealed and heated in electrical program controller furnace of type (Qallenhamp), England, at temperature (925 K), and maintained at this temperature for about two hours and then raised to (1173 K), and also maintained at this temperature for about two hours and then allowed to cool slowly to room temperature as shown in fig (3.2)

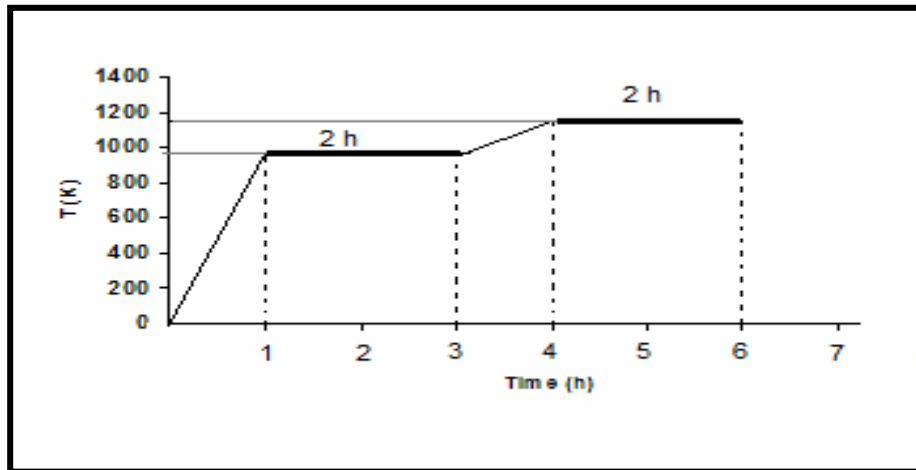
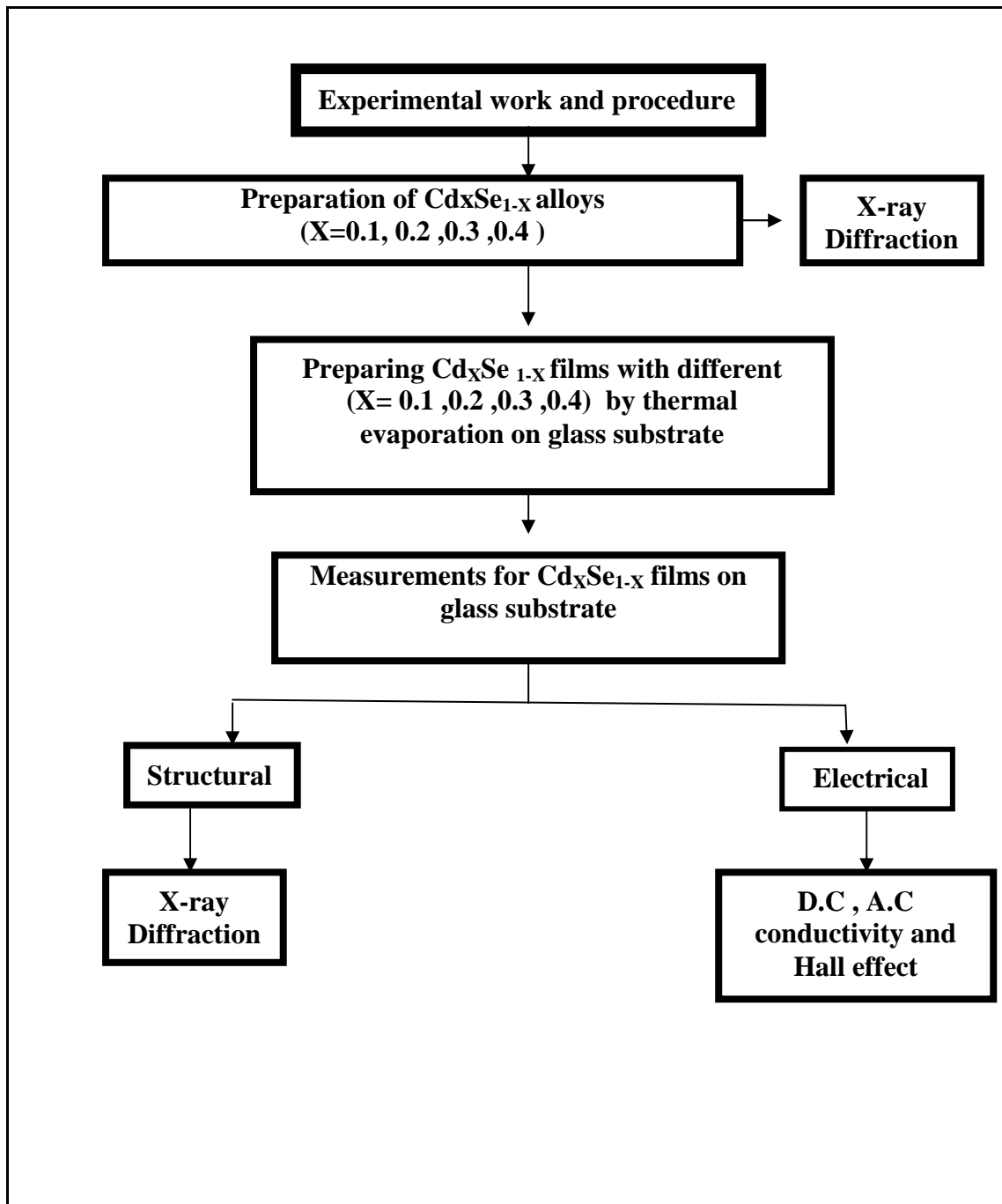


Figure (3.2) The curve of preparing $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ alloy

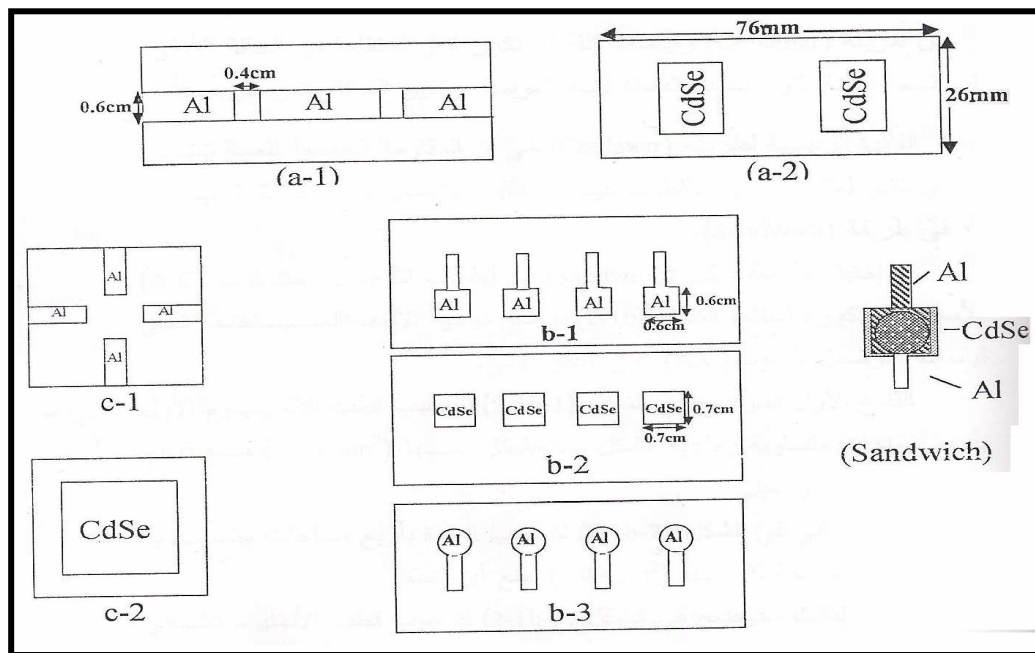
After that the ampoule was broken and the prepared compound of $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ was taken out and powdered to grain powder for examined by X-ray diffraction to be sure of the purity and structure of the compound. The powder of the compounds was used as a source of the of the evaporation to prepare the films.



Figure(3.1) Schematic diagram for the experimental work.

(3-3) Masks

The mask is a piece of aluminum foil having thickness (0.2 mm) With the same size of substrate. Various shapes of masks were used to determine the shape of films and electrodes for different measurement as shown in fig (3.3)



**Figure (3.3) The masks with solid lines represent a) D.C mask Measurement
b) A.C mask Measurement c) Hall Effect mask Measurement**

Thin films can be prepared in sandwich or coplanar geometries according to the type of the measurements ,fig(3.3a) shows that the coplanar geometry has been used for D.C conductivity measurements ,and fig(3.3b) shows that the sandwich geometry has been used for A.C conductivity measurements.

The sandwich techniques have a number of important advantages^[55]:

- 1- The conductance of the sandwich sample is generally much higher than the possible in coplanar geometry, and the loss measurement more straight forward.
- 2- The sample capacitance is dominated by the active semiconducting region as edge effects are small.

The main advantage of using coplanar techniques is that the bulk resistance of the sample generally masks any contact effects. Contact effects are the major problem associated with sandwich geometry.

The masks were cleaned according to the following stages:

- 1- Washed in distilled water.
- 2- Immersed in a pure alcohol.
- 3- Dried by blowing..

(3-4) substrate cleaning

The type and nature of the substrate are the influence parameters, the substrate ideally should has no chemical reaction and can not change the properties of the film except for sufficient adhesion. The Cd_xSe_{1-x} films were deposited on glass substrates (type corning, Germany) with dimensions (7.6 x2.6 x0.1) cm .

The cleaning procedure of the substrates could be summarized as follows:

- 1- They were cleaned by using detergent water to remove any oil or dust that might be attached to the surface of the substrate, and then they were rubbed gently under tap (15) minutes.
- 2- After that, they were placed in a clean beaker containing distilled water and then rinsed in ultrasonic unit for (15) minutes.

- 3- Step(2) was repeated by replacing the distilled water with pure alcohol solution.
- 4- The slides eventually were dried by air blowing and wiped with soft paper

(3-5) The specification of Boat

The evaporation method requires using a boat or filament of tungsten (W) and molybdenum (Mo) as sample evaporation source, the suitable boat must possess high melting point and should not react with the evaporation material.

The design and shape of the boat must also be selected. To evaporate the aluminum electrodes a basket or spiral filament of tungsten (W) of (3683 K) melting point was used, as shown in fig (3.4 a). A molybdenum boat (Mo) with Baffle to prevent material sputtering during evaporation process of (2895 K) melting point was used to evaporate $(\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x})$ films, as shown in fig (3.4b). The current was passed through the boat in order to clean it and drive off the surface contamination. The temperature that was produced from the current should be below the melting point of the boat material.

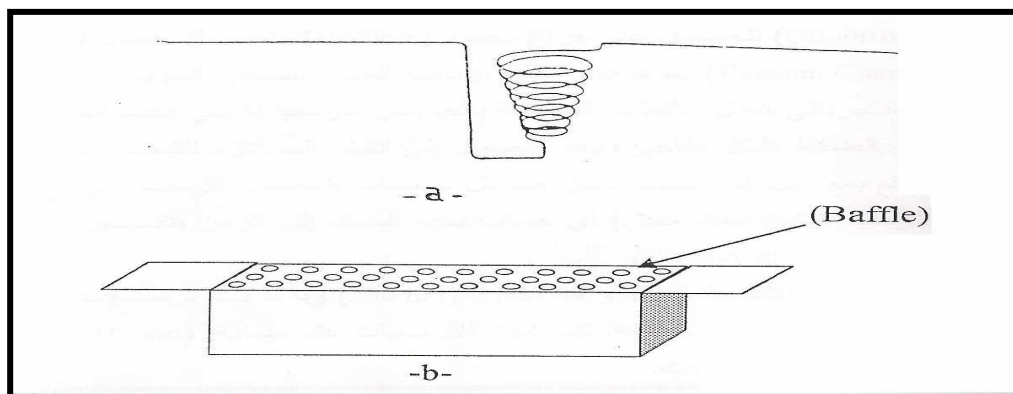


Figure (3.4) Types and shapes of, (a) Tungsten spiral boat, (b) Molybdenum boat

(3-6) Vacuum Technique

The vacuum unit system, which is used to prepare thermally evaporated $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ films, was Edwaed coating unit model (306 A). The vacuum consist of three main important parts, the vacuum enclosure (chamber),the rotary pump which represents the first stage of vacuum technique called roughing stage and would provide the pressure in the chamber to about (10^{-2} mbar), while the diffusion pump which represents the second stage, called the high vacuum stage by which the pressure decreases to about (4×10^{-5} mbar).

The main construction of the vacuum unit is shown in fig(3.5)

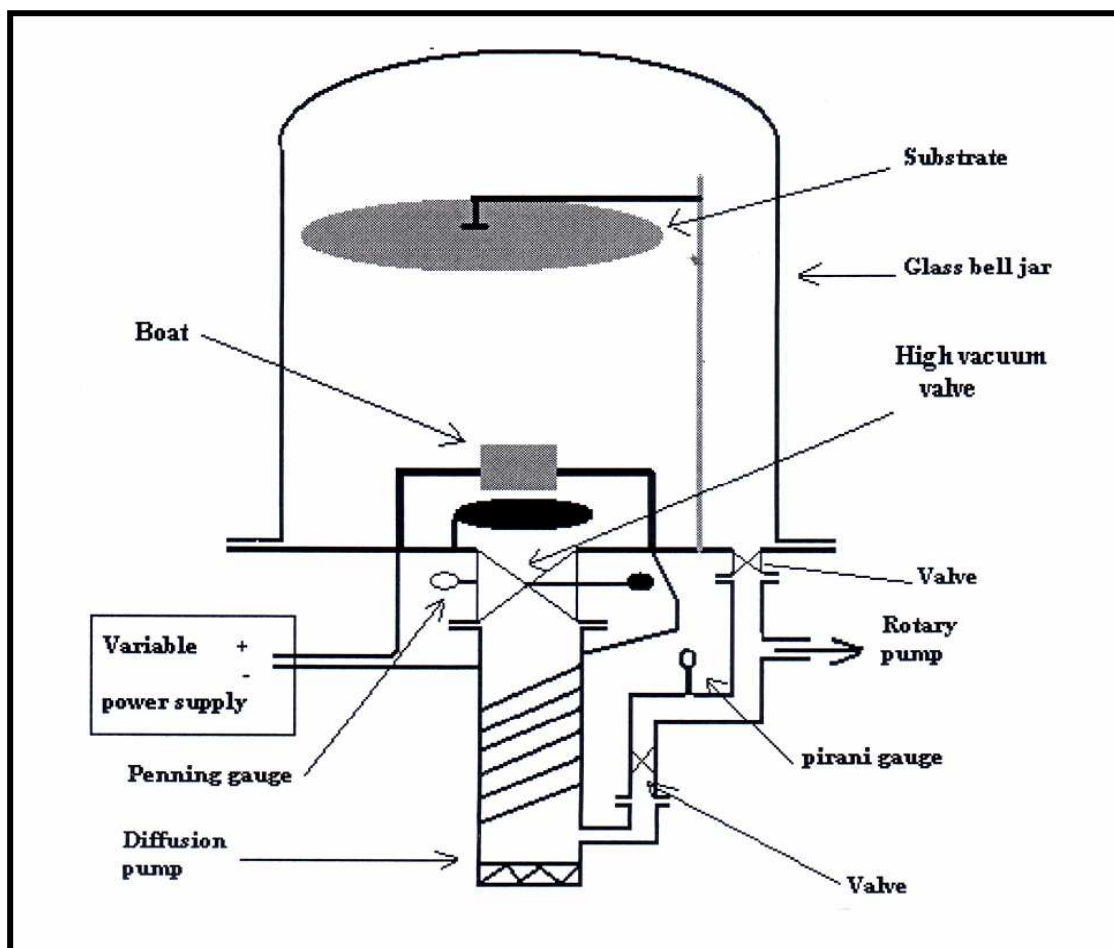


Figure (3.5): Typical experimental set up of thermal evaporation system .

The substrates were fixed on a spherical holder and placed in position at height of about (15 cm) above the boat. When the system is pumped down to a vacuum of (10^{-5} mbar), an electric current was passed through the boat gradually to prevent breaking the boat, when the boat temperature reached the required temperature the deposition process starts. After these two steps the current supply was switched off and the samples were left in the high vacuum for one day, and then the air was admitted to the chamber then the films were taken out from this coating unit, and kept in the desiccator until the measurements were made.

The films of Cd_xSe_{1-x} of different concentrations ($X=0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4$) were deposited at thickness ($t=400$ nm) and substrate temperature ($T_s=R.T$) while the films of Cd_xSe_{1-x} at ($x=0.3$) was deposited at different thickness ($t=500, 300, 200$)nm and different substrate temperature ($T_s = 348, 373, 393$) K.

(3-7) Thickness Measurements:

Vacuum deposited films used for electrical, optical or other purposes must normally be deposited to a specified thickness. The thickness methods are:-

3-7-1 Weighting Method:

A given film thickness may be obtained by the simple formula :

$$t = m / 2\rho\pi h^2 \dots\dots\dots(3-1)$$

Where t is the film thickness

m = is the mass of the materials to be evaporated.

h = is the source (boat) to substrate distance .

ρ = is the density of materials to be evaporated.

As shown in fig (3.6)

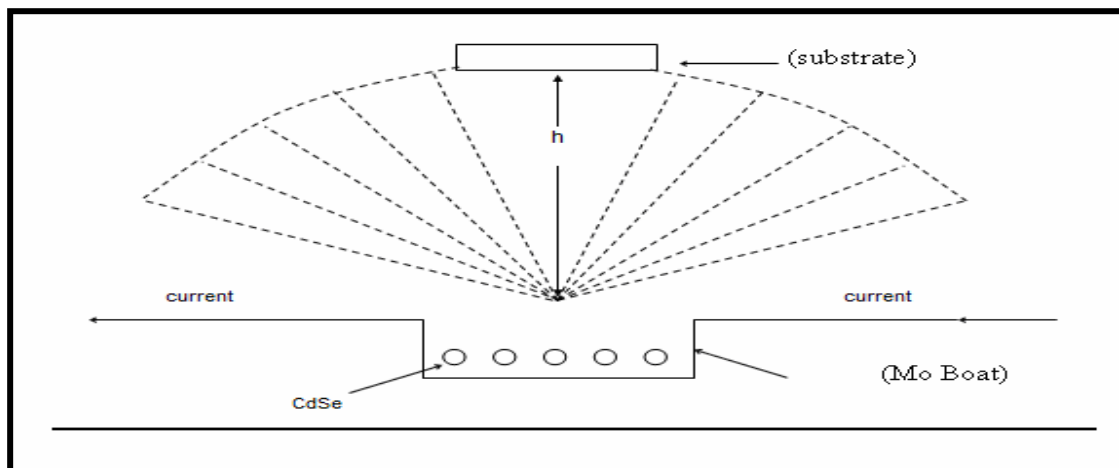


Figure (3.6) The idea of weighing method.

This method gives an estimate of the deposited films thickness that is safe to work with. The error percentage in this method is 30%.

3-7-2 Optical Interference Fringes:

Wiener (1887) was the first to measure the thickness of the films using optical interference fringes. His method is an application of Fizeau fringes of equal spacing. Donaldson and khamasavi used the multiple beam interferometric method for precise measurement of film thickness. Tolansky(1948) has given detailed attention to the various factors influencing fringe width and for the production of sharpened multiple beam Fizeau fringes^[56]. The following conditions must be considered

- 1- The surface must be coated with high reflecting films
- 2- The film must be of uniform thickness.
- 3- The air gap between the flat and specimen surface must be as small as possible (less than 0.01mm)
- 4- The incidence beam should be normal.

Fizeau fringes of equal thickness are obtained in an optical aperture of the type shown in fig.(3.7) the film thickness(t) is given by:

$$t = \frac{\lambda}{2} \cdot \frac{\Delta x}{x} \dots\dots\dots(3-2)$$

Where Δx is the shift between the interference fringes, x is the distance between the interference fringes and λ is the Na wavelength (5893 Å).

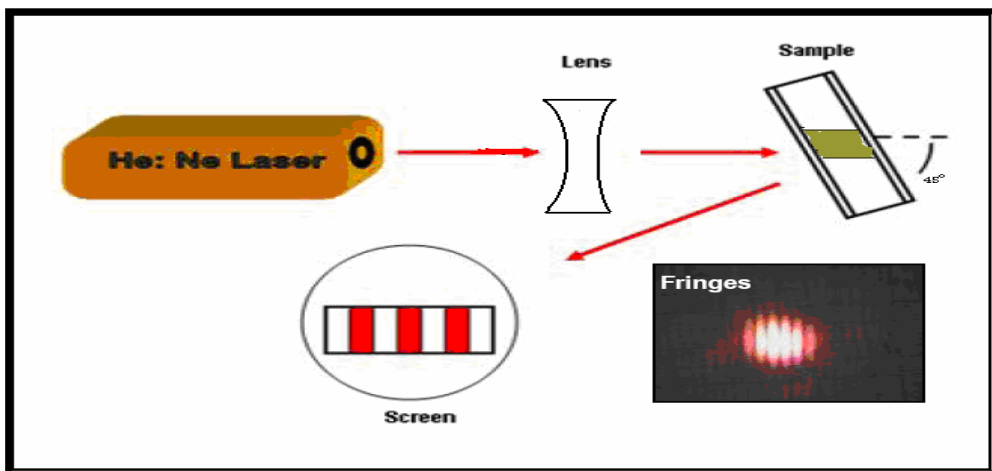


Figure (3.7): The schematic diagram of the film thickness measurement.

(3-8) X-Ray Diffraction Measurements:

The structure of the Cd_xSe_{1-x} films grown on glass substrates with different (X), substrate temperatures and thickness have been examined by X-ray diffractions using a Philips X-ray diffractometer system which records the intensity as a function of Bragg's angle. The source of radiation was Cu(k_α) with wavelength $\lambda=1.5406\text{Å}$, the current was 30mA and the voltage was 40 kv. The scanning angle 2θ was varied in the range of 20 – 60 degree with speed of 4 deg/min. The inter planer distance d_{hkl} for different planes was determined by using Bragg's law^[56]:

$$n\lambda = 2d\sin\theta \dots\dots\dots(3-3)$$

Where n is the reflection order and θ is Bragg's angle.

(3-9) The Electrical Measurements

D.C. conductivity and Hall effect for Cd_xSe_{1-x} films deposited on glass substrate at room temperature with (Al) electrodes were measured.

3-9-1 D.C. Conductivity Measurement

The electrical conductivity has been measured as a function of temperature for Cd_xSe_{1-x} films over the range (300 –478)K by using the electrical circuit. The measurements have been done using sensitive digital electrometer type keithley (616) and electrical oven as shown in fig (3.8)

The resistivity (ρ) of the films is calculated by using the following

equation:
$$\rho = \frac{R.A}{L} \dots\dots\dots(3-4)$$

where R is the sample resistance, A is the cross section area of the films and L is the distance between the electrodes. The conductivity of the films was determined from the relation:

$$\sigma_{d.c} = \frac{1}{\rho} \dots\dots\dots(3-5)$$

The activation energies could be calculated from the plot of lnσ versus 1000/T according to equation (2-5).

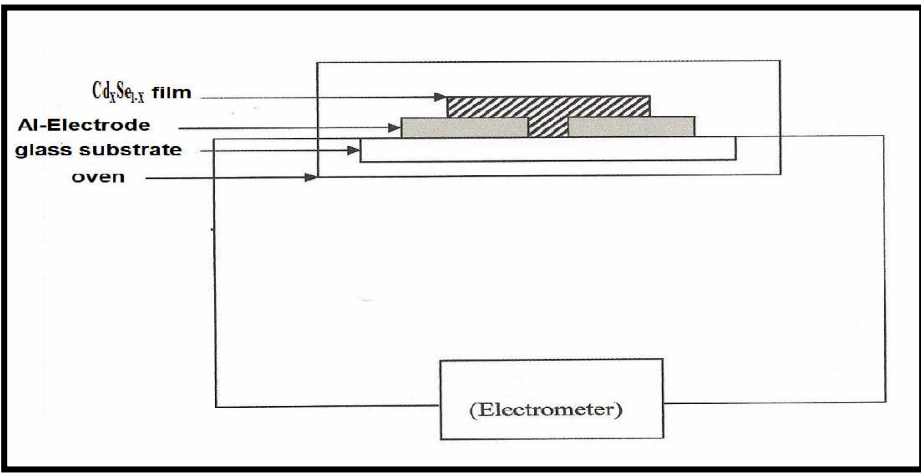


Figure (3.8) The circuit used for measuring D.C. conductivity

3-9-2 A.C. Conductivity

The Cd_xSe_{1-x} samples were prepared in sandwich configuration between (Al) foils (400nm thickness and the diameter=0.5cm) thin film electrodes, the samples and (Al) electrode are deposited on to glass substrate using mask as shown in fig.(3-3b). For ac- measurement, an HP-R2C unit model (4275 A) multi frequency LCR meter has been used to measure the capacitance (C) and resistance (R) with frequency range between 100Hz-100kHz, with an accuracy of 0.1%, as shown in fig(3.9) . Ac instrument is shielded by the copper sheet to avoid the distortion signal, and to prohibit the connectors among the experimental portion from becoming a source of noise by using coaxial cables and BNC connectors were used.

The amplitude of measuring ac signal was kept low at 0.08 volt to avoid possible non linearity and instability.

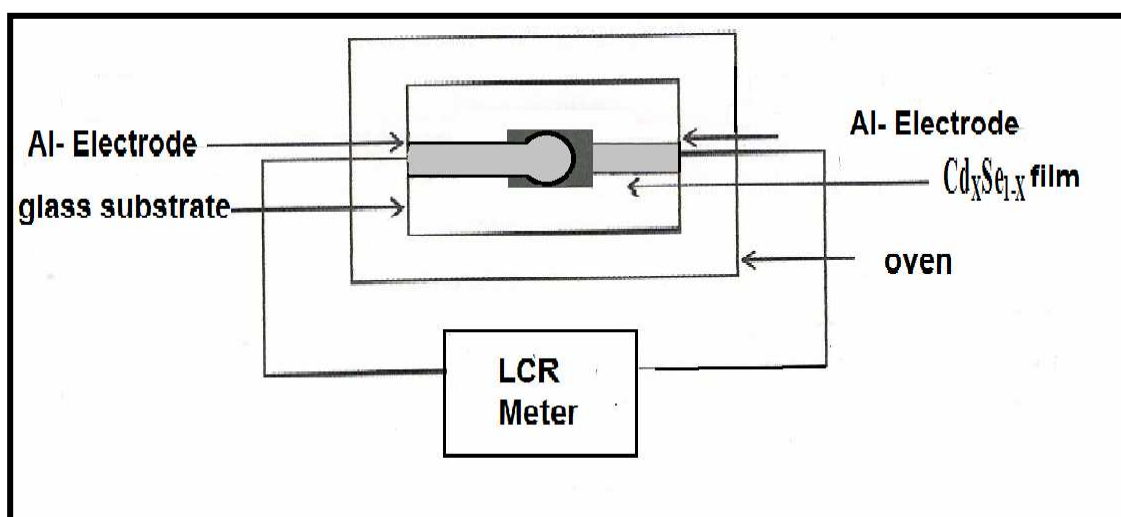


Figure (3.9) The circuit used for measuring A.C. conductivity

3-9-3 Hall Effect Measurements

The Hall effect measurement was carried out according to the electrical circuit shown in Fig. (3.10), which contains D.C. power supply with 0 – 40 volt and two digital electrometers (Keithley type 616) to measure the current and voltage. When the magnetic field ($B = 0.257$ Tesla) is applied perpendicular to the applied electrical field, a transverse e.m.f. which is called Hall voltage (V_H) is set up across the sample. So that the Hall coefficient is given by^[56].

$$R_H = \frac{V_H}{I} \cdot \frac{t}{B} \dots\dots\dots (3-6)$$

The sign of Hall coefficient determines the type of charge carrier. The carrier concentration (n_H) is related to the Hall coefficient which is given

by: $R_H = \frac{-1}{n \cdot q} \dots\dots\dots(3-7)$ for n-type

$$R_H = \frac{1}{p \cdot q} \dots\dots\dots (3-8)$$
 for p-type

Hall mobility (μ_H) could be calculated simply from the product of the conductivity σ and the Hall coefficient according to equation:

$$\mu_H = \sigma |R_H| \dots\dots\dots(3-9)$$

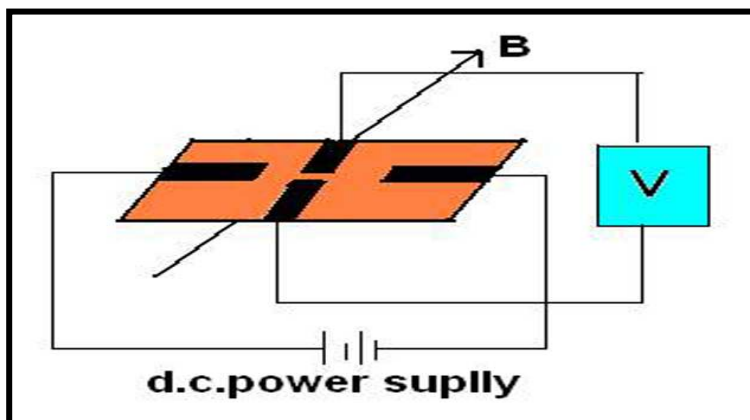


Figure (3.10): The circuit diagram for Hall measurement

Chapter Four

Results and Discussion

(4-1) Introduction:

This chapter includes the results and the analysis of the experimental measurements, which involve the structural and electrical properties of $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ films which prepared by thermal evaporation at different concentration ($X=0.1,0.2,0.3,0.4$) at ($t=400$ nm, $T_s=300$ K), different thicknesses ($t=200,300,400,500$)nm at ($X=0.3$ and $T_s=300$ K), and different substrate temperatures (300,348,373,393) K at ($X=0.3$ and $t=400$ nm) .

(4-2) Structural Properties :

The X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns for ($\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$) powders, which prepared experimentally at different concentration ($X=0.1, 0.2, 0.3$, and 0.4), are shown figures (4.1),(4.2),(4.3),and (4.4) respectively.

The observation of X-ray peaks in all ($\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$) powders indicates that the structure of these alloys are polycrystalline .Table (4.1) lists the observed the d-values with standard (JCPDS-ICDD file NO, 8-0459,and 19-0191) for CdSe compound .The observed of the d-values for $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ powder at ($X=0.1,0.3$,and 0.4) are in agreement with the standard values for the hexagonal and cubic structure ,while the d-values for $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ powder at ($X=0.2$) are agreement with standard values for hexagonal structure . (Goldschmidt,1960)^[57] pointed that the direct combination of the elements gives a hexagonal of wurtzite type for the CdSe compound.

Table (4.1): X-ray diffraction data for Cd_xSe_{1-x} powders .

| X | 2θ (deg) | d (Å⁰) | hkl |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 0.1 | 24.08 | 3.692 | 100 |
| | 25.348 | 3.51 | 111 |
| | 26.98 | 3.302 | 101 |
| | 35.109 | 2.55 | 102 |
| | 36.618 | 2.45 | 033 (Se) mono |
| | 41.4 | 2.17 | 110 |
| | 44.116 | 2.05 | 134 (Se) mono |
| | 48.651 | 1.87 | 200 |
| | 49.673 | 1.8339 | 112 |
| | 55.603 | 1.65 | 202 |
| 0.2 | 23.887 | 3.72 | 100 |
| | 27.109 | 3.28 | 101 |
| | 35.112 | 2.55 | 102 |
| | 41.4 | 2.179 | 110 |
| | 43.96 | 2.058 | 134 (Se) mono |
| | 45.63 | 1.986 | 103 |
| | 49.66 | 1.834 | 112 |
| | 23.849 | 3.278 | 100 |
| 0.3 | 25.35 | 3.51 | 111 |
| | 27.076 | 3.29 | 101 |
| | 35.122 | 2.553 | 102 |
| | 41.97 | 2.151 | 110 |
| | 43.99 | 2.056 | 134 (Se) mono |
| | 45.78 | 1.98 | 103 |
| | 49.67 | 1.8343 | 112 |
| | 23.774 | 3.73 | 100 |
| 0.4 | 25.26 | 3.52 | 111 |
| | 27.12 | 3.28 | 101 |
| | 35.114 | 2.55 | 102 |
| | 42.081 | 2.145 | 110 |
| | 45.67 | 1.984 | 103 |
| | 49.668 | 1.83409 | 112 |

From figure (4.1,2,3), it is quite apparent the X-ray diffraction of powder, with (X=0.1,0.2,0.3) , shows many peaks related to the planes (134) and (033), which related to selenium (Se) ,due to the high concentration of selenium (Se).

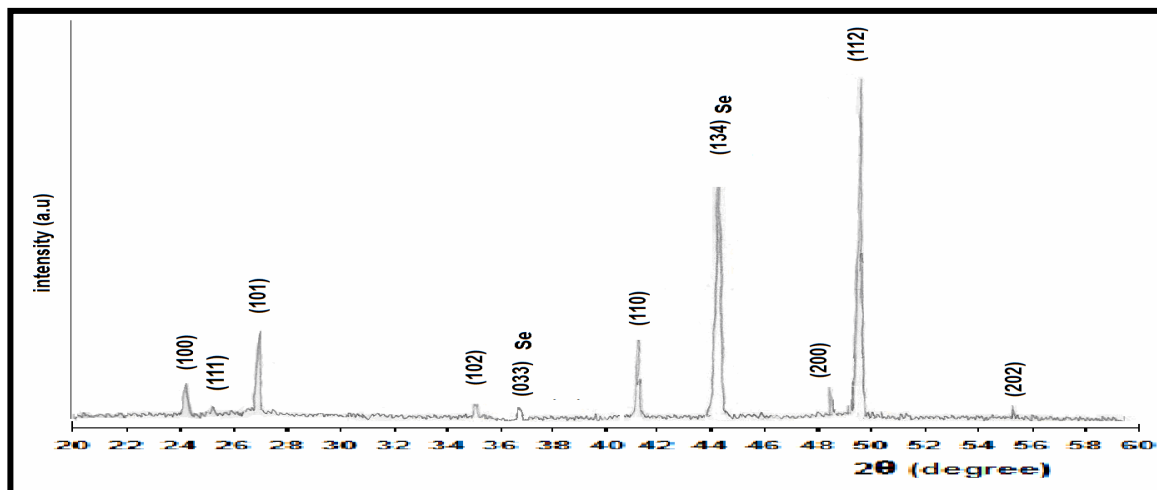


Figure (4.1): X-ray diffraction pattern of Cd_xSe_{1-x} powder with X=0.1

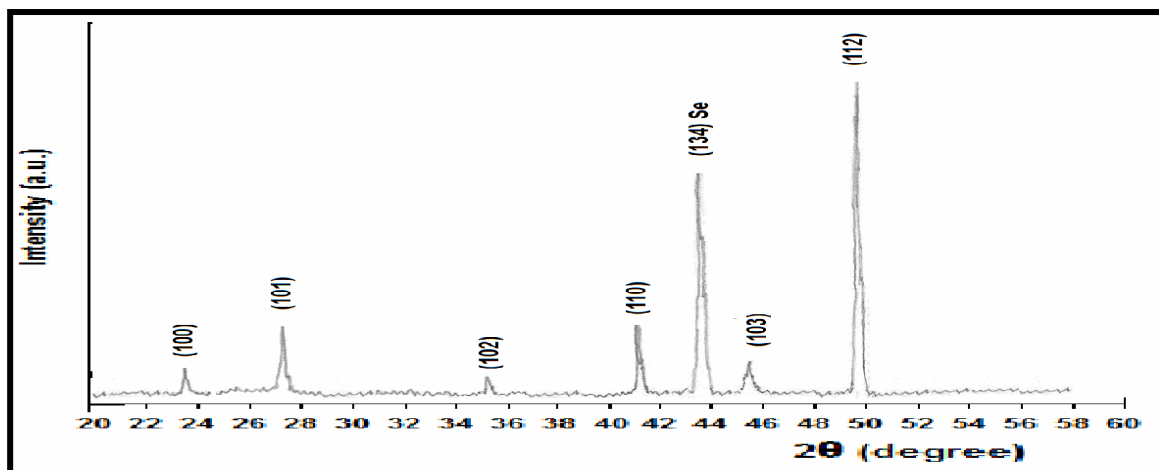


figure (4.2): X-ray diffraction pattern of Cd_xSe_{1-x} powder with X=0.2

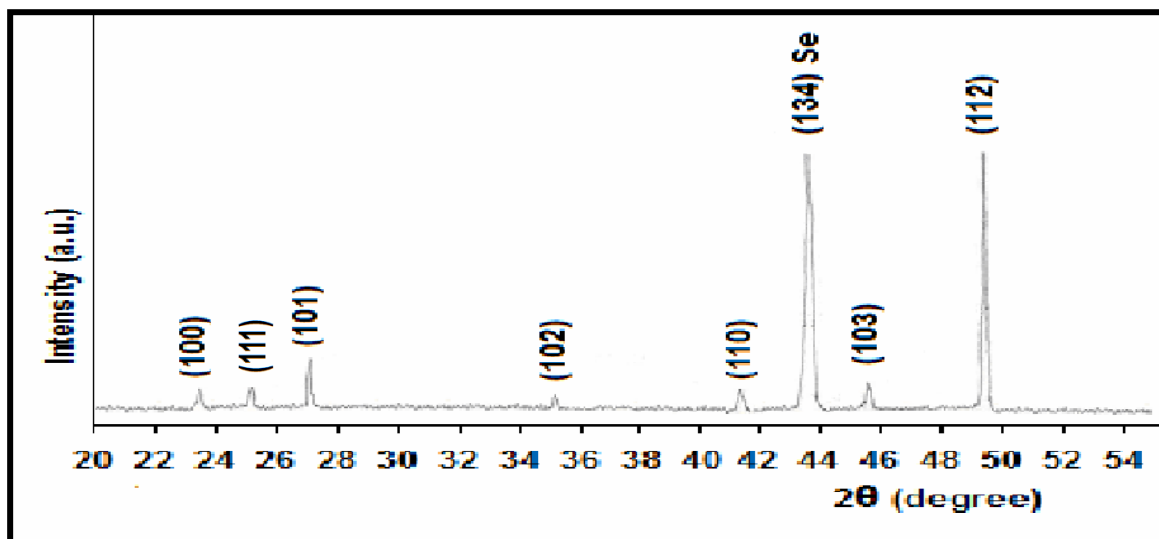


figure (4.3): X-ray diffraction pattern of Cd_xSe_{1-x} powder with X=0.3

and from figure (4.4) it is apparent that the X-ray diffraction of $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ powder with ($X=0.4$) there is no peaks related to selenium.

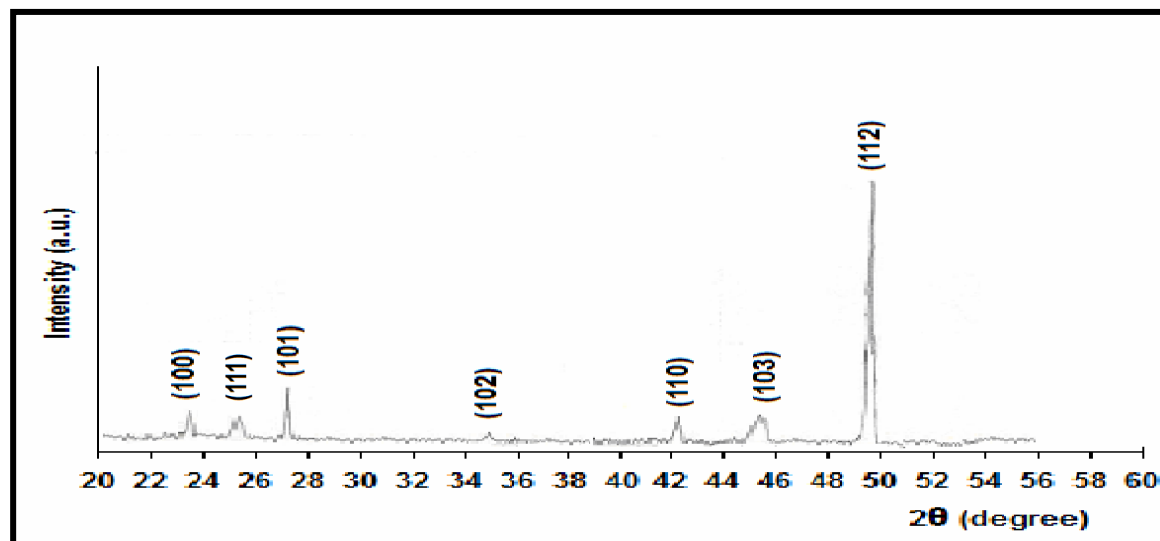


figure (4.4): X-ray diffraction pattern of $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ powder with $X=0.4$

By studying the crystal structure of $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ films, which prepared from ($\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$) powder with a prior mentioned concentrations as listed in table (4.2) .All the films are polycrystalline structure and mixture of cubic and hexagonal unit cell at ($X=0.1, 0.3, 0.4$),but only cubic unit cell at ($X=0.2$) . with peaks of plane (031),(134) for selenium (Se),due to the high concentration of (Se) in a film at ($X=0.1$) as shown in figure(4.5) , and (100) at ($X=0.2$) as shown in figure (4.6). The preferred orientation lies along [111] direction .

Table (4.2): X-ray diffraction data for Cd_xSe_{1-x} films.

| X | t(nm) | T _s (K) | 2θ (deg) | d (Å ⁰) | hkl | | |
|-------|-------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------|-------|----------|
| 0.1 | 400 | 300 | 23.89 | 3.72 | 100 | | |
| | | | 25.325 | 3.5139 | 111 | | |
| | | | 27.08 | 3.29 | 101 | | |
| | | | 29.743 | 3.001 | 031 (Se) mono | | |
| | | | 35.137 | 2.55 | 102 | | |
| | | | 41.94 | 2.15 | 110 | | |
| | | | 44.48 | 2.035 | 134 (Se) mono | | |
| | | | 49.708 | 1.834 | 112 | | |
| 0.2 | 400 | 300 | 23.454 | 3.7899 | 100 (Se) | | |
| | | | 25.417 | 3.501 | 111 | | |
| 0.3 | 200 | 300 | 25.414 | 3.5018 | 111 | | |
| | | | 26.794 | 3.324 | 101 | | |
| | | | 45.698 | 1.984 | 103 | | |
| | | | 50.781 | 1.797 | 201 | | |
| | 300 | 300 | 25.386 | 3.505 | 111 | | |
| | | | 26.781 | 3.326 | 101 | | |
| | | | 45.589 | 1.943 | 103 | | |
| | | | 50.734 | 1.798 | 201 | | |
| | 400 | 300 | 300 | 25.414 | 3.501 | 111 | |
| | | | | 26.827 | 3.3024 | 101 | |
| | | | | 45.49 | 1.992 | 103 | |
| | | | | 50.5 | 1.805 | 201 | |
| | | 348 | 300 | 300 | 23.479 | 3.78 | 100 (Se) |
| | | | | | 25.4577 | 3.496 | 111 |
| | | | | | 45.5804 | 1.988 | 103 |
| | | | | | 23.526 | 3.77 | 100 (Se) |
| | | 373 | 300 | 300 | 25.457 | 3.496 | 111 |
| | | | | | 29.772 | 2.998 | 101 (Se) |
| | | | | | 45.887 | 1.976 | 103 |
| | | | | | 23.392 | 3.799 | 100 (Se) |
| | | 393 | 300 | 300 | 25.471 | 3.494 | 111 |
| | | | | | 29.702 | 3.005 | 101 (Se) |
| | | | | | 45.786 | 1.98 | 103 |
| | | | | | 25.459 | 3.494 | 111 |
| | 500 | 300 | 300 | 26.866 | 3.315 | 101 | |
| | | | | 45.753 | 1.981 | 103 | |
| | | | | 50.746 | 1.797 | 201 | |
| | | | | 0.4 | | | 25.457 |
| 45.73 | 1.98 | 103 | | | | | |

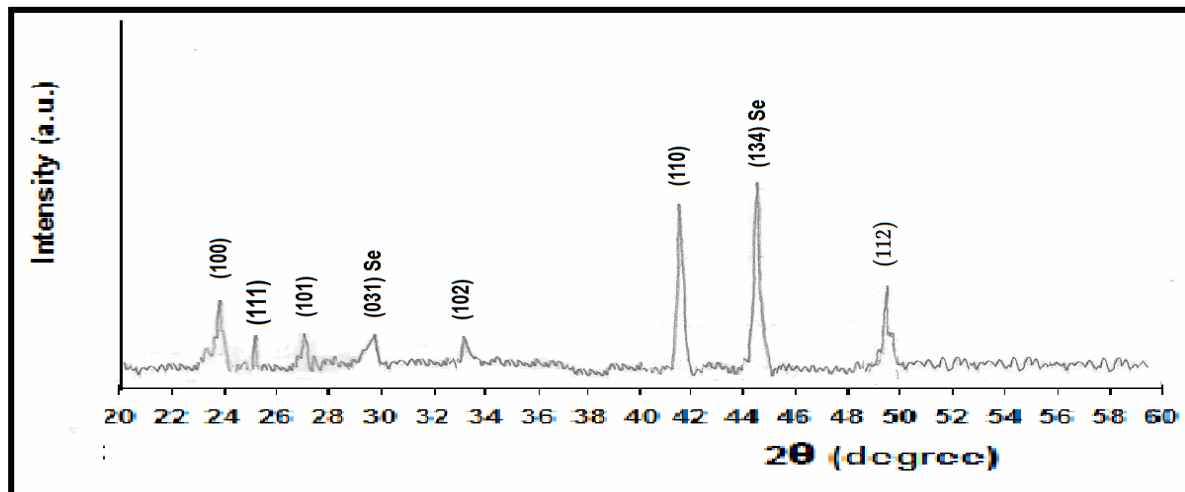


figure (4.5): X-ray diffraction pattern of Cd_xSe_{1-x} film with X=0.1

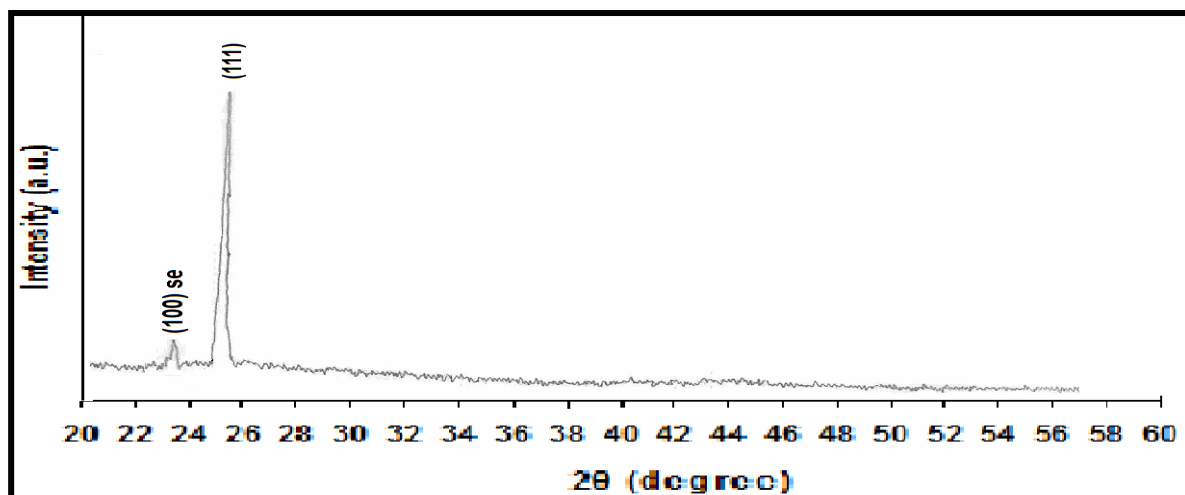


figure (4.6): X-ray diffraction pattern of Cd_xSe_{1-x} film with X=0.2

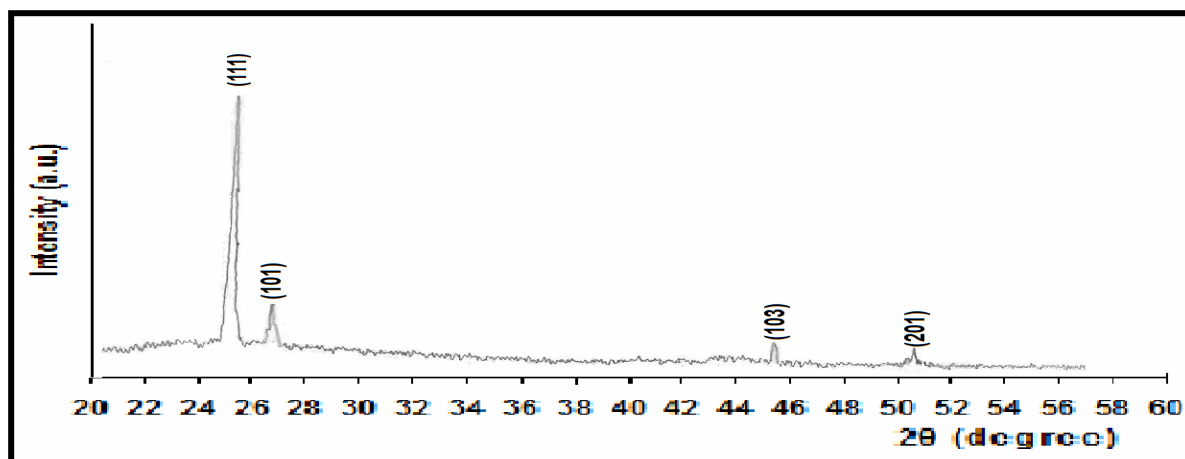


figure (4.7): X-ray diffraction pattern of Cd_xSe_{1-x} film with X=0.3

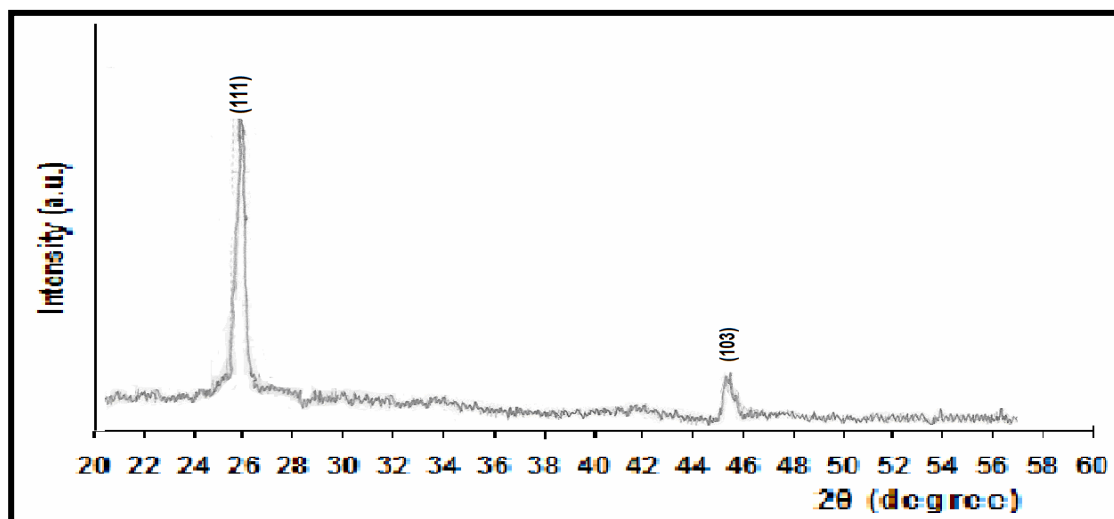


figure (4.8): X-ray diffraction pattern of Cd_xSe_{1-x} film with $X=0.4$

The XRD patterns for Cd_xSe_{1-x} films at ($X=0.3$) and ($T_s=300$ k) with different thicknesses (200,300,400,500 nm); indicate that the samples are polycrystalline and have a mixture of wurtzite (hexagonal) and cubic structure. The crystallites are preferentially oriented with the (111) plane, as shown in figures(4.7),(4.9),(4.10),(4.11),and Table (4.2).

The XRD patterns for Cd_xSe_{1-x} films at ($X=0.3$) and ($t=400$ nm) with different substrate temperatures (300,384,373,393 K), indicate that the samples are polycrystalline structure and mixture of cubic and hexagonal unit cell, this results are agreement with (Izzat M.Al-Essa 2008)^[58],as shown in figures(4.7),(4.12),(4.13),(4.14),and Table (4.2).The effect of increasing the substrate temperatures was clear in the crystalline structure of the films by appearance new peak relate to (100) and (101) planes for selenium (Se) with hexagonal phase.

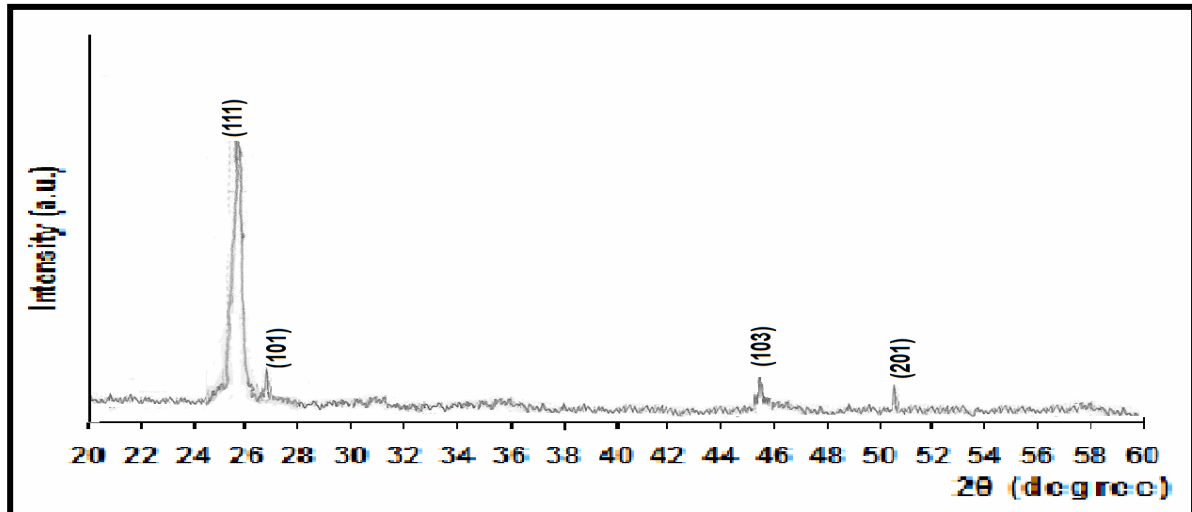


figure (4.9): X-ray diffraction pattern of Cd_{0.3}Se_{0.7} film with t=200 nm

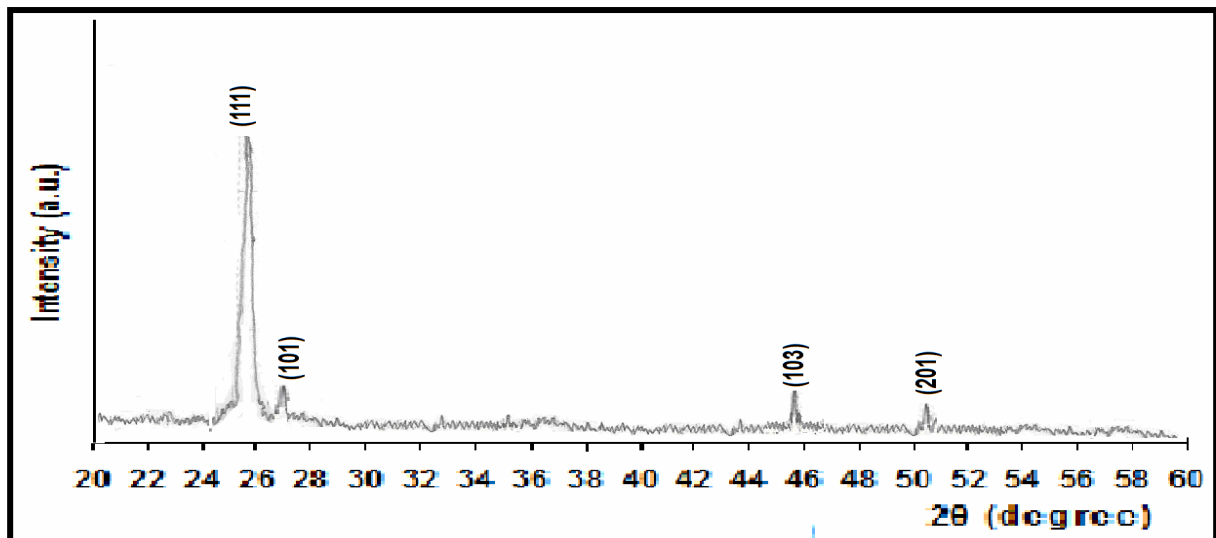


figure (4.10): X-ray diffraction pattern of Cd_{0.3}Se_{0.7} film with t=300 nm

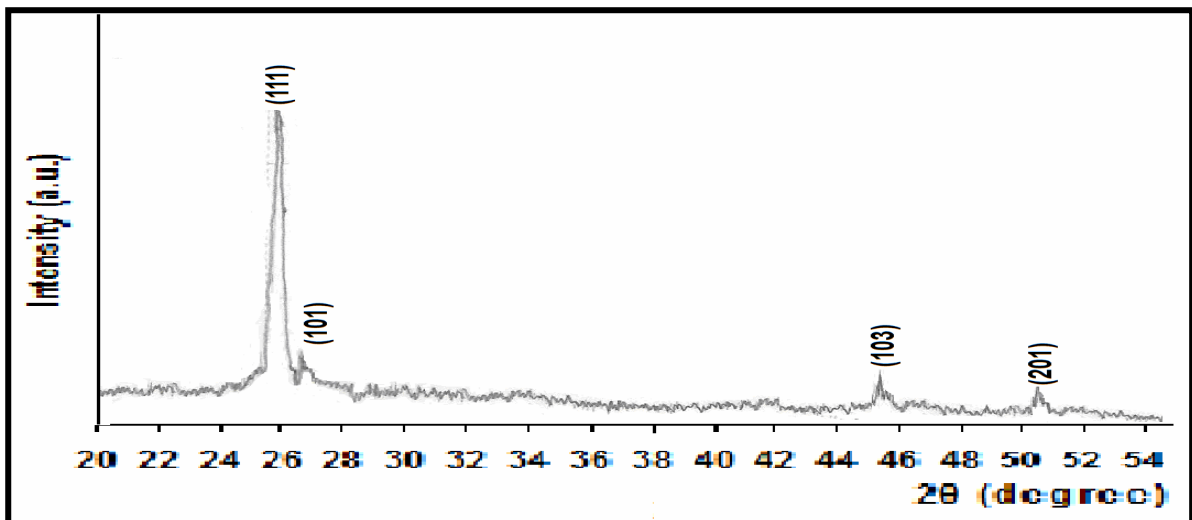


figure (4.11): X-ray diffraction pattern of Cd_{0.3}Se_{0.7} film with t=500 nm

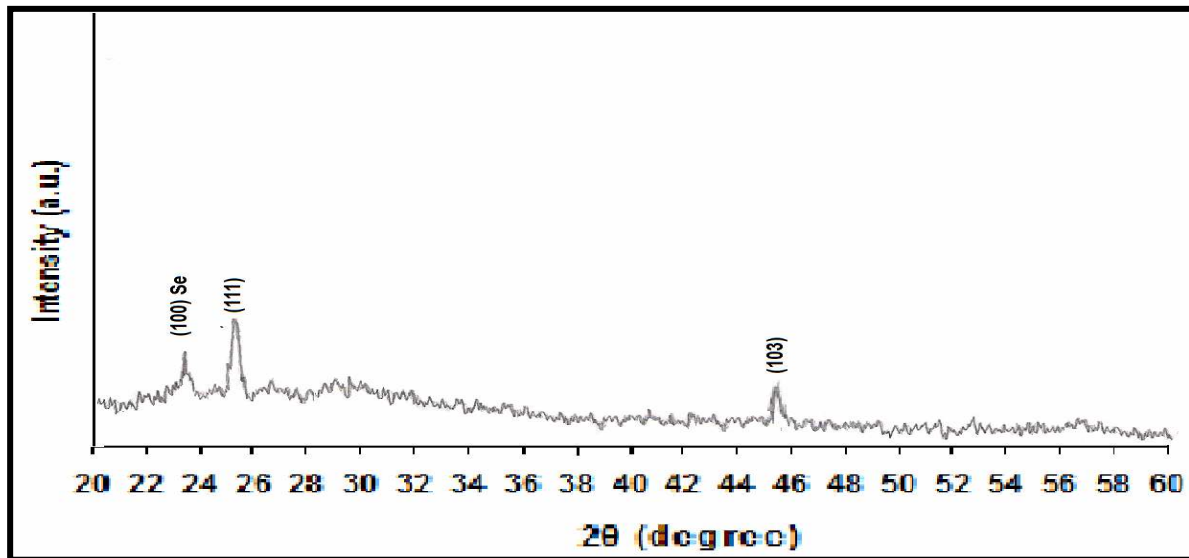


Figure (4.12): X-ray diffraction pattern of Cd_{0.3}Se_{0.7} film with $T_s = 348$ K, and $t = 400$ nm

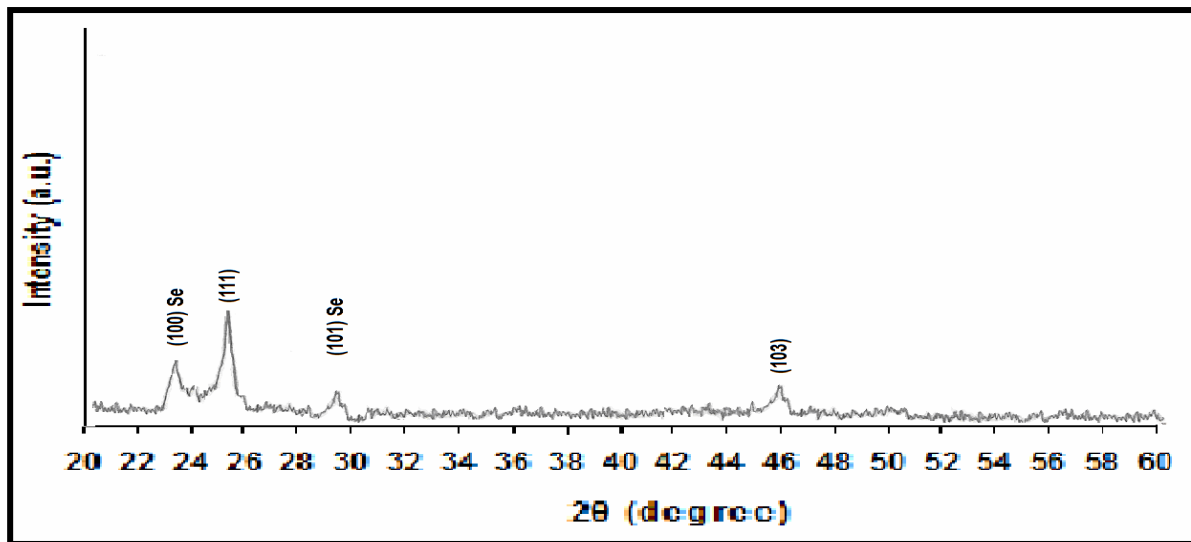


Figure (4.13): X-ray diffraction pattern of Cd_{0.3}Se_{0.7} film with $T_s = 373$ K, and $t = 400$ nm

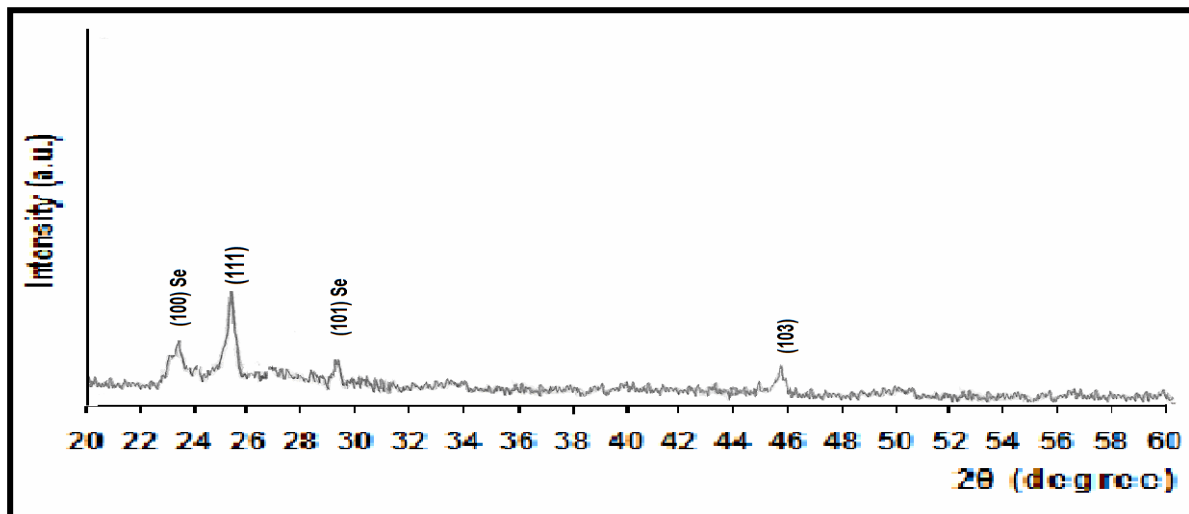


Figure (4.14) :X-ray diffraction pattern of Cd_{0.3} Se_{0.7} film with $T_s = 393$ K and $t = 400$ nm

(4-3) D.C Conductivity:

The (d.c) conductivity ($\sigma_{d.c}$) for Cd_xSe_{1-x} films has been studied as a function of (T) with the range of (300-473 K), at different value of (X=0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4) with thickness (t=400 nm) and substrate temperature ($T_s=300$ K).

The ($\sigma_{d.c}$) of Cd_xSe_{1-x} films decreases as the Cd concentration (X) decreases (i.e decreases as increases the (Se) concentration), this is due to the higher resistivity of (Se).from figures(4.15,a,b,c,d) ; it is found there are two stages of conductivity throughout the heating temperature range.

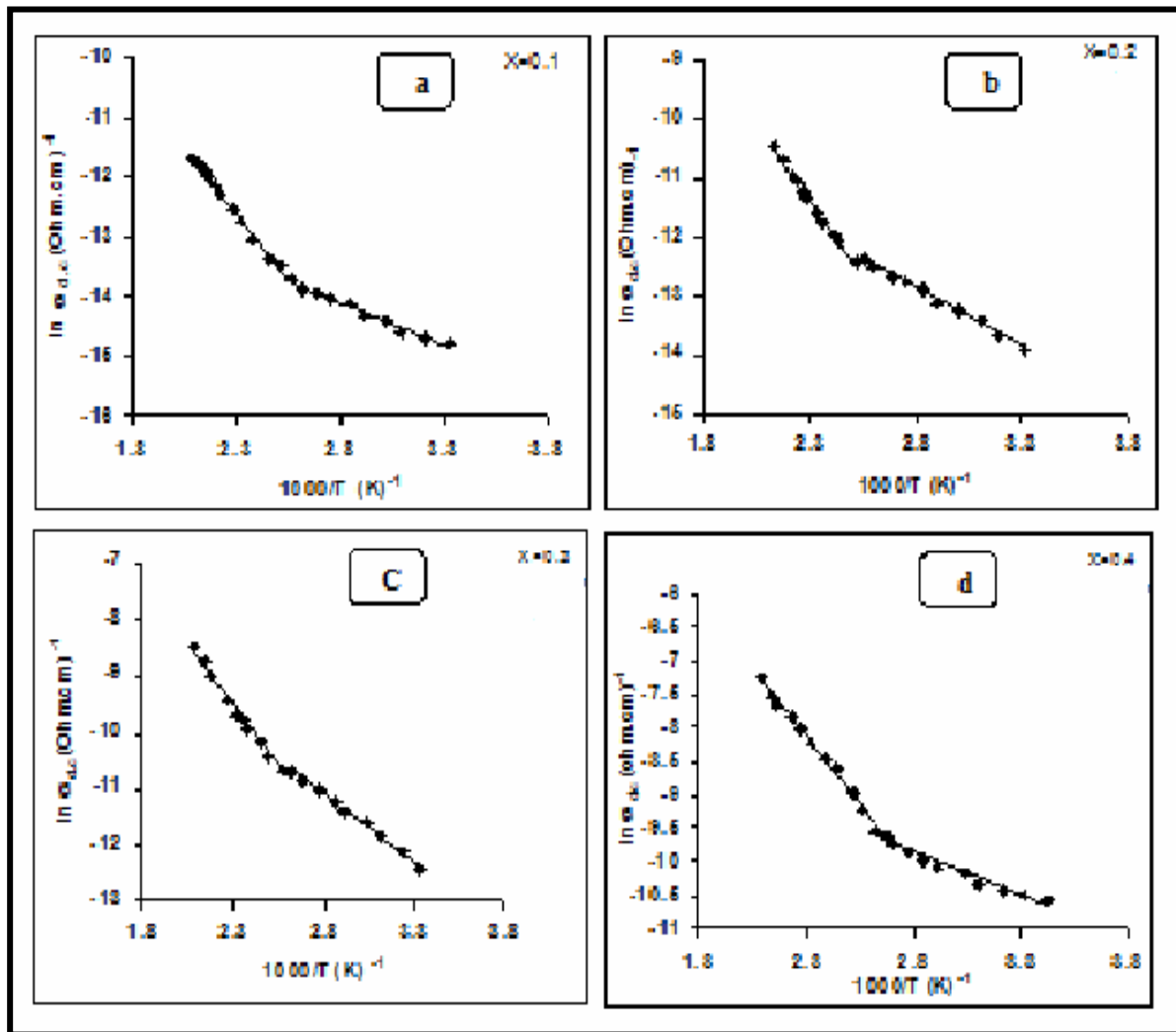


Figure (4.15): $\ln \sigma$ versus $1000/T$ for Cd_xSe_{1-x} films at different concentration (X) (a): 0.1 (b): 0.2 (c): 0.3 (d): 0.4 and (t=400 nm, $T_s=300$ K).

The first activation energy (E_{a1}) occurs at low temperatures with the range (300-393 K) the conduction mechanism of this stage is due to carriers transport to localized states near the valence band. While the second activation energy (E_{a2}) occurs at high temperatures with in the range (393-437 K), and it is due to conduction of the carrier excited into the extended states beyond the mobility edge. As listed in Table (4.3); the activation energy and conductivity takes unstable behavior with increasing the concentration (X), due to the change in the phase of structure.

From figures(4.16,a,b,c,d) it is found that the ($\sigma_{d.c}$) conductivity of Cd_xSe_{1-x} films at (X=0.3) with different substrate temperatures (300-393 K), and thickness (t=400 nm) that the conductivity decreases with increasing the substrate temperatures (T_s), this is because of the high concentration of (Se) in the films. The value of activation energies are listed in Table (4.3) it was calculated that there are two activation energies E_{a1} and E_{a2} , which decreases with increasing the substrate temperature due to increases the energy gap, this is because the increasing of (Se) lead to increased energy gap, as is evident from the X-ray examinations, where appeared peaks of (Se) with increasing the substrate temperature..

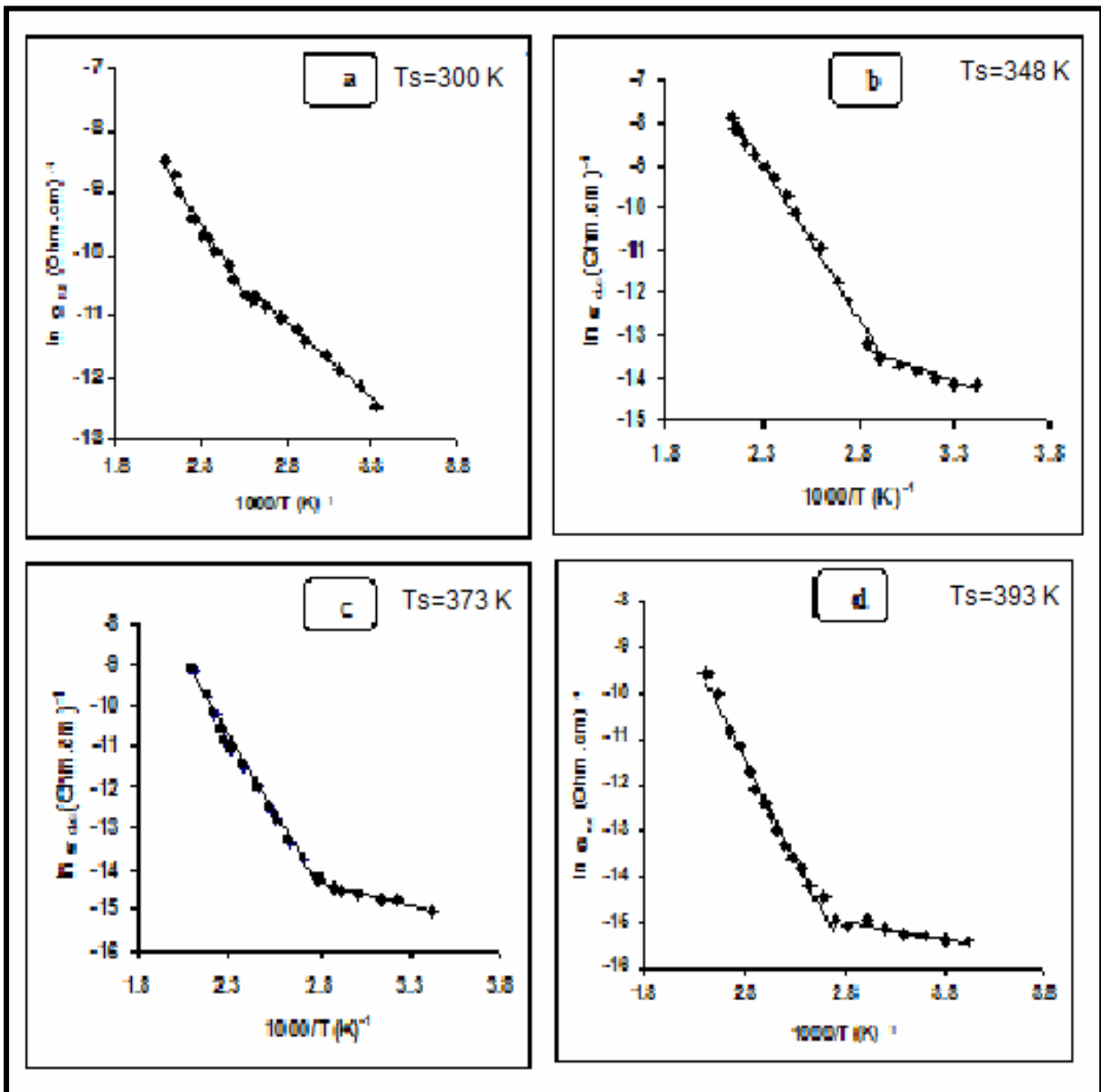


Figure (4.16): $\ln \sigma_{dc}$ versus $1000/T$ for $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ films at different substrate temperatures (a): 300 K (b): 348 K (c): 373 K (d): 393 K and ($t=400\text{nm}$, $X=0.3$).

From figures(4.17,a,b,c,d) and table (4.3) it can be see that the value of electrical conductivity tends to increase with increasing in film thickness. The low electrical conductivity of thinner film is attributed to the existence of an island structure , which contain many defect sites ,so the defect density is much smaller for thicker films , as results the electrical conductivity of the films increases with film thickness^[59] . The observed lesser conductivity in thinner films can be explained due to lower degree of crystalline. This result is in agreement with Padiyan *et al.*^[60] Also it is clear that the activation energies increasing with increasing of thickness, may be due to decreases in absorption and increase in energy gap with increase of thickness.

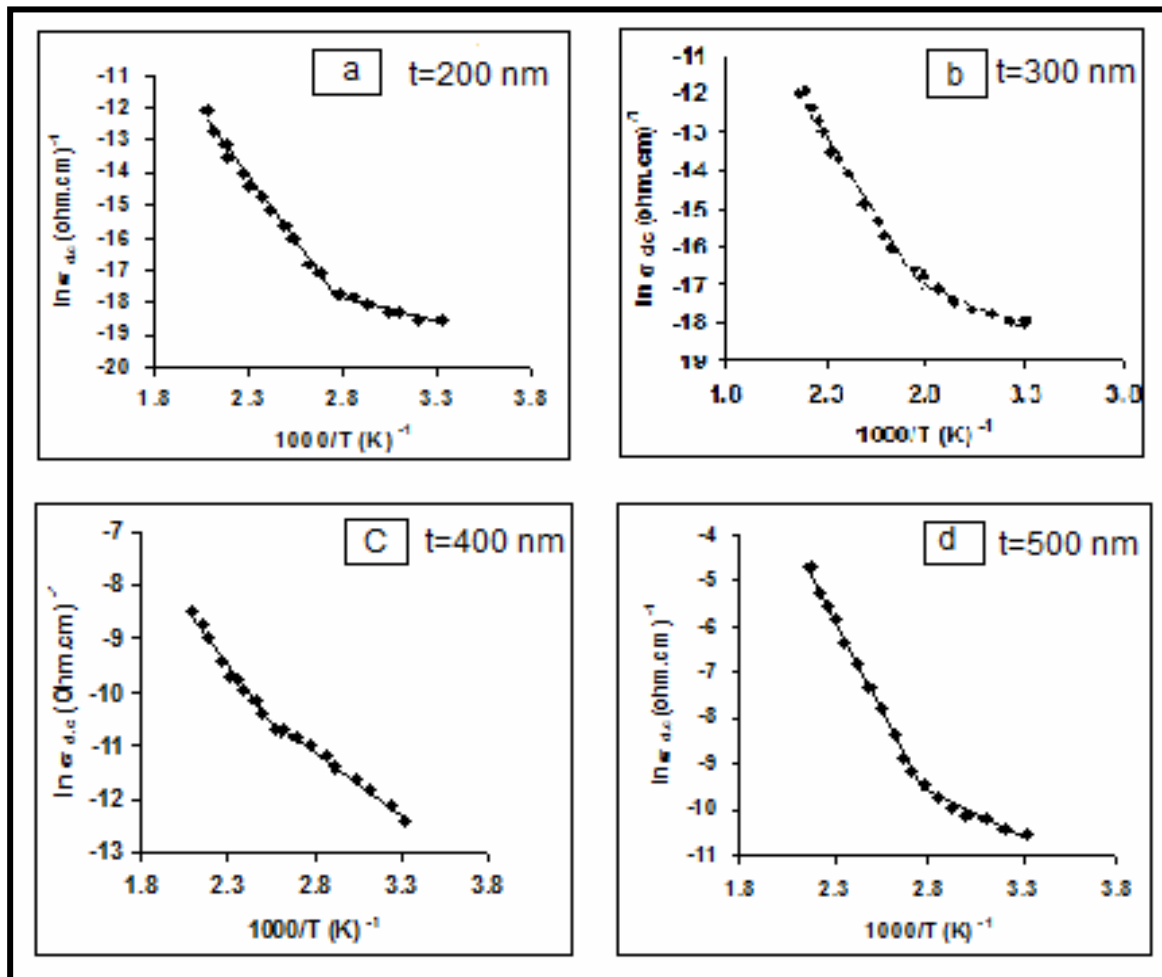


Figure (4.17): $\ln \sigma_{d.c}$ versus $1000/T$ for $Cd_x Se_{1-x}$ films at different thicknesses (a): 200 nm (b): 300 nm (c): 400 nm (d): 500 nm, and ($X=0.3, T_s=300$ K)

Table(4.3): D.C. conductivity parameters for Cd_xSe_{1-x} films at different concentration, thicknesses and substrate temperatures.

| Concentration (X) | Thickness (t) nm | T_s (K) | E_{a1} (eV) Range (K) | E_{a2} (eV) Range (K) | $\sigma_{R.T} \times 10^{-6}$ ($\Omega.cm$) ⁻¹ | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------|------|
| 0.1 | 400 | 300 | 0.124 | 0.633 | 6.13 | | |
| | | | 300-393 K | 393-473 K | | | |
| 0.2 | 400 | 300 | 0.156 | 0.649 | 0.68 | | |
| | | | 300-393 K | 393-473 K | | | |
| 0.3 | 200 | 300 | 0.213 | 0.801 | 0.009 | | |
| | | | 300-357 K | 367-473 K | | | |
| | 300 | 300 | 0.188 | 0.725 | 0.015 | | |
| | | | 300-357 K | 367-473 K | | | |
| | | | 400 | 300 | 0.133 | 0.215 | 2.76 |
| | | | | | 300-393 K | 393-473 K | |
| | | | 348 | 300 | 0.142 | 0.324 | 0.83 |
| | | | | | 300-423 K | 423-473 K | |
| 373 | 300 | 0.166 | 0.437 | 0.304 | | | |
| | | 300-423 K | 423-473 K | | | | |
| 393 | 300 | 0.205 | 0.711 | 0.061 | | | |
| | | 300-423 K | 423-473 K | | | | |
| 500 | 300 | 300 | 0.094 | 0.327 | 27.4 | | |
| | | | 300-357 K | 367-473 K | | | |
| 0.4 | 400 | 300 | 0.085 | 0.551 | 45 | | |
| | | | 300-393 K | 393-473 K | | | |

(4-4)The Hall Effect:

The variation of Hall voltage as a function of currents for $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ films has been studied at different conditions when a magnetic field ($B=0.257$ Tesla) . These measurements show that the $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ films at ($X=0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4$) are p-type as shown in figure(4.18,a,b,c,d), due to the presence of excess selenium which may produce cadmium vacancies in CdSe sites that form shallow acceptor level in the energy gap .From Table(4.4) we notice that the value of mobility decrease with increase (X),due to the high carrier concentration.

From figure(4.19,a,b,c,d) we found that all $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ films at ($X=0.3$) with different thicknesses and at ($T_s=300$ K) exhibit a positive Hall coefficient (p-type), and from Table (4.4) we observed that the carriers concentration decreases with increase of thickness.

The substrate temperature (T_s) considered as an effective parameter on the carrier concentration. From the figure(4.20,a,b,c,d) we found that all the films at ($X=0.3$) ,and ($t=400$ nm) exhibit a positive Hall coefficient(p-type) and from the Table (4.4) we notice that the carriers concentration decrease with substrate temperature increases may due to the re-crystallization process, which leads to the decrease of defects in the film during the film growth , and consequently a decrease of the carriers scattering at the defect, and the increasing of re-crystallization leads to rising the potential barrier, for that reason the mobility increasing.

Table (4.4) : Hall parameters for Cd_xSe_{1-x} films at different concentration, thickness and substrate temperature.

| X | t (nm) | T_s (K) | n_H (cm^{-3}) | μ_H ($cm^2/v.s$) |
|-----|--------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 0.1 | 400 | 300 | $3.84 * 10^{14}$ | 35.26 |
| 0.2 | 400 | 300 | $6.71 * 10^{14}$ | 5.07 |
| 0.3 | 200 | 300 | $11.16 * 10^{14}$ | 0.084 |
| | | 300 | $8.91 * 10^{14}$ | 0.391 |
| | | 300 | $8.66 * 10^{14}$ | 1.248 |
| | | 348 | $7.44 * 10^{14}$ | 1.85 |
| | 400 | 373 | $4.6 * 10^{10}$ | 4.012 |
| | | 393 | $2.34 * 10^{10}$ | 6.371 |
| 500 | 300 | $8.33 * 10^{14}$ | 5.07 | |
| | 300 | $2.1 * 10^{15}$ | 0.125 | |

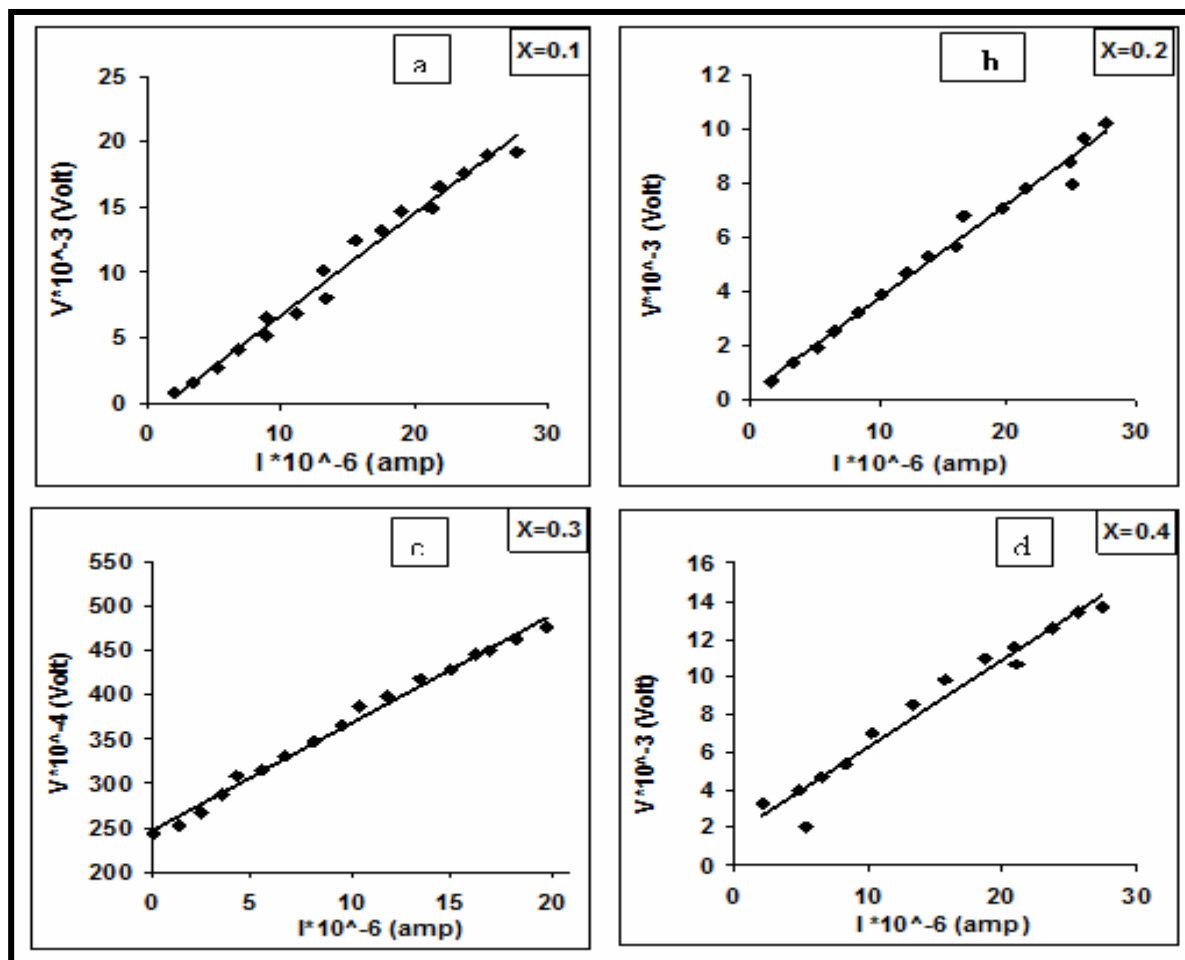


Figure (4.18): Variation of Hall voltage versus current for Cd_xSe_{1-x} films at different concentrations (a): 0.1 (b): 0.2 (c): 0.3 (d): 0.4, and (t=400 nm and $T_s = 300$ K).

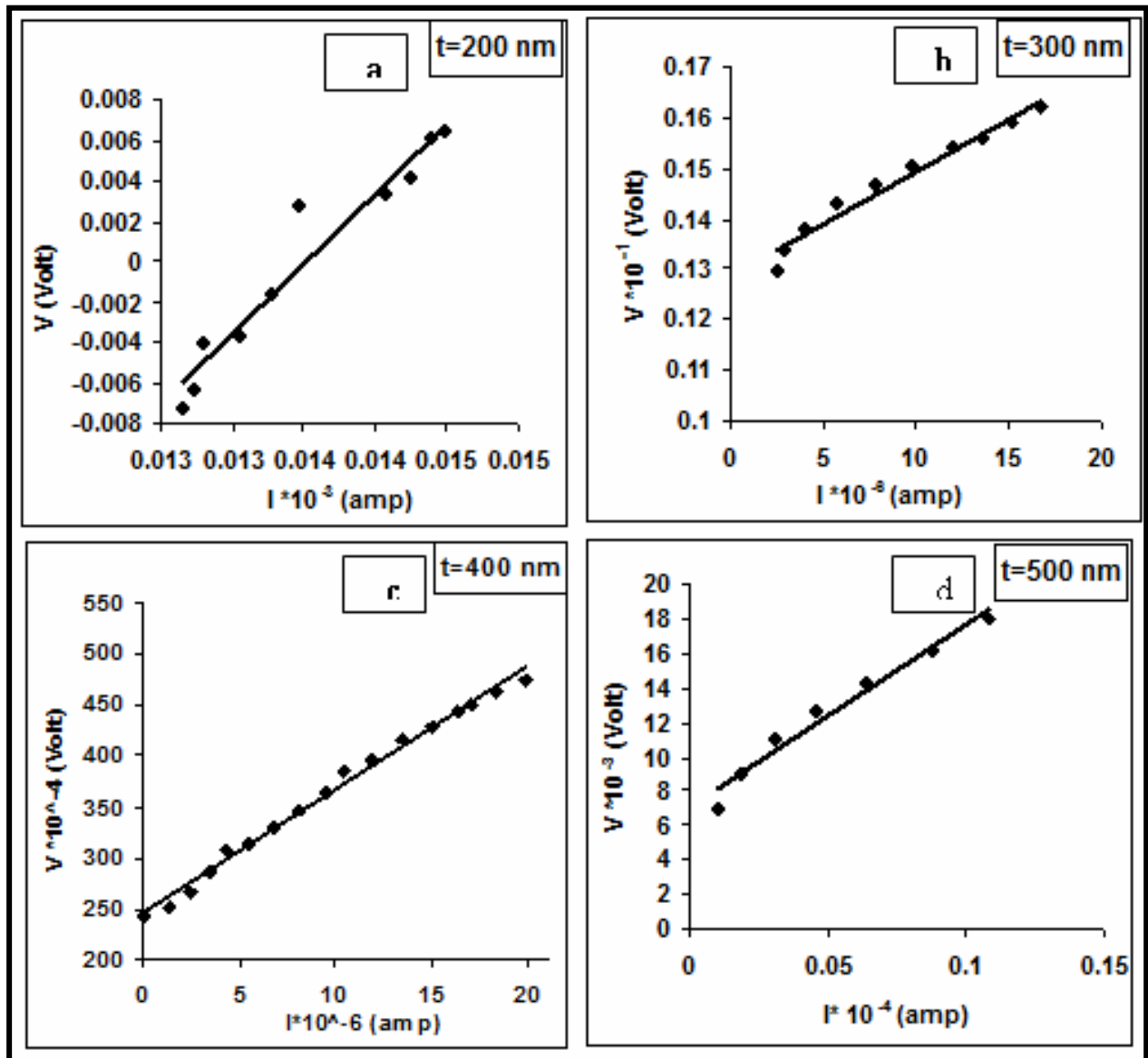


Figure (4.19): Variation of Hall voltage versus current for Cd_xSe_{1-x} films at different thickness (a): 200 nm (b): 300 nm (c): 400 nm (d): 500 nm ,and(X=0.3 , and T_s=300 K).

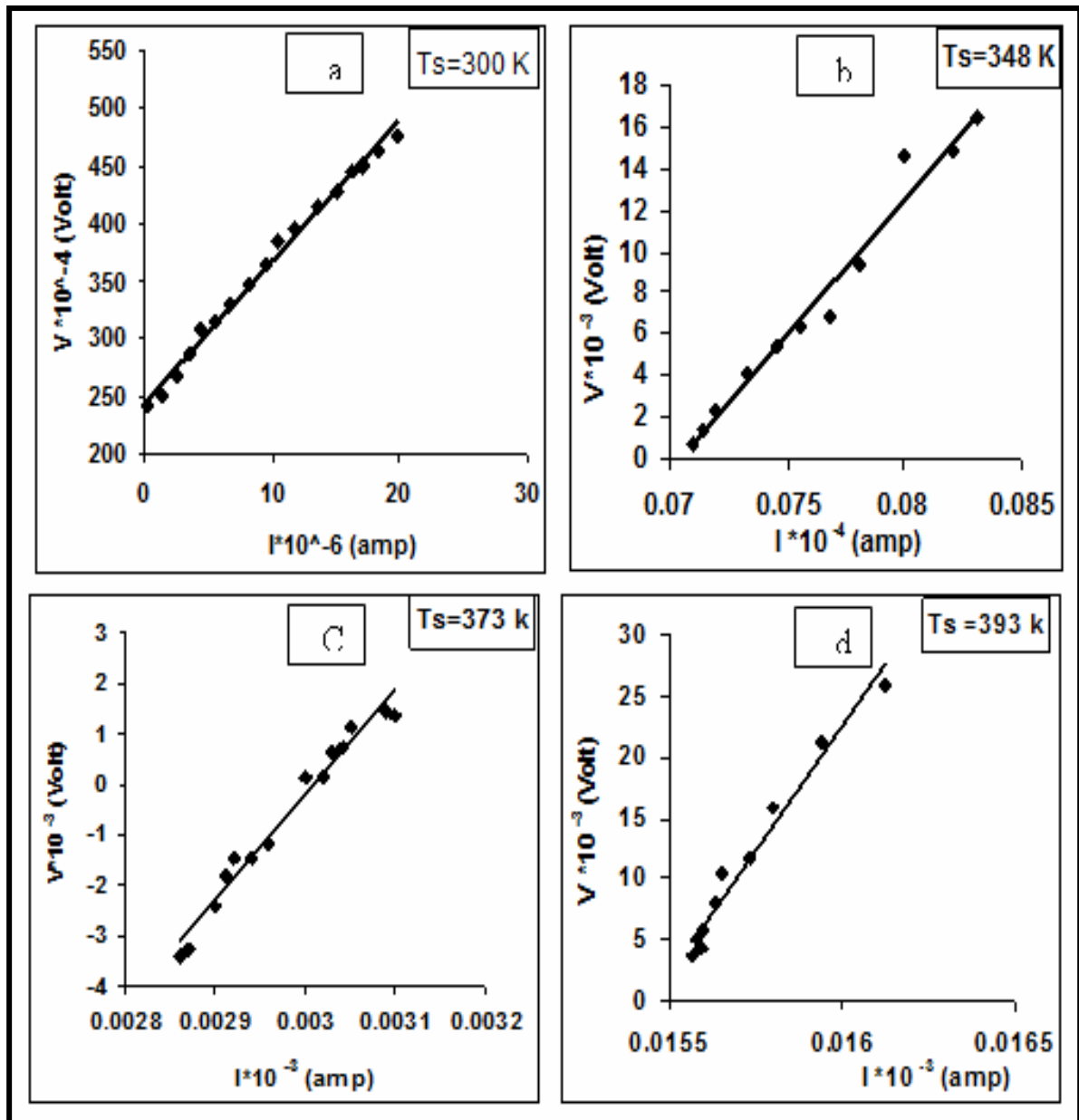


Figure (4.20): Variation of Hall voltage versus current for $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ films at different substrate temperature (a): 300 K (b): 348 K (c): 373 K (d): 393 K, and ($X=0.3$ and $t=400 \text{ nm}$).

(4-5) A.C Conductivity:

The a.c conductivity measurement has been studied on the Cd_xSe_{1-x} thin films properties which prepared by different conduction such as concentration (X), thicknesses (t) , and substrate temperatures (T_s). From the frequency dependence of $\sigma(\omega)$ we can evaluate the exponent (s) and the temperature dependence of $\sigma(\omega)$ to calculate the activation energy $E(\omega)$, also the Cole-Cole diagram is drawn in order to find the polarizability (α) , dielectric constant (ϵ_s), and relaxation time (τ) for all the samples.

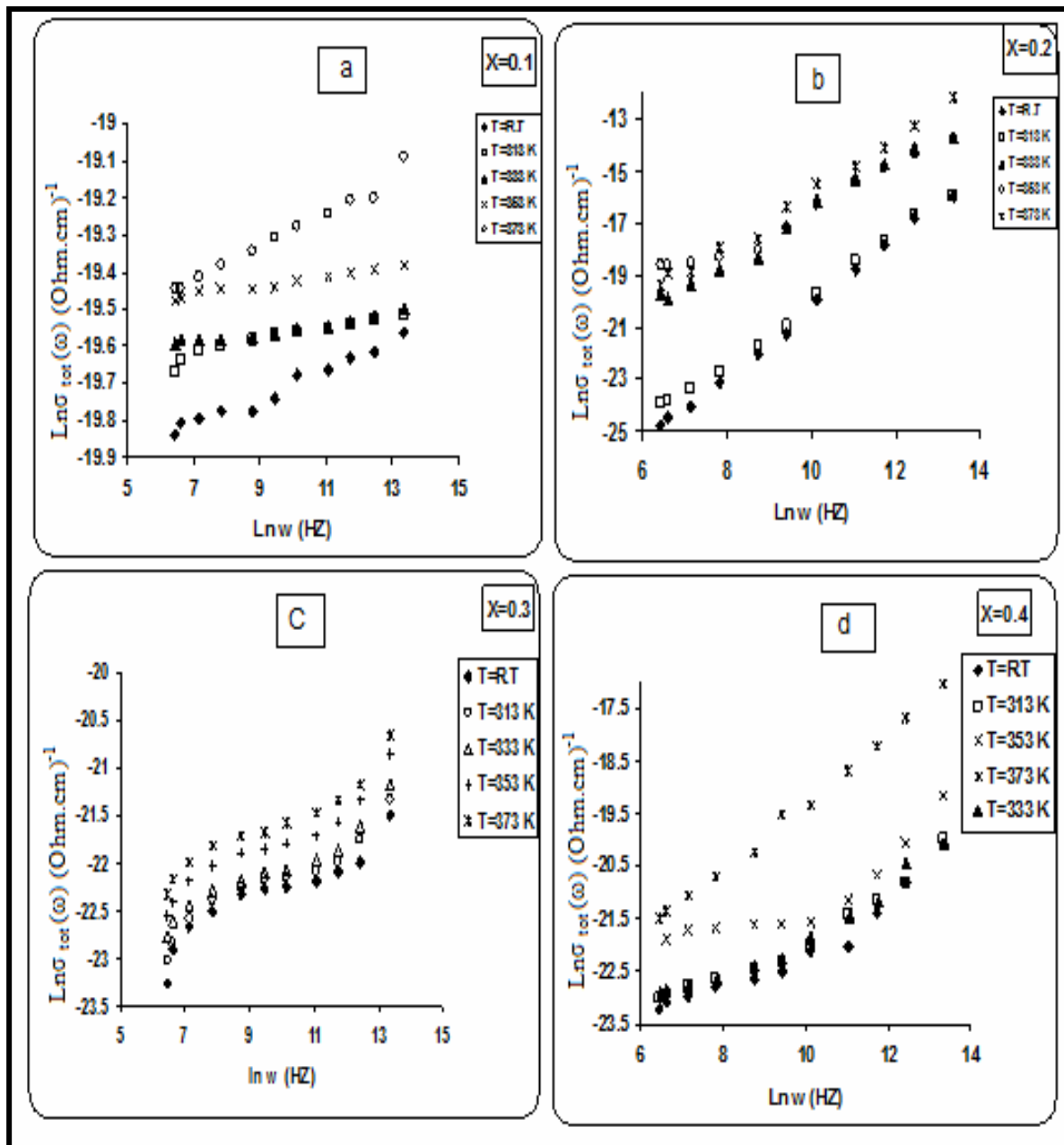
(4-5-1) Frequency Dependence on A.C conductivity:

All samples follow a common pattern where $\ln(\sigma_{tot})$ is linear function of $\ln(\omega)$. In other words σ_{ac} increases with increasing frequency according to equation (2-11) as shown in figure [4.21,22,23,(a,b,c,d)]. In this case the $\sigma_{ac}(\omega)$ dominates at higher frequency , in the range of $(10^3 - 10^5)$ Hz. For lower frequency in the range of (10^2-10^3) Hz the conductivity becomes independent of the frequency because d.c conductivity dominate in this frequency range. The determination of a.c. conduction mechanism implies the study of the exponent (s) ; as a function of temperature. The dependence of exponent, s , on temperature is listed in table (4.5); it is observed that the smaller values of s have been observed for Cd_xSe_{1-x} at ($X=0.3, t=400$ nm ,and $T_s=300$ K) and equal to (0.302), while the exponent S have a large value for Cd_xSe_{1-x} at ($X=0.3, t=500$ nm ,and $T_s =300$ K) and equal to (0.91) . We observed the change in the exponent s is not systematic with the value of concentration (X), and substrate temperature (T_s) that is because of the change in the structure of there film ,as described in (4-2) paragraph .All films showed the same tend where ,s, decreases by increasing the annealing temperature .

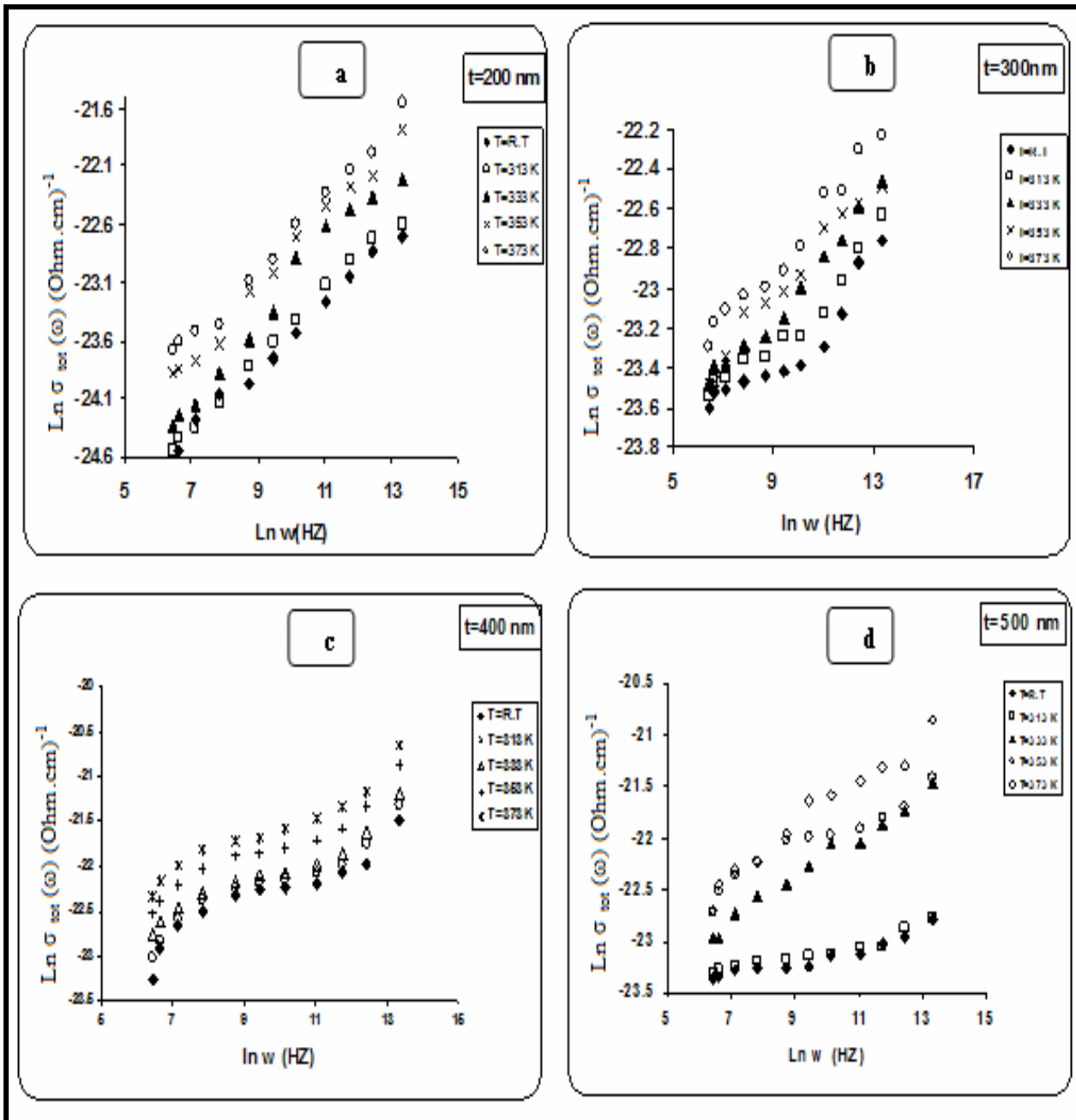
This means that the correlated barrier hopping (C.B.H) model is the best model to explain the a.c. conductivity of Cd_xSe_{1-x} thin films

Table (4.5): Exponent (s) value of Cd_xSe_{1-x} films at different concentration thicknesses ,substrate temperatures and annealing temperatures.

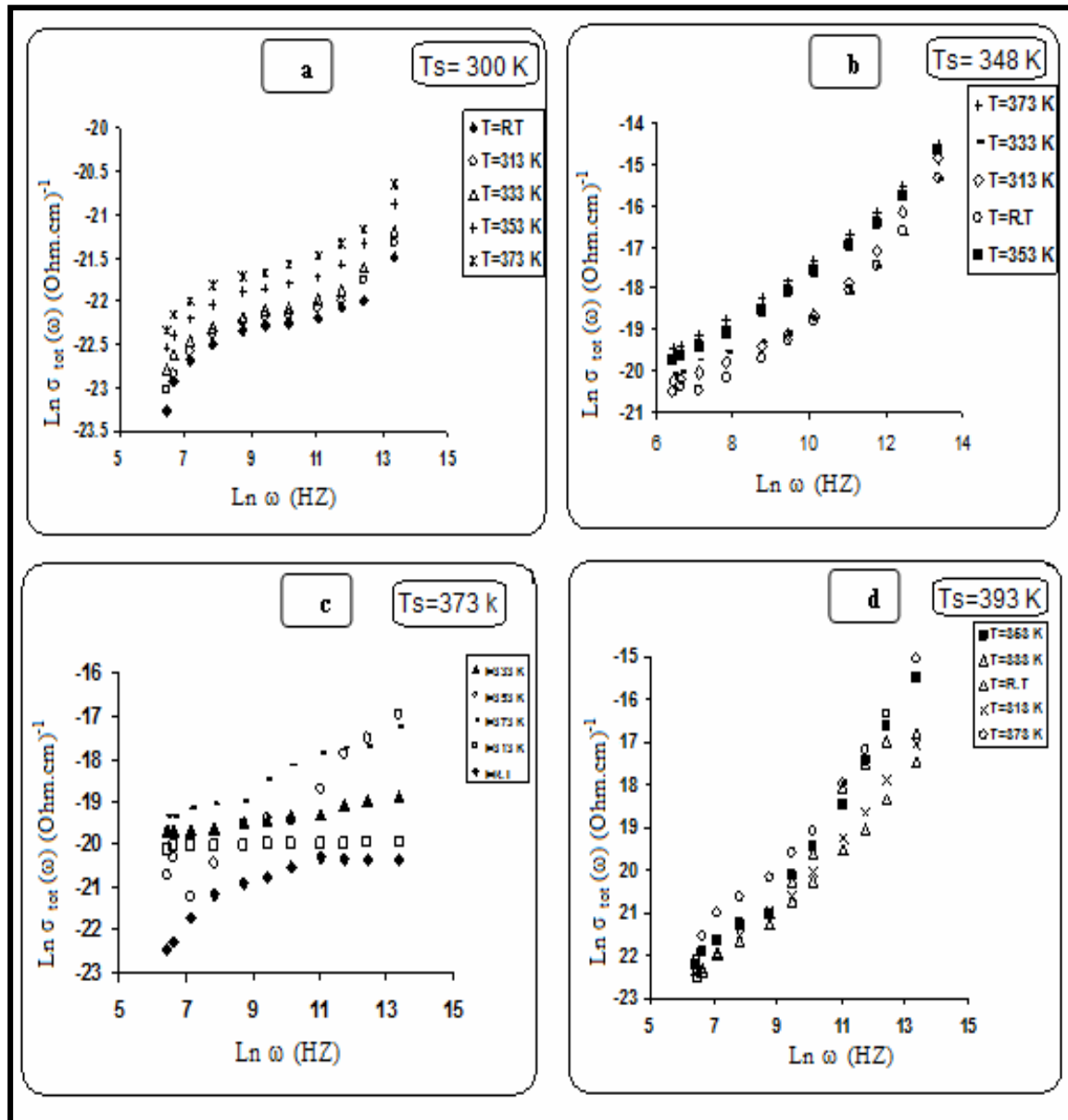
| x | Concentration | t (nm) | T_s (K) | T_a (K) | | | | |
|-----|---------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | | | | 300 | 313 | 333 | 353 | 373 |
| | | | | s | s | s | s | s |
| 0.1 | 400 | 300 | 0.64 | 0.59 | 0.55 | 0.42 | 0.316 | |
| 0.2 | 400 | 300 | 0.47 | 0.43 | 0.391 | 0.36 | 0.302 | |
| 0.3 | 200 | 300 | 0.741 | 0.725 | 0.656 | 0.531 | 0.494 | |
| | | 300 | 0.82 | 0.781 | 0.707 | 0.7 | 0.61 | |
| | 400 | 300 | 0.906 | 0.899 | 0.892 | 0.84 | 0.81 | |
| | | 348 | 0.554 | 0.529 | 0.496 | 0.442 | 0.399 | |
| | | 373 | 0.85 | 0.79 | 0.71 | 0.66 | 0.58 | |
| | | 393 | 0.66 | 0.59 | 0.505 | 0.492 | 0.471 | |
| | 500 | 300 | 0.91 | 0.904 | 0.79 | 0.77 | 0.61 | |
| 0.4 | 400 | 300 | 0.83 | 0.76 | 0.65 | 0.41 | 0.321 | |



Figure(4.21,a,b,c,d) : $\text{Ln} \sigma_{\text{tot}}(\omega)$ as a function of $\text{Ln}(\omega)$ for $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ films at different concentration and annealing temperature (a): 0.1 (b): 0.2 (c): 0.3 (d): 0.4 and ($t=400\text{ nm}$, $T_s=300\text{ K}$).



Figure(4.22,a,b,c,d) : $\ln \sigma_{tot}(\omega)$ as a function of $\ln(\omega)$ for $\text{Cd}_X\text{Se}_{1-X}$ films at different thickness and annealing temperatures(a): 200 nm (b): 300 nm (c): 400 nm (d): 500 nm, and ($X=0.3, T_s=300 \text{ K}$)



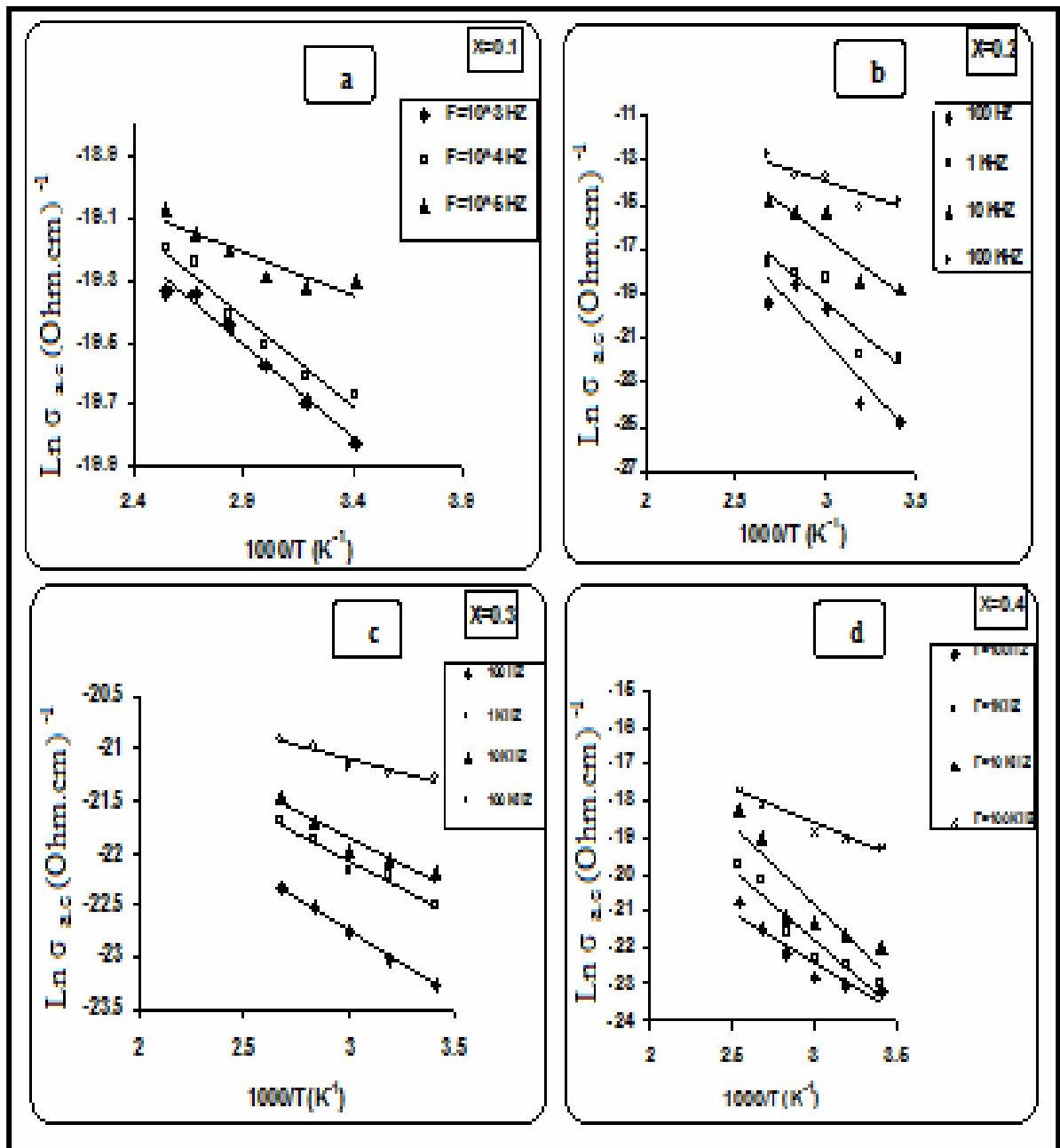
Figure(4.23,a,b,c,d) : $\ln \sigma_{tot}(\omega)$ as a function of $\ln(\omega)$ for Cd_xSe_{1-x} films at different substrate temperatures and annealing temperatures (a): 300 K (b): 348 K(c): 373 K (d): 393 K and ($t=400$ nm , $X=0.3$).

(4-5-2)Temperature Dependence of A.C conductivity:

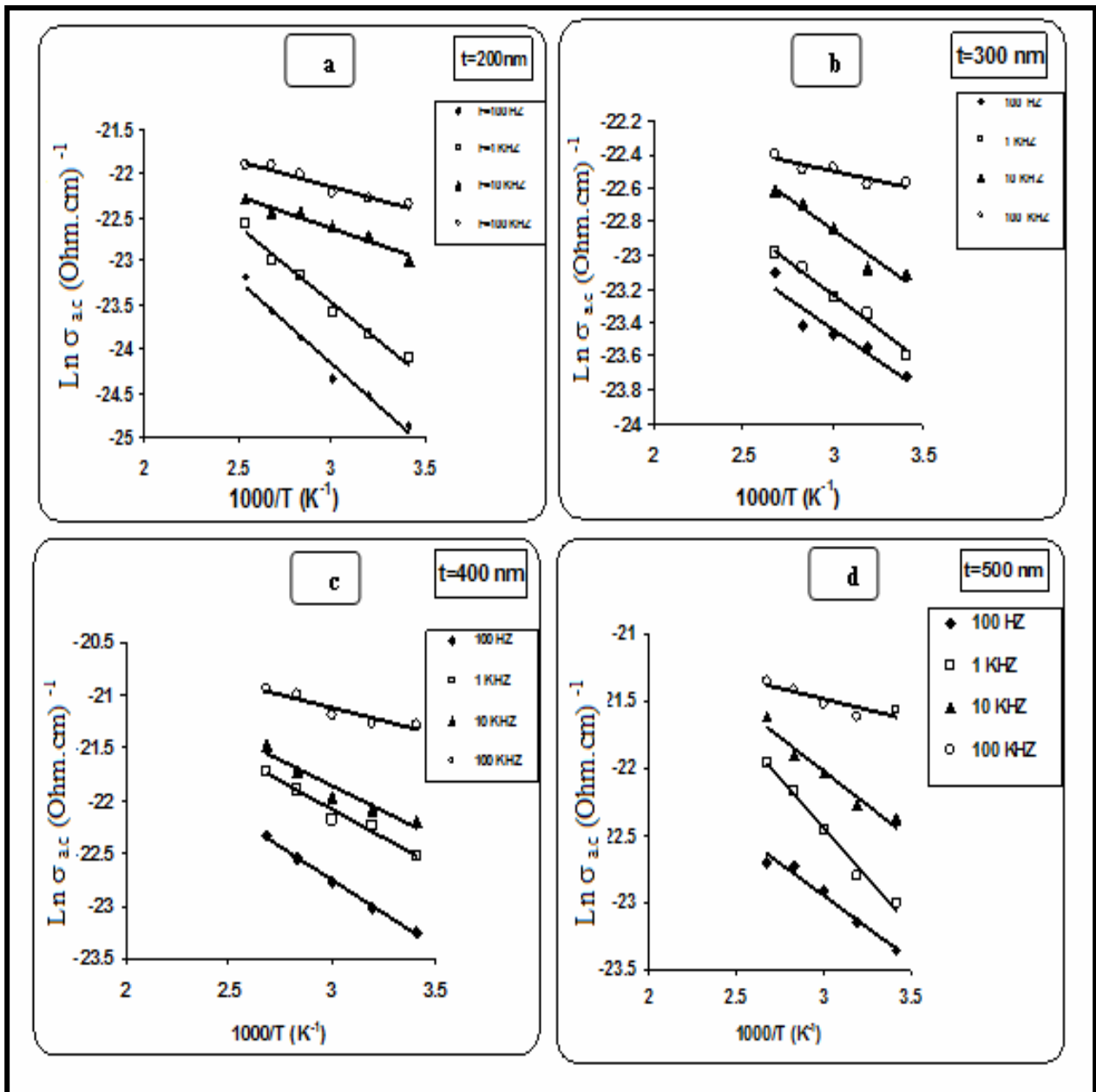
The variation of $\ln \sigma_{a.c}(\omega)$ with reciprocal temperature ($10^3/T$) for Cd_xSe_{1-x} films for four fixed frequencies ($10^2, 10^3, 10^4, 10^5$)Hz at different concentration (X), thicknesses, and substrate temperatures are shown in figures [4.24,25,26,(a,b,c,d)]. A linear behavior of $\sigma_{a.c}(\omega)$ of one stage has been observed over the entire temperature range indicating a thermal activated conduction mechanism. There is activation energy for each film less than the activation energy in the d.c conductivity because the dependence of a.c conductivity on the temperature being less than in the d.c conductivity. As shown in Table (4.6) the a.c activation energy E_ω is not systematic with the increasing of concentration because the change in a phase of structure as described in the (4-2) paragraph ; while the a.c activation energy decreases as the film thickness increases and this may be attributed to increase of absorption coefficient and decreasing the energy gap, and the activation energy increases as the substrate temperature increasing.

Table(4.6): A.C activation energies for Cd_xSe_{1-x} film at different concentration ,thicknesses ,and substrate temperatures.

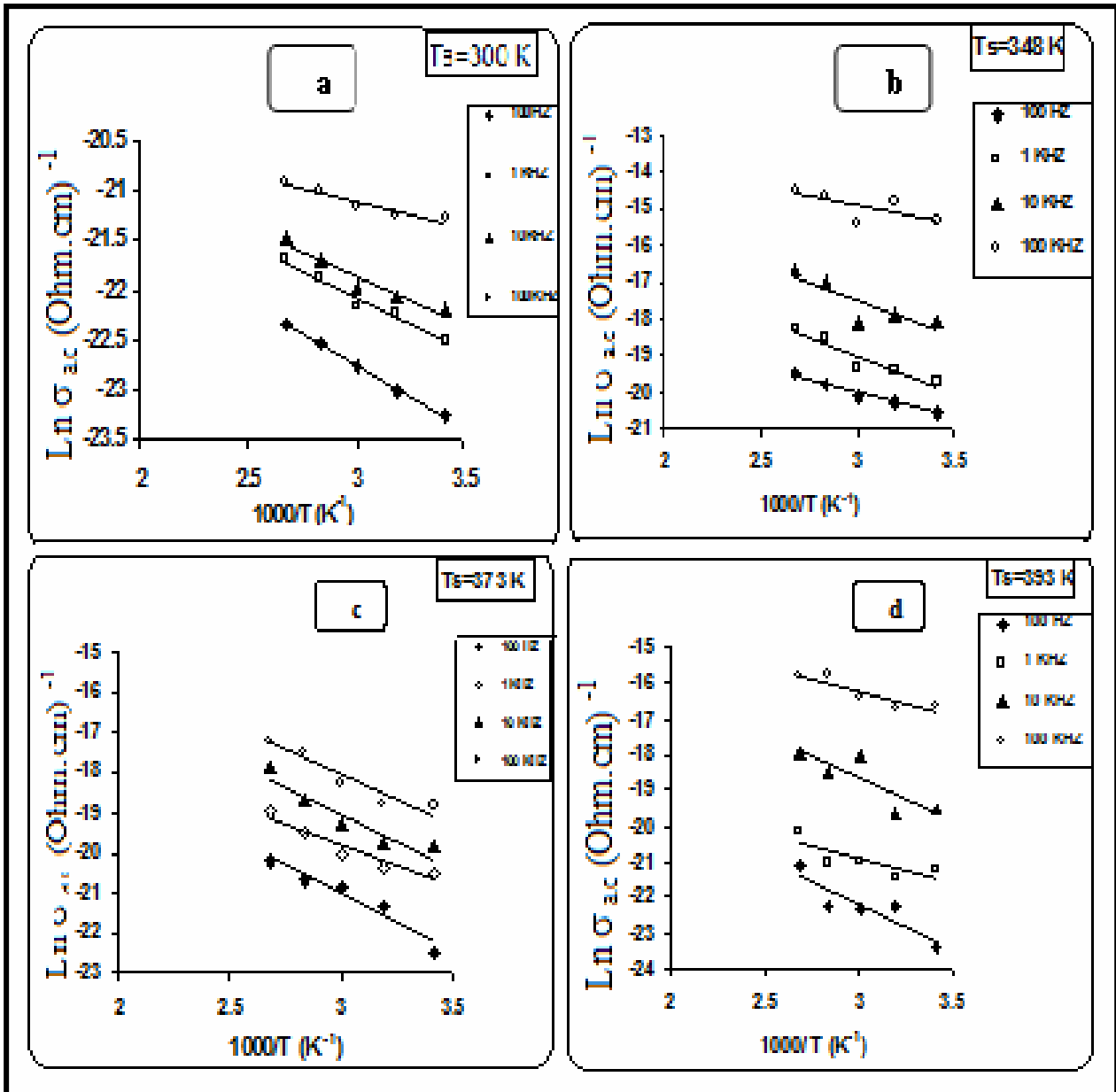
| Concentration (X) | t (nm) | T_s (K) | E_ω (eV) | | | |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | | f (Hz) | | | |
| | | | 10^2 | 10^3 | 10^4 | 10^5 |
| 0.1 | 400 | 300 | - | 0.121 | 0.106 | 0.102 |
| 0.2 | 400 | 300 | 0.124 | 0.053 | 0.011 | 0.071 |
| 0.3 | 200 | 300 | 0.206 | 0.183 | 0.176 | 0.167 |
| | 300 | 300 | 0.144 | 0.132 | 0.128 | 0.125 |
| | 400 | 300 | 0.062 | 0.021 | 0.011 | 0.005 |
| | | 348 | 0.095 | 0.044 | 0.014 | 0.008 |
| | | 373 | 0.114 | 0.049 | 0.0166 | 0.0132 |
| | 393 | 0.156 | 0.117 | 0.050 | 0.031 | |
| 500 | 300 | 0.058 | 0.047 | 0.011 | 0.0096 | |
| 0.4 | 400 | 300 | 0.087 | 0.039 | 0.0075 | 0.006 |



Figure(4.24,a,b,c,d) : $\ln \sigma_{ac}$ as a function of $1000/T$ for Cd_xSe_{1-x} with ($t=400$ nm and $T_s=300K$) at different concentration and frequencies temperature (a): 0.1 (b): 0.2 (c): 0.3 (d): 0.4 .



Figure(4.25,a,b,c,d) : $\ln \sigma_{ac}$ as a function of $1000/T$ for Cd_xSe_{1-x} with ($X=0.3$, and $T_s=300$ K) at different thickness and frequencies (a): 200 nm (b): 300 nm (c): 400 nm (d): 500 nm .



Figure(4.26,a,b,c,d) : $\ln \sigma_{ac}$ as a function of $1000/T$ for $\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$, ($x=0.4$, and $t=400\text{nm}$) at different substrate temperature and frequencies (a): 300 K (b): 348 K(c): 373 K (d): 393 K.

(4-6) Complex permittivity plot (Cole-Cole Diagram) :

The real and imaginary part of dielectric constant calculate from these equations^[61] :

$$\epsilon_1(\omega) = tC/a \epsilon_0$$

$$\epsilon_2(\omega) = \sigma_{ac}(\omega) / \epsilon_0 \omega$$

Where $\epsilon_1(\omega)$ is the real part of the complex dielectric (dielectric constant) and $\epsilon_2(\omega)$ is the imaginary part (Dielectric loss factor) ,Where ϵ_0 is the permittivity in vacuum, t is the thickness of the samples, a is the electrode area and C is the capacitance of the sample. Representative plots of dielectric constant (ϵ_1) versus dielectric loss (ϵ_2) at different conditions [concentration (X), thickness (t), and substrate temperatures (T_s); are shown in figures[4.27,28,29 (a,b,c,d)].

These figures shown a semi- circle diagram, each semi-circle has its center below ϵ_1 -axis . It begins from the origin at the high frequencies and ends at a point on the ϵ_1 -axis at low frequencies .

The intersection of the semi-circle at higher frequencies with ϵ_1 –axis gives the static dielectric constant (ϵ_0) ($\omega=0$), and the intersection of the semi-circle at lower frequencies with ϵ_1 -axis gives the optical dielectric constant($\omega=$ higher).The polarizability (α) (dispersion parameter) which calculated according to this relation [$\alpha = \frac{2\theta}{\pi}$] ,where (θ): the angle between ϵ_1 -axis and the diameter of semi-circle .

The Cole-Cole plots are also useful to confirm the distribution of the relaxation time, which can be determined from the relation^[62] :

$$\frac{(\epsilon_s - \epsilon_o)}{2} = \omega_{\max} \tau$$

where ω_{\max} represents the highest frequency and τ is the relaxation time which corresponds to the high value of dielectric loss.

From Table (4.7) we can observed all the dielectric constants which represent the dielectric response for $(\text{Cd}_x\text{Se}_{1-x})$ thin film which prepared at different [$X=0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4$] ; [$t=200, 300, 400, 500$] nm, and [$T_s = 300, 348, 373, 393$]K. Seen from the Table (4.8) that the results have unstable behavior with different concentration (X), which can be interpreted as a compositional disorder change ^[63].

The dependence of dielectric parameters on the substrate temperature we seen from the Table (4.7) that (ϵ_s) increases with substrate temperatures most of this behavior due to the increase in thermal energy will break the intermolecular interaction, resulting in reduction of the values of relaxation time(τ) ^[70], and we observe that (τ) decreasing with increasing (T_s) due to the increasing velocity of the charge carriers; and the disappearance of localized states will increase the scattering factor of charge carriers leading to shorter mean free paths. This result is consistent with previous mentioned data that dc conductivity decreases with T_s , and from figure (4.29,c) we notice that there are two relaxation region on the film which prepared at ($T_s=373$ K) (i.e: relaxation time distribution had been happened).

Table(4.7): Cole-Cole representation parameters for Cd_xSe_{1-x} thin films.

| X | t (nm) | T_s (K) | α | ϵ_s | $\tau \times 10^{-5}$ (sec) | $\tau_D \times 10^{-5}$ (sec) |
|------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 0.1 | 400 | 300 | 0.088 | 5.8 | 1.9 | 2.75 |
| 0.2 | 400 | 300 | 0.22 | 5.4 | 3.9 | 1.21 |
| 0.3 | 200 | 300 | 0.188 | 1.9 | 1.48 | 9.1 |
| | 300 | 300 | 0.077 | 1.85 | 0.73 | 11.1 |
| | 400 | 300 | 0.066 | 3.7 | 33.8 | 111 |
| | | 348 | 0.111 | 10 | 23.5 | 9.3 |
| | | 373 | 0.144 | 11 | 16.4 | 3.36 |
| | | 0.077 | 19.5 | 13.67 | 2.61 | |
| | | 393 | 0.055 | 28 | 8.9 | 1.11 |
| 500 | 300 | 0.055 | 6.5 | 5.17 | 0.45 | |
| 0.4 | 400 | 300 | 0.122 | 4.46 | 27.8 | 133 |

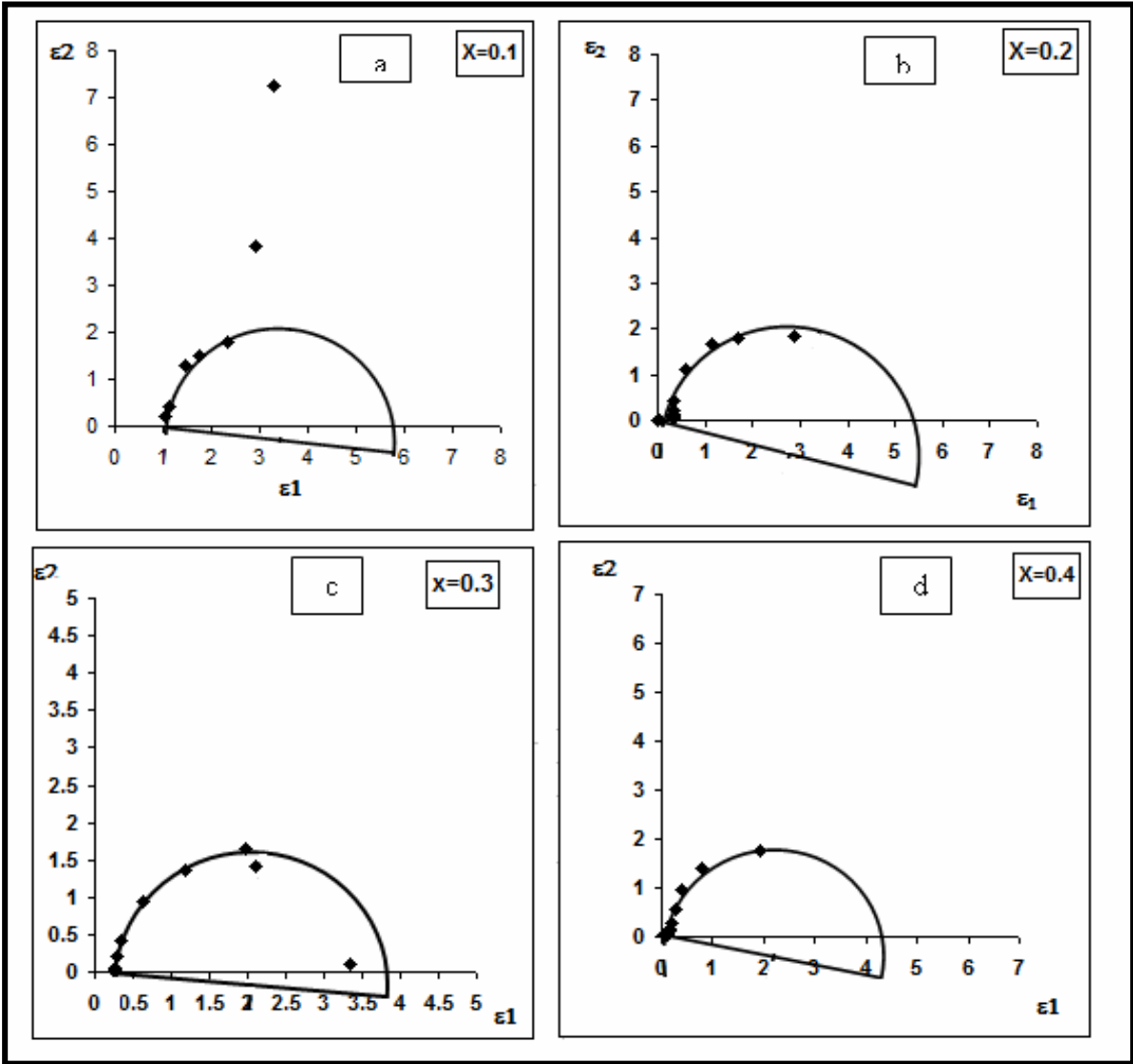


Fig.(4.24) Cole-Cole diagram for Cd_xSe_{1-x} thin film at different concentration (a): 0.1 (b): 0.2 (c): 0.3 (d): 0.4 , and (t=400 nm , T_s=300 K).

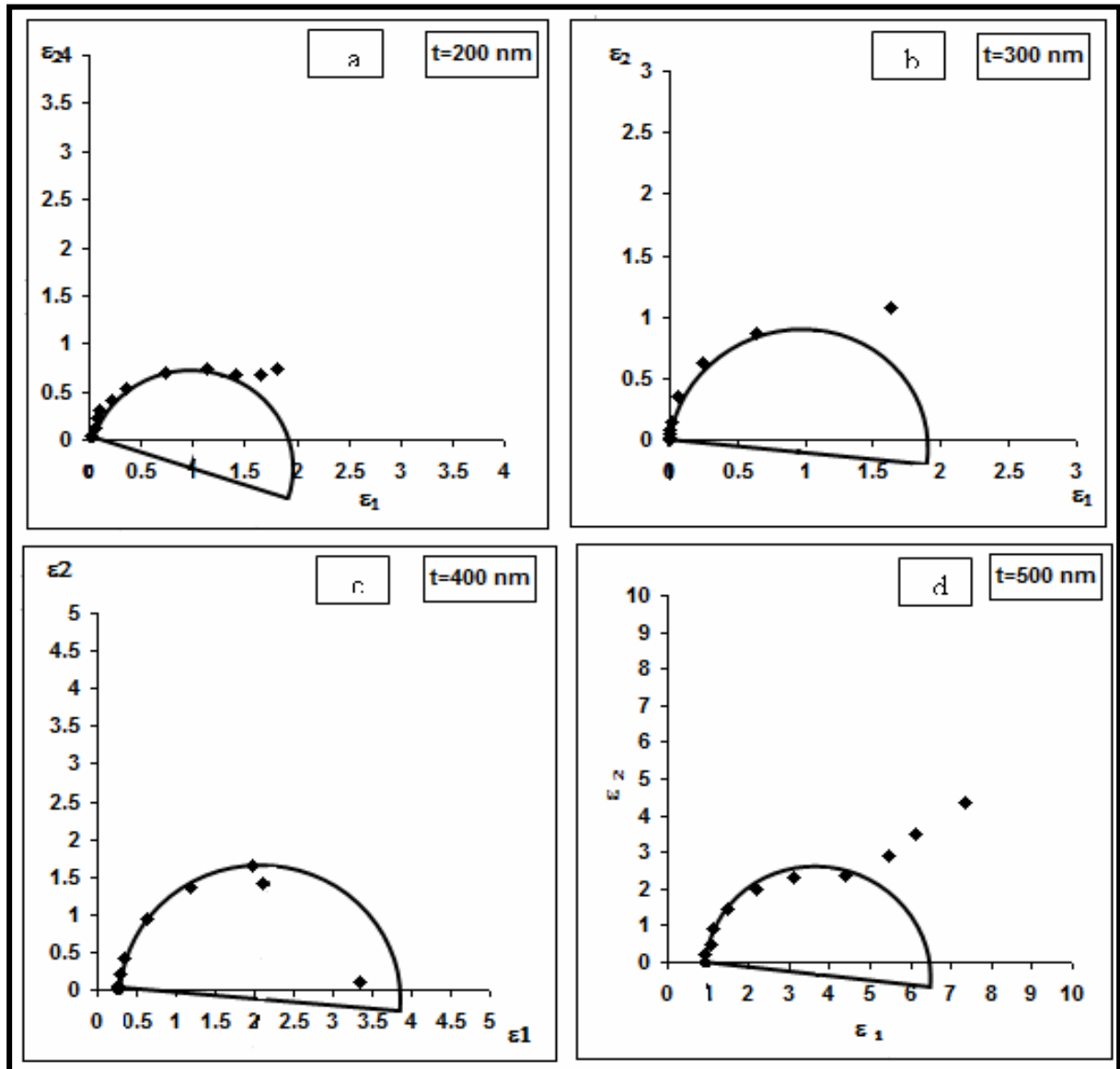


Fig.(4.25) Cole-Cole diagram for Cd_xSe_{1-x} thin film at different thicknesses (a): 200 nm (b): 300 nm (c): 400 nm (d): 500 nm , and (X=0.3 and T_s=300 K).

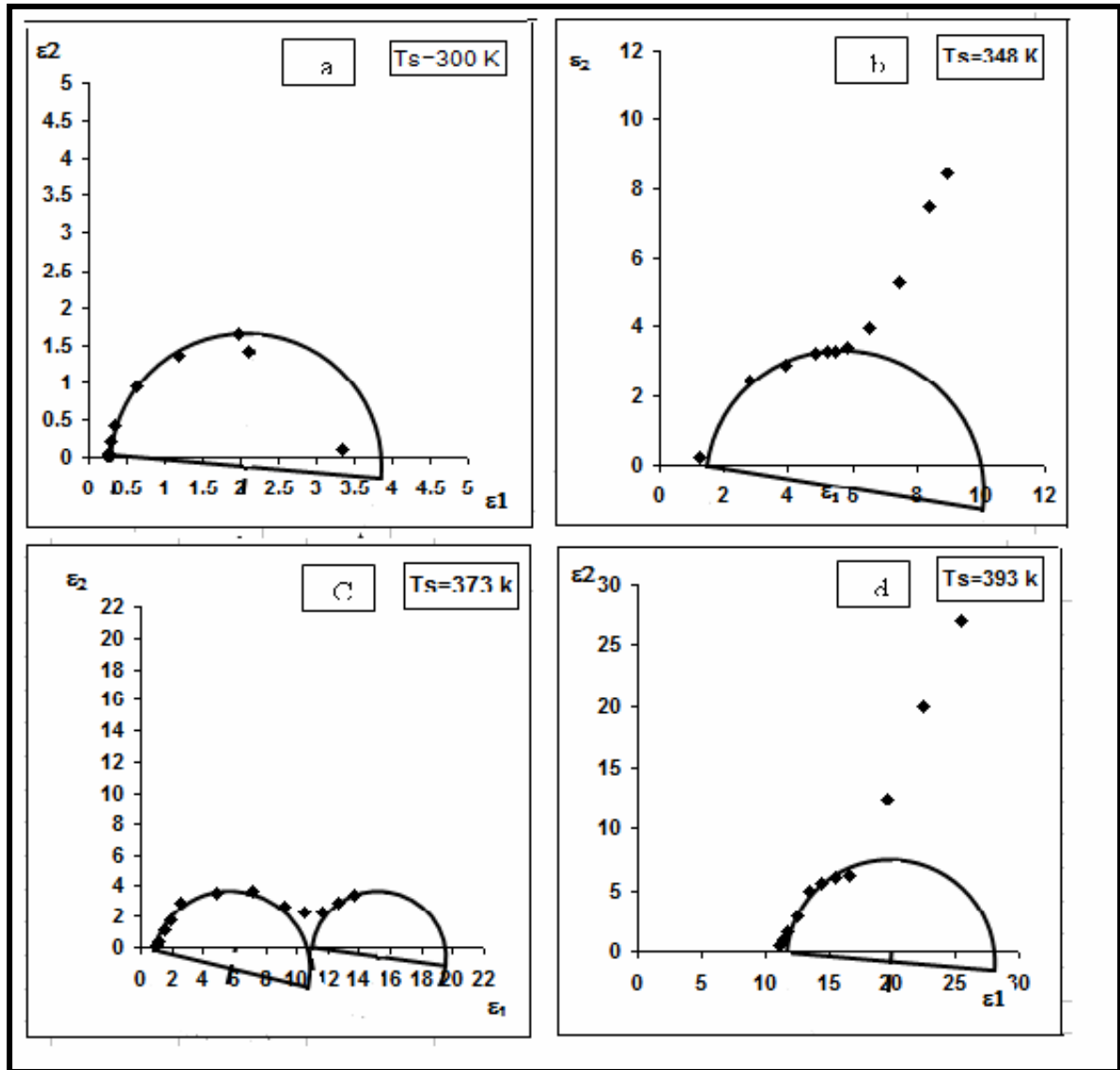


Fig.(4.26) Cole-Cole diagram for Cd_xSe_{1-x} thin film at different substrate temperature (a): 300 K (b): 348 K(c): 373 K (d): 393 K and ($X=0.3$ and $t=400\text{ nm}$).

Chapter Five

Conclusions

And

suggestions

(5-1) The Conclusions:

The following conclusions can be deduced from this work:

The direct mixing of the elements inside a quartz tube in a vacuum gives a polycrystalline structure with a hexagonal of wurtzite type for a compound at ($X=0.2$) with mixture of hexagonal and cubic for other compound at ($X=0.1,0.3,0.4$). The structural properties of Cd_xSe_{1-x} thin film dependent directly by concentration (X), thickness (t), and the substrate temperatures (T_s) was a polycrystalline structure with mixture of hexagonal and cubic phase for all the films except the film at ($X=0.2$) change the structure to polycrystalline with cubic phase .

The D.C. conductivity for all films increases as the thickness increases, and decreases with increasing the substrate temperature, while it showed irregular behavior with the concentration. There are two transport mechanisms of the charge carriers. In general, the activation energies decrease with increasing the thicknesses, and increasing with increasing the substrate temperature.

The A.C. conductivity measurement showed that the exponent s is a function on the temperature and C.B.H model is the most suitable to interpret our result. From the Cole-Cole diagram we found that the static dielectric constant (ϵ_s) increasing with increasing the substrate temperature and decreasing in relaxation time with increasing the substrate temperature , and the parameter (α) is less than 1 (i.e $\alpha \approx 0$); the samples shows pure resistance element This means that the film is good to be resistors ^[64].

Hall measurements confirmed that all the films are (p-type).

(5-2) Suggestions for Future Work:

1. Deposition Cd_xSe_{1-x} films on single-crystalline substrate such as, NaCl, KCl.
2. Study the surface morphological analysis by using scanning electron microscopy (SEM) technique.
3. Study the electrical properties of Cd_xSe_{1-x} thin film at low temperature.
4. Take the advantage of the results of the study with addition of different materials to manufacture solar cells.

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الخلاصة

تناولت هذه الرسالة دراسه تأثير ظروف التحضير من نسب مختلفه (X) (0.1,0.2,0.3,0.4) و أسماك (t) مختلفه (200-500)nm و درجات حراره اساس (T_s) مختلفه (300-393)K على الخواص التركيبية و الكهربائيه للأغشيه Cd_xSe_{1-x} الرقيقه المحضره بواسطه تقنيه التبخر الحراري على ارضيات زجاجيه تحت ضغط (2X10⁻⁵mbar) ومعرفه ميكانيكية الانتقالات الالكترونية (التوصيليه المستمره و المتناوبه).

تم تحضير سبائك (Cd_xSe_{1-x}) بالنسب المختلفه داخل أنبوبة كوارتز مفرغه من الهواء تم تسخينها الى درجه الأنصهار وتركها لمده خمس ساعات لضمان تجانس المركب و اجراء التبريد البطيء لها الى درجه حراره الغرفه. و تبين من طيف الأشعه السينيه ان جميع السبائك لها تركيب متعدد التبلور (polycrystalline) بطور سداسي التركيب نوع (Wurtzite) للنسبه (X=0.2) و طور سداسي و مكعب للنسب (X=0.1,0.3,0.4).

كما أظهرت فحوصات حيود الأشعه السينيه بأن الأغشيه ألمحضره و لجميع النسب عند سمك (400nm) و عند درجه حراره الغرفه كانت متعدده التبلور (polycrystalline) و ذات تركيب مختلط سداسي و مكعب عند (X=0.1,0.3,0.4) و عند نفس ظروف التحضير كانت متعدده التبلور (polycrystalline) بطور مكعب و باتجاه مفضل (111) للنسبه (X=0.2) و كانت الأغشيه ألمحضره بنسبه (0.3) و عند درجه حراره الغرفه و بأسماك مختلفه متعدده التبلور (polycrystalline) ذات تركيب مختلط سداسي و مكعب الطور و بالاتجاه المفضل (111)، و عند نفس النسبه و بسمك (400nm) و عند زياده درجه حراره الأساس كانت الأغشيه متعدده التبلور (polycrystalline) و ذات تركيب سداسي و مكعب و الاتجاه المفضل (111) و كانت هناك زياده في نسبه السيلينيوم (Se) في تلك الأغشيه.

ألتوصيليه الكهربائيه المستمره اظهرت تصرف غير واضح بزياده النسب و ذلك بسبب تغير التركيب، كما ان التوصيليه كانت تزداد بزياده السمك و لوحظ حاله معاكسه عند زياده درجه حراره الأساس. كما لوحظ ان هناك منطقتا تنشيط لجميع الأغشيه المحضره.

أما بالنسبه للتوصيليه الكهربائيه المتناوبه لجميع الأغشيه المحضره و من خلال دراسه تباير كل من التوصيليه المتناوبه و العامل الأساسي (S) مع التردد الزاوي و درجه الحراره تبين ان انساب نموذج يفسر النتائج العمليه هو نموذج تنطط الحاجز المرتبط (CBH)

وكذلك بواسطة مخطط كول-كول تم حساب كل من زمن الأسترخاء (τ) و (τ_D) لنموذج ديباي المثالي والغير مثالي على التوالي، الاستقطابيه (α) وثابت العزل الاستاتيكي (ϵ_s) ولوحظ زياده في ثابت العزل الاستاتيكي من 3.7 الى 28 ونقصان بزمن الاسترخاء مع زياده درجه حراره الأساس من K (300- 393) .

وبينت قياسات تجربه هول ان جميع الاغشيه المحضره كانت من نوع (p) .



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