

Au-Modified ZnO Thin Films for Higher-Performance Ultraviolet Photodetectors

Akshta Rajan¹, Kashima Arora², Bhavna Vidhani³, Jasvir Dalal^{1,*}, Pawan Kumar⁴

1. Department of Physics, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi, Delhi 110015

2. Department of Physics, Hindu College, University of Delhi, Delhi 110007

3. Department of Physics, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, Delhi 110007

4. Department of Chemistry, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi, Delhi 110015

Table S1: A brief literature survey research work carried out by various scientific groups using Au nanoparticles (NPs) on ZnO as the sensing layer for UV photoresponse characteristics.

S. no.	Matrix	Method	(I _{off})	(I _{on})	(K)	(T _r)	(T _f)	Intensity/ Applied Bias	Ref.
1.	Au nps/ZnO	Sol-gel	7.29 nA	0.05 mA	7.79×10 ³	15s	11s	24 μW/cm ² /5V	Present work
2.	AuNps/ZnO nanofibres	Electrospinning/ Sputtering	-	-	460	<0.5s	-	-/5V	[1]
3.	Au+ZnAl ₂ O ₄ nps/ZnO nanowires	Sol-gel	0.1μA	1.75 ×10 ⁻⁴ A	1750	-	-	-/5V	[2]
4.	Au/ZnO nanostructures	Magnetron Sputtering	3.28 ×10 ⁻⁹ A	4.33×10 ⁻⁶ A	1320	-	-	-/1V	[3]
5.	PEDOT/Au -ZnO nanoarrays	Chemical Route	0.75 μA	29.1 μA	39	0.32s	0.44s	0.32mW/cm ² /5V	[4]
6.	Au QDs/Sb doped ZnO nanostructures	Sol-gel+ Hydrothermal method	3.92 mA	148 mA	37.75	-	-	-/5V	[5]
7.	Au nps/ZnO/GaN	CVD	27.61 nA	13.23 ×10 ⁻⁷ A	176	-	-	-/2V	[6]
8.	ZnO/Au/Al ₂ O ₃	Chemical Route	-	-	805	-	-	0.6 mW/cm ²	[7]
9.	Au nps/ZnO	PLD	1mA	10mA	10	-	-	18 mW cm ⁻² /5V	[8]
10.	Au nps/ZnO microrods	Solid state reaction	1.89 μA	8.39 μA	4.4	-	-	-/5V	[9]

References

- [1] A. Kadir, X. Liu, F. Liu, T. Abdiryim, R. Jamal, N. Serkjan, X. Tang, Y. jun Liu, Y. Zhang, A self-powered UV photodetector from poly(3,4-ethylenedioxy-selenophene)/Au nanoparticles-ZnO nanoarrays heterojunction, *Sensors Actuators A Phys.* 354 (2023) 114308.
- [2] K.L. Foo, U. Hashim, C.H. Voon, M. Kashif, M.E. Ali, Au decorated ZnO thin film: application to DNA sensing, *Microsyst. Technol.* 22 (2016) 903–910.
- [3] F. Cao, X. Ji, Enhanced self-powered UV sensing performance of ZnO/Au/Al₂O₃ photodetector with the decoration of Au nanoparticles, *J. Mater. Sci. Mater. Electron.* 31 (2020) 2657–2665.
- [4] W.-H. Liao, Y.-C. Yeh, Y.-L. Pan, C.-L. Hsu, High-sensitivity UV photodetector based on

* Corresponding authors: jasvirdalal2012@gmail.com

- ZnO nanowires decorated with Au and ZnAl₂O₄ nanoparticles, *Ceram. Int.* 51 (2025) 9239–9247.
- [5] Y.-L. Chu, Y.-H. Liu, T.-T. Chu, S.-J. Young, Improved UV-Sensing of Au-Decorated ZnO Nanostructure MSM Photodetectors, *IEEE Sens. J.* 22 (2022) 5644–5650.
- [6] Z.S. Hosseini, H.A. Bafrani, A. Naseri, A.Z. Moshfegh, High-performance UV-Vis-NIR photodetectors based on plasmonic effect in Au nanoparticles/ZnO nanofibers, *Appl. Surf. Sci.* 483 (2019) 1110–1117.
- [7] M.R. Sekhar, R. Laha, M. Kar, Tuning optical and optoelectronic properties of gold nanoparticle and ZnO thin film hetero-structures, *Nano Express* 1 (2020) 30037.
- [8] H. Lee, J.H. Mun, I. Oh, K. Beom, T.-S. Yoon, A.-R. Hong, H.S. Jang, D.H. Kim, Enhanced photodetector performance in gold nanoparticle decorated ZnO microrods, *Mater. Charact.* 171 (2021) 110813.
- [9] W. Song, X. Dai, Y. He, T. Li, The Gold Nanoparticles Enhanced ZnO/GaN UV Detector, *IEEE J. Electron Devices Soc.* 10 (2022) 847–853.