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خص هذا العمل لتمميم وتنفيذ متحس ليف صري لغاز الهيدروجين بإستخدام شرائح البلاديوم وأكسيد الزك. تصميم المتحسس إعتمد على مادة البلاديم ومادة أكسيد الزك حيث تم طلائهما على شرائح زجاجية كأفلام رقيقة قابلة لكف غز الهيدروجين. في هذا العمل تم تجهيز ست عينات، أربع من هذه العينات تم تجهيزها من مادة البلاديوم وأثنين من العينات تم تجهيزهما من مادة أكسيد الزك. وهذه الاقلام تم تحضيرها على شرائح زجاجية، وجهزت بولسطة تقنية الترسيب بالتبخير، وتم إخضاع العينات لثلاث أختبارات. الأولى هو حيود الاشعة السينية وذك للتأكد من تبلور العينات، أم المجهر الأركزوفي لمعرفة الوصف الدقيق لسطت سطح العينات (خشونة البنية النوي لدراسة تسطح العينات، وآخيراً المجهر الألكروفي لمعرفة الوصف الدقيق لسطت سطح العينات (خشونة البنية السطحية). كما تم تصميم حجرة إختبار مكعبة من اللدائن. لتطوير متحس، يعتمد على تمرير غاز الهيدروجين خلال الحجرة اليتم إمتزازه في العينات (البلاديوم و أكسيد الزك)، وتمرير شعاع ضوئي خلال العينات يتم إستقباله على محلل طيفي لقياسه وتسجيله بواسطة الحاسوب. أخزت ست قراءات لكل عينة تحت الضغوط الاتية -0.5، -0.4، -0.3، -0.1 بار. وسجل النوء النافذ خلال العينات في طيف لكل قراءة. ومن القراءات وجد أنه بزيادة تركيز غاز الهيدروجين في حجرة الإختبار تزداد شدة النوء النافذ خلال العينات، وهذا يعني أن عينات البلاديوم وأكسيد الزك نجحت في كشف غاز الهيدروجين. وهذا يؤكد نجاح المتحس.

#### **ABSTRACT**

This work aimed to design and implements of optical fiber sensor based on a hydrogen-especial material that is inert to variation environment. The sensor design depends on the Palladium and Zinc Oxide coated on glass thin film that adept to detect hydrogen gas. In this research six samples have been prepared, four of them prepared from palladium metal and two other samples prepared from Zinc Oxide. Palladium and Zinc Oxide thin films were prepared on glass substrates. The Films were constructed by vaporization deposition technique, which subjects to three tests. The X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) to check the crystalline structure of the samples, Atomic Force Microscope (AFM) to study the surface flatness of samples, and the scanning electron microscope (SEM) to take images of surface topography of samples. A polymer test chamber was fabricated to contain the sample. The approach of the manufacture the sensor based on passing the gas to the chamber, which adsorbs on the sample (Palladium, or Zinc Oxide), and the light is transmitted through the sample to the CCS spectrometer to measure and recorded the signal using computer. Six readings were recorded for each sample test under pressures of -0.6, -0.5, -0.4, -0.3, -0.2 and -0.1 bar. Frequency against transmitted light intensity was then plotted for each measurement. From the data recorded, it was found that by increase of concentration of hydrogen gas in the test chamber, the sensitivity is increased linearly as the gas concentration increases, which means that the

Zinc Oxide and Palladium thin film samples successfully detect hydrogen gas.

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