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**EDUCATION:**

* University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

***Post-Doctorate (2016)***

* Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences & Technology, Topi, Pakistan

***Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering Sciences (Applied Physics), 2012***

* Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan

***Master of Philosophy in Electronics, 1998***

* University of Peshawar, Peshawar, Pakistan

***M.Sc. in Electronics, 1992***

* University of Peshawar, Peshawar, Pakistan

***B.Sc., 1990***

* BISE, Peshawar, Pakistan

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* BISE, Peshawar, Pakistan

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**DISTINCTION:**

* Gold Medal in M.Sc. (Electronics), University of Peshawar (1992)
* Silver Medal in F.Sc. (General Science), Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Peshawar (1988)

**RESEARCH:**

* M.Phil research on “Digital Image Compression using Thresholding and Edge Detection” under supervision of Dr. Abbas A. Naqvi, Department of Electronics, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan
* Ph.D. research on “Investigation of Electrical and Optoelectronic Properties of Vanadyl Phthalocyanine for Organic Electronic Devices” under supervision of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Hassan Sayyad, Faculty of Engineering Sciences, GIK Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology, Topi, Swabi, KP, Pakistan

**FIELD OF RESEARCH INTERESTS**

* Organic Solar Cells
* Organic Sensors

1. Thin Film Deposition and Characterization
2. Investigation of organic materials for the fabrication of electronic and optoelectronic devices

**EXPERIMENTAL SKILLS**

Thin Film Deposition: Vacuum Thermal Evaporation and Spin Coating.

Material Characterization: AFM, UV/Visible/IR and FT-IR Spectroscopy, Raman Spectroscopy, Surface Profiler, X-ray Diffraction

Device Characterization: Electrical, Optical, Structural and Temperature Dependent Analyses

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

* Lecturer (January 27,1996 to August 22, 2007), Jinnah College for Women, University of Peshawar, Pakistan
* Assistant Professor (August 23, 2007 to October 03, 2015), Jinnah College for Women, University of Peshawar, Pakistan
* Associate Professor (October 04, 2015 to date), Jinnah College for Women, University of Peshawar, Pakistan
* Visiting faculty at Department of Electronics, University of Peshawar (Spring 2013)

(***Solid State Electronic Materials*** to M.Phil students)

* Visiting faculty at Department of Gender Studies, University of Peshawar (2006-7)

(***Computers and Information Technology***)

* Visiting faculty at Department of Computer science, University of Peshawar (2003-5)

(***Analog and Digital Electronics***)

* Co-Supervision of three M.Phil students from Department of Electronics, University of Peshawar (January 2013 to date)
* Research Fellow, Low Dimensional Materials Research Center, Department of Physics, University of Malaya, Malaysia (April, 2010 to December, 2010)

**RESEARCH COLLABORATION**

* Low Dimensional Materials Research Center, Department of Physics, University of Malaya, Malaysia since 2010
* GIK Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology, Topi, Swabi, KP, Pakistan since 2012
* Department of Physics, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan, Pakistan since 2012

**M.Phil STUDENTS SUPERVISED (UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR)**

* Investigating humidity sensing properties of benzo[b]thiophene end-capped dioctyloxy-benzene polymer (PBObzT2) based thin film sensor
* Fabrication and characterization of photodetector based on ternery blend of MEH-PPV, VOPcPhO and CdSe nanoparticles.

**M.Phil STUDENTS EXAMINED (ABDUL WALI KHAN UNIVERSITY, MARDAN)**

* Study of humidity sensing and characterization of polydioctylflourene-nanocomposite
* Effect of Cu2O Nanoparticles on the Temperature Sensing and Optical Switching of Poly-(dioctyl-flourene)

**AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

* Indigenous Scholarship for PhD Studies by Higher Education Commission Pakistan (2008-12)
* Research fellow at Low Dimensional Materials Research Center, Department of Physics, University of Malaya, Malaysia for almost a year under International Research Support Initiative Program by Higher Education Commission Pakistan and Student Exchange Program of University of Malaya (2010)
* Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program by Higher Education Commission, Pakistan (2015-16)
* Two M.Phil students from the Department of Electronics, University of Peshawar were sent to University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for one month to conduct their research in the field of Organic Electronics (2015)

**JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS:**

1. **F. Aziz,** Z. Ahmad, M.A. Najeeb, H.A. Malik, S. M. Abdullah, F. Touati, K. Sulaiman, Colloidal distribution of the PCPDTBT and VOPcPhO in the organic amalgam thin films and their optical properties, *Applied Physics A,*vol. 123, pp 773, 2018.
2. **F. Aziz**, A. A. Bakar, Z. Ahmad, T. M. Bawazeer, N. Alsenany, M. S. Alsoufi, A. Supangat Template-assisted growth of nanoporous VTTBNc films: Morphology and moisture sensitivity studies, *Materials Letters*, vol. 211, pp-195–198, 2018.
3. F.F. Muhammad, M.Y. Yahya, S.S. Hameed, **F. Aziz**, K. Sulaiman, M.A. Rasheed, Z. Ahmad, Employment of single-diode model to elucidate the variations in photovoltaic parameters under different electrical and thermal conditions, *PLOS ONE* 12(8) (2017) e0182925.
4. M.I. Azmer, **F. Aziz**, Z. Ahmad, E. Raza, M.A. Najeeb, N. Fatima, T.M. Bawazeer, M.S. Alsoufi, R. Shakoor, K. Sulaiman, “Compositional engineering of VOPcPhO-TiO 2 nano-composite to reduce the absolute threshold value of humidity sensors”, *Talanta*, vol. 174, pp-279-84, 2017.
5. N. Fatima, **F. Aziz**, Z. Ahmad, M. Najeeb, M. Azmeer, K.S. Karimov, M. Ahmed, S. Basheer, R. Shakoor, K. Sulaiman, “Compositional engineering of the pi-conjugated small molecular VOPcPhO: Alq3 complex to boost humidity sensing”, *RSC Advances*, vol. 7, pp-19780-6,2017.
6. F.F. Muhammad, M.Y. Yahya, **F. Aziz**, M.A. Rasheed, K. Sulaiman, “Tuning the extinction coefficient, refractive index, dielectric constant and optical conductivity of Gaq3 films for the application of OLED displays technology”, *Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Electronics*, pp-1-10, 2017.
7. **F. Aziz**, N.A. Bakar, S. Bashir, H. Alhummiany, T. Bawazeer, N. Alsenany, A. Mahmoud, A. Supangat, K. Sulaiman, “Effective transformation of PCDTBT nanorods into nanotubes by polymer melts wetting approach”, *Journal of Saudi Chemical Society*, 2017.
8. M. Doris, **F. Aziz**, H. Alhummiany, T. Bawazeer, N. Alsenany, A. Mahmoud, R. Zakaria, K. Sulaiman, A. Supangat, “Determining the Effect of Centrifugal Force on the Desired Growth and Properties of PCPDTBT as p-Type Nanowires”, *Nanoscale Research Letters*, vol. 12, pp-67(1-11), 2017.
9. F. Wahab, M. Sayyad, D.N. Khan, M. Tahir, **F. Aziz**, R. Khan, K.S. Karimov, “Sensing properties of cobalt-phthalocyanine-based multipurpose sensor”, *Journal of Electronic Materials*, vol. 46, pp-2045-2052, 2017.
10. L. W. Lim, **F. Aziz**, F. F. Muhammad, A. Supangata, K. Sulaiman, “Electrical properties of Al/PTB7-Th/n-Si metal-polymer-semiconductor Schottky barrier diode” *Synthetic Metals*, vol. 221, pp-169-175, 2016.
11. M. A. Najeeb, S. M. Abdullah, **F. Aziz**, Z. Ahmad, R.A. Shakoor, A. M. A. Mohamed, U. Khalil, S. Wageh, A. A. Al-Ghamdi, K. Sulaiman, “A comparative study on the performance of hybrid solar cells containing ZnSTe QDs in hole transporting layer and photoactive layer”, *Journal of Nanoparticles Research*, vol. 18, pp-384(1-8), 2016.
12. H.A. Malik, F. Aziz, M. Asif, E. Raza, M.A. Najeeb, Z. Ahmad, W. Swelm, Q. Zafar, F. Touati, A.H. Kamboh, “Enhancement of optical features and sensitivity of MEH-PPV/VOPcPhO photodetector using CdSe quantum dots”, *Journal of Luminescence*, vol. 180, pp-209-13, 2016.
13. E. Raza, M. Asif, **F. Aziz,** M. I. Azmer, H. A. Malik, C. H. Teh, M. A. Najeeb, Q. Zafar, Z. Ahmad, F. Wahab, R. D.aik, N. M. Sarih, A. Supangat, K. Sulaiman, “Influence of thermal annealing on a capacitive humidity sensor based on newly synthesized macroporous PBObzT2“, Sensors and Actuators B: Chemical, vol. 233, pp-146-53, 2016.
14. M. A. Najeeb, S. M. Abdullah, **F. Aziz**, Z. Ahmad, S. Rafique, S. Wageh, A. A. Al-Ghamdi, K. Sulaiman, F. Touati, R.A. Shakoor, N.J. Al-Thani, “Structural, morphological and optical properties of PEDOT:PSS/QDs nano-composite films prepared by spin-casting”, *Physica E: Low-dimensional Systems and Nanostructures*, vol. 83, pp-64-68, 2016.
15. M. A. Najeeb, S. M. Abdullah, **F. Aziz**, M. I. Azmer, W. Swelm, A A. Al-Ghamdi, Z. Ahmad, A. Supangat and K. Sulaiman, “Improvement in the photovoltaic properties of hybrid solar cells by incorporating a QD-composite in the hole transport layer”, RSC Advances, vol. 6, pp-23048-57, 2016.
16. Q. Zafar, **F. Aziz** and K. Sulaiman, “Eco-benign visible wavelength photodetector based on phthalocyanine-low bandgap copolymer composite blend”, RSC Advances, vol. 6, pp-13101-9, 2016.
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21. **F. Aziz,** Z. Ahmad, S. M. Abdullah, K. Sulaiman and M. H. Sayyad, “Photovoltaic effect in single-junction organic solar cell fabricated using Vanadyl Phthalocyanine soluble derivative”, *Pigment & Resin Technology,* vol. 44, pp. 26-32, 2015.
22. F. Wahab, M. H. Sayyad, M. Tahir, D. N. Khan, **F. Aziz**, M. Shahid, M. A. Munawar, J. A. Chaudry, and G. Khan, "Electrical characterization of cobalt phthalocyanine/n-Si heterojunction," *Synthetic Metals,* vol. 198, pp. 175-180, 2014
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33. **F. Aziz**, M. Sayyad, K. S. Karimov, M. Saleem, Z. Ahmad, and S. M. Khan, "Characterization of vanadyl phthalocyanine based surface-type capacitive humidity sensors," *Journal of Semiconductors,* vol. 31, p. 114002, 2010.

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1. **F. Aziz**, M. A. Najeeb, Z. Ahmad, R. A. Shakoor and K. Sulaiman “A facile route to improve efficiency of bulk heterojunction solar cell by compositional engineering of PCPDTBT:VOPcPhO” International Conference on Renewable Energy and Environment (ICREE 2017)Toronto, Canada, November 1-3, 2017.
2. **F. Aziz**, K. Sulaiman, Z. Ahmad, M. Hassan Sayyad, Kh. S. Karimov “Enhancement of electrical properties of vanadyl phthalocyanine derivative by PCBM” Next Generation, (NanoNG2014), Elazığ, Turkey, August 20-22, 2014.
3. **F. Aziz,** Z. Ahmad, S. M. Abdullah, K. Sulaiman and M. Hassan Sayyad, “Photovoltaic effect in single-junction organic solar cell fabricated using Vanadyl Phthalocyanine soluble derivative” *4th International Conference of Solid State Science and Technology, (ICSSST 2012),* Malacca, Malaysia, December 18-20, 2012.
4. **F. Aziz**, K. Sulaiman, Kh. S. Karimov and M. Hassan Sayyad, “The Influence of Doping of Fullerene Derivative (PCBM) on the Optical Properties of Vanadyl Phthalocyanine complex (VOPcPhO)” *International Conference on Computer, Electrical and Systems Sciences and Engineering (ICCESSE 2011), Bali, Indonesia, October 26‐28, 2011.*
5. **F. Aziz**, K. Sulaiman, M. R. Muhammad, M. Hassan Sayyad, K. S. Karimov and B. Y. Majlis, “Investigation of optical and humidity-sensing properties of vanadyl phthalocyanine-derivative thin films” *KJF 2011:International Conference on Organic Materials for Electronics and Photonics, Gyeongju, Korea, September 15-18, 2011.*
6. **F. Aziz,** K. Sulaiman, M. R. Muhammad, M. Hassan Sayyadand Kh. S. Karimov “Influence of thermal annealing on the structural properties of vanadyl phthalocyanine thin films: A comparative study” *International Conference on Condensed Matter and Materials Physics (ICCMMP2011), Venice, Italy, April 27-29, 2011*.
7. **F. Aziz,** K. Sulaiman, M. R. Muhammad, M. Hassan Sayyad,Kh. S. Karimov and M.S. Fakira “Optical and Electrical Characterization of Solar Cell Based On Vanadyl Phthalocyanine”, *Third International Conference on Functional Materials and Devices (ICFMD 2010), Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia, June 14-17, 2010.*

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