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Ferromagnetic ordering on superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles with proton irradiation

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We have investigated the changes of magnetic properties on iron oxide nanoparticles with proton irradiation. Iron oxide, Fe_3O_4 , nanoparticle, which has the average size of 8 nm, has been fabricated by the high temperature thermal decomposition method and proton-irradiated with 0, 10 and 20 $\text{pC}/\mu\text{m}^2$. Analysis of XRD patterns shows that the crystal structure is cubic spinel with space group of Fd3m. Compared to non-irradiated sample, which has the saturation magnetization (M_s) of 57.2 emu/g and the coercivity (H_c) of 1.4 Oe at room temperature, the values of magnetization and coercivity at room temperature are 56.5, and 53.7 emu/g, and 1.7, and 1.8 Oe, respectively, for 10 and 20 $\text{pC}/\mu\text{m}^2$ irradiated nanoparticles. The Mössbauer spectra taken at room temperature show 6 absorption lines of ferromagnetic behavior and the values of isomer shift (δ) for the tetrahedral (A) and octahedral (B) sites are consistent with the Fe^{3+} valence state. The results suggest that the proton irradiation induces the ferromagnetic ordering on Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles.

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Hexaferrite submicron and nanoparticles with variable size and shape via glass-ceramics route*

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This work has been devoted to the investigation of glass crystallization in the $\text{SrO-Fe}_2\text{O}_3\text{-B}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ system and the formation of ultrafine monodomain particles of strontium hexaferrite during this process. By modifying the initial glass composition and thermal treatment conditions particles of various sizes and shapes have been obtained. The particle size could be widely varied. Our method allows to synthesize thin platelets only a few nanometers thick and several tens nanometers in diameter as well as large half-micron sized truncated bipiramids and all shapes and sizes in between. The magnetic properties of the material cover the interval between superparamagnetic nanoparticles and samples with record-high coercivity of over 10 kOe.

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$\epsilon\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ is a metastable phase of iron tri-oxide with enormous room-temperature coercivity of ~ 2 T, and potential multiferroic properties. We have studied influence of the heat treatment on magnetic properties of $\epsilon\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{SiO}_2$ nanocomposites obtained by a novel sol-gel based method. The powder X-ray diffraction revealed, that the particle size and content of particular iron oxide phases, respectively, varies with the annealing temperature, T_{an} . Detailed measurements of magnetization, a.c. susceptibility and hysteresis loops, respectively, performed by a commercial SQUID magnetometer up to 7 T, demonstrate a significant change of magnetic properties with respect to the T_{an} . The most dramatic effect is a sharp decay of the room-temperature coercivity from ~ 2 T to ~ 0.1 T with the T_{an} , decreasing from 1100 °C to 900 °C, respectively.

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Magnetic properties of $\text{Fe}_{2-x}\text{Al}_x\text{CoO}_4$ ($0 \leq x \leq 1$) nanoparticlesNikolina Novosel¹, Damir Pajić¹, A. T. Raghavender², Krešo Zadro¹, K. M. Jadhav²¹ Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, Bijenička c. 32, HR-10000 Zagreb, Croatia² Department of Physics, Swami Ramanand Treeth Maratwada University, Nanded, Maharashtra 431606, India

Nanocrystalline particles of the $\text{Fe}_{2-x}\text{Al}_x\text{CoO}_4$ ferrites with cubic spinel structure have been synthesized by the sol-gel method*. Size of the particles decreases from 39 nm to 6 nm as the Al content x increases. In the present work magnetic hysteresis curves and ZFC-FC curves have been studied. The magnetization of the Fe_2CoO_4 nanoparticles is lower than the magnetization of the bulk sample due to the surface and finite size effects. Saturation magnetization and remanent magnetization decrease as the x increases because of substitution of magnetic Fe ions with non-magnetic Al ions and possibly due to the spin canting and changes in ferrimagnetic structure. Coercive field changes with x in a complex way. Anisotropy barrier is lowered by reducing the size of the particle, but it can be increased by changing the distribution of Fe and Al ions in the spinel structure. The observed splitting between ZFC-FC curves in a rather high field indicates the presence of particles with the large anisotropy barrier.

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Nanocomposite materials were obtained by embedding Fe_3O_4 nanopowders in polypropylene. Dispersion was achieved by means of organic functionalization of particles surface. The magnetic properties were measured as a function of temperature (5 – 300 K) with a vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM, maximum field 7 T). Field-cooled and zero-field-cooled measurements reveal an irreversibility temperature of ≈ 150 K, below which the particles behave as Stoner and Wohlfarth systems. Above this temperature, a superparamagnetic law is followed, with a small hysteresis which can be attributed to dipolar interactions among the nanoparticles. Conversely, nanocomposites prepared with powders which were not surface functionalized showed tendency to form aggregates, which strongly affect their temperature dependent magnetic properties.

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The magnetic properties of nanocrystalline particles of $\text{Co}(1-x)\text{Bi}(x)\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_4$ Adolfo Franco Jr¹, Frederik Wolff-Fabris², Vivien Zapf³¹ Instituto de Física, Universidade Federal de Goiás, Caixa Postal 131, 74001-970 Goiânia-GO, Brazil² Hochfeld-Magnetlabor Dresden (HLD), Forschungszentrum Dresden-Rossendorf, 01314 Dresden, Germany³ National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, MS E536, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM 87545, USA

We have studied the magnetic properties of polycrystalline $\text{Co}(1-x)\text{Bi}(x)\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_4$ where $x = 0, 0.05, 0.08, 0.1$ e 0.15 . Recently metal-oxide nanoparticles have been attracted interest because of their unusual optical, electronic and magnetic properties, which often differ from the bulk. Cobalt ferrite is a well-known hard magnetic material with high coercivity and moderate magnetization. Nanocrystalline magnetic particles have been synthesized by a combustion reaction method without intermediate decomposition and/or calcining steps. We have performed DC magnetization in function of temperature between 4 and 340 K and in function of applied magnetic fields up to 14 T. Our magnetization measurements reveal the saturation magnetization decreases from 80 to 60 emu/g as increasing the Bi concentration. These values are relatively higher as compared to nanocrystalline magnetic particles of MgFe_2O_4 specimens. Doping with Bi has increased the coercivity of the nanoparticles in this ferrite.

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