



MOSSBAUER, XRD AND THERMALLY INDUCED STRUCTURAL STUDIES ON POLYANILINE NANOCOMPOSITE MATERIAL CONTAINING DIFFERENT CONCENTRATION OF MAGNETITE NANOPARTICLE

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Abstract

The Mössbauer Spectroscopy of magnetite nanoparticles embedded in a polymeric matrix of PANI was studied because it allows a good dispersion of nanoparticles in the polymeric matrix. All the concentration of iron salts shows quadrupole splitting and hyperfine splitting. From XRD study it is clear that the intensity of the peaks becomes stronger with increasing the nanoparticle loadings, while the two original peaks of PANI show a same intensity at $2\theta = 19.09$ and 25.04° . The properties studied by TGA indicate an improvement in thermal stability of PANI by the addition of different concentration of metal oxide.

Introduction:

IONPs are found naturally in the environment as particulate matter in air pollution and in volcanic eruptions. Either Fe_3O_4 (magnetite) or $\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ (maghemite), particles can be generated as emission from traffic, industry and power stations but can also be specifically synthesized chemically for a wide variety of applications. The mechanism for the incorporation of metal oxide into the polymer involves three steps:

- Before the reduction of metal nanoparticles, metal ions coordinate to the functional group of the polymers and form complexes.
- During the formation of zero valence metals (reduction) or metal oxides (oxidation), the particles coordinate weakly to the polymers after

the formation of the respective colloids, polymers act as stabilizers.

- The hydrophilic ends are adsorbed on the surface of the particles while the hydrophobic ends formed a barrier surrounding the metal particles to protect it.

The magnetite nanoparticles possess high surface area to volume ratio, induced dipole interaction and Vander Waal's attractive forces which cause the particles to aggregate¹. To overcome these limitations, it is important to shield the Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles by coating them with macrocyclic surfactant, polymers and inorganic metals².

Mössbauer Spectroscopy is known to be a powerful, non-destructive technique for the determination of Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} ratios in nanoparticles as well as in polymer matrix. Mössbauer Spectroscopic study has been carried out at room temperature in order to get the information of hyperfine parameters of the magnetite nanoparticles. The peak position in a Mössbauer spectrum is sensitive to the extra nuclear environment such that different compounds give different spectra attributable to hyperfine interaction, the interaction between the nuclear charge distribution and extra nuclear electric and magnetic fields. These hyperfine interactions give rise to isomer shift (δ), quadrupole splitting (ΔE_Q) and magnetic Zeeman splitting (H_{eff}). From a chemist's point of view, these three parameters are the most widely used in the study of structure and bonding characteristics of compounds.