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Microscopic properties of superparamagnetic ferrite nanoparticles

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The mangetic properites of five differently sized samples of the spinel ferrite nanoparticles have been investigated by XRD, TEM, magnetization measurements and Mossbauer spectroscopy. At the liquid helium temperature all the samples shows long-range antiferromagnetic order in coexistence with short-range mangetic order. The Mossbauer absorption lines broaden increasingly as the temperature approaches the Neel temperature from below. and a strong central perak appears in the specra. This kind of line broadening may be ascribed to the superparamagnetic effects.