

## Synthesis of conducting and magnetic nanocomposite of cross-linked aniline sulfide resin

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**Abstract.** Magnetic and conducting aniline sulfide resin cross-linked (ASC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) nanocomposite has been prepared in the presence of aniline sulfide resin (ASR), aniline, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> coated by polyethylene glycol (PEG) and initiator. The magnetic properties of the resulting composites showed ferromagnetic behavior, such as high-saturated magnetization ( $M_s = 41$  emu/g), and coercive force ( $H_c = 1.5$  Oe). The saturated magnetization was increased by increasing of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> content and decreased by increasing aniline ratio. The transmission electron micrograph (TEM) and X-ray diffraction proved that nanometer-sized about 20-30 nm Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> in the composite. The average size of ASC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanocomposite with core-shell structure was about 50-60 nm, and polydisperse. This approach may also be extended to the synthesis and modification of other polymers. Electrical conductivity of aniline sulfide resin cross-linked (ASC) nanocomposite has been studied by four-point probe method and produced  $3.3 \times 10^{-4}$  S/cm conductivity for it. The conductivity of the composites at room temperature depended on the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, aniline ratio and doping degree. The thermogravimetry analysis (TGA) results showed that this resin is thermal resistance near of 500 °C. So, It can be used for resistance thermal coating for military applications. Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-PASC nanocomposite has been flexible structure with electrical and magnetic properties.

**Keywords:** aniline-sulfide resin; magnetic; conducting polymer; nanocomposite

### 1. Introduction

Conducting polymers continue to be the focus of active research in diverse fields, including electronics, energy storage, catalysis, chemical sensing (Thomas *et al.* 2013 and Hosseini 2013).

Polyaniline is unique among conducting polymers in its wide range of electrical, electrochemical, and optical properties, as well as good stability (Hosseini *et al.* 2005). Polyaniline is typically synthesized by oxidizing aniline monomer either electrochemically or chemically (Hosseini *et al.* 2005). The most common strategy that has been implemented is to change the oxidizing agent employed in the chemical polymerization reaction. Magnetite (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) is one of the famous magnetic materials in common use. Due to strong magnetic property and low toxicity, their applications in biotechnology and medicine has gained significant attention (Dresco *et al.* 1999). Many bioactive substances such as enzymes, proteins, antibodies, and anticancer agents

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