

Measurement of: Electron Paramagnetic resonance (EPR) measurements

Equipment: Electron Paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectrometer

Property Measured: (i). Magnetic anisotropy, (ii). Spin dynamics
(iii). Relaxation behaviour
(iv). Defects in crystals
(v). Free radicals containing unpaired electron
(vi). Spin concentration
(vii). Superparamagnetic

Photograph: EPR spectrometer



Basic Principle:

The difference between the energies of two possible spin states of a free electron in an applied magnetic H is $\Delta E = g\mu_B H$ where μ_B is Bohr's magneton and g is the Landé factor (almost exactly equal to 2 for a free electron). The absorption of electromagnetic radiation at the resonance frequency $\nu = \Delta E/h$ induces transitions from the low-energy level to the higher level. The resonance frequency lies in the X-band between 9-10 GHz.

Capabilities:

Magnetic Field	up to 15 kG
Microwave Source	X- Band (9.5 GHz)
Sensitivity	2.5×10^9 spins/Gauss
Temperature	300 K
Accessories	(i). UV irradiation (ii). Goniometer (iii). Cylindrical cavity

Sample Requirement: (a). Thin films (3 x 3 mm) (b). Powder samples (~ 8 mg) (c). Liquid samples, single crystal (toxicity should be mentioned)