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**MAGNETIC RESONANCE,**

**PNCDI-II**

**AND THE TRANSYLVANIANS**

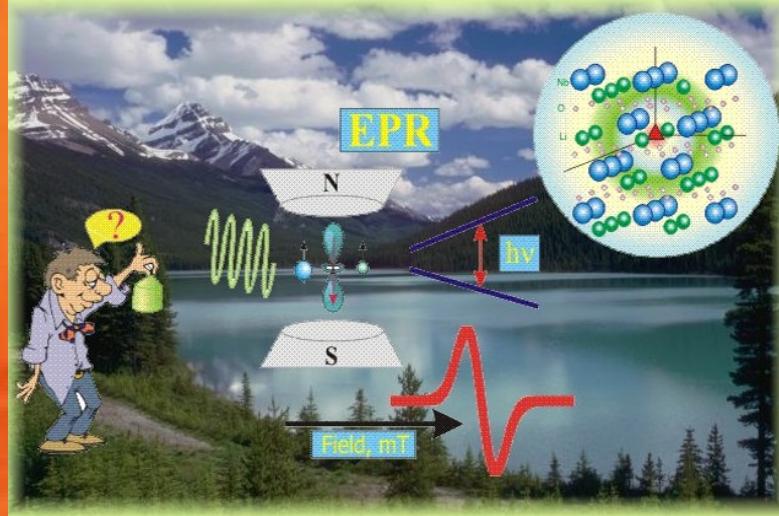
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Primavara... o picatura parfumata  
cu vibrari de violet.

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# MAGNETIC RESONANCE ELECTRON SPIN RESONANCE ( ESR ) SPECTROSCOPY

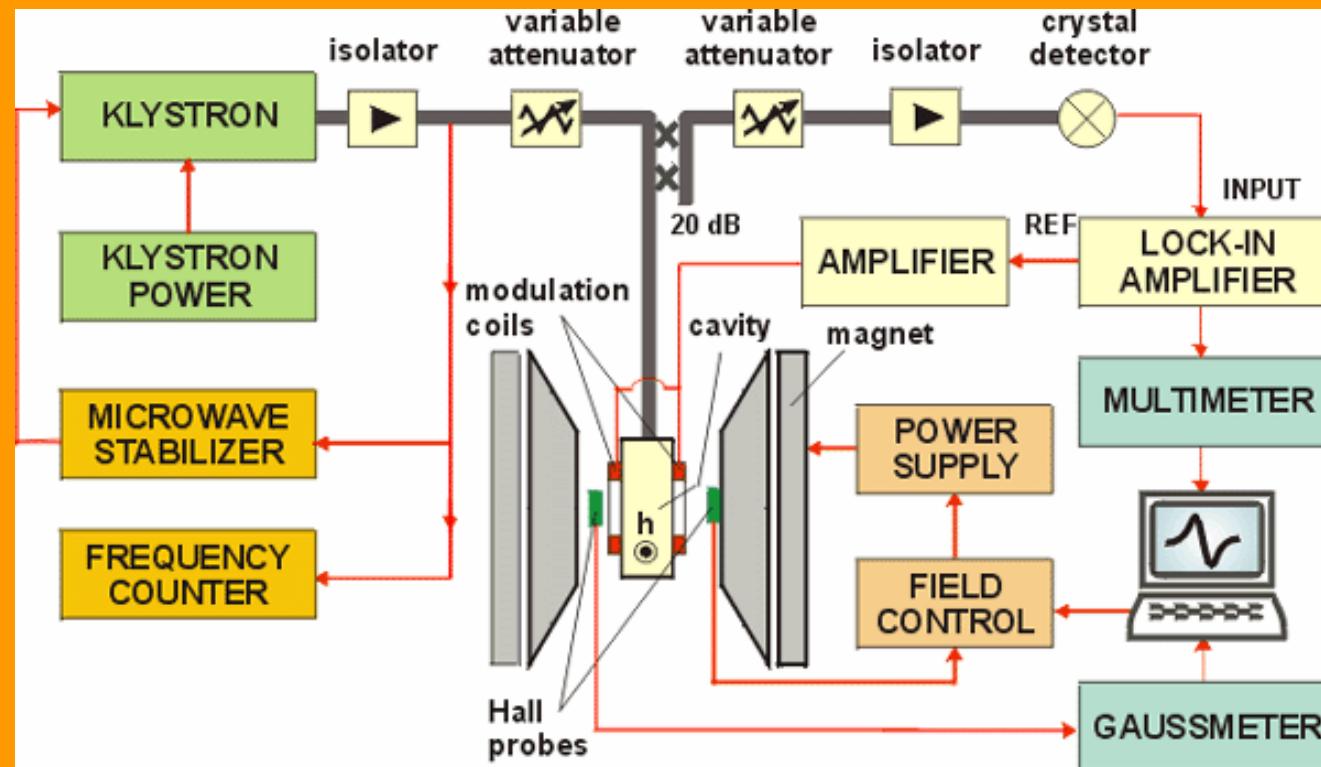


- *ESR is a powerful non-destructive and non-intrusive tool for studying microscopic details of novel materials.*
- *ESR spectroscopy yields meaningful dynamic information in a wide range of applications areas:  
-physics, materials research, chemistry, biology, medicine and environment.*
- *Including multi-frequency ESR investigations among the objectives or activities of the complex and exploratory research projects within the framework of PNCDI – II, it could increase the novelty and original degree of the proposed projects.*



## APLICATII PRINCIPALE ALE RES

**RES este o metoda spectroscopica  
care detecteaza  
prezenta electronilor neimperechiali din proba**



## **FIZICA**

- concentratii de spin
- ioni paramagnetic ai metalelor de tranzitie, pamanturilor rare si actinidelor
- defecte paramagnetice, centrii de culoare, deformari locale
- electroni de conductie in conductori si semiconductori
- interactii magnetice si cristaline
- procese de recombinare la temperature scazute



## **CHIMIE**

- radicali liberi
- cataliza
- procese de oxidare si reducere
- stari de triplet a moleculelor
- compusi organo-metalici si zeoliti
- cinetica de reactie si reactii de polimerizare



## ***BIOLOGIE, MEDICINA, MEDIU***

- markeri de spin
- antioxidanti si agenti de contrast
- oximetrie
- radicali liberi in tesuturi, radicali ai oxigenului, NO in sisteme biologice
- fotosintеза
- detectie droguri, metabolism si toxicitate
- factori poluanti



## ***APLICATII INDUSTRIALE***

- controlul calitatii produselor alimentare irradiate
- dozimetrie pentru procesele de iradiere
- varste si datari de materiale cu aplicatii in arheologie, geologie
- detectia radicalilor in polimeri iradiati si procese de coroziune
- prospetimea uleiurilor vegetale
- controlul calitatii sticlelor optice speciale
- procese oxidative in vopsele utilizate in industria auto

## **CARACTERIZARI MATERIALE**

- proprietati ale polimerilor
- defecte in fibre optice
- materiale laser
- conductori organici si anorganici cu dimensionalitate redusa
- influenta impuritatilor si defectelor in semiconductori
- proprietati ale noilor materiale magnetice
- proprietati ale materialelor utilizate in spintronica, optoelectronica manganiti cu magnetorezistenta colosala
- supraconductori oxidici cu temperaturi de tranzitie ridicata semiconductori



## **NANOMATERIALE, NANOSTIINTE**

- efecte ale reducerii dimensionalitatii
- dinamica de spin in nanomateriale, nanocompozite
- efecte miez interior - strat superficial ale nanoparticulelor magnetice
- proprietati ale nanoparticulelor si nanofirelor magnetice
- interactii magnetice dipolare si de schimb: efectele dimensiunii
- nanometrologie: dimensiune medie a nanoparticulelor metalice si magnetice
- caracterizare nanotuburi de carbon, fullereni si compusi derivati
- proprietati ale conductiei electrice si transportului polaronic

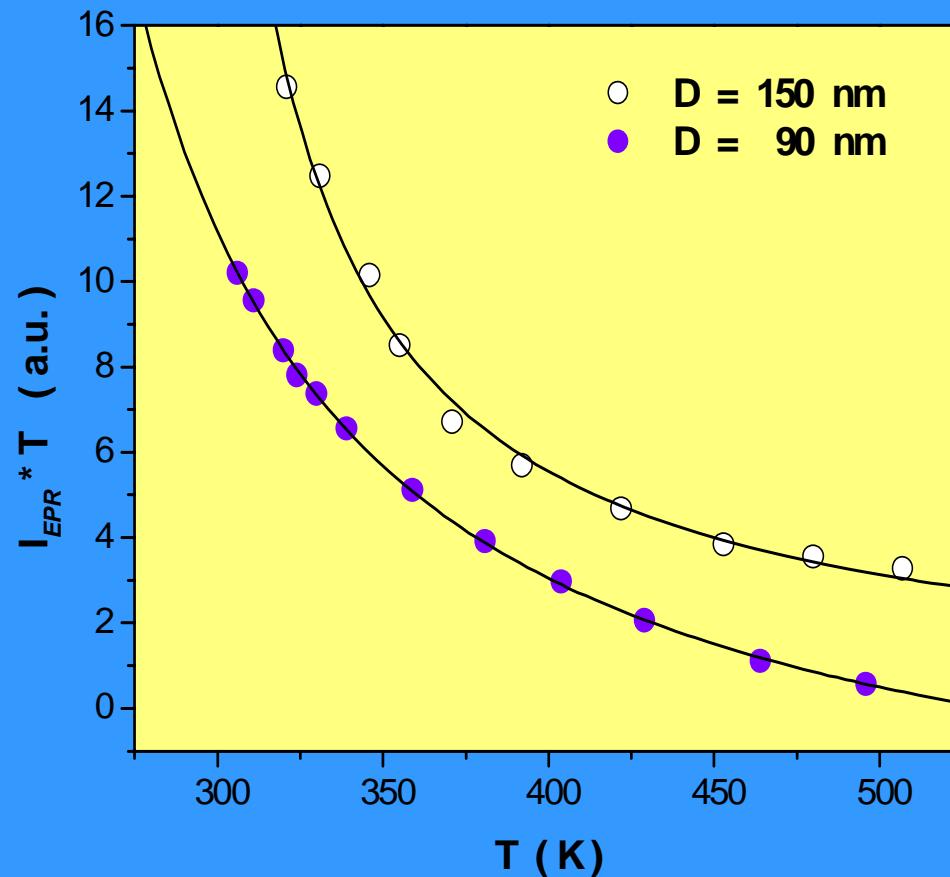
# *THE APPLICATION OF ESR IN NANOSCIENCE*

## *OUR RESULTS*

- SPIN DYNAMICS IN NANOSTRUCTURED MATERIALS WITH COLOSSAL MAGNETORESISTANCE
  
- NANOMETROLOGY OF METALLIC AND MAGNETIC NANOPARTICLES
  
- MAGNETIC INTERACTIONS IN FERROMAGNETIC NANOWIRES



# COMPARISON OF THE TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCIES OF $I_{ESR} * T$ FOR NANOSIZED $La_{0.67} Ca_{0.23} Mn O_{3-\delta}$ MANGANITES



# Exchange coupling integral **J** between Mn spins as function of grain size

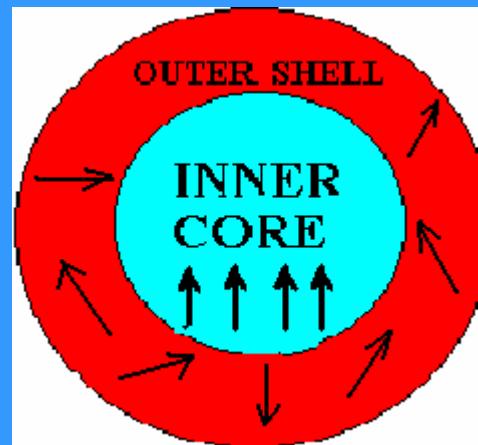
<b>La<sub>0.67</sub> Ca<sub>0.33</sub> Mn O<sub>3-δ</sub></b>	<b>J (K)</b>
<b>ceramic</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>nanosized</b>	
<b>D = 150 nm</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>D = 90 nm</b>	<b>39</b>

# EXCHANGE COUPLING INTEGRAL $J$ BETWEEN Mn SPINS IN NANOSIZED $\text{La}_{0.67}\text{Ca}_{0.33}\text{MnO}_{3-\delta}$

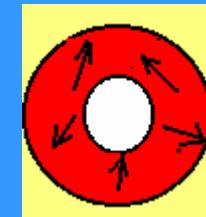
**$J$  decreases with  $D \downarrow$**

Reasons for the degradation of DE interaction

*Two similar contributions*  
**( inner core , outer shell )**



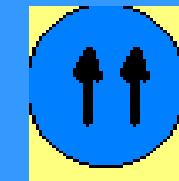
### A) OUTER SHELL OS



- Increased influence of OS in *smaller grains*
- $J$  in OS much weaker than in IC

Exchange coupling  $J$  in OS decreases when  $D \downarrow$

### B) INNER CORE IC



- $T_C \downarrow$  with  $D \downarrow$

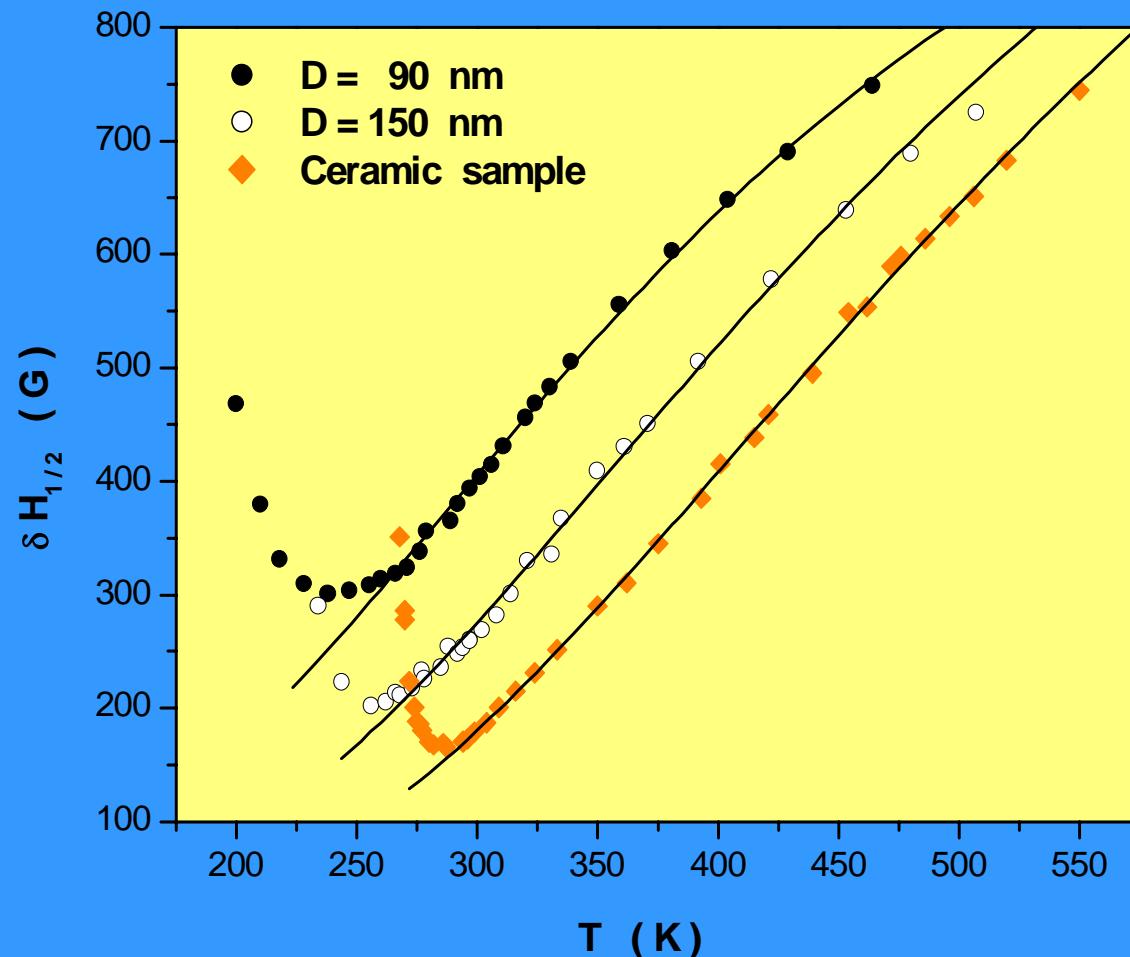
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## INFLUENCE OF STRUCTURAL CHANGES ON $J$

Increase Mn – O bond

Decrease of Mn – O - Mn bond angle  $\Rightarrow J \downarrow$   
(de Gennes : Phys. Rev. 118, 141, 1960)

# TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCIES OF THE LINENWIDTH $\delta H_{1/2}$ FOR $La_{0.67} Ca_{0.33} Mn O_{3-\delta}$ SAMPLES FITTED WITH THE SMALL POLARON MODEL



$$\delta H_{1/2} (T) = \delta H_0 + AT^{-1} \exp(-E_a / k_B T)$$

Polaron activation energy  $E_a$  and the residual linewidth  $\delta H_0$  as function of grain size in the paramagnetic regime of

nanostructured  $\text{La}_{0.67} \text{Ca}_{0.33} \text{Mn O}_{3-\delta}$

$\text{La}_{0.67} \text{Ca}_{0.33} \text{Mn O}_{3-\delta}$	$E_a$ ( meV)	$\delta H_0$ ( G )
ceramic	120	24
nanosized		
$D = 150 \text{ nm}$	104	42
$D = 90 \text{ nm}$	83	70

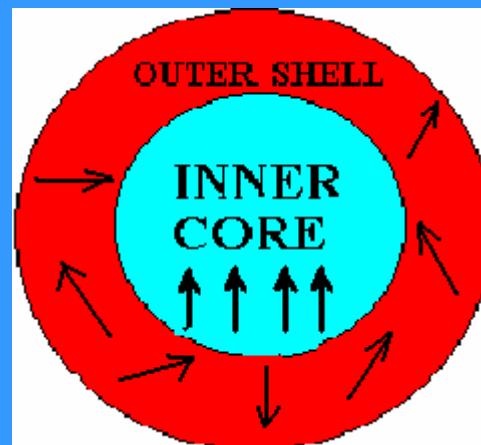
# POLARONIC EFFECTS IN NANOSTRUCTURED

## $\text{La}_{0.67}\text{Ca}_{0.33}\text{MnO}_{3-\delta}$

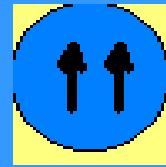
**$E_a$  decreases with  $D \downarrow$**

*Two opposite contributions*

( inner core , outer shell )



A) INNER CORE      IC      →

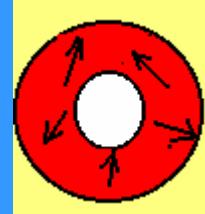


Mn<sup>4+</sup> content ↑ (Mn<sup>3+</sup>↓) with D↓

E<sub>a</sub> ↑ when Mn<sup>3+</sup> content ↑

$E_a \downarrow$  with Mn<sup>4+</sup> content ↑ or D ↓

B) OUTER SHELL      OS      →



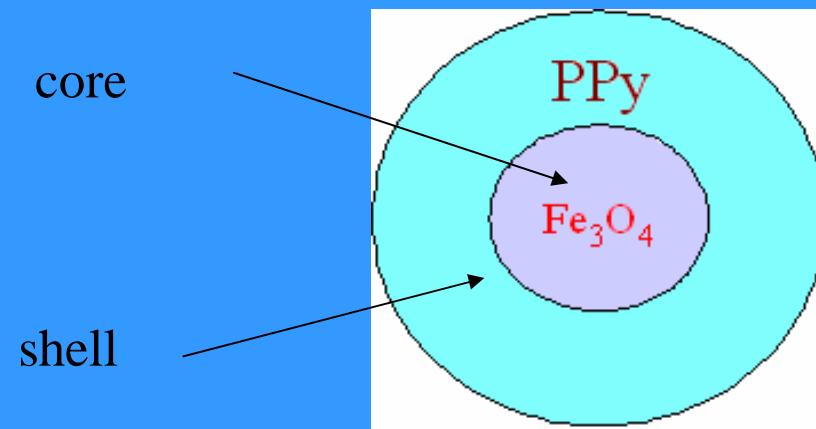
- ◆ Mn<sup>3+</sup> and Mn<sup>4+</sup> spins are disordered
- ◆ defects, oxygen vacancies ⇒ higher energy barrier for e<sub>g</sub> polarons to hop over

$E_a \uparrow$  as disorder in OS ↑ in smaller grain

*Inner-core contribution to E<sub>a</sub> is dominant*



## MAGNETITE: CORE - SHELL $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ / PPy NANOPARTICLES



*Nanometrology by ESR:*  
size determination of core-shell  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  / PPy nanoparticles

## *TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE OF ESR LINewidth*

*P.C. Morais et. all. Phil. Mag. Letters 55, 181 (1987)*

$$\Delta H = \Delta H_R^0 \tanh\left(\frac{\Delta E}{2k_B T}\right)$$

$$\Delta E = (K_B + k_{\text{eff}} T) V$$

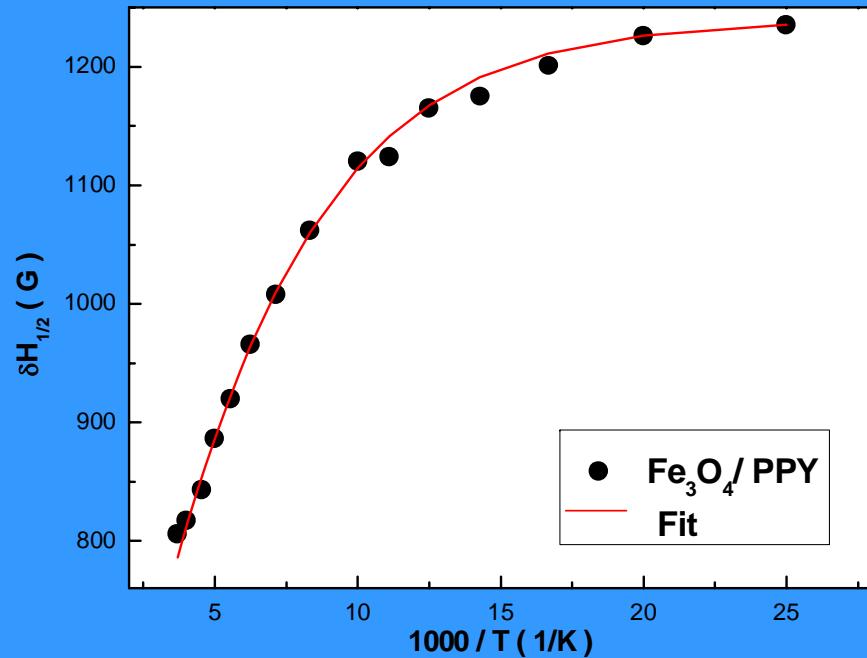
$$\Delta H = \Delta H_R^0 \tanh\left(\frac{K_B}{2k_B T} V + \frac{k_{\text{eff}}}{2 k_B} V\right)$$

*V – nanoparticle's volume*

$$D_m = \sqrt[3]{\frac{6V}{\pi}}$$

**D<sub>m</sub> – mean diameter**

## $\Delta H = f(T)$ FOR PPy- $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ CORE-SHELL NANOPARTICLES



$K_B = 6.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ erg cm}^{-3}$   $\longrightarrow$  bulk value

$k_{\text{eff}} = 229 \text{ G}^2 \text{ K}^{-1}$   $\longrightarrow$  from  $H_R = f(T)$

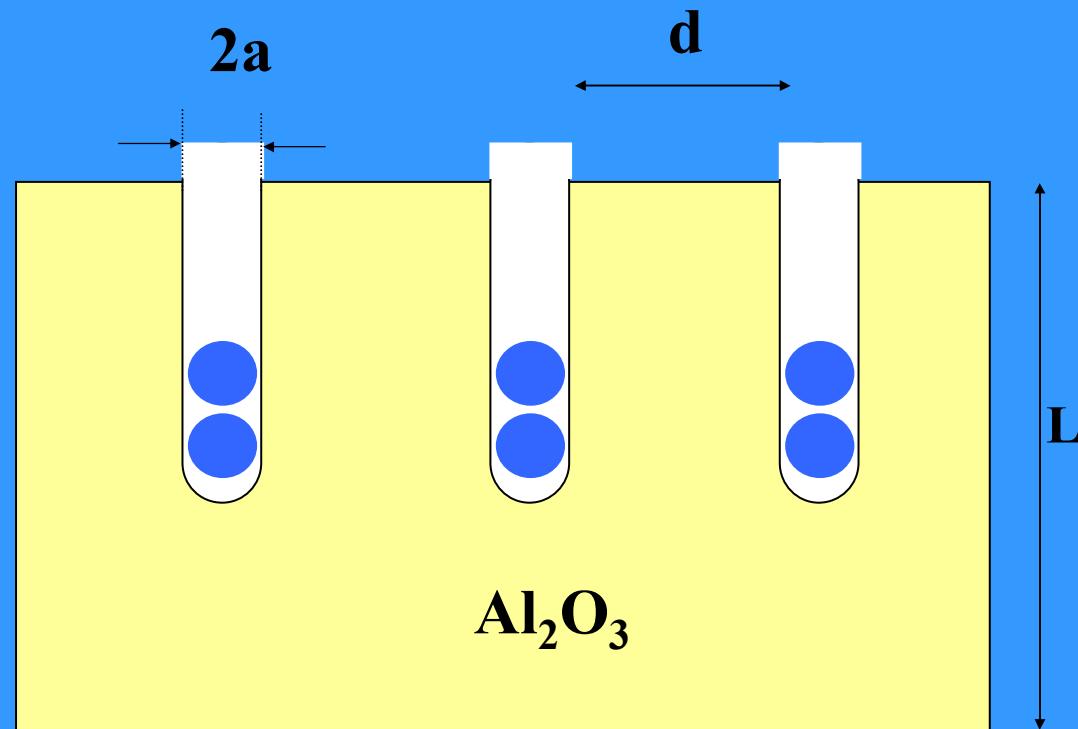
*Mean diameter of PPy- $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles*

$D_m(\text{ESR}) \approx 12 \text{ nm}$

compared with  $D_m(\text{TEM}) \approx 16 \text{ nm}$

# Nanometrology by CESR

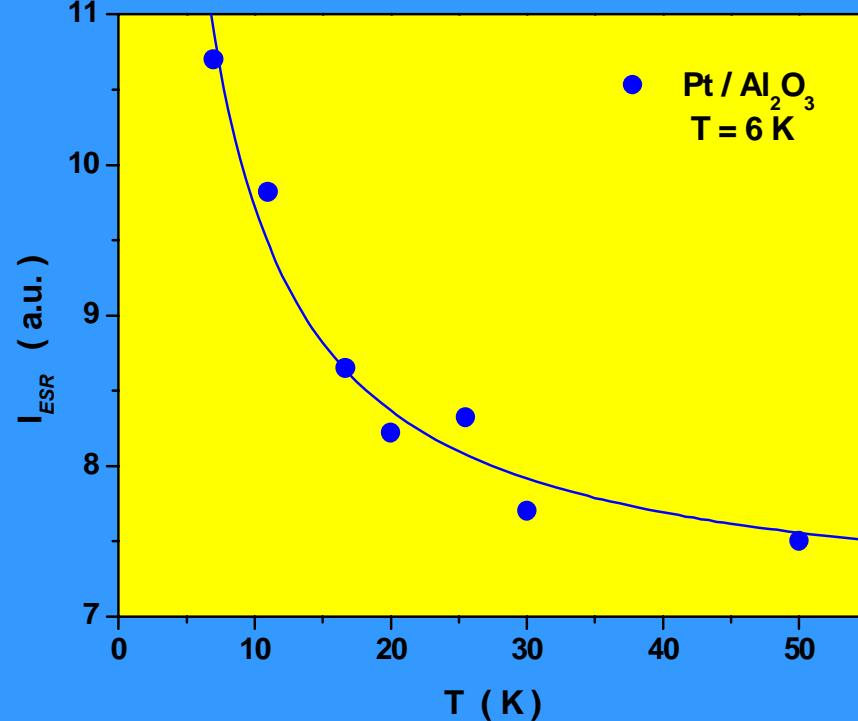
- Pt – nanoparticles electrodeposited in the channels of porous  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$



$$2a = 12 \text{ nm}$$
$$d = 30 \text{ nm}$$

# *QUANTUM SIZE EFFECTS IN $Al_2O_3/Pt$*

1.  $I_{ESR}$  follows a Curie law



2. *g - factor and ESR linewidth are temperature independent*

$$g = 2.092$$

$$\Delta H_{1/2} = 242 \text{ (G)}$$

3. Observation of *Pt -ESR* signals : large spin-orbit coupling



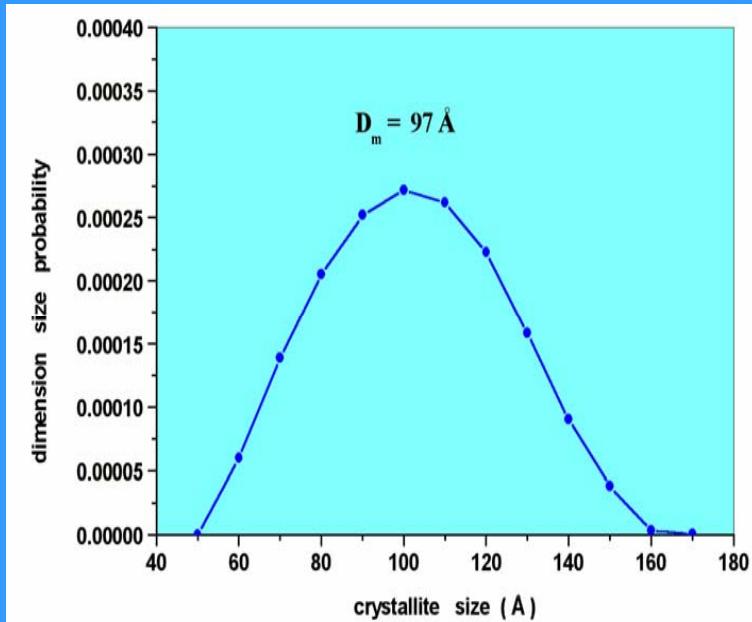
## Pt – metallic nanoparticles

$$\Delta H_{1/2} (G) \approx 7.776 d_m^2 (\text{nm})$$

Experimental  $\Delta H_{1/2} = 242$  (G) for  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 / \text{Pt}$

$$d_m (\text{Pt-CESR}) \approx 6 \text{ nm}$$

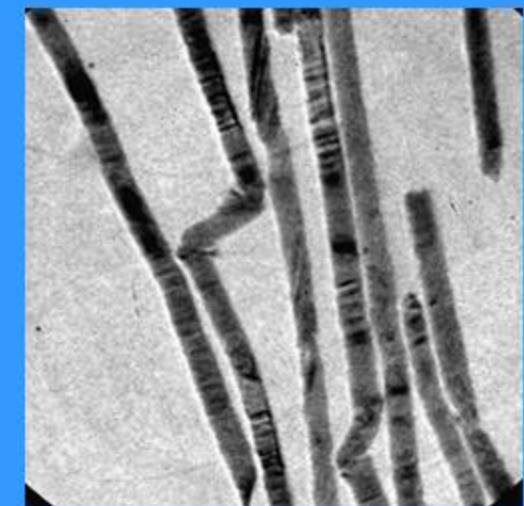
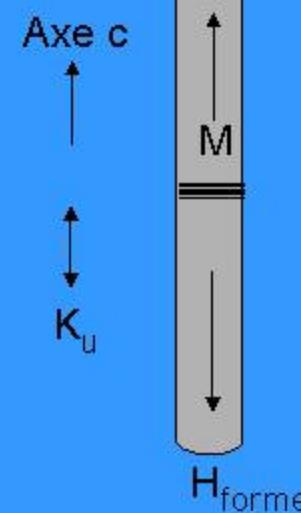
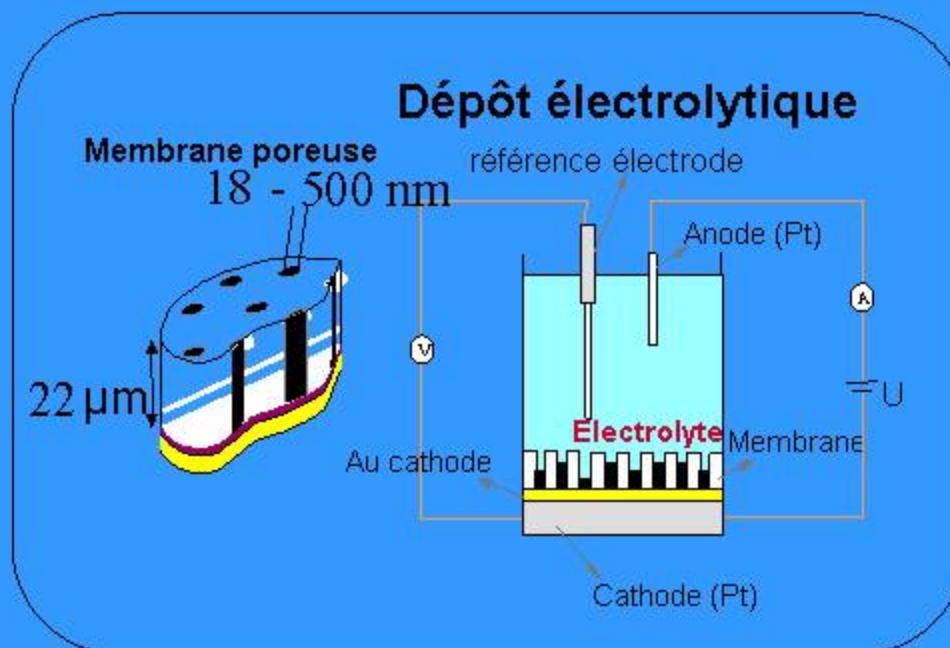
Crystallite size distribution function



Compared with  
crystallite size  
 $D_m = 9.7 \text{ nm}$



# 1D - CHAINS OF FERROMAGNETIC NANOWIRES

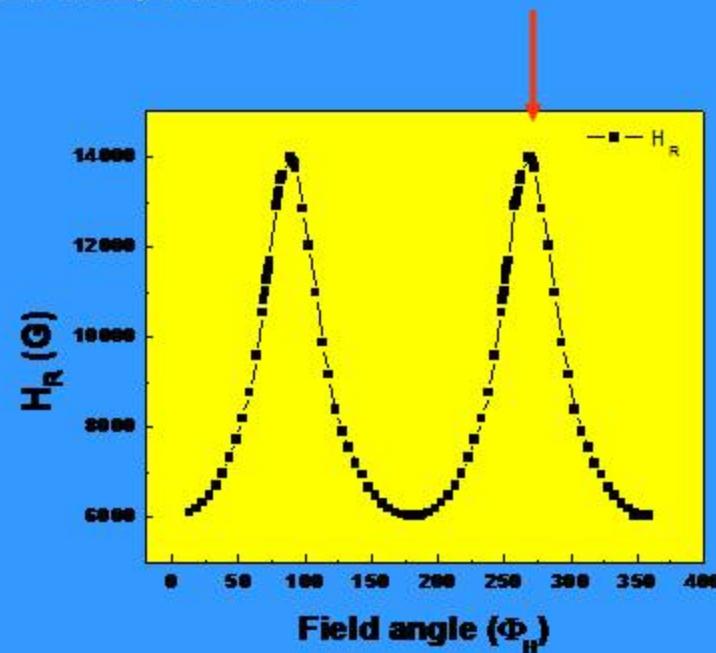
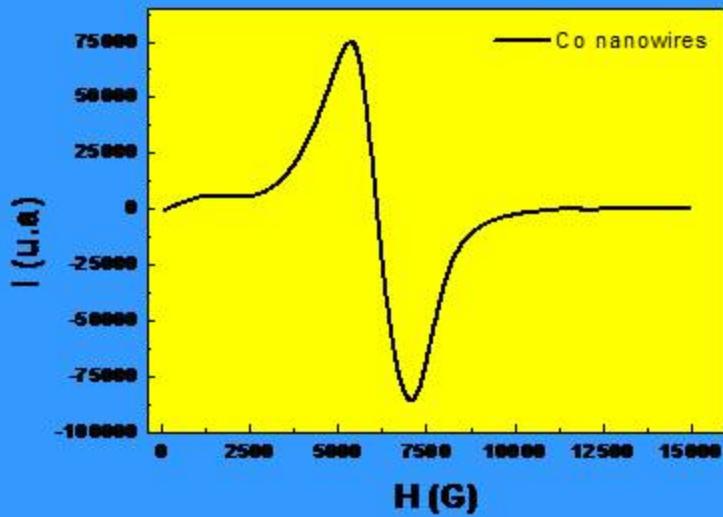


**Co , Ni - ferromagnetic nanowires**

**Porous membranes : Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> , polycarbonates**

# Q- BAND ESR: ANISOTROPY MAGNETIC FIELD

## CO NANOWIRES IN POLYCARBONATES



$$\frac{\omega}{\gamma} = \left[ \{H_{\text{eff}} \cos 2\theta_0 + H_{\text{res}} \cos(\theta_0 - \theta_H)\} \times \{H_{\text{eff}} \cos^2 \theta_0 + H_{\text{res}} \cos(\theta_0 - \theta_H)\} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$H_{\text{eff}} = H_u + 2\pi M_s$$

$H_u$  - anisotropy field

$H_u = 5.2 \text{ kOe}$

# *Spectrometru*

## REZONANTA ELECTRONICA DE SPIN IN MULTIFRECVENTA



Achizitionat in cadrul PNCDI-II, programul de capacitatii  
proiect nr. 127CP / I / 14.09.2007

*Benzi de frecventa X - 9.8 GHz ; Q - 34 GHz  
Domenii de temperatura variabila 4 - 300 K; 300 - 600 K  
LINUX Workstation , pachet software pentru control, achizitie date si  
procesari 1D si 2D*

## ***Specificitati ale RES in multifrecventa / frecventa inalta***

-caracteristici ale dinamicii de spin in functie de frecventa



-identificarea, separarea si caracterizarea proceselor de interactie si relaxare magnetica dependente de frecventa

- separarea contributiilor provenind de la miezul interior si stratul superficial al nanoparticulelor magnetice

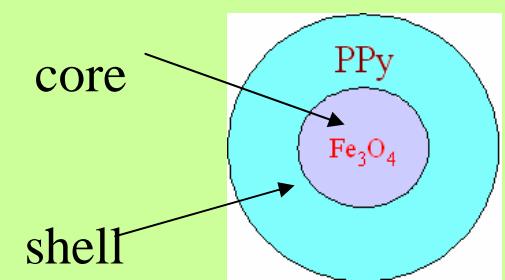
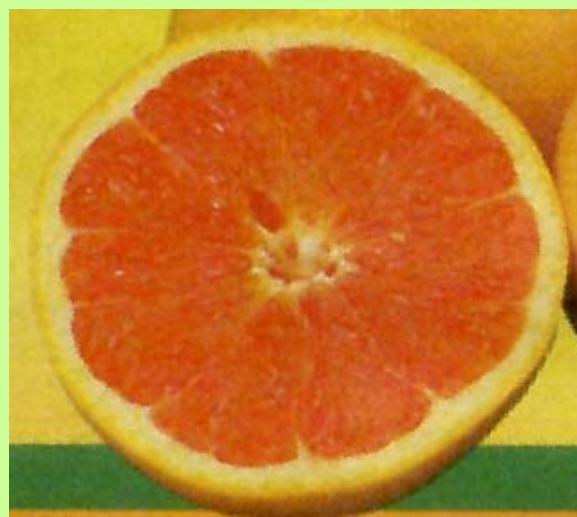
-identificarea centrilor paramagnetici cu valori apropiate ale campurilor magnetice de rezonanta



## *MULTIFREQUENCY ESR ( 10 AND 34 GHZ )*

**PROVIDES AN EXPERIMENTAL ROUTE TO STUDY  
CORE – SHELL EFFECTS IN NANOPARTICLES**

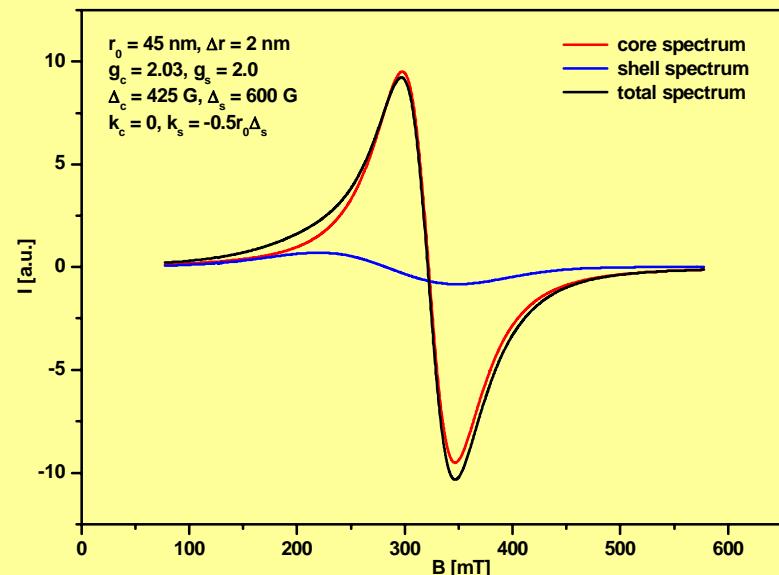
**Model  
Inner Core - Surface layer**





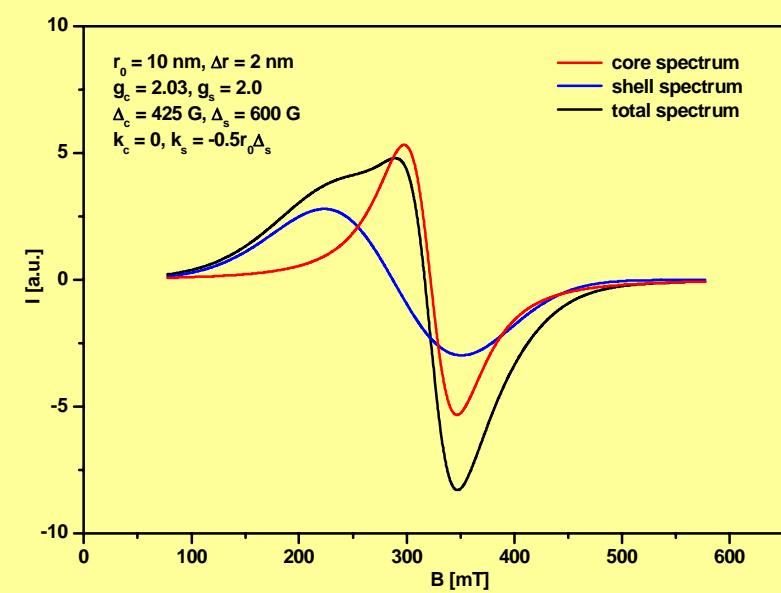
$d = 90 \text{ nm}$

$k_c = 0; \quad k_s \neq 0$



$d = 20 \text{ nm}$

$k_c \neq 0; \quad k_s \neq 0$



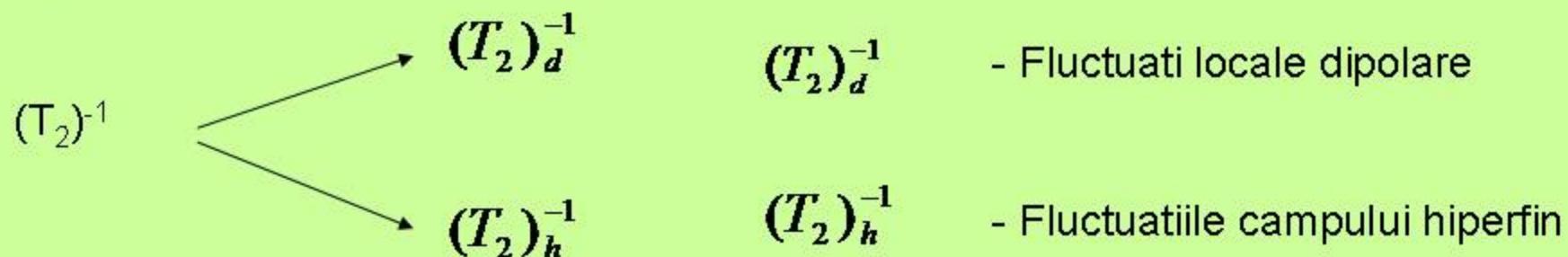
*Critical size  $d_0 \approx 20 \text{ nm}$*

## RES IN MULTIFREVENTA

Relaxari magnetice de spin

$$(\Delta H)_{RES} \approx (T_2)^{-1}$$

$T_2$  – viteza de relaxare spin-spin



$$(T_2)_d^{-1} \propto C_d(T) [(1 - 3\cos^2\theta)^2 J(0) + 10\sin^2\theta \cos^2\theta J(\omega) + \sin^4\theta J(2\omega)]$$

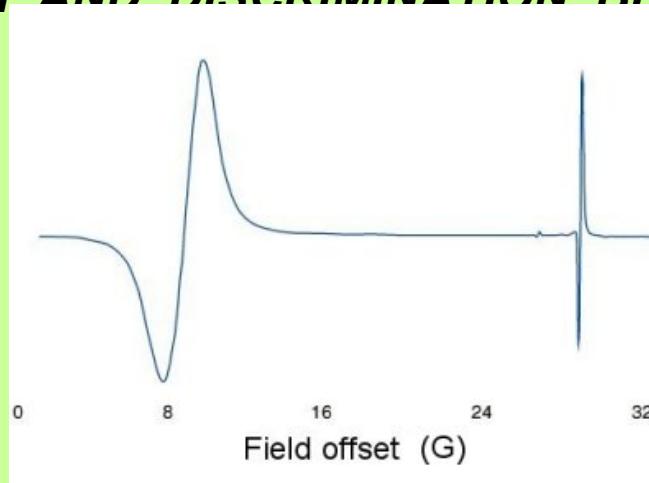
$$(T_2)_h^{-1} \propto C_h(T) [4(1 - 3\cos^2\theta)^2 + 18\sin^2\theta \cos^2\theta J(0) + [(1 - 3\cos^2\theta)^2 + 36\sin^2\theta \cos^2\theta + 9\sin^4\theta] J(\omega)]$$

*J( $\omega$ ) – functia de densitate spectrala*

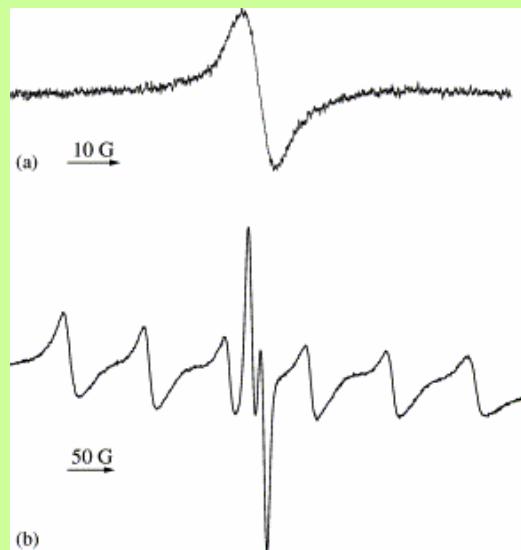
Investigatii RES = f( $\omega$ )

Identificarea mecanismului dominant in procesul de relaxare magnetica spin-spin

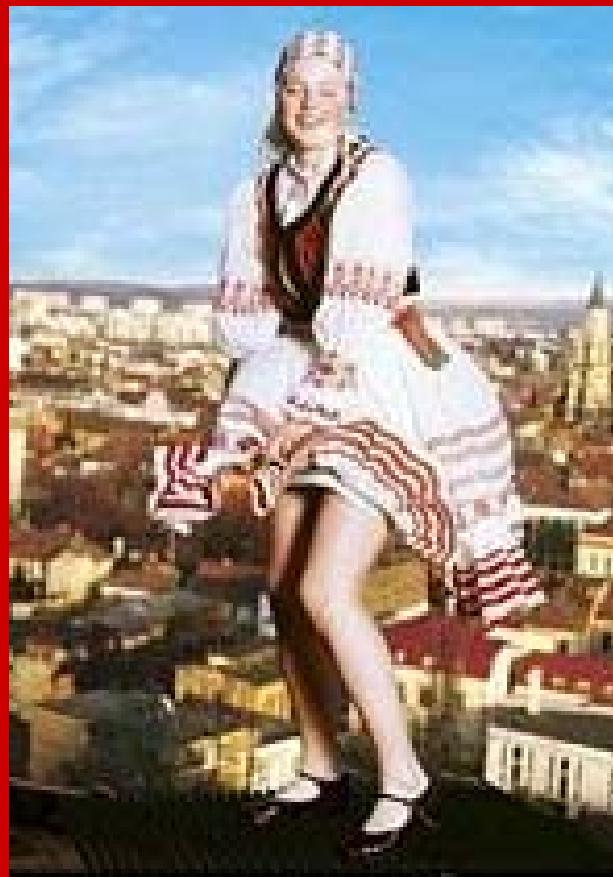
**HIGH - FREQUENCY Q - BAND ESR**  
**ABILITY TO STUDY VERY SMALL SAMPLES**  
**HIGH RESOLUTION AND DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN SIMILAR SPECIES**



At 10GHz, these two features would not be separated, so high field ESR allows us to detect a small amount of one material in the presence of another



*Transylvanian* point of view referring  
to the implementation of the projects  
within the framework of  
PNCDI-II-capacities programme





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•*Gabriel Garcia Marquez - ultima scrisoare din “veacul de singurătate”.*



**Întotdeauna există ziua de mâine  
și viața ne dă, de fiecare dată ,  
altă oportunitate pentru a face lucrurile bine...,**