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THE USE OF ELECTRON SPIN RESONANCE IN STUDYING THE SYNERGY BETWEEN ORGANIC AND INORGANIC COMPONENT IN HYBRID ELASTOMER BASED COMPOSITES

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Recently an increasing interest is becoming evident for incorporation of hybrid systems based on different fillers in elastomeric matrices. This leads to already confirmed benefits, regarding the properties of the nanocomposites, but yet some new aspects and methods are needed to reveal and understand the origin of the synergism between the nanofillers and its influence on the macroscopic properties. In this study electron spin resonance (ESR) investigations on hybrid natural rubber based nanocomposites loaded with 2 phr of multi-walled carbon nanotubes (MWCNT) and various amounts of expanded organically modified montmorillonite (EOMt) (0; 8 and 16 phr) were reported. The temperature dependence of resonance line parameters in the range 160–353 K was analyzed. From the obtained results it was evident that the presence of the EOMt influenced the appearance of the ESR spectra. The shape of the spectral lines was changed from Lorentzian one for the sample that does not contain EOMt to a Dysonian line for the sample that contains the highest amount of EOMt. This was in good correlation with the argument that the type of the ESR spectra line is closely connected to the state of dispersion of the CNT in the matrix. Also the values of the g-factor were shifted, from the values close to that of the free electron for the sample that does not contain EOMt to higher values with the increase of EOMt content. The observed behavior of the double integral of the resonance spectra was not temperature invariant, suggesting that it does not obey a simple Pauli law behavior. Therefore, it was assumed that the observed ESR signal originated not only from the metallic but also from the intrinsic conduction electrons in MWCNT and defects with an odd number of vacant carbon sites in the honeycomb configuration that can also introduce spins.

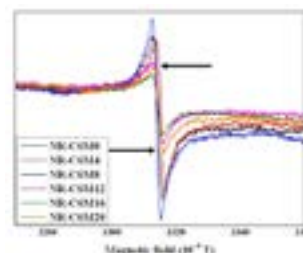


Figure 1: The ESR spectra of 6 phr MWCNT in NR-based nanocomposites containing different quantities of EOMt, at room temperature. Lorentzian shapes of the resonance spectra prove the good dispersion of the nanotubes within the NR matrix, regardless of the presence of EOMt.

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