

## Synthesis Of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Nanoparticles Of Iron Sand Coprecipitation Method With Polyethylene Glycol 6000

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### ABSTRACT

This study aimed to obtain a particle size-based nano Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> iron sand, determine the effect of Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) -6000 to be produced from iron sand in synthetic by using coprecipitation method and the nature of magnetization. Synthetic done by mixing natural sand with HCl as solvent and NH<sub>4</sub>OH as a precipitant, as templates are added PEG-6000 .. Then, characterized by using X-Ray Diffractometer (XRD). Vibrating Sample Magnetometer (VSM) and Fourier Transform Infra Red (FTIR).

From the test results (XRD) shows the crystal size Preparation Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles with PEG 6000 (1: 3), (1: 4), (1: 5) in a sequence that is 14.90 nm, 22:16 nm, 33.11 nm while without PEG 6000 29.08 nm ,

Vibrating Sample Magnetometer measurement results (VSM) shows that the value of Ms saturation field for without PEG-6000 Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> with PEG-6000 (1: 3), (1: 4), (1: 5) respectively 27.9 emu / g, 47.4 emu / g, 35.3 emu / g, 51.7 emu / g and field coercivity (Hc), each for 0,013 Tesla, 0.022 Tesla, Tesla 0.14, 0.009 Tesla.

FTIR results showed that there was a shift peaks indicating increased number of PEG. From each sample came the peak of Fe-O owned by Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> where the wavelength of Fe-O at sample PEG has a lower value than the wavelength Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> caused the PEG

**Key words:** Nanoparticles Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, PEG 600, particle size, magnetic properties

### 1. INTRODUCTION .

Nanoparticles are particles with a size of nanometers, which is approximately 1-100 nm. Nanoparticles into a very interesting study, because of the material that is in nano size particles typically have chemical or physical properties that are superior to large-sized material (bulk). In this case these properties can be altered by controlling the size of the material, setting the chemical composition, surface modification and control of the interactions between the particles.

The magnetic nanoparticles has been developed recently is Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, is one phase of the iron oxide is amphoteric and has a high absorption, (Abdillah, G., 2013) . Compounds Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (FeO.Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>), black with spinel inversion shaped structure and containing Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup>, (Gubin, S. F., 2007).

Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> last few years has been widely used in various applications, such as a store of information with a high density, magnetic resonance image formation, delivery systems for medicines, cosmetics, dyes, inks as well as play a role in various separation processes, including adsorption (Y. Wei et al,2011).

The research nanoscale magnetic particles have been carried out, among others, Malik, A., Baqiya, et al , (2007), with PEG-400 and without PEG, (Perdana, F.A. et al , 2013), synthetic Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> with template PEG-1000, using coprecipitation method. (Putri, S.T., 2011), (Nuzzuly, S,et al , 2013), template PEG-4000,(Astuti Geby ,et al ,2013 ),iron stone Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> using templates PEG-4000.

Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles usually can with some chemical synthesis method, such as, reverse micelle method, microwave plasma synthesis technique sol - gel, freeze drying, irradiation ultrasound, hydrothermal method, technique of laser pyrolysis, coprecipitation method, and others .

In this study the method to be used is the method of coprecipitation. This method is considered more suitable because it is easier to be done, the materials and procedures used is also much simpler. The advantage of this method is the process uses low temperatures and is easy to control the particle size so that it takes a relatively short time. adapaun purpose of this study to determine the particle size of nano Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> made from iron sand, determine the effect of Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) 6000 and magnetic properties.

### 2. METHODS

#### 2.1 Tools and materials

Materials; Iron sand, HCL, NH<sub>4</sub>OH, Filter paper. PEG 6000

tools used, the 200 mesh sieve, digital magnetic balance Stirer, Vacuum pump, Oven, Shimadzu XRD 6100 X-ray diffractometer, Vibrating Sample Magnetometer (VSM), Bruker FTIR Spectrometer ALPHA

## 2.2. Synthesis process Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Method Using coprecipitation

Sand iron (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) is obtained from separation using a magnet, then sieved to 200 mesh size. then weighed 20 g and inserted with a glass beaker to be mixed with 37% HCl 40 ml. The mixture was stirred at 70 ° C for 30 minutes in a magnetic stirrer. After stirring process is completed, do the filtering with filter paper PEG-6000 melted by heating at 50 ° C for 15 minutes. PEG-6000 which has been melted added to the resulting solution was the variation Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> volume ratio of 1: 3; 1: 4; 1: 5 The results are mixed with a solution of PEG-6000 conducted by stirring by using (magnetic stirrer), at a temperature of 70 ° C for 40 minutes. Then 25% NH<sub>4</sub>OH added 30 ml in Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> mixture while stirring and heated by using a magnetic stirrer for 40 minutes at a temperature of 70<sup>0</sup>C.

Results precipitate formed Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (solid black) separated from the solution which was then washed repeatedly using distilled water until clean of impurities then filtered .To obtain nano Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> powder particles, sediment is dried in an oven at a temperature of about 70 ° C for 2 hours.

## 2.3 Characterization XRD

Characterization X-Ray Diffractometry (XRD), which is used in room temperature by using a Shimadzu XRD 6100 X-ray diffractometer (40 kV, 30 mA), Cu K $\alpha$  radiation which is used scanning rate of 2<sup>0</sup> / min in the range of 2 $\theta$  = 5<sup>0</sup> - 70<sup>0</sup>

## 2.4 Characterization Vibrating Sample Magnetometer (VSM)

By using Vibrating Sample Magnetometer (VSM) can show the relationship magnetization (M) with an external magnetic field (H) obtained from the hysteresis curve. Characterization is done at the Laboratory of Magnetic - PT BIN-BATAN using Vibrating Sample Magnetometer (VSM) Oxford types VSM 1.2H

## 2.5 Characterization FTIR

Characterization by using the tool Bruker FTIR Spectrometer ALPHA of spectroscopy was obtained graph of transmittance against the wavelength, the wave crests obtained from functional groups.

# 3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## 3.1 Analysis XRD

XRD characterization performed to analyze the crystal structure of the sample Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. From the XRD data obtained, to identify peaks of XRD chart by matching the existing peak on the graph with the ICDD database. After that, the XRD data refinement using Rietveld analysis contained in Rietan program. Through the refinement, and its phase structure and lattice parameters that exist in the sample are known. Through the XRD chart, grain size of the sample can also be estimated. Grain size is calculated using the Scherrer. of the x-ray diffraction pattern.

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$$D = (k \lambda) / (Br \cos \theta) \quad (1)$$

With Br, K,  $\lambda$  and D, respectively half peak width (FWHM) in radians, Scherrer constant (0.9), the wavelength of the x-ray (1.5406 Å), and the diameter of crystallites in the size of nanometers (nm). to determine: (%) Volume fraction of magnetite (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) = (intensity phase sought) / (number-intensity x-ray detectable phase) x 100% (2)

With the analysis of the data obtained as shown in Table 1

**Table 1 .Analysis Data with XRD**

Samples	Size (nm)	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Phases Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (%)	other Phases (%)	Cubic crystal structure with parameters a (Å)
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Non PEG 6000	29.08	5,181	38,47	61,53	8.4045
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> With PEG 1:3	14.90	5,219	48,39	51,61	8.3837
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> With PEG 1:4	22.16	5,272	44,41	55,59	8.3557
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> With PEG 1:5	33.11	5,200	53,2	46,8	8.3557

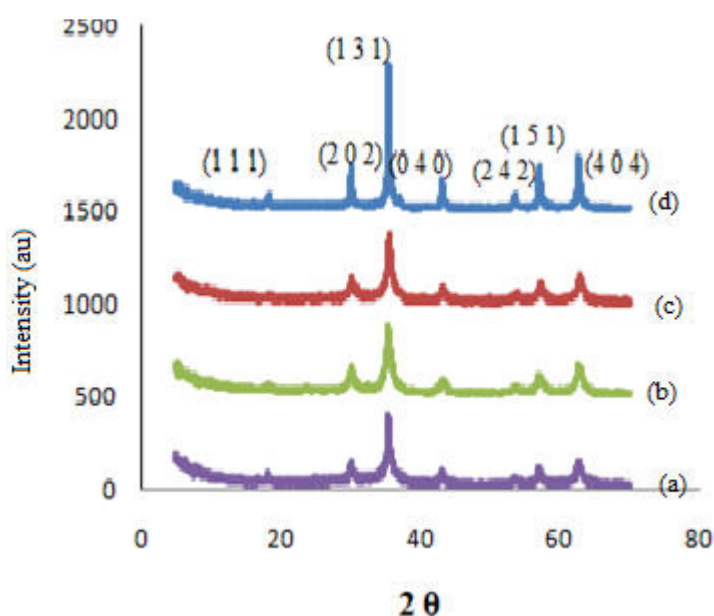


Figure. 1. Pattern XRD for Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> samples with multiple treatment,(a) non PEG, (b)with PEG (1:3) ,(c) with PEG (1:4), (d) with PEG (1:5)

From Figure 1 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of the sample with a variation ratio of PEG-6000 and without PEG-6000. From the figure it can be seen that the peak formed a widening with increasing volume expansion ratio variation PEG-6000 which indicates the size of the crystals get smaller. Based on the analysis using search programs match and qualitative analysis using the method Hanawalt, that the sample containing 100% Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> phase. Not found also the PEG phase in the sample. This means that PEG-6000 did not come to react and simply act as a template only. as well as the results of the study (Perdana, F.A. et al , 2013).

### 3.2. Analysis Vibrating Sample Magnetometer (VSM) .

Magnitudes important in determining the magnetic properties by magnetic hysteresis curve is the saturation (Ms), field coercivity (Hc) and the remanent magnetization (Mr). The value of saturation magnetization, known as saturated magnetization demonstrate the ability of nanoparticles to maintain irreversibility magnetic domains when they are known outside the magnet. Coercivity field is a field magnitude needed to make the magnetization is zero. The greater the value the stronger is the nature of magnetism. While the remanent magnetic material showed ability when given external field.

In the second picture we can see the comparison curve Hysteresis curve magnetite Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Nano Particles

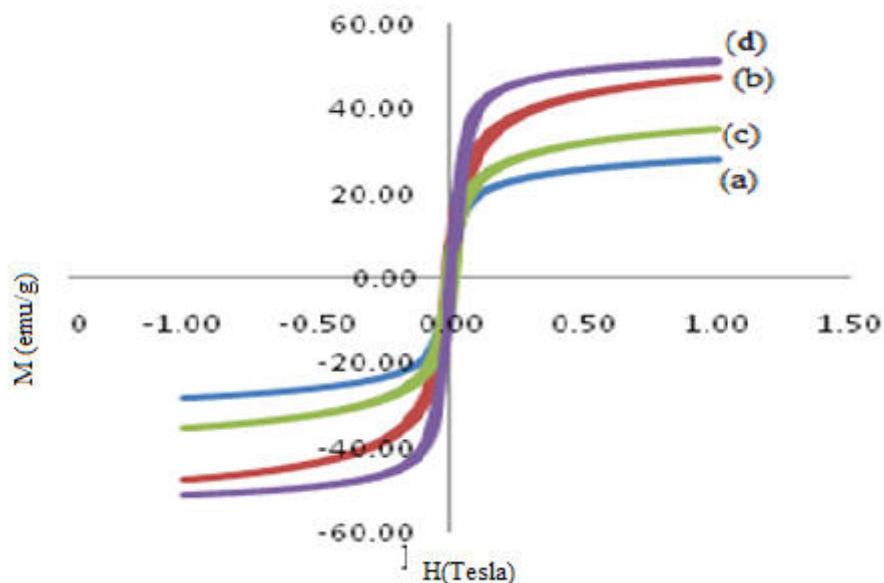


Figure 2 VSM images of  $Fe_3O_4$ , with Different Ratios of  $Fe_3O_4$  and PEG 6000  
 (a) Without PEG 6000, (b) 1:3, (c) 1:4, and (d) 1:5

For more details, the value of saturation magnetization, coercivity field and remanent magnetization of each sample are shown in Table 4.2.

**Table 2.** The Data Analysis Results VSM

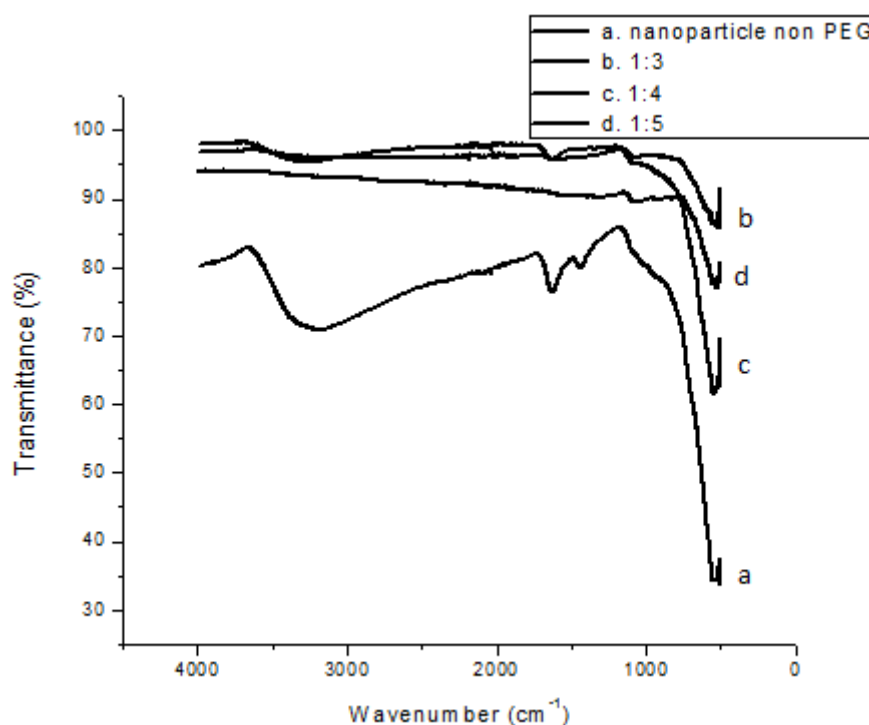
Samples	Size (nm)	Ms (emu/g)	Hc (Tesla)	Mr (emu/g)
$Fe_3O_4$ non PEG	29.08	27,9	0,013	10,3
$Fe_3O_4$ with PEG 1:3	14.90	47,4	0,022	11,7
$Fe_3O_4$ with PEG 1:4	22.16	35,3	0,14	12,3
$Fe_3O_4$ with PEG 1:5	33.11	51,7	0,009	18,1

From Table 2 it can be seen also that the value of Hc (coercivity field)  $Fe_3O_4$  without PEG-6000 obtained around 0,033 Tesla while  $Fe_3O_4$  with the addition of PEG-6000 (1: 3), (1: 4), (1: 5) consecutive which is about 0,022 T, 0,14 T, 0,009 T. From Table .2 shows a strong relationship between the size of the crystals with magnetic properties.

This research is in accordance with previous studies which, saturation magnetization (Ms) for  $Fe_3O_4$  powder with PEG-400 higher compared without PEG-400 (Malik, et al., 2007) but not in accordance with research that states the value of remanent magnetization of  $Fe_3O_4$  without PEG-1000 higher than  $Fe_3O_4$  with the addition of PEG-1000. In other words, the value of Hc (coercivity field) and Mr (remanent magnetization) tends to decrease with the decrease of crystal size (Perdana, et al., 2013).

From Table 2 can be seen the value of Hc is inversely proportional to the size of the crystal, or in other words, the larger the crystal size smaller then the value Hc. With a little more explanation crystal size means more boundaries between the crystal and the more barriers domain wall motion so that the resistance to demagnetization fields which means the greater the higher the value Hc. Instead the larger crystal size, the easier it is to move the domain walls so that the resistance to demagnetization magnetic field is getting smaller, which means the lower the value Hc.

It can be concluded that the samples  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  with Peg-6000 (1: 3), which has the smallest size and has a larger magnetic properties compared to other large particle size resulting from  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  with Peg-6000 (1: 4),  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  with Peg-6000 (1: 5) and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  without PEG-6000.



**Figure 3 .** The results  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  Characterization Using FTIR  
(a) Without PEG 6000 , (b) 1:3 ,(c) 1:4 ,and (d) 1:5

### 3.3 Analysis Fourier Transform Infra Red ( FTIR)

FTIR results on a sample Figure 3 showed the presence of peaks 3172.64 which showed the presence of OH groups. 540.38 peak showed the presence of clusters Fe – O

In the sample b shows the peak 3114.13 which is the OH group which indicate the presence of PEG. 1613.78 peaks showed the presence of carboxylic groups that are building blocks of PEG . Peak of 1077.53 is a hydroxyl group bonded to hydrogen in the surface of the iron oxide, as well as water molecules adsorbed on the surface of the magnetic particles 513.21 peak shows the Fe group - O .

At the peak of 3229.15 sample c shows that an OH group which indicate the presence of PEG. 1640.04 peaks showed the presence of carboxylic groups that are building blocks of PEG. peak of 529.84 showed the presence of clusters Fe - O owned by  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$

At the peak of 3819.90 sample d appears that the OH group which indicate the presence of PEG . Peak of 1069.13 is a hydroxyl group bonded to hydrogen in the surface of the iron oxide, as well as water molecules adsorbed on the surface of the magnetic particles . 529.38 peak shows the Fe group – O. (Zhao, et al., 2010) (Lopez, et al.2010).

From the results of FTIR showed that there was a shift peaks indicating increased number of PEG. From each sample came the peak of Fe-O owned by  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  where the wavelength of Fe-O at sample PEG has a lower value than the wavelength  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  caused the PEG .

### 4. CONCLUSION

The results of testing X-Ray Diffractometer (XRD) to  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  without template PEG-6000 showed crystal size Preparation  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles with PEG 6000 (1: 3), (1: 4), (1: 5) which is 14.90 nm sequentially, 22:16 nm, 33.11 nm without PEG 6000 while the 29.08 nm.

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