

High Power Ferromagnetic Resonance at X-Band in Polycrystalline Garnets and Ferrites

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Resonance experiments have been performed at X-band on spherical samples of polycrystalline yttrium garnet, yttrium-gadolinium garnet, yttrium-holmium garnet and nickel-cobalt ferrite. The RF field strength extended up to 60 Oersted. In the case of yttrium garnet the samples differed considerably in density and hence in linewidth. At fairly low power levels the susceptibility at resonance varies linearly with the square of the RF magnetic field strength. At high power levels the susceptibility is inversely proportional to the amplitude of the microwave magnetic field. The "spin-wave linewidth" $\Delta H/k$ is inferred by extrapolation from the behavior at very high powers. It is found that $\Delta H/k$ is, to a large extent, independent of the linewidth ΔH observed by the usual low power experiments. In particular $\Delta H/k$ was found to be essentially the same (approximately 4 Oe) for all yttrium iron garnets (single crystals and polycrystals with linewidth varying between 1.8 Oe and 450 Oe). On the other hand, $\Delta H/k$ increases very rapidly if the yttrium is partially substituted by holmium ($\Delta H/k \sim 11$ Oe for 1 per cent substitution.)

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