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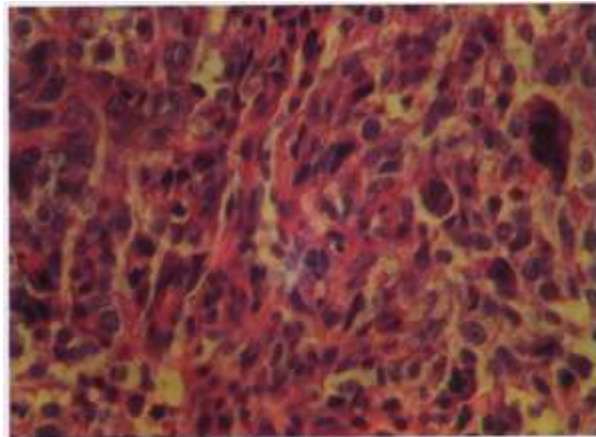
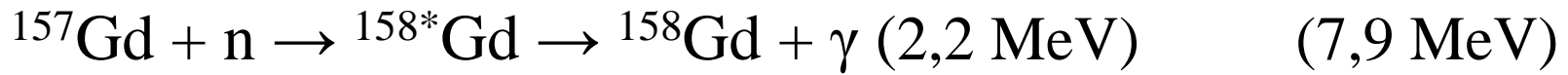
# Gd-containing magnetic nanoparticles for neutron capture therapy and magnetic resonance imaging

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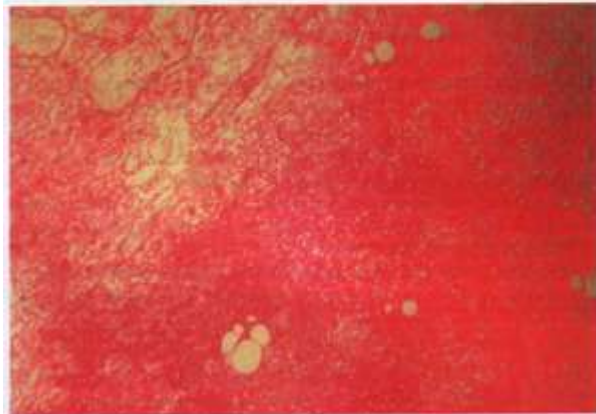
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# Neutron capture therapy – basic principles (1)

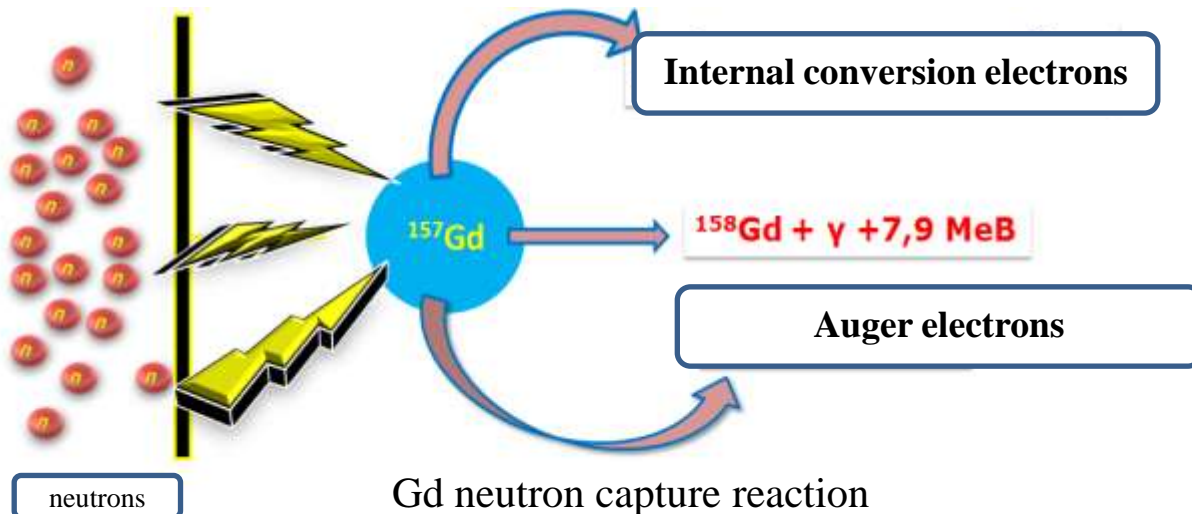
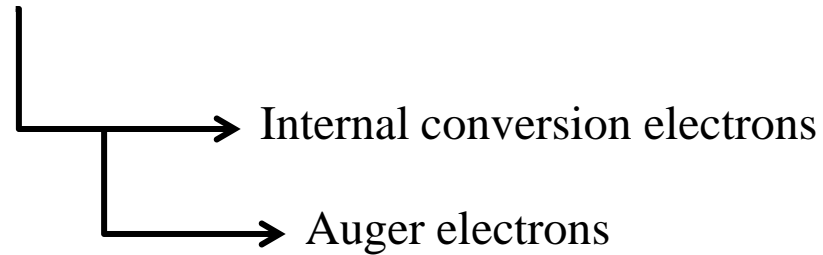


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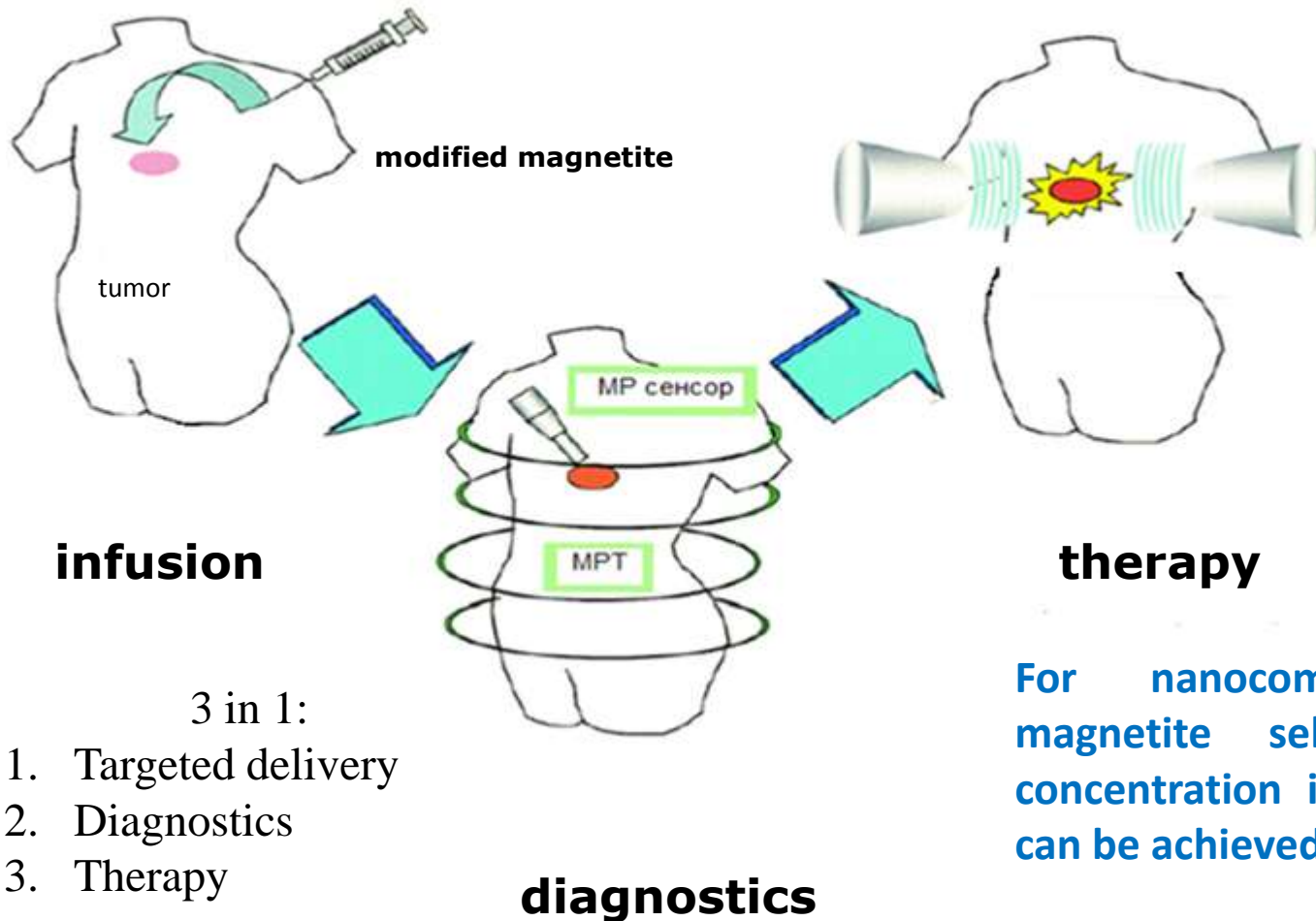


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Рис. 3. Результаты ГНЗТ остеосаркомы:  
а — до облучения. Мелкоклеточная остеосаркома. Окраска гематоксилином и эозином,  $\times 400$ ; б — после облучения. Тотальный некроз опухолевой ткани. Патоморфоз IV степени. Окраска гематоксилином и эозином,  $\times 400$ .



## Neutron capture therapy – basic principles (2)



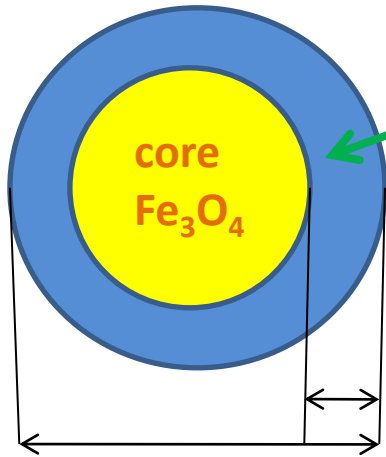
3 in 1:

1. Targeted delivery
2. Diagnostics
3. Therapy

For nanocomposites based on magnetite selective delivery and concentration in the tumor or organ can be achieved by a magnetic field.

**Purpose - synthesis of nanocomposites are promising for use in neutron capture therapy, magnetic resonance imaging.**

# Core-shell magnetic nanostructures



Gd-containing shell

Gd-containing shell  
obtained by:

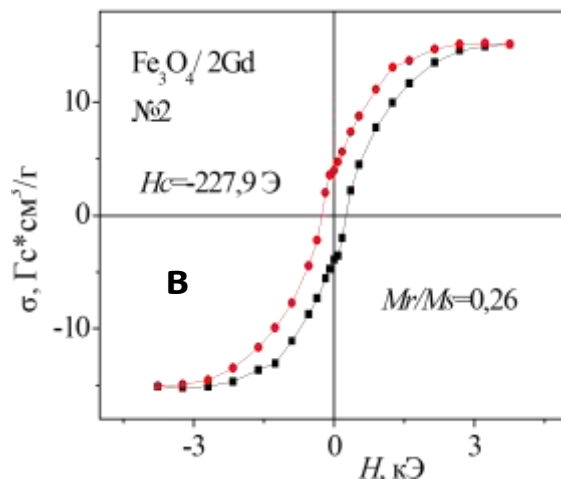
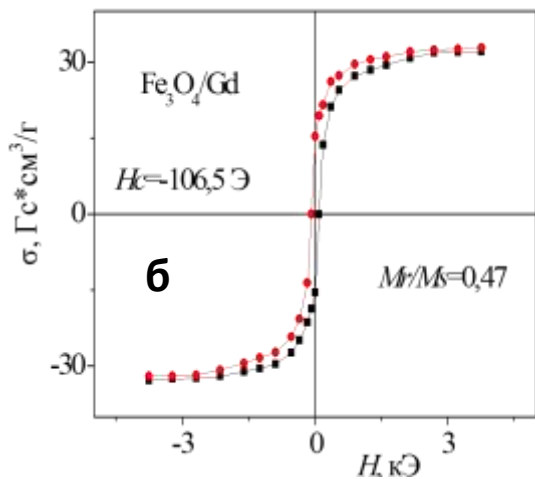
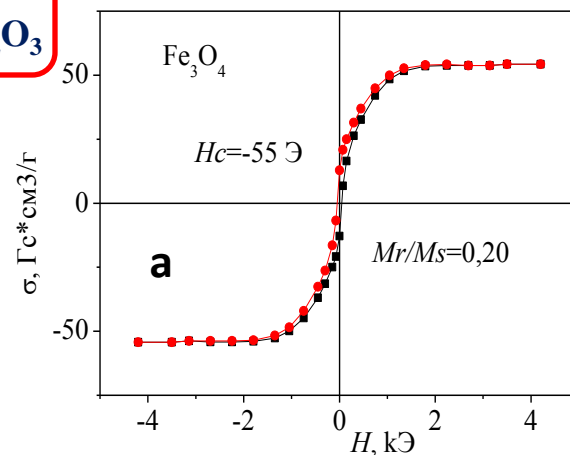
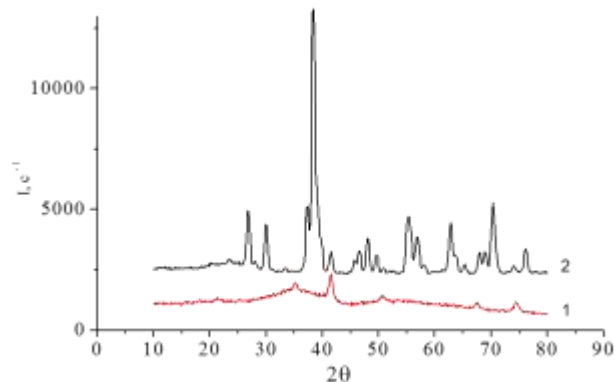
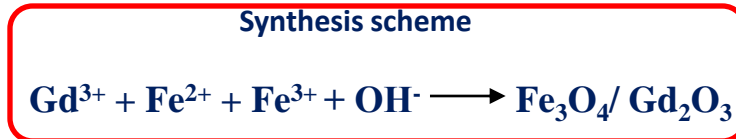
Doping :  
 $Gd_2O_3$   
 $GdFeO_3$   
 $GdBO_3$

Chemical modification:  
 $\gamma$ -APS/DTPA/Gd  
DMSA/Gd

# Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/ Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/ GdFeO<sub>3</sub> nanostructures- Synthesis and properties

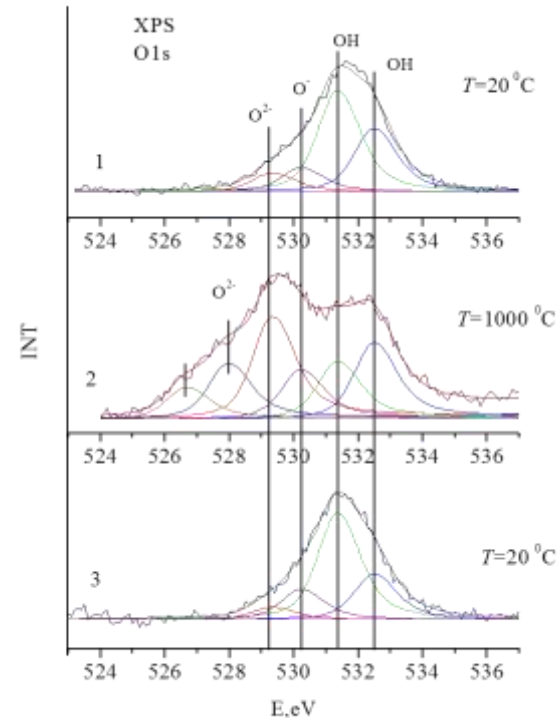
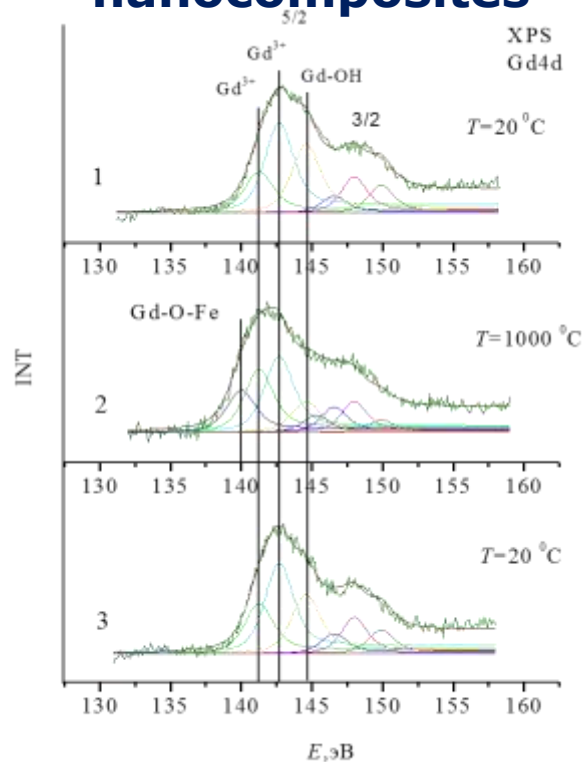
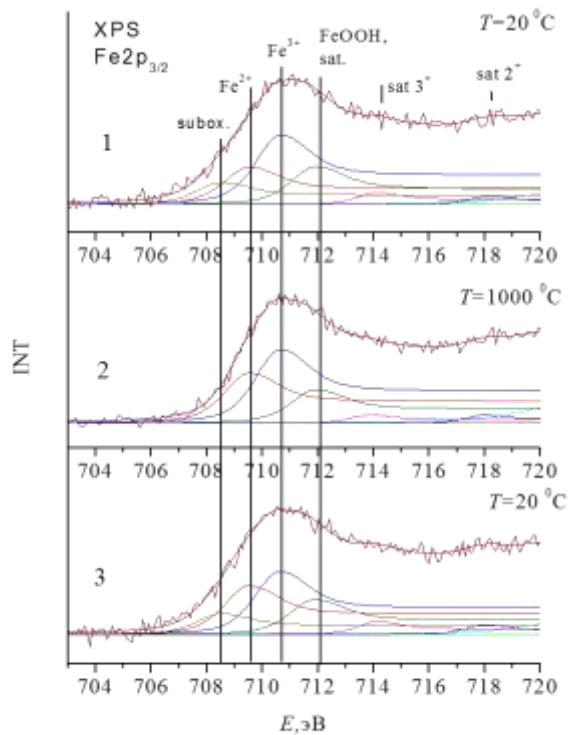
To a solution of bivalent and trivalent iron salts (1M 2M) was added a solution of 1 mol salt Gd. Solution slowly precipitated with ammonia with vigorous stirring at 80-90 ° C. The precipitate was filtered, washed with distilled water to pH = 7.

Fig. 1. XRD patterns of magnetite, doped by Gd<sup>3+</sup>: 1 – sample synthesised at T = 20 ° C; 2 – sample annealed at 1000 ° C



Hysteresis curve of  
: a – magnetite, б – magnetite doped with Gd<sup>3+</sup>, B - magnetite doped with double quantity of Gd<sup>3+</sup>

# XPS study of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/ Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanocomposites



Fe<sub>2p</sub> XPS from samples Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/Gd, obtained at different temperatures (1, 2), 3 – double contain of Gd<sup>3+</sup>

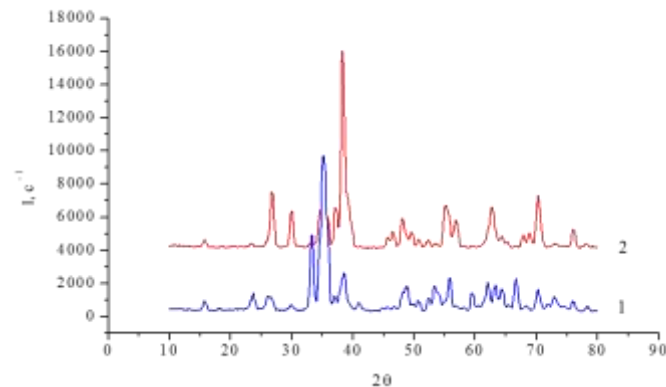
a – Gd<sub>4d</sub>, b – O<sub>1s</sub> XPS from samples Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/Gd, obtained at different temperatures

In the E<sub>b</sub> = 708.5 eV signal is present on the suboxide of iron, which disappears in the spectrum of 2 (Fig. 3) during annealing. In the E<sub>b</sub> = 712.1 eV recorded signal, which also can be associated with both phase FeOOH, and with the contribution of the satellite structure and is proportional to the magnetic characteristics.

On the surface of magnetite nanoparticles gadolinium is present in the trivalent state Gd<sup>3+</sup>. E<sub>b</sub> Gd<sub>4d</sub><sub>5/2</sub> = 141.3 and 142.7 eV, corresponding to Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, and E<sub>b</sub> Gd<sub>4d</sub><sub>5/2</sub> = 144.7 eV - Gd(OH)<sub>3</sub>. At the E<sub>b</sub> Gd<sub>4d</sub><sub>5/2</sub> = 139.9 eV signal is present, which can be linked to a bond Gd-O-Fe.

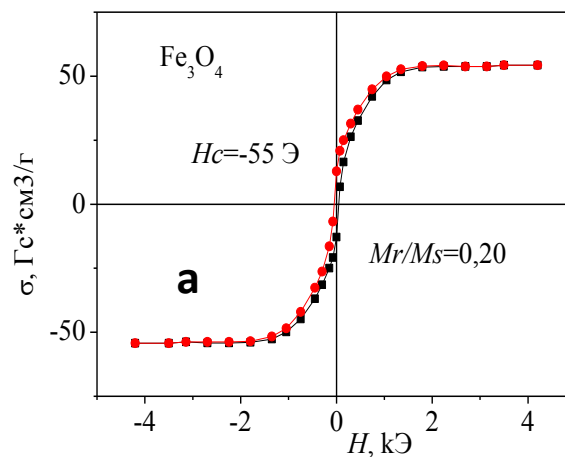
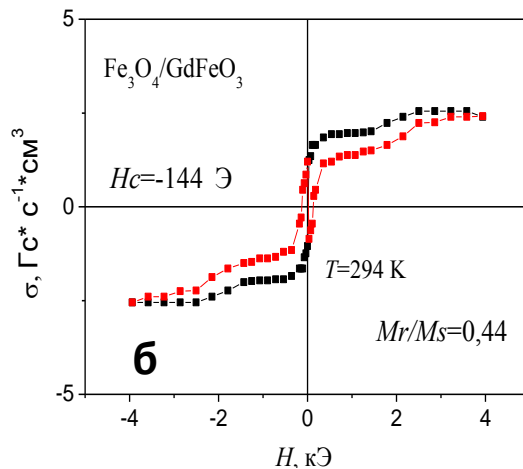
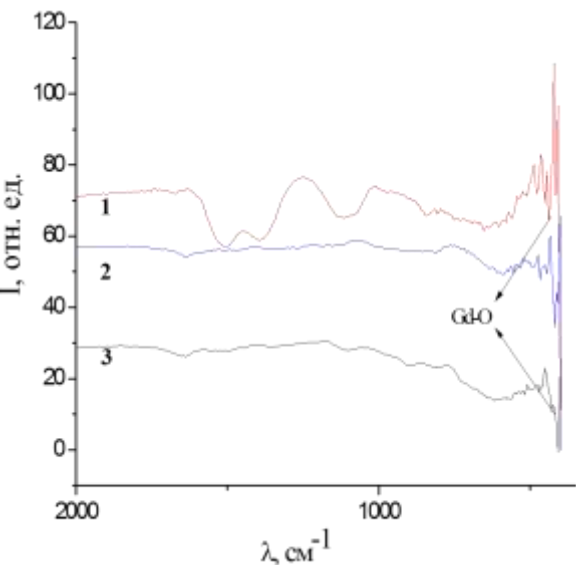
# Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> / GdFeO<sub>3</sub> nanostructures- Synthesis and properties

Proceeding from molar ratio Fe<sup>2+</sup>: Fe<sup>3+</sup> = 1:2 for magnetite, Fe<sup>3+</sup> was partly or totally replaced by Gd<sup>3+</sup>



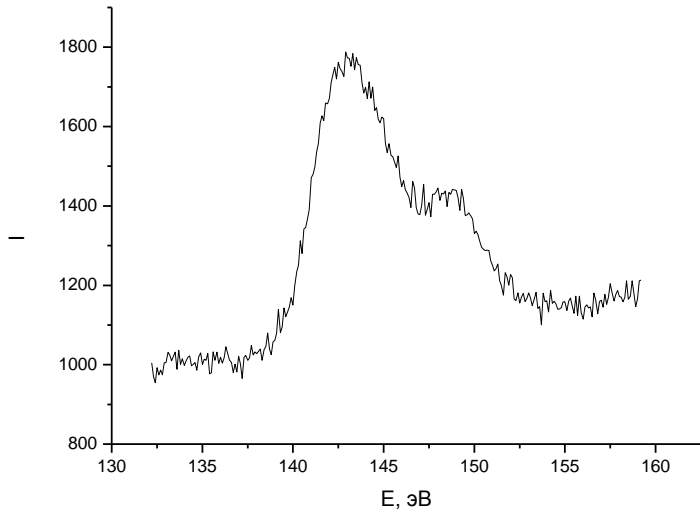
**Рис. 1.** XRD patterns of: obtained by substitution, Fe<sup>3+</sup> in magnetite to Gd<sup>3+</sup> in 2:1 molar ratio (Gd<sup>3+</sup>:Fe<sup>2+</sup>) (sample 1); by substitution в in molar ratio 1 mole Fe<sup>3+</sup>: 1 mole Gd<sup>3+</sup>: 1 mole Fe<sup>2+</sup> (sample 2), annealed at  $T = 1000^\circ\text{C}$

**Рис. 5** FT-IR spectra for : 1 - magnetite, doped by Gd<sup>3+</sup>, 2 - magnetite,, 3 – sample annealed at 1000 ° C (GdFeO<sub>3</sub>)



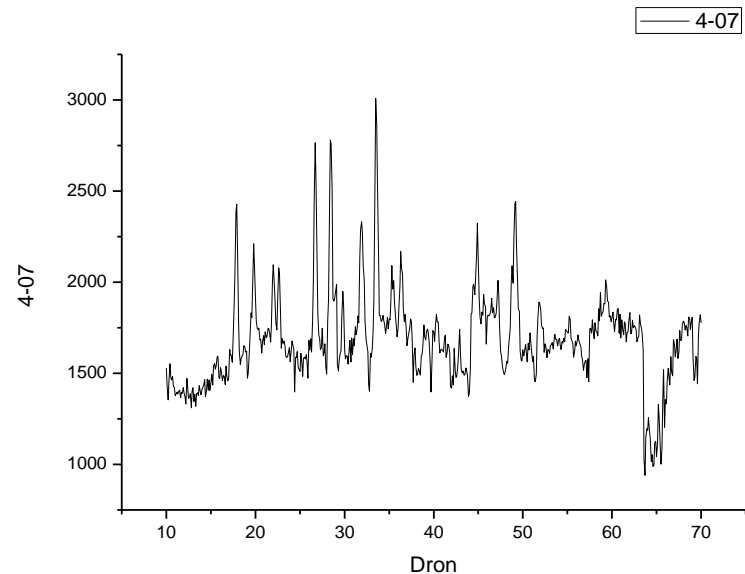
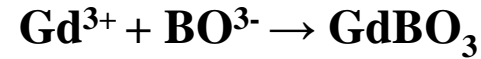
Hysteresis curve of : a – magnetite, б- GdFeO<sub>3</sub>

# Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> / GdBO<sub>3</sub> nanostructures- Synthesis and properties



Gd4d XPS from Gd borate, immobilized on to surface of magnetite

A **scintillator** is a material, which exhibits [scintillation](#)—the property of [luminescence](#)<sup>[1]</sup> when excited by [ionizing radiation](#). These materials can convert high energy radiation (X-rays, c-rays, neutrons) into UV-visible light, easily detectable with conventional detectors, is in constant development.

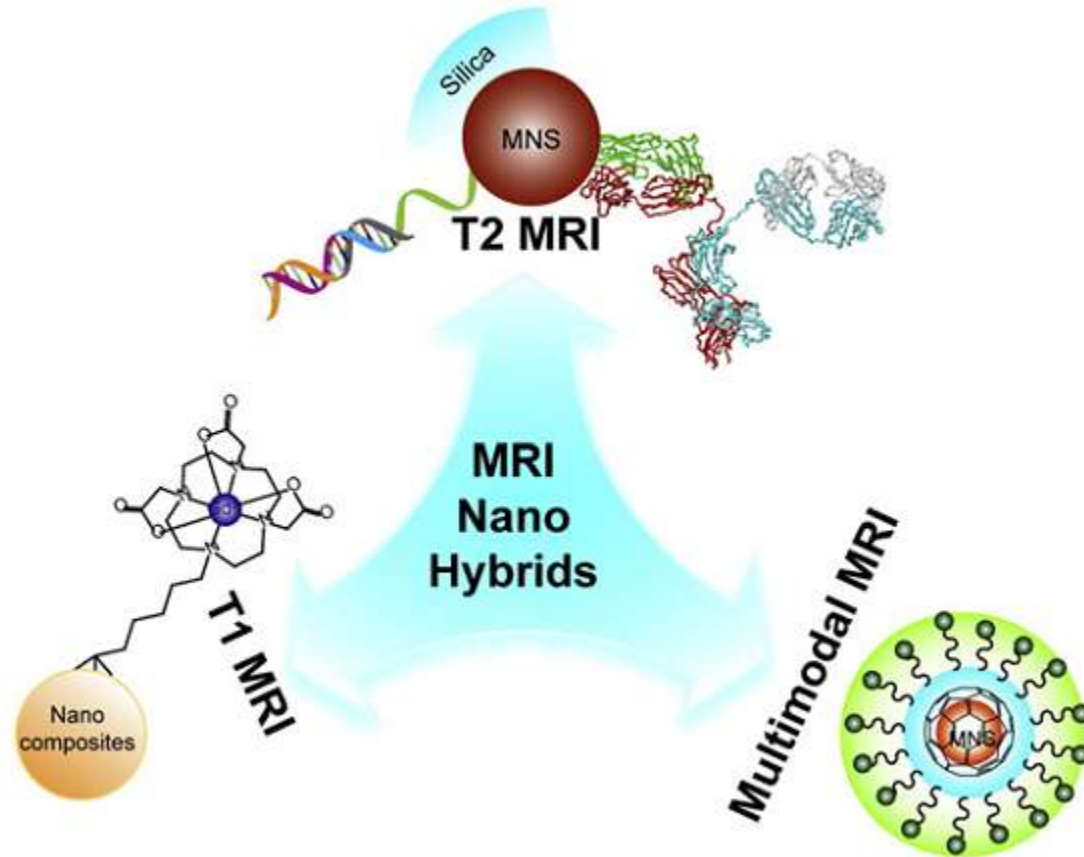


XRD patterns of Gd borate after annealing at 1000° C

For instance, lithium and boron glass detectors, with high [neutron cross-sections](#) are particularly well suited to the detection of [thermal \(slow\) neutrons](#)

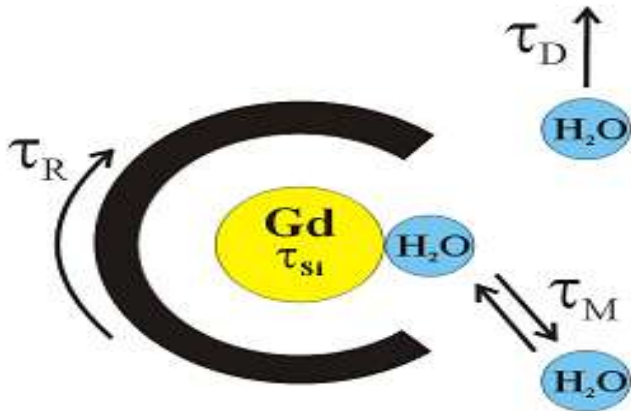


## Dual modality MRI nanohybrids



Like other nanoparticle agents, iron based MNSs are popular multimodal imaging vehicles. Here, surface conjugation with alternative imaging probes is the most studied methodology for creating **multimodal** agents. **Multimodal** agents may facilitate improved diagnosis.

# MRI applications. Gd<sup>3+</sup> contrast agents

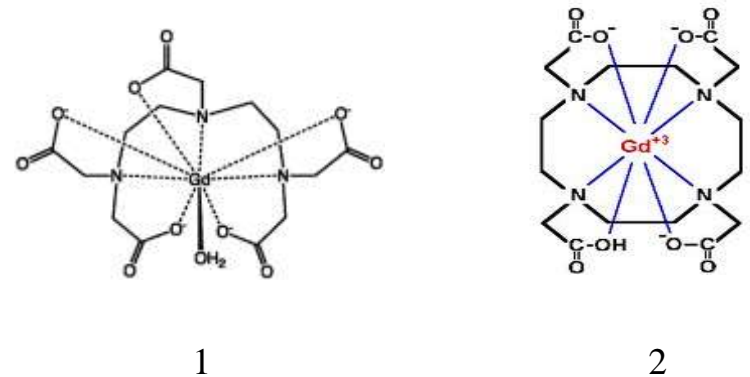


Schematic view of the paramagnetic relaxation mechanisms and the main relaxation parameters for an aqueous solution of a Gd<sup>3+</sup> chelate.

The residence time of the water molecules,  $\tau_M$  may affect relaxivity by limiting the efficiency of the water exchange process. For systems with one available water coordination site, exchange rates decrease with the presence of bulky substituent groups in the ligand.

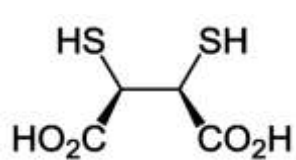
The main parameters that affect the solvent relaxation rate are (1) the rotational correlation time,  $\tau_R$ , (interval between two successive reorientations or positional changes of the molecule) (2) the coordination number and (3) the mean water residence time  $\tau_M$ .

Gd<sup>3+</sup> affect on  $T_1$  proton relaxivity,  
magnetite (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) –on  $T_2$  proton relaxivity.

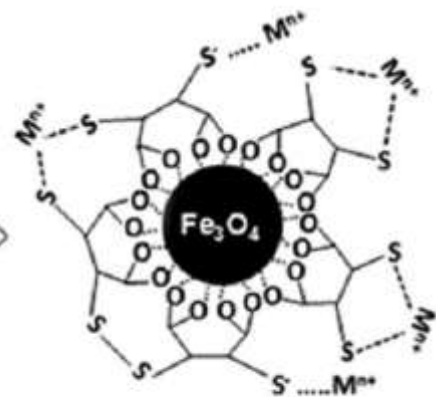
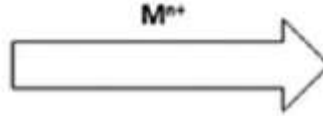
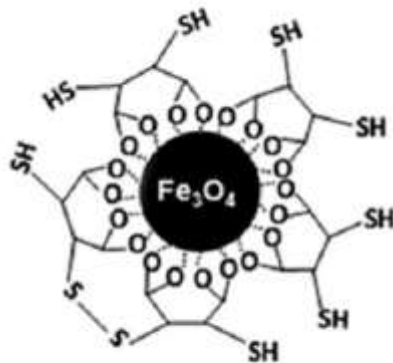
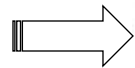


Structures of Gd (DTPA) (left)  
and Gd (DOTA) (right )

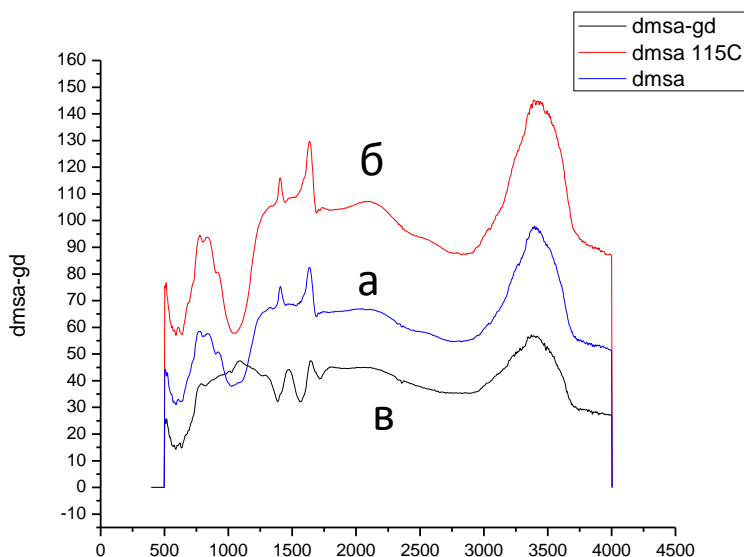
# Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> / DMSA / Gd nanocomposite



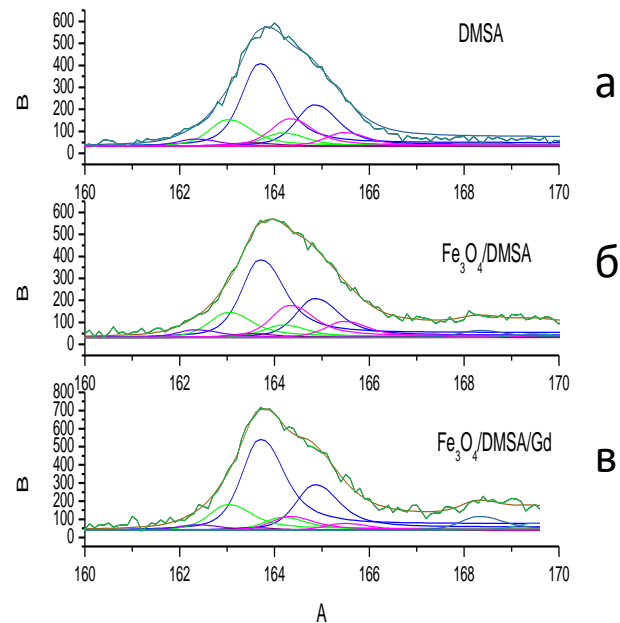
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*meso*-2,3-dimercaptosuccinic acid(DMSA)

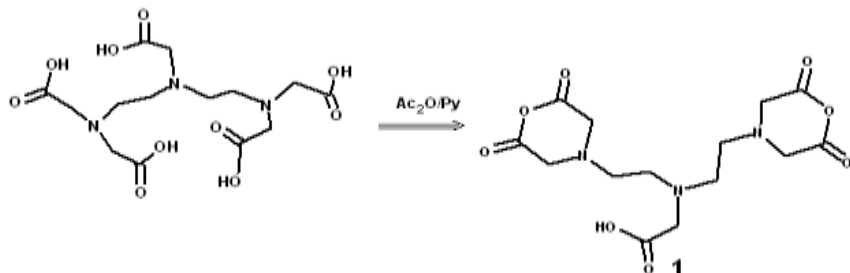


FT-IR spectra for : a – magnetite, coated with DMSA, б – dried at 115C, B – a, coordinated with Gd<sup>3+</sup>



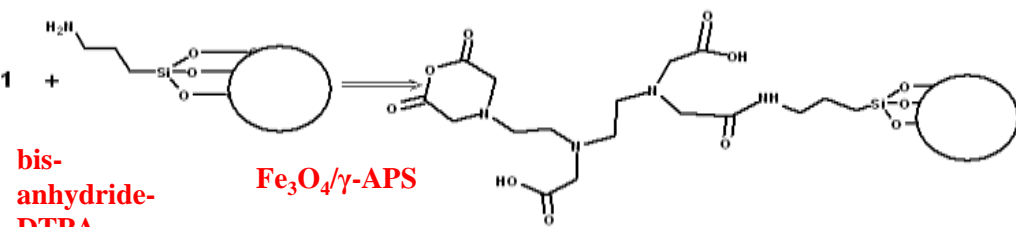
S2p XPS from samples : a- DMSA, б - magnetite, coated with DMSA, B – б, coordinated with Gd<sup>3+</sup>

# Surface functionalization of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/γ-APS by Gd-DTPA complex



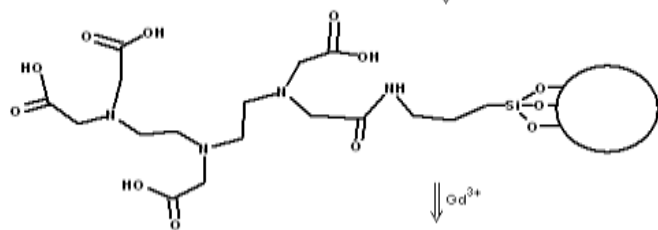
DTPA

bis-anhydride - DTPA

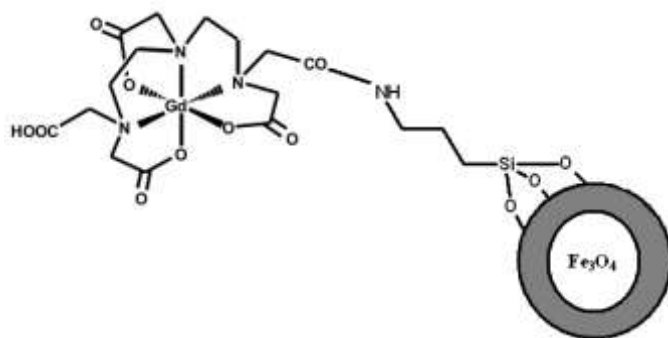


bis-anhydride-DTPA

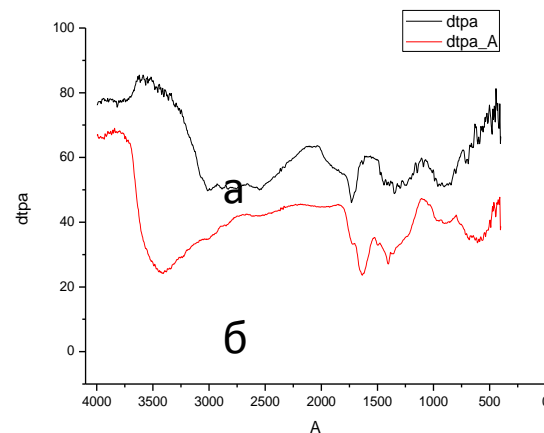
Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/γ-APS



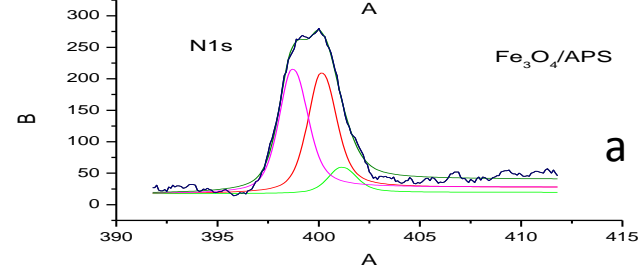
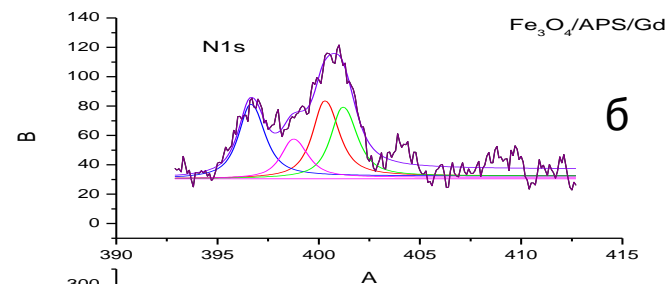
Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/γ-APS/DTPA



Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/γ-APS/DTPA-Gd

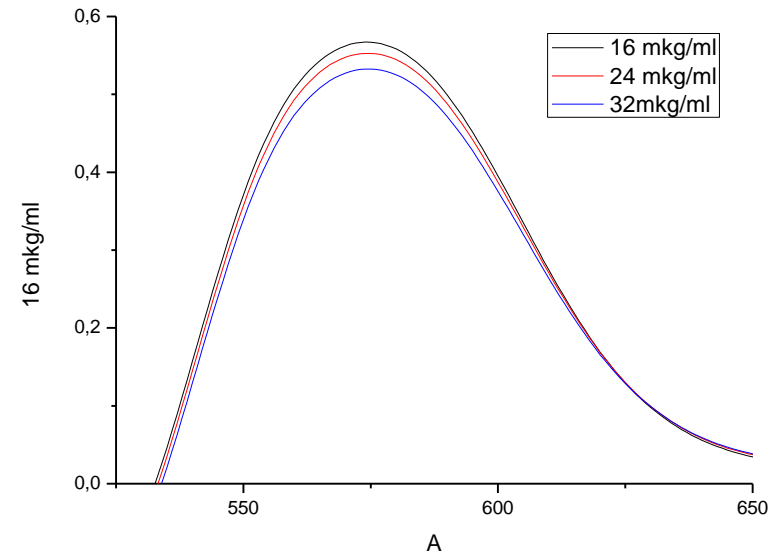


FT-IR spectra for : a- DTPA, b- DTPA-bis-anhydride

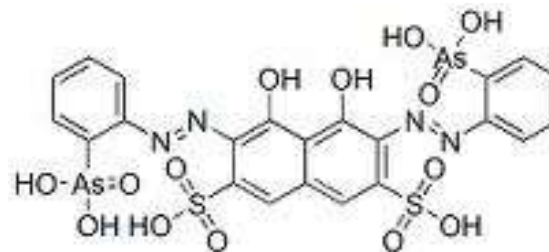
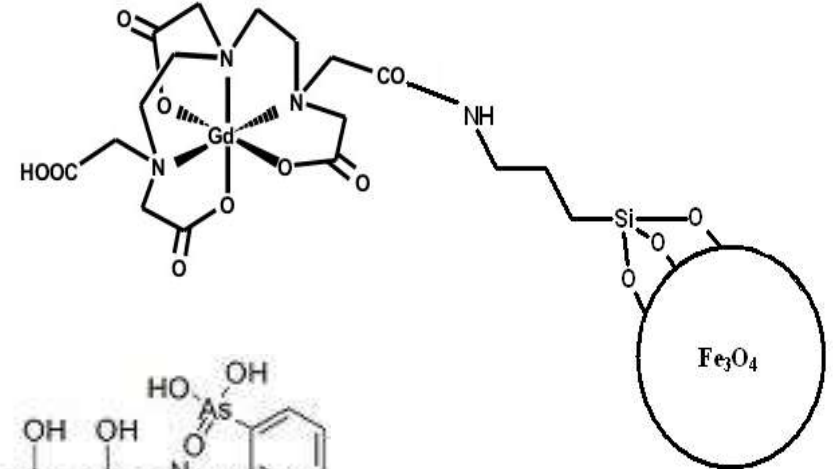


N1s XPS from samples : a- magnetite- γ- APS, b- Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/γ-APS/DTPA-Gd

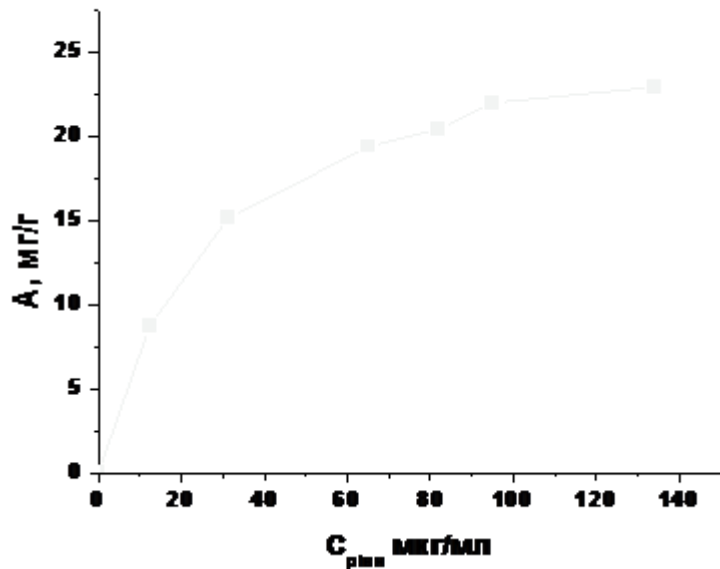
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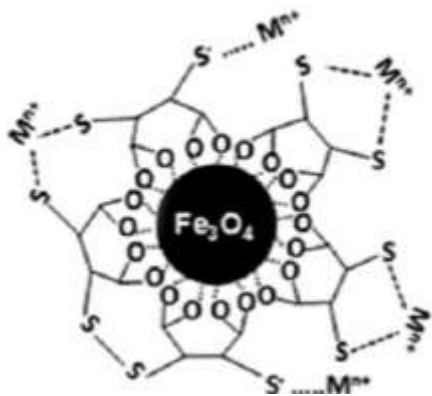
The absorption spectra of the complex arsenazo-3 with different Gd concentrations.



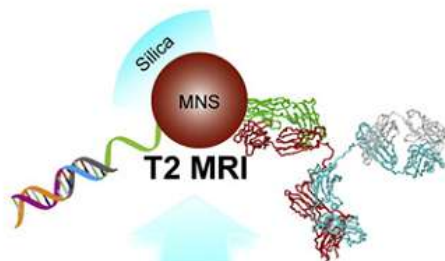
Arsenazo-3



Adsorption of Gd<sup>3+</sup> ions by Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/γ-APS/DTPA nanocomposite



$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  / DMSA / Gd



T2 MRI



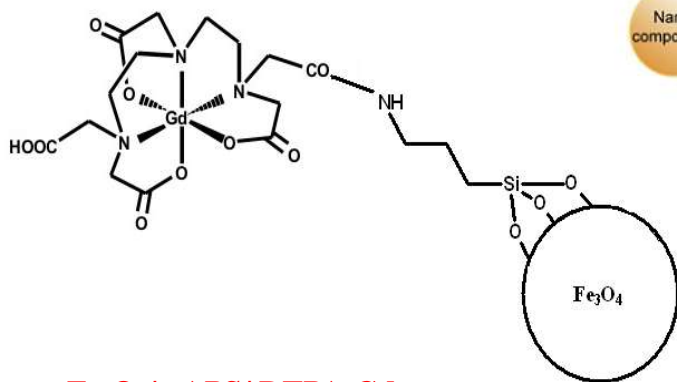
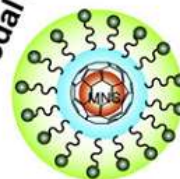
T1 MRI

Nano composites

MRI Nano Hybrids



Multimodal MRI



$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  /  $\gamma$ -APS / DTPA-Gd

	<i>T1</i>	<i>T2</i>	Neutron capture agent	Targeting via magnetic field	Hyperthermia
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$	-	+	-	+	+
Surface-modified magnetite	$\pm$	+	-	+	+
Modifier	+	-	+	-	-
Resulting nanocomposite	+	+	+	+	+

## Conclusions

1. Synthesized Gd-containing nanocomposites perspective for medicine and biology for the comprehensive use of NC T and  $T_1/T_2$  MRI diagnostics in real time, and were studied some of their physical and chemical properties.
2. The synthesized nanocomposites studied in INR NAS to assess the effectiveness of their interactions with microbiological object in thermal neutron irradiation conditions.