

Figure 2: SEM of Cd<sub>x</sub>Mg<sub>1-x</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Ferrite System

The saturation magnetization per formula unit in the Bohr Magneton ( $n_B$ ) are calculated and presented in table 2. However MgFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is almost inverse spinel [15], Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup> Cd<sup>2+</sup> preferentially occupies tetrahedral (A) site [16-18]. The Cation distribution in all the ferrites is estimated and presented in the table 2. From figure 3, the  $n_B$  variation with Cd<sup>2+</sup> content evidently suggest the existence of canted spins in Mg-Cd ferrite which is in accordance with the previous report [19, 20]. Y-K angles have been calculated from formula,  $n_B = M_B \cos \alpha_{YK} - M_A$  discussed elsewhere [21] and presented in table 2. Niessen [22] non co-linear model was applied to calculate resultant on B sub-lattice. B sub-lattice splits into two sub-lattice B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> having magnetic moments and making an angle  $\alpha_{YK}$  with their resultant ( $2 \alpha_{YK}$  being the angle between the moments on B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub>). Resultant on B sub-lattice is calculated as,

$$B = \sqrt{[B_1^2 + B_2^2 + 2 B_1 B_2 \cos(\alpha_{YK})]}$$

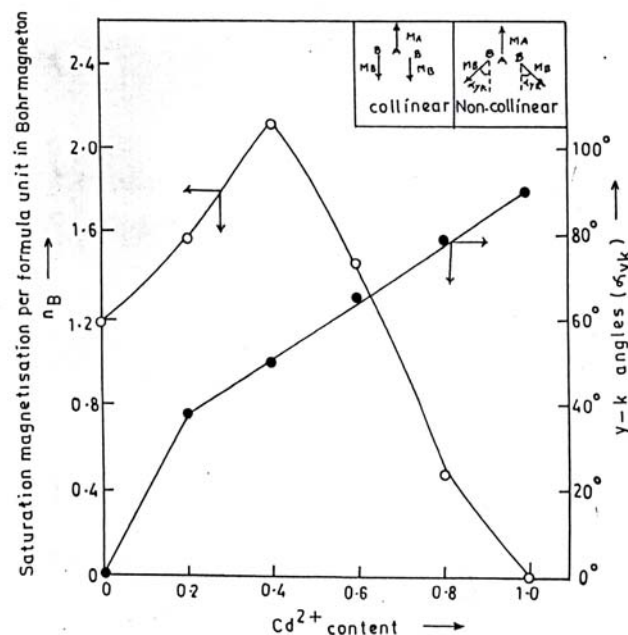


Fig. 3 Dependence of saturation magnetisation per formula unit in Bohr magneton ( $n_B$ ) with Cd<sup>2+</sup> content in MgCd Ferrite system.

IR absorption spectra show two distinct absorption bands  $\nu_1$  at 585cm<sup>-1</sup> and  $\nu_2$  at 420cm<sup>-1</sup> for MgFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. This result closely agrees with previous report [23]. A close inspection of fig.4 shows that the absorption band  $\nu_1$  is shifted towards lower frequency side &  $\nu_2$  becomes broad. The broadening of  $\nu_2$  band is found to increase with increase of Cd<sup>2+</sup> contents up to X= 0.4, while a third band  $\nu_3$  in the frequency range 335 cm<sup>-1</sup> to 380 cm<sup>-1</sup>, well separated from  $\nu_2$  band is clearly observed for X  $\geq$  0.6. Replacements of Fe<sup>3+</sup> by Cd<sup>2+</sup> on tetrahedral site gives rise the shifting of  $\nu_1$  band towards lower frequency side in accordance with theoretical prediction [24]. Reddy et al [25] have reported the shifting of the band towards higher frequency side due to replacements of Mn<sup>2+</sup> by lighter weight Mg<sup>2+</sup>. In our case as the Cd<sup>2+</sup> ion is higher in weight than Fe<sup>3+</sup> ion, therefore a shift toward lower frequency side could be expected and the results in good agreement. Braber et al [26] have been reported the splitting of band near 700cm<sup>-1</sup> in Mn<sub>x</sub>Fe<sub>3-x</sub>O<sub>4</sub> ferrites. Naik [27] and Sagare [28] have observed the splitting around 600cm<sup>-1</sup> in Li-Cu and Li-Cd ferrites respectively. Dallal et al [29] in 1990 have Predicted that shoulder splitting could be observed due to presence of John-Teller ion. V.R.K. Murty et al [30] have reported  $\nu_3$  band in Ni-Zn ferrite and variation of band position was ascribed to change in Fe-O bond distance in two crystal lattices. Josyulu et al [31] have reported  $\nu_3$  band in Co-Zn ferrites and from intensity variation it was assigned due to divalent metal oxygen complex. K.V.S. Badarinath has observed the third band very close to  $\nu_2$  in Al<sup>3+</sup> substitute MgFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> ferrite and assigned due to trivalent octahedral substitution. Increase in intensity was reported due to increasing Al<sup>3+</sup> content in MgAl<sub>2x</sub> Fe<sub>2-2x</sub> O<sub>4</sub> ferrite Kunal Modi et al [32] reported the existence of local canted spins in Al<sup>3+</sup> substituted magnesium ferrite. It has been noticed by Tarate [33] that, the nature of intrinsic vibrations of tetrahedral group and

octahedral sites and to smaller extent on the tetrahedral voids in the spinal structure. The addition of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  ions in the sample up to  $X = 0.4$  increases the  $Y - K$  angles so also the broadening of the  $\nu_2$  band. However when  $X > 0.4$  with increasing angle ( $\alpha_{YK}$ ) and  $\nu_3$  band as separate identity in close vicinity of the  $\nu_2$  band.

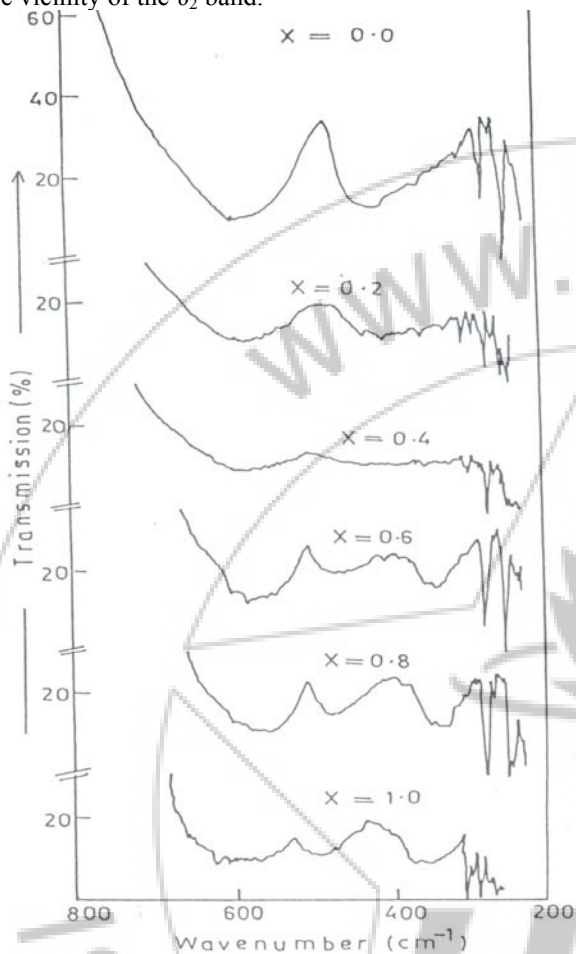


Figure 4: IR Spectrum of  $\text{Cd}_x\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_4$  ferrite system

#### 4. Conclusions

Third fundamental active mode of vibrations  $\nu_3$  band observed in Mg-Cd ferrite is assigned due to canted spins where Y-K three Sub-lattice model Predominating. Absent of  $\nu_4$  band suggests the lattice vibrations under experimental conditions are insignificant.

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#### 6. Future Scope

Micro-structure of ferrites depends up on preparation technique. There is a scope to reduce the particle size by adopting a preparation technique like wet chemical precipitation method, sol-gel method etc and see the interesting further results for electrical and magnetic properties.

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**Table 1: Structural and IR data of Cd<sub>x</sub>Mg<sub>1-x</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> mixed ferrites**

Cadmium Content (x)	Lattice Constant a A <sup>0</sup>	X-ray Density D <sub>x</sub> gm/cm <sup>3</sup>	Average Grain size D μm.	Fundamental Active Mode Of Vibrations		
				ν <sub>1</sub> cm <sup>-1</sup>	ν <sub>2</sub> cm <sup>-1</sup>	ν <sub>3</sub> cm <sup>-1</sup>
0.0	8.372	4.527	3.98	585	420	---
0.2	8.430	4.825	4.00	580	410	---
0.4	8.512	5.066	4.38	575	410	---
0.6	8.560	5.355	5.23	570	480	350
0.8	8.618	5.613	6.22	565	482	350
1.0	8.682	5.847	9.62	595	495	350

**Table 2: Cation Distribution and magnetization data Cd<sub>x</sub>Mg<sub>1-x</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Ferrite System**

Cd Cont. (x)	Cation Distribution	Magnetisa-tion σ emu/gm	M <sub>s</sub> (Gauss)	n <sub>B</sub> Bohr Magneton
0.0	Cd <sub>0</sub> Mg <sub>0.1183</sub> Fe <sub>0.8817</sub> <sup>A</sup> [Mg <sub>0.8817</sub> Fe <sub>1.1183</sub> ] <sup>B</sup> O <sub>4</sub>	33.01	112.8	1.1425
0.2	Cd <sub>2</sub> Mg <sub>0.0946</sub> Fe <sub>0.7054</sub> <sup>A</sup> [Mg <sub>0.7054</sub> Fe <sub>1.2946</sub> ] <sup>B</sup> O <sub>4</sub>	40.54	149.5	1.5772
0.4	Cd <sub>4</sub> Mg <sub>0.0710</sub> Fe <sub>0.5290</sub> <sup>A</sup> [Mg <sub>0.5290</sub> Fe <sub>1.4210</sub> ] <sup>B</sup> O <sub>4</sub>	50.12	198.8	2.1118
0.6	Cd <sub>6</sub> Mg <sub>0.0473</sub> Fe <sub>0.3527</sub> <sup>A</sup> [Mg <sub>0.3527</sub> Fe <sub>1.6763</sub> ] <sup>B</sup> O <sub>4</sub>	32.68	164.2	1.4801
0.8	Cd <sub>8</sub> Mg <sub>0.0237</sub> Fe <sub>0.1763</sub> <sup>A</sup> [Mg <sub>0.1763</sub> Fe <sub>1.8237</sub> ] <sup>B</sup> O <sub>4</sub>	9.80	51.2	0.4749
1.0	Cd <sub>1</sub> Mg <sub>0.0000</sub> Fe <sub>0.0000</sub> <sup>A</sup> [Mg <sub>0.0000</sub> Fe <sub>2.0000</sub> ] <sup>B</sup> O <sub>4</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.0000