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## CHARACTERIZATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF CHEMICAL FIBRES BY INFRARED SPECTROMETRIC METHOD AND COMPUTER\*

At present the commercial output of synthetic chemical fibres comprises more than ten types under thousands of trade names. Of them, polyamide, polyester, polyacrylonitrile, modacrylic, polypropylene, polyvinylchloride, polytetrafluoroethylene and polyvinylalcohol (=acetal) are most wellknown. Chemical fibres on the cellulose basis, such as viscose and cellulose acetate fibres are also known under many trade names.

The aim of this work is to characterize and possibly identify chemical

*Table 1*

Part of absorption bands file KAI of infrared spectra of fibres

10	17	22
556 0	550 0	535 1
570 3	730 0	770 1
675 3	795 0	1040 0
720 3	-34 0	1128 0
780 3	-37 0	1170 0
820 0	1020 0	1233 0
860 0	-44 0	1355 1
920 0	1160 0	1365 1
980 3	1170 0	1450 3
1000 0	1408 0	1678 0
1080 0	1450 0	1725 0
1130 0	1463 0	2242 3
1165 3	1502 0	2870 1
1240 3	1529 0	2930 3
1300 0	1550 0	
1325 0	1578 0	
1380 0	1610 0	
1410 3	1630 0	
1430 0	1640 0	
1470 3	1673 0	
1480 0	1690 0	
1505 0	-67 0	
1515 0	2920 0	
1530 3	-72 0	
1550 0		
1610 3		
1642 3		
1660 0		
2855 0		
2925 0		
3060 0		
3320 0		

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## Some examples for identification of chemical fibres (polyamide, polyester, polyacrylonitrile)

## IDENTIFIABLE FIBRE N 1

570	675	715	785	820	920	980	1000	1080	1132	1165	1242	1300	1325
1383	1410	1430	1474	1480	1505	1532	1550	1610	1644	1662	2850	2900	2927
3060	3322												
10	3	13	0										
32	13	30	5	0	5								

NONESSENTIAL WAVE-NUMBER KTUN=0

ESSENTIAL WAVE-NUMBER KKE=13

COINCIDENCE KNR=10

## IDENTIFIABLE FIBRE IS POLYAMIDE

## IDENTIFIABLE FIBRE N 2

730	795	864	1020	1090	1170	1450	1502	1529	1550	1578	1610	1630	1640
1673	1690	1710	2920	3410									
17	5	0	0										
24	0	19	5	0	5								

NONESSENTIAL WAVE-NUMBER KTUN=5

ESSENTIAL WAVE-NUMBER KKE=0

COINCIDENCE KNR=17

## IDENTIFIABLE FIBRE IS POLYESTER

## IDENTIFIABLE FIBRE N 3

730	864	1090	1170	1450	1502	1529	1550	1578	1610	1630	1640	1673	1690
1710	2920	3410											

NO COINCIDENCE

## IDENTIFIABLE FIBRE N 4

535	770	1040	1128	1170	1233	1355	1365	1450	1678	1725	2242	2870	2930
22	0	8	0										
14	8	14	5	0	5								

NONESSENTIAL WAVE-NUMBER KTUN=0

ESSENTIAL WAVE-NUMBER KKE=8

COINCIDENCE KNR=22

## IDENTIFIABLE FIBRE IS POLYACRYLONITRILE

The identification is based on a comparison of the wave-numbers of the spectrum of an identifiable fibre with those stored in the file. The permissible deviations are as follows:

- the comparable wave-numbers are considered different if the difference exceeds  $\sqrt{\pm 5 \text{ cm}^{-1}}$ ;
- the comparable fibres are considered different if the number of differences of nonessential wave-numbers exceeds  $KK2(1)$ .

Those wave-numbers are considered essential, to which a positive number corresponds in the file KA3:

- absorption band is very strong;
- absorption band is of medium intensity;
- absorption band is intense;
- corresponds to nonessential wave-numbers.

In the identification program the symbols designate the following notions:



N — number of experiments,  
 KV — permissible deviation,  
 KA1 (J, I), J=1—JM, I=1—IN — file of absorption bands of infrared spectra of fibres,  
 KA2 (J1), J1=1—J1M — intermediate file of absorption bands of infrared spectra of fibres,  
 KA3 (I, J), J=1, JM, I=1, IN — file of essential wave numbers,  
 IN — number of fibres in files KA1 and KA3,  
 JM — number of absorption bands in files KA1 and KA3,  
 J1M — intermediate number of absorption bands in file KA2,  
 KK1 — number of permissible differences of nonessential wave-numbers,  
 KK2 — number of permissible differences of essential wave-numbers,  
 KER(I) — number of bands in column I,  
 KUR(I) — number of essential wave-numbers in column I,  
 KB1(J) — identifiable fibre,  
 KOR — number of bands in identifiable fibre,  
 KTUN — nonessential,  
 KKE — essential wave-number,  
 KNR — coincidence in column.

Let the file contain the following wave-numbers and corresponding weights of the infrared spectrum of fibre A.

The identifiable fibres are

A		B	C
535	0	530	773
770	1	775	840
840	0	977	990
980	3	1023	1083
1020	2	2943	2938
1180	1		
1750	0		
2940	1		

In case  $KV = \pm 5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  as well as in case KK1 2 and KK2 1, fibre B is considered identical to fibre A, but fibre C is different from fibre A.

The programs are written in FORTRAN for an EC-1022 computer using displays in the dialog mode. Calculations by computer facilitate the identification of chemical fibres on the basis of their infrared spectra.

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## KEEMILISTE KIUDAINETE ISELOOMUSTAMINE JA IDENTIFITSEERIMINE INFRAPUNASE SPEKTROMEETRIA JA ELEKTRONARVUTI ABIL

Artiklis on osutatud võimalusele iseloomustada ja identifitseerida keemilisi kiudaineid infrapunase spektromeetria meetodil elektronarvuti abil. Uurimisobjektidena on kasutatud polüamiid-, polüester- ja polüakrüülnitriilkiudaineid.

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## ОПРЕДЕЛЕНИЕ И ХАРАКТЕРИСТИКА ХИМИЧЕСКИХ ВОЛОКОН МЕТОДОМ ИК-СПЕКТРОМЕТРИИ С ПОМОЩЬЮ ЭВМ

Наиболее известны в настоящее время классы следующих волокон: полиамидные, полиэфирные, полиакрилонитриловые, поливинилхлориды, политетрафторэтен, модакриловые, полипропиленовые, поливиниловые спирты (ацетали). Вискозные и ацетатцеллюлозные волокна также имеют сотни различных названий. Поэтому имеет большое значение определение химического состава волокон при их анализе. При помощи ИК-спектров и ЭВМ определены структурные элементы и элементарный состав химических волокон.