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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

10	17	22
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{ccccc} 535 & 1 \\ 770 & 1 \\ 1040 & 0 \\ 1128 & 0 \\ 1170 & 0 \\ 1233 & 0 \\ 1355 & 1 \\ 1365 & 1 \\ 1450 & 3 \\ 1678 & 0 \\ 1725 & 0 \\ 2242 & 3 \\ 2870 & 1 \\ 2930 & 3 \\ \end{array}$

Part of absorption bands file KA1 of infrared spectra of fibres

* Reported at the 6th European Symposium on Polymer Spectroscopy, Aulanko, Hämeenlinna, Finland, August 11-13, 1982. fibres of different chemical structure using infrared spectrometric method and computer. Besides the use of the infrared spectra and computer, elemental analysis of all the fibre samples were made, providing us with valuable additional information.

Infrared spectra were taken on a UR-10 spectrometer using the KBr pellet method. The absorption bands of infrared spectra were investigated in the region 400—4000 cm⁻¹. The fibres were characterized on the basis of the absorption bands of their infrared spectra, of them only the most characteristic, highly intense ones, and those of medium intensity being chosen; in Table 1, besides absorption bands, the relative intensities are given: 3 - very strong, 2 - middle, 1 - intense, 0 - weak.

Fibres identification with computer

The results measured by the authors [-4] and those to be published later were used for compiling the computer program. The characteristic data on the absorption bands of infrared spectra of fibres are in fair accordance with the results reported by D. O. Hummel [5-6]. In order to facilitate the identification of fibres by a computer, a system of programs has been composed, consisting of three parts.



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1. Data files stored in the disk memory:

a) the file KA1 contains wave-numbers of the infrared spectra of fibres, the wave-numbers of the spectrum of one fibre being in the increasing sequence in one column;

b) the file KA3 contains weights of the wave-numbers of the infrared spectra of fibres, the weights of wave-numbers of one fibre being in one column;

c) if the wave-number covers some range, the file KA1 contains a negative number instead of the wave-number of the corresponding band, the file KA3 containing the storage positions of the corresponding initial and end numbers of the range.

2. New data recording and the available data updating program.

3. Fibres identification program.



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

IDENTIFIABLE FIBRE N 1

570 1383 3060	675 1410 3322	715 1430	785 1474	820 1480	920 1505	980 1532	1000 1550	1080 1610	1132 1644	1165 1662	1242 2850	1300 2900	1325 2927
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 1673	795 1690	864 1710	1020 2920	1090 3410	1170	1450	1502	1529	1550	1578	1610	1630	1640
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:

a) the comparable wave-numbers are considered different if the difference exceeds $\sqrt{\pm 5}$ cm⁻¹;

b) 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:

- 3 absorption band is very strong;
- 2 absorption band is of medium intensity;
- 1 absorption band is intense;

0 — 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, \hat{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 — coinsidence 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		В	С
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 $KV = \pm 5$ 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 SPEKTROMEETRIÄ 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, полиакрилнитриловые, 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.