

**ABSTRACT AND REFERENCES**  
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**RESEARCH INTO RHEOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN A PIEZOCERAMIC ULTRASONIC SENSOR OF FLUID LEVEL CONTROL (p. 4-11)**

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It was established that in the piezoceramic transducers of electric excitation pulse into ultrasonic signal that are used for measuring control of level of fluids and gas volumetric rate, similar electromagnetic processes occur. The effect of change in parameters of piezoceramic element on the formation of ultrasonic pulse was studied. It was shown that to create the pulse, the electric field intensity of this element is converted to electrodynamic force, which causes elastic deformation of a membrane unit. It was shown that the elastic deformation of a membrane unit causes electromotive force, which creates current in a piezoceramic element. The latter causes a secondary electrodynamic force, which is braking for a mechanical unit that leads to the deformation of mechanical ultrasonic oscillations. Physical models of irreversible rheological transformations are given and it is shown that the following processes occur in the piezoceramic transducers: conversion of electric exciting momentum to mechanical motion of a membrane of transducer, the latter to mechanical ultrasonic oscillations, and these oscillations to electromotive force of a piezoceramic element. The processes of irreversible rheological transformations are presented by the integrated pulse Dirac delta function. It was shown that such transformations are described by nonlinear differential equations, the right part of which characterizes the rate of decrease (flow) of electrical or mechanical energy, and these equations are the core of the integrated pulse Dirac delta function. Analytical solution of nonlinear differential equations of transfer of energy, mass and momentum by a zero gradient was obtained.

A mechanism of the effect of temperature of heating of a piezoceramic element on the ultrasonic pulse form was determined.

The essence of the impact is the fact that as a result of the heating of this element by electric current of excitation pulse and secondary electromotive force, its linear dimensions, resistance and density of the material change, leading to a phase shift of the ultrasonic pulse.

**Keywords:** piezoceramic, ultrasound, pulse, rheology, natural gas, fluid, membrane, pulse, intensity.

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**RESEARCH OF THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF THE CONDENSED MASS OF THE WHOLE WASTE TIRES AND DETERMINATION OF THEIR OPTIMUM ARRANGEMENT IN THE PYROLYSIS REACTOR (p. 12-19)**

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The theoretical study of the total thermal conductivity of three selected anisotropic structures of binary cells proved that the asymmetric arrangement of whole tires in the pyrolysis reactor, which provides the maximum thermal conductivity of the mass

of whole tires in the reactor is the closest to realistic conditions. With the asymmetrical arrangement of tires in the reactor, in the process of consolidation, bead rings overlap, creating a metal lattice with thermal conductivity of 57 W/(m·K) characteristic of metal in the mass of thermoplastic rubber, which increases the total thermal conductivity of the mass in the reactor by up to 70 times to 12.7 W/(m·K) due to the introduction of high thermal conductivity of metal bead rings. The resulting values of thermal conductivity of the mass of whole tires in the pyrolysis reactor at the optimum arrangement of raw materials and coefficient of filling about 98 % allow optimizing the structural characteristics of the pyrolysis equipment, thus confirming the prospects of the proposed modern technology of whole tire pyrolysis under the action of two factors – temperature and mechanical compression.

The development of high-performance series industrial equipment for thermal recycling of tires with full process automation and production of alternative liquid fuels according to this technology is planned.

**Keywords:** pyrolysis reactor, thermal conductivity of condensed body mass of tire rubber with bead rings, whole waste tires, thermal resistance.

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## INCREASING ACCURACY OF MEASURING THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF LIQUIDS BY USING THE DIRECT HEATING THERMISTOR METHOD (p. 20-30)

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The work is devoted to the research of thermal and physical characteristics of different materials by the nondestructive method. We propose to determine thermal conductivity of liquids by using the method of thermistor direct heating.

Essential disadvantage of many existing methods for determining thermal and physical characteristics (TPC) is the use of the methods of destructive control of materials and products, which significantly complicates measuring and makes it impossible to simultaneously measure a large number of experimental samples, as well as does not allow obtaining the required accuracy of measurement results.

So there exists a task of developing a device, which has high accuracy and can simultaneously measure a large number of thermal and physical characteristics of the studied samples, thereby increasing the efficiency of measurements.

We designed a device for measuring thermal conductivity of liquids, the principle of work of which is based on the method of thermistor direct heating. The results of experimental studies using reference liquids are presented, obtained with the help of the developed device. They demonstrated high accuracy and efficiency of its use in determining thermal conductivity of liquids. The result is achieved by introduction of additional coefficients of proportionality to the calculation formulas for determining thermal conductivity of the studied liquids, which are determined by testing the thermistors with the use of reference liquids with known TPC.

The conducted studies revealed that the value of measurement error per one session of 10 minutes by different probes amounted to not higher than 2 %, while in the course of measuring the same studied fluid by 60 probes simultaneously the error did not exceed 1.5 %.

Using the proposed method of thermistor direct heating, due to the small size of the probe and simple design of the device, allows applying it in various sectors of industry, medicine and biology to determine TPC of different materials with high accuracy of measurements.

**Keywords:** thermal conductivity of materials, thermistor, thermistor direct heating, device for determining thermal conductivity.

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## TECHNOLOGY OF RECYCLING RADIOACTIVELY CONTAMINATED METAL BY THE METHOD OF MELTING (p. 31-37)

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A technology is proposed of recycling radioactively contaminated metal by the method of melting, based on the effect of self deactivation. In accordance with this technology, radioactively contaminated metal is loaded into a melting furnace without the operation of preliminary decontamination. In the process of melting, the radionuclides located on its surface pass into molten metal and are distributed evenly in its volume. Beyond the limits of products made of this metal is the gamma-radiation of a small part of the radionuclides contained by them.

Gamma radiation of the remaining radionuclides, as well as alpha-radiation and beta-radiation of radionuclides, is completely absorbed in the volume of metal. As a result, the process of melting led to a considerable decrease in the power of ionizing radiation on the surface of metal. That is why this effect can be named the self deactivation of metal during its melting. At the same time, some radionuclides evaporate while a part of them passes to slag, further purifying metal. As a result, the conditions are created for obtaining the metal that is safe as far as the radiation is concerned.

The ratios are presented, which make it possible to calculate the amount of gamma-emitting radionuclides that can be loaded to a melting furnace in order to ensure a required level of the power of gamma radiation on the surface of the smelted metal.

It was demonstrated that the criterion of evaluation of radiation safety of metal is the power of gamma radiation on its surface.

In the implementation of this approach, both the known technologies of melting metals and the equipment of melting furnaces are not in fact complicated. This makes it possible to considerably increase technical and economic indicators of the process of recycling radioactively contaminated metal and to decrease substantially the volumes of accumulated radioactive wastes.

**Keywords:** technology of recycling radioactively contaminated metal, radionuclides, self deactivation, melting.

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## INCREASE OF ACCURACY OF DEFINITION OF TEMPERATURE BY SENSORS OF FIRE ALARMS IN REAL CONDITIONS OF FIRE ON OBJECTS (p. 38-44)

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The theoretical analysis of the generalised circuit of the thermal sensor has shown that it is a converter of information of the resistive sensitive element into the corresponding voltage, which is carried out by the bridge measuring circuit. The dynamic model of the generalised circuit of the thermal sensor of fire alarm is presented in the form of the differential equations in the state space for the thermo-resistive sensitive element in the form of a thin plate is developed on the basis of the generalised circuit of the thermal sensor. The private model of the thermal sensor of the first approximation in the state space is received for values  $Bi \leq 1$ . The given model allows researching the dynamic accuracy of the thermal sensor in various conditions of the fire alarm use taking into account the casual ambient temperature indignations. The influence of parameters of the bridge circuit and also of the sensitive element of the thermal sensor on dynamic accuracy in various conditions is investigated on the basis of this model. The analysis of dependence of the value of the second initial moment of an error on the considered characteristic parameters of the thermal sensor in dynamic conditions in the presence of casual temperature indignations of various intensity has shown that there are minimum values of the second initial moment of an error. Generally the minimum values of the second initial moment of an error depend on the characteristic parameters of the thermal sensor, current time and temperature conditions in the environment, characterised by the fire centre. There are possibilities of maintenance of invariance in time of the second initial moment of an error. The dependences of the optimum value of the characteristic parameter  $B_{1,10pt}$  of the thermal sensor on speed of temperature increase caused by the fire centre, and also the intensity of masking casual temperature indignations on the object are received for this case.

The received results allow to predict the expected accuracy for existing thermal sensors in various conditions of use, and also to develop optimum thermal sensors of single fire alarms for the guaranteed detection of low-power fire for real objects' protection.

**Keywords:** thermal sensor, fire alarm, accuracy, temperature, dynamic conditions, casual indignations.

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## **OBTAINING DYED DECORATIVE ENAMELS FOR PRODUCTS MADE OF GOLD, SILVER AND COPPER (p. 45-51)**

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The results of developing of colored jewelry enamels on the base of lead-free glass for decorative, artistic and jewelry articles made of

gold, silver and copper are presented. The development of enamel coatings of different colors and shades was conducted on one lead-free glass base, which was dyed with ionic dyes during glass founding. The development of colored enamel coatings on the lead-free glass makes it possible to reduce the cost of jewelry enamel and contributes to the solution of ecological problems, connected with the pollution of the environment with lead compounds.

The glass which ensures the smooth enamel coating on copper samples (M1 copper with the thickness of 1 mm) was developed in the system of  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}-\text{B}_2\text{O}_3-\text{SiO}_2-\text{K}_2\text{O}-\text{BaO}-\text{TiO}_2-\text{ZnO}-\text{TiO}_2$ .

It was established that the introduction of additives  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{MoO}_3$  and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  increases the enamel coatings luster. Adding  $\text{TiO}_2$  to 15 mass p. and  $\text{MoO}_3$  to 3,0 mass p. makes it possible to increase the luminosity of enamels (CDR) up to 35 %).

Green, mustard, violet, dark-blue and brown enamels were obtained while adding ionic dyes to the composition of the developed glass. In this case, the luster of the obtained enamels is 57–99 %, which indicates a high fusing degree.

The scale of the quality evaluation of different color coating was developed, which makes it possible to classify the defects of enamel layer while applying on gold, silver and copper.

The work shows possibility of obtaining the enamel coatings of different colors and shades for artistic and jewelry applying to the base of the glass of one chemical composition with different dyes. The application of such enamels will make it possible to simplify the technology of obtaining the finished articles and lower the probability of defect forming on the enamel coating.

The developed enamels can be recommended to the tests under production conditions.

**Keywords:** jewelry enamel, glass coating, hot enamel, artistic enameling, ionic dyeing, glass color.

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#### **DEFINITION OF HUE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF POKOSTIVSKIY GRANODIORITE USING DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING (p. 52-57)**

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An important task of stone processing enterprises is decorative-ness management of natural stone products. Among different ways to change the natural stone decorative-ness parameters, stone polishing is the most common.

Classification of the types of Pokostivskiy granodiorite of dif-ferent hues is based on the characteristics of different types of stone after machining. However, information about the original color characteristics of stone blocks is needed for selecting the polishing technology. In the study of Pokostivskiy granodiorite blocks, the patterns of lightness changes in rough and polished samples of the types of Pokostivskiy granodiorite of different hues depending on the share of white minerals were identified. Before polishing, light-ness and average share of white minerals for light, dark and very dark types of Pokostivskiy granodiorite are virtually unchanged. After polishing, lightness of different types of Pokostivskiy granodiorite changes respectively from 59.5 % to 69.4 % – for light types; from 59.0 % to 65.5 % – for dark types; from 58.8 % to 61.2 % – for very dark types.

The developed method of determining the types of Pokostivskiy granodiorite of different hues using digital image processing will allow distinguishing rough blocks, different in lightness and hue, on stone processing enterprises. This will enable stone processing enterprises to select raw materials without prior processing and to

choose the polishing technology for standardized products that are made of similar rocks.

**Keywords:** stone lightness, Pokostivskiy granodiorite, stone color, stone hue, digital image processing.

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## STUDY OF THE FORMATION OF GAS-VAPOR IN THE LIQUID MIXTURE (p. 58-65)

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Equilibrium conditions of the pore former agent in the material during the formation of the porous structure, pressure and temperature of the pore former agent gas inside the closed spherical pore, heat transfer between the growing pore and the surrounding mixture were researched. The calculation of the gas vapor area was made with obtained equations. This calculation needs for prediction of pore growth dynamics. Obtained dependences show that, in general, the peak values of the growth speed of vapor volume, movement of the pore boundary, mass flow, heat flow have smaller values under lower periods of oscillations. The character of changing of the calculation quantities under 130 °C and 180 °C are the same. This temperature range was chosen, because real swelling happens under the same range. Obtained equation of the overheat temperature of the pore former agent gas inside the pore clarifies the temperature (180 °C), under which the inertial period of formation of the gas microphase in the first heating stage is missing. The equilibrium conditions give a chance to assess energy parameters of the swelling process under stabilization of the predictable pore sizes.

During the calculation of the pressure inside the closed spherical pore it was found that the bigger the difference between the chemical potentials of material-pore systems, the lower the gas pressure inside the pore. Since the convective heat transfer in a gas is directly proportional to the pressure, next statement can be made: to achieve minimum heat transfer of pore, it's necessary to increase the difference between the chemical potentials of material-pore systems. Obtained methodology allows finding conditions of controlled swelling and conditions of controlled structure formation of the material with predicted thermophysical properties. It can be real only, because this methodology takes into account physical properties of the raw mixture, the chemical potential of the mixture components, levels of energy influence on the raw mixture and the impact of all above factors on the size of the gas-vapor area (pore). The differences of new methodology allow predicting the porosity of thermal insulating material and its thermophysical properties.

These results are proposed to use in designing technological processes of production of porous materials for various purposes.

**Keywords:** vaporization, movement of pore's boundary, pore's heat transfer, conditions of controlled swelling.

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