

FRONT SURFACE TEXTURE FORMATION OF THE SOLAR CELL BY THE POROUS SILICON TECHNOLOGY (p. 4-9)

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The prospects of forming textures of different formats by electrochemical porous silicon technologies for obtaining front functional layers of solar cells are shown. Creating a schematic model of different types of porous silicon for textures depending on the current form has allowed to simulate the experimental process of texture formation. In the pore formation process, one of the most important characteristics is current density distribution, which depends on many parameters and affects the porous silicon element type formation. With the increase and distribution of current density on the pore bottom surface, we obtain the usual bell-shaped kind of pores. By applying zigzag mode to the bell-shaped current, we can get two-layer porous silicon, where macroporous silicon can be filled or partially filled with microporous silicon. Thus, coral-like, columnar and drop-shaped textures based on porous silicon as an element of an effective and profitable coverage were experimentally obtained. The texture formation process should be the best adapted to the processes of formation of silicon solar cells. Analysis of integrated reflection coefficients in the range of 400–1000 nm for textures with columnar and drop-shaped pores shows their high efficiency compared with other textures, especially in the infrared.

Keywords: porous silicon, texture, electrochemical etching, solar cell, photovoltaic converter.

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THE METHOD OF AUTOMATIC DETERMINATION OF ARC SIZING MACHINING PROCESS STABILITY (p. 9-13)

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The concept of process stability of arc sizing machining on electrical-discharge machines is discussed and some of the results of our

research in this area are given in the paper. The main purpose of the study is to develop and validate the automatic method for determining the stability of the process under consideration. Dependencies, which determine the affiliation of the instantaneous values of the arc voltage with arc zones are given. The values of the obtained coefficients allow to judge the state of the process and, consequently, control it.

Using modern electrical discharge machining control systems allows to process materials with higher energy efficiency and less resource consumption.

A solution to the problem of finding the arc sizing machining process stability is proposed in the paper.

The present method allows to automate the process of finding and maintaining the tool electrode feed rate in the near-to-quasi-optimal zone by the process performance.

The research results can be used by designers in the field of tool electrode feed automation during electrical discharge machining of metals.

Keywords: arc voltage, arc zone, process stability, arc sizing machining.

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DIAGNOSTICS OF PROCESSES OF WEAR OF MATERIALS OF BALL-TUBE MILLS (p. 14-20)

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Changes in material hardness of balls, which are used as the working body of ball-tube mills was investigated. Both new balls and balls with different operation time were examined. Hardness of not only the surface layer, but also over the entire depth was studied. These measurements were carried out to find the wear-out areas. It was found that areas with a reduced hardness, where ball material destruction occurs, are formed on the surface during operation. To determine the changes in the material properties, an ultimate strength was tested. Its values in different parts of the ball with the time change were found. It was revealed that the discontinuity surface structure is the same for all areas and the entire time interval. This indicates the absence of phase transitions of ball materials during operation. Diagnostics of the surface structure by the electron beam was conducted. This work allows to forecast the destruction rate of balls during their use and identify priorities for improving their performance.

Keywords: material hardness, tube mill ball structure, radiation diagnostics.

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EXTRACTION OF PETROL PRODUCTS FROM WATER BY MAGNETITE-BASED SORBENTS (p. 20-24)

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The results of studying the effectiveness of petroleum extraction from water by their sorption on magnetite particles are given. It was found that magnetite particles, obtained by chemical condensation have the high dispersion ability, which prevents their practical use in industrial processes. It is possible to significantly change the particle size distribution of the magnetite mixture by treating them with petroleum products followed by ignition at high temperatures. The main factors, affecting particle size distribution of the mixture after such treatment is dose of petroleum products, the temperature and duration of mixture ignition. It was determined that the optimum ignition temperature is 300 °C, at which the largest number of aggregates with sizes of 30–40 microns is produced. Particle size distribution is significantly affected by the ignition duration that we associate with the residual content of petroleum products that do not manage to decompose under short ignition duration and act as a binder for magnetite particles. At low doses (ratio of petroleum products: magnetite within 0.083–0.025), there was no significant effect on the particle size distribution of the treated mixture. In certain circumstances, the number of sorption: ignition cycles does not affect the particle size distribution of the mixture, allowing to form filtering media with stable hydraulic and sorption properties.

Keywords: sewage, petroleum products, sorption, dynamic mode, magnetite, ignition.

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FIBER-OPTIC GYROSCOPES BASED ON PHOTONIC-CRYSTAL FIBERS (p. 25-31)

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Over the last few decades optical fibers have been widely deployed in navigation industries owing to their special performance as the best light guidance. Fiber-optic gyroscope is one of the applications of optical fibers dependent mainly on the Sagnac effect. It is of important applications in the field of space navigation. In the Fiber-optic gyroscope, an optical fiber is used as the medium of propagation for the light. A long fiber cable is wound into loops in order to increase the effective area of the system. Two beams are again propagating through the fiber in opposite directions. Due to the Sagnac effect, the beam travelling against the rotation experiences a slightly shorter path delay than the other beam. The resulting differential phase shift is measured through interferometry, thus translating one component of the angular velocity into a shift of the interference pattern which is measured photometrically.

Keywords: fiber optical gyroscope, photonic crystal fiber, Sagnac effect.

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INFLUENCE OF MICROWAVE ELECTROMAGNETIC TREATMENT ON PROPERTIES OF EPOXY COMPOSITES (p. 32-37)

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Epoxy oligomers, containing reactive epoxy and hydroxyl groups, are widely used as binders to form composite materials (CM) with high performance. Improving the physical and mechanical properties, including adhesive strength and residual stresses of CM for protective coatings on their basis is achieved by introducing dispersed mineral fillers of different physical nature to the epoxy binder at the optimal content and external physical field treatment. Research on using electro-physical treatment methods of materials and products have shown the efficiency of using the power of the microwave (MW) electromagnetic (EM) oscillations.

The purpose of the paper is to determine the influence of the nature and content of the coarsely dispersed fillers in epoxy material on the adhesive strength and residual stresses in combination with their microwave electromagnetic treatment.

A study of the adhesive strength of plasticized epoxy binder after the MW electromagnetic field treatment before introducing a hardener was performed. It was first found that the best time of MW electromagnetic field treatment of plasticized epoxy matrix is 30 seconds, which leads to the maximized adhesive strength by 35 % due to improved cross-linking, caused by forming free radicals that interact intensively with hydroxyl centers on the metal base surface. It was proved that introducing coarsely dispersed fillers in the polymer matrix, followed by MW electromagnetic treatment allows to improve physical and mechanical properties of epoxy composites. It was revealed that composite materials, filled with SiC and B4C exposed to MW electromagnetic field within 60 seconds have the maximum adhesion characteristics. Introducing such fillers allows to further increase the adhesive strength by 25 % and 12 %, respectively, compared with the unfilled epoxy matrix.

Keywords: oligomer, polyethylenepolyamine, composite, adhesive strength, residual stresses, dispersed filler.

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DETERMINING THE FIRE RESISTANCE PROPERTIES OF TIMBER, PROTECTED BY GEOCEMENT-BASED COATINGS (p. 38-41)

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Flame spread during combustion of natural and synthetic materials is a factor, determining the fire intensity and dynamics, therefore it is important to ensure fire protection of building structures.

Timber is becoming more and more widely used in construction due to many advantages. However, because of dangerous shortcomings such as flammability and smoke generation, timber fire protection is required. The best effect is achieved through the use of geocement-based intumescent coatings applied to the timber surface.

The basic fire-resistant properties including flammability, smoke generation and flame spread on the surface of the timber, protected by a geocement-based coating, were defined.

The test for determining the flammability group of timber, protected by a geocement-based coating has shown flame-retardant properties of the material, namely, the weight loss – 4.4 %, and the maximum temperature of the combustion gases – 185 °C. The test for determining the smoke-generation ability has shown that in the combustion mode – 84.9 m²/kg, in the smoldering mode – 256.4 m²/kg, and flame spread index on the timber surface was 56.7. After tests for determining the fire properties, the investigated material refers to flame-retardant material with moderate smoke generation and low index of flame spread on the surface. Using timber, protected by a geocement-based coating in construction is effective and safe.

Keywords: intumescent coating, fire resistance, geocement, timber, flammability, smoke generation, flame spread index.

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ASSESSMENT OF HYDROPHOBIC SHEEPSKIN FUR VELOUR QUALITY (p. 47-53)

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We have determined the scope of dimensional quality indicators for sheepskin fur velour according to the desirability scale on the basis of specifications and technical documentation, expert assessments, scientific publications and research findings. On the basis of dimensionless parameters of quality, we have calculated desirability functions for individual quality indicators and a complex quality indicator for hydrophobic sheepskin fur velour produced according to a new technology. We have also compared its qualities to those of fur velour obtained by means of traditional technology.

In terms of the growing necessity to satisfy the Ukrainian consumer, we have attempted to predict the possibility of using hydrophobic sheepskin fur velour in conditions of high humidity.

It is determined that a complex quality indicator for hydrophobic fur velour is significantly higher than a complex quality indicator for fur velour produced according to a typical technology, especially after its exposure to rain.

Before the test, the hydrophobic fur velour was rated as excellent. The impact of rain on the hydrophobic fur velour has led to a slight decrease of the complex quality indicator. It is rated as good, which is close to excellent. After exposure to rain, fur velour finished with alkene-maleic composition completely satisfies consumer needs and can be used in wet conditions, low temperatures, and dynamic loads.

It is determined that a perspective direction in making high-quality sheepskin fur velour for sheepskin products involves using a technology of its finish with alkene-maleic composition, which is aimed at better operating, hygiene, and aesthetic properties. This will specify new directions and spheres of using sheepskin fur velour, expand the assortment, raise the competitiveness of sheepskin products of Ukrainian origin, and shape the export potential, which is conditioned by the free trade zone, Agreement on association with EU, and modern world integration processes.

Keywords: complex quality indicator, hydrophobic sheepskin fur velour.

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STUDIES OF SENSITIVITY OF SAMPLES OF NANOCOMPOSITE MATERIALS BASED ON OPAL MATRICES TO MAGNETIC FIELDS (p. 54-60)

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The properties of samples of metamaterials based on opal matrices with filling their nanoporosities by clusters of different magnetic and non-magnetic metal or magnetic crystallites were investigated.

A method for assessing susceptibility of the developed composite materials to magnetic fields when exposed to external electromagnetic fields was developed. Designed and manufactured process equipment, consisting of the field-forming system, power generator, power source, throttle cooling system and certified and calibrated measuring instruments is shown.

Experimental results of the external electromagnetic field exposure on metamaterials as nanocomposites, representing discrete nanostructured environment with obtaining substantial electric “response”, in turn, leading, in particular, to the multiplication effect for applied electromagnetic fields in the field-forming system of the process test equipment at frequencies below 1010 kHz are given. It was experimentally confirmed that the values of the magnetic field parameters in the field-forming system of process test equipment change in the frequency range of up to 1010 kHz. Experimental characteristics of spatial multiplication of magnetic fields in the layout area of composite materials when exposed to external electromagnetic fields are provided. It was found and experimentally confirmed that external electromagnetic field exposure on nanocomposite samples in a limited space of the working chamber of the field-forming system leads to an effective increase in the magnetic field value in the local region of the spatial volume of up to 120 kA/m.

Keywords: metamaterials, equipment, nanocomposites, opal matrix, multiplizieren, electromagnetic fields, precursor, metal cluster, erasing of information.

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COKING COAL MIXTURE WITH HIGH CONTENT OF WEAKLY COKING AND SULFUR COAL (p. 61-66)

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Analysis of the state of Ukrainian Coal Industry and modern tendencies compiling coal blends for coke plants clearly highlights the need to solve the problem of rational use of domestic coal. This work has shown an opportunity to expand the resource base of coking due to an increase in the blends the share of cheap low-quality domestic coal.

Experimental-industrial coking of unconventional coal blends containing a maximum of weakly coking components and caking Donetsk coal of reduced type have been carried out. It has been obtained the desulfurization effect (45–50 %) for cokes derived from

proposed coke mixtures Jrc+Glc=50:50 and=70:30 in industrial environments. It is shown that the use of these mixtures as blends allows to obtain cokes suitable on the sulfur content – 0,95–1,14 wt % with high mechanical strength (P25=90,2–91,7 %). This coke can be used as a special kind of coke in many industries and as a coke for the domestic market. The addition of coal tar pitch in the proposed coal mixture can improve the strength properties of coke.

The use of low-quality domestic coal will, saving quality coal, significantly reduce the cost of coke.

Keywords: blend, sulphur content, tar pitch, box coking, coke composition, coking ability, strength, texture.

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EFFECT OF SUBSTITUTION BY ALUMINUM IONS AND HEAT TREATMENT CONDITIONS ON ELECTROCHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF CERAMICS WITH COMPOSITION $\text{Li}_2\text{O}-\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3-\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ (p. 67-71)

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Based on X-ray diffraction, electron microscopic and electrochemical studies, a comprehensive analysis of the solid solutions of lithium ferrites and lithium aluminates in a wide concentration range, depending on the cooling conditions on the final stage of solid-phase ceramic synthesis was carried out in the paper.

It was shown that the crystal structure and microstructure formations of solid solutions of lithium ferrites and lithium aluminates at the boundary of the metastable formations allow to obtain the system, suitable for electrochemical lithium intercalation with the necessary intercalation and electron-transport characteristics. This allows to construct a chemical lithium current source with the cathodes based on the obtained systems without additional processing techniques.

The resulting current sources with an operating voltage of ~2 V are characterized by a specific charge of ~300 A·h/kg and specific energy of ~625 W·h/kg.

Keywords: spinel, cathode material, specific capacity, conductivity, lithium current sources.

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