



Study of Electrophysical Properties of Cotton Fibers Doped Iodine

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Abstract The photoconductivity (PC) of the cotton fibers (CF) grade “F175” doped by iodine is investigation. The samples discovered a long-term relaxation of the PC after irradiation ($h\nu=5$ eV of the iodine doped CF and have been found infrared quenching at combined illumination.

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Introduction

In [1] suggested that the temperature dependence of the electrical conductivity of the cotton fibers (CF) is associated with the appearance of semiconductor properties in them. In [2] the photoelectric properties CF doped with iodine studied and determined that the width of the band gap CF is $E_g = 3.2$ eV.

From the results of [2,3] one can conclude that the intrinsic viscosity can be considered as a good semiconductor material by heat, ionizing radiations, the introduction of alloying elements, it changes the electrical conductivity and photoconductivity. Our studies have shown that the physical properties depend on the variety and maturity of the intrinsic viscosity of CF.

Despite the fact that the physical properties of CF of currently poorly understood at their basic thermistors [4], photo resistors [5], diodes and photodiodes [6], the electronic hydrometer [7] and the field effect transistors [8]. Extensive range of studies of nanostructured semiconductor CF reveals new physical laws and new items of electronic equipment.

In this paper we present the results for CF grade F175 that previously little-studied, doped with iodine.

In the measurements the mature CF were used. The samples were prepared in the form of a bundle of fibers laid parallel to each other in an amount of 5000 – 10 000 units alcohol impregnated 10 % iodine solution, and treated with $t = 20 - 60$ °C for 30 to 600 minutes. The sample length was 4-8 mm. Ohmic contacts were created on the basis of a liquid suspension of graphite crystal. Current-voltage characteristics of the samples were made linear. Preliminary measurements showed that after doping CF with iodine the samples had n- type conductivity.

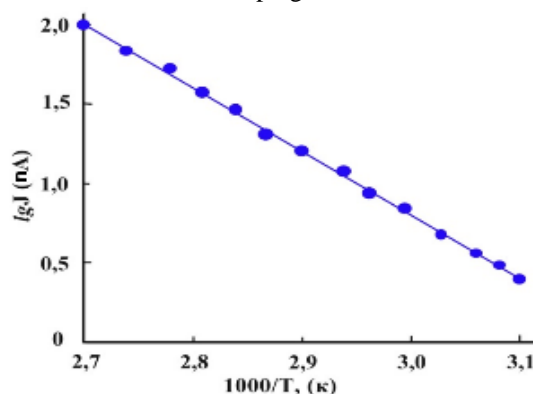


Figure 1: Temperature dependence an electric current through the sample CF grade “F175” doped with iodine



Figure 1 shows the results of measurement of the temperature dependence of the electric current through the sample. One can be seen that the electric current through the sample while raising the temperature increases exponentially. Thermal ionization energy equal to $E_t = 0.8$ eV.

Figure 2 shows the spectrum of photoconductivity without (1) and illumination with UV ($h\nu = 5$ eV) light (2).

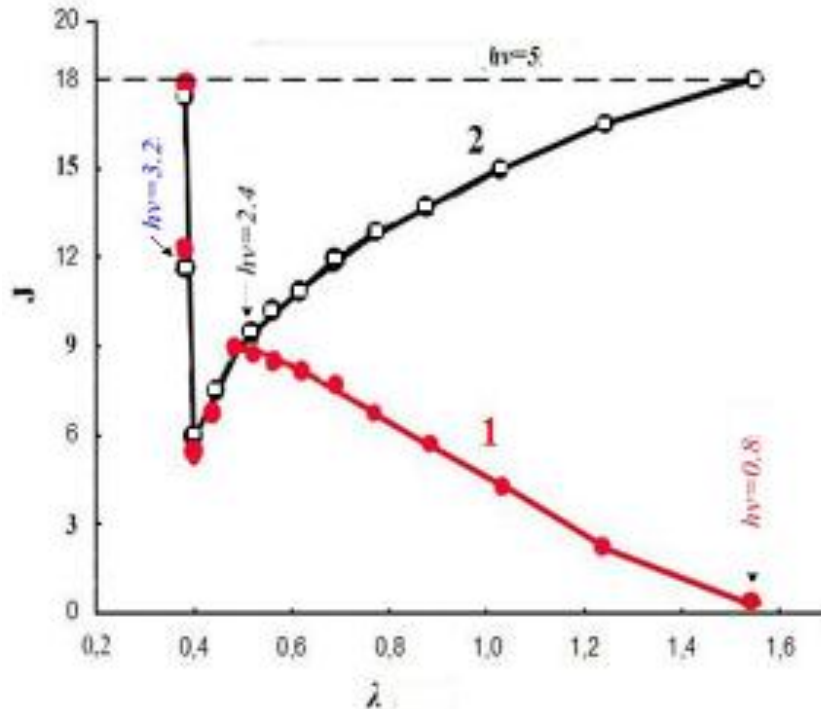


Figure 2: Photoconductivity spectra of CF doped with iodine without (1) and illuminated with UV light (2).

Units of J is nA , λ is micron, $h\nu$ is eV.

Measurements have shown that even after long exposure (3 hours) of the sample in the dark spectrum of photoconductivity began with $h\nu = 0.8$ eV. By increasing the energy quanta observed maximum at $h\nu = 2.4$ eV. At constant illumination, created by the UV radiation, since $h\nu = 0.8$ eV there was a decrease of photoconductivity (PC), i.e. IR quenching PC observed. In this course the PC spectrum, stating with $h\nu = 2.4$ eV, similar to PC spectrum obtained without own backlight. The absolute values of the photocurrent caused by IR quenching of PC increases with its own illumination intensity.

Measurements of the kinetics PC when illuminated the sample with UV light showed that the photocurrent rise is exponential.

After turning off the UV light was observed long-term relaxation of the PC, the duration of which reaches up to 6 days. If after turning off the UV-light turn on the light with $h\nu = 0.8 - 1.3$ eV than PC flash is observed. However, the amplitude of the flares is small, the decline of PC to dark values occurs relatively quickly. Measurements of IR kinetics of PC quenching at a constant own illumination showed that when the light is turned on with $h\nu = 1.0$ eV increasing in PC up to constant value in 20 sec is observed and then seen decreasing it below the background photocurrent. Next, after turning off the light with $h\nu = 1.0$ eV a slight sharp decreasing of PC and exponentially increasing of photocurrent ($t=50$ min.) to the background current is observed. Lux-ampere characteristics (LAC) under light illumination with $h\nu > 0.8$ eV is linear.

In the framework of the classical band model of semiconductors, the above features of PC CF can be explained as follows. It has previously been shown [9] that LAC depends on the degree of filling of the deep level. Experiments show that the iodine doping increases the photosensitivity of CF. This is only possible if the iodine produces deep levels in the band gap of CF. Presenting that iodine creates a deep donor levels in the upper half of the band gap. It is possible to say that an increase the intensity of light increases the degree of filling of deep level due to the transition of electrons from V-zone at the level E_t through C-zone. Starting PC spectrum ($h\nu = 0.8$ eV), presumably due to the fact that in the CF iodine creates deep ionization energy levels with $E_c = 0.8$ eV



(see Fig.3).If one take into account that CF after iodine doping is n-type by conduction, it can be assumed that the level is in the upper half of the band gap with $E_t = E_c - 0.8$ eV.

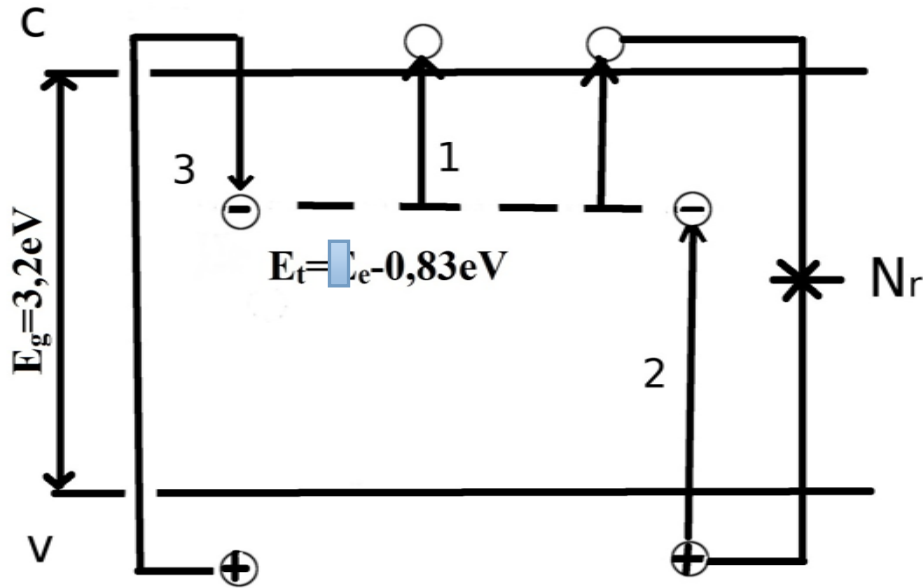


Figure 3: Zone diagram of CF grade "F175" doped with iodine

Analysis of the spectra and kinetics of PC show that the level with $E_t = E_c - 0.8$ eV has a donor character. Monotonous growth PC in $0.8 < h\nu < 2.4$ eV due to the transition of electrons from the level of E_t in the C-zone. Reducing PC, beginning with $h\nu > 2.4$ eV, due to the transition of electrons from the v- band to level E_t , followed by recombination of free electrons and levels in the V-zone through uncontrolled recombination centers. Background photocurrent formation due to the fact that when covering CF by UV light generated electron-hole pairs. The electrons that have fallen to the C-zone trapped in the E_t level. Therefore the background current is determined by the holes in the V-zone. IR quenching of the phase transition at constant self-illumination UV rays due to electron transitions from E_t levels in C-band, followed by recombination of holes in the V-zone through recombination centers of N_r .

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