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# PHOTOVOLTAIC AND PHOTOREFRACTIVE EFFECT IN CUBIC PIEZOELECTRIC ZnS

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**Abstrac:** In this work was considered photovoltaic effect in cubuc piezoelectric crystals ZnS. Some experimental and physical bases of photovoltaic effect have been discussed.

**Key words:** crystals ZnS, photovoltaic effect, tensor, crystal without the centre of symmetry, generates

#### Photovoltaic effect in cubic crystals ZnS

The anomalous photovoltaic effect observed for the first time for ferroelectrics is a particular case of a more general photovoltaic effect described for crystals without a center of symmetry by the third-rank tensor  $\alpha_{iik}$ .

$$J_i = \alpha_{ijk} E_j E_k^* \tag{1}$$

The components of tensor are distinct from zero for 20 acentric groups of symmetry. At presence of the centre of symmetry  $\alpha_{iik}$ =0.

The photovoltaic effect for the first time was found experimentally out in ferroelectrics [1,2], and also in piezoelectrics [3,4,9]. The consecutive theory of this effect was advanced in [5], where was shown, that it is connected to purchase nonequilibrium electron of a superfluous pulse in a zone of conductivity, which size and direction are defined by asymmetry of excitation, recombination and dispersion of the carrier in a noncentro-symmetrical crystal.

According to (1) at uniform illumination by the linearly polarized light of a homogeneous crystal without the centre of symmetry in it arises a photovoltaic current  $J_i$ . The mark and size of photovoltaic current  $J_i$  depends on orientation of a vector of polarization of light with components  $E_i$  and  $E_k^*$ . If electrodes of a crystal to open, the photovoltaic current  $J_i$  generates the photovoltage

$$V_i = \frac{J_i}{\sigma_T + \sigma_\phi} l$$
 where  $\sigma_T$  and  $\sigma_\phi$  accordingly dark and photoconductivity,  $l$  distance between

electrodes. Generated photovoltage about 10<sup>3</sup>-10<sup>5</sup>B, exceeding, thus, size of width of forbidden zone

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Eg on two - four order. According to (1) and symmetry of dot group it is possible to write expressions for the photovoltaic current  $J_i$ . The comparison of experimental angular dependence with  $J_i$  ( $\beta$ ) allows to define photovoltaic tensor  $\alpha_{ijk}$  or photovoltaic factor  $K_{ijk} = \frac{1}{\alpha^*} \alpha_{ijk}$  (here  $\alpha^*$  - factor of absorption of light). By us it has been discovered and investigated volumetric photovoltaic effect in piezoelectric crystals ZnS, belonging to cubic dot group  $\overline{4}3$  m. As against ferroelectrics [4] the photovoltaic effect in ZnS it is possible to observe only in polarized light. According to (1) and symmetry of dot group at illumination of a crystal in z direction of an axis 4 order (axis z) the expression for a photovoltaic current in a direction z looks like:

$$J_Z = \frac{1}{2} \alpha^* K_{14} I \sin 2\beta \tag{2}$$

where  $\beta$  - corner between a plane of polarization of light and axis x.

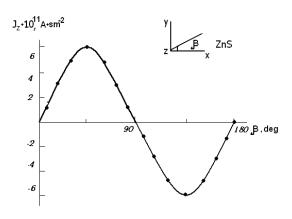
did not depend on intensity of light *I*.

In the given work is resulted, results of research of cubic crystals ZnS, grown by a hydrothermal method in solutions  $H_3PO_4$  and KOH [6]. From crystals were cut out parallelepipeds by the size

 $5\times5$ x1 $mm^3$ . The measurement of a photovoltaic current J and field  $E = \frac{J}{\sigma_{\phi}}$ , generated by it  $(\sigma_{\phi}$ -

photoconductivity) was made by a way taken the stationary volt - ampere characteristics [4]. In a fig. 1 is submitted a orientation dependence  $J_z=J_z(\beta)$ , taken at T=143K at illumination by light from a long wave  $\lambda=500$  nm ( $\alpha^*=5$   $sm^{-1}$ ) and intensity  $I=2,3\cdot 10^{-3}Vt\cdot sm^{-2}$ . The comparison of this angular dependence with (2) gives  $K_{I4}=5\cdot 10^{-9}$   $A\cdot sm\cdot (Vt)^{-1}$ . Thus, the value of the module  $K_{I4}$  in the crystals, investigated by us, ZnS is much higher, than at known ferroelectrics and piezoelectrics [4] in an interval T=140-300K the module  $K_{I4}$  finds out weak temperature dependence. Due to this, and also because of strong temperature dependence of photoconductivity  $\sigma_f$ , generated in a direction of an axis z the field  $E=\frac{J}{\sigma_f}$  changed in limits from  $V\cdot sm^{-1}$  (T=300K) till  $40V\cdot sm^{-1}$  (T=143K) and

In crystals ZnS, grown by a hydrothermal method the photovoltaic effect has basically impurity character. It is shown in the fig. 2 where the spectral distributions of photoconductivity  $\sigma_f$  (1) of photovoltaic current (2), referred to unit of falling energy and edge of optical absorption (3) are submitted. The impurity strip in spectral distribution J takes place nearby  $\lambda=500$  nm. There is located a impurity maximum of photoconductivity. For the crystals which have been grown, in acid or



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alkaline environment the impurity maximum has a different situation and is moved limits of 450-500 nm

Fig. 1. The orientation dependence of density of a photovoltaic current  $J_z$  in a direction [001]. The crystal is shined plainly by polarized light in a direction [001]. T=143K,  $I=2,3\cdot10^{-3}$   $Vt\cdot sm^{-2}$ ,  $\lambda=500$  nm.

The APh effect in crystals without the centre of symmetry also can be applied as a new type of elements - photovoltaic transformers of energy. The coefficient of efficiency of transformation of light energy in electrical on a basis of photovoltaic effect while low (0,1 %). However, ferroelectric and piezoelectrics can be used for generation of basic voltage of low capacity. Thus the spectral sensitivity of these elements varies in wide area: from vacuum ultra-violet till red seen area.

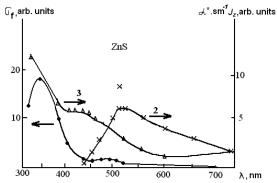


Fig. 2. The spectral distributions of a photovoltaic current  $J_z$  (2), photoconductivity  $\sigma_f$  (1) and optical absorption  $\alpha^*$  (3) at T=143K.  $\beta=45^0$ .

There are opportunities of application of these processes in nonsilver photo and vidicons and also in nanotechnology as the power supply.

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