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PROSPECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF DESIGNING EFFICIENT ION EXCHANGERS

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1. INTRODUCTION

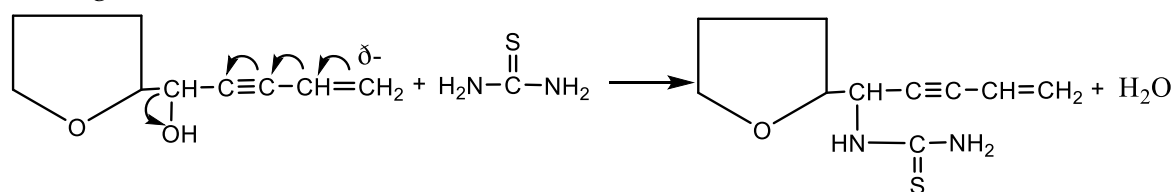
In recent years, the development of materials and compositions with desired properties containing phosphate groups has gained increasing importance. Phosphate-containing natural compounds are components of widely used medicinal pharmaceuticals. Compounds with phosphate groups form the foundation not only of inorganic chemistry but also of living organisms. The ease of modification of the phosphate group in organic compounds is of both practical and theoretical significance and has attracted considerable interest among researchers. At present, the scale of industrial organic synthesis is so large that the issue of limited natural oil and gas resources required to meet these demands remains relevant. In this context, the production of key compounds from naturally renewable raw materials is considered a promising direction [1-3].

Modern advances in science and technology have made it possible to create a new class of polymeric composite materials formed from a combination of components of different chemical nature, which significantly surpass the properties of the individual starting components. In terms of their overall composite characteristics, they exhibit distinctive physicochemical, magnetic, and optoelectronic properties, as well as high chemical and thermal stability and enhanced resistance to various types of radiation. In recent years, furan derivatives have gained increasing importance in the development of materials and compositions with predetermined

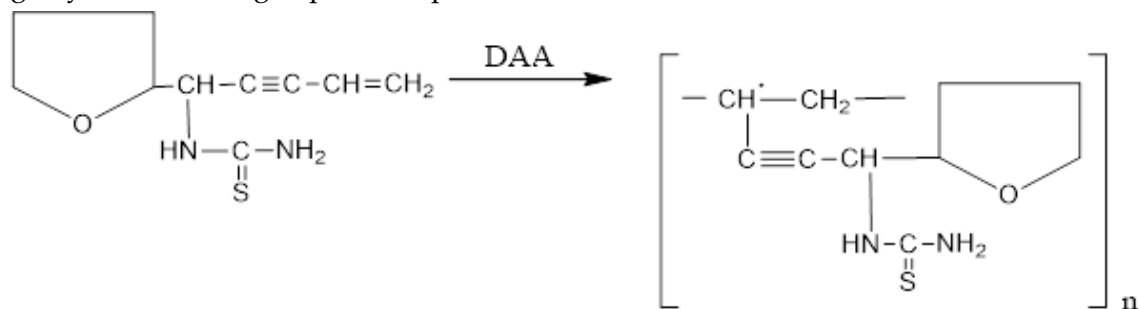
properties [4-6]. Inorganic sorbents, such as metal (IV) phosphates, are promising materials for the separation of various ions, particularly alkali metal cations that are difficult to isolate by other methods, as well as for deep purification [7]. These ion-exchange materials are characterized by high radiation resistance and the ability to sorb alkali metal cations, making them suitable for applications in the nuclear industry. The ability to selectively absorb a range of cations from a mixture containing a large number of competing ions is also of significant importance. To ensure good mixing of thiourea with the reaction medium and the formation of a homogeneous system, it was first dissolved in a small amount of hot ethanol [8-10]. Then, 1-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) pent-4-en-2-yn-1-ol was added dropwise using a separatory funnel. After achieving an equimolar ratio, a few drops of acid (e.g., 0.1 M HCl or H₂SO₄) were added to the mixture, and it was heated at 50–60 °C for 1–2 hours. As a result, a condensation reaction occurred, forming a C–N bond and releasing water, which could be observed visually. During the reaction, under the influence of these chemical interactions, 1-(1-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) pent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl) thiourea was obtained. [11-13].

2. EXPERIMENTAL PART

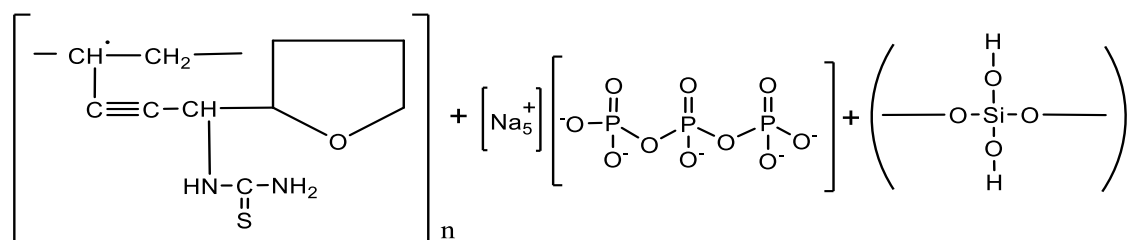
First, thiourea reacts with the hydroxyl group of the intermediate compound according to the following scheme.



The resulting intermediate compound undergoes polymerization. The reaction proceeds in a single system following a specific sequence.



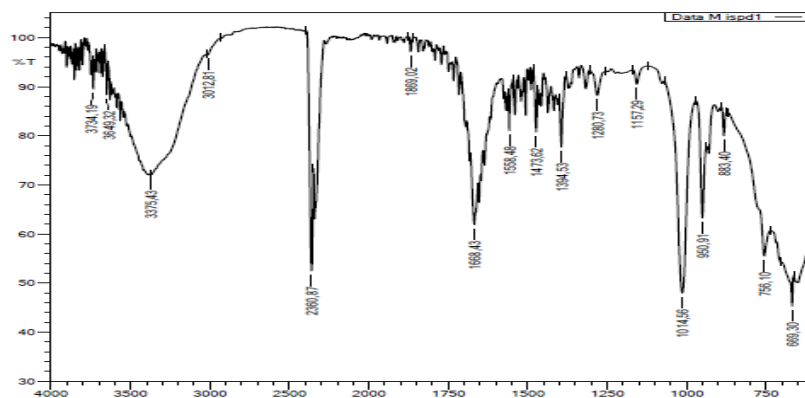
To increase the number of active centers and electron pairs in the polymer, as well as to ensure mechanical strength, sodium tripolyphosphate was used, and the process can generally be described as follows.



Viscosity Polyphos-1

Viscosity dPa/s	Temperature °C
1.8	100
2.5	80
3.5	60
4.5	45
5.5	30
6.2	20
7.2	10
8.5	2

In the presence of a strongly alkaline system, the reaction time and product yield depend on the temperature, reaching up to 74 %. A range of modern physicochemical methods was used to identify the synthesized compounds. To characterize the bonds within the substances, IR spectroscopy was employed.



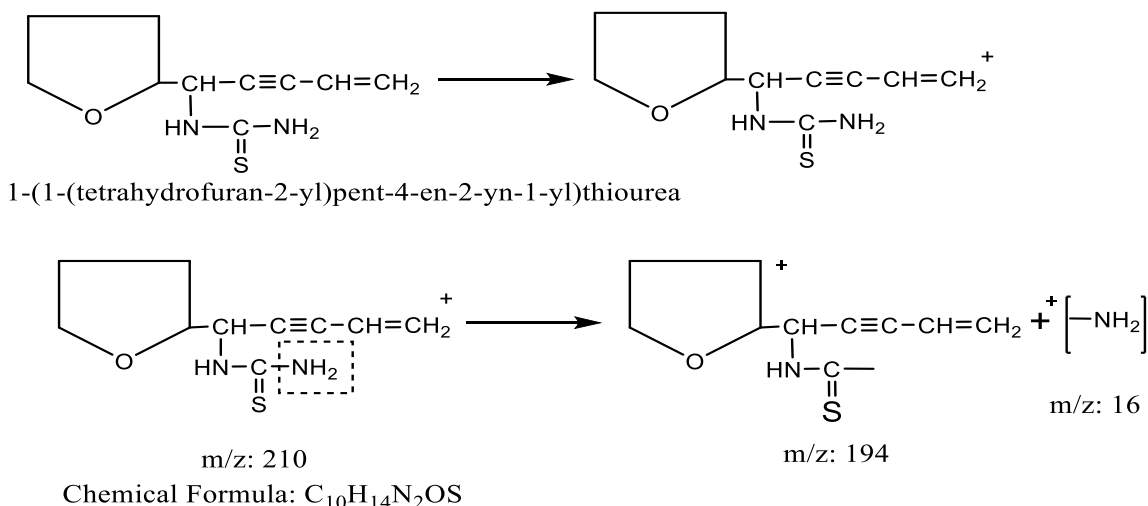
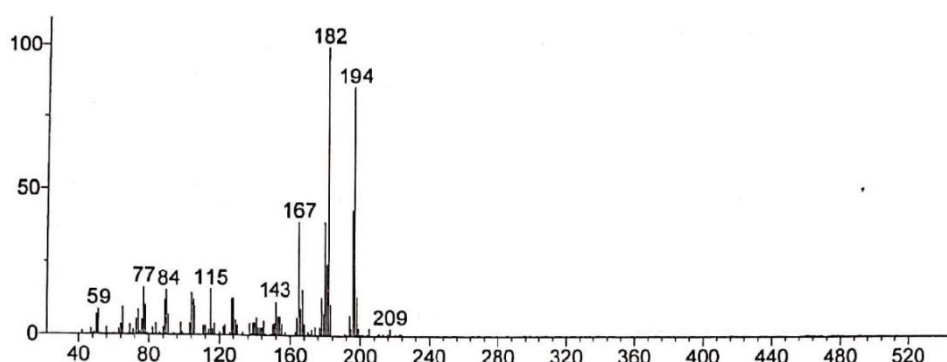
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For the amino group $-NH_2$ in thiourea, two absorptions are observed in the region $3400-3200\text{ cm}^{-1}$; for the thiocarbonyl group $-C=S$, in the region $1400-1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$; the deformation vibration of the $-C\equiv C-$ group is recorded at 2120 cm^{-1} ; for the secondary bond $RHC=CH_2$ — 1645 cm^{-1} ; for the carbonyl group $C=O$ — 1668.43 cm^{-1} ; for $C=S$ — 1014.56 cm^{-1} ; for the $C-H$ bond — 756.10 cm^{-1} ; for the unsaturated acetylene group — 1869.02 cm^{-1} ; for the furan ring — $1558-1474\text{ cm}^{-1}$; and for the aromatic $C=C$ bond — $1281-1157\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

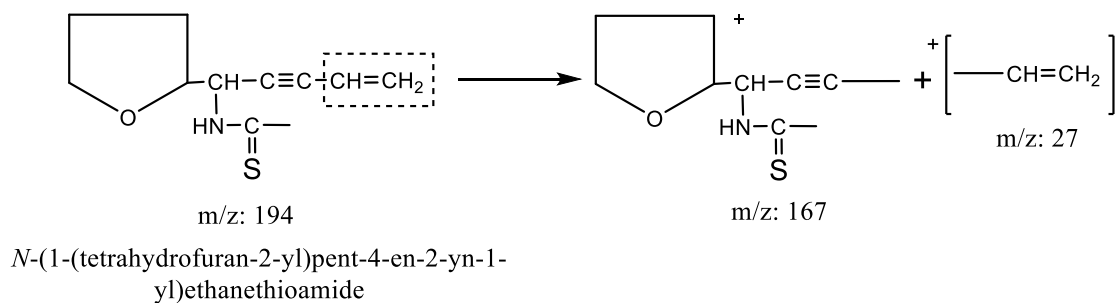
Additionally, the structure of the new compound can be inferred from the fragmentation sequence in the chromatograph–mass spectrum. After introducing 1-(1-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) pent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl) thiourea into the chromatograph–mass spectrometer, under the selected conditions, the molecular ion of 1-(1-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) pent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl) thiourea with m/z 210 was detected in the retention time range of 10.639 to 10.708 minutes.

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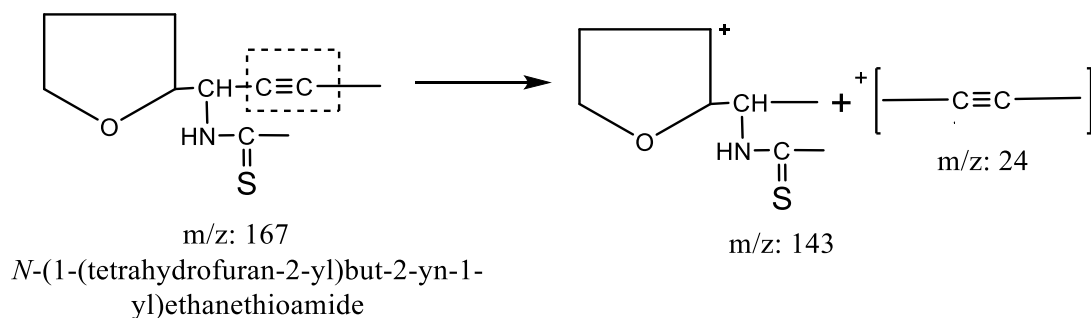
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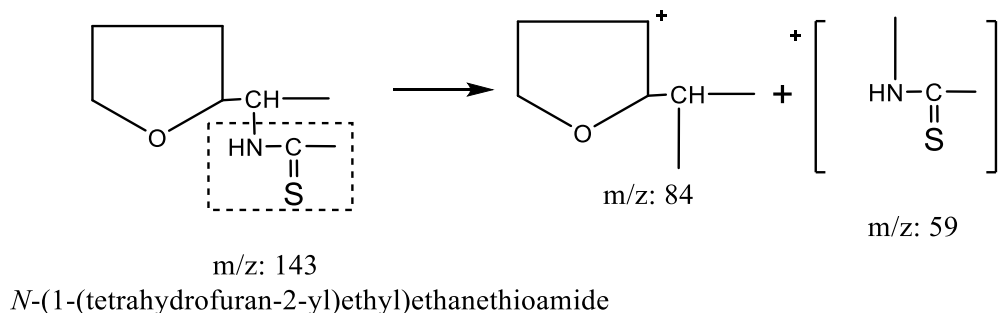
Additionally, the spectrum showed the formation of fragment ions with m/z 209, m/z 194, m/z 167, m/z 143, m/z 84, and m/z 59. At 10.639 minutes, the loss of a hydroxyl ($-OH$) radical from the 1-(1-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) pent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl) thiourea ion resulted in the formation of the m/z 194 ion. This peak corresponds to the N-(1-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) pent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl) ethanethioamide ion and is consistent with the associated bond energies.



From the tertiary *N*-(1-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) pent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl) ethanethioamide ion, the loss of a methylene radical results in the formation of the m/z 167 ion. This peak corresponds to *N*-(1-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) -2-yn-1-yl) ethanethioamide.



In turn, from the *N*-(1-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) but-2-yn-1-yl) ethanethioamide ion, at 10.708 minutes, the loss of radicals resulted in the formation of the m/z 59 ion.



At the end of the analysis, the kinetics of the resulting *N*-(1-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) ethyl) ethanethioamide ions occur in accordance with the complexity of ring opening. In the initial stage, the cleavage of ions from the side chain, followed by the fragmentation of the ring, confirms the correctness and precise identification of the compound's structure, consistent with the observed fragmentation patterns.

3. CONCLUSION

Using polysilicic acid and the sol-gel method, organic-inorganic hybrid composites were obtained with the involvement of the vinylfurfuryl thiourea sodium tripolyphosphate copolymer. The structure of the composites is formed by a three-dimensional silica dioxide matrix with tightly integrated organic copolymers, which provides them with high thermal and chemical stability. New copolymers based on the system 1-(1-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) pent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl) thiourea were synthesized via radical copolymerization in DMSO solution at 85 °C in the presence of an initiator for 3 hours, achieving a yield of 74 %. The hybrid composites based on 1-

(1-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) pent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl) thiourea, sodium tripolyphosphate, and polysilicic acid exhibit high sorption activity toward calcium, magnesium, copper, nickel, and iron ions in both acidic and alkaline media. Chromatography-mass spectrometry identified the molecular ion of 1-(1-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) pent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl) thiomochelavin, confirmed its complete structure through the fragmentation sequence, and demonstrated that the resulting fragment ions correspond to the unambiguous identification of the compound.

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