

RESEARCH OF THERMOELECTRIC BRANCHES OF THERMOBATTERY FROM SEMICONDUCTORS

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INTRODUCTION

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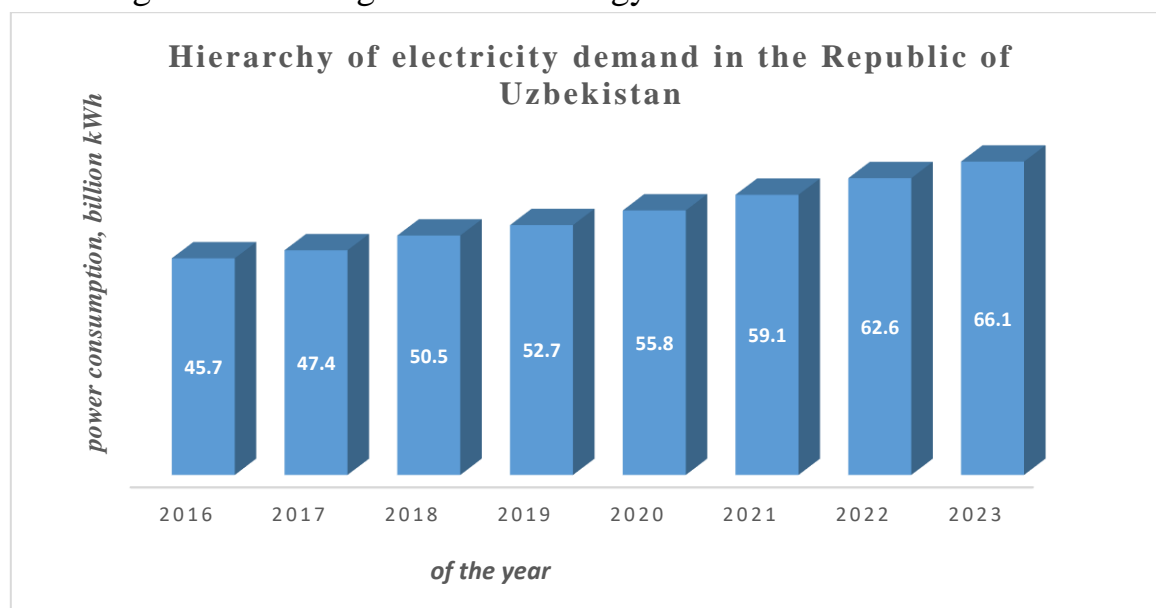


Fig.1. Hierarchy of increasing demand for electricity in Uzbekistan

In this context, thermoelectric devices have attracted increasing attention from researchers and engineers. One of the promising areas in the field of thermoelectricity is the development of thermopile from semiconductor materials.

A thermopile is a device capable of storing thermal energy and converting it into electrical energy. Unlike traditional batteries, which store electrical energy in chemical form, thermopiles allow the direct conversion of heat into electricity, making them more efficient and environmentally friendly.

The use of semiconductor materials in thermopiles has a number of advantages. First, semiconductors have high thermoelectric efficiency, which means they are able to efficiently convert thermal differences into electrical voltage. Second, semiconductors can be easily integrated into a variety of shapes and configurations, making them ideal for creating flexible and compact devices [2].

The development of thermoelectric branches of a thermobattery from semiconductors includes several key technical aspects:

- 1. Selection of materials:** One of the key steps is the selection of suitable semiconductor materials with high thermoelectric efficiency. These can be materials such as bismuth telluride (Bi_2Te_3), lead selenides and tellurides (PbSe , PbTe) and many others. In [2], thermoelectric materials were obtained: BiTeSb (p -type) and BiTeSe (n -type). Due to the size of the branches with a geometric structure, p- and n -type power is formed. The developed thermopile has mechanical strength and a long service life.
- 2. Structure optimization:** To achieve maximum efficiency, it is necessary to optimize the structure of the thermopile, including the configuration of semiconductor branches and thermal insulation.

Work [2] provides an analysis of the design and manufacturing technology of radial ring-type fuel cells, where the high-performance method of plasma-arc spraying is used to form barrier and switching layers. A schematic representation of such a device is shown in Fig. 2.

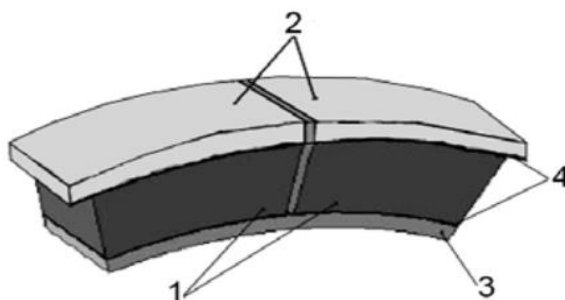


Fig. 2. Radial-ring type thermoelement: 1– semiconductor branches; 2 – external switching covering; 3 – internal switching covering; 4 – barrier layers

The authors of [3] achieved the following results: increased efficiency, mechanical strength and crack resistance of the structure, manufacturability of the structure, increased operating temperature range and environmental friendliness.

3. Heat Flow Management: An important aspect is to effectively manage the heat flow in the thermopile to minimize heat loss and maximize conversion to electrical energy. Thermoelectric modules are widely used as heat flux density meters, for measuring and monitoring the thermal conditions of engines, various devices and mechanisms, for determining heat losses, thermal conductivity coefficient, for obtaining information about the nature of heat release of biological objects, for dosimetry, control and automation of technological processes [3].

4. Integration with other systems: Thermopiles can be used in a variety of applications, so it is important to ensure their compatibility and integration with other systems, such as solar panels or heat pumps.

The development of thermoelectric branches of a thermobattery from semiconductors opens up new prospects in the field of energy and sustainable development. These devices can find applications in a variety of industries including automotive, industrial manufacturing, home appliances and more.

Future research directions include improving the thermoelectric properties of materials, developing new methods for semiconductor synthesis and processing, and optimizing the design and integration of thermopiles into various systems.

The development of thermoelectric branches of a thermobattery from semiconductors is an important area of research in the field of energy. These devices have great potential for creating efficient and environmentally friendly energy sources, which can significantly affect the future of the energy industry and ensure the sustainable development of the national economy.

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