Modification of Polyacrylonitrile with Quarternary ammonium salts

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To improve the properties of polyacrylonitrile(PAN), two kinds of quarternary ammonium salts such as benzalkonium chloride(BAC) and N,N-dimethyl propylsilyl ammonium chloride(SAC) were mixed with PAN in DMF. These reagents were usually used as a antimicrobial agents.

The static electricity, moisture regain, contact angle, thermal property, dynamic mechanical property and antimicrobial activity were investigated.

The results obtained were as follows:

- 1. The static charge of PAN film containing 2 wt% of BAC decreased to about 1/3 of that of PAN film, and the moisture regain increased with increasing quarternary ammonium salts contents.
- 2. The contact angle of modified PAN decreased with increasing BAC contents, but the contact angle increased with increase of SAC contents.
- 3. The reduction rates of colonies increased with increasing ammonium salts contents.