STUDY OF PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF LITHIUM BORATE GLASSES

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ABSTRACT

The Lithium borate glasses of composition $0.30Li_{20}$: (0.7-x) B_2o_3 : ${}_xAl_2O_3(x=0, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.20, and 0.25$) were prepared by melt quenching technique in order to study their structure. Density of the glasses was determined by using Archimedes principle & molar volume of glass was determined by using molar mass and density. It was found that density of glasses increased while their molar volume values decreases. The values of number of ions per cm³ were reported from density.

Key Words: density, molar volume, mixed glass former effect.

Introduction

The physical properties of glasses are of great interest because of their wide range of applications in science, industries and many allied areas. The density and important molar volume physical properties of glasses In borate glasses B₂O₃is fundamental glass former because of its higher bond strength, lower cation size, small heat of fusion and trivalent nature of B, in which B^{3+} ions are triangularly coordinated by oxygen and corner bonded in random configuration (Motke S.G., 2002). Borate glasses containing Li⁺ ions are considered to be potential candidates of for electrolytes of thin film batteries as they exhibit isotropic ion conductivity and stability at high voltage (Jennifer M. Lewis, 2001). The Density and molar volume have investigated in transition metal ion glasses (Chanshetti U.B., 2011). The structure of with composition XB_2O_3 -(1-x) glasses M₂O(M=Li,Na,K) consist B-O network built up from planner three coordinate & tetra-hydral four coordinate B atom (Griguta L., 2008). High valence cations such as Al+³ are commonly used as intermediate species (Salim H.A.,2006). It was suggested model for describing bridging to non bridging oxygen ratio as a function of the glass composition and glass density was calculated.

In this work an attempts has been made for preparation and structural investigation of the glasses has been studied with the help of density and molar volume measurement.

Experimental

The lithium borate glasses 0.3Li₂O :(0.7-x) B2O3:xAl2O3(x=0, 0.05, 0.10, 0.15, and 0.20) were prepared by conventional melt-quenching technique. As a starting material Li₂CO₃, B (OH)₃ and Al₂O₃ of AR grade, Merc laboratory used. These chemicals were were thoroughly mixed and ground for 20-30 min. in mortar pastel and then 10 gm was melted in alumina crucible using muffle furnace for 4-5 Hrs at temperature ranging 800-1100°c .When from melt was thoroughly homogenized and attained desirable viscosity, it was poured into metal plate. The prepared glass was annealed at appropriate temperature at

200°c. Density was measured for all samples at room temperature using Benzene as immersion liquid. Density is generally measured by the fluid displacement method depending on Archimedes principle. The density was obtained by employing the relation

$$\rho = \mathbf{W}_{a}\rho_{b}/\mathbf{W}_{a}-\mathbf{W}_{b}$$

Where W_a be Weight of glass in air, W_b be Weight of glass sample in buoyant liquid, W_a - W_b is buoyancy and ρ_b density of benzene liquid.

By using molecular weight of glass sample and density, molar volume of the glass samples can be calculated from following relation

$$V_m = M/\rho$$

 V_m is molar volume. M is molecular weight of sample and ρ - density of the sample

Sample	Mole %	Mole %	Mole %	Molar volume(V _m)	Density (ρ)	Ions per
_	of Li ₂ O ₃	of B ₂ O ₃	of Al ₂ O ₃			$cm_{(10}^{3})^{22}$
1	30	70	0	24.9997	2.30	2.4
2	30	65	5	24.4329	2.42	2.465
3	30	60	10	24.1926	2.52	24.898
4	30	55	15	23.894	2.62	2.52
5	30	50	20	23.7894	2.69	2.53
6	30	45	25	23.6567	2.81	2.5467

 Table.1 : Compositions of glasses ,Molar volumes & density of glasses





Result and discussion

The calculated values of density and molar volume for all samples have been displayed in table 1. The variation of density and molar volume with Al_2O_3 is mole % for all glass samples is shown in fig 1-2. The value of density increased while the value of molar volume decreases with gradually increases of Al_2O_3 content in lithium borate glasses. The density of the glass is the volume of the constituent

ions and it depends of nature, the number of ions and the way by which ions can enter the glass structure. In lithium borate glasses introduction of Al_2O_3 along with B_2O_3 hence it is mixed glass former effect on density and molar volume. The values of number of ion per cm³ are reported on the basis of molar volume.

Conclusion

The density of glasses increased while their molar volume decreases with the increase of Aluminum oxide in lithium borate glasses. All above conclusion are in complete agreement with experimental results obtained

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