

Thermal stability and effect of heat treatment on manganese doped silica borotellurite glass

ABSTRACT

Glasses with chemical formula of $\{[(\text{TeO}_2)_{0.7}(\text{B}_2\text{O}_3)_{0.3}]_{0.8}[\text{SiO}_2]_{0.2}\}_{1-x}\{\text{MnO}_2\}_x$ where $x = 0.00 \leq x \leq 0.05$ molar fraction were fabricated using melt quenching technique. The temperature used in the heat treatment process of the glass sample is 600°C. Calorimetric measurement had been carried out to study the thermal properties of the fabricated glass. The crystallization kinetics of the glass system were reexamined under non-isothermal conditions via differential scanning calorimetric (DSC). The glass transition (T_g), onset glass transition (T_o), maximum crystallization temperature (T_c) and melting temperature (T_m) were determined. Results from DSC proved that the studied glasses have good thermal stability (T_s) in which indicates its high resistance to devitrification. Strong indicator for the glass forming ability of a glass material, Hurby parameter (K_{gl}) was also calculated in this research.

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