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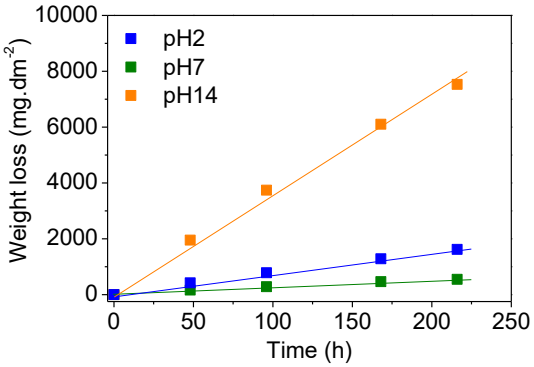
Abstract

Aluminoborate glasses have recently been found to exhibit favourable mechanical properties, especially high crack resistance. However, a fundamental understanding of the composition dependence of crack initiation and growth is still lacking. Moreover, the expected low chemical durability of these glasses could be a limiting factor for their potential applications. We therefore here study the dissolution kinetics and crack resistance of a wide range of aluminoborate compositions: (1) 25Na_2O-xAl_2O_3-(75-x)B_2O_3 with x=5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 27.5, 30, (2) 25MgO-xAl_2O_3-(75-x)B_2O_3 with x=15, 20, 25, 30, (3) 25(M_2O or MO)-20Al_2O_3-55B_2O_3 where M is Li, Na, K, Rb, Cs, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, and (4) (25-x)Li_2O-xBaO-20Al_2O_3-55B_2O_3 with x=0, 6.25, 12.5, 18.75, 20 (all in mol%). The structure and properties of the samples are characterized through Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR), Raman Spectroscopy, Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC), micro-indentation, aqueous durability test and Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS). We demonstrate and discuss how the crack resistance and chemical durability are affected by the local chemical environment in the glasses.



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