EXAFS study of sulfur-containing silicate and borate glasses

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Abstract

Sulfur-containing silicate (Na₂S-SiO₂) and borate (Na₂S-B₂O₃) glasses were prepared by the ordinary melt-quenching method. Optical absorption and EXAFS spectra for the Si K-edge and S K-edge in these glasses were measured to investigate their local structure. In the Na₂S-SiO₂ glasses, S-Si bonding was observed, while S-S bonding was not observed. The interatomic distance of S-Si hardly varied as the Na₂S content increased. On the other hand, in the Na₂S-B₂O₃ glasses, S-B bonding was not observed, while S-S bonding was observed. The interatomic distance of S-S decreased with increasing the Na₂S content. This decrease may be caused by both an increase in the content of polysulfide ions S_x^{2-} ($x = 1 \sim 8$) and the effect of the structural transformation in the borate glass.

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