

## EA-07 Influence of fluorine on weatherability in sulfophosphate glass

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Weatherability of almino-sulfophosphate glass with various content of fluorine substituted for oxygen was investigated. By analyzing short range structure with Raman spectroscopy and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, it is suggested that fluorine is preferentially bonded to  $Al^{3+}$ , and then bonded to  $P^{5+}$  in almino-sulfophosphate glass. The weatherability of almino-sulfophosphate glass is drastically deteriorated by formation of PF bond.

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### Introduction

Sulfophosphate glass has ionic structure, consisting of mainly  $Q^1$  and  $Q^0$ . By the structure, sulfophosphate glass shows high chemical durability and low glass transition temperature compared to phosphate glass<sup>[1-3]</sup>. In general, the incorporation of fluorine into phosphate glass conducts depolymerization of the network by breaking phosphate chains<sup>[4]</sup> and it could cause the increase chemical durability. This work is focused on a relationship between weatherability and short-range structure of almino-sulfophosphate glass with varied fluorine content.

### Experimental

Almino-sulfophosphate glasses,  $18Na_2O-xZnF-(45-x)ZnO-1Al_2O_3-9SO_3-27P_2O_5$ ,  $x=0, 6, 8.4, 11, 17, 23$  were prepared by using reagent-grade of  $ZnSO_4$ ,  $ZnF$ ,  $Na_2PO_4$ , and  $Na_2O$ . The batches were mixed and melted at  $800^\circ C$  for 1.5 hours in a platinum crucible in the air. The melt was casted on a glassy carbon plate, and annealed at  $400^\circ C$  for 0.5 hours. 100g of transparent plate-like glass samples were obtained. Compositions of the glass were analyzed by X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy (ZSM Primus II, Rigaku Co.Ltd.). Raman spectra and F1s Binding energy of the glass were measured by Raman spectroscopy (NFS-230HKG, JASCO Co. Ltd.) and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (PHI5000, ULVAC PHI, Inc.) respectively. The F1s binding energy was fitted into two peak of P-F bond and Al-F bond by using Gaussian distribution. Weathrability were tested by following procedure. The glass samples were also cut in size of  $20 \times 20 \times 2$ mm and surfaces were polished. Surface state of the glass samples exposed to moisture in 90%RH,  $60^\circ C$  for 720 hours were observed under microscope.

### Results and discussion

Microscopic images of the glass surface after weatherability test are shown on Table 1. There are no visible change in  $x=0-8.4$ , clouded part is observed in  $x=11$  and crystallization are observed in  $x=17$  and 23.

Table 1. Microscopic images of glass surface after weatherability test.

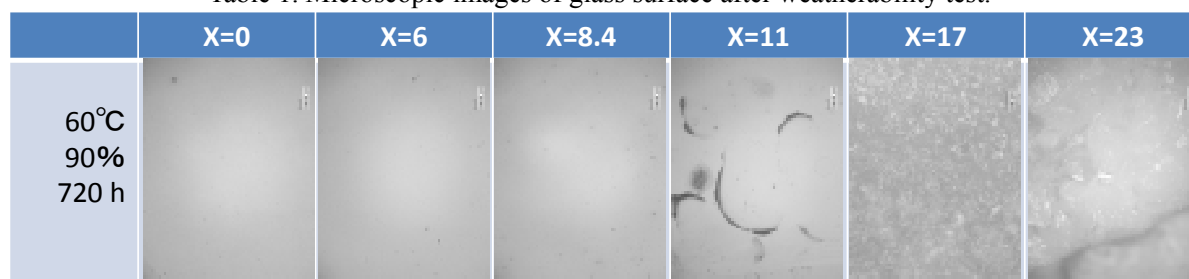


Figure 1 shows the Raman spectra of glass. The peak near  $850cm^{-1}$  assigned to the P-F bond<sup>[4]</sup> was appeared at  $X=11$  and the intensity increased with increasing X. Figure 2 shows F1s XPS spectra of the glass. The lower binding energy peak ( $\sim 685.5eV$ ) are assigned to F bonded to Al, and the higher binding energy peak are assigned to F bonded to  $P^{[4]}$ . The higher peak was appeared at  $x=11$  and increased with increasing X.

It has been reported that F is preferentially bonded to Al in almino-phosphate glass<sup>[4,5]</sup>. It is estimated that P-F bonds fraction is considered to be  $F-4Al$  fraction defined as the value subtracted  $4Al$  from  $F$  at% when it is assumed that P-F bonds are formed after the four sites around the six-coordinated  $Al^{3+}$  with two bridging oxygen are occupied by fluorine. Figure 3 shows P-F bonds or AlF bonds fractions obtained from XPS spectra versus  $F-4Al$ . P-F bonds fraction was not observed in  $-1 > F-4Al$  ( $X = \sim 8.4$ ) and increased with increasing  $F-4Al$  ( $X=11\sim$ ) value. Coordination number of  $Al^{3+}$  seems to be lower than six because P-F bonds are formed from  $F-4Al$  is below 0. The weatherability of glass is thought to be deteriorated by forming P-F bonds.

### Conclusions

The weatherability, Raman spectra and XPS of almino-sulfophosphate glass series,  $18Na_2O-xZnF-(45-x)ZnO-1Al_2O_3-9SO_3-27P_2O_5$ , were investigated. It has been found that weatherability of glass is related to  $F-4Al$  value. Raman and XPS spectra suggest that F is preferentially bonded to Al until six coordinated Al are fully occupied then P-F bond are formed. The formed P-F bonds deteriorate weatherability of glass.

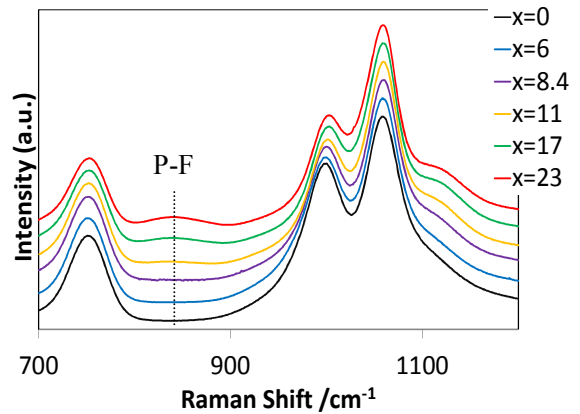


Figure 1. Raman spectra of fluoro-sulfophosphate glass.

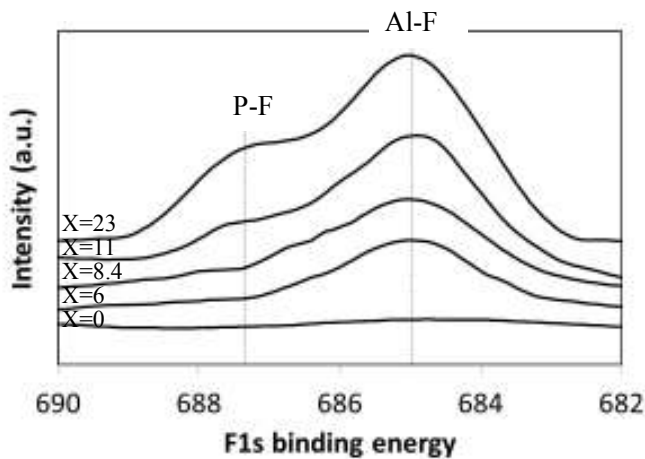


Figure 2. F1s XPS spectra of fluoro-sulfophosphate glass.

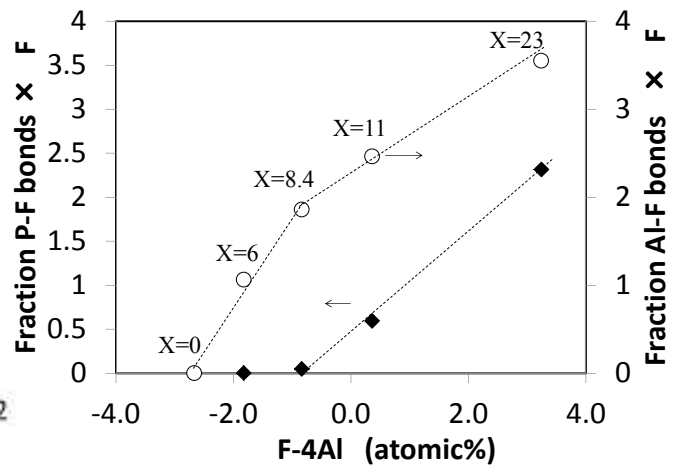


Figure 3. Quantitative fluorine bonding determined from respective F1s spectra.

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