

Evaluation of Effective Thermal Conductivity of Glass Melts by Steady-State Method with Numerical Simulation

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Effective thermal conductivity K_{eff} of glass melts at high temperature is an essential property to simulate glass flows and temperature distributions in glass melting tanks. Previously, several K_{eff} values have been reported for a commercial soda-lime silicate glass composition, but there is about twice the difference among them around $1400^{\circ}\text{C}^{1-3}$. It is theoretically possible to evaluate K_{eff} from heat flux in the melt estimated by Fourier's law under one-dimensional heat conduction assumption as shown in Fig. 1. However, it is hard to establish an experimental condition which fulfills the one-dimensional assumption due to heat losses in various directions. Temperature distribution obtained under such an experimental condition might lead to an erroneous K_{eff} . We evaluated K_{eff} of soda-lime silicate glass melts in the temperature range $1100\text{-}1400^{\circ}\text{C}$. The temperature profiles in the melts show S-shaped curves as shown in Fig. 2. These results can be interpreted by taking into consideration of heat radiation and conduction. We propose an evaluation method to derive more accurate K_{eff} of glass melts by a use of numerical simulation to estimate the practical heat flux and temperature distributions in the experimental apparatus.

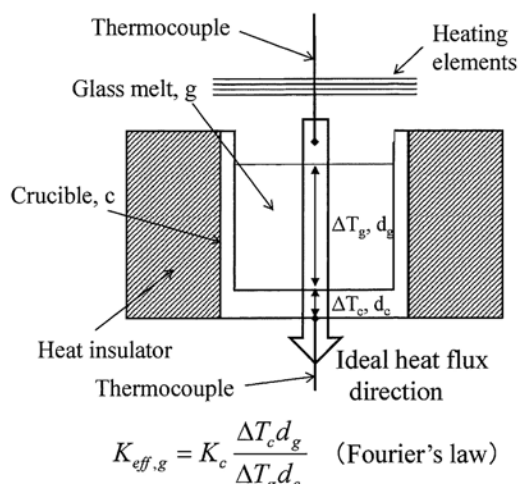


Fig. 1. Evaluation method of effective thermal conductivity K_{eff} .

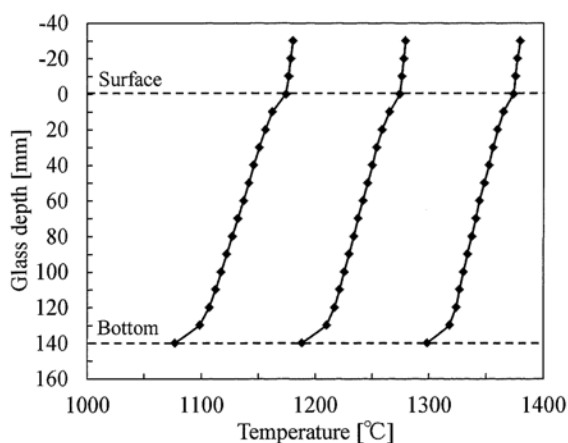


Fig. 2. Temperature distributions measured in the depth direction for soda-lime silicate melt.

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