
Thermal Conductivities of R₂O-SiO₂ and CaO-R₂O-SiO₂ (R=Li, Na, K) Melts

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Abstract

The thermal effusivities of the R₂O-SiO₂, and CaO-R₂O-SiO₂ (R=Li, Na, K) melts were measured by using the front heating-front detection laser flash method. Then, the thermal conductivity was evaluated by combining the present thermal effusivity data with specific heat capacity and density. The relation among ionic radii of cations (Li⁺, Na⁺, and K⁺) and the number of non-bridging oxygens per tetrahedral cations (NBO/T) and the thermal conductivity of R₂O-SiO₂ and CaO-R₂O-SiO₂ melts was evaluated. It was found that the temperature dependences of the thermal conductivities of the R₂O-SiO₂ and CaO-R₂O-SiO₂ melts were small over the temperature range investigated. It was also found that the thermal conductivities of CaO-R₂O-SiO₂ melts were larger than those of R₂O-SiO₂ melts. It can be presumed that the network frame of CaO-R₂O-SiO₂ melt became dense due to the ion bonding between Ca²⁺ and non-bridging oxygen. Accordingly, the increase of the mean free path of phonon in CaO-R₂O-SiO₂ melts brought the large thermal conductivity. It was noteworthy that the thermal conductivities of the Li₂O-SiO₂ and CaO-Li₂O-SiO₂ melts were larger than those of another R₂O-SiO₂ and CaO-R₂O-SiO₂ melts. It can be considered that the large thermal conductivities of the Li₂O-SiO₂ and CaO-Li₂O-SiO₂ melts affected by the relatively large ionic radius of Li⁺ among those of cations

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