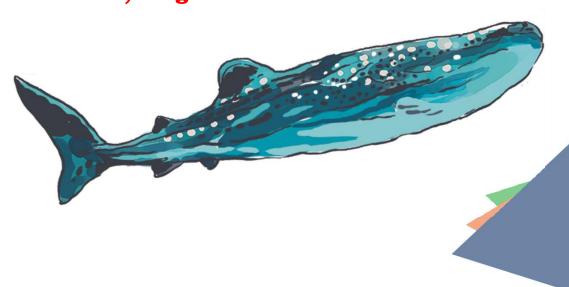


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## Electrokinetic potential of nanoporous glasses of various compositions in aqueous electrolyte solutions

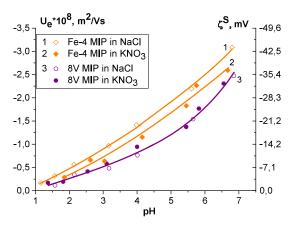
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High-silica nanoporous glass (PG) is product of through acid leaching of two-phase alkaline-borosilicate glass of a certain composition, containing various compounds at the surface of pore channels, are the objects of continuous study. In this work, iron-containing PGs were produced by introducing an iron (III) oxide into the batch when melting sodium borosilicate glass. PGs produced in this way are essentially membrane materials of a new generation, important for various practical applications. In this paper the structural properties and electrokinetic potential of micro- and macroporous glasses (MIP and MAP, respectively) of various compositions (with (Fe-4) or without (8V) magnetite) in solutions of indifferent sodium ion  $Na^+$  and of potassium ion  $K^+$  specific to the silica surface are compared.

The distribution of iron over the thickness of micro-and macroporous glass Fe-4 obtained by the method of energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy showed that iron is fairly evenly distributed in the volume of the membranes. The iron relative content was 2.6 wt. % in microporous glasses and 6.3-10.4 wt. % in macroporous glasses. The X-ray phase analysis of 8V and Fe-4 iron-containing glasses nanopowders showed that magnetite (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) phase was detected for all micro- and macroporous Fe-4 matrices. The values of the electrokinetic potential for all types of membranes were found by the methods of microelectrophoresis ( $\zeta^{S}$ ) and streaming potential ( $\zeta^{E}$ ) in  $10^{-4}$ - $10^{-1}$  M NaCl and KNO<sub>3</sub> solutions in the pH range from 1.5 to 8. Figure 1 shows that the zeta potential for iron-containing glasses is higher than for 8V, which is associated with a large surface charge of Fe-4 glass. Comparison of the electrophoretic behavior of Fe-4 glass particles in different singly charged counterions showed that as the pH shifts to the alkaline region, the |Ue| values in KNO<sub>3</sub> solutions become less than in NaCl solutions. Thus, for iron-containing PG, the usual ratio of electrophoretic mobilities is observed - the values of |Ue| decrease with increasing specificity of the counterion. Comparison of the concentration dependences of the  $\zeta$ -potential for all membranes shows that the introduction of magnetite into the structure of MIP glass has practically no effect on the  $|\zeta^{E}|$  in NaCl and KNO<sub>3</sub> solutions in the neutral pH range. While the  $|\zeta^E|$  for Fe-4 MAP membrane are higher than for 8V PG MAP.



**Figure 1.** Electrophoretic mobility and  $\zeta$ -potential of PGs in  $10^{-2}$  M electrolyte solutions.

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