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STRUCTURAL AND ELECTROKINETIC CHARACTERISTICS OF COMPOSITE BISMUTH-CONTAINING MATERIALS BASED ON NANOPOROUS GLASSES

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High-silica glasses modified with bismuth oxide possess luminescence in a wide spectral range from the visible to the near-IR region1, thanks to which they are widely used in the creation of optical light guides, amplifiers and tunable lasers.

Glassy bismuth-containing materials (BCM) were obtained by doping micro- (MIP) and macroporous (MAP) glasses – the products of through chemical etching of two-phase alkaline borosilicate glasses with a solution of bismuth nitrate $Bi(NO_3)_3$ in 2M nitric acid for one or three days with an intermediate (after each day) heat treatment at T = 50°C. Then the impregnated matrices were subjected to special heat treatment at T = 650°C to form bismuth active centers.

The paper on the development of research² compares the structural characteristics (volume porosity, average pore radius, tortuosity coefficient, structural resistance coefficient) and the electrokinetic potential of BCM with the characteristics of glasses not modified by bismuth.

X-ray fluorescence and energy-dispersive X-ray analysis revealed that the BCM obtained from MAP membranes contain 2.91 wt. % bismuth after 1 treatment cycle and 3.54 wt. % after 3 cycles, from MIP – 0.49 wt. % after 1 and 0.52 wt. % after 3 cycles.

It was found that for bismuth-containing glasses, the absolute values of the zeta potential against the background of 10^{-2} M KNO₃ solutions at pH = const for matrices obtained from MAP membranes are lower than from MIP.

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