

# ATTEMPT TO INTERPRET IR SPECTRA OF WATER-BEARING HAWAIIITE GLASSES IN THE REGION 300-600 cm<sup>-1</sup>

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Complex investigations of the diagram of fusibility and kinetics of growth of crystalline phases from water-bearing hawaiiite melts at moderate and low pressures of aqueous fluid are represented by us. As in other silicate systems, water, dissolving in the melt, reacts with the elements of its structure and changes mineral activity. Plagioclase liquidus decreases mostly due to the decrease of activity of plagioclase minals in the melt. There is a principal possibility to fix a change of the absolute content of plagioclase structural minals in the melt on IR spectra. Configuration vibrations with rather low energy in the region of 300-600 cm<sup>-1</sup> carry information on the degree of deviation of the angle T-O-T (T=Si, Al) from the ideal tetrahedral one in different structural units. In completely polymerized melts T-O-T angles distribute themselves round the maxima corresponding to the four-member and six-member rings. This idea is confirmed by the study of IR spectra in the melts of the systems Ab-An, Ab-Or-Q, granodiorite-water-chloride. In basaltic depolymeralized melts we are to expect that the fragments of the open chains with sufficiently wide distribution of the angles T-O-T will predominate in the melt. Only structural plagioclase units being in the melt can exist in the form of closed four-member rings. Since a demand for a total closeness of all the T-O-T relations is absent, these rings can have a rather fixed structure and narrow lines of absorption.

The preliminarily prepared water-bearing of hawaiiite composition with the content from 0.4 to 3 mass.% are investigated by IR spectroscopy method. It is revealed that IR spectra in the region 300-600 cm<sup>-1</sup> decompose into 2 lines (see table)

№, Specimens	H <sub>2</sub> O, mass. %	Relative intensity	Peak 1 (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Peak 2 (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
BT-34	3.0	0.043	451	466
BT-53	2.5	0.052	452	468
BT-40	2.4	0.073	452	464
BT-51	1.3	0.092	453	459
BT-52	0.4	0.055	454	465

One wide line with maximum of about 450-455 cm<sup>-1</sup> and the second narrow one with the maximum of about 465 cm<sup>-1</sup>. We have interpreted the second line as corresponding to plagioclase minals. A relative square of "plagioclase" line reaches maximum at water content in the melt of about 1.3 mass.%, i.e. this melt demonstrates the greatest tendency to form feldspar structural and plagioclase crystallization.

One can make a preliminary conclusion that at cooling the structuring of the network with the formation of rings, nuclei, crystals starts. Water destroys structural units, but it also decreases melt viscosity. Glass making and freezing of the structure takes place at reaching rather large viscosity (about 10<sup>13</sup> for T~T<sub>g</sub>), i.e. melts with a large content of water reach lower temperatures at glass formation. The optimum of temperatures is for the water number of about 1.3 mass.%. At less contents of water the effect of rise of melt viscosity predominates, but at more water contents destructure effect predominates.

