

## Optical properties of zinc borotellurite glass system doped with erbium and erbium nanoparticles for photonic applications

### ABSTRACT

Comparative analysis on optical properties between two glass series (a**み**ordinary glass, b**み** glass with nanoparticles) have been estimated. The two glass series (a**み**ordinary glass, b**み** glass with nanoparticles) with compositions  $\{[(\text{TeO}_2)_{0.70} (\text{B}_2\text{O}_3)_{0.30}]_{0.70} (\text{ZnO})_{0.30}\}_{1-y} (\text{Er}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Er}_2\text{O}_3 \text{ nanoparticles})_y$ ;  $y = 0.005, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05$  mol% were successfully prepared by using melt-quenching method. The TEM, EDX and XRD have been used to confirm the existence of nanoparticles and all elements in the glass system. The density of b**み**glass with nanoparticles are found greater than a**み**ordinary glass. The optical properties of the glass series were characterized by using Ellipsometer and UV**み**is spectrophotometer. There is a linear increasing trend in refractive index of the glass series along with concentration of erbium and erbium nanoparticles oxide. The refractive index of b**み**glass with nanoparticles is greater than a**み**ordinary glass. Moreover, the absorption peaks of a**み**ordinary glass are more intense than b**み**glass with nanoparticles. The glass with nanoparticles will offer a potential materials for nanophotonic devices.

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