

# Thermal Properties of Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> Glassy System

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# ABSTRACT

The crystallization process in  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$  glassy system is investigated using differential scanning calorimeters (DSC). The samples are prepared by conventional melt-quenching technique in the composition range  $2 \le x \le 20$  (at%). Nonisothermal measurements are carried out for different heating rates .The value of the glass transition temperature  $T_g$ the crystallization temperature  $T_c$  and the crystallization peak temperature  $T_p$ , are found to be depending upon both heating rate as well as the composition from thermal analytical data. The investigation of crystallization kinetics indicates a single stage crystallization process. The glass transition energy  $E_g$  and the crystallization activation energy  $E_c$ are also evaluated from thermal analytical data. The analyzer has been used the most reliable non-isothermal kinetic methods. The value of kinetics parameters  $E_g$ ,  $E_c$  and 'n' are calculated using non-isothermal kinetics methods. The analysis shows that the incorporation of Zinc content has a strong influence on the crystallization mechanism for the  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$  glassy system.

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### 1. Introduction

The thermal behavior of the amorphous glassy alloys plays an important role in determining the transport mechanism, thermal stability and the practical applica- tions. For chalcogenide glasses, crystallization studies are of crucial importance due to some of technical appli- cations of these materials, namely optical recording me- dia and memory switching devices. The differential scanning calorimeter (DSC) technique has so far been played to study the crystallization process in amorphous alloys and has proved to be the very effective method for such characterizing studies [1]. Recently, in thermal analysis studies several temperature control modes are used and a diversification is considered as an aspect of the development in thermal analysis [2]. The most com- monly used modes are either isothermal or heating at constant rate. The drawback of the later is that the analy- sis of non-isothermal. Experiments are generally more complicated than isothermal one [3,4]. However, in iso- thermal experiments, it is impossible to reach at a test temperature instantly [5]. As comparable study, we have applied selected non-isothermal models reported to be the most reliable for determination of kinetic parameters of the crystallization process. Except some reported thermal studies for the binary  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$  system [6,7], the

kinetics in Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> system using different preparation method, compositions and non-isothermal analysis methods in detail. The influence of Zink ratio on the crystallization kinetics is reported. Chalcogenide glasses are a well recognized inorganic group of glassy materials but some chalcogenide elements like as Se, Te and S in conjunction, they are very good electropositive elements. Among the chalcogenide glasses, Se-based glassy alloys are very interesting and unique class of amorphous semiconductors which have large technical applications in electronics and optoelectronics. From the application point of view amorphous Se is very most useful material due to it's currently in use photoreceptors in TV Videocon pickup [8], conventional Xerographic machines and digital X-ray imaging [4-9]. The pure Se has practical application shortcoming like its short lifetimes, low sensitivity and thermal instability. The use of Se-Te, Se-Ge, Se-Sb, Se-Ln and Se-Zn is called binary system [5-10] alloys and is remains of their various properties like greater hard- ness, higher sensitivity, higher conductivity and smaller aging effect as compared to pure a-Se.

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### 2. Experiment

The melt-quenching technique is adopted to prepare bulk  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$  glasses in the composition range of  $2 \le x \le 20$ 

(x = 2, 5, 10, 20). Appropriate amounts of highly pure elements were sealed in evacuated guartz ampoules under a vacuum of  $10^{-4}$  Torr, heated at 850°C for 10 hours and then quenched in ice-cold water. Amorphous nature of these glasses was confirmed using XRD; the result shows the samples to be amorphous. The glassy alloy  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$  is prepared to make fine powder for differenttial scanning calorimeter (DSC) studies. The DSC technique is very important due to the fact that it is easy to carry out, it requires a little sample preparation, it is also very sensitive and it is relatively free of the sample geometry. The thermal properties of glassy alloy  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$ are studied using a Model-DSC (Rheumatic Scientific Company, UK) with the temperature correctness of this equipment being  $\pm 0.1$  K with average error of about  $\pm 1$ K in the measured values of glass transition and crystallization temperature. Non-isothermal runs are carried out of chosen heating rates,  $\beta = 5$ , 10, 15 and 20 K/min. The temperature and enthalpy calibrations of the instrument are performed using the well known melting temperature and melting enthalpy of high purity indium supplied with the instrument. The quenched glasses material well grind powder of Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> and is keep into the aluminum pan ~10 mg, before loading the (DSC) calorimeter.

### 3. Results and Discussion

To evaluate the thermal studies of the glassy  $\text{Se}_{100-x}\text{Zn}_x$  system, DSC characteristic measurements have been carried out at different heating rates ( $\beta$ ) 5, 10, 15, and 20 K/min. The traces of all composition of glassy  $\text{Se}_{100-x}\text{Zn}_x$  system are carried out at different heating rates along with the results of all samples are as shown in the **Figure 1**. It is clear that all of the compositions samples show single endothermic and exothermic peaks are observed

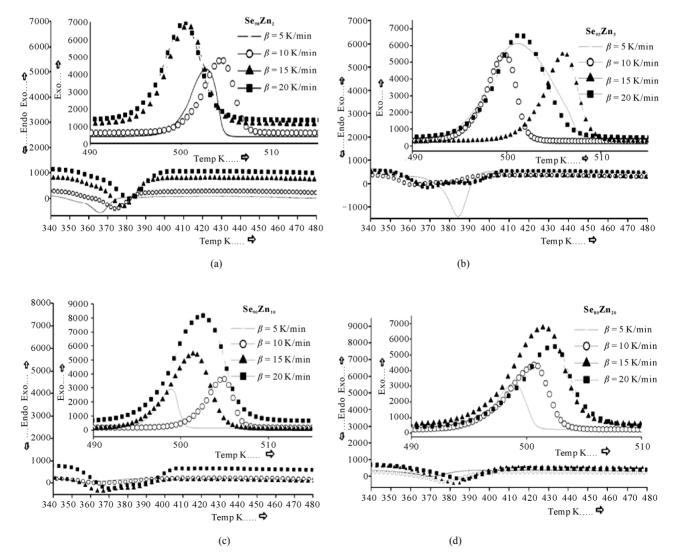


Figure 1. DSC Thermo grams for glassy  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$  (x = 2, 5, 10, 20) alloys at different heating rates 5, 10, 15 and 20 K/min.

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glass transition temperature  $(T_g)$ , crystallization temperature  $(T_c)$  and their values difference are given in the Table 1(a). It is noticeable that those glasses have single endothermic and exothermic peaks, this types of glasses are most stable than which has two or more multiples' endothermic and exothermic peaks in their characteristics. The obtained value of  $(T_c)$  at 4% is show maximum crystallized temperature with Zn content, in Figure 2(a). The value of crystallized peak temperatures  $(T_n)$  is given in the **Table 1(b)**. The exothermic peak temperature  $(T_n)$ , is used to identify maximum crystallization rate at 5.8% with different heating rates as well as in composition is given in the Figure 2(b). The value of peak crystallization temperature  $T_p$ , the glass transition temperature  $(T_q)$ is increase linearly with increasing in the heating rates, and  $(T_g)$  is also increases linearly with increase the Zn content for each sample except for 5% Zn in the glassy alloy. The onset crystallization temperatures  $(T_c)$  are increases linearly at 5% - 20% for each sample in Figure 2(a), respectively and is decrease at 2% Zn content in the glassy. The exchange in  $(T_c)$  may be due to change from one two dimensional structure (bundles to lavers) in the glassy systems Se-Zn as given in the Figure 2(c). This type of behavior is typical for glass-crystalline transformation [11]. It is also shows characteristic temperatures are shifted to higher temperatures with increase in the heating rates of the heat flow measurement.

For the determination of crystallization activation energy ( $\Delta E_c$ ) from the data of DSC non-isothermal experiments are use several types of kinetic analysis methods. However, the two types which are broadly applied isoconversion methods and the peak methods. In an investigation study of the accuracy of known iso-conversion methods, Starink [1] reported that the most accurate methods are Kissinger-Akahira-Sunose (KAS) [9-12] method and the method developed by Author [1-13]. All of the iso-conversion methods require the determination of the onset temperature  $T_c$  at which a fixed fraction value  $\alpha$ (where  $\alpha = A'/A$ , It means that A'-Partial Area and A is the total Area in the exothermic peak) of the total amount is transformed. In the KAS method, the relation between the temperatures and the heating rate  $\beta$  is given by

$$\ln\left(\beta/T_c^2\right) = -\Delta E_c/RT_c + \text{constant}$$
(1)

where *R* is gas constant and  $\Delta E_c$  is the crystallization effective activation energy. Plotting of in  $(\beta/T_c^2)$  vs.  $1/T_c$  enables calculation of  $\Delta E_c$  from the linear fits to experimental data. The results for  $\alpha = 0.4, 0.5, 0.9$  and 1.0 are shown in **Figure 3**. The most reliable iso-conversion methods are as reported by Ozawa [13], Flynn-Wall-Ozawa (FWO) [14,15], KAS and the Friedman-Ozawa [15,16]. The FWO model has been developed for non-

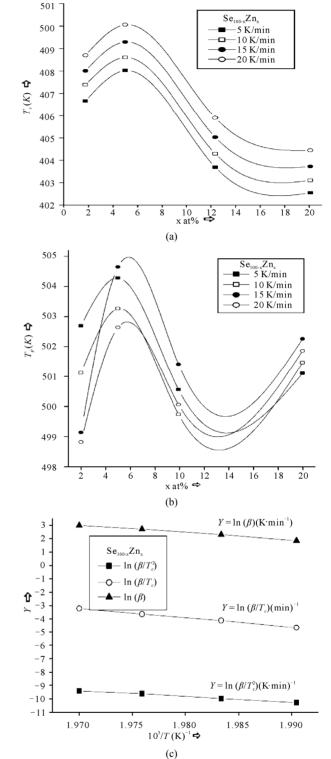


Figure 2. (a) Composition dependence of crystallization temperature T<sub>c</sub> for glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> alloys. (b) Composition dependence of crystallized peak temperatures  $T_p$  for glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> alloys. (c) Plots of  $10^3/T$  vs. ln  $(10^3/T_c^2)$ ,  $10^3/T$  vs. ln  $(10^3/T_c)$  and  $10^3/T$  vs. ln ( $\beta$ )for glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> alloys.

| Heating                | Se <sub>98</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> |                                |                                       | Se <sub>95</sub> Zn <sub>5</sub> |                                |                                       | Se <sub>90</sub> Zn <sub>10</sub> |                                | Se <sub>80</sub> Zn <sub>20</sub>     |                                |                                |                          |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rate (β) K/min         | $T_{g}\left(\mathbf{K}\right)$   | $T_{c}\left(\mathrm{K}\right)$ | $T_c - T_g \left( \mathbf{K} \right)$ | $T_{g}\left(\mathbf{K}\right)$   | $T_{c}\left(\mathrm{K}\right)$ | $T_c - T_g \left( \mathbf{K} \right)$ | $T_g(\mathbf{K})$                 | $T_{c}\left(\mathrm{K}\right)$ | $T_c - T_g \left( \mathbf{K} \right)$ | $T_{g}\left(\mathbf{K}\right)$ | $T_{c}\left(\mathrm{K}\right)$ | $T_c - T_g (\mathbf{K})$ |
| 5                      | 357.09                           | 497.78                         | 140.69                                | 368.15                           | 496.01                         | 127.86                                | 345.02                            | 495.35                         | 150.33                                | 353.95                         | 494.16                         | 140.21                   |
| 10                     | 360.09                           | 499.13                         | 139.04                                | 347.96                           | 497.56                         | 149.60                                | 349.59                            | 500.47                         | 150.88                                | 356.33                         | 501.21                         | 144.88                   |
| 15                     | 361.71                           | 495.73                         | 134.02                                | 354.64                           | 494.68                         | 140.04                                | 350.08                            | 496.82                         | 146.74                                | 359.28                         | 497.8                          | 138.52                   |
| 20                     | 366.55                           | 495.72                         | 129.17                                | 353.89                           | 494.9                          | 141.01                                | 353.06                            | 496.28                         | 143.22                                | 359.21                         | 496.85                         | 137.64                   |
|                        |                                  |                                |                                       |                                  |                                | (b)                                   |                                   |                                |                                       |                                |                                |                          |
| Heating Rate (β) K/min |                                  |                                | Se <sub>98</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub>      |                                  | 5                              | Se <sub>95</sub> Zn <sub>5</sub>      |                                   | Se <sub>90</sub> 2             | Zn <sub>10</sub>                      |                                | Se <sub>80</sub> Zn            | 20                       |
| Heating Kate (         | <i>р)</i> к/шш                   |                                | $T_{p}\left(\mathbf{K}\right)$        |                                  |                                | $T_p\left(\mathbf{K}\right)$          |                                   | $T_{\mu}$                      | , (K)                                 |                                | $T_p$ (k                       | ()                       |
| 5 502.69               |                                  |                                | 501.10                                |                                  | 499.12                         |                                       |                                   | 498.82                         |                                       |                                |                                |                          |
| 10                     |                                  |                                | 504.28                                |                                  |                                | 503.28                                |                                   | 504                            | .62                                   |                                | 502.64                         | Ļ                        |
| 15                     |                                  | 500.56                         |                                       |                                  | 499.73 501.41                  |                                       |                                   | 500.07                         |                                       |                                |                                |                          |
| 20                     |                                  |                                | 500.10                                |                                  |                                | 501.48                                |                                   | 502                            | .28                                   |                                | 501.87                         | ,                        |

Table 1. (a) The value of glass transition, onset temperature and their differences for glassy  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$  alloys; (b) The value of peak crystallization temperature  $T_p$  at different heating rates for glassy  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$  alloys. (a)

isothermal analysis of crystallization in which the final relation is as follows

$$\ln\beta = -1.0518 \left(\Delta E/RT_c\right) + \text{const}$$
(2)

By plotting  $(\ln\beta)$  vs.  $1/T_c$ , for chosen value of fraction transformed  $\alpha$ , the effective activation energy  $\Delta E_c$  have been determined, from the **Figures 4**, **5** and **6** with the fixed value of ( $\alpha = 0.4, 0.5, 0.9, 1.0$ ) is given in the **Ta-ble 2**.

### 3.1. Composition Dependence of Crystallization and Peak Temperature in Exothermic Peak

Figure 2(a) indicates the composition dependence of peak crystallization temperature  $T_c$  of glassy alloy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> for four different heating rates. The crystallization kinetics of  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$  alloy is characterized by solving the exothermic peak, where  $T_c$  is onset temperature and  $T_p$  is the peak temperature of the exothermic peak. At lower concentration of Zn the system Gaines the unit dissolved in a matrix composed of Se chains with increase of Zn content. The Se-Se bond energy (205.8 kJ/mol) will be replaced by Se-Zn bond energy which has higher bond energy (450.5 kJ/mol) [9], since cohesive energy of the system doesn't decrease with increases in the Zn content. This type of composition is to be considered as a series composition of the system behaving as a chemically ordered alloy by taking the high energy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> on hetropolar bonds of the system. A comparable turn- around has been found by Tonchev and Kasap [17] in glassy alloy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub>. Under these circumstances the  $T_c$  would get converted from one to two dimensional structures (bundles to layers) in the Se-Zn system 5 at% Zn [15]. Further more addition of Zn favors' the formation of (Zn-Zn) bonds, means reducing the bond concentration. This is in turn the results with the decrease of bond energy of (Zn-Zn) – (Se-Zn) = -245.5 kJ/mol. Hence, the cohesive energy decreases with increase of  $T_c$  which is shown in **Figure 2(c)**.

# **3.2.** Evaluation of Activation Energy of Crystallization ( $\Delta E_c$ )

The activation energy of crystallization for the glassy alloy  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$  are evaluated by using the method Starink [1] Kissinger-Akahira-Sunose (KAS) [9-12] Flynn-Wall-Ozawa (FWO) [14,15], KAS and the Flynn-Wall-Ozawa [15,16], Kissinger's relation, Augis-Bennett's Approximation, and Approximation method of Mahadevan *et al.* The different kinds of non-isothermal plots for glassy  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$  alloy in (**Figures 3**, **4** and **5**) are calculated for the present sample by utilizing the five methods as given in the **Table 2**, with the help of Equation (3).

$$\ln(\beta/T_c) = -E_c/RT_c + \ln K_0 \tag{3}$$

The value of activation energy  $\Delta Ec$  according to Kissinger-Akahira-Sunose (KAS) and Flynn-Wall-Ozawa (FWO) varies linearly with systematically and the value very close to each other remaining three *i.e.* Kissinger's relation, Augis-Bennett's and Approximation method of Ma-

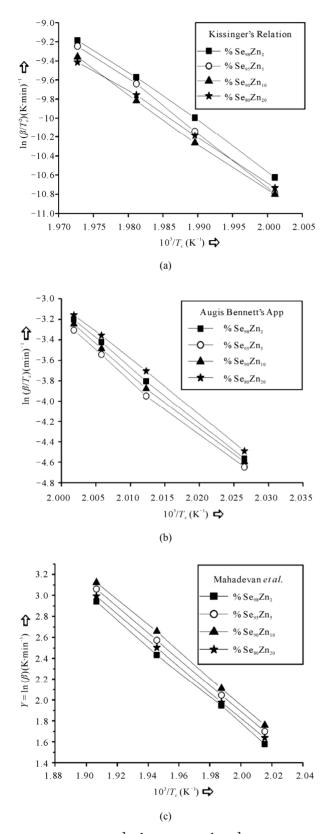


Figure 3. Plots of  $(10^3/T_c^2)$  vs. ln  $(\beta/T_c^2)$   $10^3/T_c$  vs. ln  $(\beta/T_c)$  and  $103/T_c$  vs.  $(\beta)$  for glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> alloys.

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hadevan *et al.* show much variation in their activation energy for different composition in the glassy  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$ alloy. Kissinger's relation, Augis-Bennett's and Approximation method of Mahadevan *et al.* method can be applied in the present analysis as recommended by the Kasap and Juhasz [18]. Comparative values of activation energy  $\Delta E_c$  is given in the **Table 2**, these values are in well agreement with one another, in the first three cases with each other in the giving two.

### 3.3. Evaluation of Avrami Index 'n'

To calculate the order parameter 'n' and the activation energy  $\Delta E_c$  has great helped to evaluate Avrami index 'n' by using the methods Matusita-Ozawa and Vazquez.

$$\ln\left|-\ln\left(1-\alpha_{T}\right)\right| = \ln K - \ln\left(\beta\right) \tag{4}$$

**Figure 6** shows the volume fraction  $\alpha$  increases with increases the temperature and variation of  $ln(\beta)$  with ln  $\left[-\ln \left(1-\alpha\right)^{-1}\right]$  varied in system for glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> alloy at different temperatures with different heating rates [19,20]. The value of Avrami index 'n' have been evaluated from the slopes of these curves at four fixed different temperatures given in the Table 3. According to them, Avrami index 'n' basically depends on volume fraction  $\alpha$ in the exothermic peaks. It is linearly increases with concentration of Zn and temperature for individual composition of the sample as shown in the Table 3. This is an indicate property of the order parameter and for the fluid in the glass transition region, the relaxation times for the molecular movements change into experimental scale. At these circumstances the diffusive movements convert comparable to the experimental timescale. However diffusive motion of the liquid has been trapped and the system is not in the thermal equilibrium [18-21]. At this time, the size of the nuclei does not achieve the critical size required to initiate the nucleation process as the glass is supposed to have no nuclei (of critical size). When the glass is heated in the furnace, the rate of crystal nucleation in the glass reaches the highest value at a temperature than the glass transition temperature and then decrease suddenly with increasing the temperature, during this period the rate of crystal growth is much at a temperature higher than the temperature upon which the nucleation rate is highest. If the glass is heated at a constant rate, the crystal nuclei is formed only at very few temperatures and crystals rise-up in size at higher temperatures without any increase in number. From the Table 3, it is show that 'n' decreases with an increase in the temperature. It is very familiar that the crystallization of chalcogenide glasses is connected with nucleation and the growth process and the amount of crystallization  $\alpha$ increases with increase in temperature, it approaches to with its standard value 1. Hence, increasing the tempera-

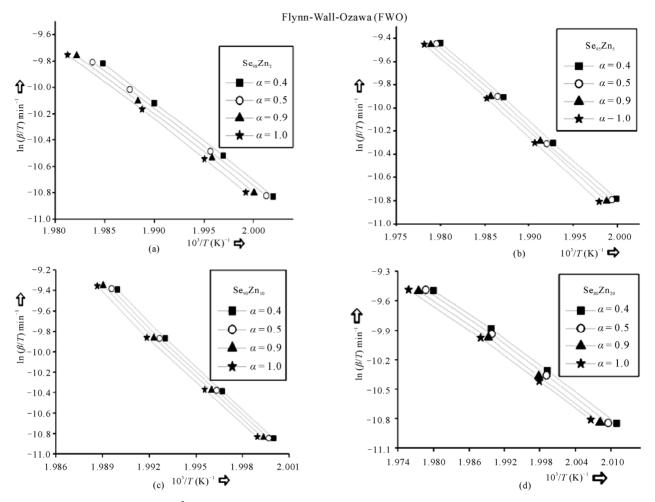


Figure 4. Plots of  $(10^3/T)$  vs. ln  $(\beta/T)$  at fix value of crystallized fraction  $\alpha$  for glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> alloys.

Table 2. The values of activation energy of crystallization ( $\Delta E_c$ ) and the activation energy structural relation  $\Delta E_g$  of glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub> Zn<sub>x</sub> alloy evaluated by using non-isothermal methods.

| Non-isothermal method —                             | Activation Energy of crystallization $\Delta E_c$ (kJ/mol)                     |                                  |                                   |                                   |  |  |
|---|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Non-isotnermai metnod —                             | Se <sub>98</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub>   | Se <sub>95</sub> Zn <sub>5</sub> | Se <sub>90</sub> Zn <sub>10</sub> | Se <sub>80</sub> Zn <sub>20</sub> |  |  |
| Kissinger's relation                                | 205.61   | 409.46                           | 540.91                            | 1052.39                           |  |  |
| Augis-Bennett's app.                                | 286.83   | 307.53                           | 321.17                            | 1044.82                           |  |  |
| Approximation method of<br>Mahadevan <i>et al</i> . | 369.47   | 263.55                           | 386.19                            | 744.10                            |  |  |
| FWO   | 451.48   | 150.02                           | 315.88                            | 795.76                            |  |  |
| KAS   | 483.22   | 149.43                           | 340.60                            | 828.66                            |  |  |
| Non- isothermal method                              | nethod The activation Energy of structural relation $\Delta E_{ m g}$ (kJ/mol) |                                  |                                   |                                   |  |  |
| Kissinger's relation                                | 152.39   | 281.59                           | 155.39                            | 333.47                            |  |  |
| Approximation method of<br>Mahadevan <i>et al</i> . | 156.55   | 206.10                           | 160.38                            | 238.19                            |  |  |
| FWO   | 95.34  | 101.70                           | 92.22                             | 101.26                            |  |  |
| KAS   | 94.09  | 100.78                           | 90.76                             | 100.22                            |  |  |

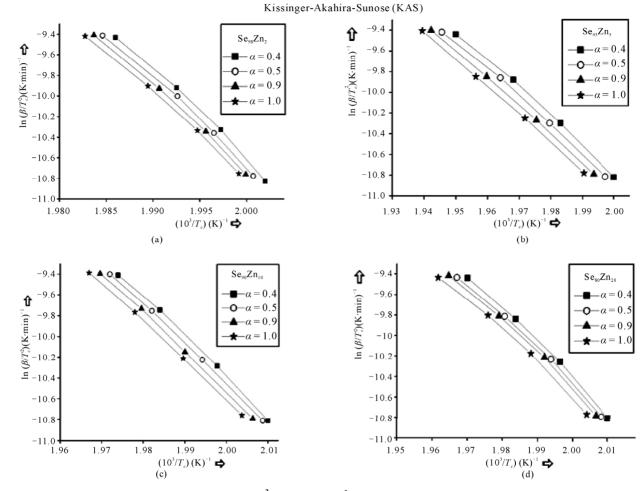


Figure 5. Plots of  $(10^3/T_c)$  vs. ln  $(\beta/T_c^2)$  for glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> alloys.

Table 3. Temperature dependence of Avrami index (n).

| $\mathrm{Se}_{98}\mathrm{Zn}_2$ |      | Se <sub>95</sub> Z | Se <sub>95</sub> Zn <sub>5</sub> |          | $Se_{90}Zn_{10}$ |          | $Se_{80}Zn_{20} \\$ |  |
|---------------------------------|------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------|------------------|----------|---------------------|--|
| Temp (K)                        | 'n   | Temp(K)            | 'n'                              | Temp (K) | 'n               | Temp (K) | 'n'                 |  |
| 476.0                           | 1.04 | 478.0              | 1.43                             | 480.0    | 1.00             | 494.0    | 1.23                |  |
| 476.5                           | 1.08 | 478.5              | 1.44                             | 480.5    | 1.14             | 494.5    | 1.30                |  |
| 477.0                           | 1.14 | 479.0              | 1.48                             | 481.0    | 1.24             | 495.0    | 1.65                |  |
| 477.5                           | 1.16 | 479.5              | 1.58                             | 481.5    | 1.33             | 495.5    | 1.75                |  |

ture with increase in the order of the glassy  $\text{Se}_{100-x}\text{Zn}_x$ alloys suggests that the character of characterization converts from a nucleation-driven system at the beginning to a growth-driven system by the crystallization process [13-21].

## 3.4. Rate of Crystallization Glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> Alloys

After knowing the calculated parameters as  $\Delta E_{c}$  is used

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to Equations (1), (3), and  $K_0$  with the help of Equation (3), and the value of rate constant *K* are evaluated from the Equation (4). Finally, the frequency factor  $K_0$  is obtained by using this relation and with the help of JMA model of authors [7].

$$K = K_0 \exp\left(-\Delta E_c / RT\right) \tag{5}$$

Therefore, the values of lnK at different temperatures in the crystallization region are given in the **Table 4**, for

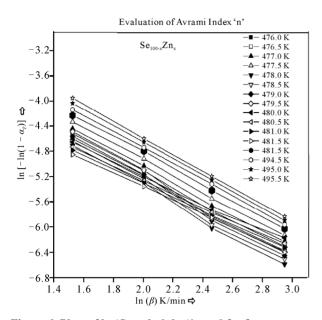


Figure 6. Plots of  $\ln (\beta)$  vs.  $\ln [-\ln (1 - \alpha_T)]$  for four constant temperature for glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> alloys.

Table 4. Temperature dependence of rate constant *K* in the crystallization region.

| Temp<br>(K) | ln <i>K</i><br>Se <sub>98</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> | ln <i>K</i><br>Se <sub>95</sub> Zn <sub>5</sub> | lnK<br>Se <sub>90</sub> Zn <sub>10</sub> | lnK<br>Se <sub>80</sub> Zn <sub>20</sub> |
|-------------|---|---|--|--|
| 475         | -4.71   | -4.79   | -4.86                                    | -5.12                                    |
| 480         | -3.96   | -4.09   | -4.17                                    | -4.41                                    |
| 485         | -3.59   | -3.71   | -3.75                                    | -4.01                                    |
| 490         | -3.31   | -3.41   | -3.47                                    | -3.72                                    |

glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> alloys, It shows that *K* increases with increase in temperature in the **Figure 7(a)**. It is clear that the crystallization rate is highest for glassy Se<sub>80</sub>Zn<sub>20</sub> alloy. To know more information about morphology of growth, the given Equation (5) from the Gao-Wang model [22] leads to the Equation (5) is

$$K_P = \left(\beta E_c\right) / \left(RT_c^2\right) \tag{6}$$

where  $K_P$  being the value of the rate constant K at peak crystallization temperature  $T_c$  for the constant heating rate. Therefore, the heating rate dependence of  $K_P$  is given in the following **Table 4**. The value of  $K_P$  is increases with increasing in the x at% and with increasing the heating rates in **Table 5**. It is clear that the crystallization rate constant is highest for glassy Se<sub>80</sub>Zn<sub>20</sub> alloy as given in the **Figure 7(b)**. The value of  $K_0$  increases with increases the x at% and with increase in the heating rates. It is clear that the frequency factor  $K_0$  is highest for glassy Se<sub>80</sub>Zn<sub>20</sub> alloy as given in the **Figure 7(c)**. **Figure 8(a)** shows the rigidity of glass sample [22]. **Figure 8(b)** 

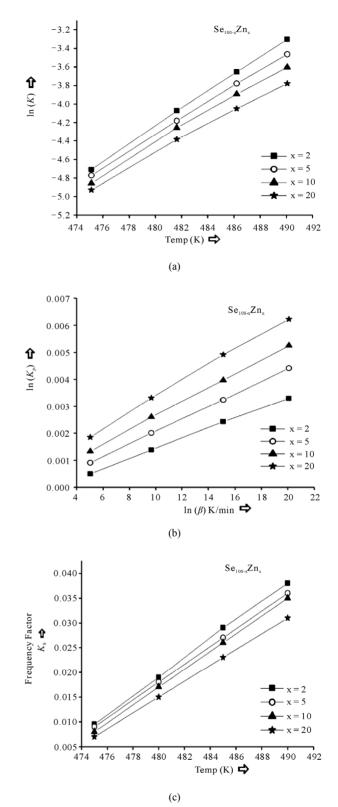


Figure 7. Plots of Temperature T(K) vs. Rate constant (lnK), ln( $\beta$ ) K/min vs. rate constant  $K_p \min^{-1}$  and Temperature (T) K vs.  $K_0$  for glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub> alloys as shown in the above figure.

Table 5. Heating rate dependence of rate constant K<sub>P</sub>.

| Heating rate( $\beta$ )K/min | $K_p (\min^{-1}) \operatorname{Se}_{98} \operatorname{Zn}_2$ | $K_p (\min^{-1}) \operatorname{Se}_{95} \operatorname{Zn}_5$ | $K_p (\min^{-1}) \operatorname{Se}_{90} \operatorname{Zn}_{10}$ | $K_p (\min^{-1}) \operatorname{Se}_{80} \operatorname{Zn}_{20}$ |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| 5                            | $4.95\times10^{-4}$  | $10.05 	imes 10^{-4}$  | $13.28\times10^{-4}$  | $25.83\times10^{-4}$  |
| 10                           | $9.93\times10^{-4}$  | $20.02\times 10^{-4}$  | $26.02\times10^{-4}$  | $51.87\times10^{-4}$  |
| 15                           | $15.08\times10^{-4}$   | $29.43\times10^{-4}$   | $39.66\times10^{-4}$  | $77.81\times10^{-4}$  |
| 20                           | $20.18\times10^{-4}$   | $39.88\times10^{-4}$   | $52.47 \times 10^{-4}$  | $102.90 	imes 10^{-4}$  |

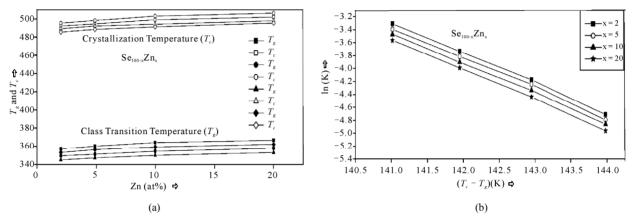


Figure. 8. Plots of Zn content vs. glass transition temperature,  $(T_g)$  crystallization Temperature  $T_c$  and  $T_c - T_g$  (K) vs. ln K, for glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub> Zn<sub>x</sub> glasses at different heating rates 5, 10, 15, and 20 as Mention in the above Figure (a) and (b).

the glass alteration temperatures  $T_g$  represents the power or strictness of the glass structure in chalcogenide glasses. Since thermal stability depends on the  $T_g$  value in the glassy state [20-23]. From the Figure 8(b)  $T_g$  individual doesn't give the information about the thermal stability [24] but the difference value  $T_c - T_g$ , is give in the thermal stability for all composition with different heating rates [25]. The maximum value of  $T_c - T_g$  is giving the information of highest thermal stability for the sample  $Se_{90}Zn_{10}$ at 10 K/min as shown in the Table 1. It is very important to know the composition Se<sub>90</sub>Zn<sub>10</sub> is more stable than other composition of the alloy Se<sub>100-x</sub>Zn<sub>x</sub>. It is obvious from the Figure 8(a) and Table 1 in first the crystallization temperature increases with increase in the Zn content up-to 10% and then decreases up-to 20 at% of Zn content in the  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$  system. Therefore, it is said that the rate of crystallization is highest at 10% of Zn content in the glassy system [26].

## 4. Conclusions

The kinetics parameter of crystallization has been investigated under the non-isothermal methods in glassy  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$  ( $2 \le x \le 20$ ). The DSC thermograms are used to evaluate the data of kinetic parameters. There are three best fit methods Kissinger's relation, Augis-Bennett's app and Approximation method of Mahadevan *et al.*, the activation energy ( $\Delta E_c$ ) is increases as increased the Zn concentration in the glassy. According to Flynn-Wall-Ozawa (FWO), Kissinger-Akahira-Sunose (KAS), the activation energy  $\Delta E_c$  also increases linearly on (5 - 20) at% Zn concentration systematically in the glassy. The activation energy of structural relation  $\Delta E_g$  is increase non-linearly with increases in the composition of the alloy. Avrami index 'n' is increases linearly with increasing the temperature and non-linearly with Zn concentration in the glassy  $Se_{100-x}Zn_x$ . The rate constant K increases with the temperature increases in the composition of the glassy. The rate of crystallization is highest in the glassy Se<sub>98</sub>Zn<sub>2</sub> alloy. The thermal stability on the basis of experimental data is highest for the glassy Se<sub>90</sub>Zn<sub>10</sub>. The rate of crystallization constant is high because of the highest difference of  $T_c - T_g$  in Se<sub>90</sub>Zn<sub>10</sub>; furthermore it indicates that thermally is most stable this glass in the range of composition. It has been seen that the crystallization is to deliberate for the chalcogenide glasses by taking the maximum thermal stability. Finally the frequency factor  $K_0$  is also increases with increase the temperature in the glassy Se<sub>100-x</sub> Zn<sub>x</sub>.

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