TEM and XRD investigation of Fe₂O₃-Al₂O₃ system

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Abstract. A series of Fe_2O_3 -Al $_2O_3$ mixed systems with composition ranging from 1 to 9% of Al $_2O_3$ were prepared by a traditional chemical method and examined for structural characteristics. XRD spectra and SAED patterns obtained form TEM investigations showed the presence of α - Al $_2O_3$ and α - Fe $_2O_3$ phases. The mean grain size of the crystalline aggregates in the system was calculated from BF-TEM images using the lognormal curve and verified with the Sherrer's formula applied on XRD diagrams, being established in the domain of 7-9 nm.

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