

# Nuclear Waste Glass Corrosion

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- ▶ Vitrification as a technology to immobilize radioactive wastes
- ▶ General glass corrosion
- ▶ Reaction rates
- ▶ Residual rates
- ▶ Acceleration or Stage III behavior
- ▶ Glass as a barrier
- ▶ Current models for prediction of glass corrosion
- ▶ Radiation impacts
- ▶ References



# Nuclear Waste Glasses

# Nuclear Waste Glasses Worldwide

- ▶ Vitrification is the reference technology to immobilize highly radioactive nuclear wastes worldwide
- ▶ **Examples** of sites producing alkali-borosilicate glasses for waste immobilization are listed

Site	Operated	Melter Tech	Produced Glass Mass, t	Disposal Glass Mass, t	Planned Disposal
Pamela, Belgium	1985-1989	JHCM	650	650	Clay
AVM, France	1978-2012	HWIM	1,220	1,220	Clay
LaHague, France	1989-Present	HWIM,CCIM	7,032*	NR	Clay
Karlsruhe, Germany	2010-2012	JHCM	208	6,450*	Salt or Clay
Tokai, Japan	1995-Present	JHCM	700	NR	TBD
Rokkasho, Japan	TBD	JHCM	0	NR*	TBD
Sellafield, UK	1990-Present	HWIM	2,500*	2,700	TBD
WVDP, US	1996-2002	JHCM	574	574	TBD
DWPF, US	1996-Present	JHCM	7,200	13,867	TBD
WTP HLW, US	TBD	JHCM	0	32,000	TBD
WTP LAW, US	TBD	JHCM	0	527,838	Sand

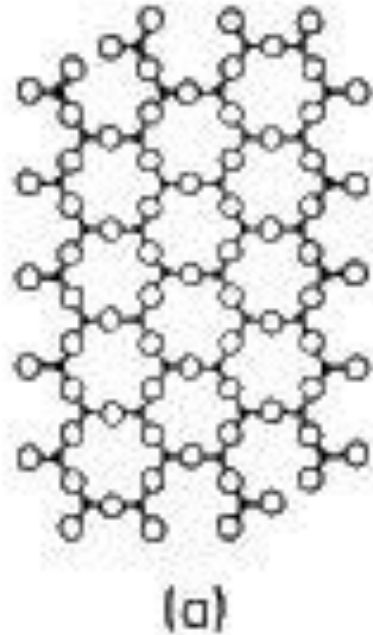
JHCM- Joule-heated ceramic melter  
 HWIM- Hot-walled induction melter  
 CCIM- Cold-crucible induction melter

Based on Gin et al. 2013

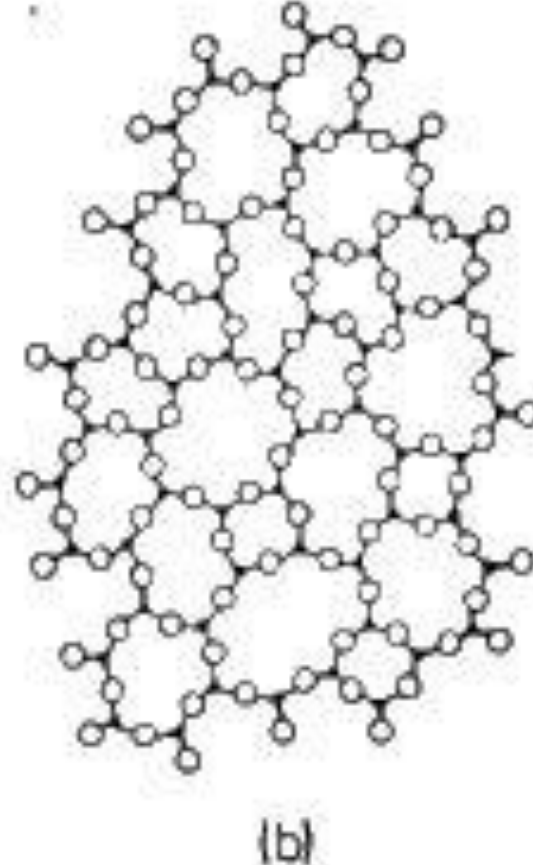
# Silicate Glass Structure

- ▶ Glass: an amorphous, metastable, solid
- ▶ Structure dependent on composition and temperature history

Example Crystal

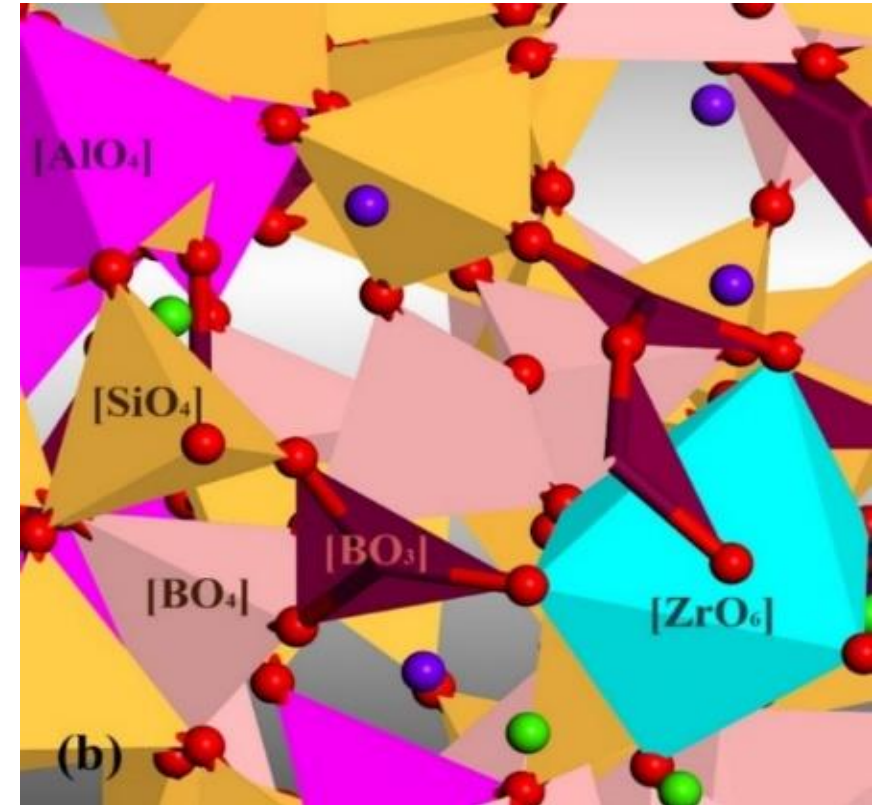


Example Glass



# Silicate Glass Structure, cont.

- ▶  $[\text{SiO}_4]^{4-}$  tetrahedra form the primary “network”
- ▶ Additives and waste components chemically bound within solid
  - Network formers (e.g.,  $\text{Si}^{4+}$ ,  $\text{B}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{P}^{5+}$ )
    - linking or “polymerizing” the anion complexes (e.g.,  $\text{SiO}_4^{4-}$ ) leads to a 3D network
    - coordination number of 3 or 4 (generally)
  - Network modifiers (e.g.,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ )
    - breakup or “depolymerize” the network
    - coordination number 6 to 8 (generally)
  - Intermediates (e.g.,  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ )
    - can either reinforce the network (coordination number of 4) or depolymerize the network (typically for coordination number of 6 to 8)

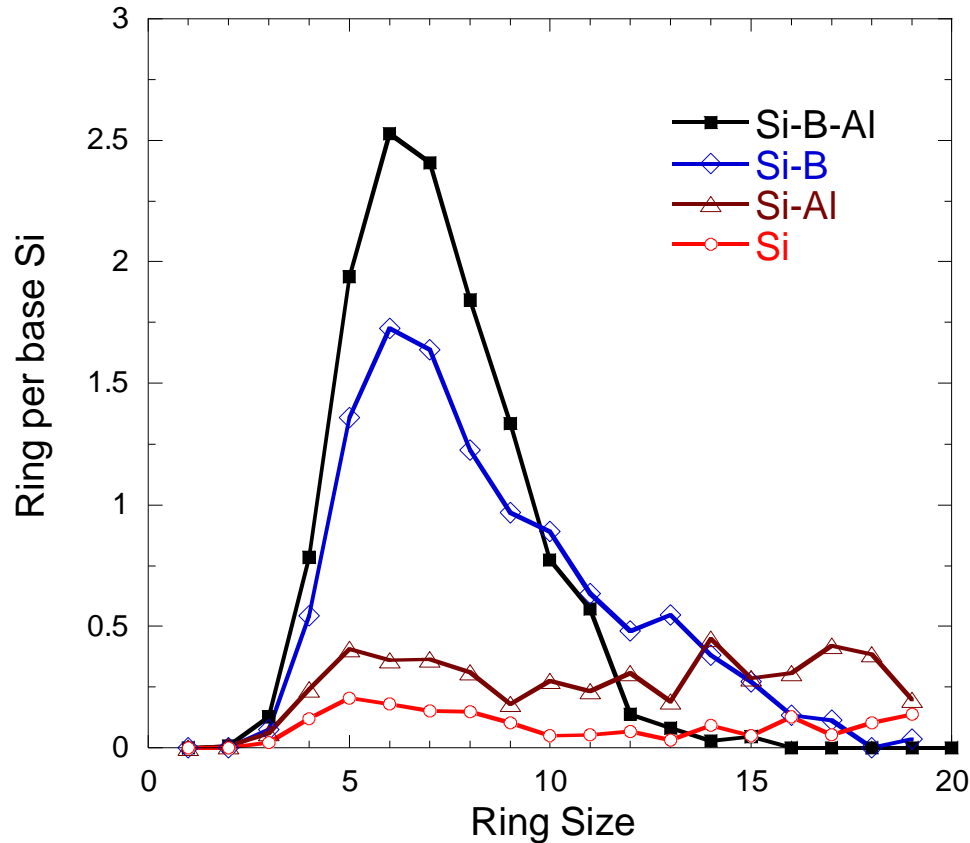


Modeled structure of ISG  
Du and Rimsza 2017

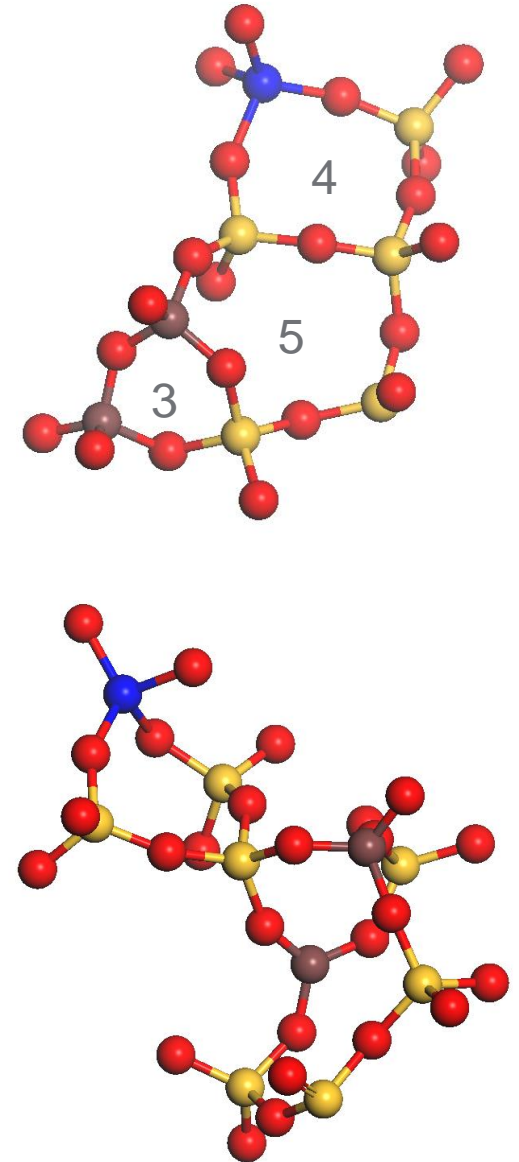


## ► Rings and Cages

■  $\text{SiO}_4^{4-}$ ,  $\text{BO}_4^{5-}$  and  $\text{AlO}_4^{5-}$  form three-dimensional network structure with ring size centered at around 6.



Xiang. et al. 2013



# Composition Effects on Properties Important to U.S. Waste Glasses

Oxide	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	CaO	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	Li <sub>2</sub> O	MgO	Na <sub>2</sub> O	SiO <sub>2</sub>	ZnO	ZrO <sub>2</sub>	Other
Viscosity	↑	↓	↓	↔	↔	↓	↓	↓	↓	↑	↔	↑	
EC	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑	↔	↑	↓	↔	↔	
T <sub>L</sub> , C <sub>T</sub> (spinel)	↑	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓	↔	↓	↓	↑	↑	NiO, MnO↑
PCT	↓↑	↓↑	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↔	↓	
VHT	↓↑	↓↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑	↔↑	↑	↓	↔	↓	
Nepheline	↑	↓	↑	↔	↔	↑	↑	↔	↑	↓	↔	↔	
Salt	↑	↓	↓	↑	↔	↓	↓	↔	↓	↑	↔	↔	SO <sub>3</sub> , Cl ↑, V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ↓
TCLP	↓	↑	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑	↔	↑	↓	↑	↓	MnO↑
Corrosion	↓	↔	↔	↓	↓	↑	↑	↔	↑	↓	↓	↓	NiO↓

↑ - Increase property

↓ - Decrease property

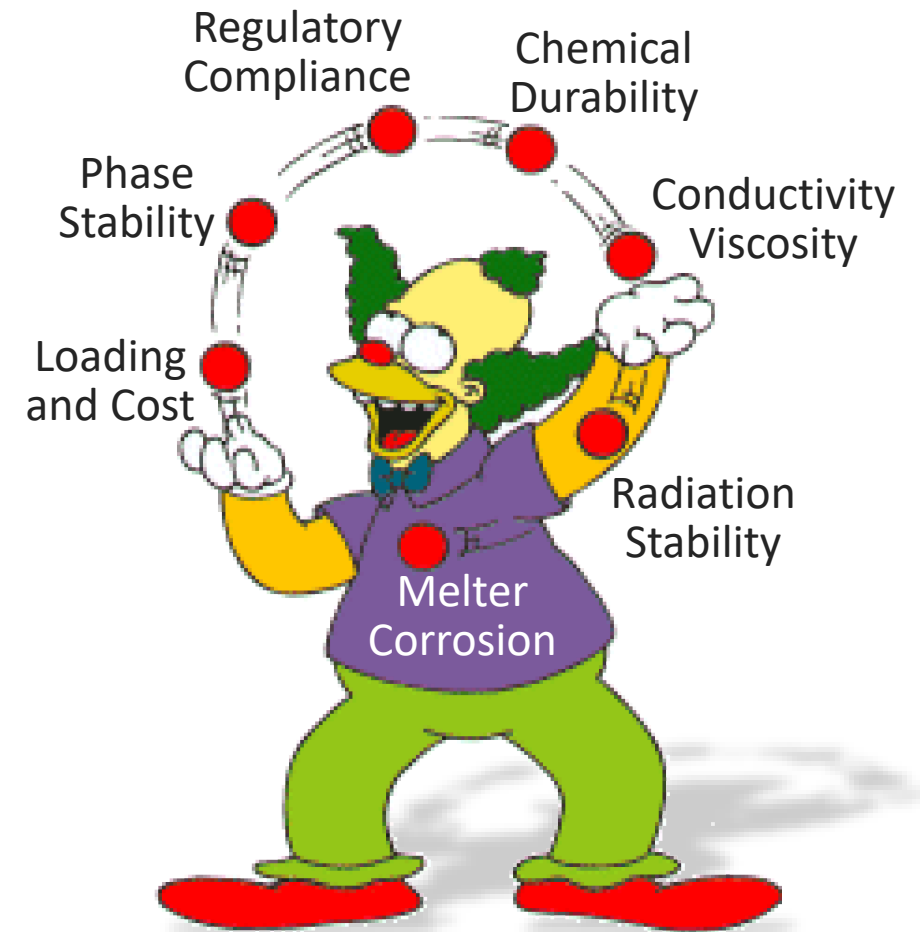
↔ - Small effect on property

multiple arrows are for non-linear effects, first is for lower concentrations



# Glass Composition Design

- ▶ A range of glass compositions are generated
- ▶ Glasses are designed to meet specific physical, chemical, and regulatory compliance constraints
- ▶ Glasses are designed specifically for waste compositions to be immobilized, examples:
  - US tank waste primarily composed of cold chemicals with high composition variability and low radioactivity
  - French UOx HLW is primarily fission products and high radioactivity
- ▶ Performance related properties used in glass formulation are typically responses to one or more standardized durability test, examples:
  - 100°C Soxhlet
  - 7-day, 90°C, Product Consistency Test (PCT)
  - 28-day, 90°C, Materials Char. Center test 1 (MCC1)
  - 200°C Vapor Hydration Test (VHT)



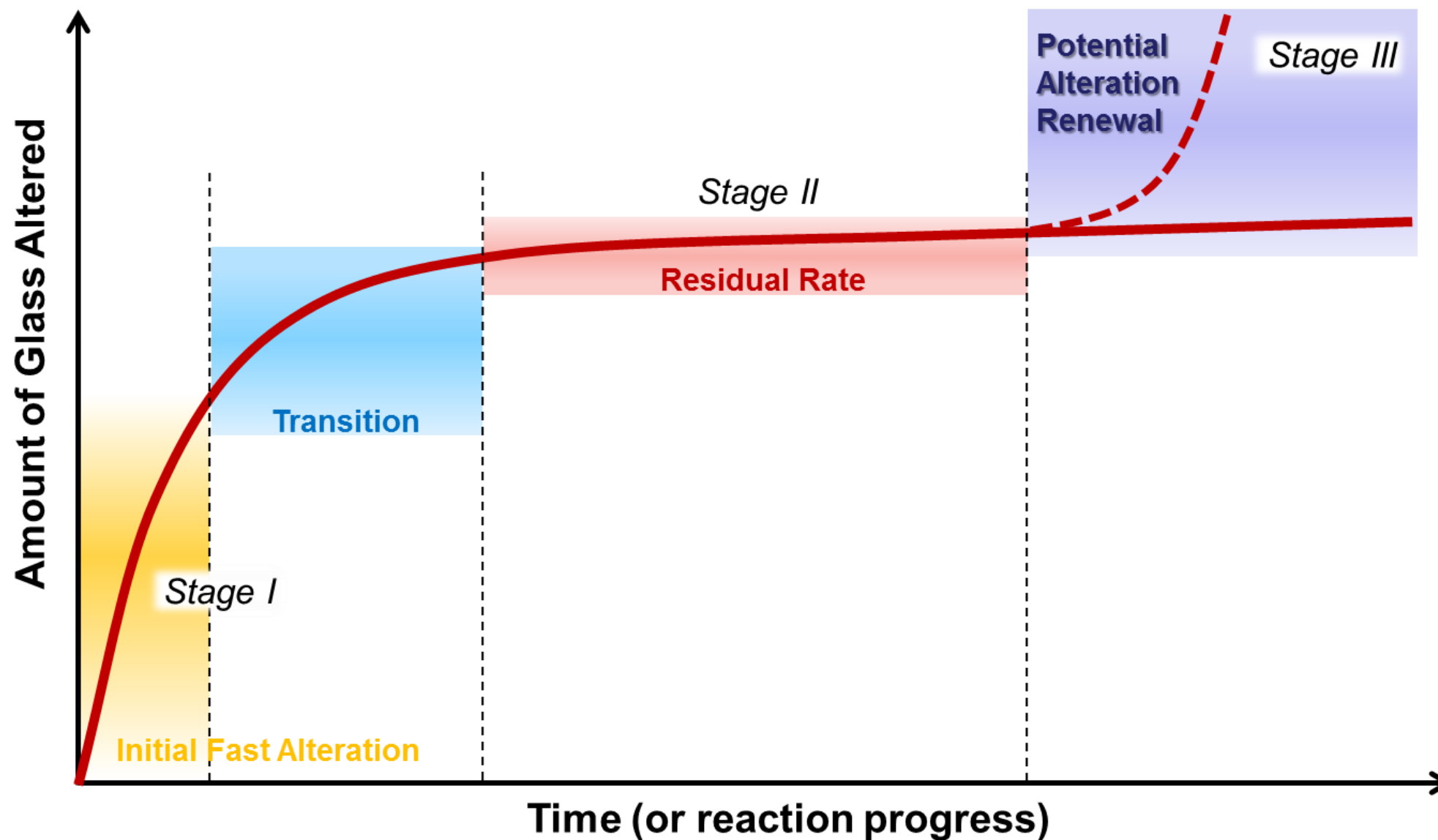
# Glass Compositions, wt%

Oxide	France		Japan	UK			Belgium		DWPF		WTP HLW		WTP LAW	
	R7/T7	AVM	P0798	Magnox	AGR	Blend	Pamela	WVDP	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.9	9.7	5.0	5.1	<0.1	1.9	20.2	6.0	4.3	9.8	2.0	18.9	6.1	6.1
B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	14.0	17.0	14.2	16.8	18.0	18.3	25.6	12.9	4.3	8.3	4.0	20.0	10.0	10.0
BaO	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	1.2	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	0	0
CaO	4.0	0.2	3.0	-	-	-	5.0	0.5	0.5	1.4	0	3.1	2.0	7.0
Cs <sub>2</sub> O	1.4	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.6	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.9	1.9	2.0	1.7	0.7	1.9	0.5	12.0	8.2	12.6	1.9	17.4	5.5	5.5
K <sub>2</sub> O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	-	-	0	2.6	0.01	3.4
Li <sub>2</sub> O	2.0	0.4	3.0	4.0	4	4.8	3.5	3.7	3.5	5.6	0	6.0	0	4.3
MgO	-	3.6	0	5.6	<0.1	1.3	-	0.9	0.3	2.2	-	-	1.5	2.8
MoO <sub>3</sub>	1.7	0.8	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Na <sub>2</sub> O	9.9	17.7	10.0	8.3	8.9	8.1	8.8	8	11.3	13.6	4.1	21.4	5.4	21.0
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	-	1.2	-	0.2	0.1	-	-	1.2	0.2	0.6	0	2.5	0.0	1.4
SiO <sub>2</sub>	45.5	41.4	46.6	46.0	49.2	46.3	35.3	41.0	44.8	54.6	31.0	53.0	43.3	50.1
TiO <sub>2</sub>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.8	0.0	0.7	0	0.1	1.4	1.4
ZnO	2.5	-	3.0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	4.0	3.5	3.5
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	2.7	1.0	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.4	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.2	0	13.5	3.0	3.0
[Ln,An] <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.9	3.1	6.1	4.2	10.1	8.4	0	4.6	1.0	3.5	0	8.5	-	-
Minors	3.0	1.1	2.9	3.3	3.6	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.7	10.0	3	11.6	0	0.2



# General Aspects of Silicate Glass Corrosion

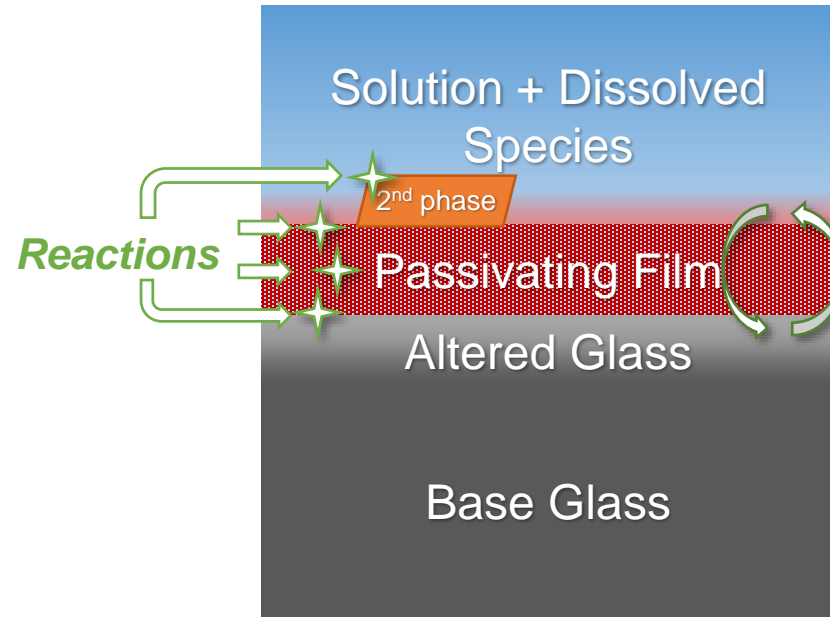
# General Observations



# General Observations, cont.

## Reactive Behaviors

- Selective dissolution of glass network
- Restructuring of glass to form gel (dissolution reprecipitation under some conditions)
- Evolution of gel structure
- Dissolution of gel
- Precipitation of 2<sup>nd</sup> phases

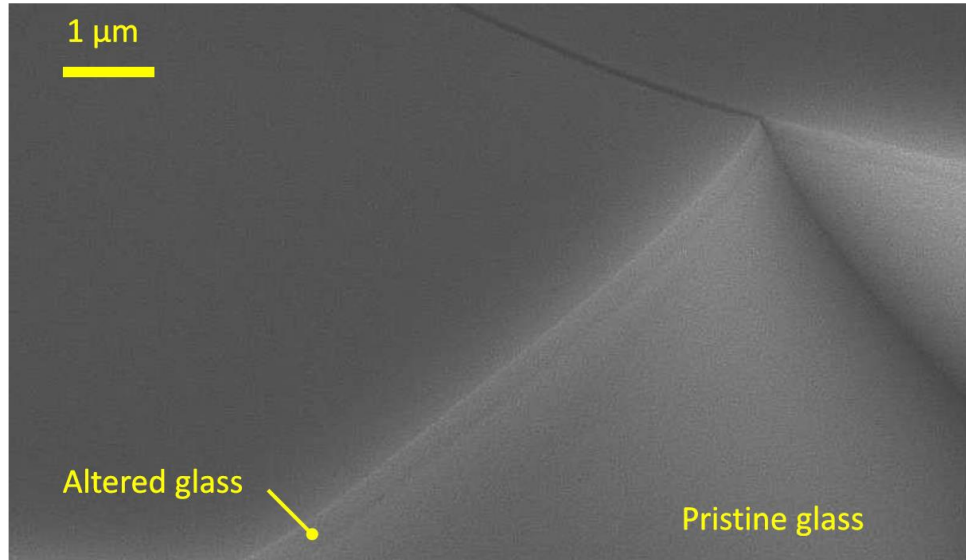


## Transport Behaviors

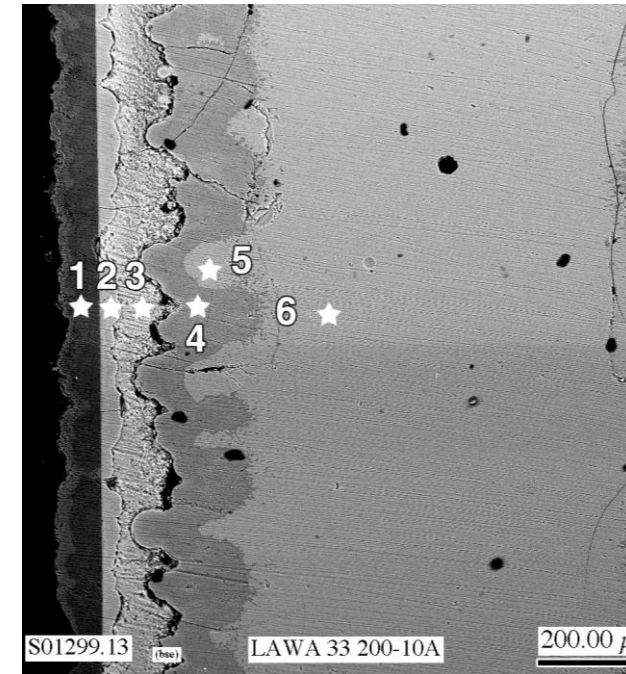
- Reactive transport of water and dissolved species through tortuous passivating film
- Ion exchange in altered material



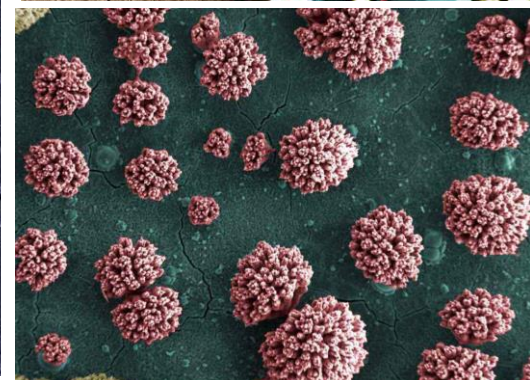
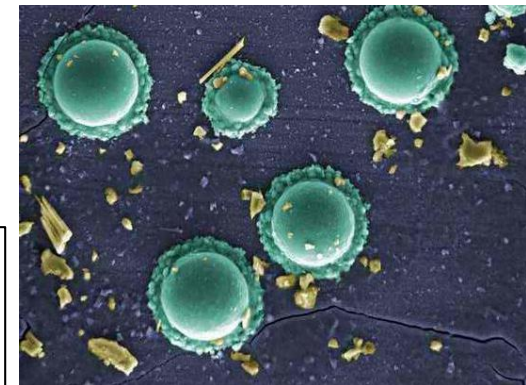
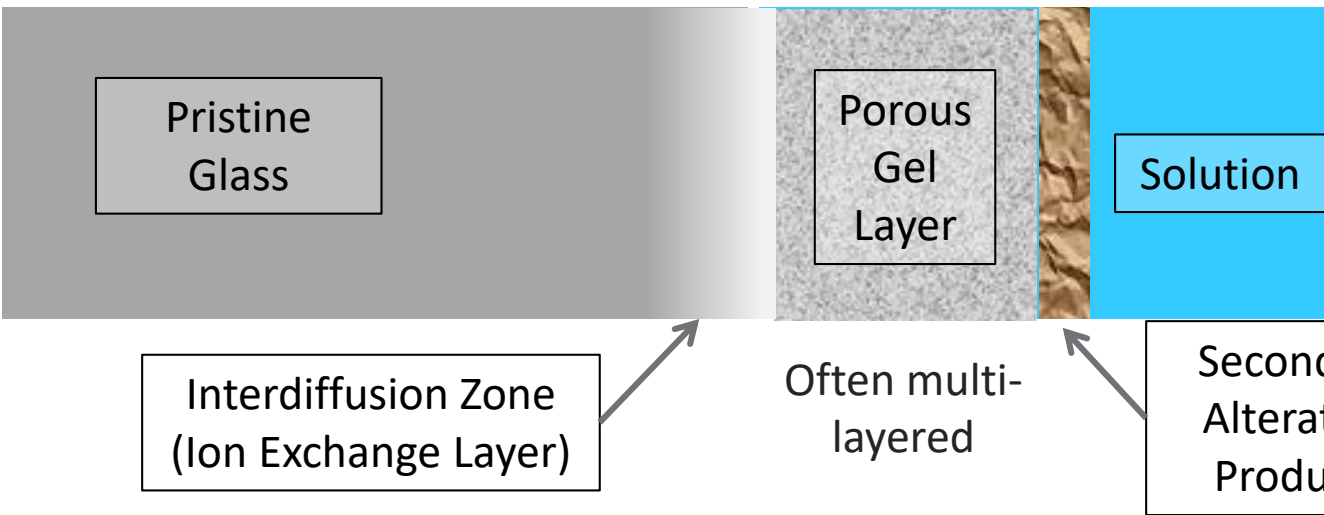
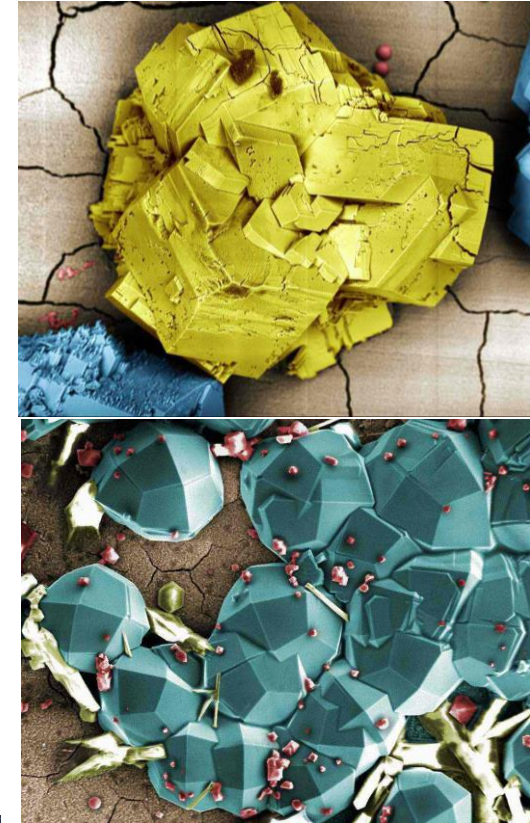
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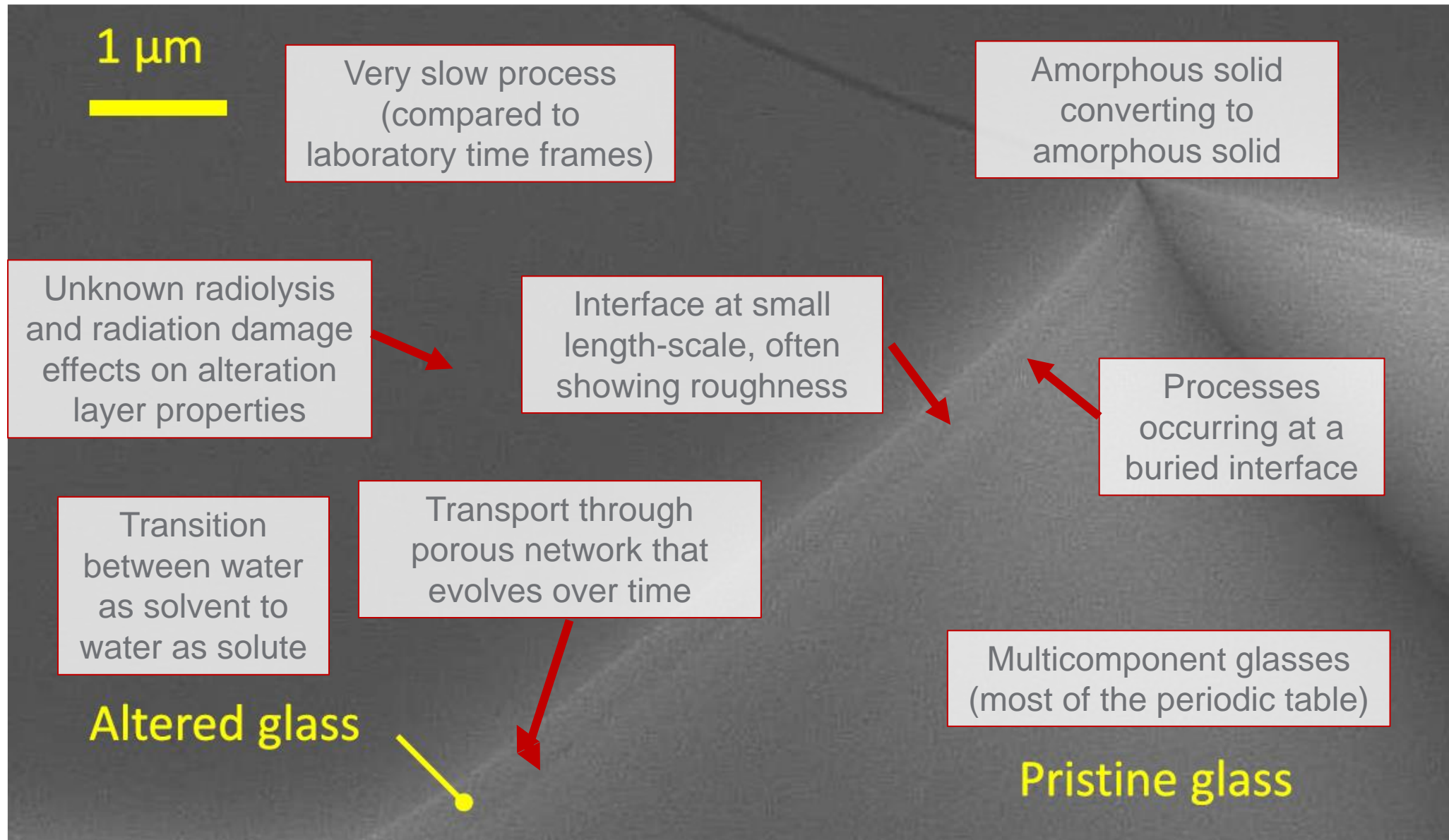


Vienna et al. 2001





# Research Challenges





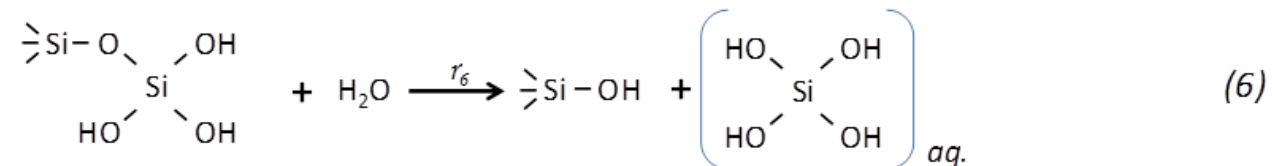
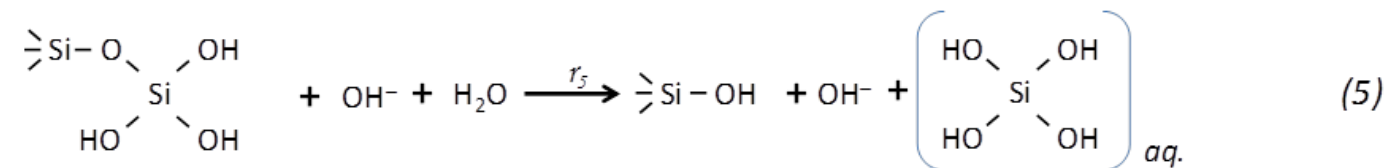
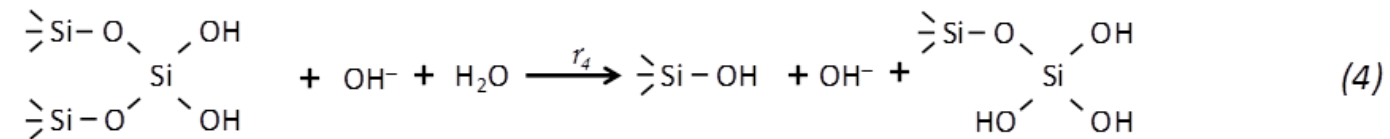
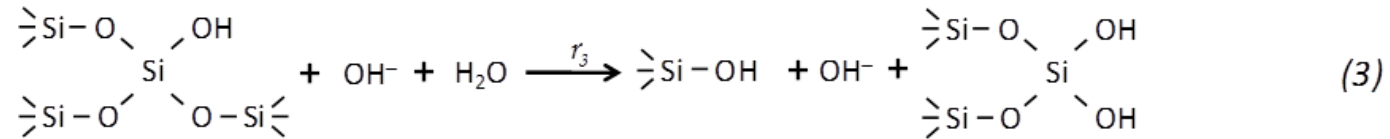
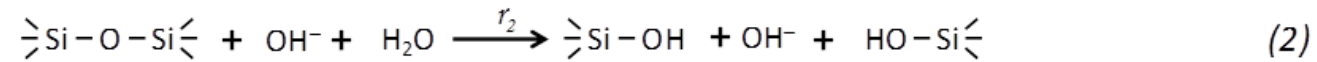
# Focus on Reaction Rates

# Example Chemical Reactions

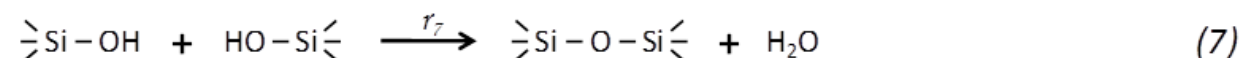
Ion Exchange



Hydrolysis



Condensation



Rieke et al. 2014

# Example Reaction Rate Model (without transport)

- ▶ Forward dissolution rate,  $r_f$  = the rate at which glass dissolves into solution at specific values of the T and pH in the absence of back reactions
- ▶ Dissolution rate most likely to be directly impacted by structure and composition of glass

$$\cancel{r_i} = \cancel{v_i} \cancel{k_0} \cancel{a_{H^+}^{\pm\eta}} \exp\left(\frac{-E_a}{RT}\right) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{Q}{K_g} \right)^\sigma \right] + \text{potential other terms}$$

*Note: A red arrow points from the  $r_i$  term to the  $r_f$  term, and another red arrow points from the  $1$  term to the  $1$  term in the equation.*

$r_i$  = normalized glass dissolution rate  
(based on element  $i$ ), g m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>

$r_f$  = forward glass dissolution rate, g m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>

$v_i$  = stoichiometric coefficient for element  $i$  in glass

$k_0$  = intrinsic rate constant, g m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>

$a_{H^+}$  = hydrogen ion activity

$\eta$  = pH power law coefficient (dependent on pH regime)

$E_a$  = apparent activation energy, J mol<sup>-1</sup>

$R$  = gas constant, J mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>

$T$  = absolute temperature, K

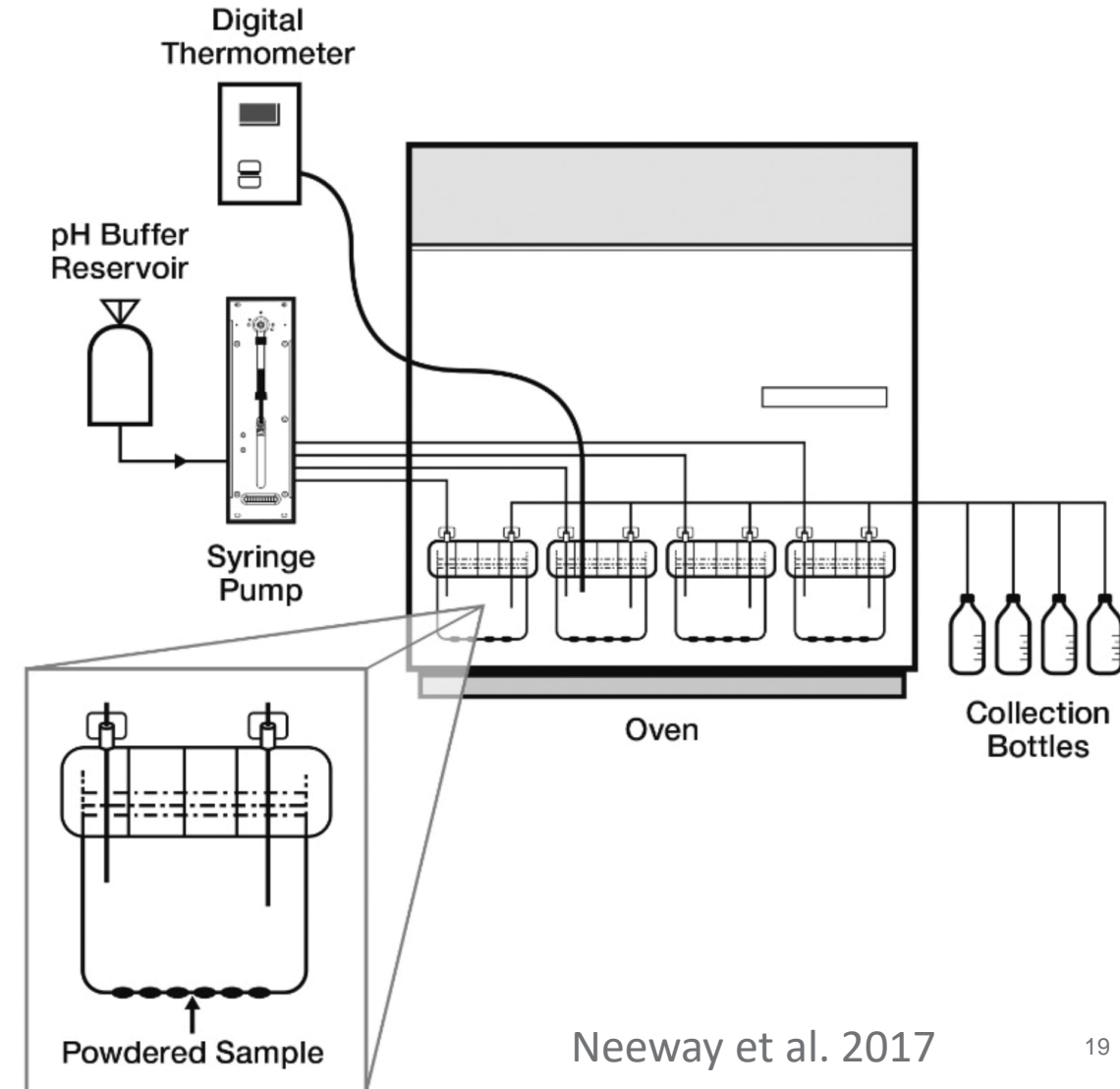
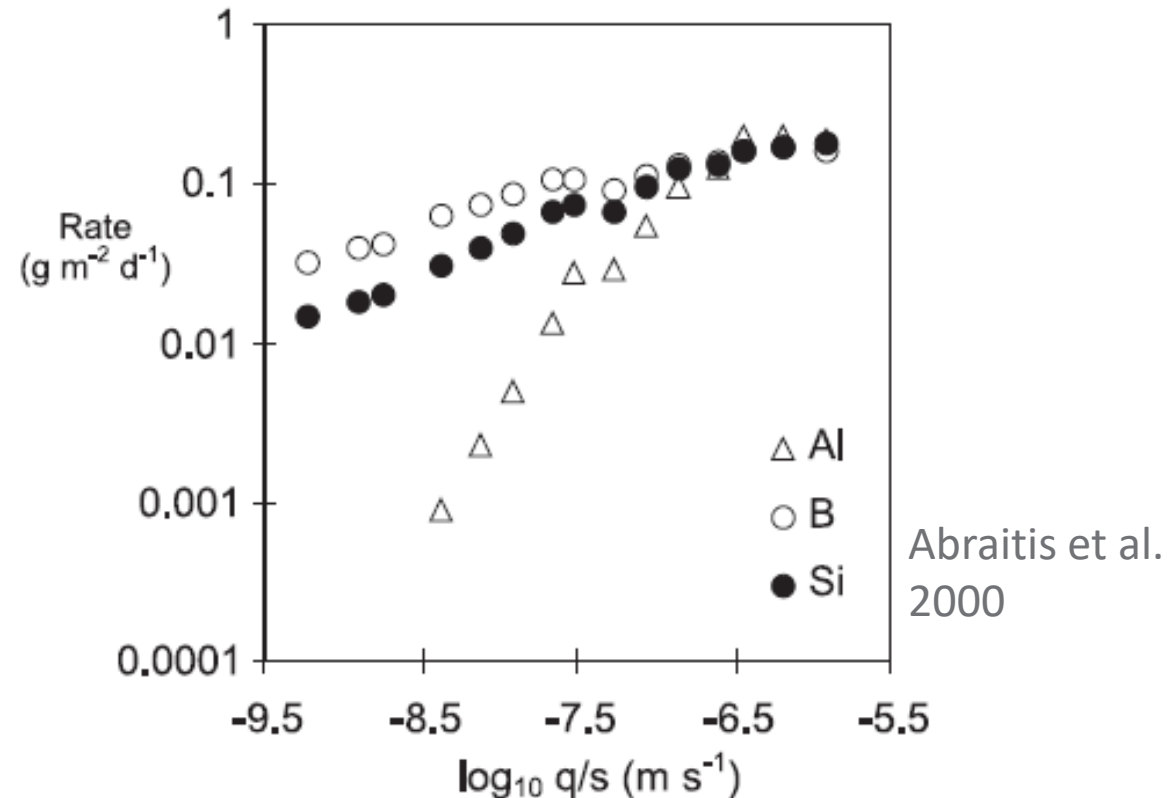
$Q$  = ion-activity product of rate controlling species

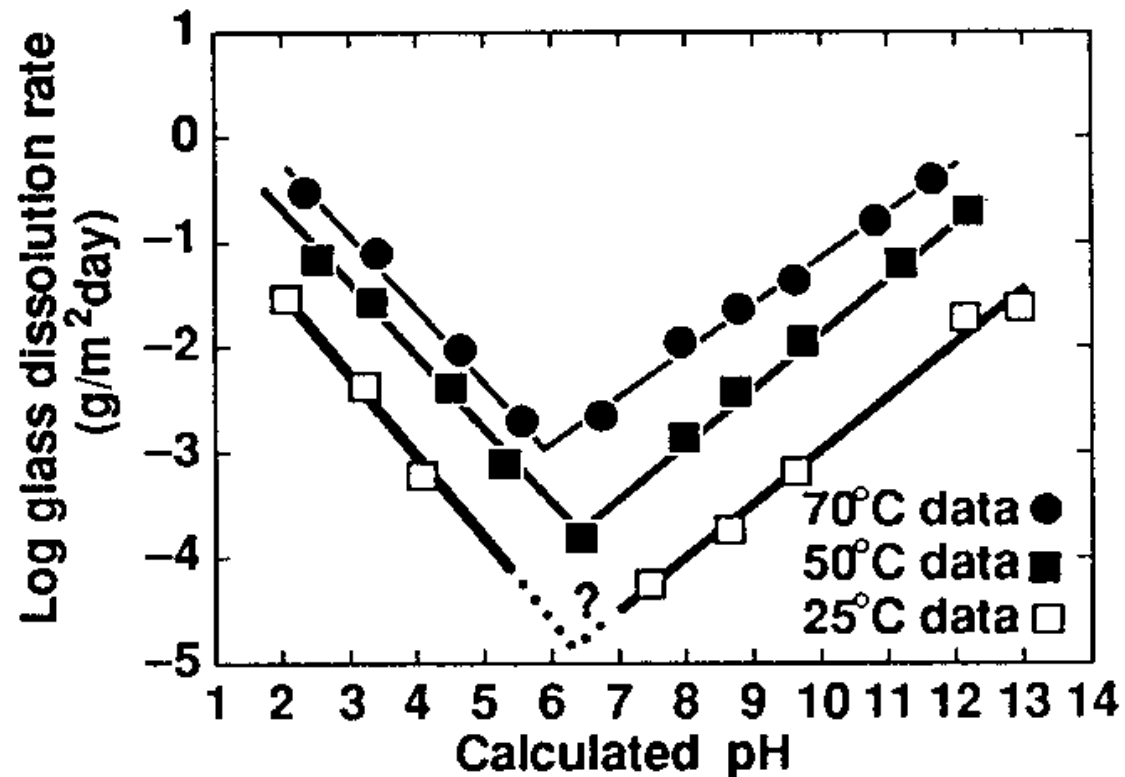
$K_g$  = pseudo-equilibrium constant for glass

$\sigma$  = reaction order (Temkin coefficient)

# Isolation of Individual Effects

- ▶ Single-pass flow-through test (SPFT, ASTM C1662) can be used to measure effects of individual parameters
- ▶ Measure impacts of pH, T,  $[H_4SiO_4]$  and  $[Al(OH)_4^-]$
- ▶ Avoid feed-back effects by high flow rate/surface area (q/s)

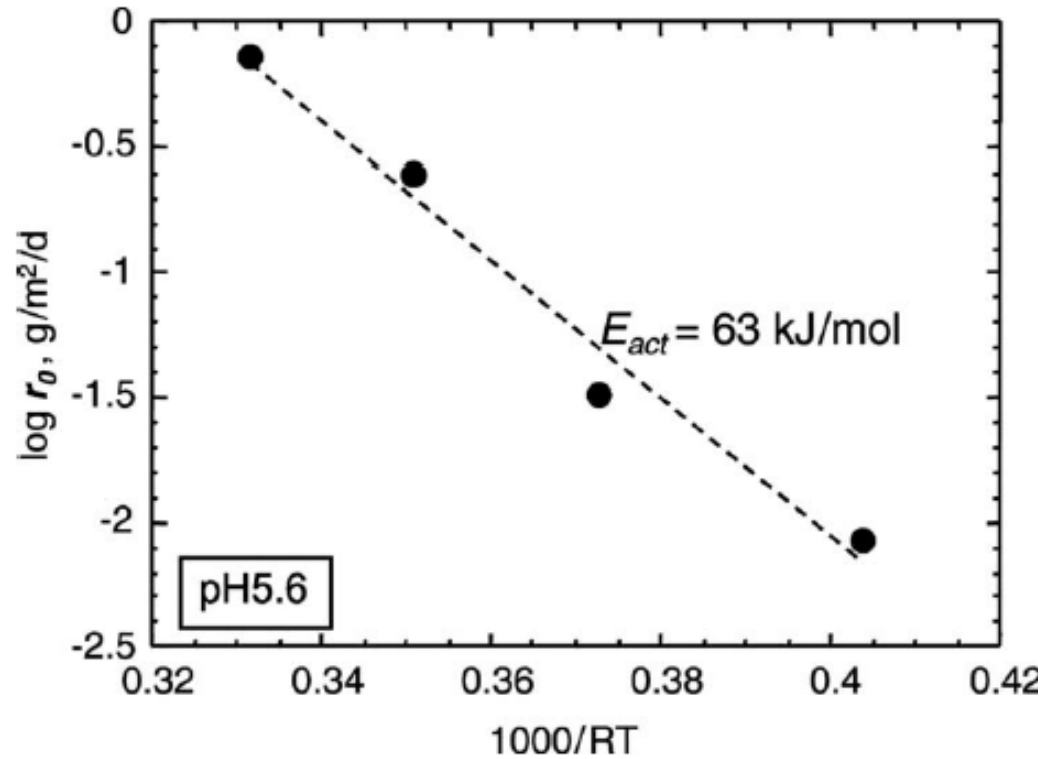




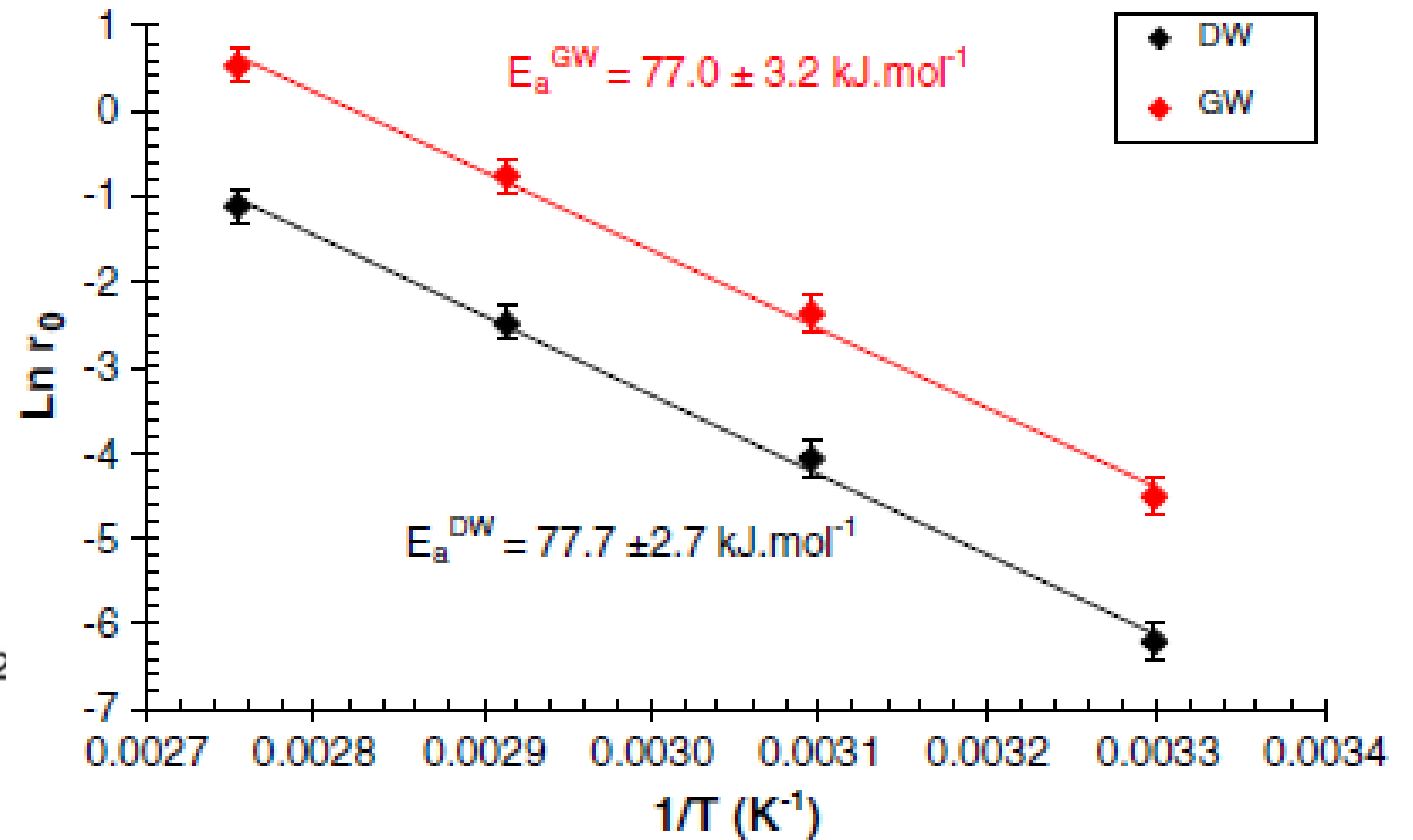
- ▶ Hydrolysis rate depends on:
  - Bond length and bond angle (stretched O-Si-O bonds favors hydrolysis)
  - Site protonation (high or low pH)



# Temperature Impacts

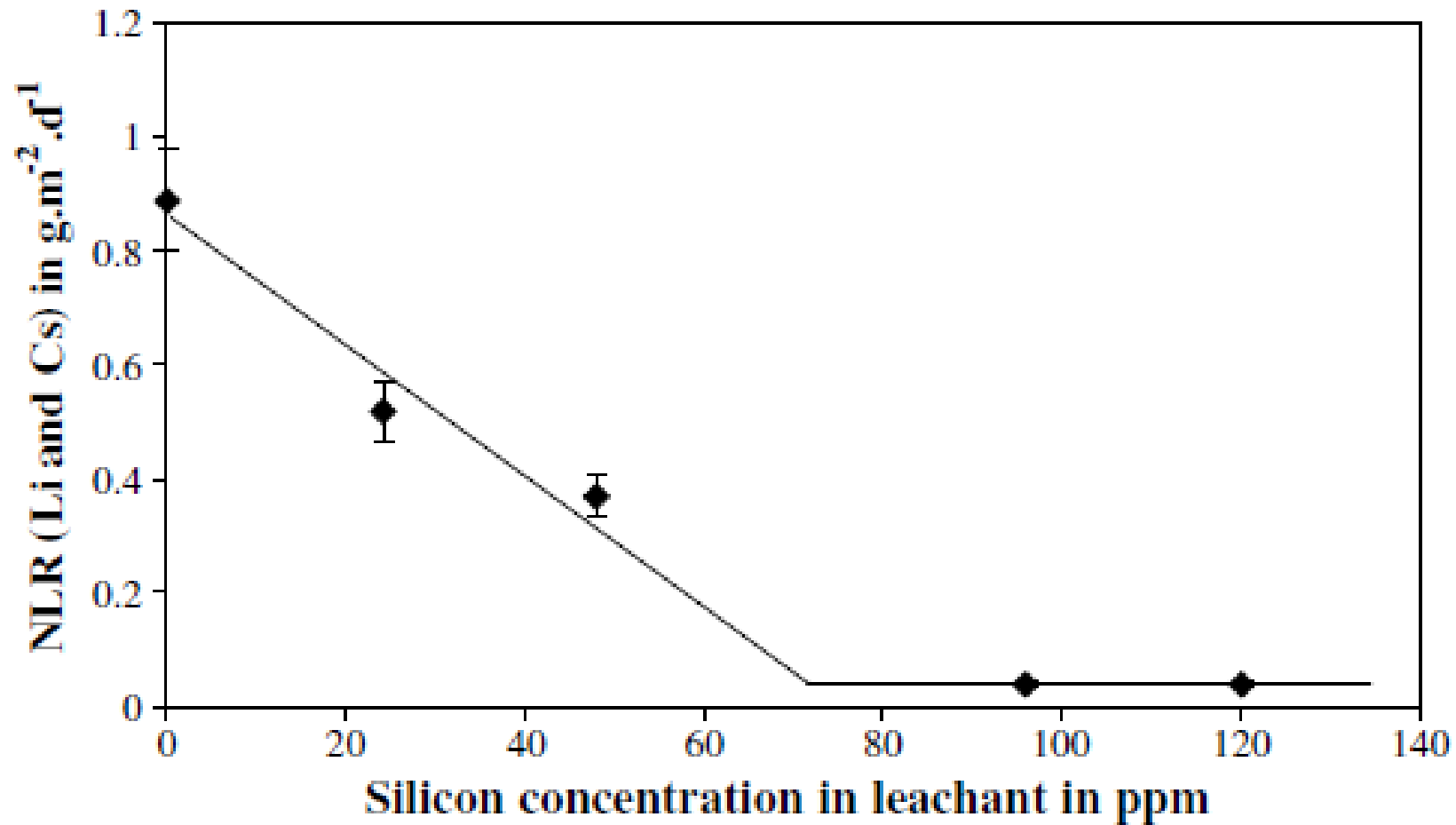


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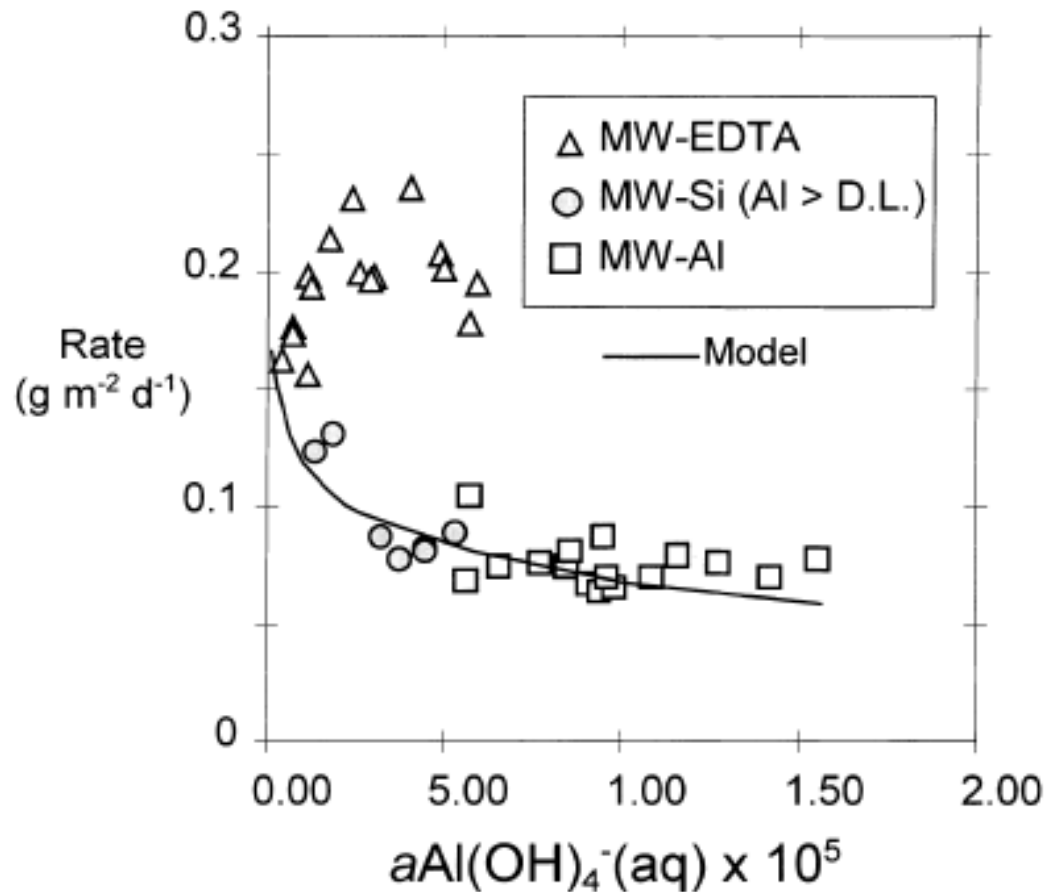


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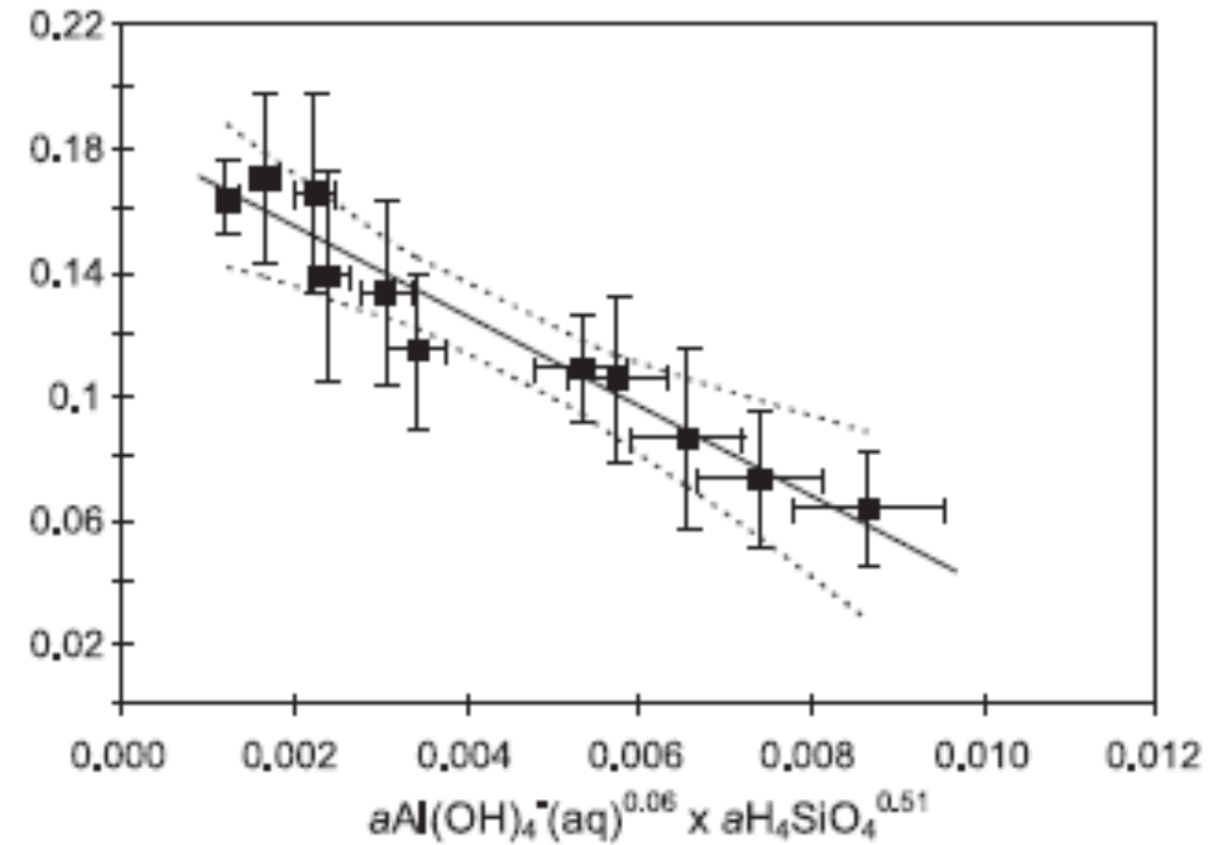
# H<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> Concentration Impacts



# Aluminate Effects



Rate  
( $\text{g m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$ )

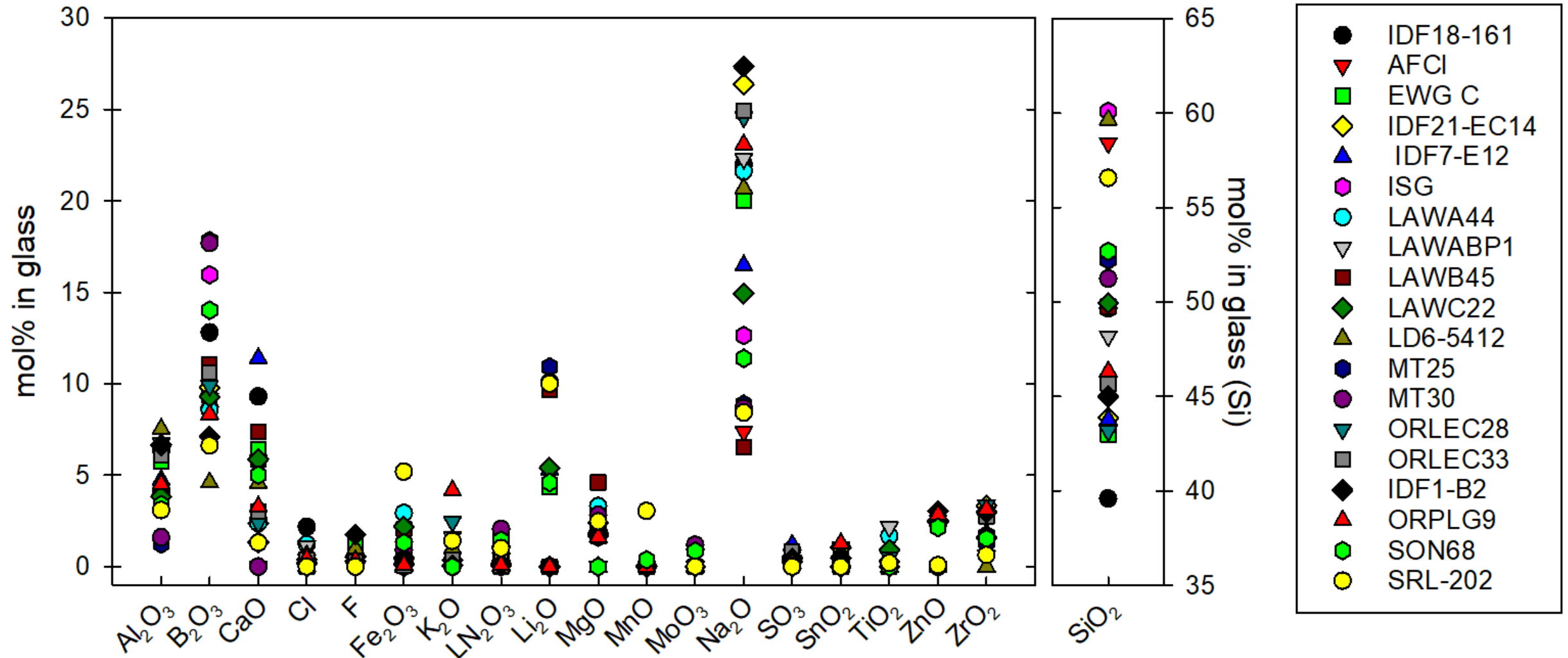




# What is New?

# Glass Composition Effects on Forward Rate

- ▶ 19 glasses all measured by SPFT with systematic variation in pH (7 to 13) and T (23° to 90°C)
- ▶ Include broad range of compositions (US HLW glasses, US LAW glasses, International glasses)

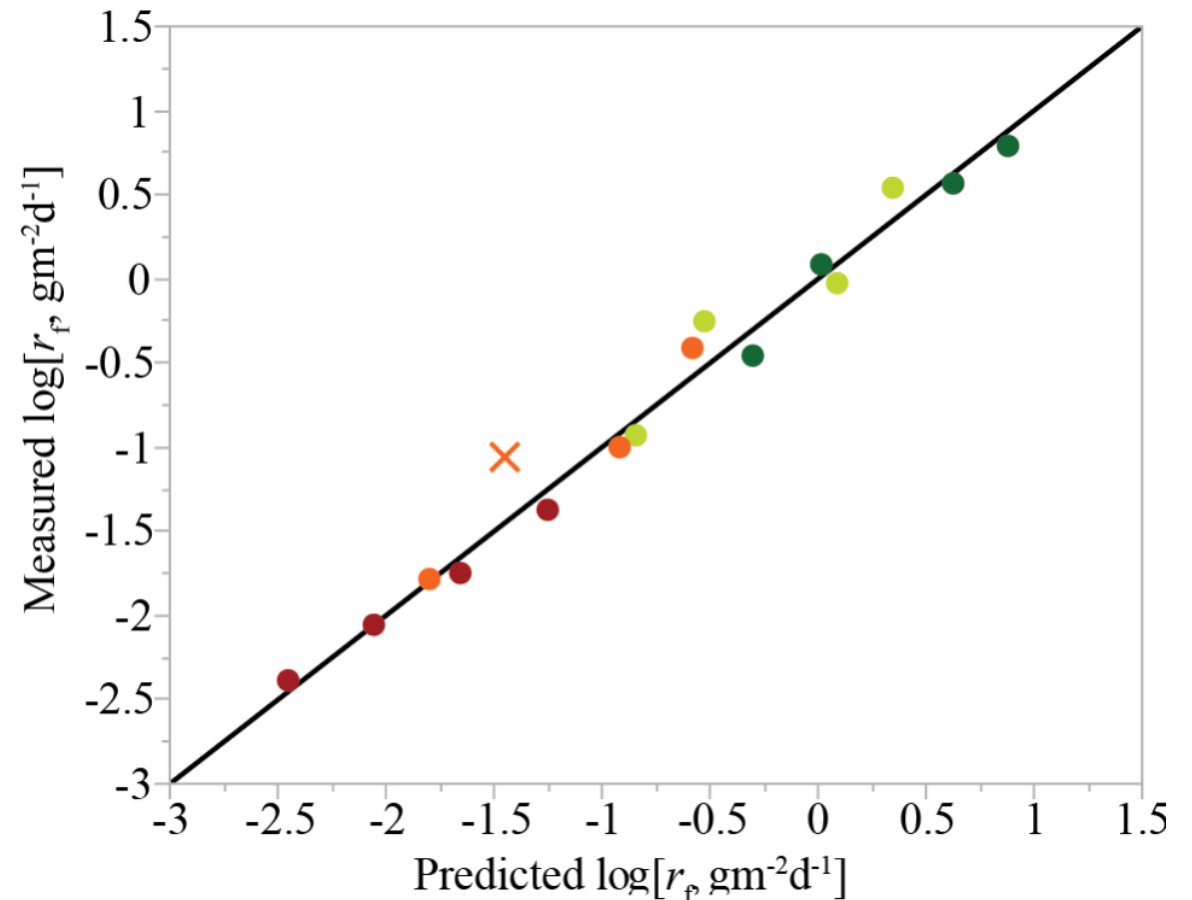
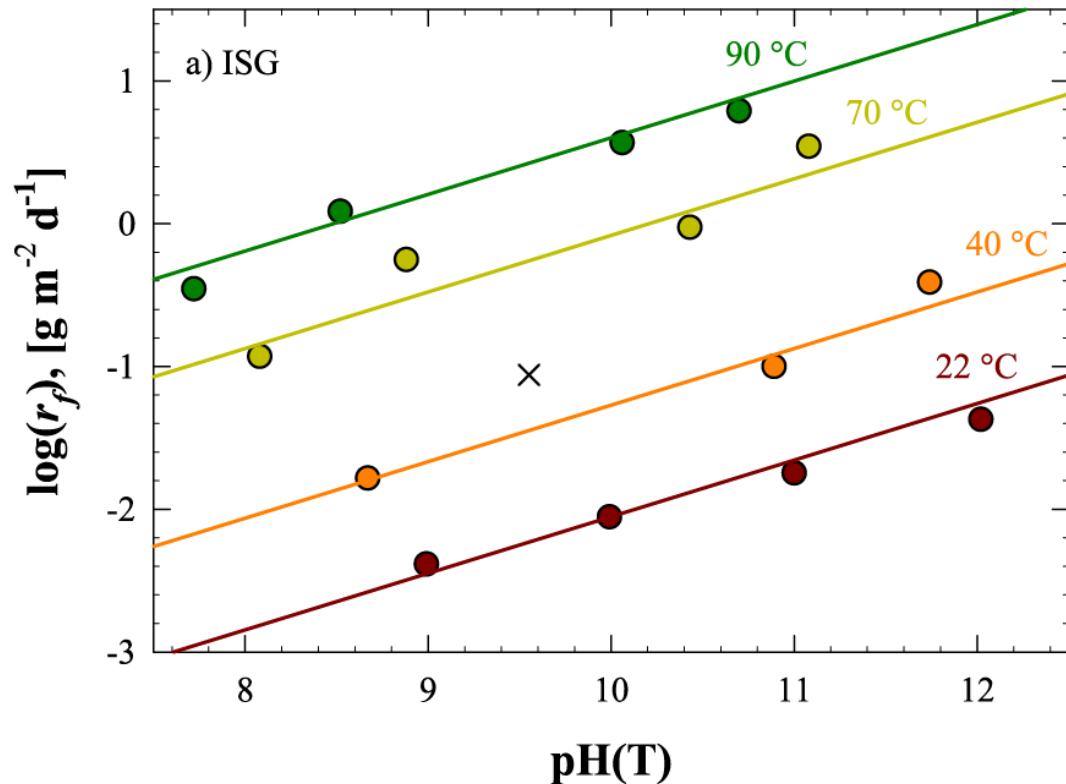


# Modeling the Data for Individual Glass

- ▶ Measure  $r_f$  of glass with systematic variation in pH and T
- ▶ Fit data to linear equation:

$$\log[r_f] = \log[k_0] + \eta \cdot \text{pH} - E_a \cdot \frac{\log[e]}{RT}$$

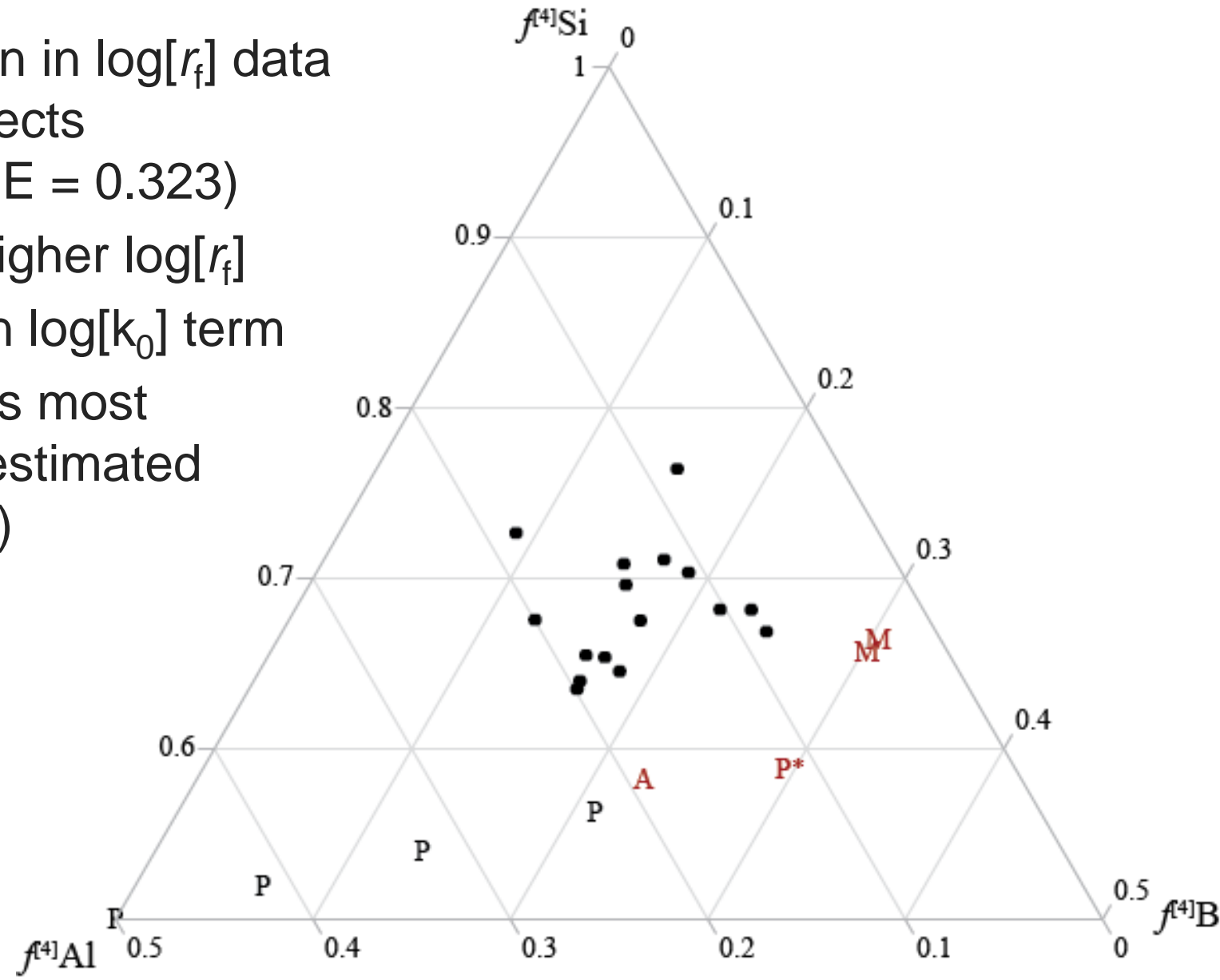
$$\begin{aligned}\log[k_0] &= 8.37 \pm 0.92 \text{ gm}^{-2}\text{d}^{-1} \\ \eta &= 0.396 \pm 0.060 \\ E_a &= 81.6 \pm 6.1 \text{ kJmol}^{-1} \\ R^2 &= 0.983 \\ \text{RMSE} &= 0.141\end{aligned}$$





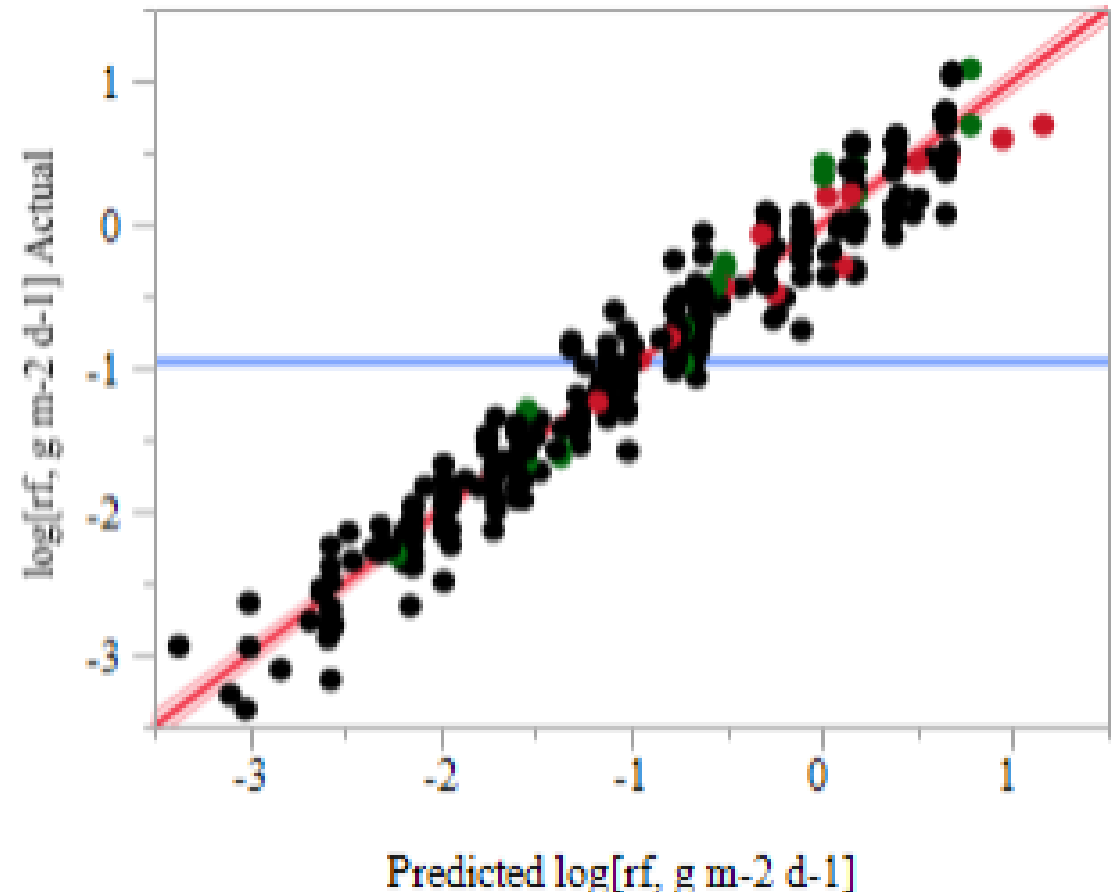
# Simultaneously Fit $r_f$ to pH, T, and Composition

- ▶ Model explaining 90% of variation in  $\log[r_f]$  data obtained with no composition effects ( $R^2_{\text{fit}} = 0.896$ ,  $R^2_{\text{val}} = 0.894$ ,  $\text{RMSE} = 0.323$ )
- ▶ Three glasses have noticeably higher  $\log[r_f]$
- ▶ Composition effects only found in  $\log[k_0]$  term
- ▶ Composition effects model shows most significant composition effect is estimated fraction tetrahedra from  $^{[4]}\text{B}$  ( $f^{[4]}\text{B}$ )
  - Effect non-linear, best modeled by step-function change



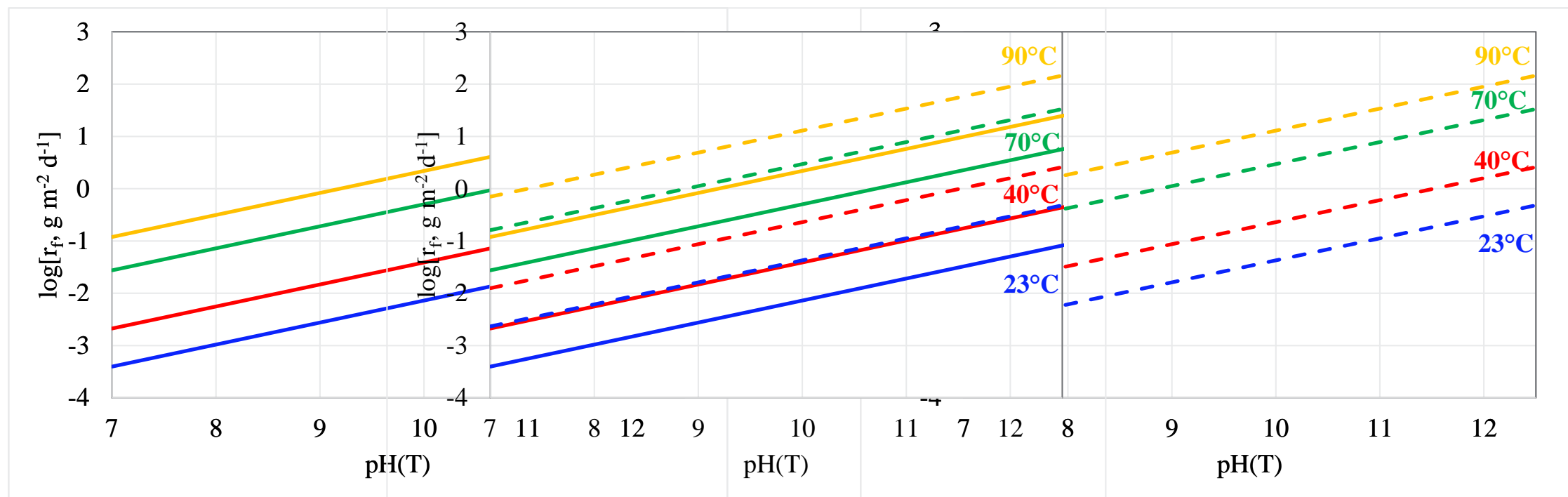
# Summary of Modeling Results

- ▶ Composition effects on  $r_f$  in caustic solution are relatively small over a broad composition space
- ▶ They are best modeled using a  $f^{[4]}B = 0.22$  threshold with rate being composition independent above and below the threshold
- ▶ The exact location of the threshold and any composition effects outside of the regions tested here are uncertain



# End Result

$$\log[r_f (g \cdot m^{-2} \cdot d^{-1})] = \begin{cases} \text{below threshold} \Rightarrow 7.09 + 0.421 pH_{(T)} - 76,200 \frac{\log(e)}{RT} \\ \text{above threshold} \Rightarrow 7.86 + 0.421 pH_{(T)} - 76,200 \frac{\log(e)}{RT} \end{cases}$$



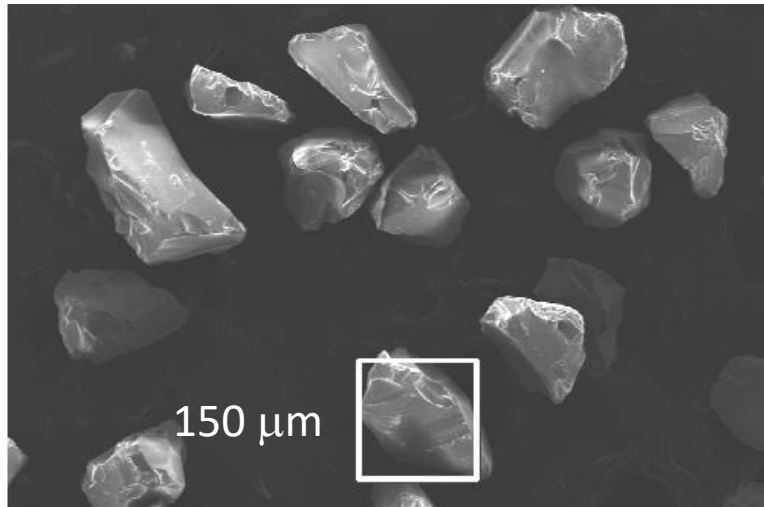


# Residual Rate

# How Do We Measure Long-Term Rates

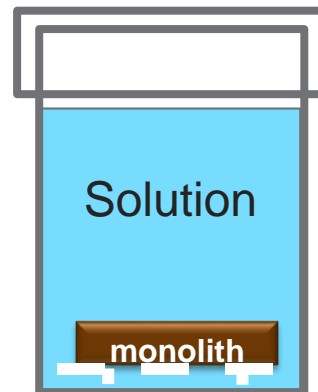
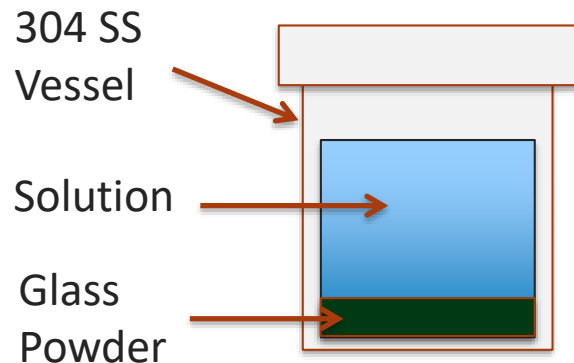
## ▶ Product Consistency Test (PCT) (ASTM C1285)

- Ground glass soaked in DIW at temperature
- Glass component concentrations measured in solution after test



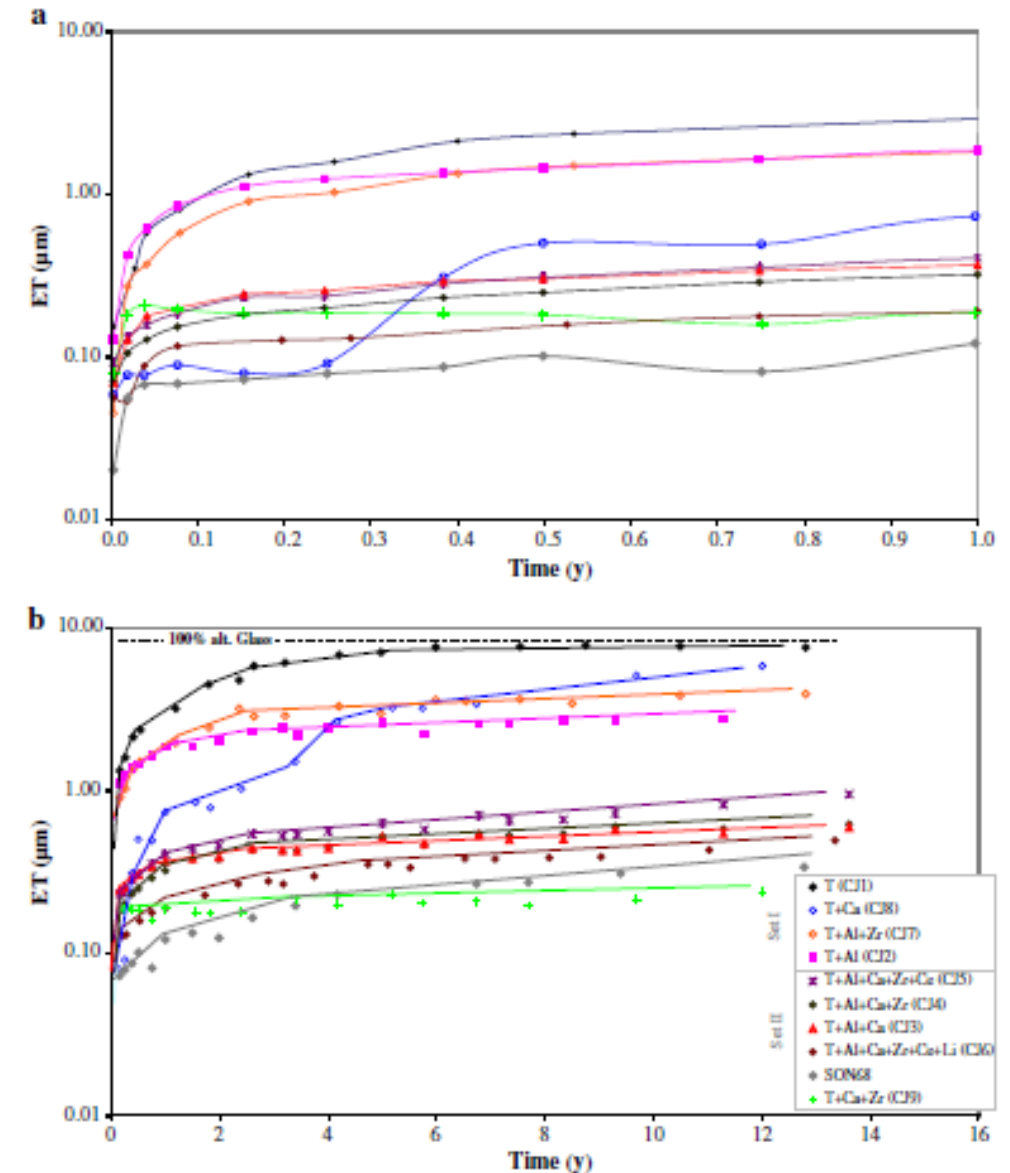
## ▶ MCC-1 (ASTM C1220)

- Glass soaked in DIW at temperature
  - Glass component concentrations measured in solution after test
- ▶ Different solution compositions (e.g., pH,  $[H_4SiO_4]$ , counter ions, etc.), temperatures, times, and isotopic tracers are also used



# Residual Rate

- ▶ Corrosion rate is observed to slow to a nearly linear, residual, rate
- ▶ What causes rate to drop (and ultimately determines  $r_r$ )?

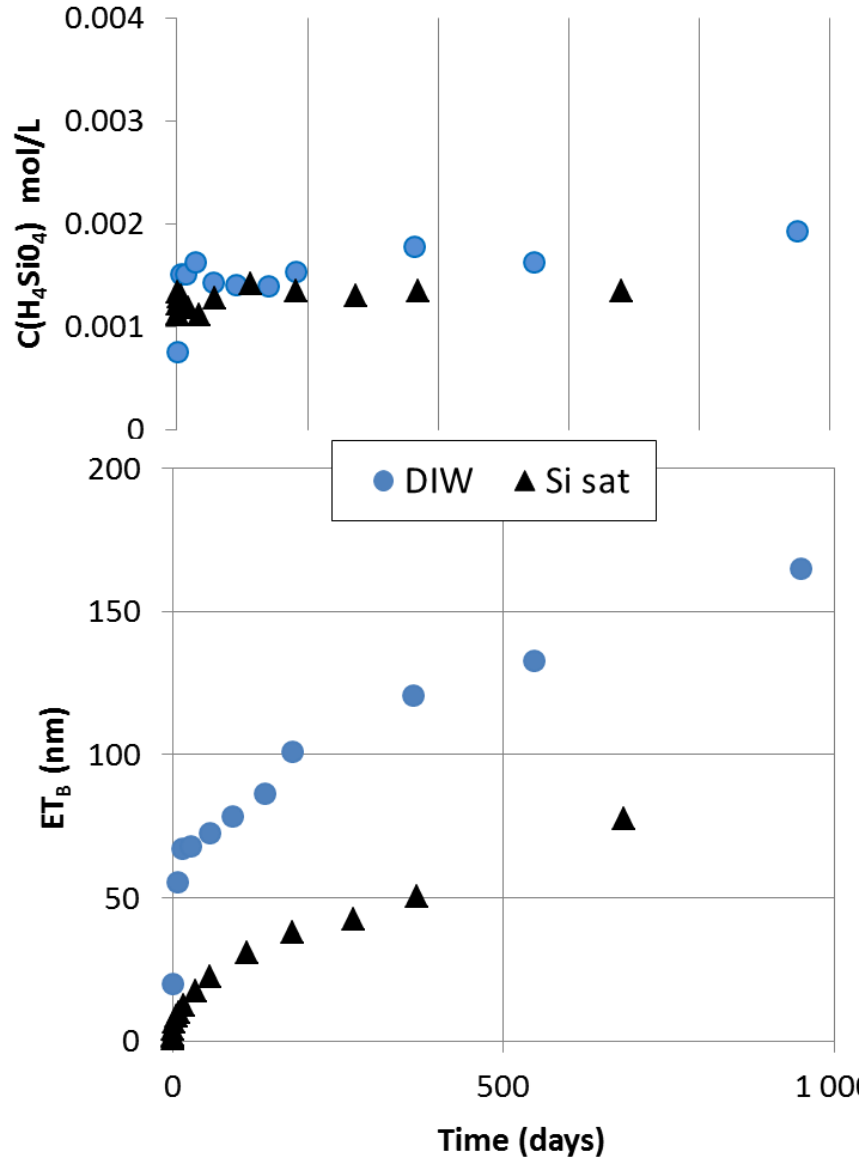


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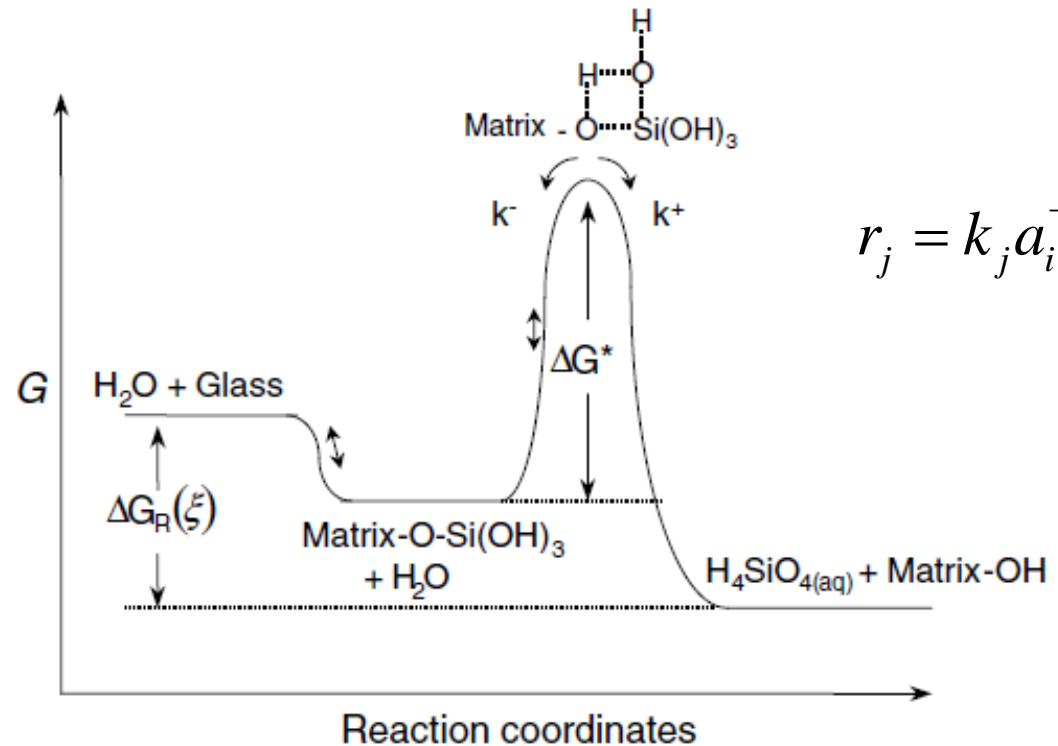
Fig. 1. Altered glass thickness,  $ET(B)$  as a function of time during the static test at 90°C. a) from 0 to 1 year. b) up to 14 years.



# Residual Rate, cont.



1. Thermodynamic driving force drops
  - ▶  $[\text{H}_4\text{SiO}_4]$  (and other glass components) increase in concentration in solution
  - ▶ Basis of Grambow 1987 model:

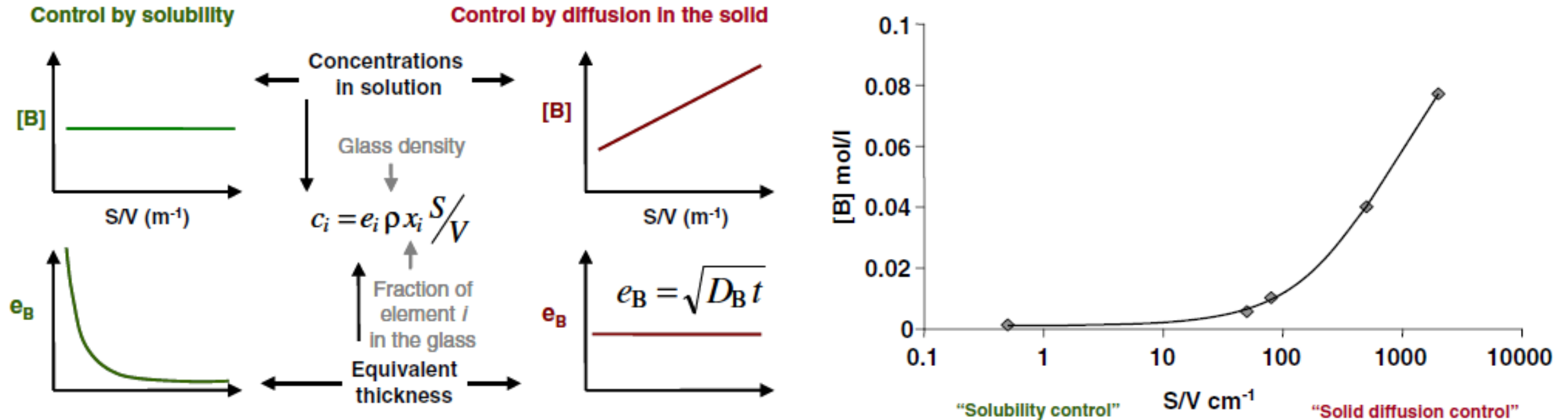


$$r_j = k_j a_i^{-v_{i,j}} \left[ 1 - \exp \left( \frac{-A_j}{\sigma_j RT} \right) \right]$$

# Residual Rate, cont.

## 2. Formation of a passivating reactive interface (PRI)

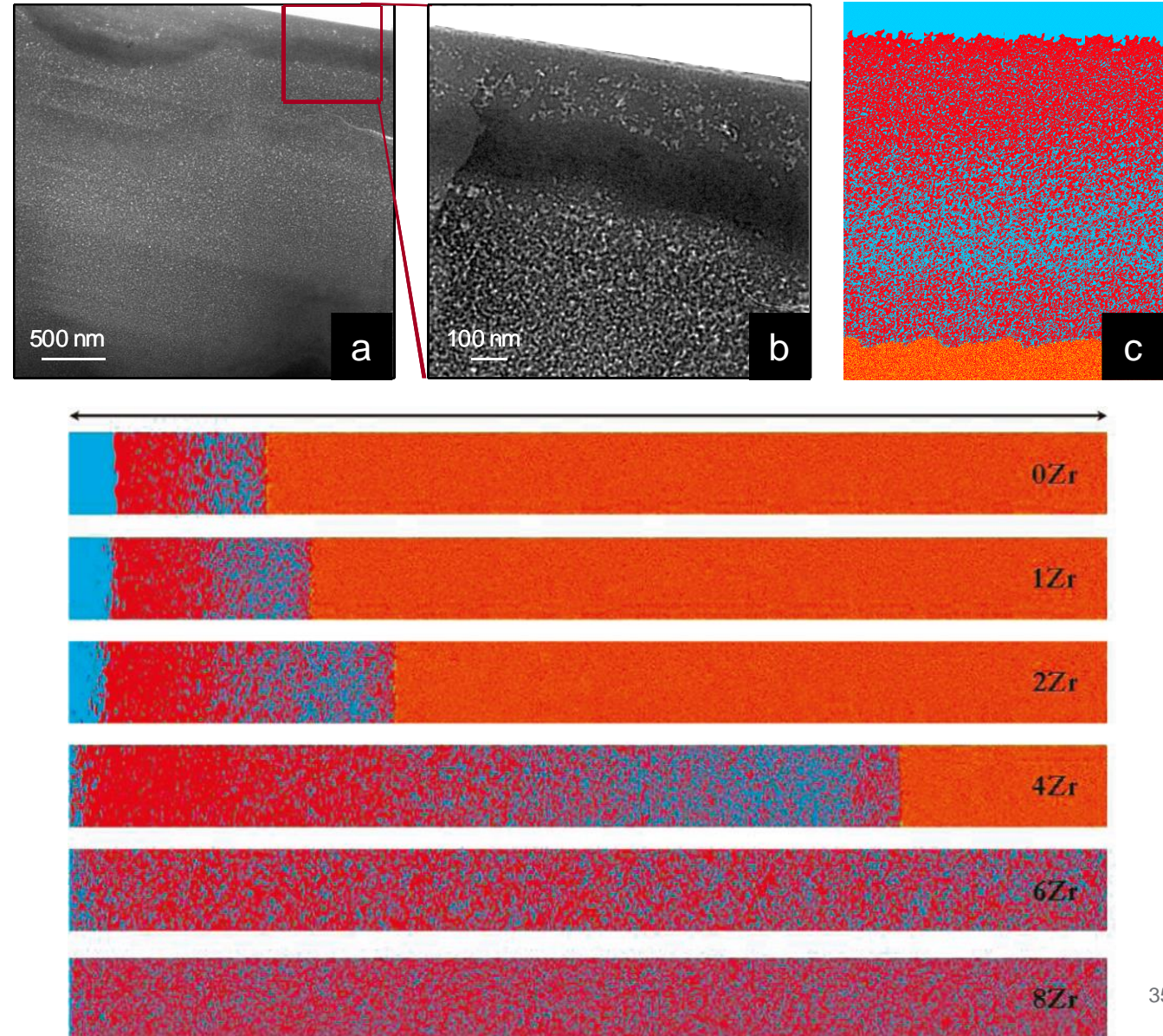
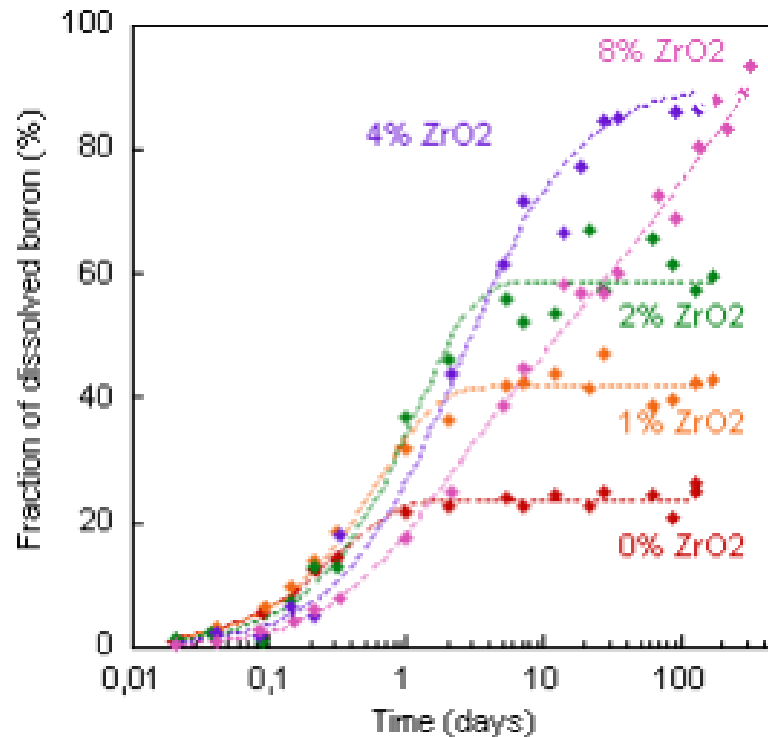
- ▶ A high-density hydrated silicate layer close to the altering glass slows transport
- ▶ Basis of GRAAL model:



# Residual Rate, cont.

## 3. Pour “clogging”

- ▶ A high-density silica layer far from reacting interface
- ▶ High Zr limits Si reorganization

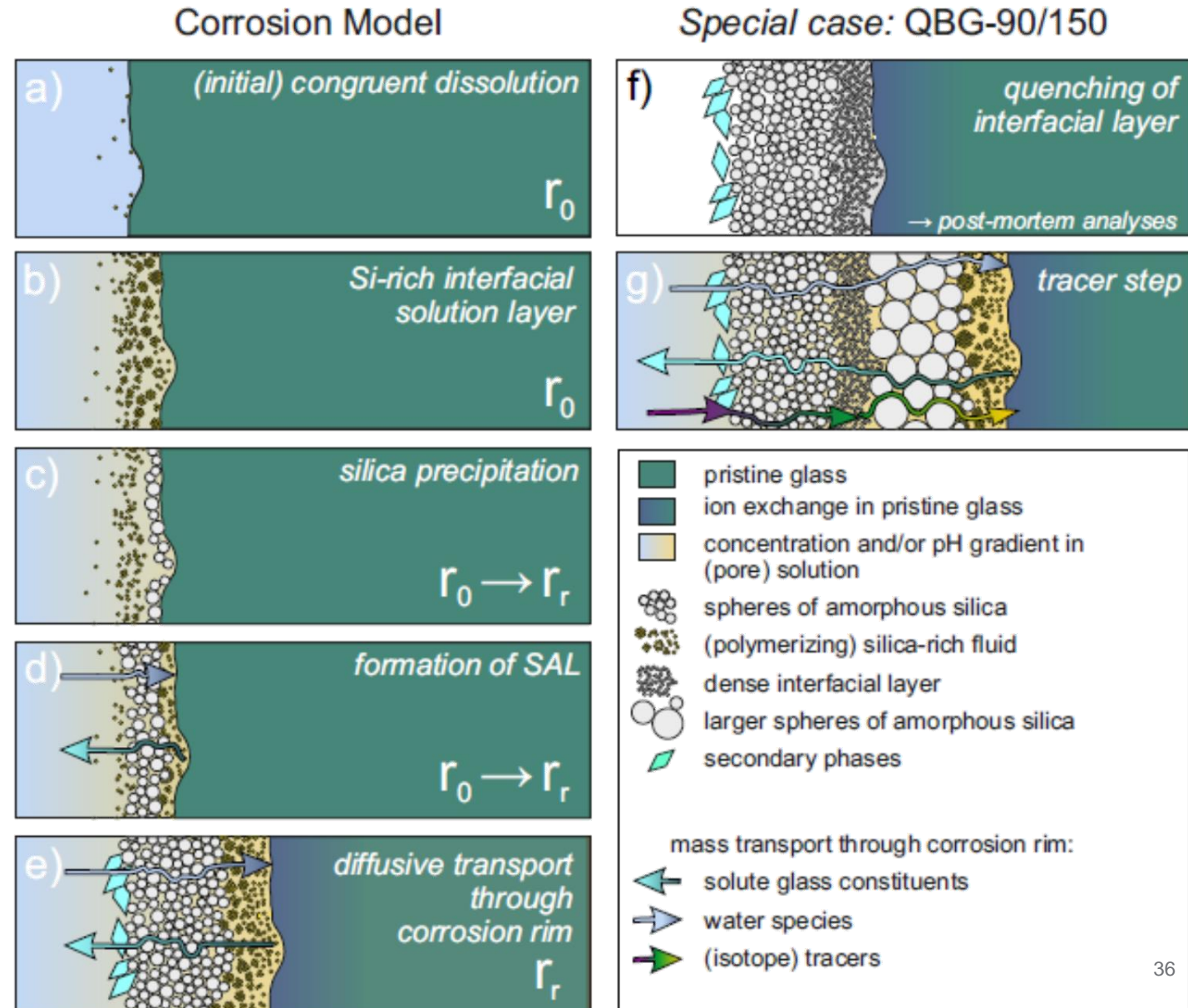




# Residual Rate, cont.

## 4. Dissolution/reprecipitation

- ▶ A high-density silica layer forms, glass corrodes forming a local chemical gradient, and silica deposits on this layer on the other side of the chemical gradient
- ▶ Explains layer formation seen in alteration products

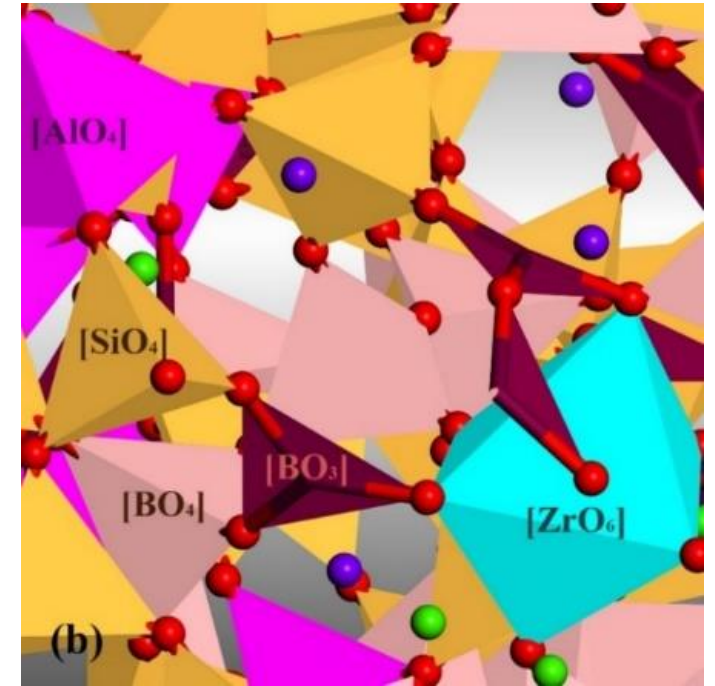
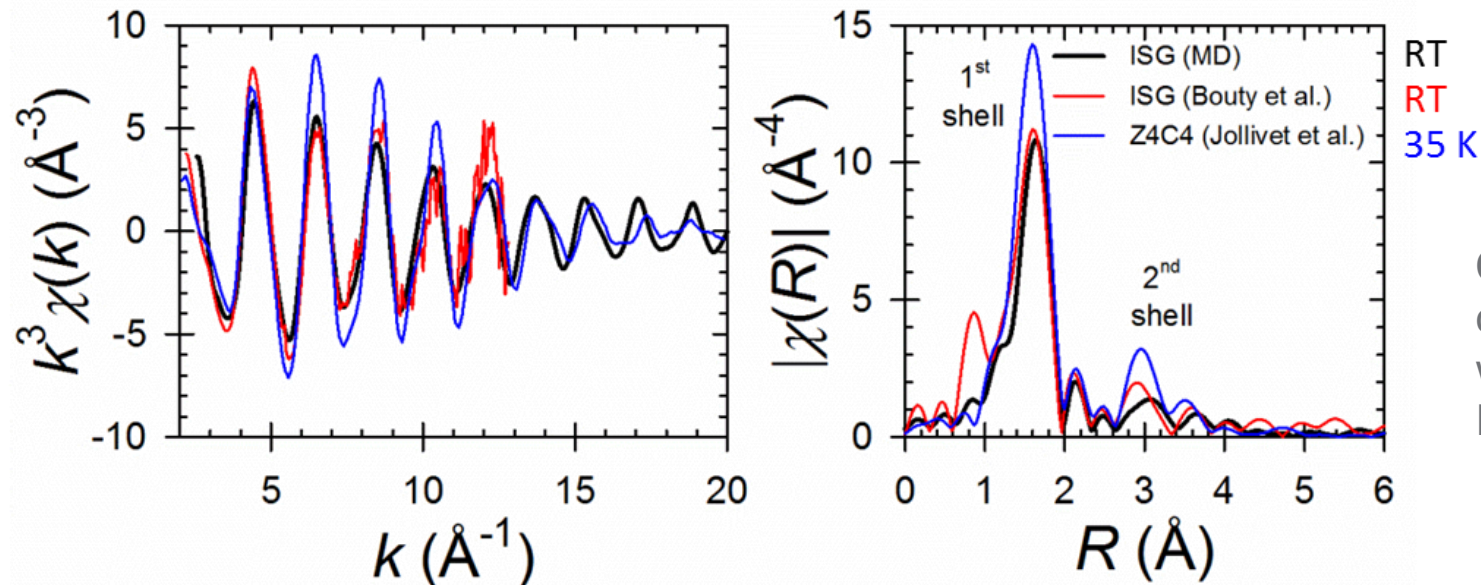




# What is New?

# Complex Glass Structures

- ▶ Developed set of potentials for modeling multi-component waste glasses and validated the models with structural data from EXAFS and NMR:
- First ever structural models of the ISG (international simple glass, a six component glass representing composition of waste glasses)
- Answered questions of distribution of modifiers around  $[\text{BO}_4]^-$ ,  $[\text{AlO}_4]^-$ , &  $[\text{ZrO}_6]^{2-}$
- Precisely describes how silicate network is fragmented by the borate groups → crucial for structure of altered layers



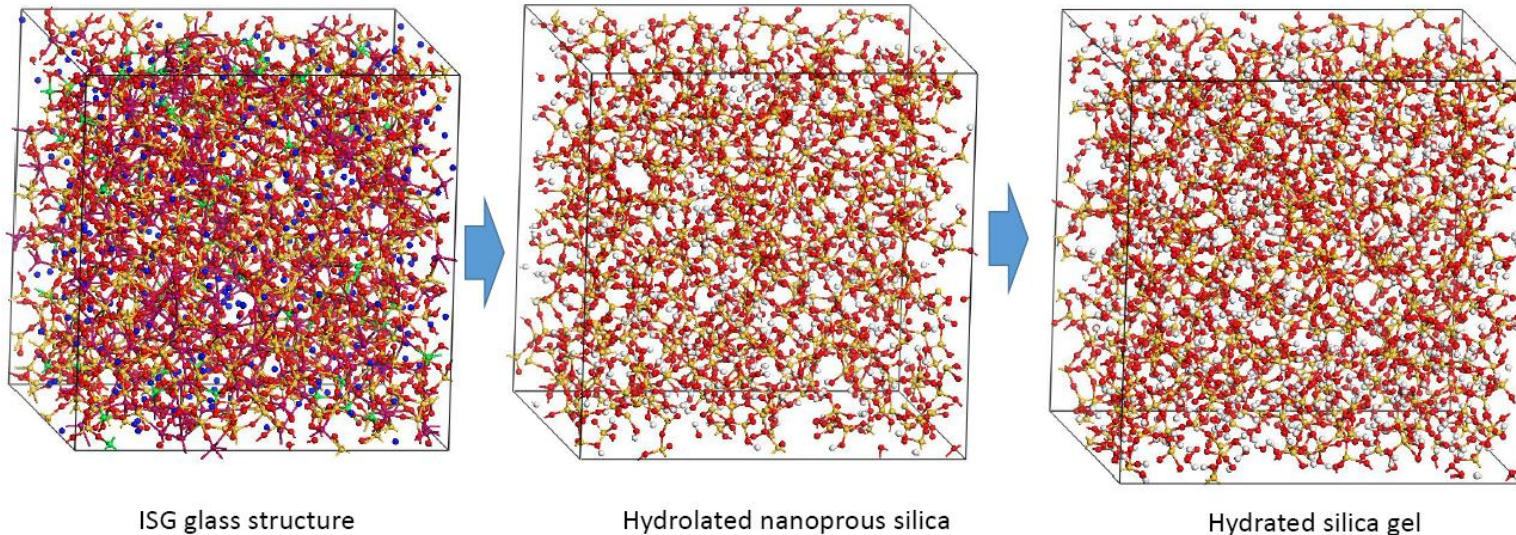
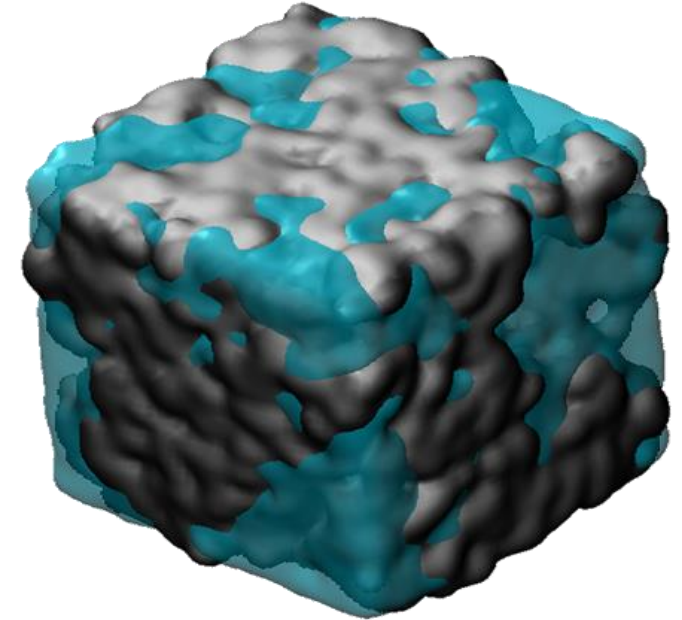
Modeled structure of ISG  
Du and Rimsza 2017

Comparison of Zr MD structure  
calculated (not fit) using FEFF  
with measured EXAFS data for  
ISG, Lu et al. 2018



# Alteration Layer Structure/Chemistry

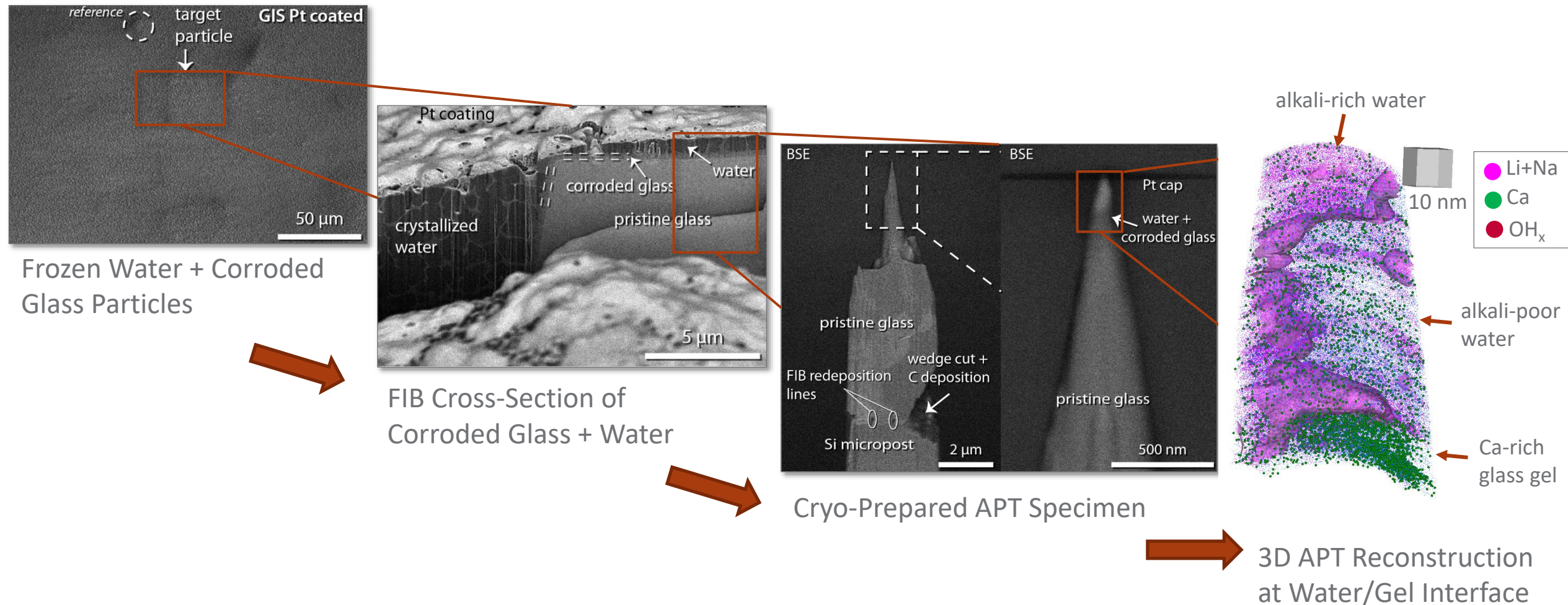
- ▶ Reactive potentials (MGFF) used to accurately represent interactions between water and glass surface
- ▶ Two approaches to form amorphous gel:
  - Insert porosity in predetermined pattern → allow water to interact and relax
  - Replace soluble components with OH → allow water to interact and relax
- ▶ Interconnected network of 1-4 nm pores with composition fluctuations.





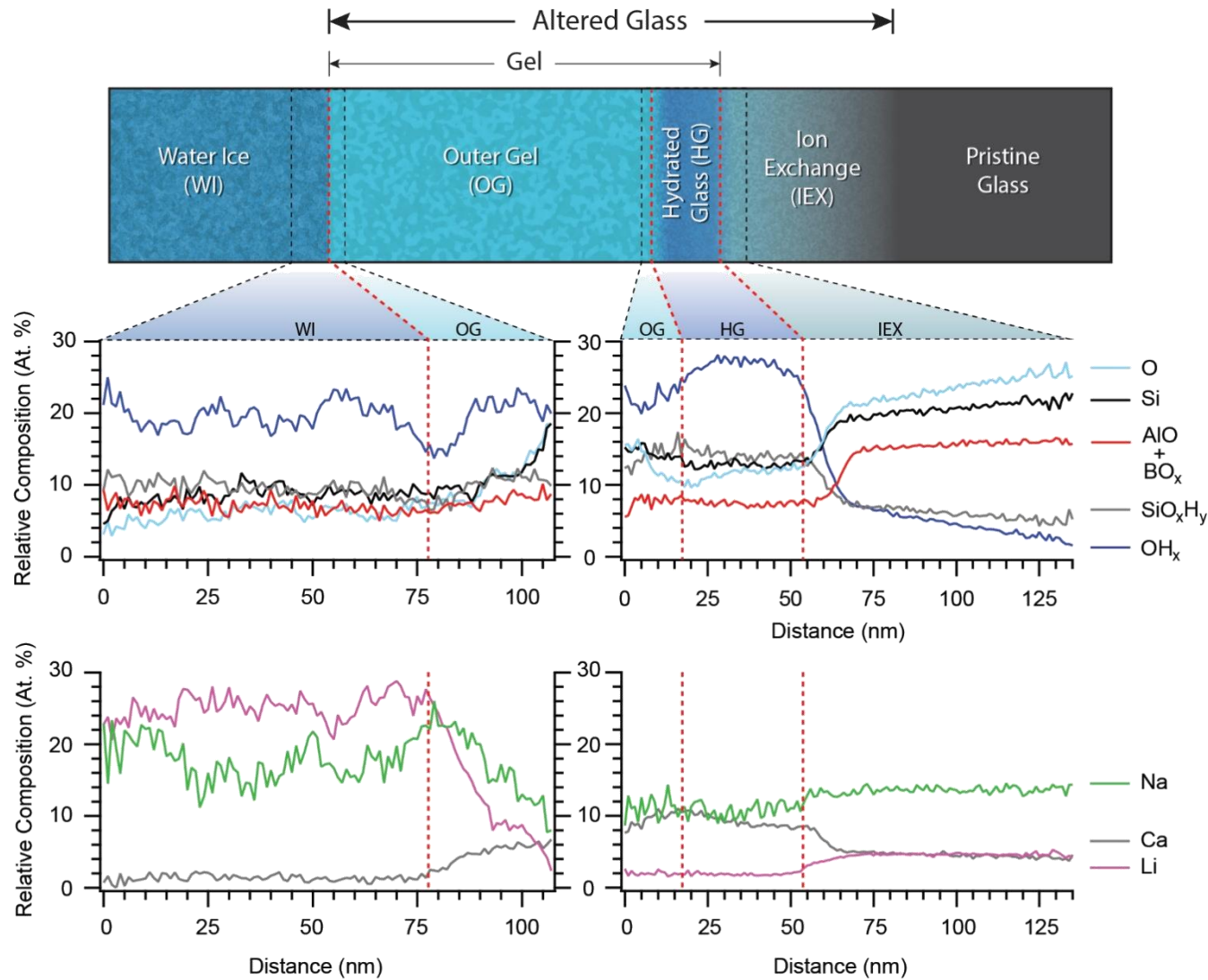
# Alteration Layer Structure/Chemistry

- Developed method to flash-freeze, cryogenically prepare, and image surface layers using APT

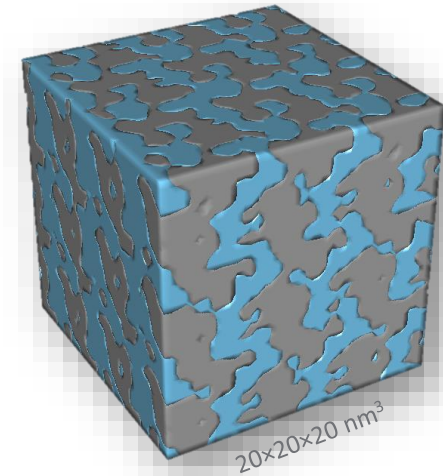


# Alteration Layer Structure/Chemistry

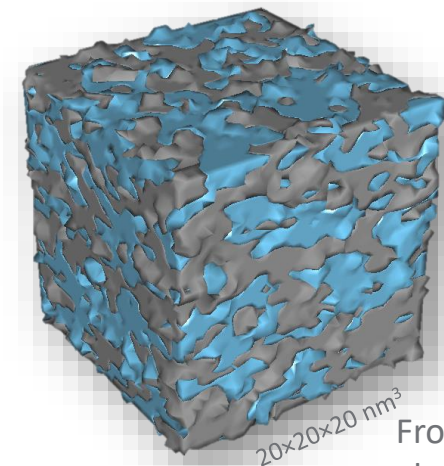
- Interconnected network of 1-4 nm pores with composition fluctuations.



MD simulated



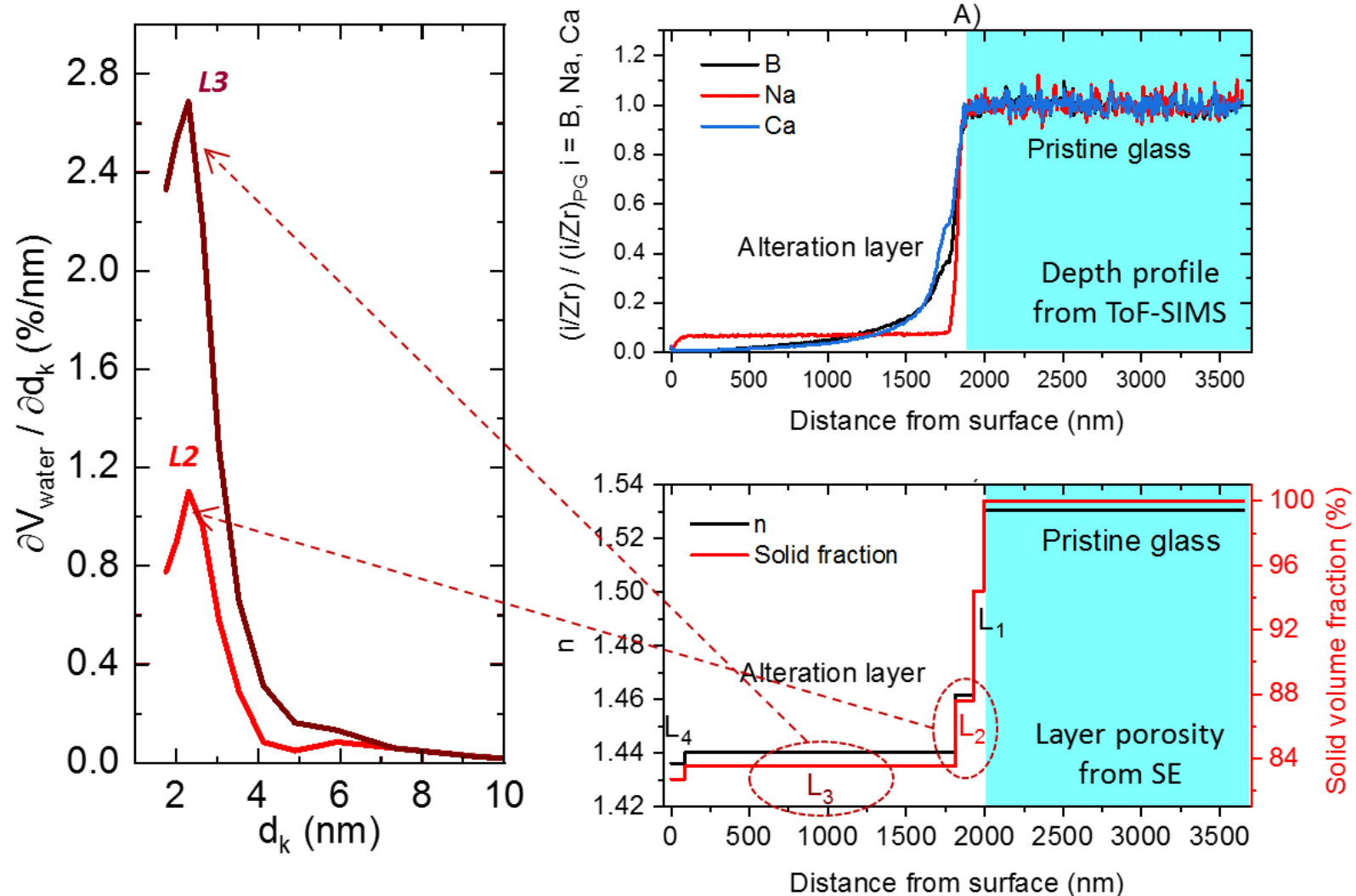
Experimental



From the hydrated  
glass region (HG)

# Alteration Layer Structure/Chemistry

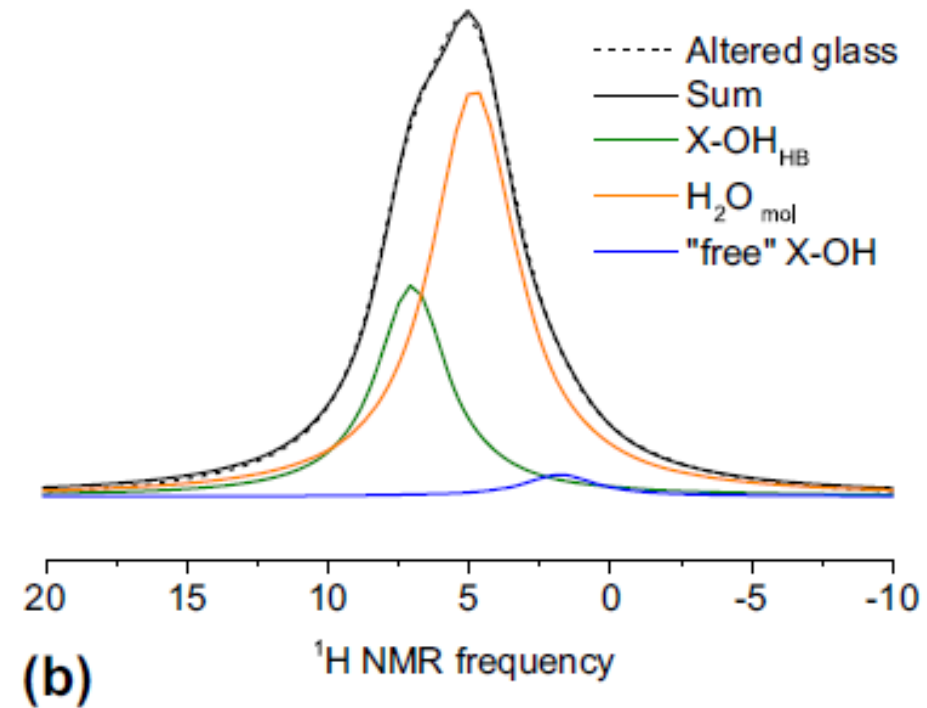
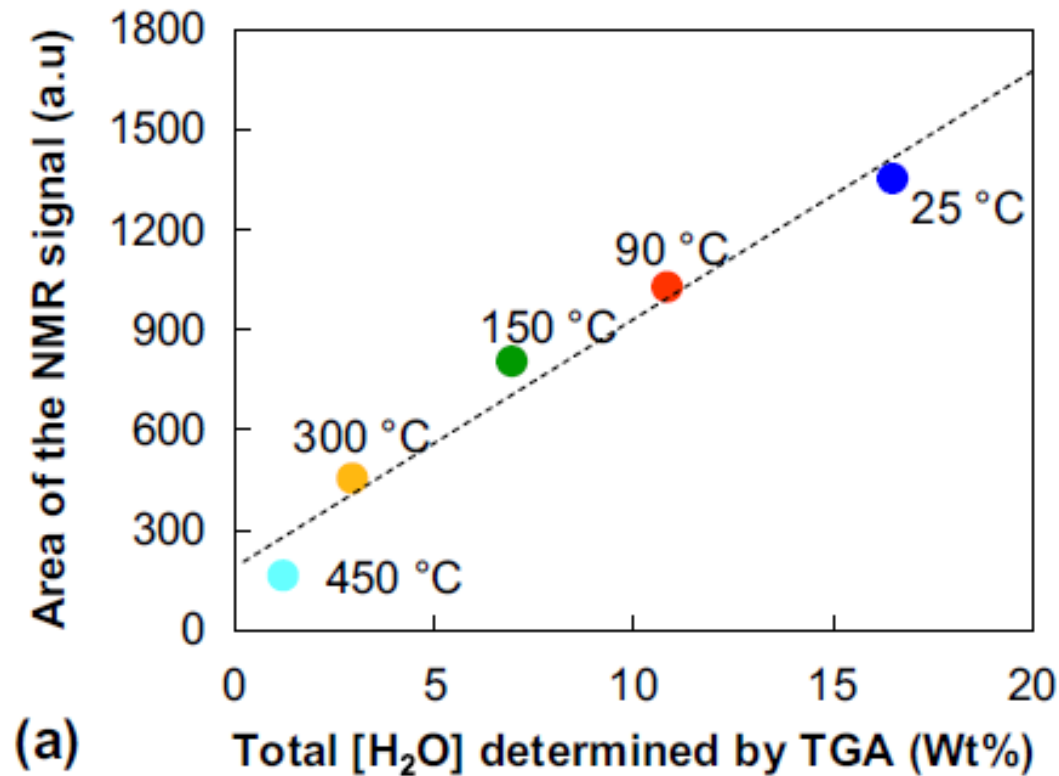
- Porosity and pore size distribution in alteration layer of 1625 day-corroded ISG from spectroscopic ellipsometry (SE) to provide statistics not possible with cryo-APT → results are consistent between the two techniques





# Alteration Layer Structure/Chemistry

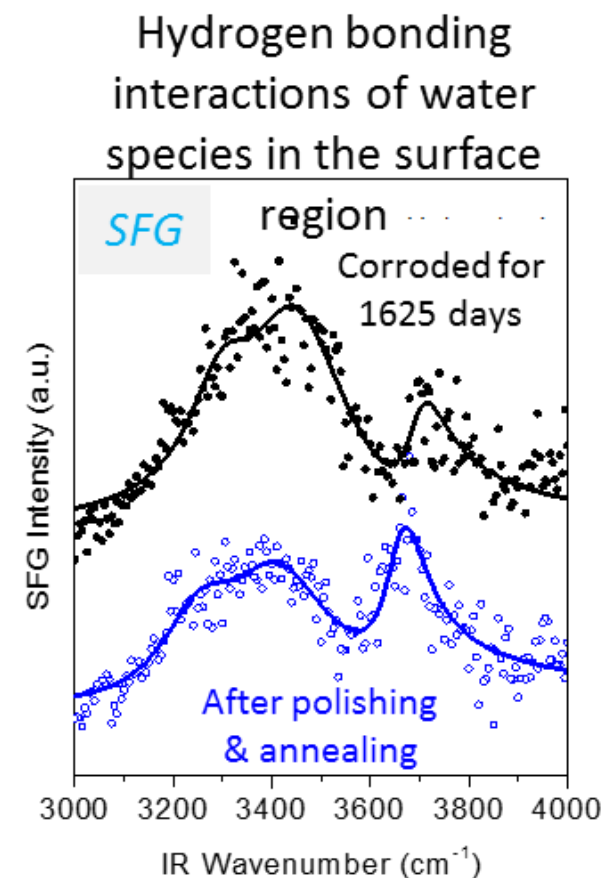
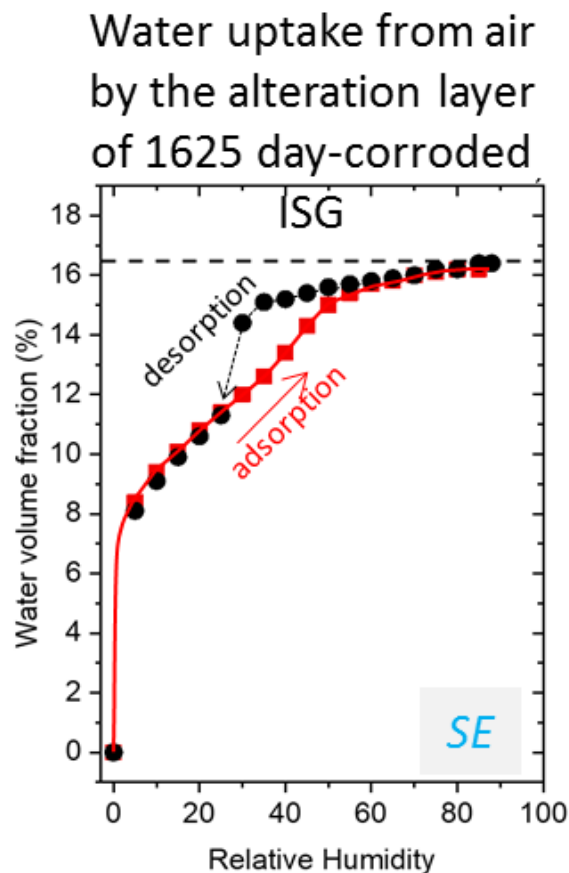
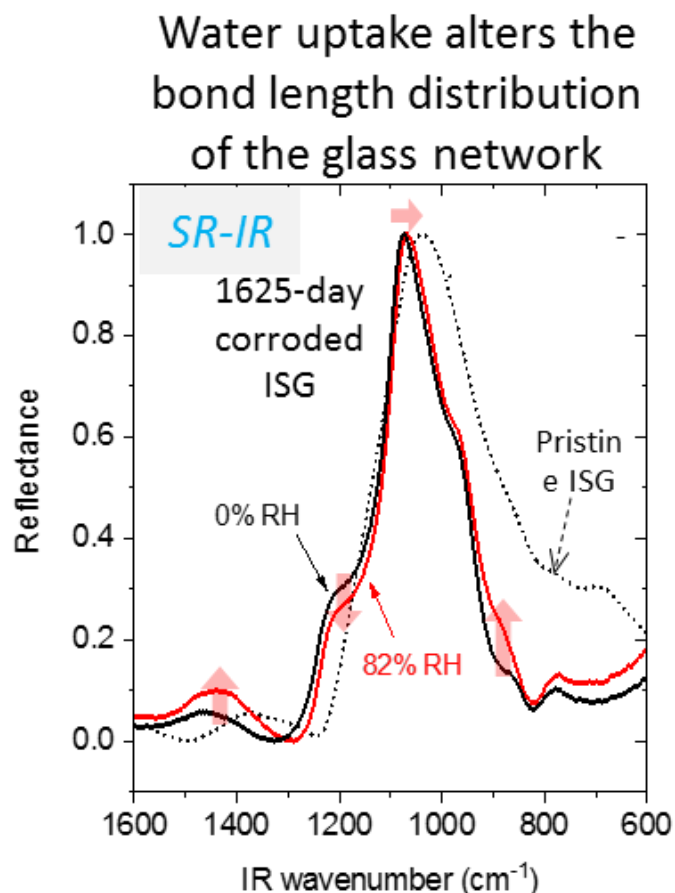
- Water speciation within nano-pores and pore characteristics identified by NMR/TGA.



H of $-X-OH_{HB}$	H of $H_2O_{mol}$	H of "free" $-X-OH$
23.5	70.7	5.8

# Alteration Layer Structure/Chemistry

- Spectroscopic analysis identified distinct surface structures and multiple layers → help to determine passive layer and validate models

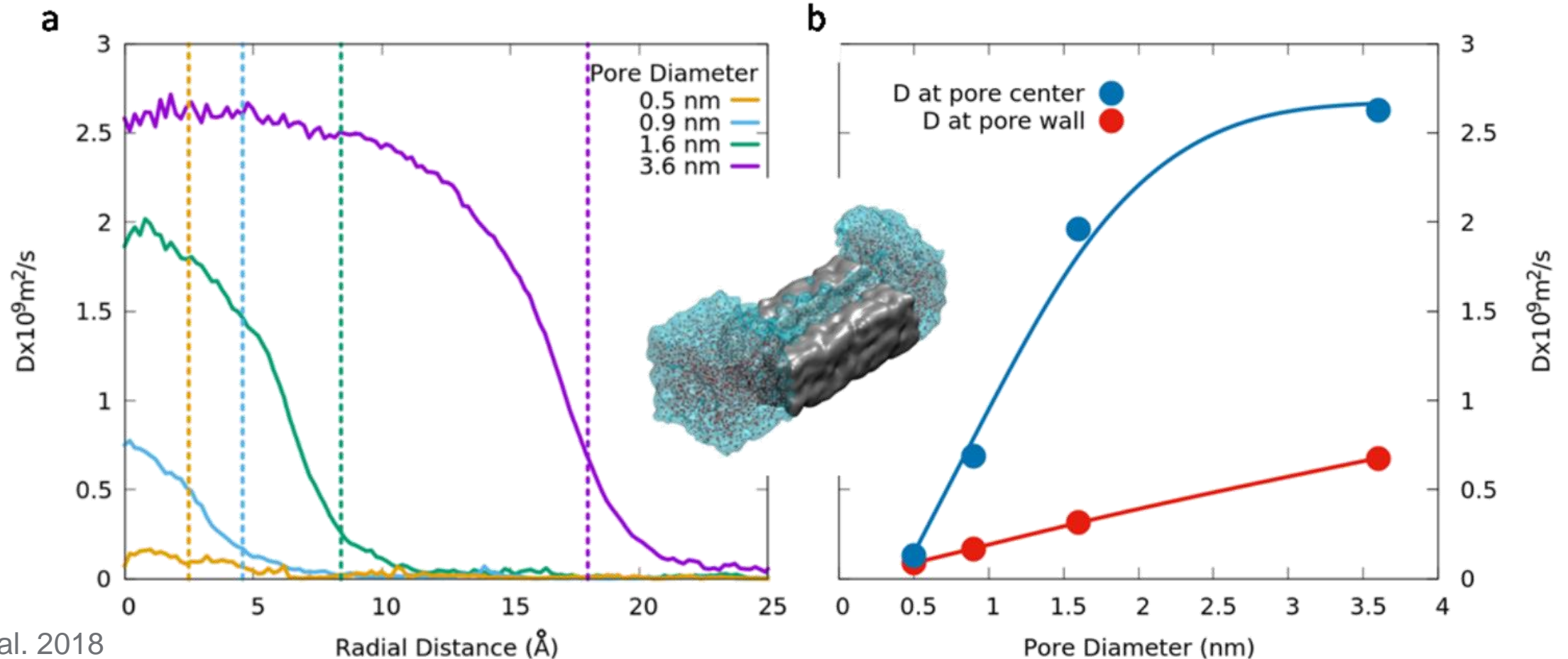


*The Si-O-Si stretch peak position and shape reflect the Si-O bond length distribution (Luo, et al. J.Am.Ceram.Soc. 2018, 101, 178).*

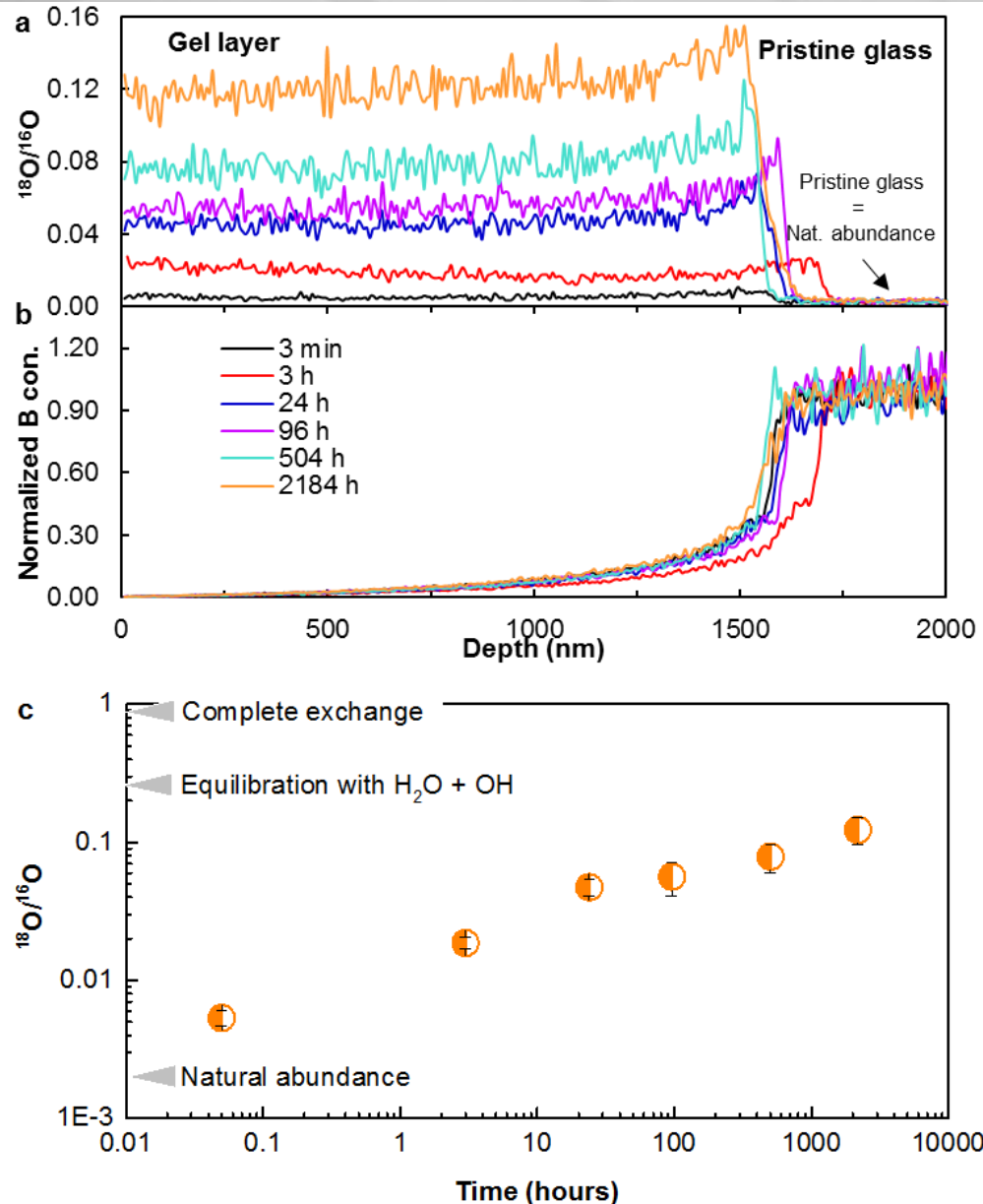


# Properties of Alteration Layer

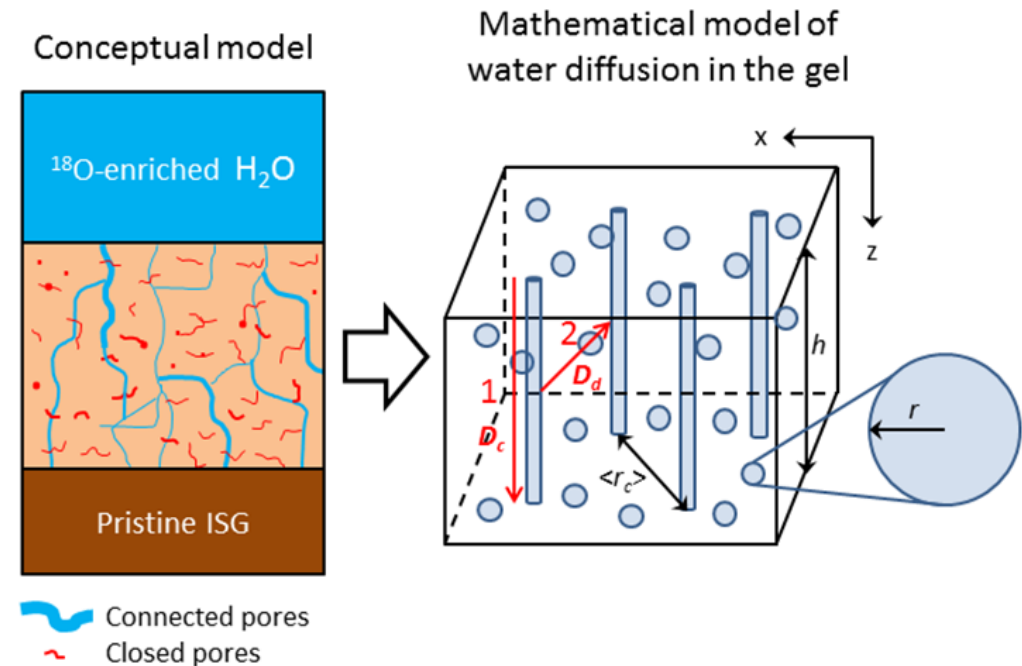
- ▶ Water transport in silica nanopores of diameters from 0.5-4 nm investigated using MD
- ▶ Transport is restricted by 1-2 orders of magnitude in confined spaces due to atomic scale roughness and reaction with pore walls.



# Properties of Alteration Layer



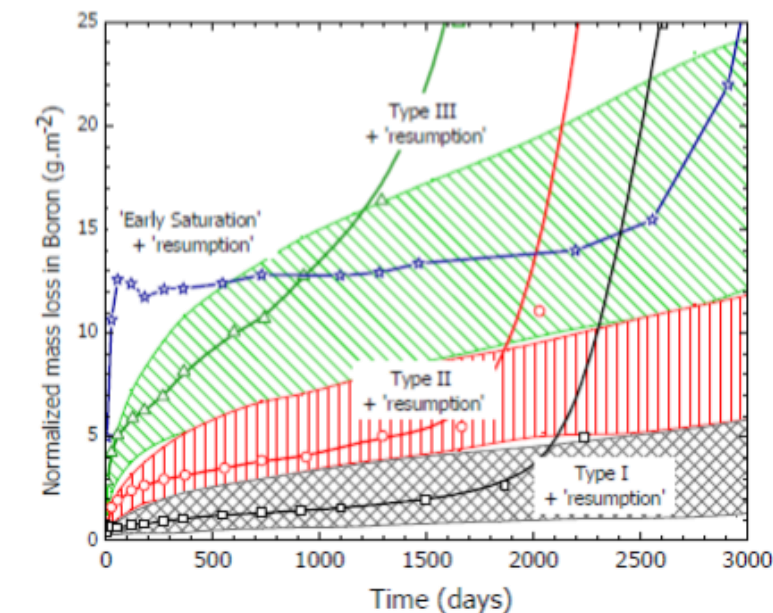
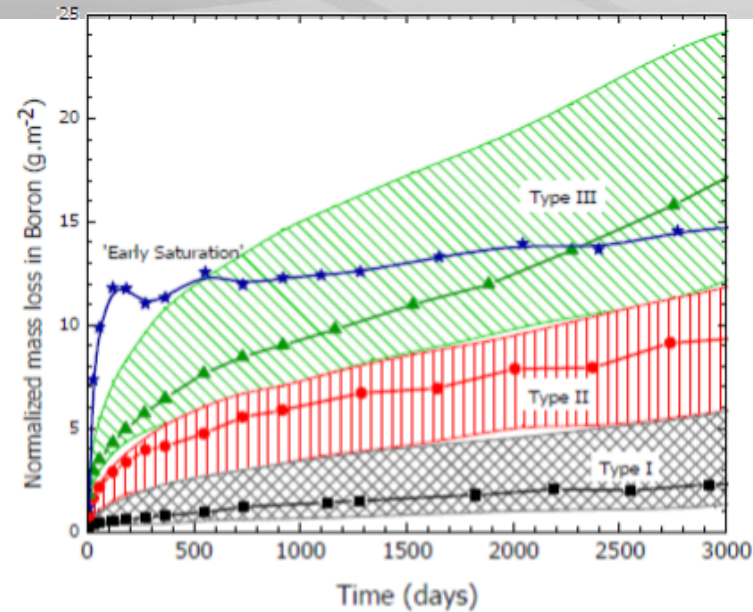
- ▶ Water mobility in gel recorded by time-dependent isotopic and elemental ToF-SIMS profiles
- ▶ 3D porous structure in which small fraction of water molecules diffuse quickly through micro-pores, while most are trapped in closed nano-pores.
- ▶ Gel reorganization is thus key mechanism accounting for extremely low water diffusivity ( $\sim 10^{-21} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ), which is rate-limiting for overall reaction.





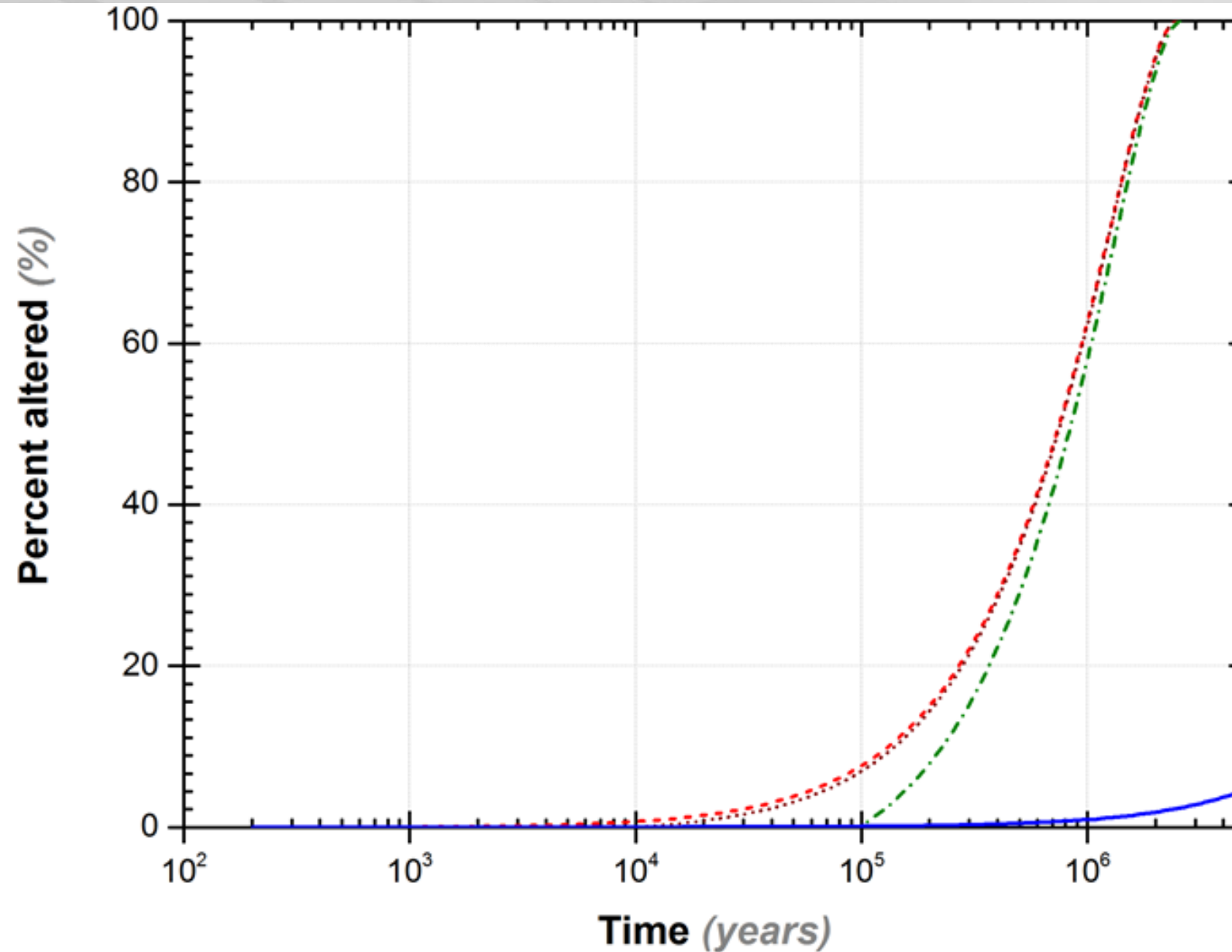
# Acceleration (Stage III)

# Empirically Measured Results Very Significantly



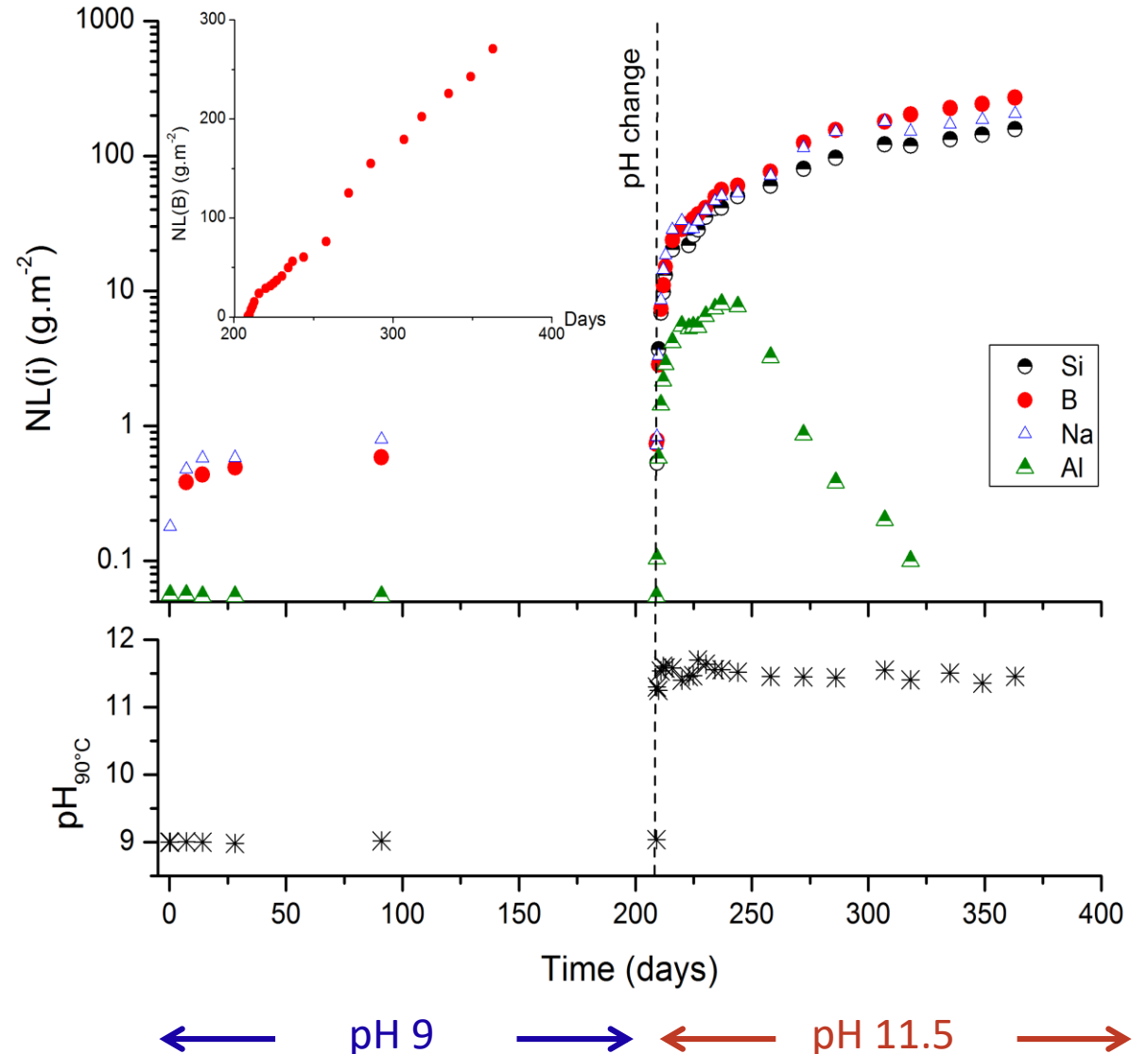
- ▶ Broad range of long-term corrosion rates observed in nearly static conditions.
- ▶ Stage III (accelerated corrosion) is particularly challenging
  - For certain glasses tested under static conditions an abrupt increase in corrosion rate is observed
    - Not all glasses and not all conditions show this rate increase
  - The rate increase is often observed coincidental with zeolite precipitation
  - Some glasses that do not display stage III in static tests can be induced to accelerate by changing conditions: e.g., pH ↑

# Example Disposal Environment Predictions



# Stage III Observations

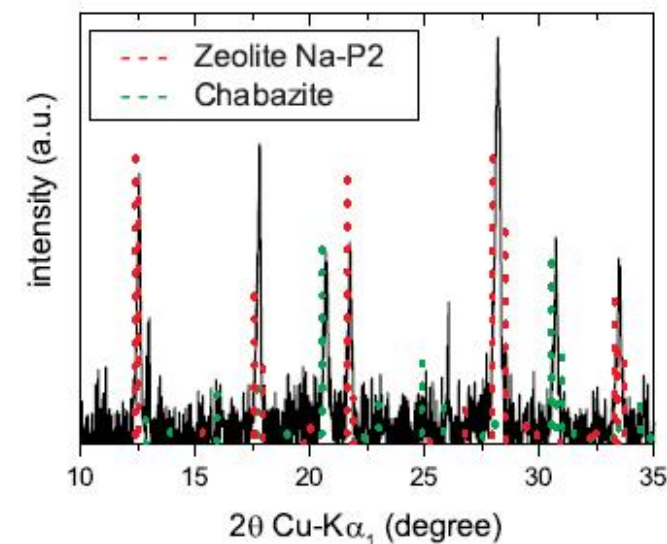
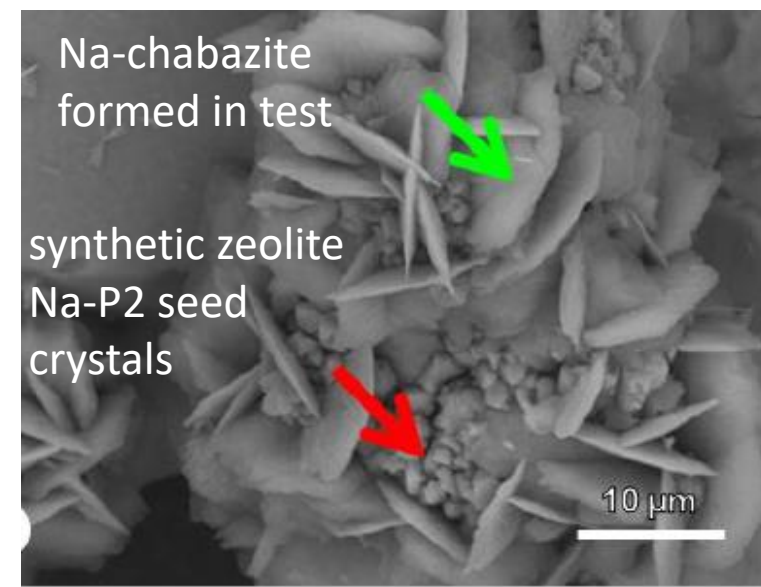
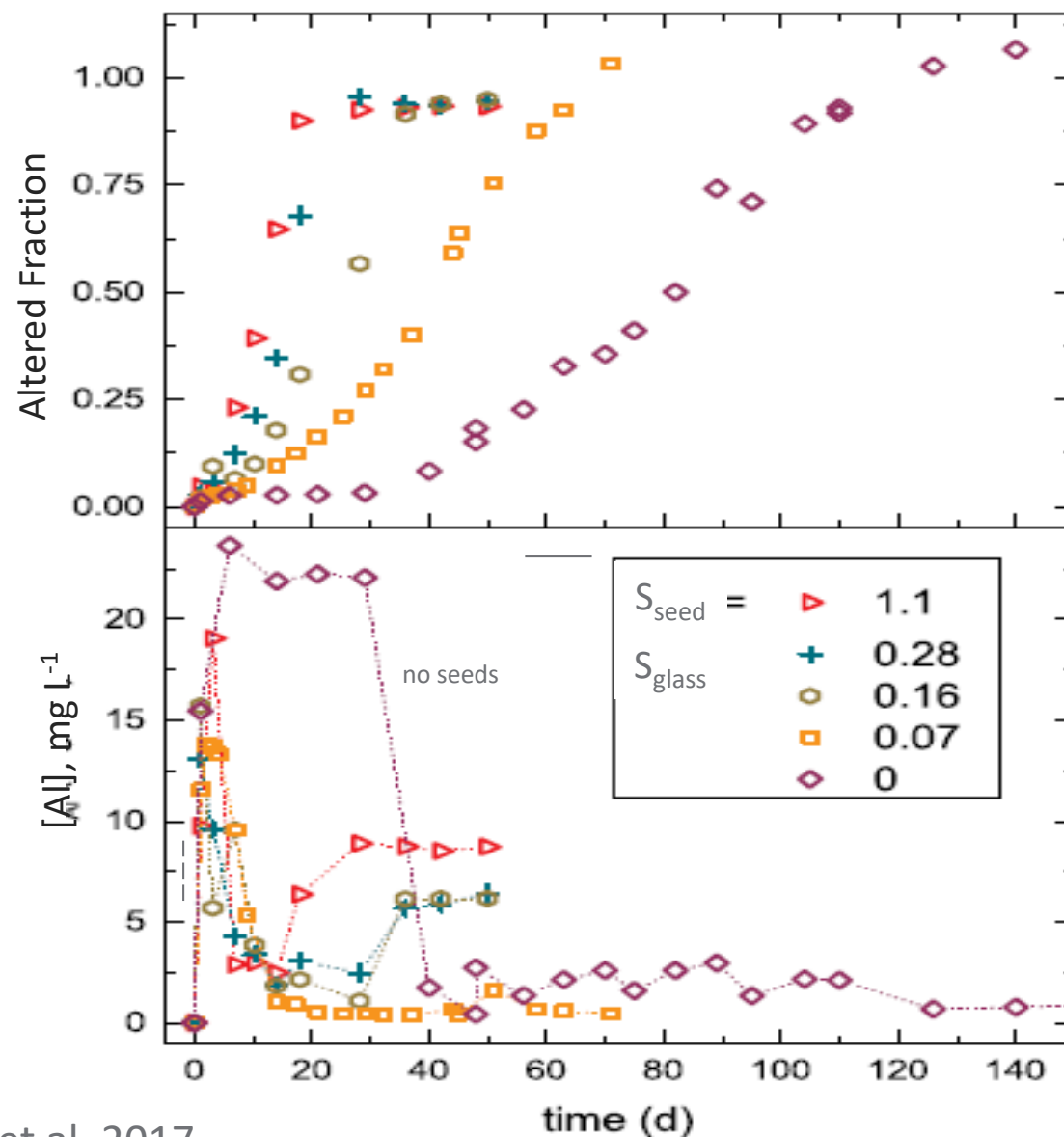
- ▶ Increasing pH of ISG glass corroding in static conditions initiates Stage III
- ▶ Stage III is often associated with higher pH conditions, but, not always
- ▶ Si, B, Na concentrations increase while Al concentration decreases
  - In unperturbed static tests,  $[Al] \downarrow$  always precedes rate acceleration
- ▶ Generally, linear rate
- ▶ It's not yet clear how the rate may vary with temperature and under what conditions it will occur
  - Not clear if it can occur in disposal environments





# Stage III Observations, cont.

- ▶ Stage III can be induced (or initiated earlier) by seeding with certain zeolites
- ▶ Na-P1 and Na-P2 but not Analcime and Clinoptilolite (Crum 2017, unpub)

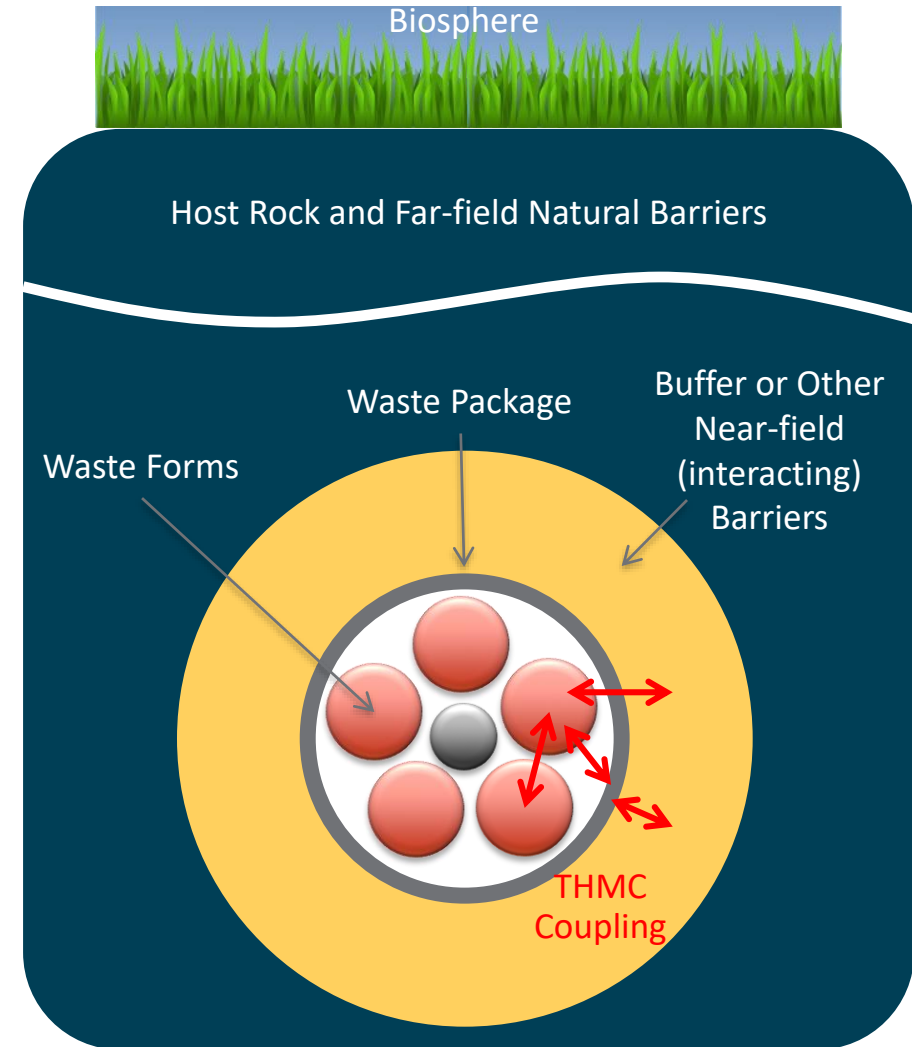




# Glass as a Barrier

# Glass as One of the Many Barriers in a Disposal System

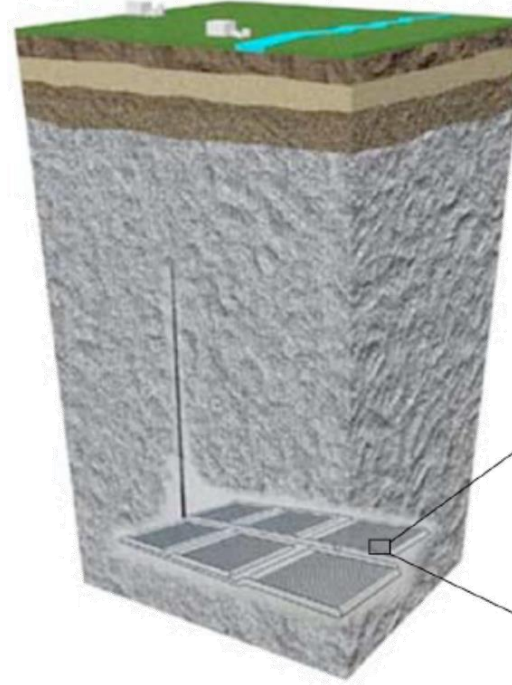
- ▶ Radionuclides and hazardous components released “congruently” with glass matrix corrosion
  - Typically indicated by boron release in testing
- ▶ Available for transport and solubility control
  
- ▶ Near-field materials (those with chemical feedback to corroding glass)
  - Steel and steel corrosion products
  - Clay backfill
  - Cements



# Glass as One of the Many Barriers in a Disposal System

## Geological environment

- Long-term stability
- Favorable geological conditions
- Function as a natural barrier system



## Engineered barrier system

### HLW borosilicate glass

- Low dissolution rate
- Radionuclide immobilisation on/in secondary products

### Stainless steel canister

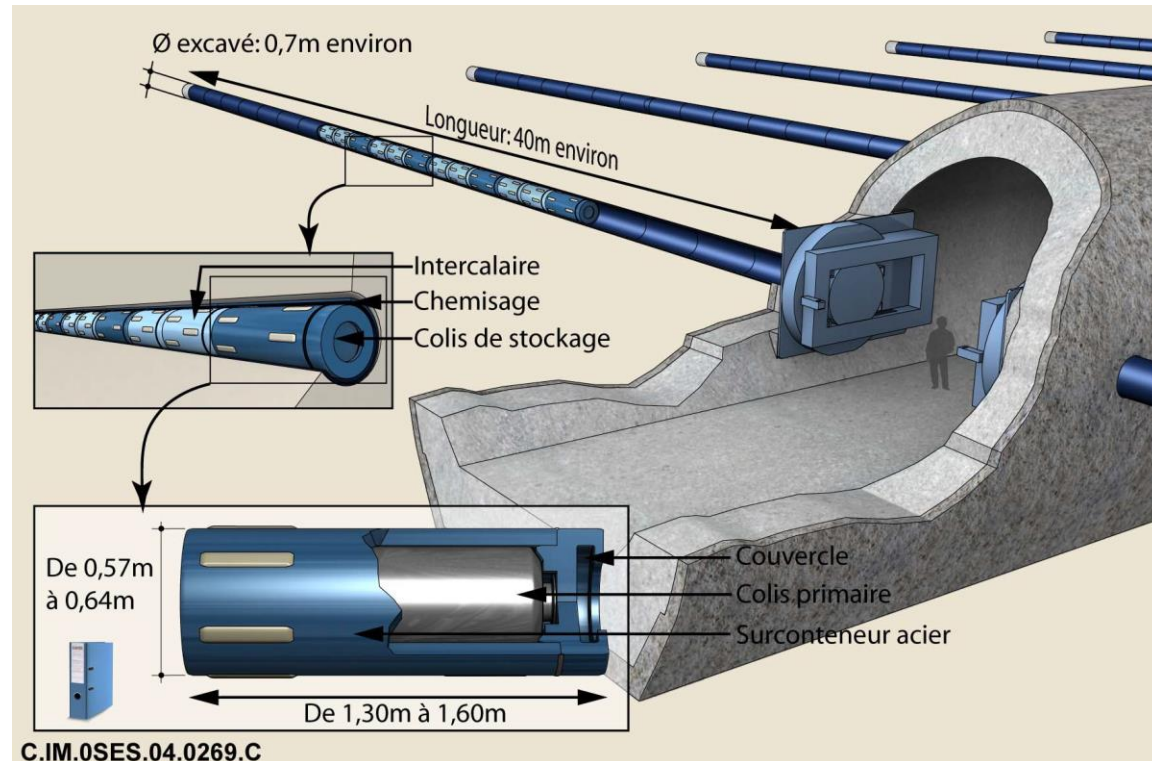
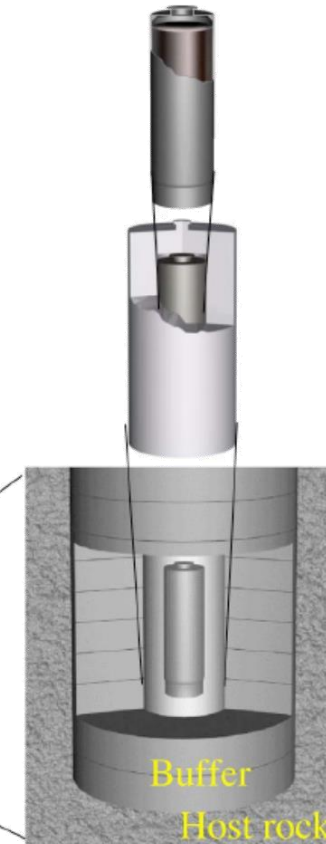
- Mechanical integrity
- Radionuclide uptake in/on corrosion products

### Steel Overpack

- Mechanical integrity
- Radionuclide uptake in/on corrosion products
- Redox buffer
- Flow/diffusion resistance after failure

### Bentonite/sand buffer

- Diffusion barrier
- Colloid filter
- pH/redox buffer
- Radionuclide sorption
- Plasticity/mechanical buffer
- Microbe "barrier"

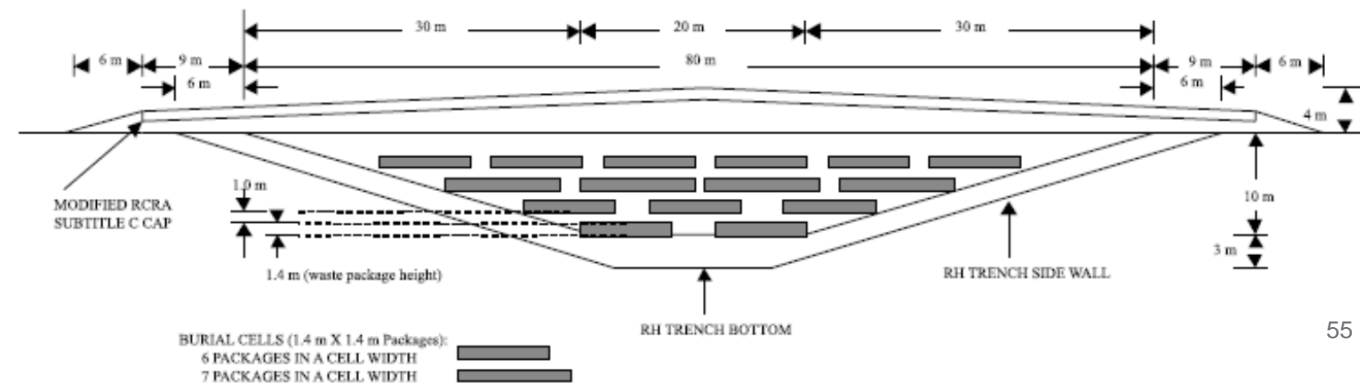
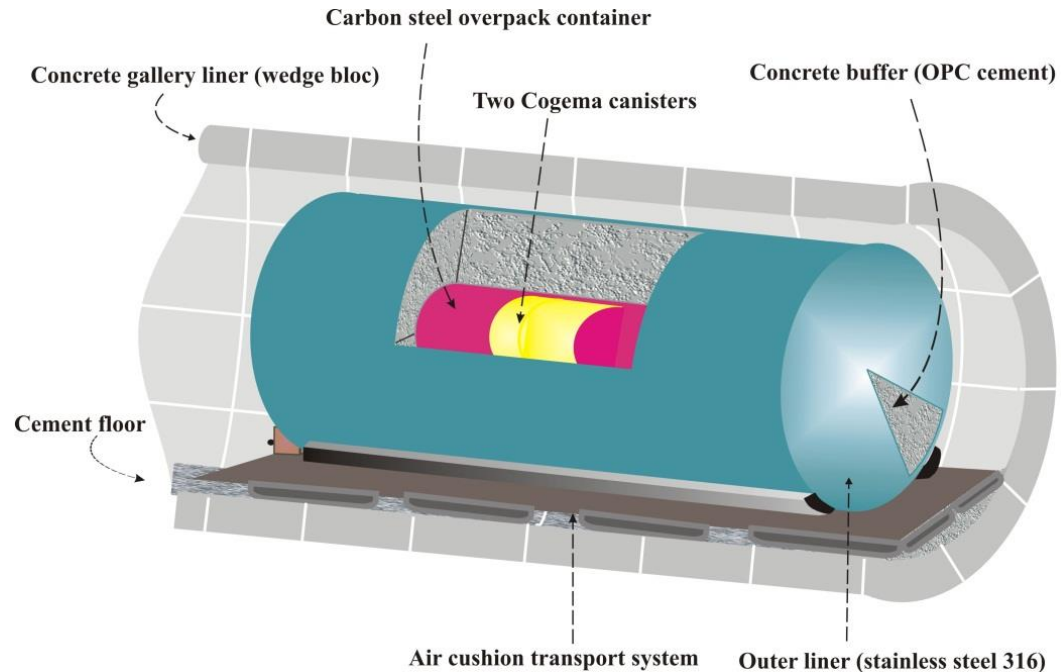


ANDRA 2005



# Glass as One of the Many Barriers in a Disposal System

- ▶ A continuum of reliance on glass performance
  - Hanford LAW → glass performance is primary barrier
  - Belgium super-container → glass is minor barrier

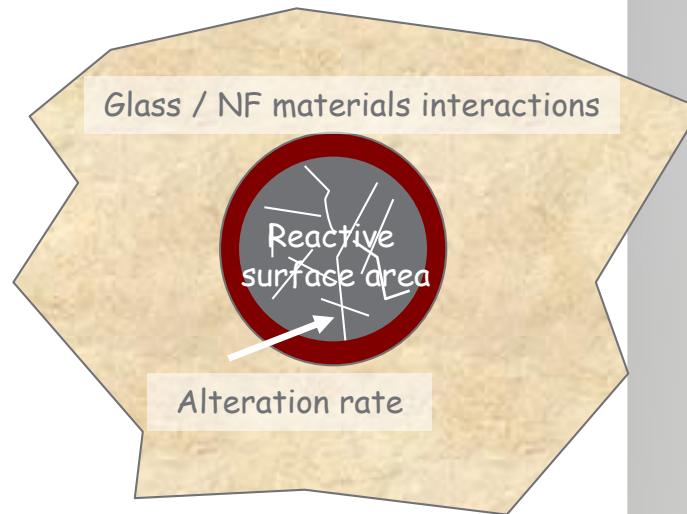


# Surface Area

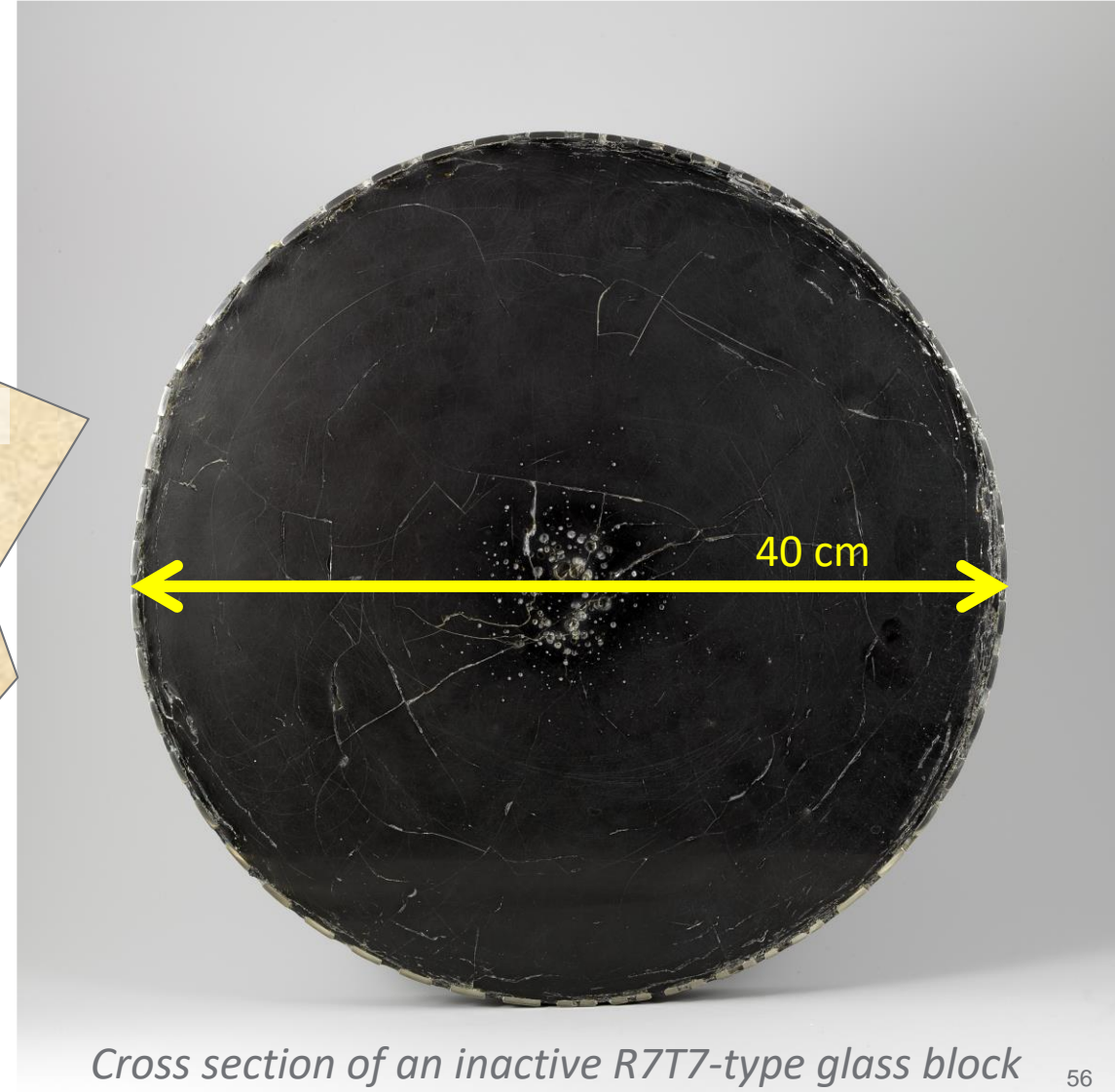
Verney Carron et al. 2010

$$J_{RN} \propto M_{\text{altered glass}} = \iint r(t, s) ds dt$$

- ▶ Flux is proportional to reactive surface area of glass
- ▶ Glass cracking due to rapid cooling increases surface area (4 to 50×  $S_{\text{geom}}$ )
- ▶ Not all cracks are accessible to corrosion



ASTM Standard C1174  
Poinssot and Gin, 2012



# Example Glass Corrosion Models



# General Modeling Approach

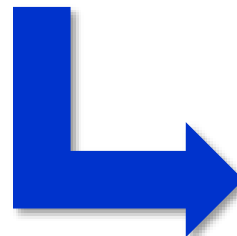
- Contaminant transport is modeled using the reaction-advection-dispersion equation:

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = D \frac{d^2C}{dx^2} - v_x \frac{dC}{dx} - \frac{\rho_b}{\theta} \left( \frac{dC_s}{dt} \right)_{\text{sorption}} + \sum_{k=1}^{N_s} \left( \frac{dC}{dt} \right)_{\text{reaction } k}$$

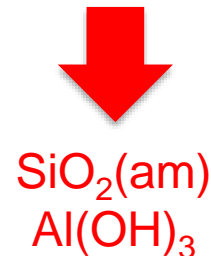
- Solution mass balance equation (SMBE) of species i

$$\frac{dC_i^{\text{sol}}}{dt} = \underbrace{\frac{S}{V} J_i^{\text{gls}} \Big|_{x=0}}_{\text{FLUX OUT OF GLASS}} - \underbrace{\frac{F_v}{V} (C_i^{\text{sol}} - C_i^{\text{eff}})}_{\text{FLOW IN/OUT OF SOLUTION}} - \underbrace{\frac{dC_i^{\text{min}}}{dt}}_{\text{MINERAL FORMATION}}$$

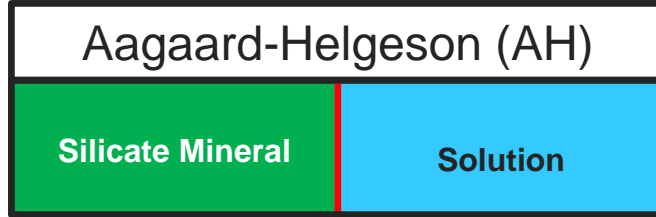
Mechanistic  
Models



- ☐ Aagaard-Helgeson
- ☐ Residual rate
- ☐  $r(t)$
- ☐ Grambow-Müller
- ☐ GRAAL

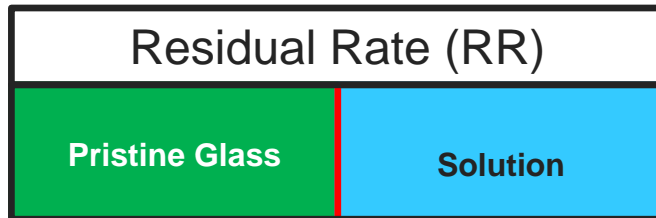


C	concentration
D	dispersion coef
v	advective flow
$C_s$	sorbed concentration
$N_s$	number of sinks/sources
$\rho$	density of EBS
$\theta$	porosity of EBS
t	time
S	surface area
V	volume
x	depth in glass
$F_v$	flow
sol	solution
gls	glass
eff	effluent
min	mineral



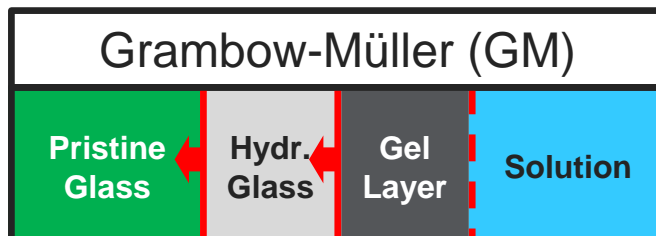
$$r_{\text{net}} = k \prod_i a_i^{-v_{i,j}} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{Q}{K} \right)^{1/\sigma} \right)$$

Aagaard and Helgeson 1982  
Grambow 1987



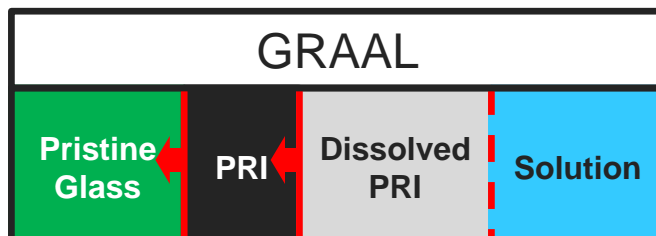
$$r_{\text{net}} = k \exp\left(-\frac{E_a}{RT}\right) a_{\text{H}^+}^{-\eta} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{Q}{K} \right)^{1/\sigma} \right] + r_{\text{res}}$$

Pierce et al. 2004



$$\frac{dC}{dt} = D_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \frac{d^2C}{dx^2} - r_{\text{matrix}}(t) \frac{dC}{dx}$$

Grambow and Muller 2001



$$\frac{de}{dt} = \frac{r_{\text{hydr}}}{1 + \frac{e(t)r_{\text{hydr}}}{D_{\text{PRI}}}} - \frac{dE}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = r_{\text{diss}} \left( 1 - \frac{C_{\text{Si}}(t)}{C_{\text{sat}}} \right)$$

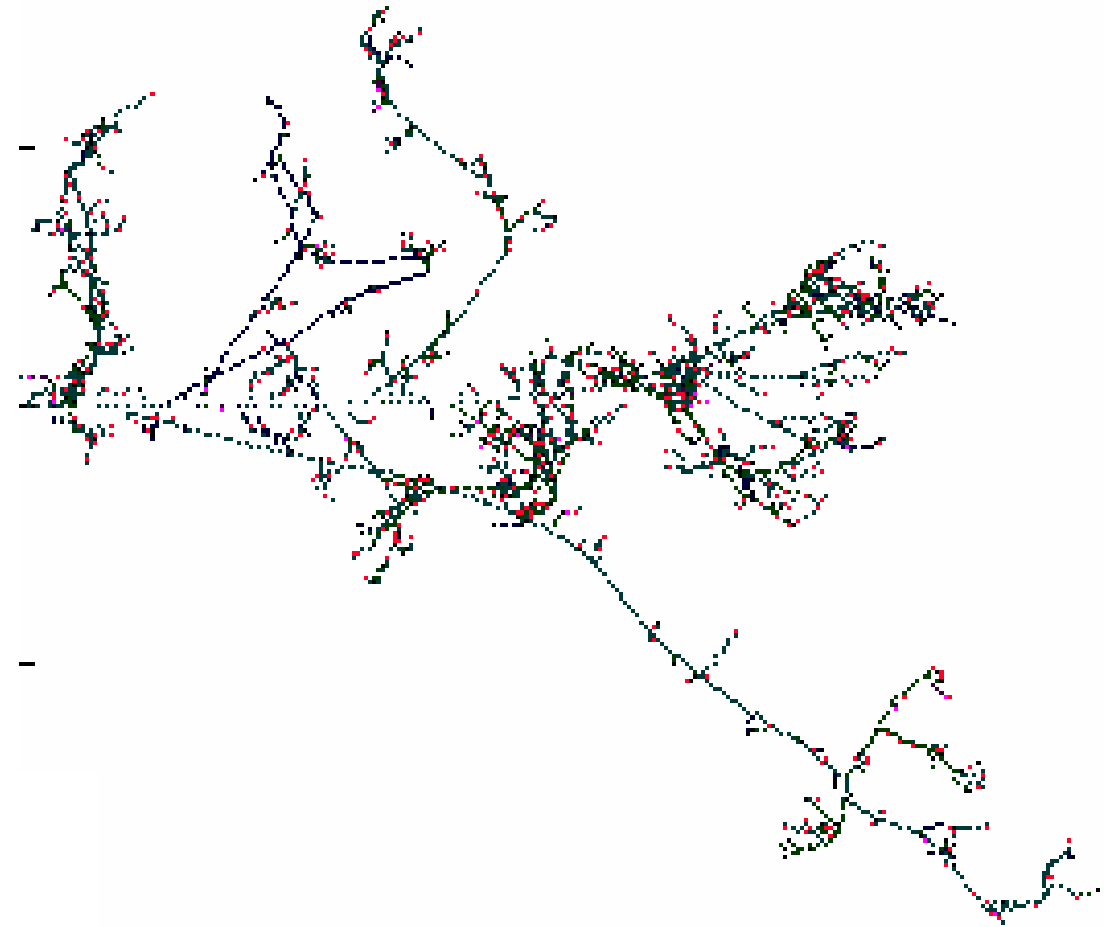
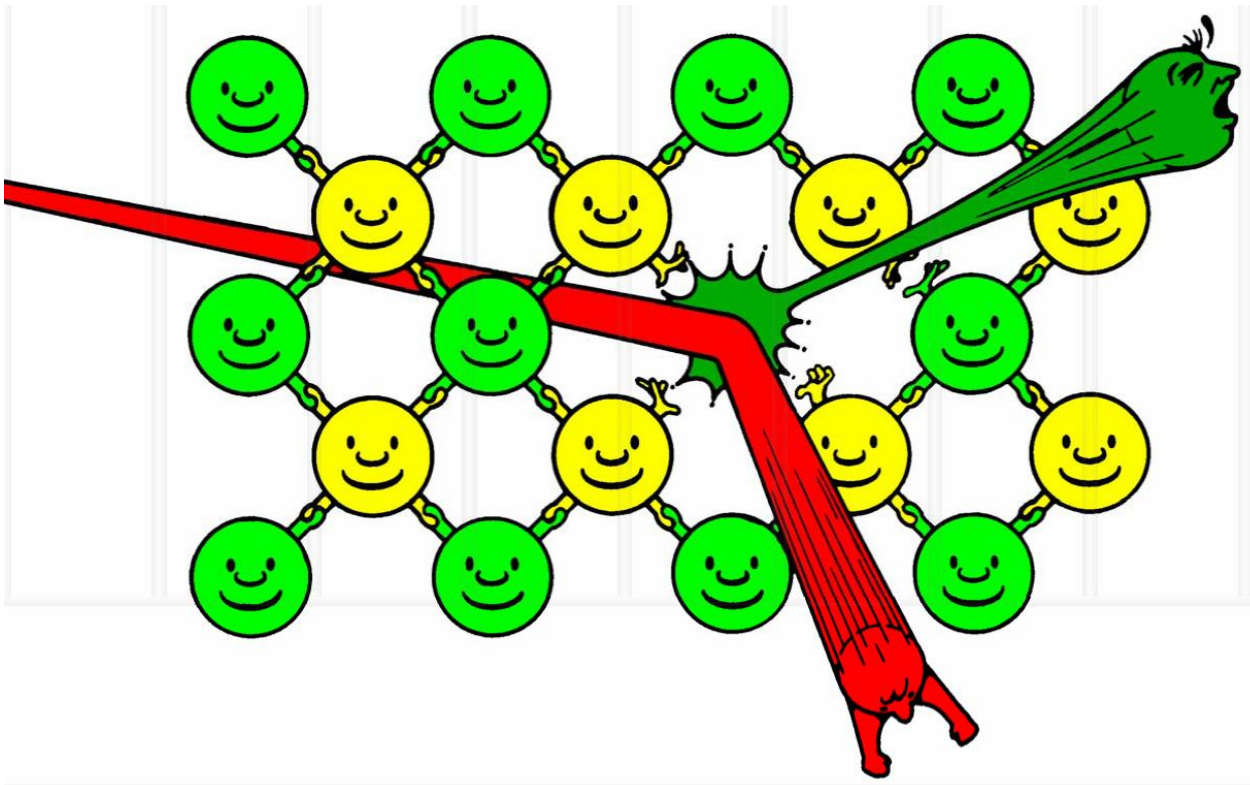
Frugier et al. 2008



# Radiation Effects

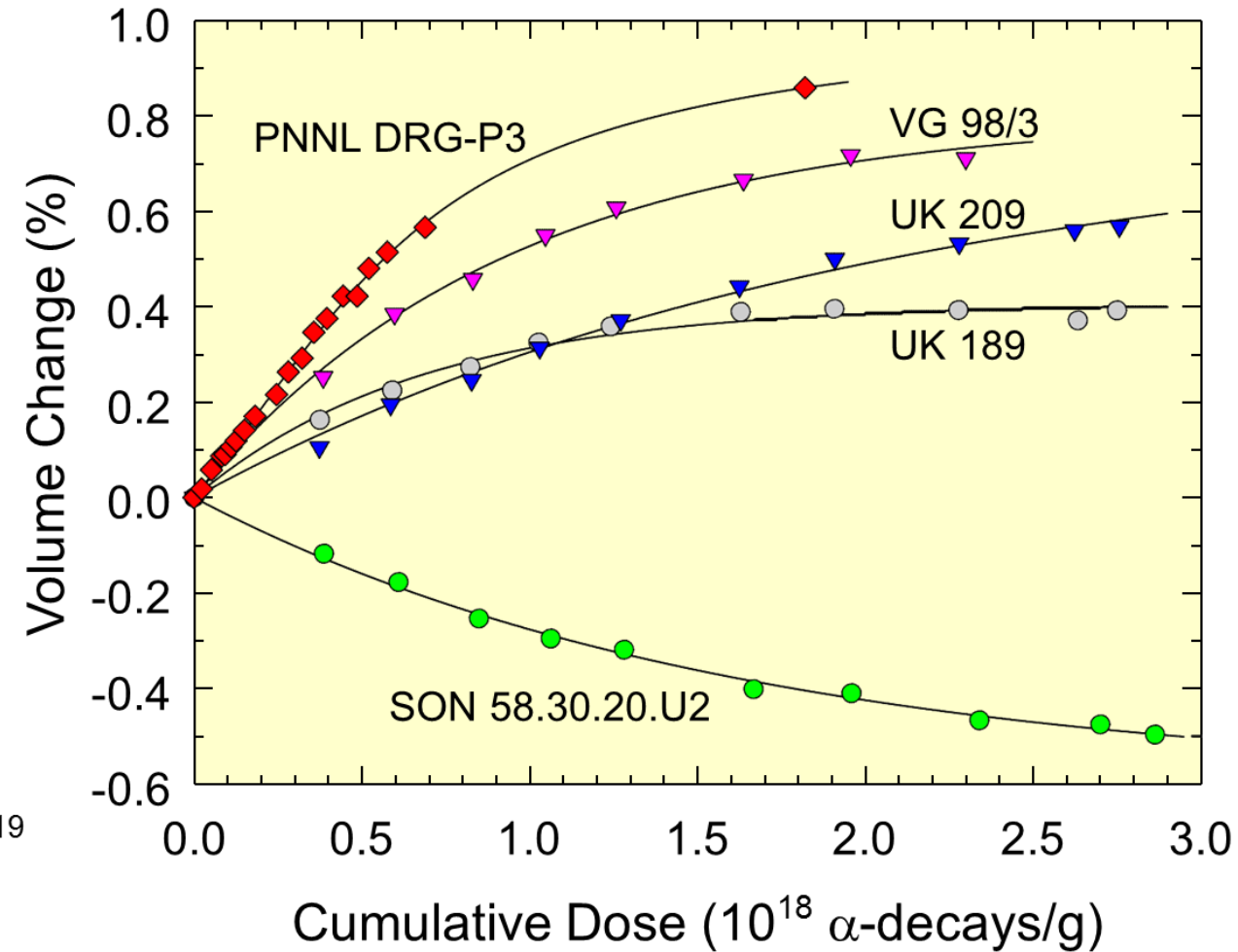
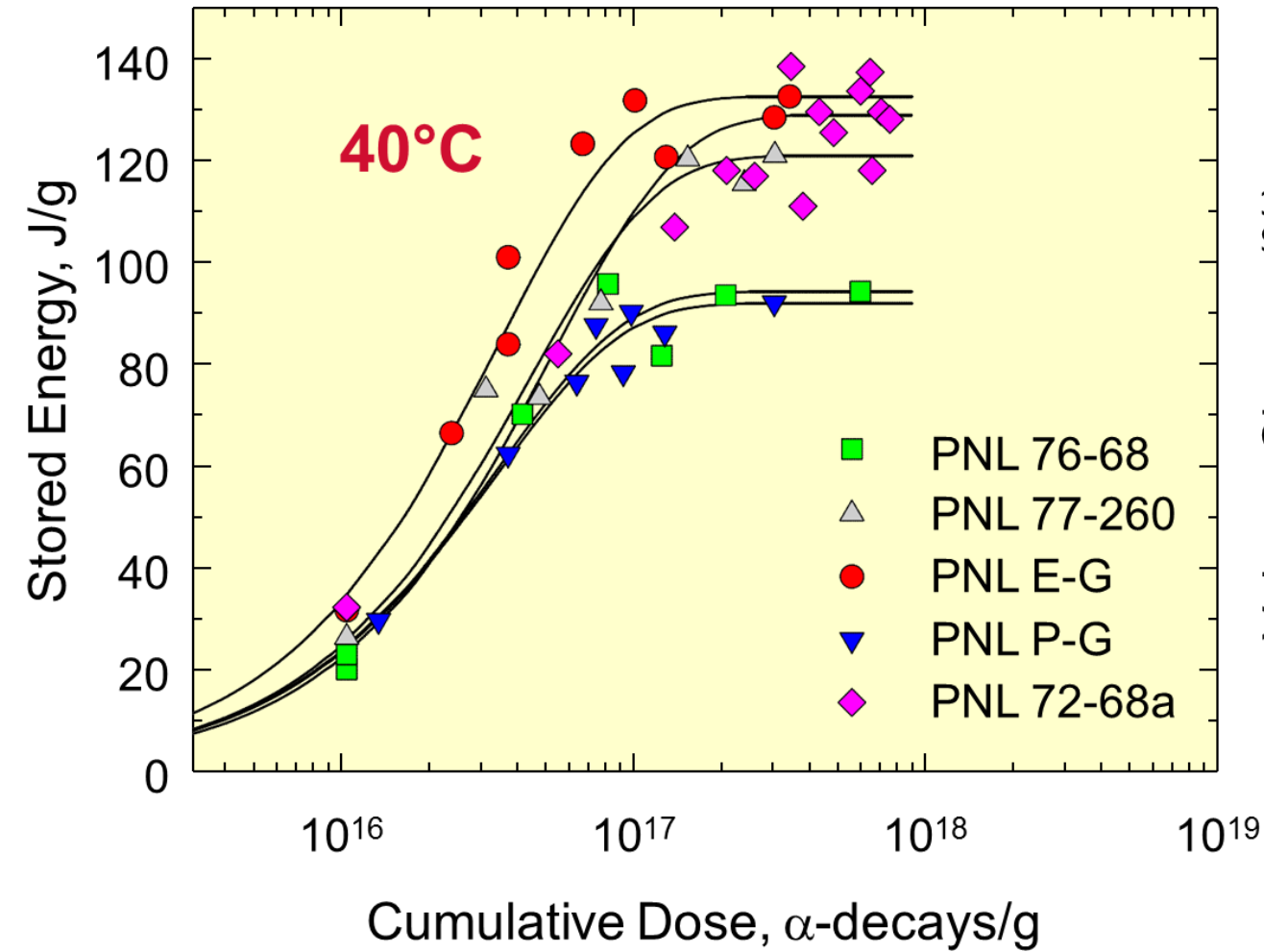
# Radiation Damage to Glass

- ▶ Ballistic damage due to alpha recoil is the most significant impact on glass structure and properties



Bill Weber, personal communications

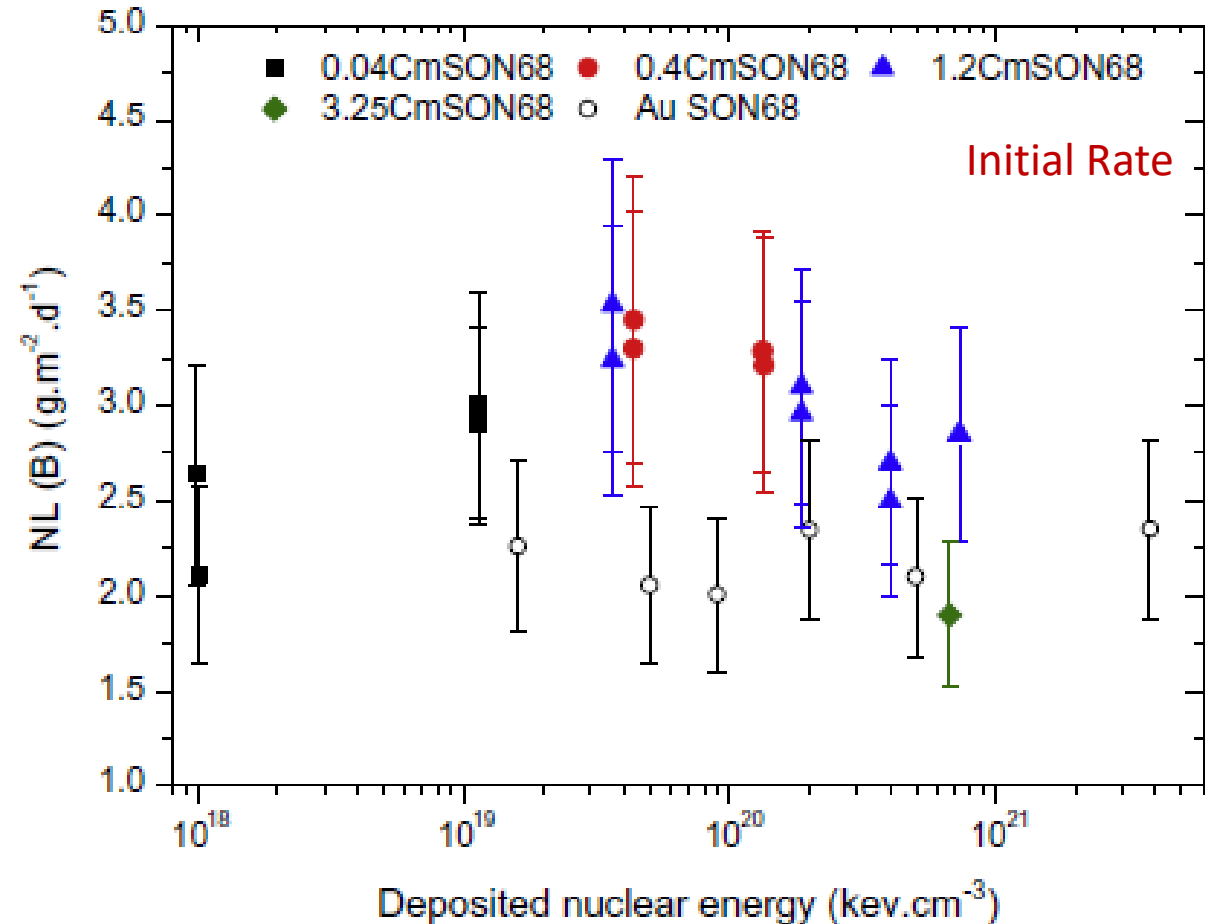
# Impact of Alpha Decay



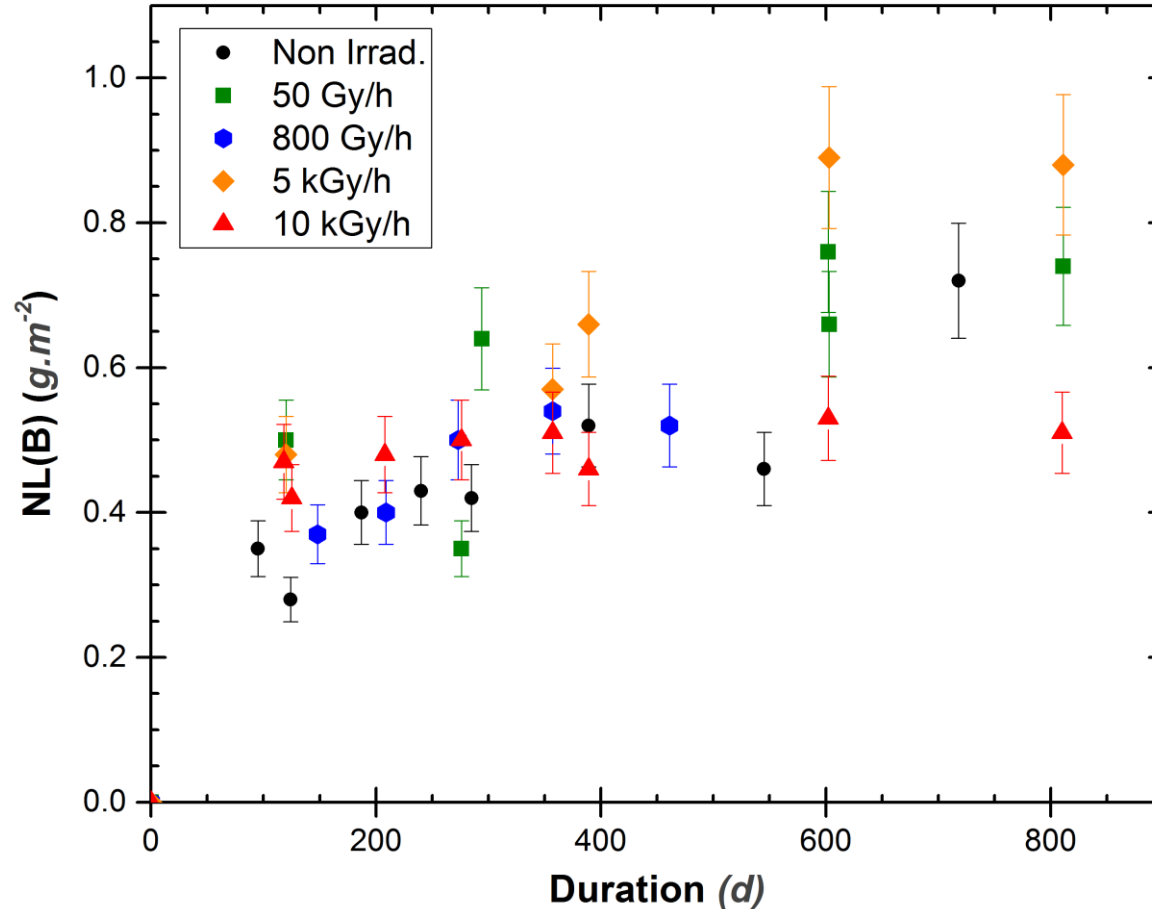


# Impact of Alpha Decay

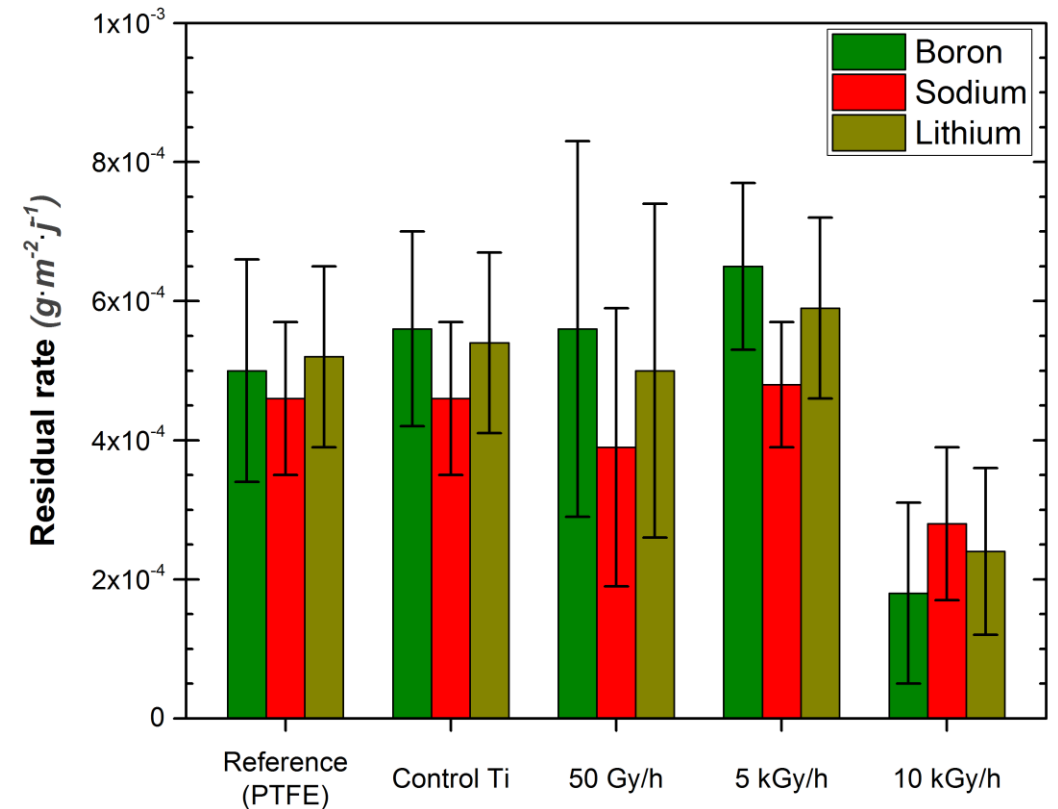
- ▶ Generally alpha decay impacts saturate at  $\sim 10^{18}$  decay/g
- ▶ The impacts include stored energy, volume, fictive temp, NBO concentration, etc.
- ▶ Relatively small impacts have been measured on glass corrosion rates



# Gamma Radiation Effect on Residual Rate



► Generally no effects measured in  $r_{\text{res}}$  for gamma radiation well in excess of those expected in disposal environments





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