

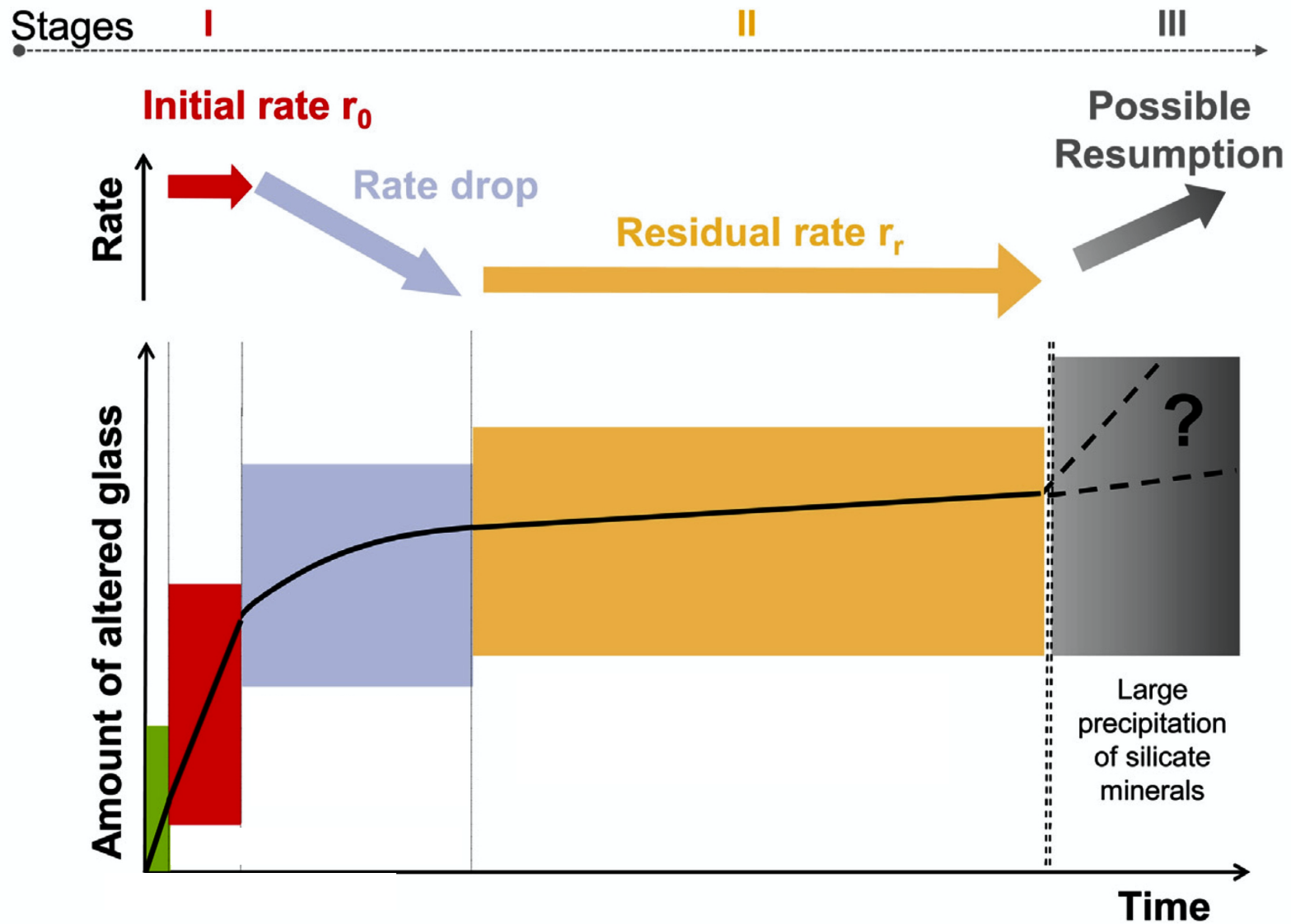
Aqueous Durability of Glasses – New Approaches

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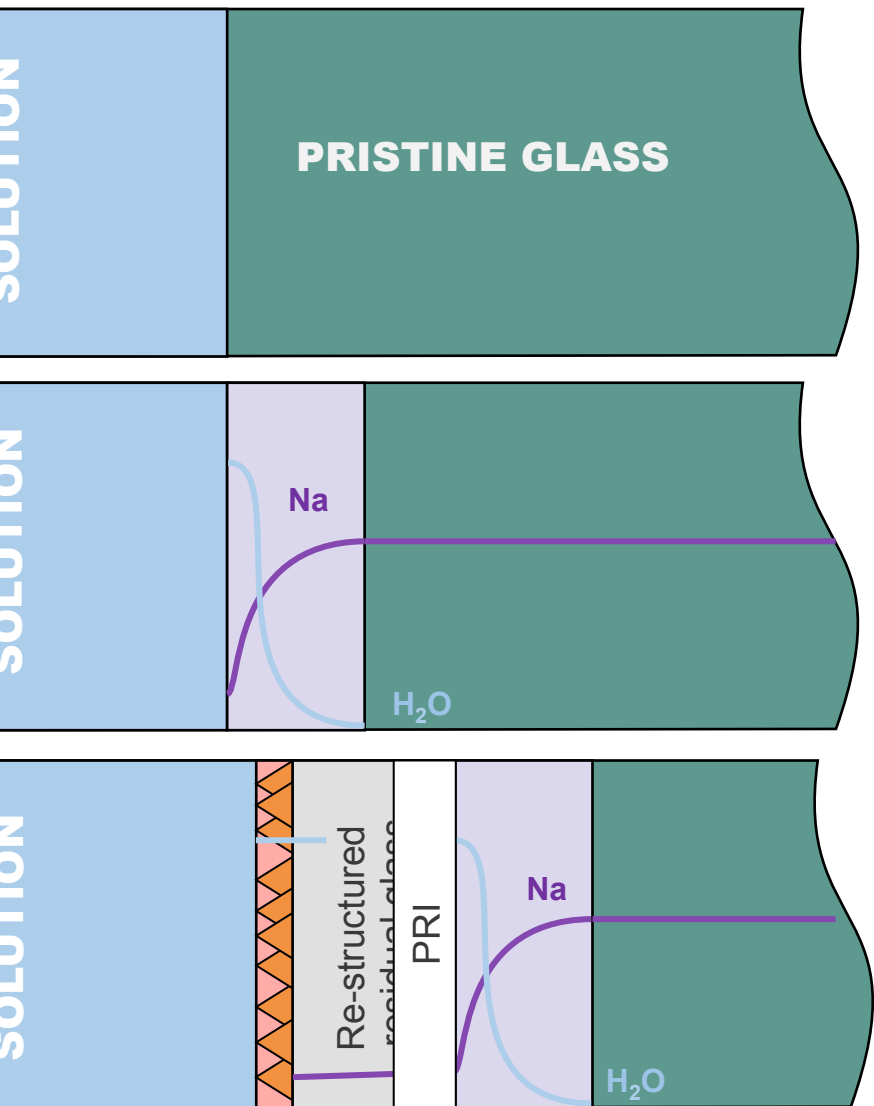


Observations: Corrosion kinetics



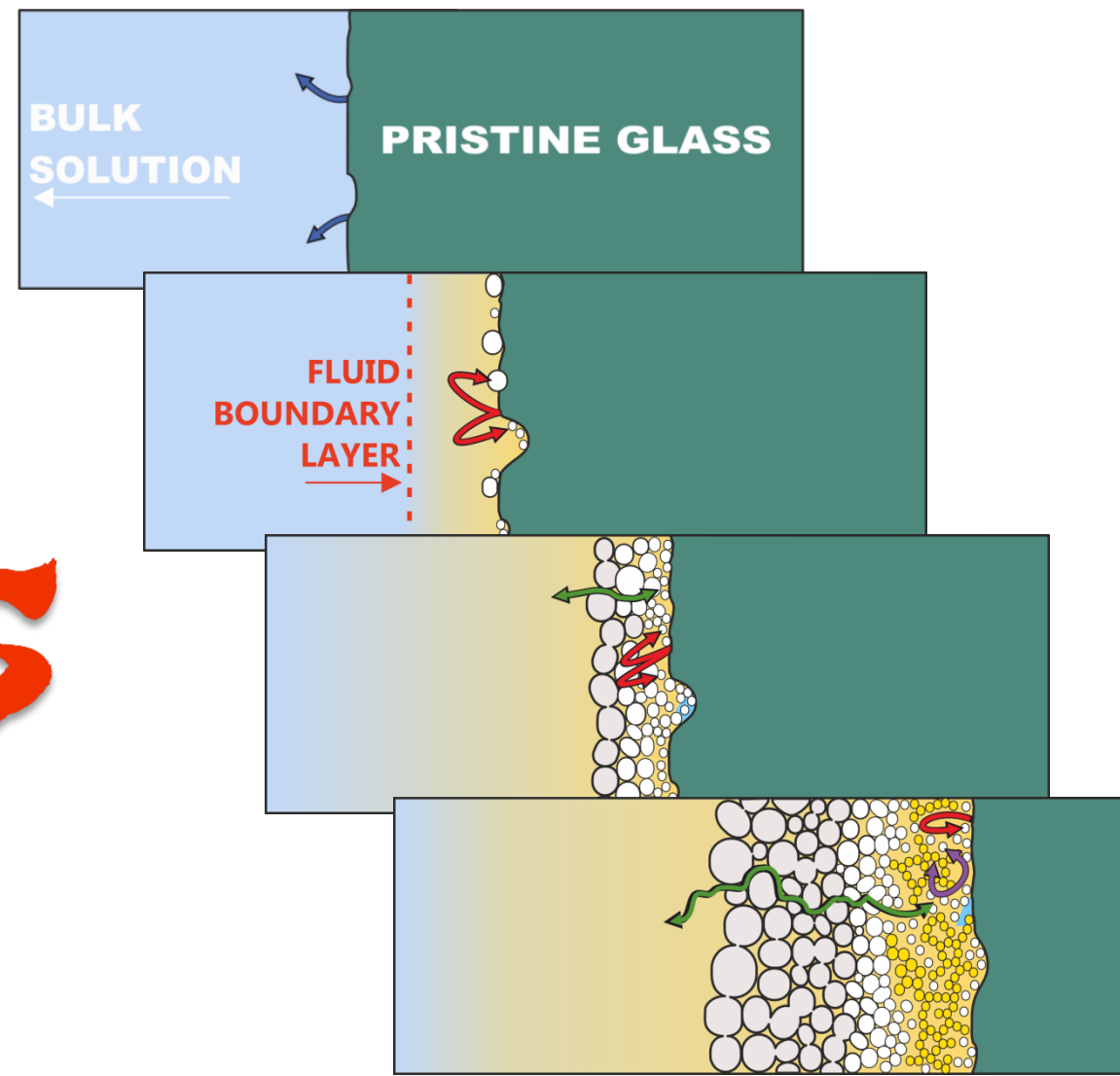
from Gin et al. (

Glass corrosion mechanisms



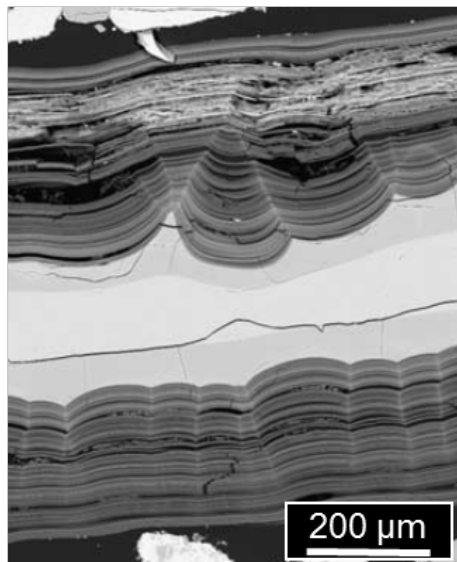
after Grambow (1986), Frugier et al. (2008)

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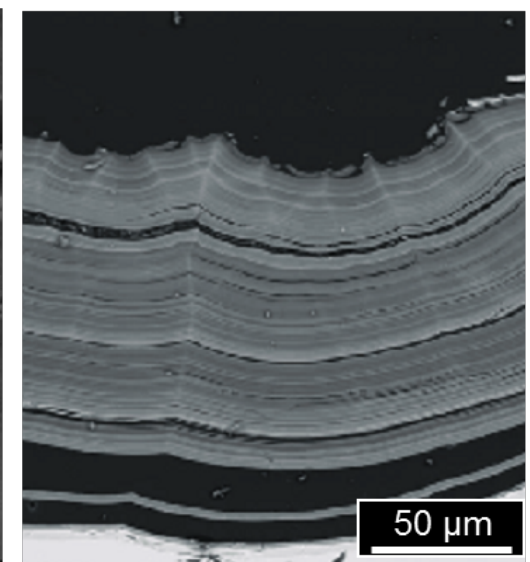
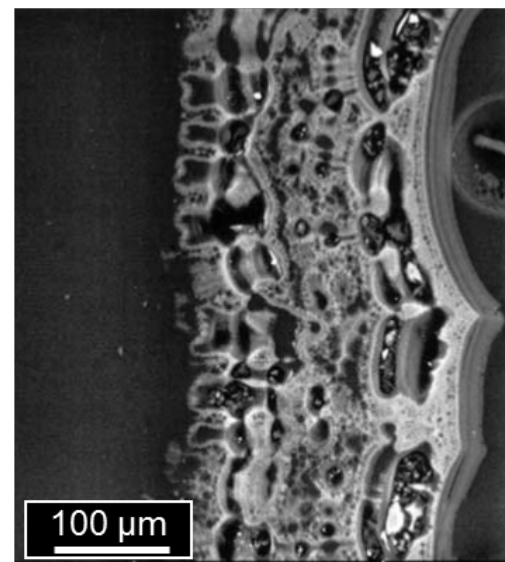


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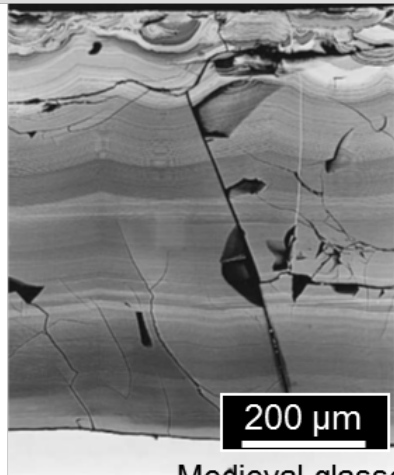
Observations – Patterned corrosion zones from nature



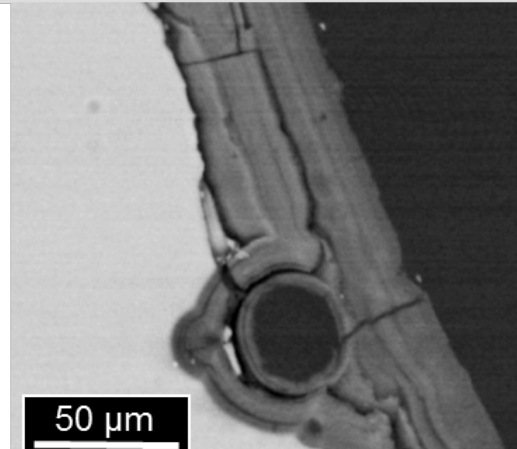
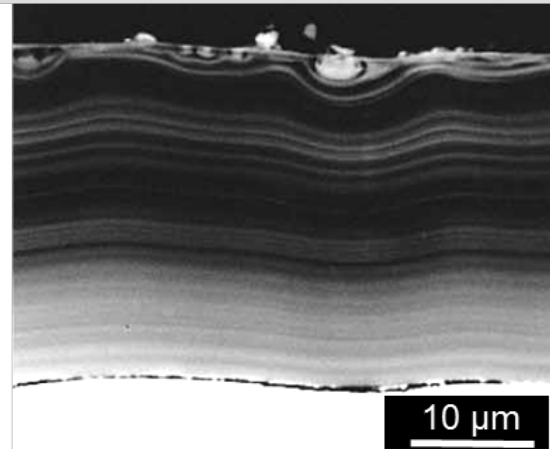
1800 yrs old glasses altered by sea and groundwater (Silvestri et al. 2005)



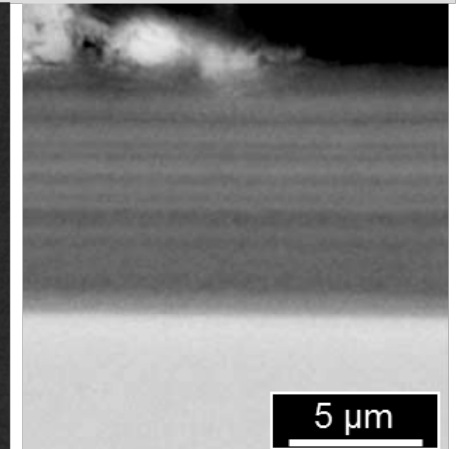
Medieval glass altered by groundwater (Geisler et al. 2010)



Medieval glasses altered by groundwater (Sterpenich & Libourel 2001)

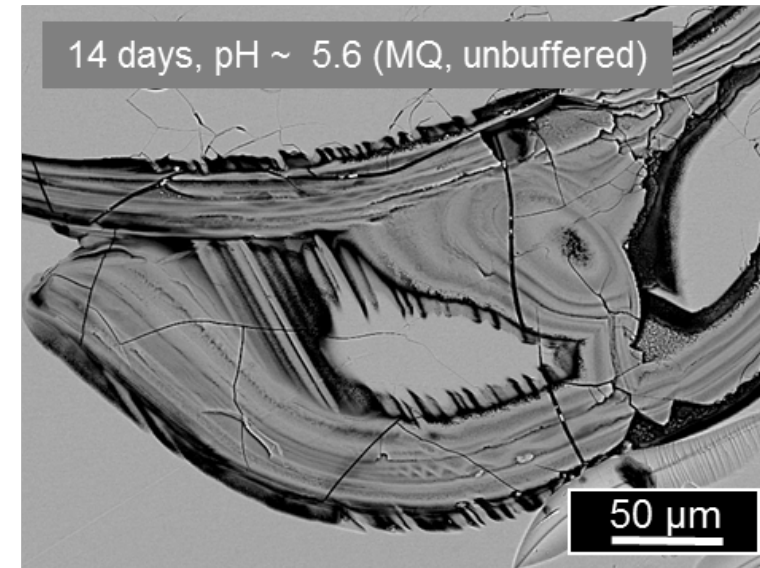
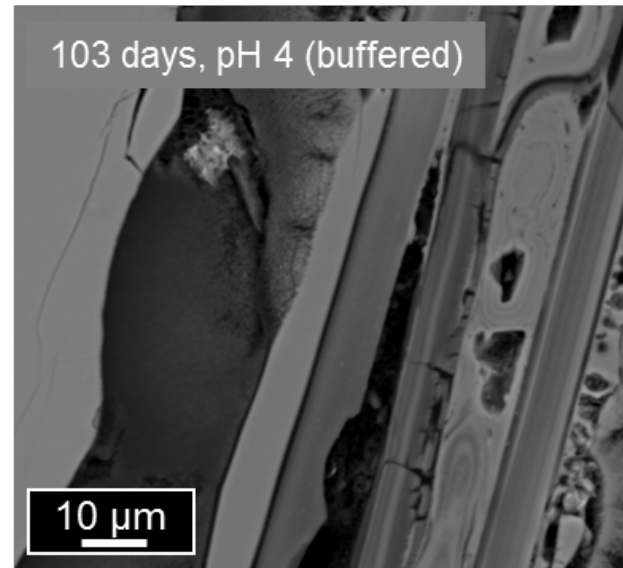
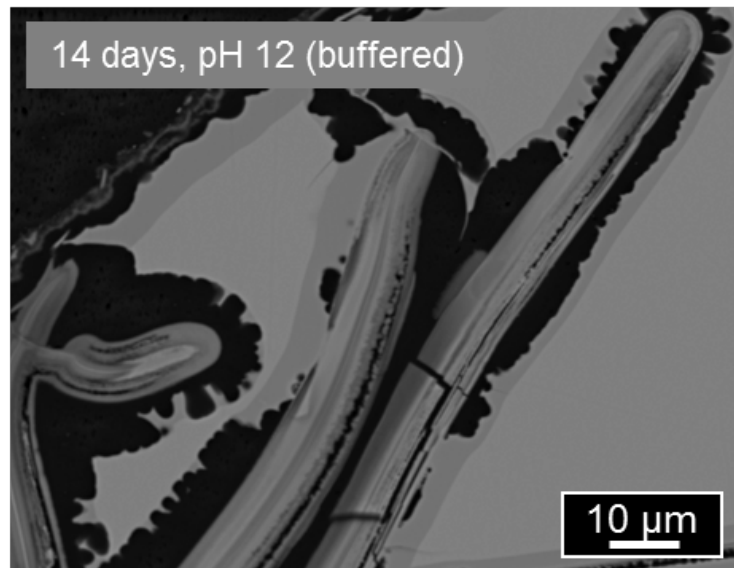
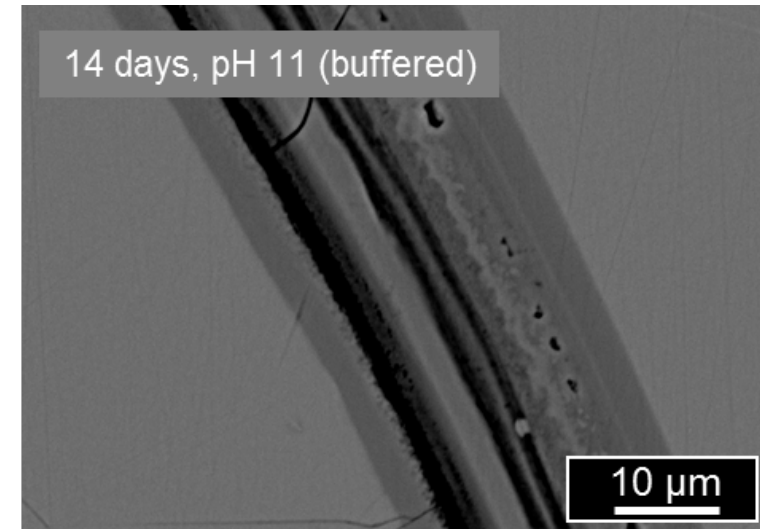
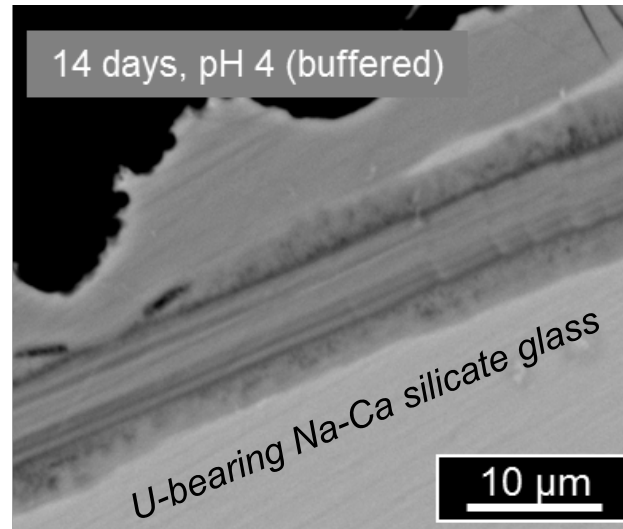
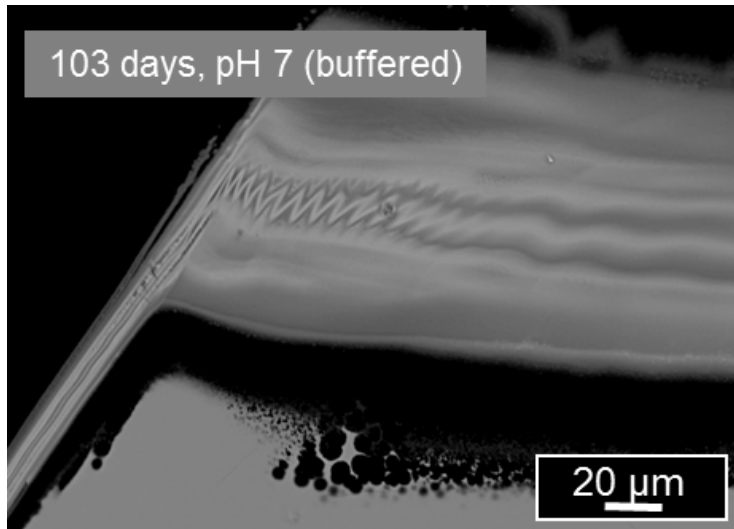


150 yrs old U-colored glass altered by groundwater (Prochazka 2007)



Glass buried for 9 years (McLoughlin et al. 2001)

Observations – Patterned corrosion zones from experiments



Dohmen et al. (2013)

Motivation

Limitations of and problems with the present experimental methodologies

Mass-water reactions are commonly studied experimentally by *ex-situ* analysing the experimental solution and/or reaction products, i.e., *after* the reaction has taken place.

Limitations and problems of such an *ex-situ* approach are...

• short-time and small changes in the reaction kinetics are difficult to record

• quenching, drying, and physical sectioning may cause:

- phase precipitation
- structural and chemical changes of the reaction products
- physical cracking

Motivation

limitations of and problems with the present experimental methodologies

allows that

information about the dynamics of the structural and chemical evolution of the corrosion layer is *not directly accessible*. However, ...

“a process cannot be understood by stopping it.

Understanding must move with the flow of the process, must join it and flow with it.”

— Frank Herbert, Dune

What can we do to overcome such limitations?

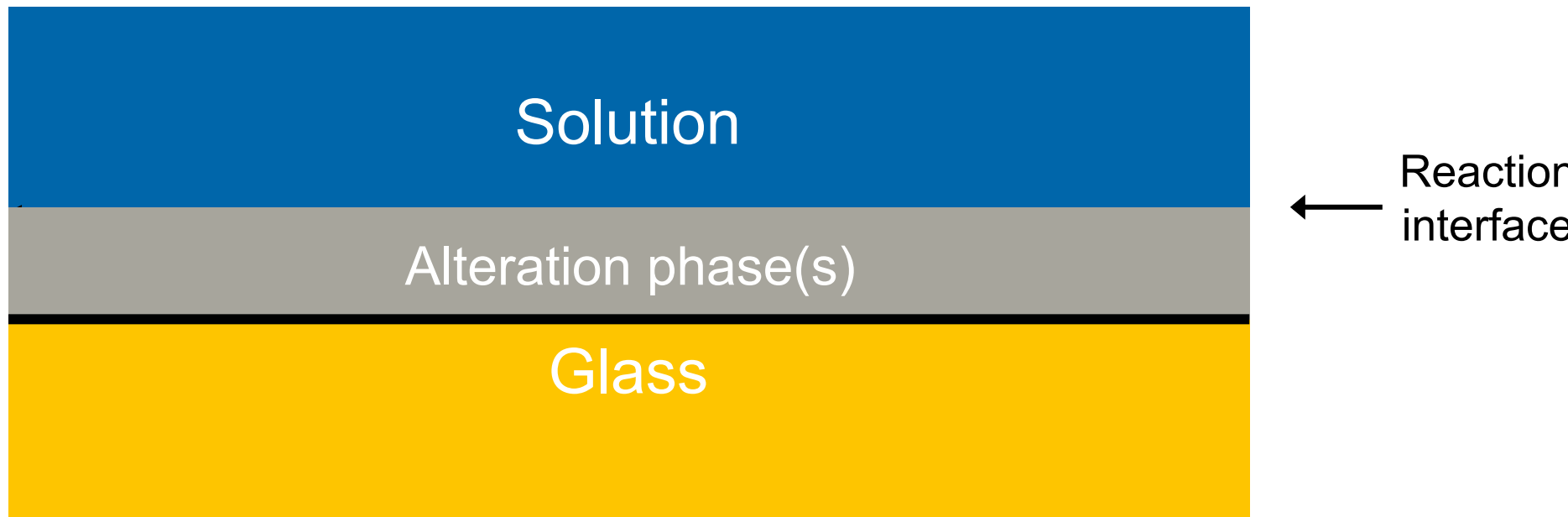
(Multi-)isotope tracer exchange experiment → isotope coupling or decoupling in space and time gives information about the dynamics of individual reactions.

In-situ experiments → following the reaction in real-time without disturbing it.

In-situ experiments

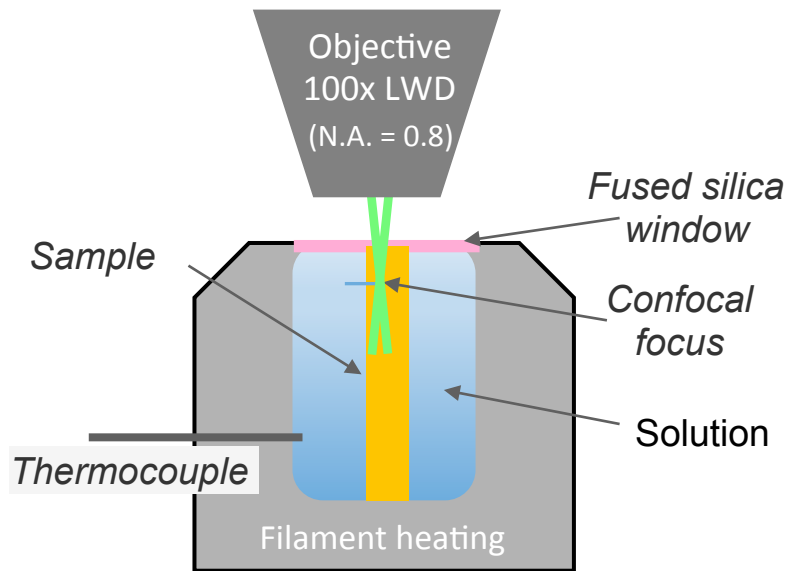
Currently established *in situ* techniques only probe surface reactions

(e.g., atomic force microscopy or interferometry)



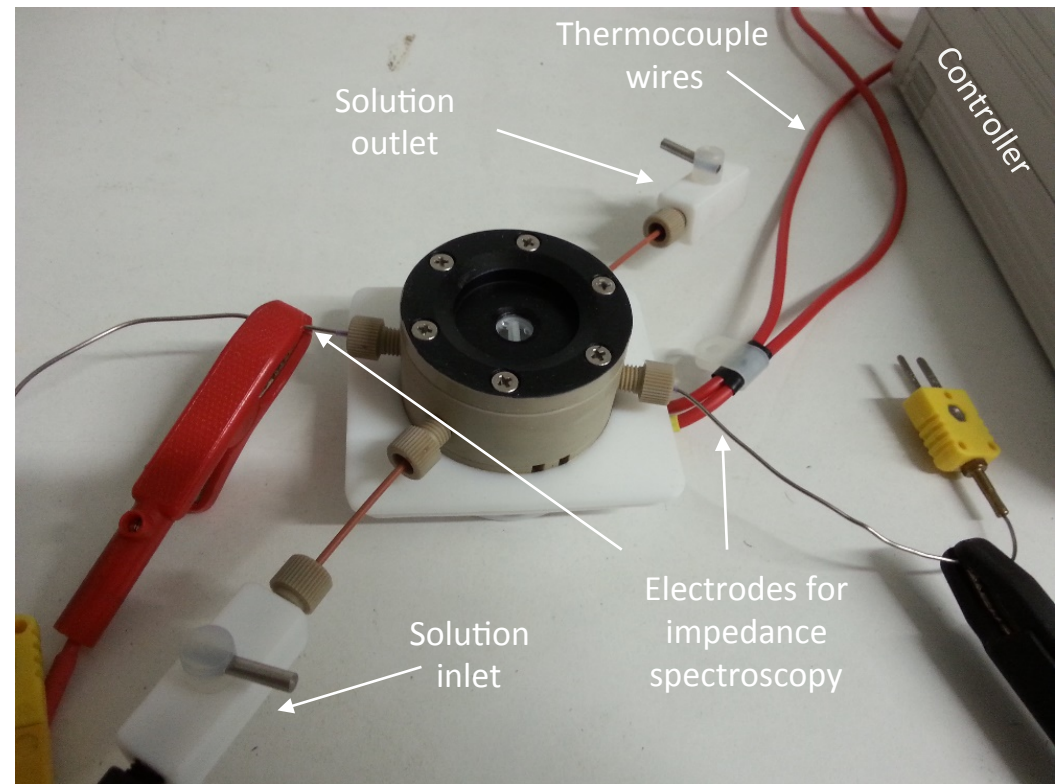
Experimental details

Confocal Raman spectroscopy allows overcoming such limitations



$T = 70$ and 90°C , 26 to 240 h

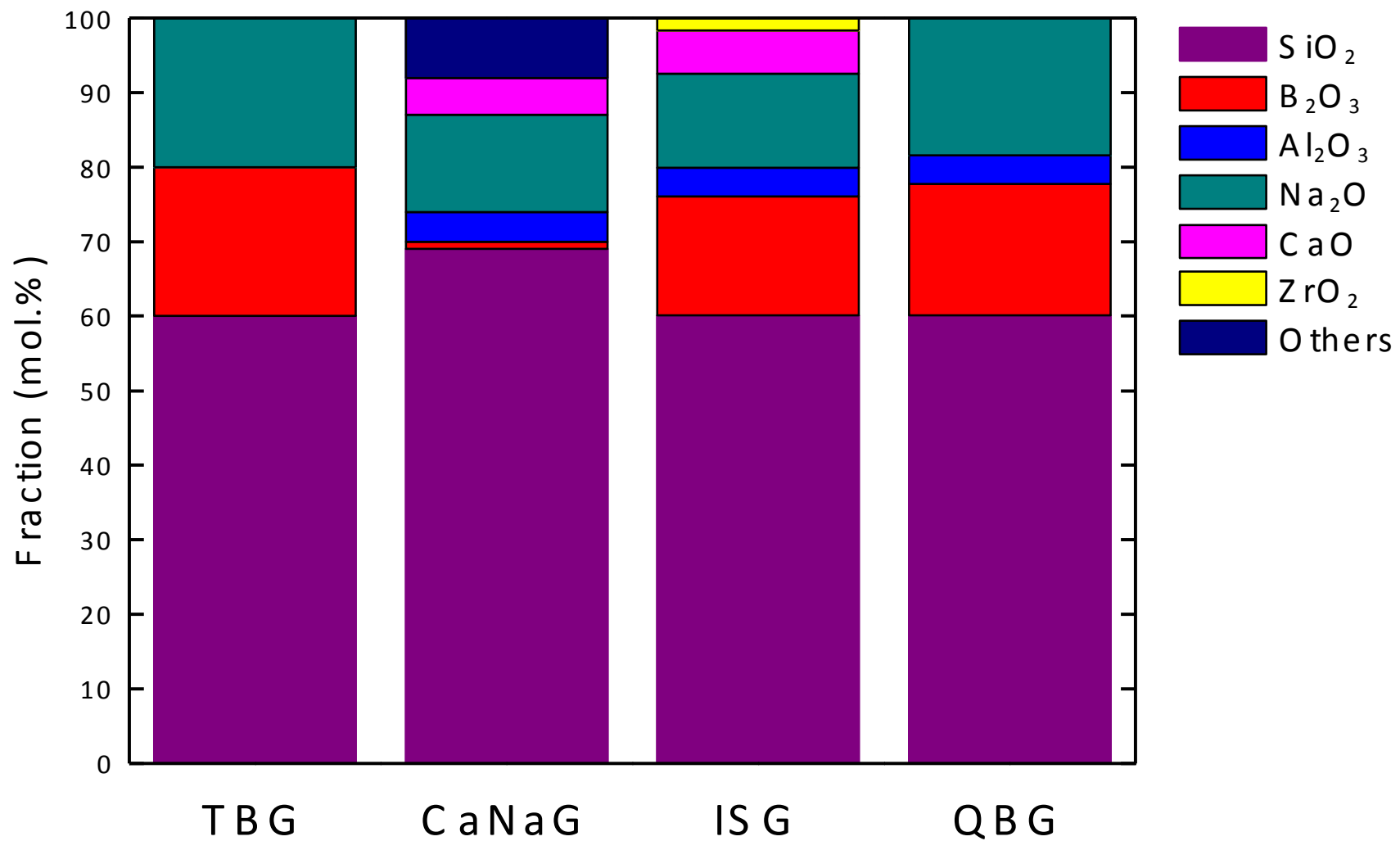
Schematic Raman fluid cell setup



Raman fluid cell setup

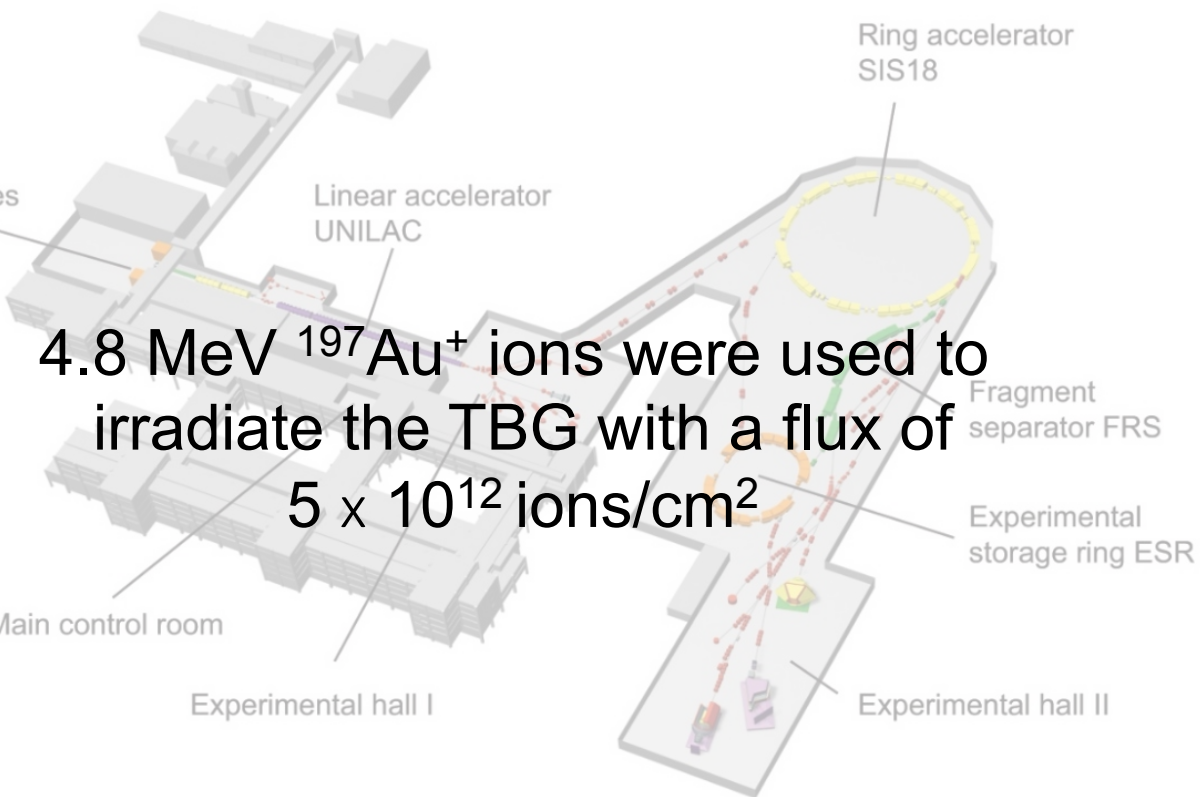
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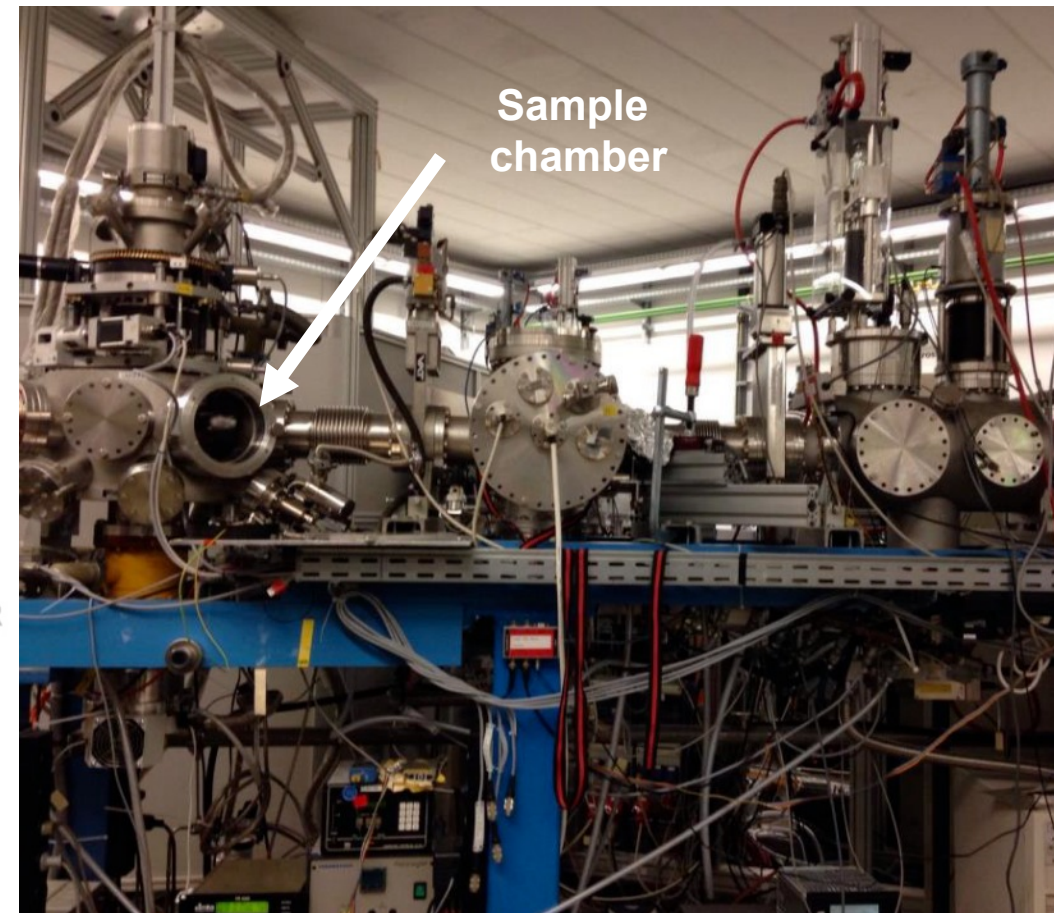


Experimental details

Heavy ion irradiation at the GSI Helmholtz Center in Darmstadt, Germany



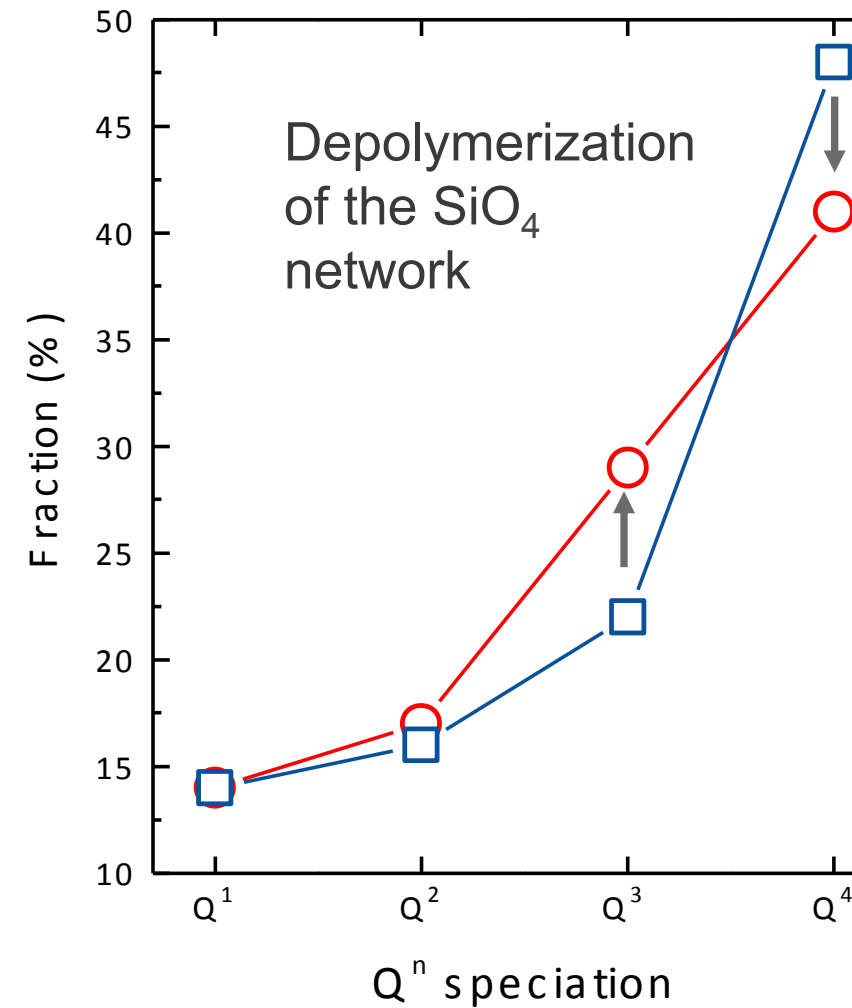
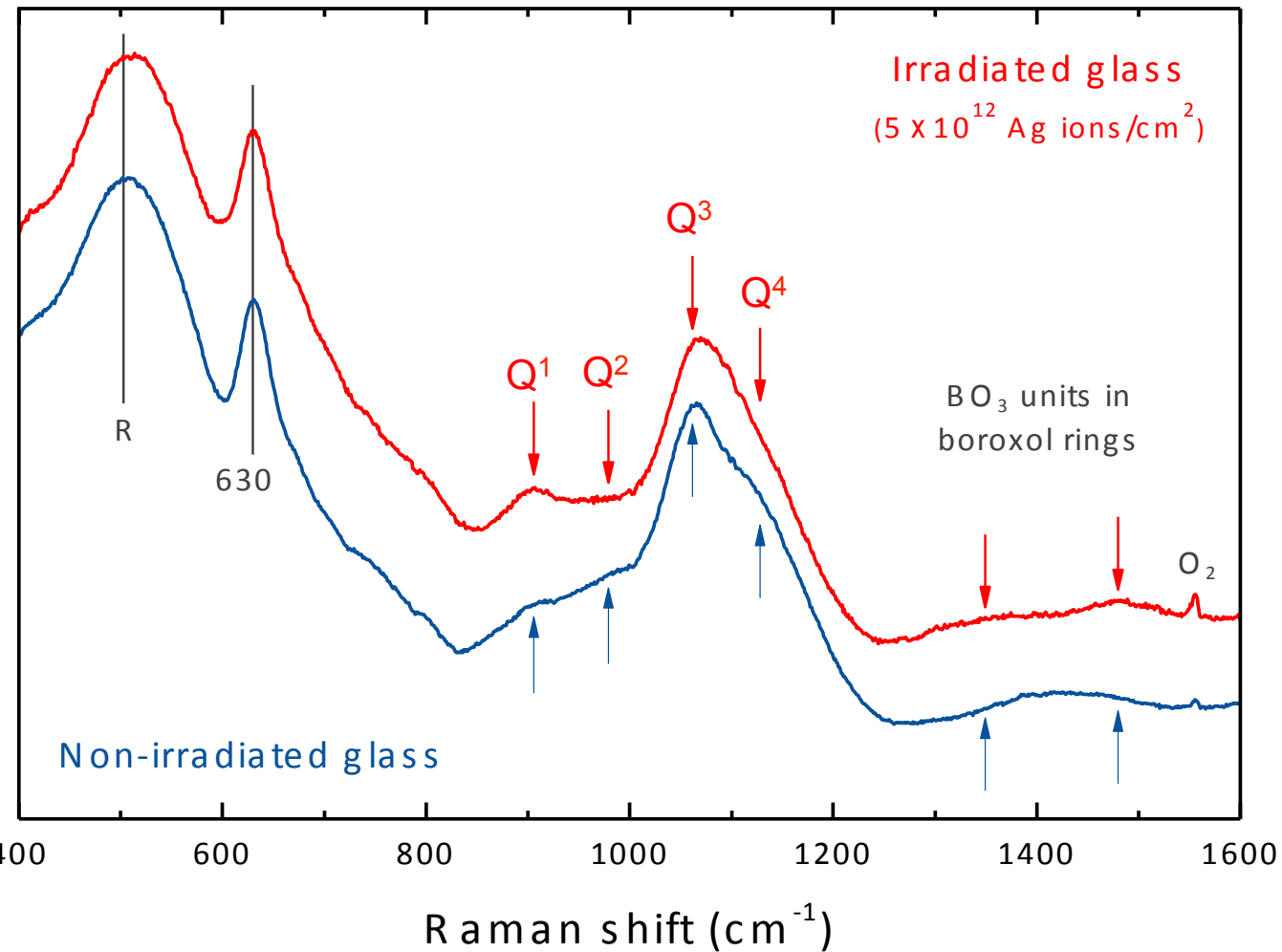
Schematic view of the accelerator in Darmstadt



Experimental hall II

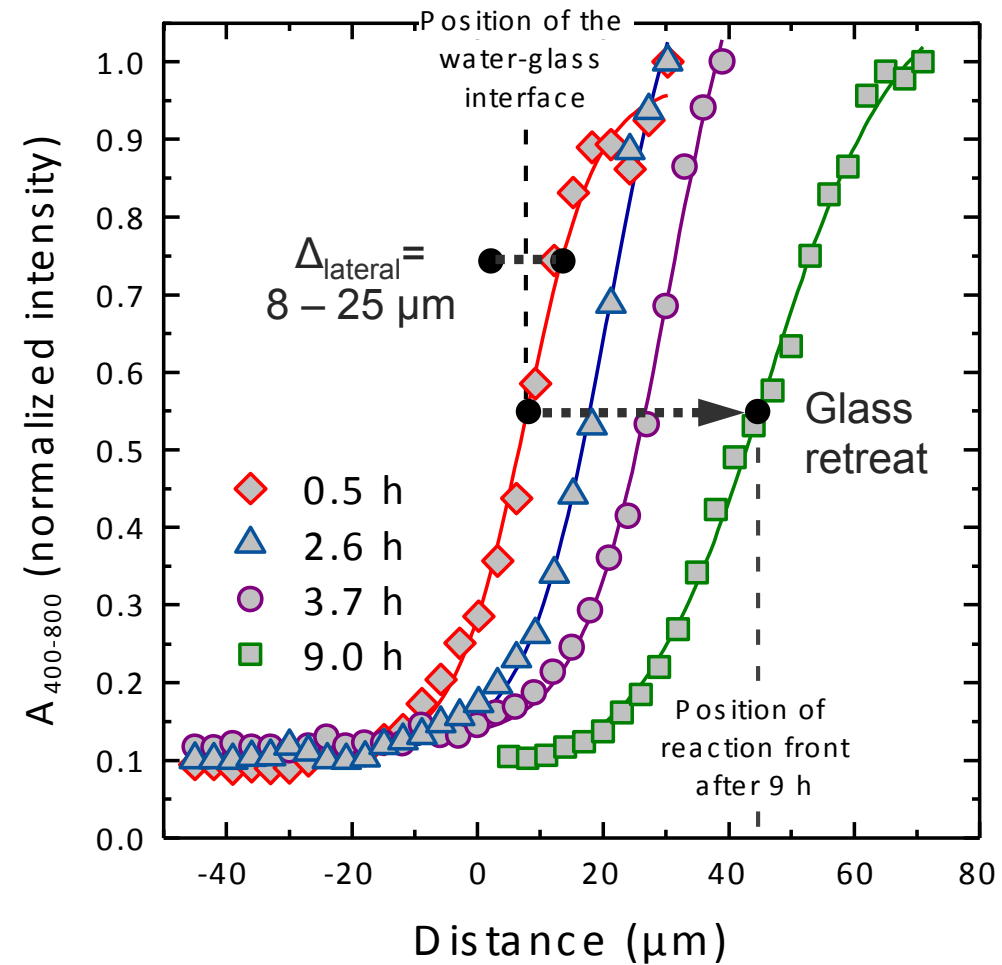
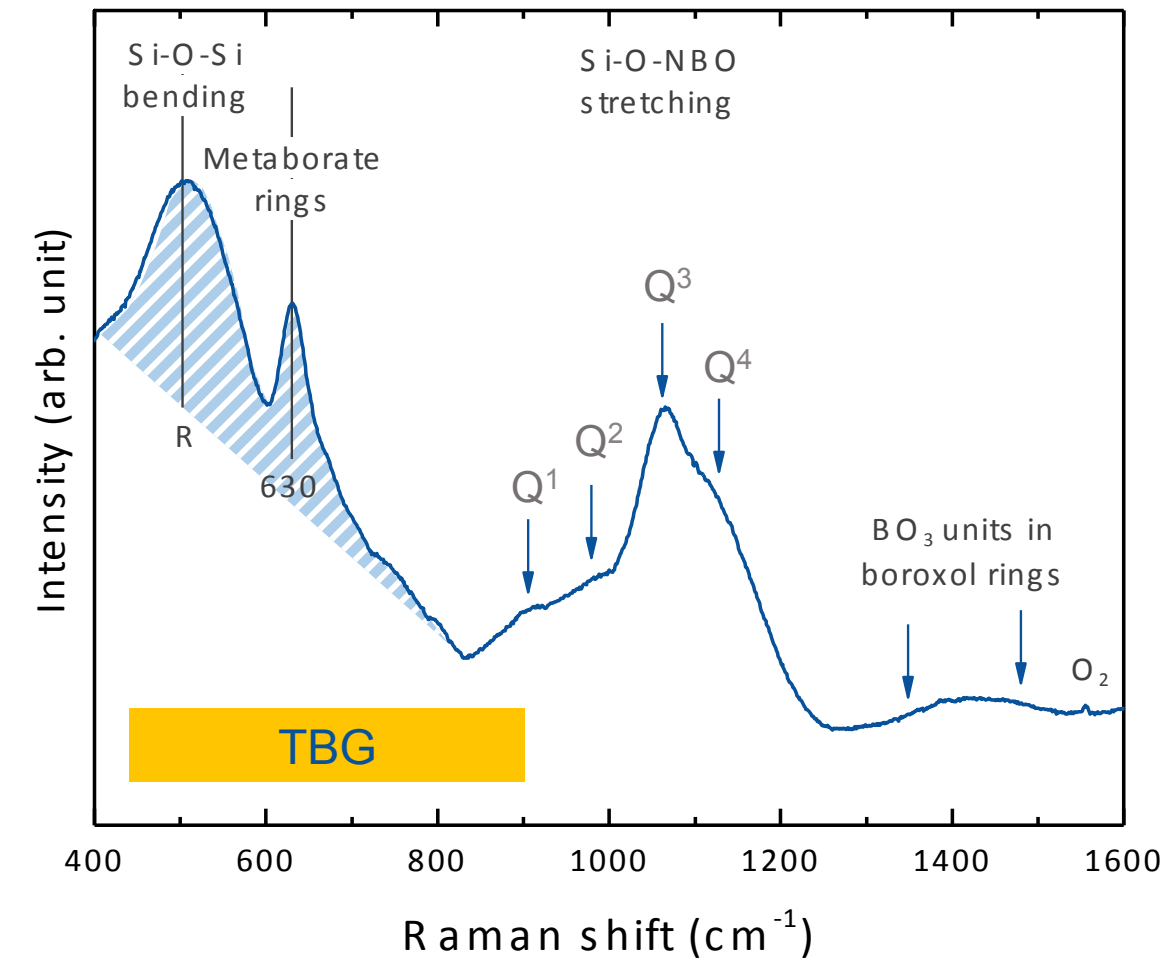
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Structural effects of heavy ion irradiation (TBG)



Experimental details

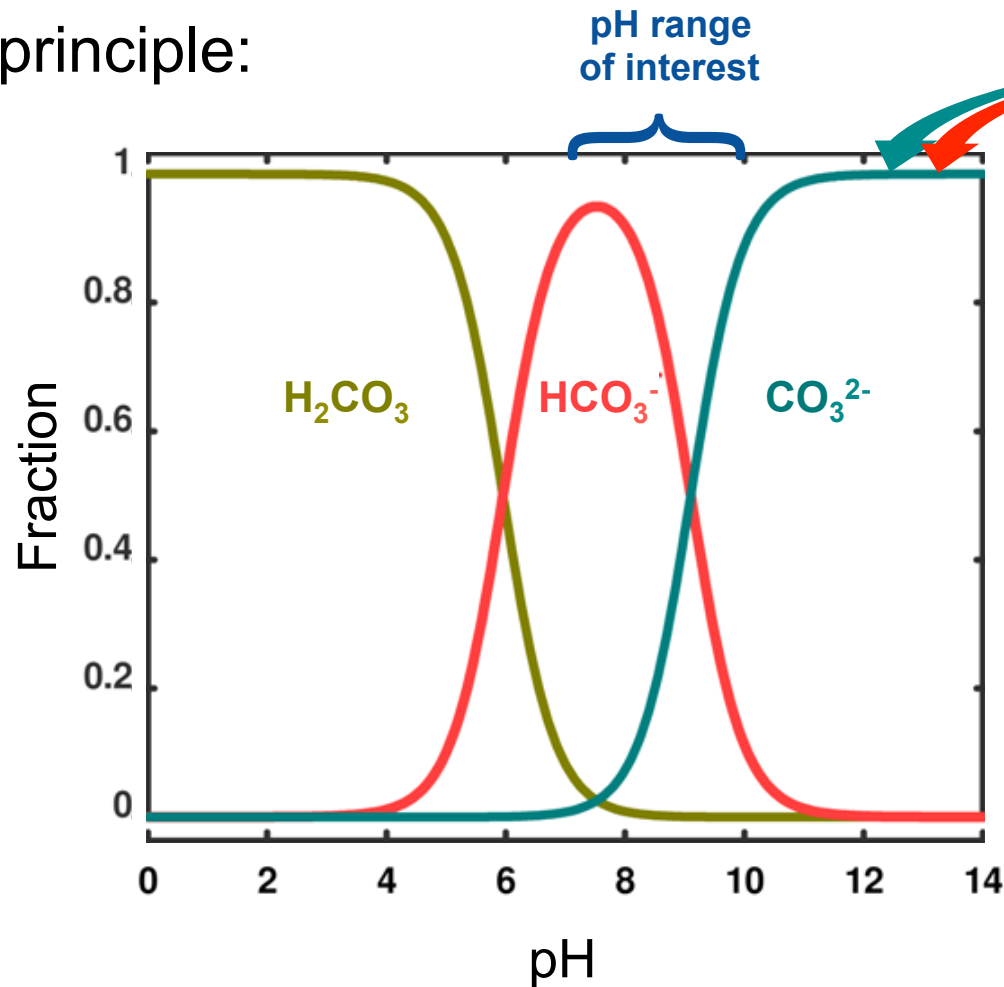
Measuring glass retreat and spatial resolution



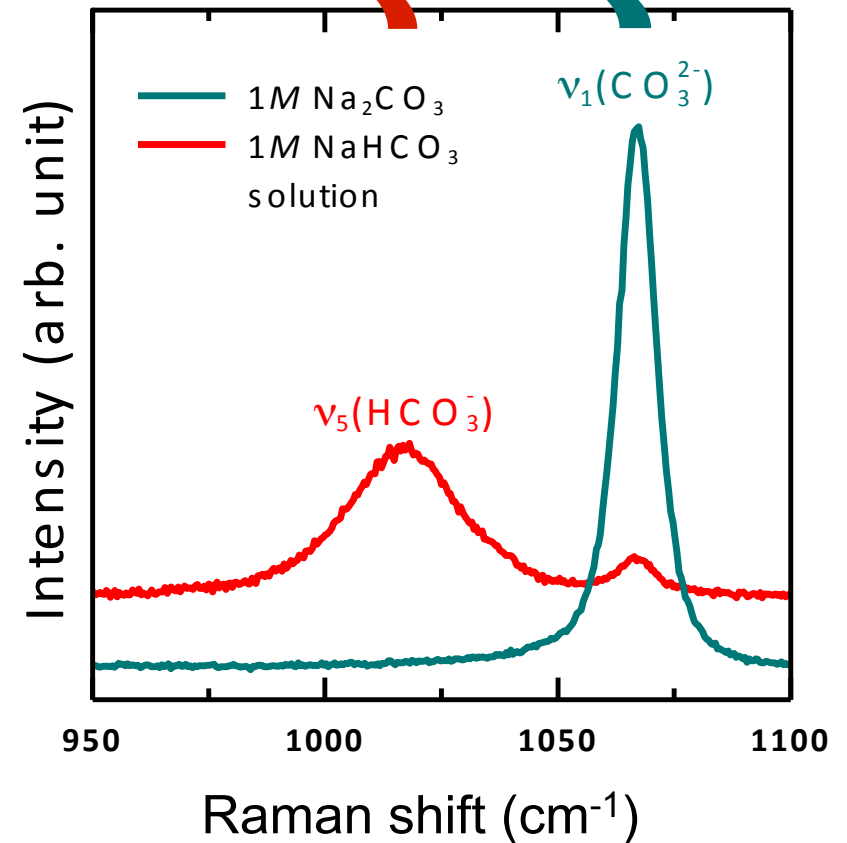
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Monitoring the solution pH at any point in space and time

the principle:

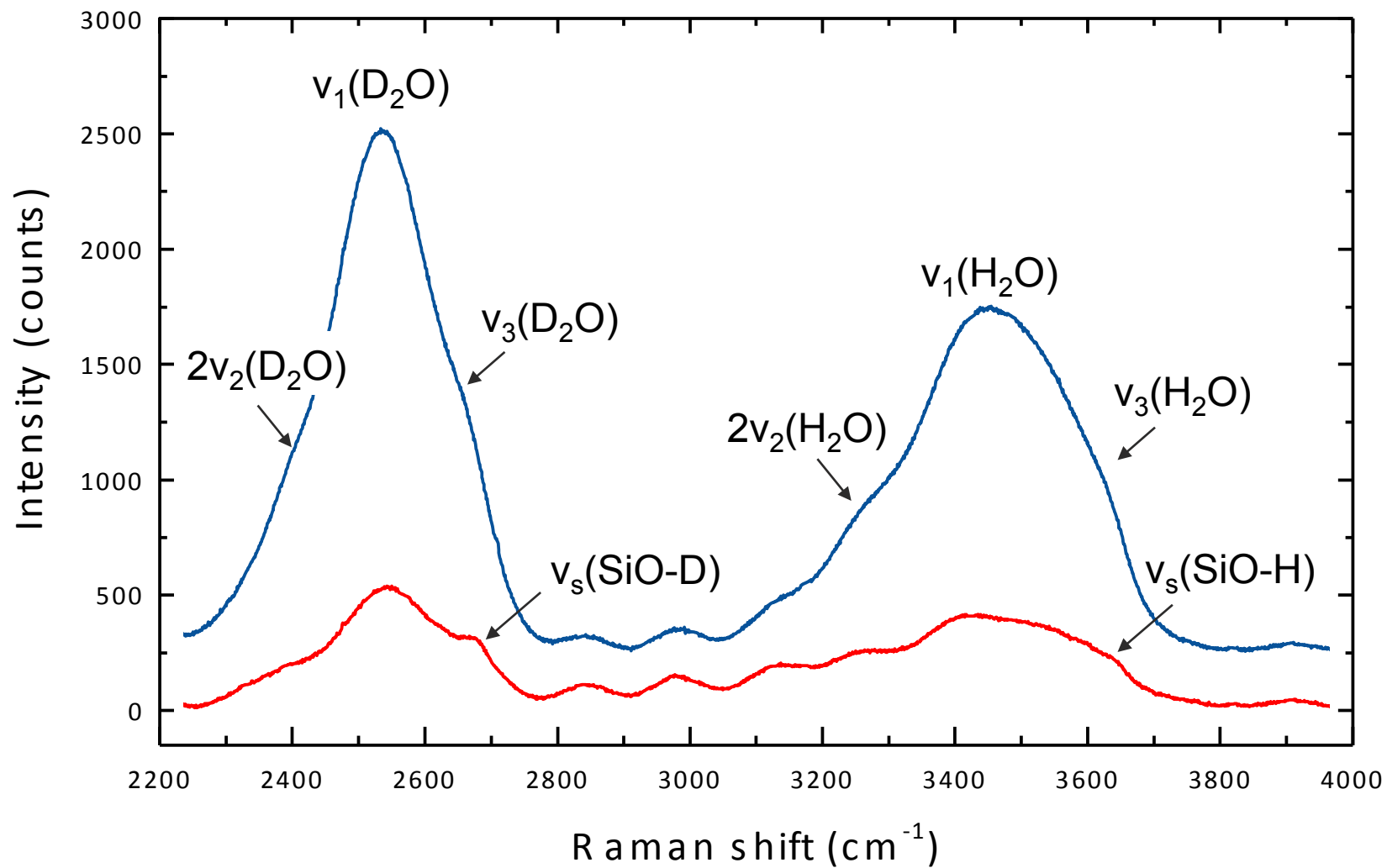


$$\text{pH} = f(A_{\nu_1(\text{CO}_3^{2-})}/A_{\nu_5(\text{HCO}_3^-)})$$



Experimental details

Monitoring the diffusion (and reaction) of molecular water through the rim



Experimental details

Experiments

Experiment #1 – TBG , 70°C, 0.1M HCl ($\text{pH}_{70^\circ} = 1.0$)

→ Gap formation and silica aging

Experiment #2 - TBG, 90°C, 0.5M NaHCO_3 ($\text{pH}_{90^\circ\text{C}} = 7.2$)

→ pH gradient in a solution boundary layer

Experiment #3 - CaNaG, 90°C, 0.5M NaHCO_3 ($\text{pH}_{90^\circ\text{C}} = 7.2$)

→ Effect of secondary phase formation on pH

Experiment #4 – TBG, 90°C, 0.5M NaHCO_3 ($\text{pH}_{90^\circ\text{C}} = 7.2$), after 140 h injection of D_2O

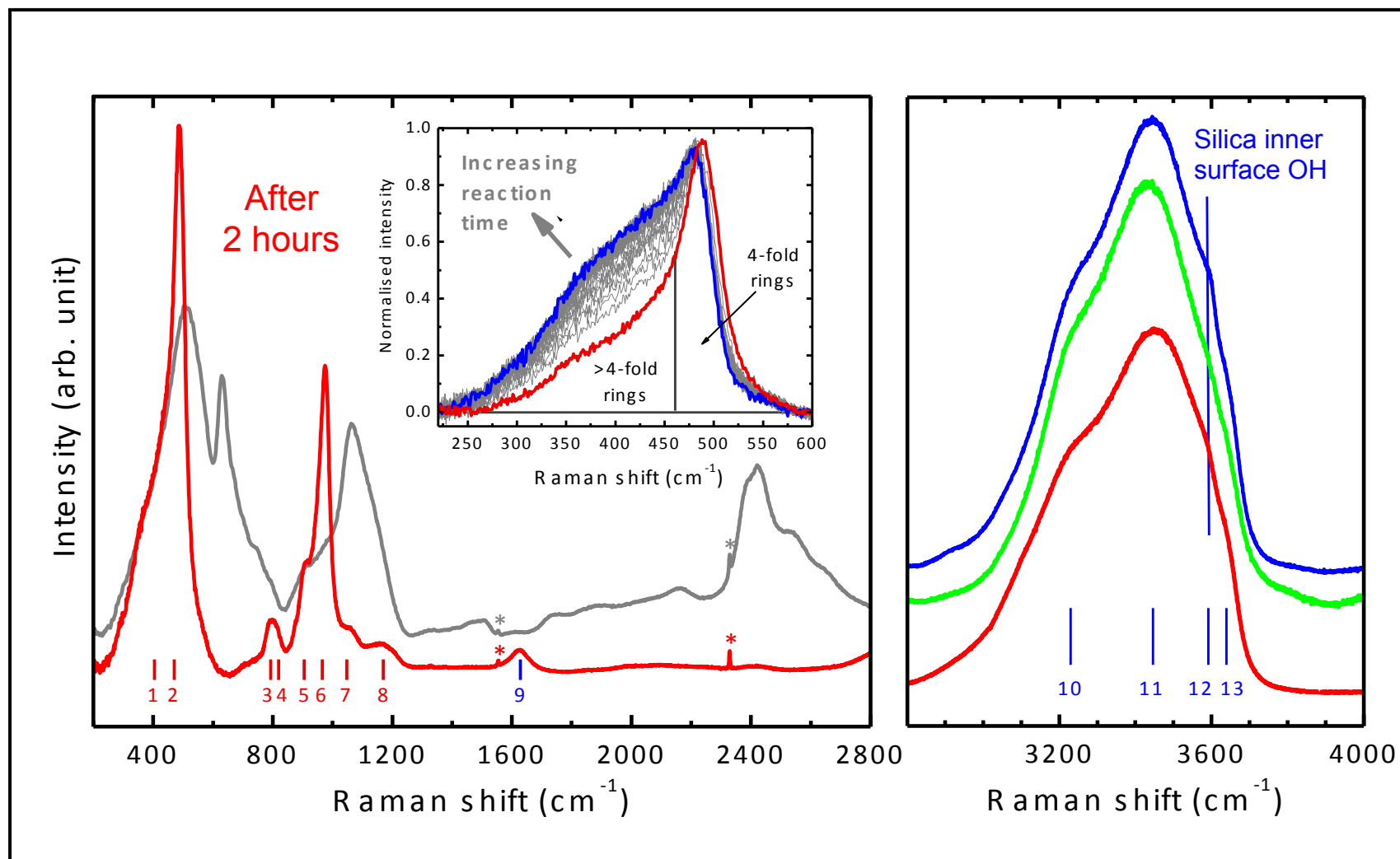
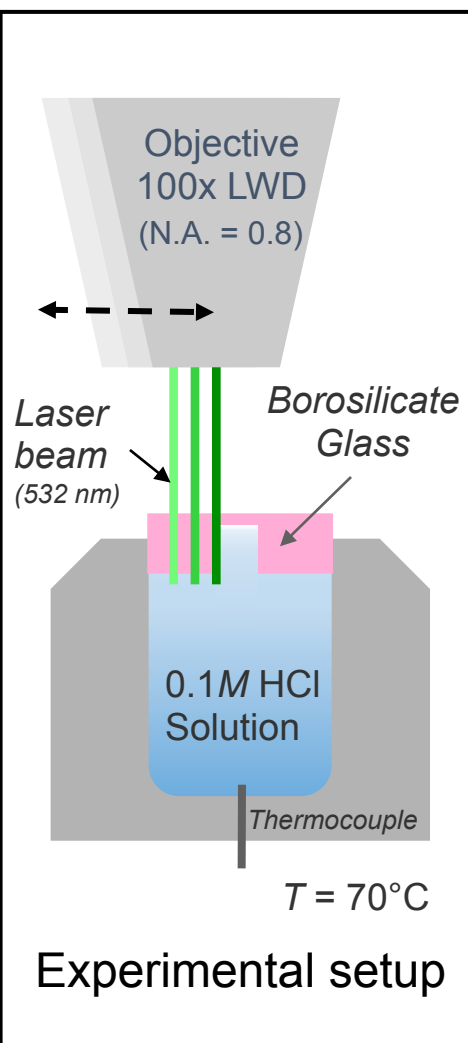
→ pH gradient in solution and corrosion rim and diffusion of water through the rim

Experiment(s) #5 – TBG und TBG_{irradiated}, 90°C, 0.5M NaHCO_3 ($\text{pH}_{90^\circ\text{C}} = 7.2$)

→ Effect of heavy ion irradiation on the forward dissolution rate (r_0)

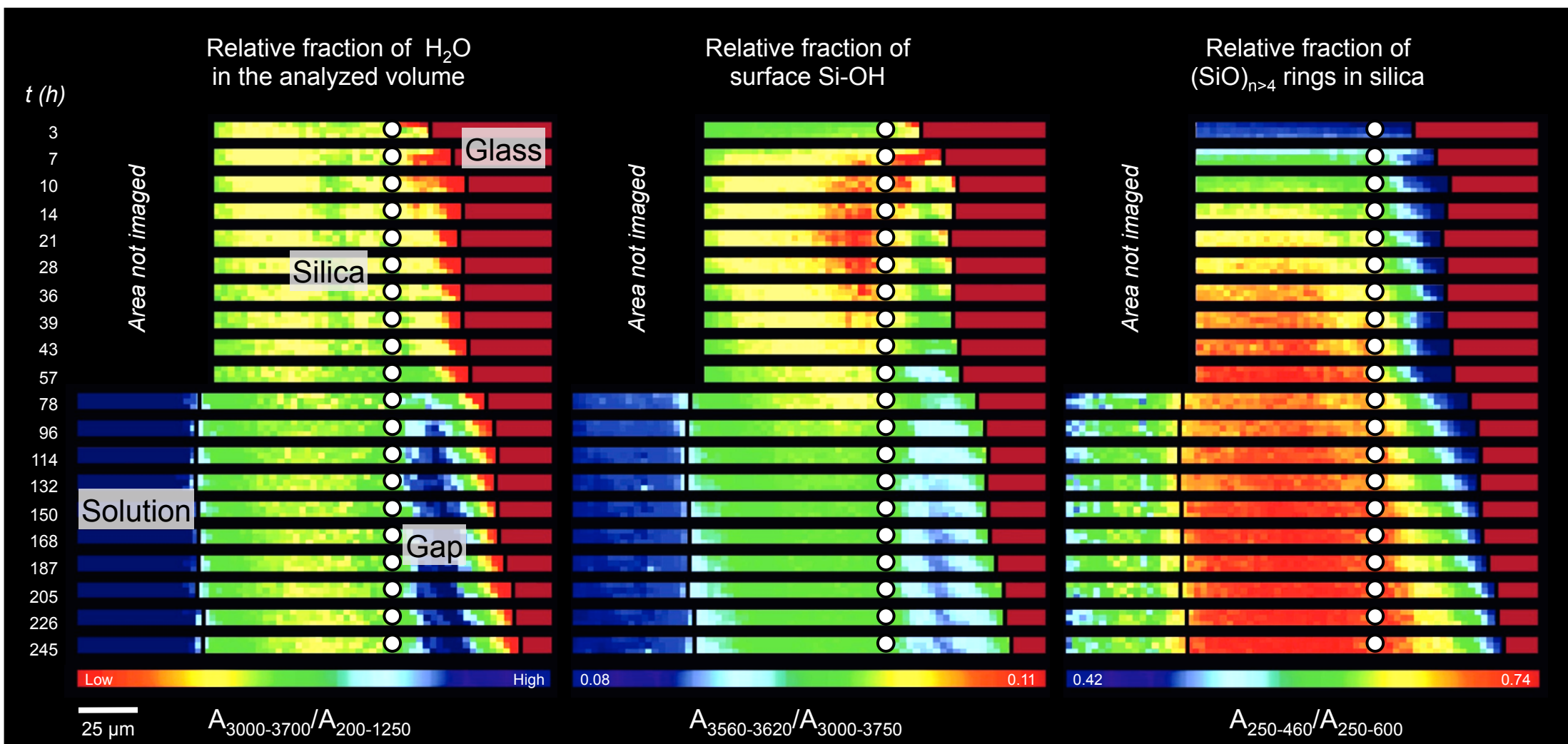
Results of in-situ experiments

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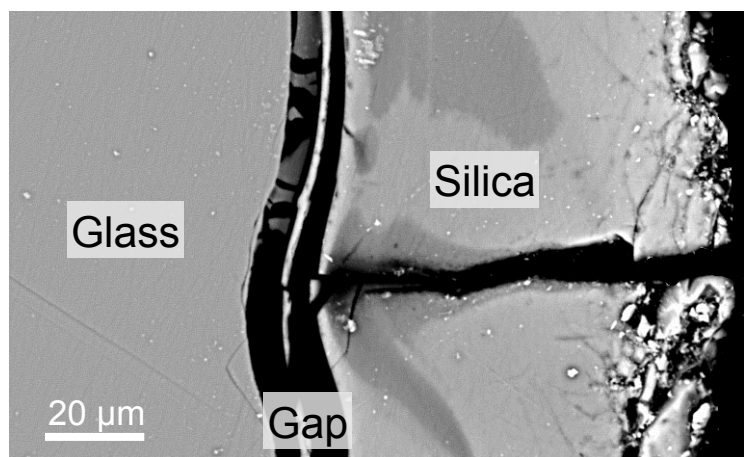
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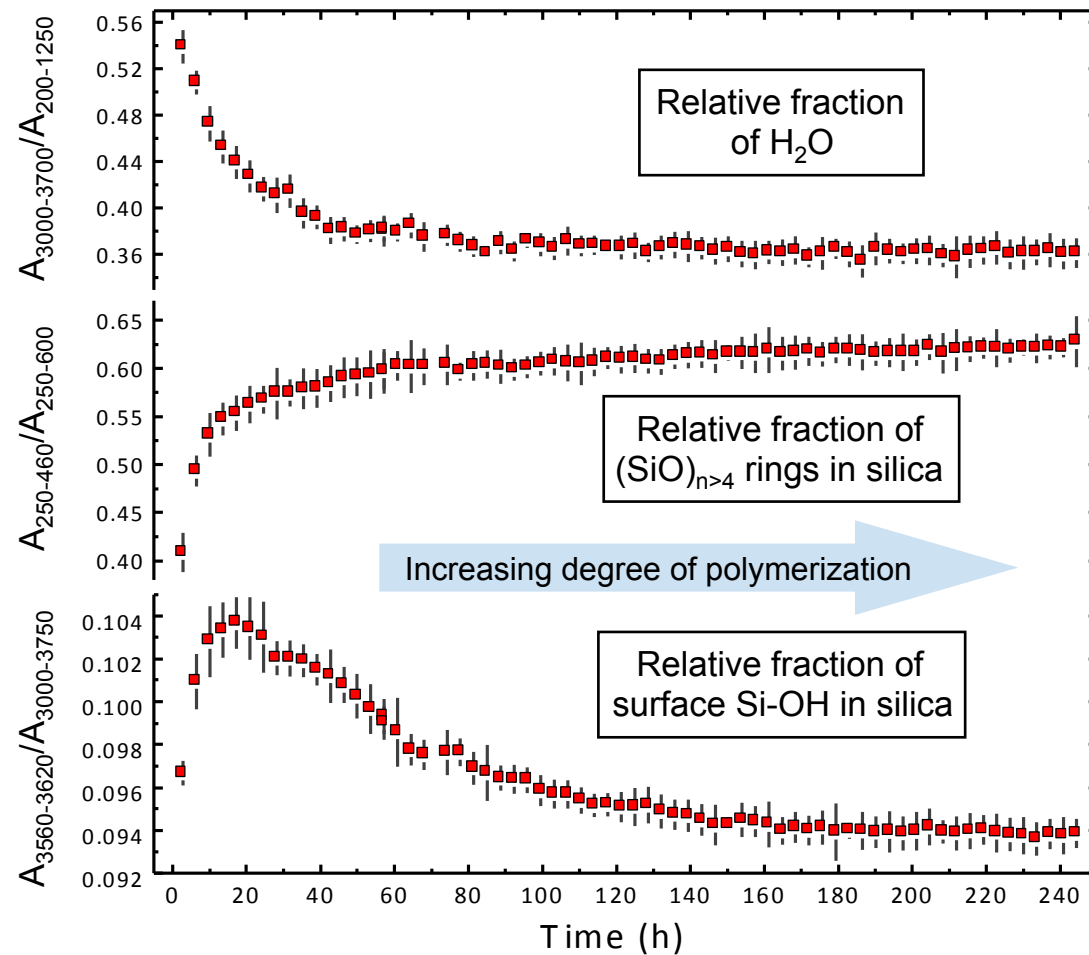
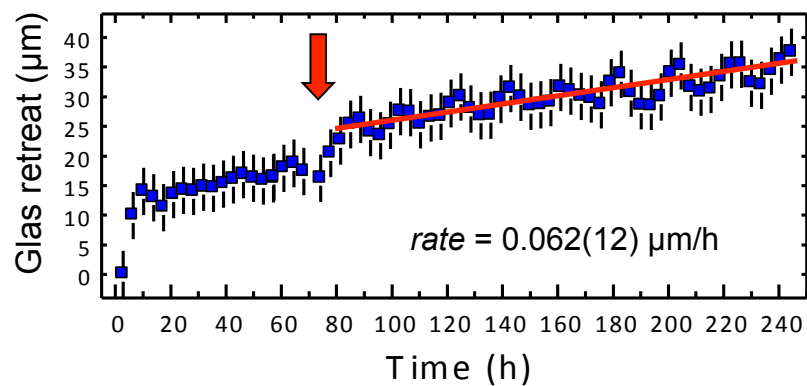


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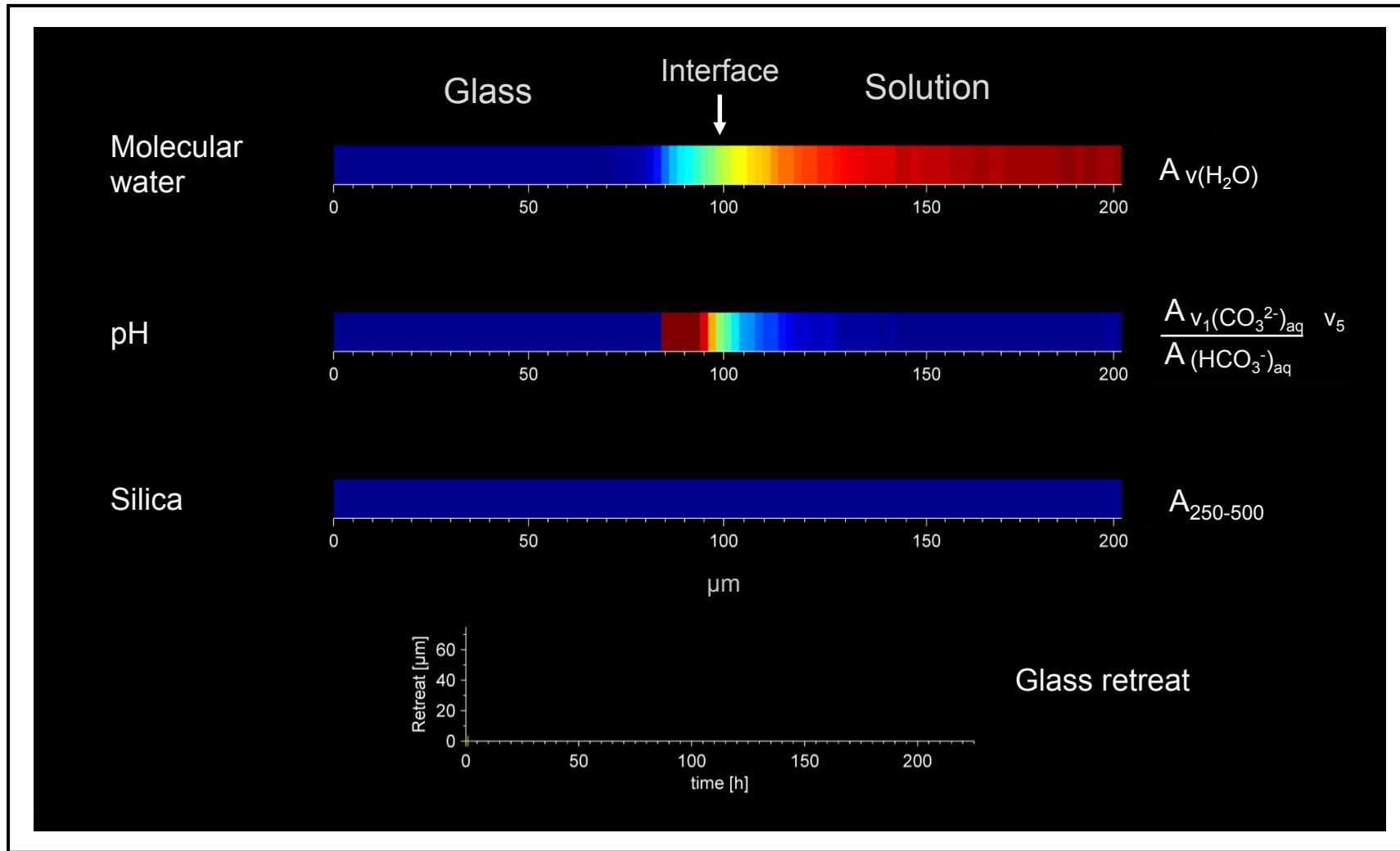
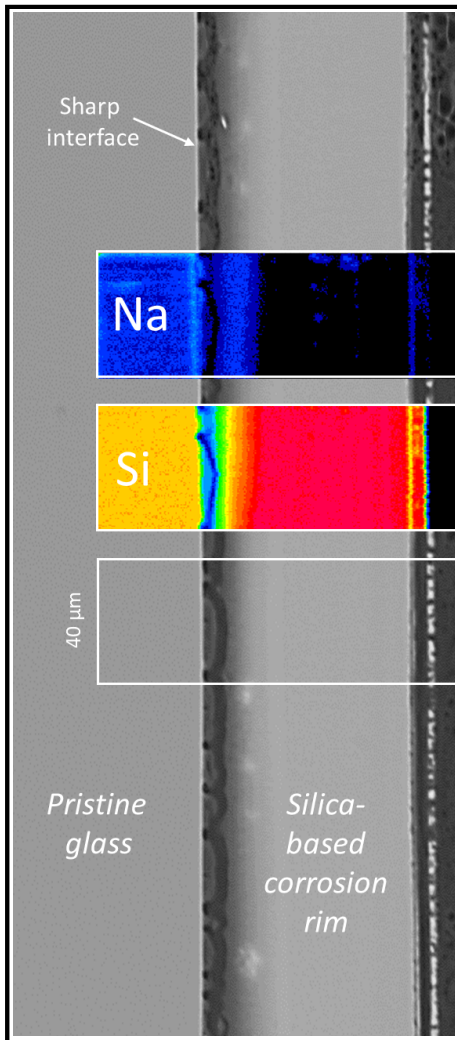


BSE image of altered glass after the experiment



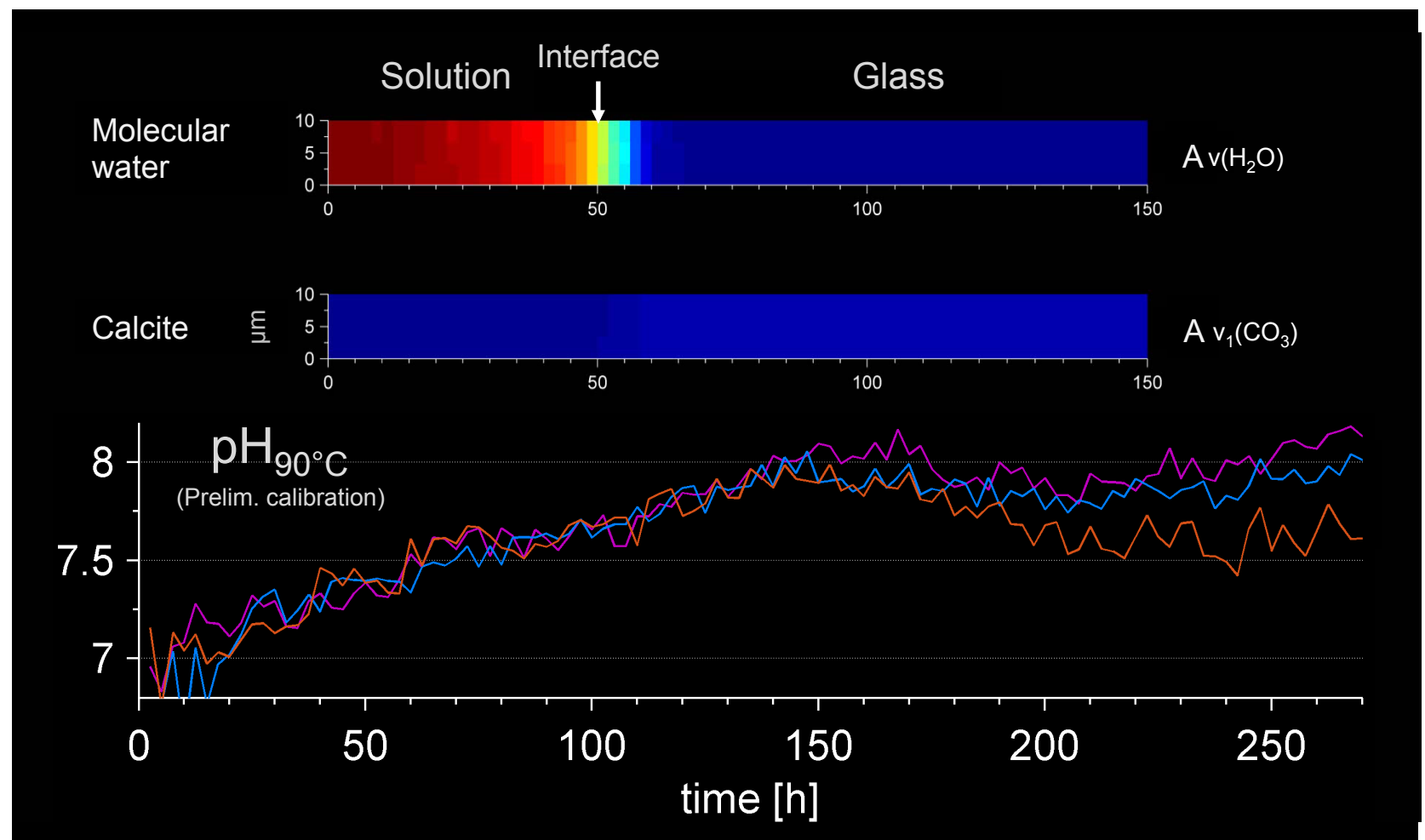
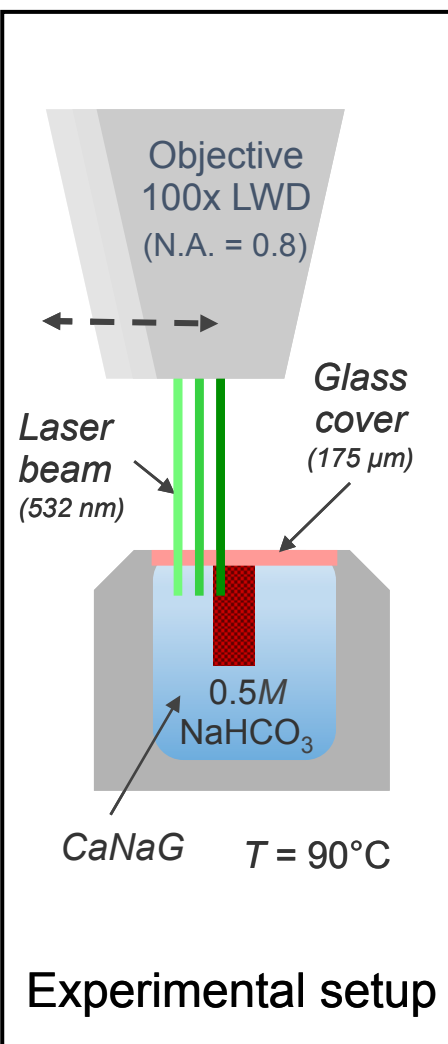
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Experiment #2 - pH gradient in a solution boundary layer



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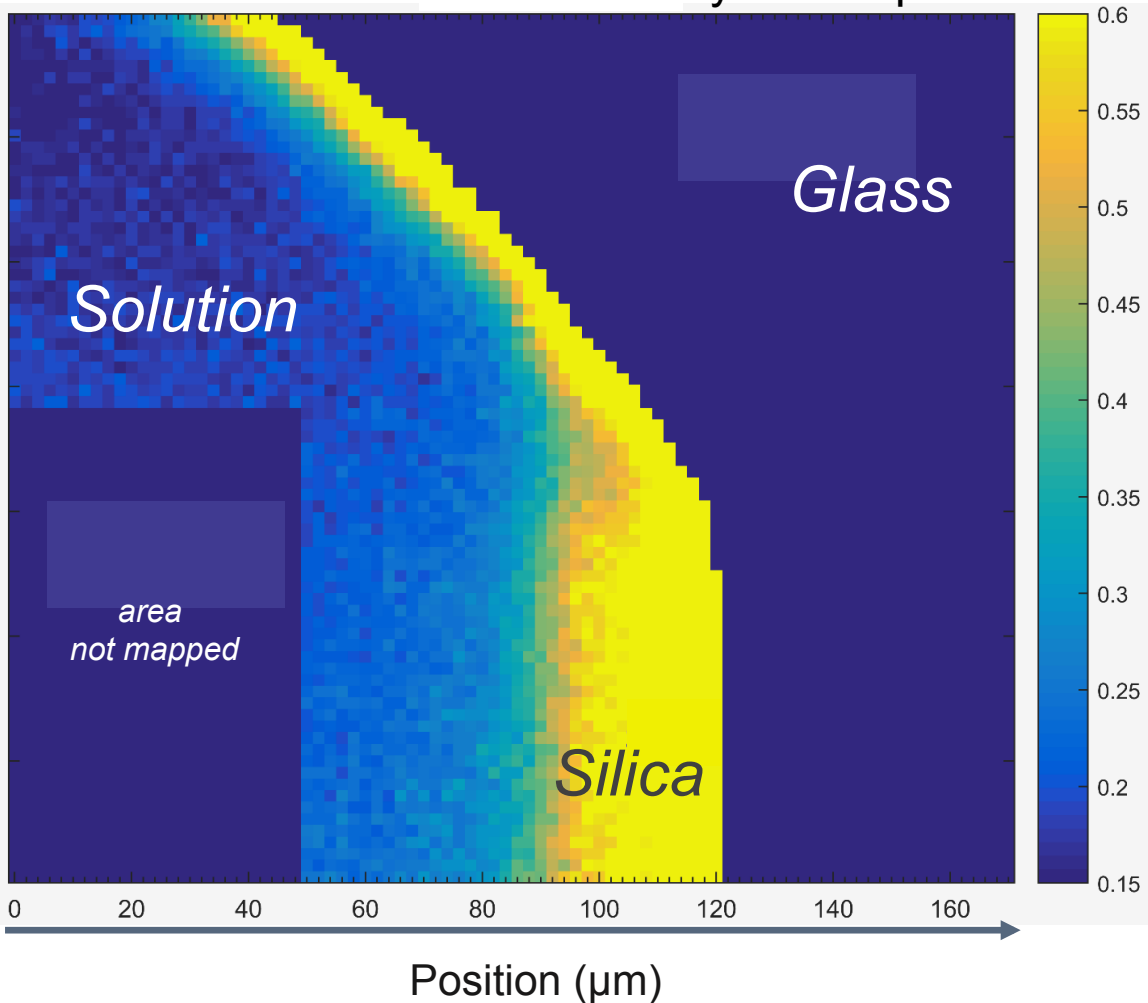
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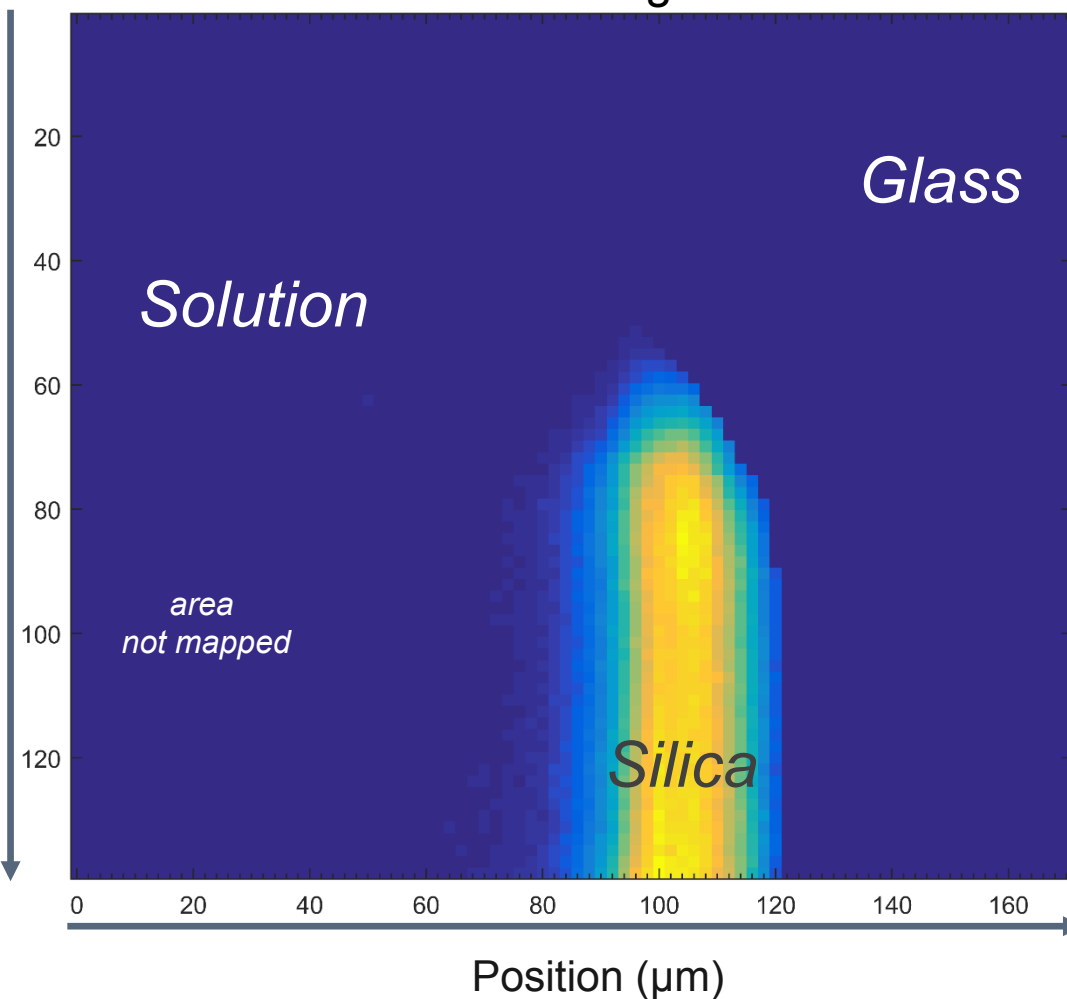
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Experiment #4 – pH gradient in solution and the corrosion rim

Carbonate-bicarbonate intensity ratio ~ pH

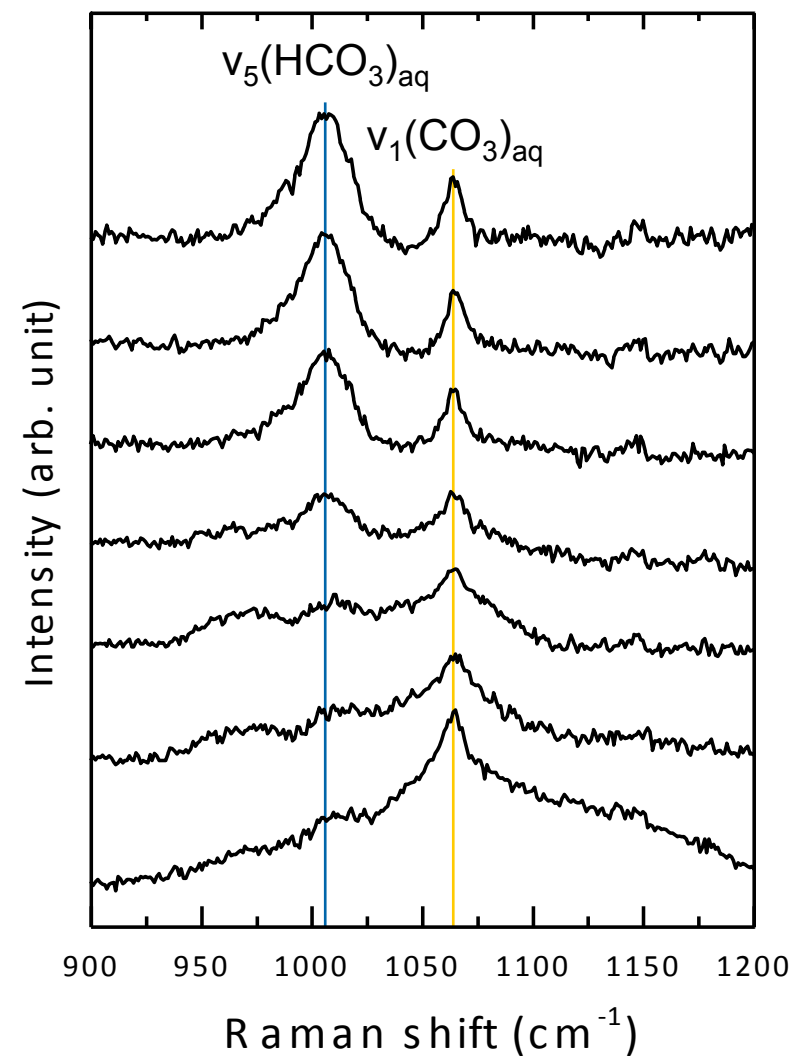
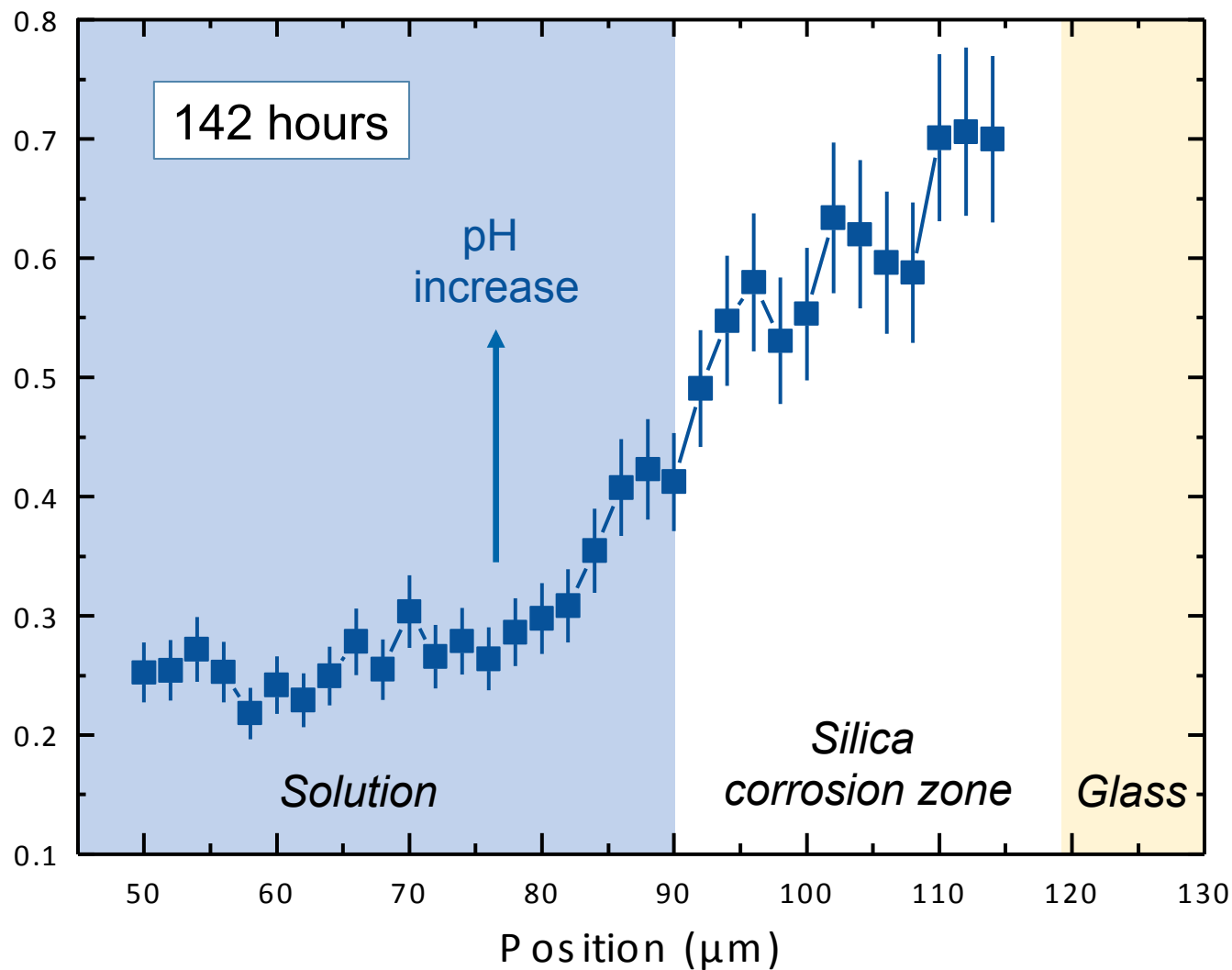


Silica Si-O-Si breathing mode intensities



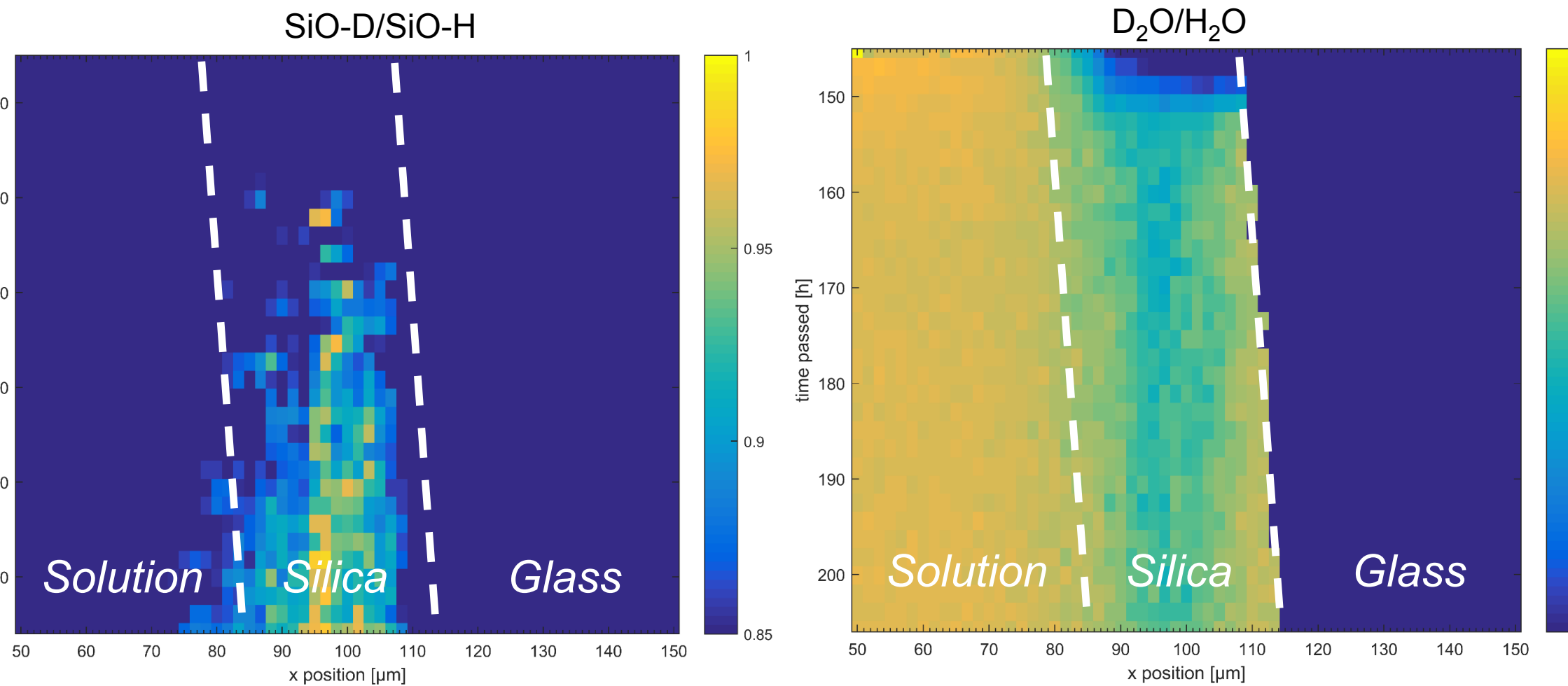
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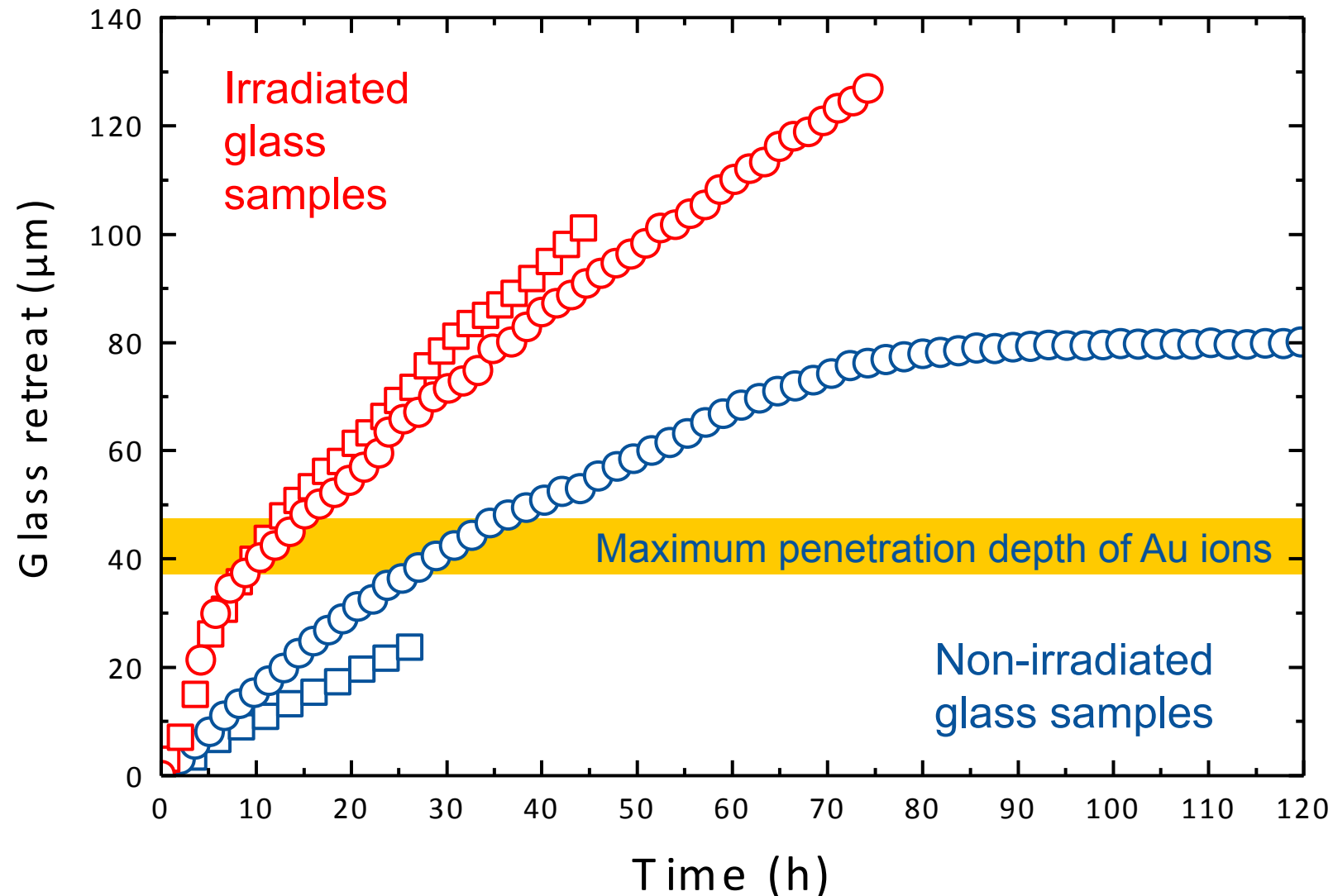
Results of in-situ experiments

Experiment #4 – Diffusion and reaction of molecular water within the corrosion rim



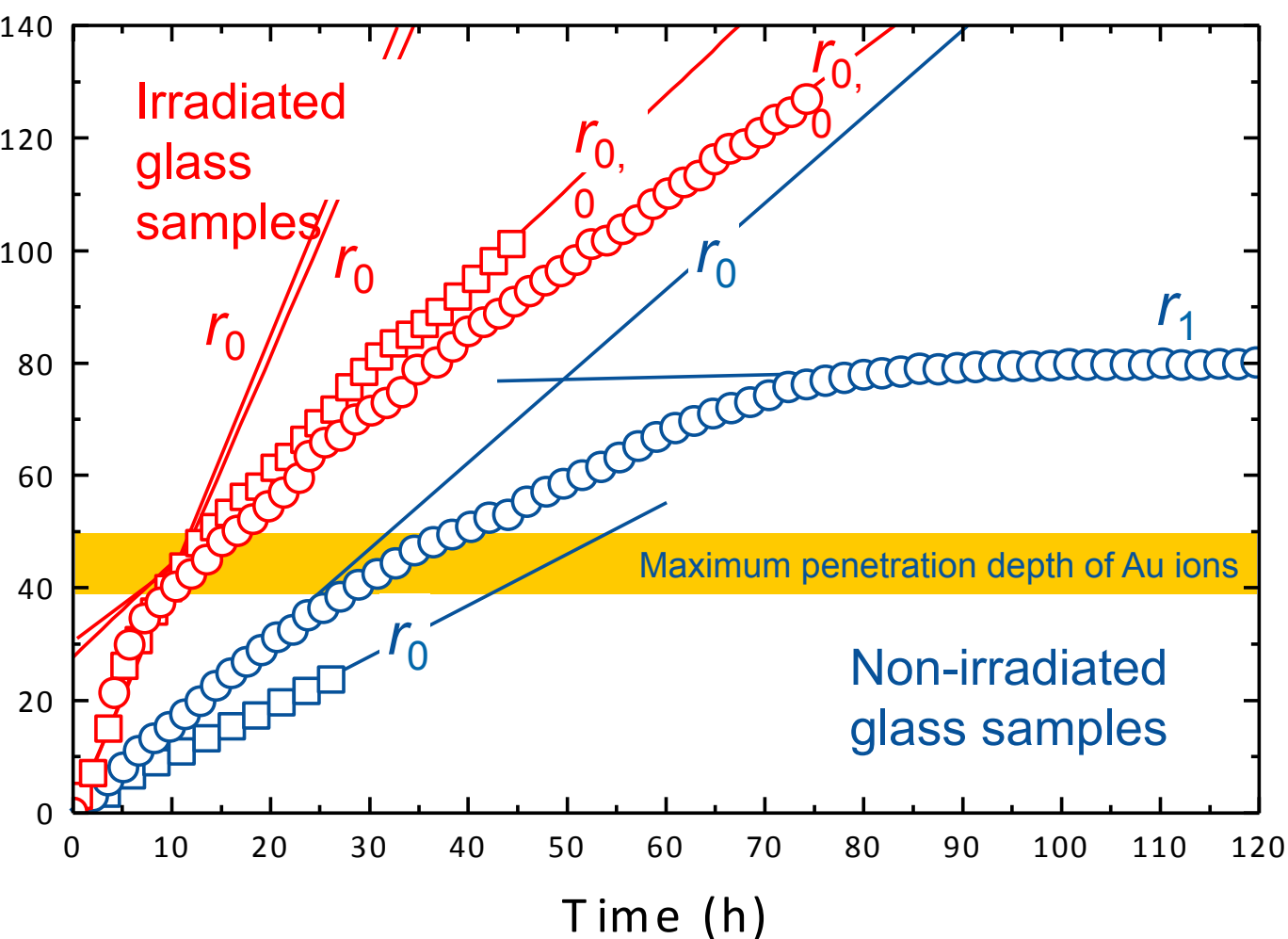
Results of in-situ experiments

Experiment #5 - Effect of heavy ion irradiation on the forward dissolution rate (r_0)



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Experiment #5 - Effect of heavy ion irradiation on the forward dissolution rate (r_0)



Exp.	r_0	$r_{0,0}$	r_1
	(μm/h)		
#5-1	1.532 (± 0.015)	-	0.01 (± 0.00)
#5-2	0.936 (± 0.022)	-	-
#5-3	4.62 (± 0.39)	1.339 (± 0.027)	-
#5-4	4.35 (± 0.24)	1.666 (± 0.056)	-

Errors represent 2-sigma errors of the lin

Experimental details

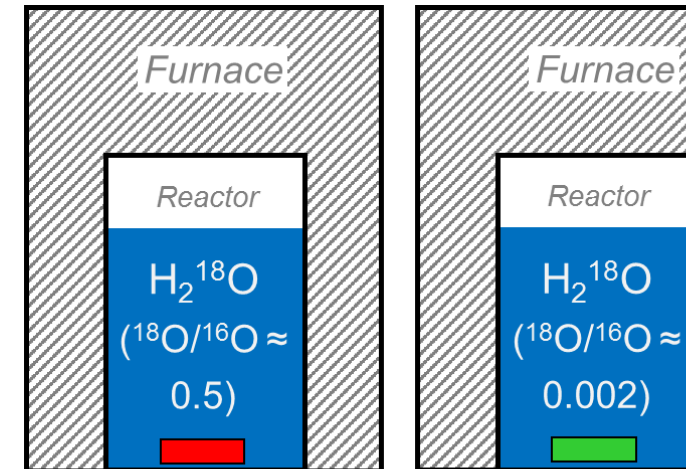
Experiments

Experimental series #1

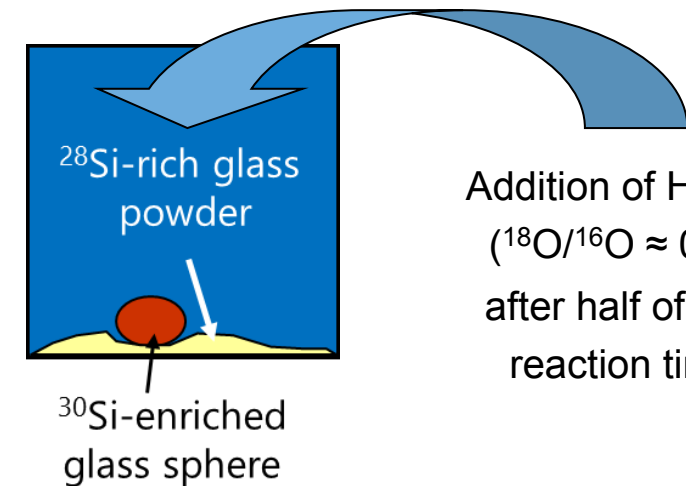
TBG monoliths
pure H_2O
 90°C
multiple sample exchange between ^{18}O -labelled
and -unlabelled solution

Experimental series #2

TBG powder and TBG spheres enriched with ^{30}Si
different initial pH adjusted with HCl and KOH
 90°C
addition of ^{18}O after half of the total reaction time



Glass samples were exchanged five times



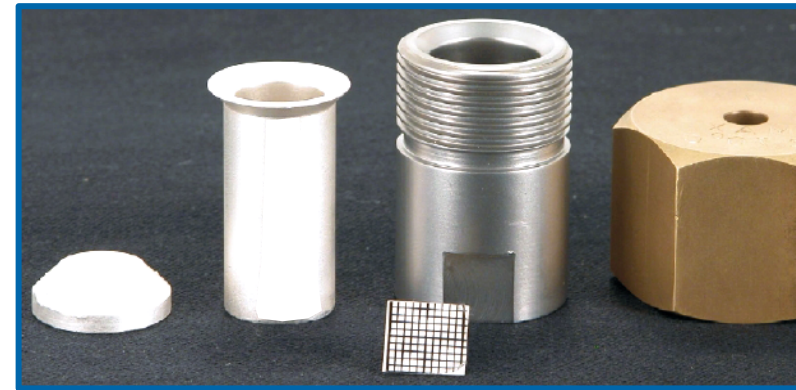
Addition of H_2^{18}O
($^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O} \approx 0.5$)
after half of
reaction time

Experimental details

Experiments

Experimental series #3

ISG and QBG monoliths
pre-altered at 90°C for 9 months
then altered at 90°C (ISG) and 150°C (QBG) for
3 months in multi-isotope tracer solutions*
pH = 7.0 (continuously re-adjusted)



Isotope solution tracers

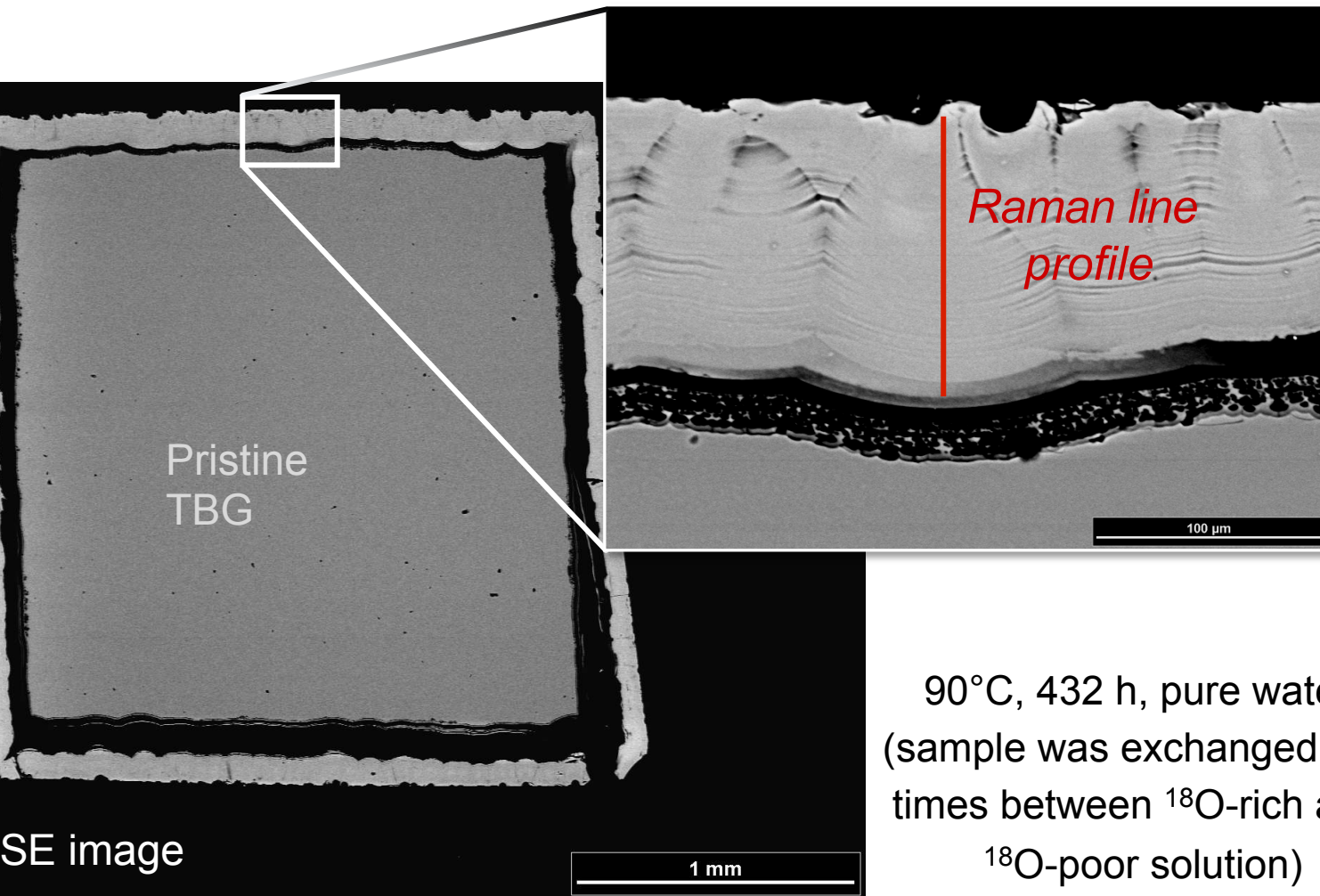
D_2O (D/H = 0.23), H_2^{18}O ($^{18}/^{16}\text{O}$ = 0.23), $^{10}\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ (250 ppm), $^{30}\text{SiO}_2$ (362 ppm), $^{44}\text{CaCl}_2$ (88 ppm)

Other tracers

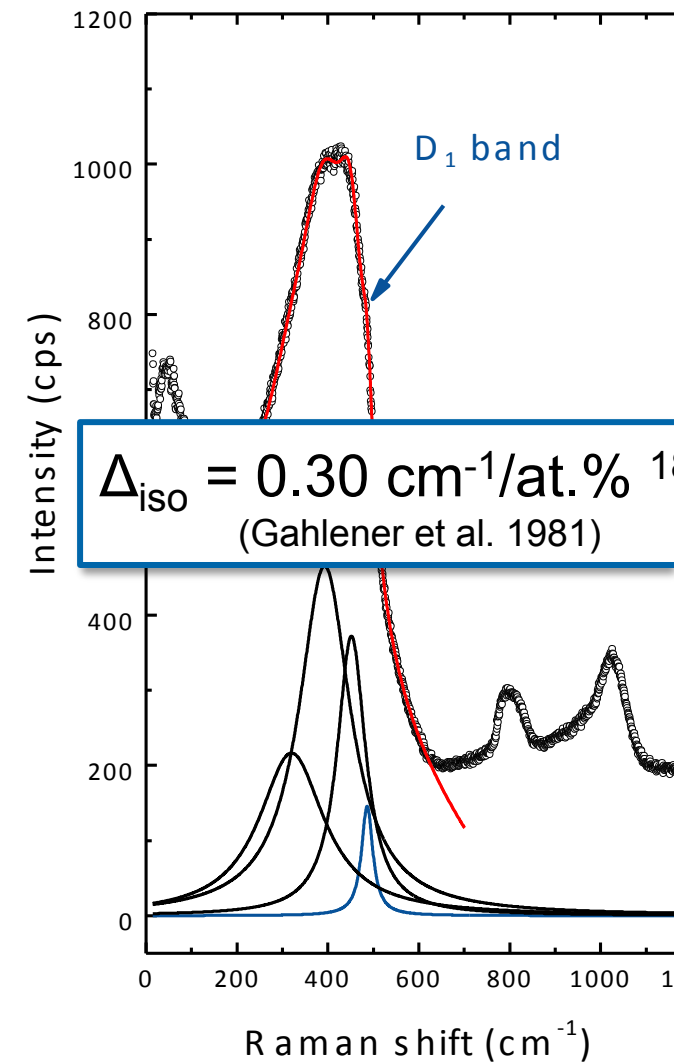
K (from solution preparation and pH adjustments), **F** (from PTFE)

Results of isotope exchange experiments

Experiment #1

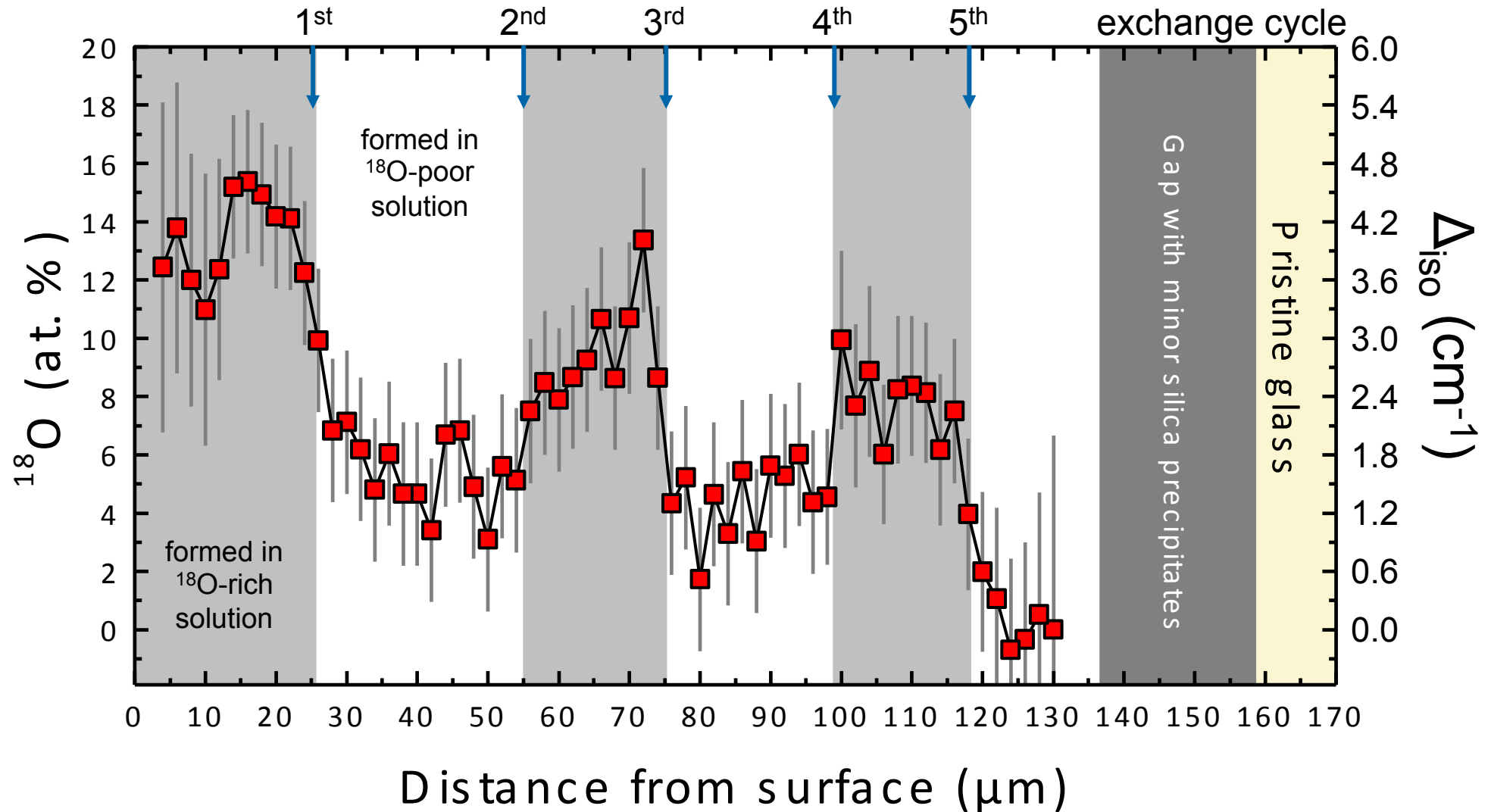


90°C, 432 h, pure water
(sample was exchanged five
times between ^{18}O -rich and
 ^{18}O -poor solution)



Results of isotope exchange experiments

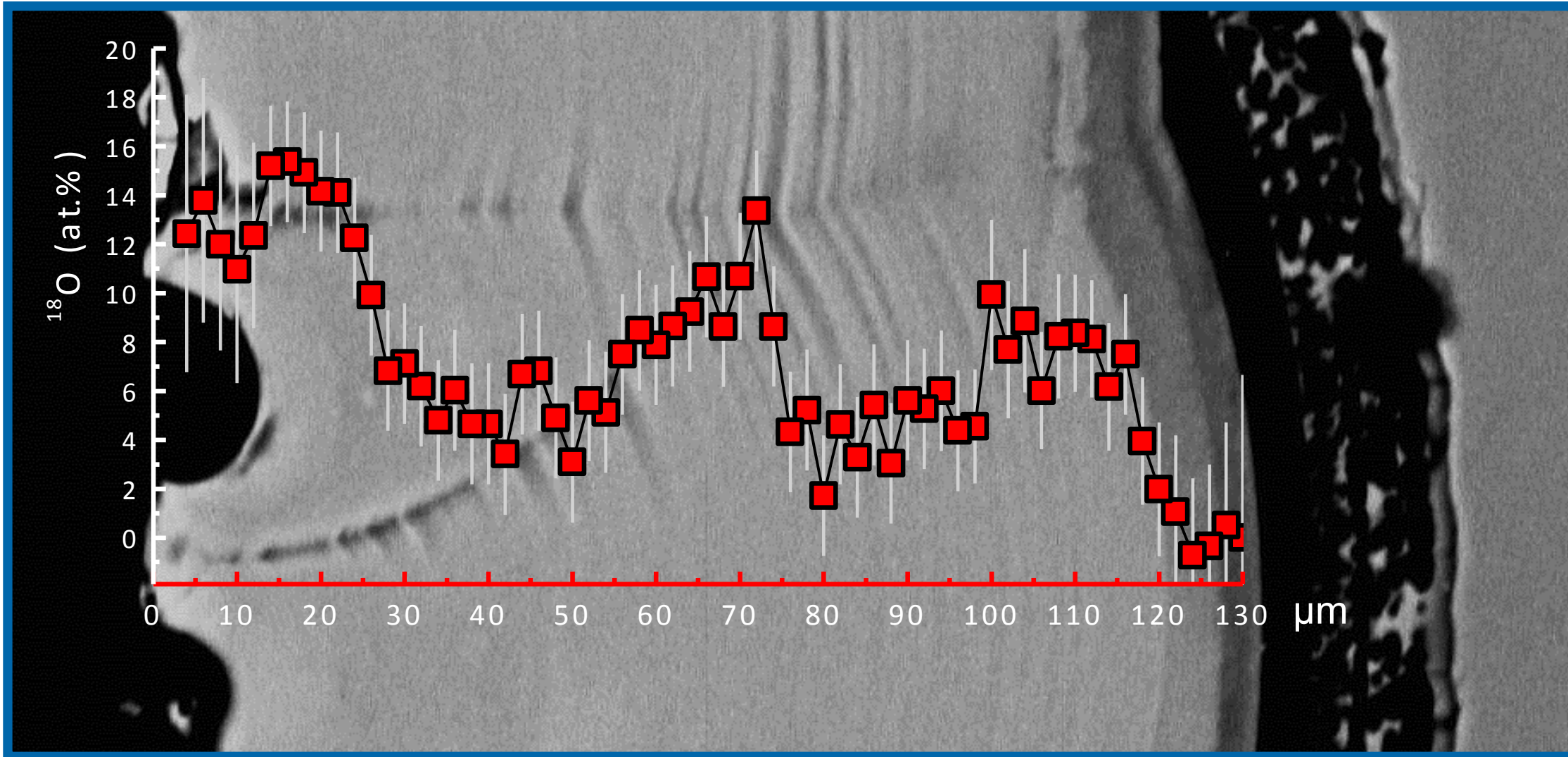
Experiment #1 - Multiple oxygen isotope exchange



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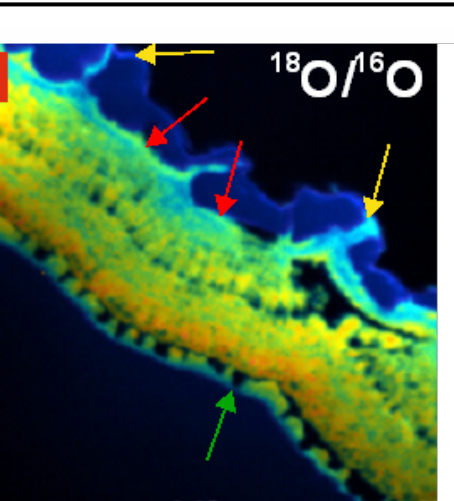
Results of isotope exchange experiments

Experiment #1 - Multiple oxygen isotope exchange



Results of isotope exchange experiments

Experiment #2 – Si and O isotope exchange

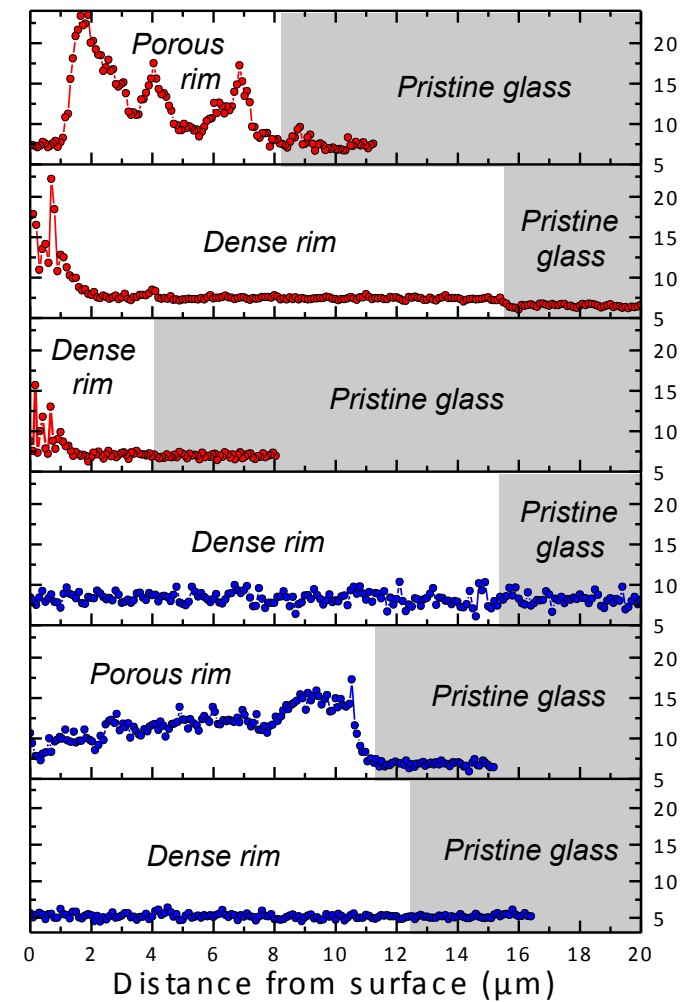
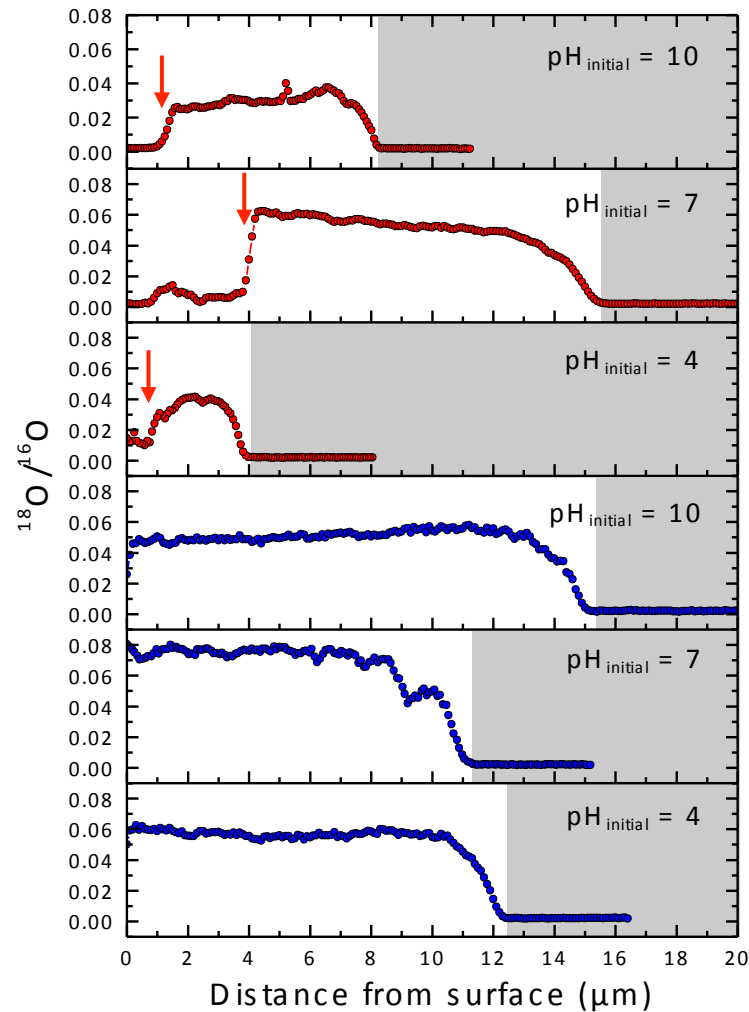


TBG: 90°C, 672 h

Geisler et al. (2015, GCA)

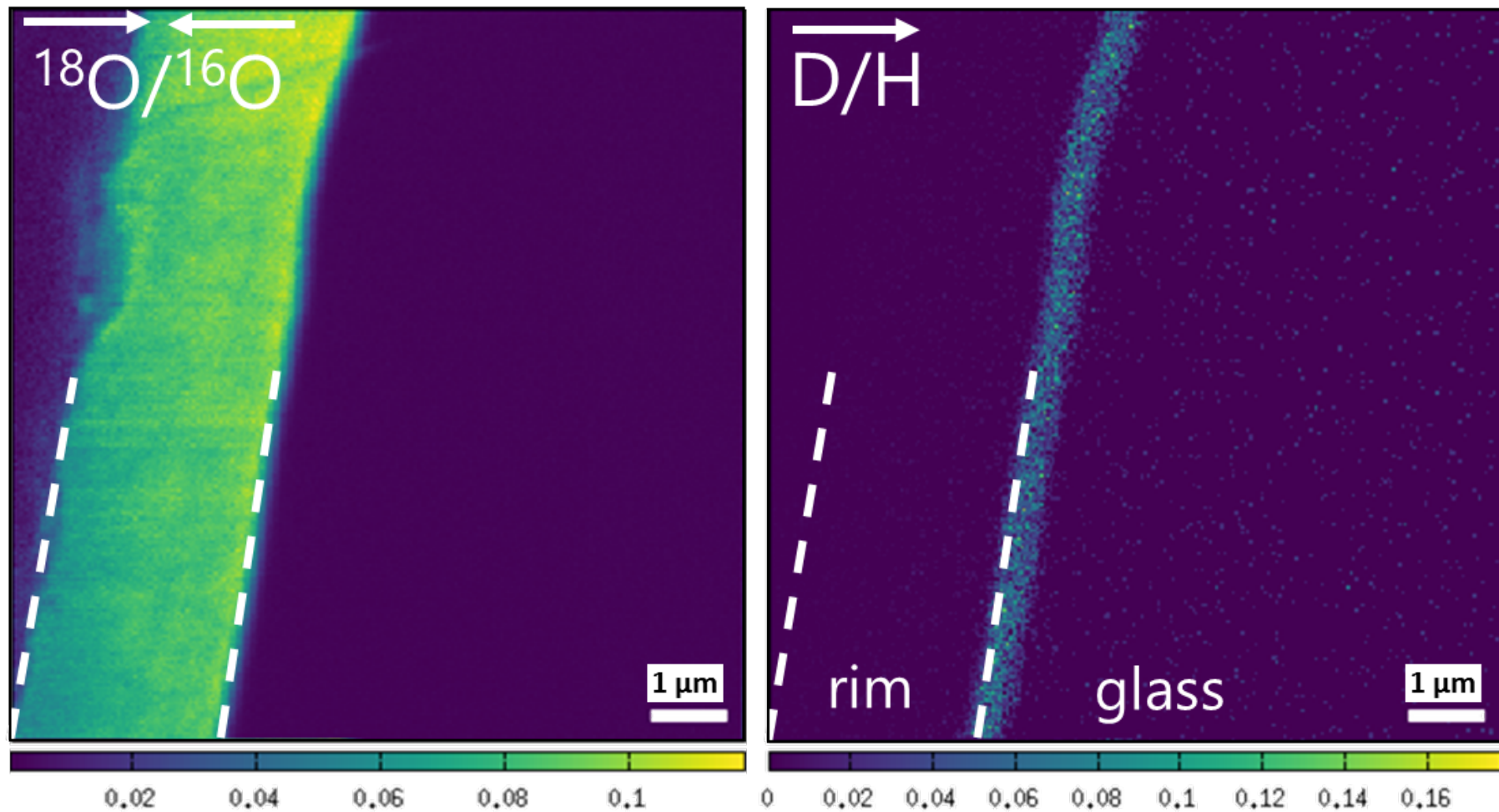
^{18}O added 14 days
after start of the exp.

^{18}O added from
the beginning



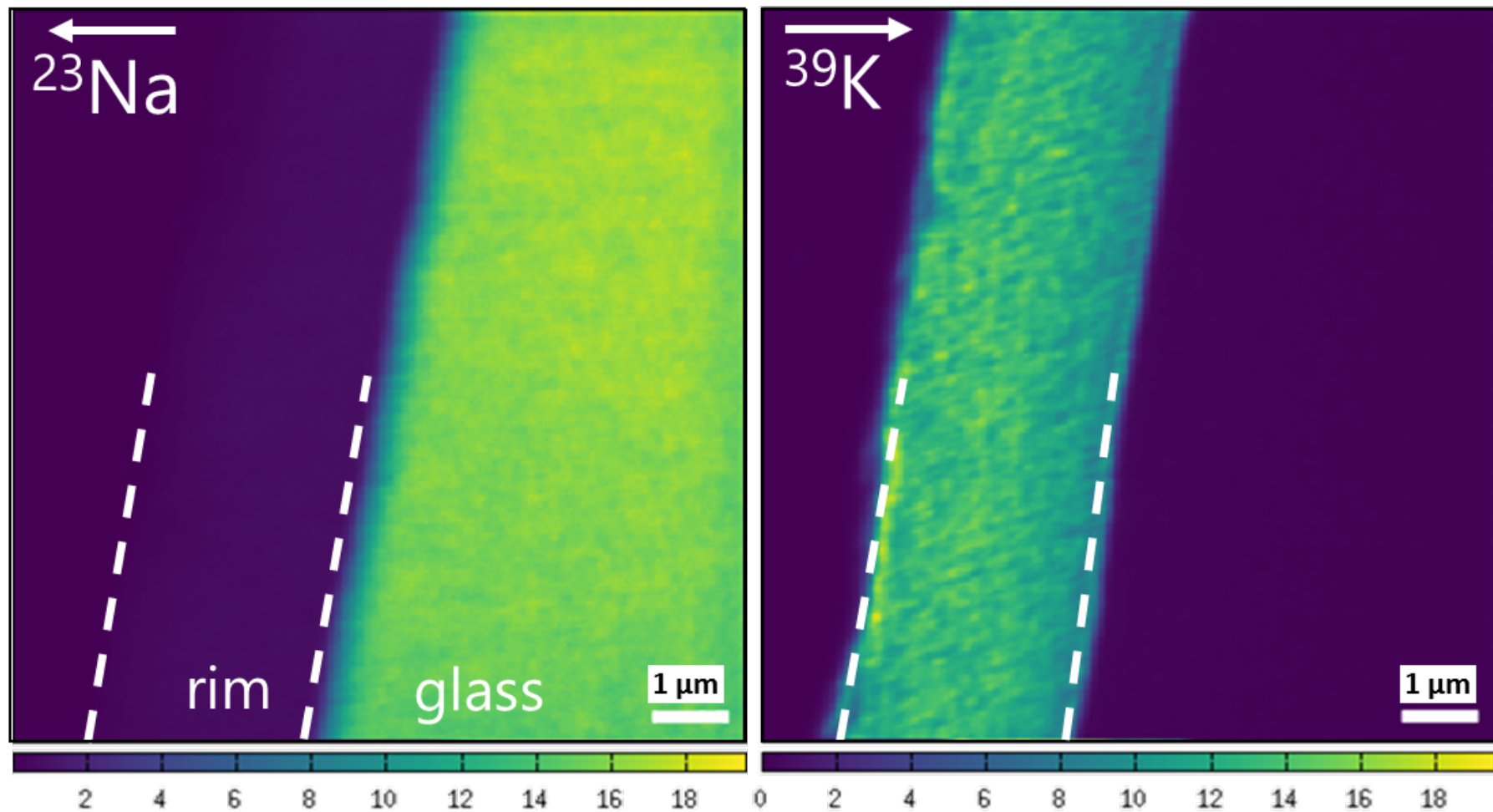
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Experimental series #3: ISG, pre-altered at 90°C/90°C



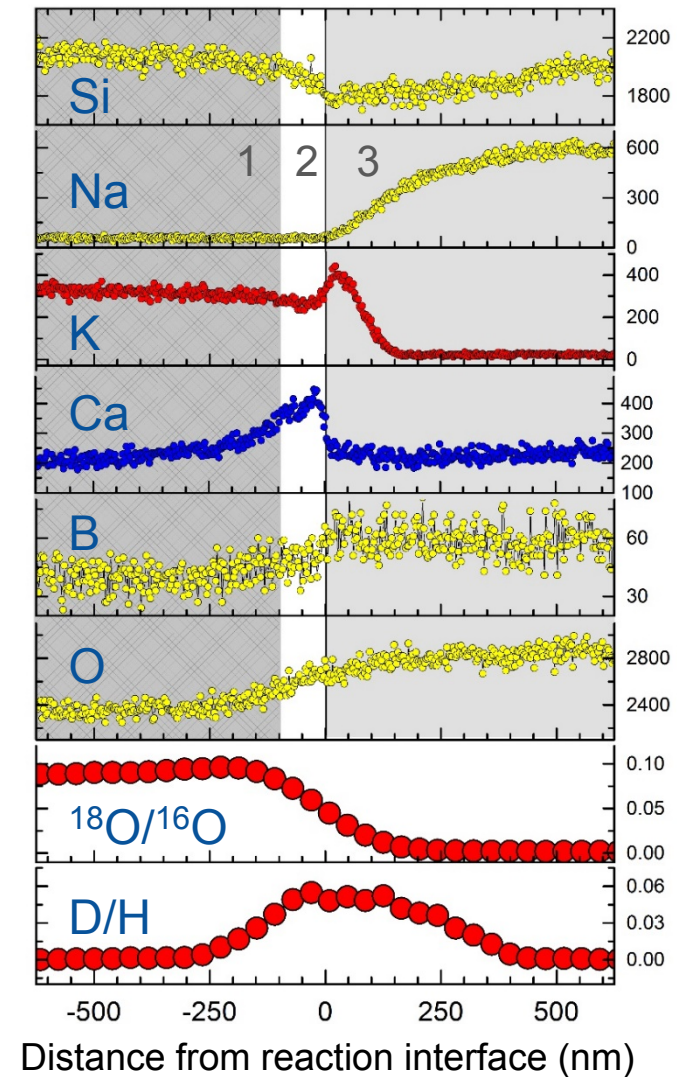
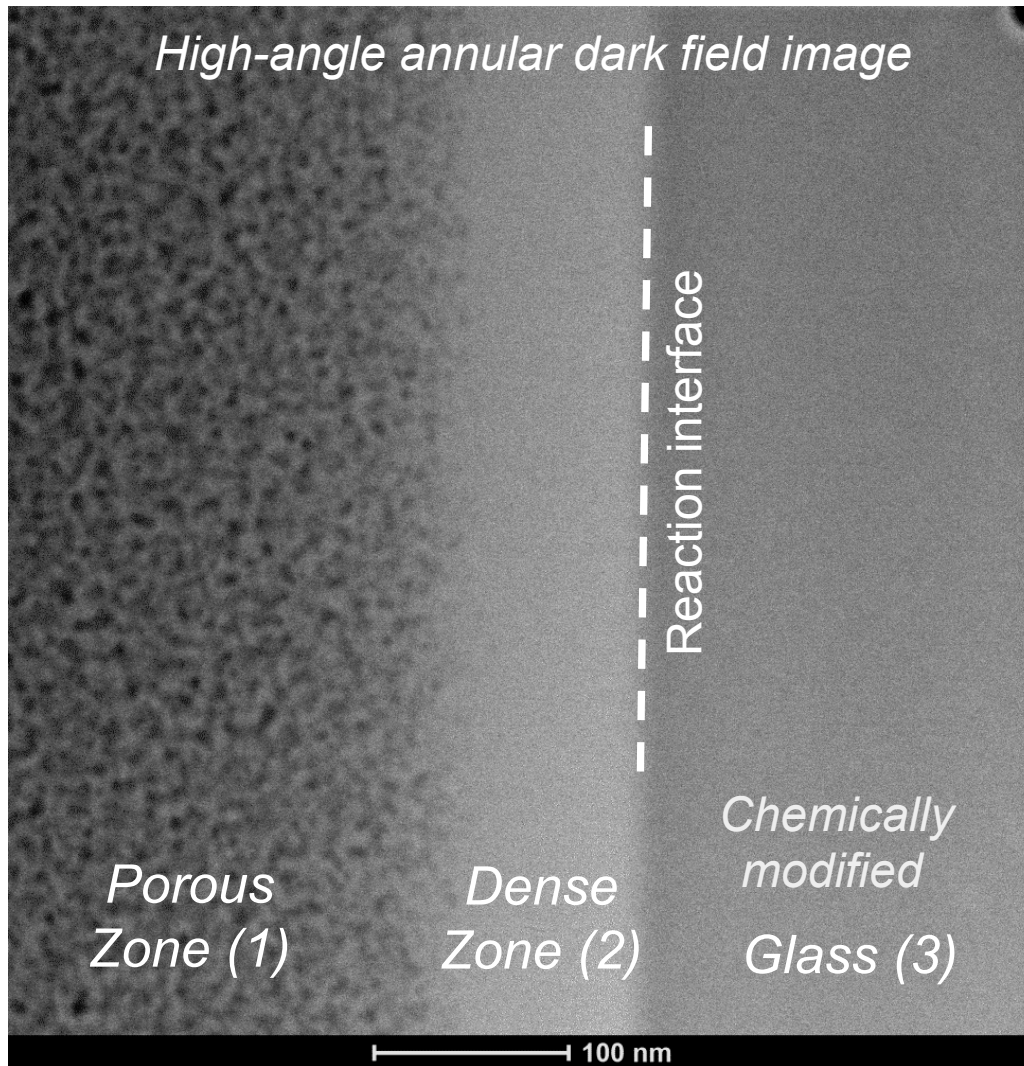
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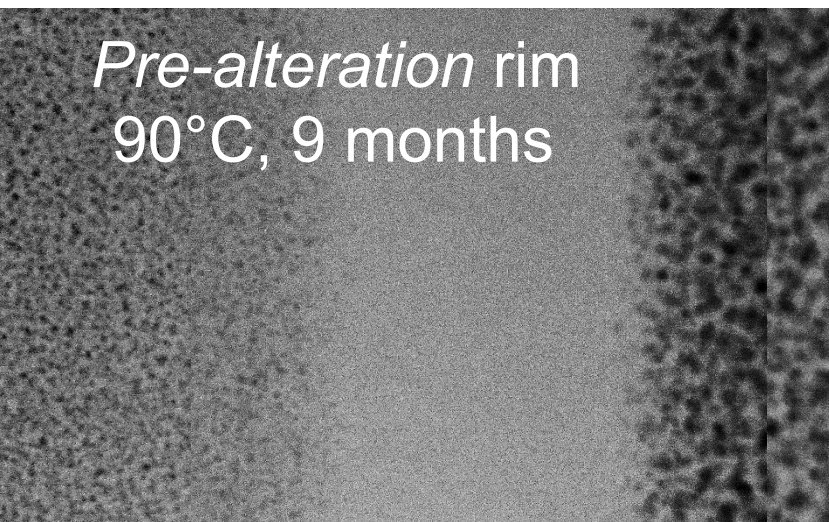


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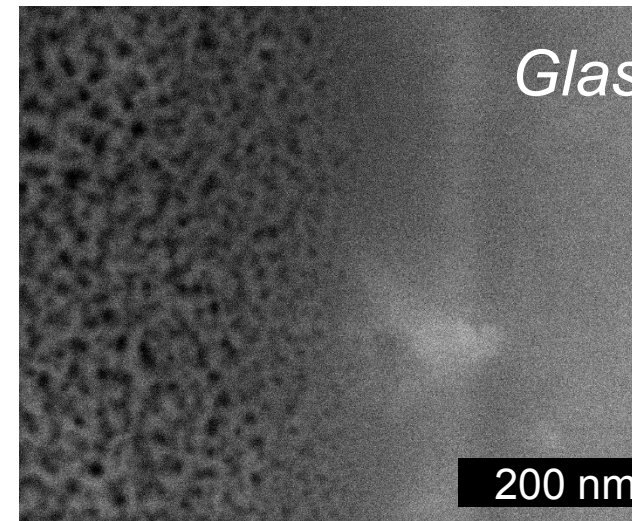
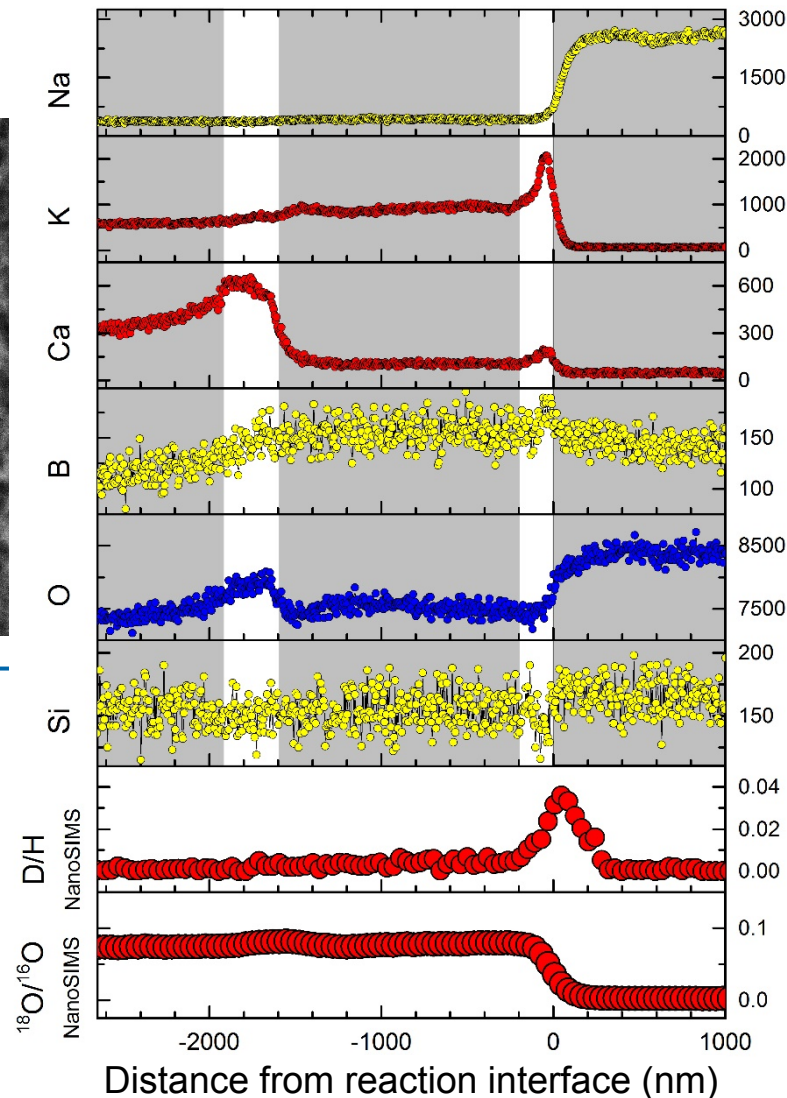
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Experimental series #3: QBG, pre-altered at 90°C/150°C



Porous zone
(pore size
< 10 nm)

Dense
zone



Dense
zone

Glass

Results of isotope exchange experiments

important conclusion:

The dense layers likely correspond to

- (1) the water-rich zone or gap observed by *in-situ* Raman spectroscopy
- (2) to the PRI (*Passivating Reactive Interface*) described by Frugier et al. (2008).

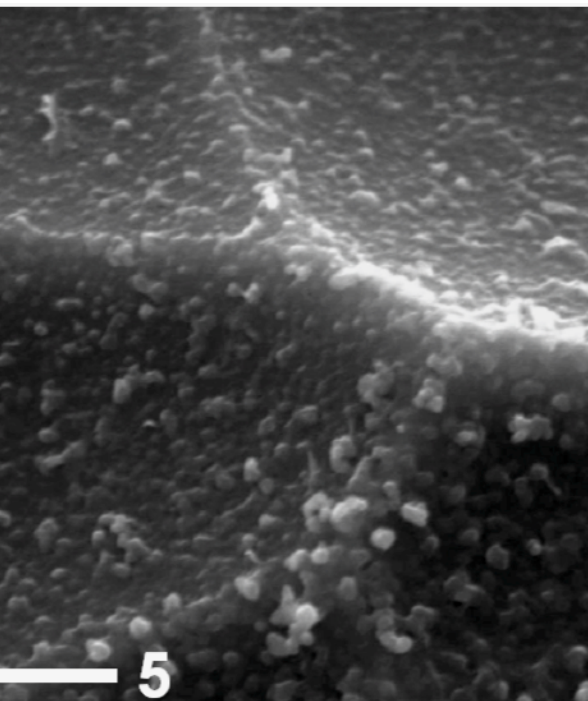
They most likely represents the product of a **quenched interfacial solution** (that is like highly supersaturated with respect to amorphous silica).

It follows, if true, that the reported dense layer **cannot be passivating** during the reaction.

Other observations

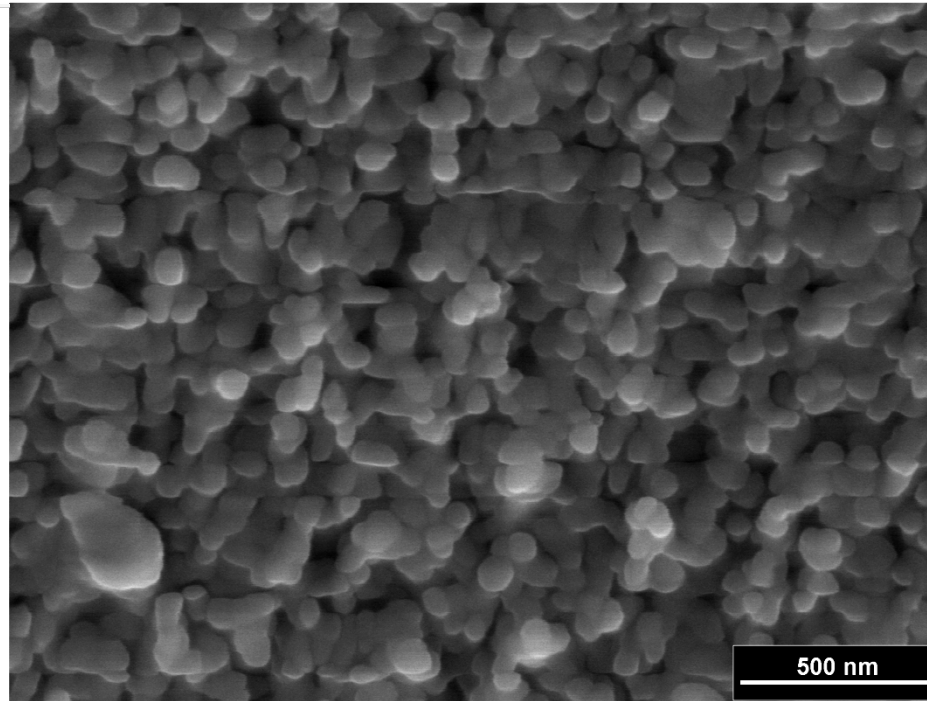
silica layers formed in experiments with different glasses under different conditions

WG: 90°C, 4 hours, $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} \approx 7$



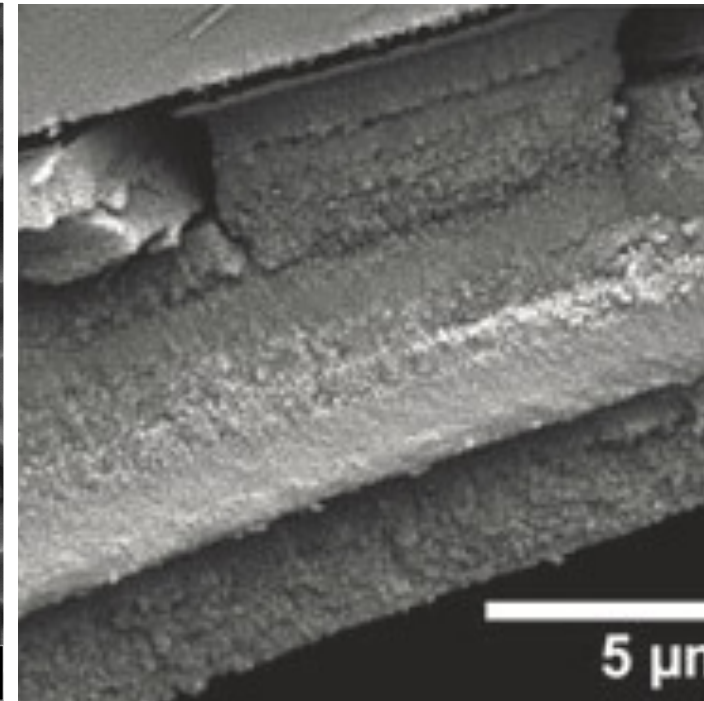
Geisler *et al.* (2015, GCA)

WAK: 150°C, 96 hours, $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} \approx 0$



Geisler *et al.* (2010, J. Non-Cryst. Sol.)

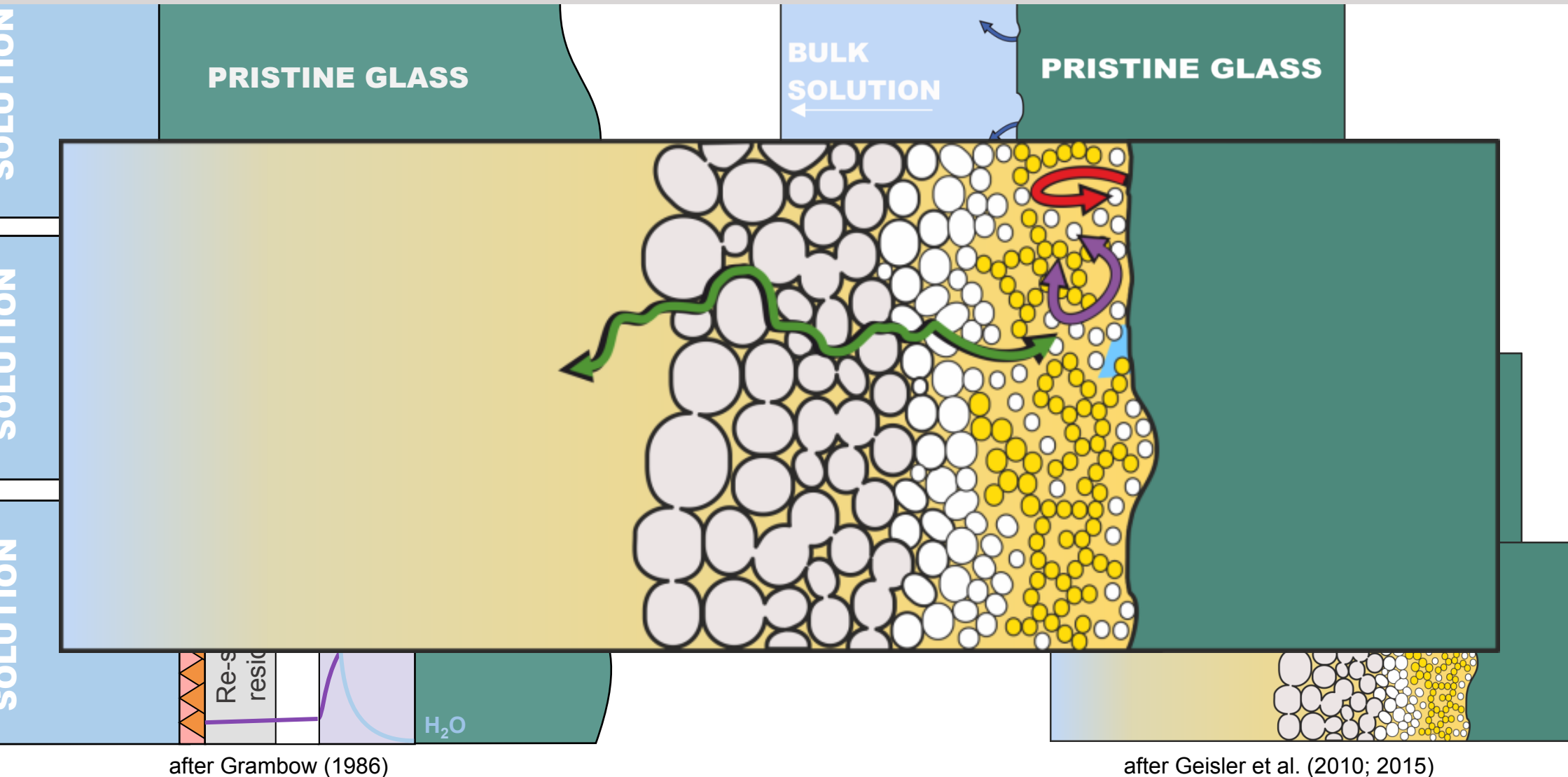
CaKNaSi: 90°C, 260 hours, $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} \approx 7$



Dohmen *et al.* (2013, Int. J. Appl. Glass)

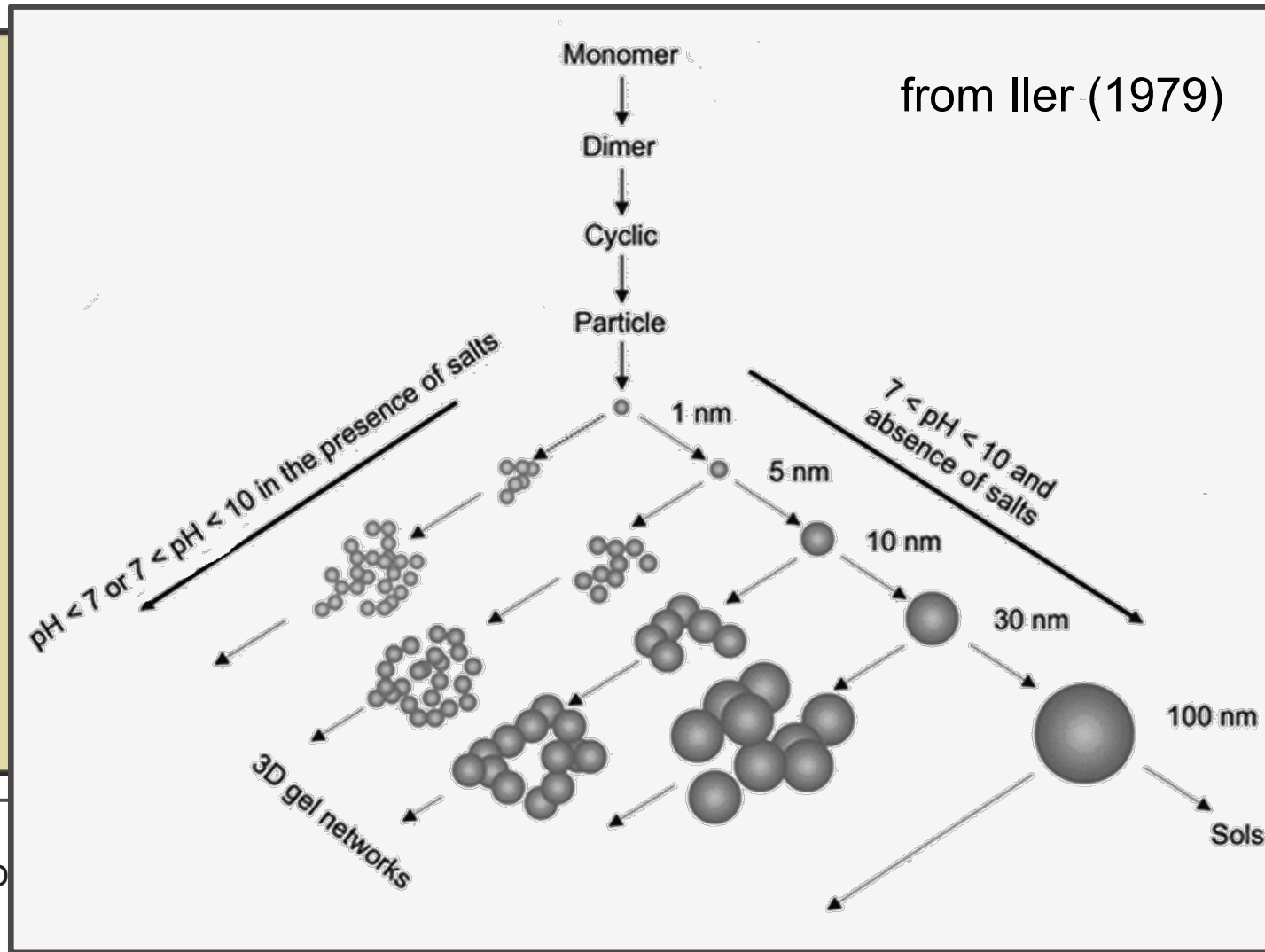
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Conclusions

Following reaction have been identified so far:

Ion exchange/interdiffusion inside the glass (*diffusion-reaction process*, e.g., Doremus model).

Congruent dissolution of the glass (incl. a number of individual microscopic reaction steps such as, e.g., hydrolysis).

Silica precipitation/deposition from solution (incl. a number of individual microscopic reaction steps such as, e.g., condensation).

Silica aging (e.g, polymerization, ripening).

Chemical transport through the silica reaction layer (percolation controlled, anomalous).

Precipitation of secondary minerals within and at the silica surface (e.g., zeolites, rutile).

Aqueous diffusion within a solution boundary layer.

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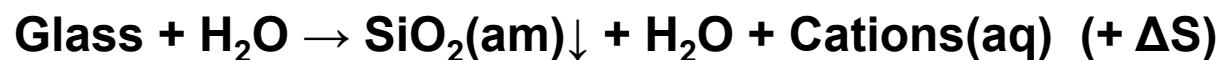


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Conclusions

In silica undersaturated solutions, the glass initially **dissolves congruently**.

Once the solution at the surface boundary layer is saturated with respect to silica, silica will precipitate initially at the surface of the dissolving glass and later at preexisting silica aggregates → the reaction becomes **incongruent** and the glass is gradually replaced by amorphous silica along a **moving front**:



The glass dissolution (r_d) and silica precipitation rate (r_p) have to be coupled:

$$r_d - (r_p + u) = 0,$$

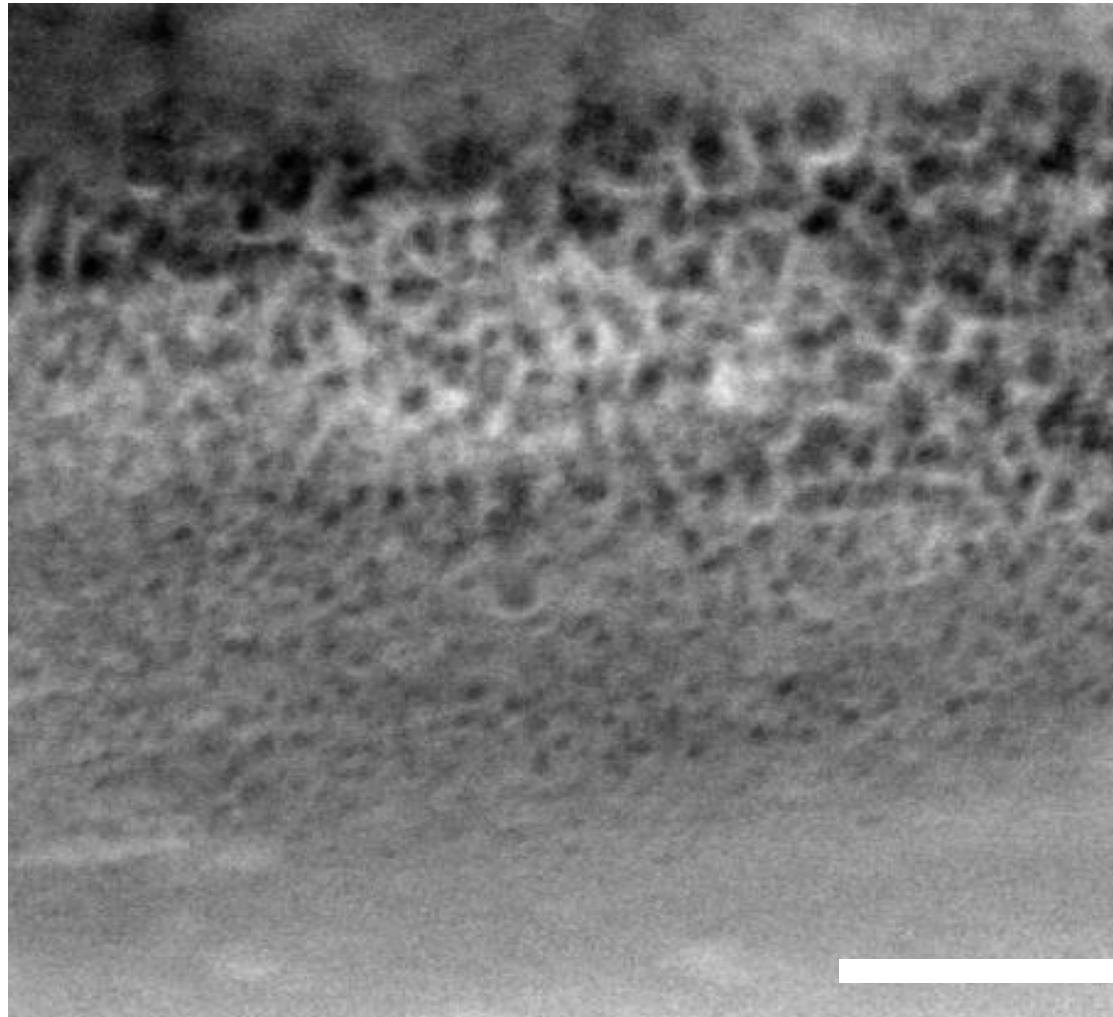
where u accounts for the quantities of elements that are released into solution per unit time.

The **thermodynamic driving force** for such an irreversible interface-coupled replacement reaction is given by the **solubility difference** between amorphous silica and the glass.

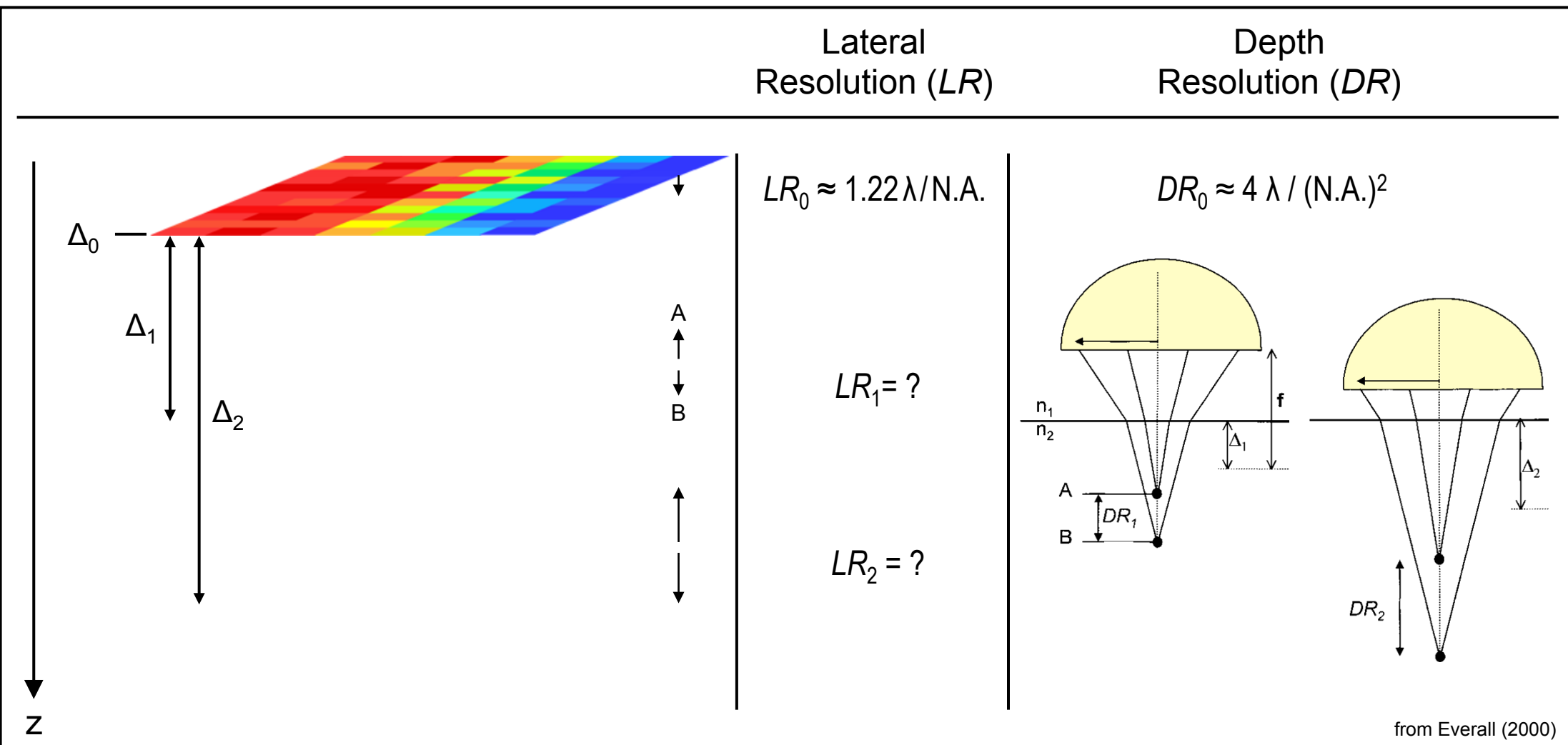
Complex, non-linearly coupled reactions at the interface along with chemical transport limitations due to the growing silica rim, which increasingly drives the system away from thermodynamic equilibrium, may cause the formation of **structural, porosity, and/or chemical patterns**.

An **ion exchange zone** may develop ahead of the dissolution-reprecipitation front. This diffusion-controlled process, however, is not directly rate-limiting.

M tomography of porous zone (ISG , pre-altered 90°C/90°C, pH = 7)



axial resolution - A theoretical evaluation



axial resolution - An empirical evaluation

