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FRACTURE IN OXIDE GLASSES



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DAMAGE PROPAGATION IN OXIDE GLASSES



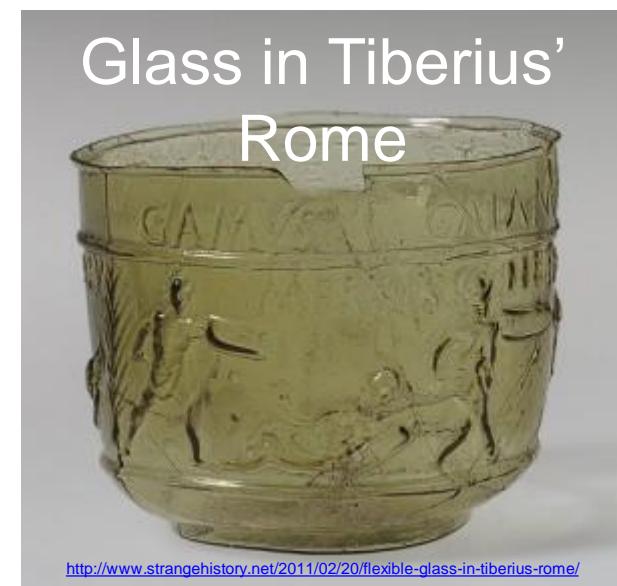
London Bridge
Glass Walkway



Building
after a
tornado (TX)



Snow Covered
Greenhouses



Glass in Tiberius'
Rome

<http://www.strangehistory.net/2011/02/20/flexible-glass-in-tiberius-rome/>

DELAYED FRACTURE



~8 minutes to failure



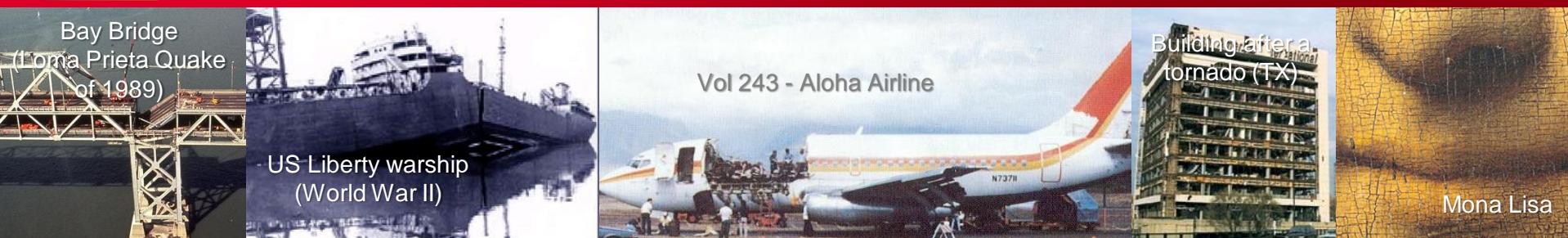
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Visible
stresses



Polariscope
Non-visible
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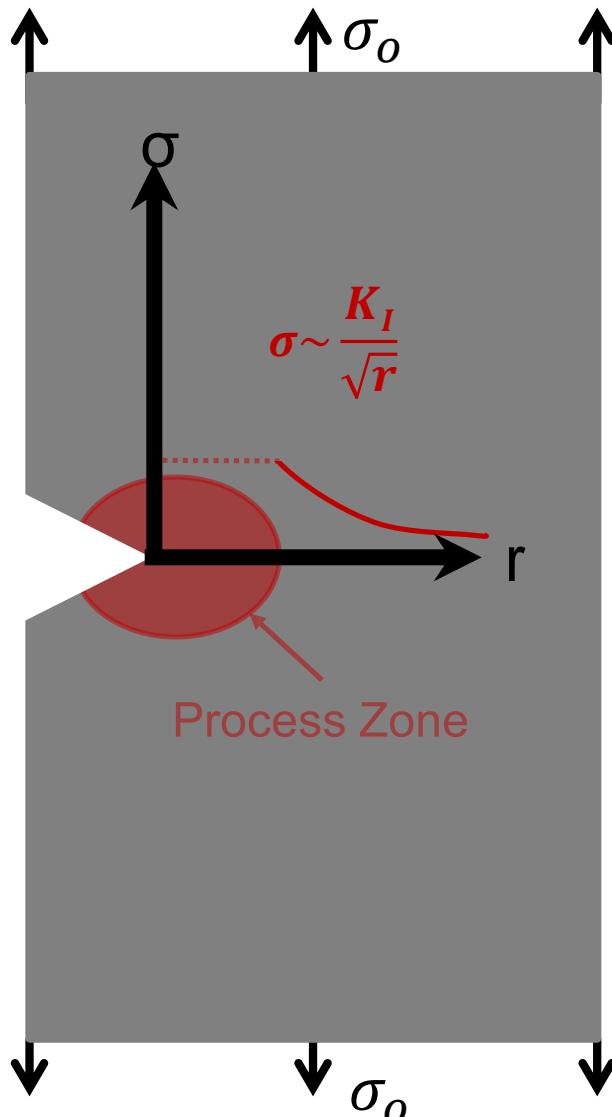
Corning Museum of Glass
www.cmog.org
YouTube

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CRACK FRONT STABILITY ... IN LIEU OF A CORROSIVE ENVIRONMENT



Irwin (1955), Orrowan (1957)

K_I : stress intensity factor

Stress intensity factor

stress near the crack tip due to σ_o
or residual stresses

$$K_I = \sigma_o \sqrt{crack} f(\text{geometry})$$

... Assessed by finite elements

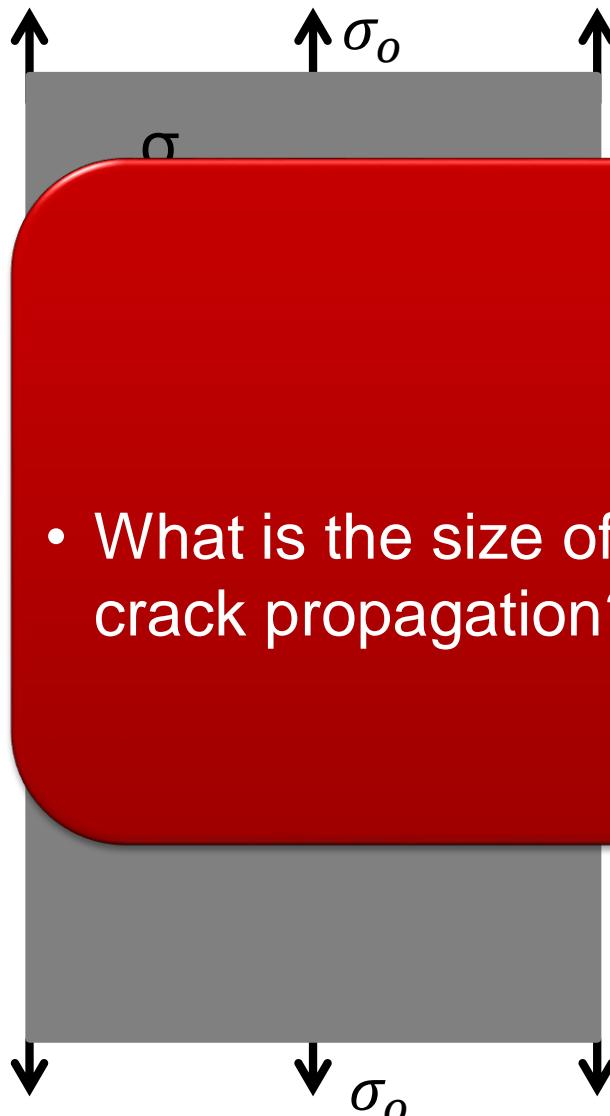
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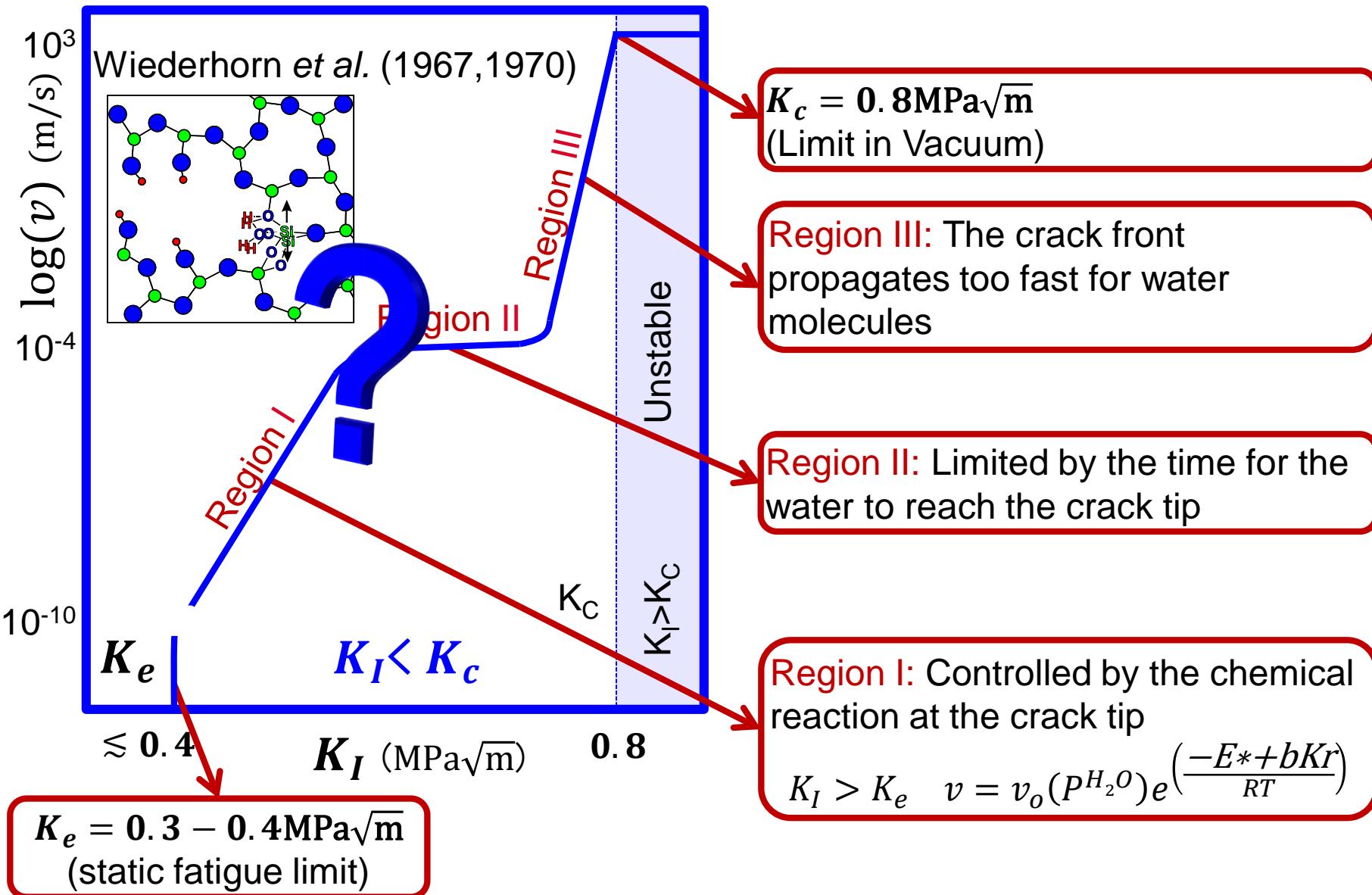
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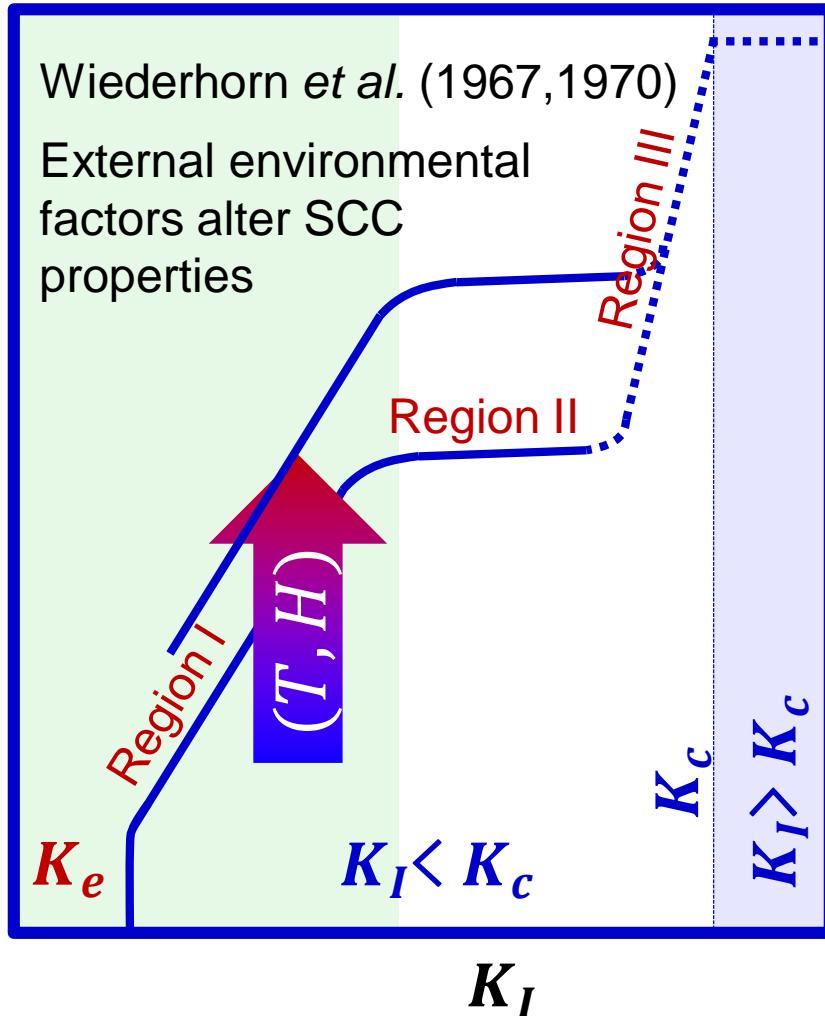
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SUB-CRITICAL CRACKING OF MATERIALS

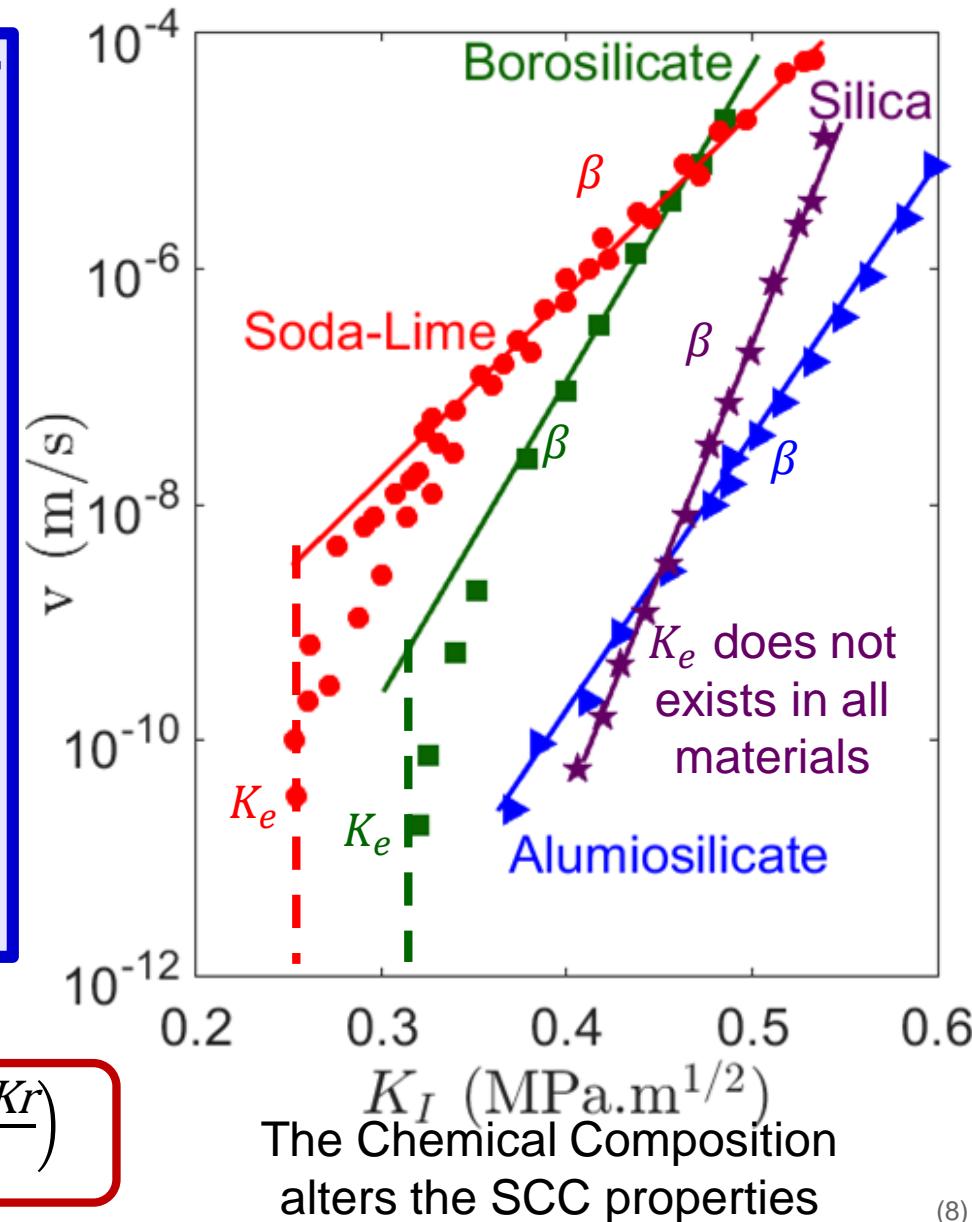


KNOWNS ABOUT STRESS CORROSION PROPERTIES

$\log(v(T, H, pH, \dots))$



$$K_I > K_e \quad v = v_o (P^{H_2O}) e^{\left(\frac{-E^* + bKr}{RT}\right)}$$



KNOWNS ABOUT STRESS CORROSION PROPERTIES

Wiederhorn *et al.* (1967,1970)

External environmental
≡

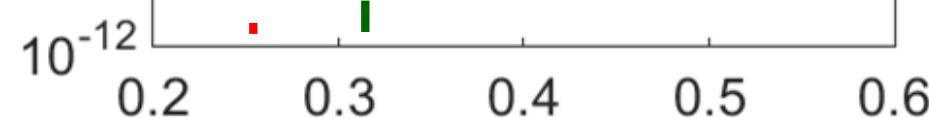


2nd Question?

- Life is full of environmental factors, can we predict/prevent a glass from failing by knowing its chemical composition, Poisson's ratio, density, other physical properties, etc.?

K_e K_I K_c

K_I



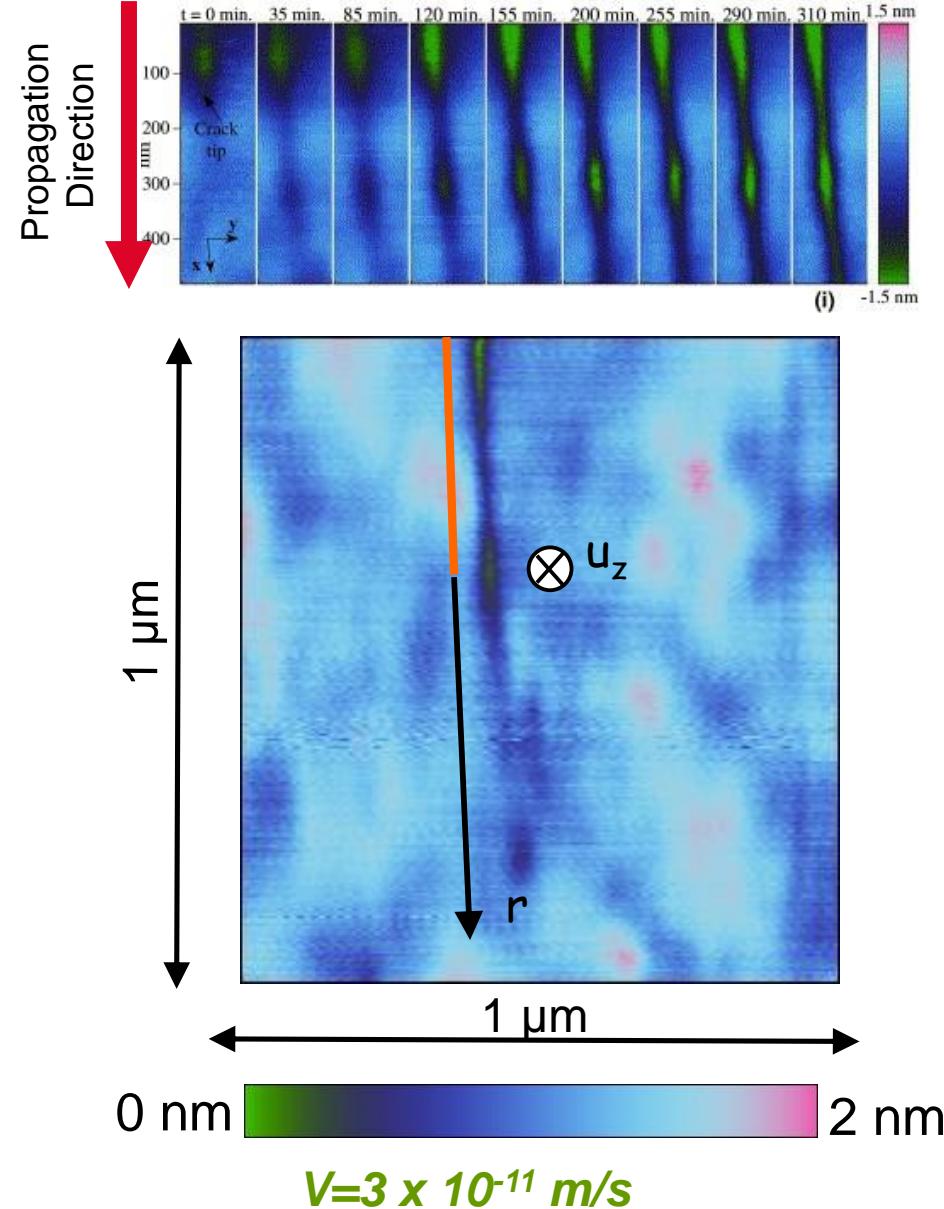
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K_I (MPa.m $^{1/2}$)
The Chemical Composition
alters the SCC properties

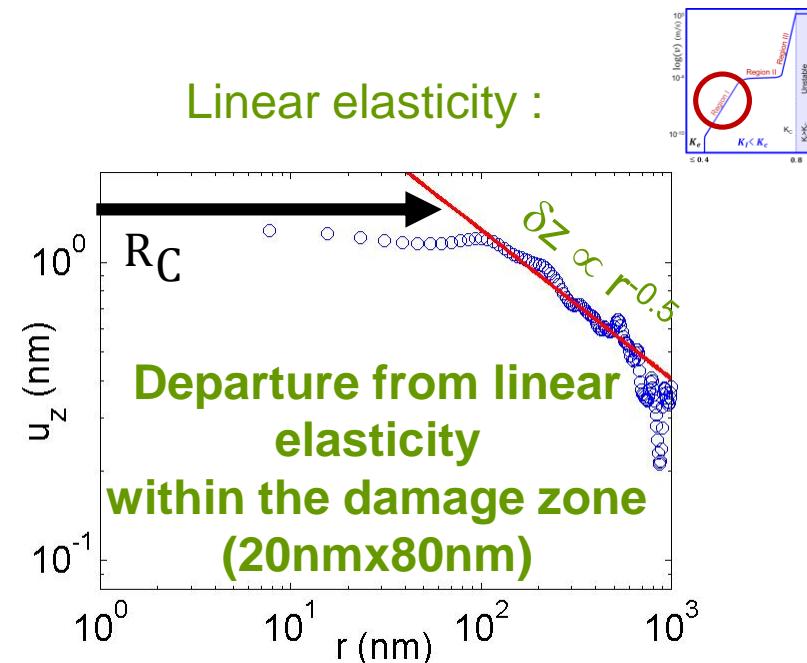
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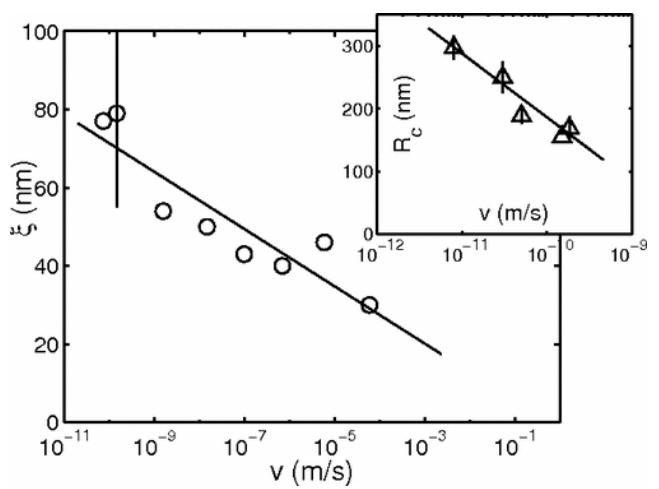
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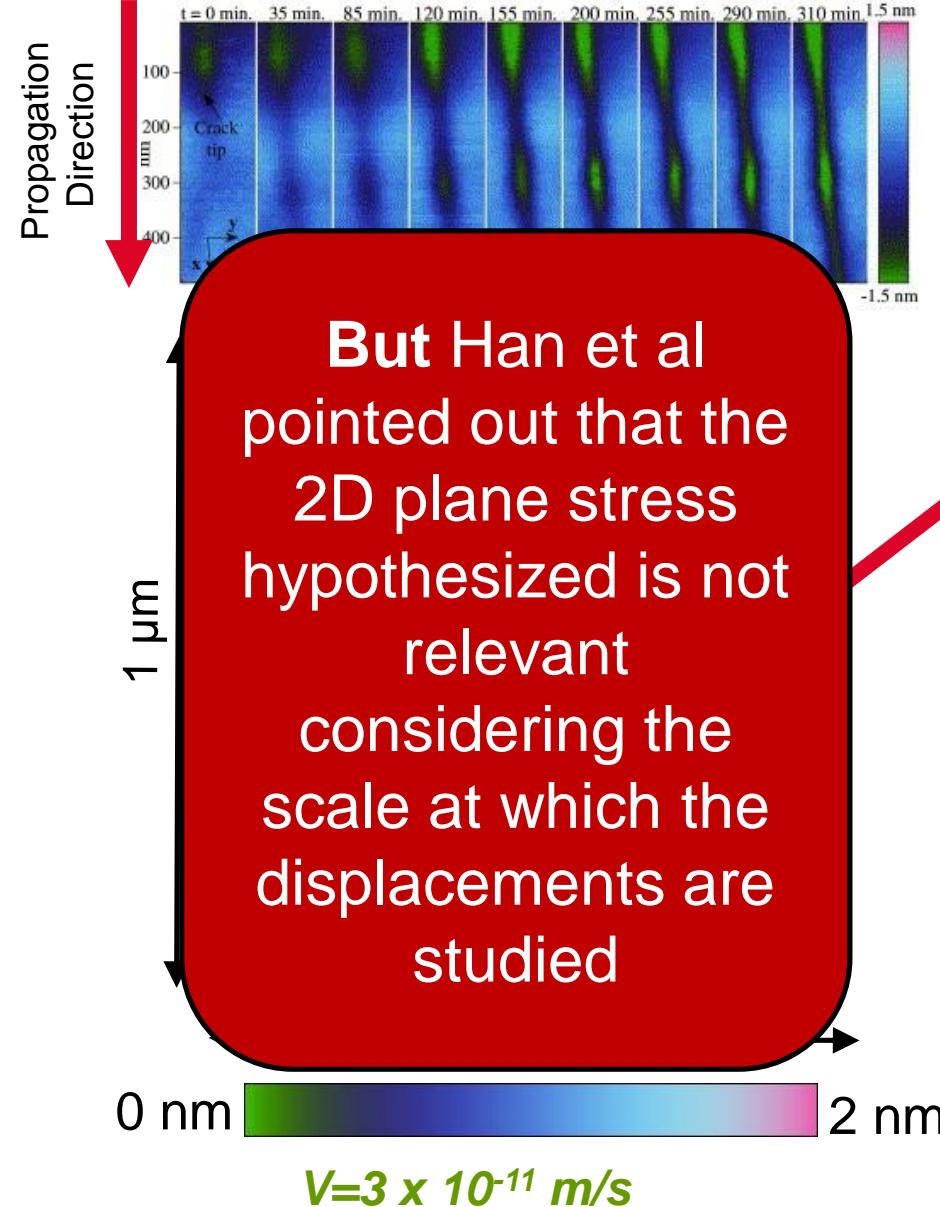


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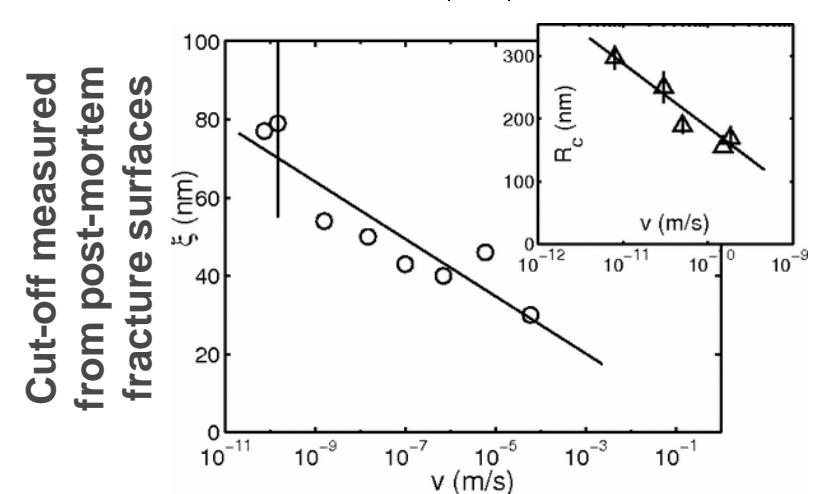
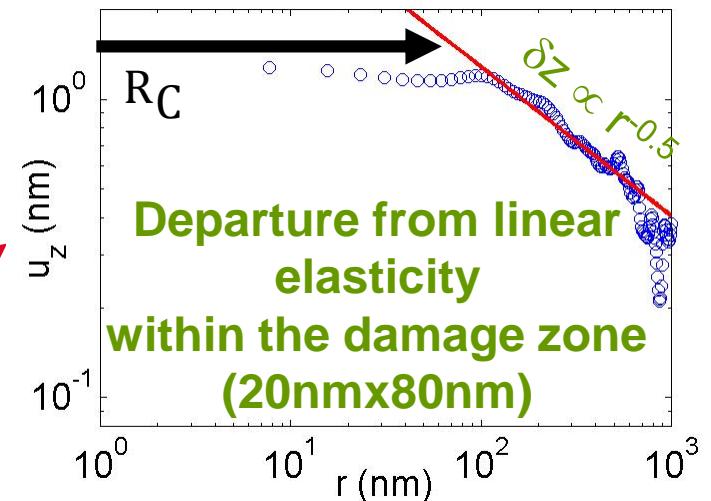


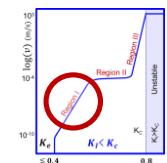
Cut-off measured from post-mortem fracture surfaces



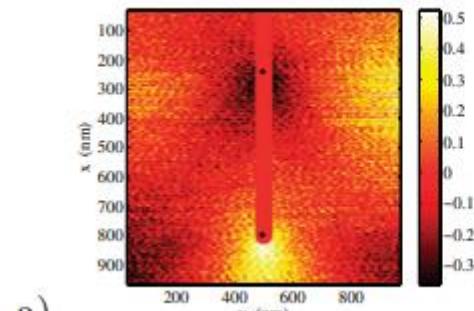


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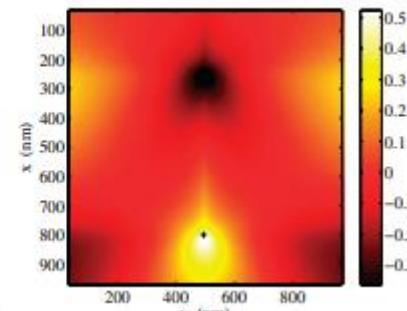


**IDIC**

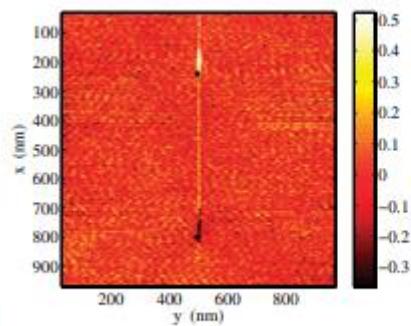
Han, et. al. EPL. 66003



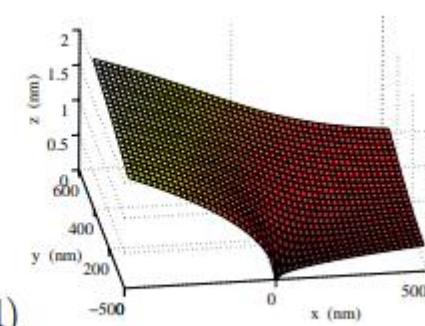
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a)



d)

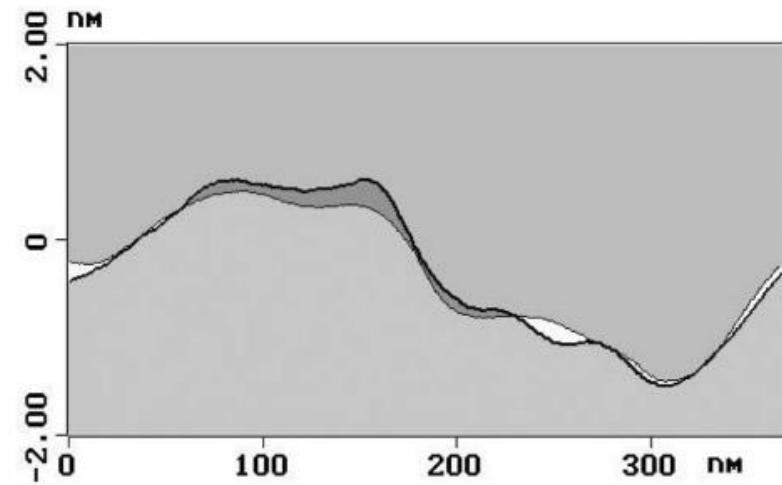


Applied IDIC techniques to AFM images
of a moving crack

Process Zone $\lesssim 10$ nm

FRESTA

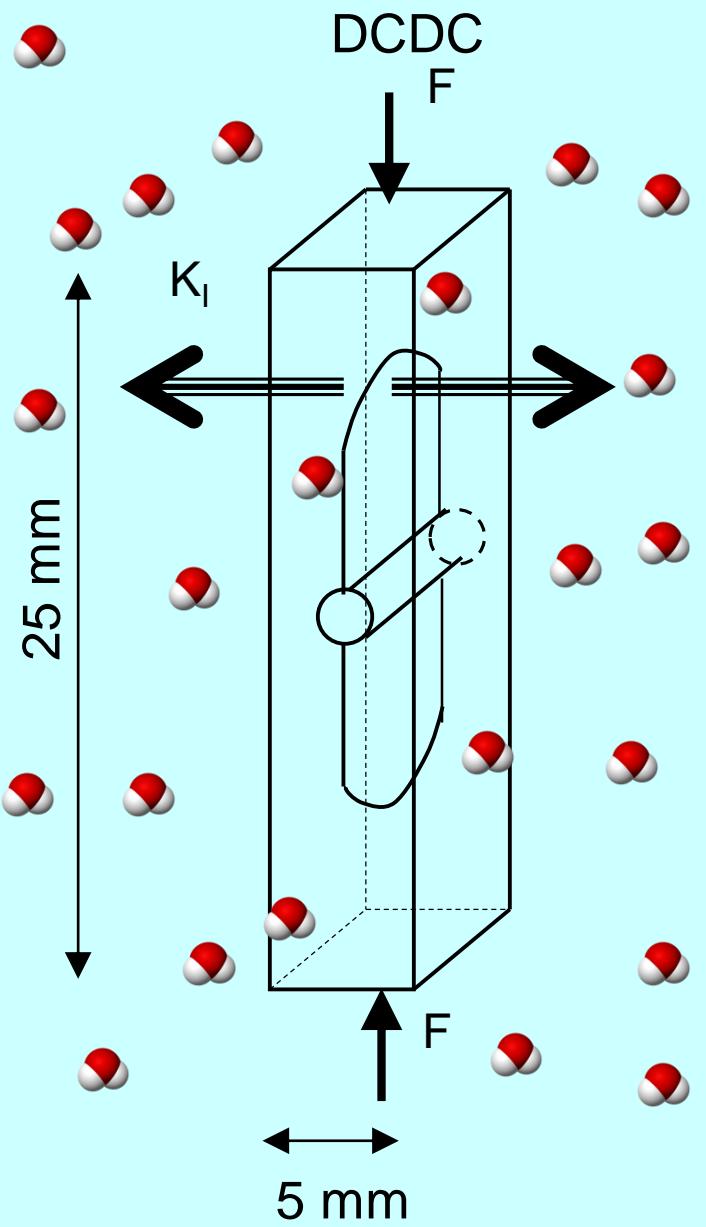
Guin, et. al. PRL. 92, 215502



Applied FRESTA techniques to post-mortem fracture surfaces

Surfaces match up to within 0.3 nm
normal to the surface and 5 nm parallel
to the surface

DEEP WATER PENETRATION IN SiO_2 DURING STRESS CORROSION FRACTURE



D₂O: Heavy water

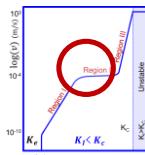
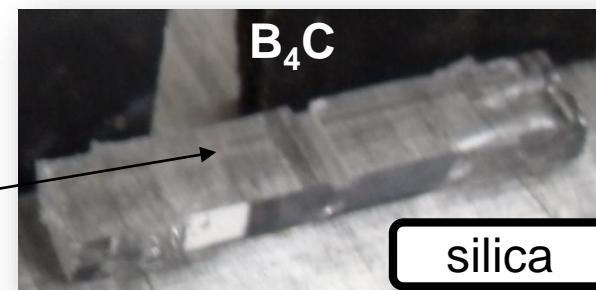
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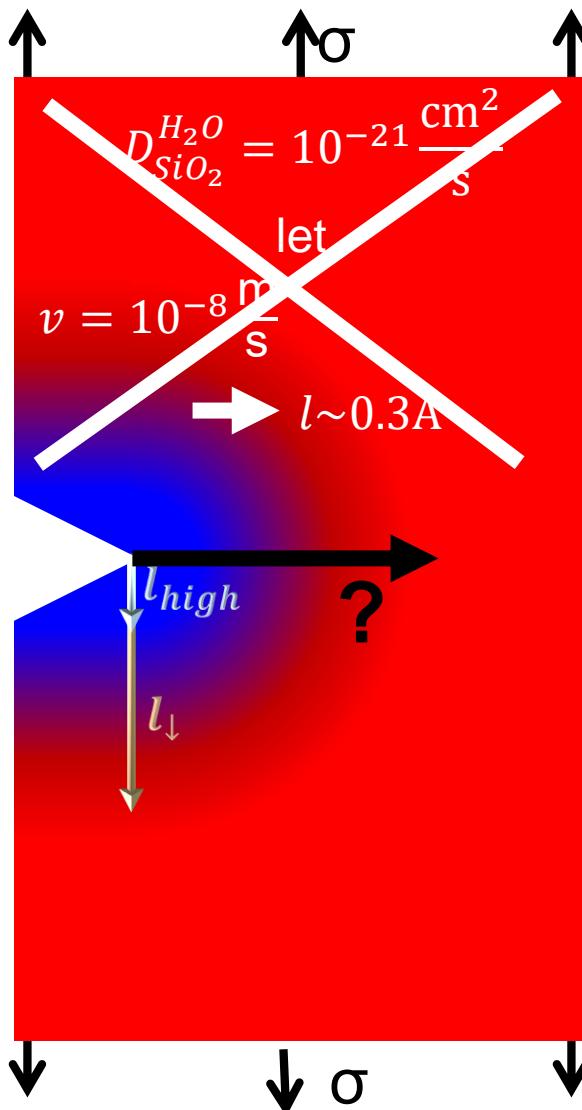
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Detector

Fracture surface



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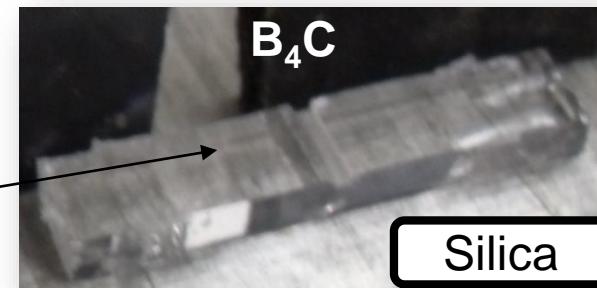
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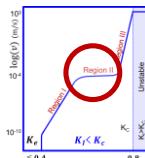
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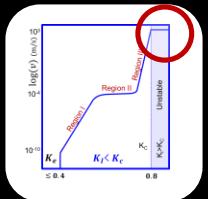


Heavy water was found up to **10 nm** below the fracture surface

A high concentration was found in the first **4 nm**

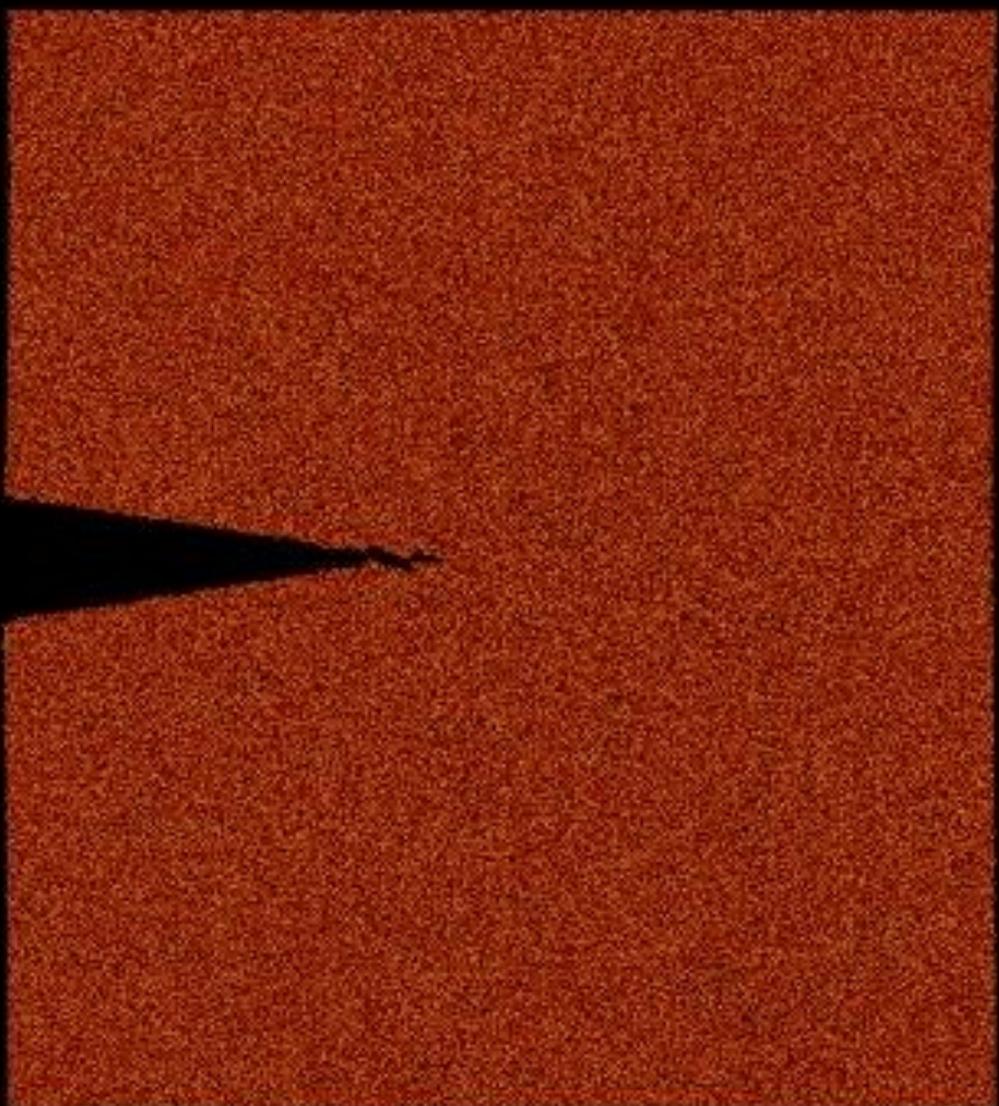


FRACTURE OF SILICA GLASSES: 15 MILLION ATOM SIMULATION

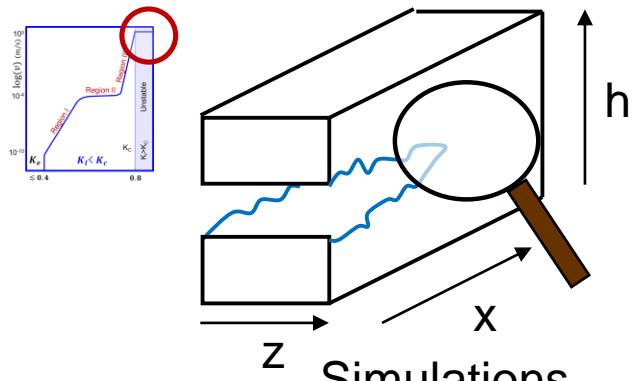


Pure Silica
System size
 $120\text{nm} \times 120\text{nm} \times 15\text{nm}$

(CLR et al., J. Alloys & Compounds 2007)

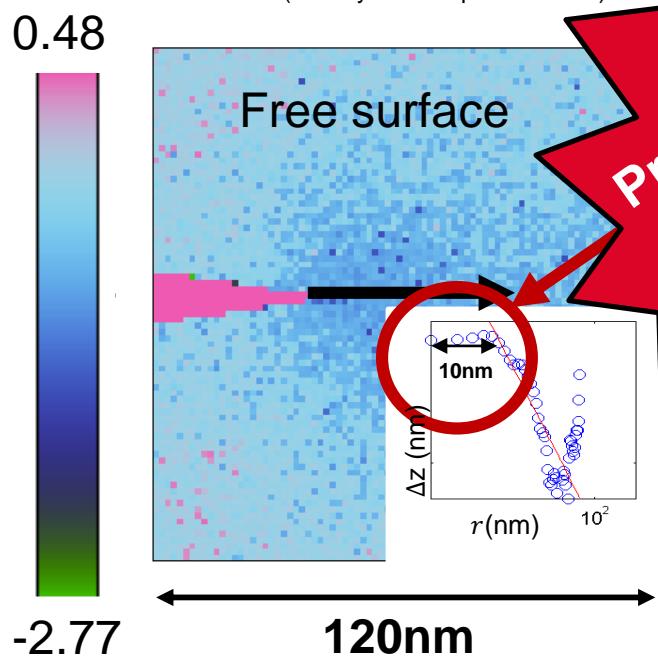


DAMAGE AHEAD OF THE CRACK TIP IN PURE SILICA

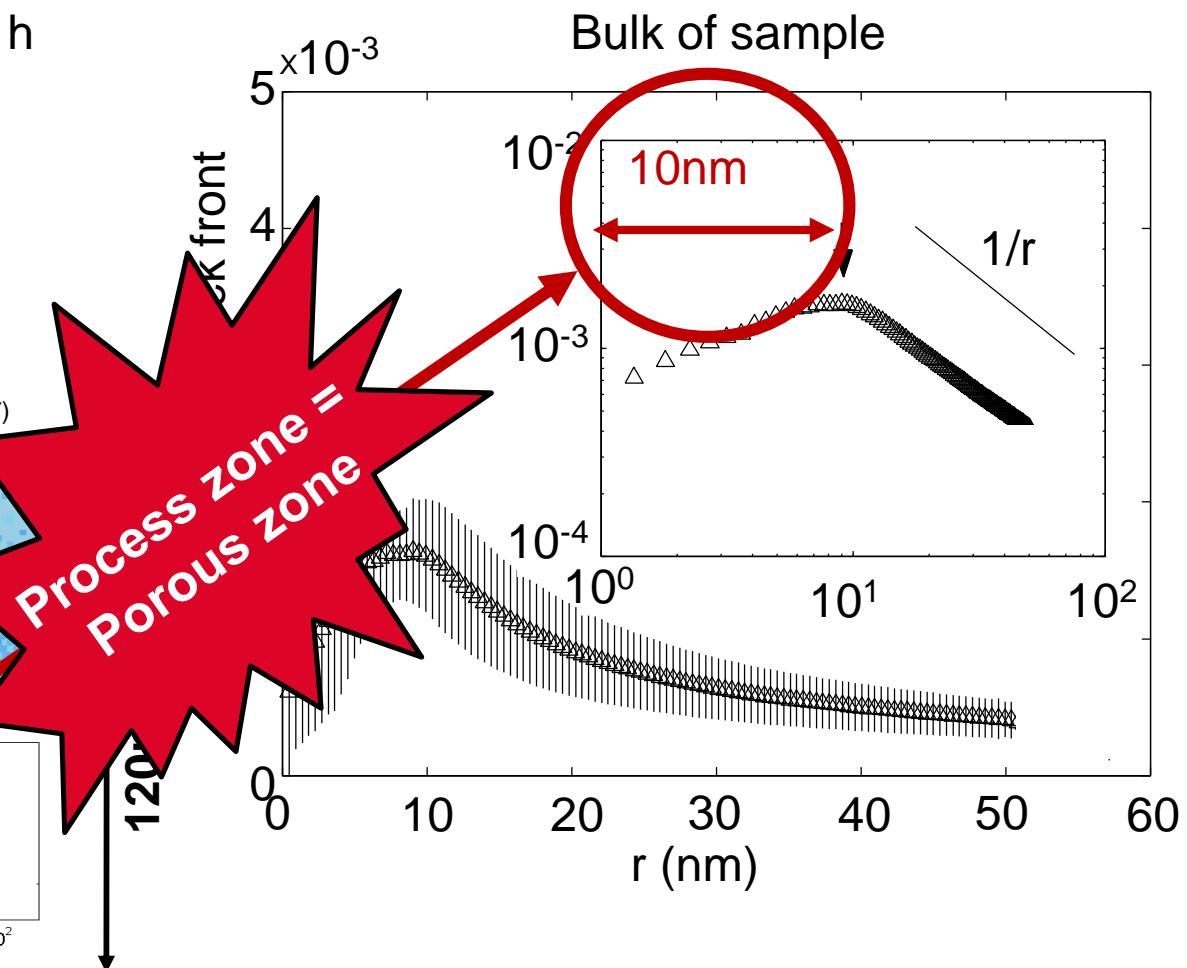


Simulations
 $v=300$ m/s

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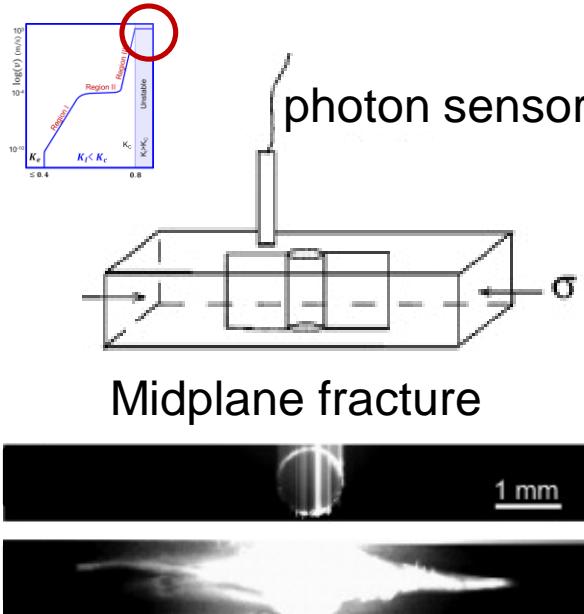


Process zone =
Porous zone

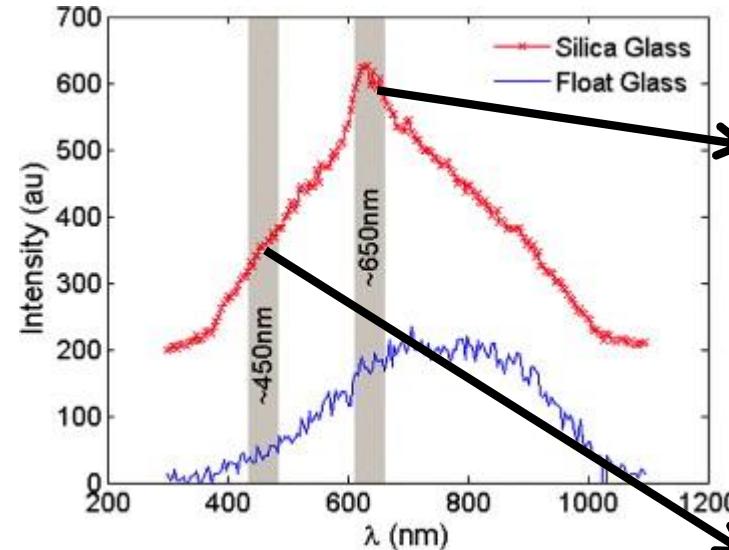


CLR et al., Phys. Chem. Glasses – B 2010.

DYNAMIC FRACTURE : A LUMINOUS VIEWPOINT

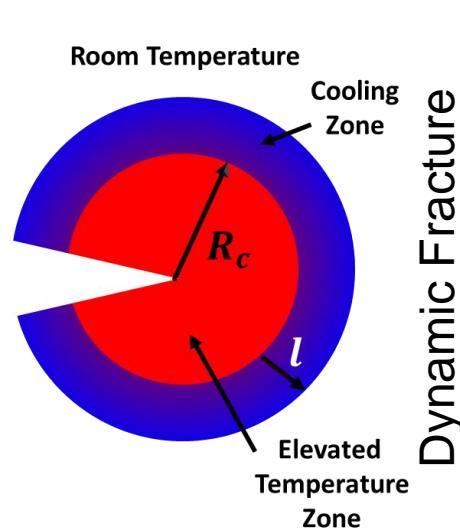


Black-body emission spectrum



Nonbridging oxygen hole center relaxation at 650 nm (~1.9 eV)

oxygen deficient center at 450 nm (~2.7 eV)
(OH close to 1000 ppm)

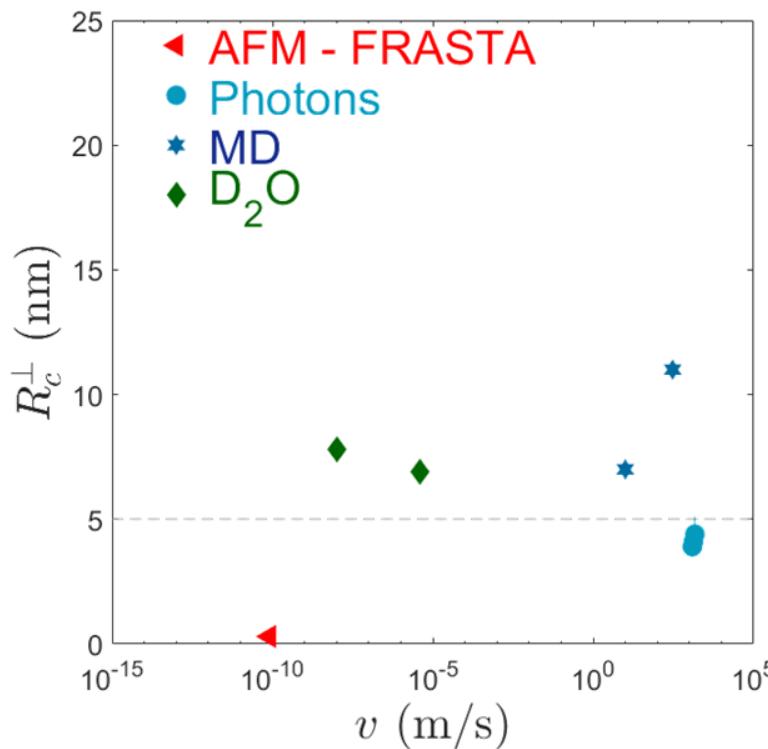


Sample	ΔT (K)	R_c (nm)	l (nm)
Silica 1	4680 ± 130	3.9 ± 0.2	0.68 ± 0.05
Silica 2	5480 ± 50	4.4 ± 0.7	0.56 ± 0.13
Silica 3	4980 ± 10	4.1 ± 0.3	0.63 ± 0.07
Float 1	5180 ± 80	4.1 ± 1.3	0.27 ± 0.13
Float 2	4100 ± 530	3.4 ± 0.9	0.36 ± 0.12

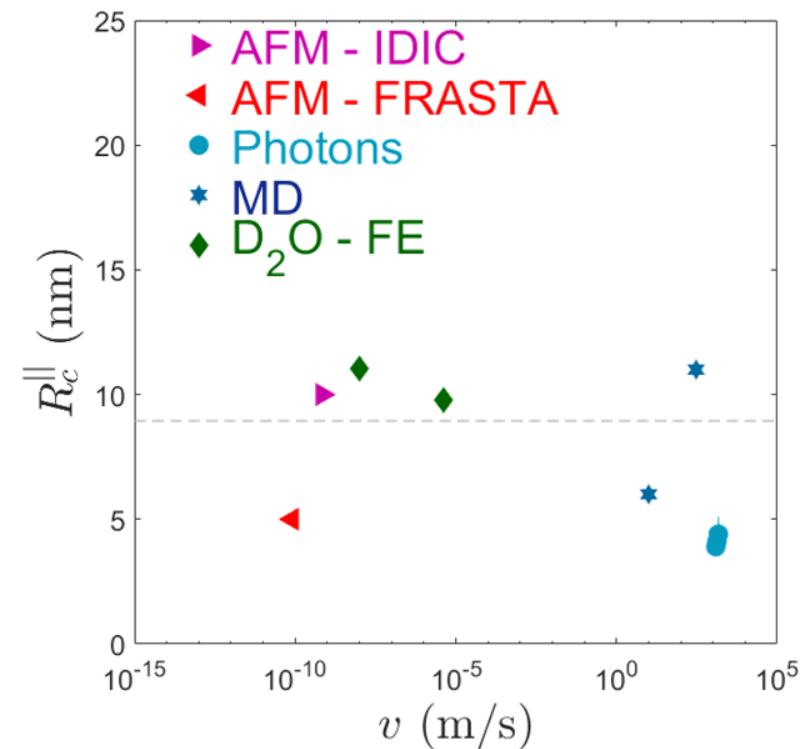
Invoking
Planck distribution function
Rice and Levy - ΔT
Dugdale-Barrenblat - PZ

SUMMARY OF PROCESS ZONE SIZE IN SILICA

\perp to the direction of propagation

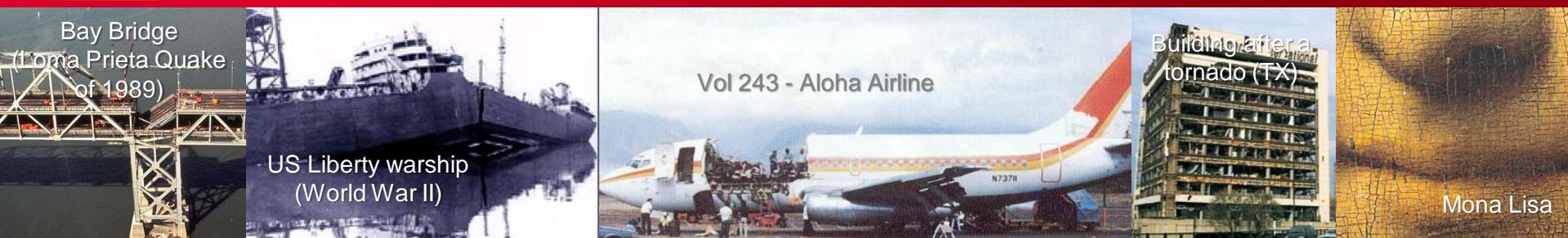


\parallel to the direction of propagation



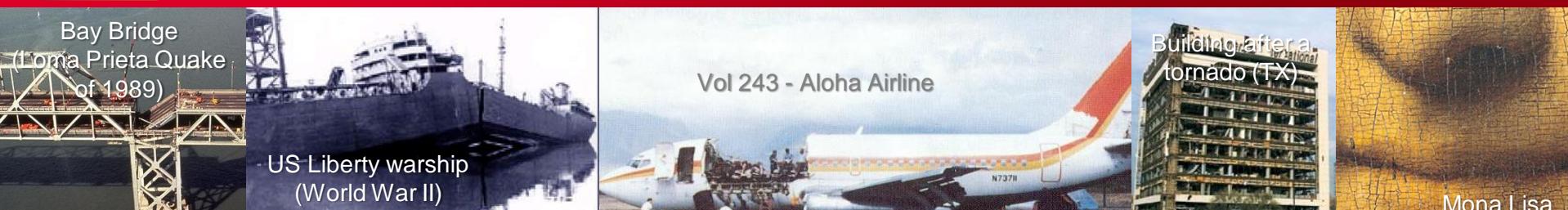
Process Zone size 5-10nm in Silica
which is greater than a single bond length

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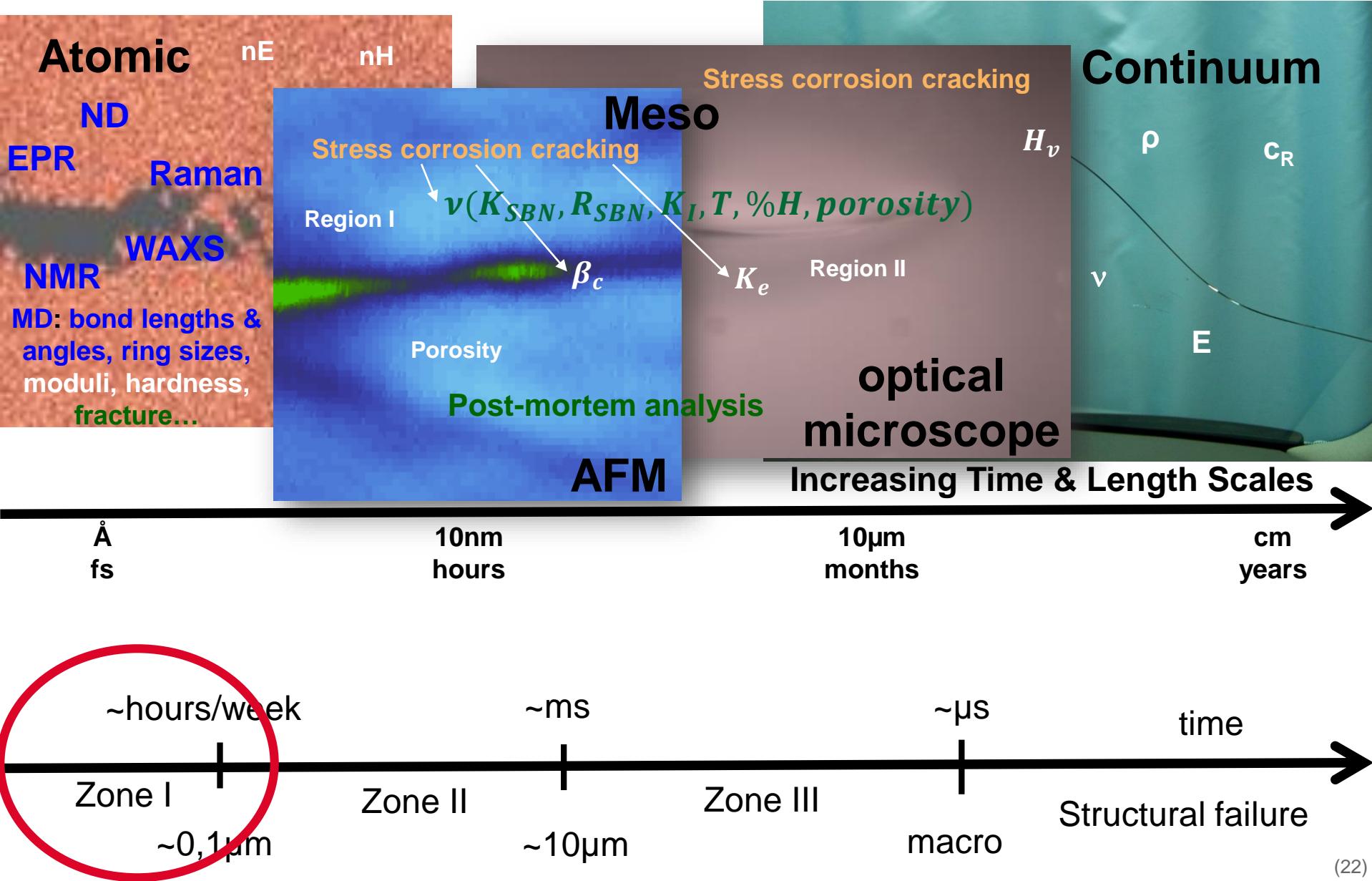
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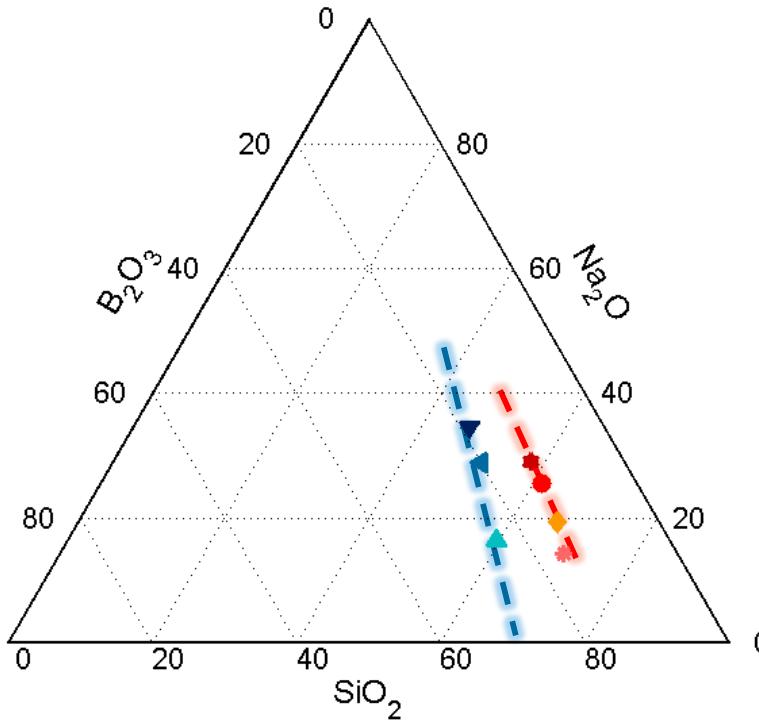
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“STRUCTURAL FLUCTUATIONS” → STRUCTURAL FAILURE



THE 9 SiO₂-B₂O₃-Na₂O (SBN) GLASSES

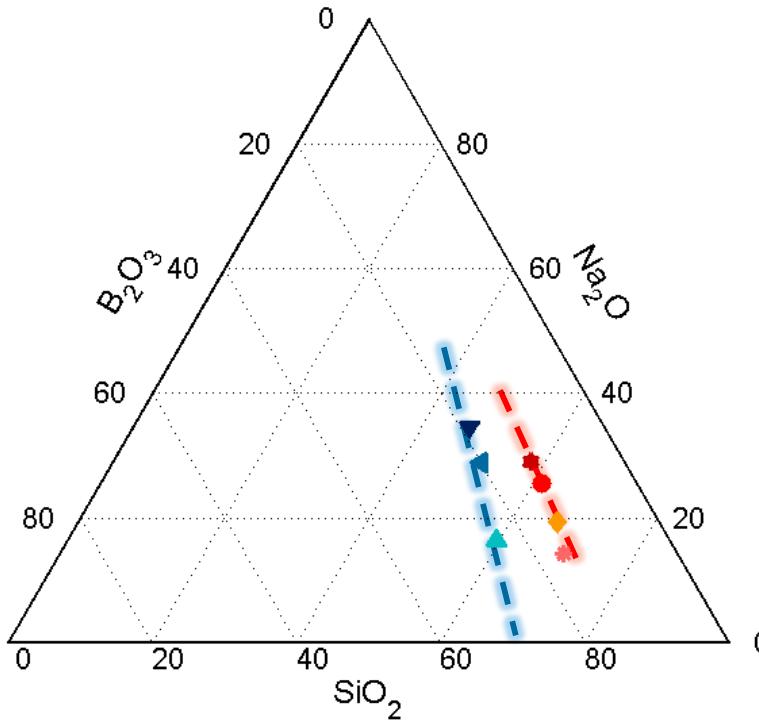


Why SBN Glasses?
Three major components of many industrial glasses!

Why changing the chemical composition?

	SiO ₂	B ₂ O ₃	Al ₂ O ₃	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	MgO	CaO
Silica	99.8						
Pyrex	81	13	0.04	2		0.05	0.05
Borosilicate	81	13	2	4			
Fiber wool	64	3	2.92	15.7	0.54	5.22	8.97

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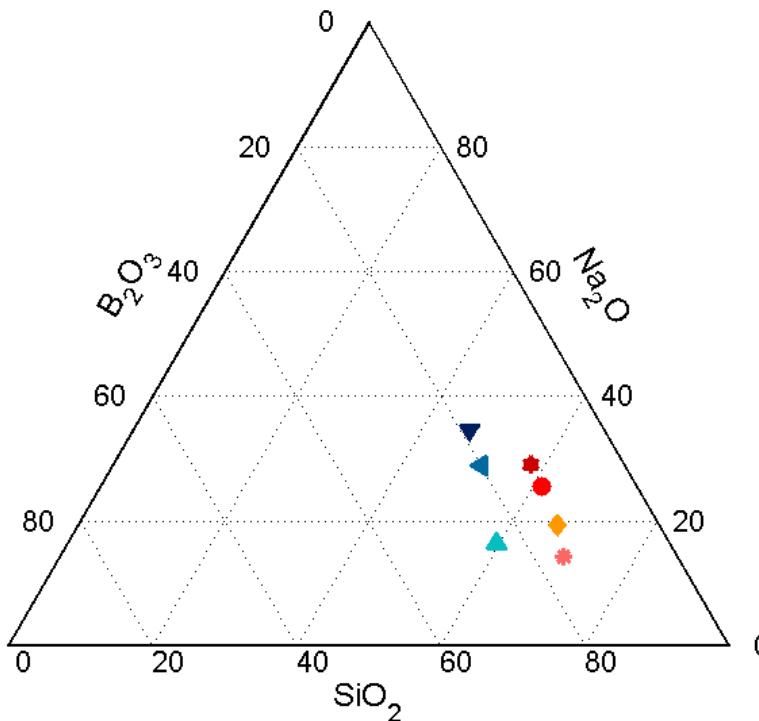
$$R_{SBN} = \frac{[Na_2O]}{[B_2O_3]}$$

$$K_{SBN} = \frac{[SiO_2]}{[B_2O_3]}$$

$K_{SBN} \sim 2.6$

$K_{SBN} \sim 4.5$

THE 9 GLASSES



Not linear!

... & phase separation possible

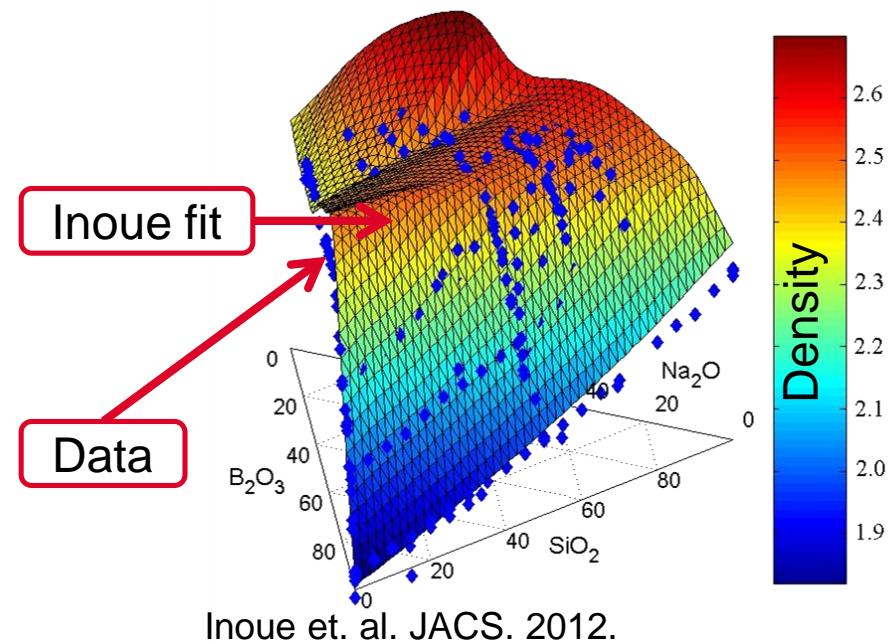
JNCS 10.1016/j.jnoncrysol.2013.09.022

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Collaborations:
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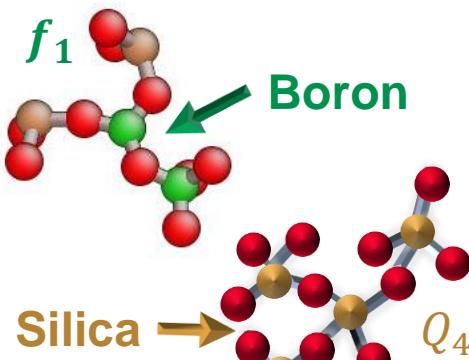
Why change the chemical composition?

Δ chemical composition
 → Δ atomic & midrange order
 → Δ physical and mechanical



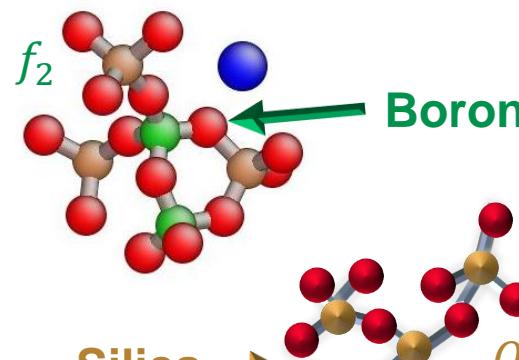
GLASS STRUCTURE – ELEMENTARY UNITS

No $[Na_2O]$

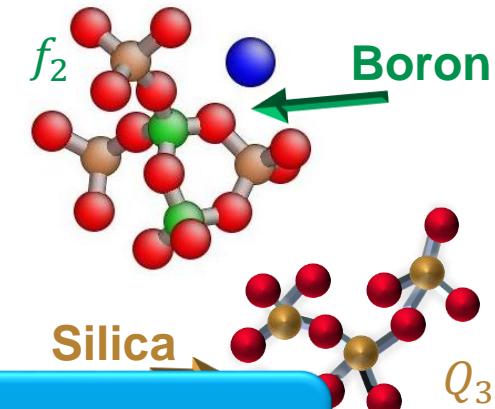


Dell et al.

A little bit of $[Na_2O]$



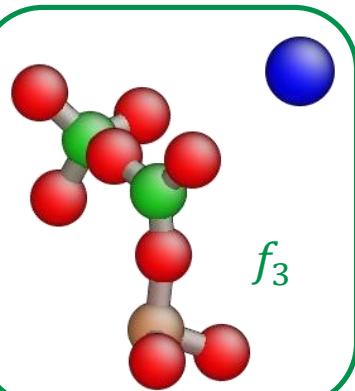
A little more...



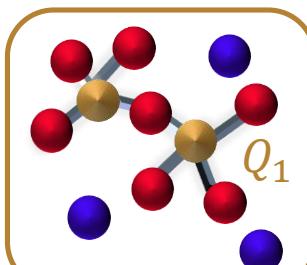
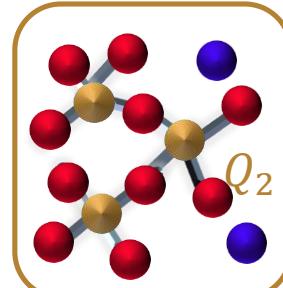
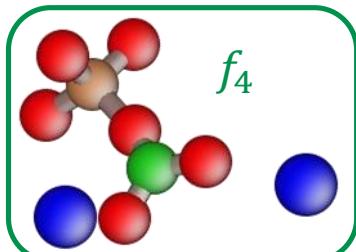
Medium-range order structural changes based on the glasses chemical composition!

- Oxygen
- Sodium
- Silica
- Boron

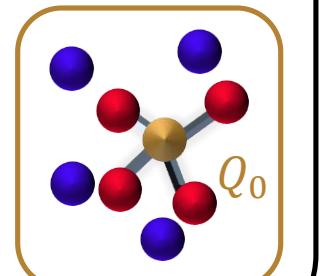
A lot more...



Boron



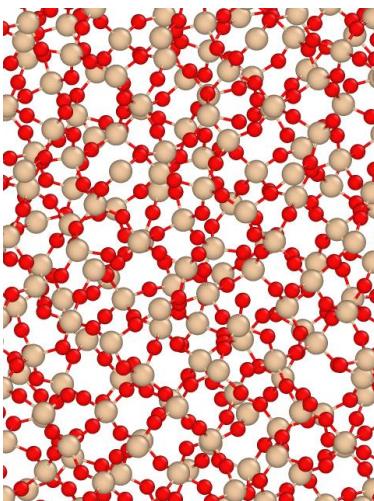
Silica



NUMERATION OF THE RETICULATION LEVEL



- 100% SiO_2



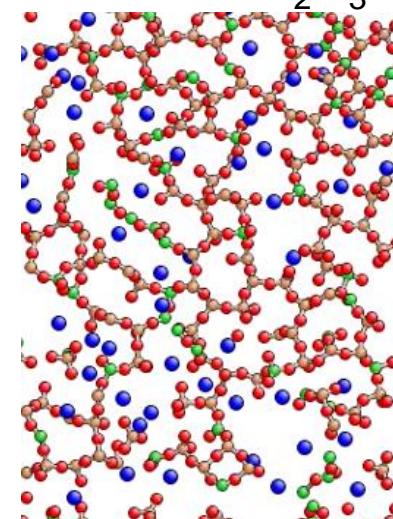
Molecular Dynamics simulations provide a count of species of bonds.

Most scientist count the number of elementary units

Here the oxygen atoms are given more importance

SBN14

- 67.73% SiO_2
- 14.20% Na_2O
- 18.04% B_2O_3



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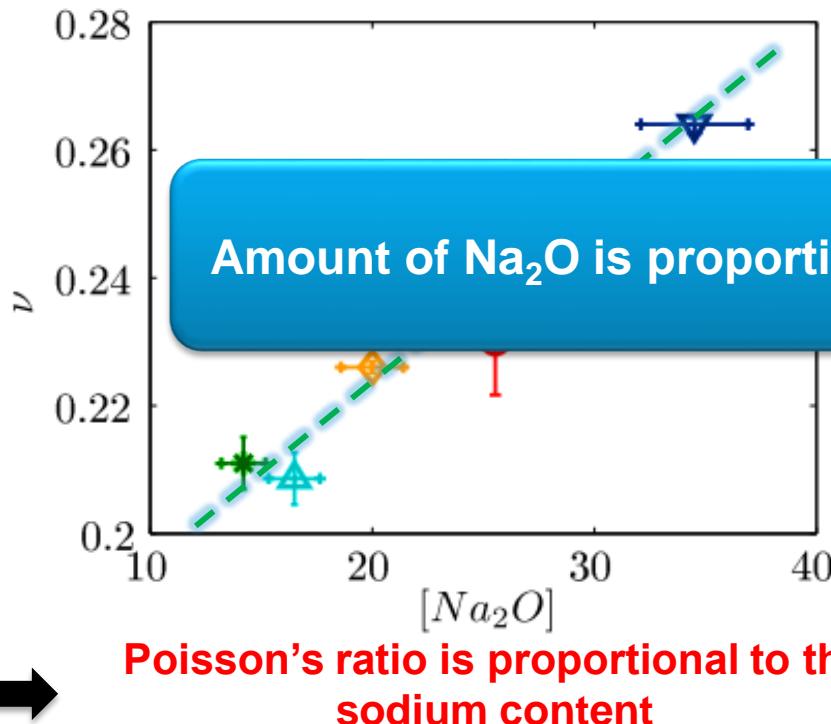
Degree of Polymerization (DP) at the atomic level

$$DP_{total} = \frac{2 \text{ SiSi} + 2 \text{ SiB} + 2 \text{ BB} + 3 \text{ SiSiSi} + 3 \text{ SiSiB} + 3 \text{ SiBB} + 3 \text{ BBB}}{\text{Si} + \text{B} + 2 \text{ SiSi} + 2 \text{ SiB} + 2 \text{ BB} + 3 \text{ SiSiSi} + 3 \text{ SiSiB} + 3 \text{ SiBB} + 3 \text{ BBB}}$$

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SBN GLASSES

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Correlation with the Poisson's ratio



↑ [Na₂O] ⇒ ↓ Depolymerization

↓ Dimensionality ⇒ ↑ Poisson's ratio

[Na₂O]

Compact

Depolymerization

Free space
Reticulate

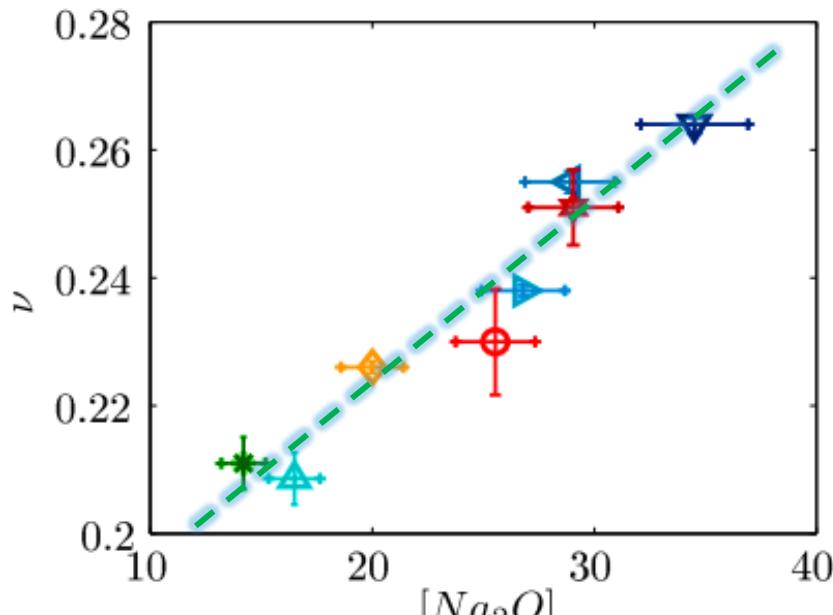
Na⁺ charge compensator

Rouxel, PRL, 2008

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Poisson's ratio is proportional to the sodium content

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Na⁺ network modifier

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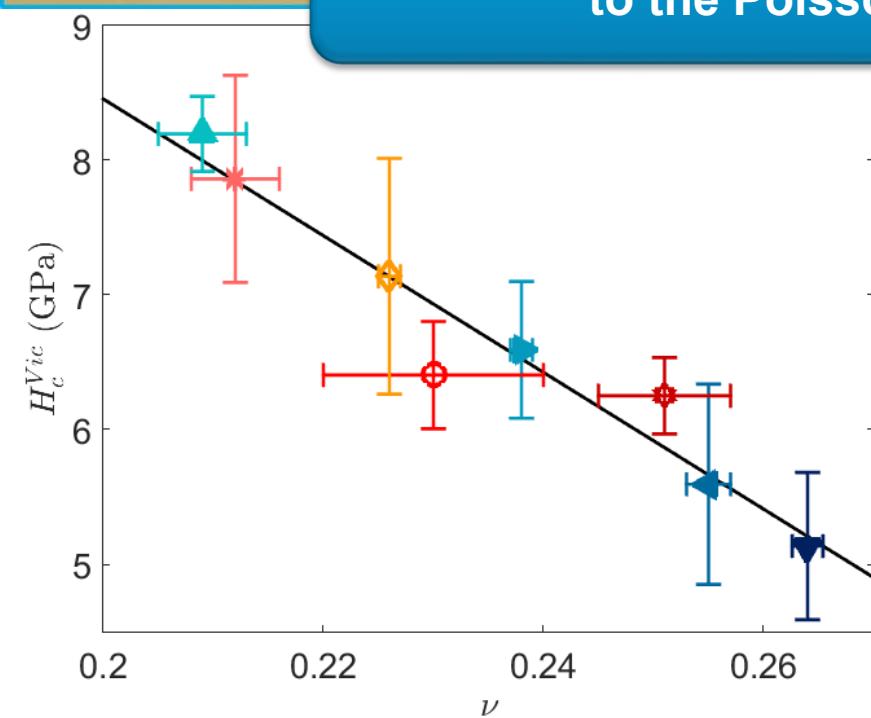
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EVOLUTION OF H_V



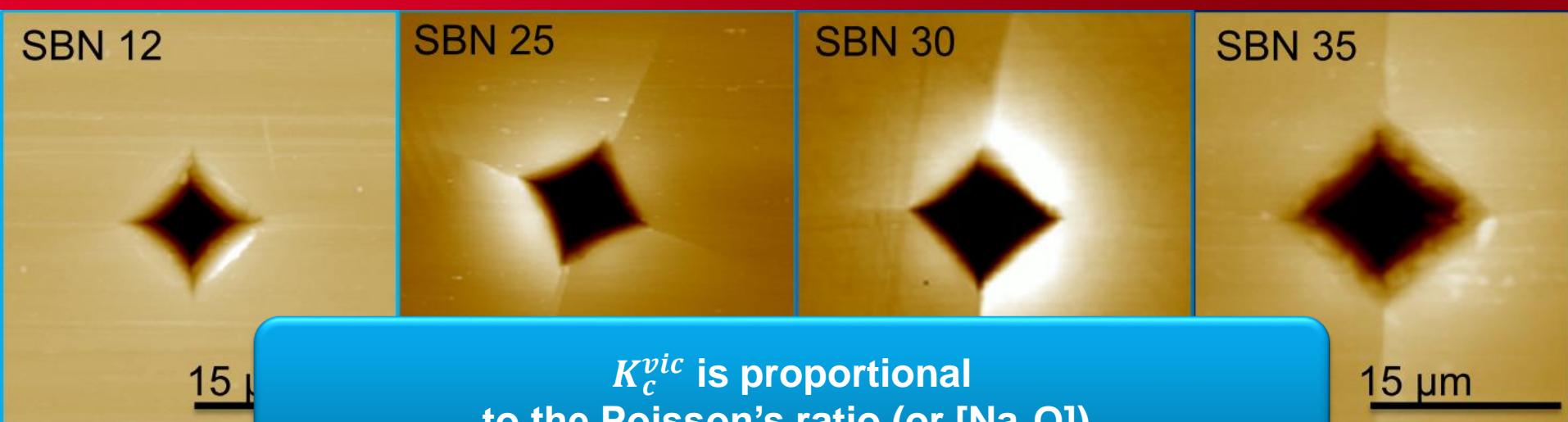
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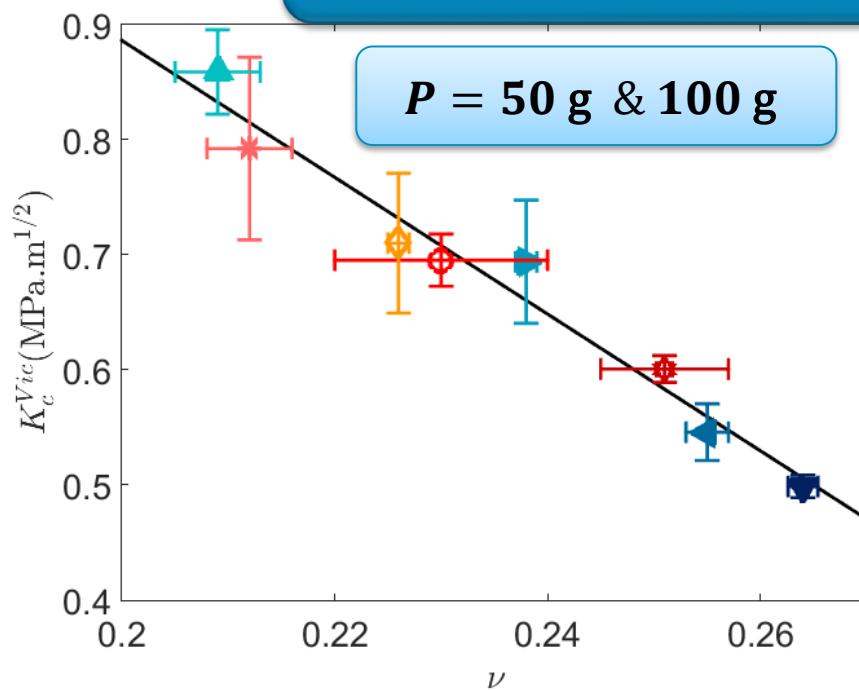
$$H_V^{Vic} = \frac{1.8544 * F}{d_i}$$

- $H_V \downarrow$ for $\uparrow [\text{Na}_2\text{O}]$ for constant K_{SBN}
- $\uparrow [\text{Na}_2\text{O}]$ indenter penetrates deeper

EVOLUTION OF K_c^{Vic}



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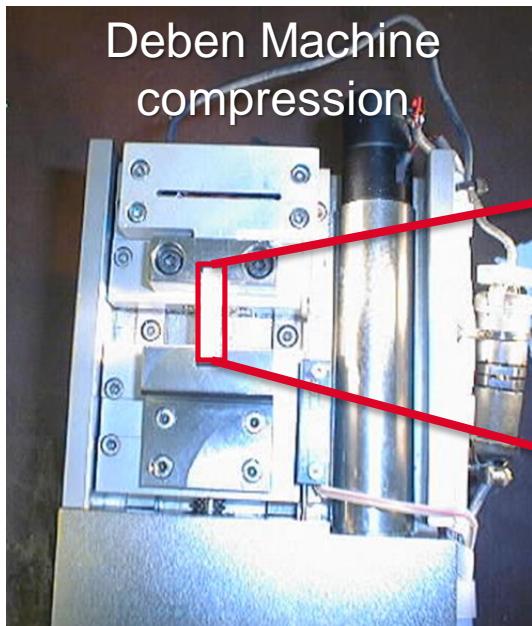
$$K_c^{Vic} = 0.022 \left(\frac{E}{H^{Vic}} \right)^{0.4} \frac{P}{c^{1.5}}$$

$K_c^{Vic} \downarrow$ for $\uparrow \nu$

Barlet et. al. J. Non-Crys. Solids 417-418:66-79 (2015).

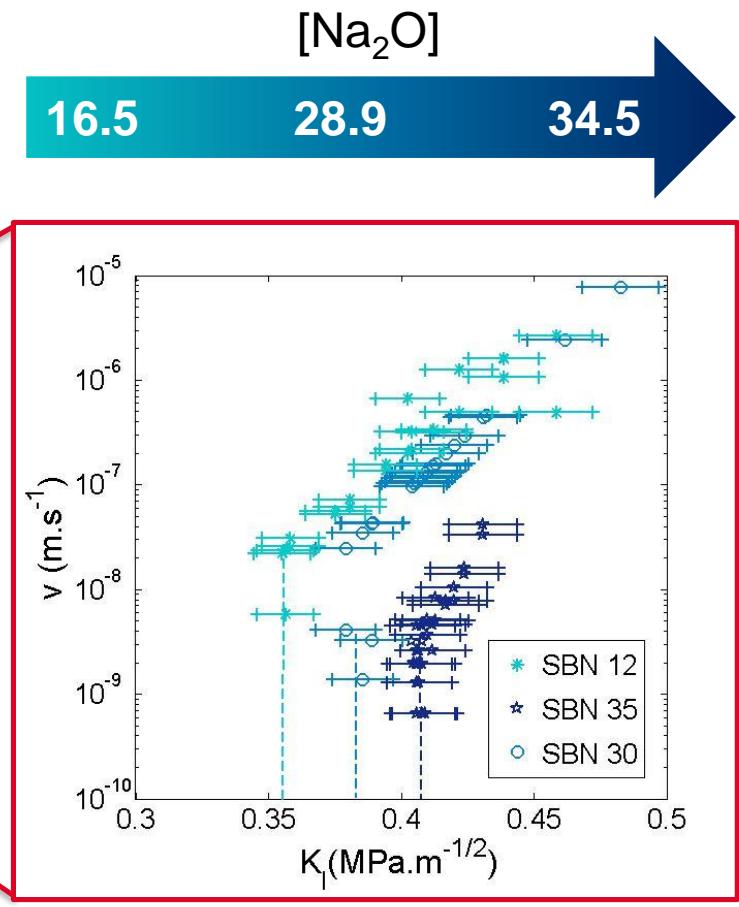
$P = 50 \text{ g} \rightarrow 0.49 \text{ N}$

STRESS CORROSION CRACKING



Observation camera

Mode I
Crack
propagation



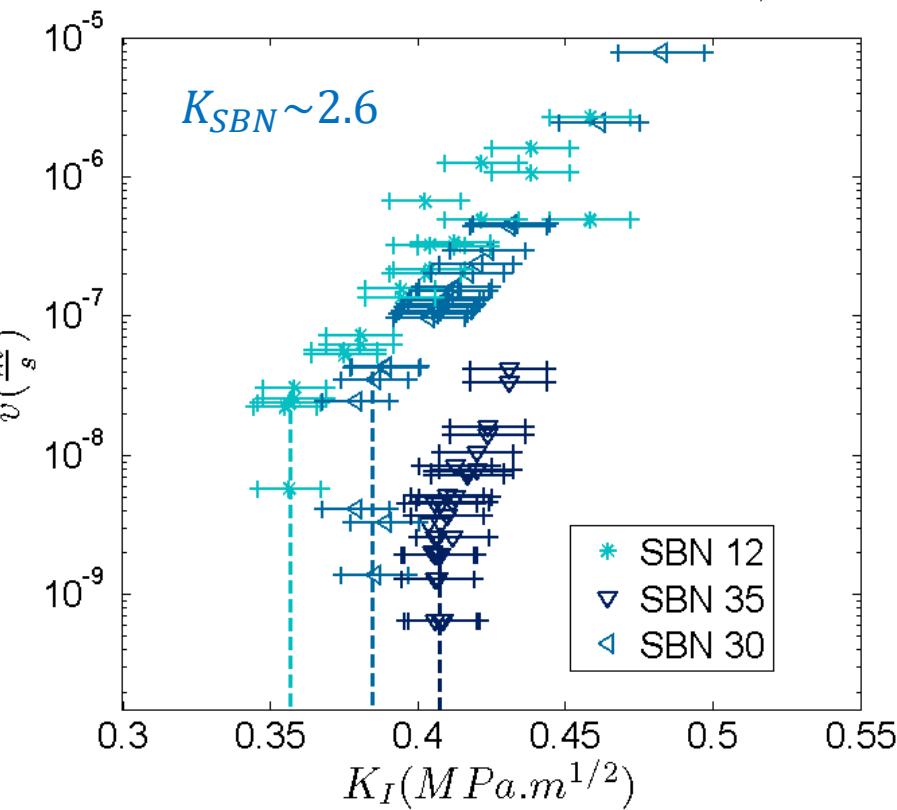
$$v^I = v_0 \exp(\alpha K) = A \left(\frac{p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}}{p_0} \right)^m \exp \left(-\frac{\Delta E_a - bK}{RT} \right)$$

EVOLUTION OF SCC PROPERTIES

$$K_{SBN} = \frac{[\text{SiO}_2]}{[\text{B}_2\text{O}_3]}$$

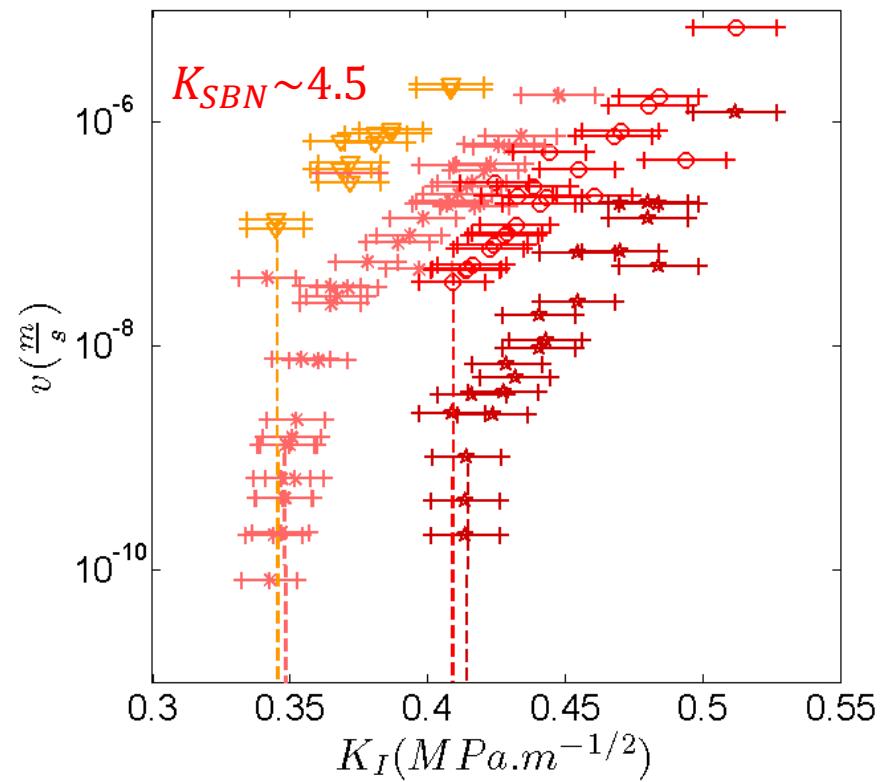
[Na₂O]

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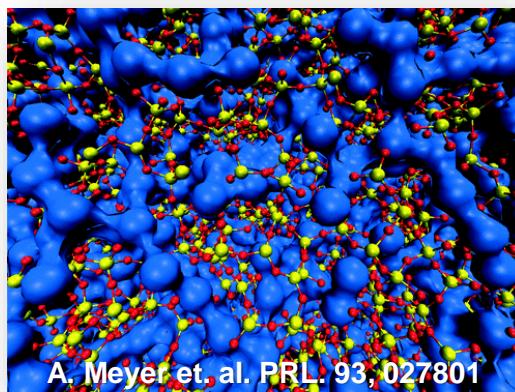
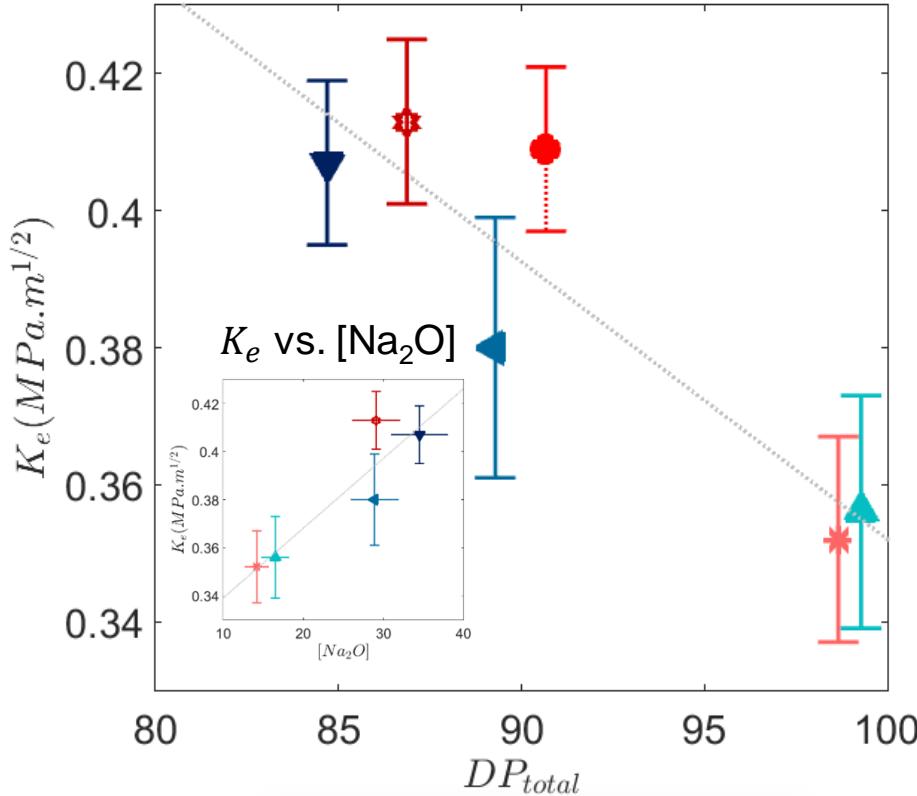


[Na₂O]

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EVOLUTION OF K_e



- $K_{SBN} \sim \text{constant}$:
↑ [Na₂O] → ↑ K_e
- [Na₂O] forms pockets or “channels” (Na⁺ rich regions)
- Pockets acts as stress “sinks”
- Stresses are redistributed around these sinks and do not concentrate solely at the crack tip
- This delays the onset of crack propagation causing K_e to increase

M. Barlet et al, JNCS doi: 10.1016/j.jnoncrysol.2016.07.017

EVOLUTION OF FRACTURE PROPERTIES

[Na₂O]

16.5

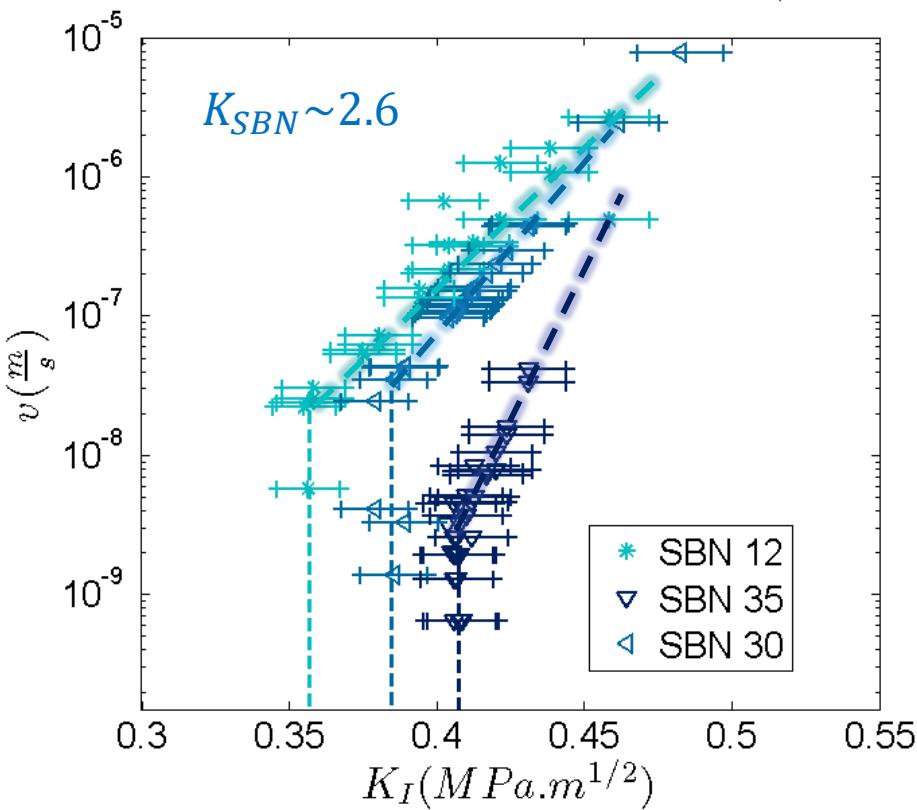
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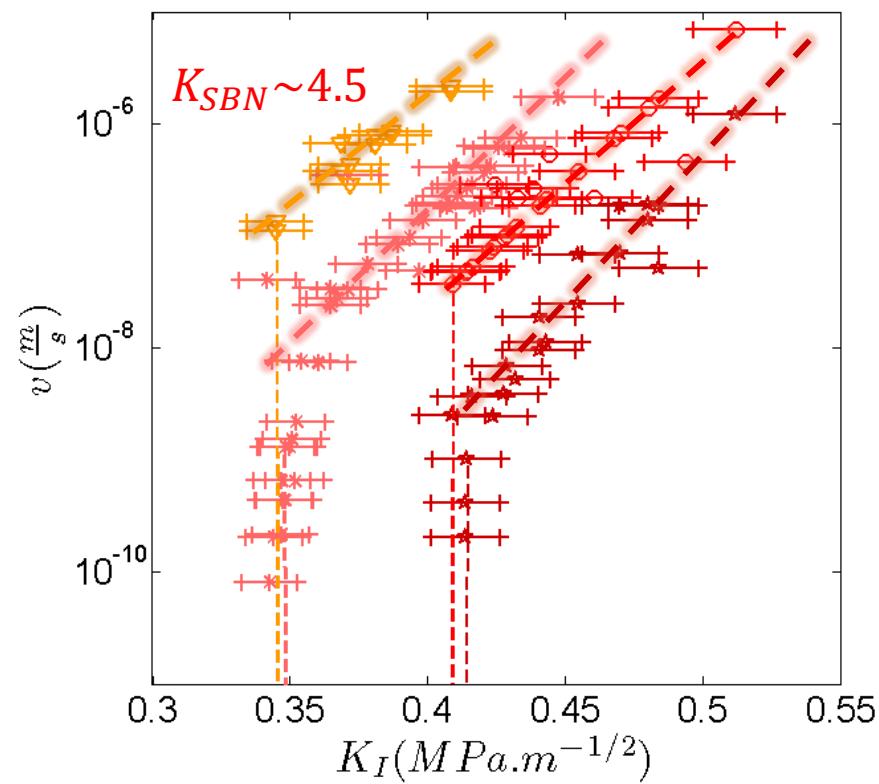
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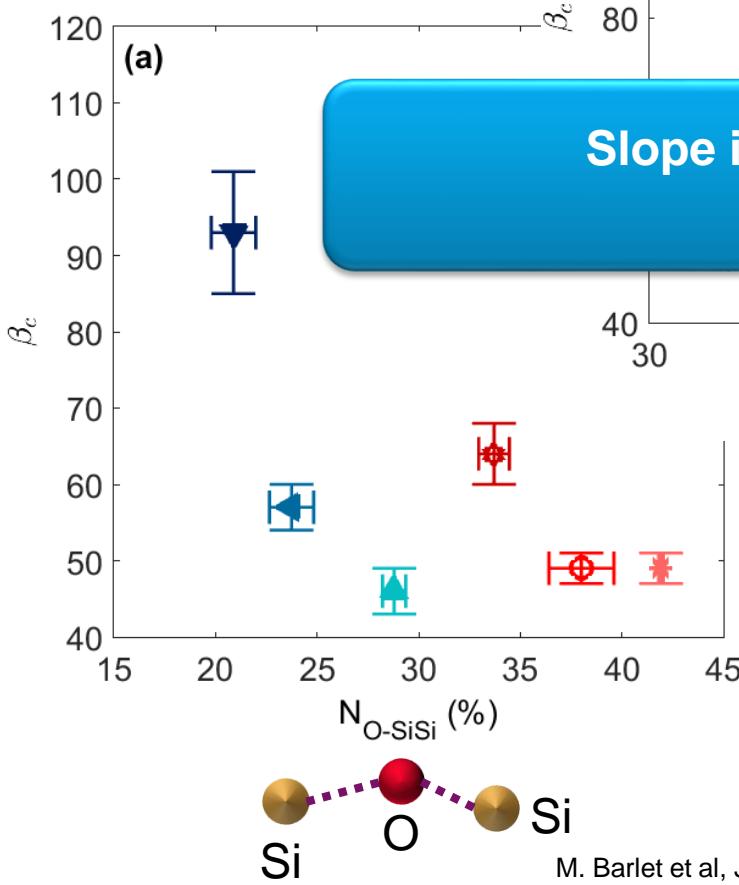
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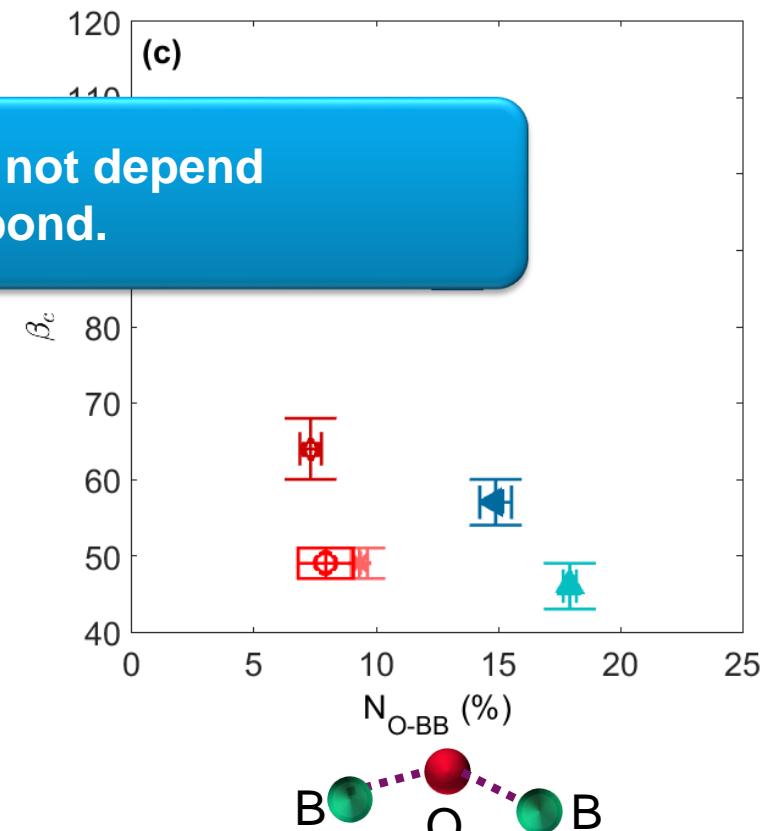
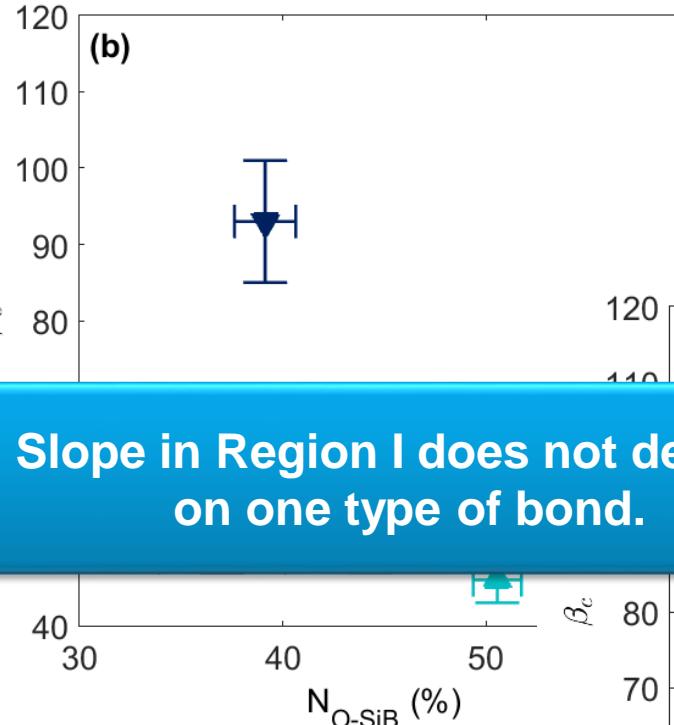
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BOND TYPE & CRACK PROPAGATION



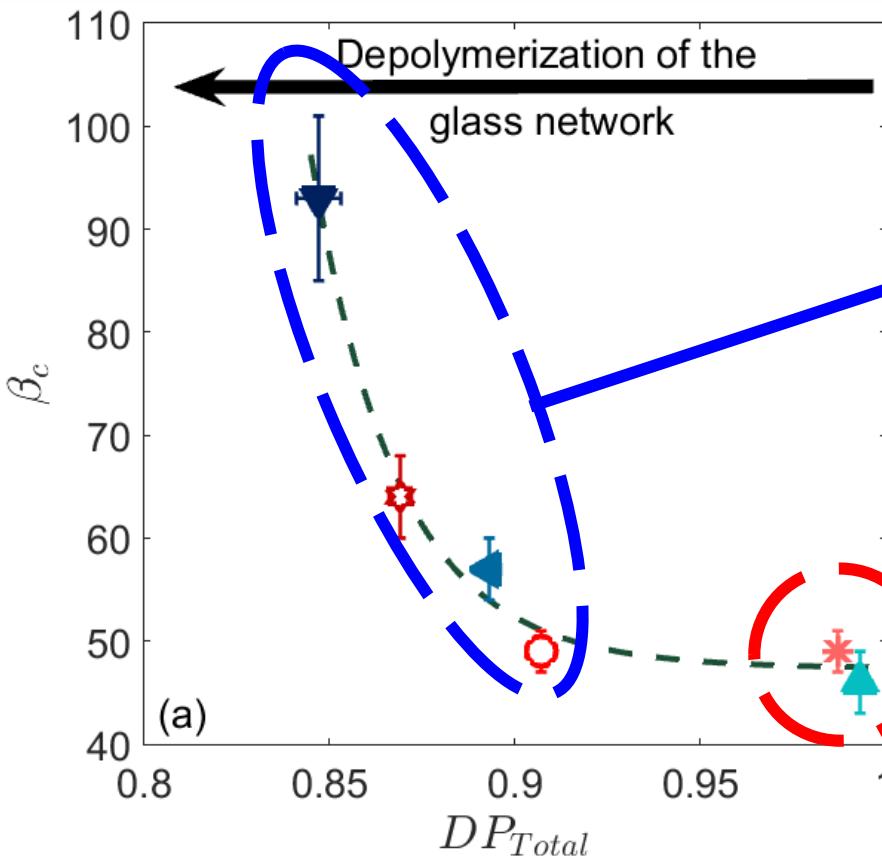
Slope in Region I does not depend
on one type of bond.



RETICULATION LEVEL & CRACK PROPAGATION

Degree of Polymerization (DP) at the atomic level

$$DP_{total} = \frac{2 SiSi + 2 SiB + 2 BB + 3 SiSiSi + 3 SiSiB + 3 SiBB + 3 BBB}{Si + B + 2 SiSi + 2 SiB + 2 BB + 3 SiSiSi + 3 SiSiB + 3 SiBB + 3 BBB}$$



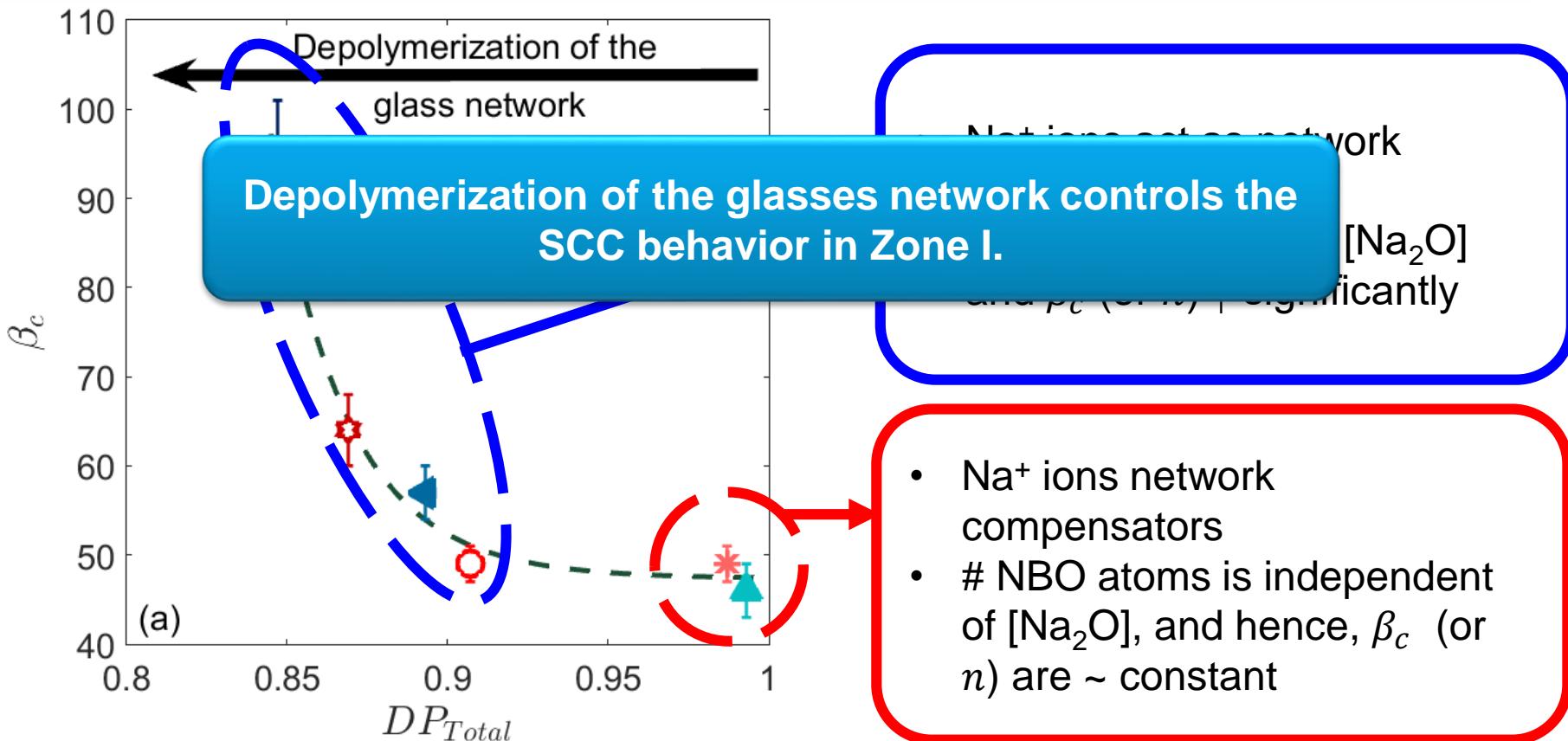
- Na^+ ions act as network modifiers.
- # NBO atoms \uparrow with $[\text{Na}_2\text{O}]$ and β_c (or n) \uparrow significantly

- Na^+ ions network compensators
- # NBO atoms is independent of $[\text{Na}_2\text{O}]$, and hence, β_c (or n) are \sim constant

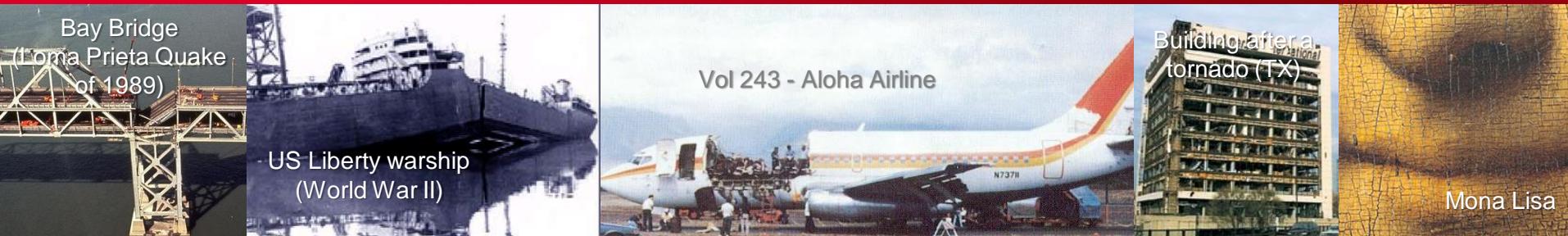
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SUMMARY – SBN GLASSES



Na₂O plays an important non-constant role for different parameters

- ▶ $\uparrow \text{Na}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \uparrow \text{Poisson's ratio}$: linear ratio
- ▶ Stress Corrosion cracking: Region 0
 - $\uparrow \text{Na}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \uparrow K_e$: linear ratio
- ▶ Stress Corrosion cracking: Slope in region 1
 - Null dependence on Na₂O when Na⁺ ions network compensators
 - \uparrow slope when Na⁺ ions network modifiers on Si and B networks

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- CEA-DEN-Vestale
- ANR-Corcosil
- RTRA-FracHet
- IDF-équipement mi-lourd 2011: IMAFMP
- RTRA-IMAFMP
- Dim-Map – AFM4aStory
- PALM - CoEuRs