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# *Nitrided (oxynitride) glasses*

The origin and concept of nitrided glasses  
Methods of preparation. Silicates vs Phosphates  
Structure of oxynitride networks  
Effect of N on physical and chemical properties  
Applications and current developments



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## Origin of nitrated glasses

### First experiments by Hans-Otto Mulfinger:

Studied **dissolution of N** through bubbling  $N_2$ ,  $H_2/N_2$  or  $NH_3$  in silicate and borate melts: < 1 wt. % N

(Mulfinger, J. Am. Ceram. Soc. 49 (1966) 462)

### Importance of nitrogen in glasses:

Hot pressing of nitrogen containing ceramics to produce SiAlON phases and formation of a **glassy phase at grain boundaries**

(Jack, J. Mat. Sci. 11 (1976) 1135)

### Incorporation of nitrogen in phosphate glasses

Thermal ammonolysis of the phosphate melt

(Marchand, CR Acad Sc Paris 294 (1982) 91,  
Marchand, J. Non-Cryst. Solids 56 (1983) 173)



CHIMIE DU SOLIDE. – *Mise en évidence de verres de phosphates contenant de l'azote.*  
Note (\*) de Roger Marchand, présentée par Erwin-Félix Bertaut.

Pour la première fois ont été mis en évidence des verres de phosphates contenant de l'azote. Par action de l'ammoniac sur le phosphate  $NaPO_3$ , on a montré l'existence d'un domaine vitreux dans l'intervalle de composition  $NaPO_3$ - $NaPO_2N_{0,67}$ . Pour la composition la plus riche en azote dans laquelle le rapport  $N/O + N$  est égal à 0,25, on a précisé les principales caractéristiques.

## Synthesis of oxynitride glasses

- Silicate glasses: **melting with metallic nitrides**

$\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$ ,  $\text{AlN}$ ,  $\text{Li}_3\text{N}$ ,  $\text{Ca}_3\text{N}_2$ ,  $\text{Mg}_3\text{N}_2$  (Hampshire, J. Eur. Ceram. Soc. 28 (2008) 1475  
Sharafat, Ceram. Int. 41 (2015) 3345)

$\text{La} + \text{SiO}_2 + \text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  (Hakeem, Adv. Mat. 17 (2005) 2214)

- Phosphate glasses: **thermal ammonolysis of phosphate melts**

Melting of phosphate glass

+

Thermal treatment in  $\text{NH}_3$  flow at  $T < 800^\circ\text{C}$

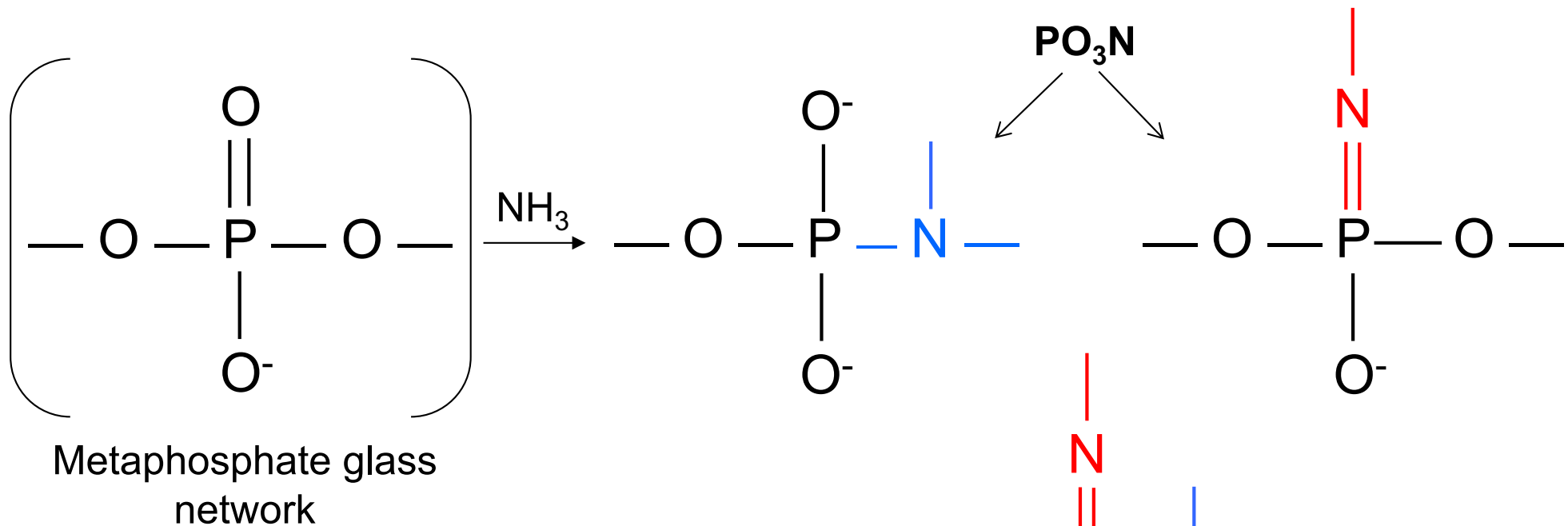
Liquid-gas chemical reaction:  $\text{MPO}_3 + x\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{MPO}_{3-3x/2}\text{N}_x + 3x/2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

## Substitution of nitrogen for oxygen in phosphates

Improves the chemical resistance

Increases the electrical conductivity

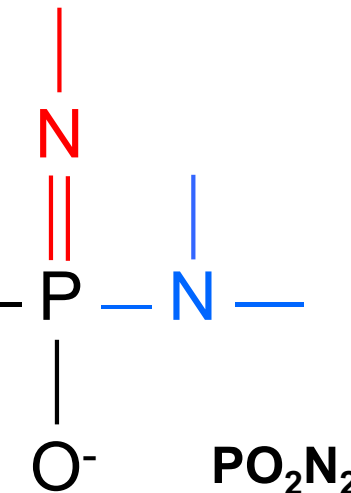
Increases viscosity  $\Rightarrow$  Higher resistance to devitrification



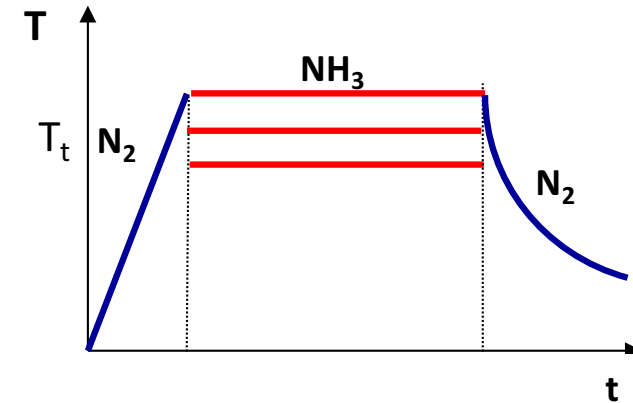
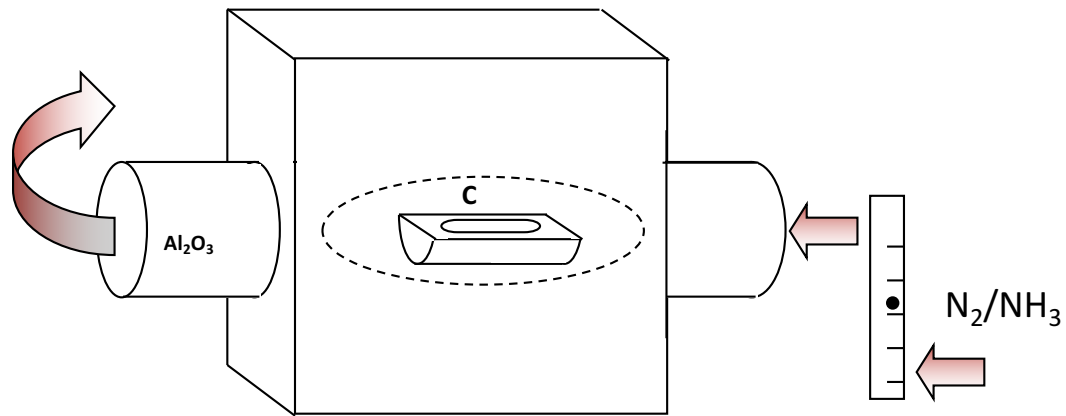
Exception to one of Zachariasen's rules:

"Anions should not bind more than 2 central atoms"

$\Rightarrow$  **Higher degree of interconnected network**



## Substitution of nitrogen for oxygen in phosphates



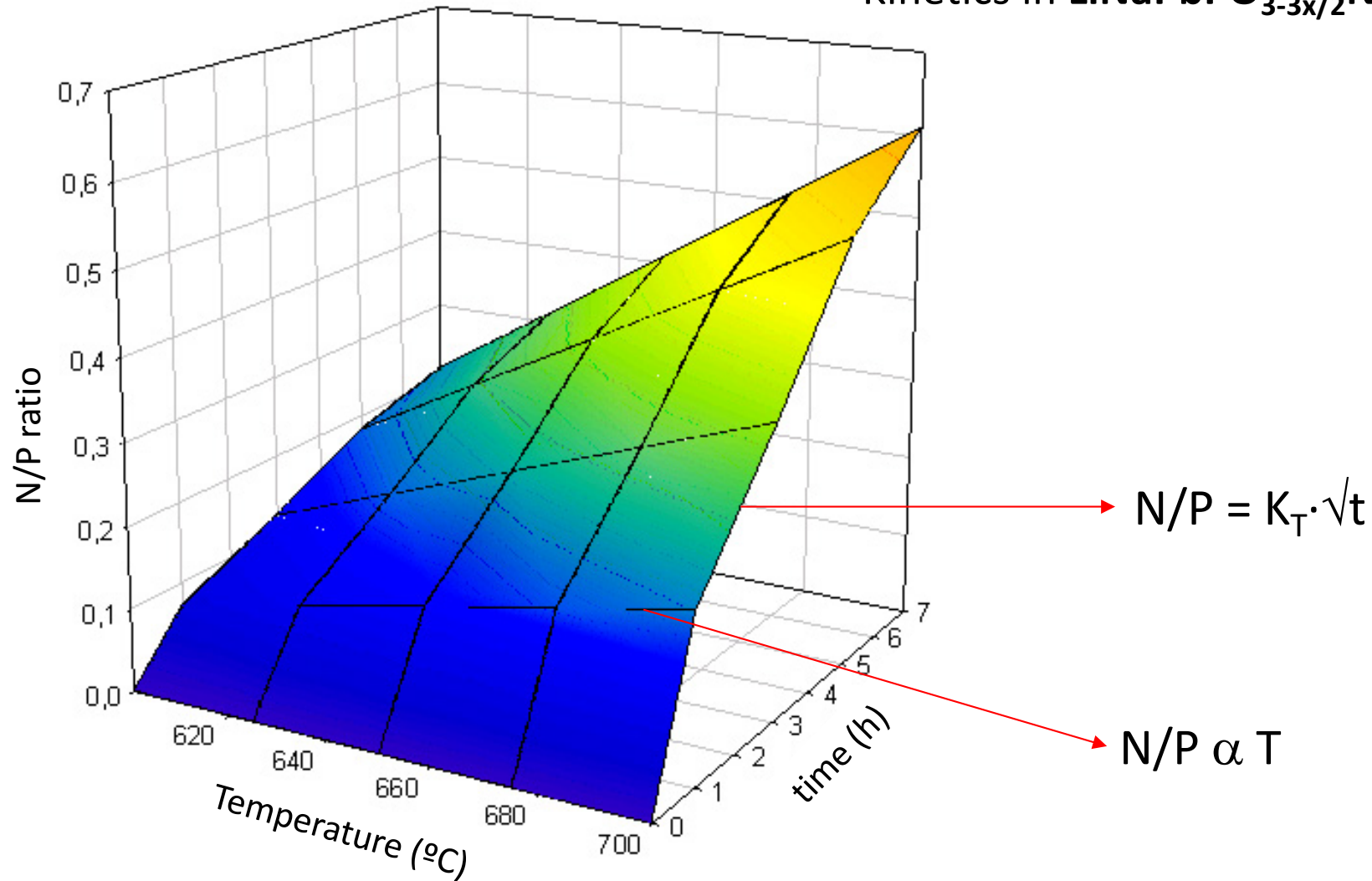
Phosphate glass melting  
+  
Thermal treatment in NH<sub>3</sub> at T < 800°C

Liquid-gas chemical reaction  

$$\text{MPO}_3 + x\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{MPO}_{3-3x/2}\text{N}_x + 3x/2\text{H}_2\text{O}$$

## Substitution of nitrogen for oxygen in phosphates

Kinetics in  $\text{LiNaPbPO}_{3-3x/2}\text{N}_x$  glasses

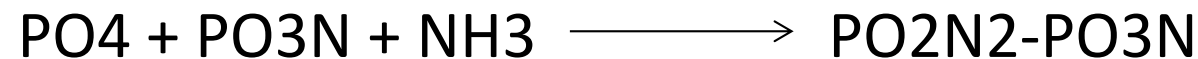
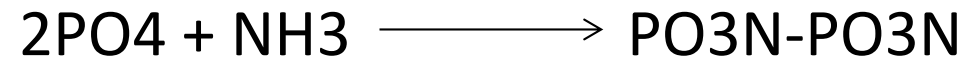


## Substitution of nitrogen for oxygen in phosphates

Substitution rules by Marchand:

$$N_t = 3/2 B$$

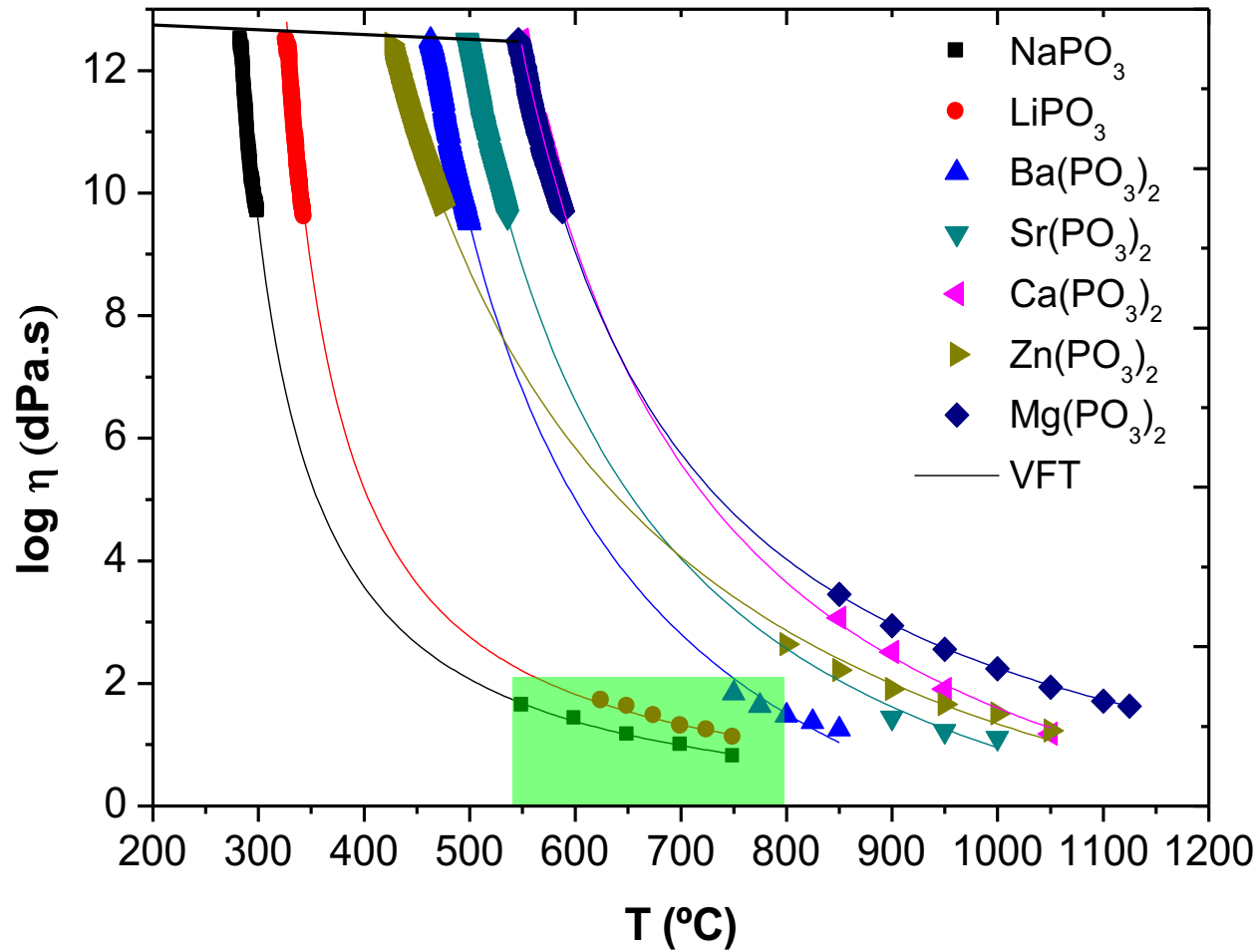
$$N_d = NBO + 1/2BO$$



System of 2 pseudo-first order consecutive reactions

# Substitution of nitrogen for oxygen in phosphates

Muñoz-Senovilla *et al.*, J. Non-Cryst. Solids 385 (2014) 9-14



$\text{NaPO}_3$   
 $\text{LiPO}_3$

$\text{LiNaPO}_3$   
 $\text{LiZnPO}_3$

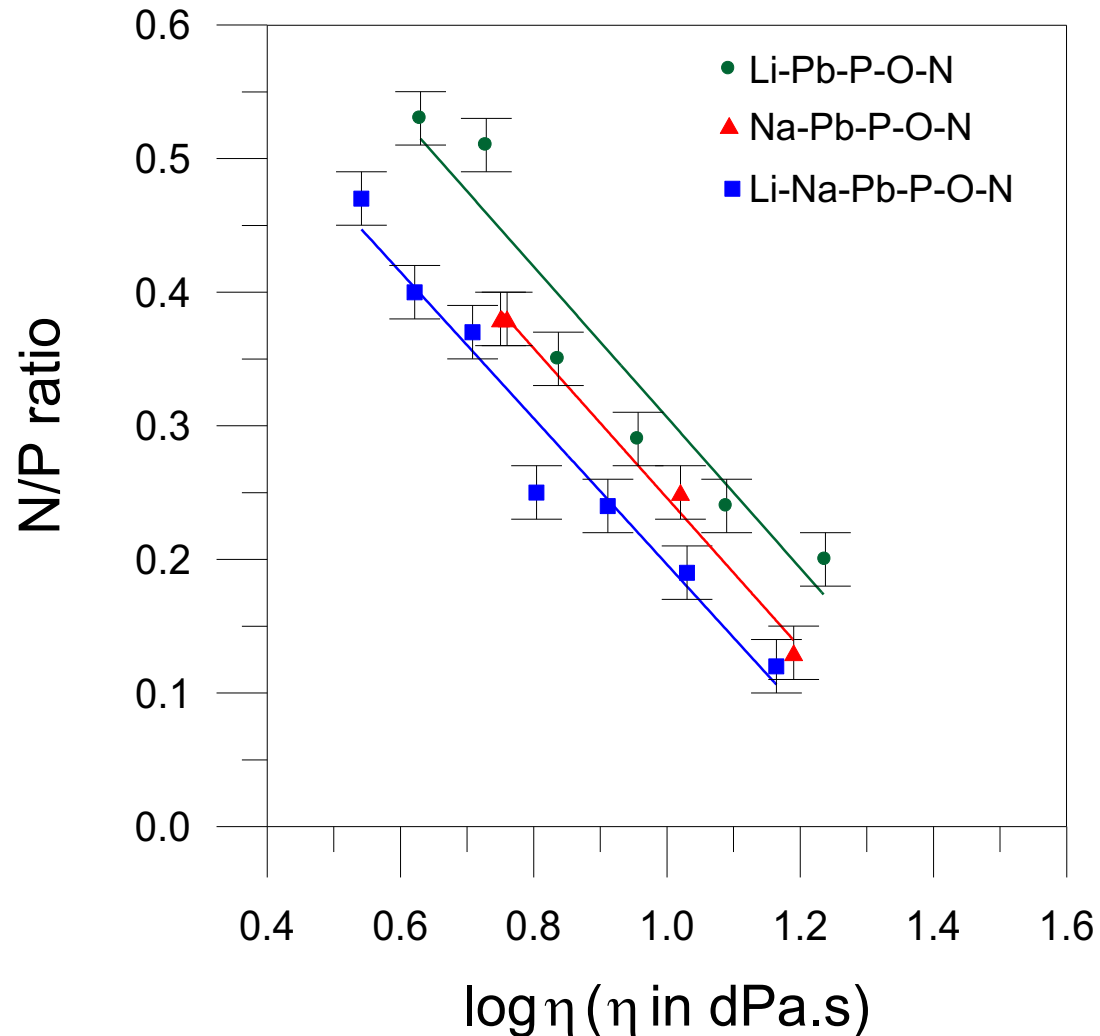
Alkali+alkaline-earth



# Substitution of nitrogen for oxygen in phosphates

Parameters controlling nitrogen incorporation:

- Viscosity of the phosphate melt at the temperature of ammonolysis
- Ionic Field Strength ( $z/r^2$ ) of the modifier cations

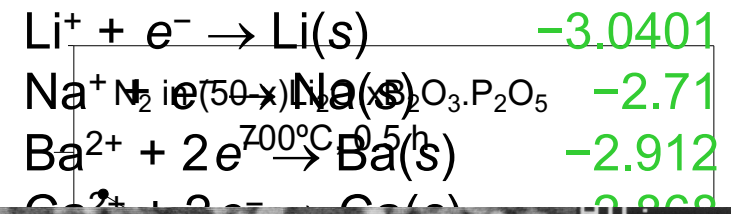


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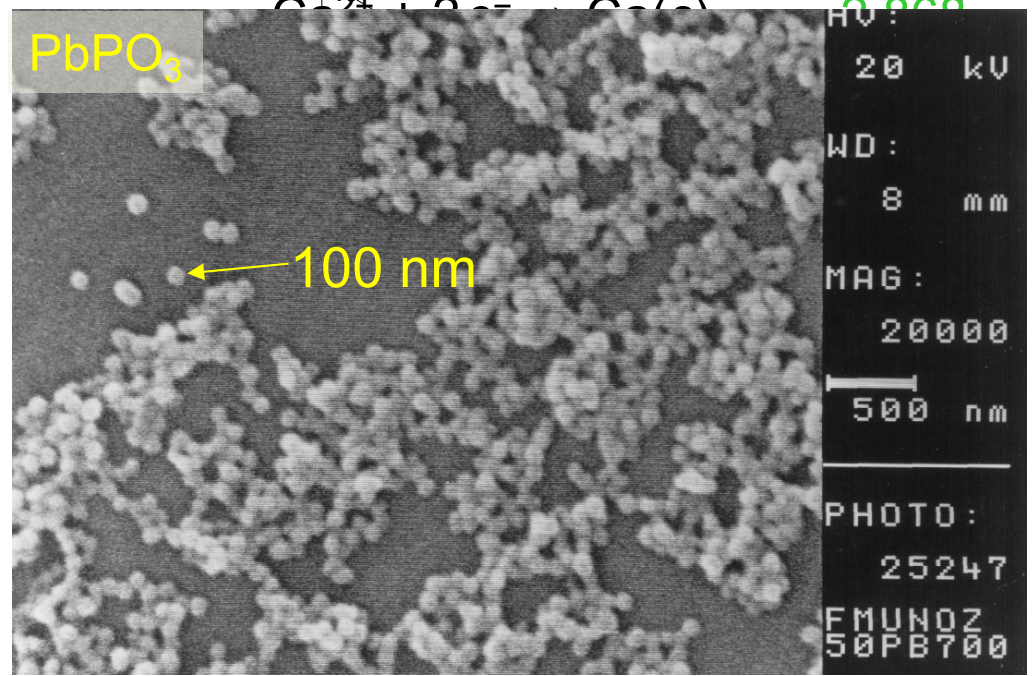
IUPAC Periodic Table of the Elements

1 H hydrogen 1.007 14(1)																	2 He helium 4.003																		
3 Li lithium 6.941	4 Be beryllium 9.012	Key: atomic number Symbol name standard atomic weight										5 B boron 10.81	6 C carbon 12.011	7 N nitrogen 14.007	8 O oxygen 15.999	9 F fluorine 18.998	10 Ne neon 20.180																		
11 Na sodium 22.990	12 Mg magnesium 24.305	13 Al aluminum 26.982	14 Si silicon 28.086	15 P phosphorus 30.974	16 S sulfur 32.06	17 Cl chlorine 35.45	18 Ar argon 39.948	19 K potassium 39.098	20 Ca calcium 40.078	21 Sc scandium 44.956	22 Ti titanium 47.88	23 V vanadium 50.942	24 Cr chromium 52.004	25 Mn manganese 54.938	26 Fe iron 55.845	27 Co cobalt 58.933	28 Ni nickel 58.693	29 Cu copper 63.546	30 Zn zinc 65.38	31 Ga gallium 69.723	32 Ge germanium 72.63	33 As arsenic 74.922	34 Se selenium 78.96	35 Br bromine 79.904	36 Kr krypton 83.80										
37 Rb rubidium 85.468	38 Sr strontium 87.62	39 Y yttrium 88.906	40 Zr zirconium 91.224	41 Nb niobium 92.906	42 Mo molybdenum 95.94	43 Tc technetium 98	44 Ru ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh rhodium 102.905	46 Pd palladium 106.42	47 Ag silver 107.868	48 Cd cadmium 112.411	49 In indium 114.818	50 Sn tin 118.710	51 Sb antimony 121.757	52 Te tellurium 127.6	53 I iodine 126.905	54 Xe xenon 131.29	55 Cs cesium 132.905	56 Ba barium 137.327	57-71 lanthanoids	72 Hf hafnium 178.49	73 Ta tantalum 180.948	74 W tungsten 183.84	75 Re rhenium 186.207	76 Os osmium 190.23	77 Ir iridium 192.222	78 Pt platinum 195.084	79 Au gold 196.967	80 Hg mercury 200.59	81 Tl thallium 204.3833	82 Pb lead 207.2	83 Bi bismuth 208.9804	84 Po polonium 209	85 At astatine 210	86 Rn radon 222
87 Fr francium 223	88 Ra radium 226	89-103 actinoids	104 Rf rutherfordium 261	105 Db dubnium 262	106 Sg seaborgium 263	107 Bh bohrium 264	108 Hs hassium 265	109 Mt meitnerium 266	110 Ds darmstadtium 267	111 Rg roentgenium 268	112 Cn copernicium 269	113 Nh nihonium 270	114 Fl flerovium 271	115 Mc moscovium 272	116 Lv livermorium 273	117 Ts tennessine 274	118 Og oganesson 276																		

E°(V)



- Alkali and alkaline-earth elements:  
No problem provided the melt viscosity is low
- Former elements:  
SiO<sub>2</sub> and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> increase reaction T  
B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> lowers the N content, may form BN
- Volatiles: S<sup>2-</sup>, F<sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> (reduced)
- Metals:  
Dependence on their reduction E°  
Precipitation of Cu, Ag, Au  
Sn<sup>4+</sup> → Sn<sup>2+</sup>  
Pb<sup>2+</sup> → Pb possible in PbPO<sub>3</sub>



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## $^{29}\text{Si}$ NMR

Koroglu *et al.*, Phys. Chem. Glasses 52 (2011) 175

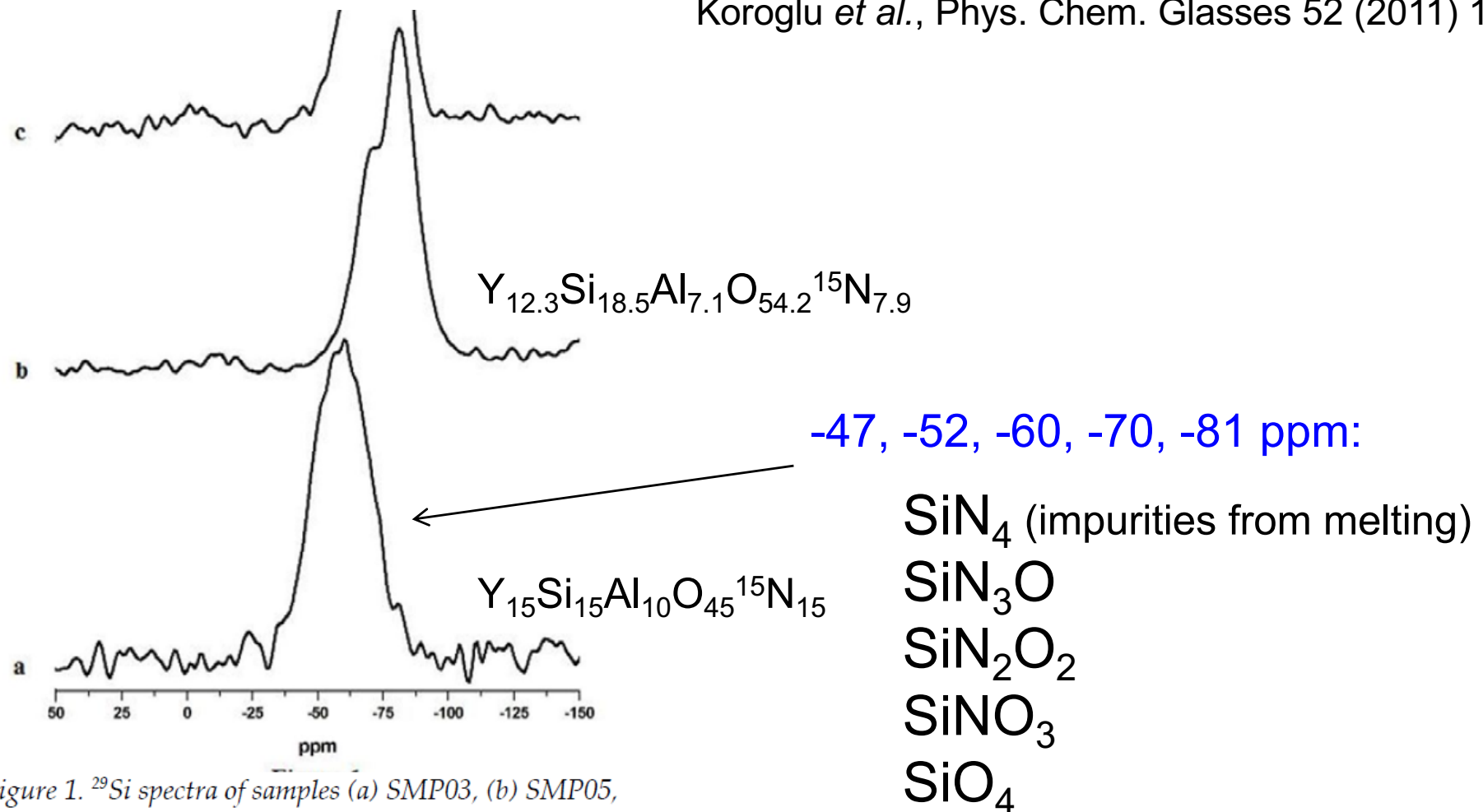


Figure 1.  $^{29}\text{Si}$  spectra of samples (a) SMP03, (b) SMP05, (c) SMP06, (d) SMP07 and (e) SMP08

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$^{15}\text{N}$  NMR ( $I=-1/2$ ,  $0,37\%$ ,  $4 \cdot 10^{-6}$ ), needing enrichment in  $^{15}\text{N}$

Koroglu *et al.*, Phys. Chem. Glasses 52 (2011) 175

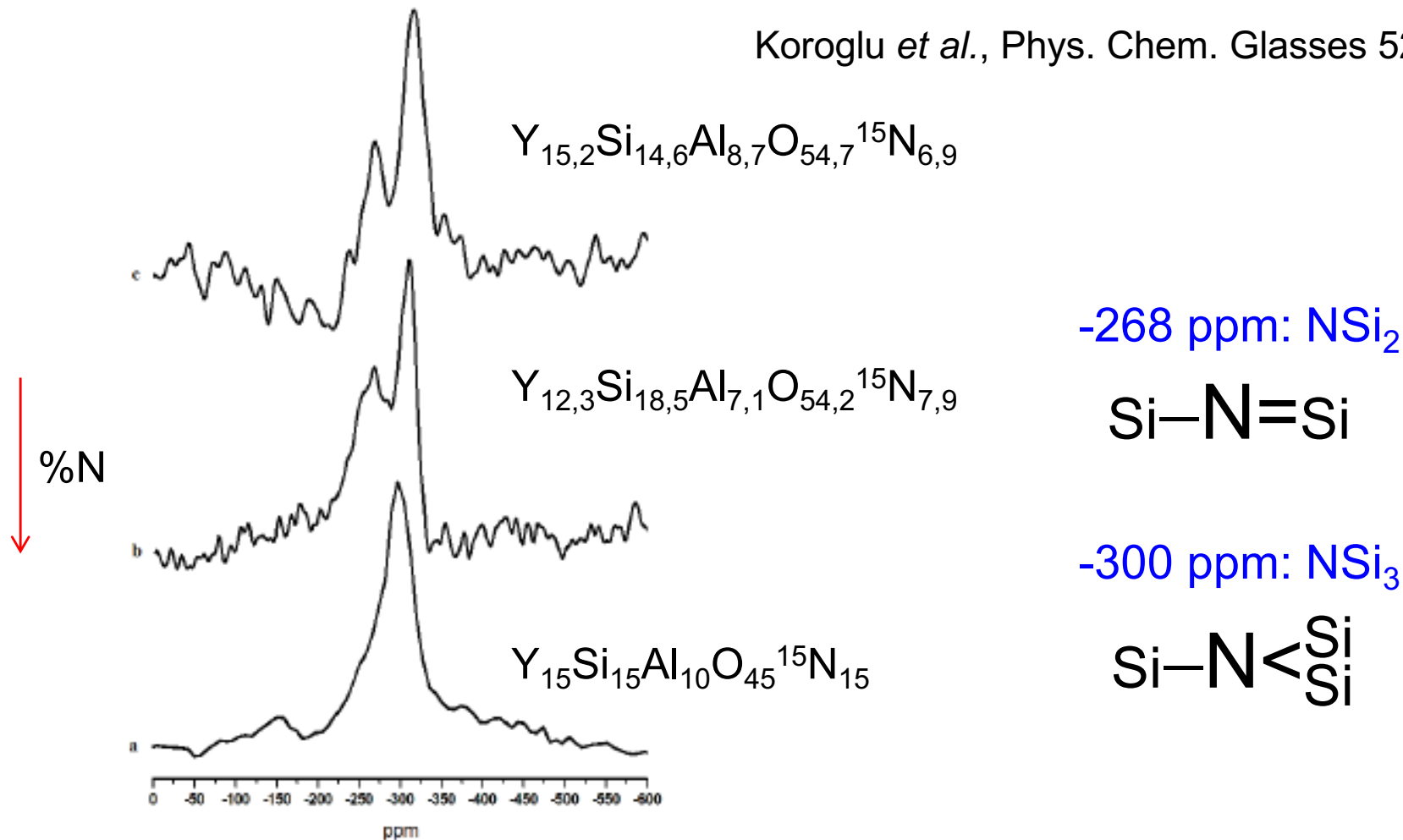
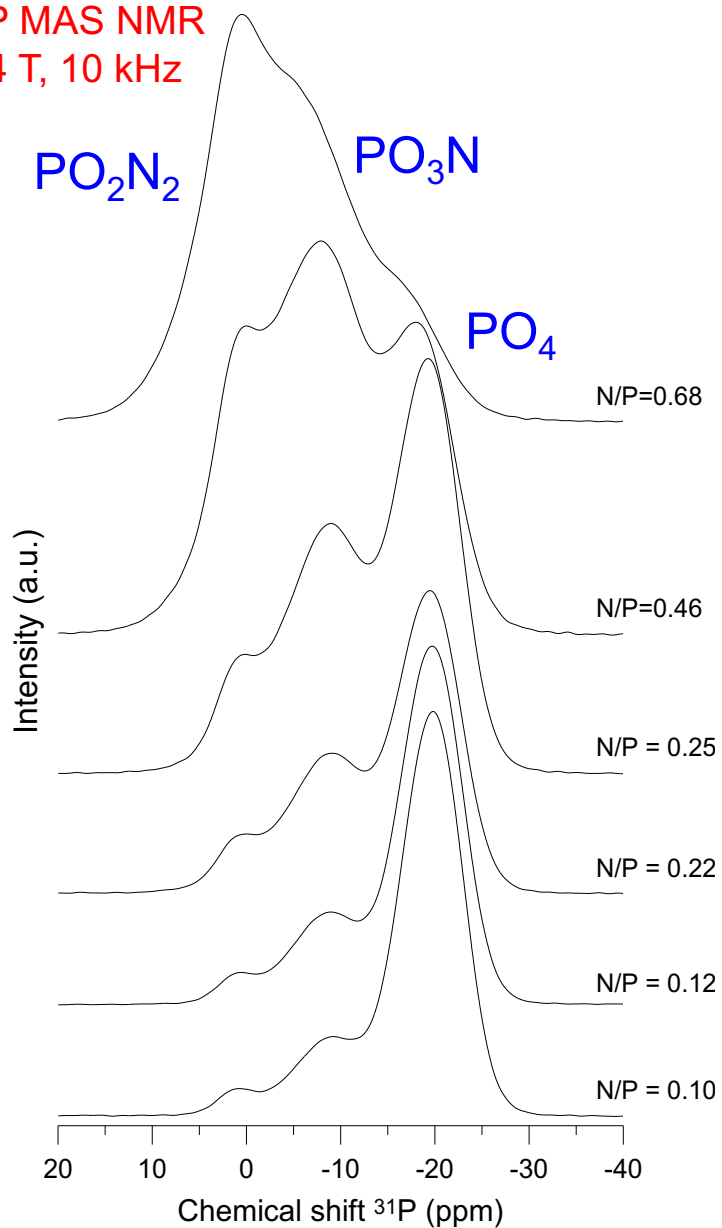


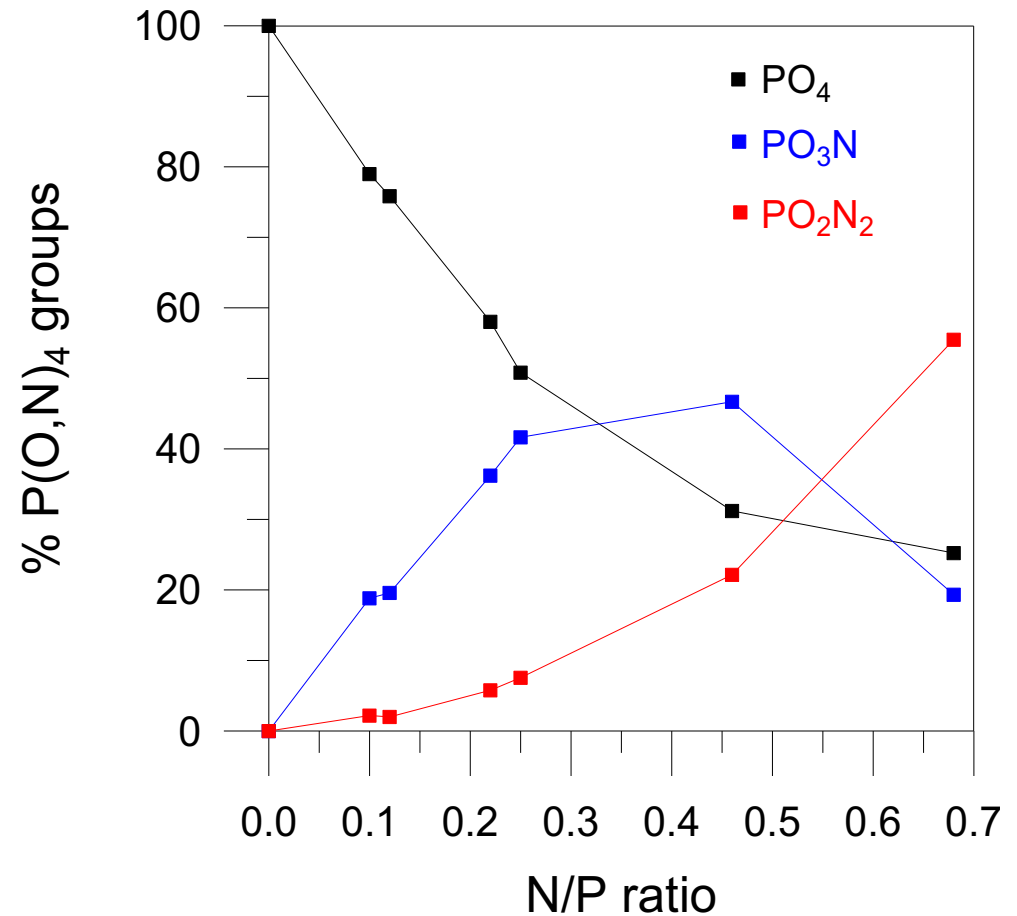
Figure 3.  $^{15}\text{N}$  spectra of samples (a) SMP03, (b) SMP05 and (c) SMP01

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<sup>31</sup>P MAS NMR  
9.4 T, 10 kHz



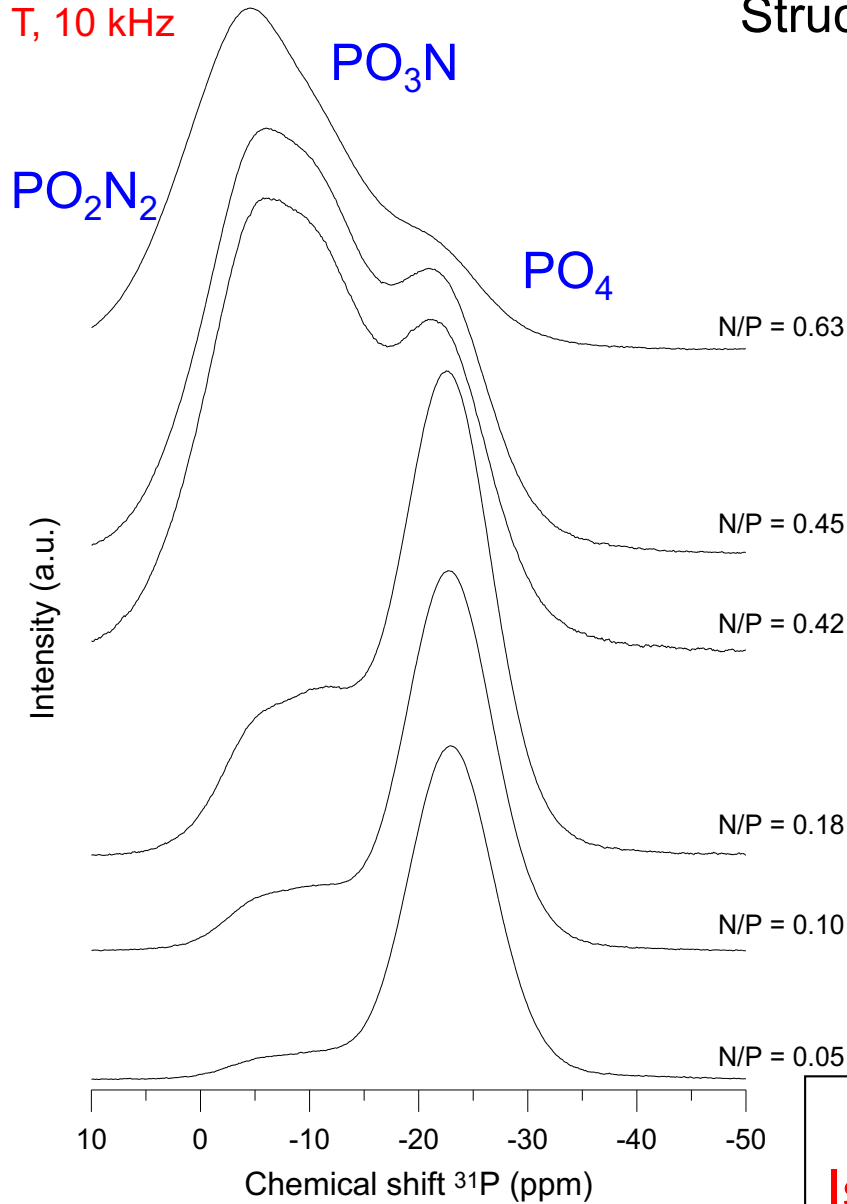
## Structural groups distribution in NaPO<sub>3-3x/2</sub>N<sub>x</sub> glasses



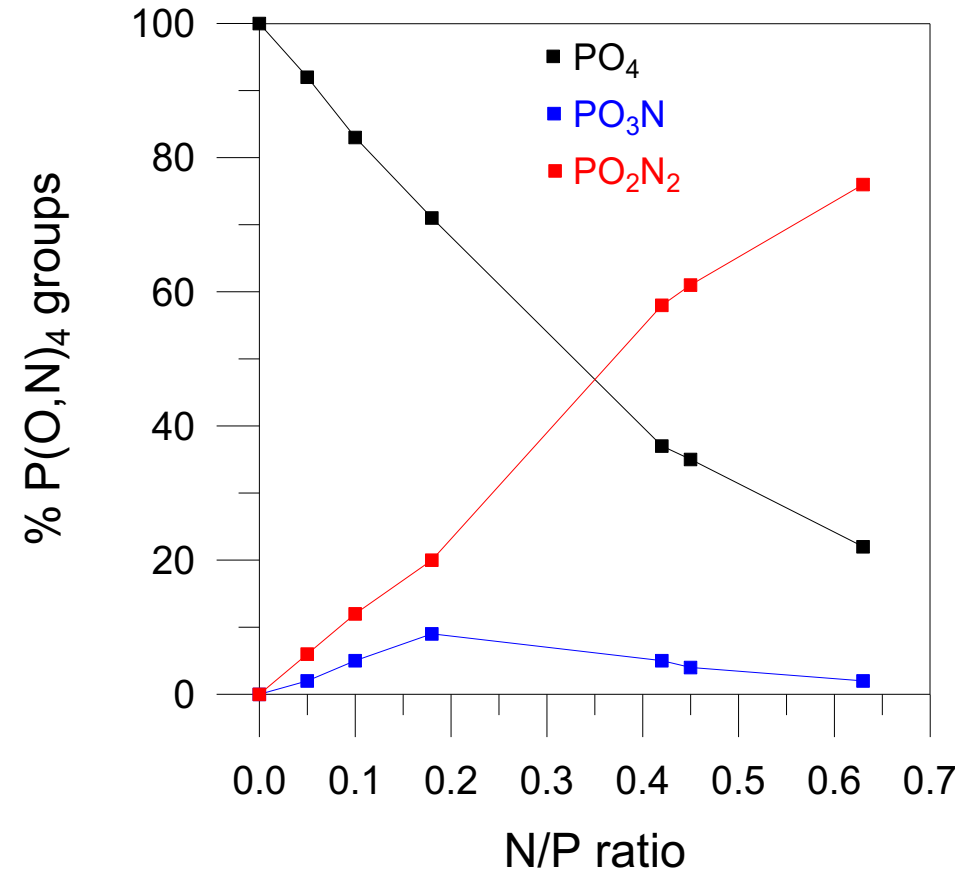
1. PO<sub>3</sub>N formed
2. PO<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> from PO<sub>3</sub>N-PO<sub>4</sub> regions

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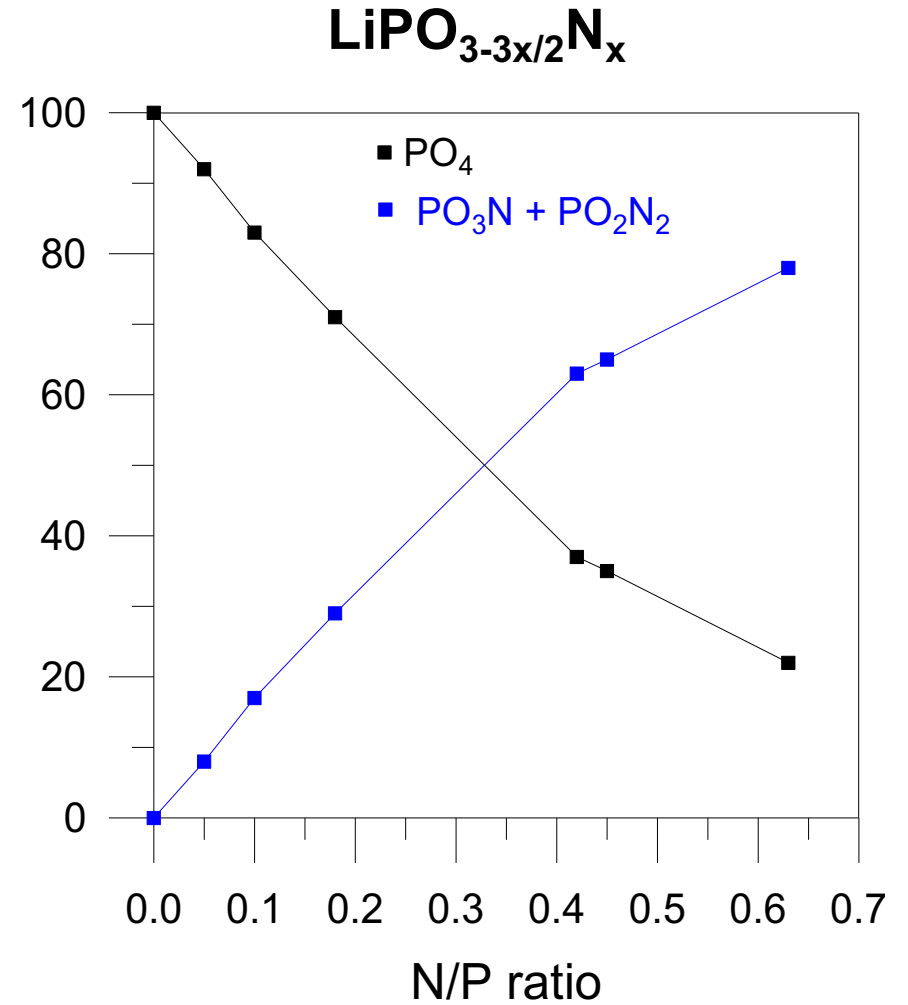
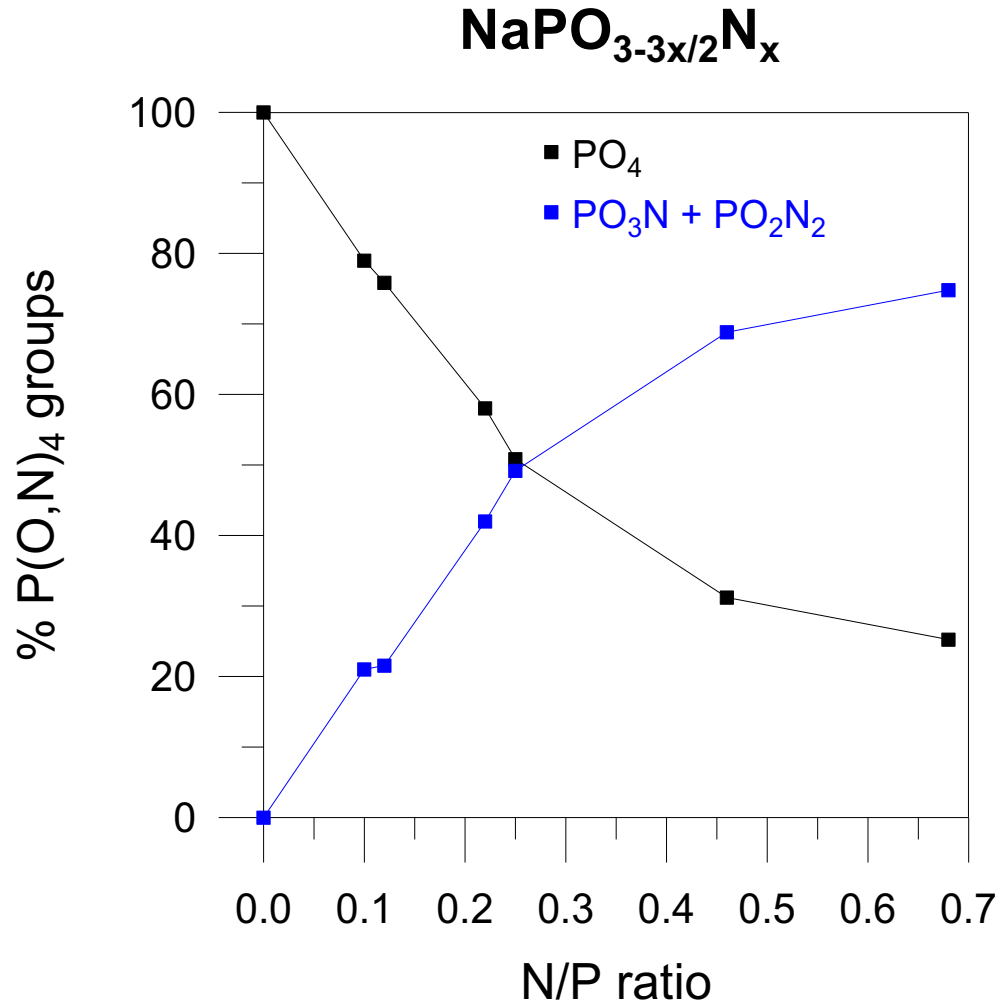


Structural groups distribution in LiPO<sub>3-3x/2</sub>N<sub>x</sub> glasses



Much lower content of PO<sub>3</sub>N groups  
Is nitrogen segregated in regions of PO<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> ?

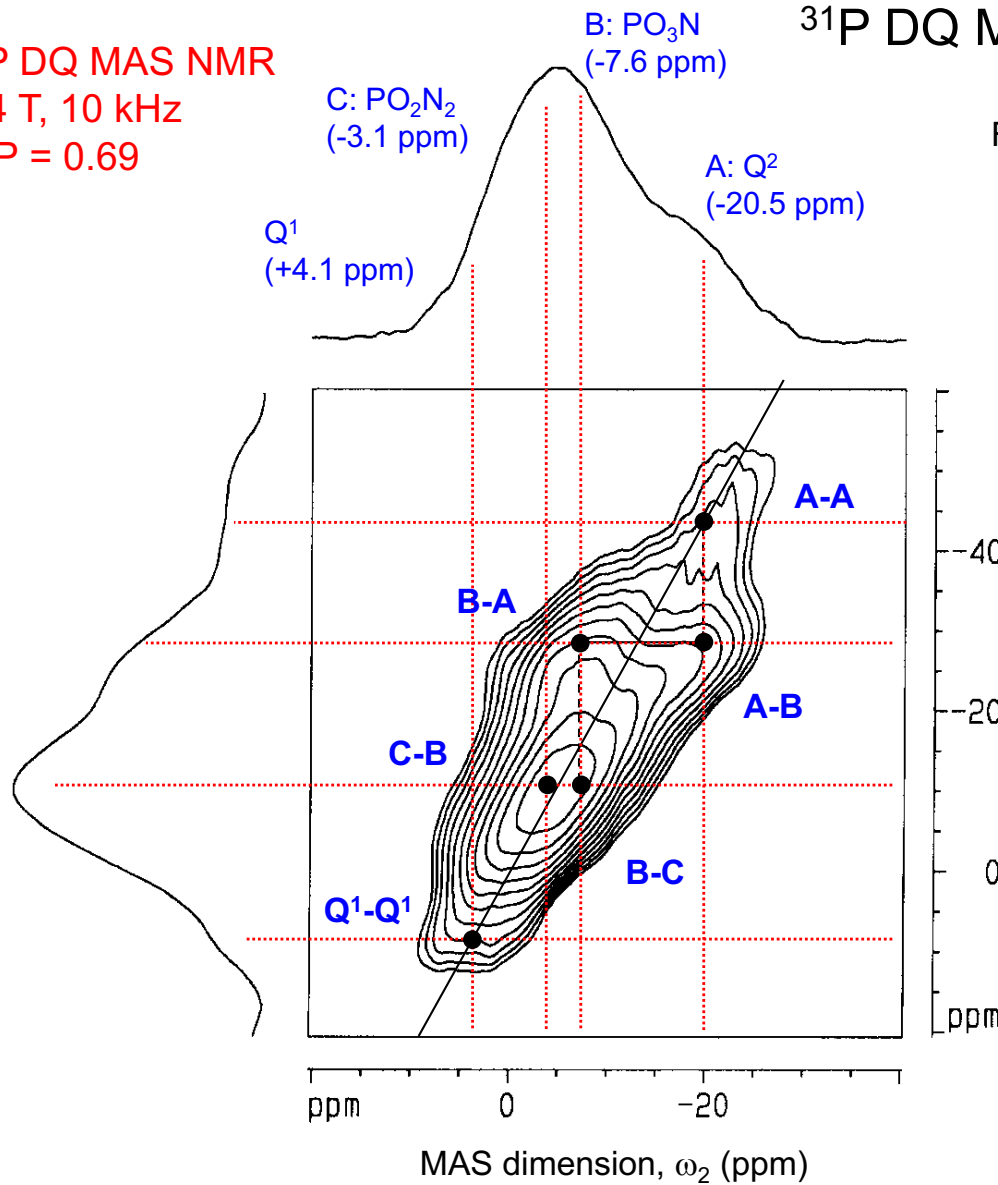
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**<sup>31</sup>P DQ MAS NMR**  
 9.4 T, 10 kHz  
 N/P = 0.69



**<sup>31</sup>P DQ MAS NMR in  $\text{Li}_{0.25}\text{Na}_{0.25}\text{Pb}_{0.25}\text{PO}_{3-3x/2}\text{N}_x$**

F. Muñoz *et al.*, J. Non-Cryst. Solids 324 (2003) 142-149

## Correlations

$\text{PO}_4\text{-PO}_4$

$\text{PO}_4\text{-PO}_3\text{N}$

$\text{PO}_3\text{N-PO}_2\text{N}_2$

$\text{Q}^1\text{-Q}^1$  (Pyrophosphate)

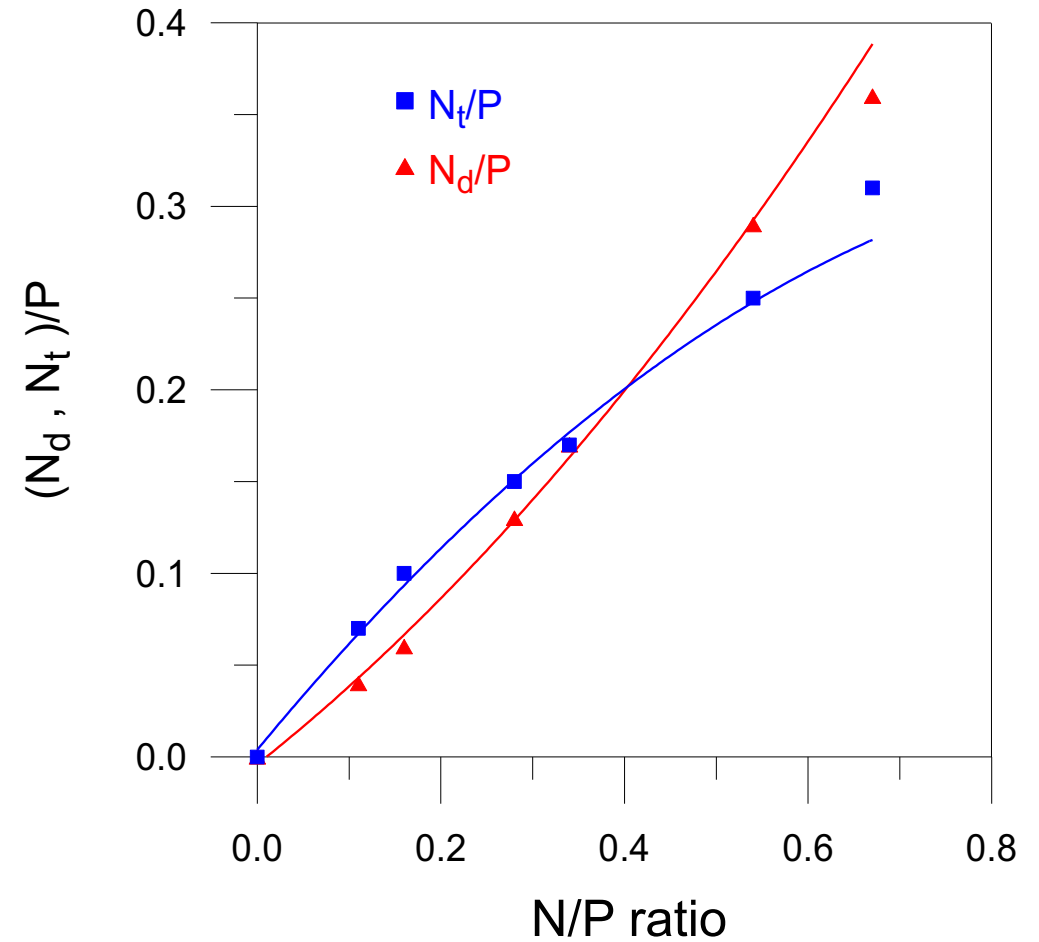
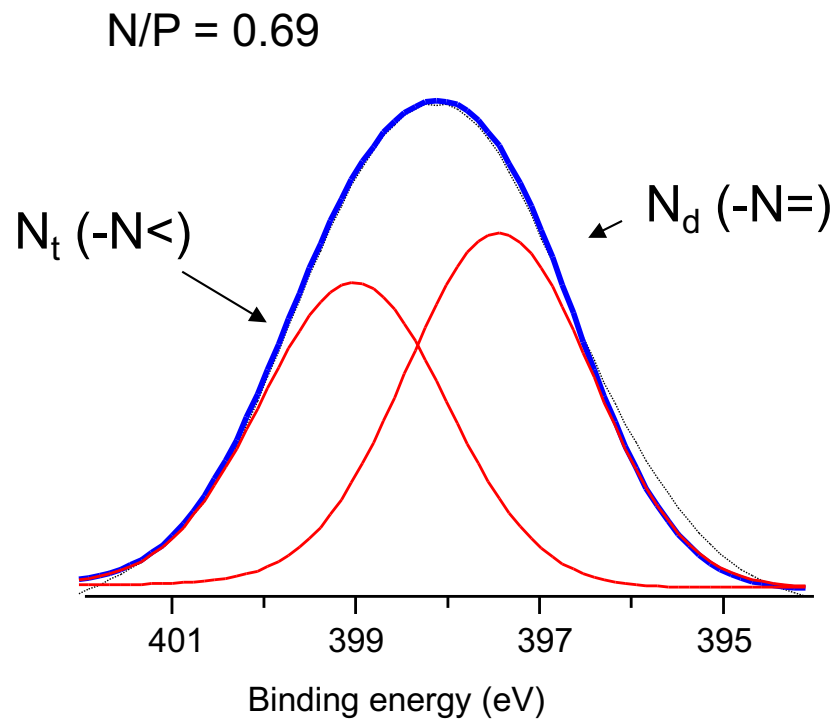
**Homogeneous distribution  
of oxynitride microdomains**

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$N_{1s}$  XPS

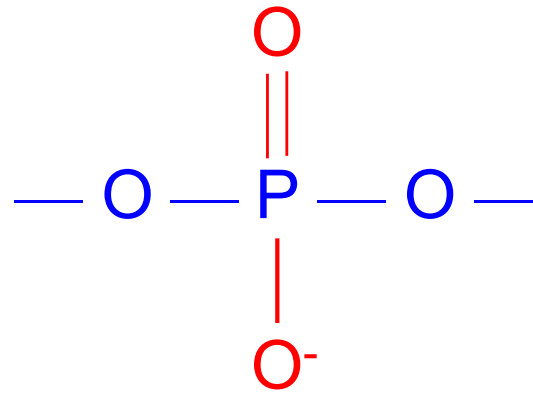
XPS of  $Li_{0.25}Na_{0.25}Pb_{0.25}PO_{3-3x/2}N_x$  glasses

Intensity (a.u.)



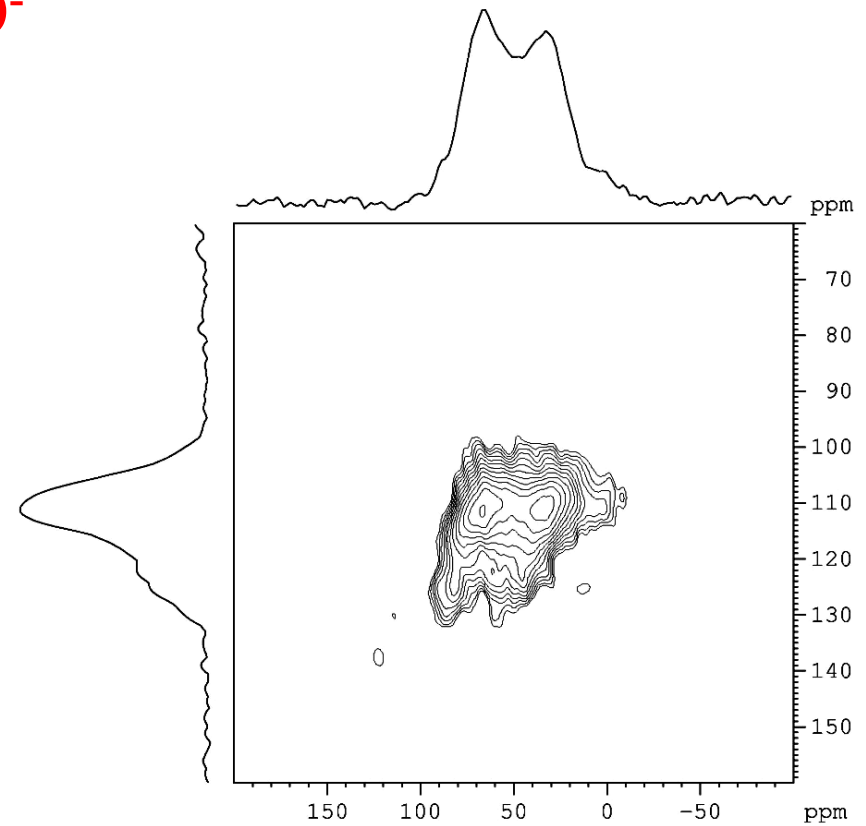
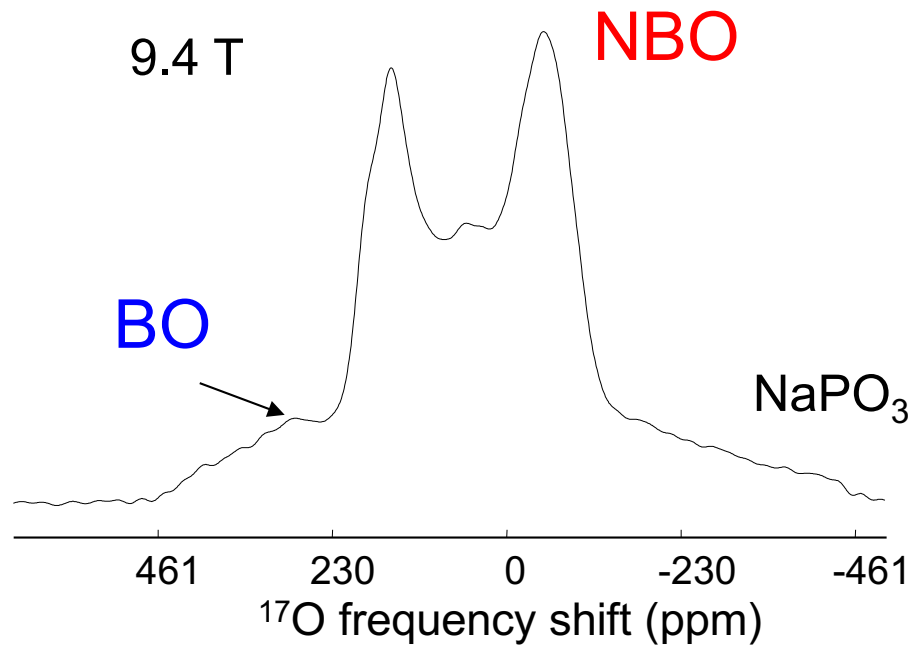
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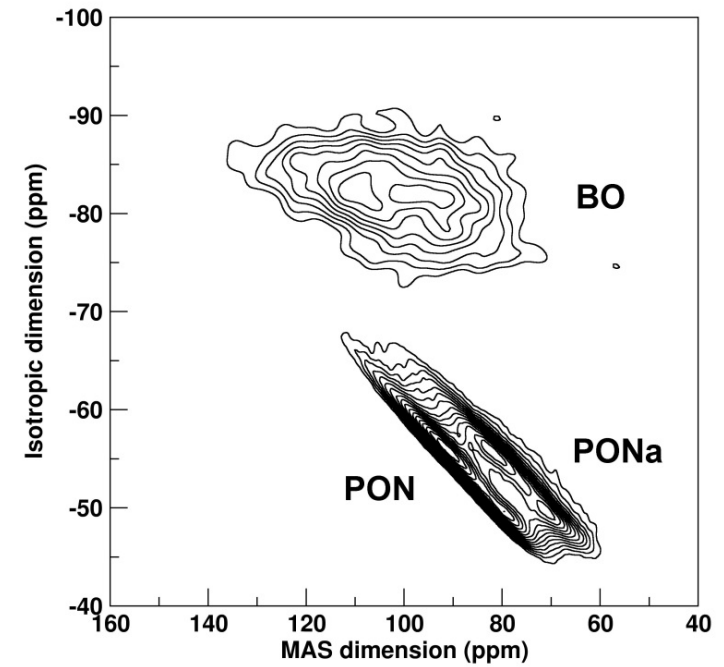
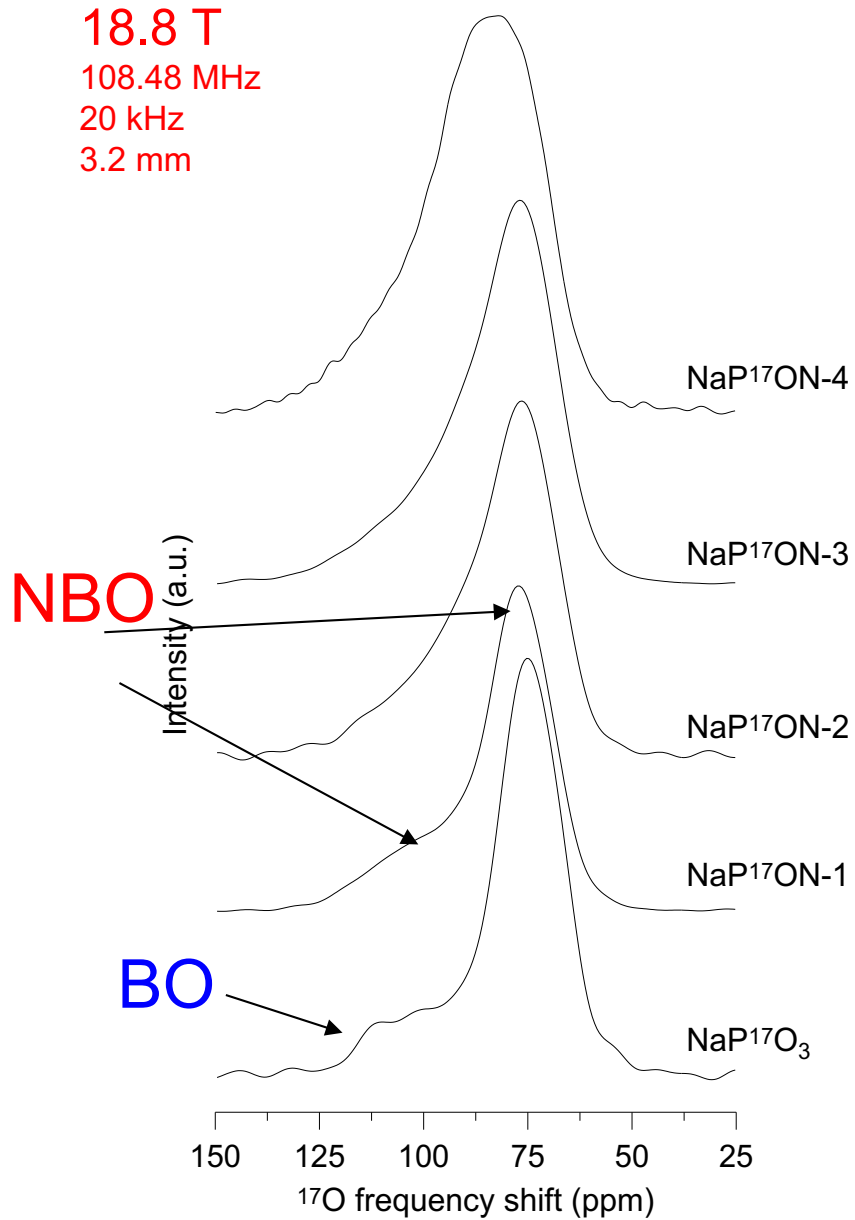


3QMAS  $^{17}\text{O}$   
9.4 T

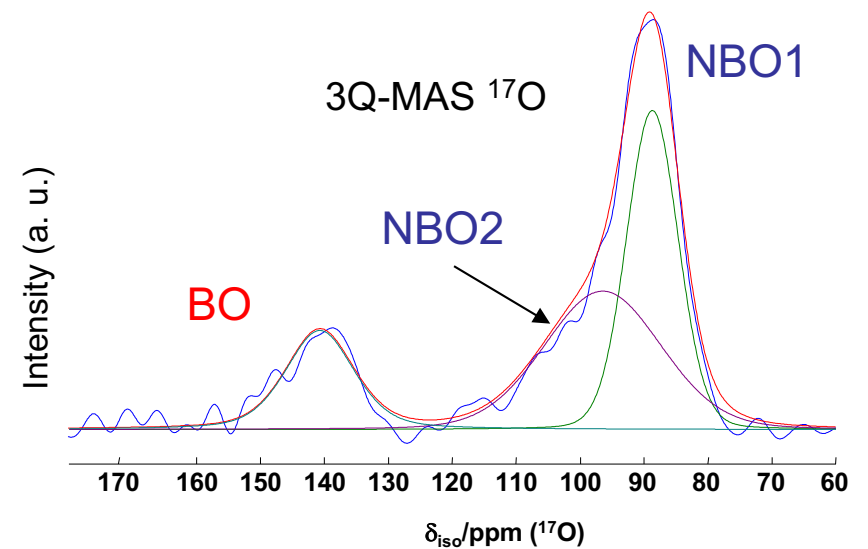
$^{17}\text{O}$  NMR  
9.4 T



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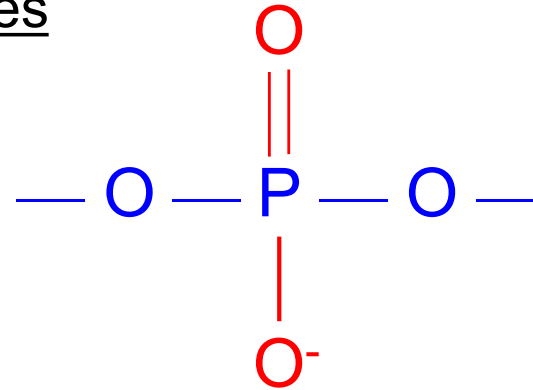


Down-field shift of <sup>17</sup>O resonance in PON of imidophosphates  
(J. Am. Chem. Soc. 105 (1983) 6475)

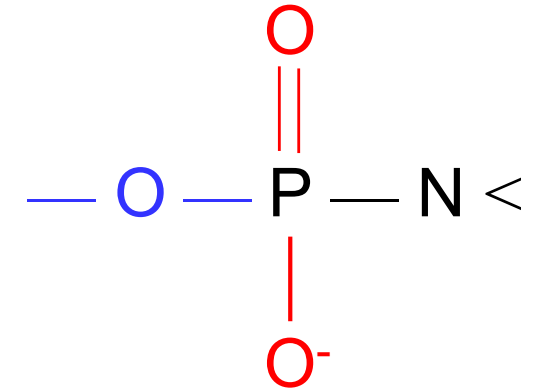


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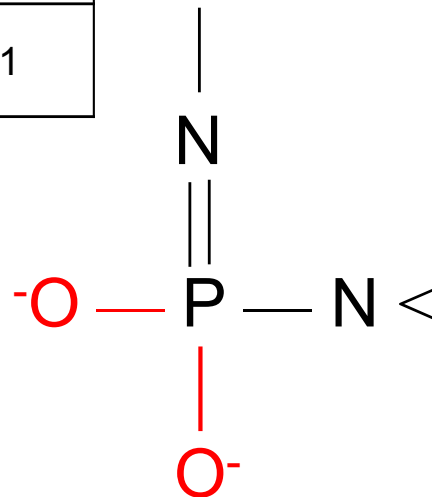
Sample	$\delta_{CS}$	% PON
NaP <sup>17</sup> ON	8.0 (4.0)	0
NaP <sup>17</sup> ON-1	14.9 (5.2)	20
NaP <sup>17</sup> ON-2	14.2 (7.1)	41
NaP <sup>17</sup> ON-3	12.2 (8.3)	53
NaP <sup>17</sup> ON-4	15.8 (8.8)	81



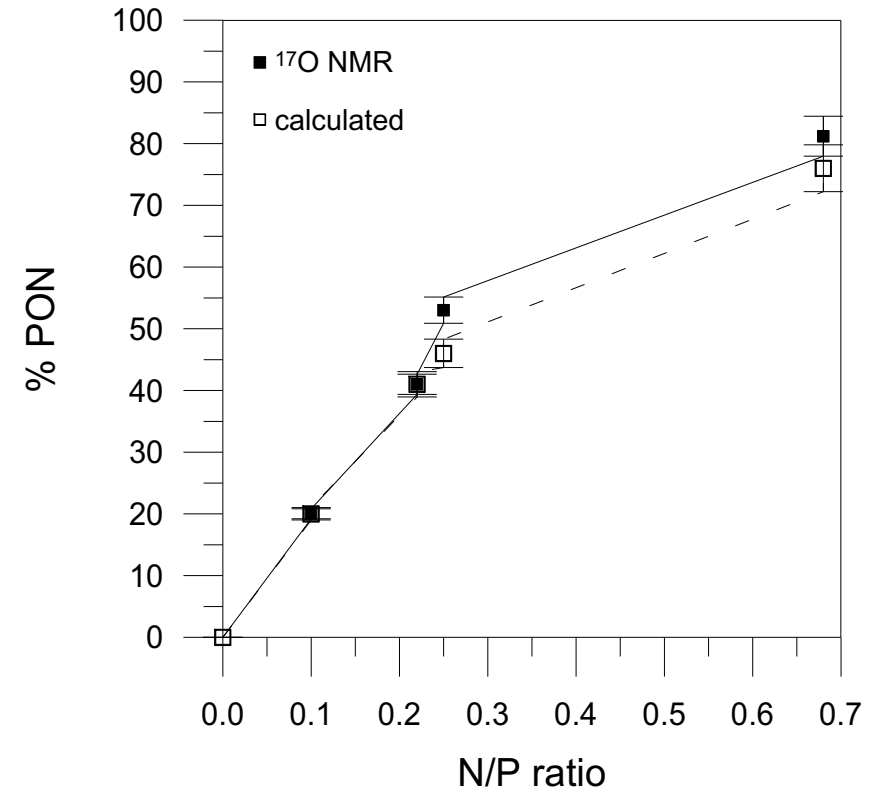
PO<sub>4</sub>: BO/NBO = 0.5



PO<sub>3</sub>N: BO/NBO = 0.25



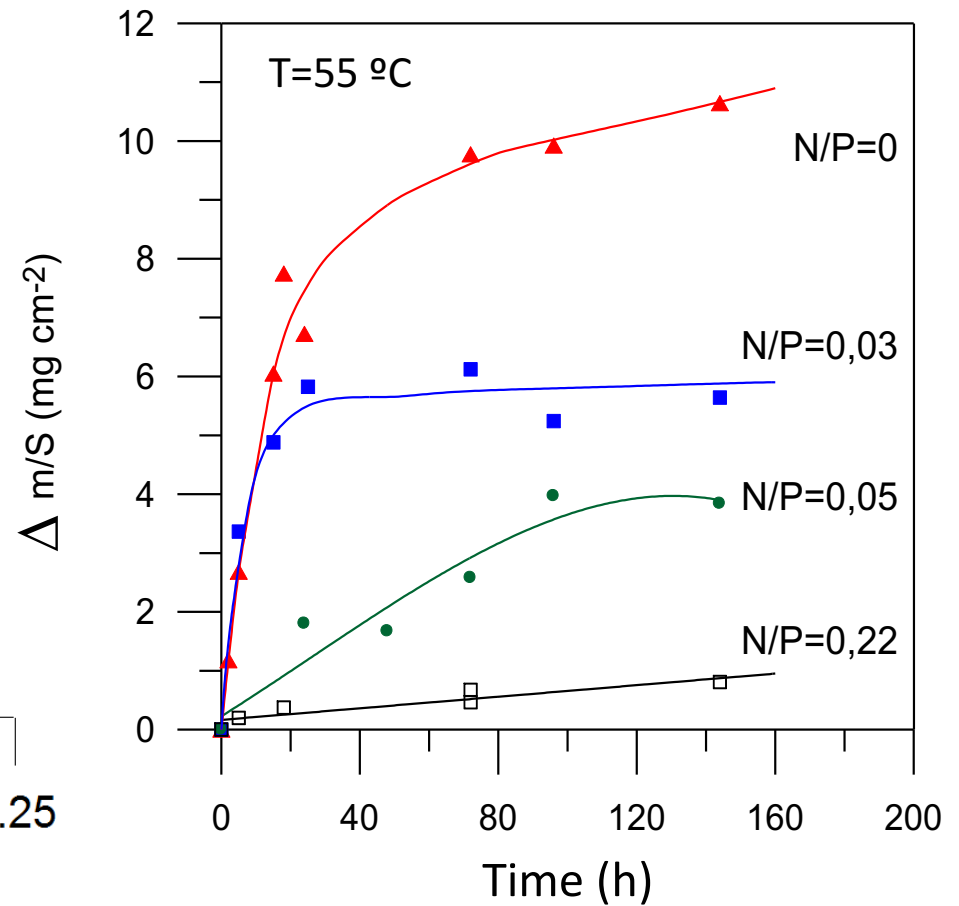
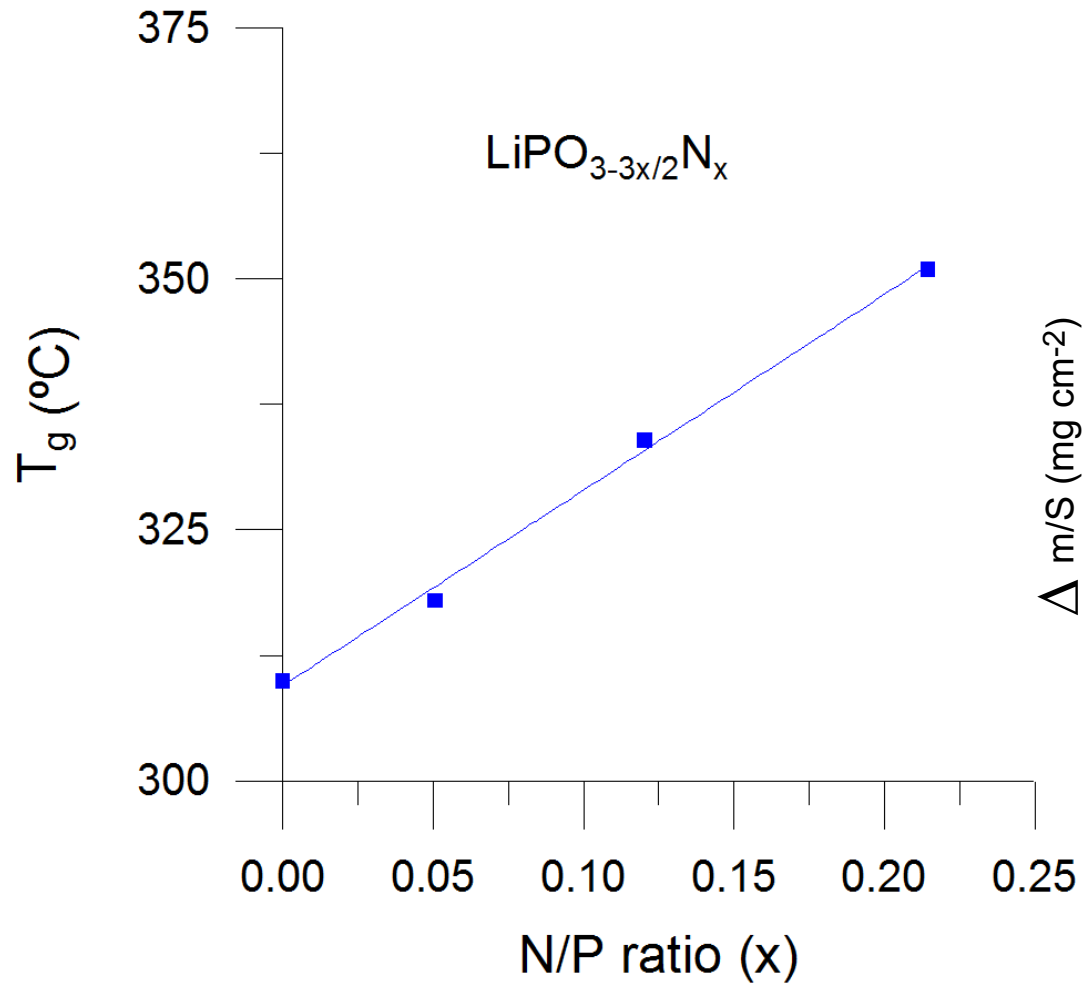
PO<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: BO/NBO = 0



$$\% \text{ PON} = [100 \cdot (x_{\text{PO}_3\text{N}} + x_{\text{PO}_2\text{N}_2})] / [x_{\text{PO}_4} + x_{\text{PO}_3\text{N}} + x_{\text{PO}_2\text{N}_2}]$$

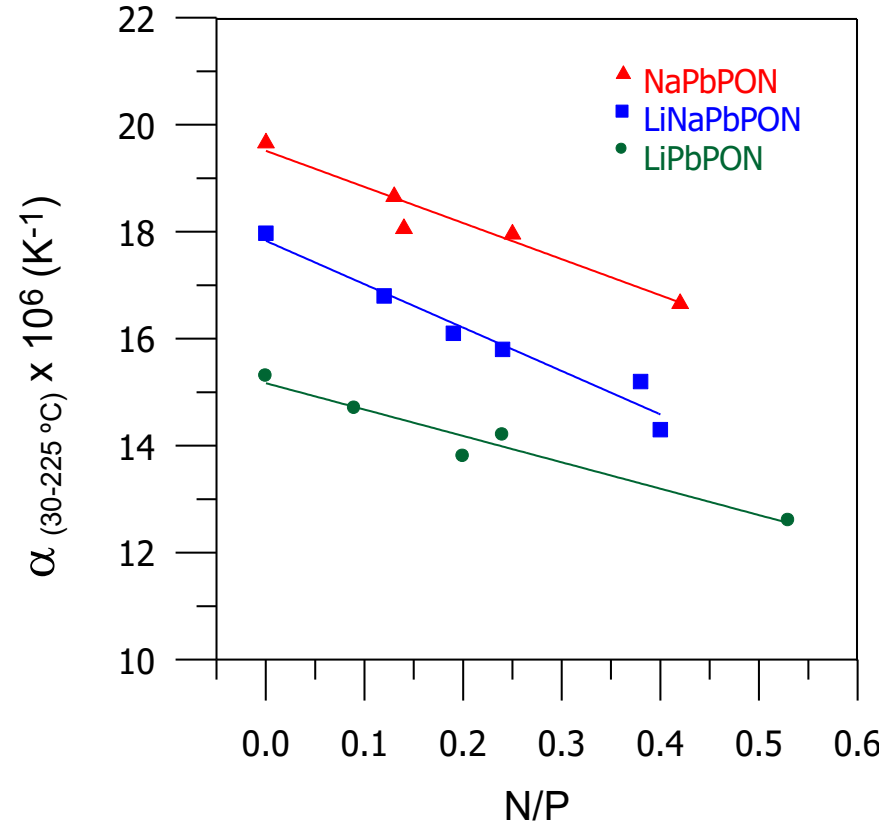
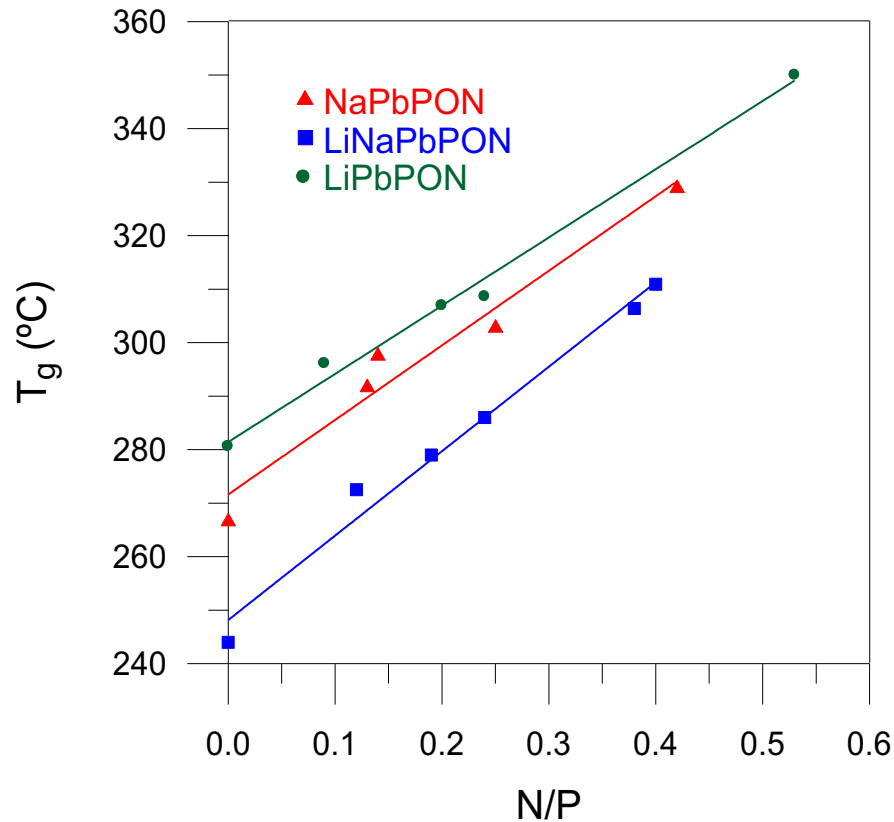
# *Properties and applications*

## Oxynitride phosphate glasses: thermal and chemical stability



Weight loss vs time at  $55^\circ\text{C}$   
In LiNaPbPON glasses

## Properties of $\text{Li}_2\text{O-Na}_2\text{O-PbO-P}_2\text{O}_5$ sealing glasses

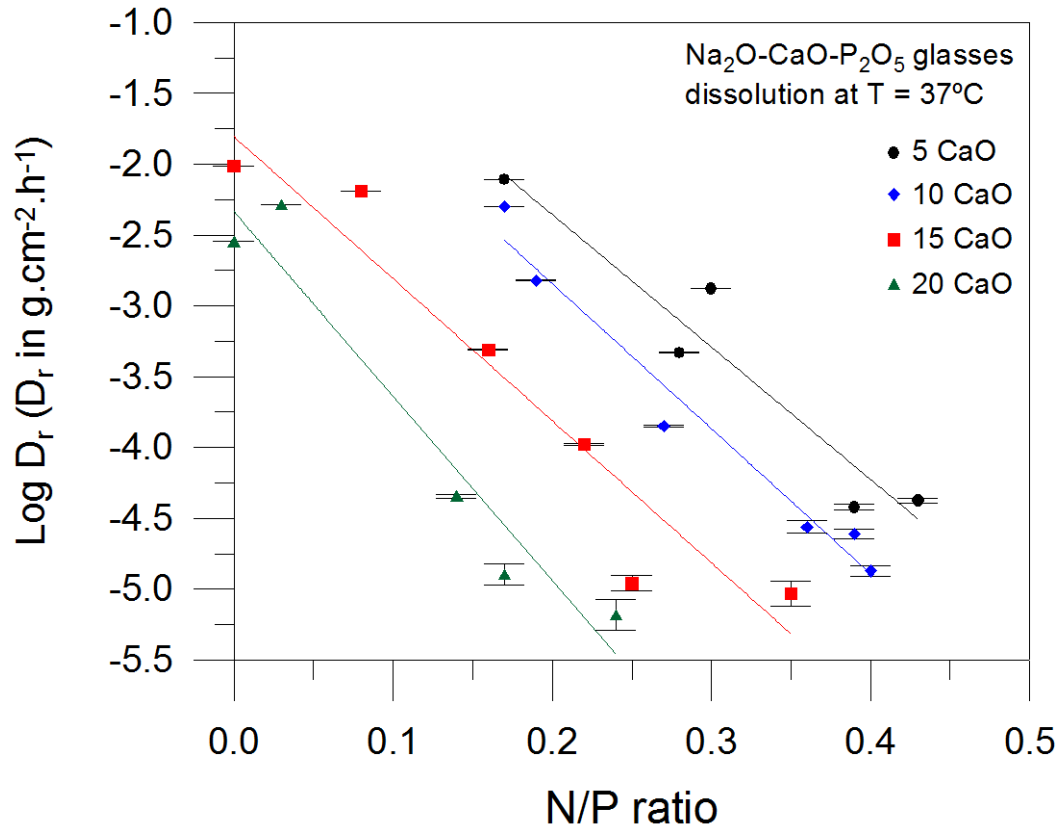


F. Muñoz et al, Phys. Chem. Glasses 43C (2002) 39

**Nitrogen variable content allows for the adjustment of the softening temperatures as well as the coefficients of thermal expansion**

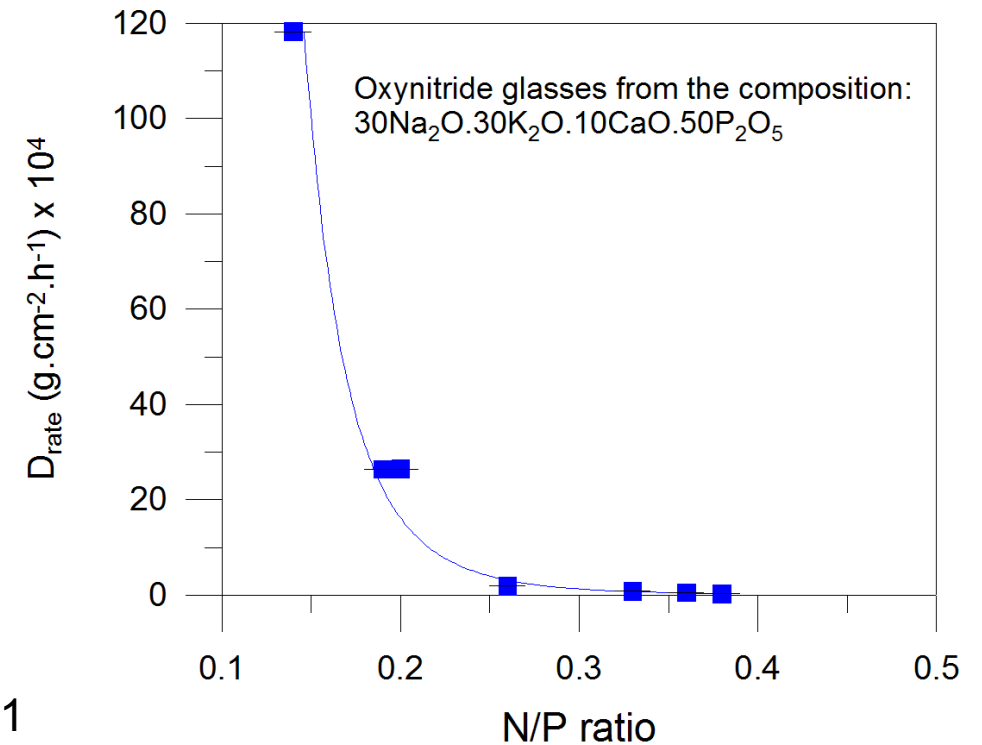


## Biocompatible/resorbable materials

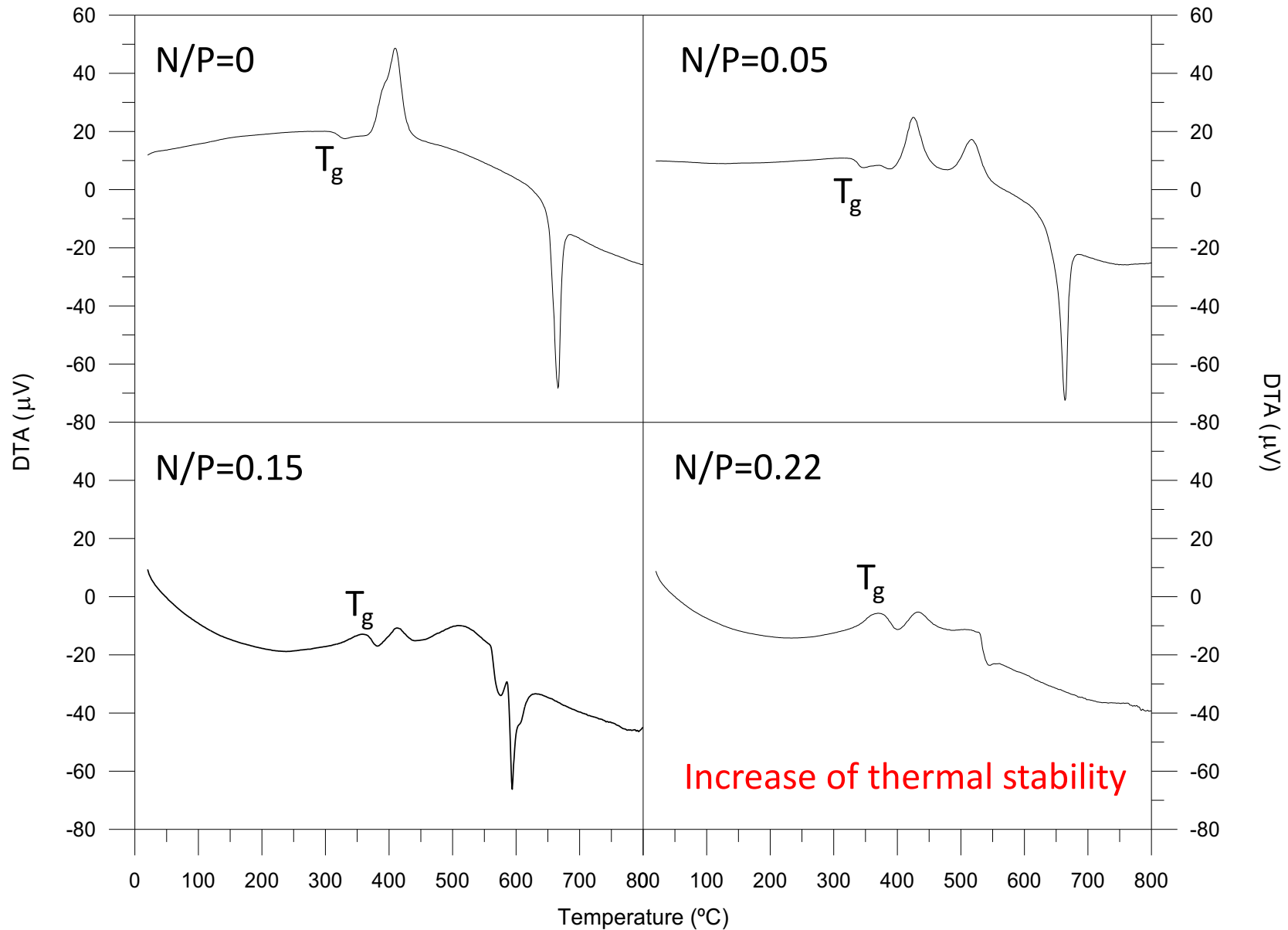


Control of the dissolution rate:

- CaO/Na<sub>2</sub>O ratio
- Content of nitrogen in the glass

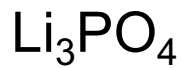
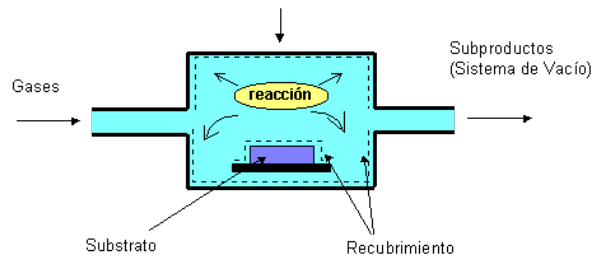


## Oxynitride phosphate glasses: stability against crystallization in LiPON



# Solid electrolytes for lithium batteries

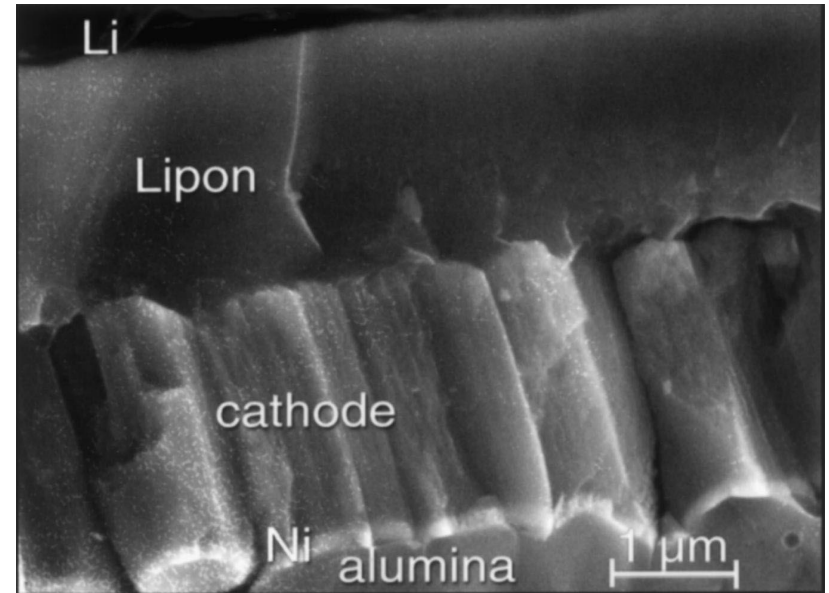
RF magnetron sputtering



**LIPON ( $\text{Li}_{\sim 2.8}\text{PO}_{\sim 3.5}\text{N}_x$ ) amorphous**

$$\sigma (25^\circ\text{C}) \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ S cm}^{-1}, E_a = 0.55 \text{ eV}$$

Yu et al., J. Electrochem Soc. 144(2) (1997) 524



Bates et al., Solid State Ionics 135 (2000) 33

„I learned that adding **nitrogen** to sodium metaphosphate glasses **improves their durability** in contact with air and water vapor. So we decided to sputter the lithium orthophosphate in nitrogen rather than the standard gas mixture of argon and oxygen. ... the presence of this **small amount of nitrogen greatly improves the performance of the electrolyte.**“

J. B. Bates

Development of phosphate and oxynitride phosphate glasses

## Solid electrolytes for lithium batteries

Table 4  
Conductivity data of lithium phosphorus oxynitride glasses

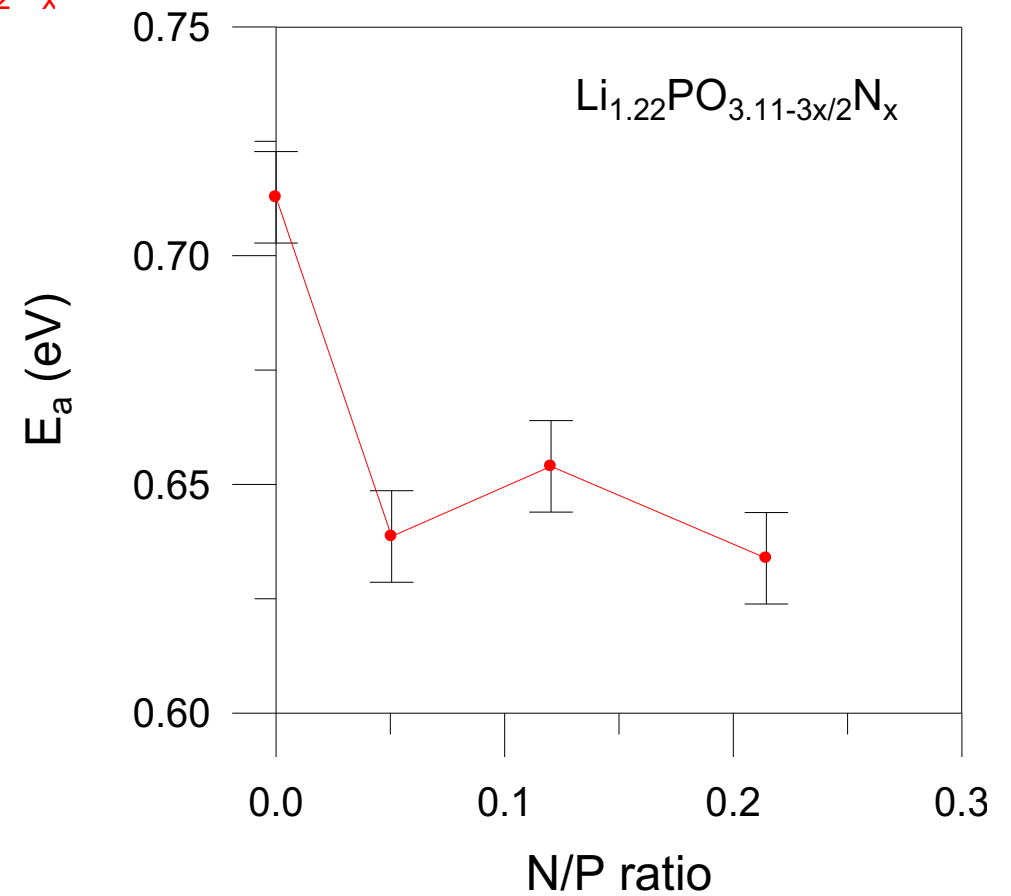
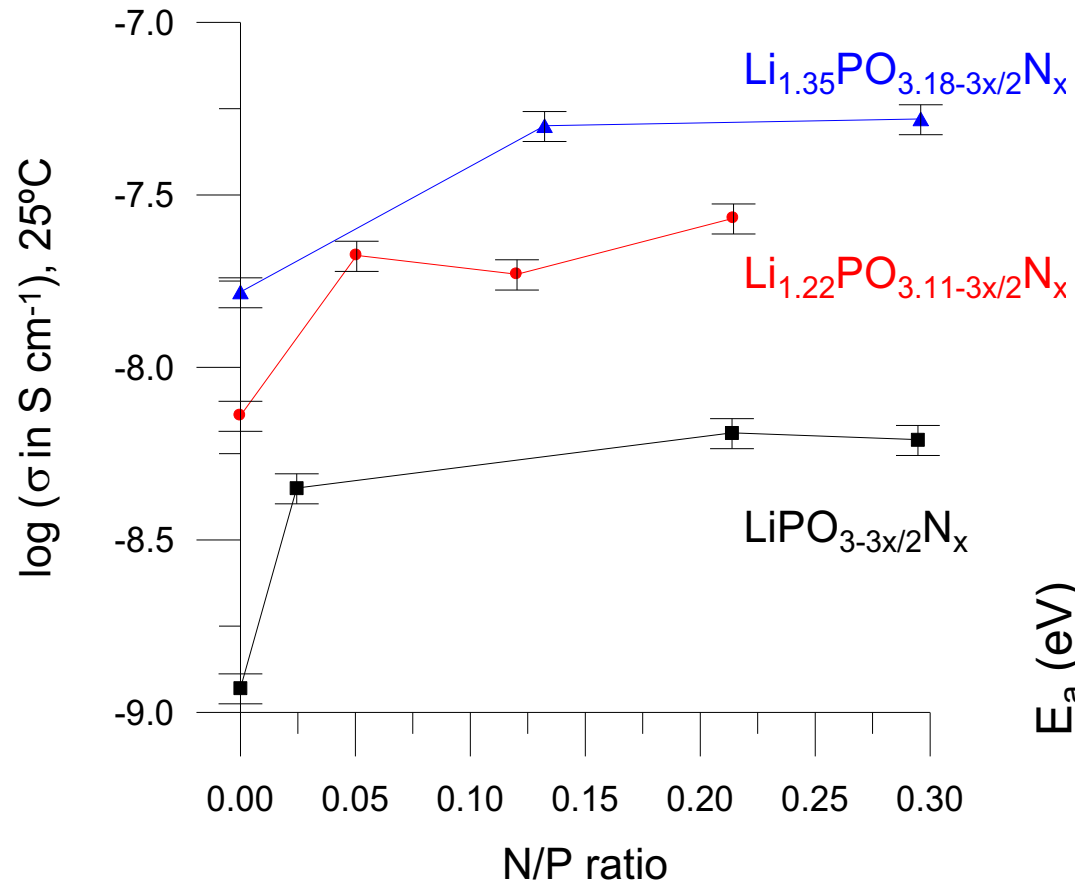
Wang *et al.*, *J. Non-Cryst. Solids*, 183 (1995) 297-306

Sample	$\sigma_{25^\circ\text{C}}$ (S cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$E_a$ (eV)	$\sigma_0$ (S cm <sup>-1</sup> K)
Li <sub>0.92</sub> PO <sub>2.96</sub> <sup>a</sup>	$2.5 \times 10^{-9}$	$0.74 \pm 0.01$	$2.3 \times 10^6 \pm 1.1$
Li <sub>0.86</sub> PO <sub>2.84</sub> N <sub>0.06</sub> <sup>b</sup>	$5.4 \times 10^{-9}$	$0.70 \pm 0.01$	$9.3 \times 10^5 \pm 2.7$
Li <sub>0.88</sub> PO <sub>2.31</sub> N <sub>0.42</sub> <sup>b</sup>	$1.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$0.67 \pm 0.01$	$1.2 \times 10^6 \pm 1.5$
Li <sub>1.28</sub> PO <sub>3.14</sub> <sup>a</sup>	$4.6 \times 10^{-8}$	$0.65 \pm 0.01$	$1.1 \times 10^6 \pm 1.3$
Li <sub>0.93</sub> PO <sub>2.82</sub> N <sub>0.10</sub> <sup>a</sup>	$1.1 \times 10^{-7}$	$0.60 \pm 0.01$	$4.7 \times 10^5 \pm 1.2$
Li <sub>0.99</sub> PO <sub>2.55</sub> N <sub>0.30</sub> <sup>a</sup>	$3.0 \times 10^{-7}$	$0.60 \pm 0.01$	$1.2 \times 10^6 \pm 1.3$
Li <sub>1.24</sub> PO <sub>2.24</sub> N <sub>0.58</sub> <sup>a,c</sup>	$3.6 \times 10^{-7}$	$0.58 \pm 0.01$	$8.0 \times 10^5 \pm 2.5$
Li <sub>1.41</sub> PO <sub>2.41</sub> N <sub>0.53</sub> <sup>a,c</sup>	$3.7 \times 10^{-7}$	$0.57 \pm 0.01$	$5.3 \times 10^5 \pm 1.3$

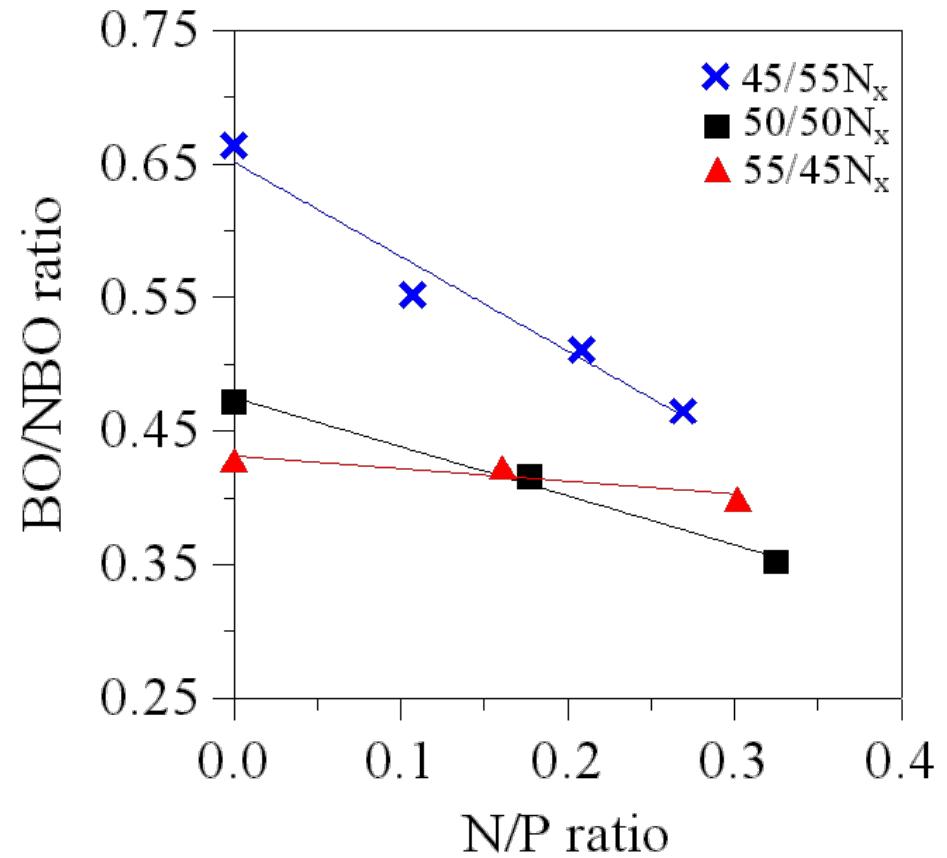
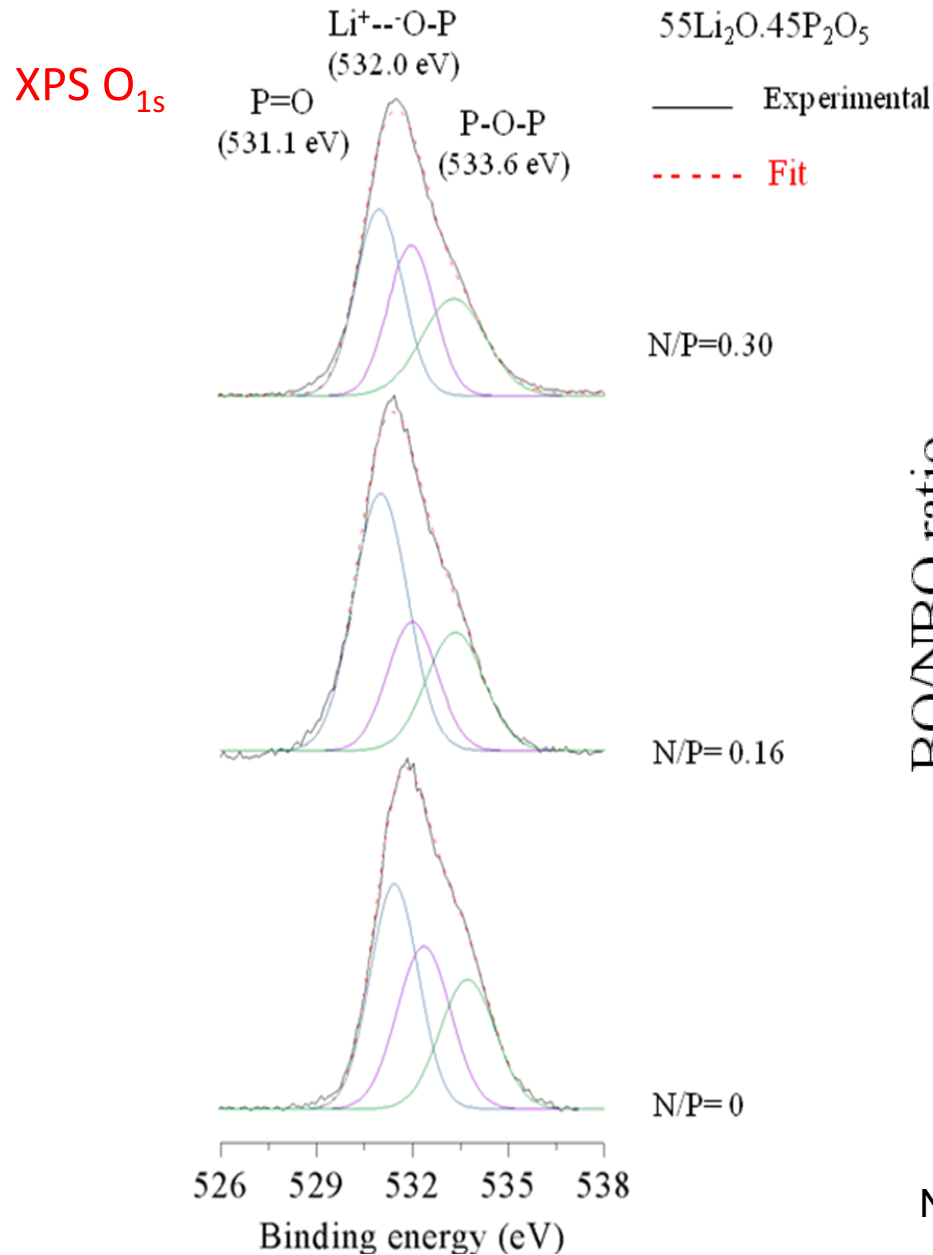
<sup>a</sup> Single-phase impedance spectrum. <sup>b</sup> Phase-separated impedance spectrum. <sup>c</sup> Sample prepared and chemically analyzed by Boukbir and Marchand [7].

- Higher  $\sigma$  in the glassy material than in the crystalline counterpart
- Increase in  $\sigma$  with increasing nitrogen content
- Increase in the thermal and mechanical stability of the electrolyte
- The oxynitride may act as a protecting barrier for Li-metal

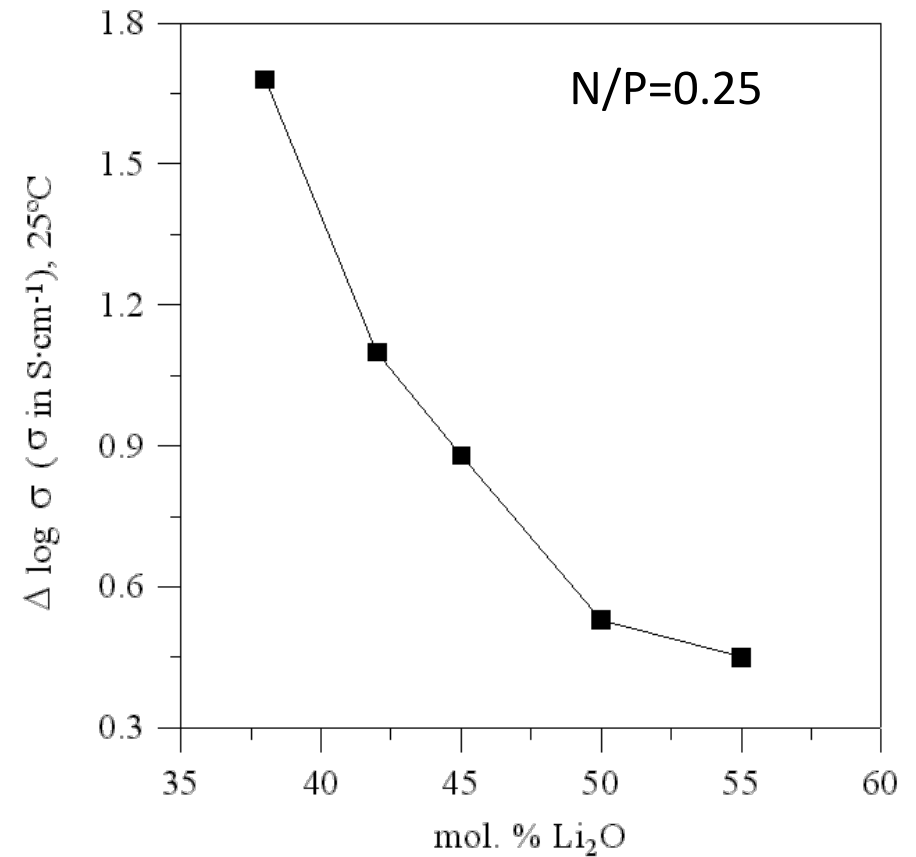
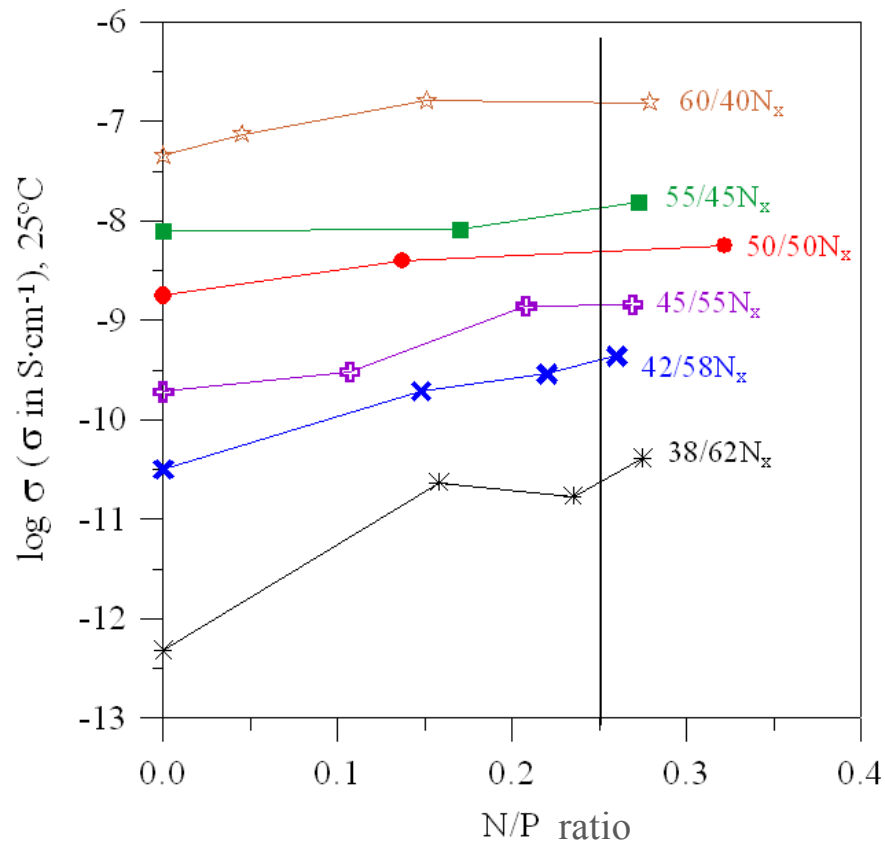
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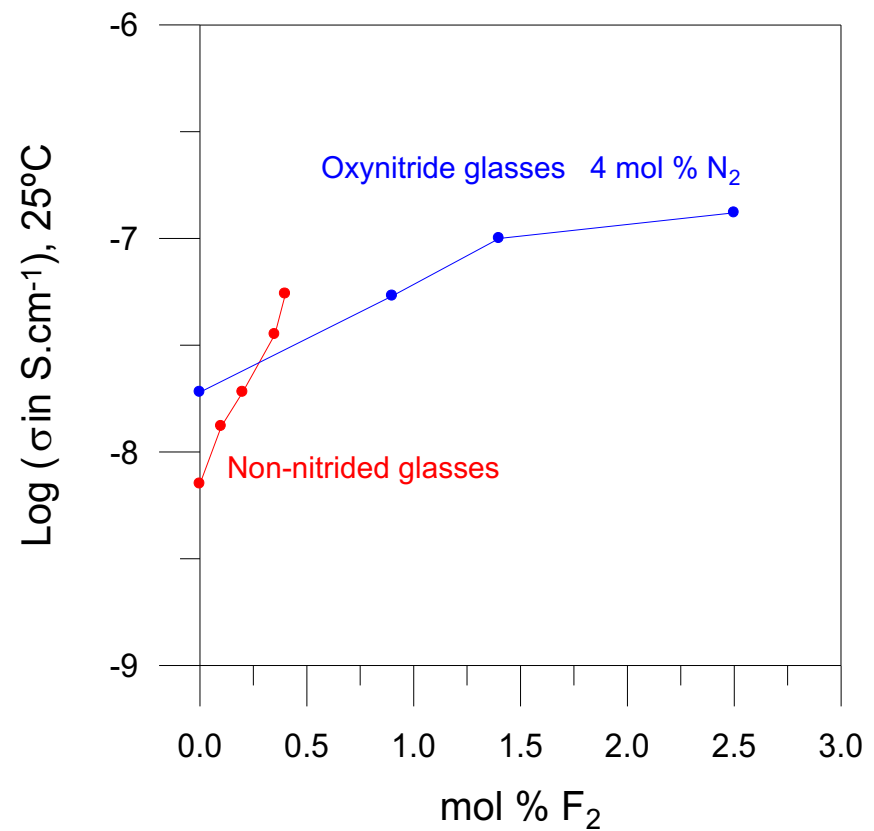
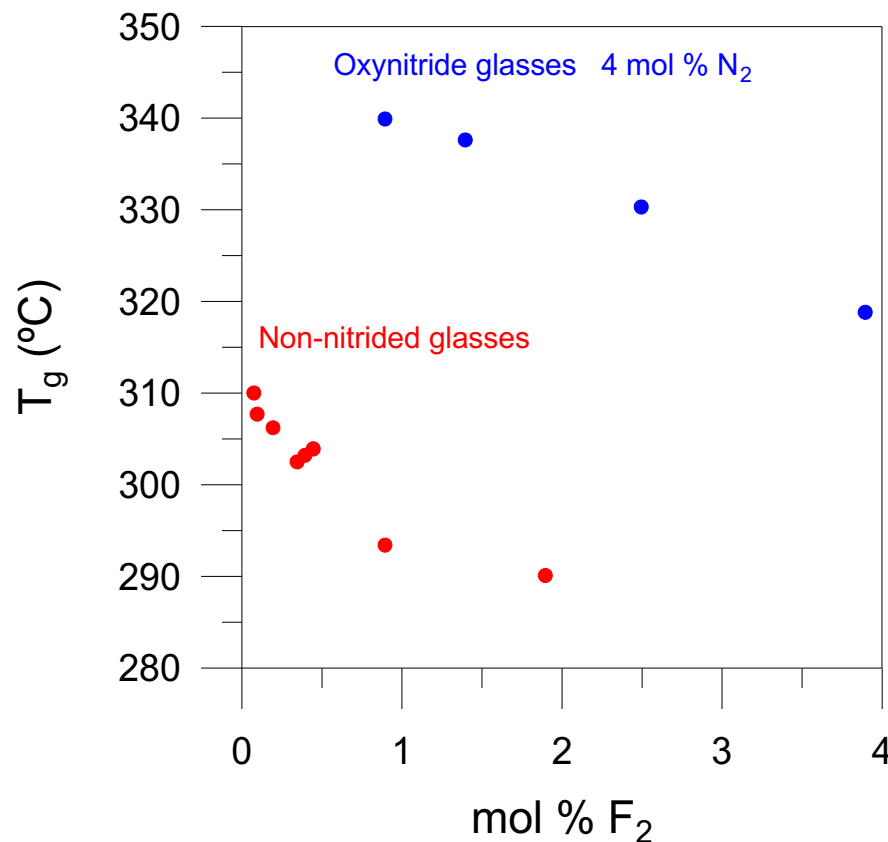
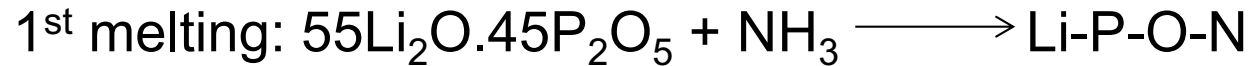
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The change in BO/NBO ratio after nitridation decreases with Li<sub>2</sub>O  
 The higher the BO/NBO change, the higher the increase in  $\sigma$

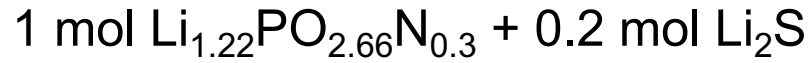
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Synthesis of  $(55-x/2)\text{Li}_2\text{O} \cdot x\text{LiF} \cdot (45-x/2)\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  glasses

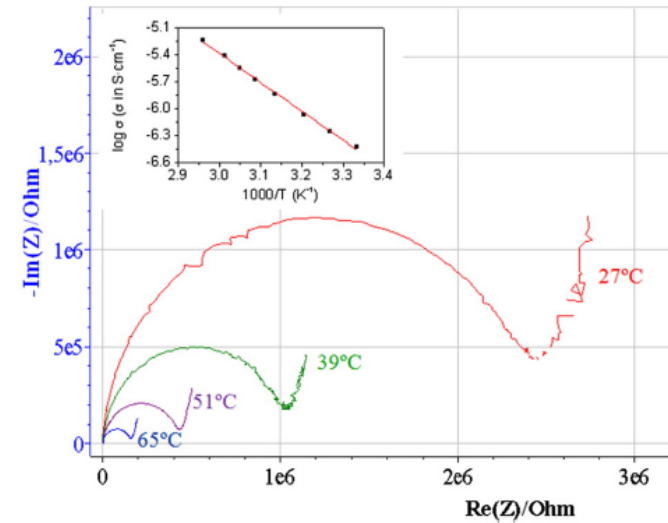
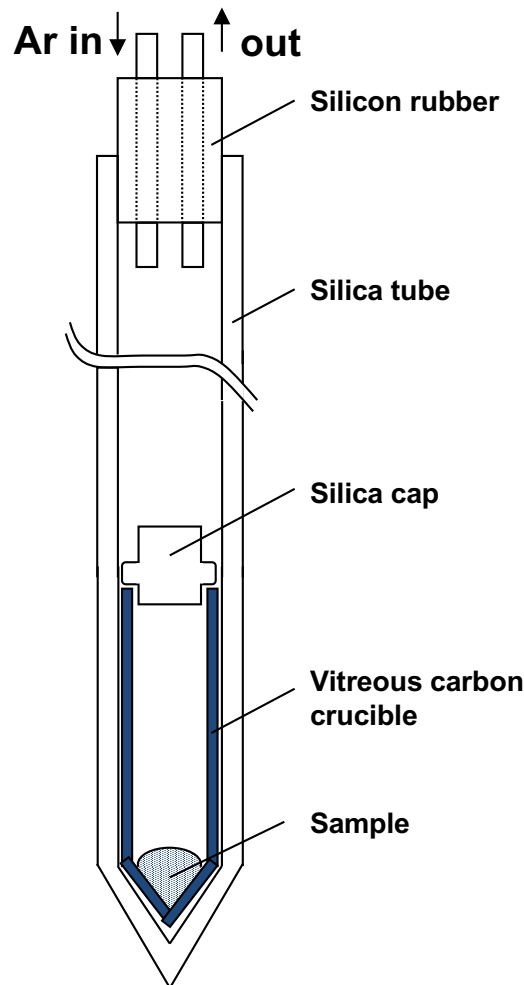




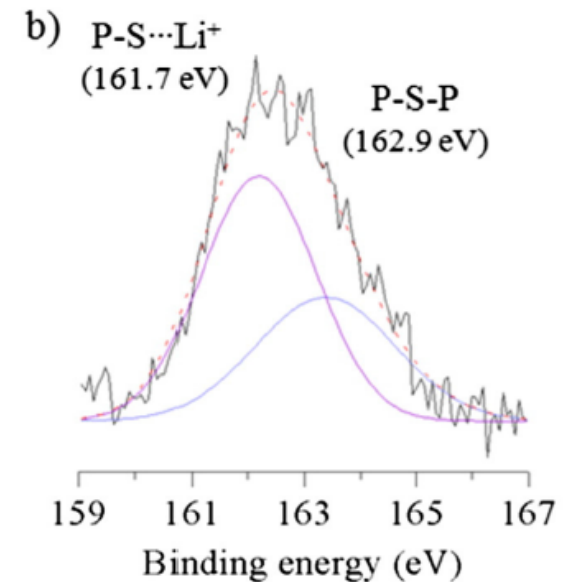
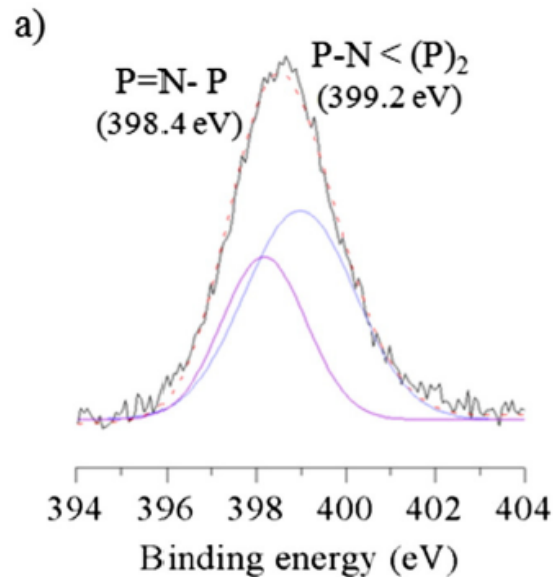
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Melted @ 650°C for 30 min in Ar flow using vitreous carbon crucible



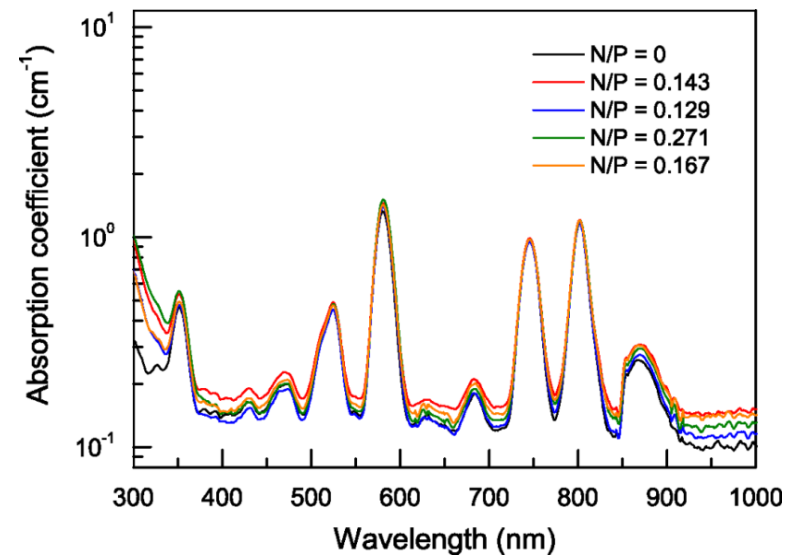
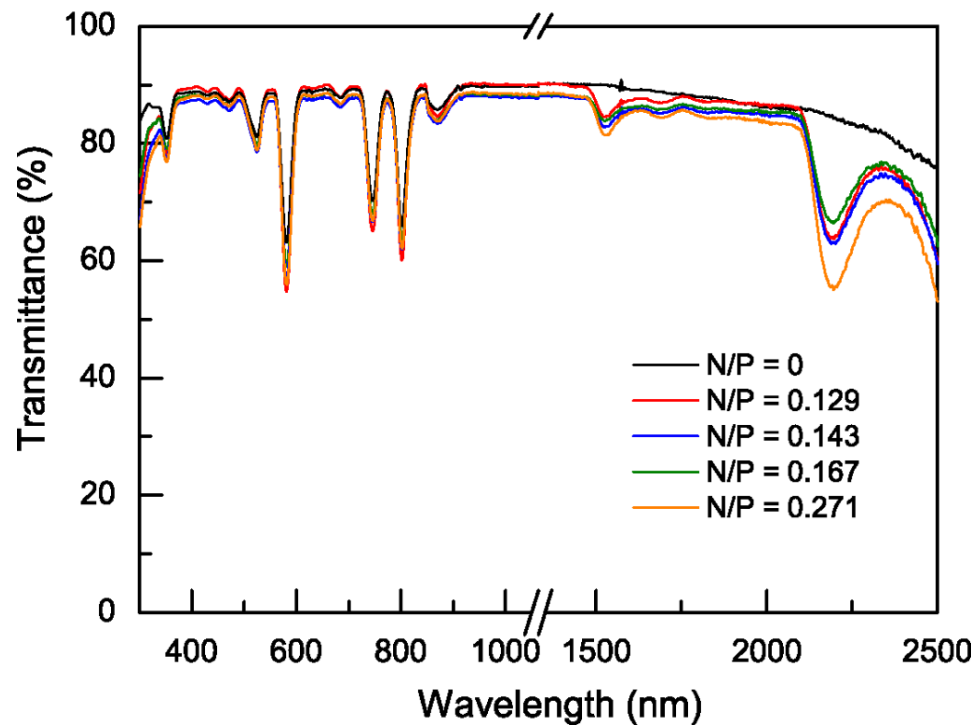
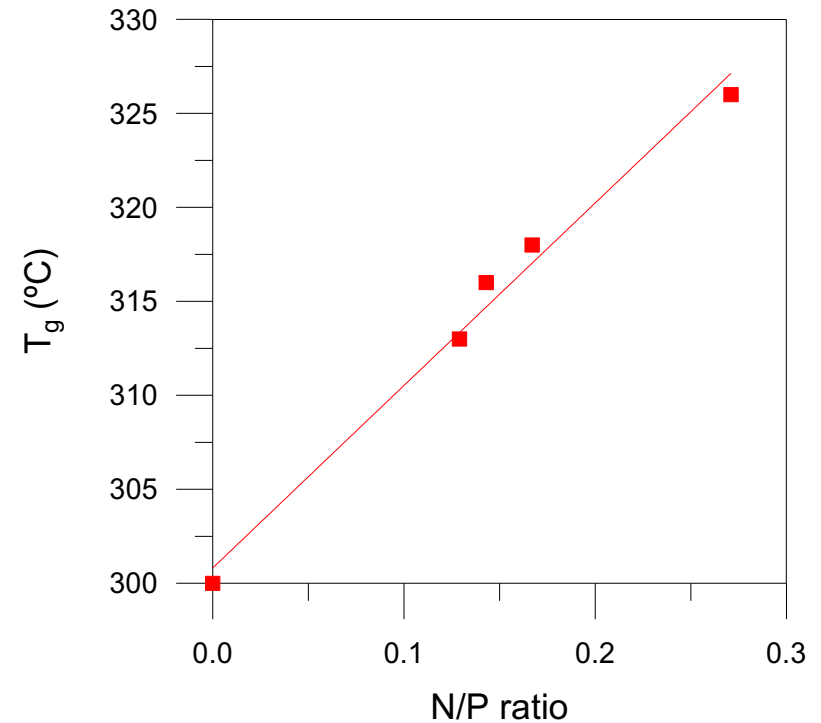
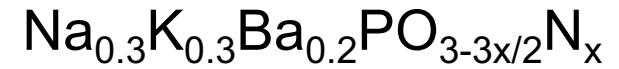
**Log  $\sigma$  LiPON = -7.8**  
**Log  $\sigma$  LiPOSN = -6.6**



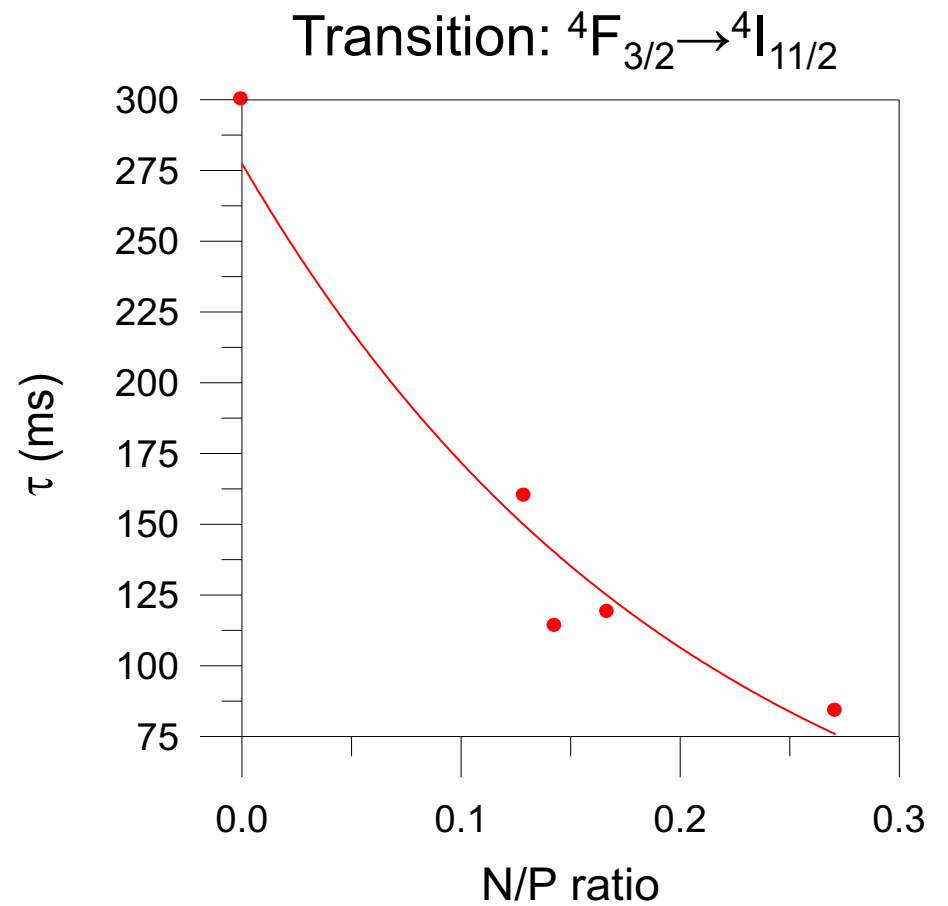
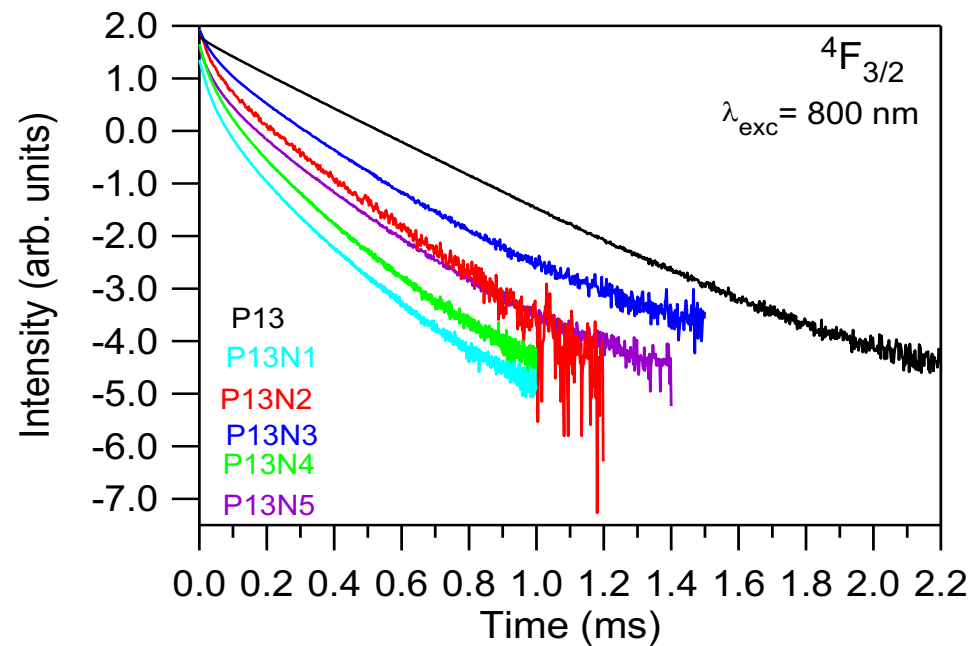
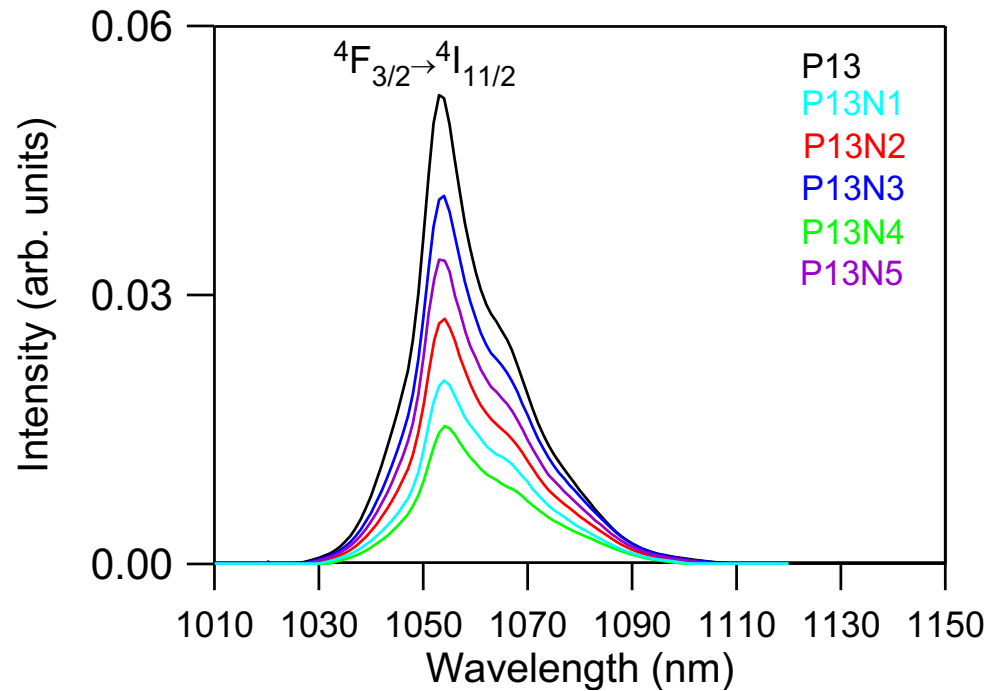
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## Optical properties of nitrated glasses

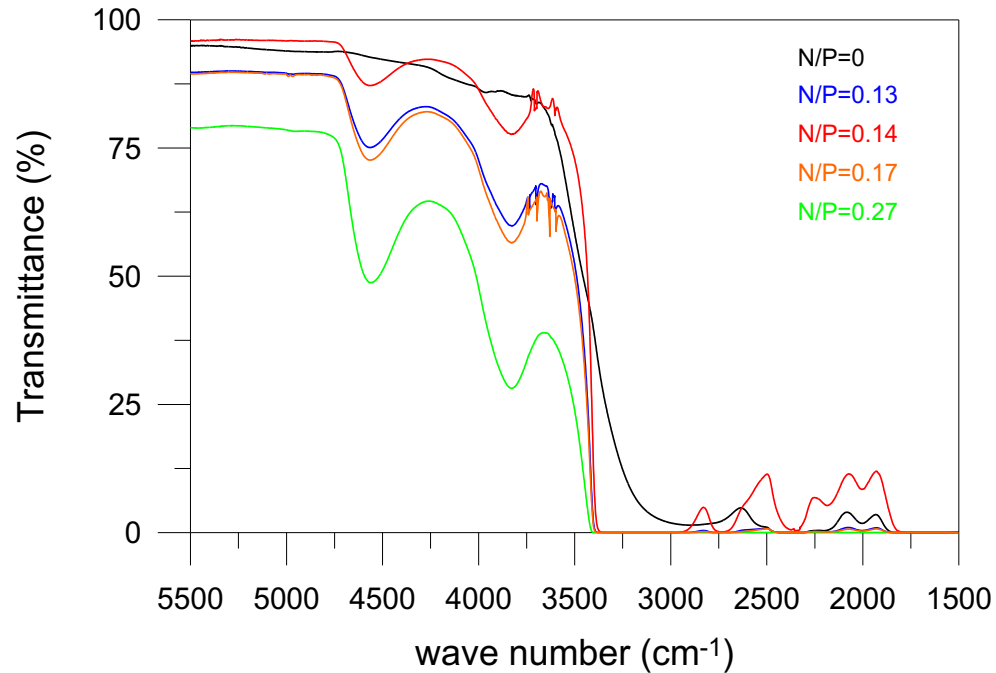
15Na<sub>2</sub>O-15K<sub>2</sub>O-20BaO-50P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>  
+ 0.5 wt. % Nd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



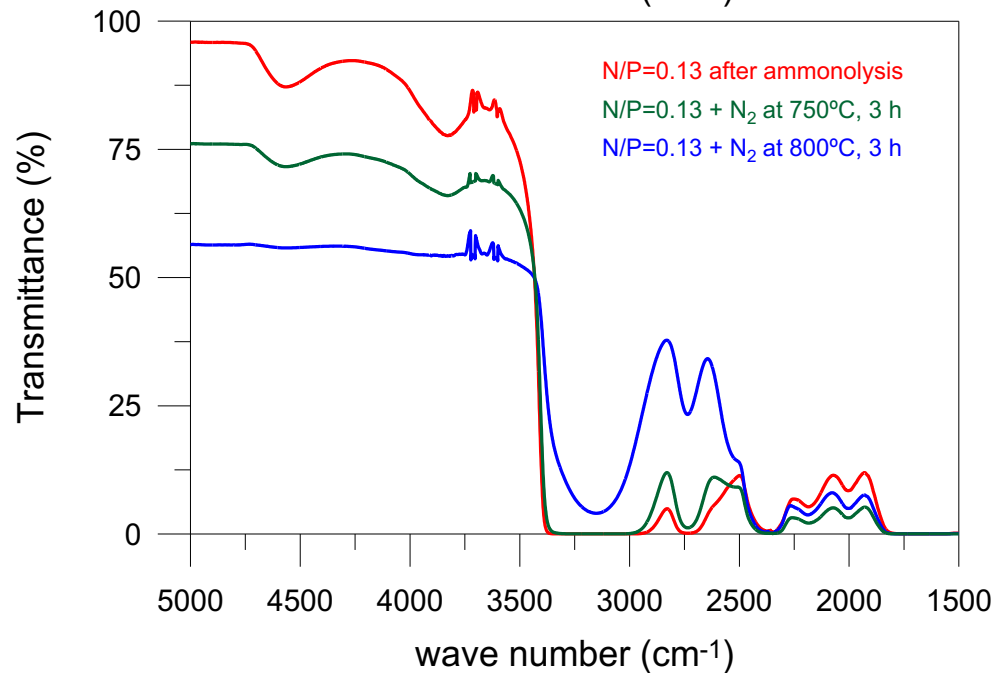
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## Nd-doped luminiscent oxynitride glasses



N-H and O-H bonds may contribute to the non-radiative decay of the Nd<sup>3+</sup> fluorescence and make decrease the Average lifetime



Thermal annealing at temperatures above the ammonolysis T can reduce the water content in the glasses and improve their optical quality

## Conclusions

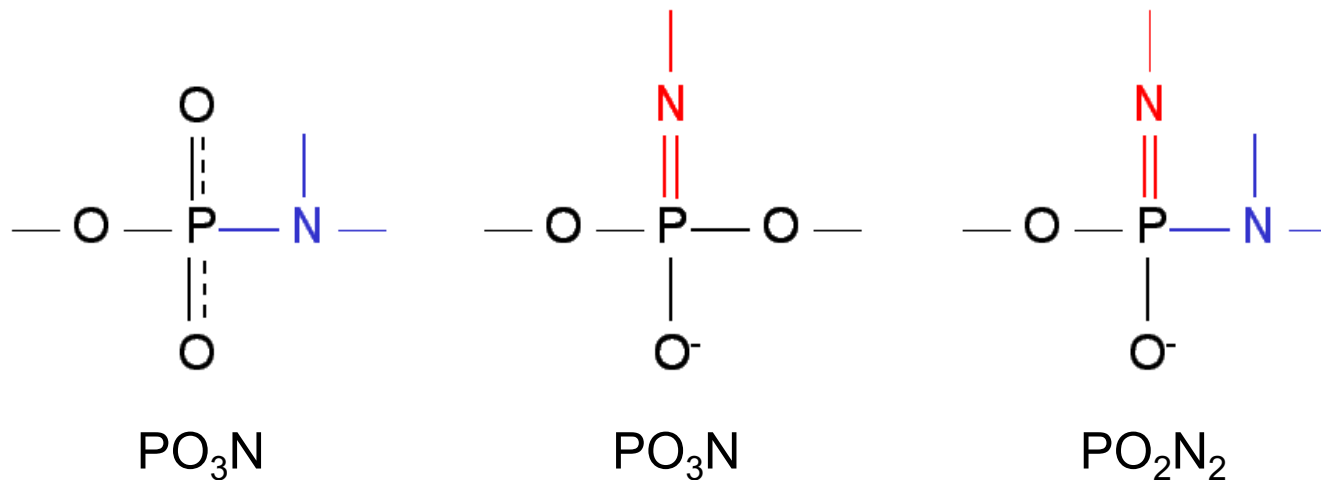
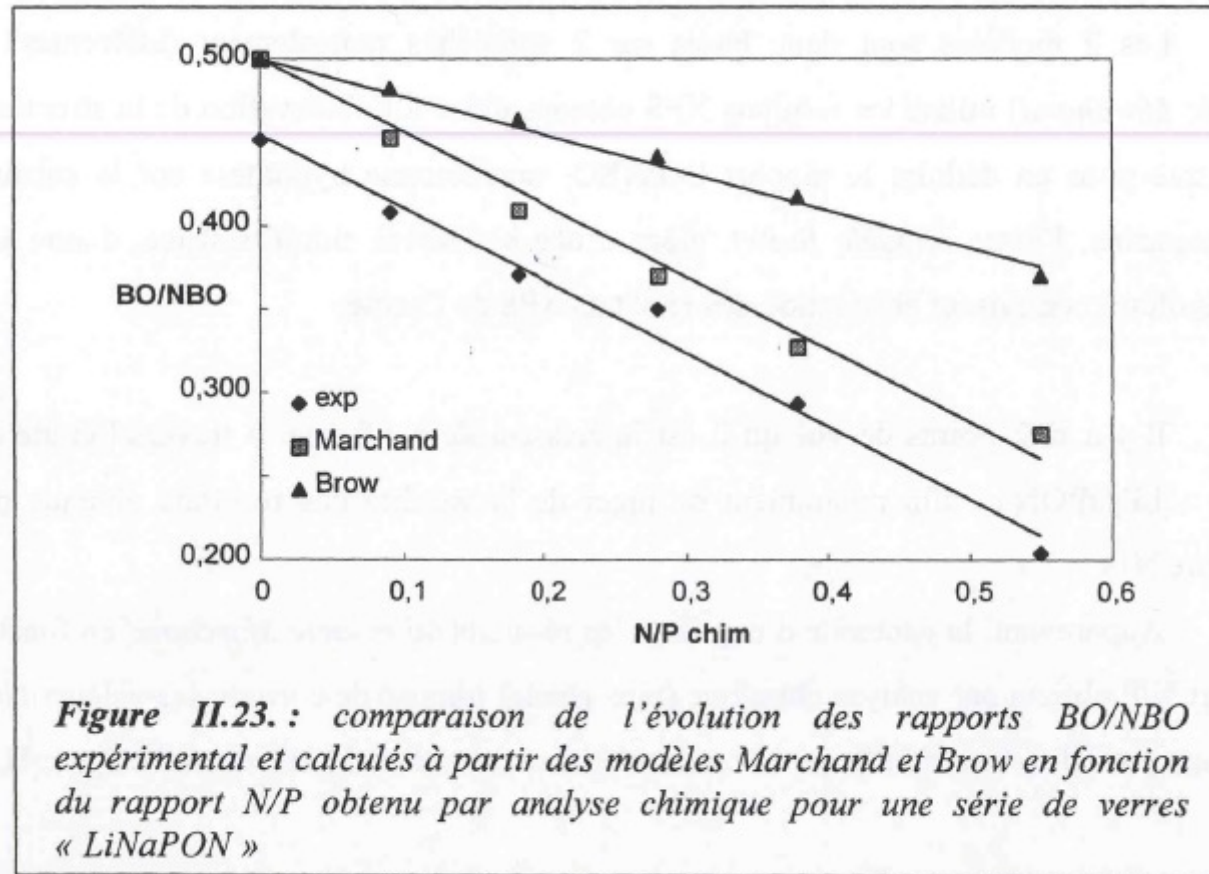
- Nitrogen increases the glass-forming range
- Improves thermal and chemical stability
- Modifies diffusion depending properties
- Allows application of phosphates below  $T_g$

*Thank you for your attention*



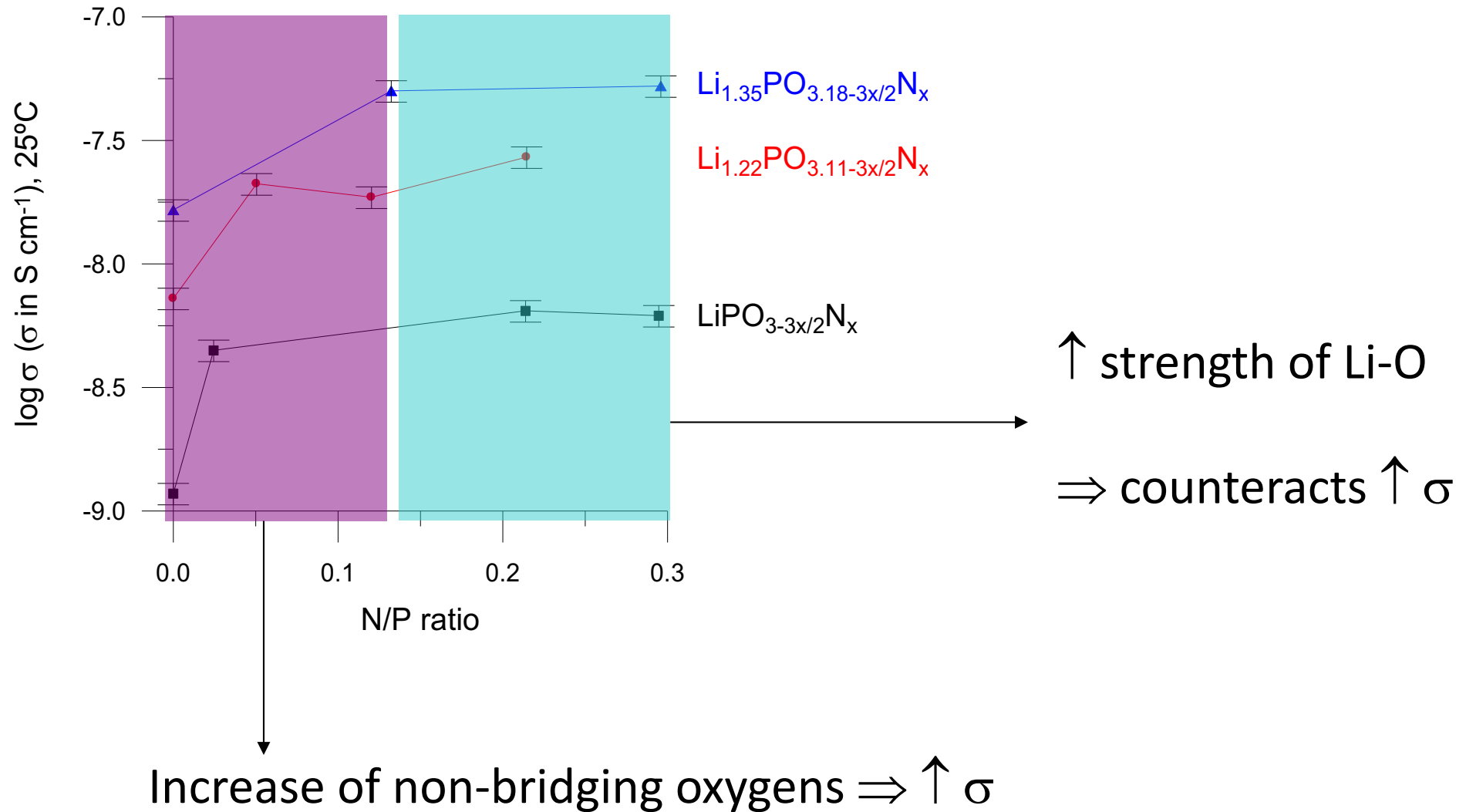
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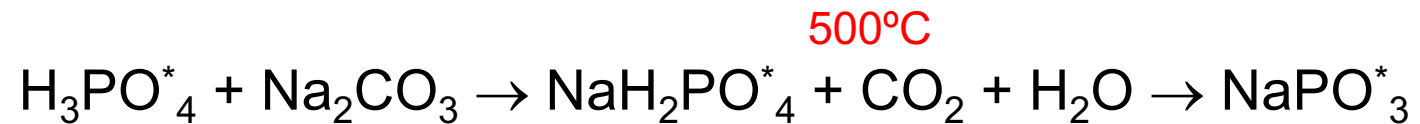
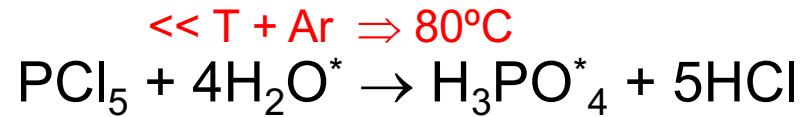


## Oxynitride phosphate glasses: conductivity in LiPON glasses

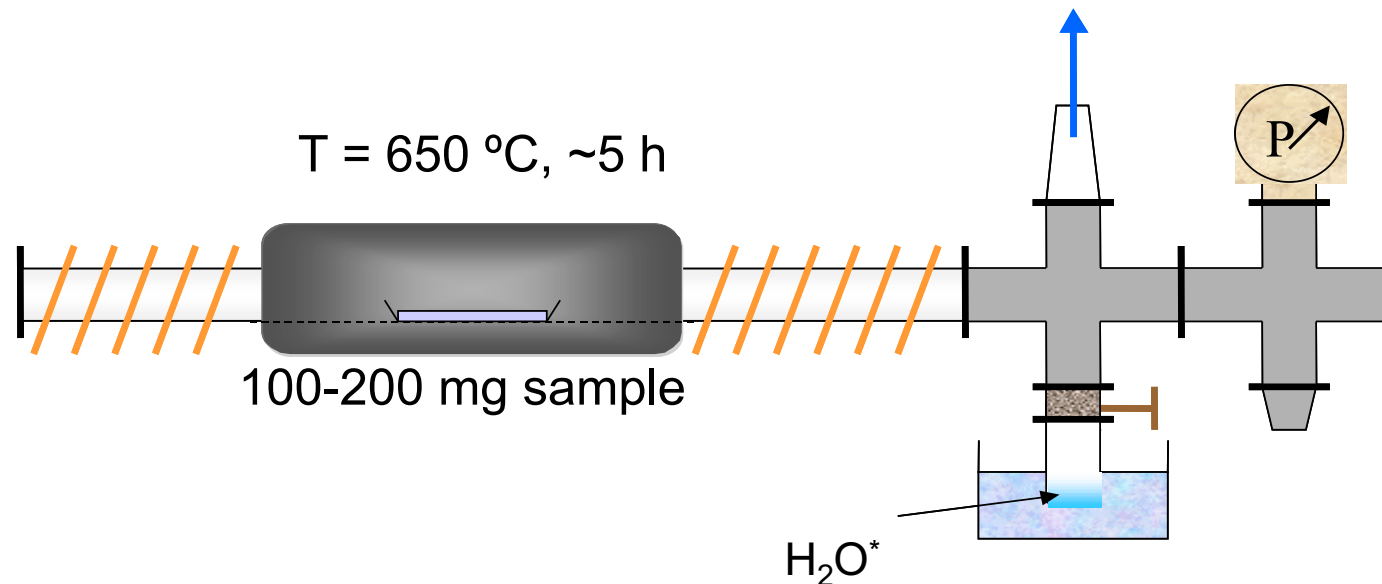


## Structure of oxynitride glasses

Zeyer *et al.* JNCS 311 (2002) 223



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- Easier and cheaper than hydrolysis from  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4^*$
- Simultaneous enrichment of several different samples
- Valid for either crystalline or glassy materials

## Biocompatible/resorbable materials

### **Phosphate glasses in biodegradable composite materials**

- Congruent dissolution in aqueous media
- Control of the dissolution rate
- Glass formulation with bio-compatible elements

### **Applications**

Reinforcement with polymers and calcium phosphate cements

Phosphate glass fibers

Drugs release; Antibacterial effect, antimicrobial (Ga, Cu, Ag)

Fluorine release for reparation in odontology

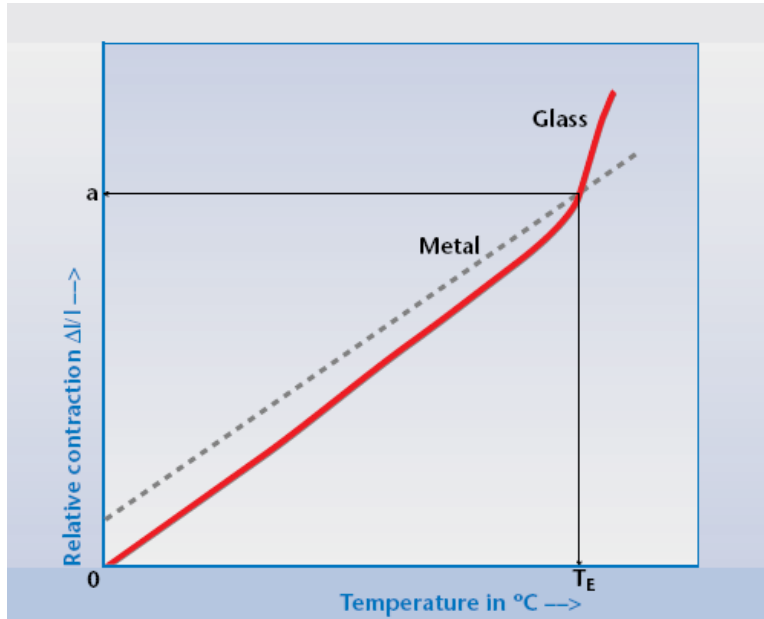
**Increase of chemical durability** → + Fe, Al

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## Low temperature sealing glasses

TV solder glasses:  $\text{BaO-PbO-ZnO-B}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$

PbO must be substituted : Low softening T and high CTE



source: *SCHOTT technical handbook*



1. Sealing temperature  $T < T_m$  melting temperature
2. Viscosity:  $\text{Log } \eta = 3 - 5$
3. Adjust coefficient of thermal expansion  

$$\Delta\alpha = \alpha_m - \alpha_g = 0.5 - 1.10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$$
5. Minimize residual tensions
5. High chemical durability at the same time
6. Low thermal expansion
7. High electrical resistance