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# Strategy for developing new structural materials for industrial applications in molten silicate glass: fundamental study of the molten glass interaction with model alloys

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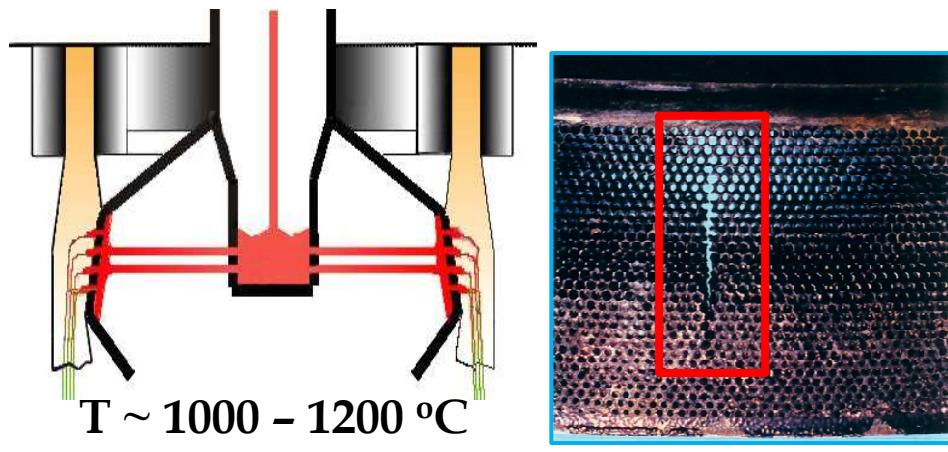
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# Context

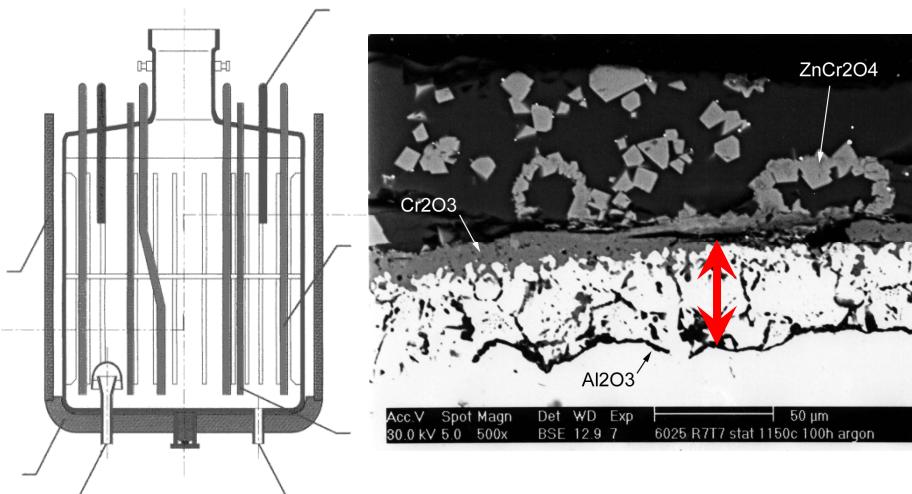
# Industrial aspects

## Glass fiberizing



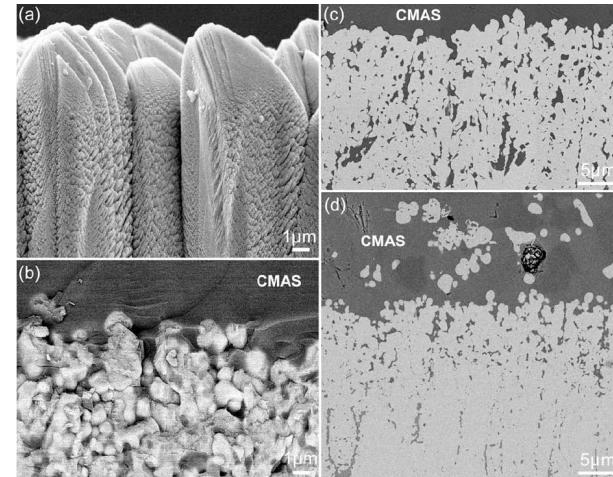
Rotation  $\sim 2000$  rpm

## Vitrification of nuclear wastes



Pénétration du verre dans l'alliage

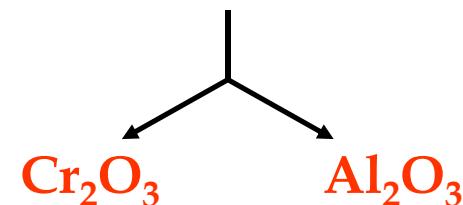
## Aeronautical applications: Thermal Barrier Coatings



Corrosion by  $\text{CaO}-\text{MgO}-\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3-\text{SiO}_2$   
(CMAS) at  $1200^\circ\text{C}$

Glass = corrosive medium

Ni-based  
superalloys  
with Al, Cr



# Outline

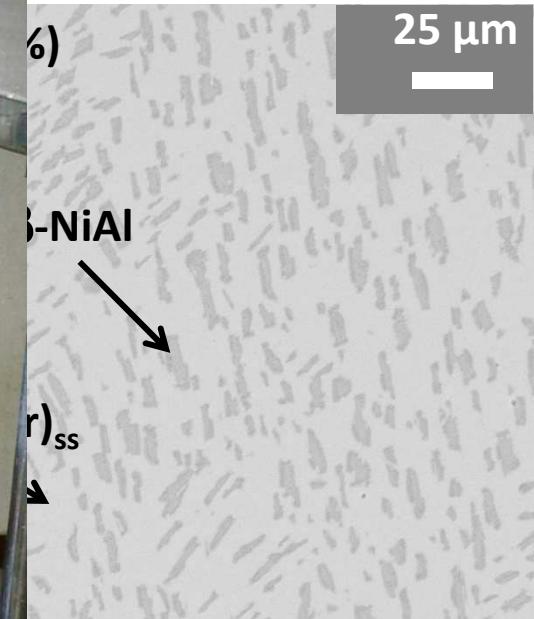
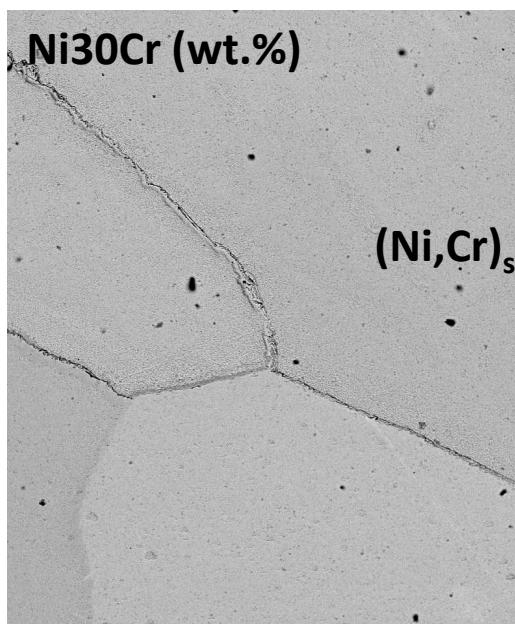
- 1) Corrosion of
  - ✓ **chromia** forming alloy → Ni30Cr (wt.%)
  - ✓ **alumina** forming alloy → Ni8Al28Cr (wt.%)

in soda lime silicate glass ( $\text{Na}_2\text{O}-\text{CaO}-3\text{SiO}_2 = \text{NC3S}$ ).
- 2) Physicochemistry of the protective oxide in the melt.  
Determination of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  solubility in soda lime silicate melts as a function of:
  - oxygen fugacity ( $f\text{O}_2$ )
  - glass composition
  - temperature

# Corrosion of alloys by molten glass

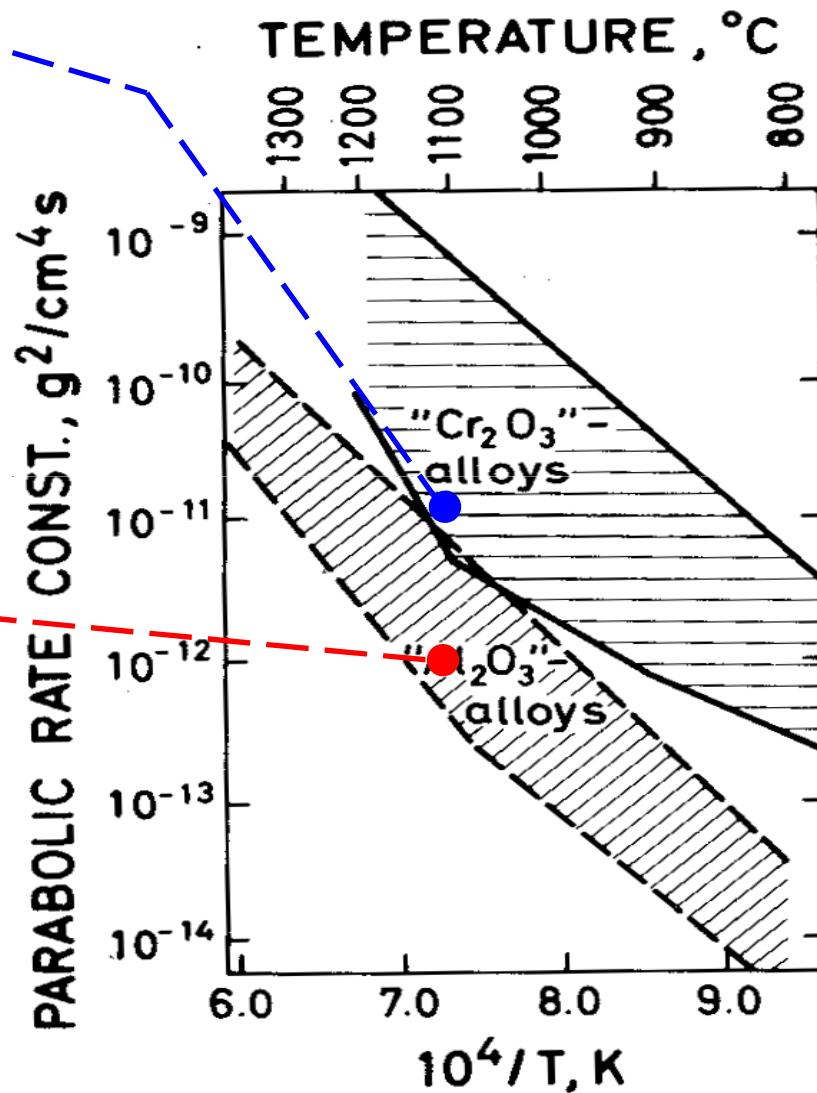
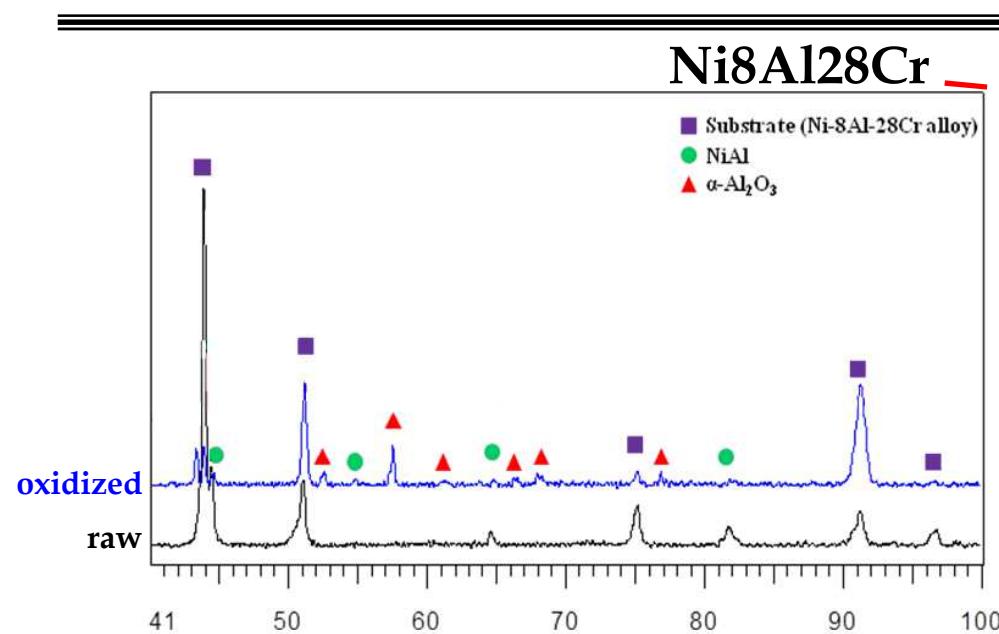
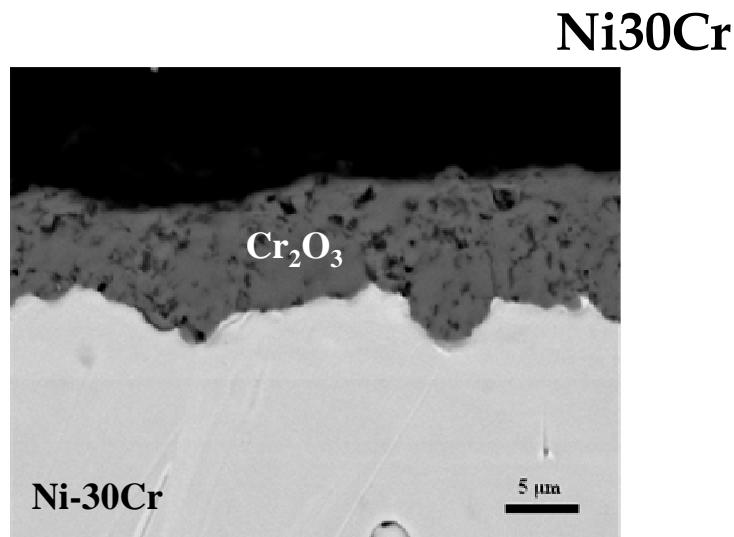
## Alloys preparation

- Induction heating in high frequency furnace



# Corrosion of alloys by molten glass

## Hot air oxidation of the alloys at 1100°C (100 h)



# Corrosion of alloys by molten glass

## Electrochemical measurements

Polarization resistance, free potential, I vs. E measurements at high temperature.

3 specific electrodes:

WE = Working Electrode  
(Pt wire and alloy rods)

RE = Reference Electrode  
(Yttria Stabilized Zirconia)

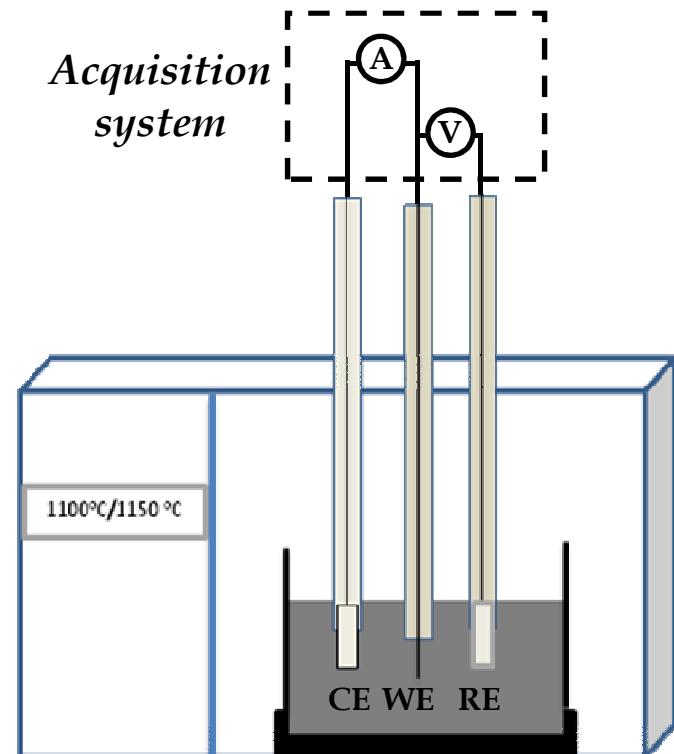
CE = Counter Electrode (Pt plate)



(a)

Furnace

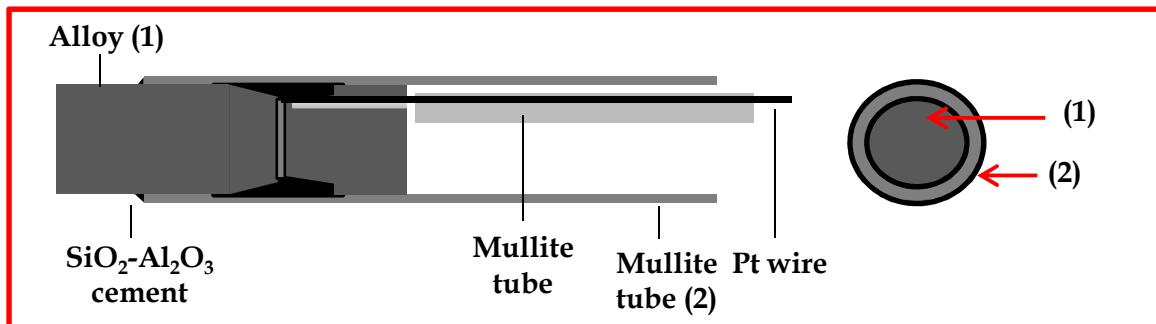
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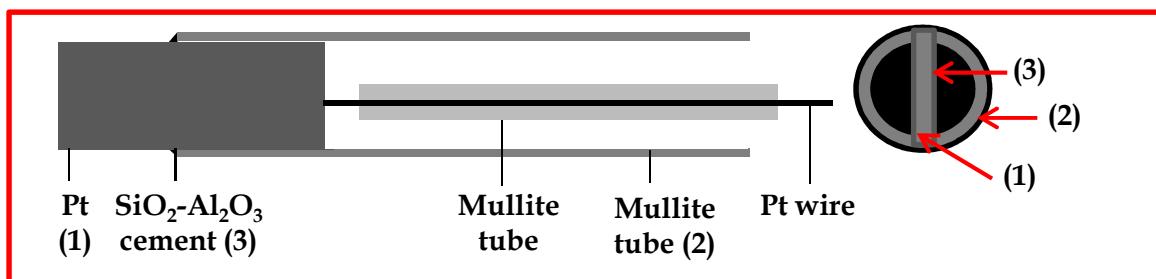
# Corrosion of alloys by molten glass

## Electrochemical measurements

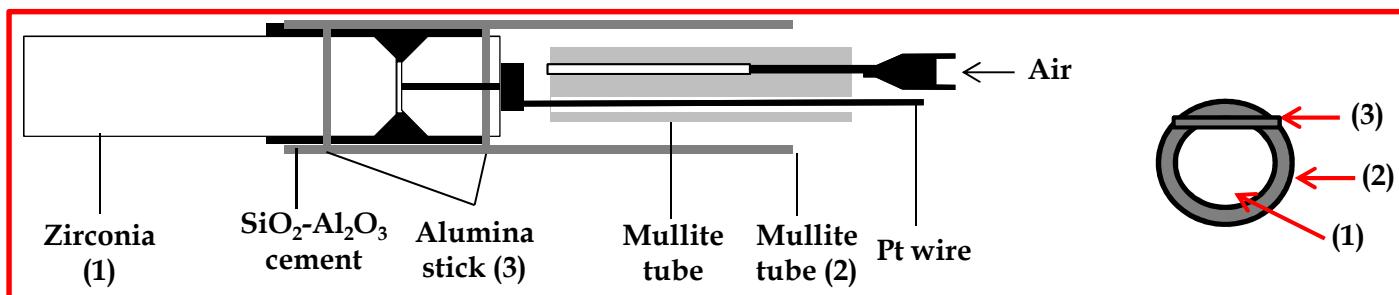
### Electrodes:



Working electrode



Counter electrode

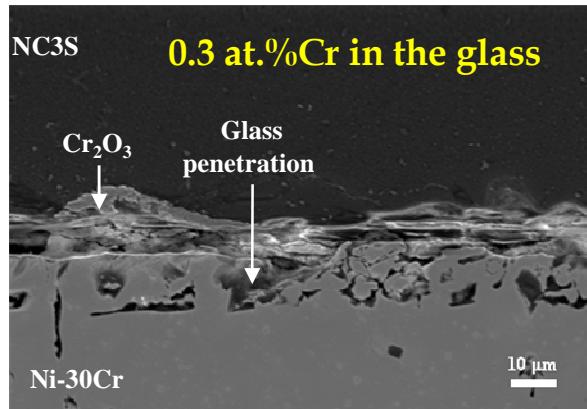


Yttria  
stabilized  
zirconia  
reference  
electrode  
(YSZ)

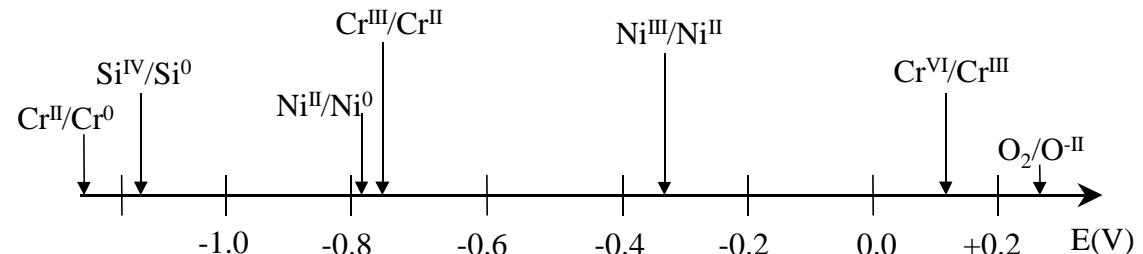


# Corrosion of Ni<sub>30</sub>Cr by molten glass

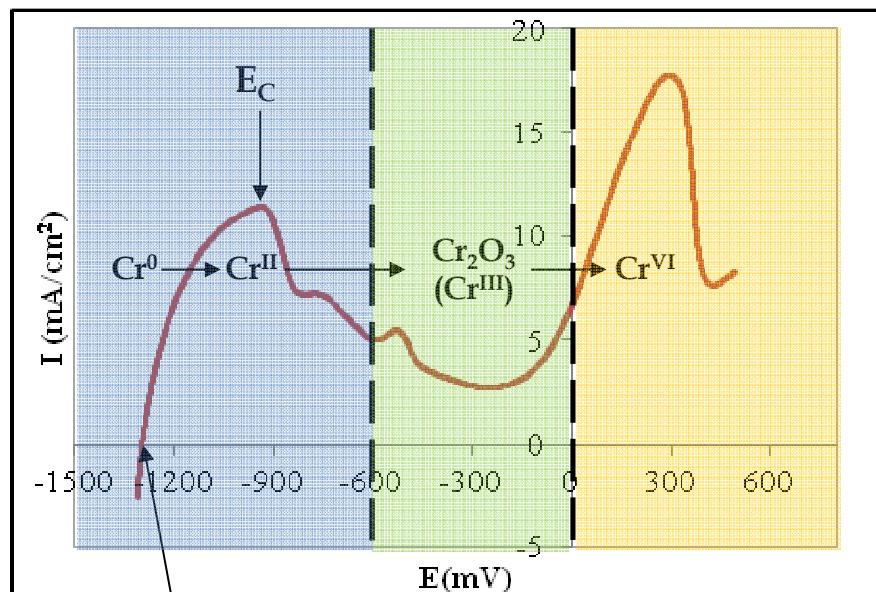
Raw immersion in molten NC3S (1100°C/ 24 h)



NC3S      0.3 at.%Cr in the glass      CORROSION !

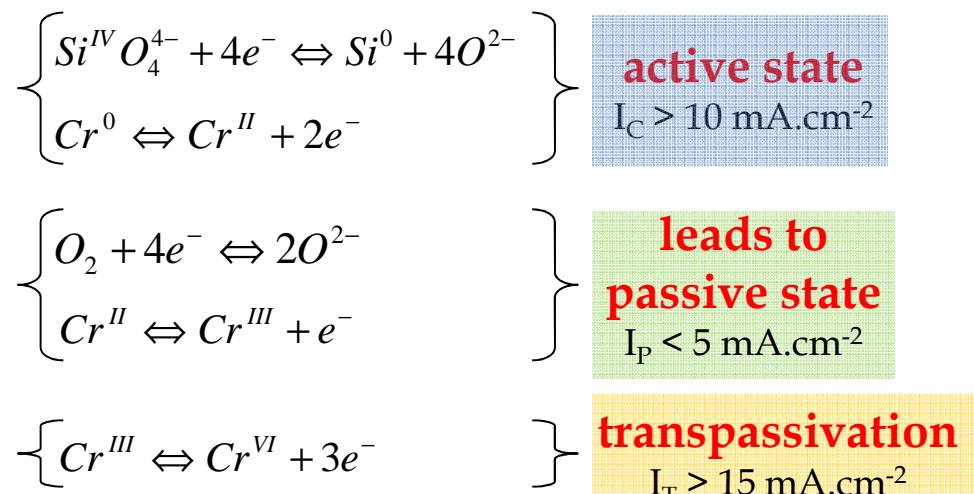


Electrochemical measurements (1100°C)



$$E_{\text{corr}} \sim -1300 \text{ mV}$$

$$R_p \sim 9 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2 \rightarrow V_{\text{corr}} \sim 5 \text{ cm/year !!}$$



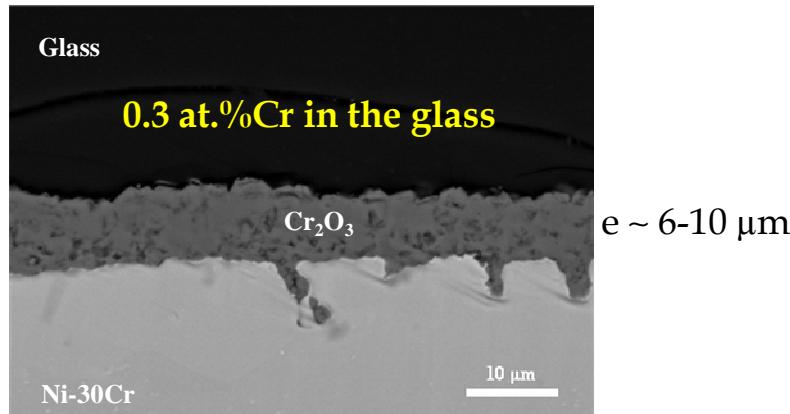
CORROSION !

Passivation by preoxidation heat treatment ?

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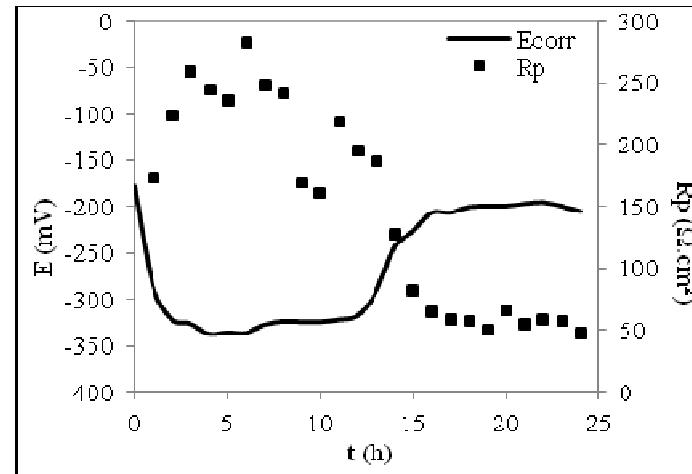
TGA analysis → preoxidation at 1100°C/2h ~ 5 µm thick Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> layer

Raw immersion in molten NC3S (1100°C/24 h)



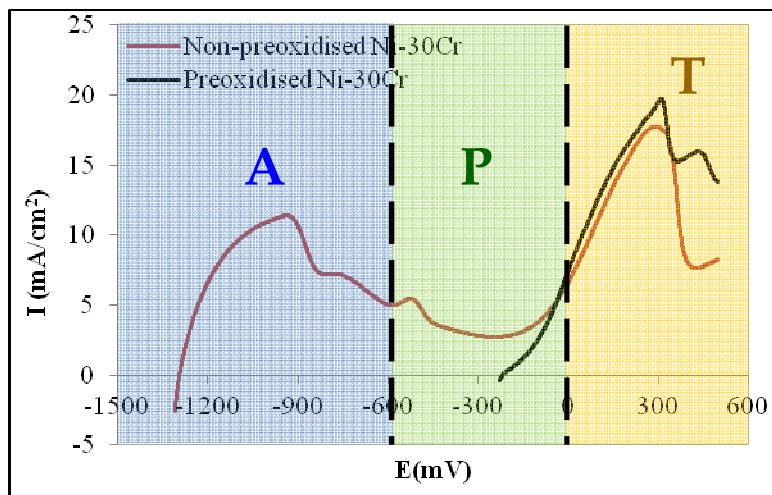
**PROTECTION**

E<sub>corr</sub> and R<sub>p</sub> measurements (24 h)



$$-320 \text{ mV} < E_{\text{corr}} < -200 \text{ mV}$$
$$60 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2 < R_p < 250 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$$

Linear polarization after 24 h in NC3S



→ **PASSIVE STATE**

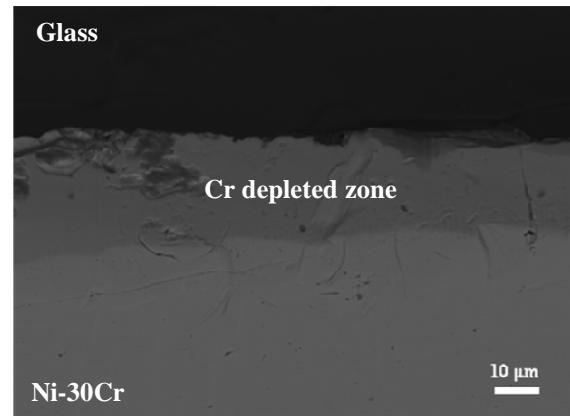
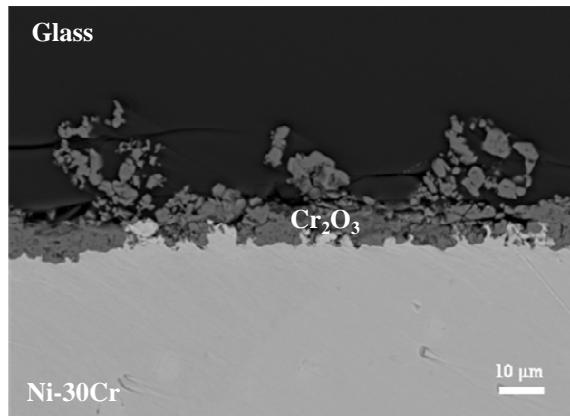


**Protection:**  
Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> growth > Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> dissolution

# Corrosion of Ni<sub>30</sub>Cr by molten glass

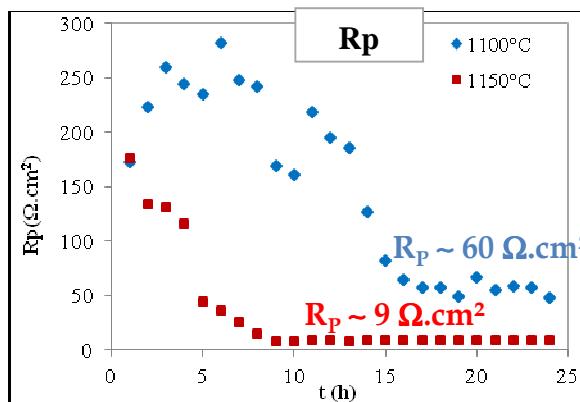
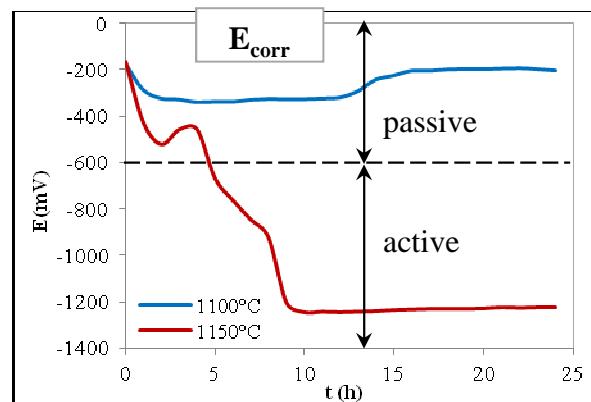
Influence of the temperature → immersion at 1150°C  
After 2 hours of preoxidation

Raw immersion in molten NC3S (1150°C/24 h)

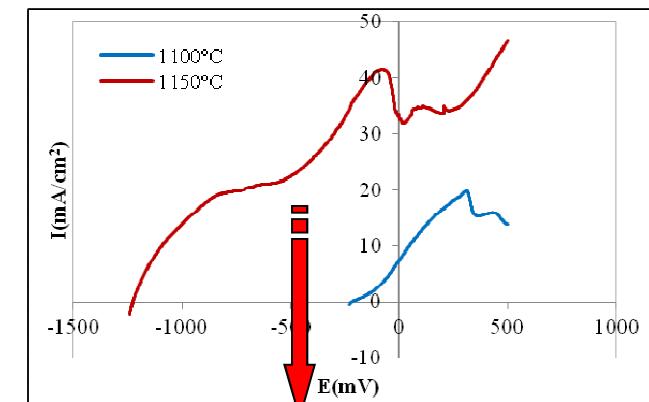


→ CORROSION !

E<sub>corr</sub> and R<sub>p</sub> measurements (24 h)



Linear polarization after 24 h in NC3S



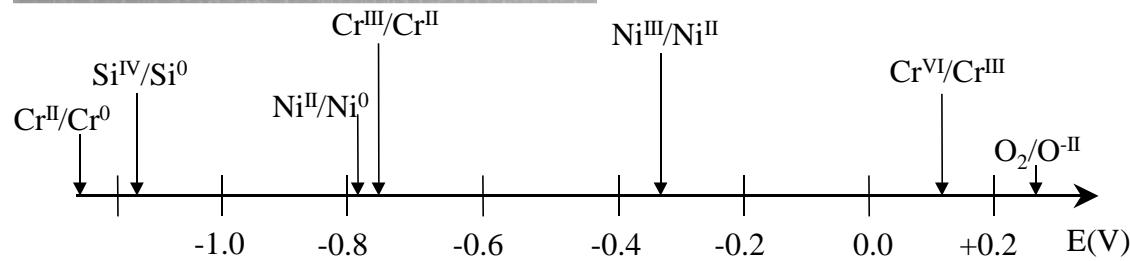
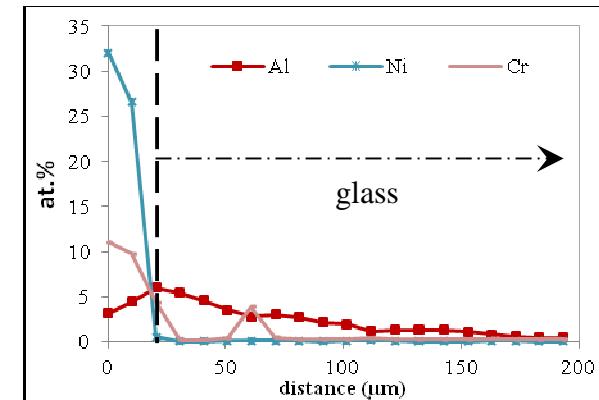
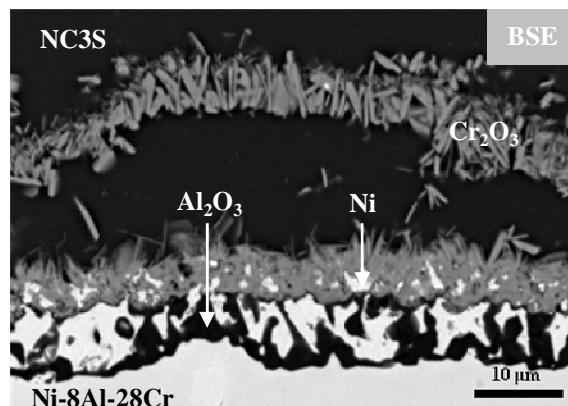
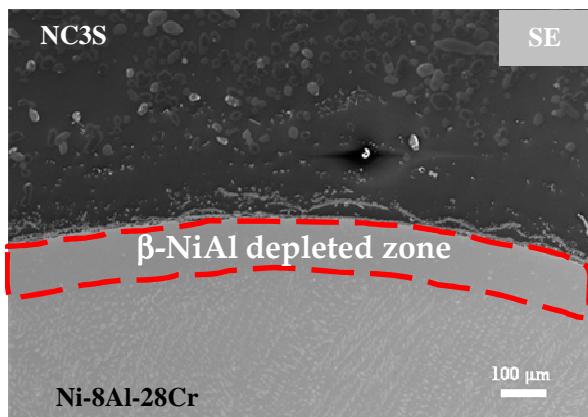
Impossible to obtain passivation at 1150°C

T ↗ ⇒ Cr solubility ↗ ⇒ Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> dissolution > Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> growth

In NC3S, 1100°C < T<sub>depassivation</sub> < 1150°C

# Corrosion of Ni8Al28Cr by molten glass

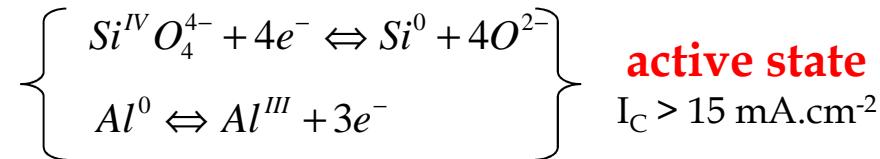
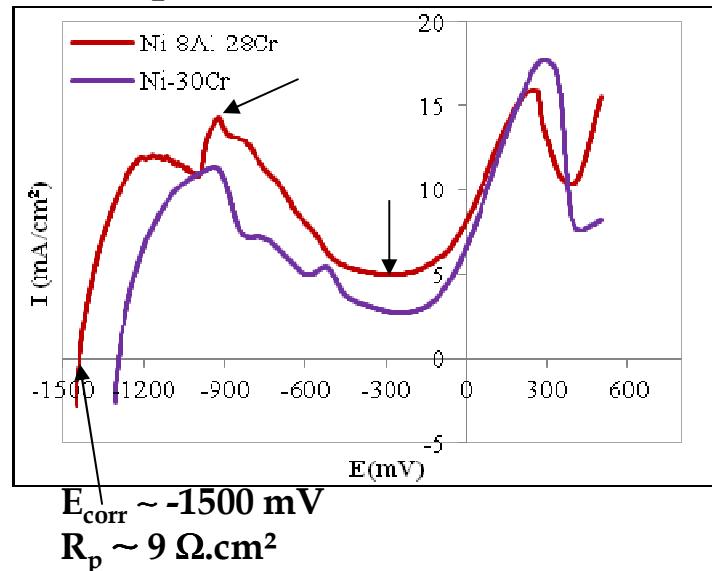
Raw immersion in molten NC3S (1100°C/24 h)



Limit of solubility in soda lime silicates at 1300°C (at.%) <sup>(1)</sup>	
Cr	Al
0.6	21.3

<sup>(1)</sup> L.J Manfredo *et al.*, J. Am. Ceram. Soc. 67, 155-157 (1984)

Linear polarization after 24 h in NC3S



**Ni8Al28Cr:**

- higher critical current density
- higher current density on the passivation plateau

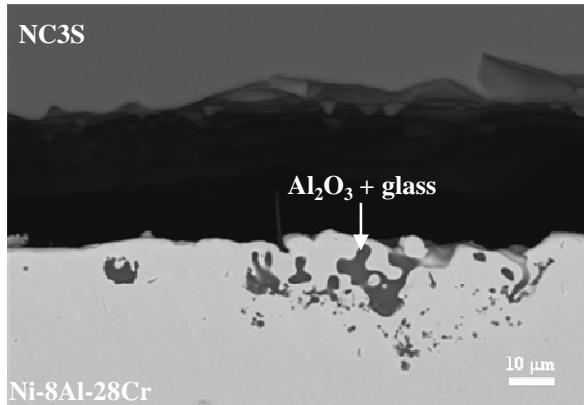


**Protection by  $Al_2O_3$  scale ?**

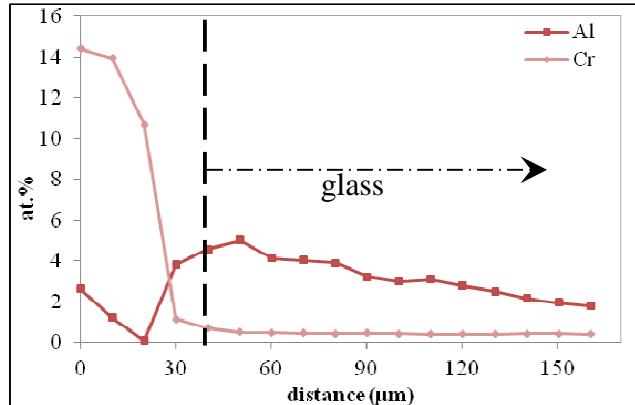
# Corrosion of Ni8Al28Cr by molten glass

TGA analysis → preoxidation at 1100°C/24h ~ 2 µm thick  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  layer

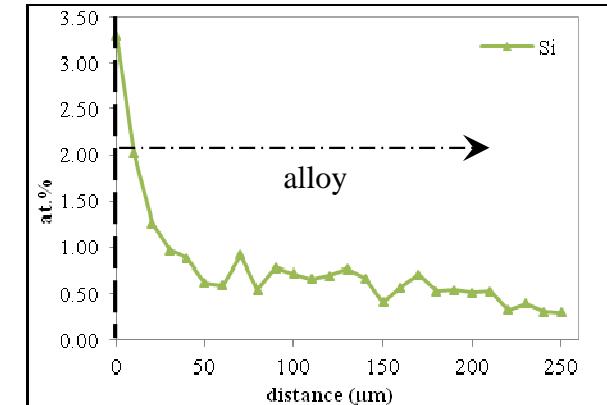
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No protective scale

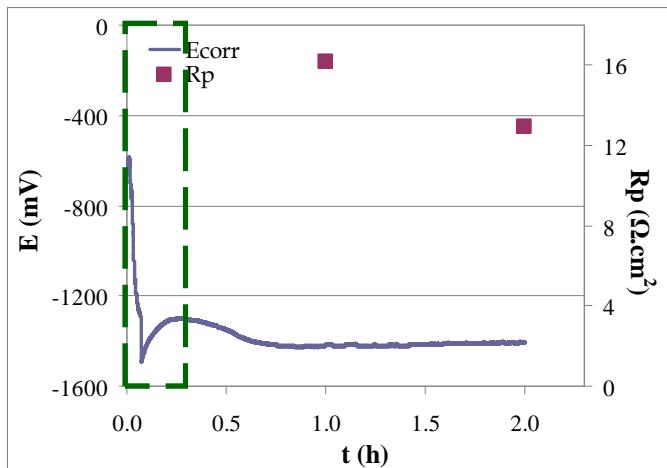


High dissolution of Al in NC3S



Presence of Si in the alloy

$E_{\text{corr}}$  and  $R_p$  measurements (2 h)



➤  $t = 0$  ;  $E_{\text{corr}} \sim -550$  mV

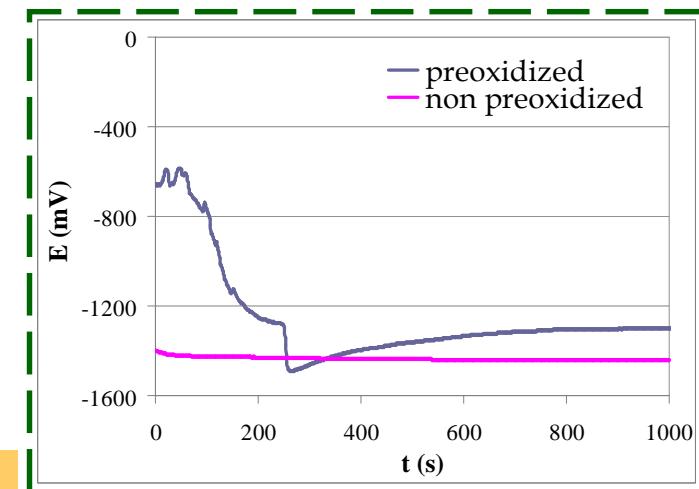
→ passive state

➤  $t = 5$  min ;  $E_{\text{corr}} \sim -1.3$  V

→ active state

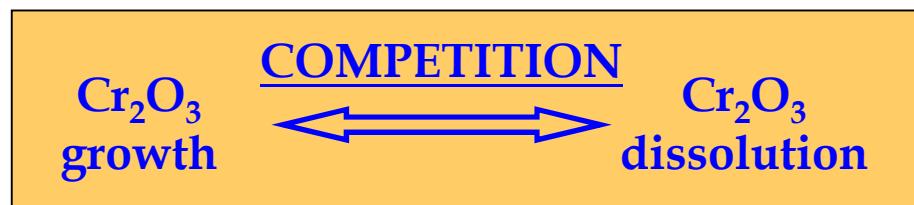


Dissolution of the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  layer in NC3S in 5 min !



# Physico-chemistry of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ in molten glass

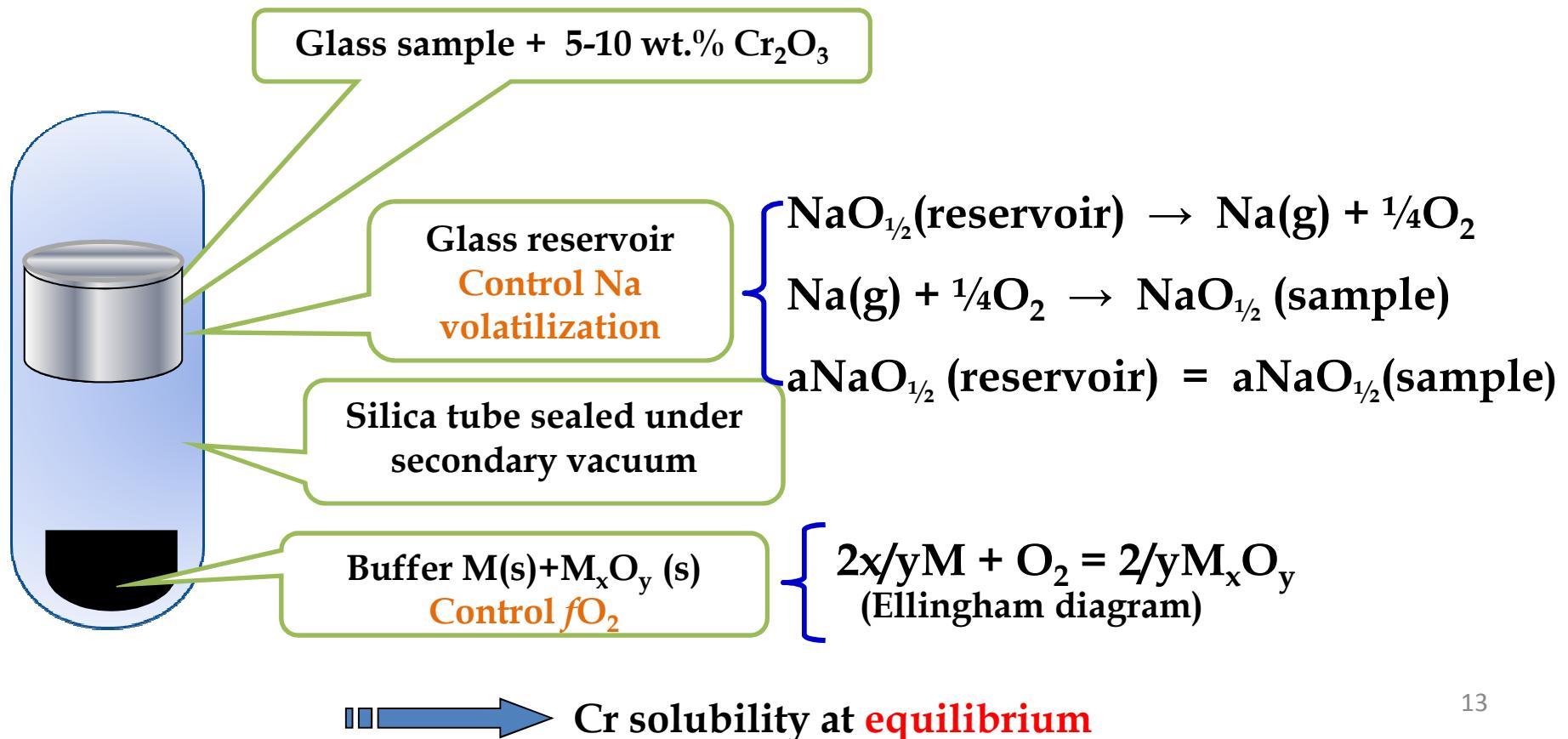
Durability of the protective oxide scale



Limit of solubility ruled by

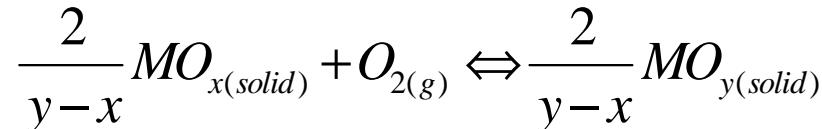
## Experimental device

- ✓ temperature
- ✓ glass composition
- ✓ oxygen fugacity

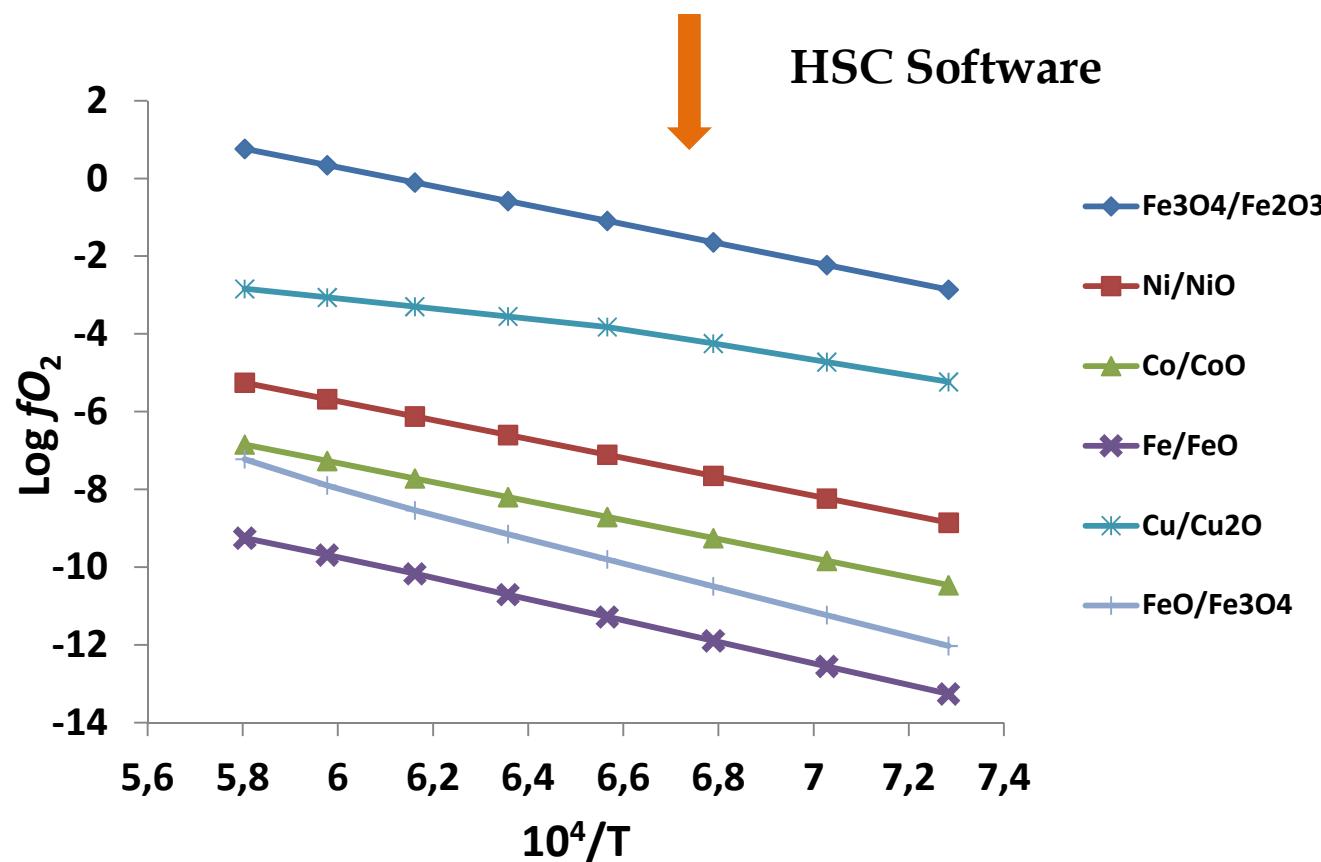


# Physico-chemistry of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ in molten glass

## MO<sub>x</sub>/MO<sub>y</sub> buffers



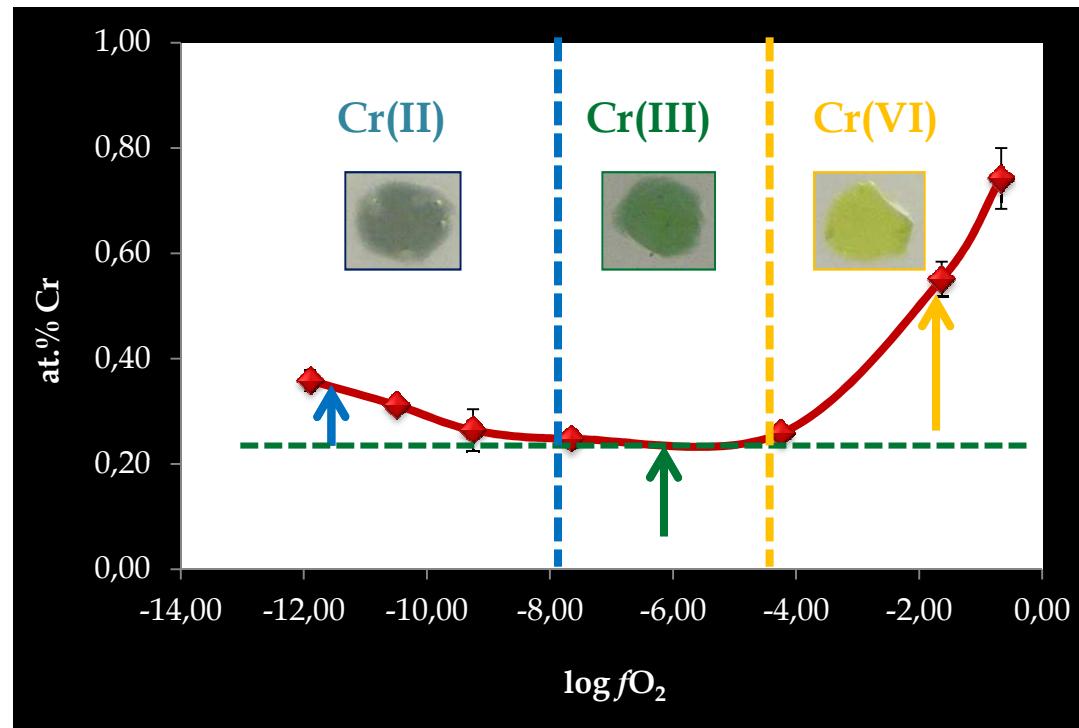
$$K = \frac{1}{fO_2}$$



# Physico-chemistry of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ in molten glass

## Influence of $f\text{O}_2$

Cr solubility in NC3S ( $T = 1200^\circ\text{C}$ )



At equilibrium,  $\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}$  is assumed to remain constant with  $f\text{O}_2$  at a given  $T$  as long as  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  is remaining in the melts

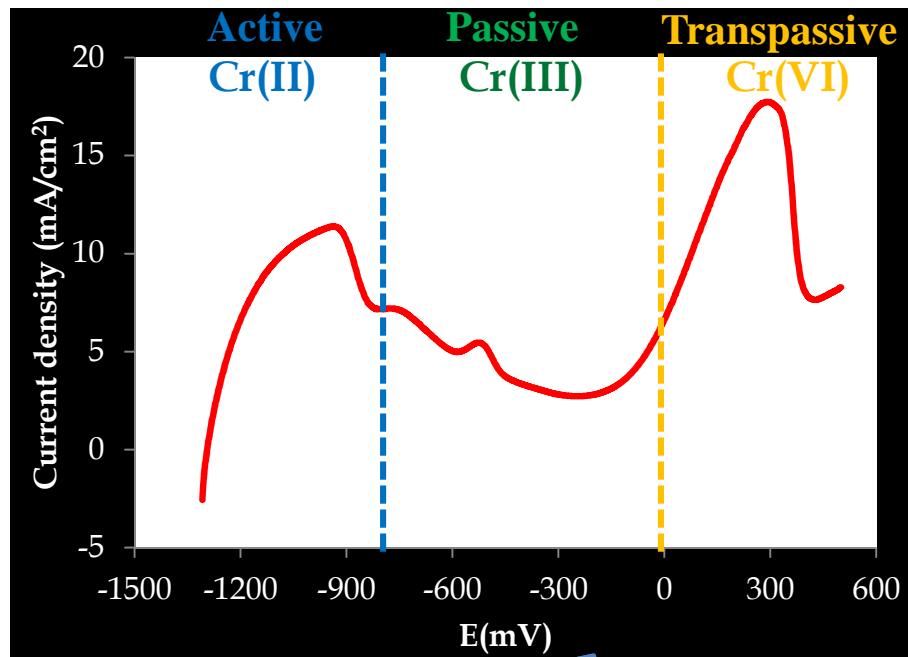


$$\text{Cr}_{(\text{total})} = \text{Cr}^{\text{II}} + \text{Cr}^{\text{III}} + \text{Cr}^{\text{VI}} \text{ (EPMA analysis)}$$

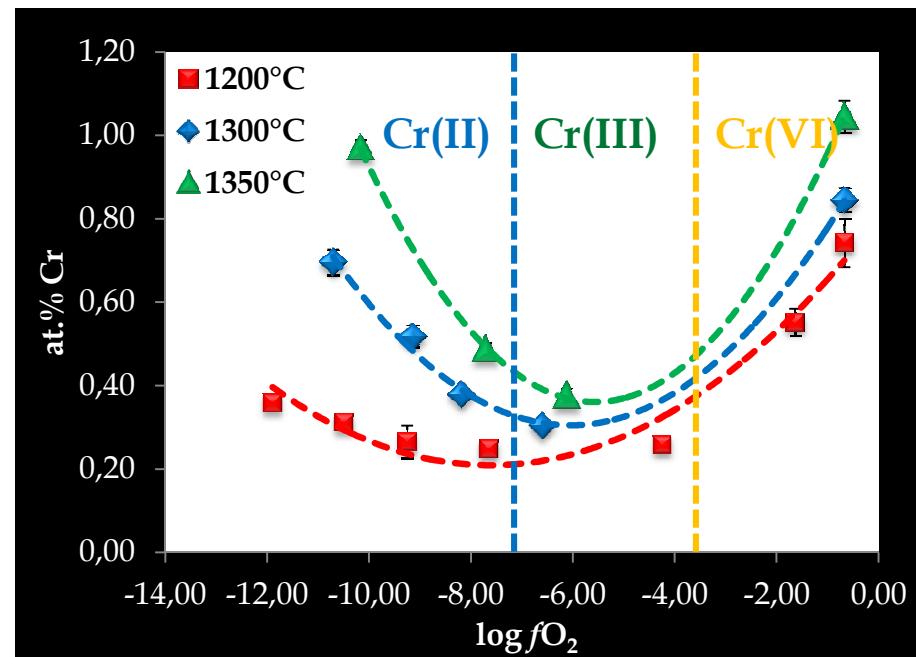
# Physico-chemistry of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ in molten glass

## Corrosion-solubility correlation

Corrosion of Ni30Cr rod in NC3S at  $T = 1100^\circ\text{C}$



Cr solubility in NC3S at  $1200^\circ\text{C} \leq T \leq 1350^\circ\text{C}$



Kinetic

$$E = \frac{RT}{4F} \ln f_{\text{O}_2} + K$$

Thermodynamic

# Conclusions

- ✓ Spontaneous behavior of Ni30Cr and Ni8Al28Cr leads to corrosion of the alloys even for a short run duration.
- ✓ Preoxidation of Ni30Cr may lead to the growth of a protective  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  scale.
  - durability of the scale linked to the competition between oxide growth and oxide dissolution
- ✓ No protection obtained after preoxidation of Ni8Al28Cr:
  - due to the great solubility of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in the melt
- ✓ The influence of oxygen fugacity ( $f\text{O}_2$ ) on the Cr solubility has been proved:
  - three solubility domains exist by varying the  $f\text{O}_2$
- ✓ Cr content at glass/alloy interface close to equilibrium values:
  - use of the solubility measurements method to evaluate the durability of the materials against glass corrosion

# Outlooks

- ✓ Durability of the protective  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  scale.
  - optimization of the alloy composition (*i.e.* Cr content)
  - optimization of the preoxidation treatment (*i.e.* scale thickness)
- ✓ Influence of T,  $f\text{O}_2$  and melt composition (basicity, viscosity, ...) on the Cr solubility at equilibrium
  - correlation with electrochemical measurements
- ✓ Study of the physico-chemistry of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in the melts
  - solubility, phase precipitation, ...

**THANK YOU  
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