

Summer school:

"Structural role of elements in glasses, from classical concepts to a reflexion over broad composition range"



## Tellurite (TeO<sub>2</sub>-based) glasses

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# Outline

- ❑ Introduction / Interest of TeO<sub>2</sub>-based glasses
- ❑ Structural features and peculiarities
  - The role of cation's valence / structure  
(*Notion of « weak, intermediate and strong » modifier*)
  - Is TeO<sub>2</sub> really a glass former?
- ❑ What's the origin of high 3<sup>rd</sup>-order NLO property ? Structure / nonlinear optical properties relationships
- ❑ Some examples of tellurite materials elaborated in SPCTS : transparent glass-ceramics and ceramics ...



# Introduction / Interest of TeO<sub>2</sub>-based glasses



- Relatively low melting temperature (700-900° C)
- Good chemical and thermal stability
- High linear and non-linear refractive indices  $\chi^{(3)}$  .  $n \approx 2-2.2$
- Good optical transmission in the near infrared (up to 6 mm)
- High Raman gain coefficients (60 times as large as silicate glass)
- High solubility of the rare earth ions
- Lower phonon energies (other oxide glasses) → Favour radiative transitions
- High emission and absorption cross sections (highest emission cross section among the Nd<sup>3+</sup> doped glasses)

$n_2, \chi^{(3)}$   
**> × 50 that of silica**

Glass Matrix	$h\omega$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
Borate	1400
Phosphate	1200
Silicate	1100
Germanate	880
Tellurite	700-800

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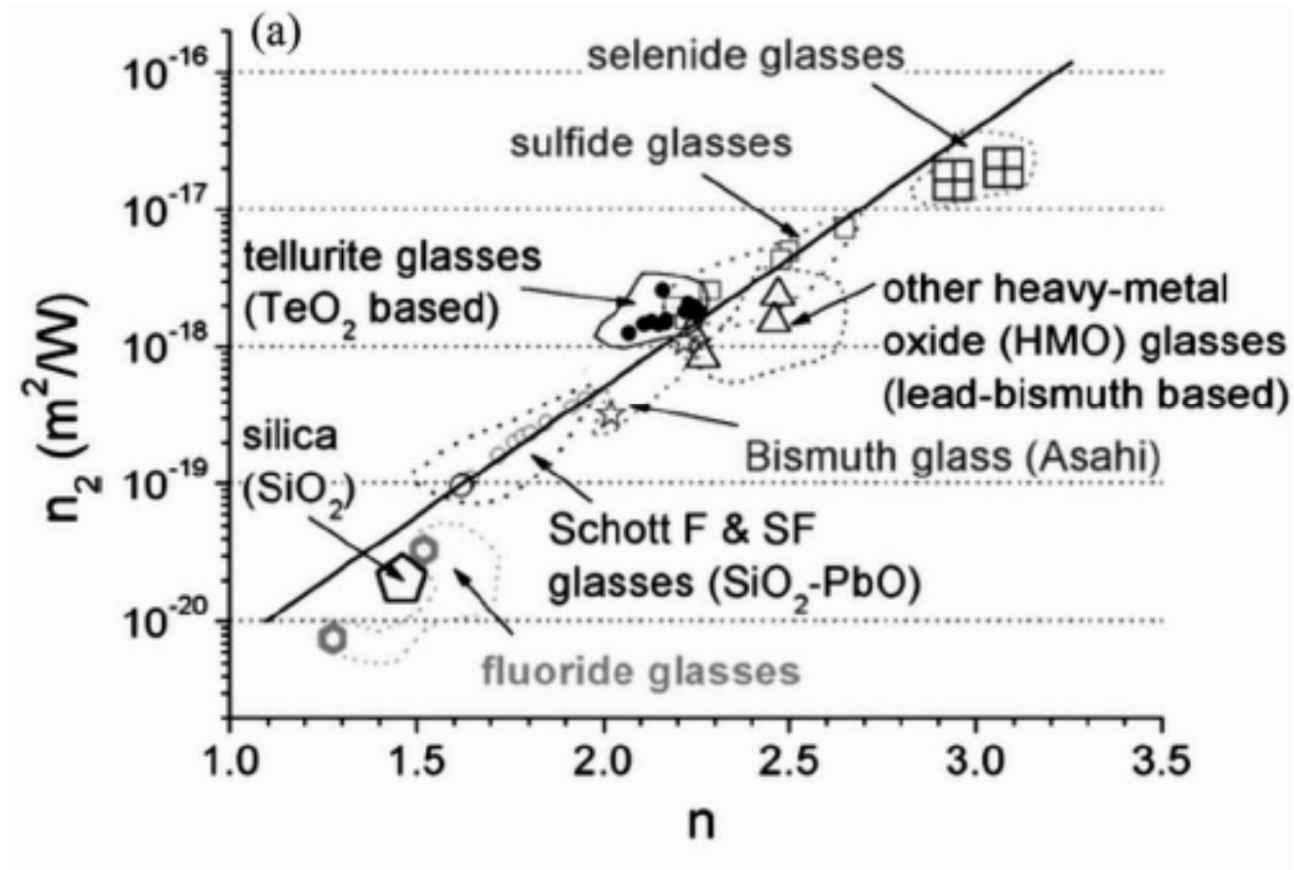


$$P = \epsilon_0(\chi^{(1)} \cdot E + \chi^{(2)} \cdot E \cdot E + \chi^{(3)} \cdot E \cdot E \cdot E + \dots)$$



# Introduction / Interest of $\text{TeO}_2$ -based glasses

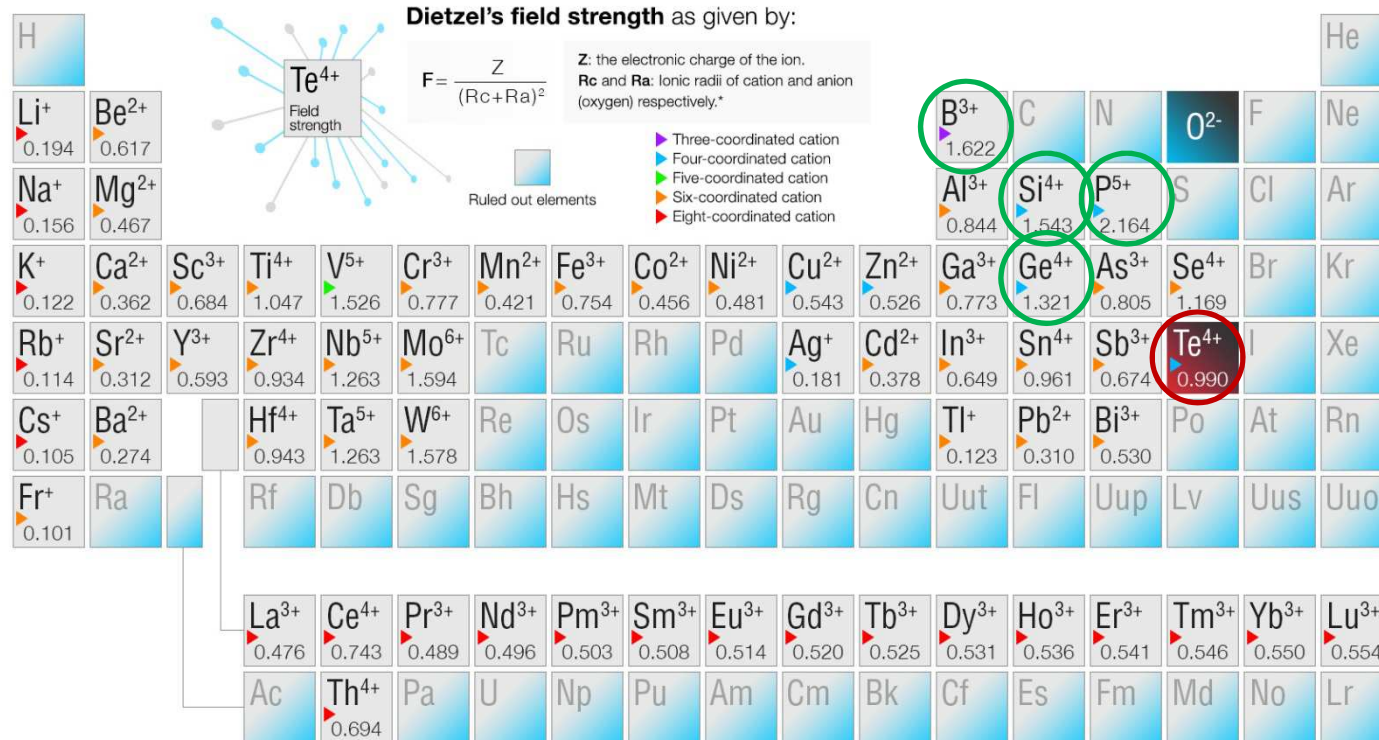
*Nonlinear optical properties*



# Introduction / Interest of TeO<sub>2</sub>-based glasses

Glass former ?

## Oxide glasses



\* The used ionic radii were extracted from the online database at <http://abulafia.mt.ic.ac.uk>

**Dietzel (1942) Field Strength** : high F.S. cations – high cation-oxygen bond energy

- Glass formers > 1.3
- Glass modifiers < 0.4
- Intermediates 0.4 ≤ F.S. ≤ 1.3



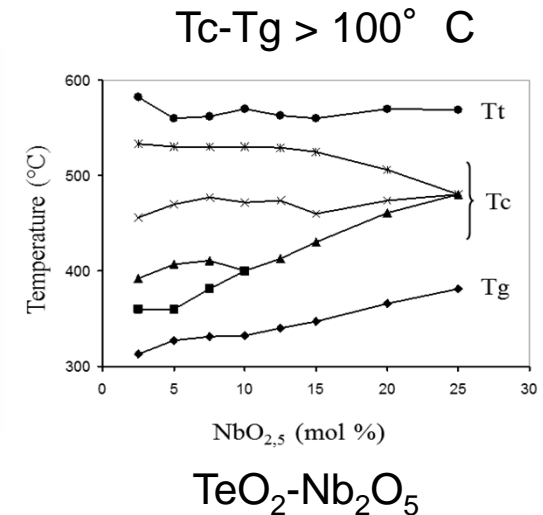
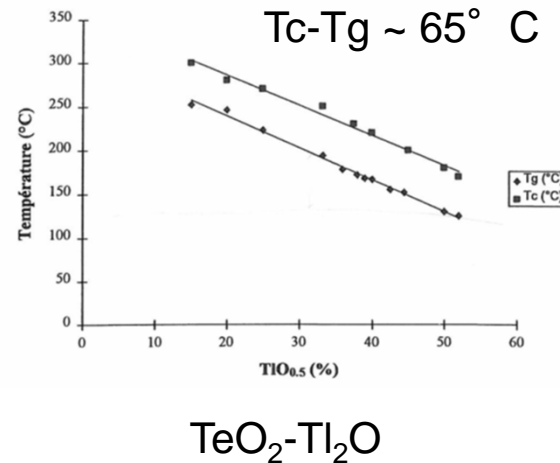
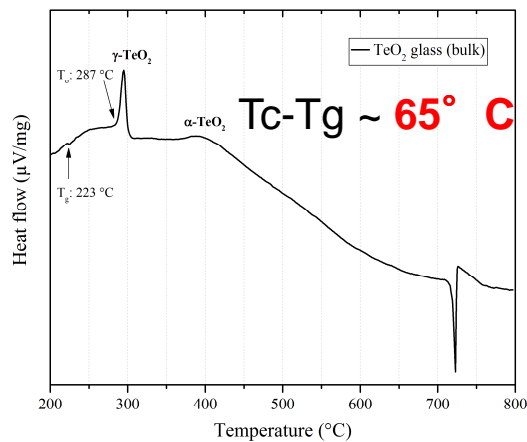
# Introduction / Interest of TeO<sub>2</sub>-based glasses



Ab-initio modelling : best  $\chi(3)$  for pure TeO<sub>2</sub> glass

**Pure TeO<sub>2</sub> glass impossible to prepare in bulk pieces !!**

**Addition of modifier oxides is necessary to improve the thermal stability (T<sub>c</sub>-T<sub>g</sub>): large glassy domains**



**Objective:** compromise between the thermal stability and the nonlinear optical properties

Modifier oxides

- hyperpolarisable cations: electronic lone pair holders (Tl<sup>+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Bi<sup>3+</sup> ...)
- d<sup>0</sup> ions (Ti<sup>4+</sup>, Nb<sup>5+</sup>, W<sup>6+</sup> ...)



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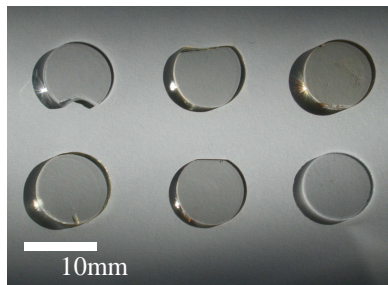
## Glass forming domains

### Synthesis / Processing

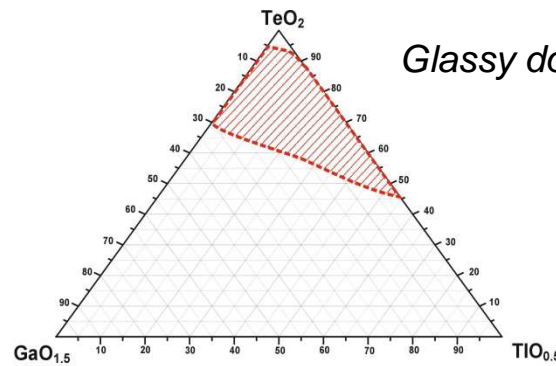
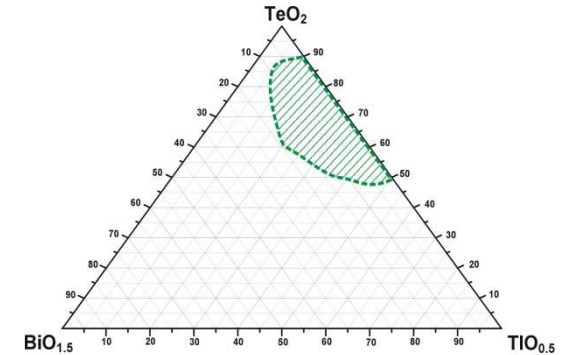
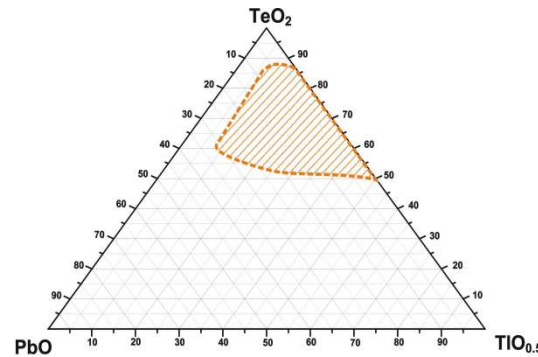


Melting in platinum crucibles

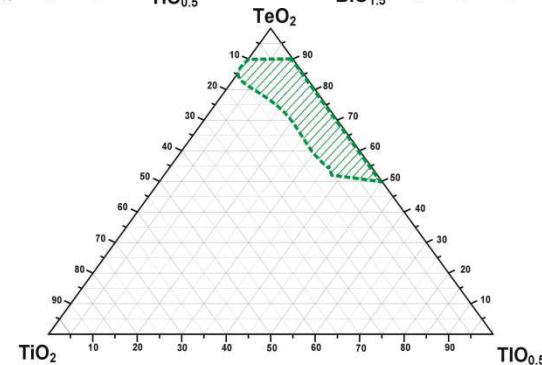
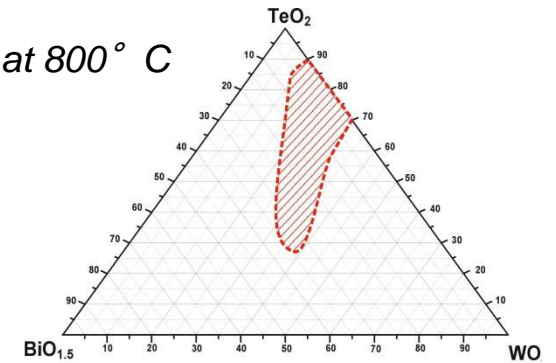
Shaping: air-quenching of the melt by flattening between two brass blocks separated by a brass ring



Annealing / Polishing



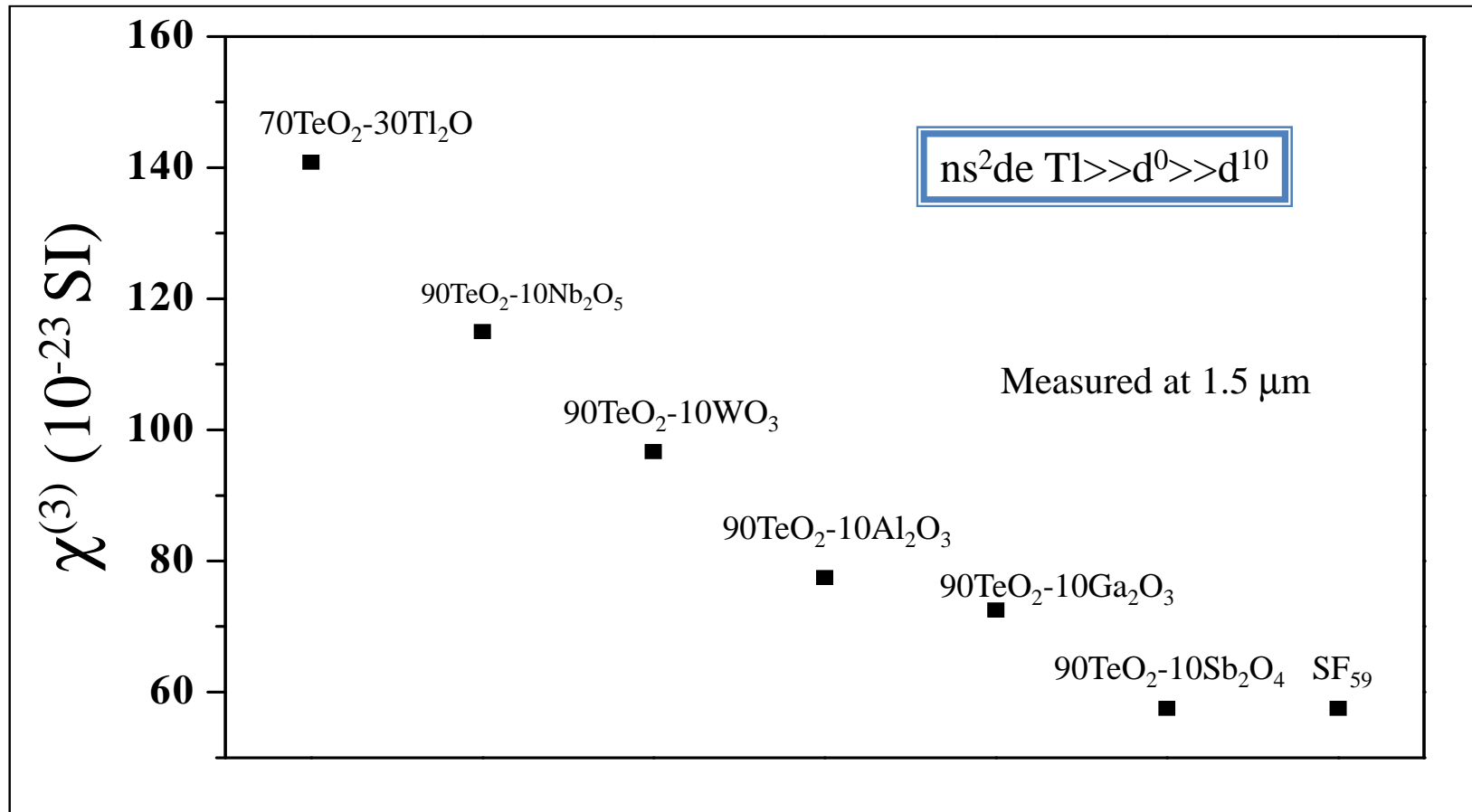
Glassy domains at 800° C





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*Nonlinear optical properties*



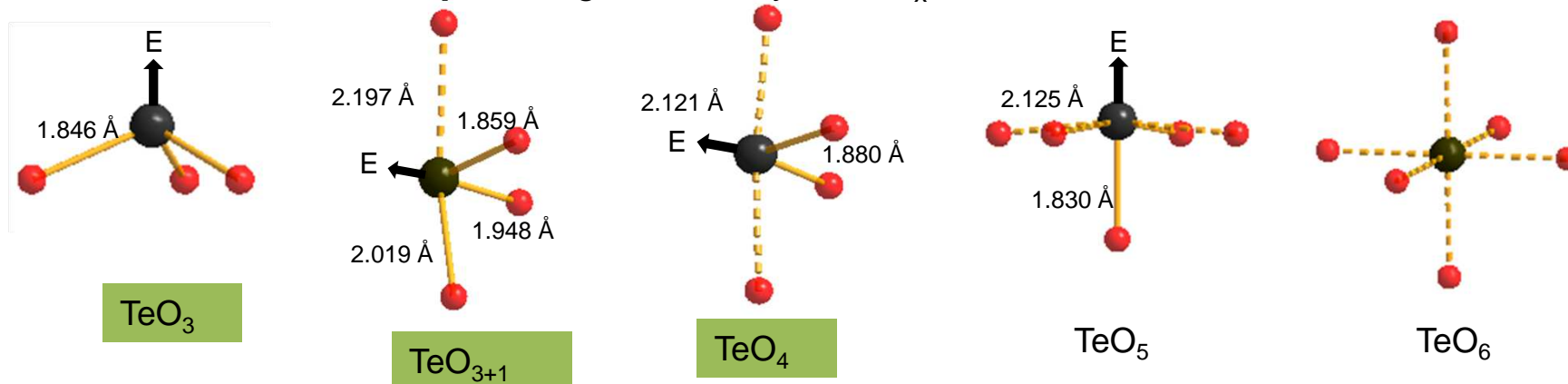
- The non-linear properties of such glasses are higher than that of a lead-silica glass and clearly dependent of the nature of the modifier oxide.
- The third order nonlinearity increases with the linear polarizability of the adding cation.



# Structural features and peculiarities

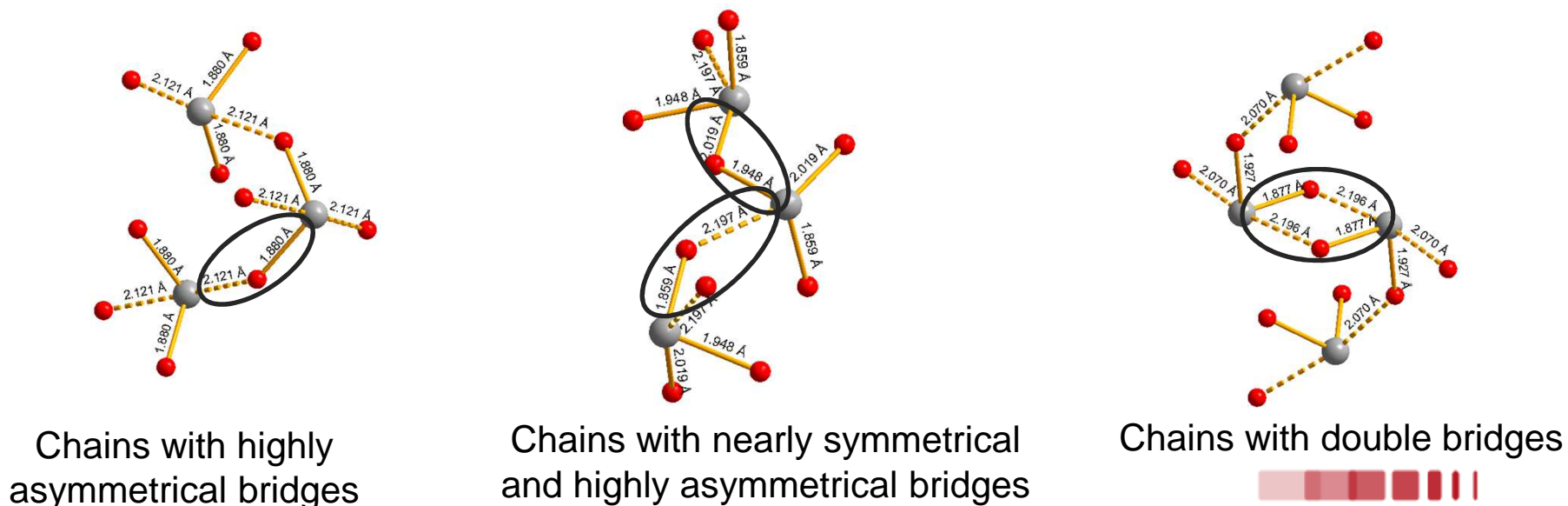
4+ !!!

- Different **local** environment of Te(IV) atoms (Asymmetry of the local environment of Te<sup>IV</sup> due to the steric effect of its **lone pair**: large variability of TeO<sub>x</sub> structural units:



- Medium-range** order (large variability of TeO<sub>x</sub> structural units connection):

● Te ● O



# Structural features and peculiarities

- ❑ Origin of the nonlinear optical properties: ???
  - Te(IV) electronic lone pair ( $\text{Te}^{4+}$ :  $[\text{Kr}] 4d^{10} 5s^2$ )
  - Influence of the structure (short and medium range order)



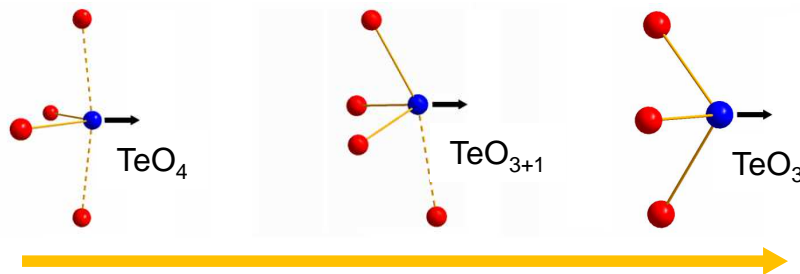
- ❑  $\text{TeO}_2$ : “conditional” glass former (low thermal stability, addition of modifiers)

## ❑ Need of a better understanding of the actual glass structure

Either for pure  $\text{TeO}_2$  and  $\text{TeO}_2$ -based glasses

### 1) With respect to the nature of the modifier: cation's valence

(Raman spectroscopy, Lattice Dynamics)



- Raman and IR spectroscopies
- Modelling: Lattice Dynamics (Lad)
- EXAFS, XANES, RMN, Mossbauer...
- X-ray and neutron diffraction
- X-ray and neutron Total Scattering
- Atomic scale Modelling
  - Reverse Monte Carlo (RMC)
  - Molecular dynamics (MD)

The **structural units vary with the addition of a modifier oxide**

(contrary to silicates ...) associated with a depolymerisation of the tellurite framework

**Drawback: decrease of the optical properties**

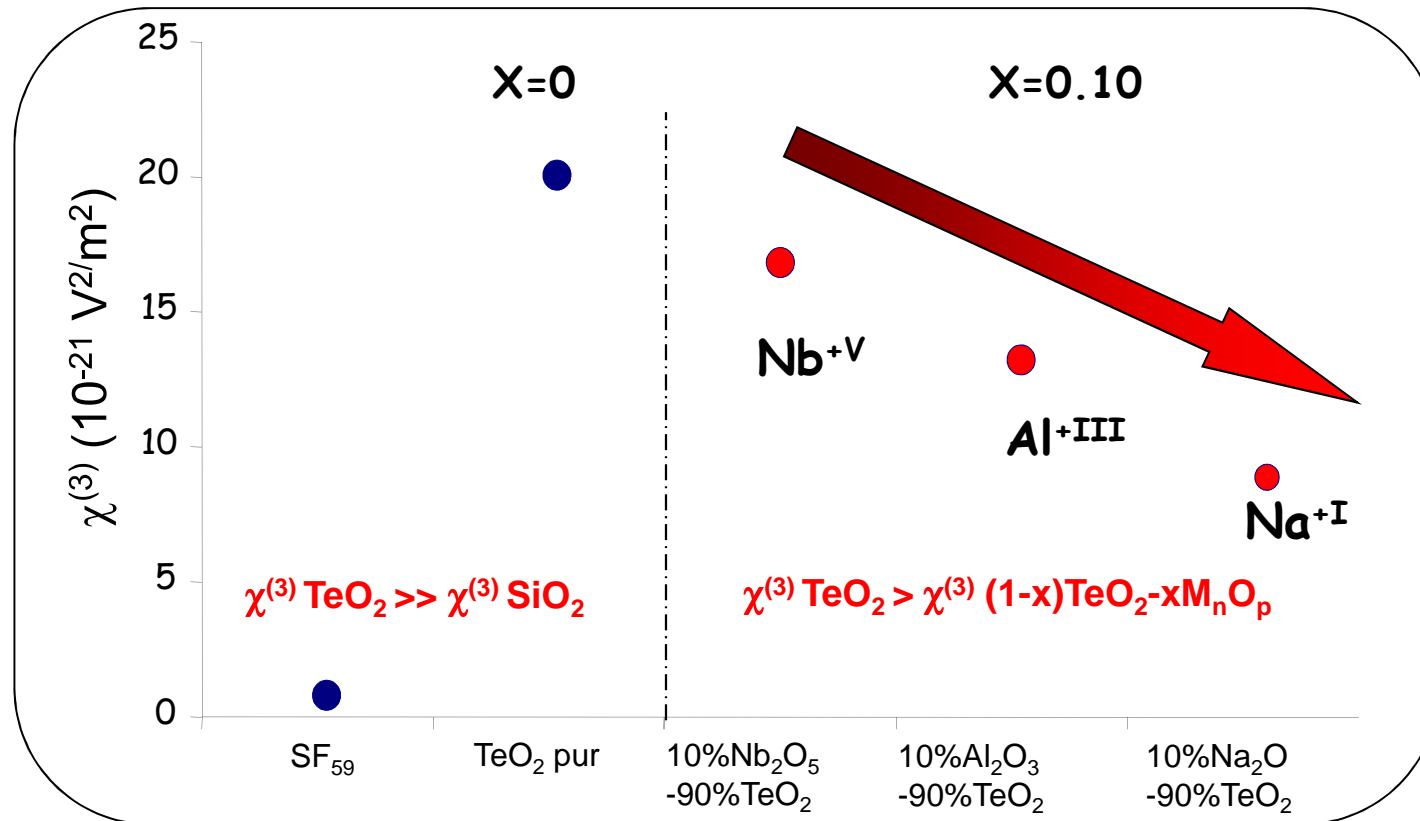
### 2) Pure $\text{TeO}_2$

Combined experimental (Raman, X ray and neutron Total Scattering / PDF) and atomic scale modelling (RMC, MD) methods

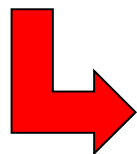


# Structural features and peculiarities

The role of cation's valence / structure



Hypothesis: the « strength » of the modifier's cation (its oxidation's state) induces the polymerization degree of the  $\text{TeO}_2\text{-M}_n\text{O}_p$  glasses



Investigation of the structure of the glass with respect to the nature of the modifier



# Structural features and peculiarities

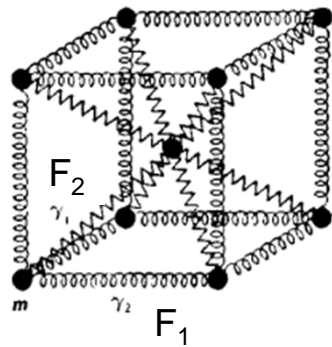
## The role of cation's valence / structure

To understand the rules which are driving the structural modifications of  $\text{Te}^{4+}\text{O}_2$ -based glasses transformation by studying three types of modifiers :

- “weak” cation  $\text{TI}^+$  :  $\text{TeO}_2$  -  $\text{TI}_2\text{O}$
- “intermediate” cation  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  :  $\text{TeO}_2$  -  $\text{TiO}_2$
- “strong” cation  $\text{Nb}^{5+}$  :  $\text{TeO}_2$  -  $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5$

### Method:

- Modelling (lattice dynamics) of the Raman spectra of crystalline compounds
- Structural investigation and evolution of the Raman spectra of glasses with respect to the addition of modifier



$$\omega_n \sim \sqrt{\frac{F_n}{m}}$$

LADY ( LAttices Dynamics) program

VFF (Valence Force Field) Potentiel

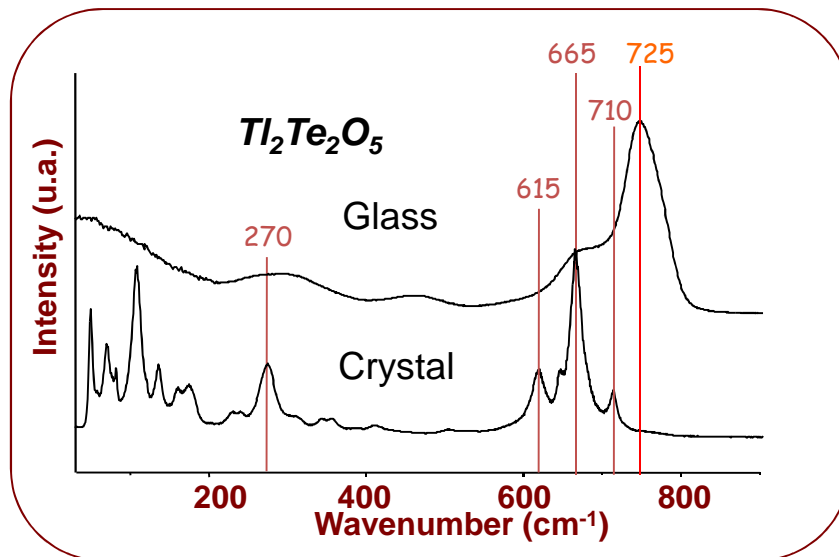
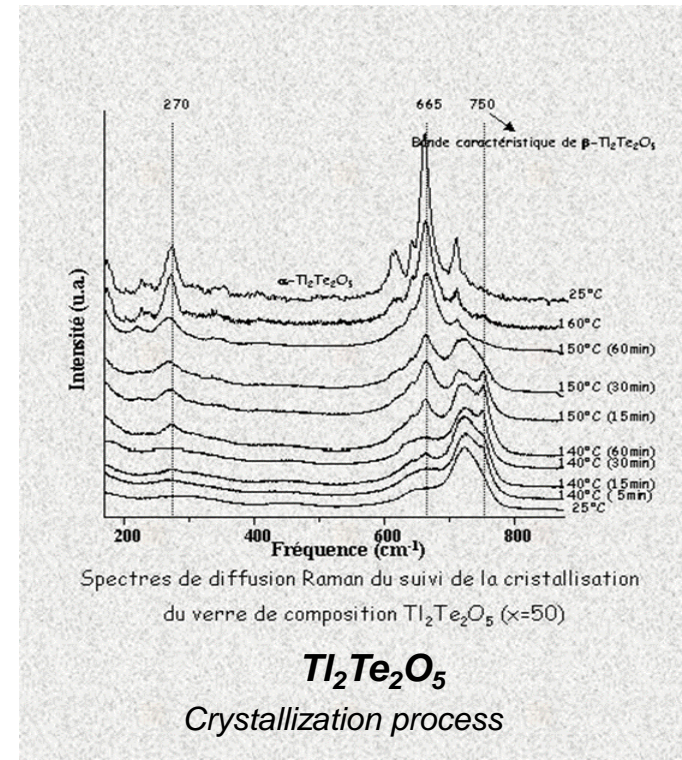
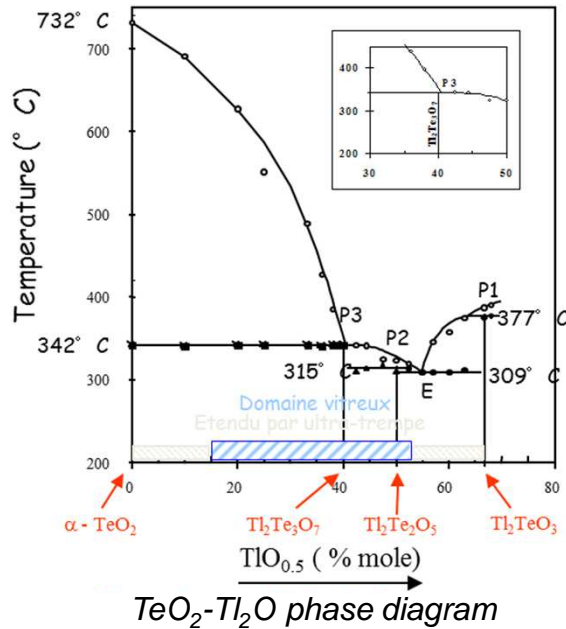
*Force constants  $F$  – stiffness of interatomic springs*

The phonon dispersion  $w(k)$  provides us information on stiffness of interatomic bonds  
This information can be derived by using the lattice dynamics modelling



# Structural features and peculiarities

## The role of cation's valence / structure



Tellurite glasses: no systematic matching between Raman spectra of glass ("envelope") and crystal of same composition

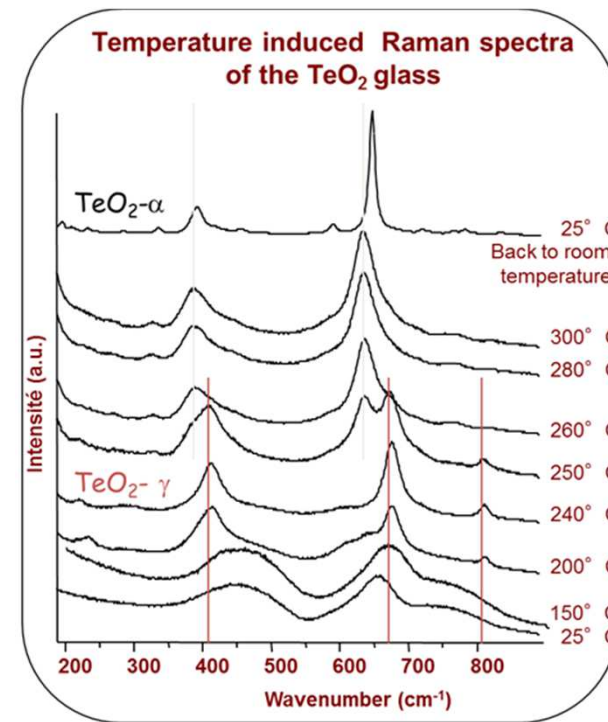
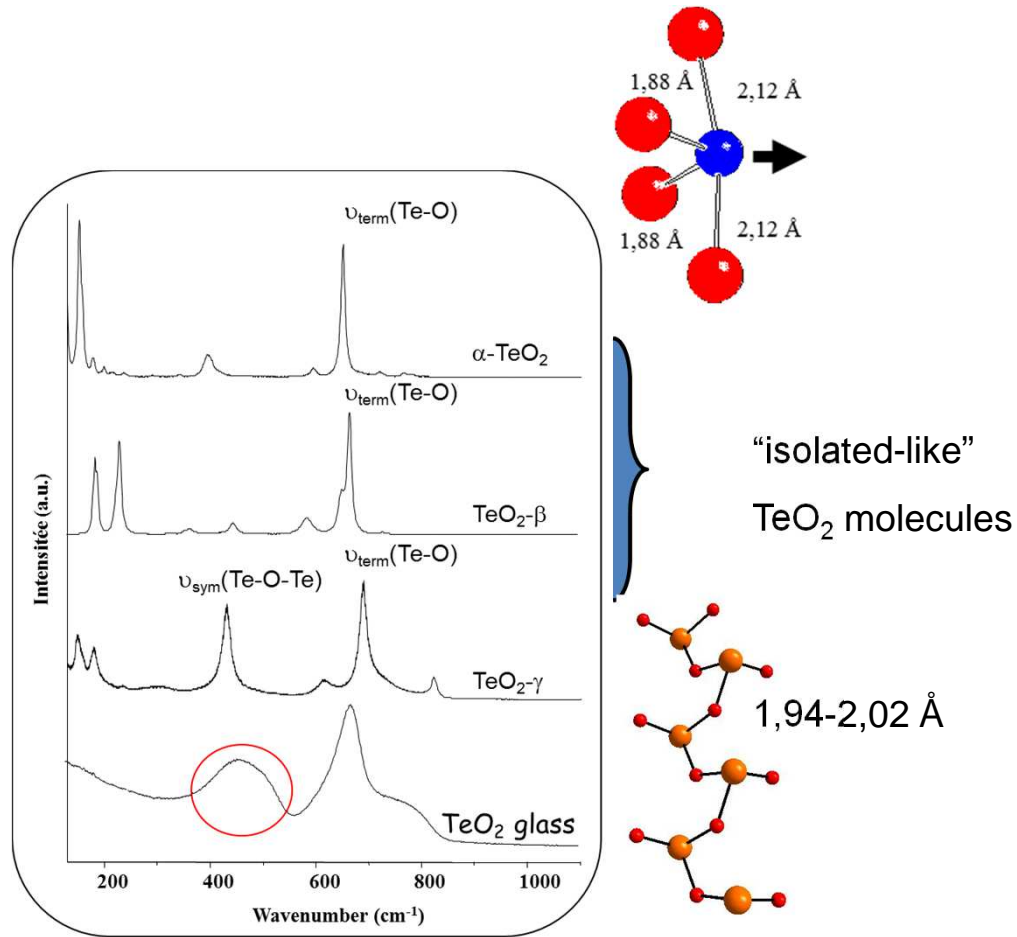
Contrary to general rule in « classical » glasses (silicates, germanates, ...)



# Structural features and peculiarities

*TeO<sub>2</sub> phases and glass*

*The role of cation's valence / structure*



$\gamma$ -TeO<sub>2</sub> first compound to crystallize from the glass

→ Main characteristic of  $\gamma$ -TeO<sub>2</sub>  
Chain-like polymerized TeO<sub>2</sub> molecules

→  $\gamma$ -TeO<sub>2</sub> « parent » structure of the glass



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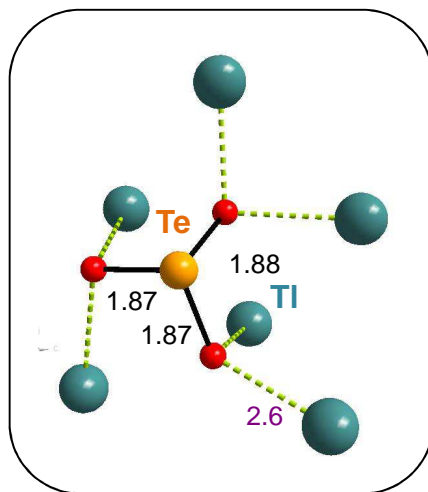
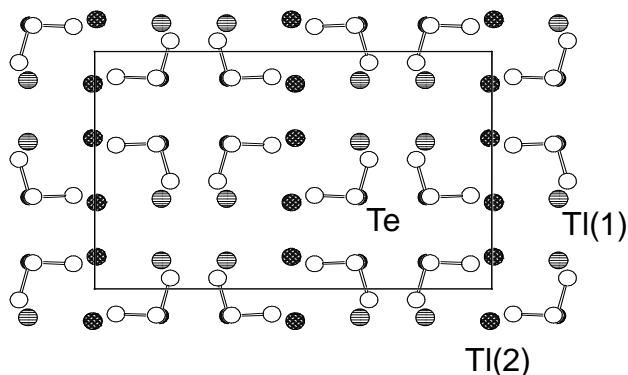
“Weak” cation  $Tl^+$  :  $TeO_2 - Tl_2O$

The role of cation’s valence / structure



Example of a complete depolymerized tellurite structure

$P b a n$  ( $D_{2h}^4$ ) orthorhombic

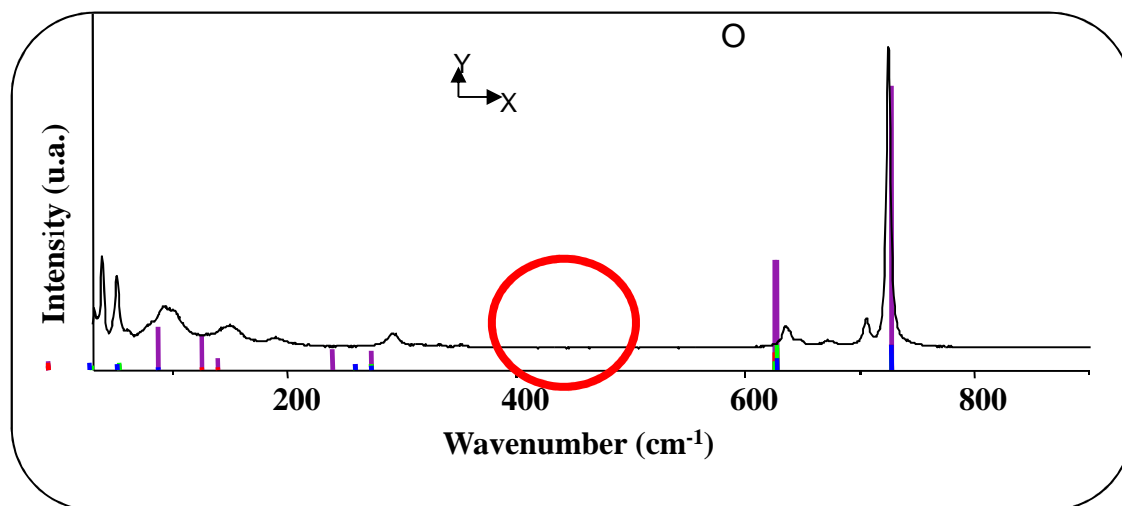


Tellurite framework: isolated  $[TeO_3]^{2-}$  pyramids

Te-O-Tl bridges

$$dTe-O \approx 1.87 \text{ \AA}$$

$$dTl-O \approx 2.6 \text{ \AA}$$



No Te-O-Te bridge: no vibrational band in the range  $400-500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Isolated  $[TeO_3]^{2-}$  pyramids

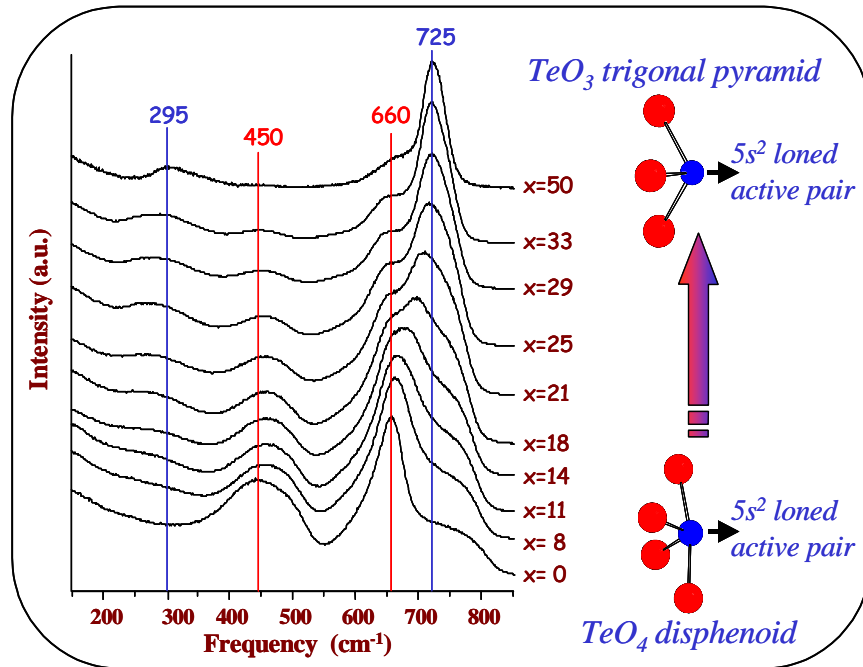




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“Weak” cation  $Tl^+$  :  $TeO_2 - Tl_2O$

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Raman spectra of glasses in the system  
 $x Tl_2O - (100-x) TeO_2$

## Addition of modifier :

Increase of the intensity of the band at  $725\text{ cm}^{-1}$   
Decrease of the intensity of the band at  $660\text{ cm}^{-1}$   
and of the band near  $450\text{ cm}^{-1}$



Breaking of the  $Te-O-Te$  et bridges and  
appearance of isolated  $TeO_3^{2-}$  ortho-anions  
**Depolymerization**

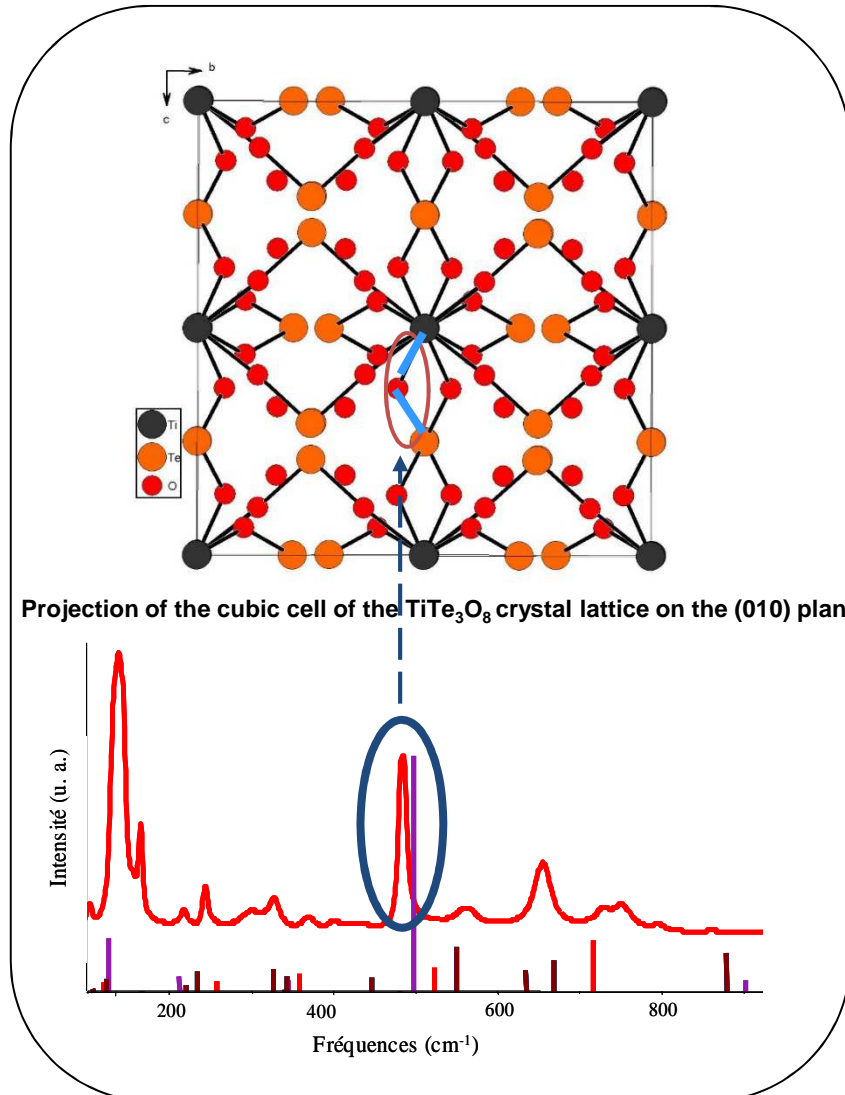
**Interpretation:** a weak cation  $Tl^+$  « gives » all its oxygen atoms to  $TeO_2$  units (*in fact*  $TeO_{2+2}$ ) which transform into  $TeO_3^{2-}$  ions (more and more  $TeO_3^{2-}$  with increasing  $Tl^+$  content). This transformation is associated logically to a depolymerization of the tellurite framework of the glass



# Structural features and peculiarities

“Intermediate” cation  $Ti^{4+}$  :  $TeO_2 - TiO_2$

The role of cation’s valence / structure



Te-O and Ti-O bond lengths are close

$$d_{Te-O} \approx 1.86 \text{ \AA}$$

$$d_{Ti-O} \approx 1.96 \text{ \AA}$$

Force constants of Te-O and Ti-O « close »

Presence of symmetric Te-O-Ti vibrational bridges

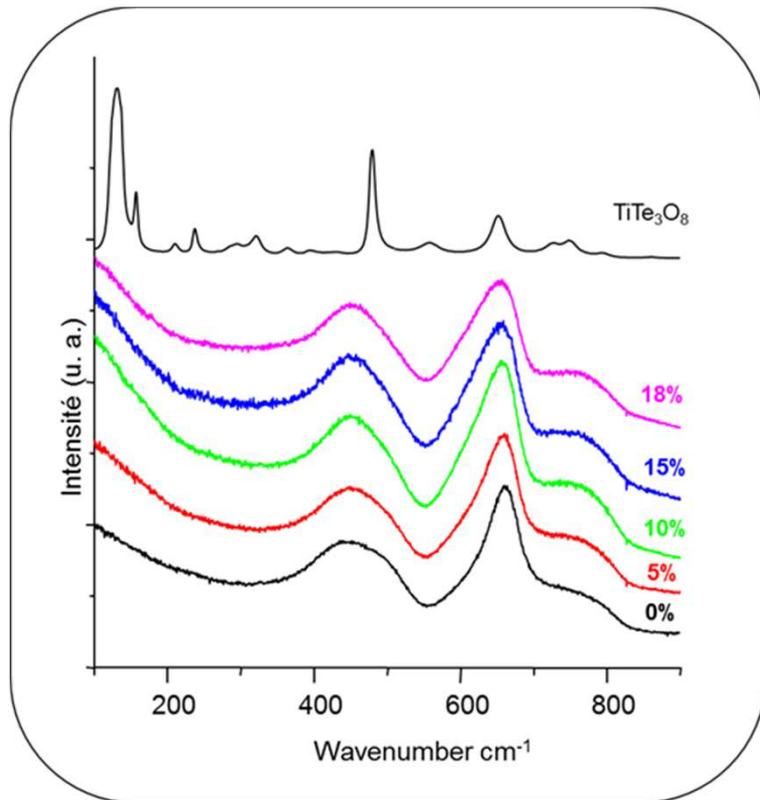
**Intense band near 490  $cm^{-1}$**



# Structural features and peculiarities

“Intermediate” cation  $Ti^{4+}$  :  $TeO_2$  -  $TiO_2$

The role of cation’s valence / structure



Raman spectra of the  $xTiO_2-(100-x)TeO_2$  glasses and of the  $TiTe_3O_8$  phase

## Addition of modifier :

No evident evolution of the intensity of the bands at about 450  $cm^{-1}$  and near 650  $cm^{-1}$

**No depolymerization** : progressive substitution of Te-O-Te bridges by Te-O-Ti ones

$Ti^{4+}$  doesn't «give» its oxygen to the  $TeO_2$  pseudo-molecules units.

No  $TeO_3^{2-}$  orthoanions exists.

**Interpretation:** glass structure is close to that of the  $TiTe_3O_8$  crystalline compound:

$Ti^{4+}$  and  $Te^{4+}$  atoms are **sharing** their oxygen atoms

(shown by the weak intensity of the 800  $cm^{-1}$  band attributed to the antisymmetric vibration of the Ti-O-Te bridge)

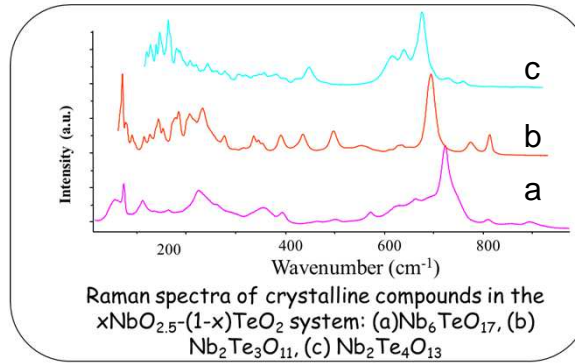
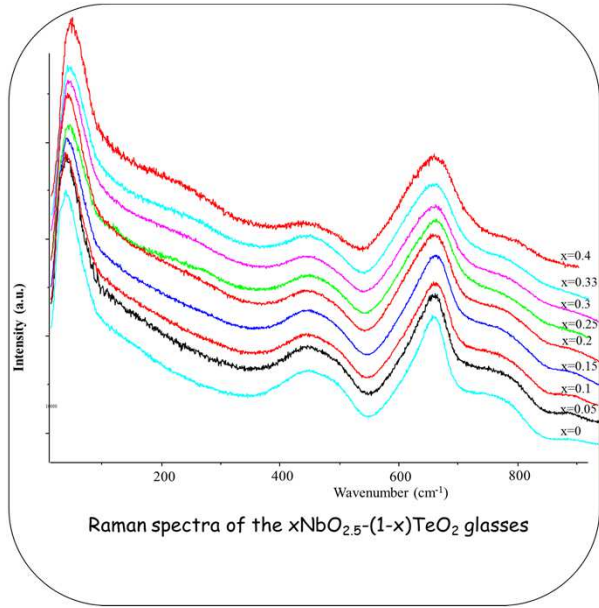
so the glass could be described as a “solid solution” of  $TiO_2$  in  $TeO_2$ .



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“Strong” cation  $\text{Nb}^{5+}$  :  $\text{TeO}_2$  -  $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5$

The role of cation's valence / structure



Bridges:

Te-O-Nb (1,90-2,00 Å)

Nb-O-Nb (1,80-2,10 Å)

Te-O-Te (1,92-2,00 Å)

## Addition of modifier :

- No noticeable variation of the Raman spectra

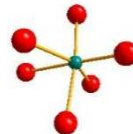
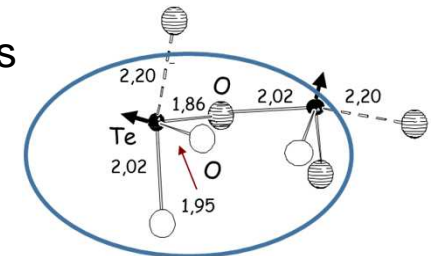
Progressive substitution of Te-O-Te bridges by Te-O-Nb ones («chemically close »)

**Temperature induced Raman spectroscopy can evidence the local structure of glasses (first compound to crystallize)**

Evidence of  $\text{Te}_2\text{O}_5$  or  $\text{TeO}_3$  units (for rich-modifier compositions) in the glasses

**Interpretation:** Niobium atoms are « strong » cations but **they cannot keep** all their oxygen atoms and so favor the formation of some tellurite structural fragments (like  $\text{Te}_2\text{O}_5$  or  $\text{TeO}_3$ ).

This is certainly due to the anisotropic environment of niobium atom. In fact around niobium atoms, there are some close oxygen atoms and other are less connected and are “given” to  $\text{TeO}_2$  units.



# Structural features and peculiarities

## Summary

## *The role of cation's valence / structure*

Modifier's cation valence plays a role in structural properties of  $\text{TeO}_2$ -based glasses

Weak modifier's cation (as  $\text{Ti}^+$ ) : island-type structure , isolated  $\text{TeO}_3^{2-}$  anions : **glass depolymerization**

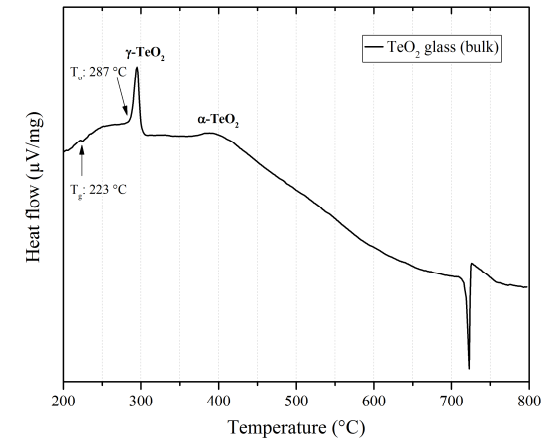
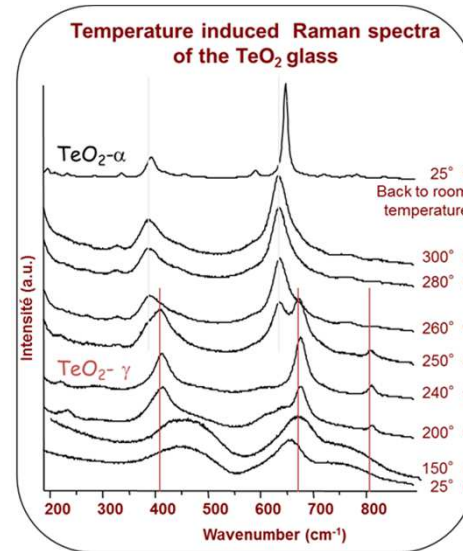
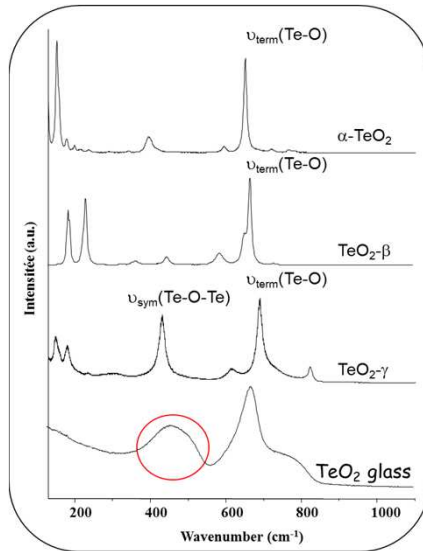
Intermediate or strong modifier's cations M (as  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ ,  $\text{Nb}^{5+}$ ) in the  $(1-x)\text{TeO}_2-x\text{M}_n\text{O}_m$  glasses:  
substitution of Te-O-Te bridges by Te-O-M ones

Because of chemical resemblance of cations Te and M (similar or close valences and radii) the framework-type structure can be kept : **no glass depolymerization**



# Structural features and peculiarities

*Is TeO<sub>2</sub> really a glass former ?*



## Structure of pure TeO<sub>2</sub> glass

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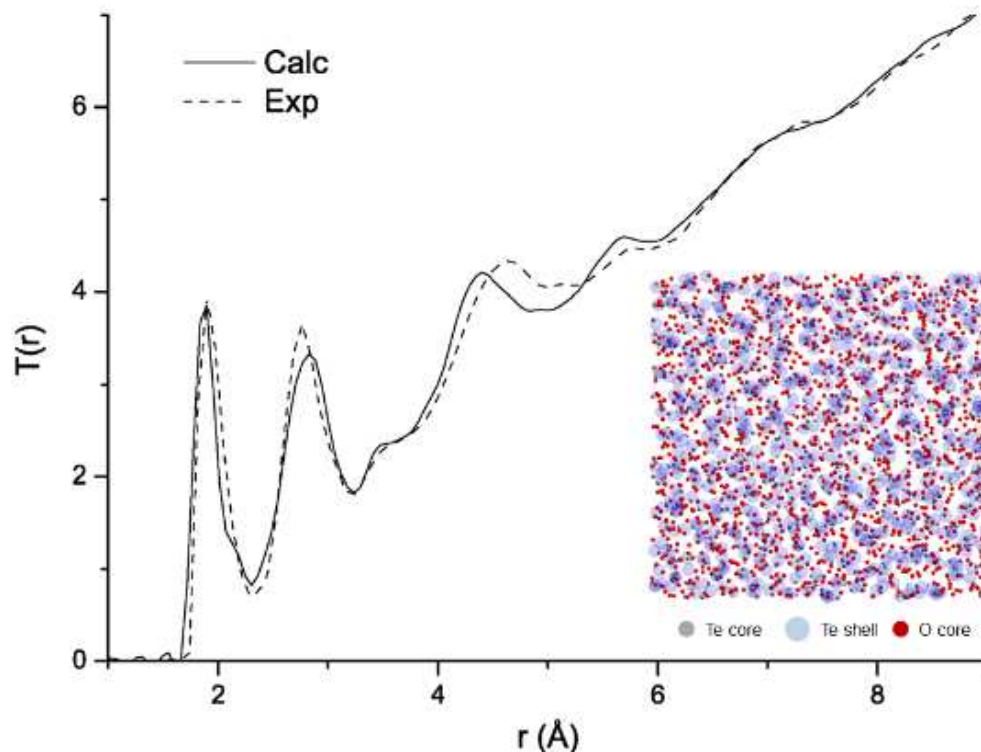
*A combined approach using the Pair Distribution Function (PDF) method and Reverse Monte Carlo (RMC) method or Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulation*



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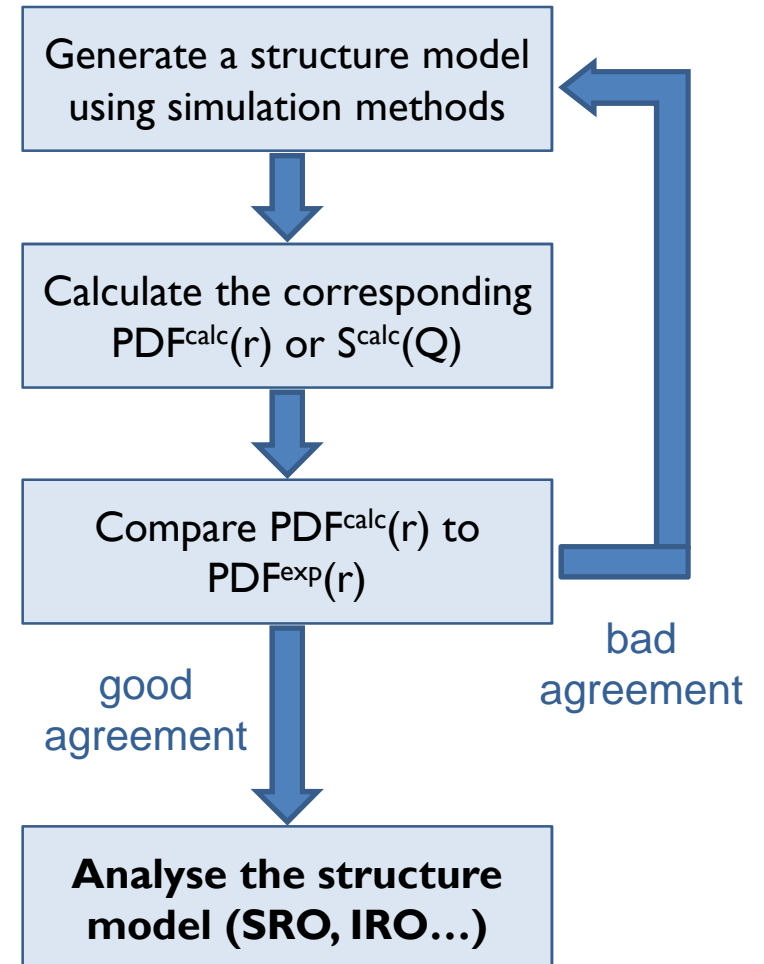
## Computer simulation methods at the atomic scale

- Reverse Monte-Carlo (RMC)
  - Molecular dynamics (MD)
- ⇒ In both cases: structure models made of several thousands of atoms are generated and tested against experimental data



Total PDF calculated from  $\text{TeO}_2$  glass model obtained from MD simulations (solid line) compared with exp. ND-PDF (dotted line).

## Is $\text{TeO}_2$ really a glass former ?

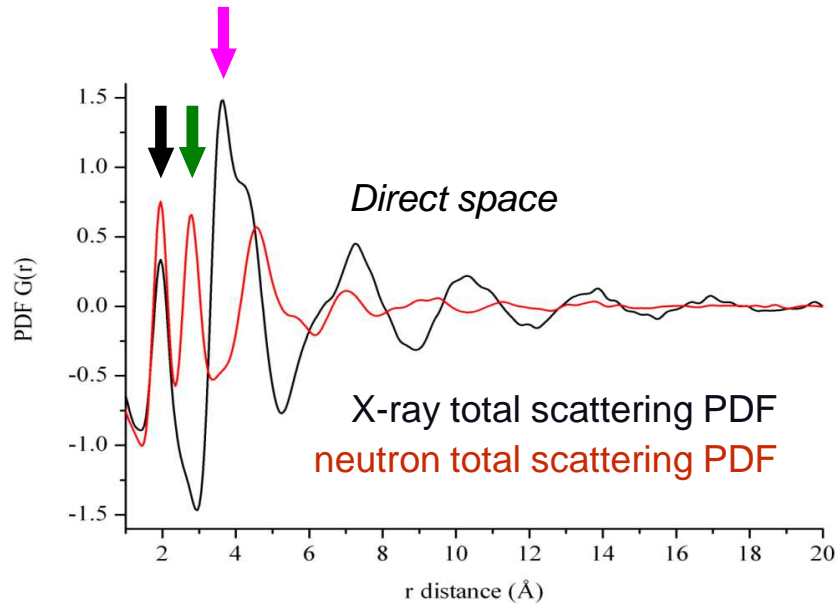


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## Total scattering - PDF

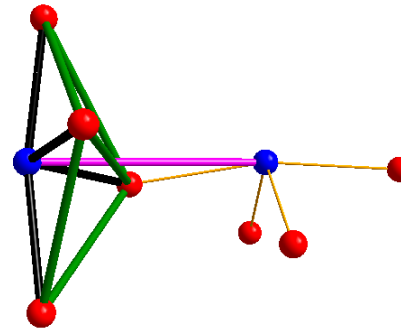
Is  $\text{TeO}_2$  really a glass former ?

### X-ray and neutron Total Scattering : pair distribution function analysis



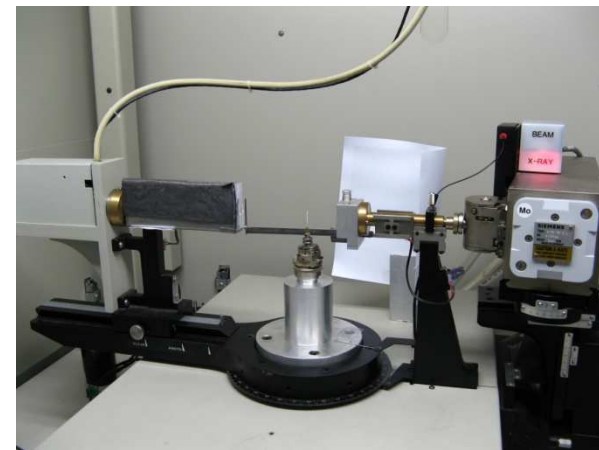
$G(r)$  (Pair distribution function) :

- Peak position  $\rightarrow$  interatomic distance
- Peak area  $\rightarrow$  coordination number
- Peak width  $\rightarrow$  disorder



Total scattering diffractometer at SPCTS

- ◆ Optics optimized for high photon flux
- ◆ Mo X-ray tube ( $\lambda = 0.71 \text{ \AA}$ )





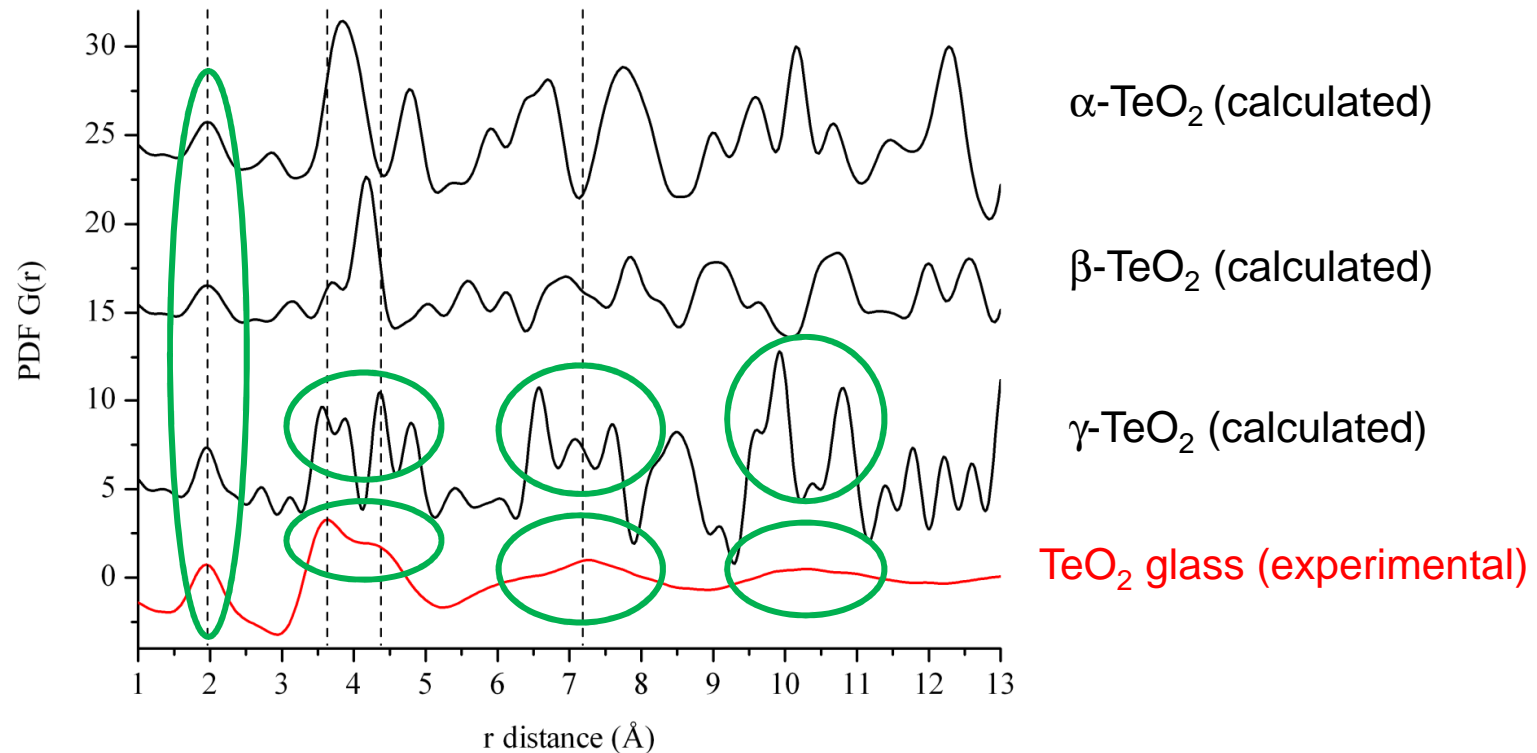
# Structural features and peculiarities

Structural characterization / RMC method

Is  $\text{TeO}_2$  really a glass former ?

## The starting structural configuration:

comparative study of the  $\text{TeO}_2$  glass with  $\text{TeO}_2$  polymorphs



- 1.9  $\text{\AA}$ : common peak for the 4 compounds (structural units)
- at medium range order: similitude between the  $\text{TeO}_2$  glass and the  $\gamma$ - $\text{TeO}_2$  polymorph

*The  $\text{TeO}_2$  glass structure is close to the  $\gamma$ - $\text{TeO}_2$  structure (as seen by using Raman spectroscopy)*



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## RMC: Our short range structural model

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i w_i (y_{io} - y_{ic})^2 + \alpha C_1 + \beta C_2$$

$$C_1 = \sum_j \sum_k |V_{kj} - V_j|^{c_j}$$

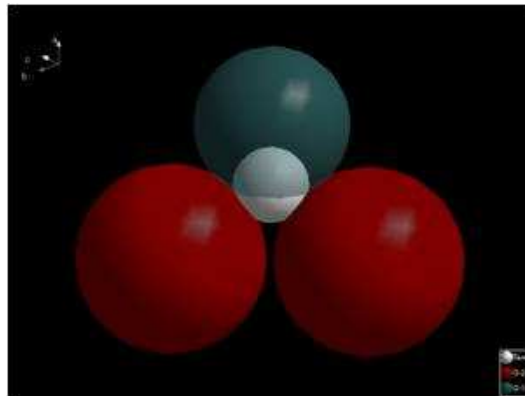
$$C_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \sum_k \sum_{j'} \sum_{k'} A_{jj'} \exp(-R_{kk'} / \rho_{jj'})$$

- Bond valence constraints
- + Lone-pair steric effect constraints

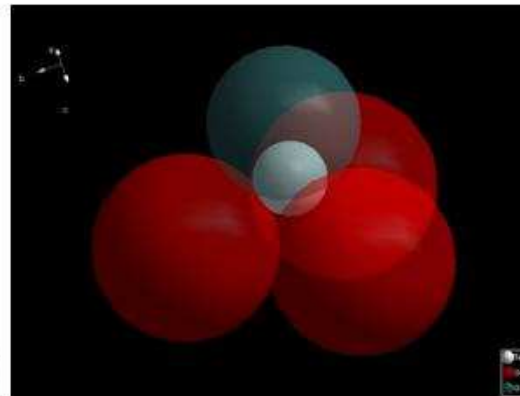
Optimized parameters

	A <sub>jj'</sub>	r <sub>jj'</sub>	c <sub>j</sub>
O-O	711.0	0.324	1.0
O-LP	637.1	0.307	1.0
Te-O	3929.0	0.236	1.0

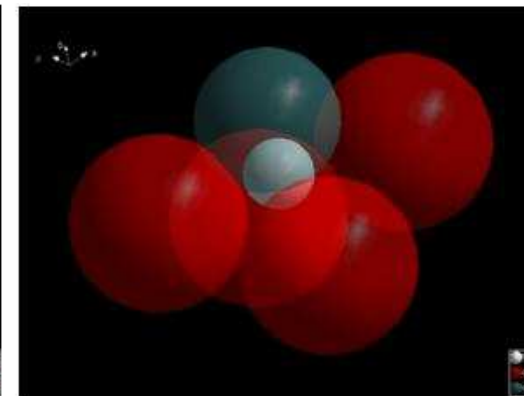
The obtained parameters were tested by reproducing known structural units



TeO<sub>2</sub>



TeO<sub>3</sub>



TeO<sub>4</sub>

=> Application to RMC study of TeO<sub>2</sub> glass



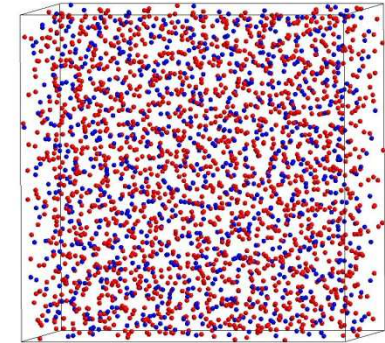
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Structural characterization / RMC method

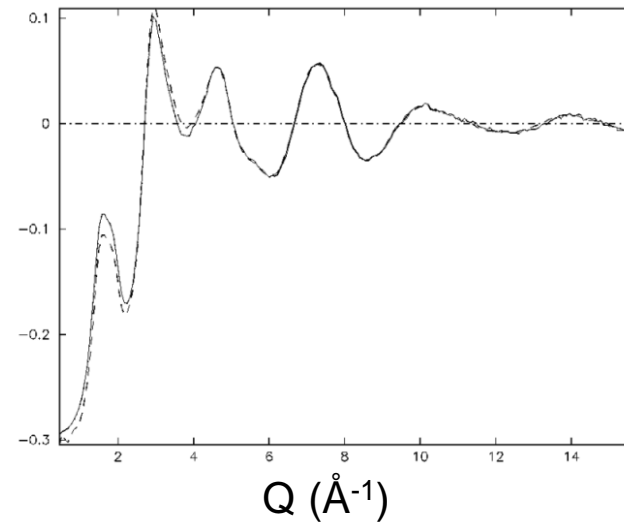
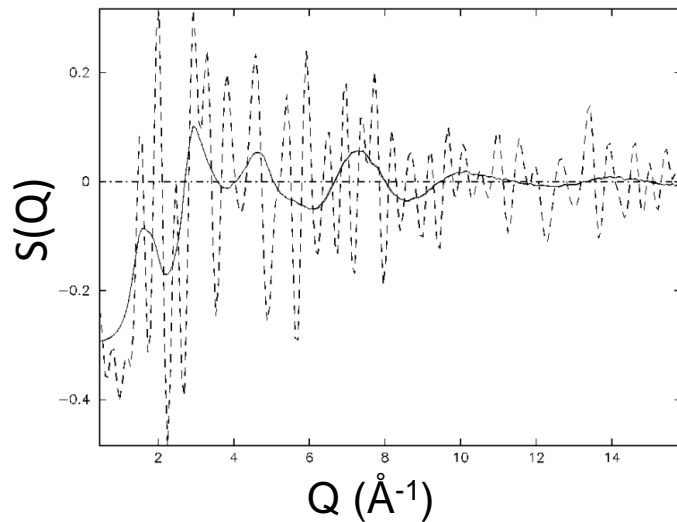
Is TeO<sub>2</sub> really a glass former ?

## RMC modelling of TeO<sub>2</sub> glass

- starting structural configuration:  $\gamma$ -TeO<sub>2</sub> structure
- constraints of our structural model
- fit performed against the experimental data



RMC simulation box



The experimental and calculated data match

atom type	number of atoms	mean valence ( $\gamma$ -TeO <sub>2</sub> )	mean valence (TeO <sub>2</sub> glass)	satisfaction of the constraint
Te	876	3.9	3.8	92 %
O	1792	-1.9	-1.9	90 %

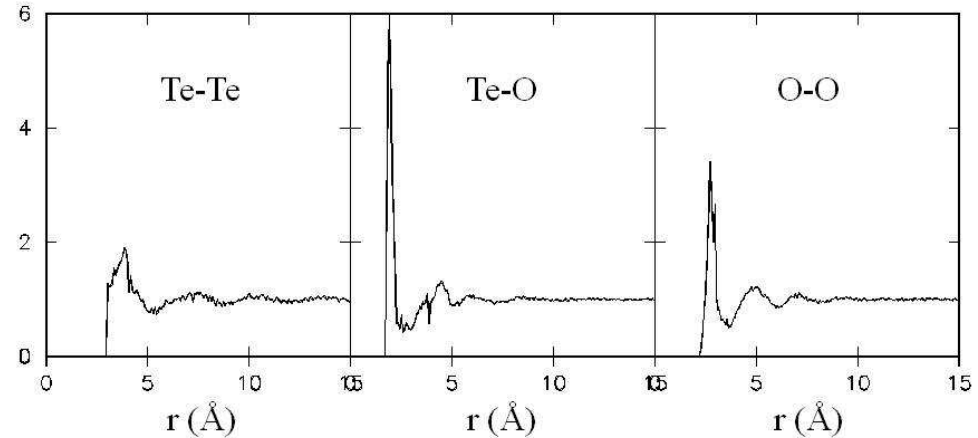


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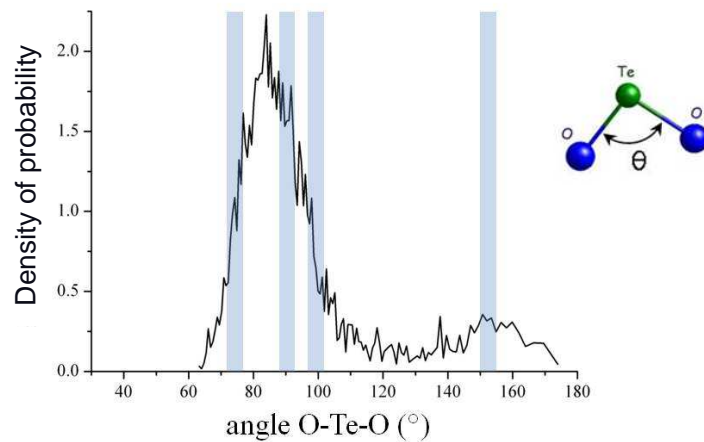
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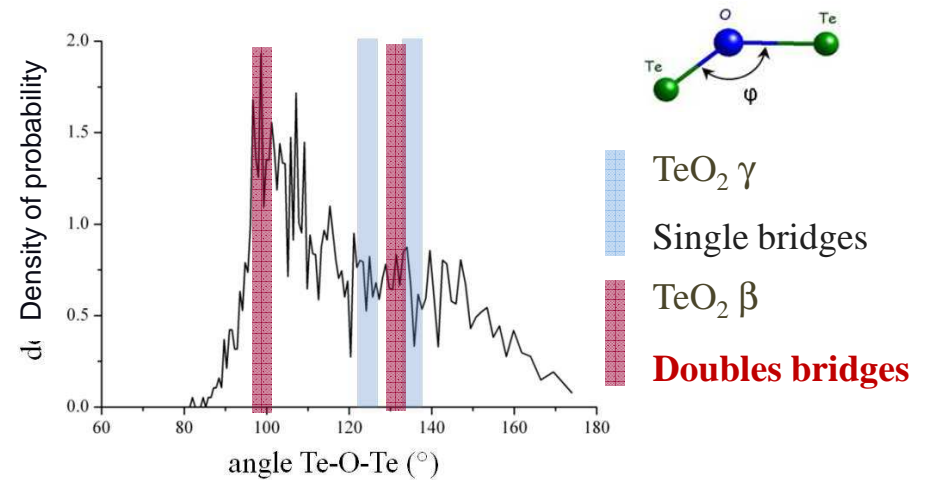
## Partial Pair Distribution Functions



## Angular distributions



- characteristic of the structural units:  
presence of  $\text{TeO}_3$ ,  $\text{TeO}_{3+1}$  and  $\text{TeO}_4$  units



- characteristic of the structural units linkage:  
chains not directed along one axis  
and presence of double bridges



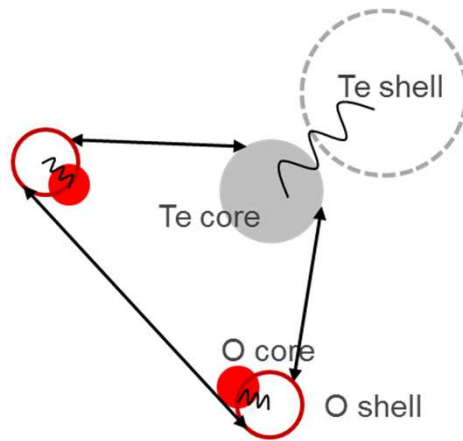
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Structural characterization / MD simulation

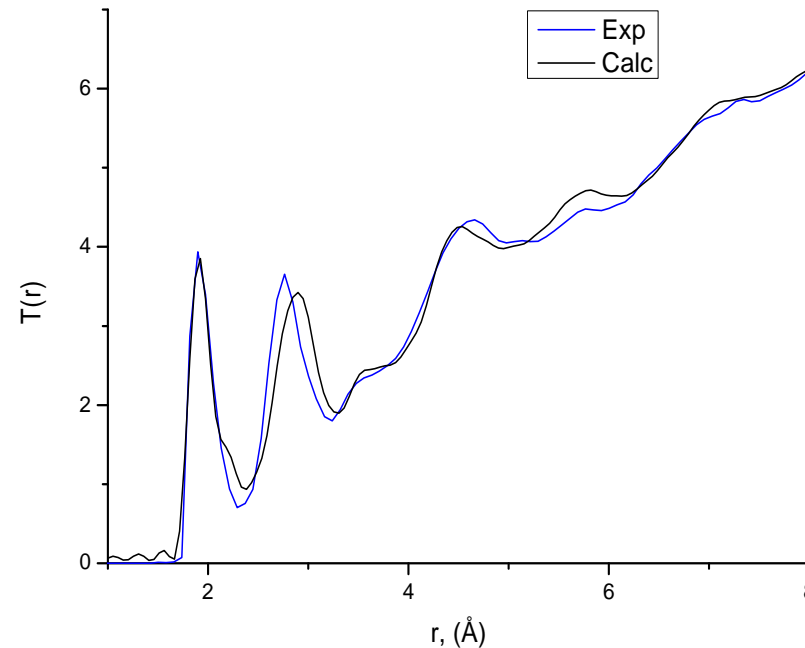
Is  $\text{TeO}_2$  really a glass former ?

## Molecular dynamics simulation of $\text{TeO}_2$ glass

Interatomic potentials developed for  $\text{TeO}_2$  system with GULP [1] software  
MD simulations for pure amorphous  $\text{TeO}_2$  performed with DL\_POLY software [2].



Core-shell model for both Te and O atoms



Calculated and experimental total distribution functions

Check on all known tellurite structures

1. GULP - a computer program for the symmetry adapted simulation of solids, J.D. Gale, *JCS Faraday Trans.*, **93**, 629 (1997)
2. [http://www.ccp5.ac.uk/DL\\_POLY\\_CLASSIC/](http://www.ccp5.ac.uk/DL_POLY_CLASSIC/) "The DL\_POLY Classic User Manual", by W. Smith, T.R. Forester and I.T.Todorov, published by Daresbury Laboratory, United Kingdom.



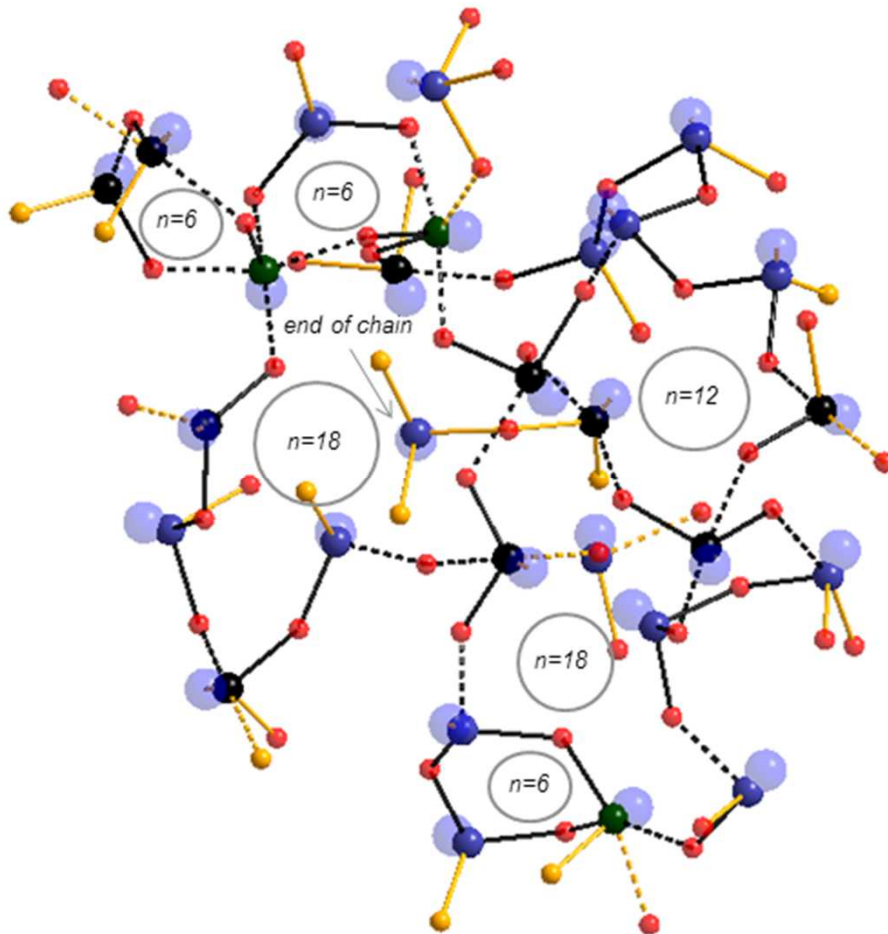
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## Modelled glass network topology

**$\text{TeO}_2$  a GLASS FORMER???**



Fragment of pure  $\text{TeO}_2$  glass structure obtained by MD simulations

- $\text{TeO}_2$  glass consists of wide variety structural units with broad bond lengths distribution
- $\text{TeO}_x$  units tend to form large rings ( $n \geq 10$ )
- Large concentration of NBO (21%)
- Strong influence on the network of the LP steric effect

→ Open network with chain breaks and voids

→ Thermal instability

→ Good ability to accommodate the modifiers

● 3-coordinated Te atoms

● 4-coordinated Te atoms

● 5-coordinated Te atoms

● BO atoms

● NBO atoms

— Short Te-O bonds ( $< 2.02 \text{ \AA}$ )

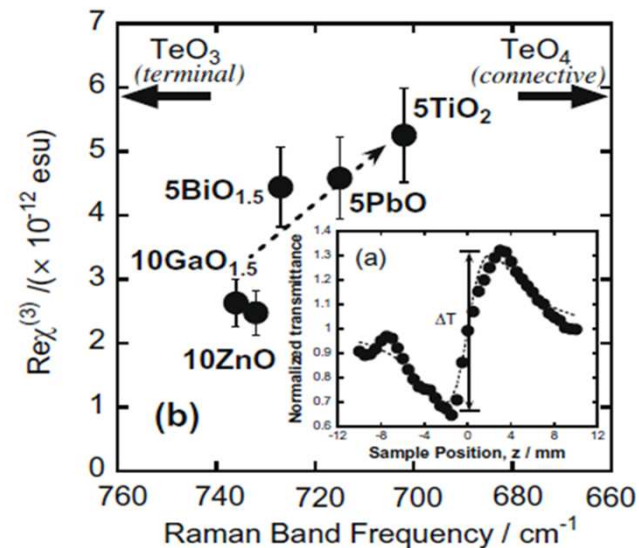
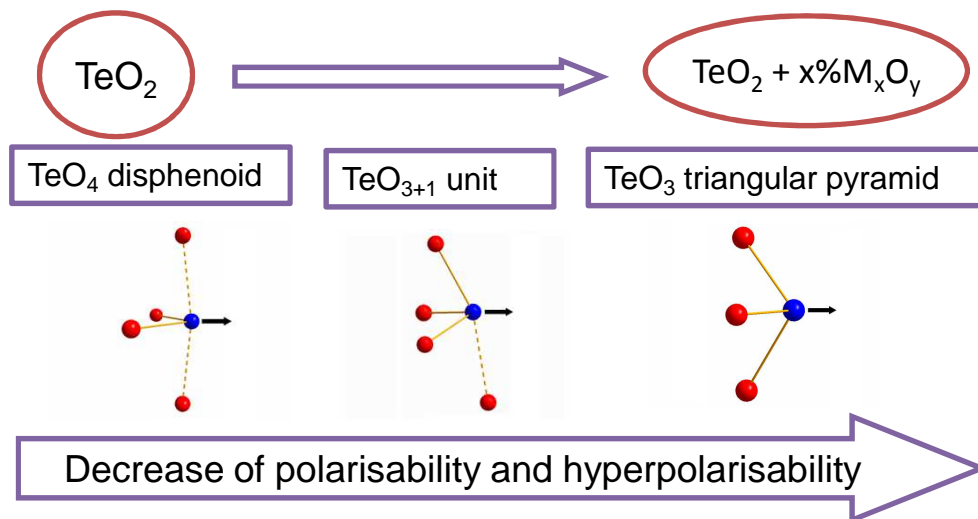
- - - Intermediate Te-O bonds ( $2.02 \text{ \AA} < x < 2.36 \text{ \AA}$ )

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# What's the origin of high 3<sup>rd</sup>-order NLO property ?

Structure / nonlinear optical properties relationships

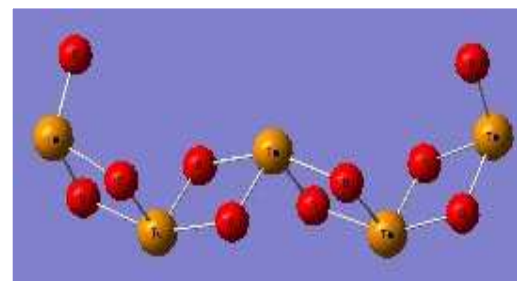
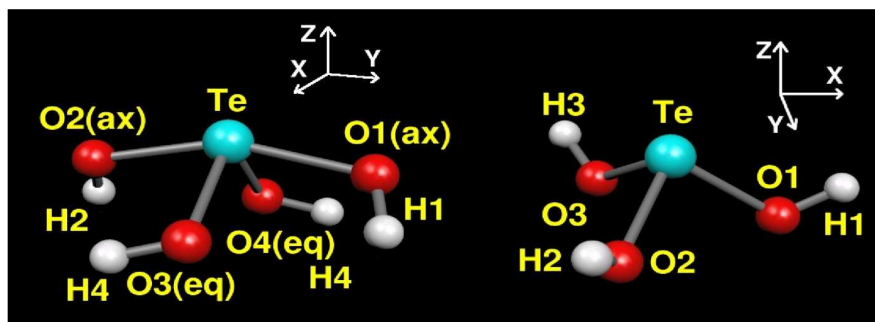


Influence de la concentration et du rapport  $\text{TeO}_4 / \text{TeO}_3$

## Ab initio (DFT) Molecular Orbital calculations

$\gamma(\text{TeO}_4\text{H}_4) = 2018$

$\gamma(\text{TeO}_3\text{H}_3^+) = 1134$



- $\chi^{(3)}$  linear chain-like structure  $\sim \chi^{(3)}$  (exp.)
- **The polymerization** contributes strongly to the hyperpolarisability (Te lone pairs 5%!!): electronic delocalization within the chains.

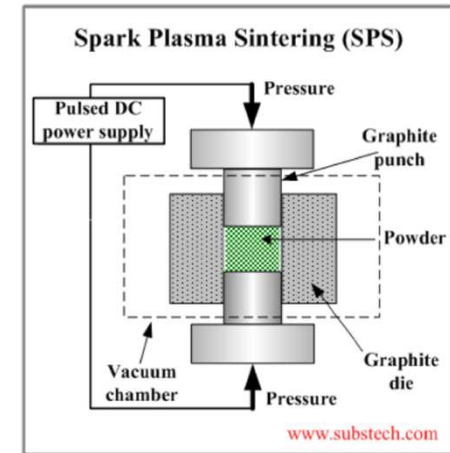


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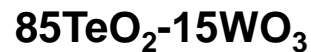
**Transparent glass-ceramics and ceramics:**

- Improvement of the non-linear optical properties
- Strengthen the mechanical properties of the glass
- Keep the optical transparency

- . Conventional annealing in a classical furnace
- . **Spark Plasma Sintering (SPS)**



- *Partial devitrification and shaping of the "powder" in 1 step*
- *Higher crystallization kinetics rate in comparison with a heat treatment in a conventional furnace ( × 100 )*
- *But problem of carbon contamination !!!*     **Solution : pre-sintering**



**Pre-sintering step (of the glass powder)**



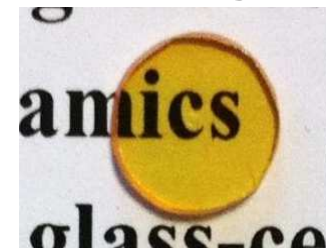
$T_g + 15^\circ\text{C}$   
Density > 95 %

**+ SPS**



Density > 99%

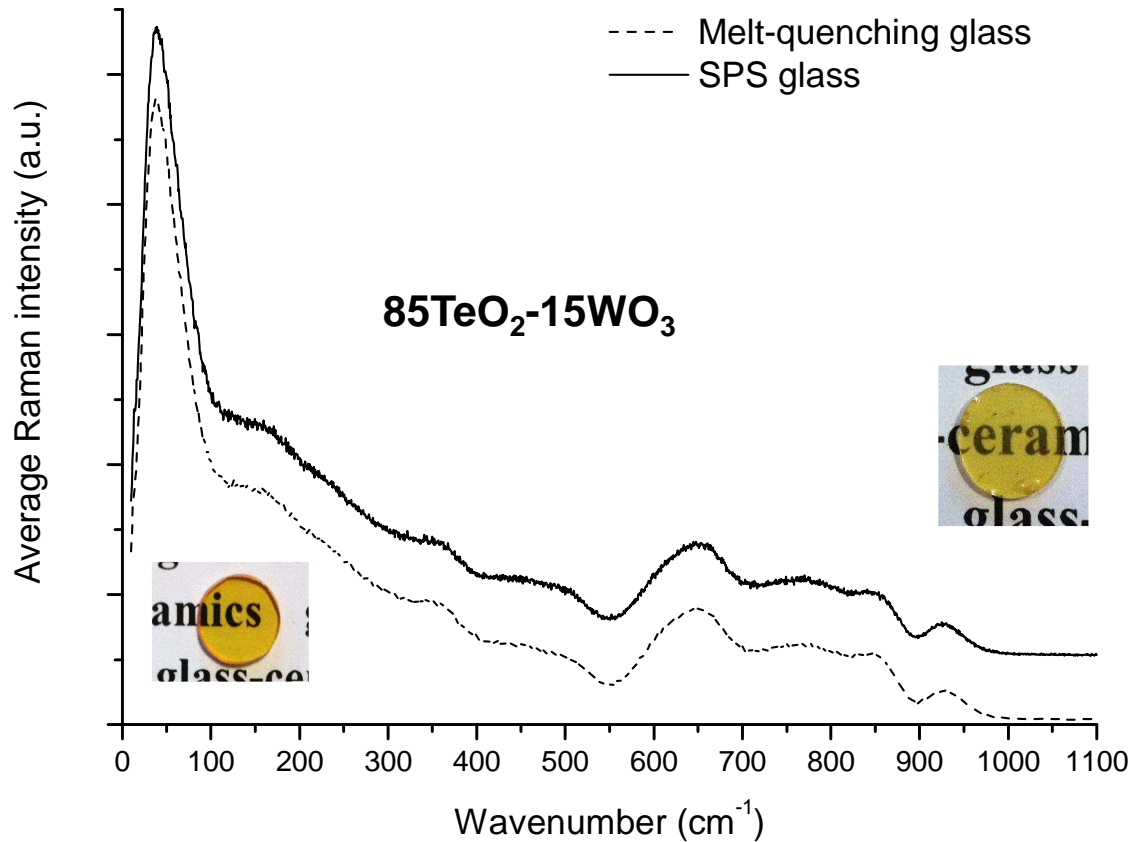
**Melt - Quenched reference glass**





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## Comparing the structure of SPS and MQ glasses



The SPS step does not modify the structure of MQ glasses !

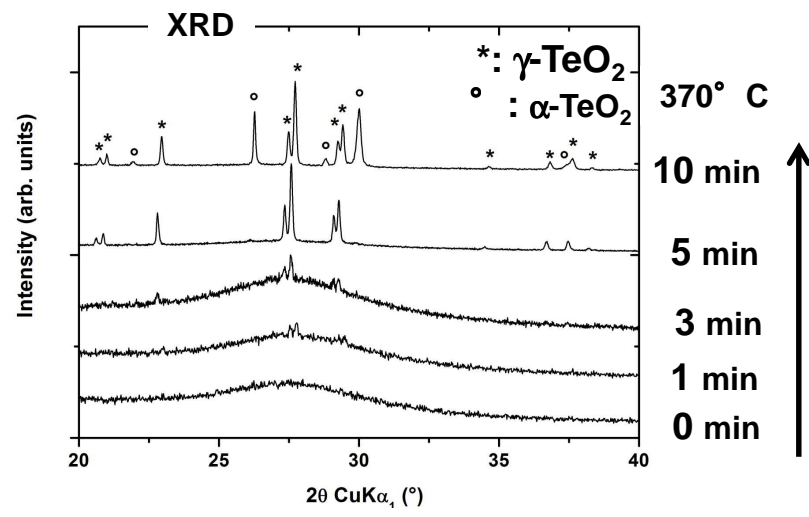


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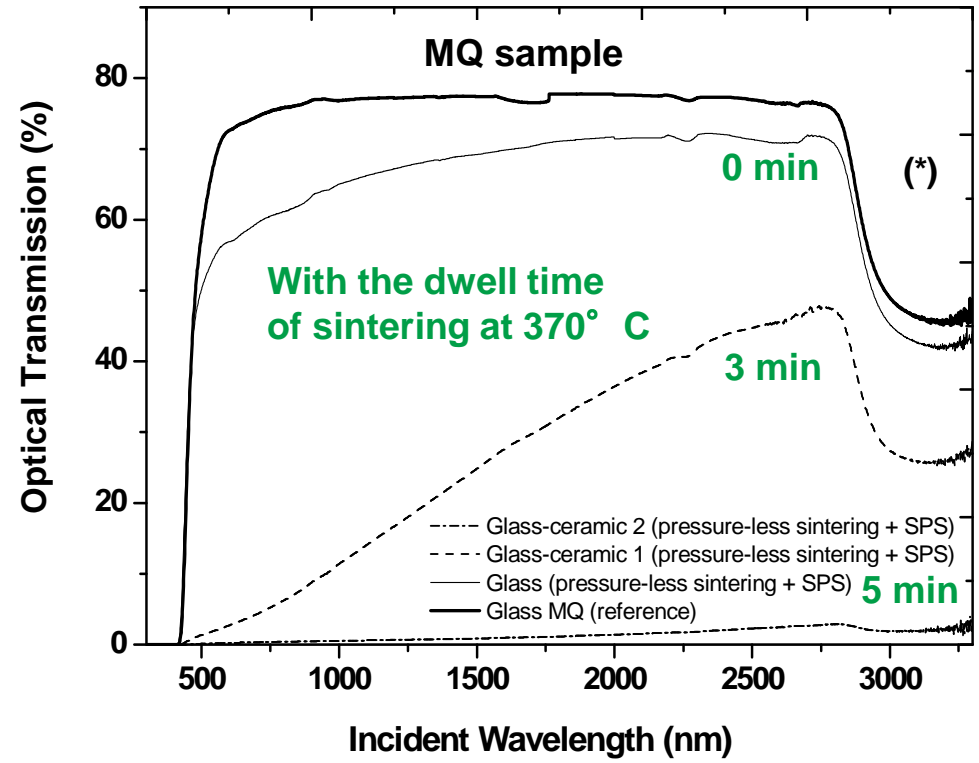
From glass to glass-ceramics



0 min 3 min 5 min



**$\gamma$ -TeO<sub>2</sub> phase crystallizes first !**  
**Non-centrosymmetric phase :**  
**perfect for SHG !**

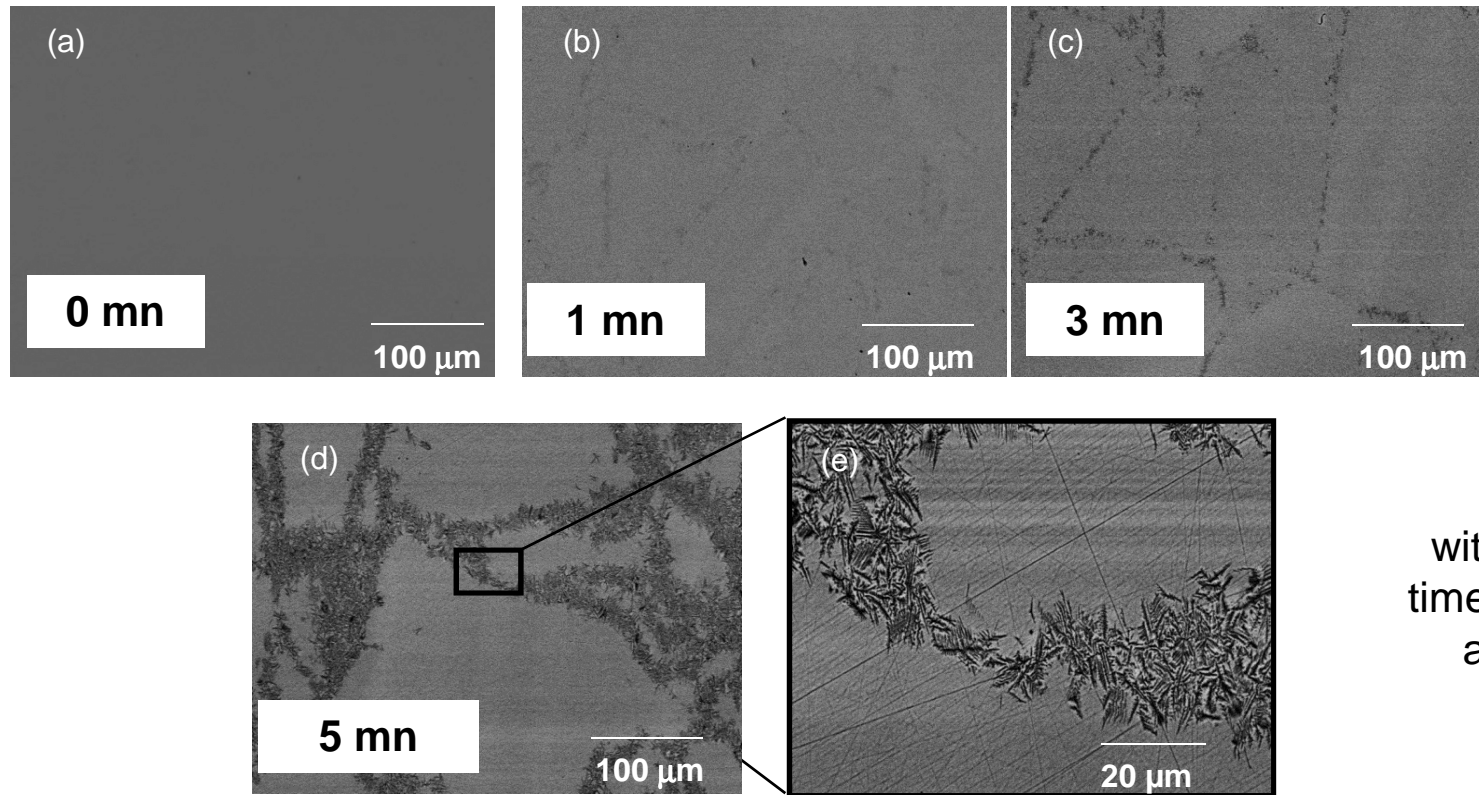


**The optical transmission strongly drops for glass-ceramics**



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## From glass to glass-ceramics / Microstructure



with the dwell  
time of sintering  
at 370° C

*Observation of freshly polished surfaces by SEM*

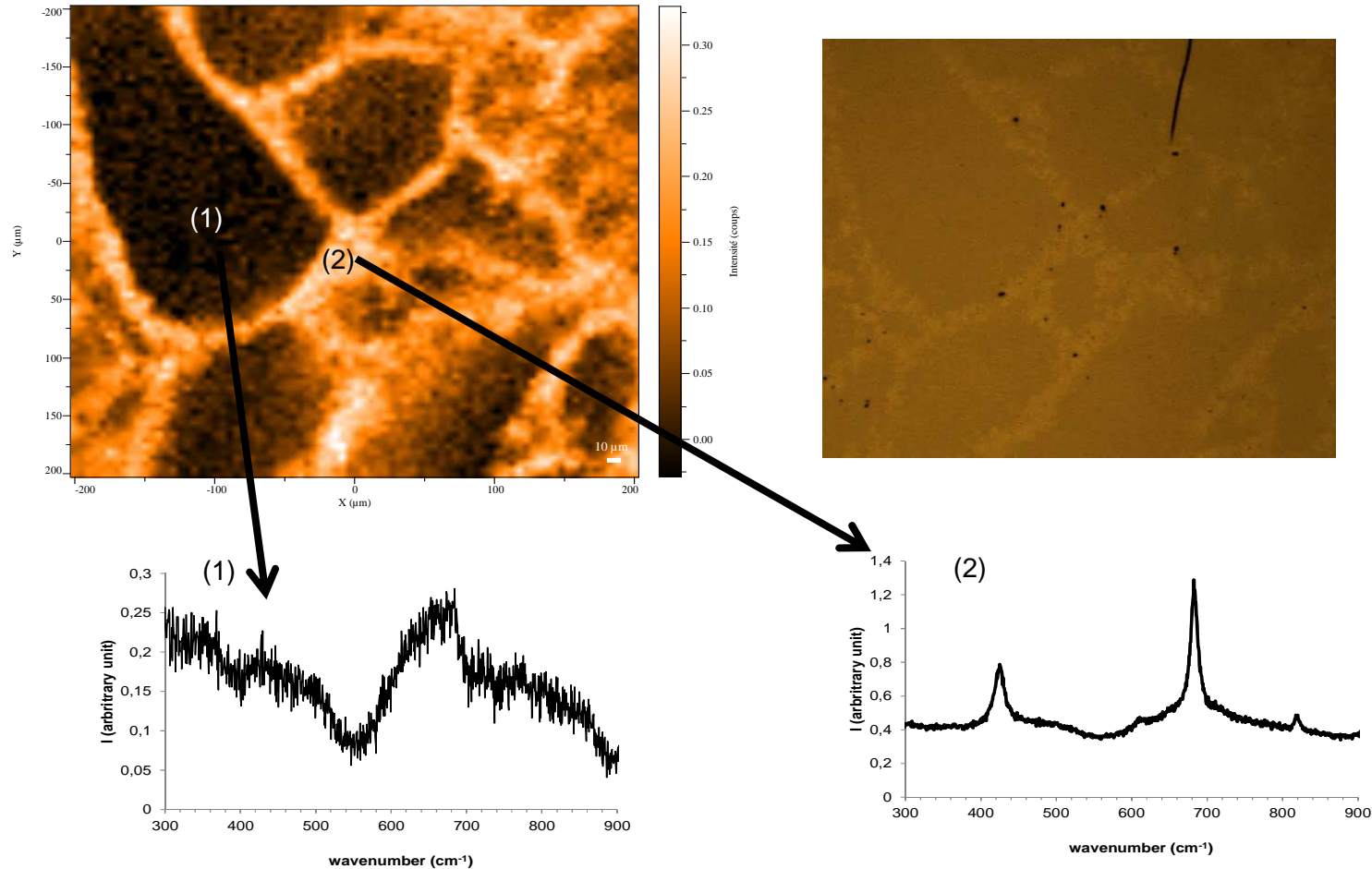
**Crystals are still located at the surface of the glass grains !**

**⇒ Crystals are disseminated within the whole volume of the samples !**



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## From glass to glass-ceramics / Nature of crystals: $\gamma$ -TeO<sub>2</sub>



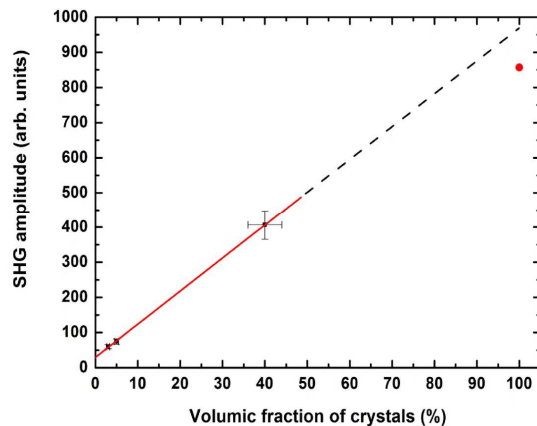
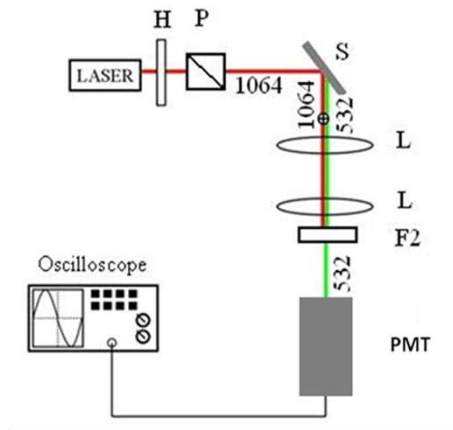
**The core of the grains remains amorphous  
 $\gamma$ -TeO<sub>2</sub> crystallizes at the surface of the grains !**



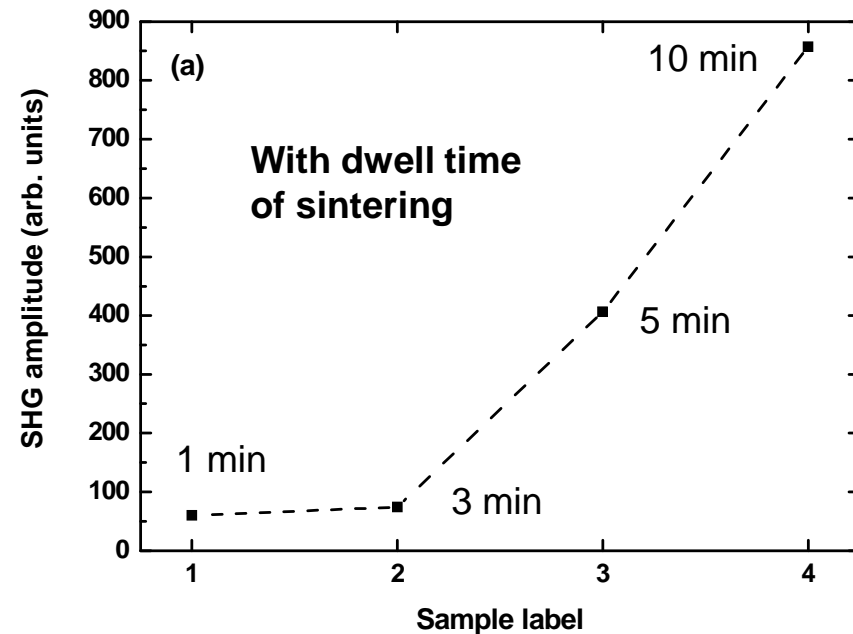
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## From glass to glass-ceramics / Evidence of SHG

Measurements carried out in reflection mode



## SHG properties



Detection of SHG signal  $\Leftrightarrow$  Glass-ceramics containing non-centrosymmetric crystals

In agreement with the XRD and Raman data (evidence of a majority of  $\gamma$ -TeO<sub>2</sub> phase)

SHG intensity proportional to the quantity of crystals



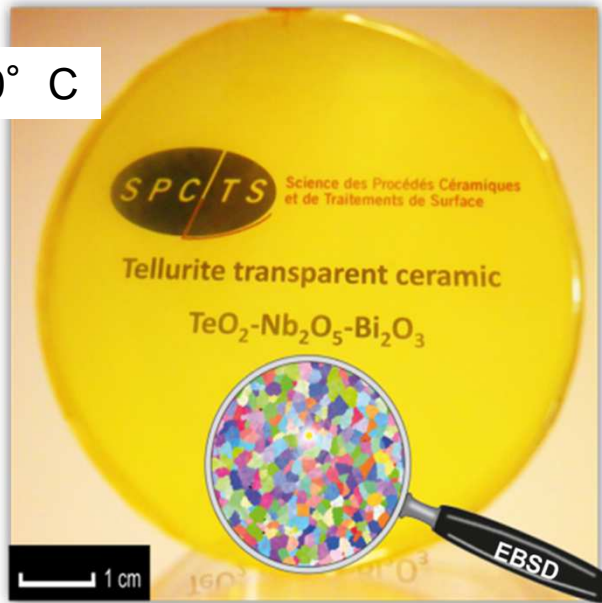
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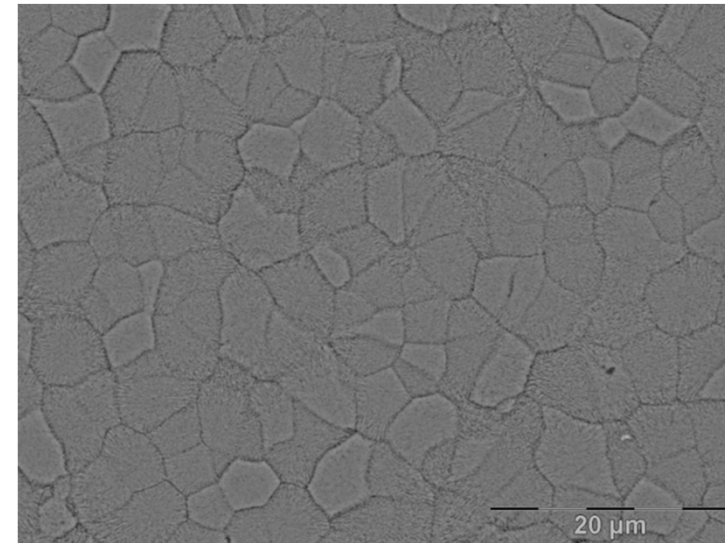
Ceramic

1.5h 520° C



Complete crystallization (EBSD)

Grain boundaries (SEM)



No porosity; grain size average: 5 μm



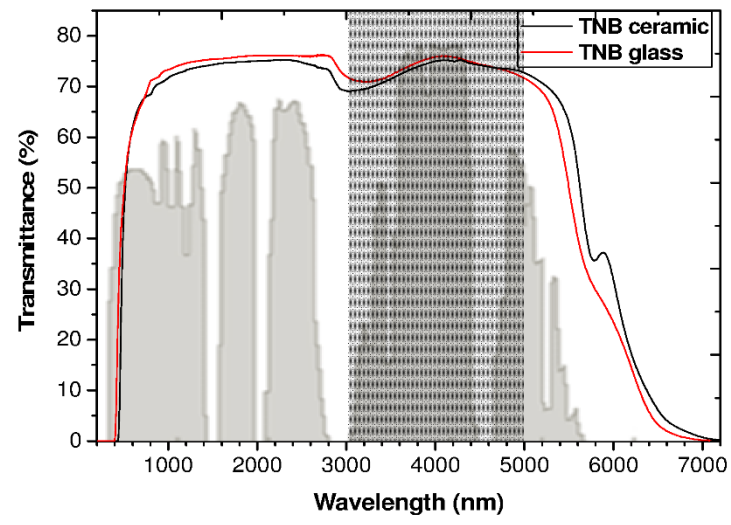
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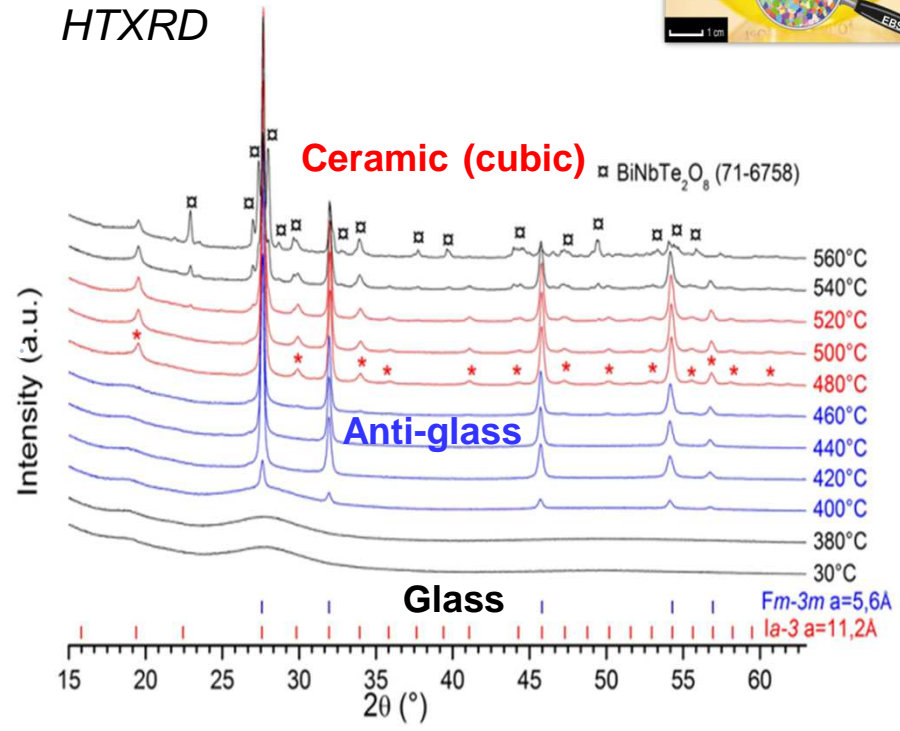
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Optical transmittance



HTXRD



Glass / Ceramic: same transparency  
Excellent transmission in the near-IR (3-5  $\mu\text{m}$ )



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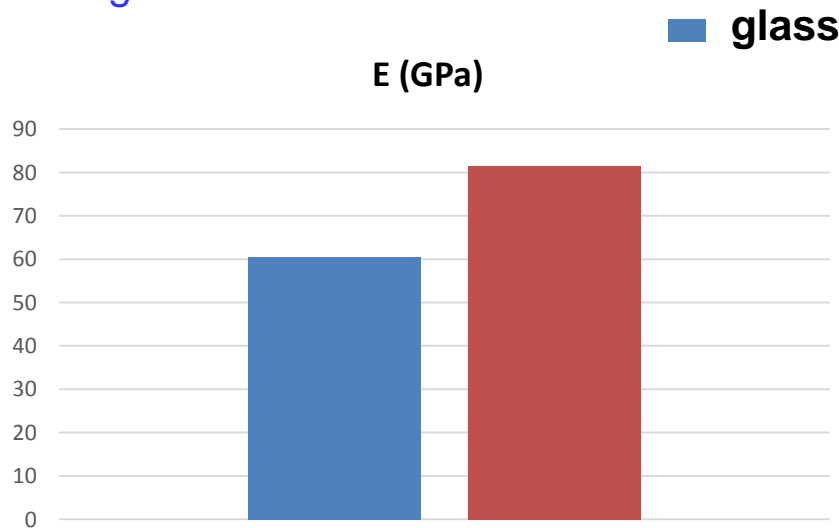
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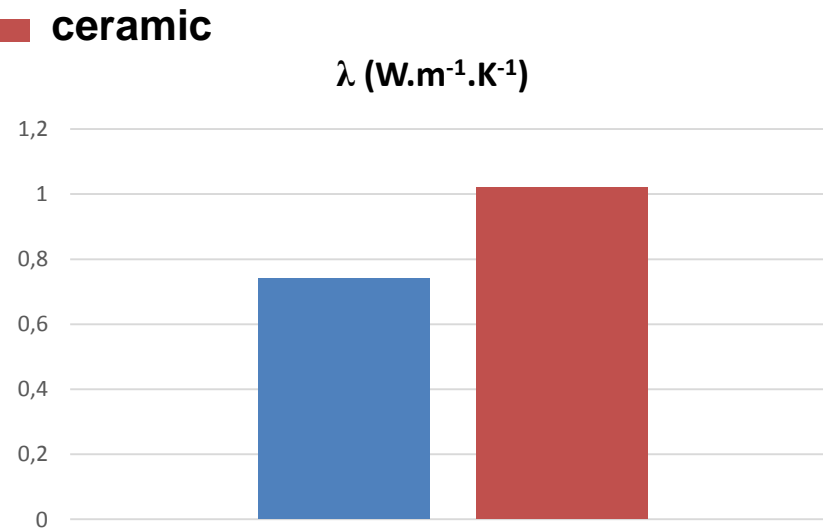


## Thermo-mechanical properties

Young Modulus



Thermal conductivity



- Glass to ceramic:
    - Improvement of mechanical properties
    - Increase of thermal conductivity
- promising for laser applications







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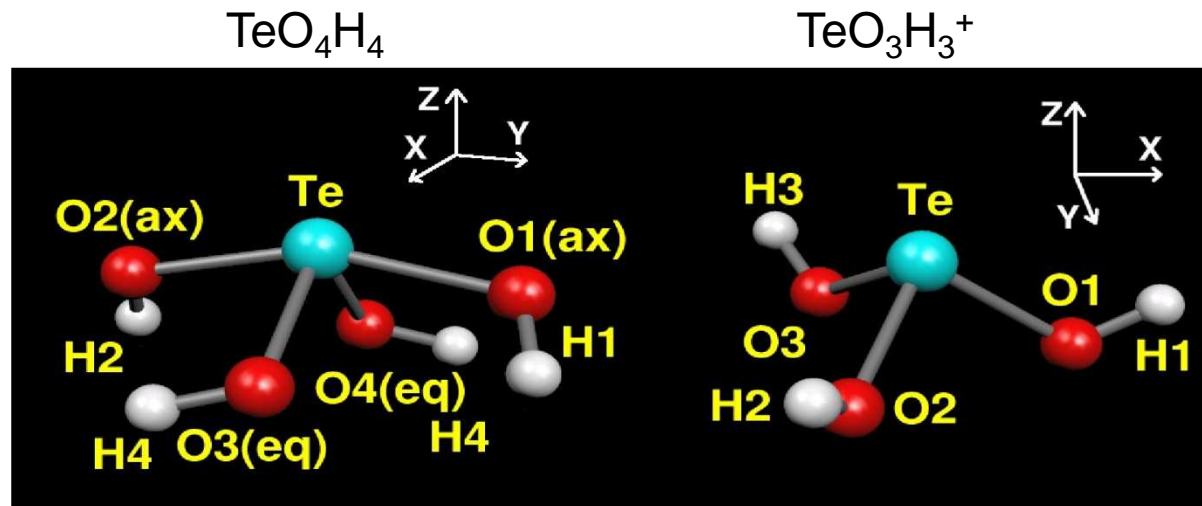
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# Modelling of the non-linear optical properties

## What's the origin of high 3rd-order NLO property ?

Ab initio (DFT) Molecular Orbital calculations on  $\text{TeO}_4$  and  $\text{TeO}_3$  structural units.



	TeO4H4	TeO3H3 <sup>+</sup>	Remark
$\langle \gamma^{\text{Te}lp} \rangle$	<u>470</u>	203	$\gg$
$\langle \gamma^{\text{Te-Obp}} \rangle$	206	175	$\sim$
$\langle \gamma^{\text{O}lp} \rangle$	71	60	$\sim$
$\langle \gamma^{\text{O-Hbp}} \rangle$	39	17	Small values
$\langle \gamma^{\text{cluster}} \rangle$	2018	1134	$\sum \langle \gamma^{\text{bond}} \rangle$

Te  $lp$  in the  $\text{TeO}_4$  geometry is a key of high  $\gamma$  in  $\text{TeO}_2$ -based glasses



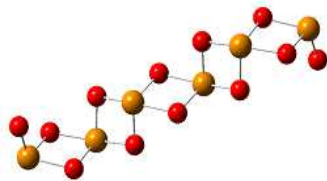
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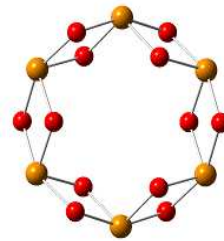
## Ab initio (DFT) **Molecular approach**

Geometry determination of a series of  $(\text{TeO}_2)_p$  clusters

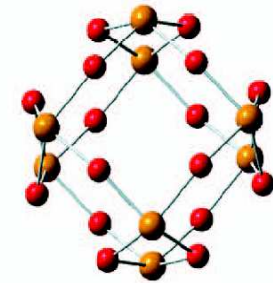
*Many more-or-less realistic stable clusters*



1D « chain-like »; p=6



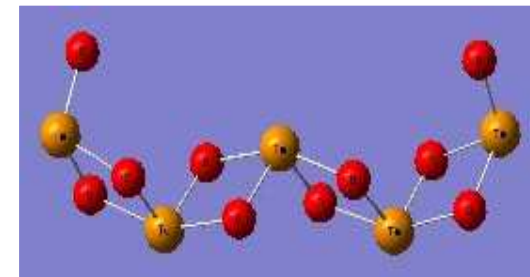
2D « circle »; p=6



3D « cage »; p=8

## **Nonlinear susceptibility $\chi^3$**

- .  $\chi(3)$  linear chain-like structure  $\sim \chi(3)$  (exp.)
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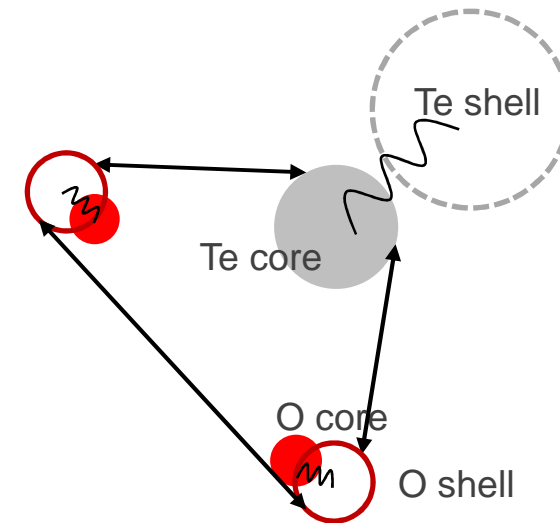


# Interatomic potentials model

- Coulombic interaction for **fully ionic** model of Born:  $U_{ij}^{coul} = \frac{q_i q_j}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{ij}}$
- Short - range interaction: Buckingham potential form:  $U_{ij} = A e^{-r_{ij}/\rho} - C r_{ij}^{-6}$
- Core-shell model for both Te and O atoms:  $U_{spr} = \frac{1}{2} k_2 x^2 + \frac{1}{24} k_4 x^4$

Interaction	Parameters
Te <sup>4+</sup> – O <sup>2-</sup>	$A_1, \rho_1, C_1$
O <sup>2-</sup> – O <sup>2-</sup>	$A_2, \rho_2, C_2$
Te (core) – Te (shell)	$k_2^1, k_4^1, q_{sh}^1$
O (core) – O (shell)	$k_2^2, q_{sh}^2$

$r_{ij}$  – distance between atoms;  $A, C, \rho$  – constants;  $q_i, q_j$  – ion charges



=> Parametrization of IAP using 11 parameters

