
Uncovering Hidden Glasses

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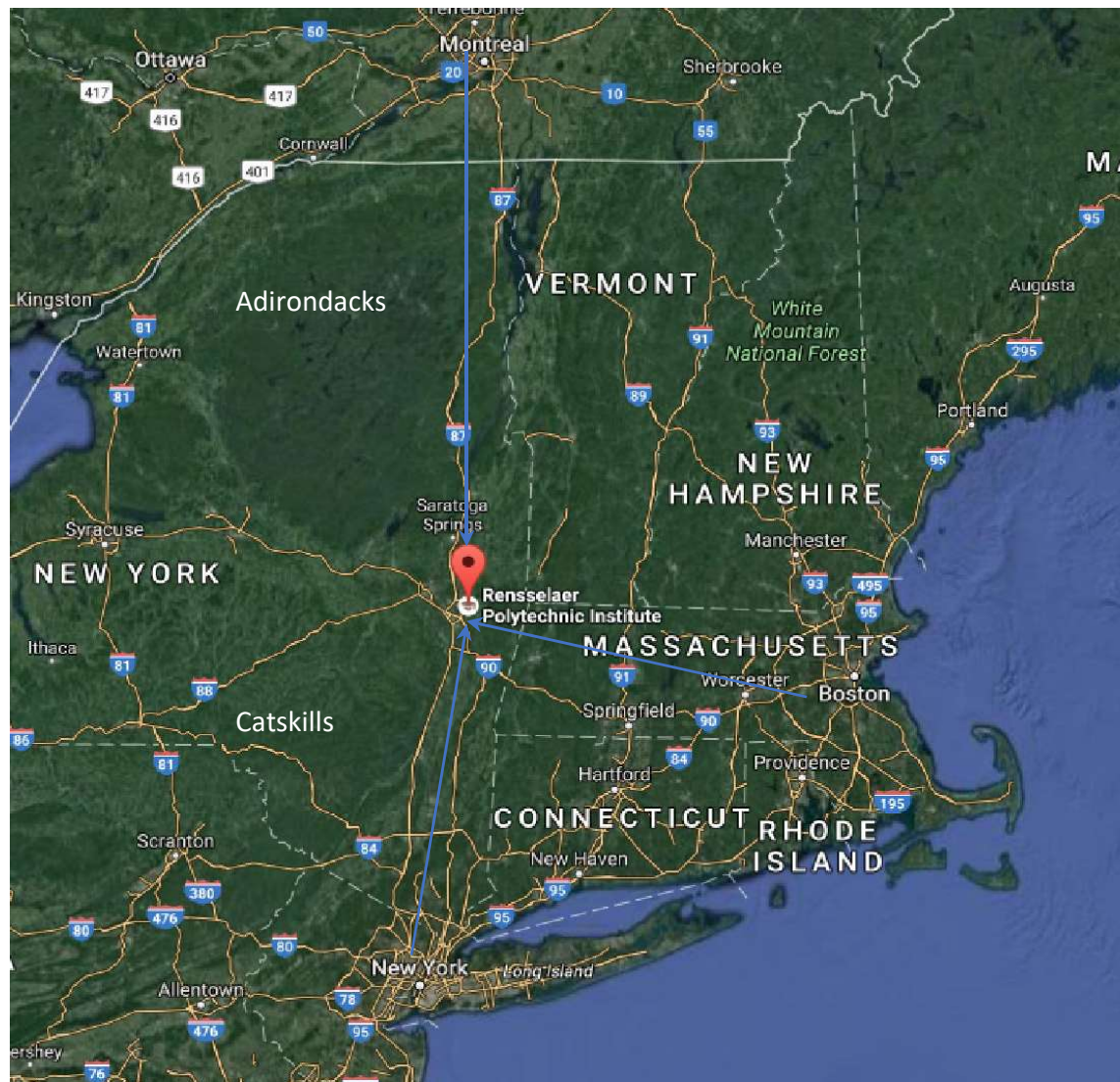
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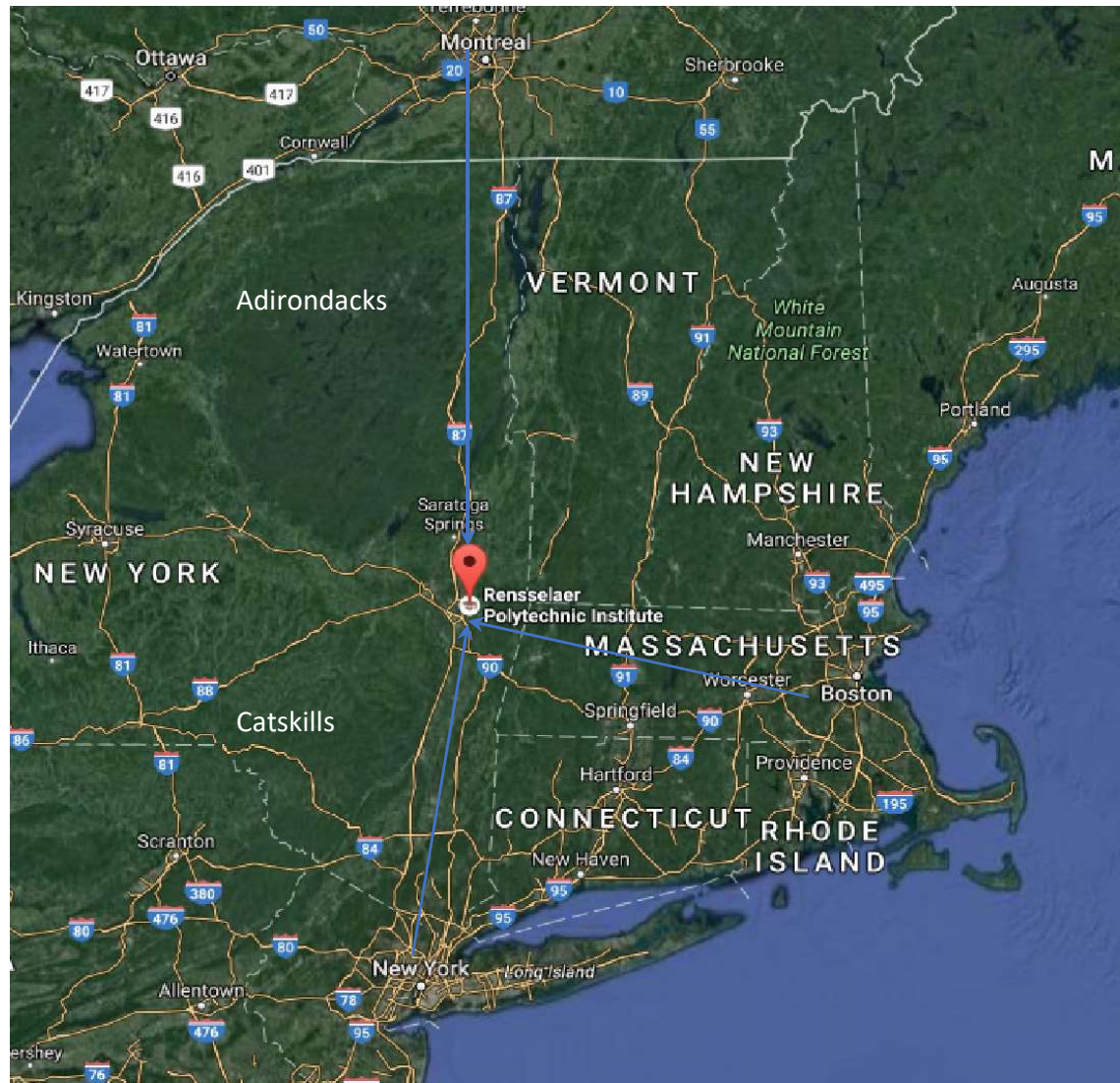
Where is RPI?

Founded in 1824 by [Stephen Van Rensselaer](#), the nation's oldest technological research university.

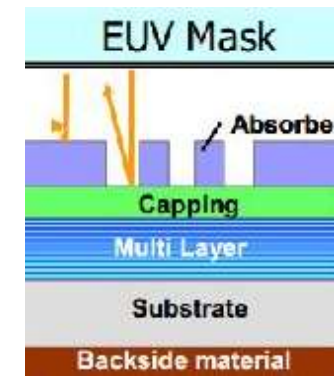
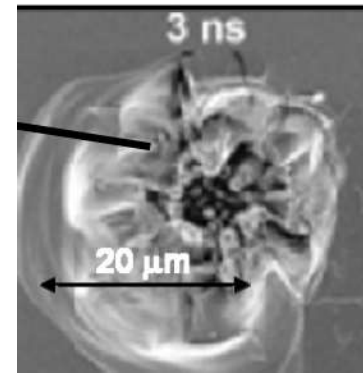


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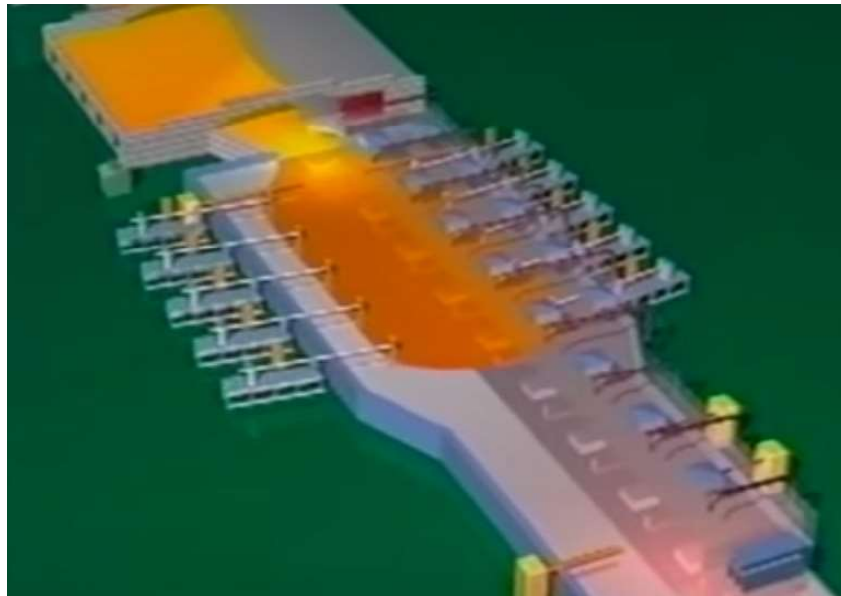
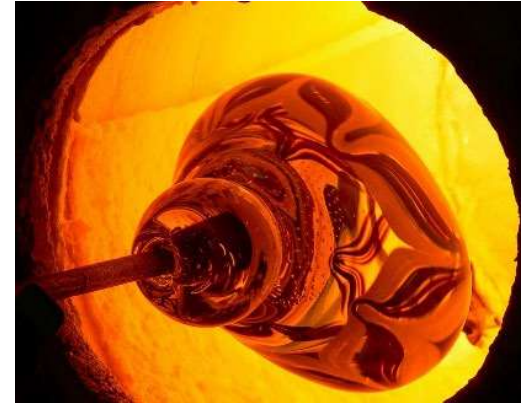
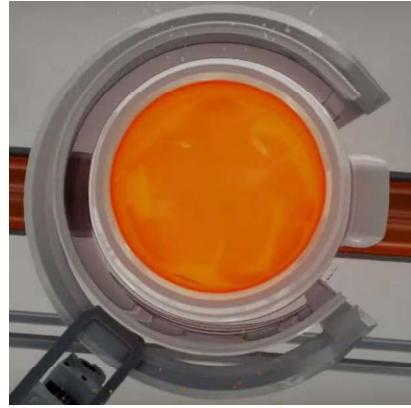
Surrounded by the Adirondack, Catskill and Berkshire ranges



Glass as an Enabling Material



Conventional Approaches to Glass Formation



Pilkington Float Process

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVokYKqWRZE>



Corning Fusion Draw Process

<http://www.wired.com/2012/09/ff-corning-gorilla-glass/>

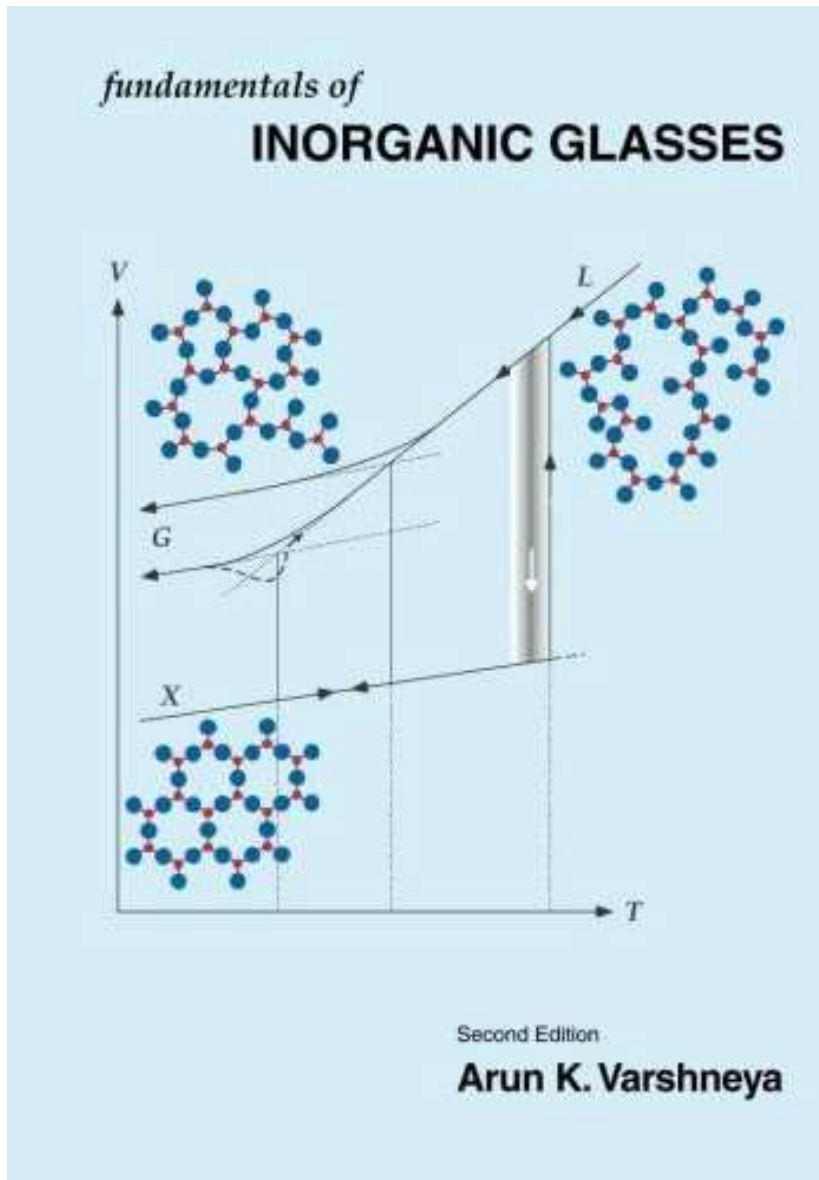
Melting in a container

Varying **composition**

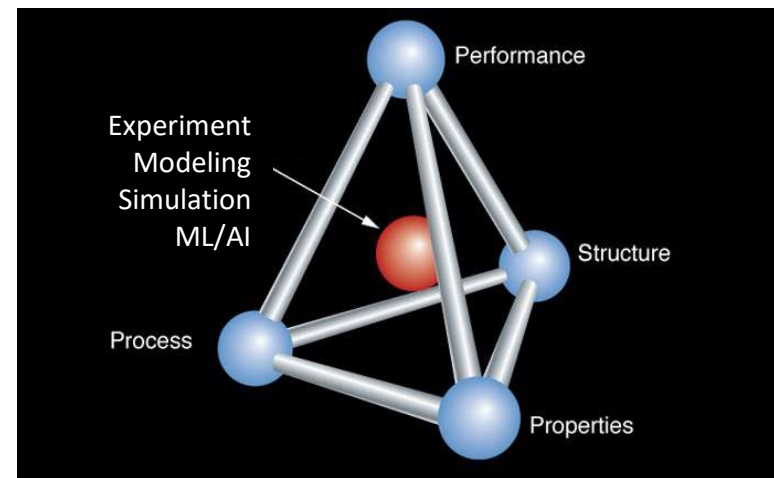
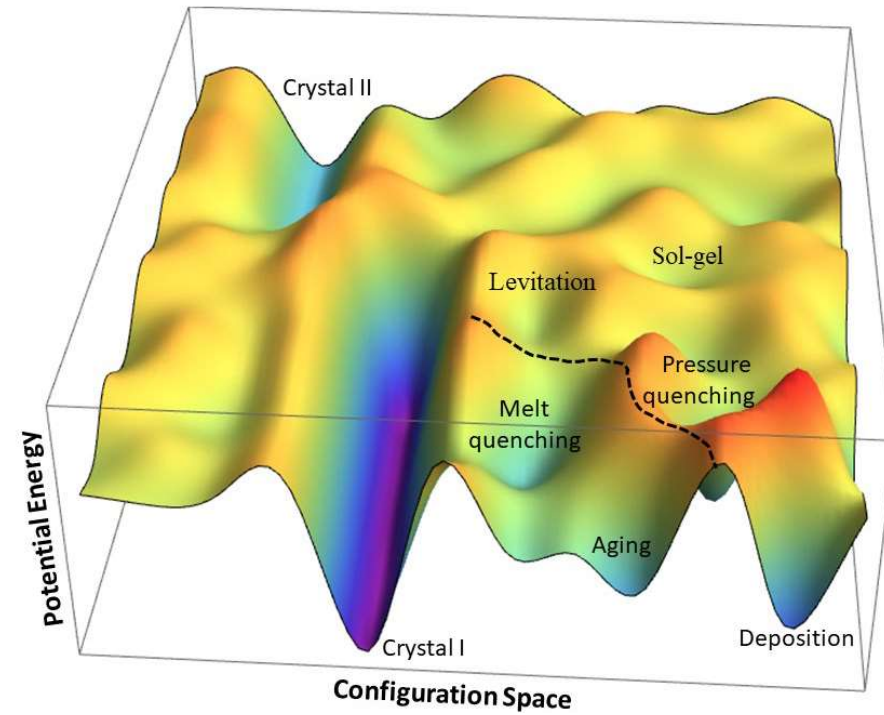
Controlling thermal history
(**temperature and time**)

Limited glass forming range

Uncovering Hidden Glasses



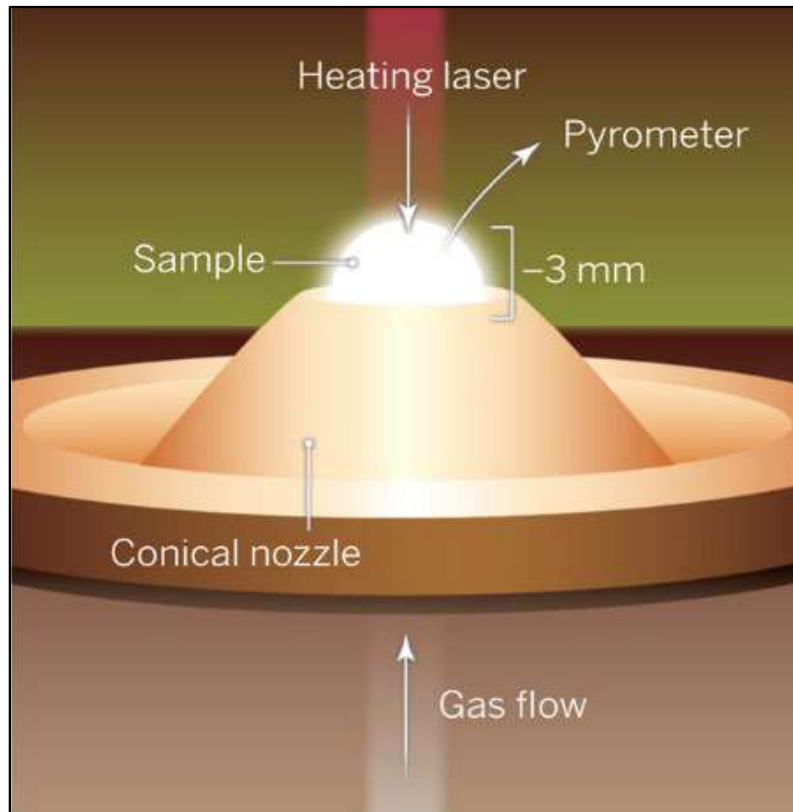
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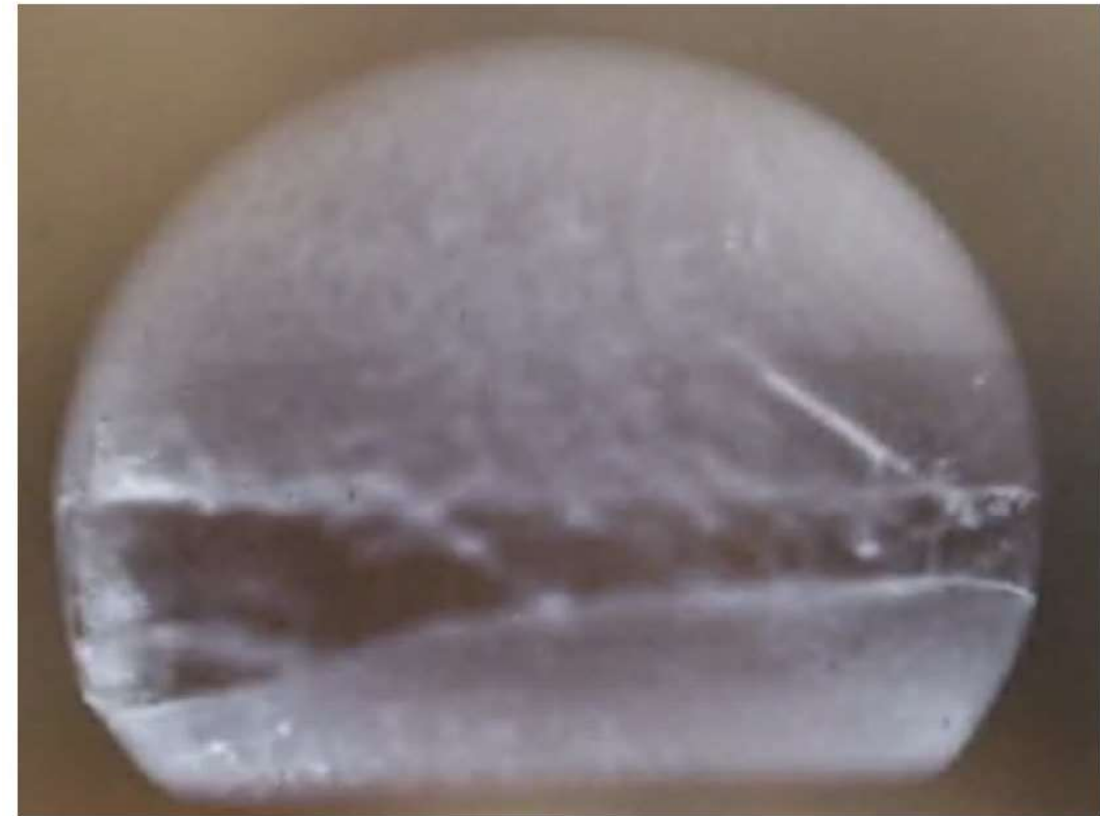
Adventures in a Glass Wonderland



Melting with Levitation



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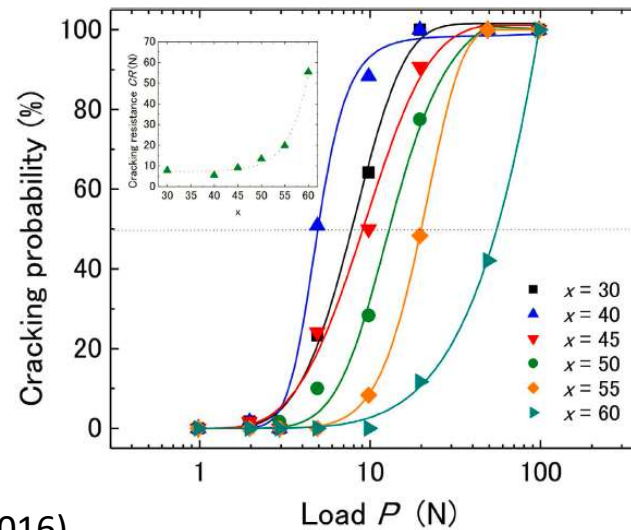
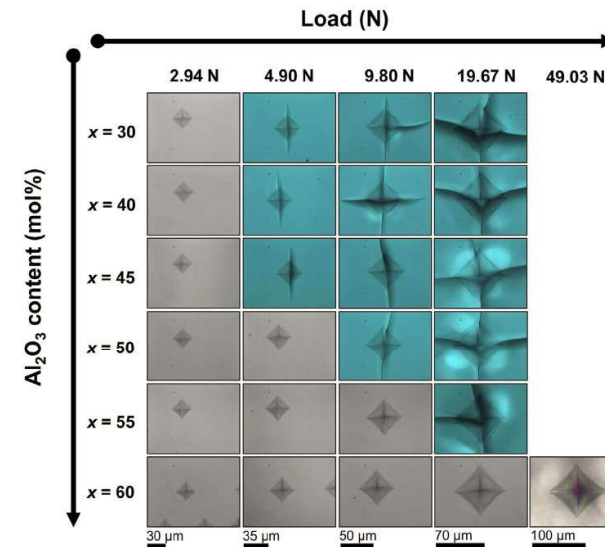
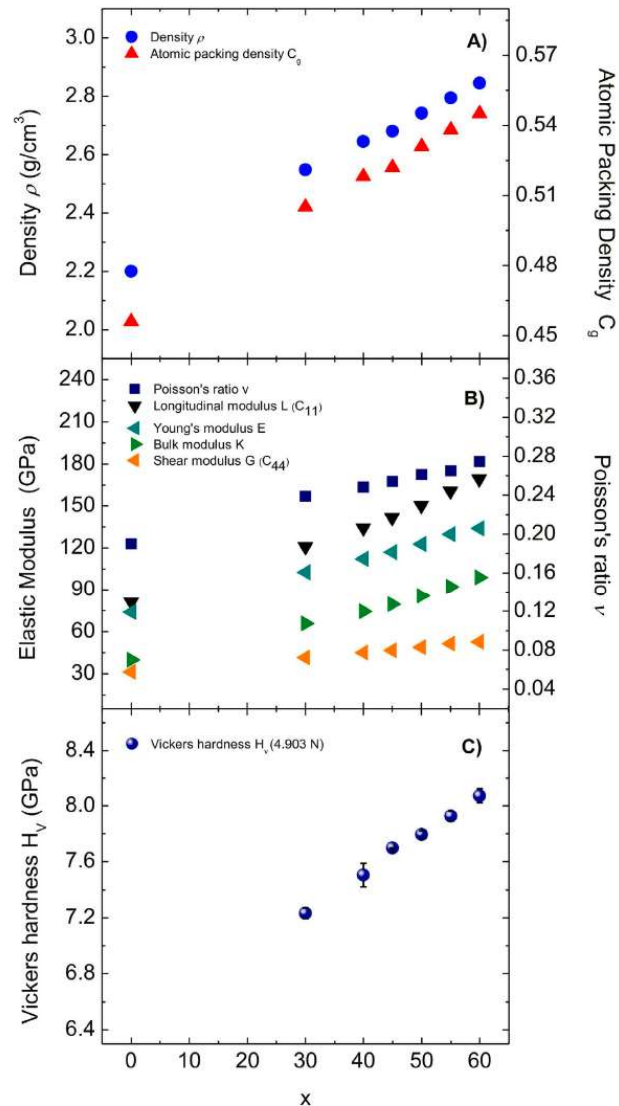
Courtesy of Dr. Yuanzheng Yue, Denmark



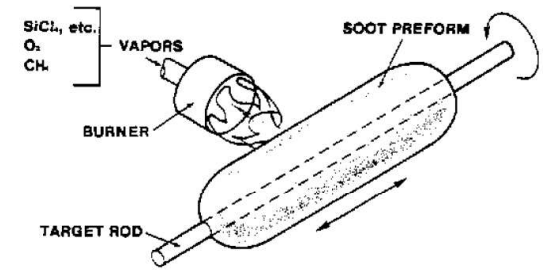
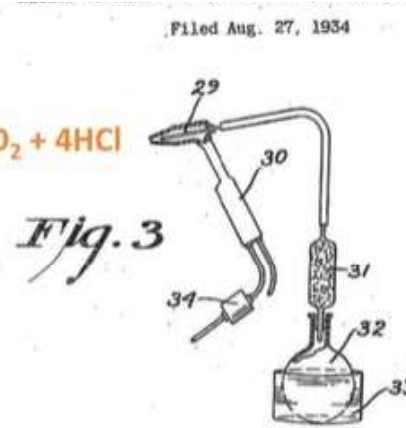
Materials Development, Inc.

Crack Resistant $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$ Glasses

>30% Al_2O_3 , low glass-forming ability, high melting temperatures

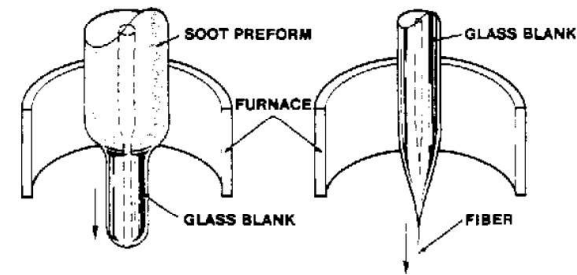


Flame Hydrolysis Deposition



SOOT DEPOSITION

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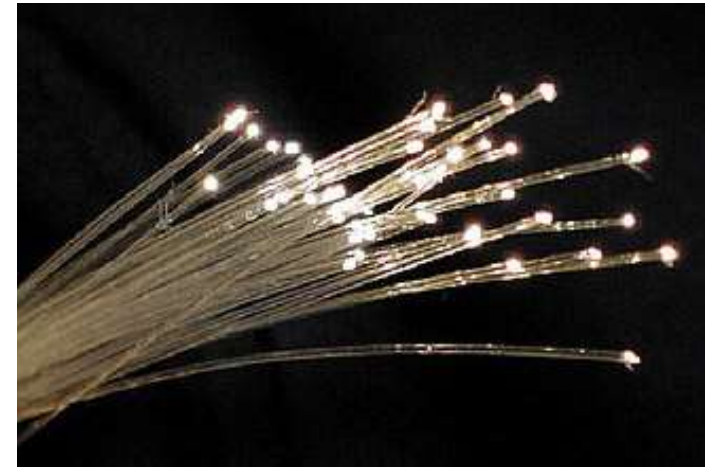
SINTERING

(b)

FIBER DRAWING

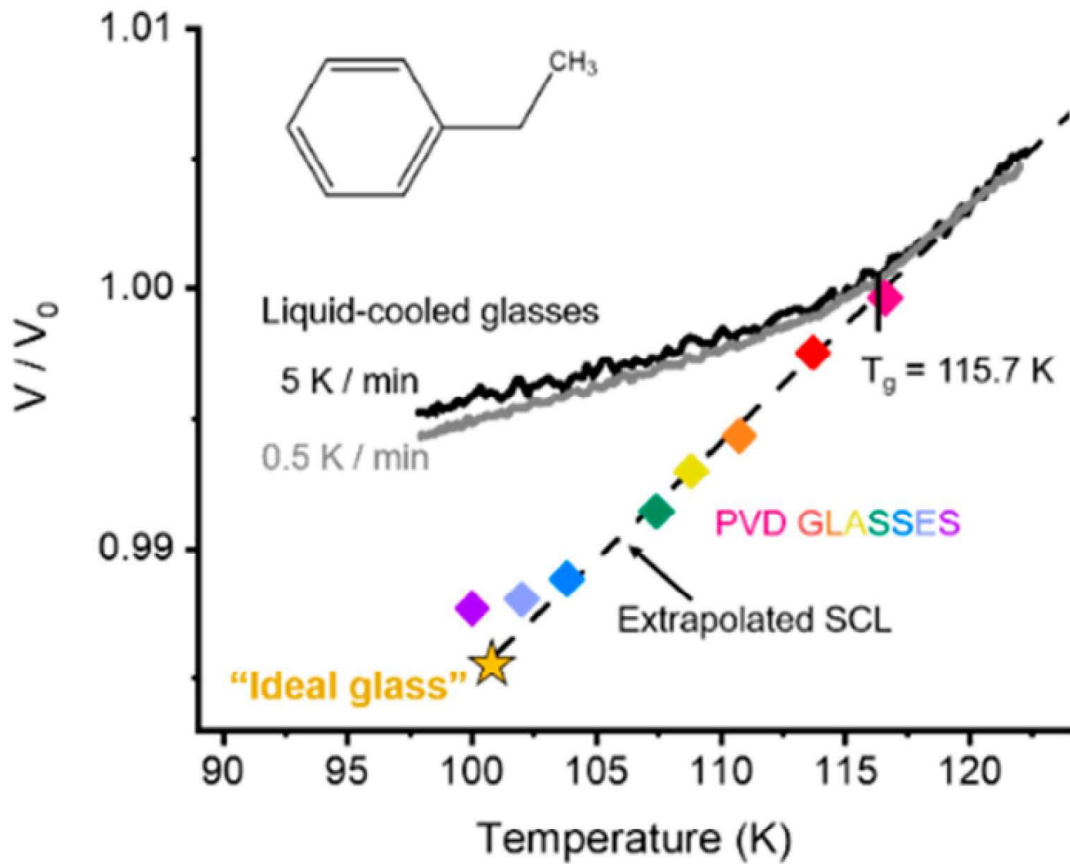
(c)

Flame hydrolysis process to make fused silica glass invented by Dr. James Franklin Hyde, Corning, 1934

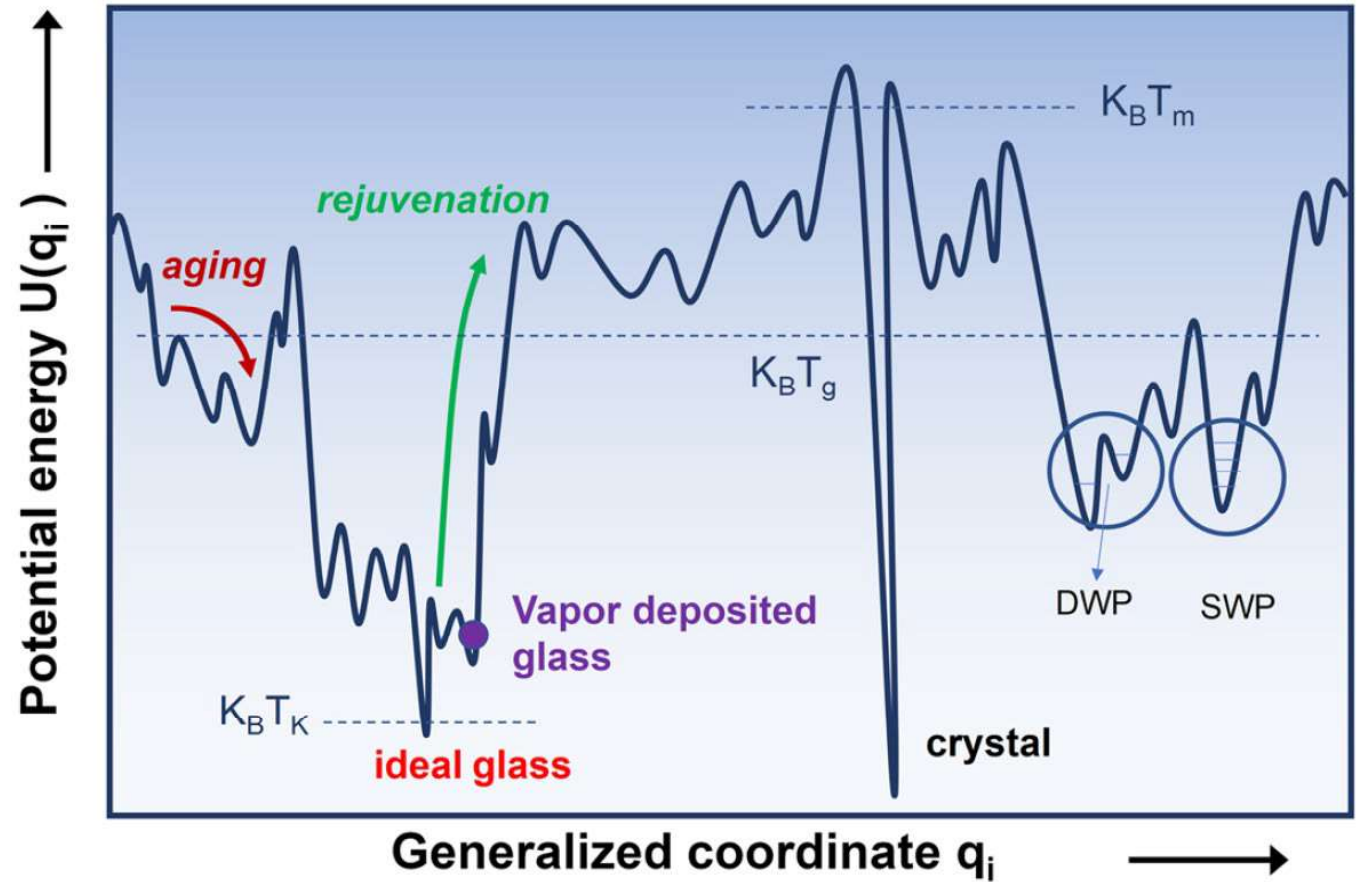


Corning flame hydrolysis fused silica boule in 1960's.

Physical Vapor Deposition

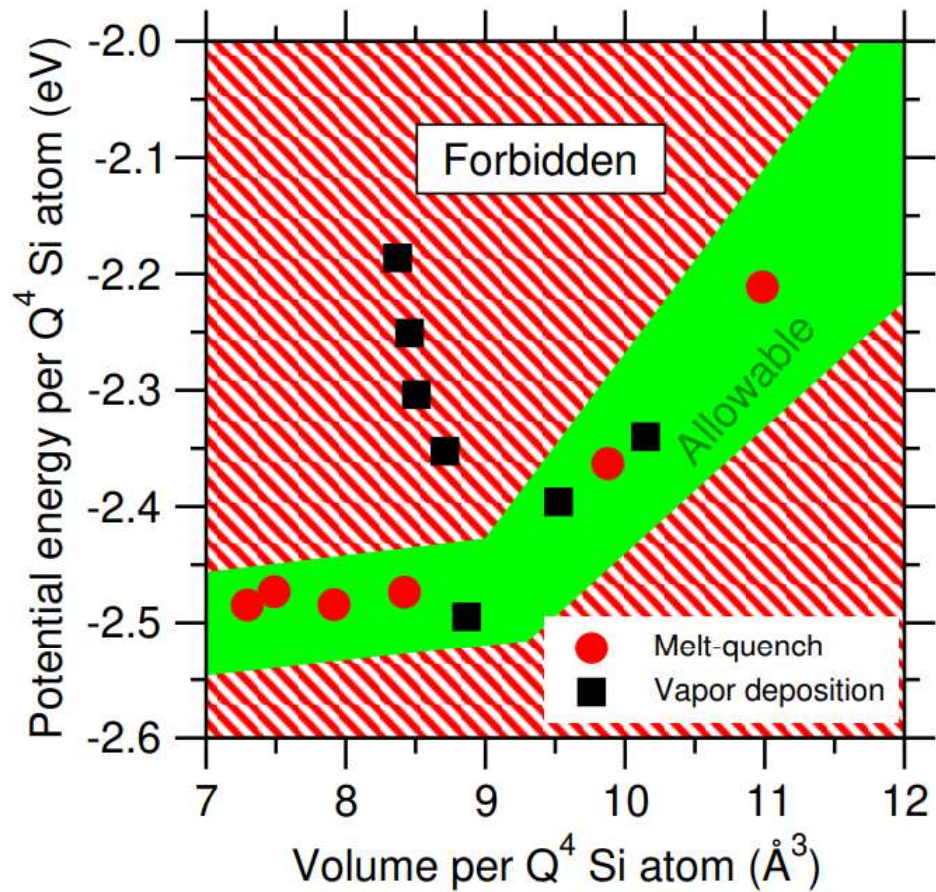


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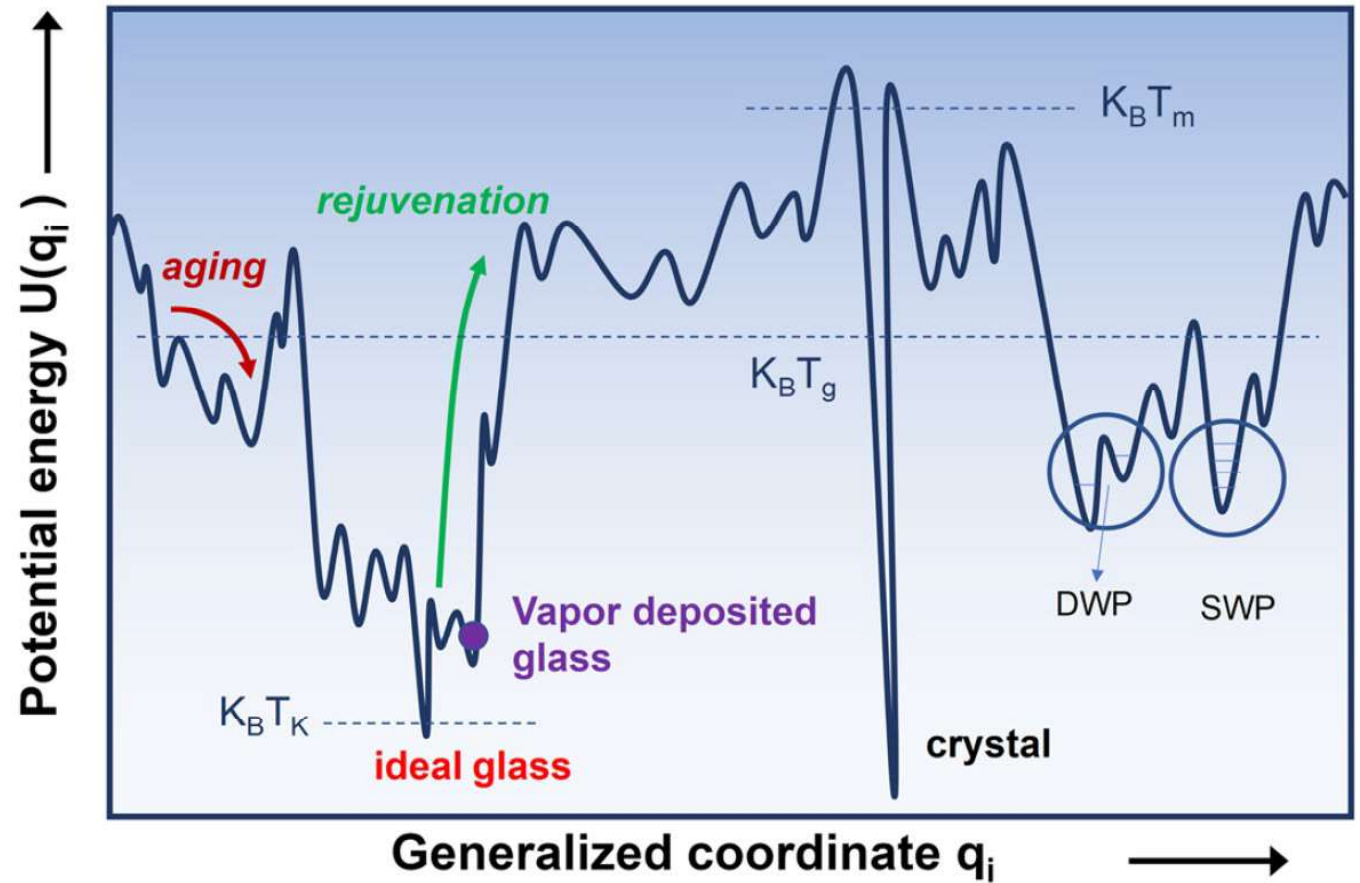


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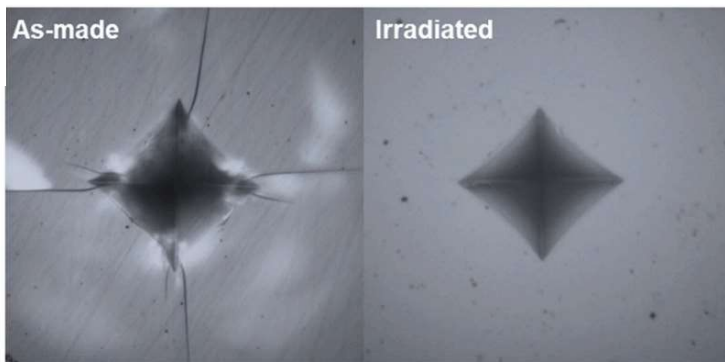
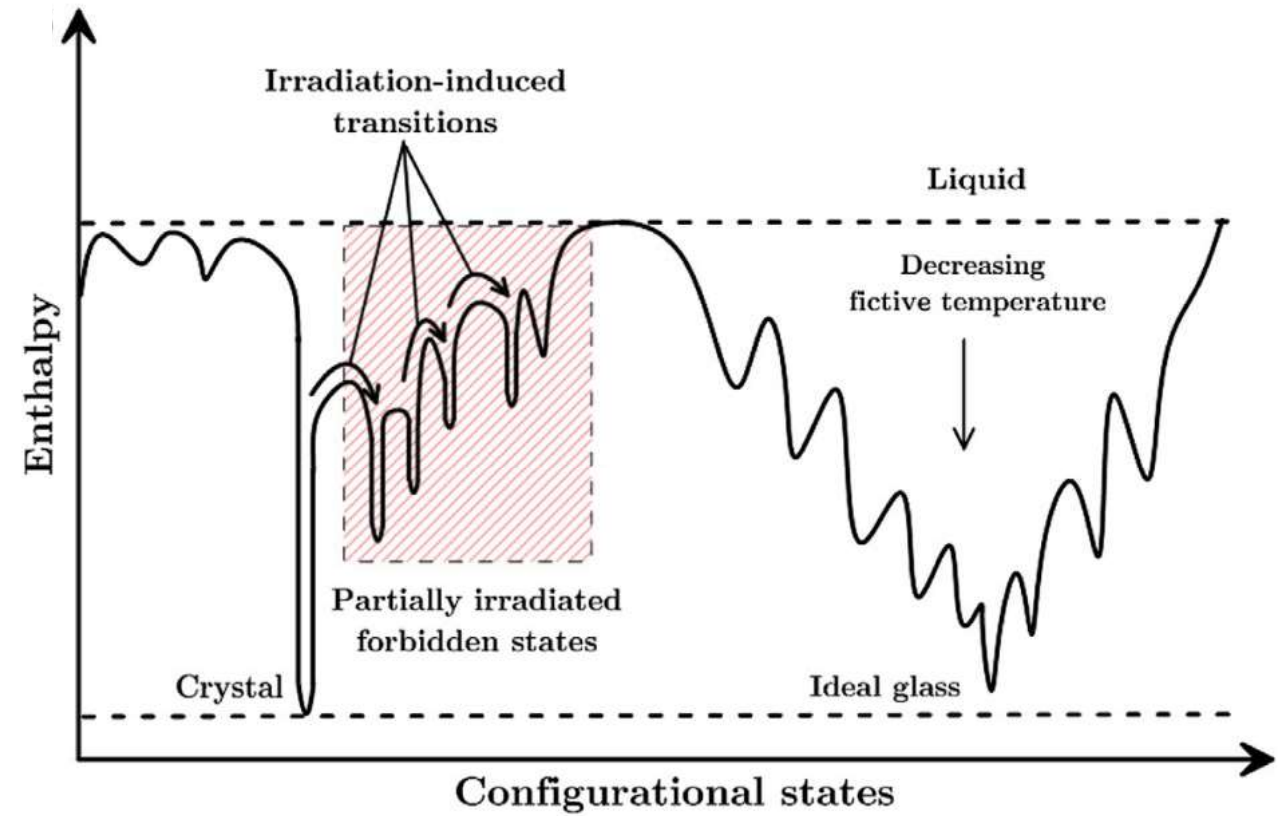
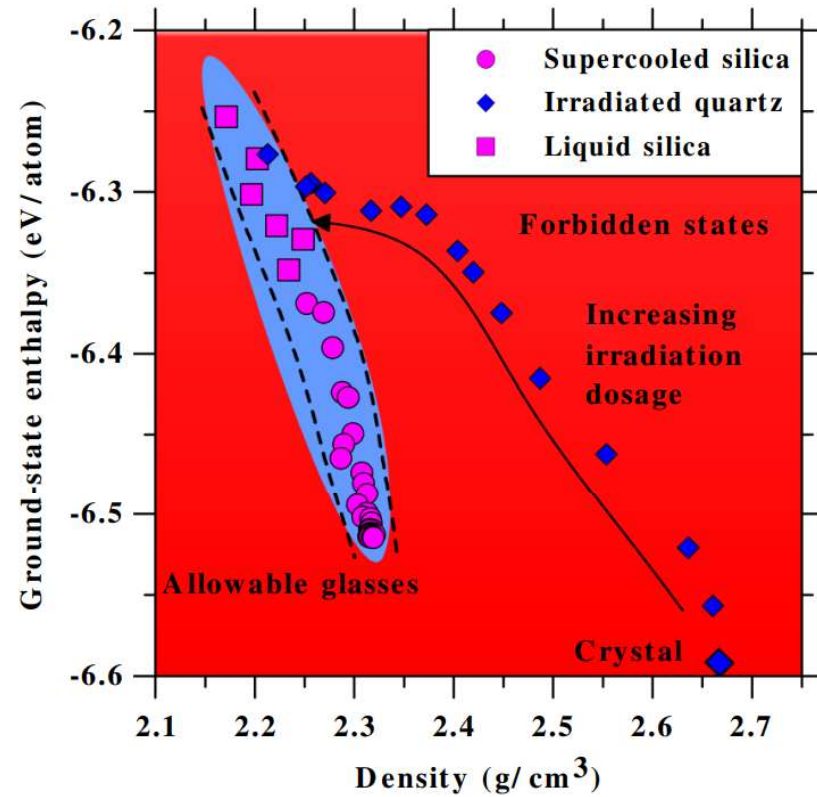


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Effects of Ion Irradiation



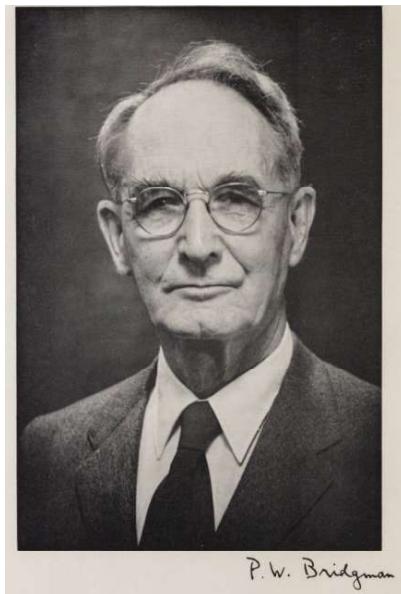
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Pressure as a “New” Knob

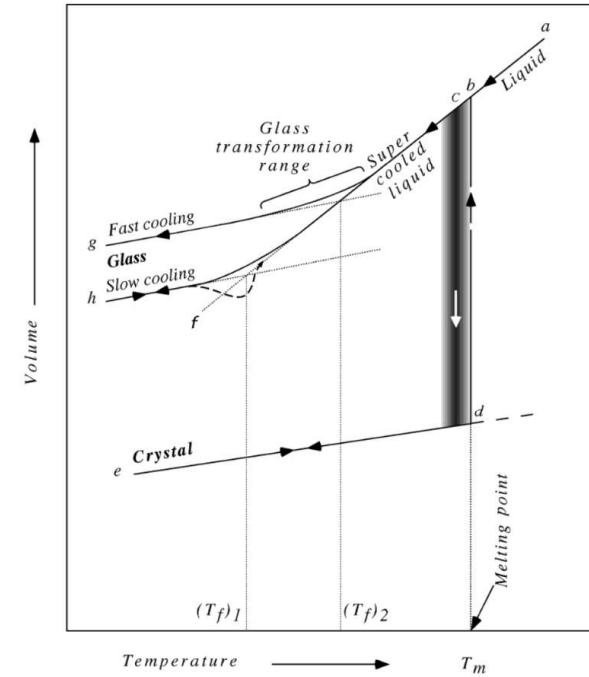


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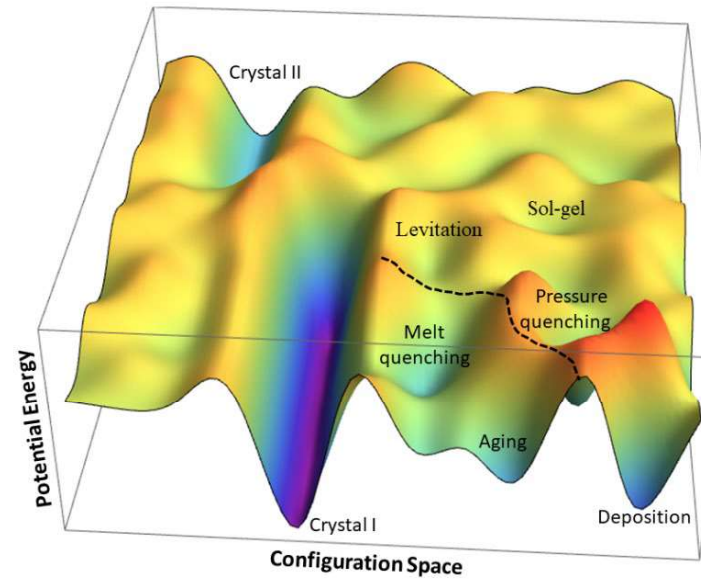


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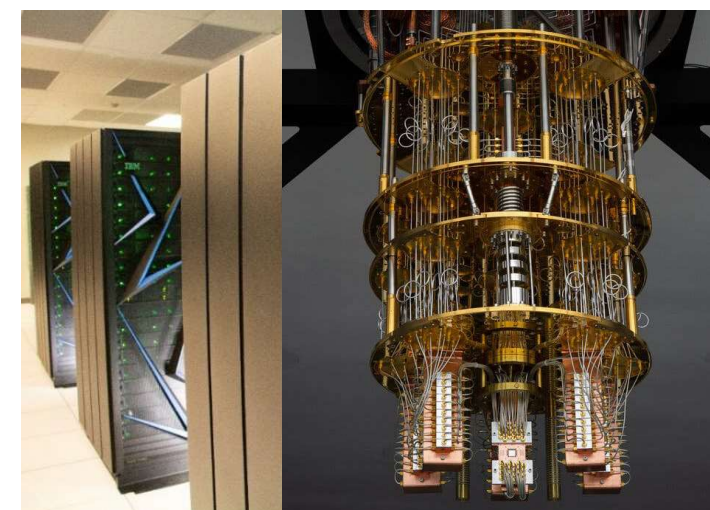
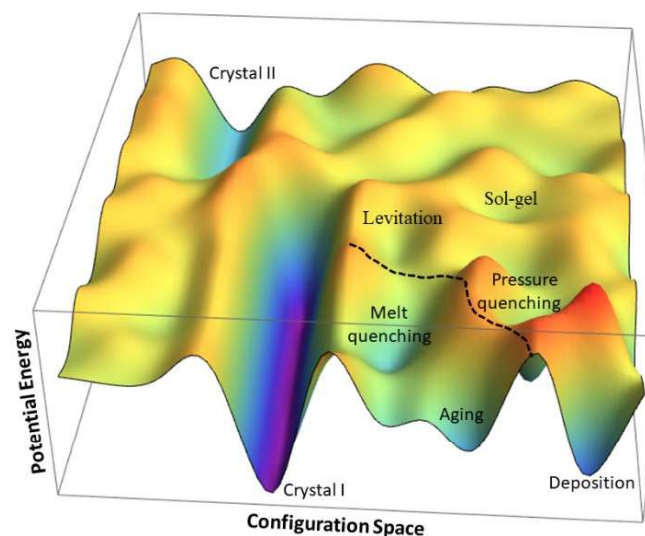
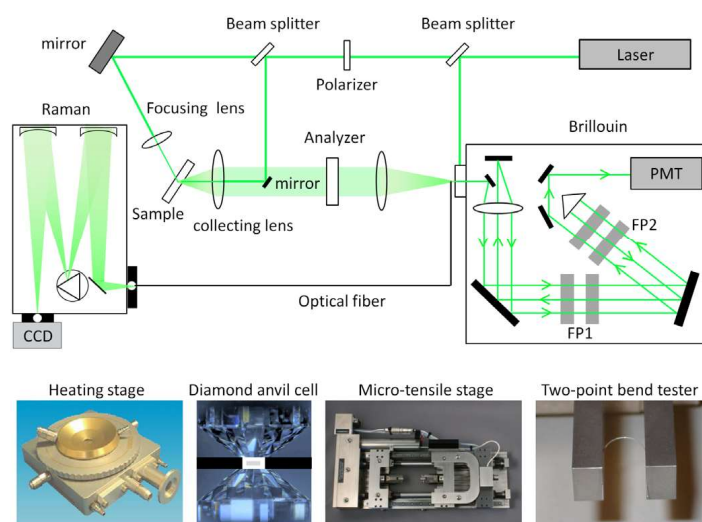
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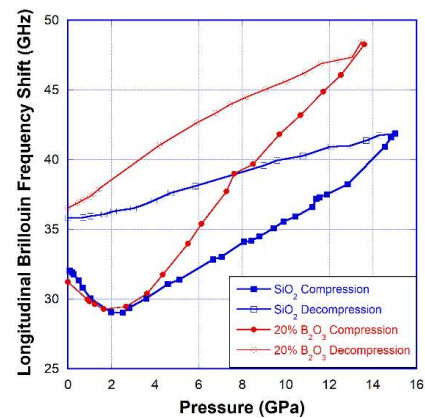
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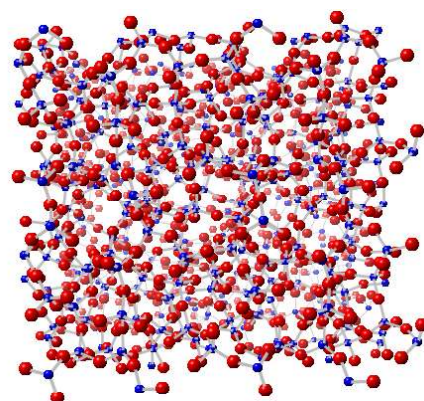
Research Theme of My Group



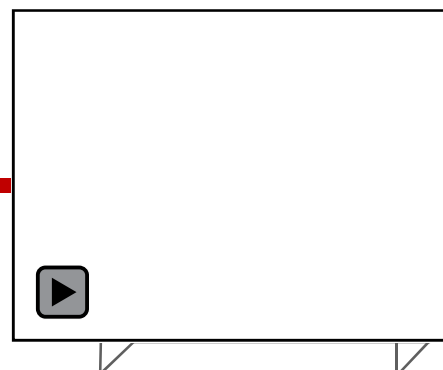
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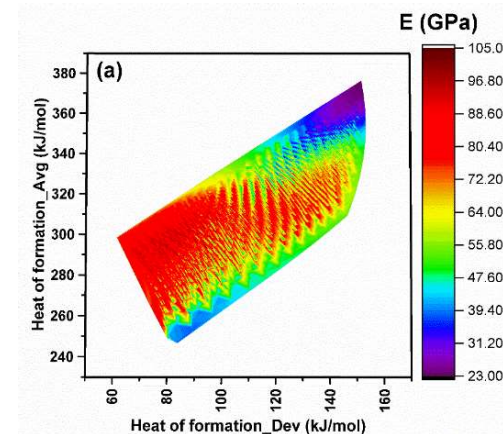
Atomic model



Simulation of virtual test



Machine learning prediction



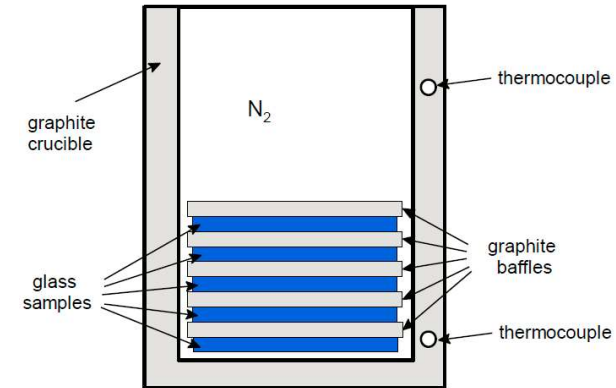
Na, Li, K, Ca, Mg, B, Al, Si, O, Ge

Pressure Processing Glass

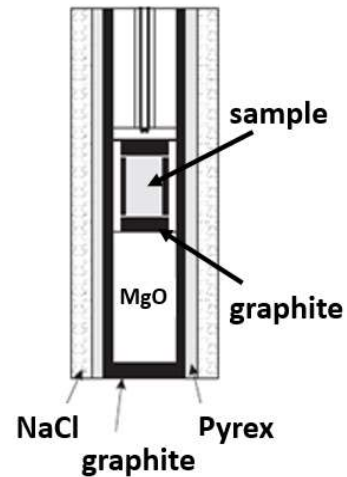
Diamond anvil cell



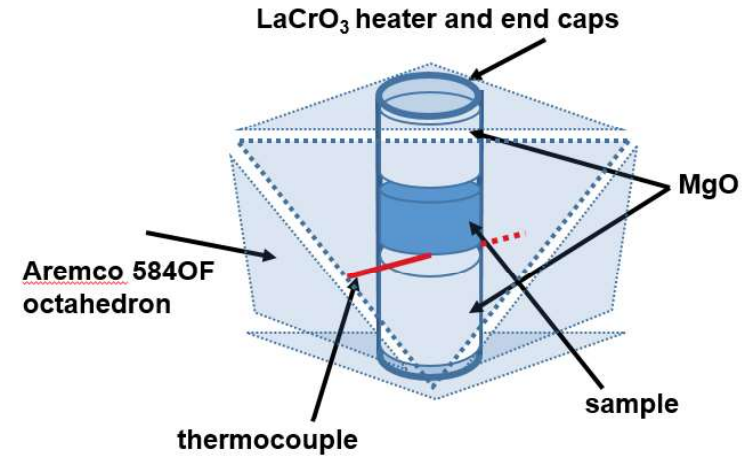
Gas medium press



Piston-cylinder apparatus



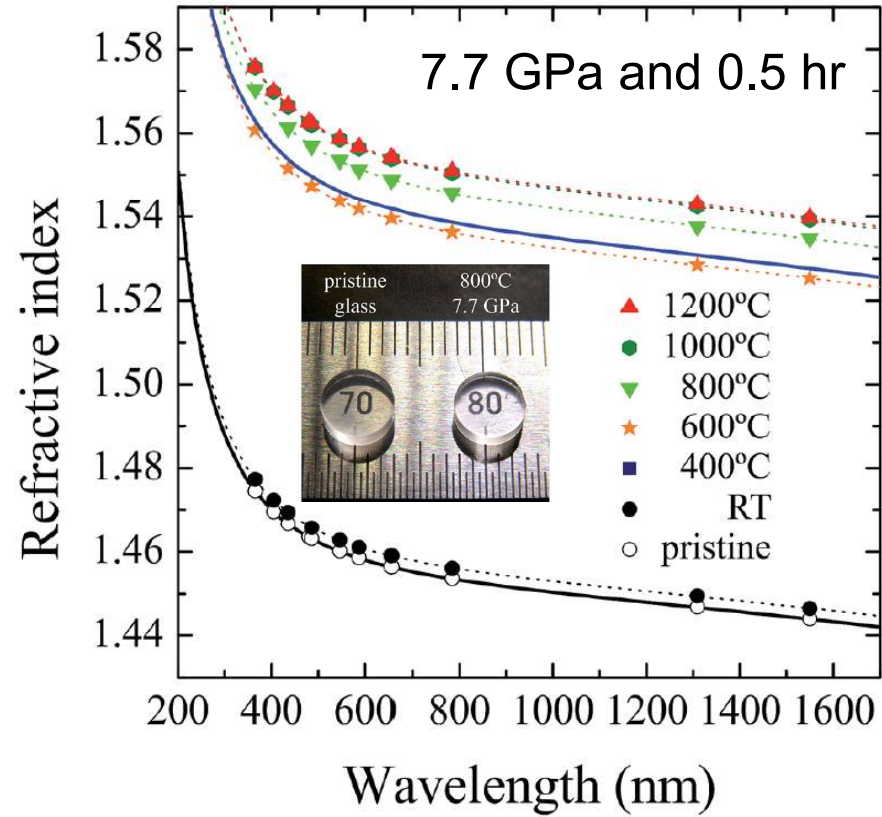
Multianvil cell



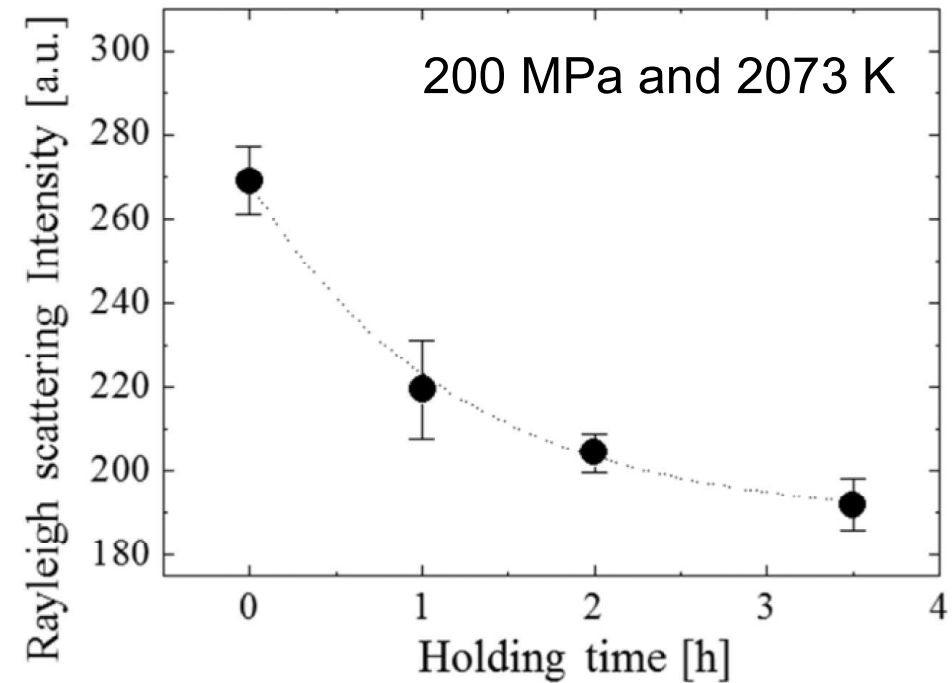
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Pressure Effect on Optical Properties

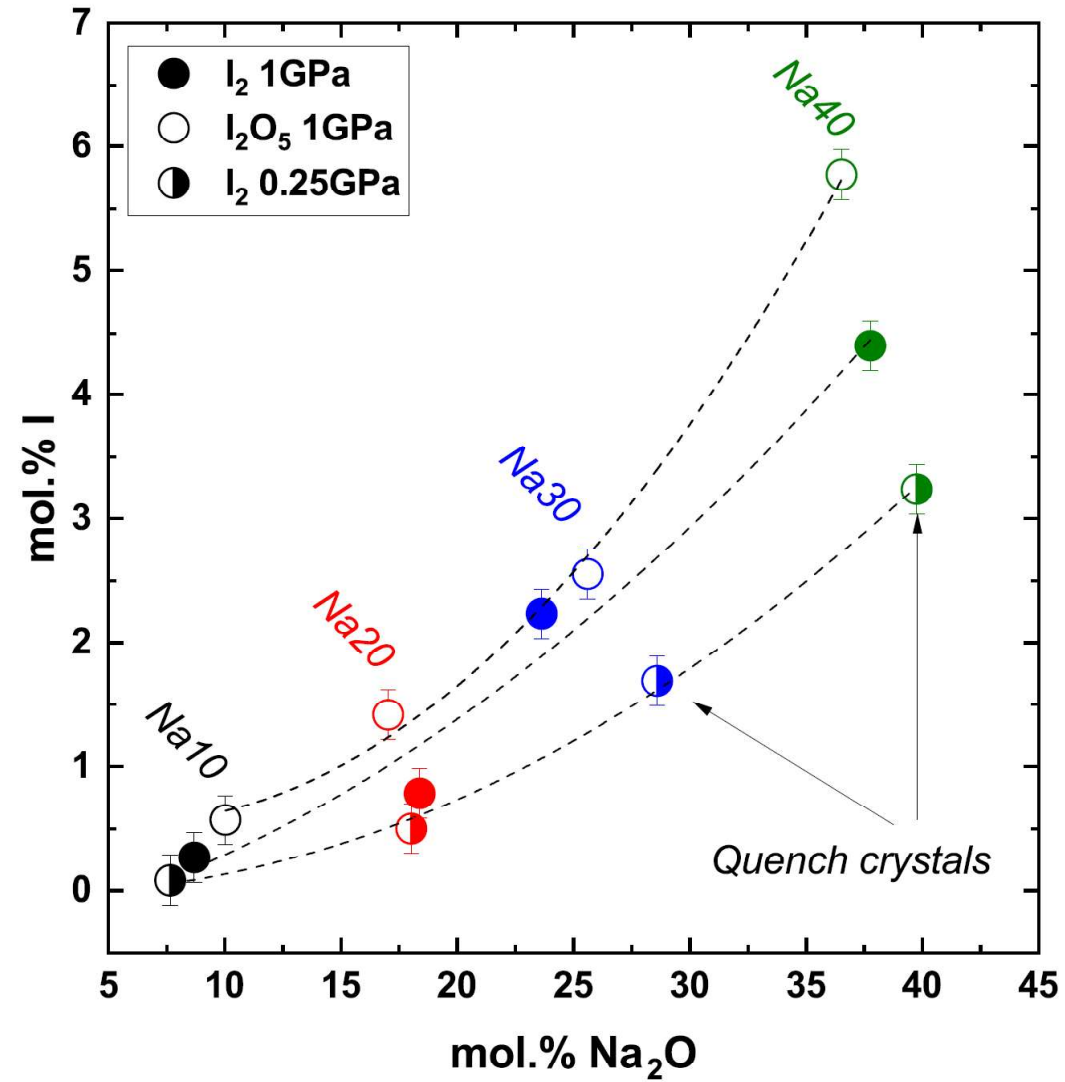


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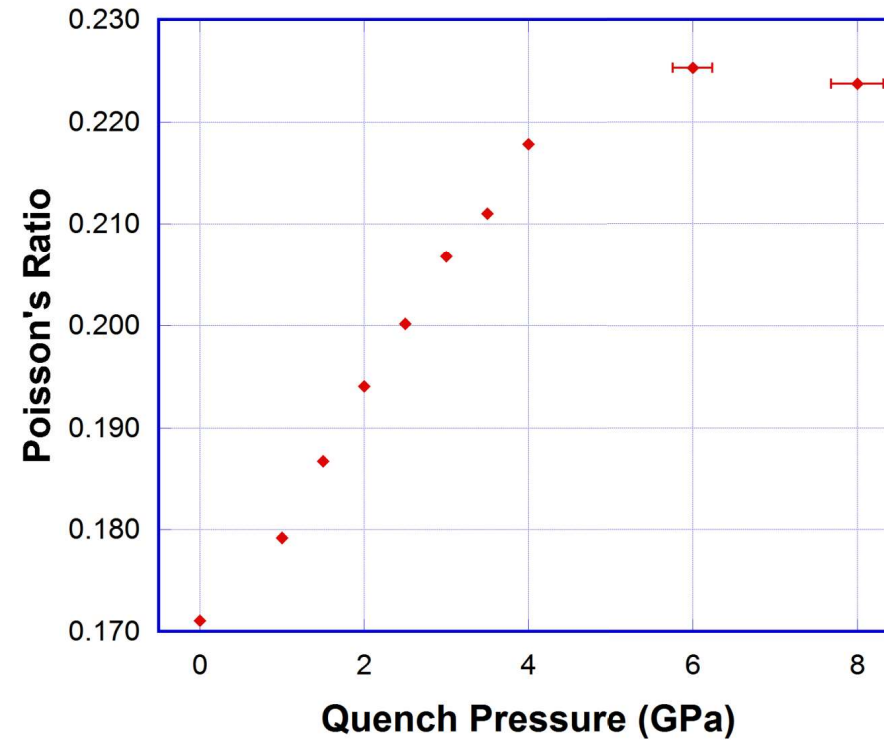
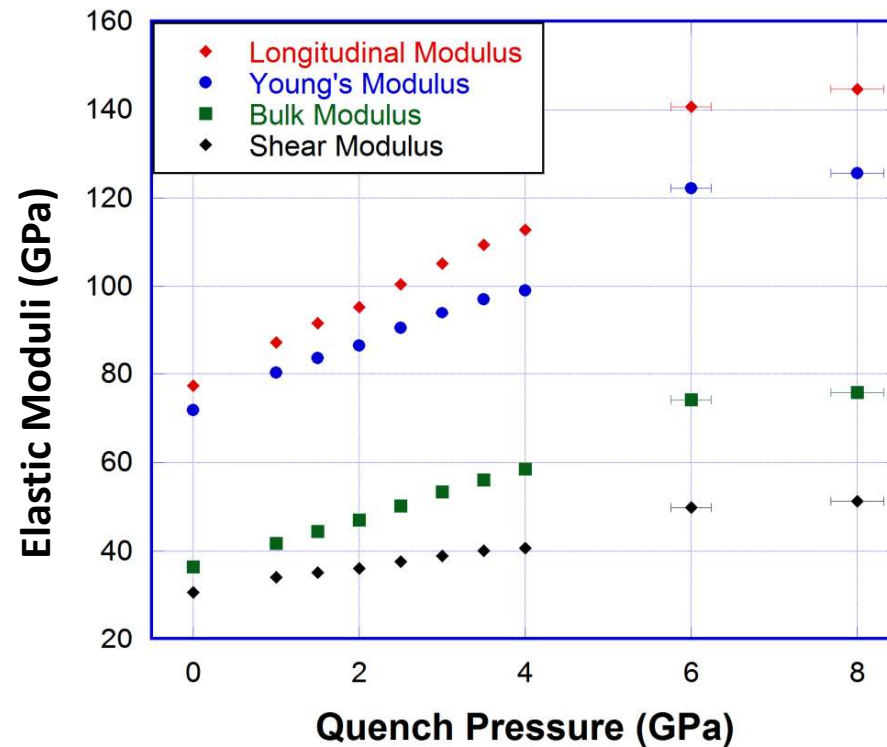
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Pressure Effect on Iodine Dissolution

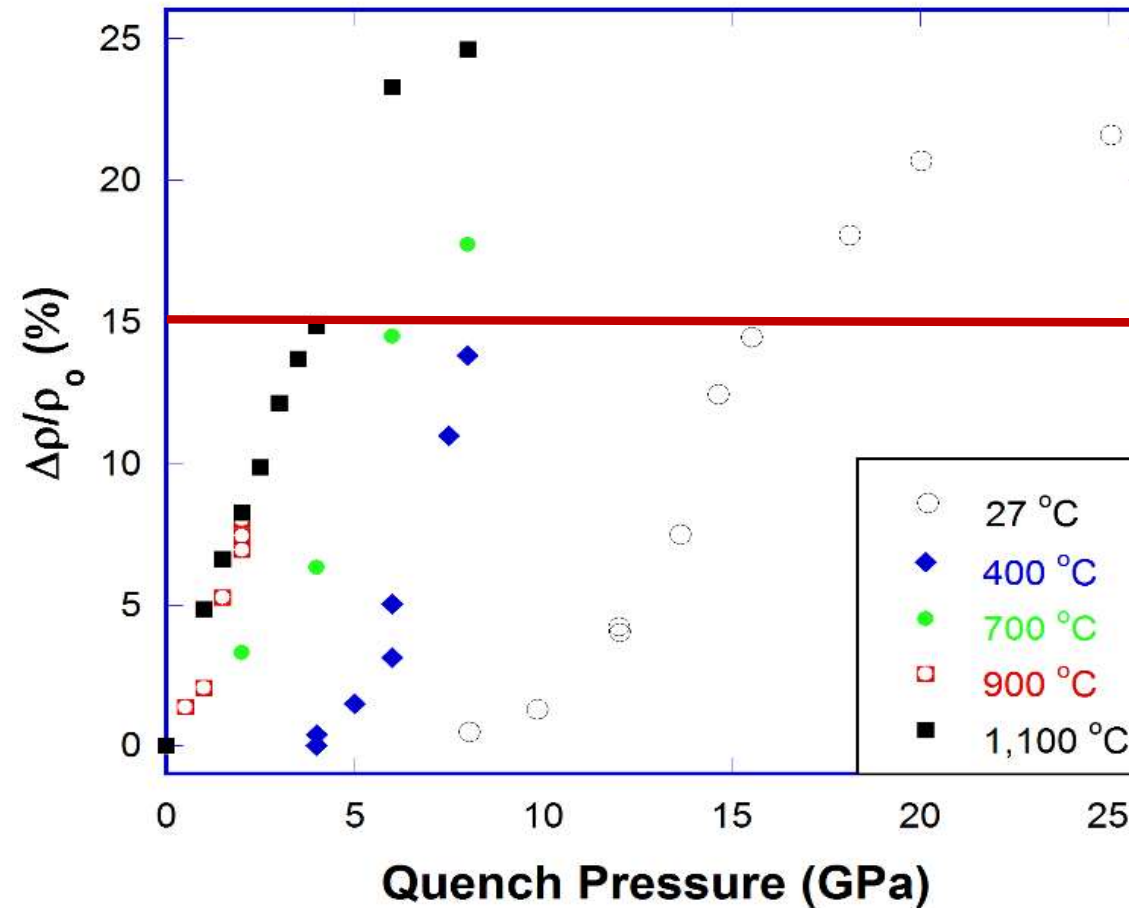


Pressure Effect on Elastic Properties

SiO₂ glass: 1100 °C , 0, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 6 and 8 GPa for 0.5 hr



Permanent Densification of Silica Glass

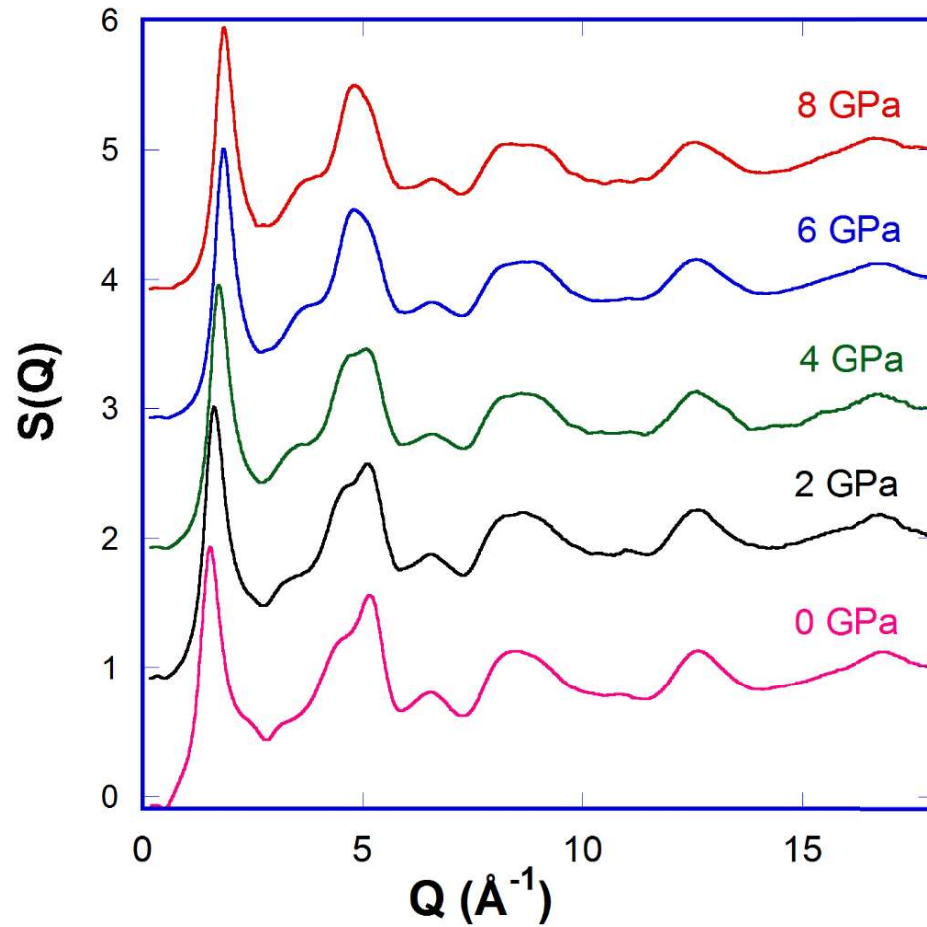


Cold compression 27°C from Rouxel et al., 2008 and Deschamps et al., 2014
400°C from Mackenzie, 1963 and Arndt and Stöffler, 1969
700°C from Poe et al., 2004
900°C from Hofer and Seifert 1984

Hot compression 1100 °C: our study

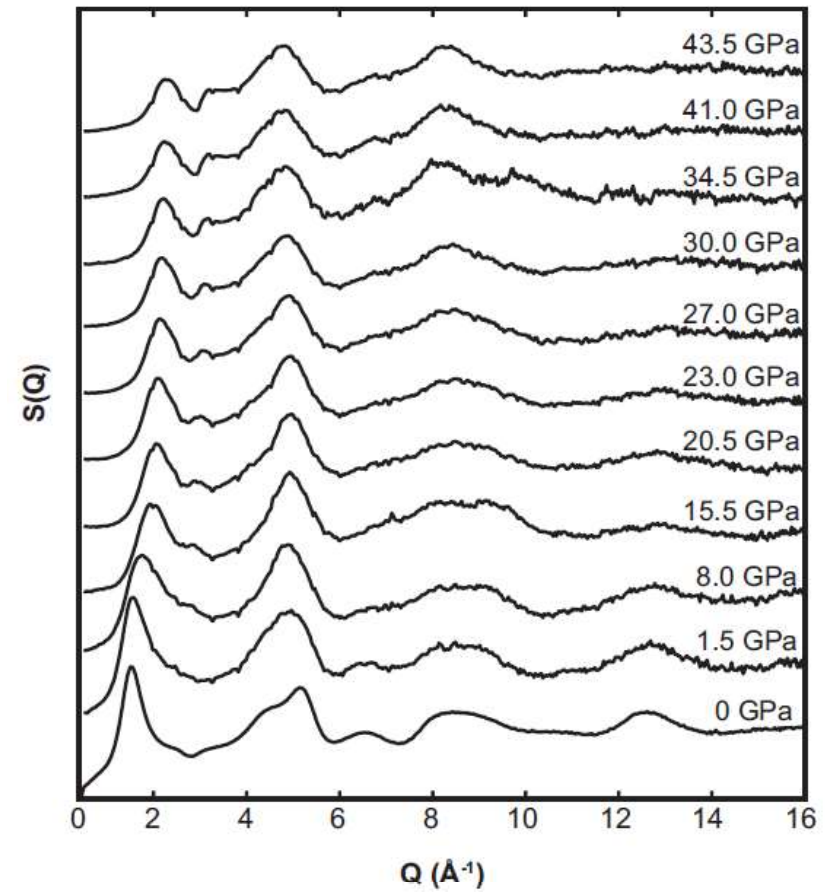
Ambient XRD

Hot compression



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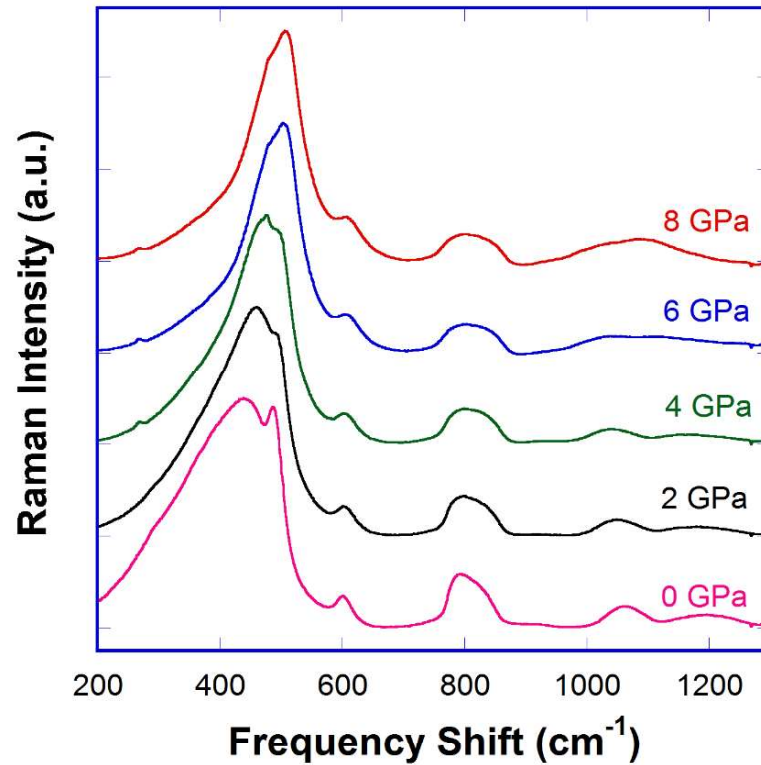
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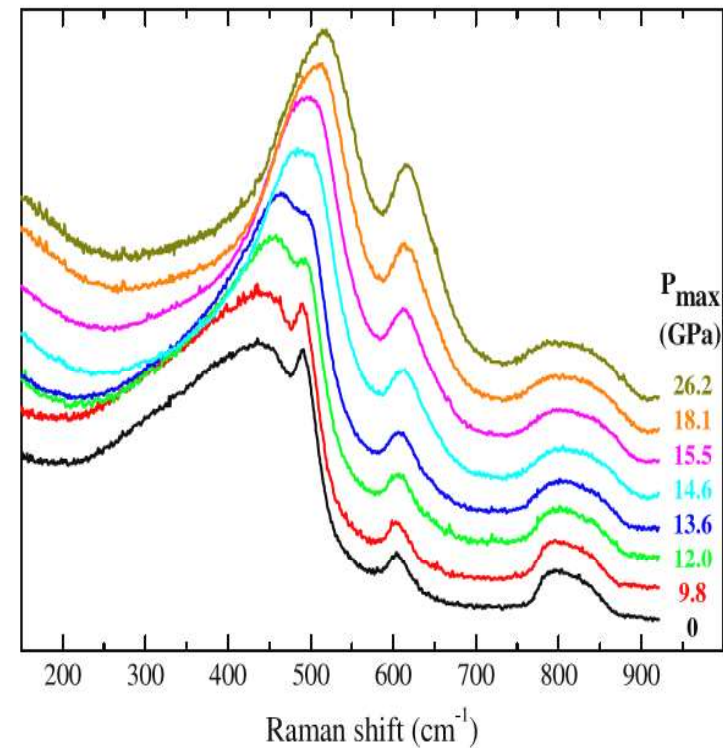
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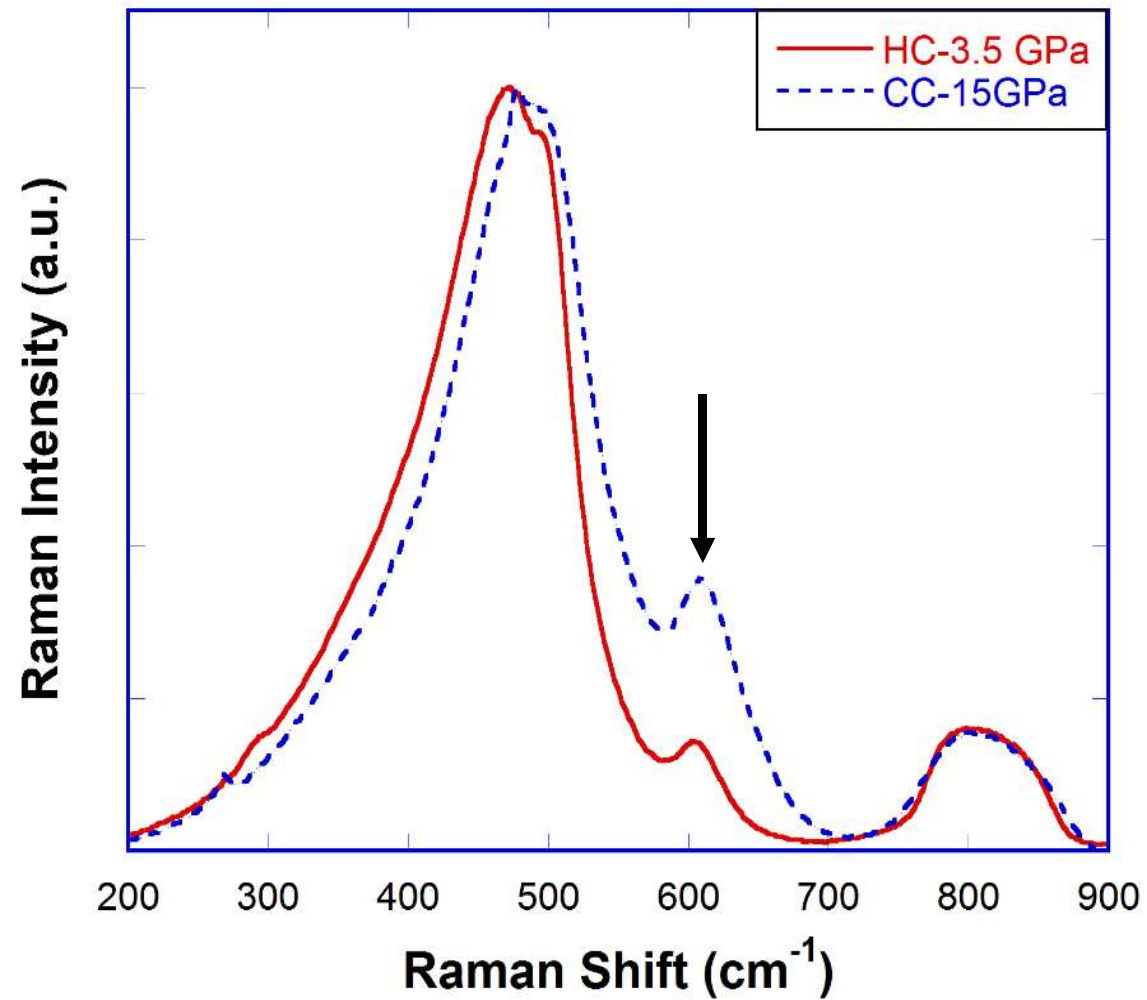
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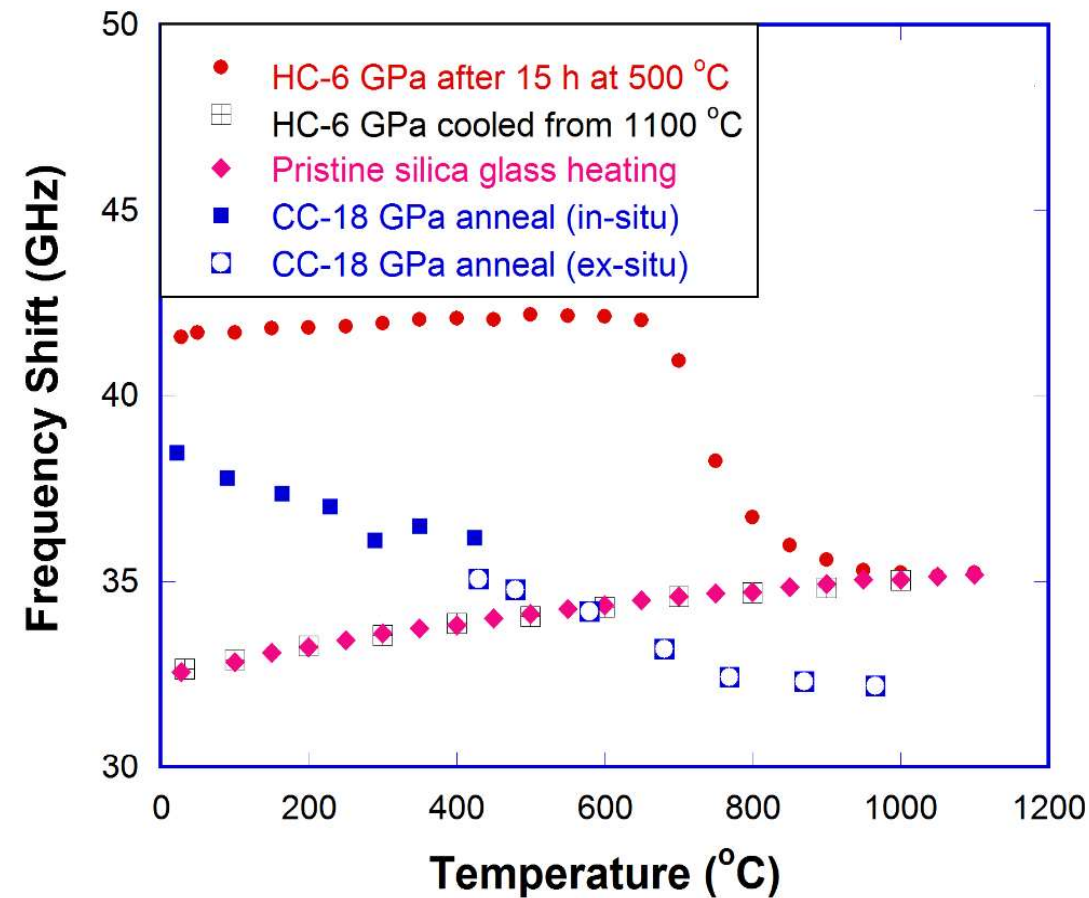
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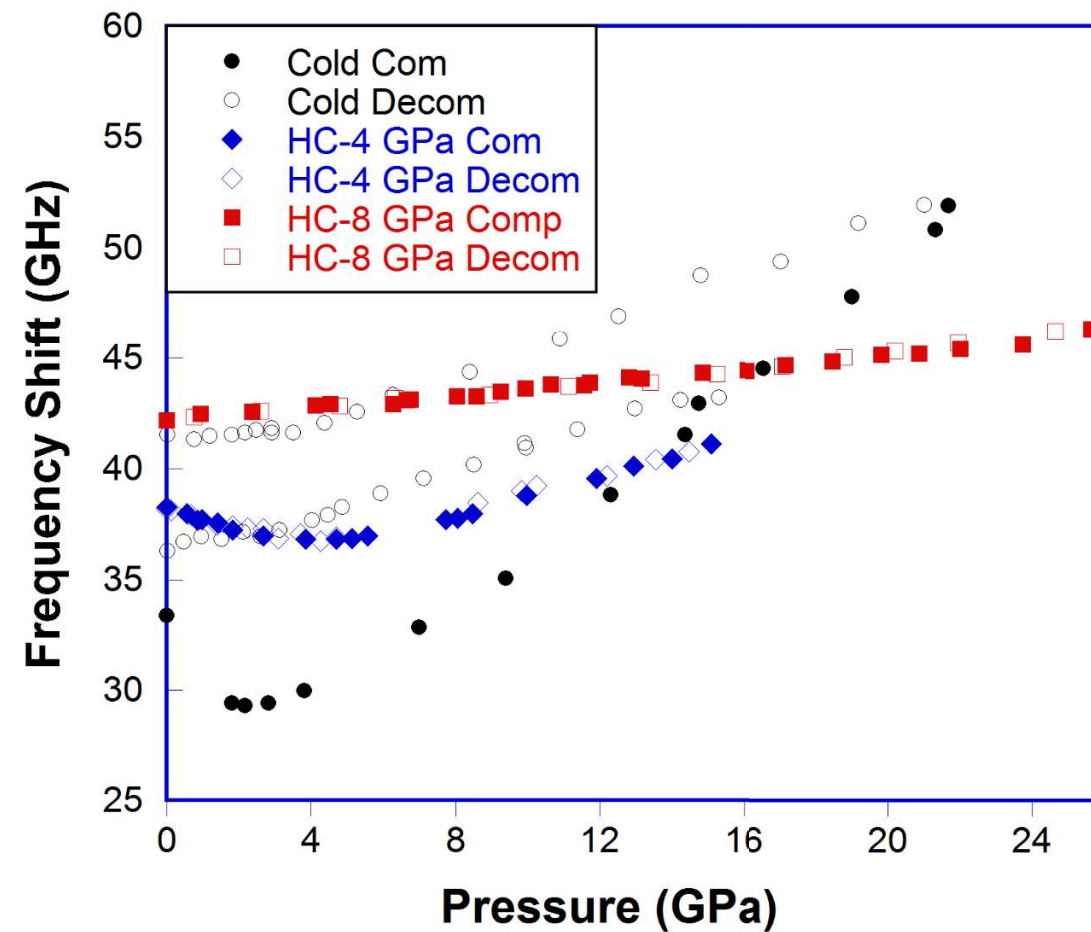
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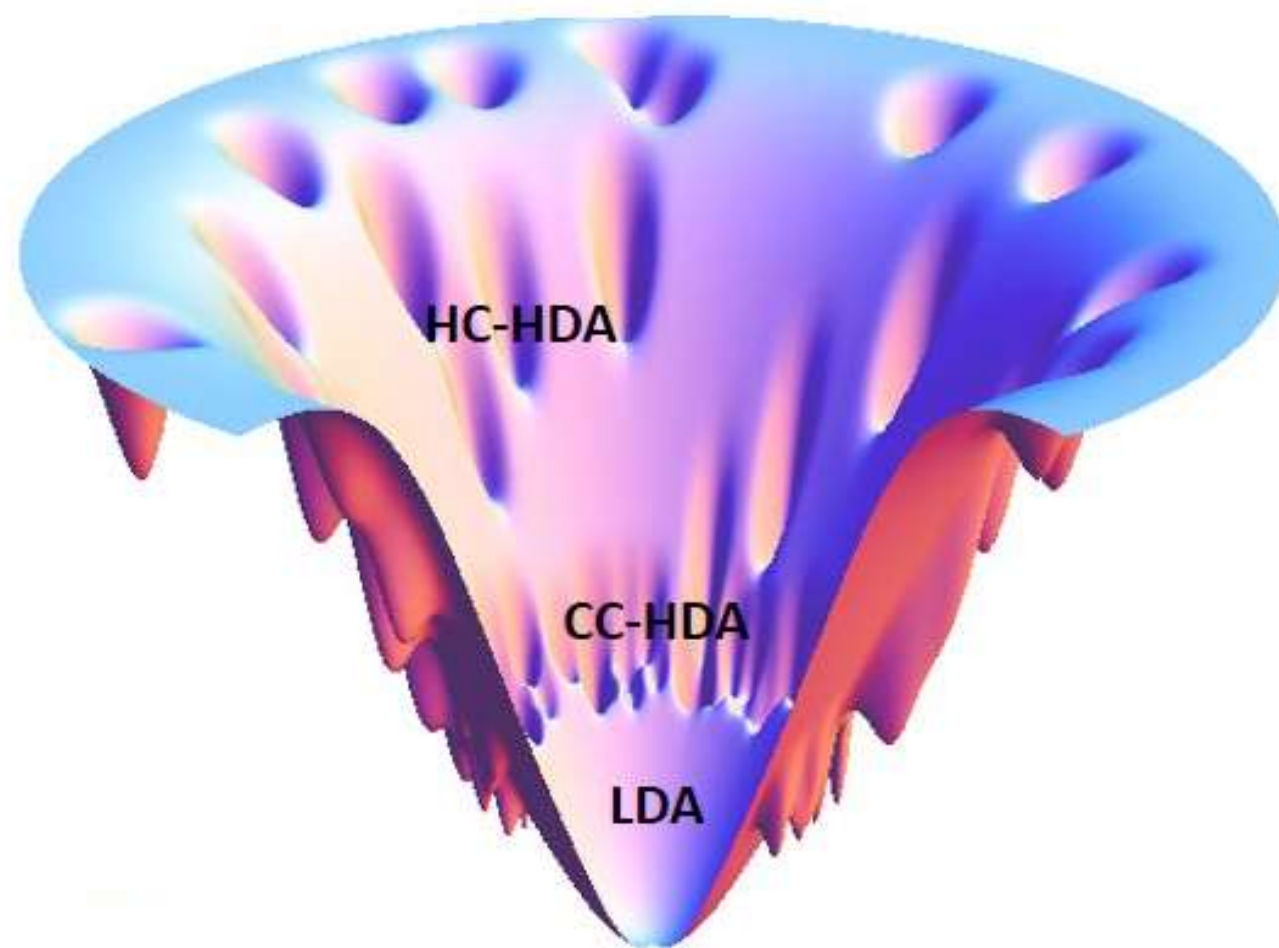
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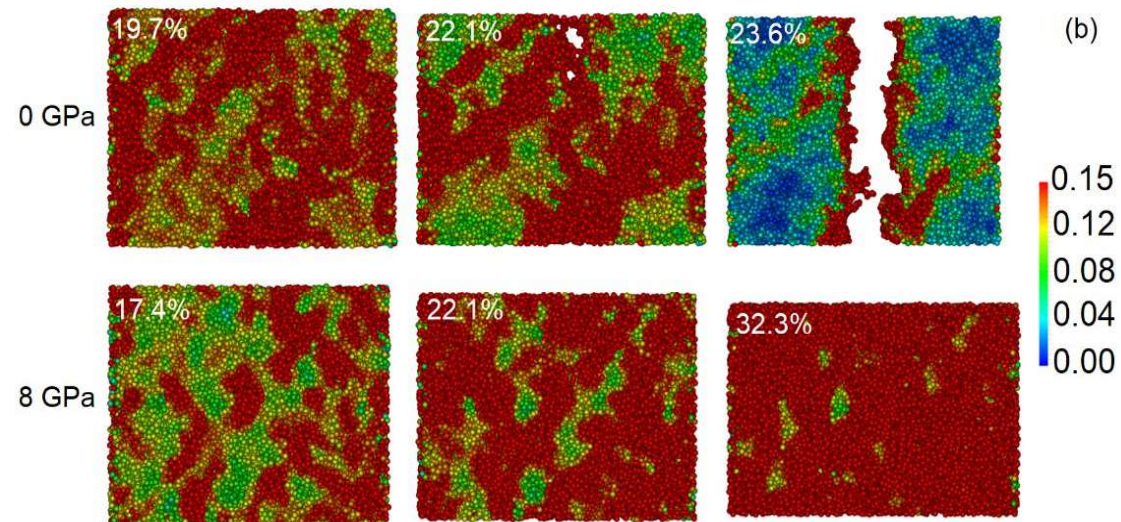
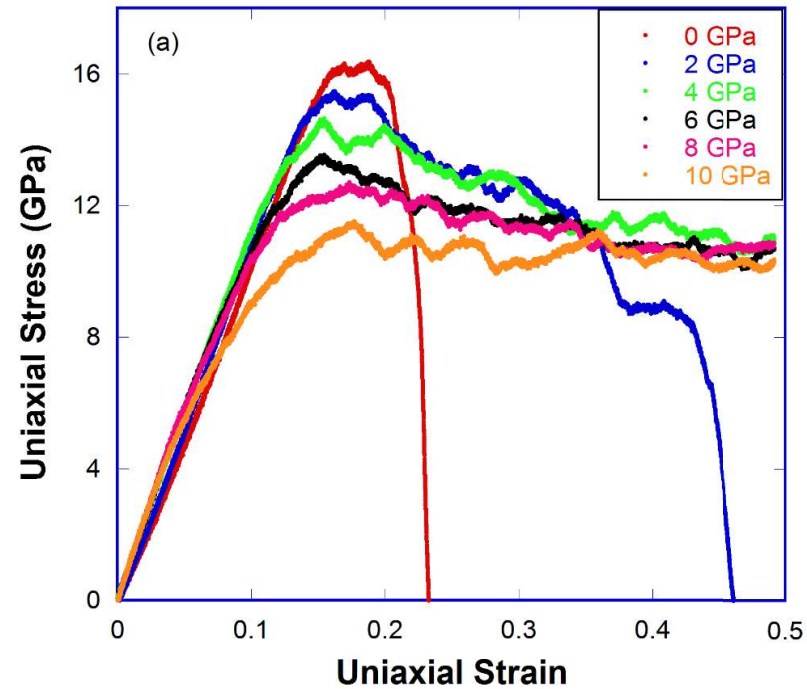
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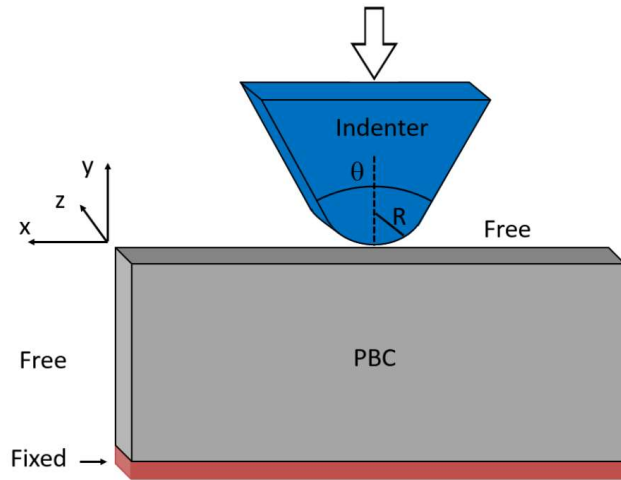
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Enhanced Ductility in Densified Silica Glass

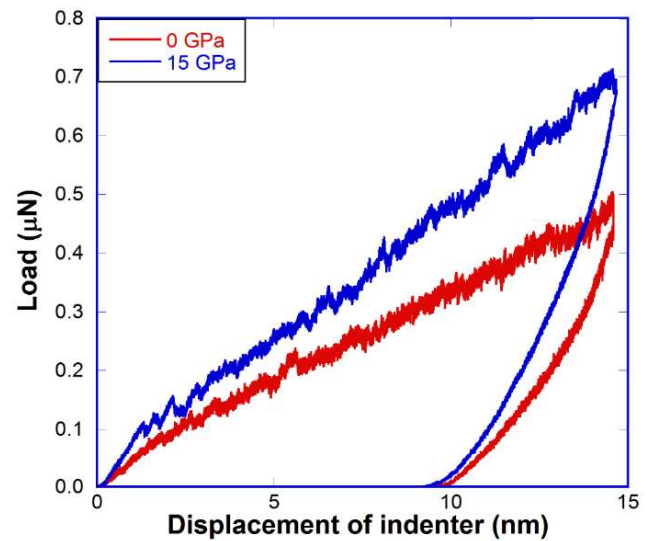


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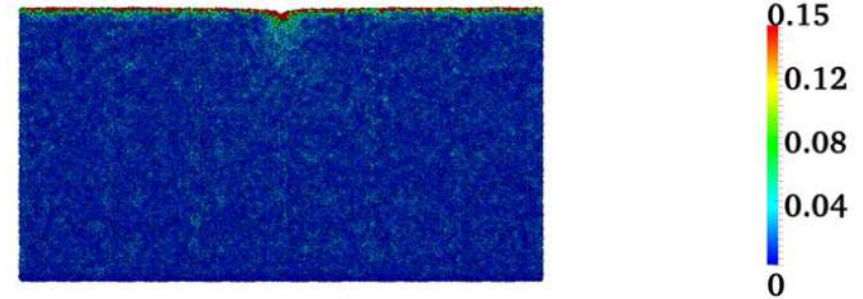
Simulated Nano-indentation in Silica Glass



$56.48 \times 56.48 \times 2.82$ nm
~half million atoms
Tip angle: 60° , tip radius: 1 nm
Loading speed: ~ 12.5 m/s

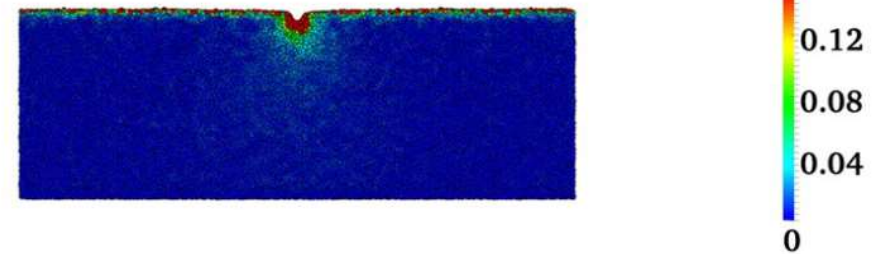


Pristine glass



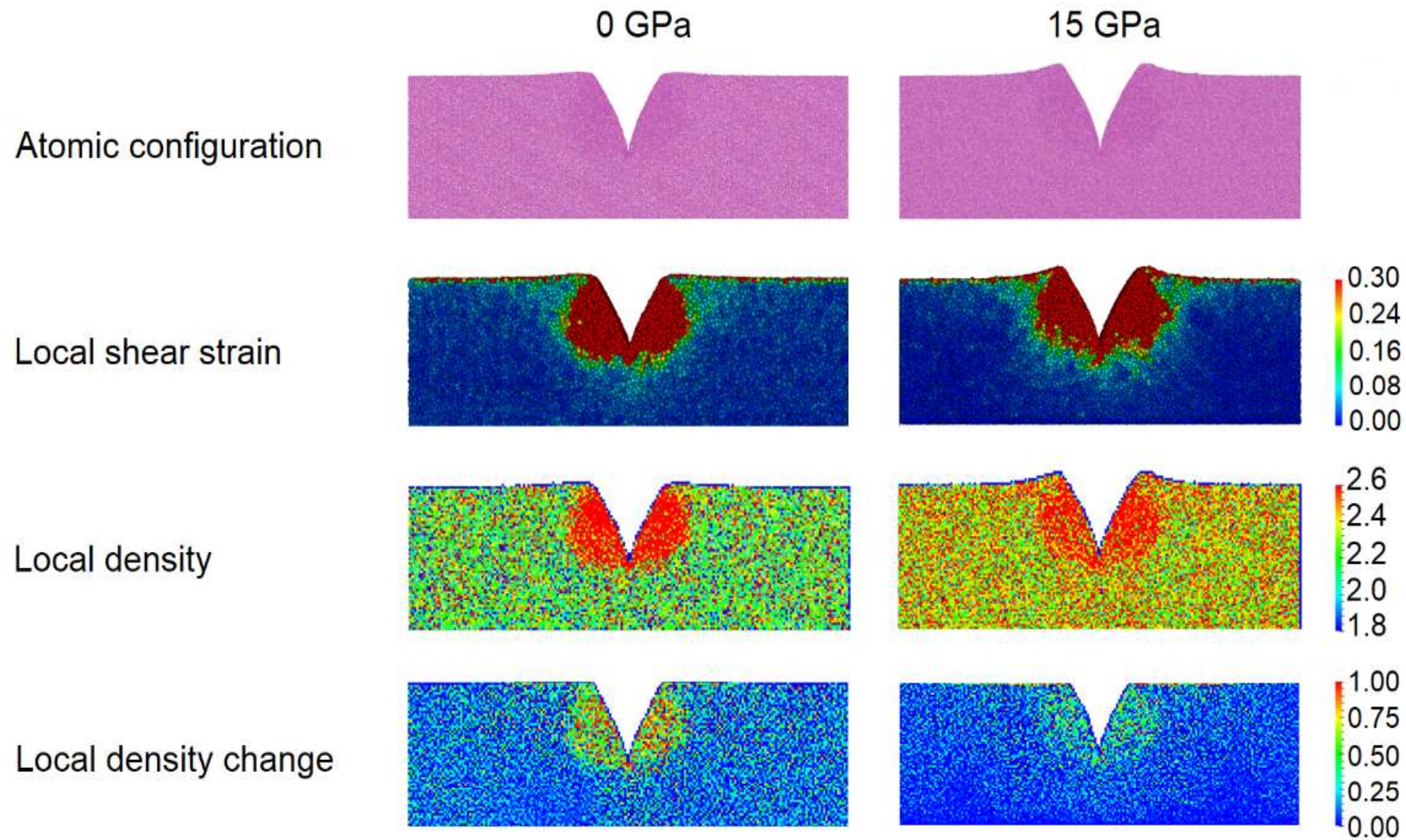
Indenter's Depth: 1.2 nm

Densified glass

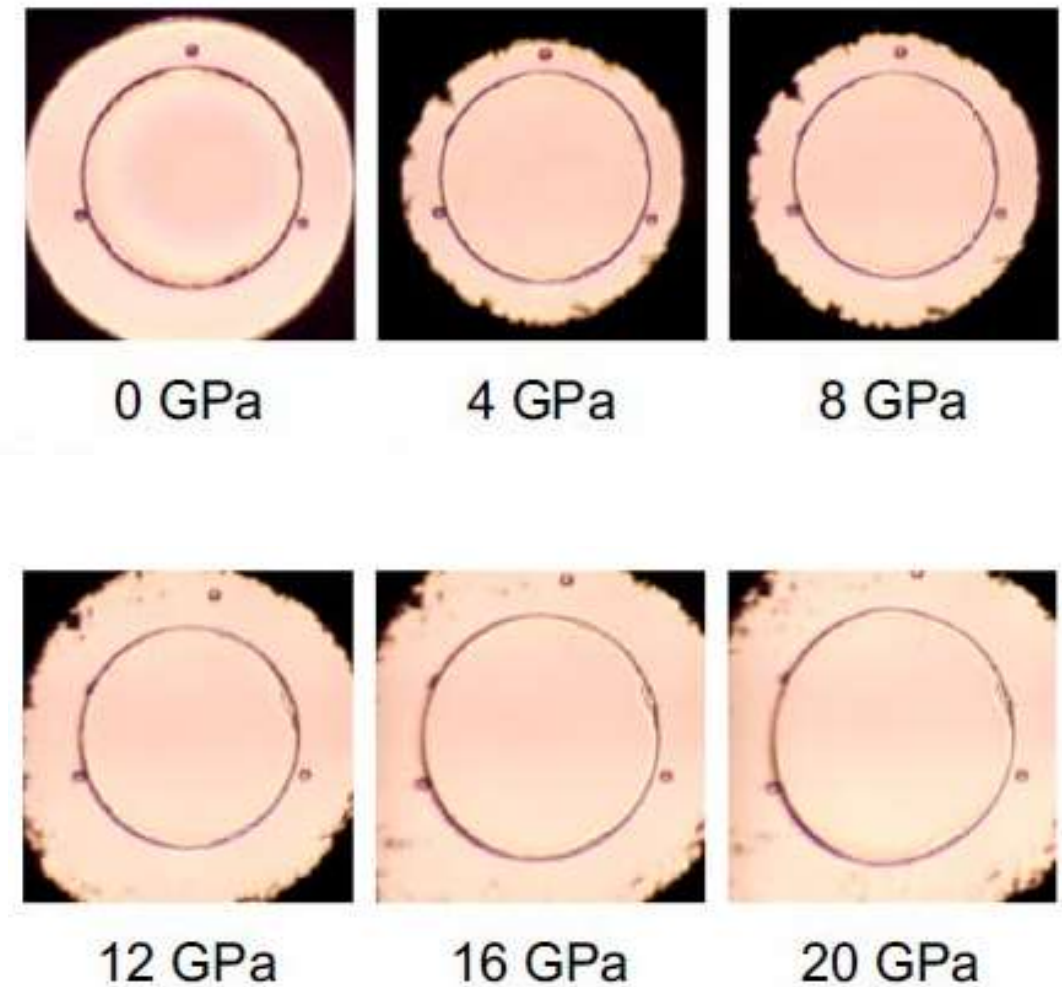
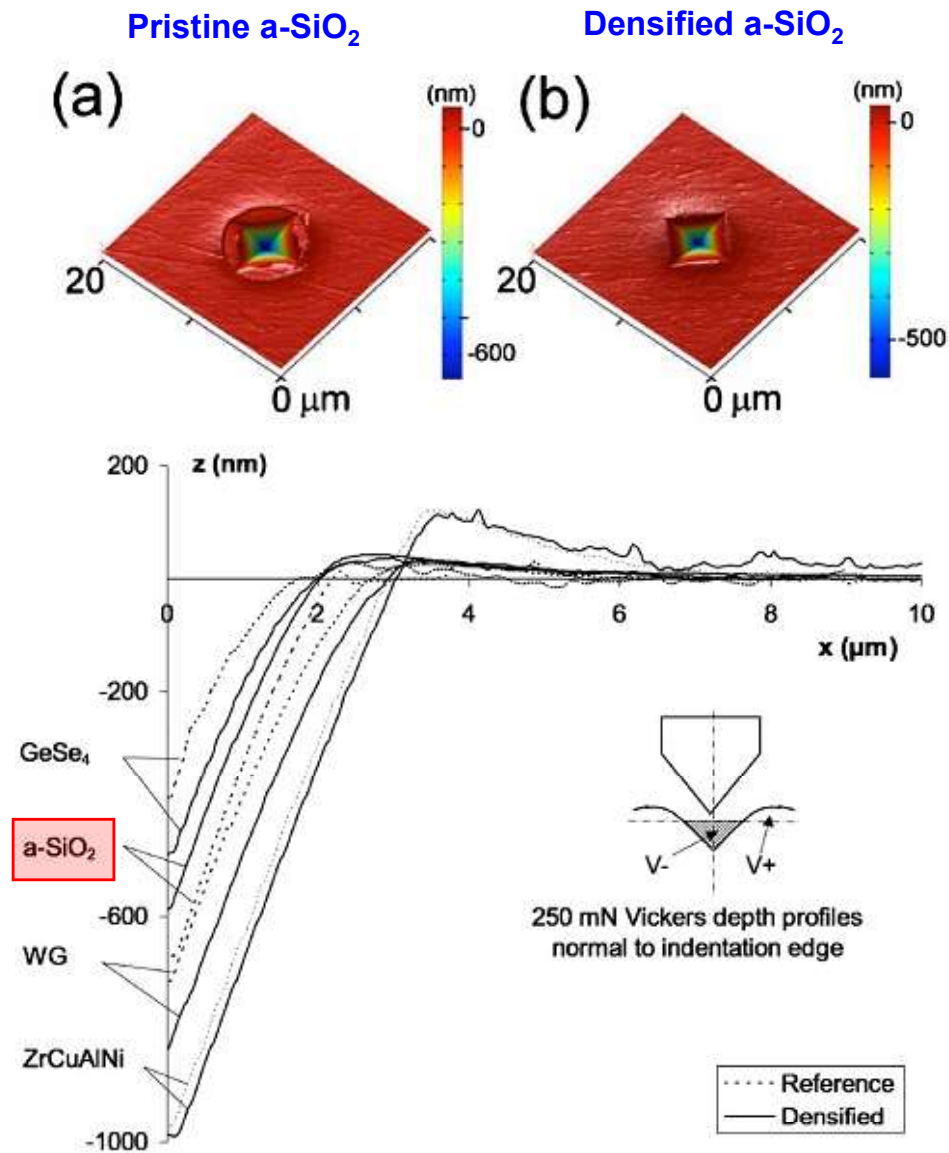


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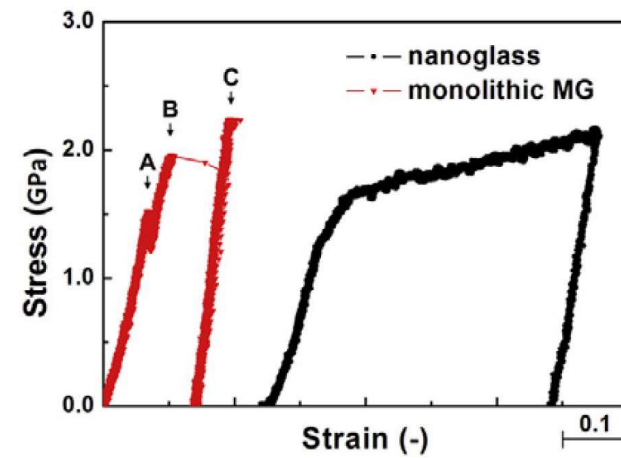
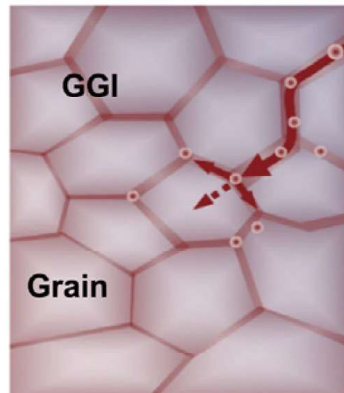
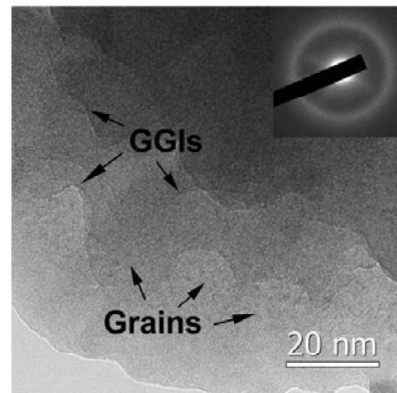
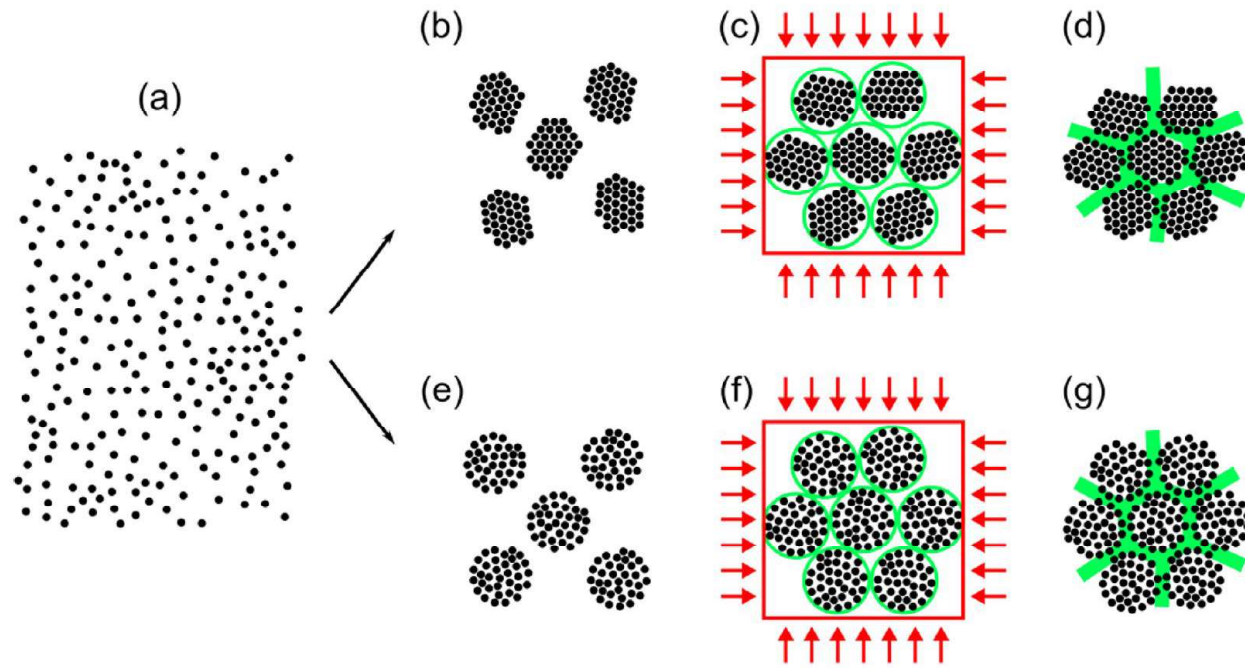
Deformation Modes under Indentation



Enhanced Shear Flow in Densified Silica Glass



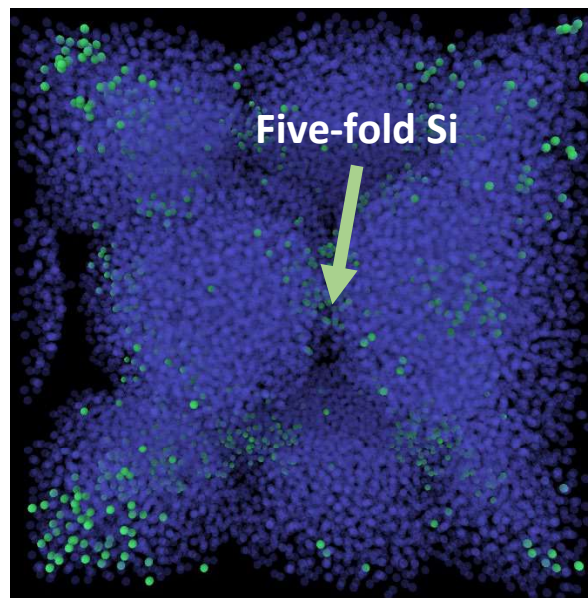
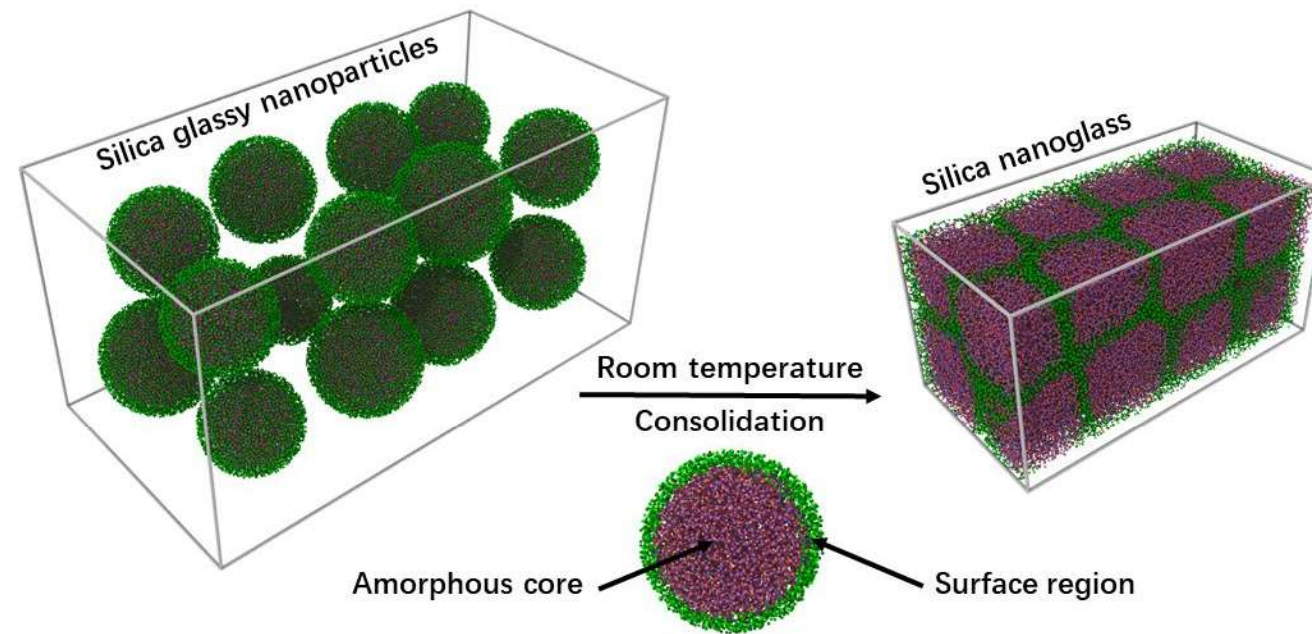
Nanoglass from Consolidation



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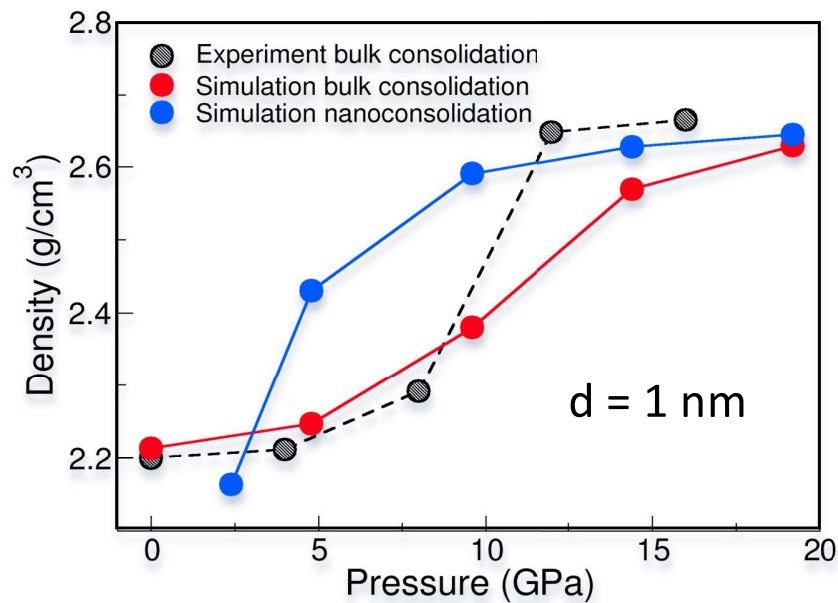
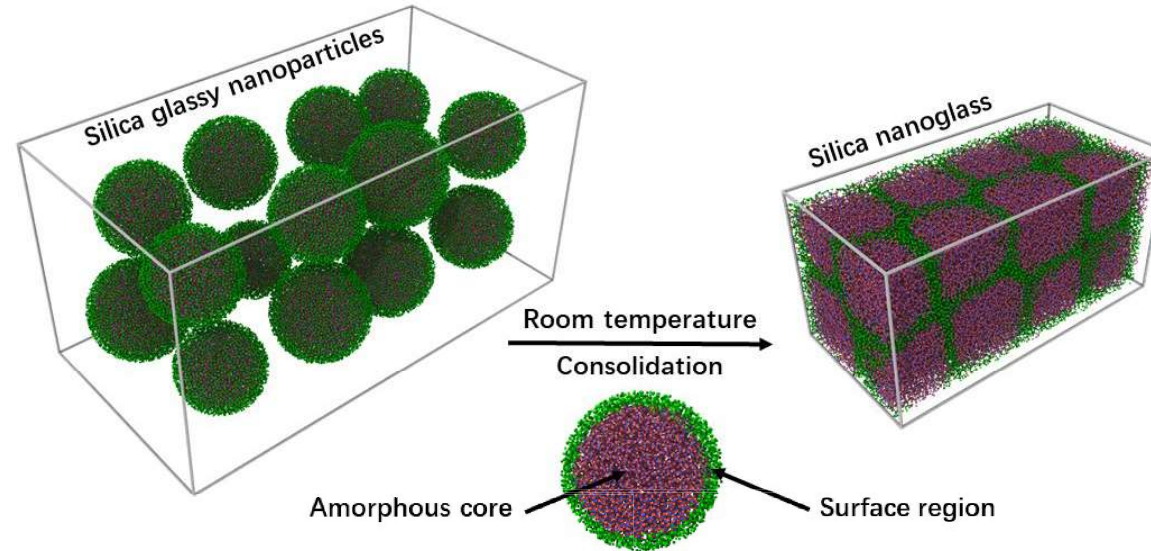
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Glass from Consolidation of Silica Nanoparticles

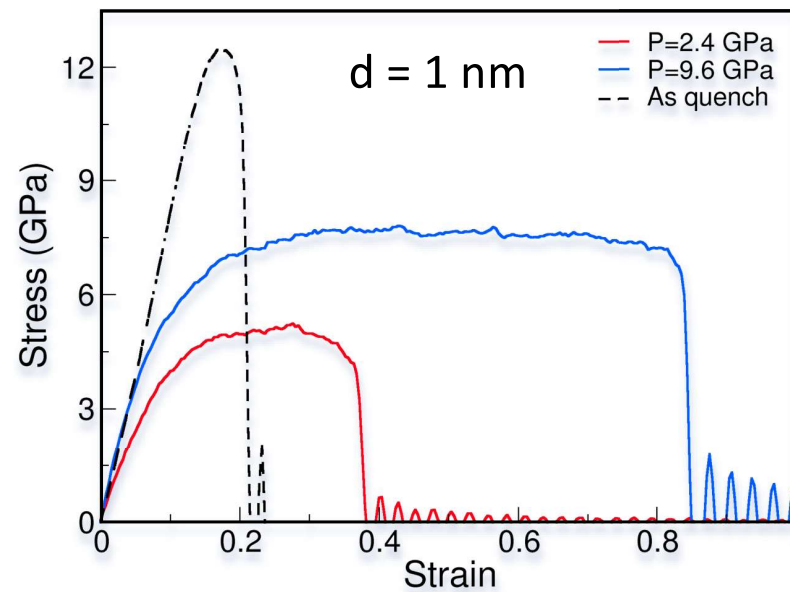


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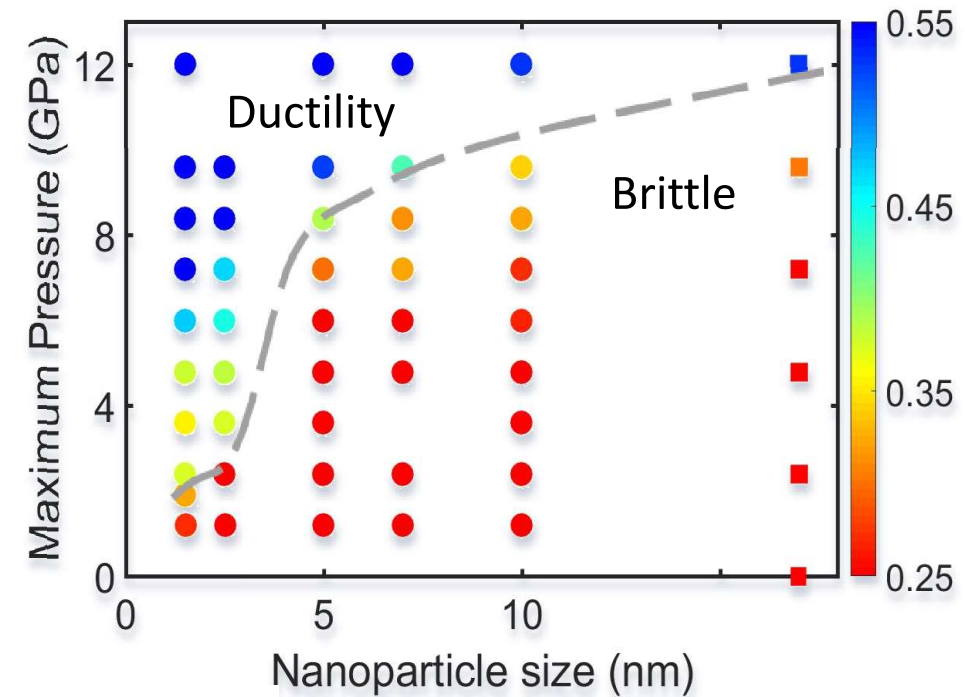
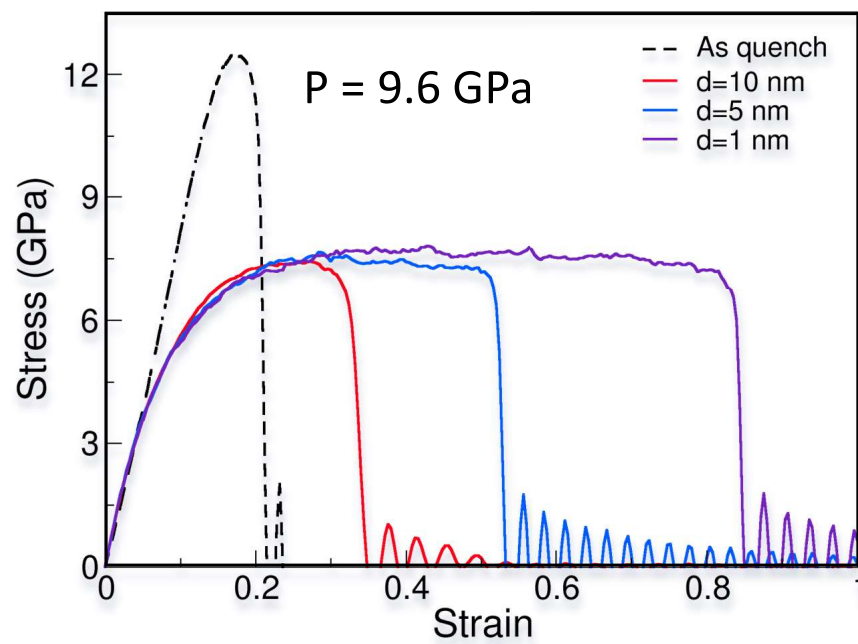
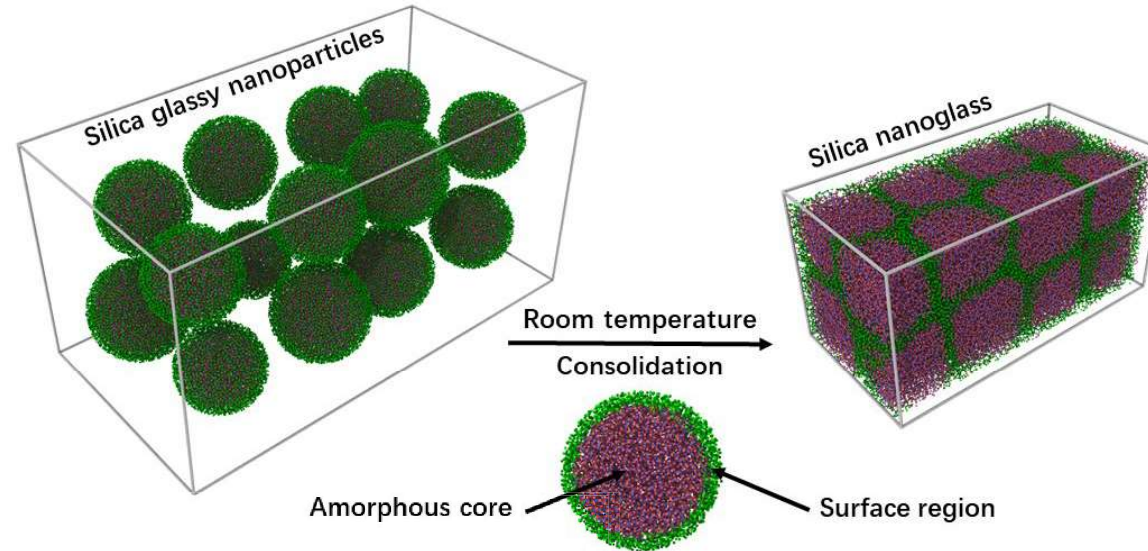


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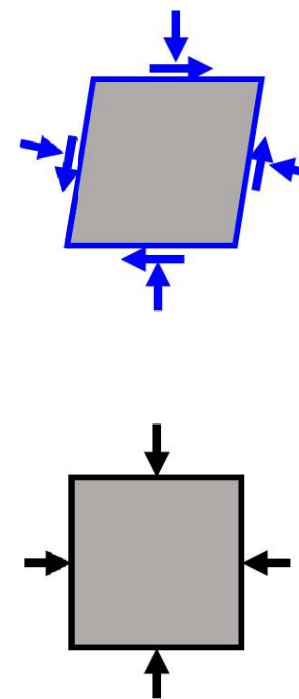
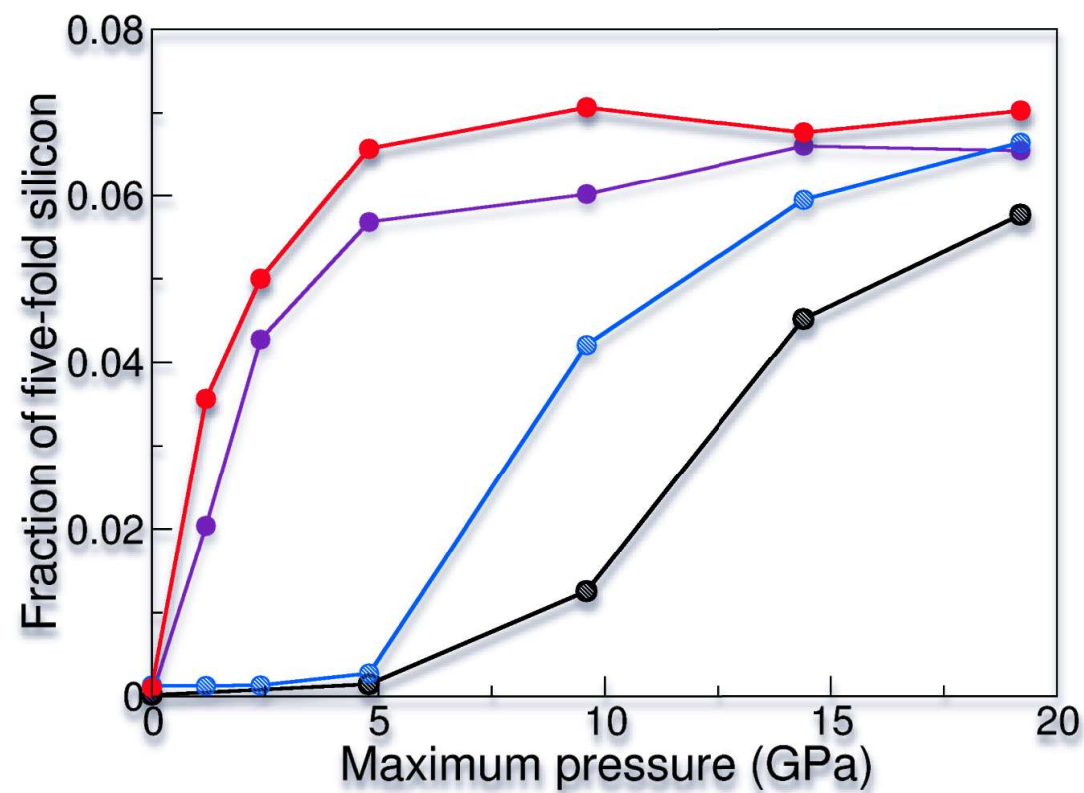
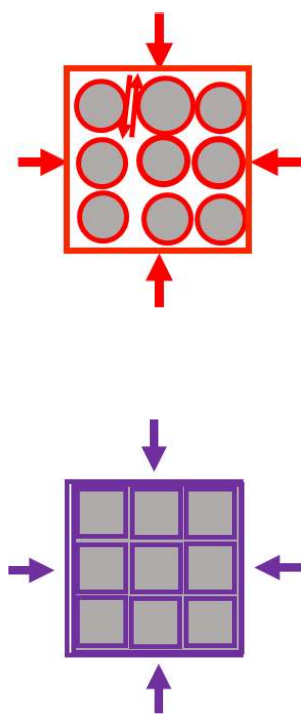


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Effect of Nanoparticle Size

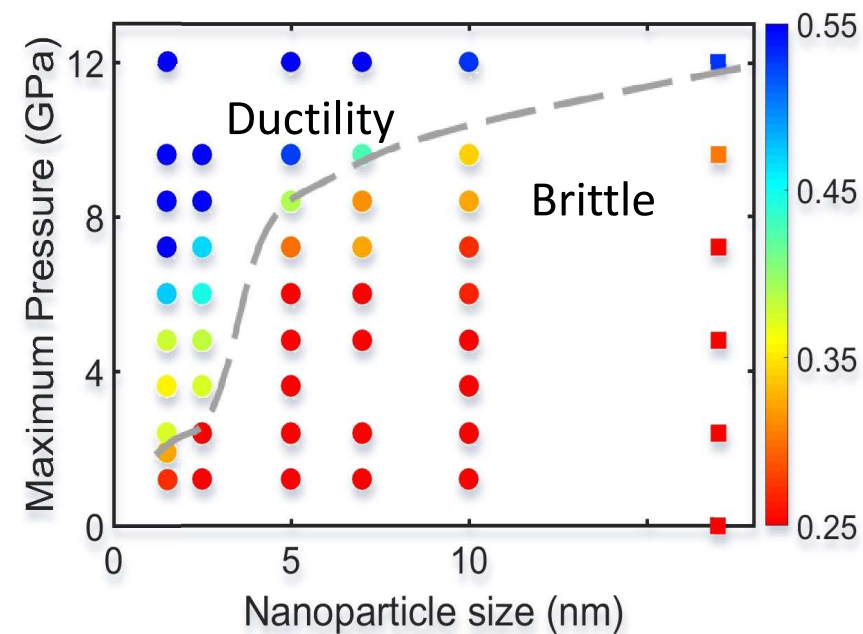
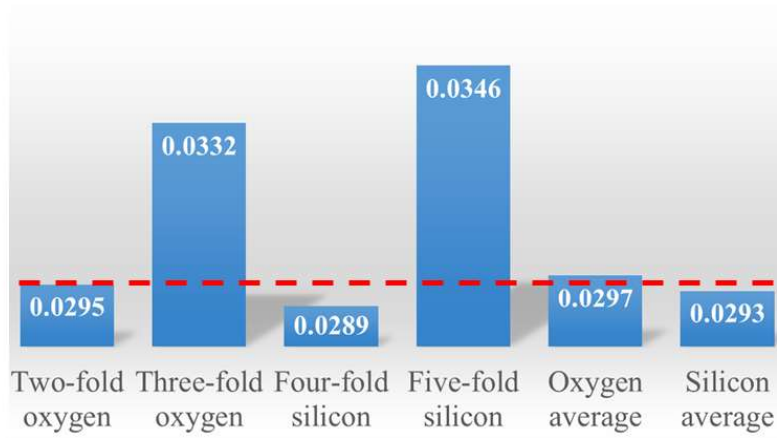
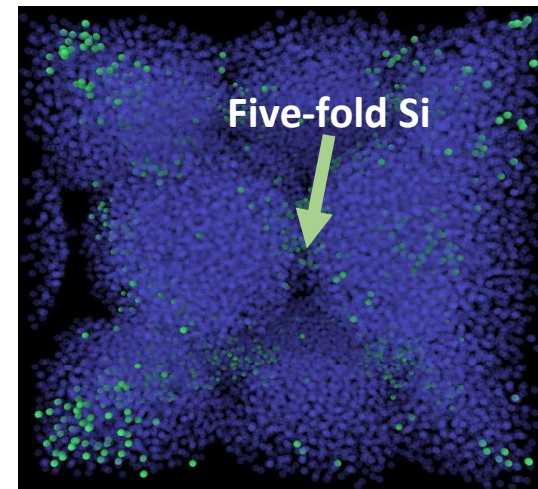
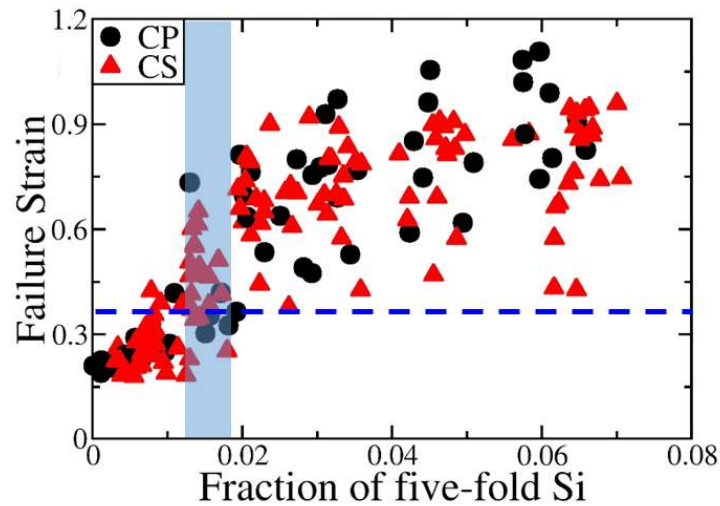


Formation of 5-fold Coordinated Si



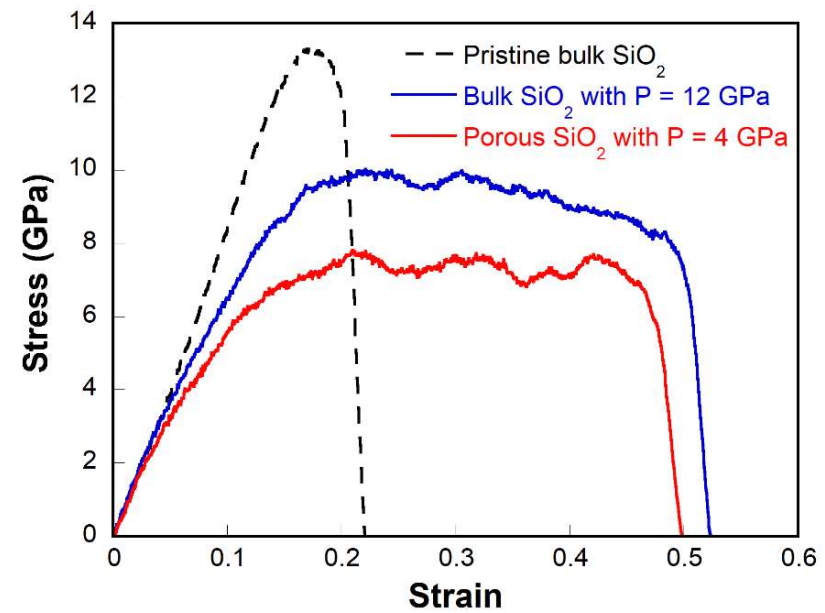
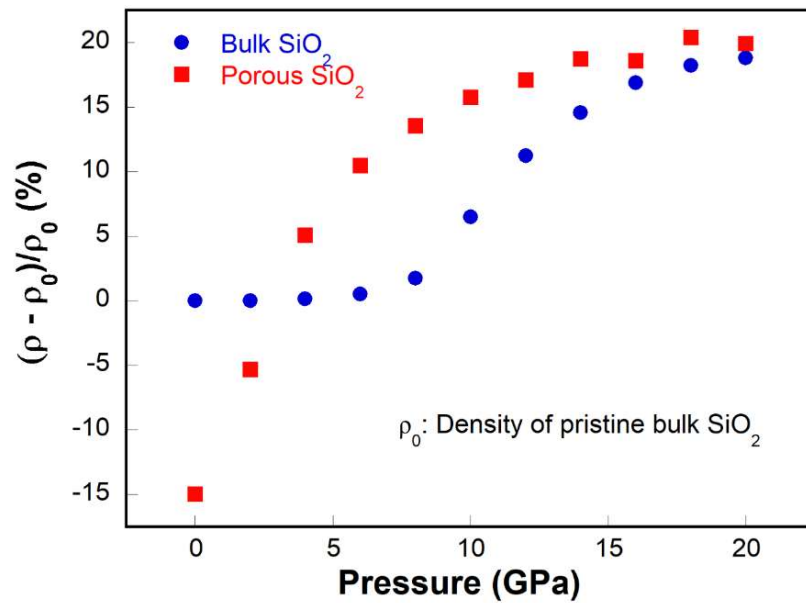
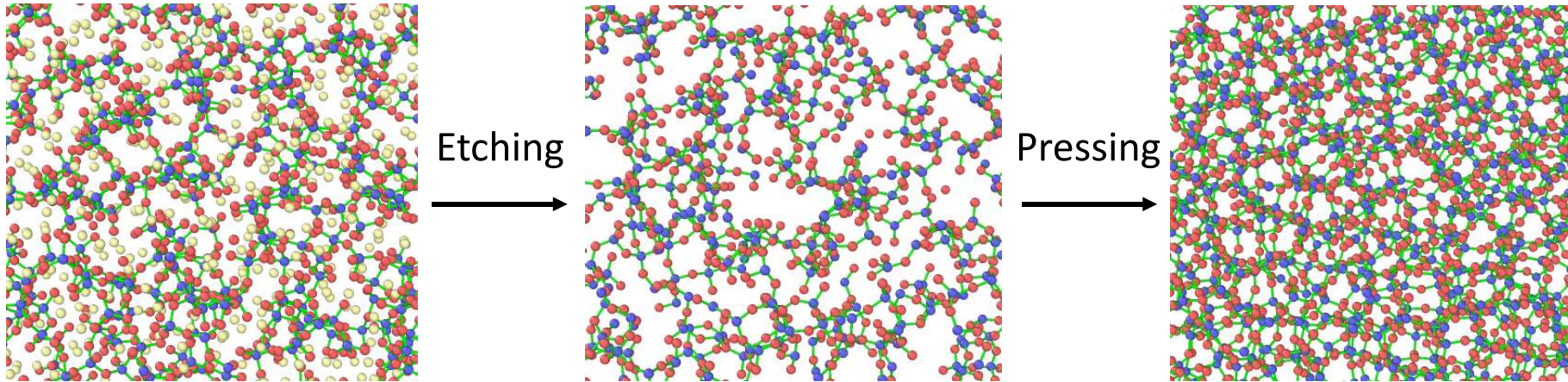
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5-fold Coordinated Si as Plasticity Carriers



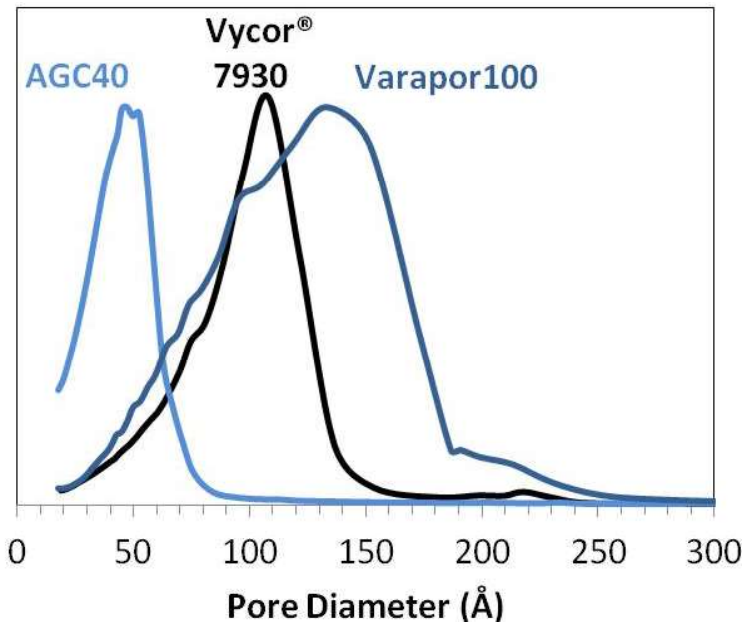
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Consolidation of Porous Silica

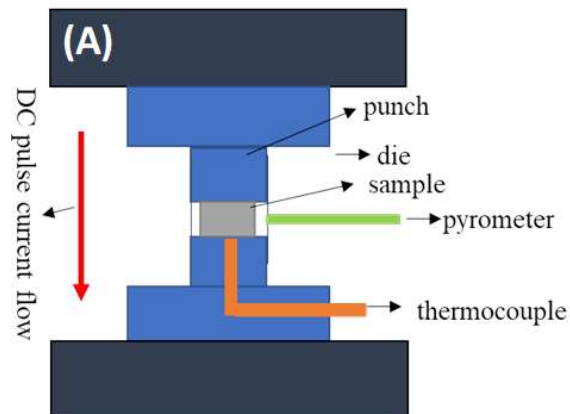


SPS Consolidation of Porous Silica

Varapor 100: >99% SiO₂, 1.6 g/cc; **AGC 40:** 95% SiO₂, 5% B₂O₃, 1.3 g/cc



	<u>AGC-40</u>	<u>Varapor100</u>
Surface Area, m ² /g	215	116
Pore Volume, cm ³ /g	0.2	0.3
Porosity, %	31	40
Average Pore Diameter, angstrom	37	98



Varapor 100, 2.18 g/cc



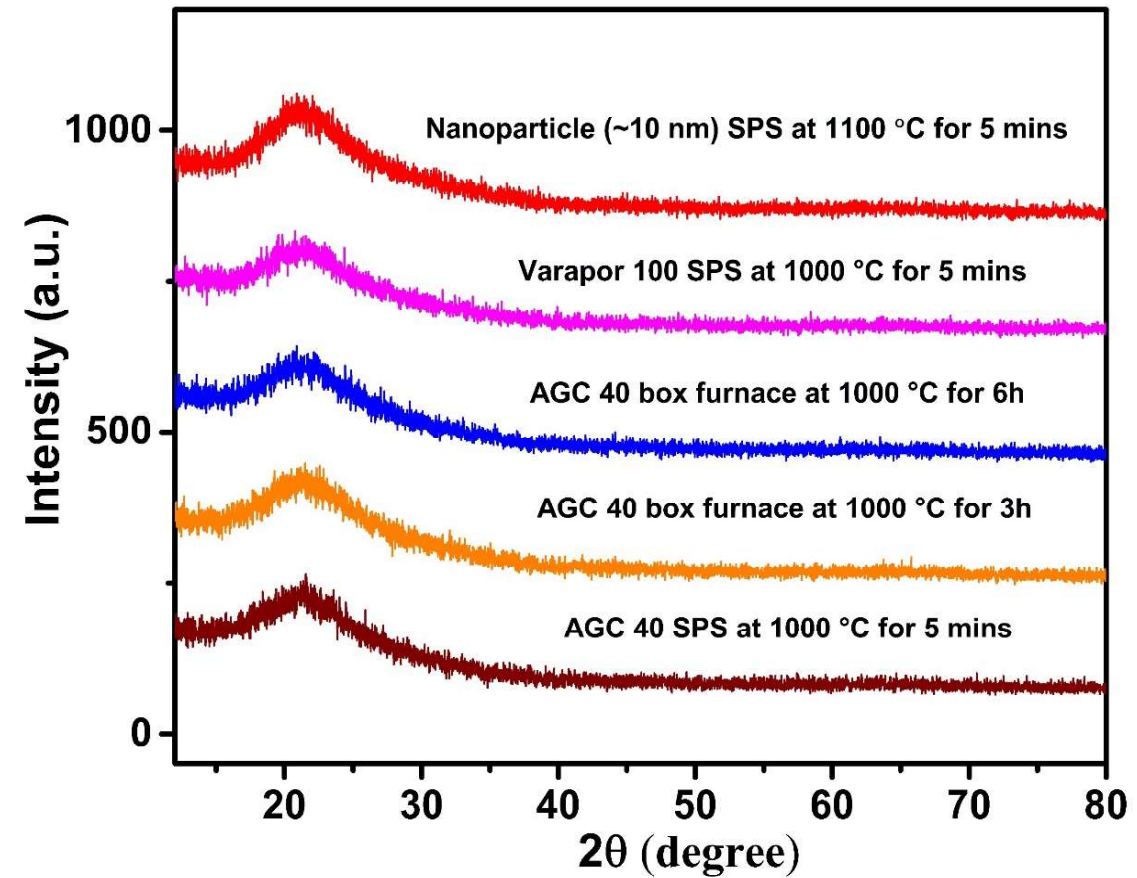
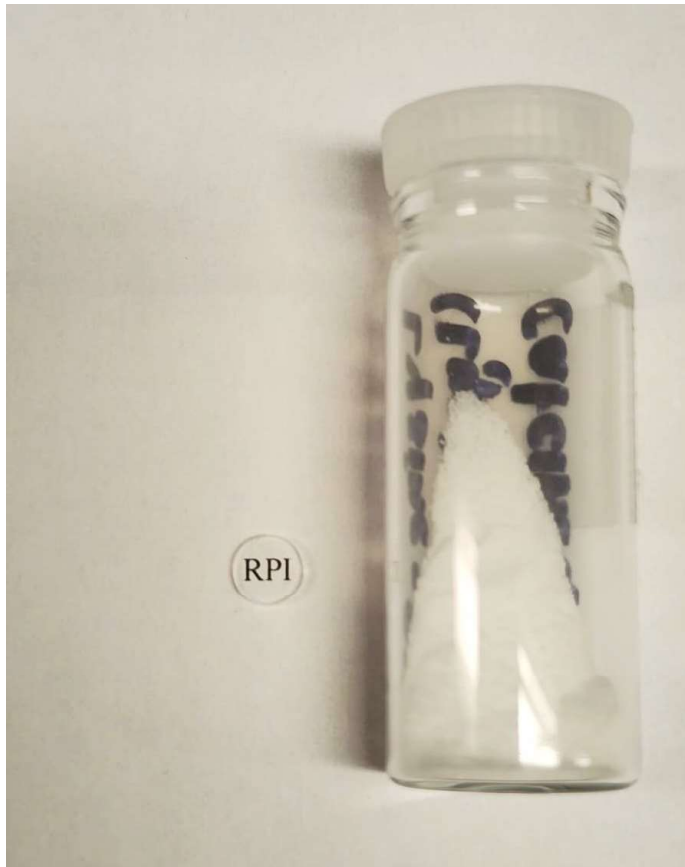
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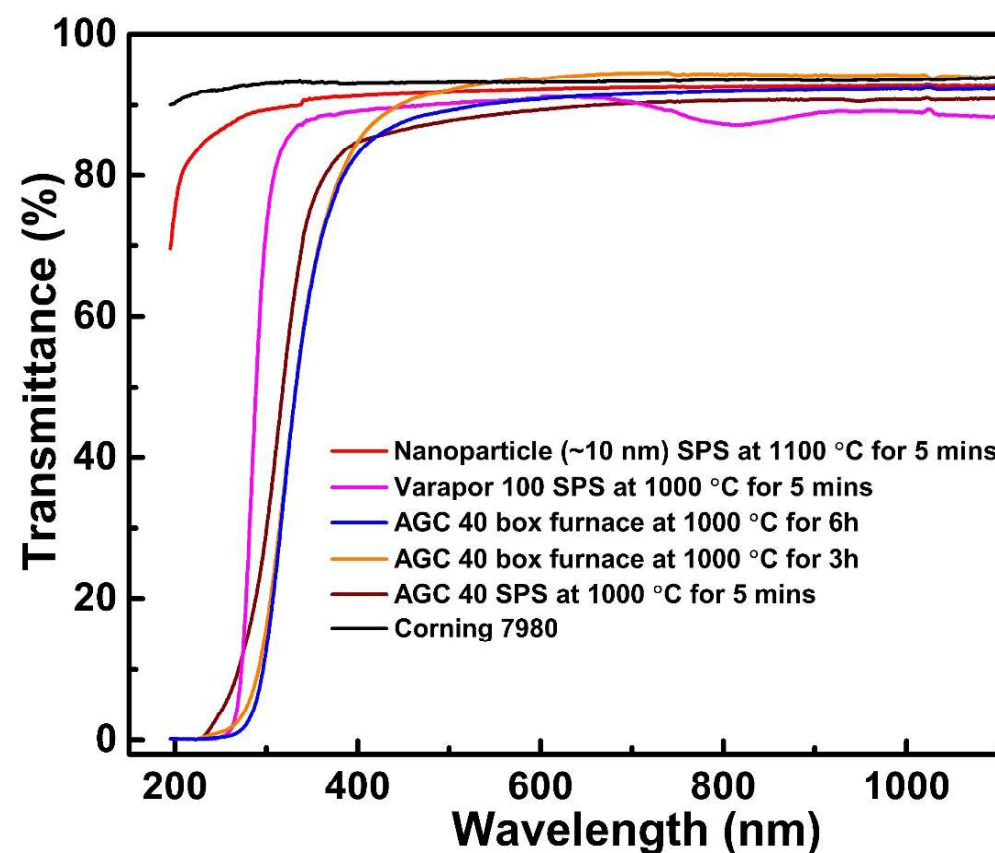
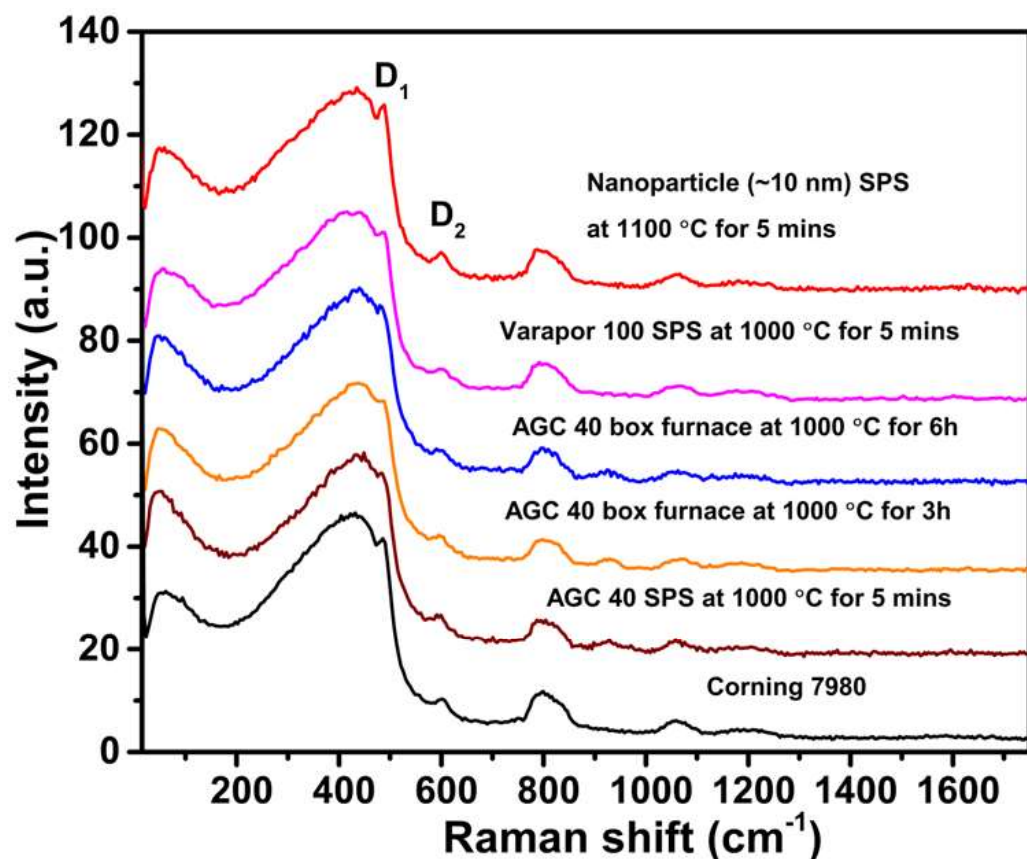
SPS Consolidation of Silica Nanoparticles

SPS Sintering at 1100 °C
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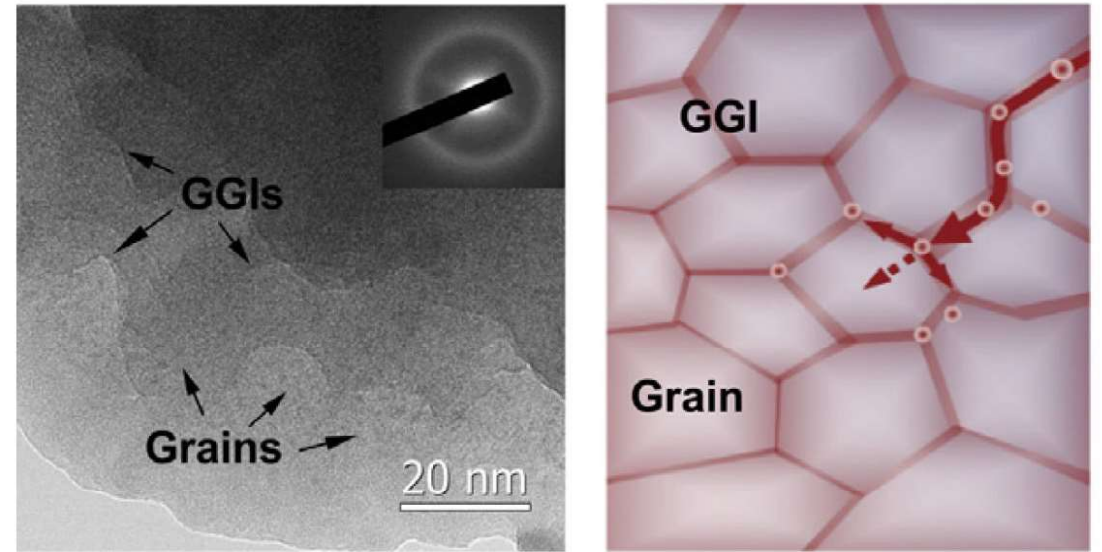
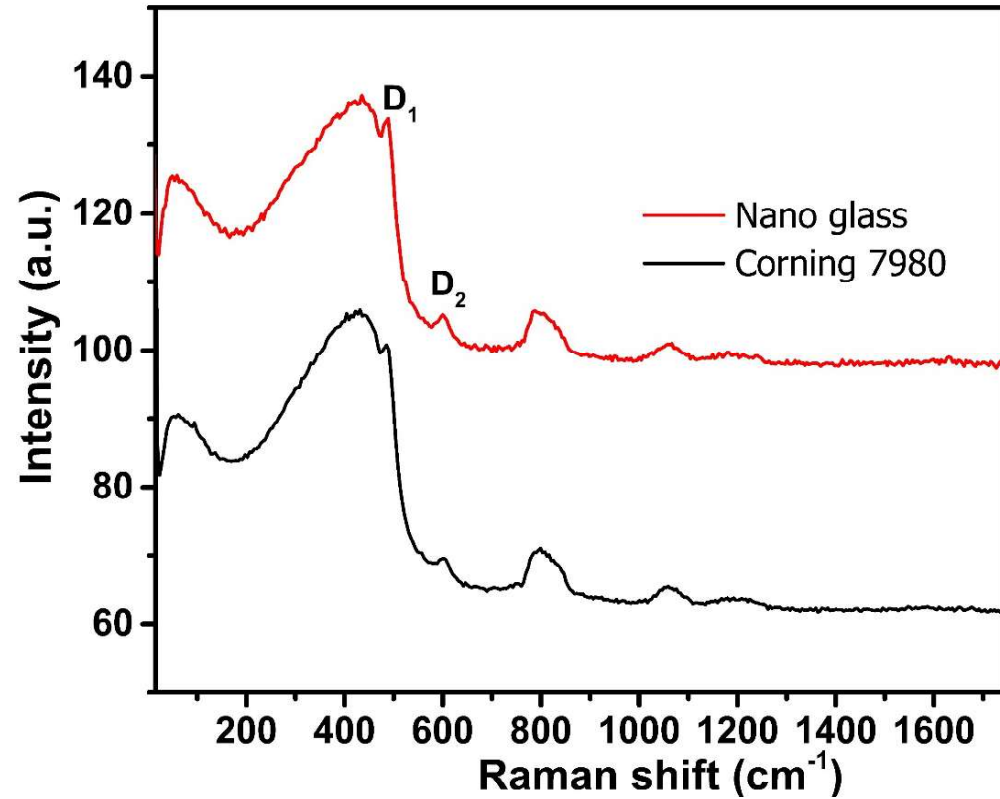


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Structure and Property of SPS-Consolidated Silica Glass

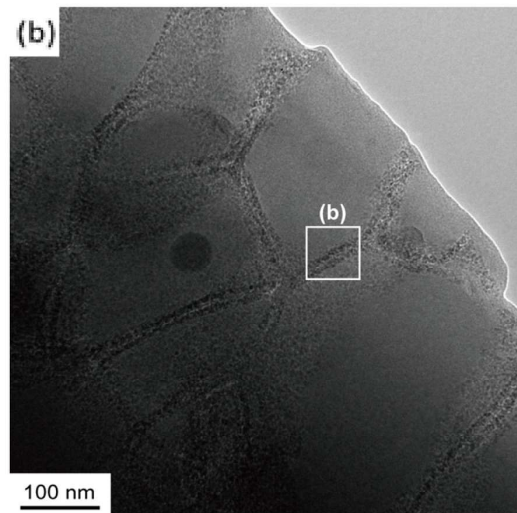
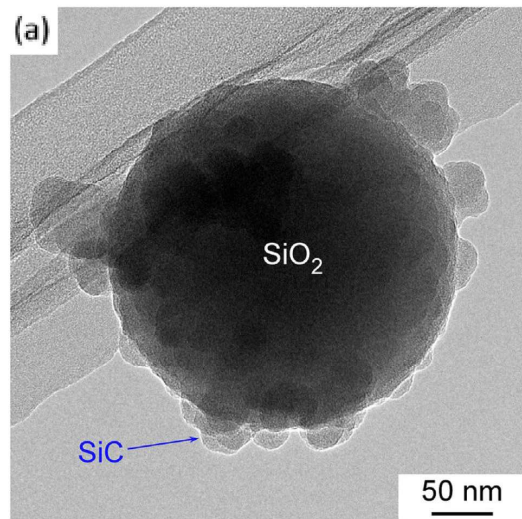


SPS-consolidated Nano-Silica Glass

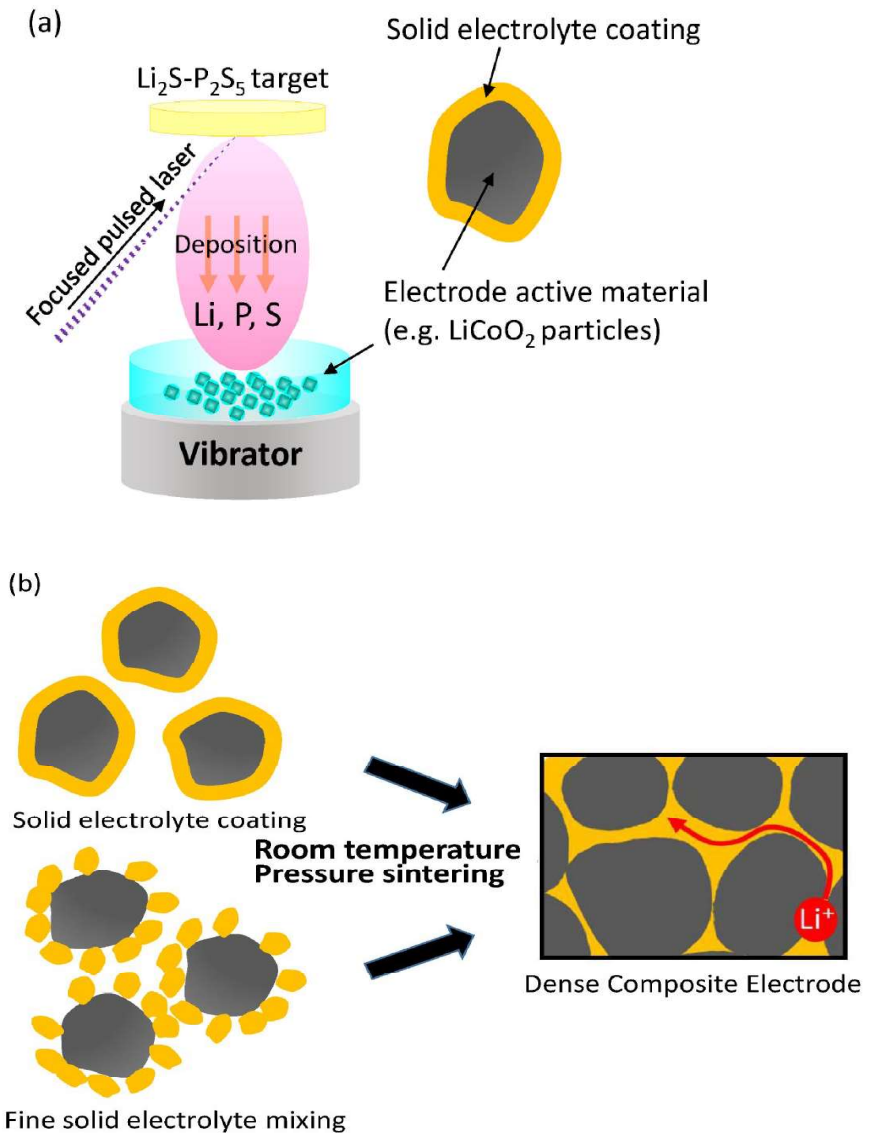


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Design of Chemical/Structural Heterogeneity

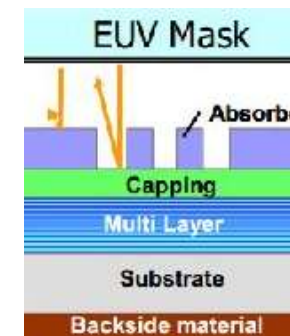
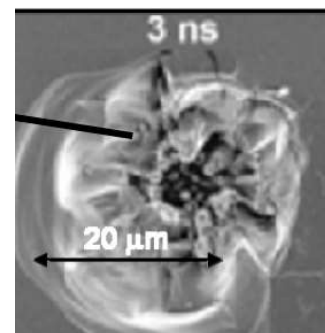
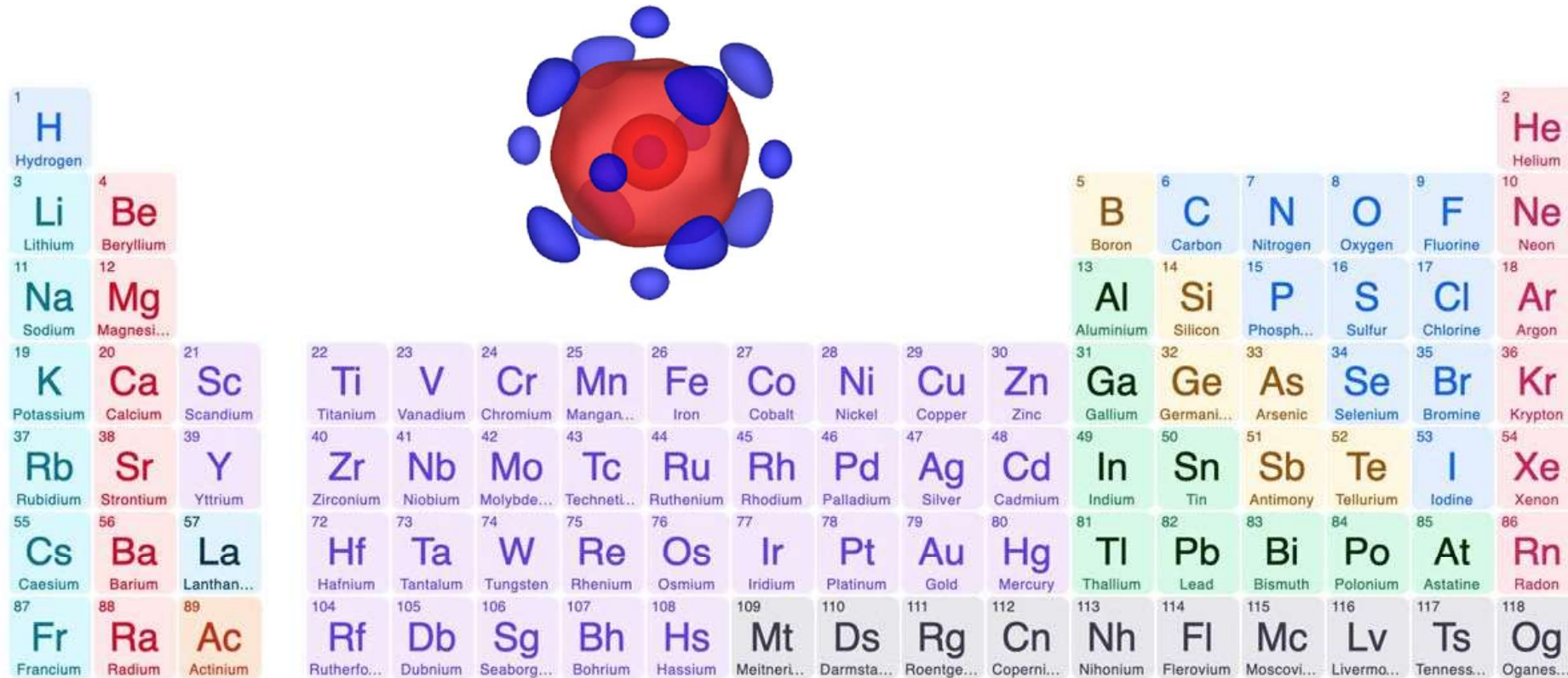


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“New” Periodic Table under Pressure



Summary

- Pressure processing can lead to **unique structure and properties** that cannot be achieved by the traditional melt-quenching method.
- Structure and properties of the hot-compressed glass are **distinct** from those of the cold-compressed counterpart at room temperature.
- Consolidation of glassy nanoparticles can form nanoglass with **composition/structure variation on a much longer length scale** than in bulk samples, leading to unique properties.

