

### Verres et vitrocéramiques de phosphates

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- Verres de phosphates ?
- Applications des verres et vitrocéramiques de phosphates : bilbiographie (et contributions de l'UCCS)
  - Verres pour l'optique
  - Verres de confinement de déchets nucléaires
  - Verres pour applications biologiques

### Verres de phosphates: caractéristiques structurales

- P [Ne] 3s<sup>2</sup> 3p<sup>3</sup> => hydridation sp<sup>3</sup>
- P<sup>5+</sup>, Si<sup>4+</sup>, B<sup>3+</sup>

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- Coordinence tétraèdrique : présence d'électrons π
- P=O d=0,145nm, P-O-P d=0,15 à 0,16 nm
- Délocalisation des électron π
- Conséquence structurale :
  - $\Box$  silicates : Q<sup>0</sup> à Q<sup>4</sup>, phosphates Q<sup>0</sup> à Q<sup>3</sup>
  - □ P<sup>5+</sup> très peu compatible avec Si<sup>4+</sup>, mais très compatible avec Al<sup>3+</sup> ou B<sup>3+</sup>

=> Verres de phosphates « à réseaux mixtes »



### **Phosphate glasses: compositions**

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(Alumino-, Boro-, Vanado-, ...)

### Conséquences sur les propriétés

- Q<sup>0</sup> à Q<sup>3</sup> => Réseau moins polymérisé que silicates
- Liaisons P-O-M labiles
  - => Tg basse

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- □ Valeur typique 300 à 400°C
- => Coefficients de dilatation élevés (10 à 25.10<sup>-6</sup>K<sup>-1</sup>)
- => faible durabilité chimique

Verres de phosphates: caractéristiques chimiques

- Conséquence chimique : z/a<sup>2</sup> très élevé, donc oxyde très acide
  - □ P: 2,16.10<sup>20</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>
  - □ Si: 1,54.10<sup>20</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>
  - □ B: 1,39.10<sup>20</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>
  - $\square P_2O_5 + O^{2-} \Leftrightarrow 2PO_3^{-1}$
  - Très fort pouvoir dissociant (perles de fluoX)
  - Accepte quasiment tous les oxydes, en grande quantité : zones de vitrifications très étendues (verres à réseaux mixtes)
  - □ Verres « réducteurs » (cas du Cr uniquement en Cr<sup>3+</sup>)



### Al(4) modificateur et Al(6) formateur ?



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### Les niobiophosphates



Flambard JNCS (2008)





Hoppe PCCP (submitted)

### Les borophosphates

100

Réseau

Proportion des espèces (%)

16

<sup>11</sup>B NMR

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- Les vanadophosphates (Tricot 2011)
- Les phosphates de Zinc ? Ex: verre 2ZnO-P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
- Les silicophosphates ?
  - Si(VI) modificateur (si faible qq de SiO<sub>2</sub> dans un verre de phosphate)
  - Incompatibilité due à l'instabilité de la liaison P-O-Si
  - Séparations de phase, ségrégation des cations autour des phosphates
  - □ Compatibilité si présence de Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> et/ou B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
    - Connexions via P-O-Al ou P-O-B









-60 -40 -20 -10 -20 -30

• This « Y »phase contains P-O-P

• 4 phases

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• 1 of the phases, « Y » contains 3 sites









### <sup>31</sup>P MAS-NMR of Mg phosphates



### HT NMR of phosphate glasses: in situ study of crystallization, dynamics

<sup>27</sup>AI NMR



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Wegner J. Phys Chem (2009)

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### Quelques exemples d'applications

### Phosphate glasses: applications

- -Water softening (Calgon) Water softening
- biomaterials

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- sealing glasses
- Photonic glasses, laser glasses
  - Electrolyte glass



Biomaterials

sealing glasses

- Anti-oxidation coatings
- Nuclear waste vitrification



### **Development of continuous melting of phosphate laser glass**



Artist Rendition of National Ignition Facility (NIF) Laser

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- The NIF laser alone required 3000 slabs (150 metric ton) with the following specifications:
  - Index uniformity to <±0.000001
  - Free of inclusions and bubbles larger than 100um
  - Residual hydroxyl content <100ppmw</li>
  - Platinum particle free
  - Free of all detectable striae
  - Low 1054nm absorption of <.19% per cm thickness</li>



Beamlet eighteen liter rare earth doped phosphate glass amplifier slab



## Damage grows with successive shots above the damage threshold



- Redeposited platinum vapor of spatial size >0.3µm can damage on the next shot
- Below 0.3µm, the heat is conducted into the glass
- Laser glass parts became unusable after only a few high power shots

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# The key to solving the Pt particle problem was to dissolve the particles into the glass structure as ionic Pt<sup>4+</sup>



- Dissolve inclusions under oxidizing conditions (Pt + n/4 O<sup>2</sup> → Pt<sup>n+</sup> + n/2 O<sup>2-</sup>)
- Minimize thermal gradients to reduce vapor transport Pt<sup>o</sup> +O<sub>2</sub> → PtO<sub>2</sub> (g)

- Platinum particles appear to be created at the start of the melt cycle
- Dissolution is limited by diffusion of platinum away from the particle surface
- Care must be taken to avoid the late arrival of Pt particles into the melt from condensed vapors

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## Meeting the laser glass requirements in terms of cost, quality, and rate of delivery for NIF





High power lasers: >3000 neodynium-doped phosphate glass slabs (NIF LLNL USA, Megajoule Bordeaux, HPL Indore India)



Second harmonic generation: optical switchs









Nb-O-Nb are confirmed by <sup>17</sup>O NMR



<sup>93</sup>Nb chemical shift assignment ? We need crystalline reference compounds 18.8T – 33KHz

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### <sup>93</sup>Nb sites are assigned from crystalline references, but uncertainty remains, $\rightarrow$ DFT calculations are needed.





### Phosphate glasses and nuclear waste vitrification

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- Alternative solution to borosilicate glasses for special wastes
  - High load
  - Larger solubility of chromium, molybdenum
  - Lower melting T : less volatilization of sulfur, iodine
- 70': USSR: Mamoshin: aluminophosphate glasses
- 80': USA: Sales and Boatner : Pb-Fe phosphate glasses
- 90': USA: Day : Fe phosphate glasses





### iron phosphate glass

C.-W. Kim, D.E. Day JNCS (2010)

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- Contains 26 wt% of the Hanford AZ-102 LAW
  - Targets high sulfate (4.3 wt%) and high Na<sub>2</sub>O (20 wt%)
  - Approximately 3x greater waste loading than typical borosilicate
- Recommended processing temperature of 1000 1050°C
- High retention of Cs, Re, and SO<sub>3</sub> in laboratory melts
- Meets PCT and VHT durability requirements for Hanford L disposal (regardless of thermal history)
- Melt viscosity and electrical conductivity within acceptable for JHM and CCIM processing
- Compatible with Inconel 693/690 and K-3 refractory

Open questions: Chemical durability (long term) Devitrification resistance Corrosiveness





Simulated waste glass cylinder, 8 liters, melted at 1200°C (Brow, personnal communication) 60



## Immobilization of Radioactive iodine in phosphate glasses

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- <sup>129</sup>I : radioactive isotope extracted during the processing of the nuclear fuel
- **MAVL's waste** (Medium activity waste with a long life).
  - High mobility in the geologic environment
  - Strong tendency to volatilization ( $600^{\circ}C$ )

- Silver phosphate glasses
  - Low melting T
  - High incorporation rate for I



phosphate network









- Wilder et al.
- Brow et al. (Sandia)
- Morena et al. (Corning)
- Low Tg

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- High CTE for sealing to AI alloys
- Sn phosphate glass
- Zn phosphate glass
- F phosphate glass : extension to Glass-polymer blends (Tischendorf)





### Phosphate glasses as biomaterials

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- Bone : apatite = calcium phosphate
- Hench's bioglasses : silicophosphates
- Vogel et al : Ca, Fe, Na phosphate glass-ceramics (machineable)
- Knowles : Na, Ca, Ti phosphate
- Good biocompatibility

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Control of dissolution rate is a key issue





Knowles Acta Biomaterialia (2012)

### Phosphate glass fibers as biomaterials



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Glass Glass composition (mol%)

	$P_2O_5$	CaO	Na <sub>2</sub> O	SiO <sub>2</sub>	MgO	K <sub>2</sub> O	TiO <sub>2</sub>
TiPSo	50	30	9	3	3	5	-
TiPS <sub>2.5</sub>	50	30	9	3	3	2.5	2.5
TiPS <sub>5</sub>	50	30	9	3	3	-	5



C. Vitale Mat. Sc & Eng.(2011) 102

### Phosphate glass-ceramics as biomaterials

Abe et al. (Nagoya)

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- Ca(PO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> sub-Tg crystallization
- NaCaTi(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> NASICON porous glass-ceramics impregnated with Ag<sup>+</sup>: bactericide bioceramics





- Na,Ca, Fe phosphate glasses + TiO<sub>2</sub> (CTE matching)
- Enamels on Alumina hip prothesis cup
- In-vivo tests and push-out evaluation (Hopital Lariboisière Paris)
- Showed good bioactivity (apatite formation, osteocells)
- However, alumina diffusion through coating inhibited bone mineralization



4 mm

Montagne et al. GTB (1998)

# UCCS Phosphate glass fertilizers

Slow release of oligo-elements (Mn, Cu)

Glass			Mol %				
code	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K20	CaO	MgO			
			Set B				
B-1	33.33	33.3	11.1	22.2			
B-2	36.84	31.6	21.1	10.5			
B-3	40.00	30.0	20.0	10.0			
B-4	42.86	28.6	19.0	9.5			



	CuO	$MnO_2$	MoO <sub>3</sub>	$Fe_2O_3$	ZnO	CoO	S	$B_2O_3$
B-3M1	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	0	0	0
B-3M2	0.025	0.051	0.024	0.012	0.024	0.026	0.025	1.44

Ivandelko Völkenrode (2007)







#### Identification & Quantification of NaPO<sub>3</sub> UCCS hydration products through spectra simulations. (Coll. T. Charpentier, CEA Saclay) a) b) 0.0.29 Isotropic dimension (ppm) <sup>17</sup>O 3QMAS NMR at 18.8T d) c) 50 % NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> 40 20 120 100 80 60 50 % Na<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> 50 % NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O 50 % Na<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> 70 60 50 MAS dimension (ppm) 90 100 33% NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> 100 33% NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O 110 110 33% Na<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> 120 L 120 100 20 120

- Weathering leads to monomers and short phosphate chains.

- Modelisation enables quantification (kinetic study)



Mixed network phosphate glasses

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"To stop glasses becoming cloudy in the dishwasher, add glass."

Hard water in dishwashers can cause limescale build-up on glasses. This can be removed with salt and rirse-aid. Soft water can cause glass correction. This can't be removed but at least it can now be prevented.





Apart from water softness, glass corrosion depends on the glass, the temperature and clean liness of the water, the length of the cycle and the type of dirt. Preventing further corrosion depends on us.

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