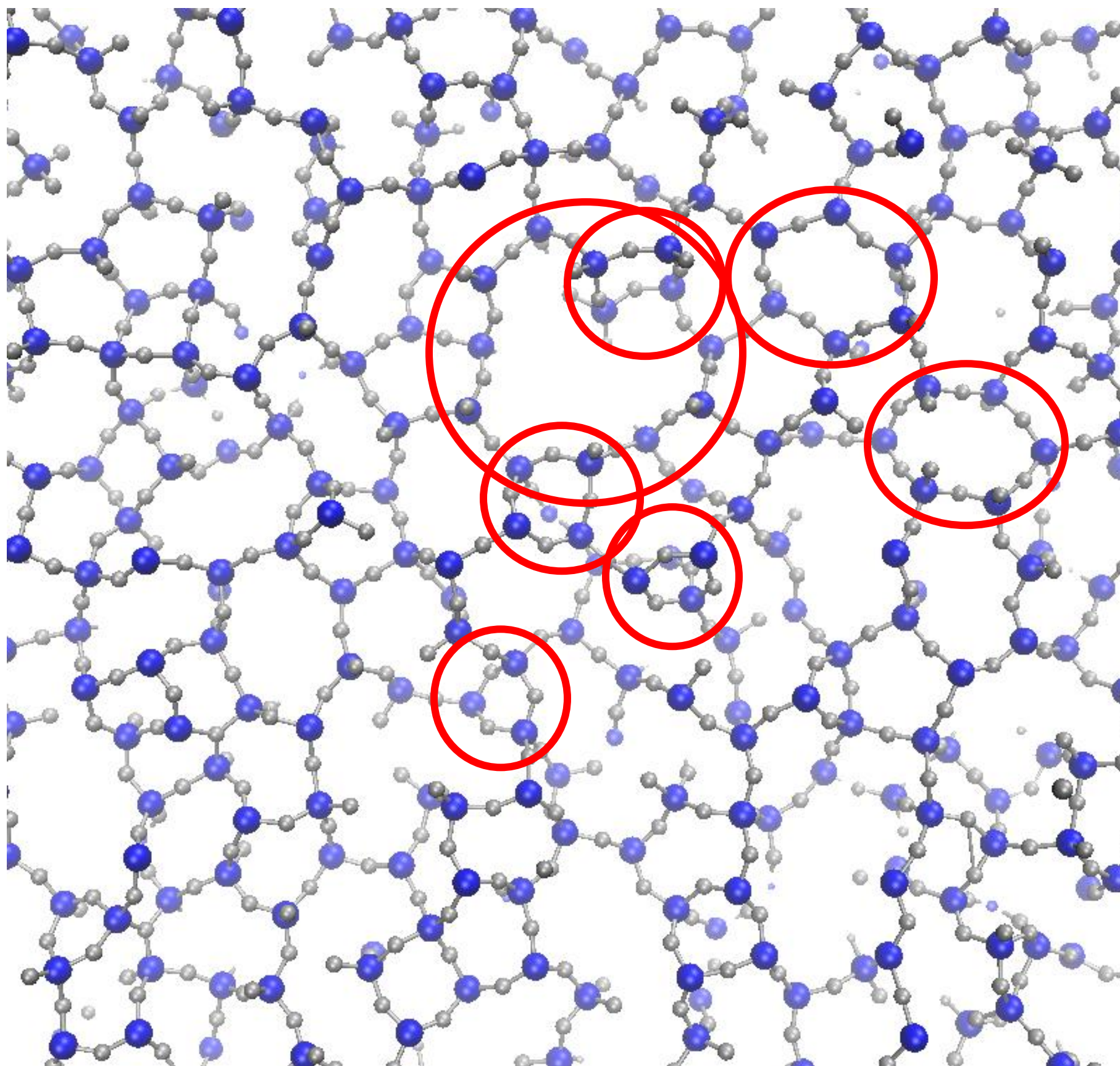
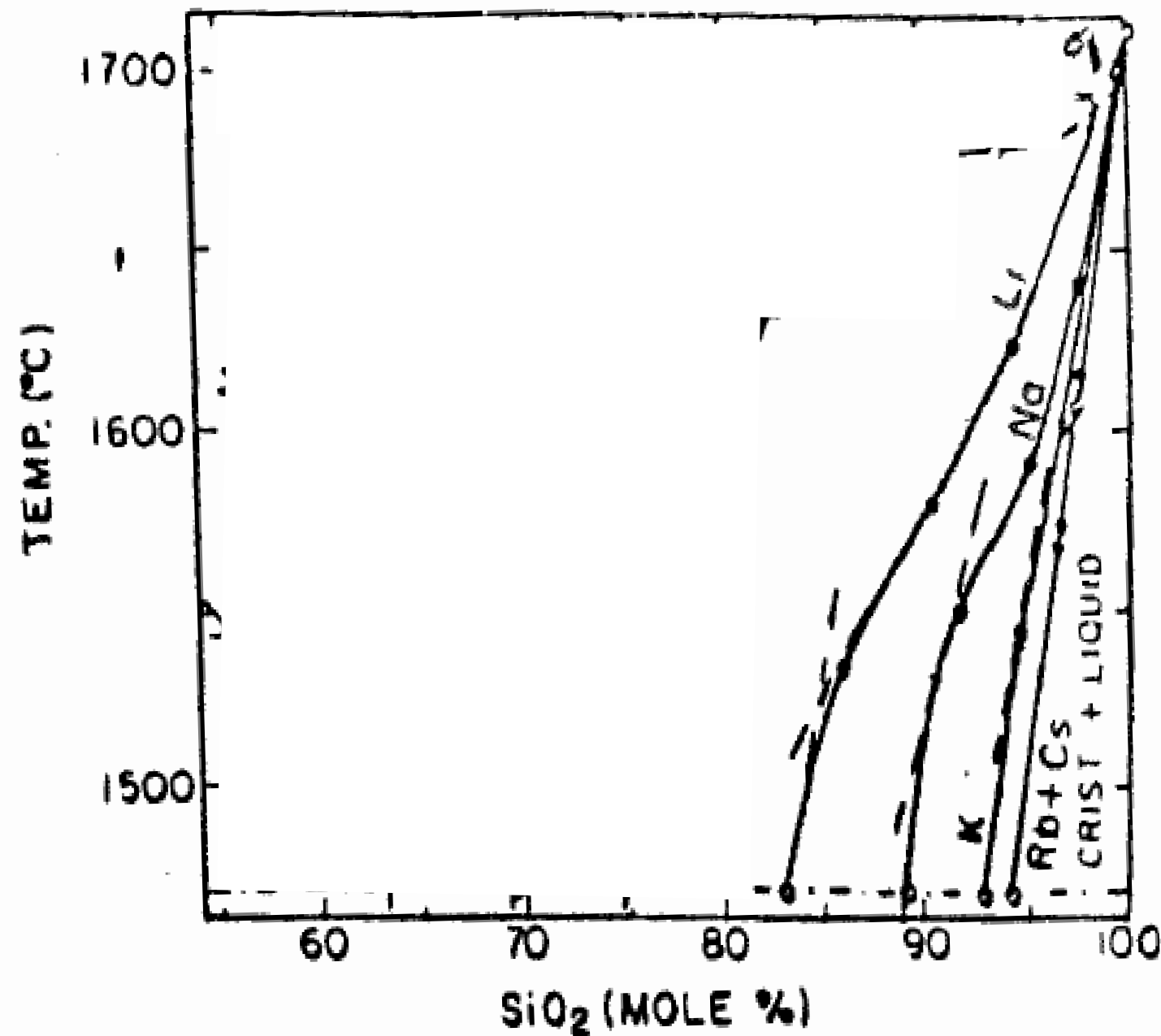


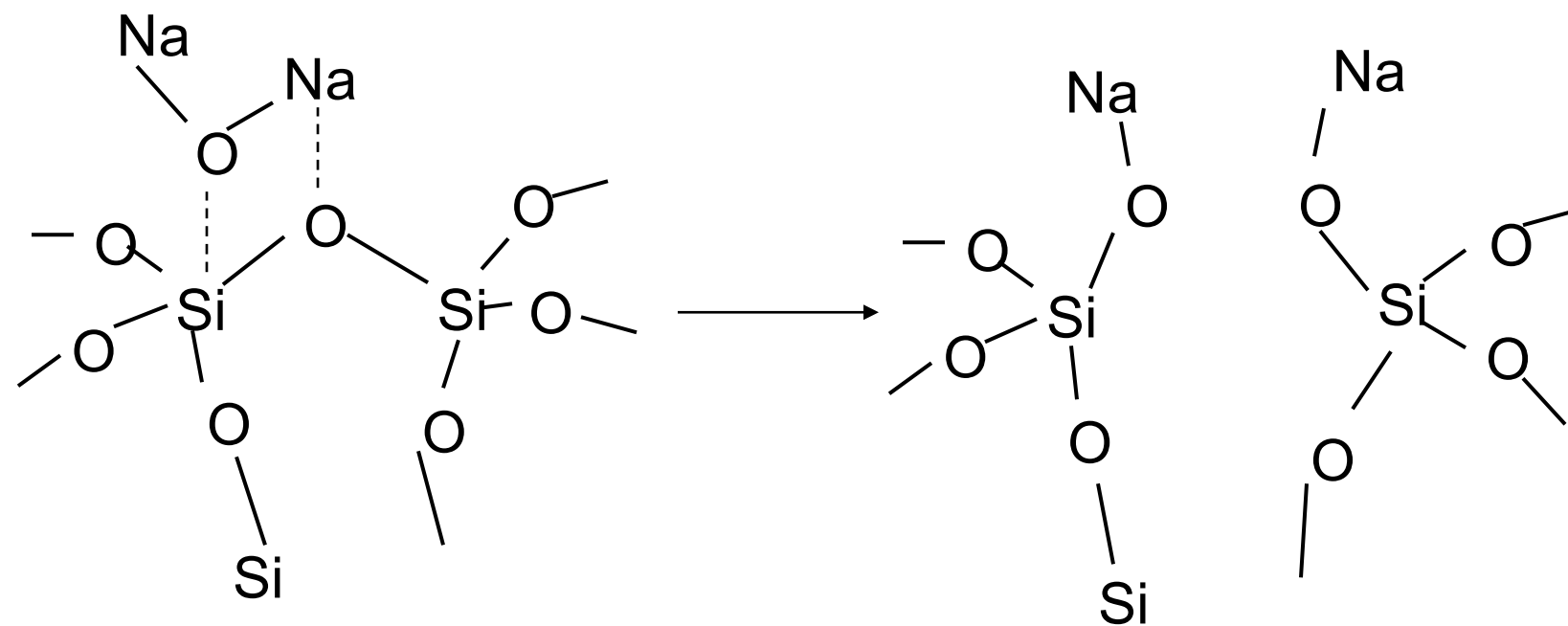


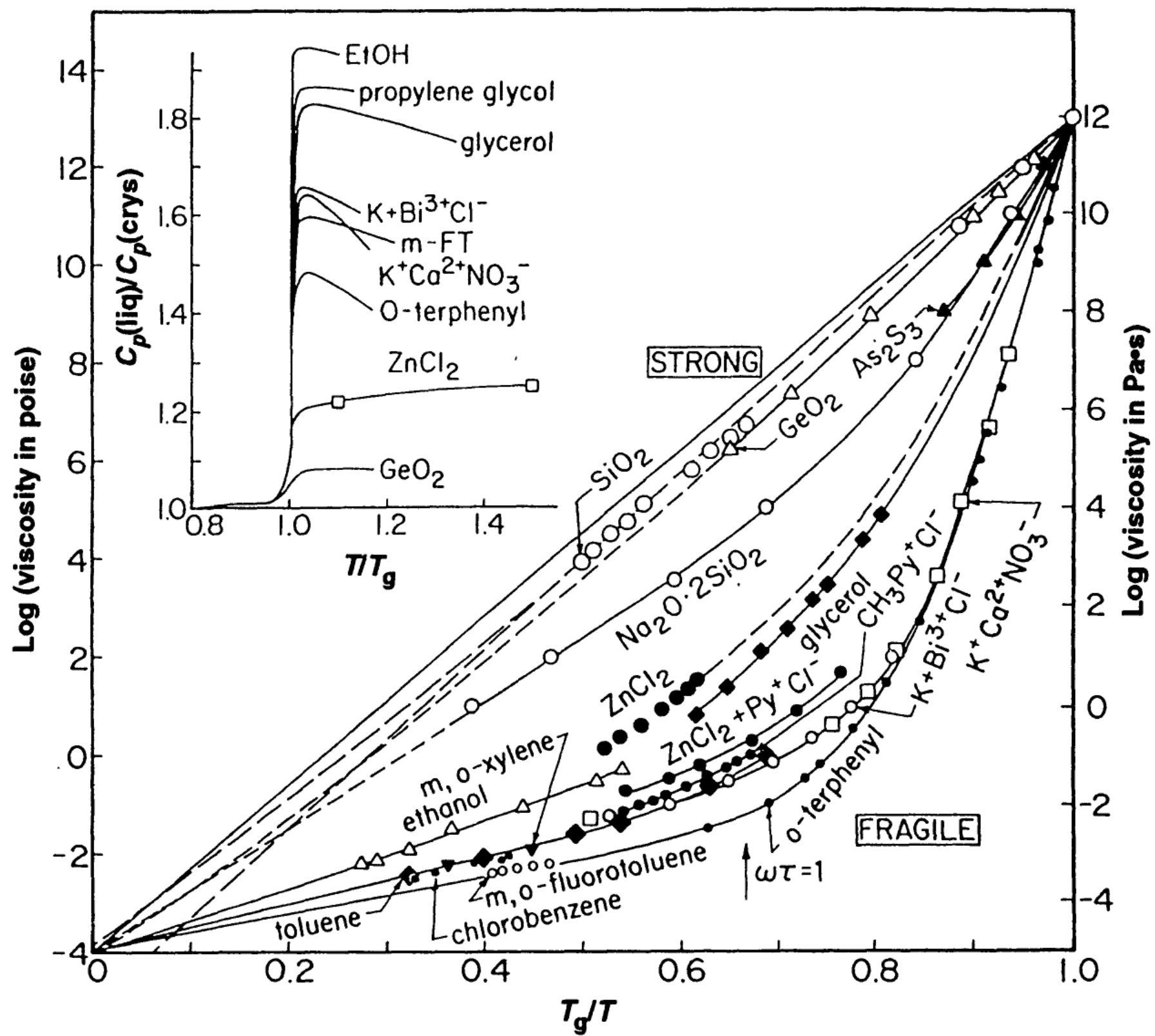


If the addition of R₂O (alkali metal oxides) to silica cause the formation of NBO, and [Li] = [Cs], then the same number of NBO are formed, but the effect is much greater in the latter than the former. What is happening?

Alkali Additions

RUPTURE OF NETWORK STRUCTURE





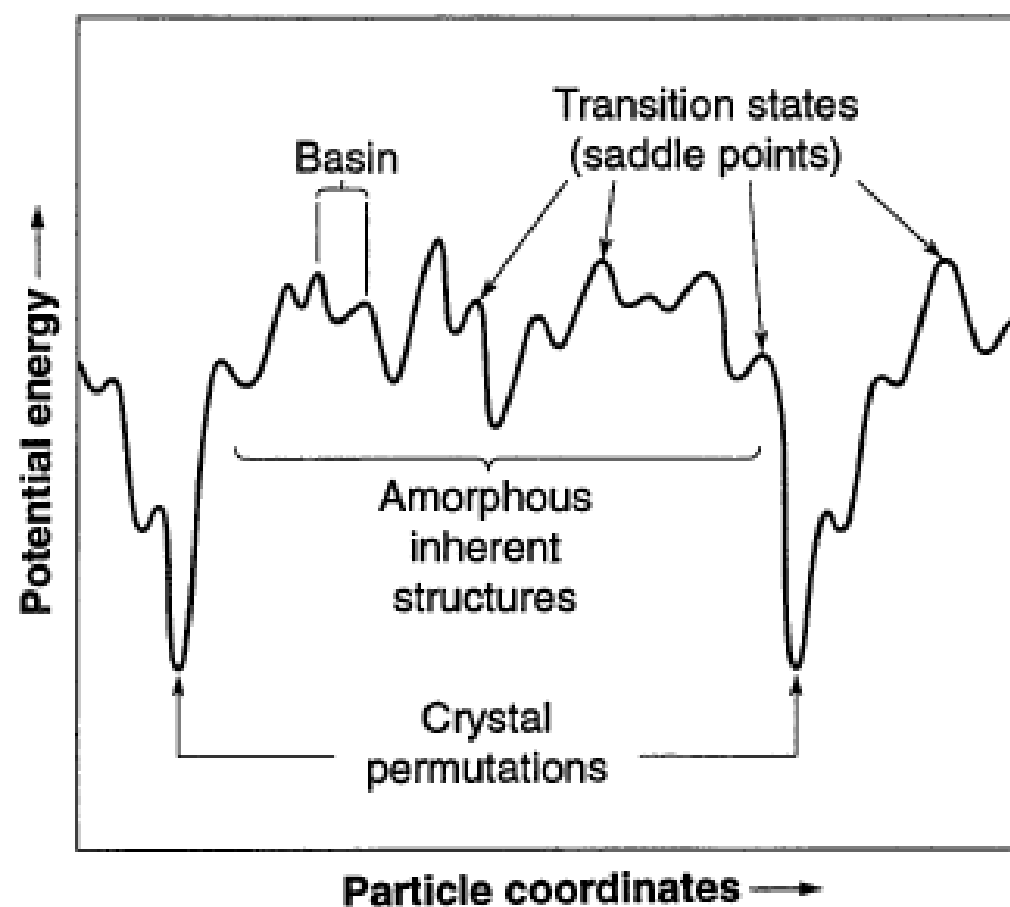


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of the potential energy hypersurface in the multidimensional configuration space for a many-particle system.

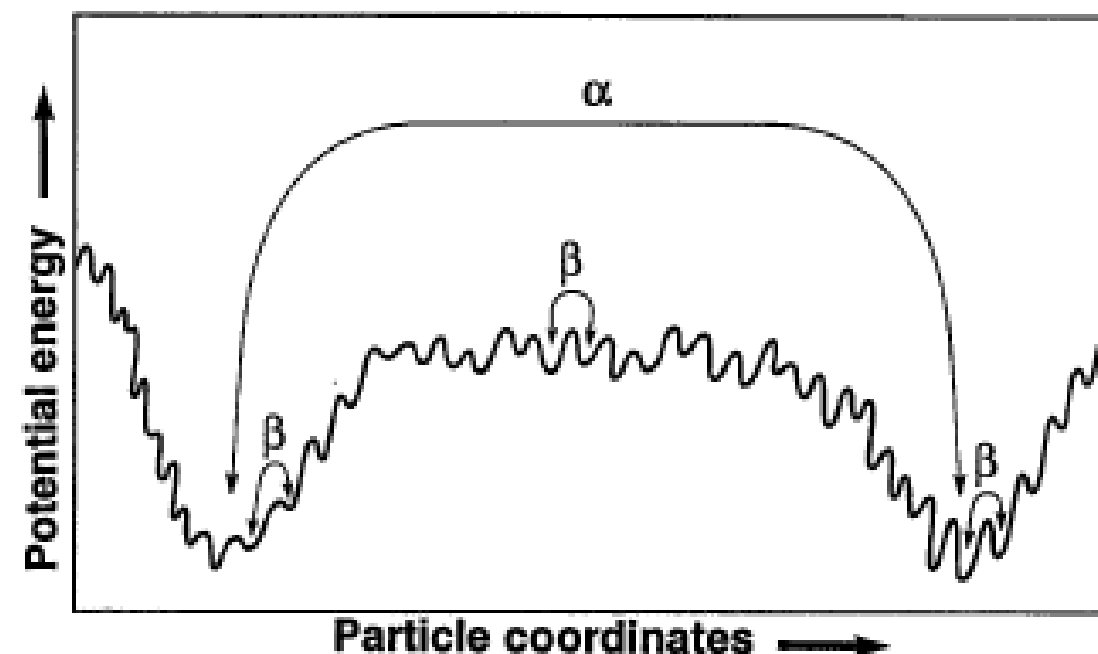


Fig. 4. Two-scale potential energy topography characteristic of regions of configuration space explored by fragile glass formers near T_g . The elementary interbasin transitions are associated with β relaxations, and large distance intercrater transitions are associated with α relaxations.

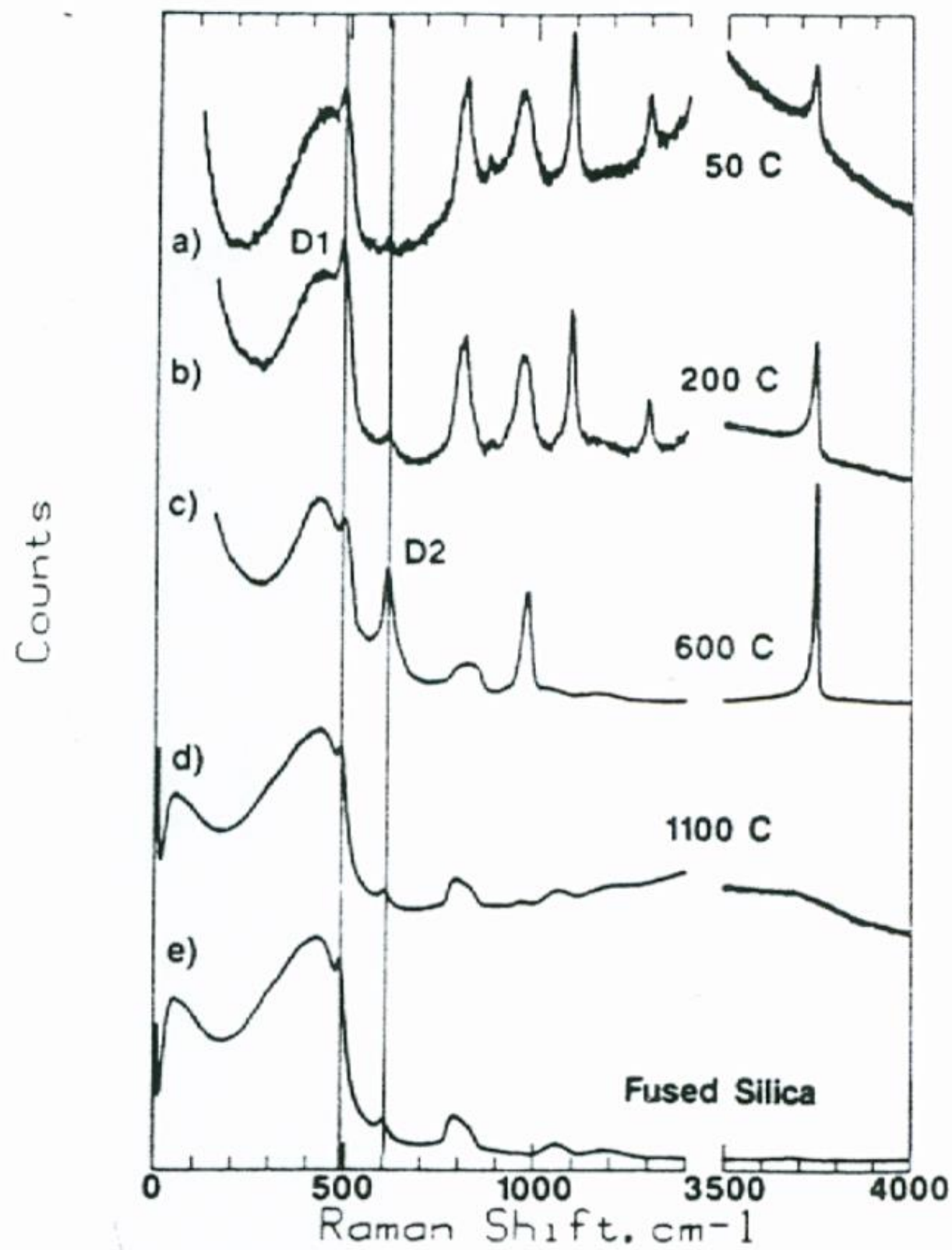
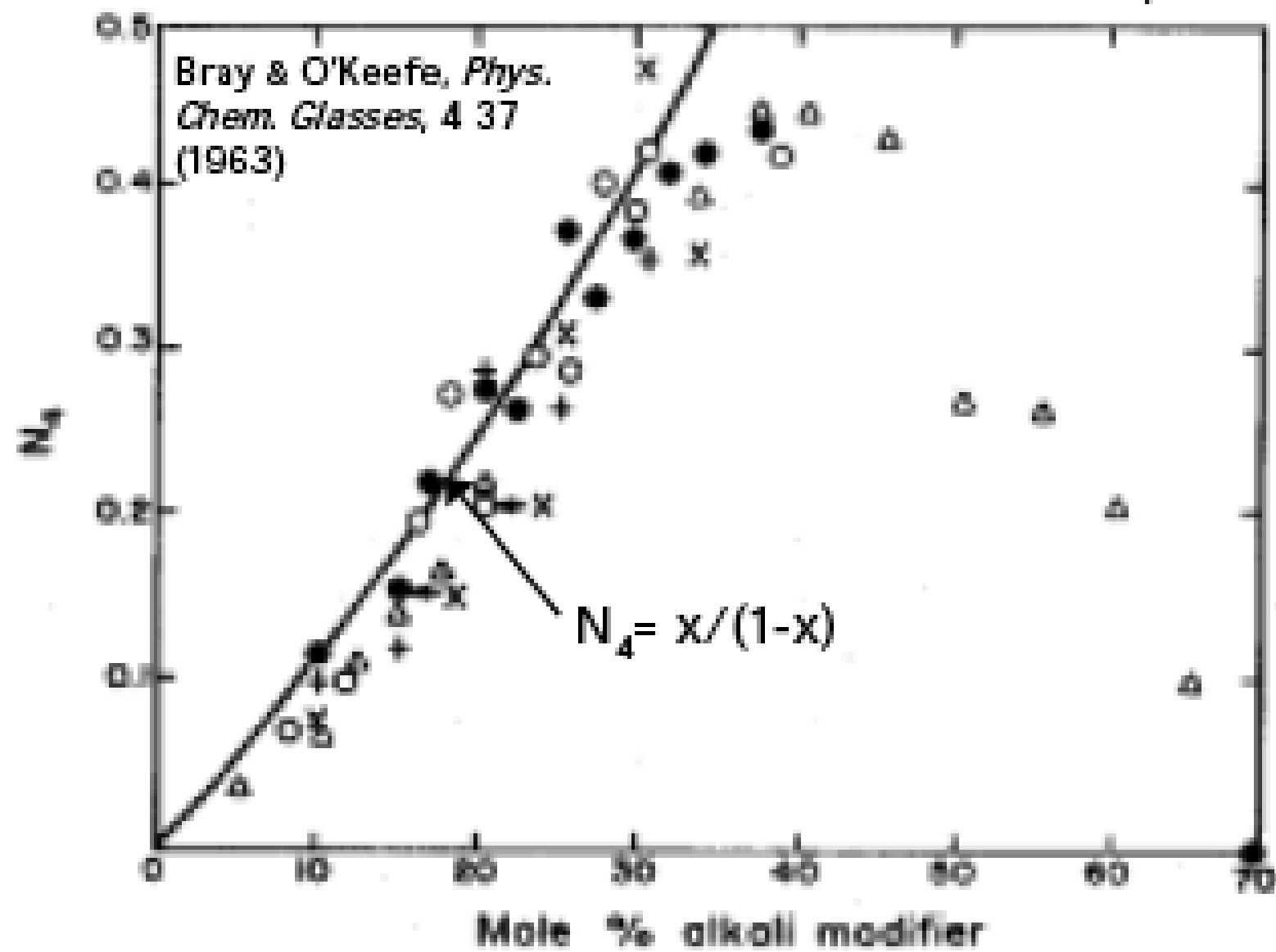


Fig. 1. Raman spectra of SiO₂ gels dried at 50°C, heated to 200 or 600°C, or fully consolidated at 1100°C.

Bray's Quantitative NMR Results for N_4



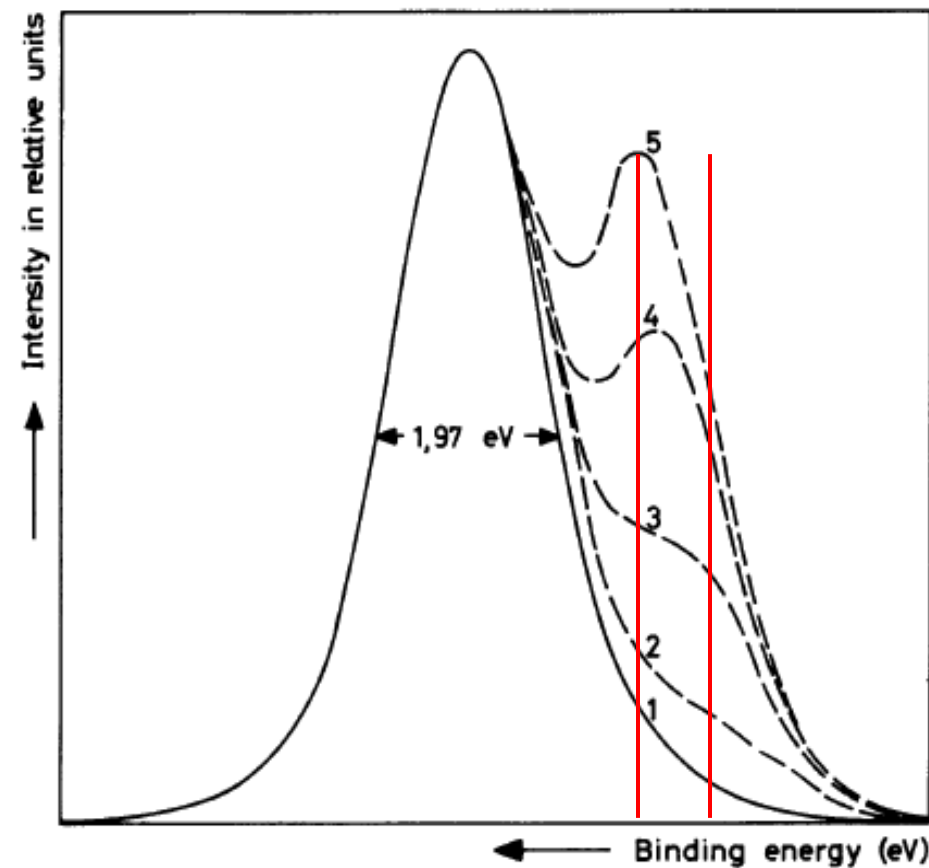
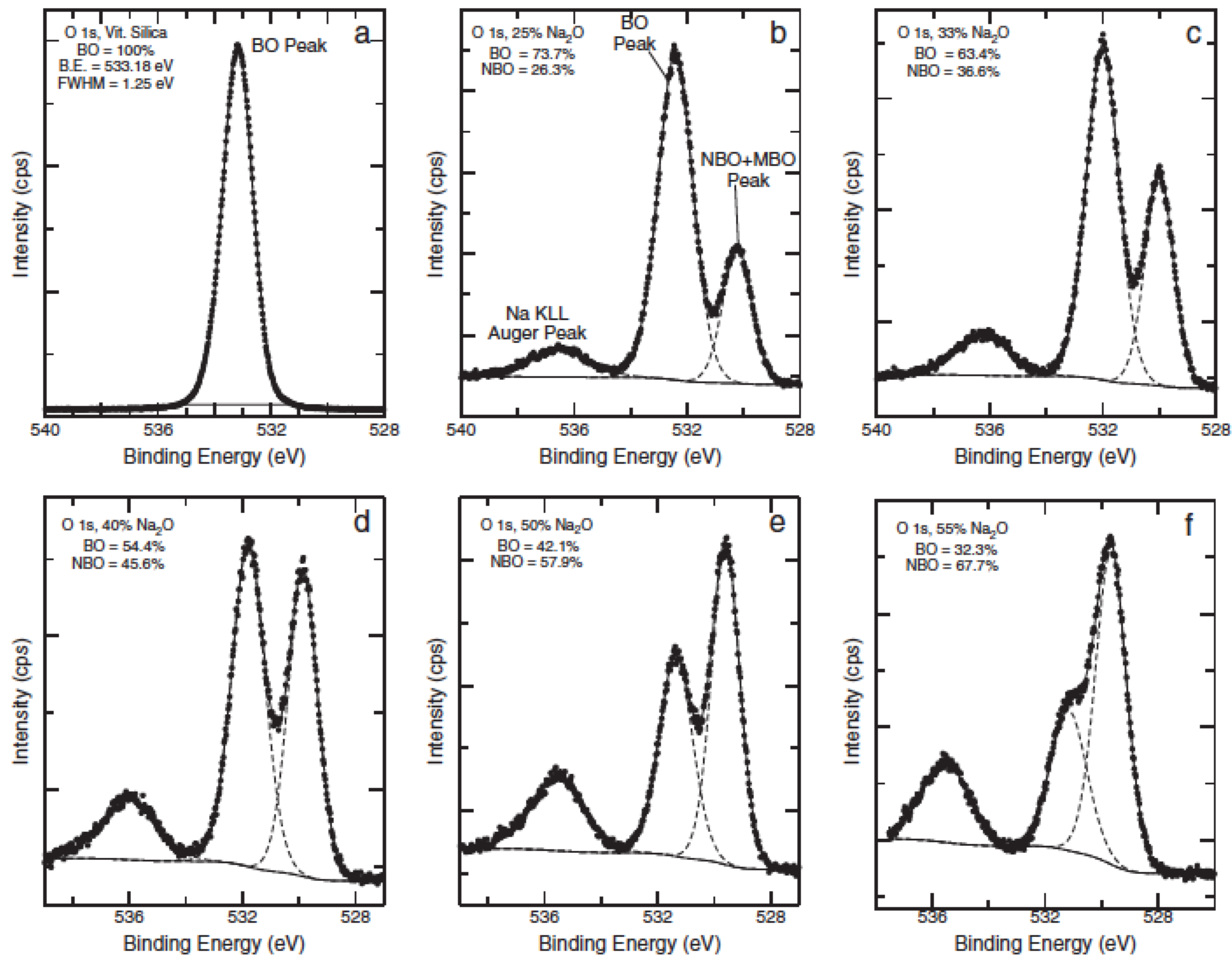


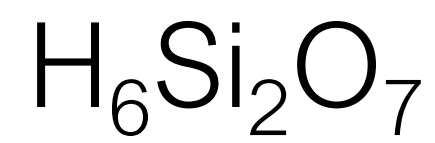
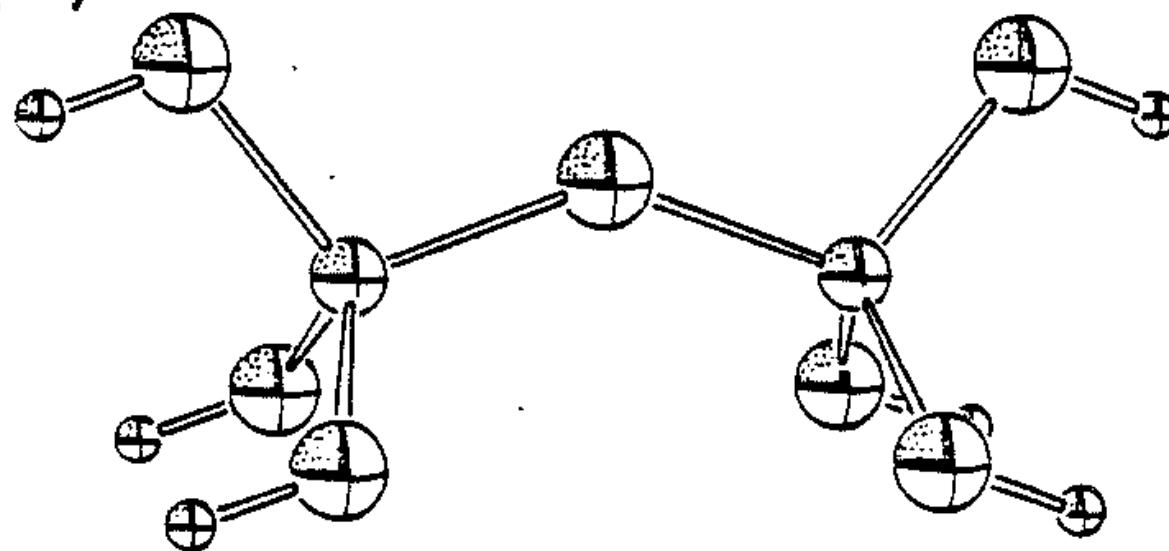
Fig. 2. O 1s-spectra of silica glasses and sodium silicate glasses.

- 1: Suprasil W, Suprasil, Infrasil
- 2: 9 wt.-% Na_2O
- 3: 20 wt.-% Na_2O
- 4: 30 wt.-% Na_2O
- 5: 40 wt.-% Na_2O

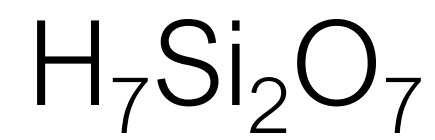
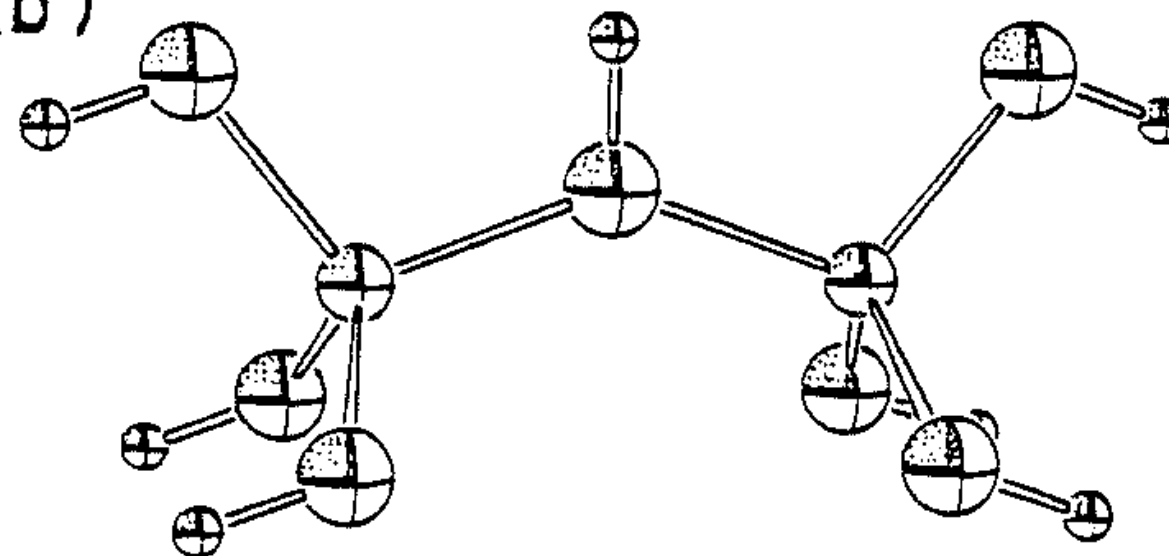
Na additions in XPS spectra show change in NBO concentration and even peak location.

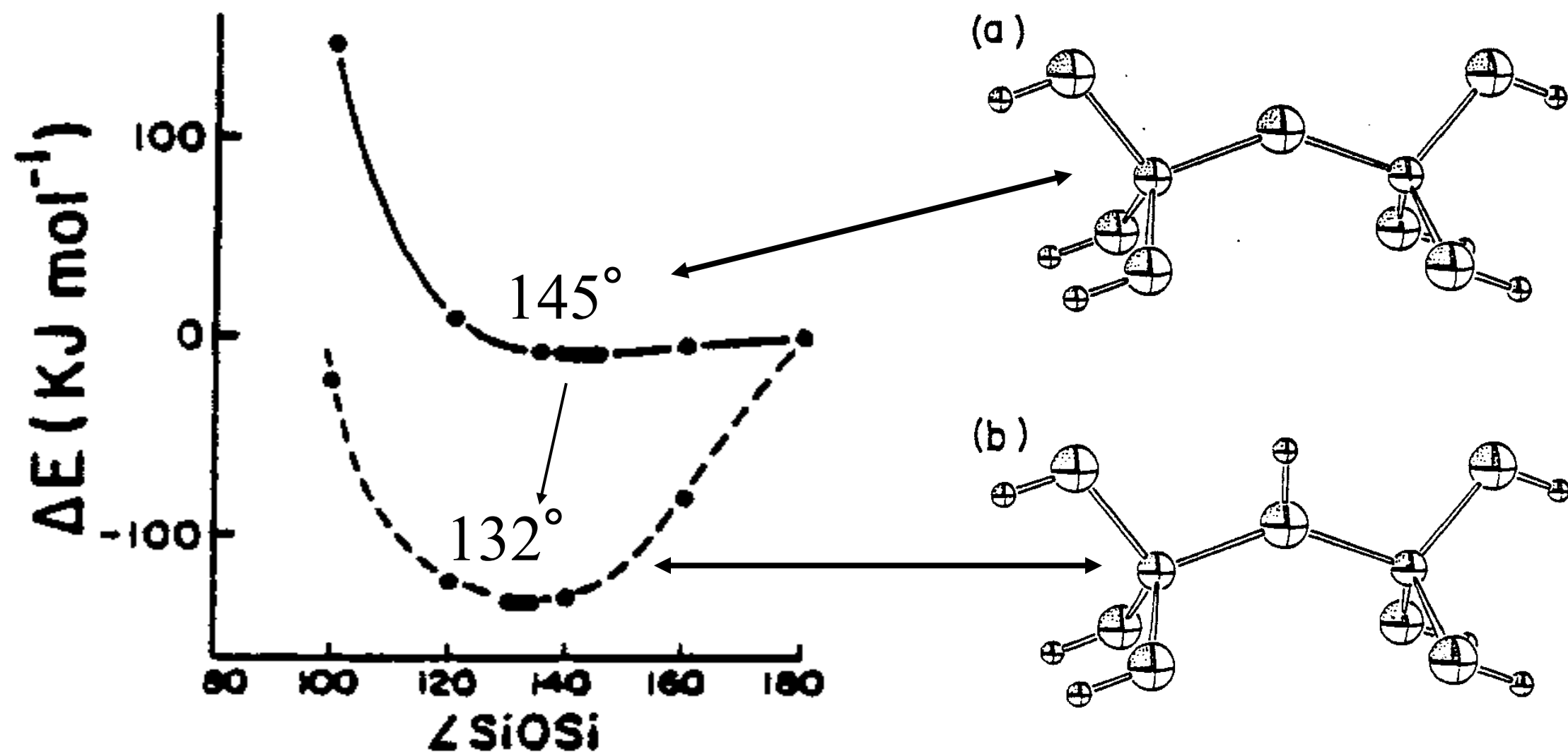


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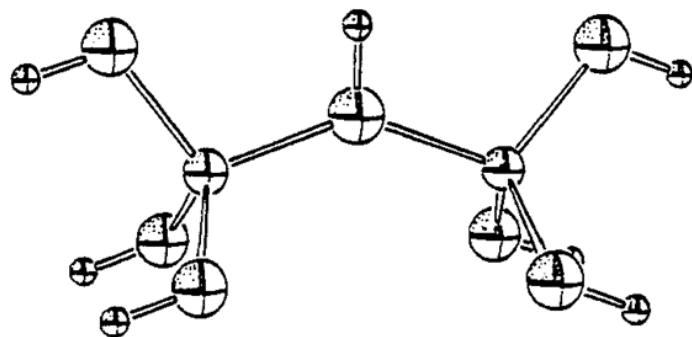
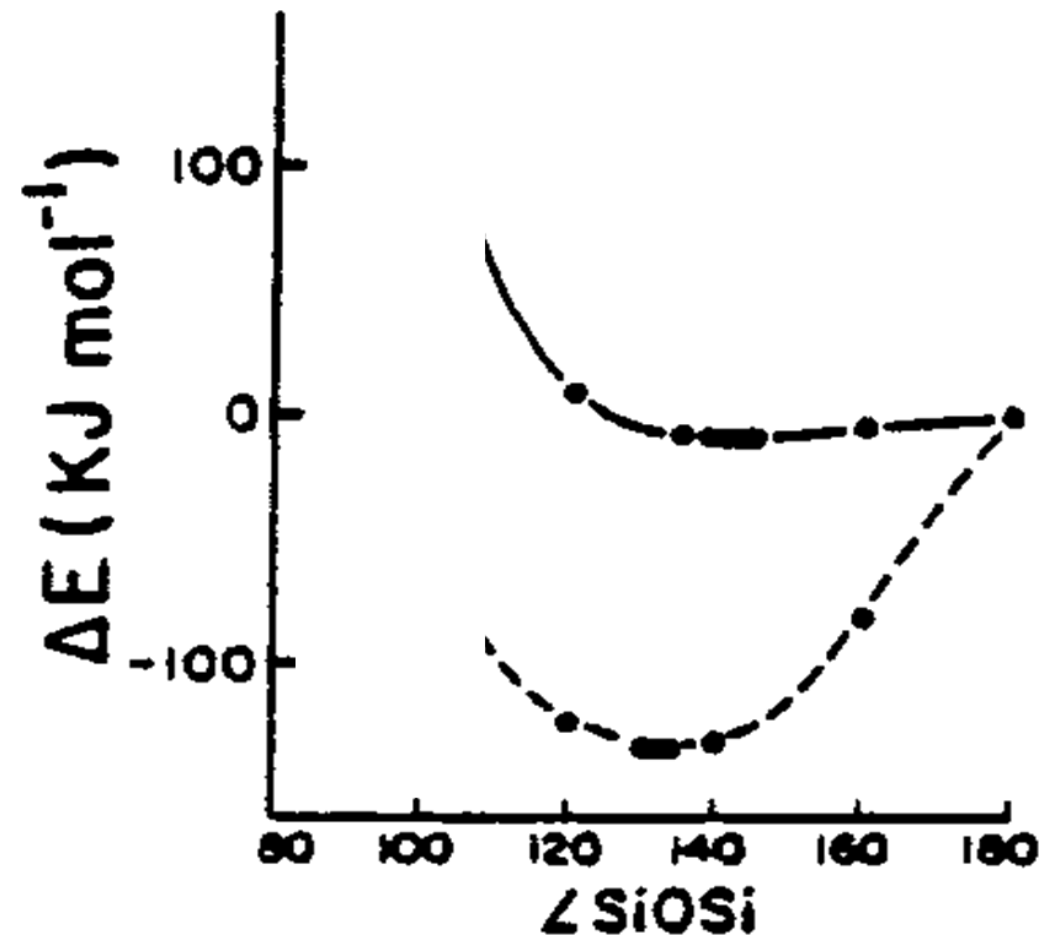




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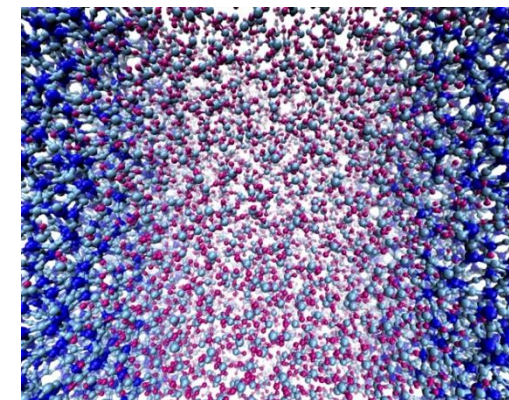
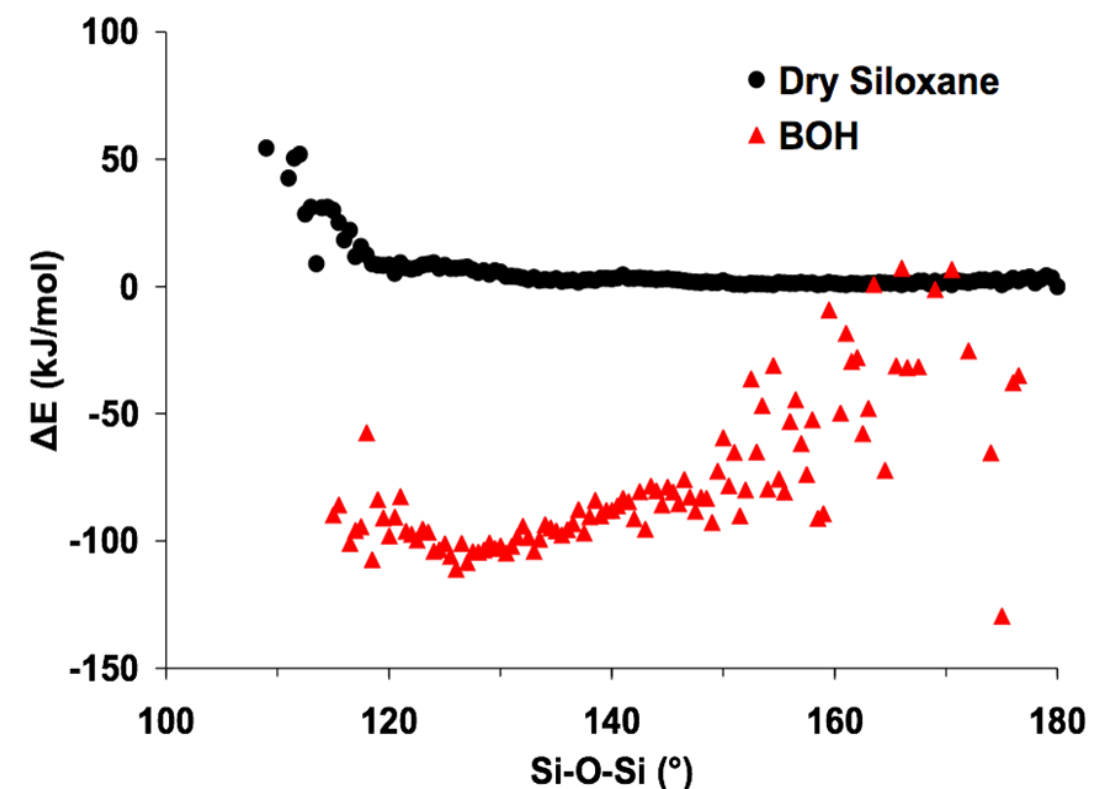
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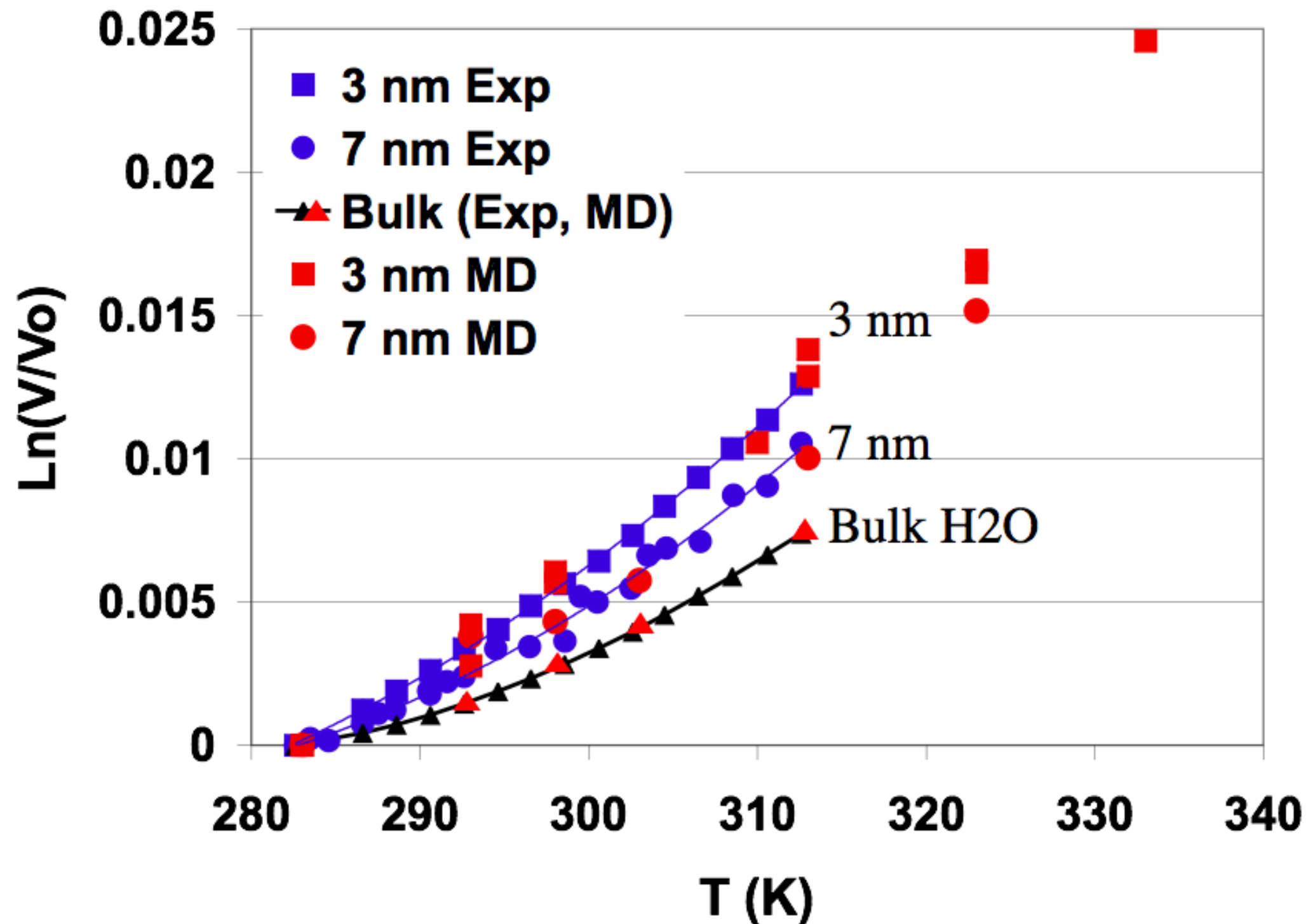


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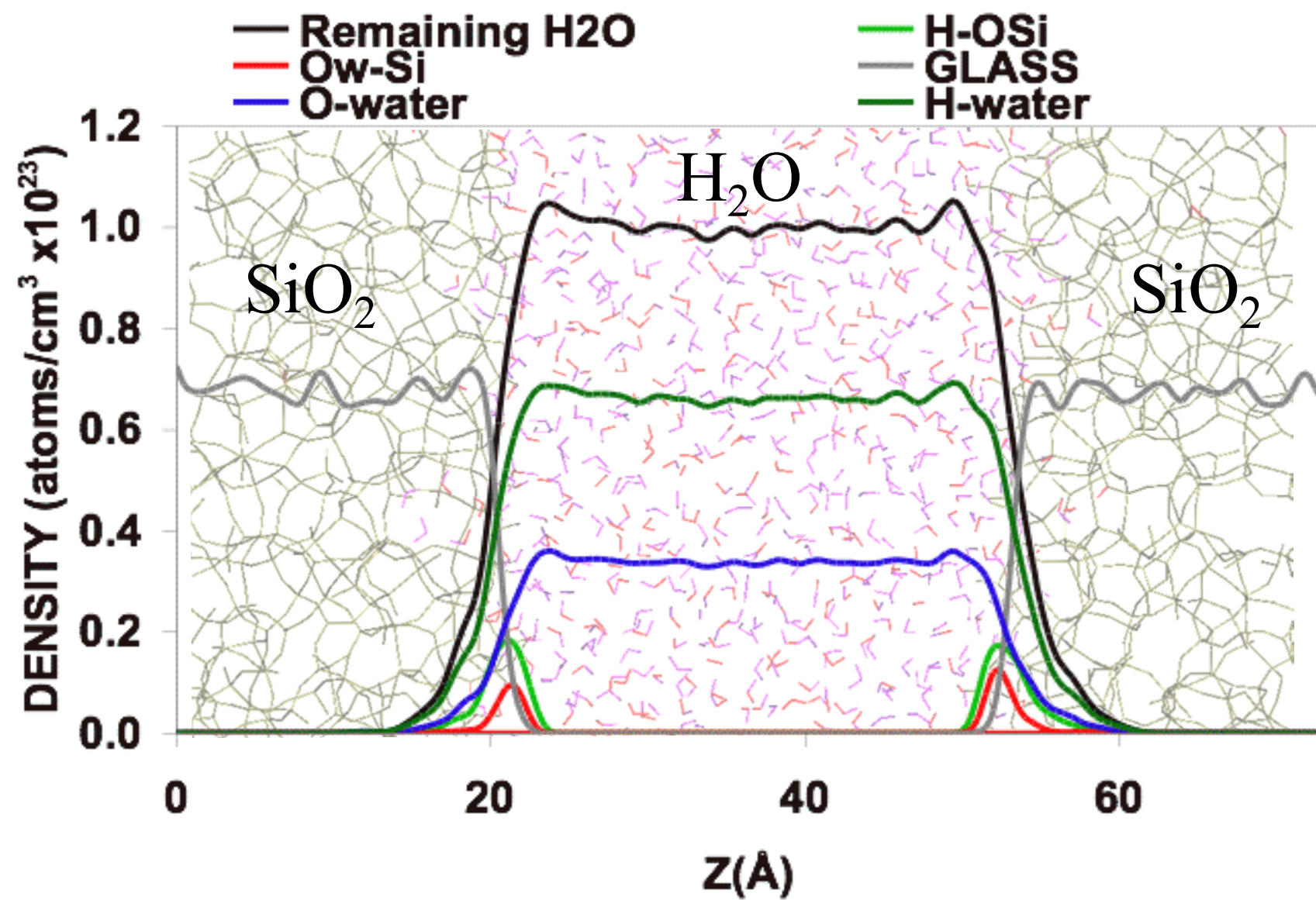
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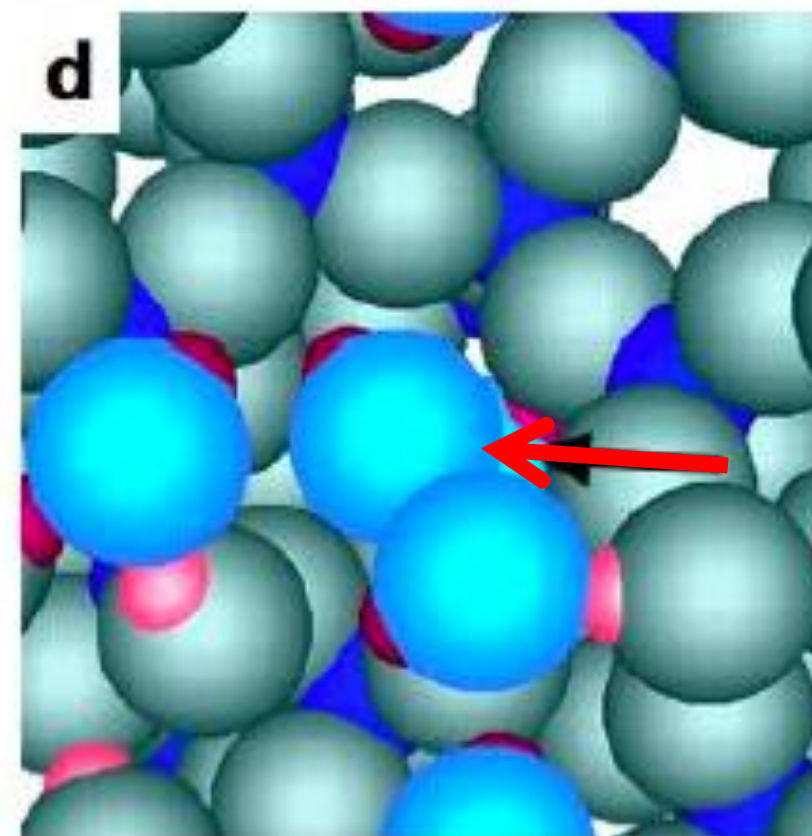
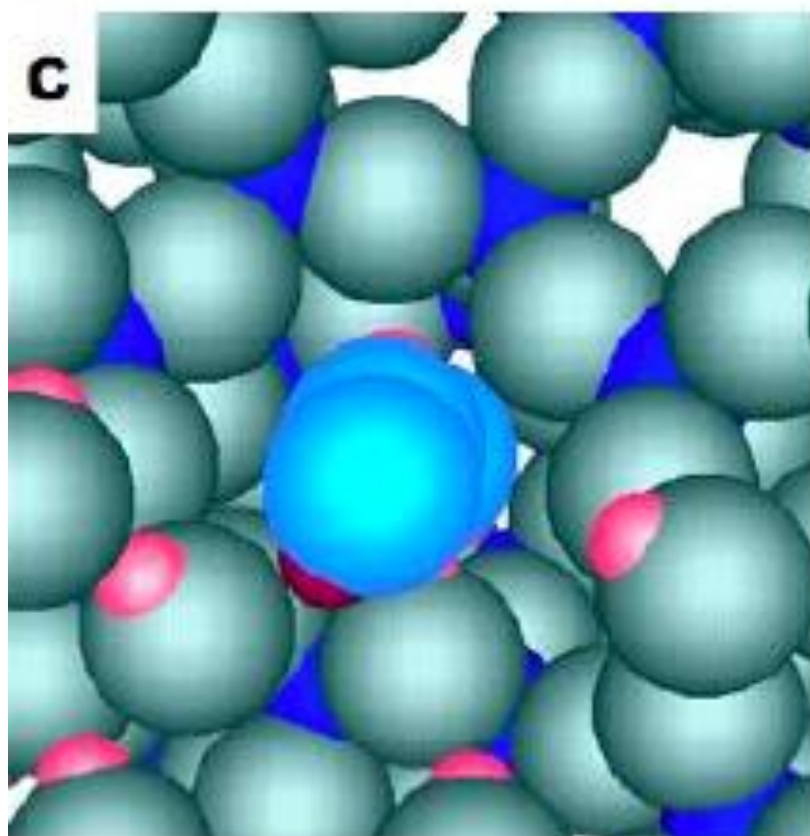
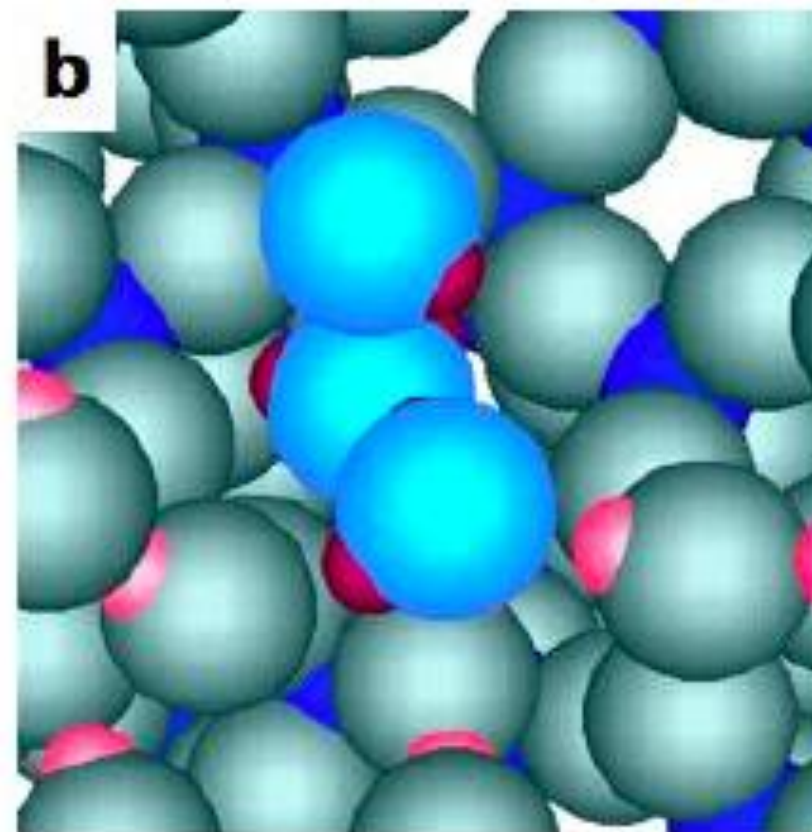
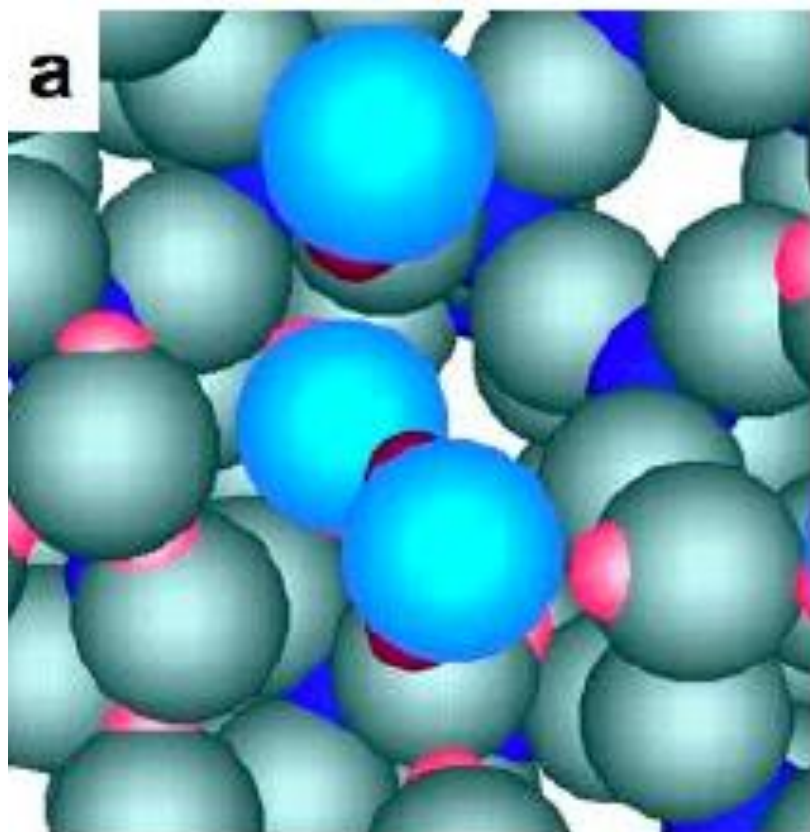


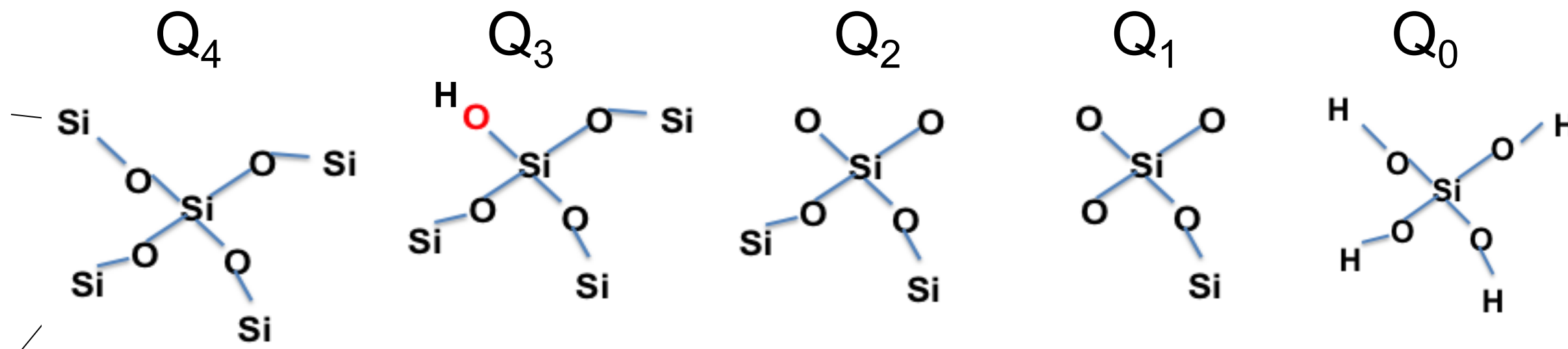
MD Simulations: Constant Pressure (1 atm) at different Temperatures



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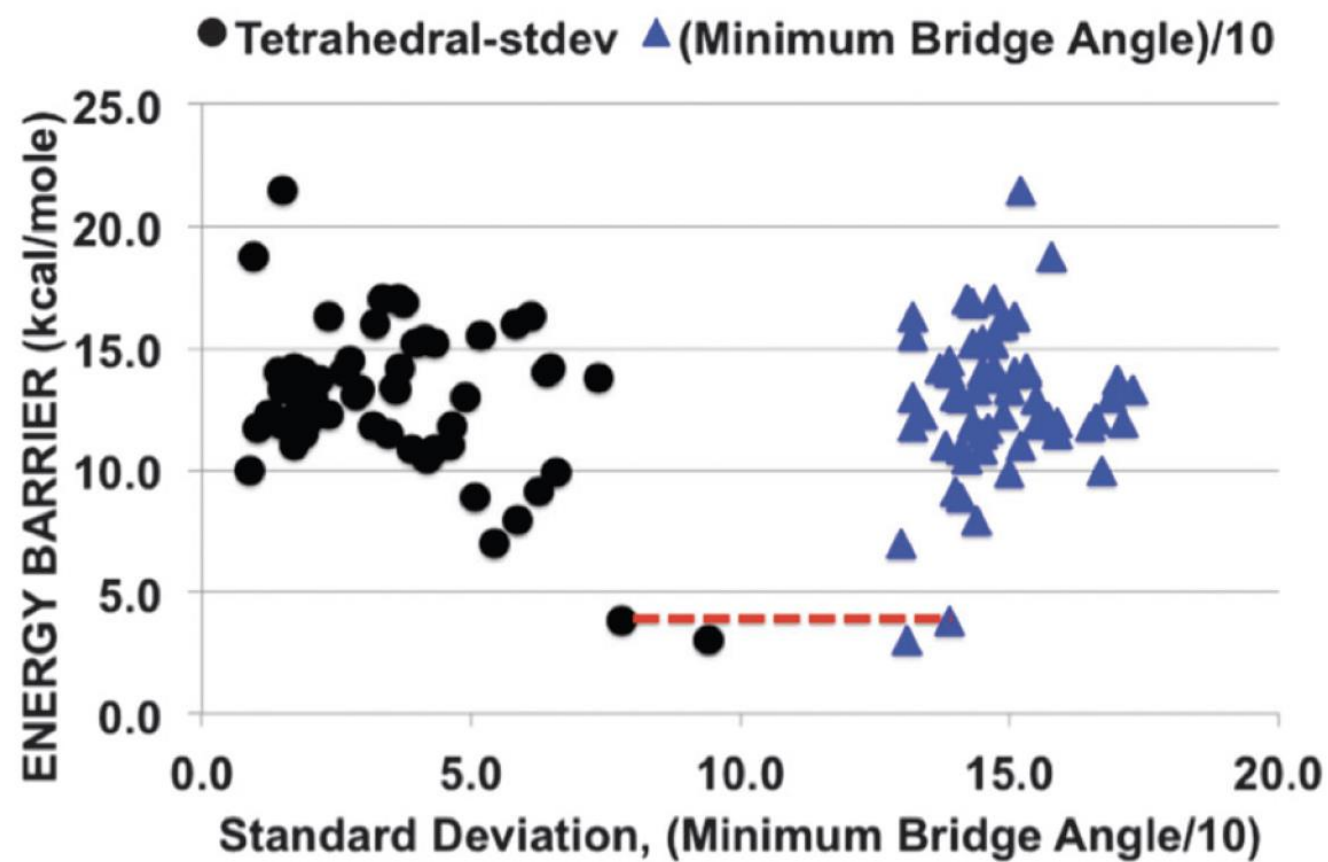
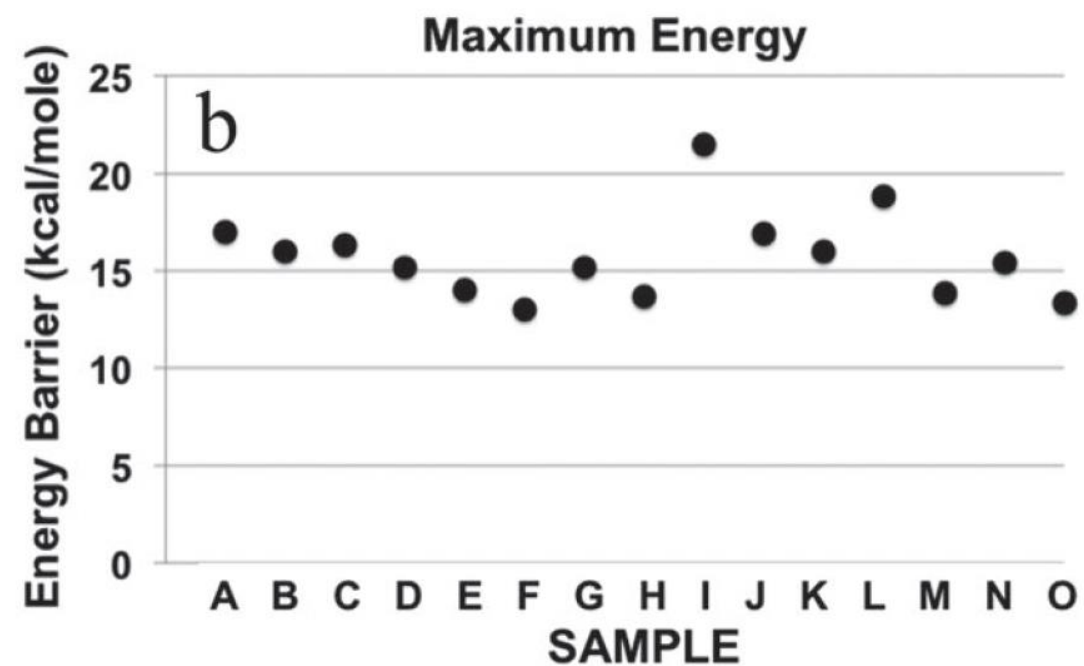
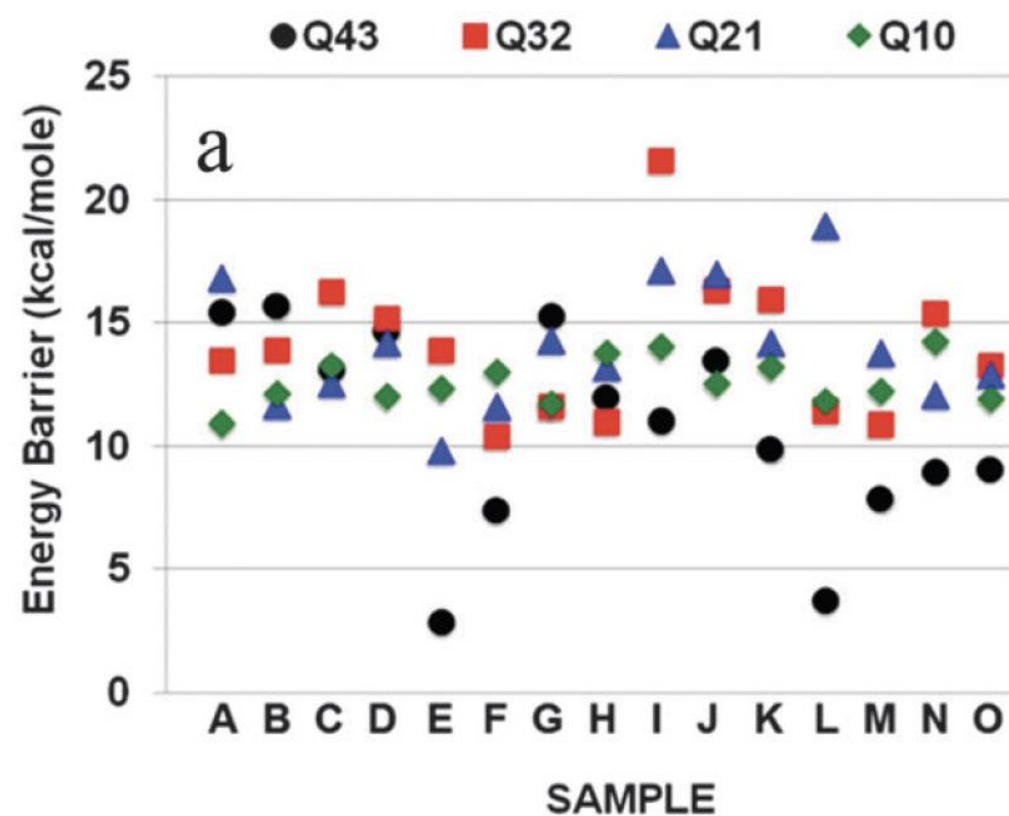




	MD SIMULATIONS	EXPERIMENTS	AB-INITIO
ENERGY	15-24 kcal/mole*	14-24 kcal/mole	18-39 kcal/mole

*MD: Kagan, Lockwood, Garofalini PhysChemChemPhys, 16 (2014) 9294 (15 kcal/mole)
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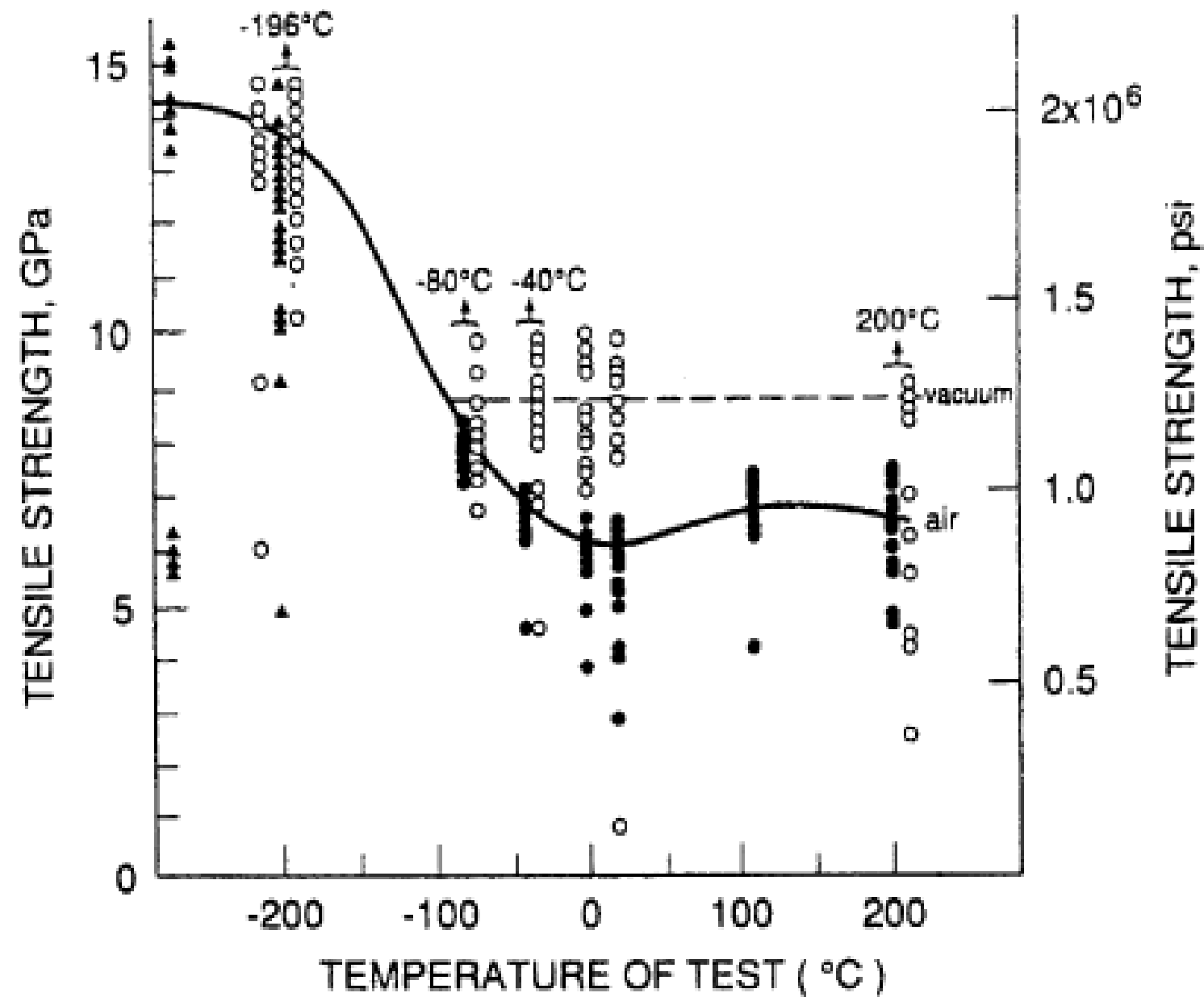
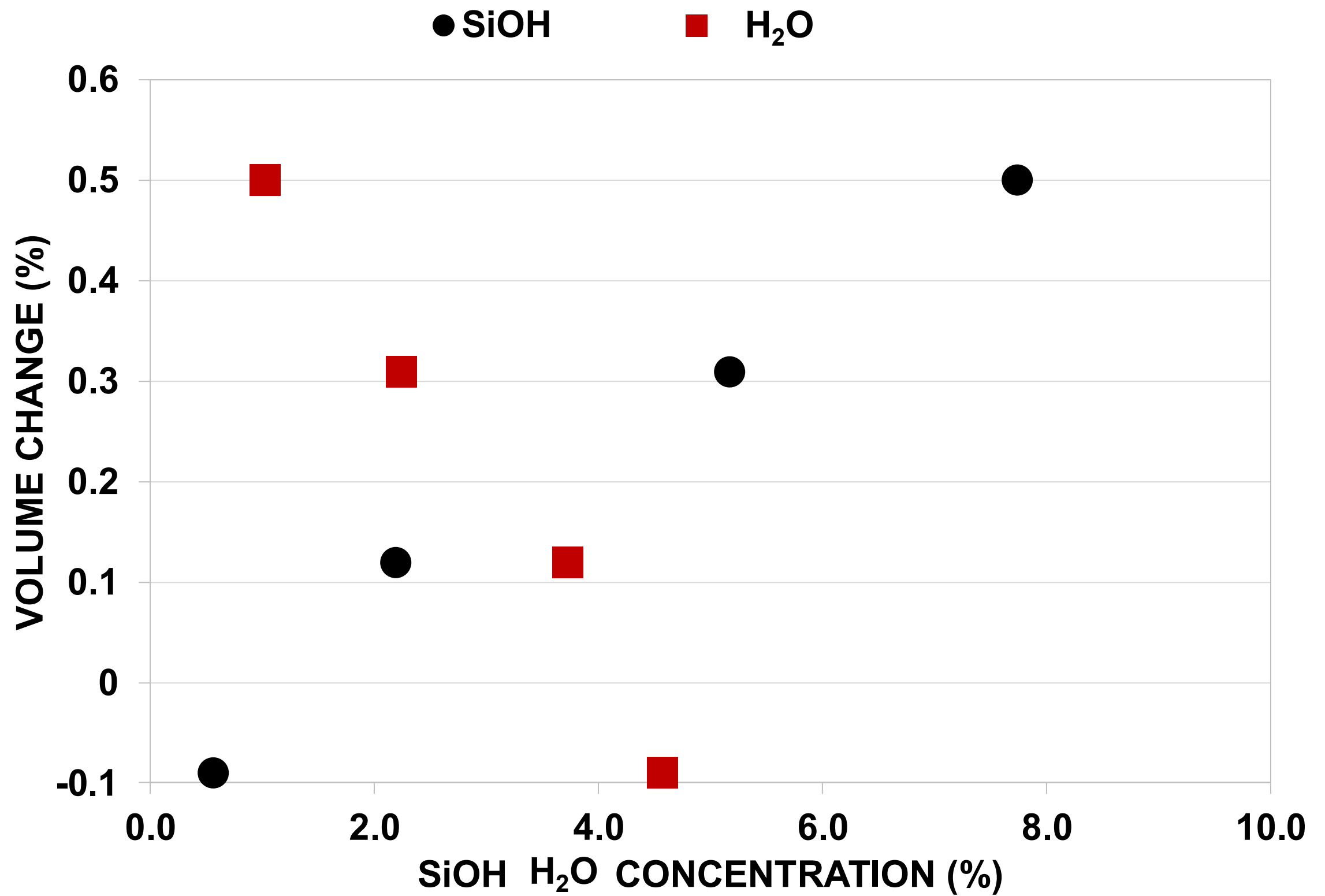
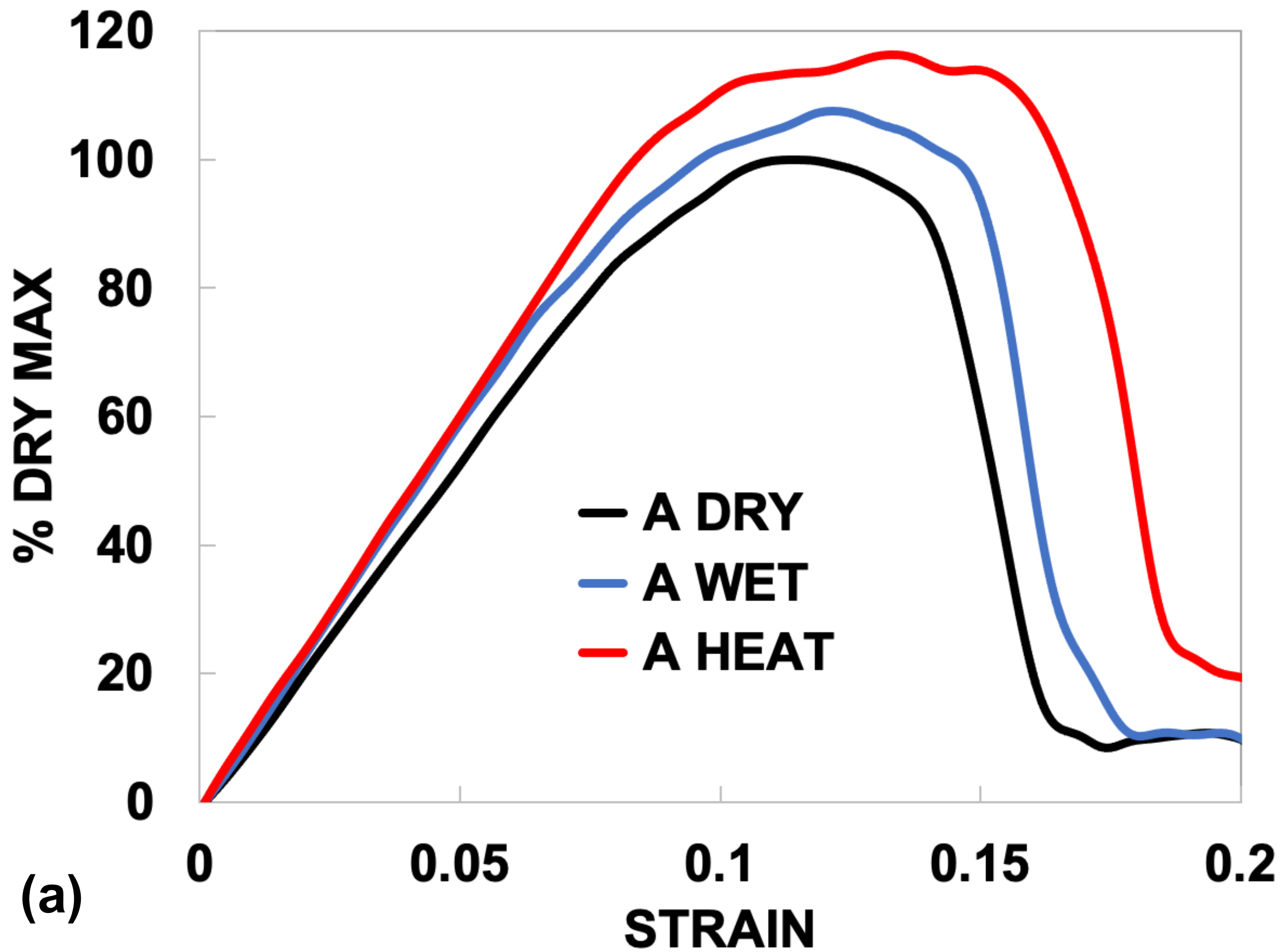


Fig. 1. Strengths of silica fibers as a function of temperature. Fibers tested in liquid helium or liquid nitrogen (filled triangles), fibers tested in vacuum (open circles), and fibers tested in air (filled circles) (from [18]).





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