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# The Structure of Glass - Lecture 13: Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy of Glass Structure: Practice and Application of Dipolar Nuclei

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Be able to predict alkali silicate glass structures from  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MASS-NMR spectra

Be able to predict alkali phosphate glass structure from  $^{31}\text{P}$  MASS NMR Spectra

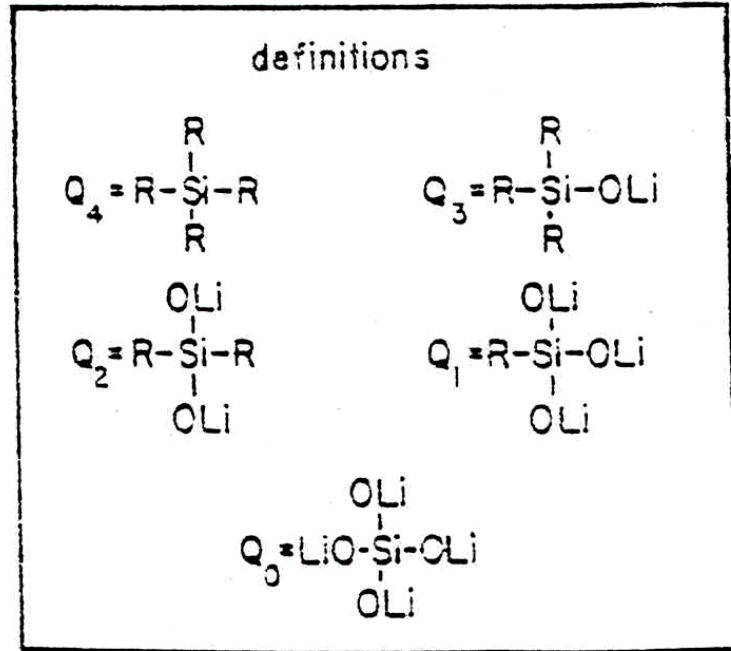
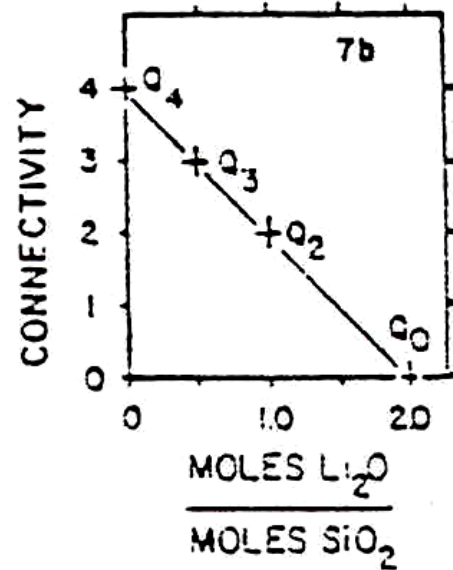
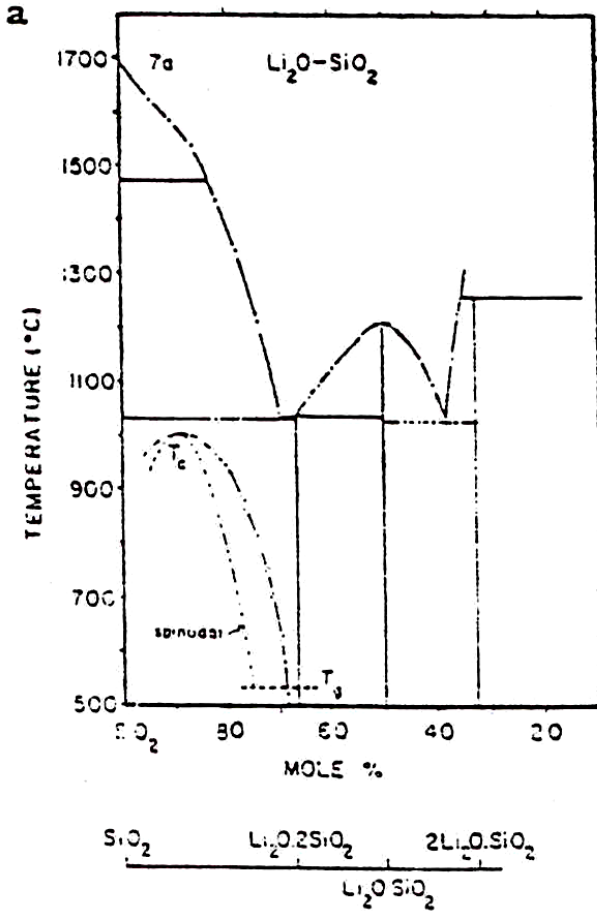
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Be able to use  $^{31}\text{P}$  MASS NMR spectra to examine the glass structure of mixed glass former  $\text{M}_2\text{O} + \text{SiO}_2 + \text{P}_2\text{O}_5$

Be able to use  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MASS NMR spectra to examine the glass structure of  $\text{M}_2\text{O} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{SiO}_2$

# Application to Alkali Silicate Minerals - $^{29}\text{Si}$ MASS NMR

- $^{29}\text{Si}$  MASS NMR, spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 4.5 % atomic abundance,

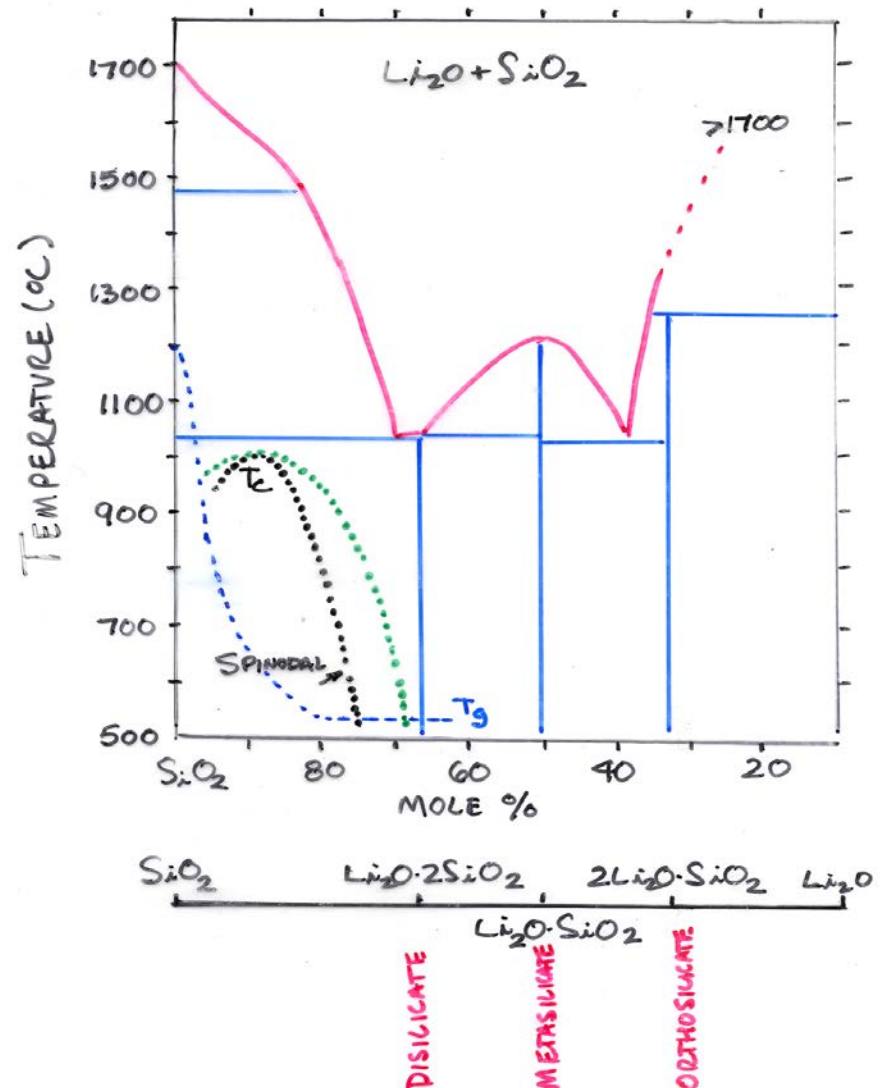


## Quiz...

- For the different Q groups in  $M_2O + SiO_2$ 
  - Write out the Chemical formula
  - Draw out the chemical structure
  - Calculate the mole fraction of  $M_2O$
  - Calculate the fraction of bridging and non-bridging oxygens

# Alkali Silicate Phase Diagram

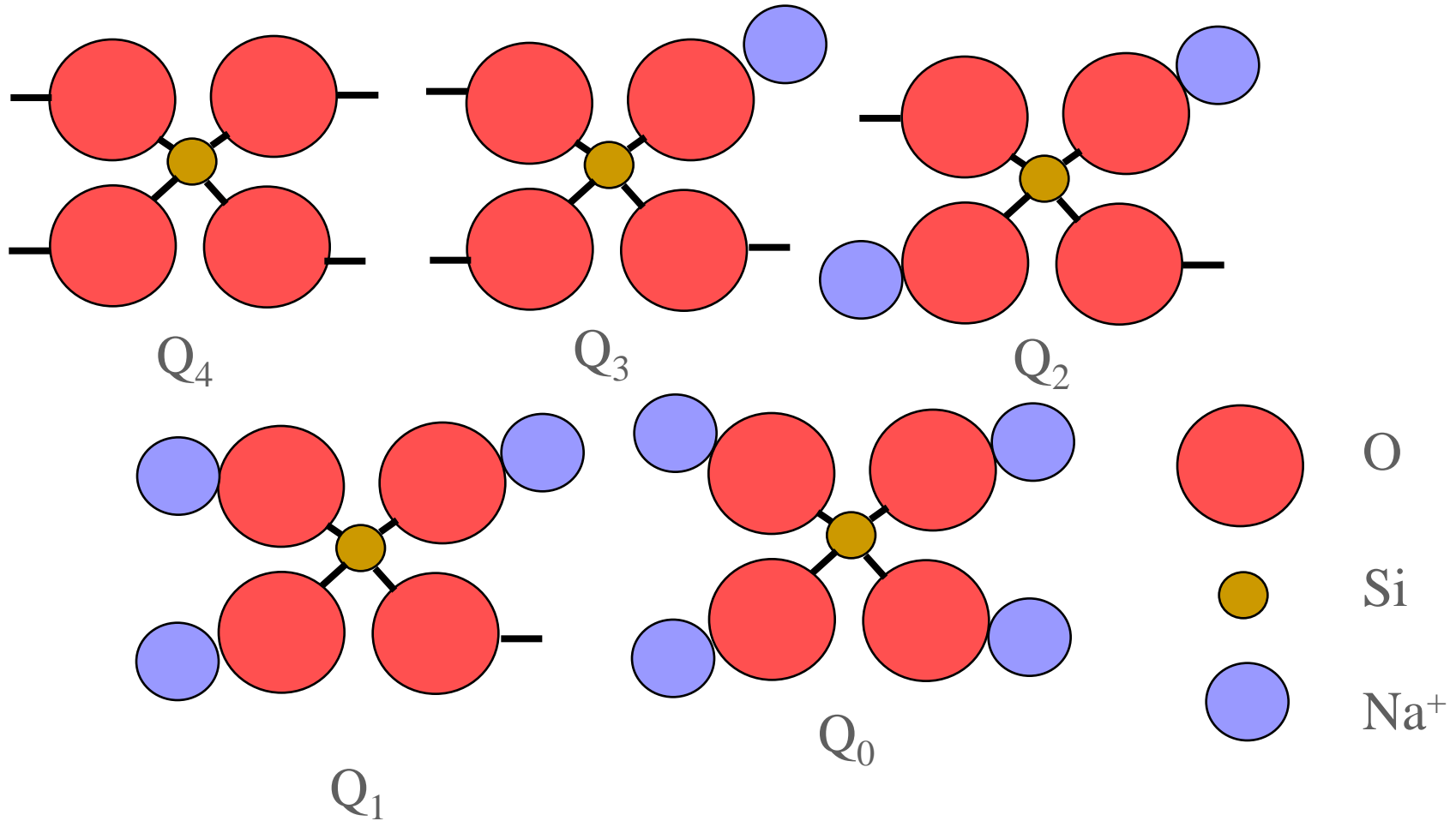
- Compounds are formed at stoichiometric ratios of  $M_2O$  to  $SiO_2$
- Disilicate is  $M_2O + 2SiO_2$
- Metasilicate is  $M_2O + SiO_2$
- Orthosilicate is  $2M_2O + SiO_2$
- From composition, write out SRS for each phase
- From Zacharaisen's Rules, which do you expect to be glass forming, which do you expect not to be?



# Alkali Silicate Glasses Reflect Local SRS Units

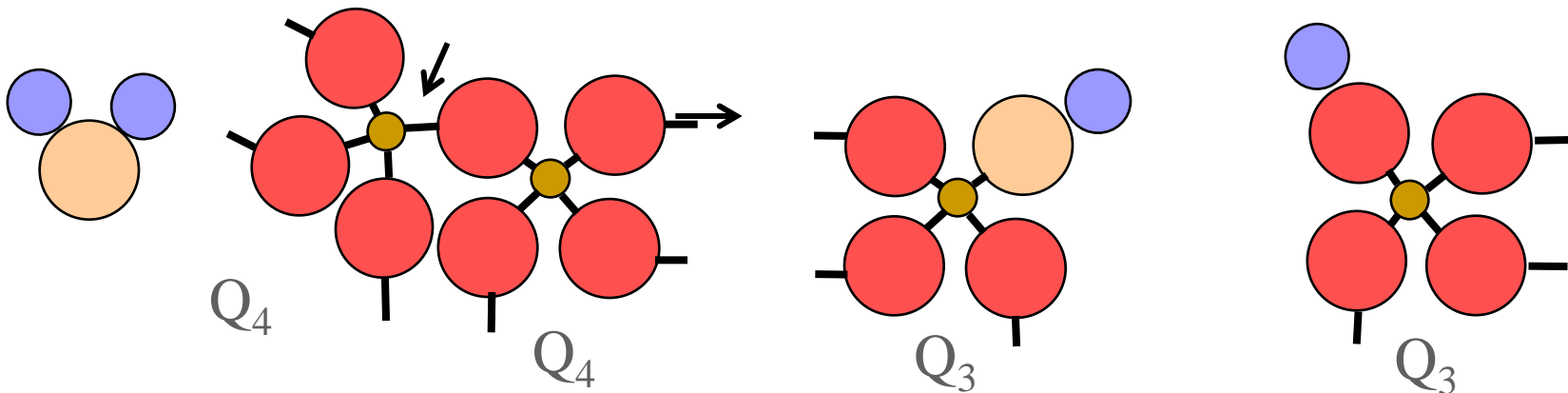
- Pure  $\text{SiO}_2$  is made of  $\text{SiO}_{4/2}$  units
  - $\text{Q}_4$  units with all “bridging” oxygens
- $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + 2\text{SiO}_2$  is made of  $\text{NaOSiO}_{3/2}$  units
  - $\text{Q}_3$  units with one “non-bridging” and three bridging oxygens
- $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{SiO}_2$  is made of  $(\text{NaO})_2\text{SiO}_{2/2}$ 
  - $\text{Q}_2$  units with two non-bridging and two bridging oxygens
- $3\text{Na}_2\text{O} + 2\text{SiO}_2$  is made of  $(\text{NaO})_3\text{SiO}_{1/2}$  units
  - $\text{Q}_1$  units with three non-bridging oxygens and one bridging oxygens
- $2\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{SiO}_2$  is made of  $(\text{NaO})_4\text{Si}$  units
  - $\text{Q}_0$  units with four non-bridging and no bridging oxygens
- Alkaline earth silicates ( $\text{MO} + \text{SiO}_2$ ) behave similarly

# “ $Q_i$ ” Units in Alkali Silicate Glasses



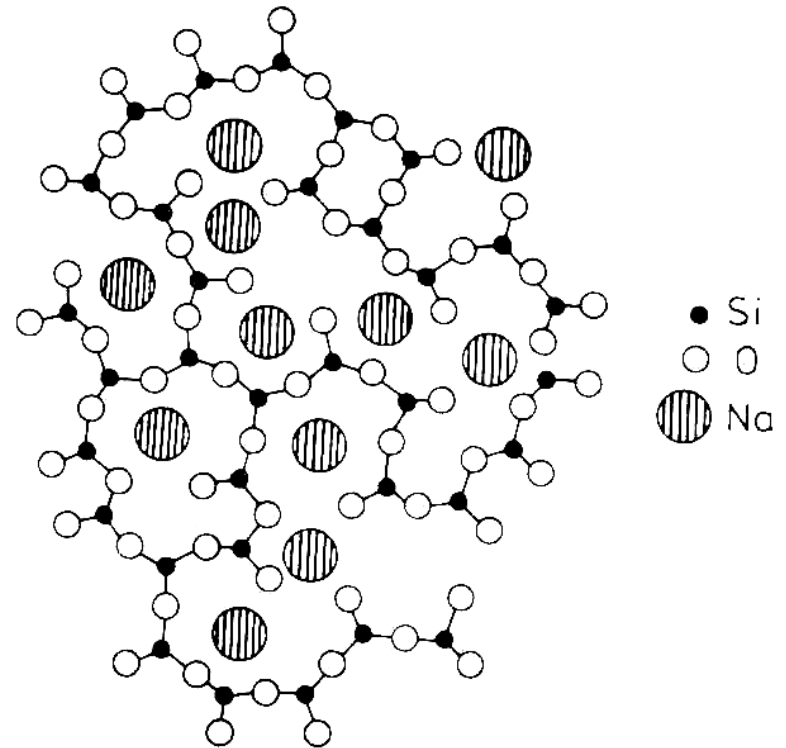
# Calculating the Fraction of Non-Bridging Oxygens

- Modifier  $M_2O$  or  $MO$  creates two NBOs per  $M_2O$  or  $MO$  added
- $xNa_2O + (1-x)SiO_2$  creates  $2x$  NBOs
- $f_{NBO} = \frac{NBOs}{NBOs + BOs}$   
 $= \frac{2x}{x + 2(1-x)} = \frac{2x}{2-x}$
- $f_{BO} = 1 - f_{NBO}$
- Calculate knob &  $f_{BO}$  for all the alkali silicate phases



# $Q_i$ Unit Structures in Alkali Silicate Glasses

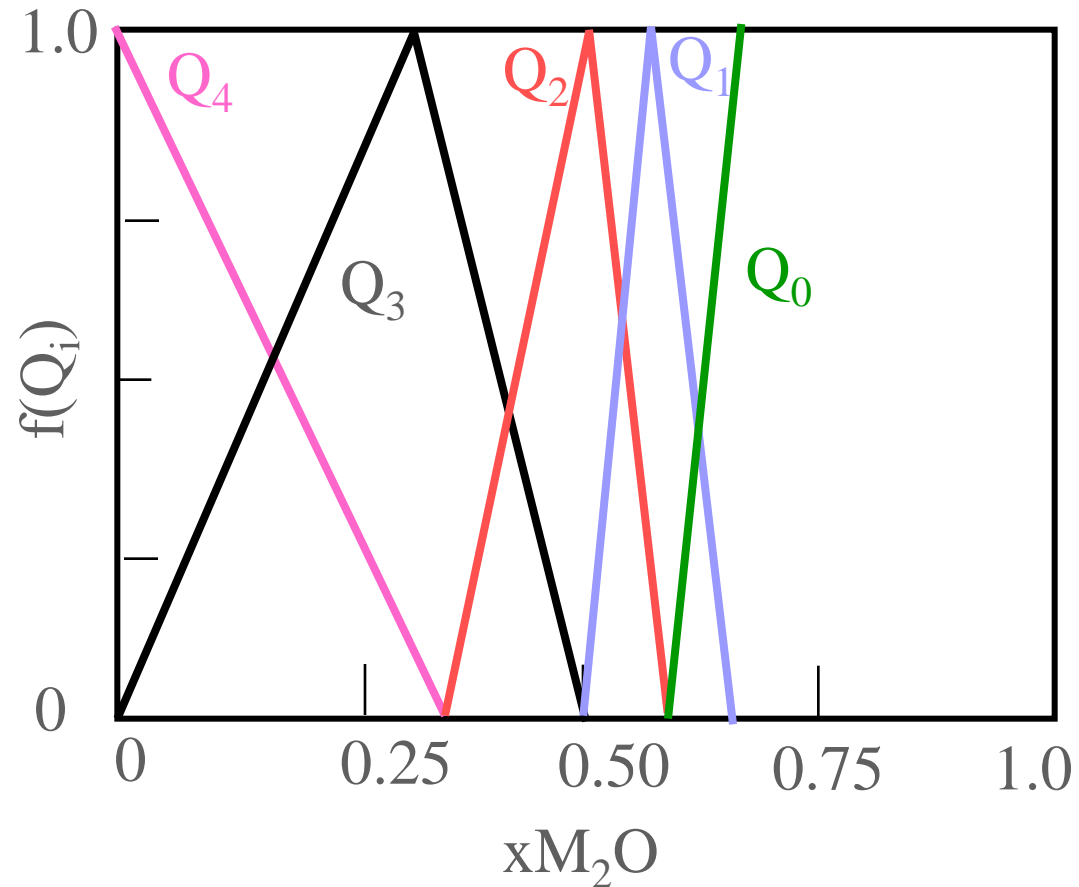
- Mixture of  $Q_4$  and  $Q_3$  sites
- Can you determine the fraction of  $Q_4$  and  $Q_3$  units in this structure?
- Can you determine the fraction of NBOs and BOs in this structure?
- Can you determine the alkali modifier oxide concentration?



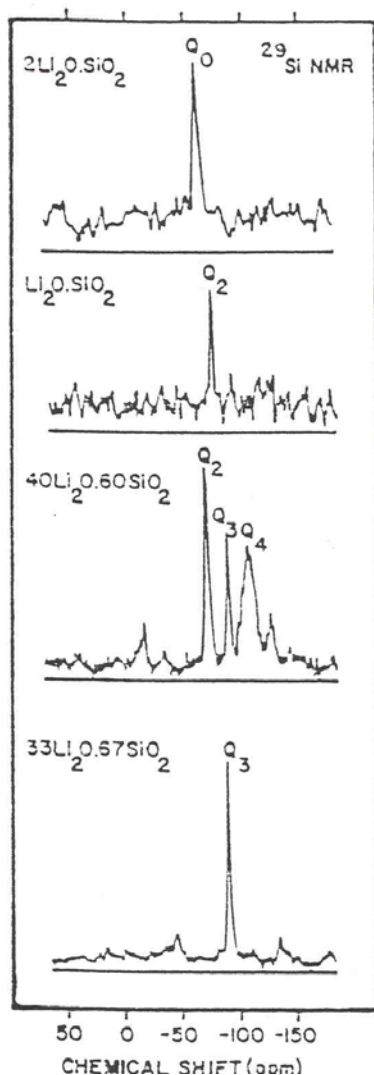
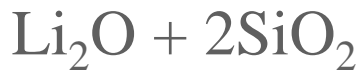


# $Q_i$ sites and NBO/BO ratios are related

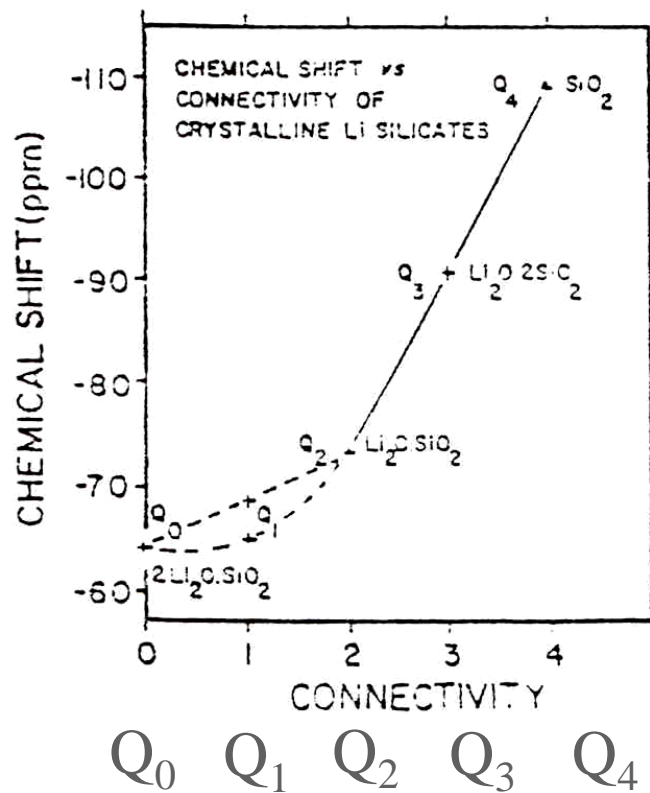
- $Q_4$  unit, all O are BO
- $Q_0$  unit, all O are NBO
- $2Q_4 + M_2O \gg 2Q_3$
- $2Q_3 + M_2O \gg 2Q_2$
- ....
- $2Q_1 + M_2O \gg 2Q_0$



# $^{29}\text{Si}$ MASS NMR of Simple Alkali Silicates



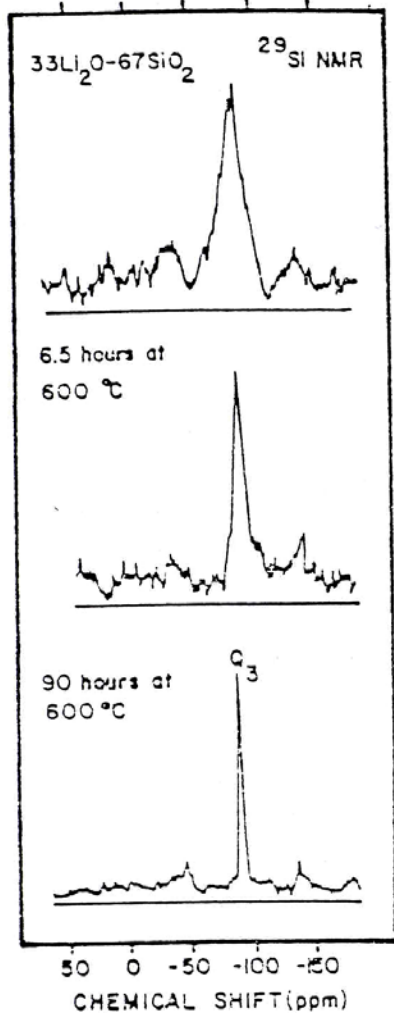
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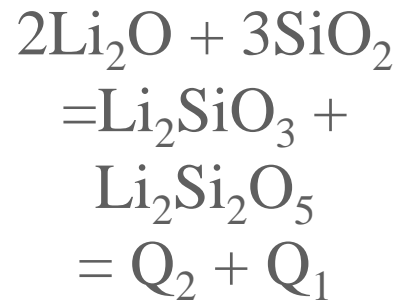
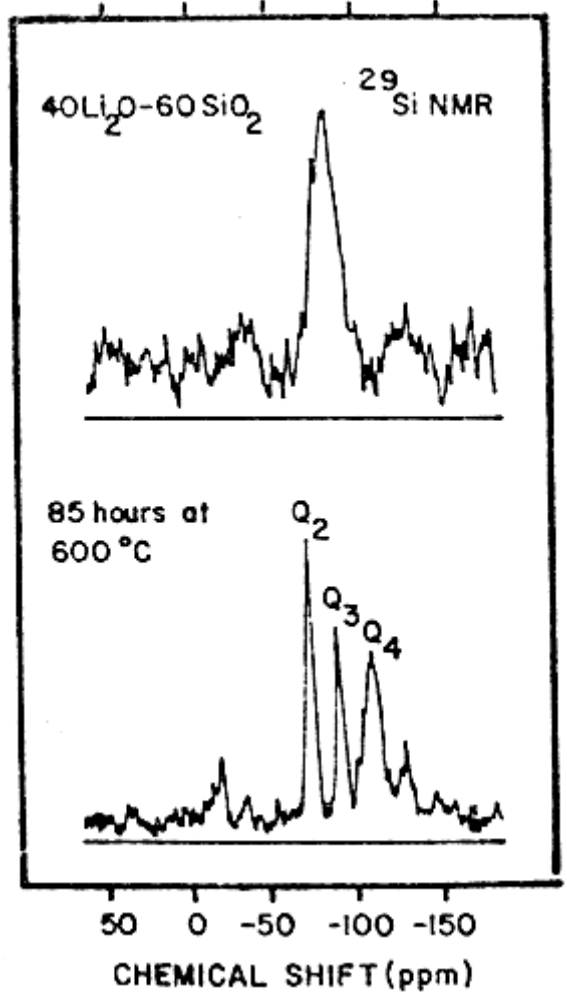
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# Amorphous versus Crystalline Silicates

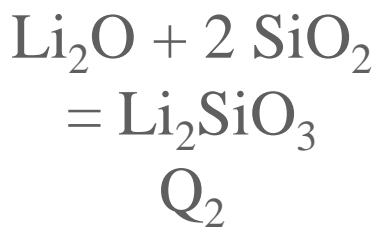
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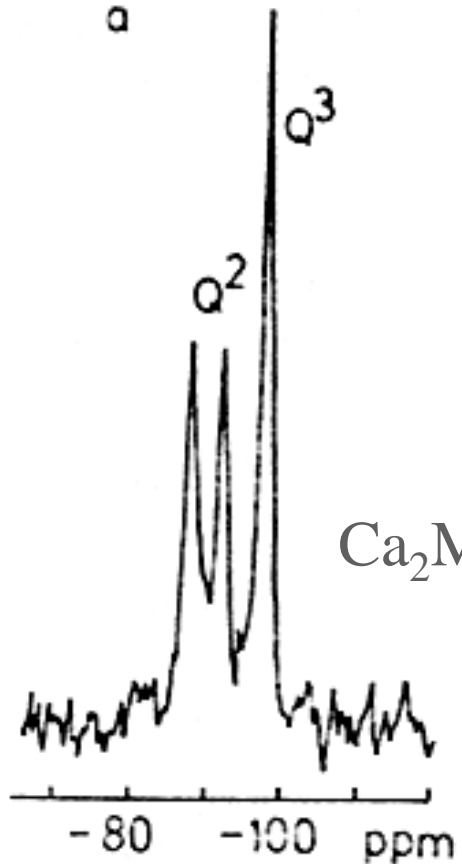


Crystalline

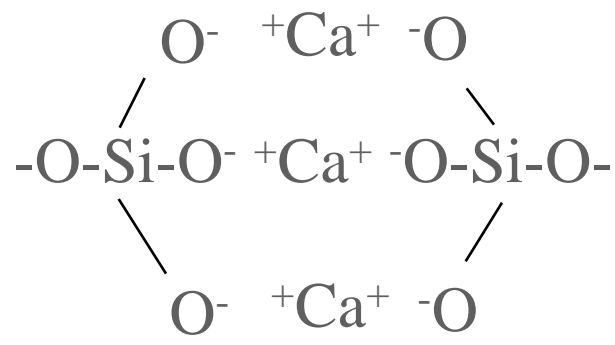


Crystalline

# “Simple” silicate crystals



Synthetic  $\text{Ca}_3\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7$



$\text{Ca}_2\text{Mg}_2[\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{11}]_2(\text{OH})_2$

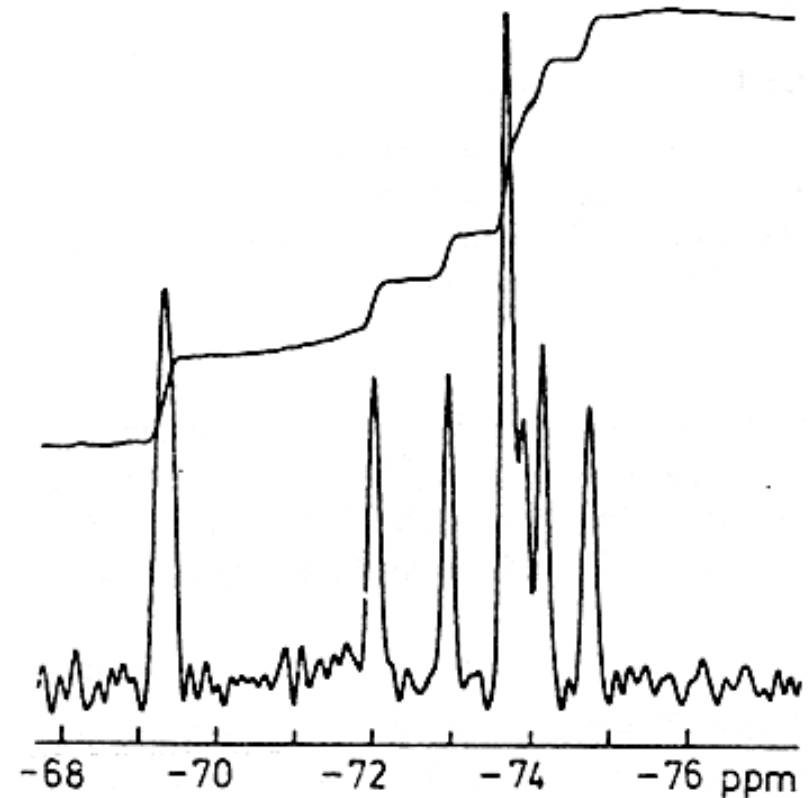
Can you sketch this structure?

How many predicted Si sites?



## $^{29}\text{Si}$ MASS of $3\text{CaO} + \text{SiO}_2$ , $\text{Ca}_3\text{SiO}_5$

- Can you predict this structure?
- Crystalline compound possess multiple chemical sites, each with their unique chemical shift
- Chemical shift difference is greater than dipolar broadening, “spun down”
- So that individual sites can be observed
- Note long relaxation time of  $^{29}\text{Si}$  required 12 hour accumulation!

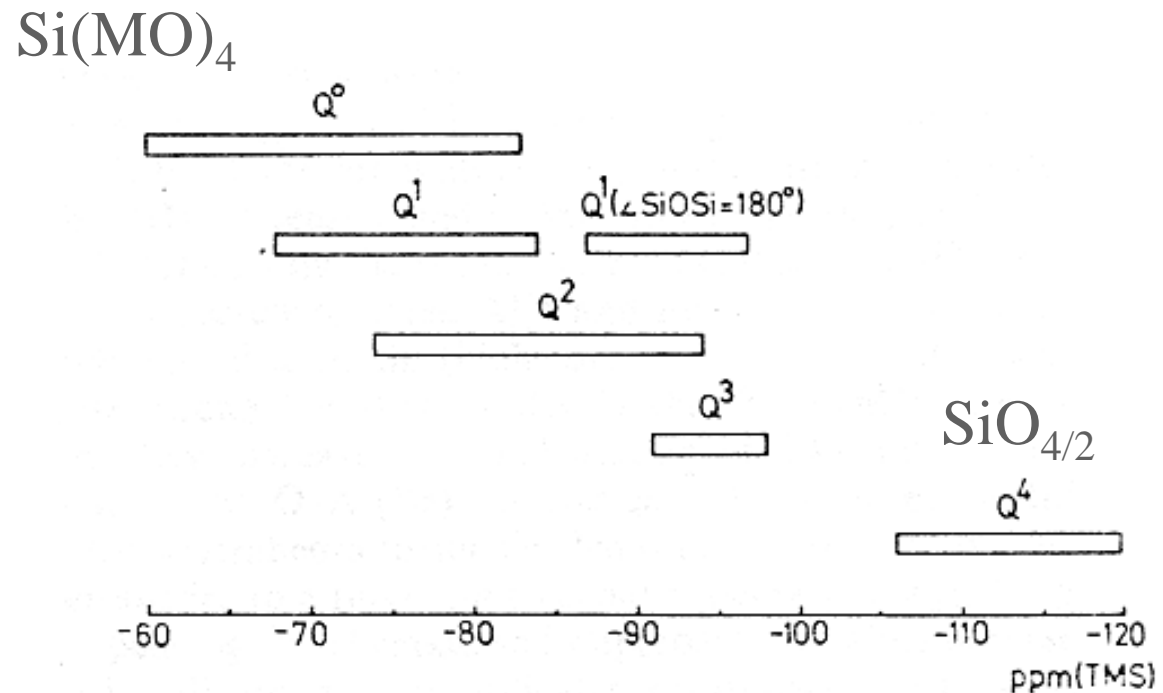


# <sup>29</sup>Si MASS NMR of Crystalline Silicates

TABLE III: <sup>29</sup>Si Isotropic Chemical Shifts of Inosilicates and Cyclosilicates (Q<sup>2</sup>)

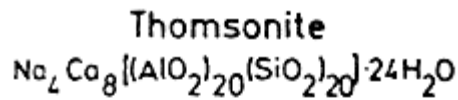
silicate	mineral	origin	$\delta_{\text{Si}}$ from Me <sub>4</sub> Si
Inosilicates			
Li <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>3</sub>		synth	-74.5
Na <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>3</sub>		synth	-76.8
Mg <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	orthoenstatite	Bamle (Norway)	-82 <sup>a</sup>
CaMgSi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	diopside	Zillertal (Austria)	-84 <sup>a</sup>
Ca <sub>2</sub> [SiO <sub>3</sub> ](OH) <sub>2</sub>	hillebrandite	synth	-86.3
Ca <sub>2</sub> NaH[Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>9</sub> ]	pectolite	synth	-86.3
Ca <sub>4</sub> [Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>9</sub> ](OH) <sub>2</sub>	foshagite	synth	-84.8; -86.4 <sup>b</sup>
Ca <sub>6</sub> [Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>17</sub> ](OH) <sub>2</sub>	xonotlite	synth	-86.8 <sup>c</sup>
β-Ca <sub>3</sub> [Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>9</sub> ]	β-wollastonite	synth	-89.0
Ca <sub>2</sub> Mg <sub>5</sub> [Si <sub>4</sub> O <sub>11</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	fibrous tremolite	St. Gothard	-87.8; -92.2 <sup>d</sup>
LiAl[Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> ]	spodumene	Branchville (USA)	-91.6
NaAl[Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> ]	jadeite	Burma	-91.8
Cyclosilicates			
α-Ca <sub>3</sub> [Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>9</sub> ]	pseudowollastonite	synth	-83.5
K <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> [Si <sub>4</sub> O <sub>12</sub> ]		synth	-87.5
BaTi[Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>9</sub> ]	benitoite	California	-94.2
Al <sub>2</sub> Be <sub>3</sub> [Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>18</sub> ]	beryl	Urals	-102.6

# $^{29}\text{Si}$ MASS NMR Chemical Shifts for Silicates

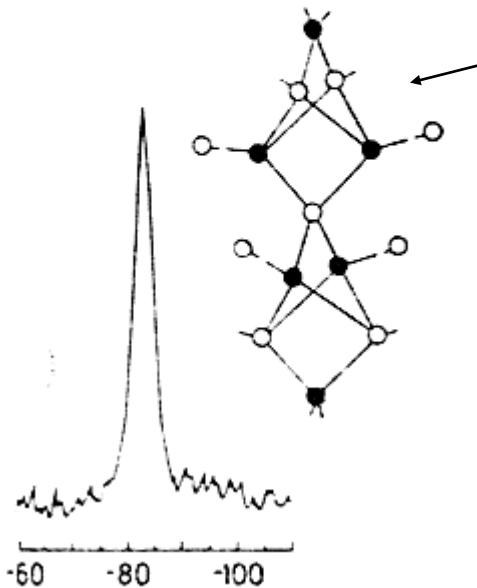


**Figure 3.**  $^{29}\text{Si}$  chemical shift ranges of silicates with a different degree of condensation of  $\text{SiO}_4$  tetrahedra (Q<sup>0</sup>, nesosilicates; Q<sup>1</sup>, sorosilicates; Q<sup>2</sup>, inosilicates; Q<sup>3</sup>, phyllosilicates; Q<sup>4</sup>,  $\text{SiO}_2$  polymorphs). Silicates containing four-coordinated Al and Be are excluded (see text).

# $^{29}\text{Si}$ MASS NMR of Aluminosilicate Zeolites

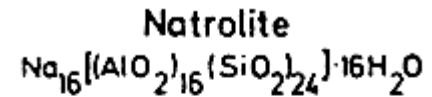


● Si

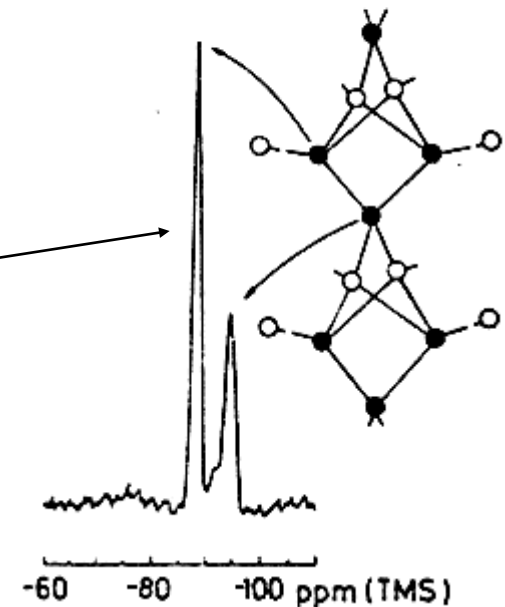


Single Si site

Two Si sites



○ Al



Less alkali, mostly Al and Si

More alkali, more Si sites



# Affect of Si/Al ratio

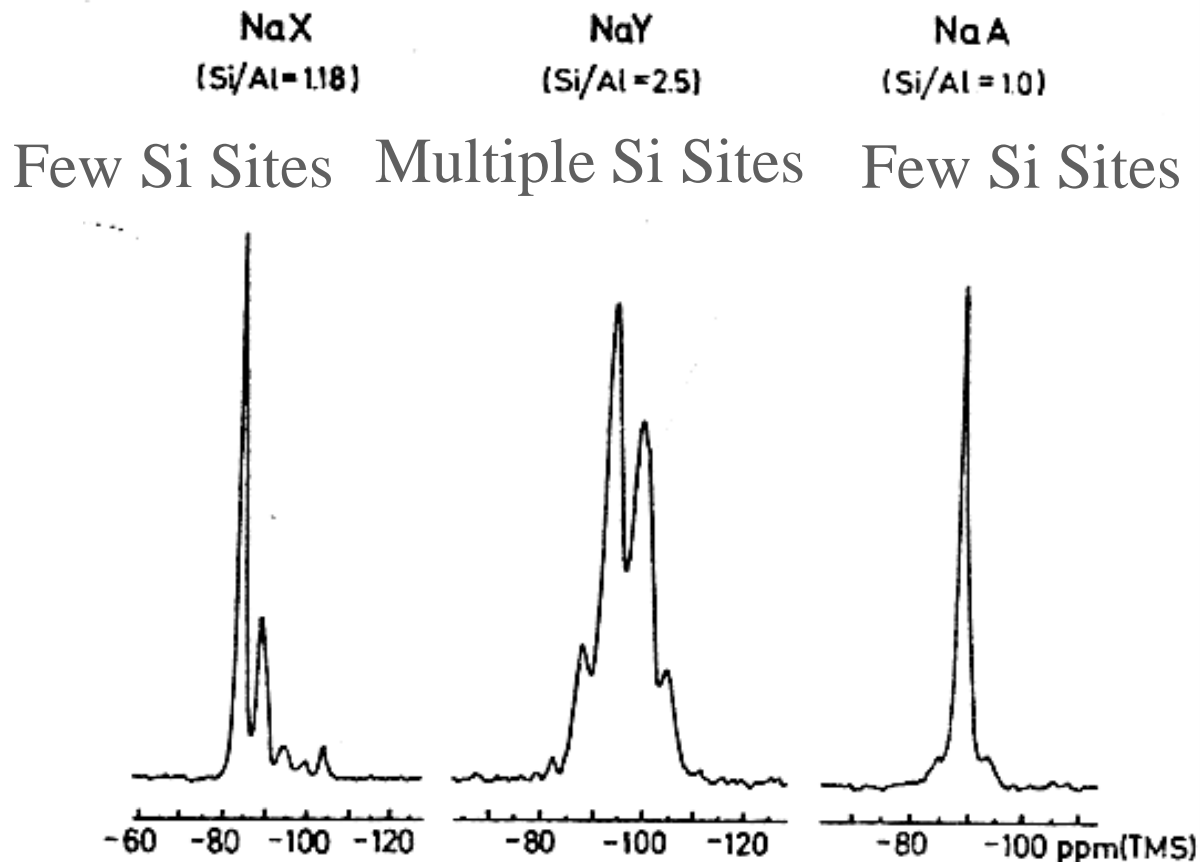
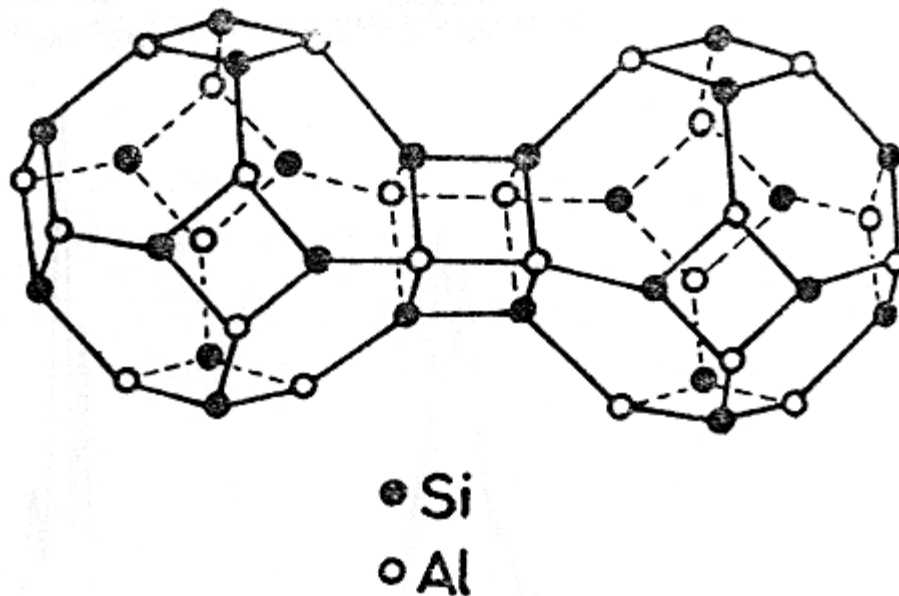


Figure 2.  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectra of NaX, NaY, and NaA zeolites.

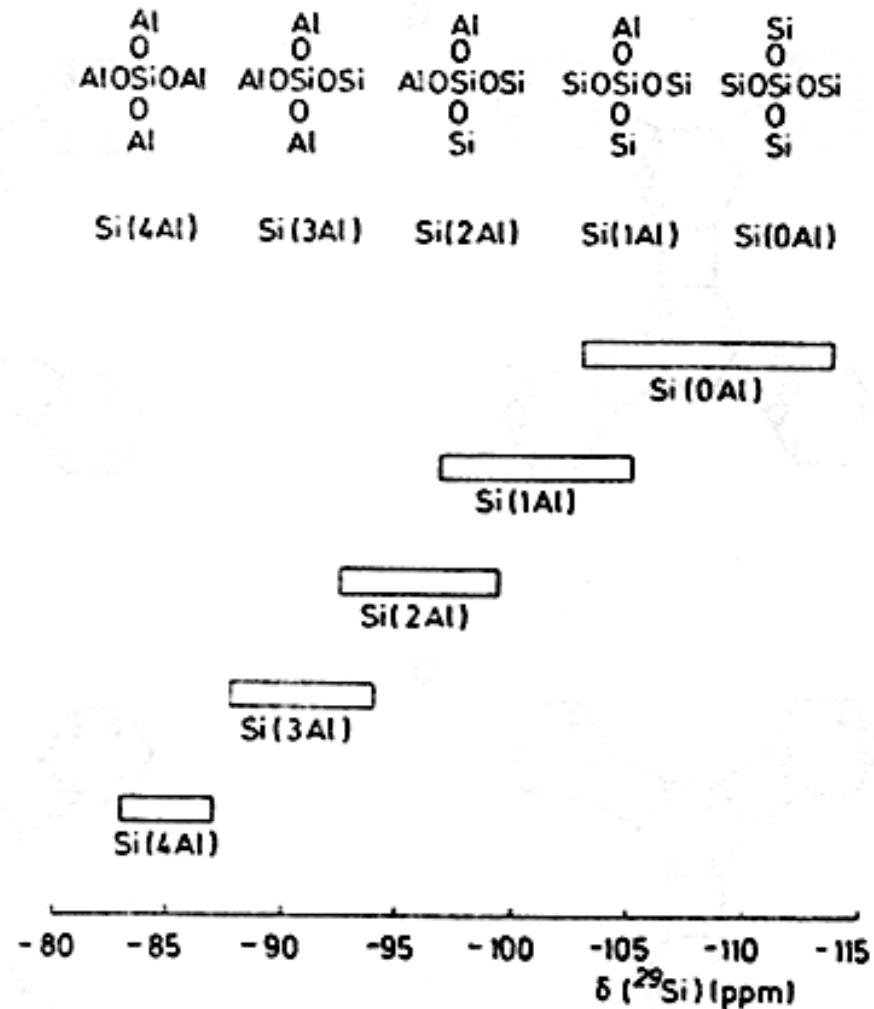
# Typical Aluminosilicate Zeolite Structure

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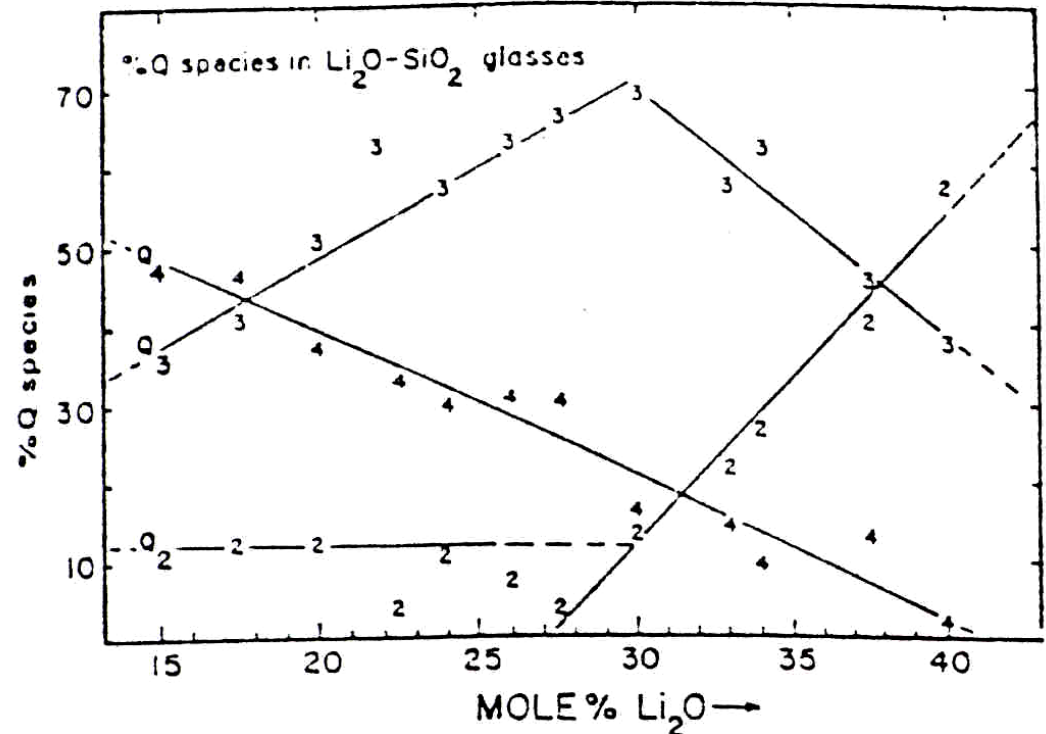
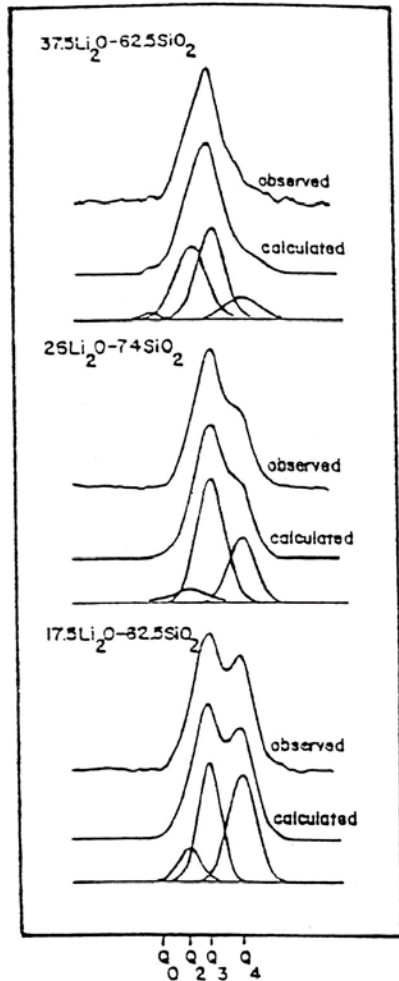


**Figure 4.** Si/Al distribution in the proposed model structure of the NaA zeolite consisting of Si(3Al) units. Only the central atoms of the tetrahedra in two interconnected cubooctahedra of the three-dimensional framework are shown.

# Affect of Al coordination upon $^{29}\text{Si}$ MASS shift



# $^{29}\text{Si}$ MASS NMR of Glasses – Amorphous Materials



PPM scale in terms of glass chemistry

# $^{29}\text{Si}$ MASS NMR of Silicate Glasses

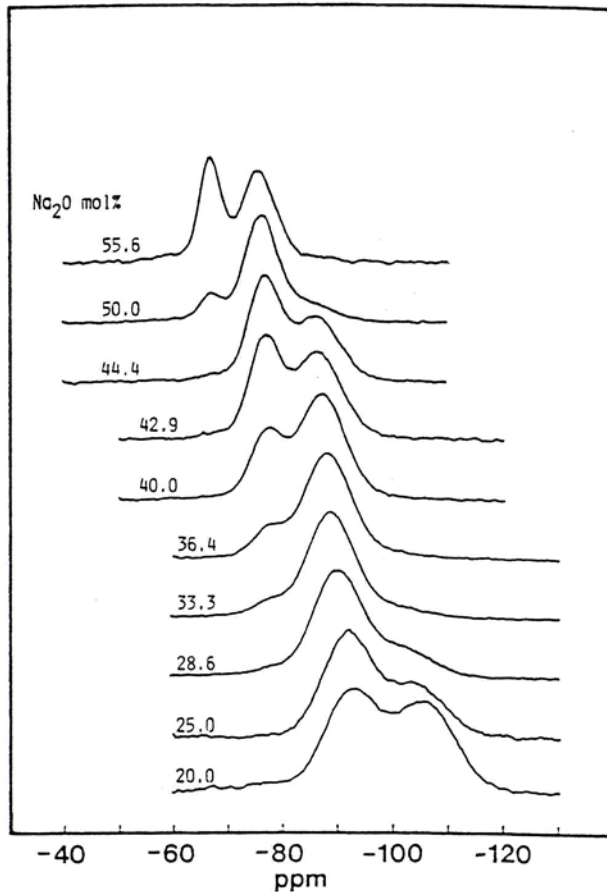


Fig. 1.  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS-NMR spectra of sodium silicate glasses.

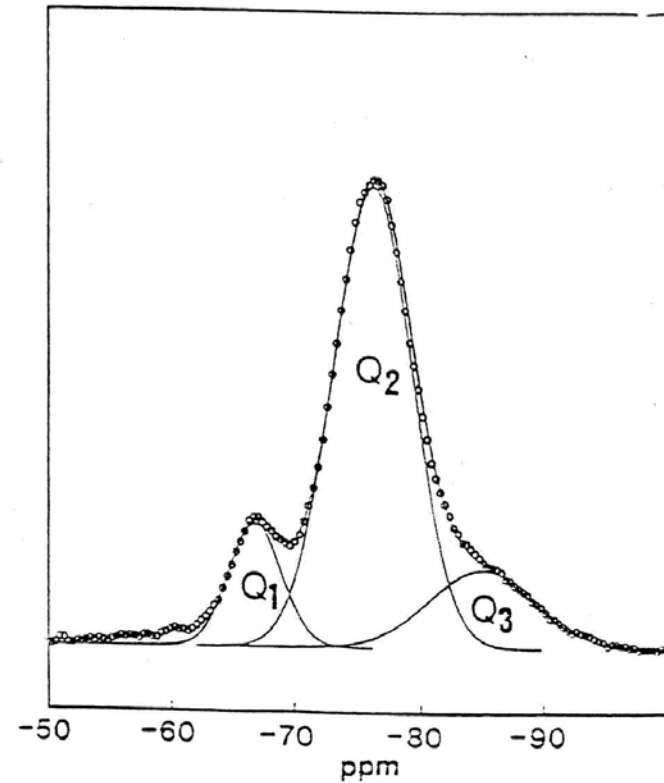
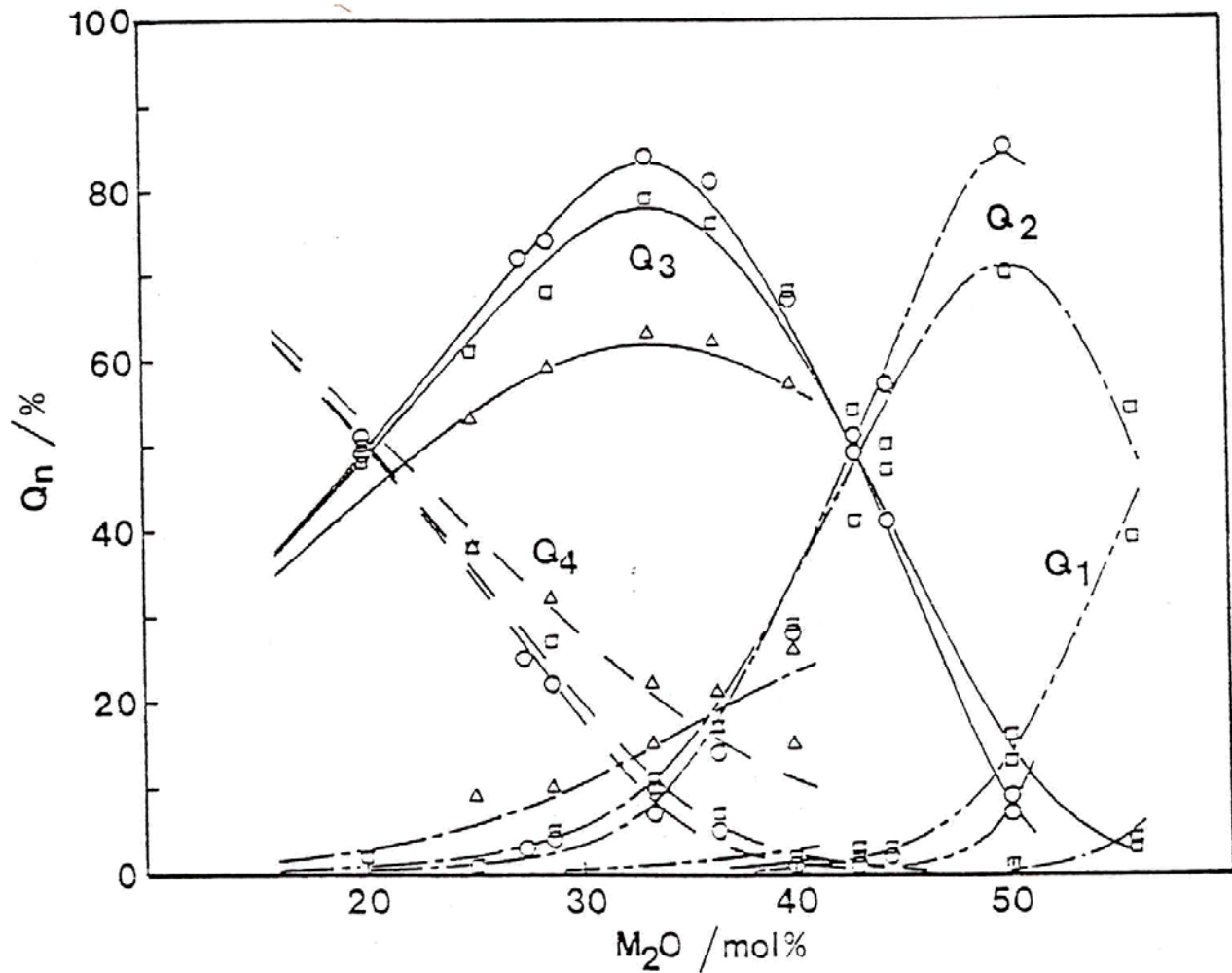


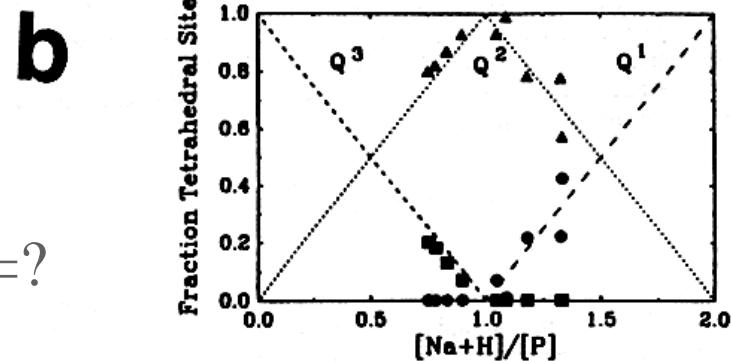
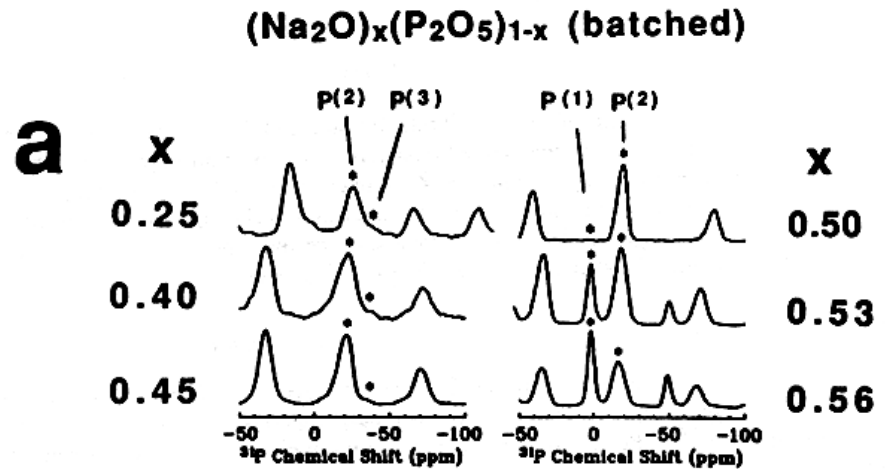
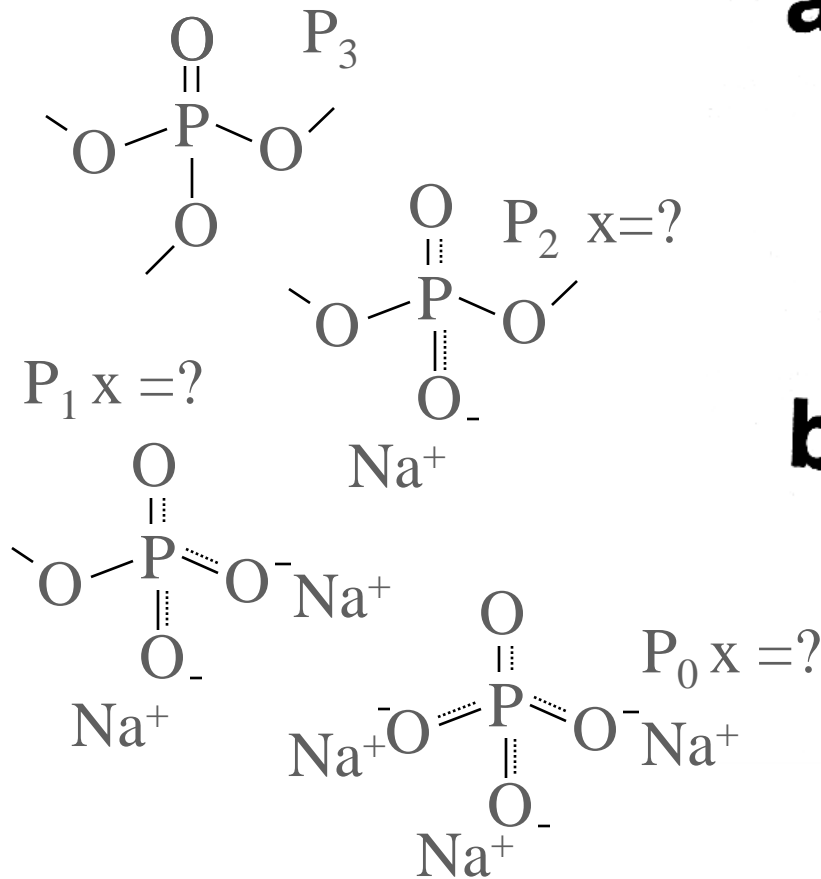
Fig. 3.  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS-NMR spectrum of sodium metasilicate glass.

# Speciation of Silicate Groups in Silicate Glasses



# $^{31}\text{P}$ MASS NMR $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{P}_2\text{O}_5$

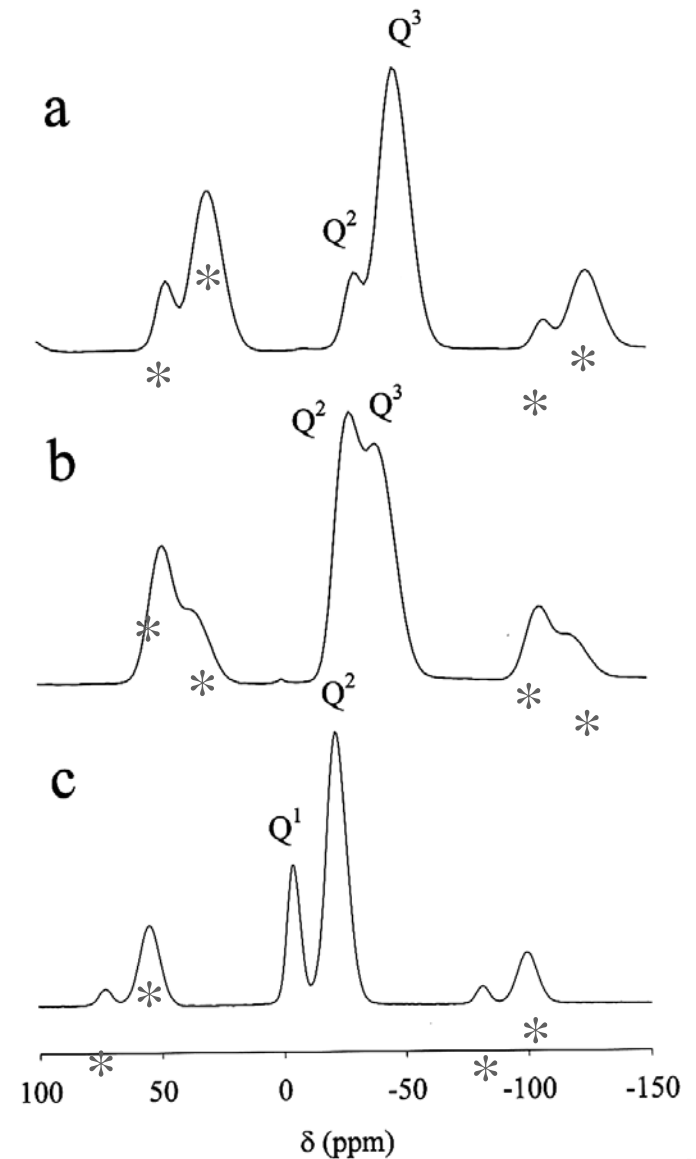
- $x\text{M}_2\text{O} + (1-x)\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$
- $x = 0, \text{P}_2\text{O}_5$



# $^{31}\text{P}$ MASS NMR



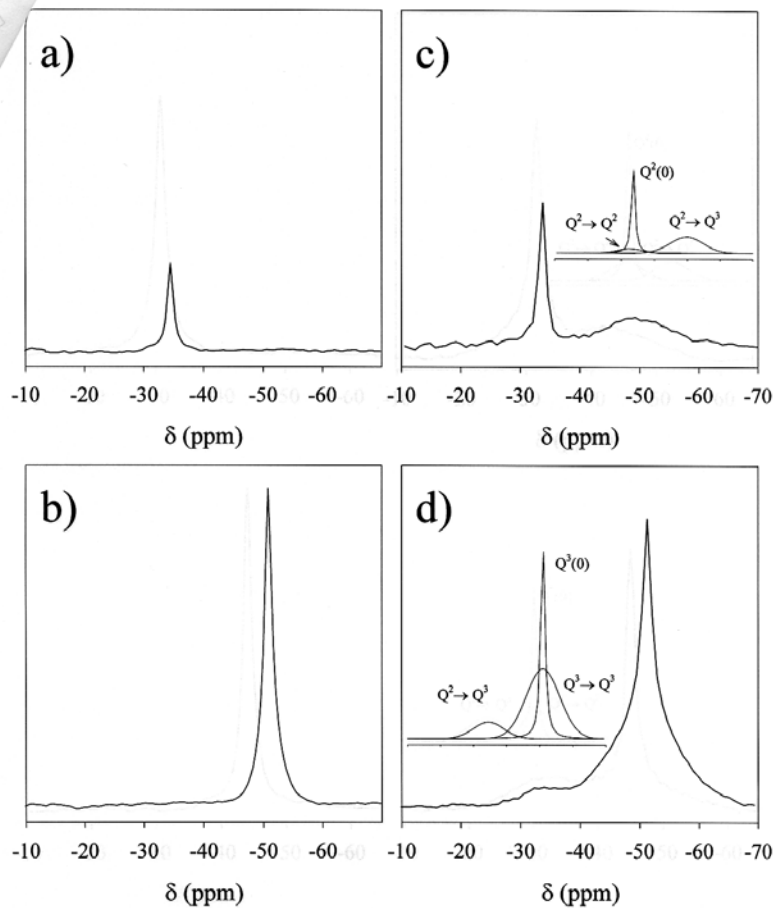
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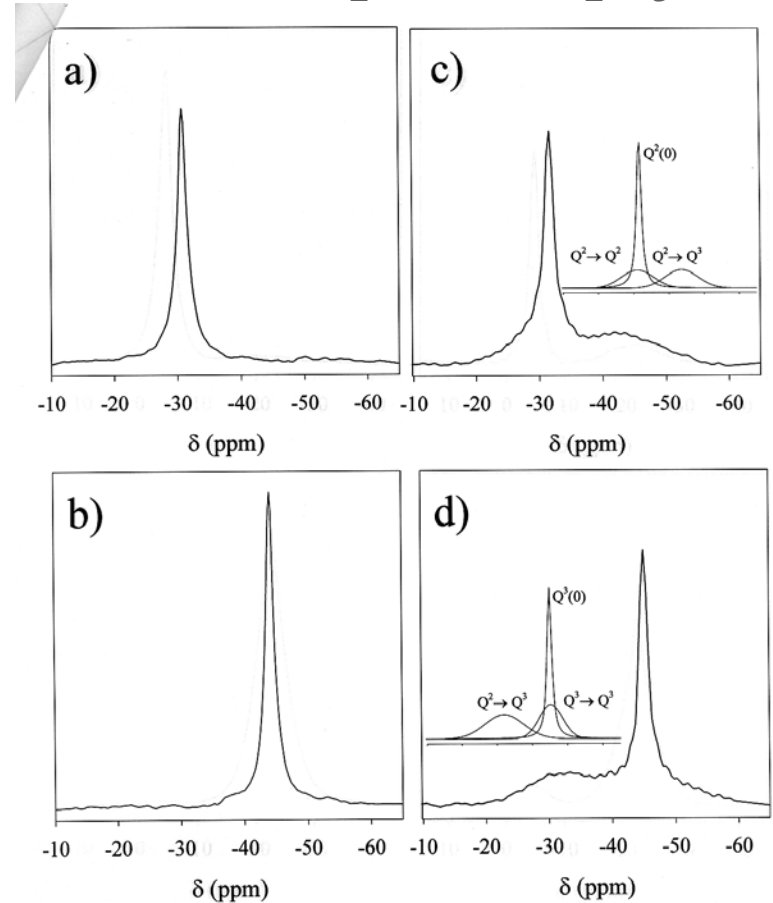


# Site specific $^{31}\text{P}$ MASS 2D NMR

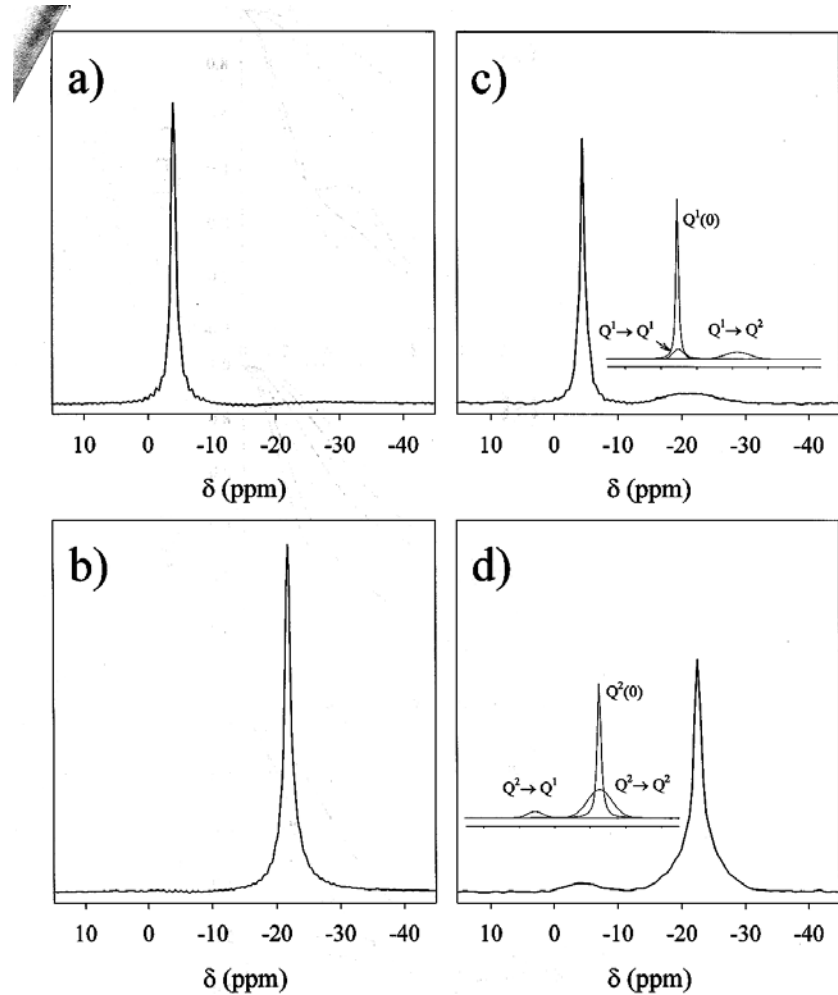
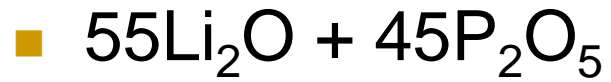
$15\text{Li}_2\text{O} + 85\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$



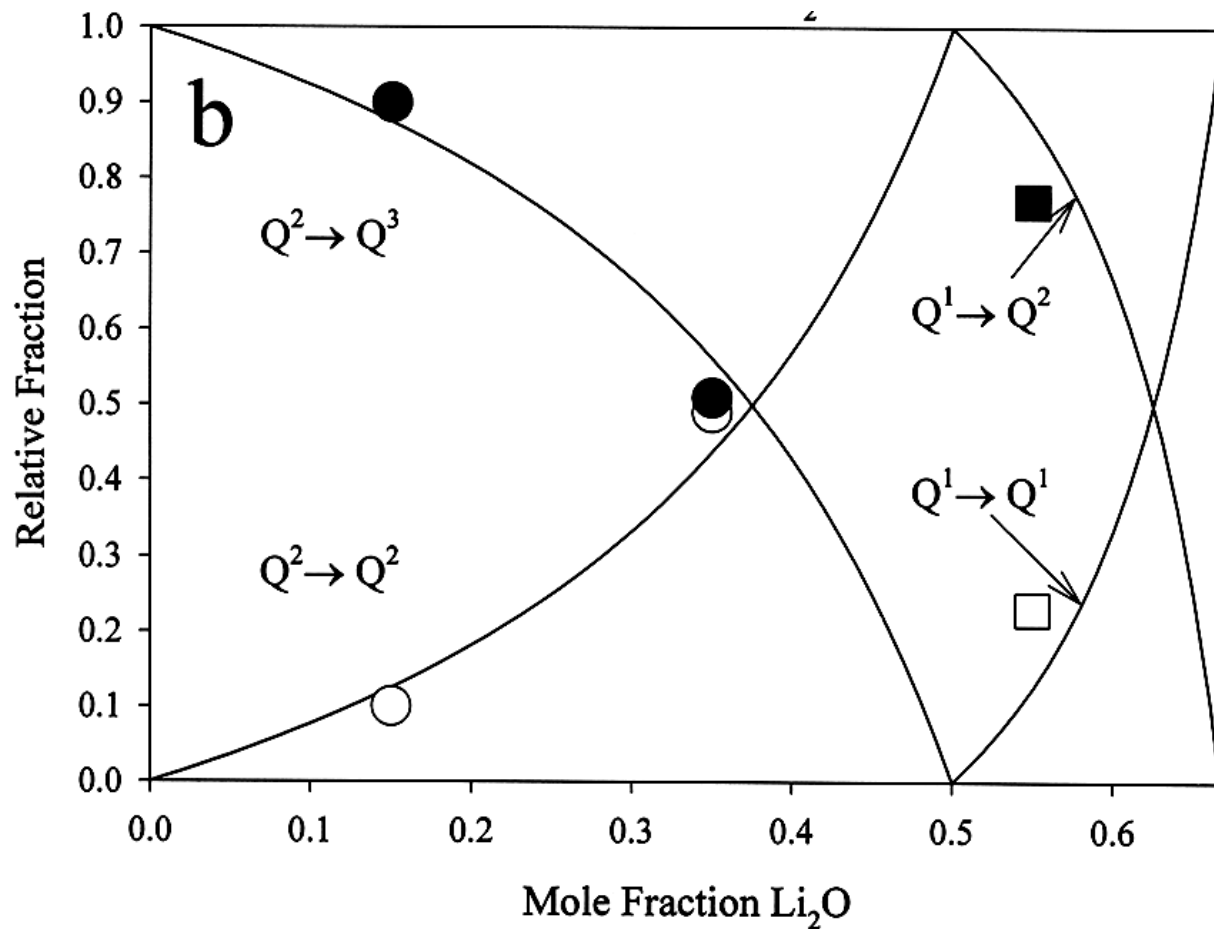
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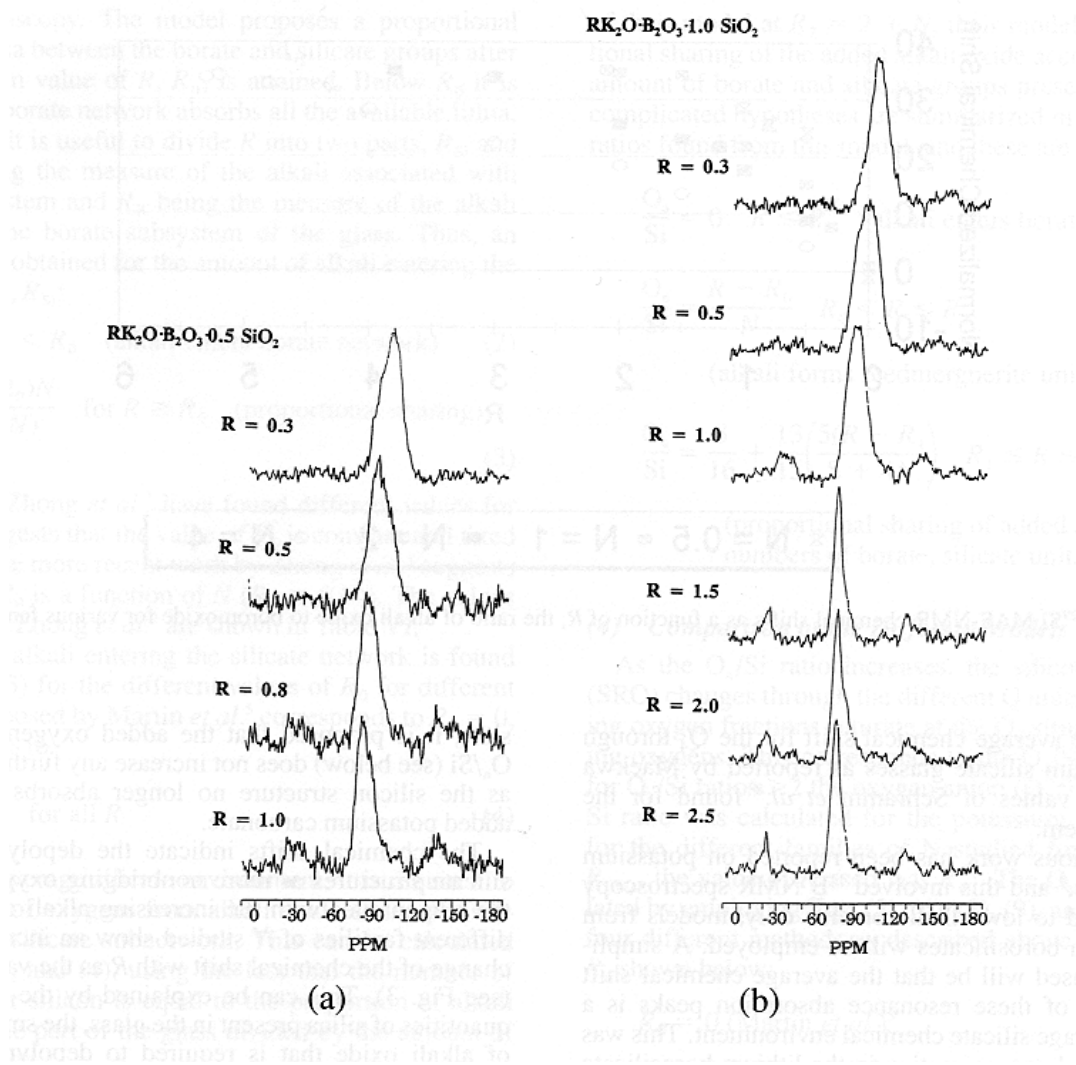
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# Composition dependence of Phosphate groups

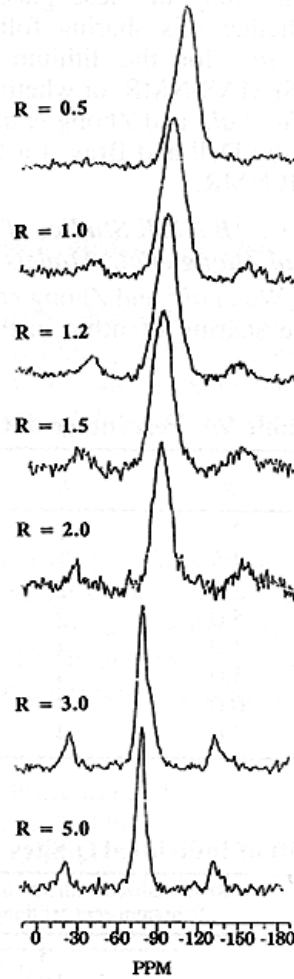


# $^{29}\text{Si}$ MASS NMR of Potassium borosilicate glasses



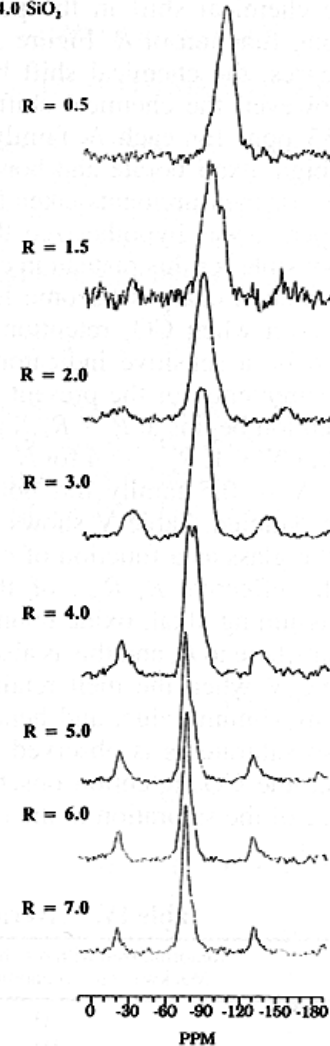
# $^{29}\text{Si}$ MASS NMR of Potassium borosilicates

$\text{RK}_2\text{O}\cdot\text{B}_2\text{O}_3\cdot 2.0 \text{ SiO}_2$



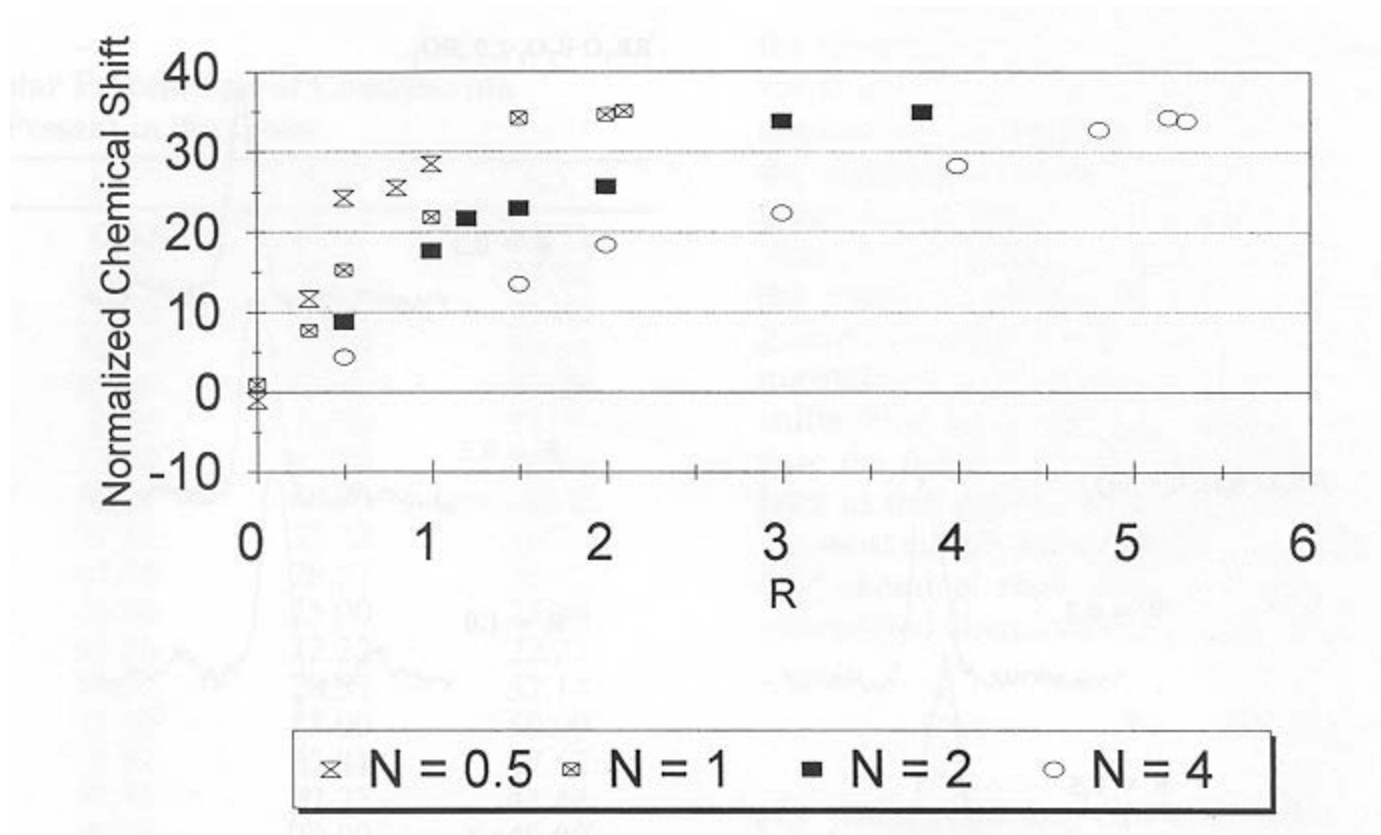
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$\text{RK}_2\text{O}\cdot\text{B}_2\text{O}_3\cdot 4.0 \text{ SiO}_2$

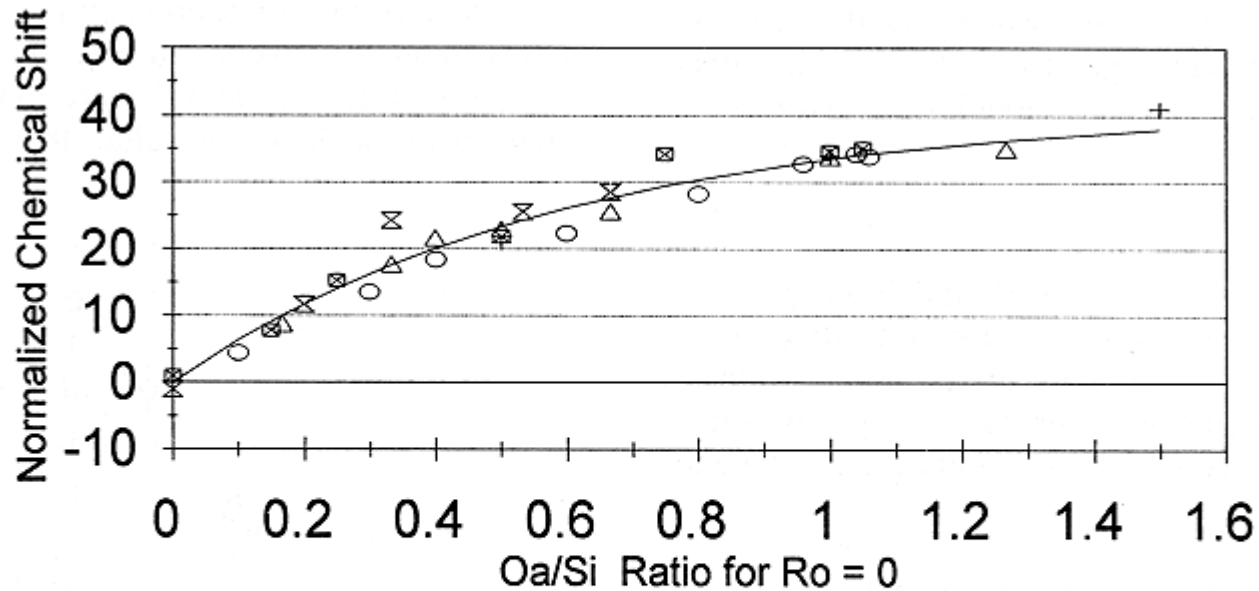


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# Chemical Shift for different B/Si ratios



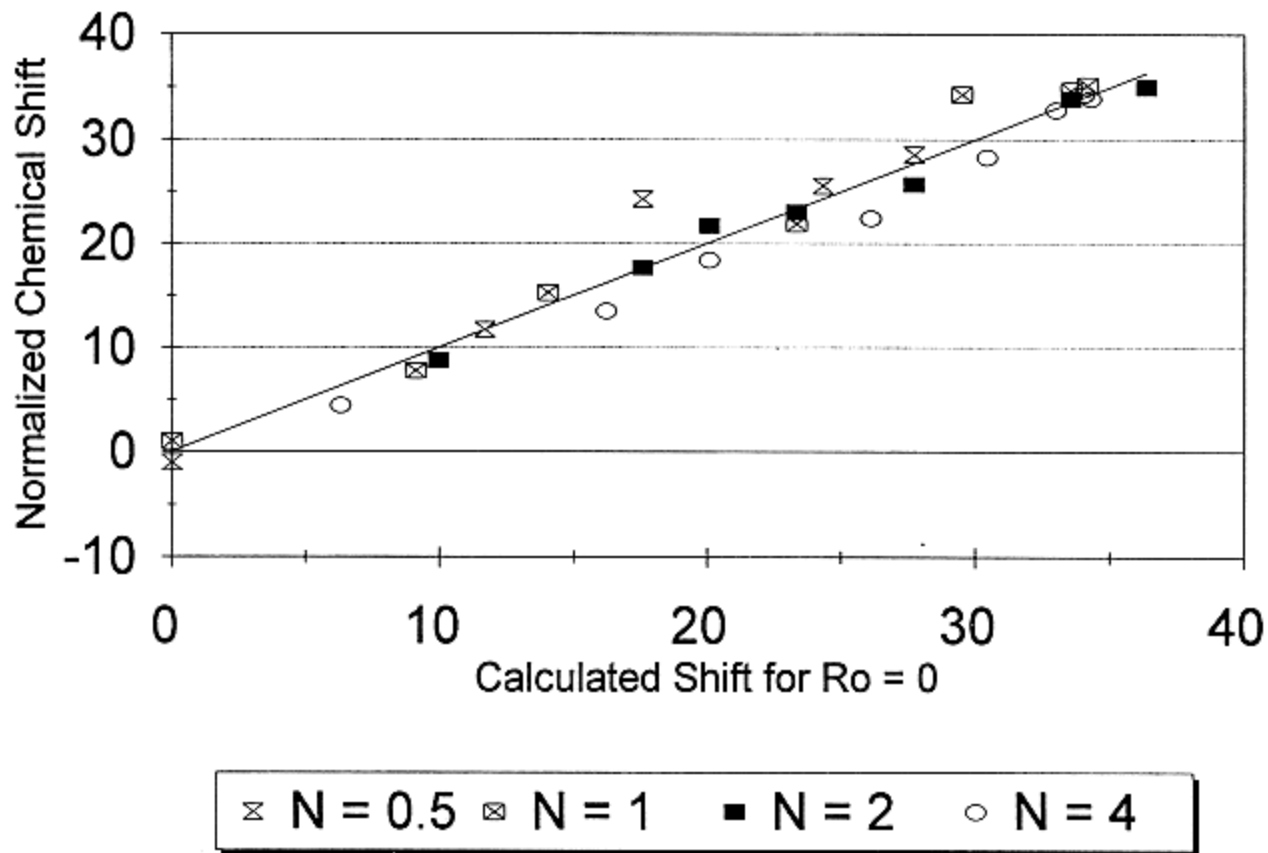
# Chemical Shift versus added O/Si ratio



⊗ N = 0.5	⊗ N = 1	△ N = 2
○ N = 4	+ Maekwa Values	

# Chemical Shift versus calculated chemical shift

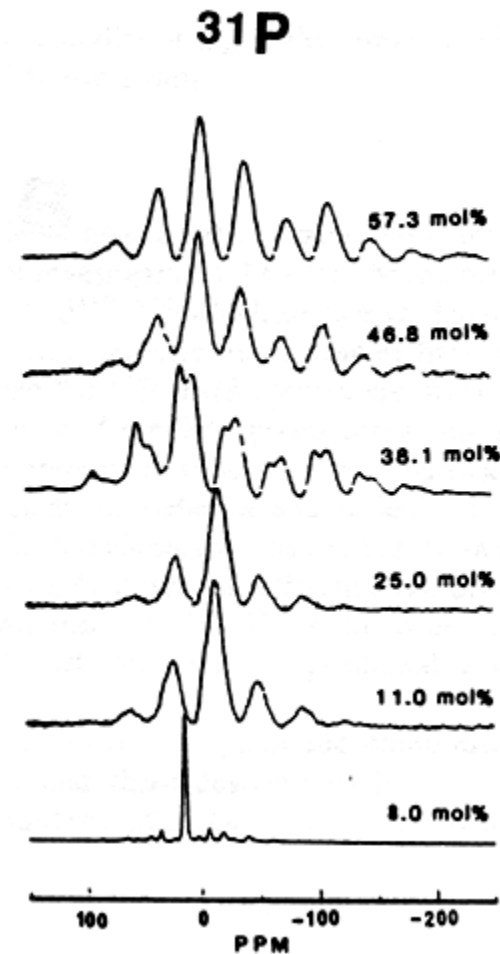
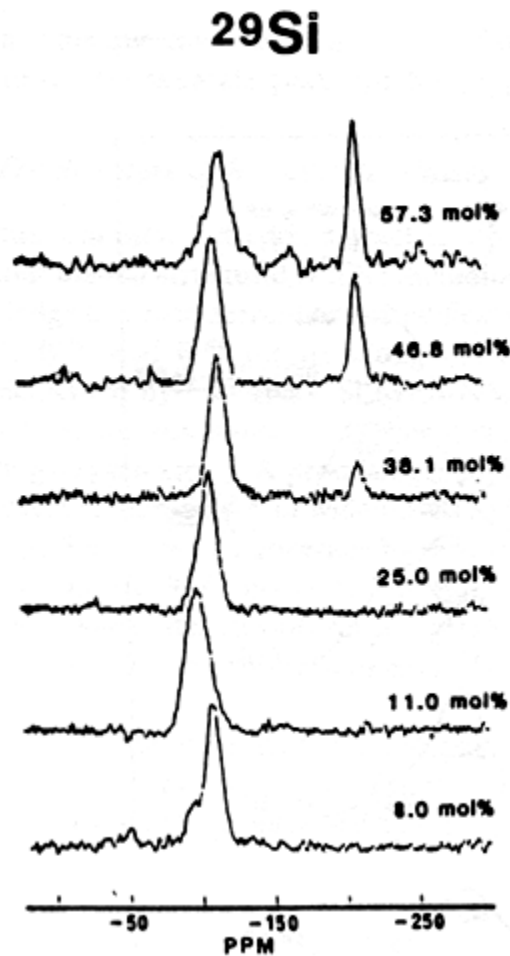
ALL added  $K_2O$  is equally shared between  $B_2O_3$  and  $SiO_2$  from  $0K_2O$



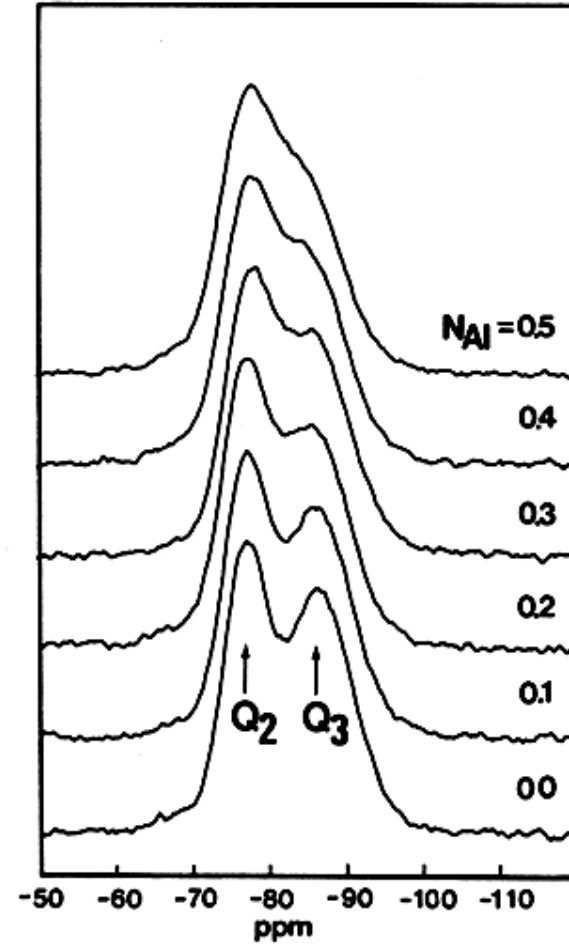
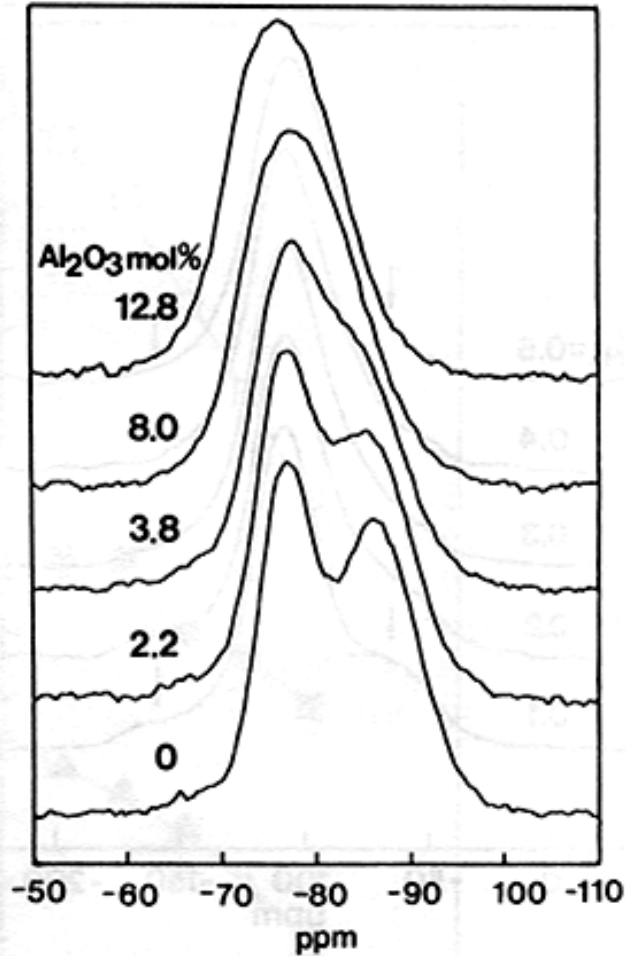


# $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{P}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{SiO}_2$ Glasses

- Two NMR active nuclei add to the level of structural analysis
- Site specific information around Si and P nuclei
- Combine this information to determine complete structure of the glass



# $^{29}\text{Si}$ MASS NMR of $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{SiO}_2$ Glasses



# Ternary $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{SiO}_2$ System

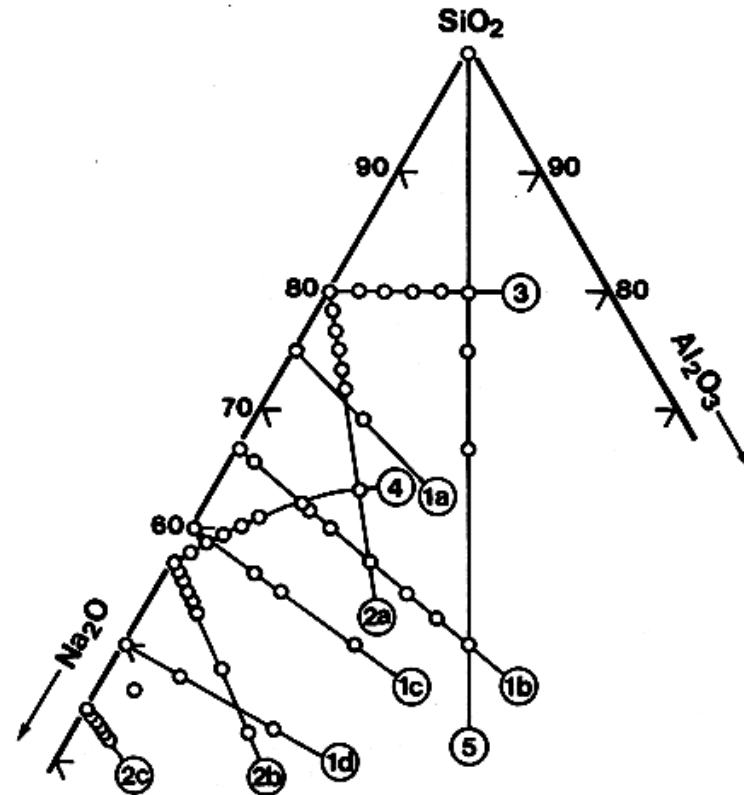
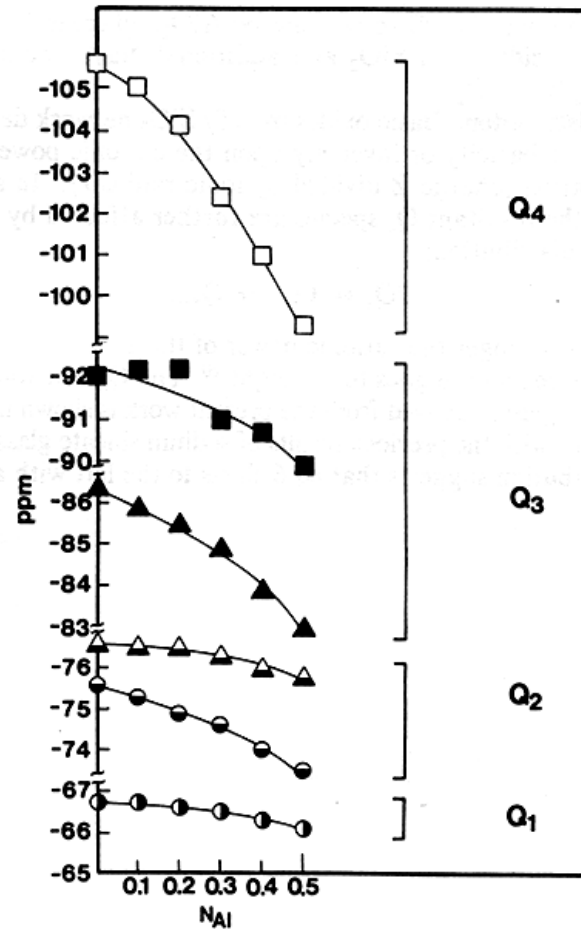


Figure 1. Five series of the glasses shown in the composition diagram for  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ - $\text{SiO}_2$  system.

# Composition dependence of Chemical Shift

$\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{SiO}_2$  Glasses



# Composition dependence of Q fractions

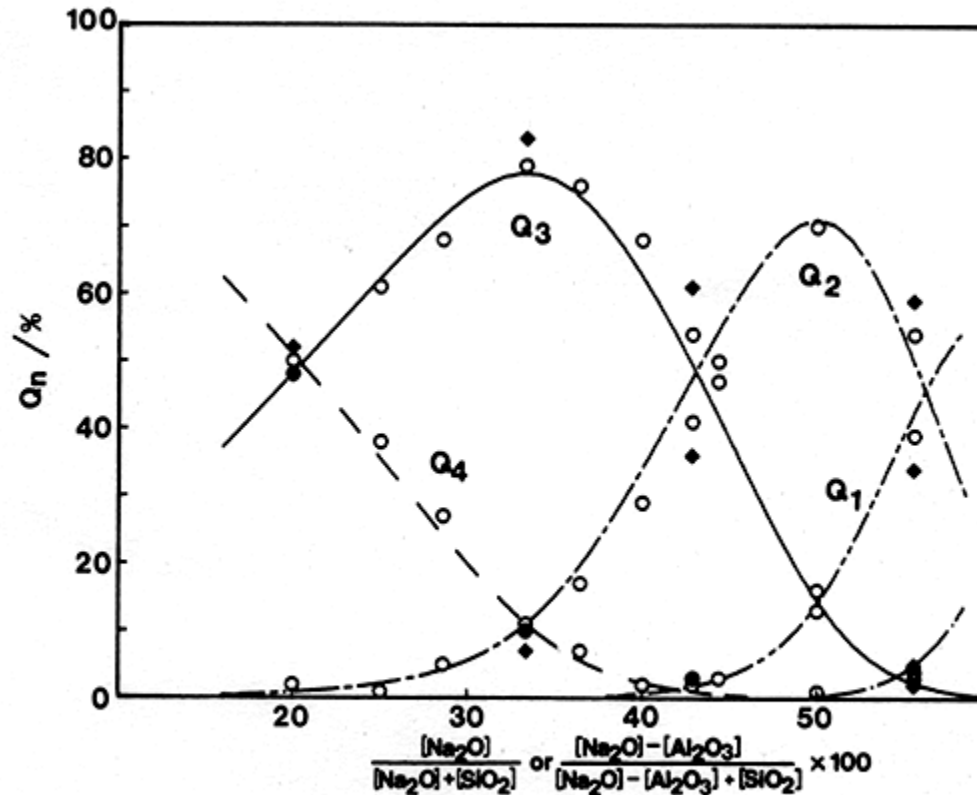


Figure 8. Q<sub>n</sub> distribution as a function of contents of Na<sub>2</sub>O: (O) for binary sodium silicate glass;<sup>21</sup> (◆) present work at N<sub>Al</sub> = 0.5.