



Visualising Glass

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$K_2Si_2O_5$ 1800K 5fs per frame



history

glass formation

visualisation

glass transition

computer simulation

glass structure

Patrick Reyntiens - Homage to Hector Bérlioz

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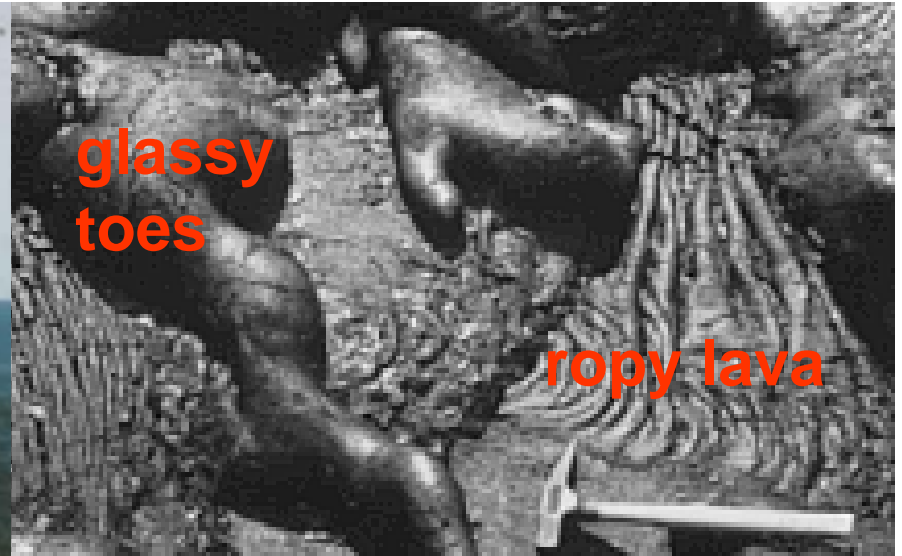
History



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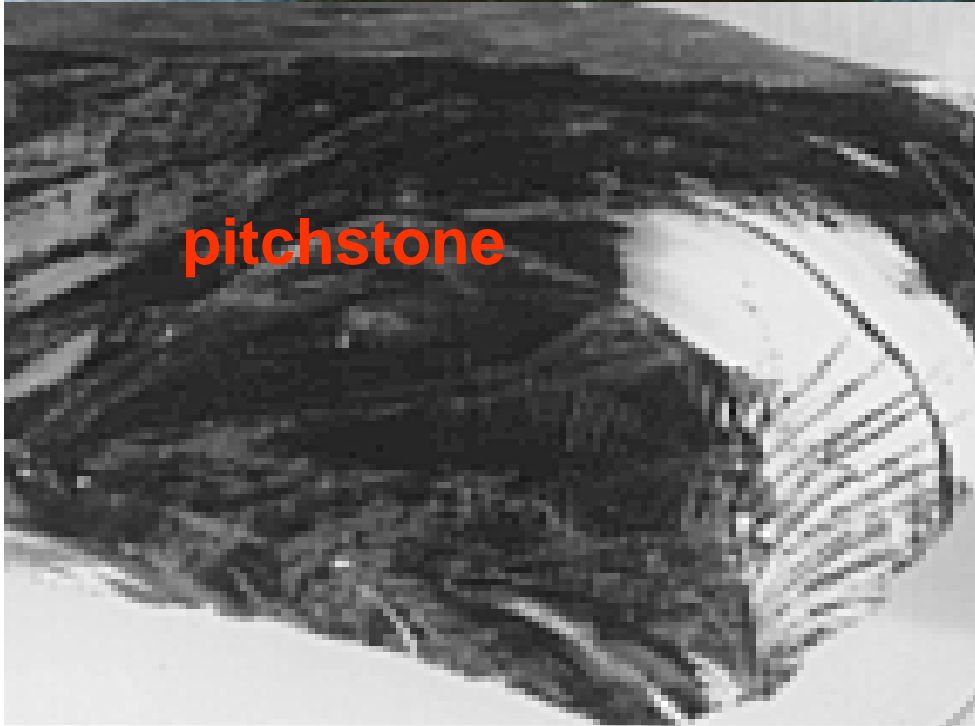
Very rapid quench = natural glass

Volcanic Glass



glassy
toes

ropy lava



pitchstone



Pele's hair

froth

tear drops



History

If you want to produce zaginduru-coloured glass, you grind, separately, ten minas of immanakku-stone, fifteen minas of naga-plant ashes (and 1 2/3 minas of "White Plant". You mix (these) together. You put (them) into a cold kiln which has four openings (literally eyes) and arrange (the mixture) between the openings. You keep a good smokeless fire burning until the "metal" (molten glass) becomes fritted. You take it out and allow it to cool off. You grind it finely again. You collect in a clean dabtu-pan. You put into a cold chamber kiln. You keep a good smokeless fire burning until it glows golden yellow. You pour it into a kiln-fired brick and this is called (zuku-glass).

Assyrian recipe 3500 BC



History

“.....with great wonder I observe that fire is almost everywhere the active agent. Fire takes in sand and gives back, now glass, now silver ... now lead, now pigments, now medicines.....”

Pliny, *Natural History* (68AD) p. xxxvi



History

the Romans
invented glass
blowing between
1 BC and 1 AD
– also dichroic
glass

Lycurgus Cup





History

the Venetians learned
to fashion and decorate
glass – starting around
the Renaissance

*Venetian filigrana tazza 16th – 17th
century*





History

flat glass
manufacture was
perfected in
Britain

*opening of the Great Exhibition
1st may 1851 in the Crystal
Palace by Queen Victoria*

D Winfield



History — Glass Sculpture



Dale Chihuly — *Venturi Window* at the Seattle Art Museum.

Glass Formation



Glass Formation

network

Sand SiO_2 72.5%

modifiers

Soda Na_2O 13%

Lime CaO 9.3%

also Al_2O_3 K_2O MgO Fe_2O_3

*batch containing crystalline ingredients and
glass cullet on the way into the glory hole*



Glass

Formation

float glass process

floating molten glass on liquid tin



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architectural glass

Palace of Justice – Washington dc

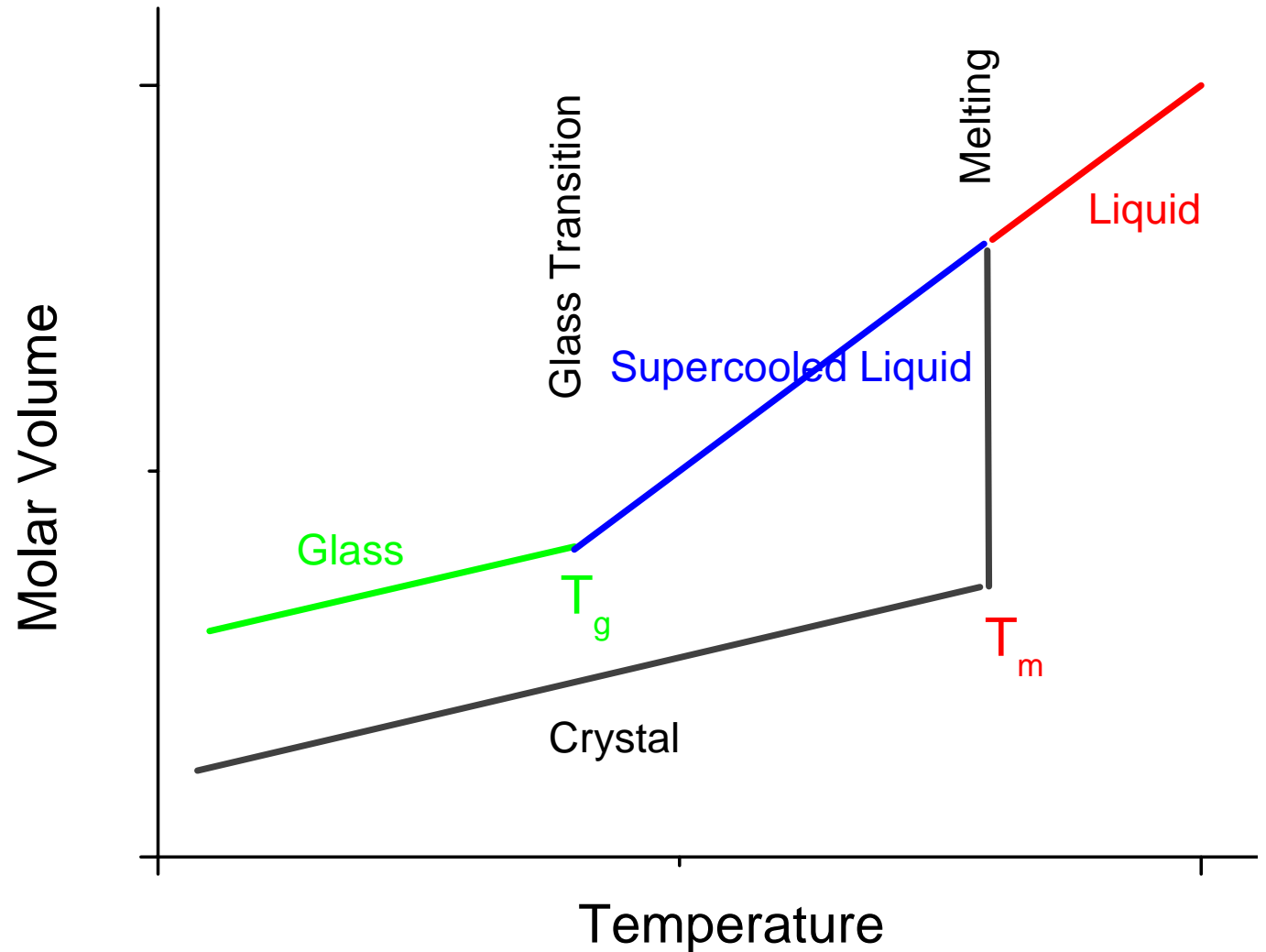
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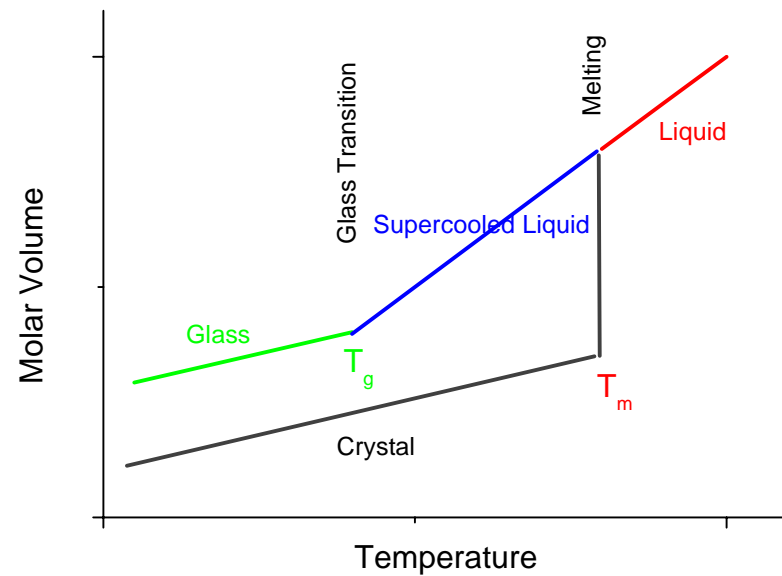
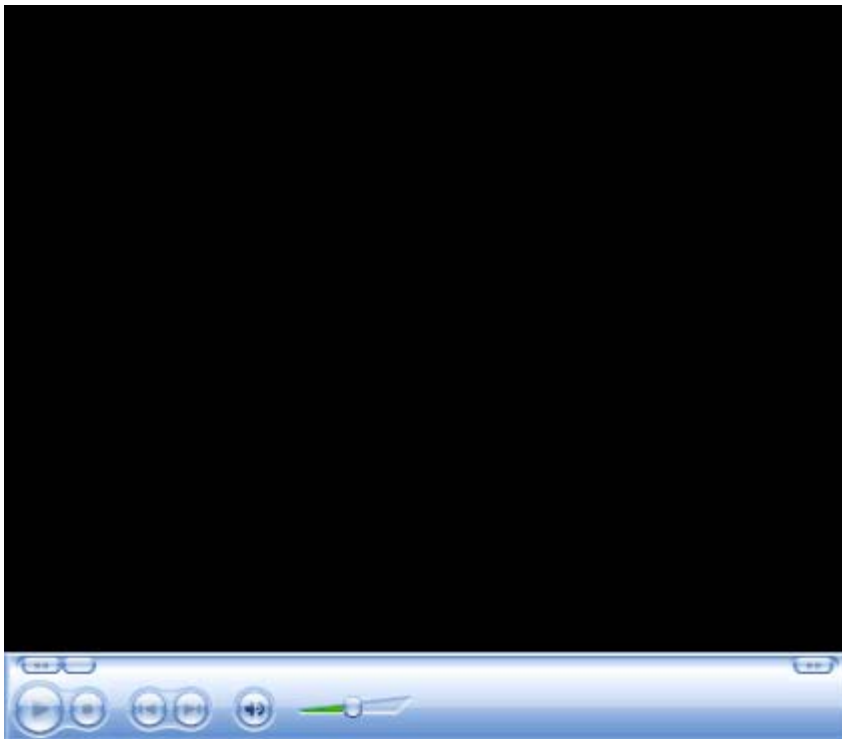
Transition

temperature below which viscosity is too great for crystallisation to occur



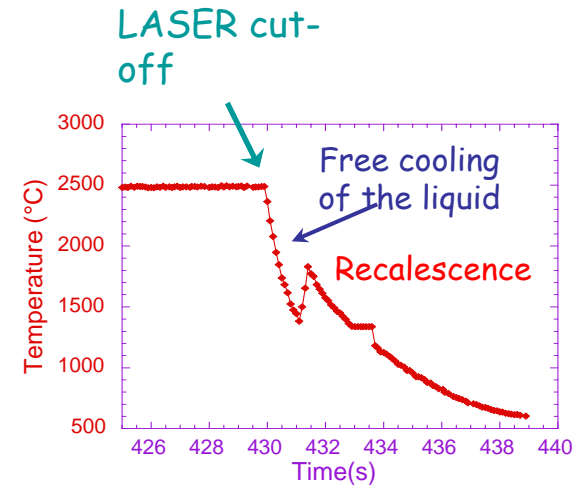
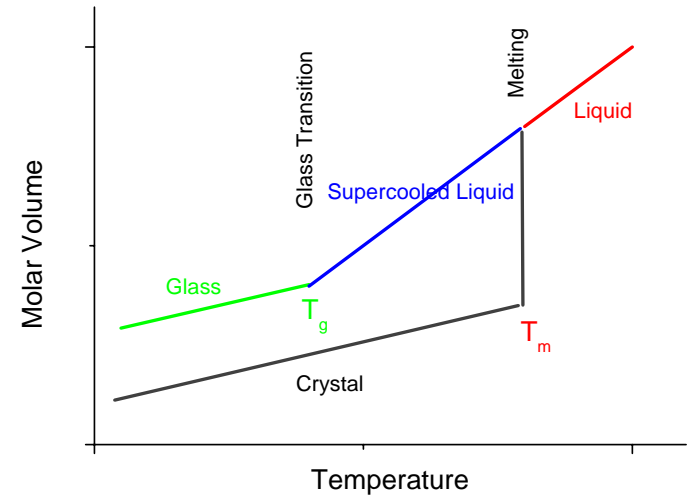
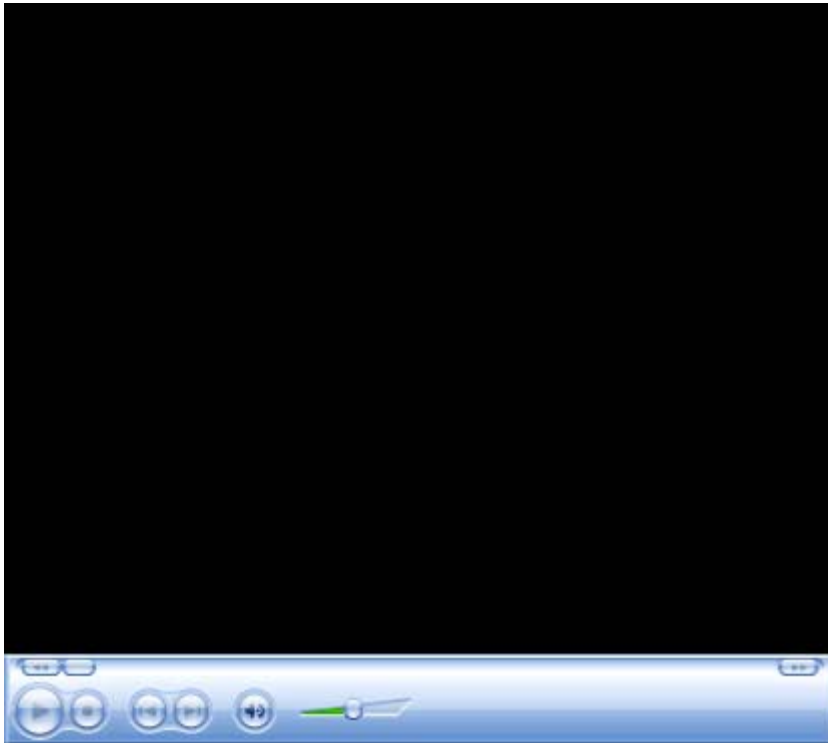
SAMPLE FOUNDARY

Preparation of a YA20 glass y melting three glass pieces to $\sim 2000^{\circ}\text{C}$ and cooling



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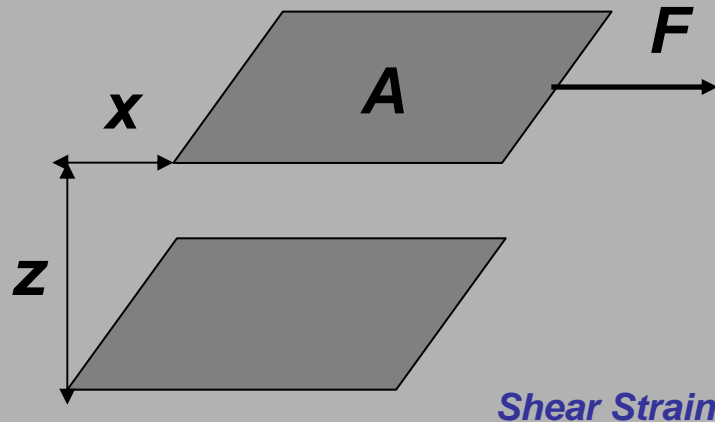
Preparation of crsytalline Al_2O_3 from melt at 2500°C



Shear in Solids and Liquids



Elastic Shear



Shear Stress

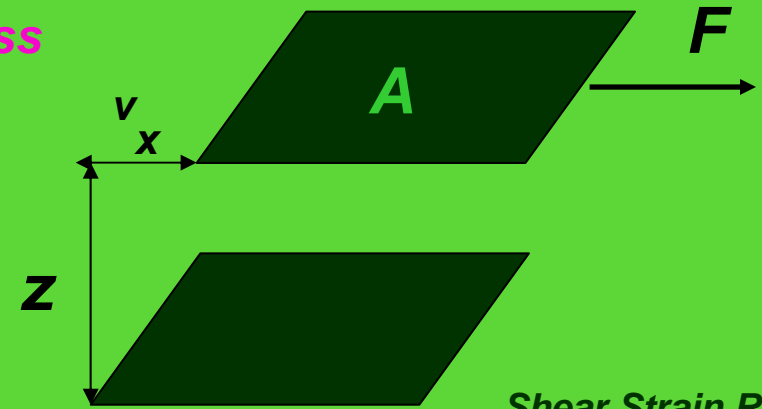
$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$$

Shear Strain

$$\sigma = G\gamma \quad \gamma = \frac{x}{z}$$

G , Shear Modulus

Newton's Law of Viscosity



$$\sigma = \eta \frac{d\gamma}{dt}$$

η , Viscosity

$$\frac{d\gamma}{dt} = \frac{v_x}{z}$$

Shear Strain Rate

$$\sigma = G_{HF} \gamma$$

G_{HF} High Frequency Modulus

$$\sigma = G_{HF} \tau \frac{d\gamma}{dt}$$

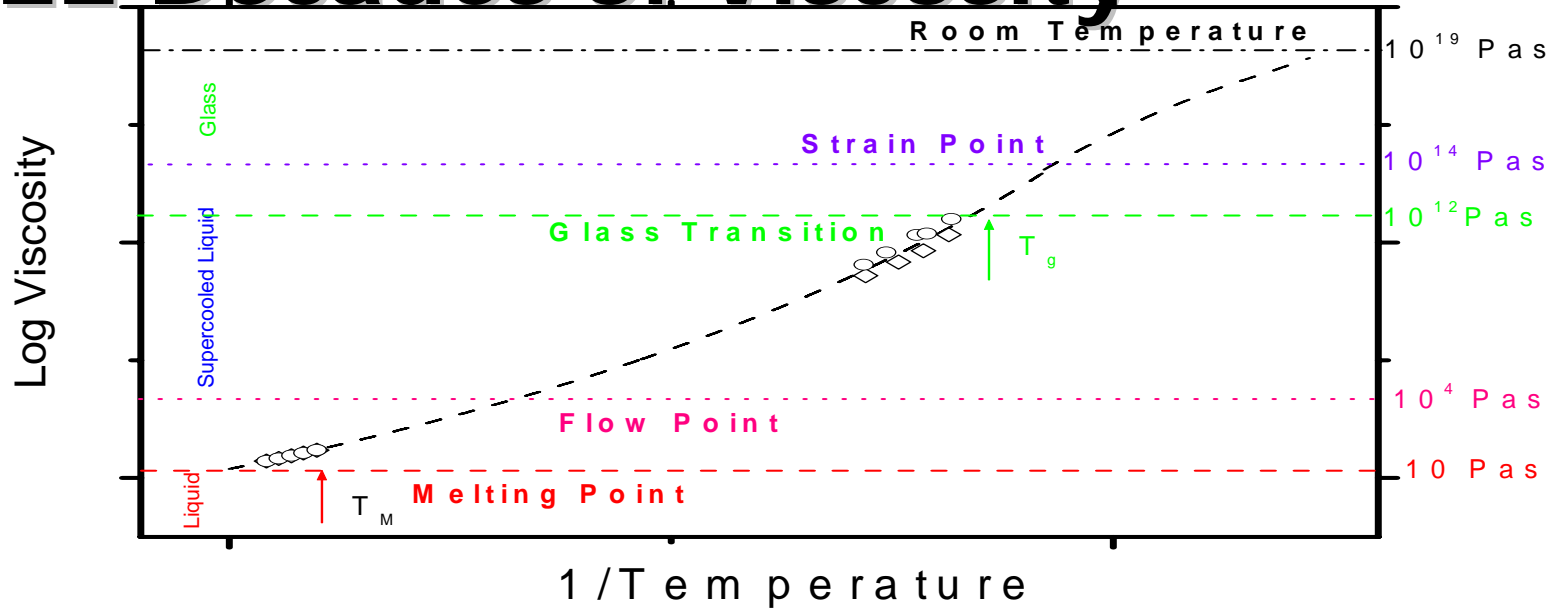
$$\eta = G_{HF} \tau$$

$x = v_x \tau$
 τ , Structural Relaxation Time

Maxwell's Viscosity Equation



22 Decades of Viscosity



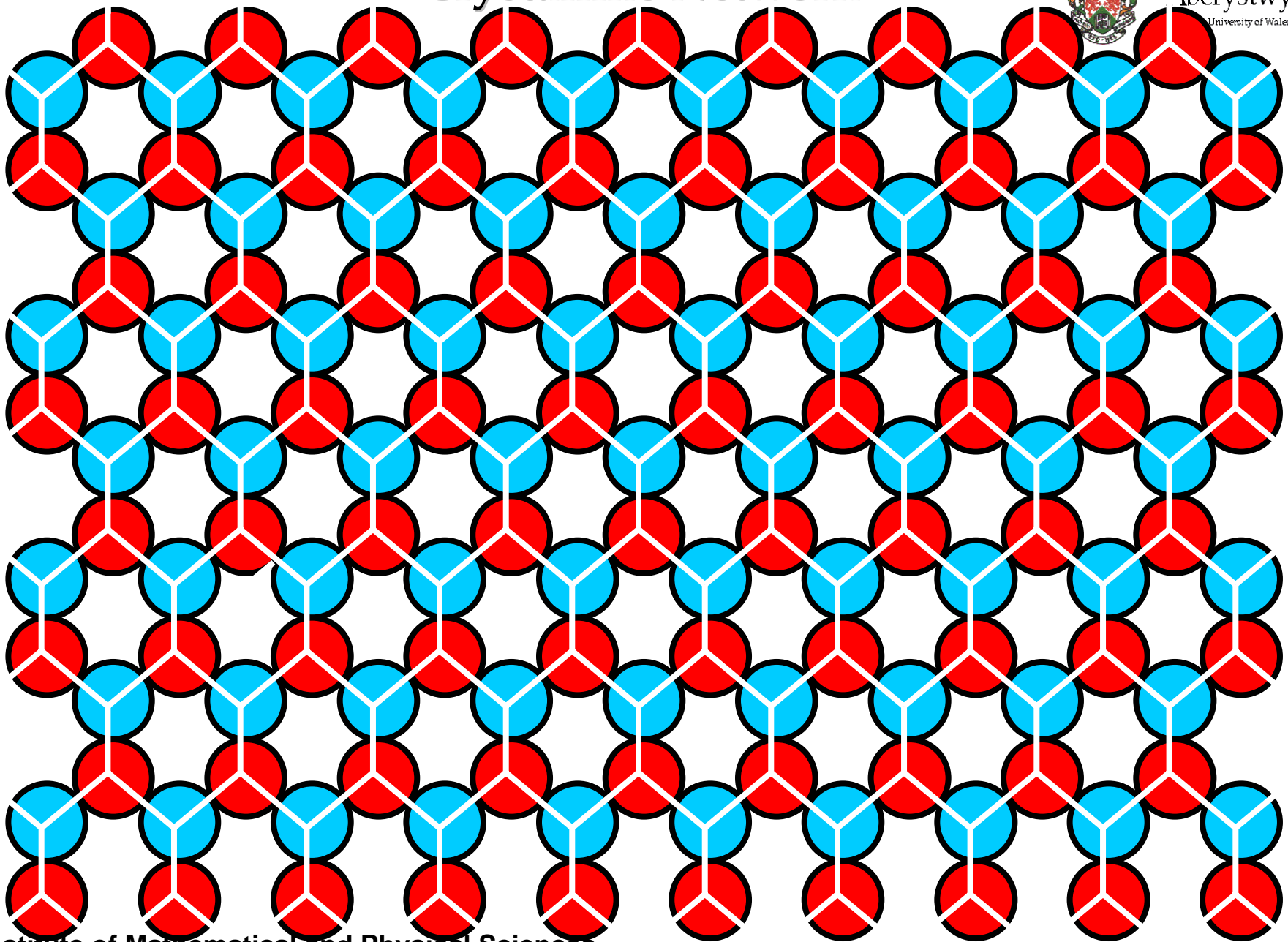
Water at 0°C →

→ 2 · 10⁻³ Pas

Crystalline Network



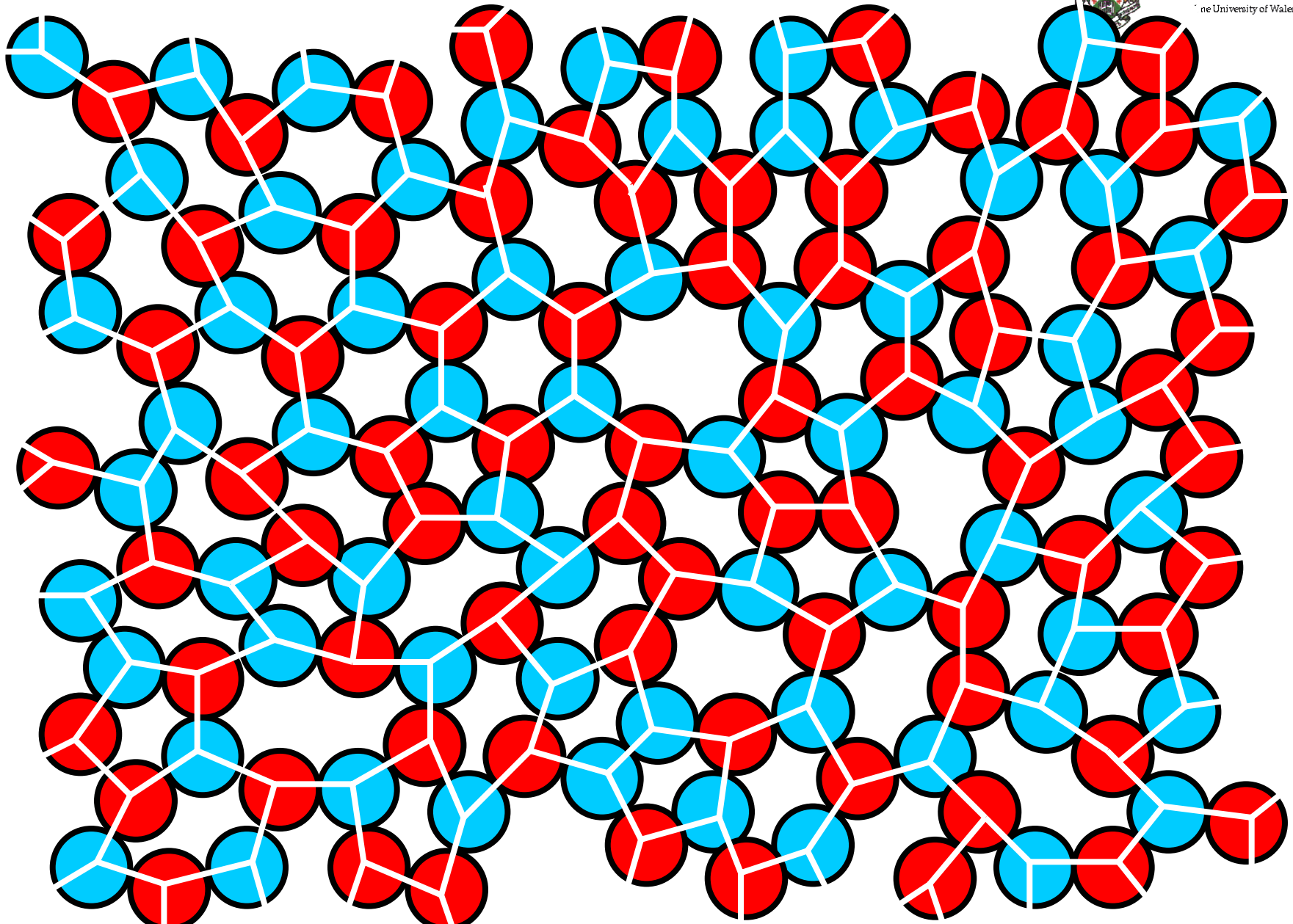
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Continuous Random Network



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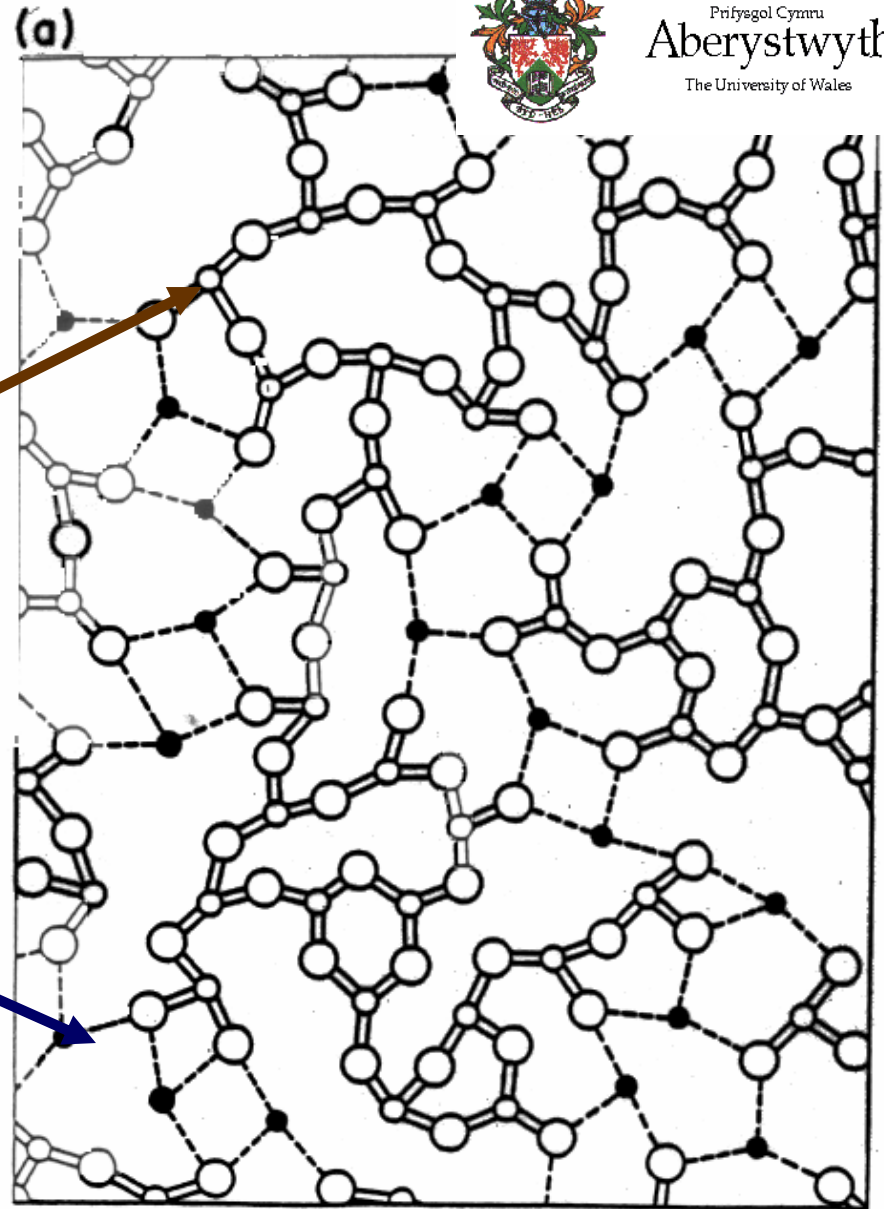
Atomic Structure and Dynamics of Glass

Modelling the Atomic Structure of Glass

Modified Random Network



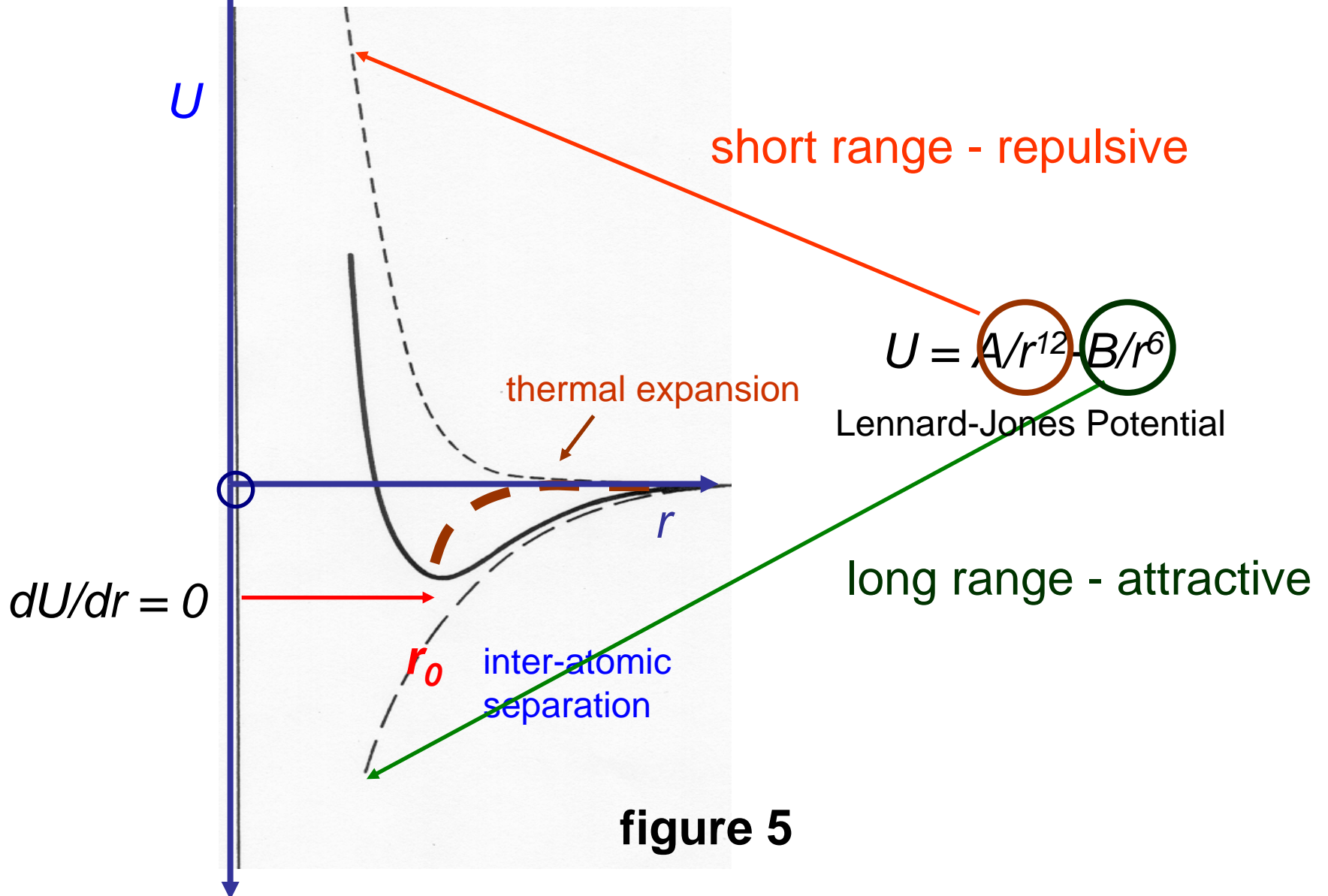
network
 SiO_2 72.5%
modifiers
 Na_2O 28.5%



EXAFS and The Structure of Glass
Greaves G N, J. Non-Cryst. Solids, 71, 203-217 (1985)

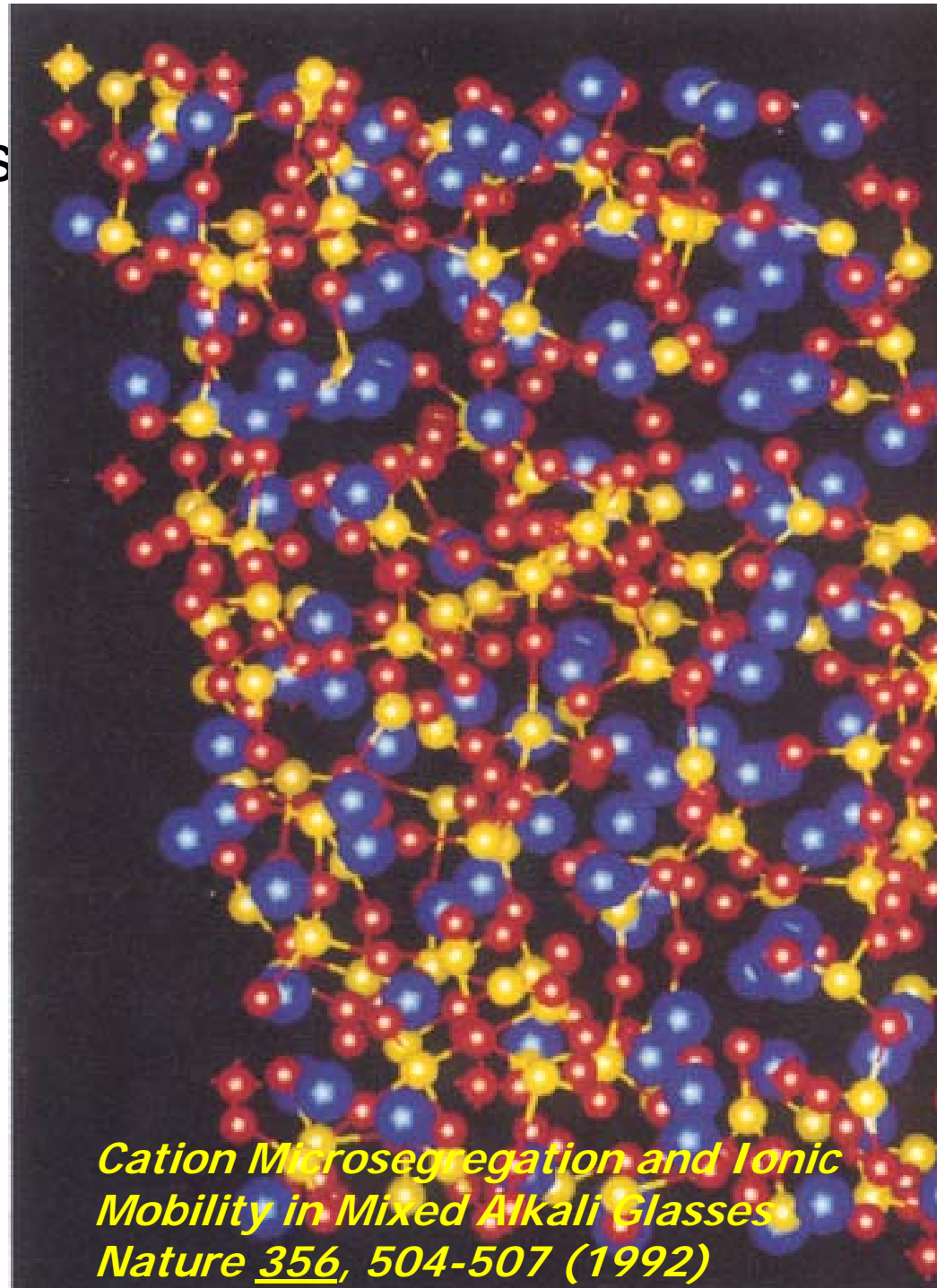
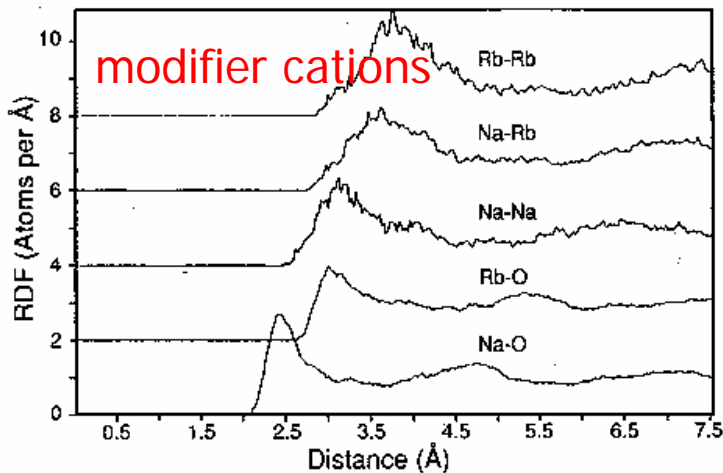
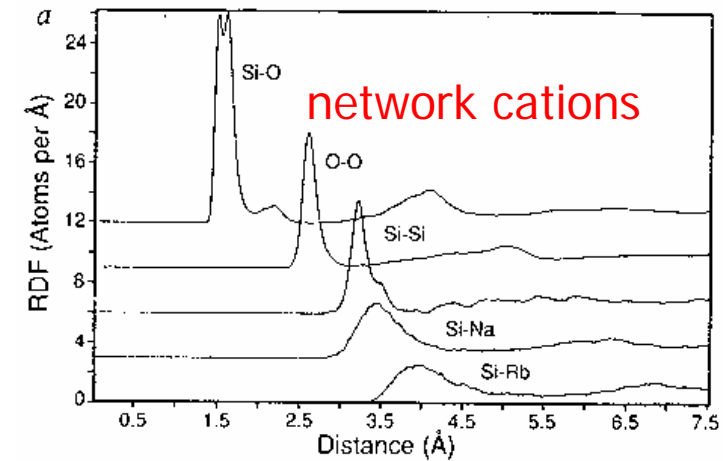


Inter-atomic potentials



MD Simulation

Pair Distribution Functions and Alkali Channels

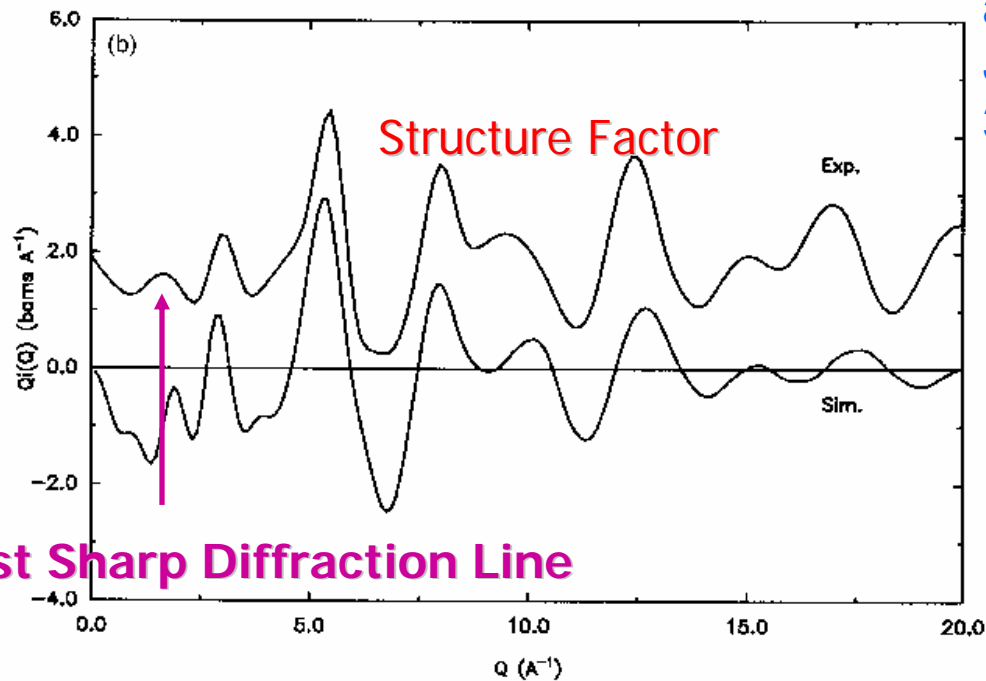
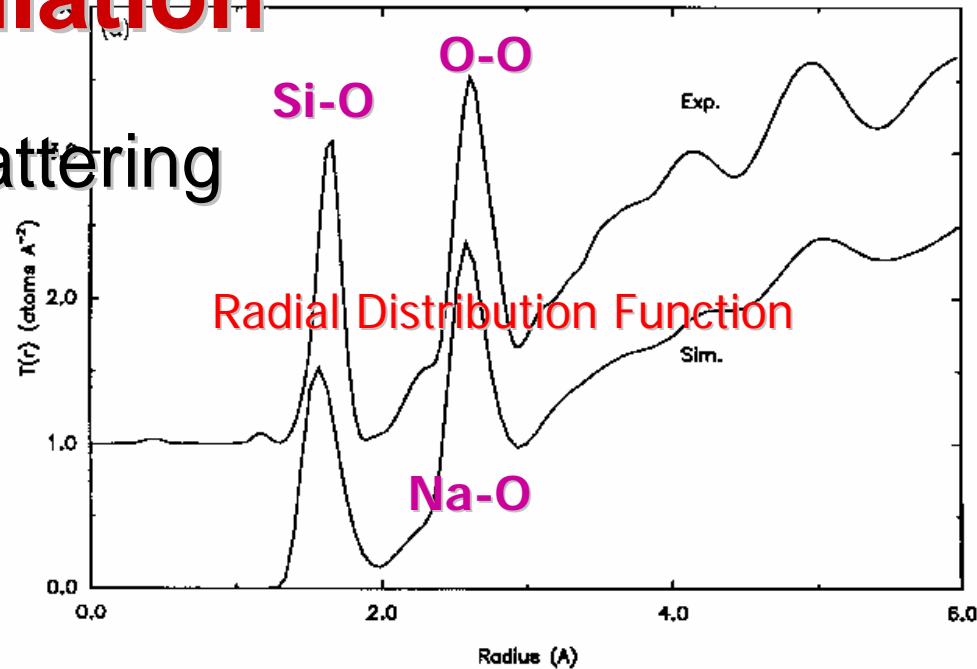


MD Simulation

compared to
Neutron Scattering
 $\text{Na}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5$ Glass



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Computer Simulation of
Sodium Disilicate Glass
Smith W, Greaves GN
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J. Chem. Phys. 103,
3091-3097 (1995)

MD Simulation- Modelling Ionic Diffusion

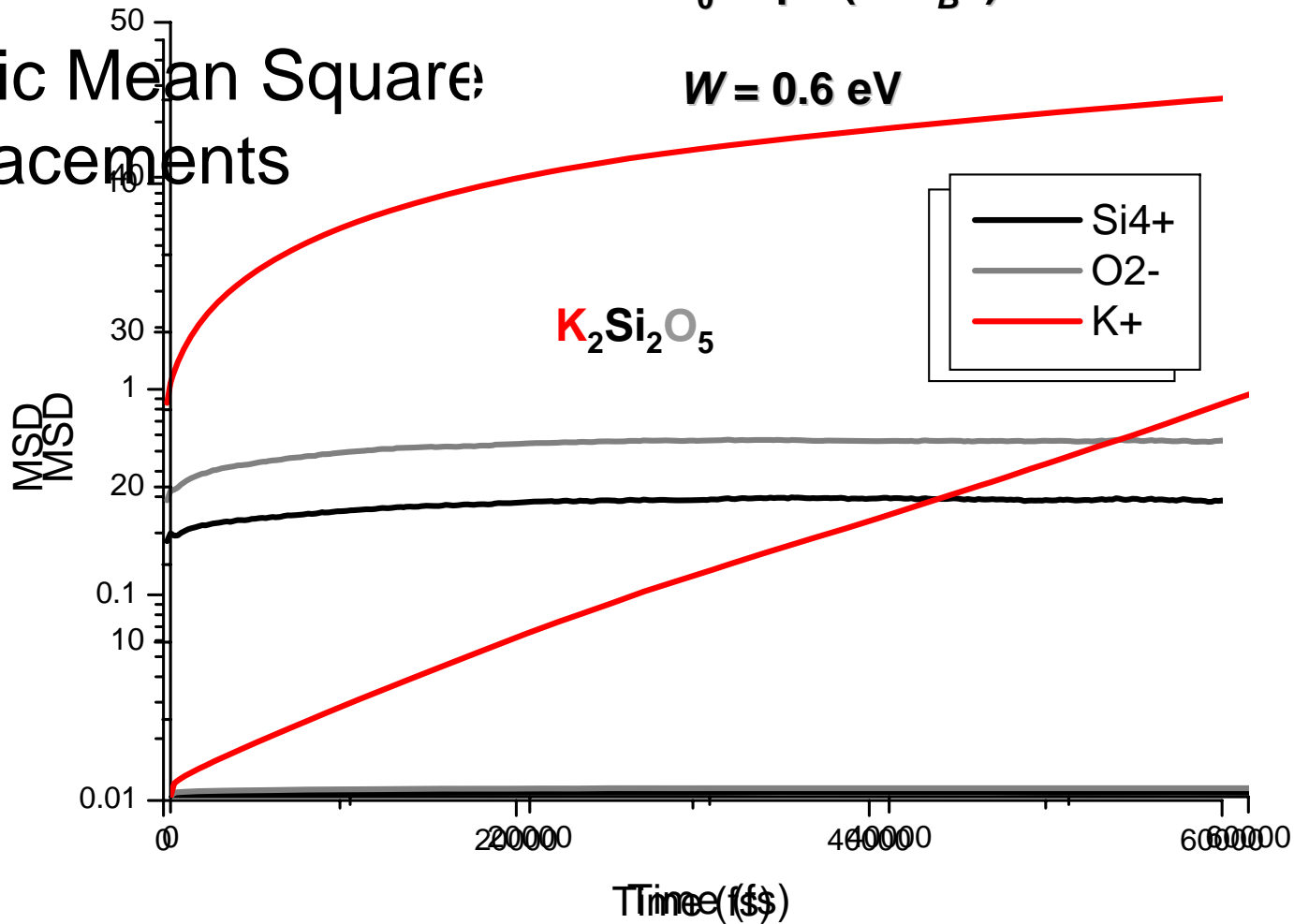


$$D = 1/6 \frac{d(\text{MSD})}{dt}$$

$$D = D_0 \exp \left(-\frac{W}{k_B T} \right)$$

$$W = 0.6 \text{ eV}$$

Atomic Mean Square
Displacements

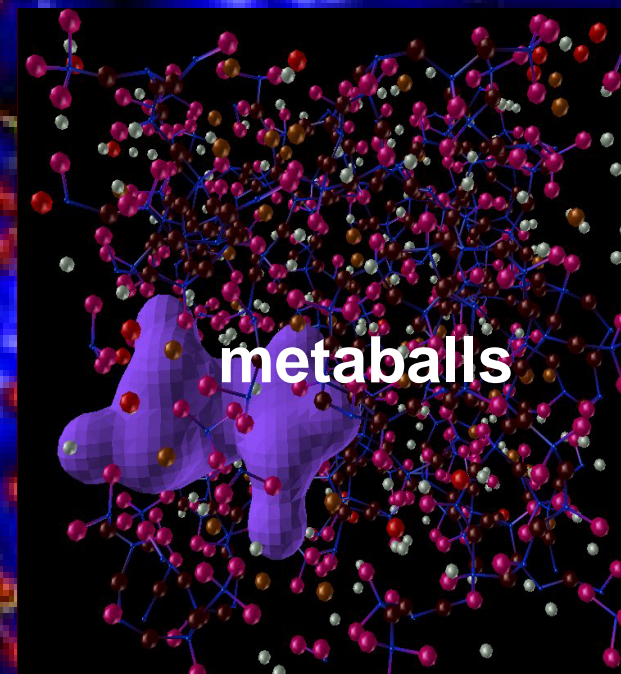


Virtual Reality Techniques – isosurfaces, ion tracks



isosurfaces

static alkali channels



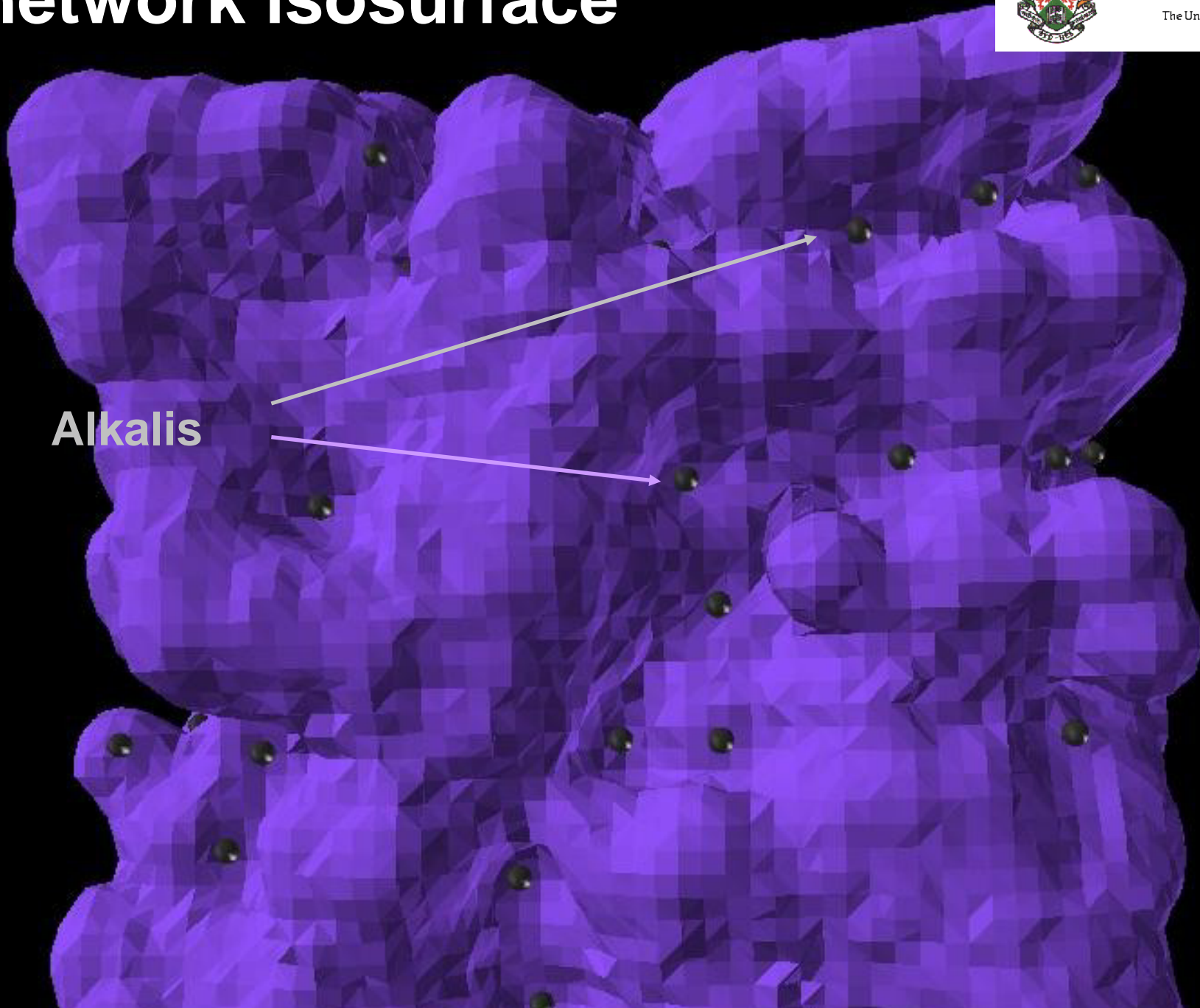
Channel formation and intermediate range order in sodium silicate melts and glasses

Meyer A, Horbach J, Kob W, Karg F and Schober H, 2004, *PRL* 93, 027801/4

network isosurface



Alkalis



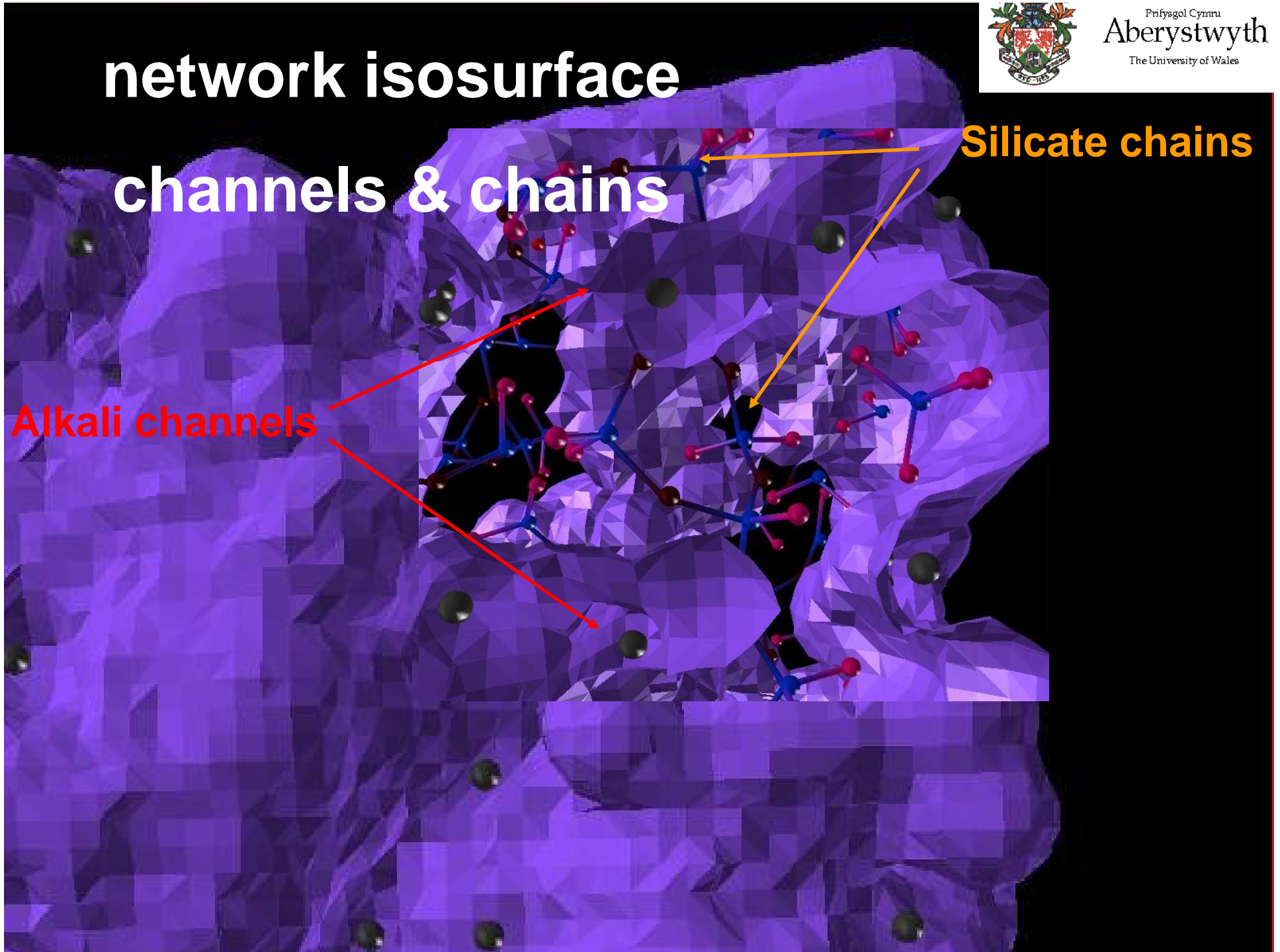


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channels & chains

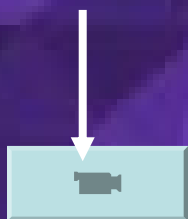
Silicate chains

Alkali channels



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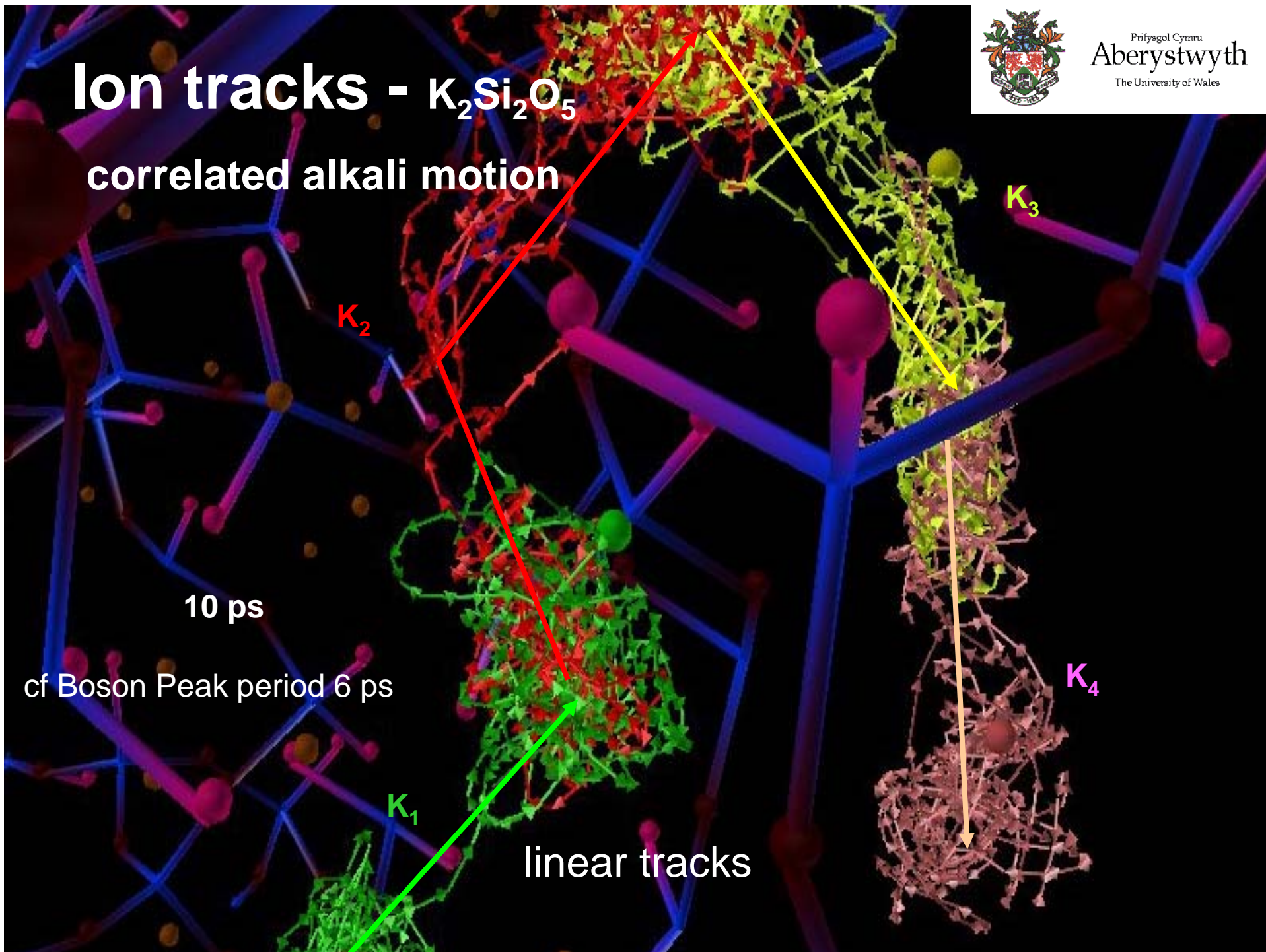
channels & chains



$K_2Si_2O_5$ 1800K 5fs per frame



Ion tracks - $K_2Si_2O_5$ correlated alkali motion



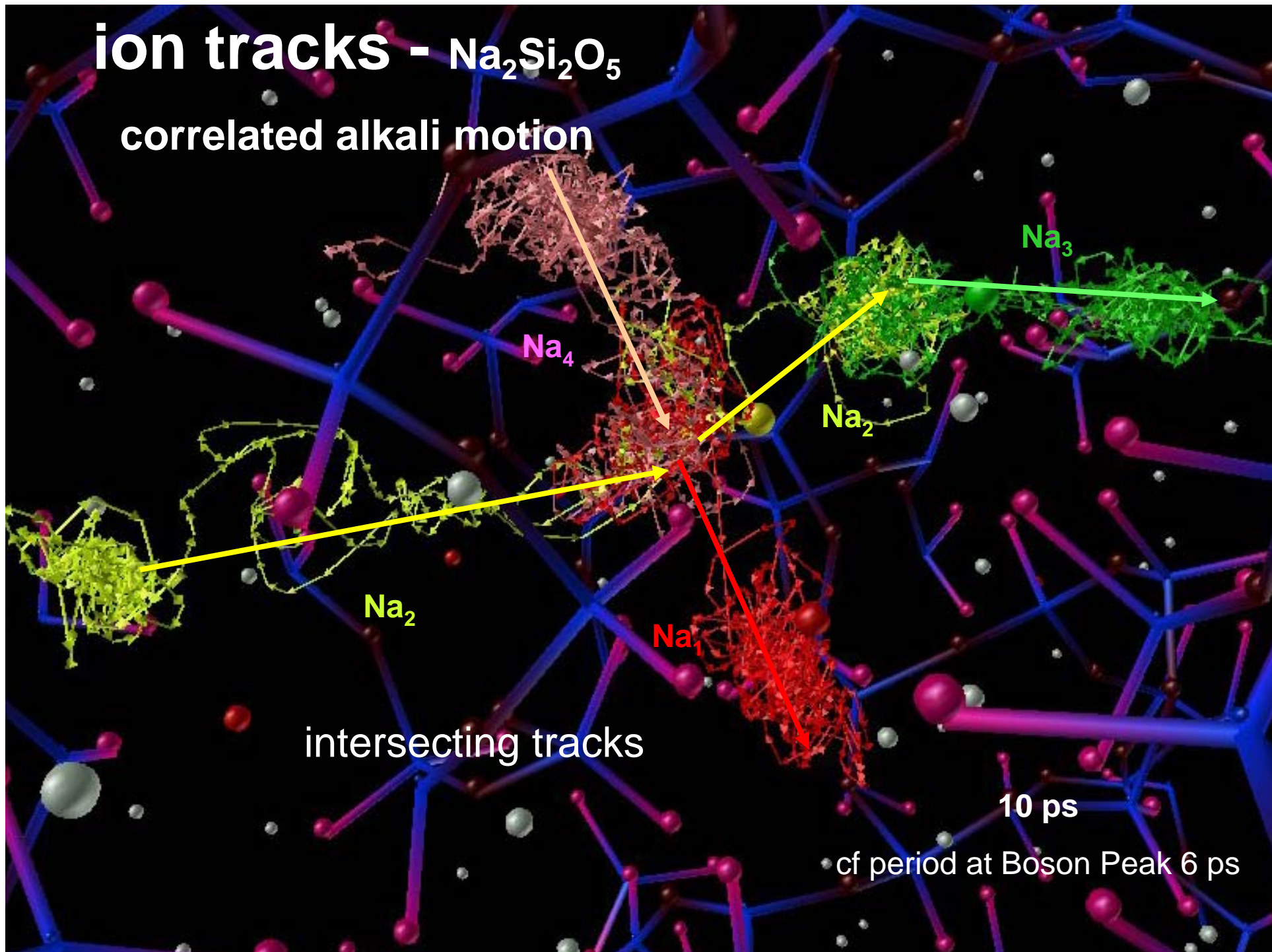
10 ps

cf Boson Peak period 6 ps

linear tracks

ion tracks - $\text{Na}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5$

correlated alkali motion



intersecting tracks

10 ps

cf period at Boson Peak 6 ps

Visualising cooperative dynamics – local frequencies



ion tracks - $\text{Na}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5$

modifier sites identified by immersive inspection

Lévy flight dynamics

Habasaki J & Okada I, PRB 55, 6309 (1997)

vacancy free
structure

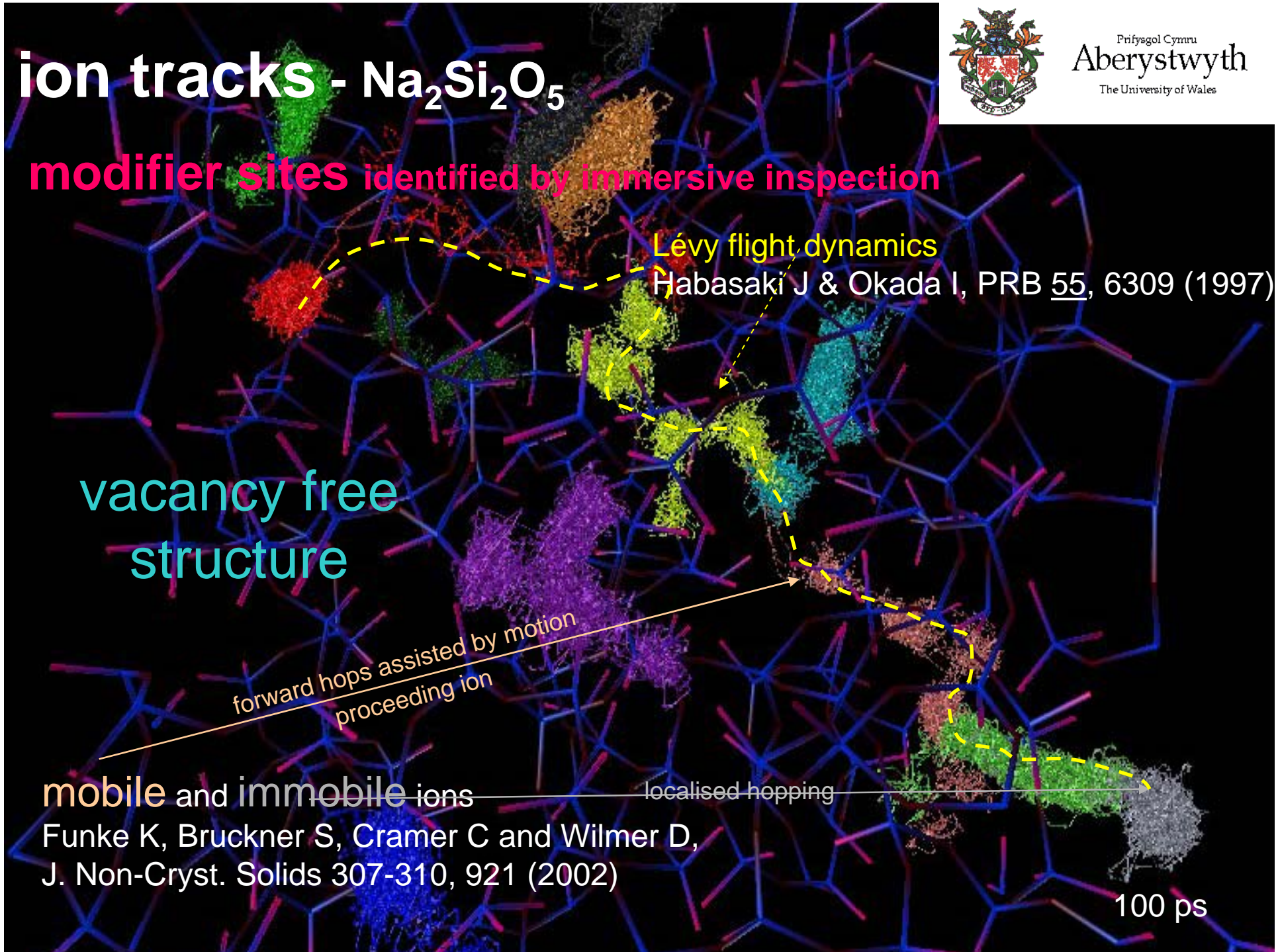
forward hops assisted by motion
preceding ion

mobile and **immobile** ions

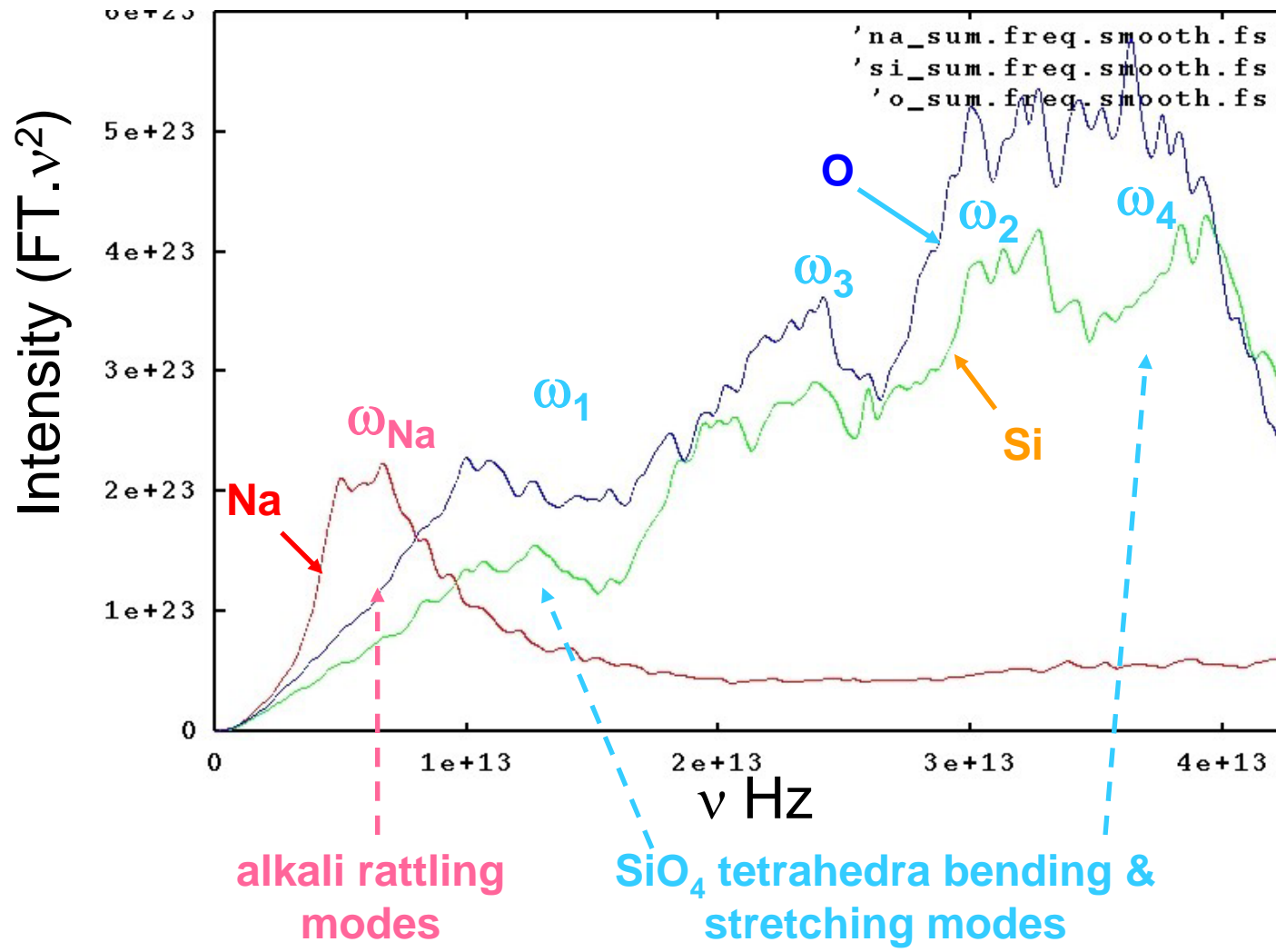
localised hopping

Funke K, Bruckner S, Cramer C and Wilmer D,
J. Non-Cryst. Solids 307-310, 921 (2002)

100 ps



local frequencies – sodium, oxygen, silicon



visualising co-operative ion dynamics

Positional Correlation

Na_1 reference

O_1

shared frequencies between network (NBO)

O_2

Na_2 and modifiers (Na)

alkalis approximately

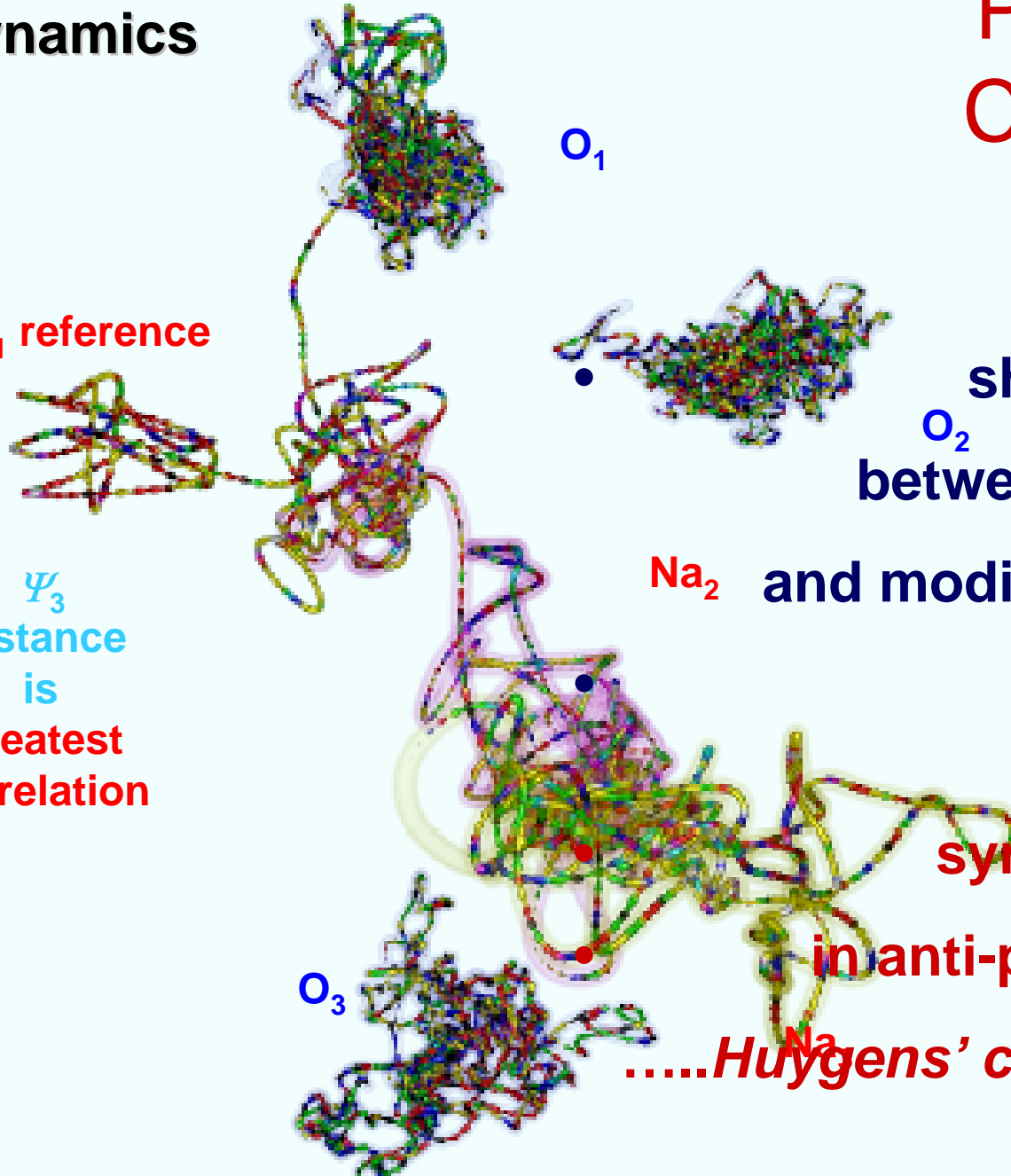
Ψ_3 distance is greatest correlation

synchronised

in anti-phase

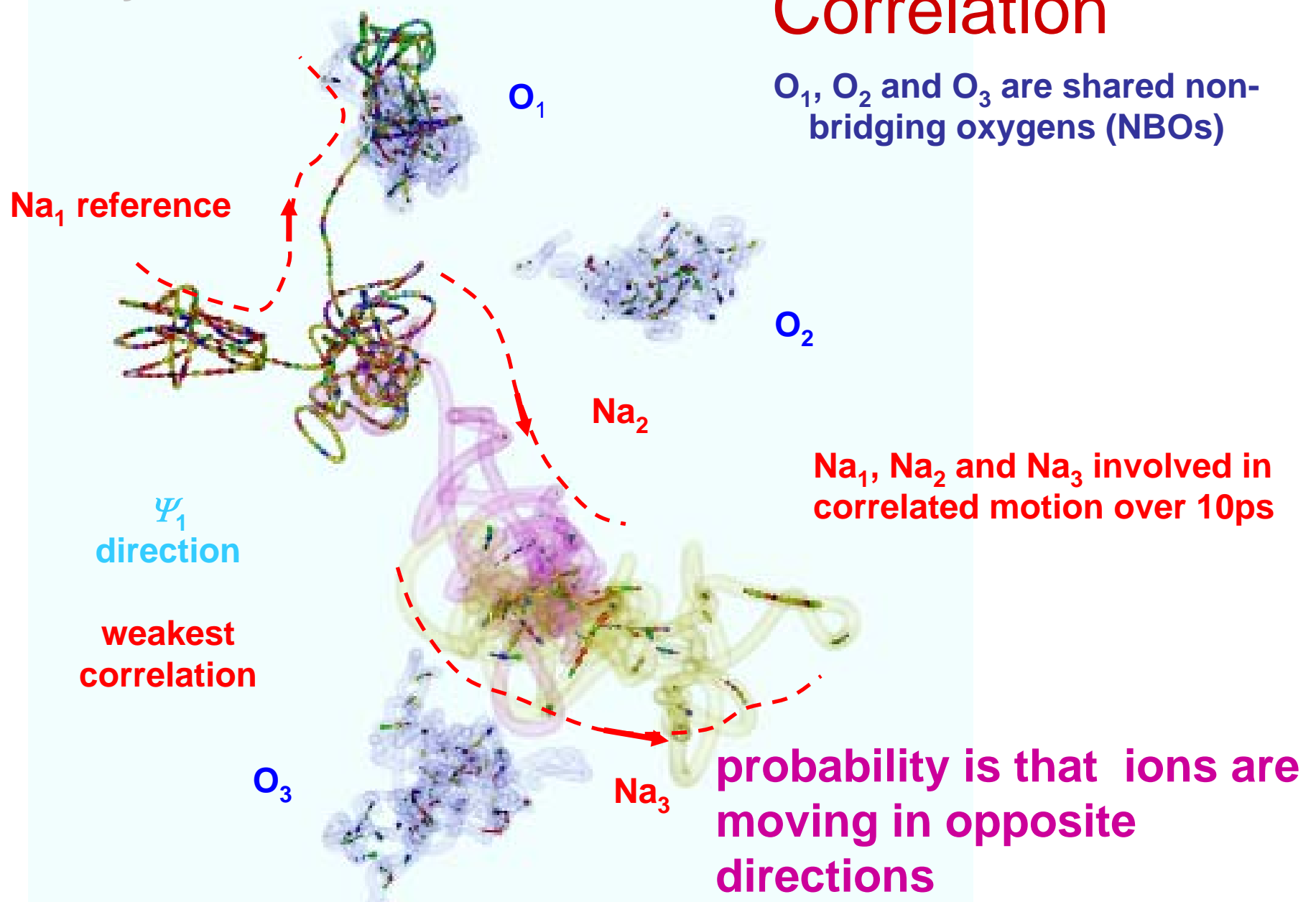
.....*Huygens' clocks*.....

O_3

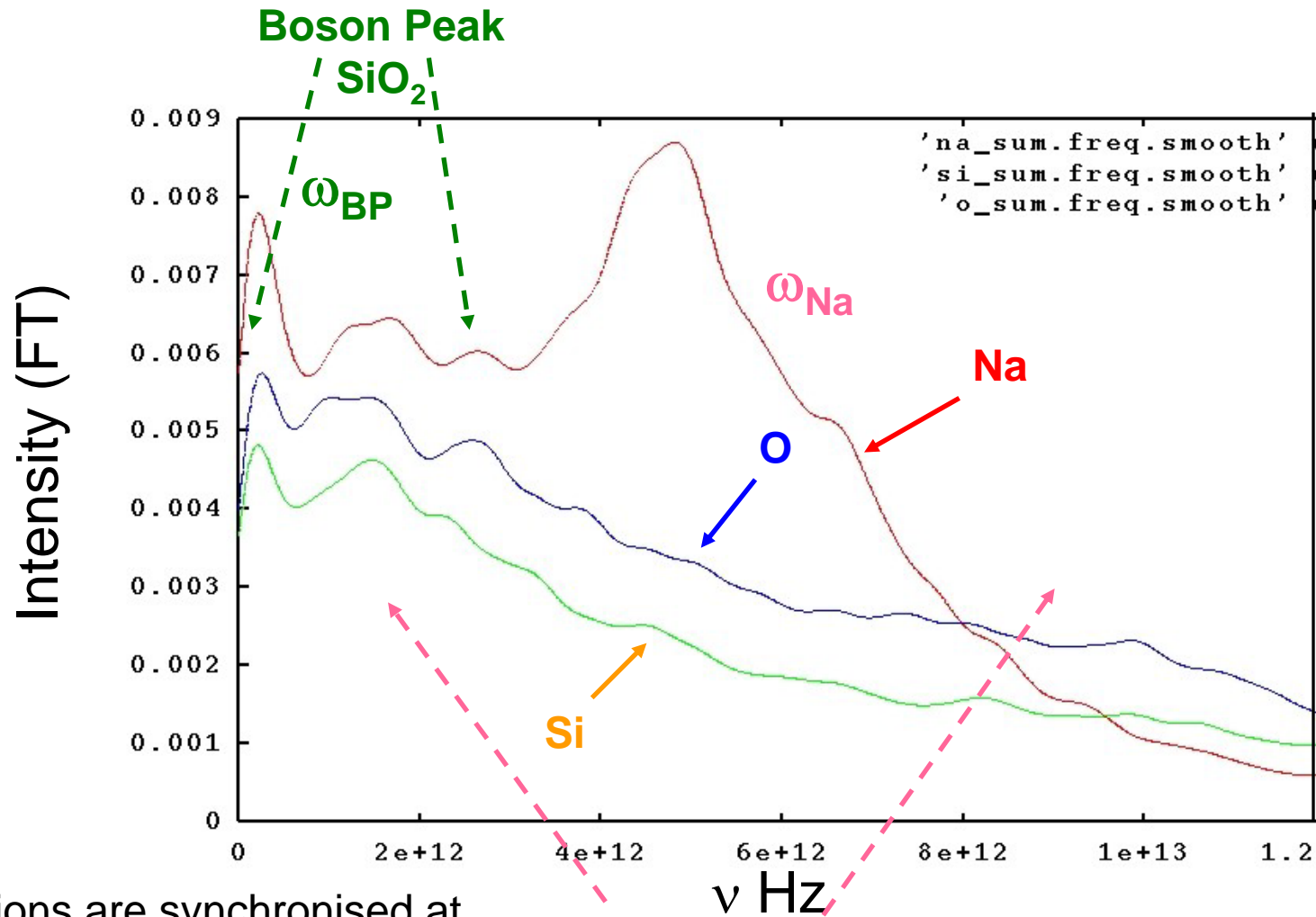


visualising cooperative ion dynamics

Directional Correlation

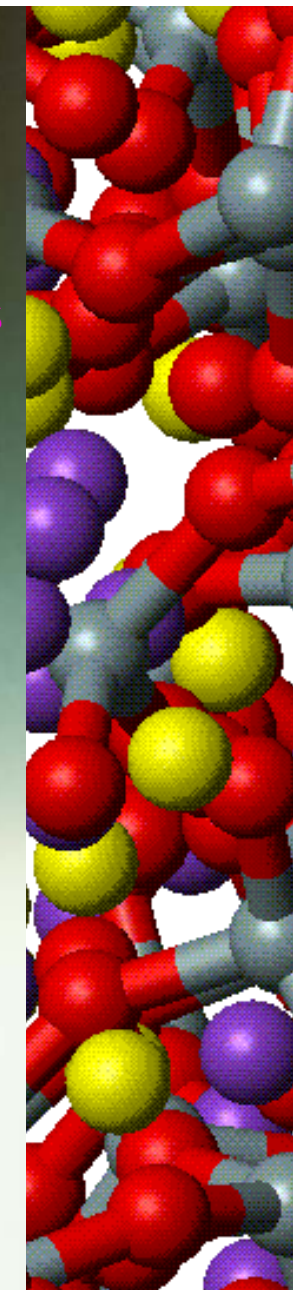
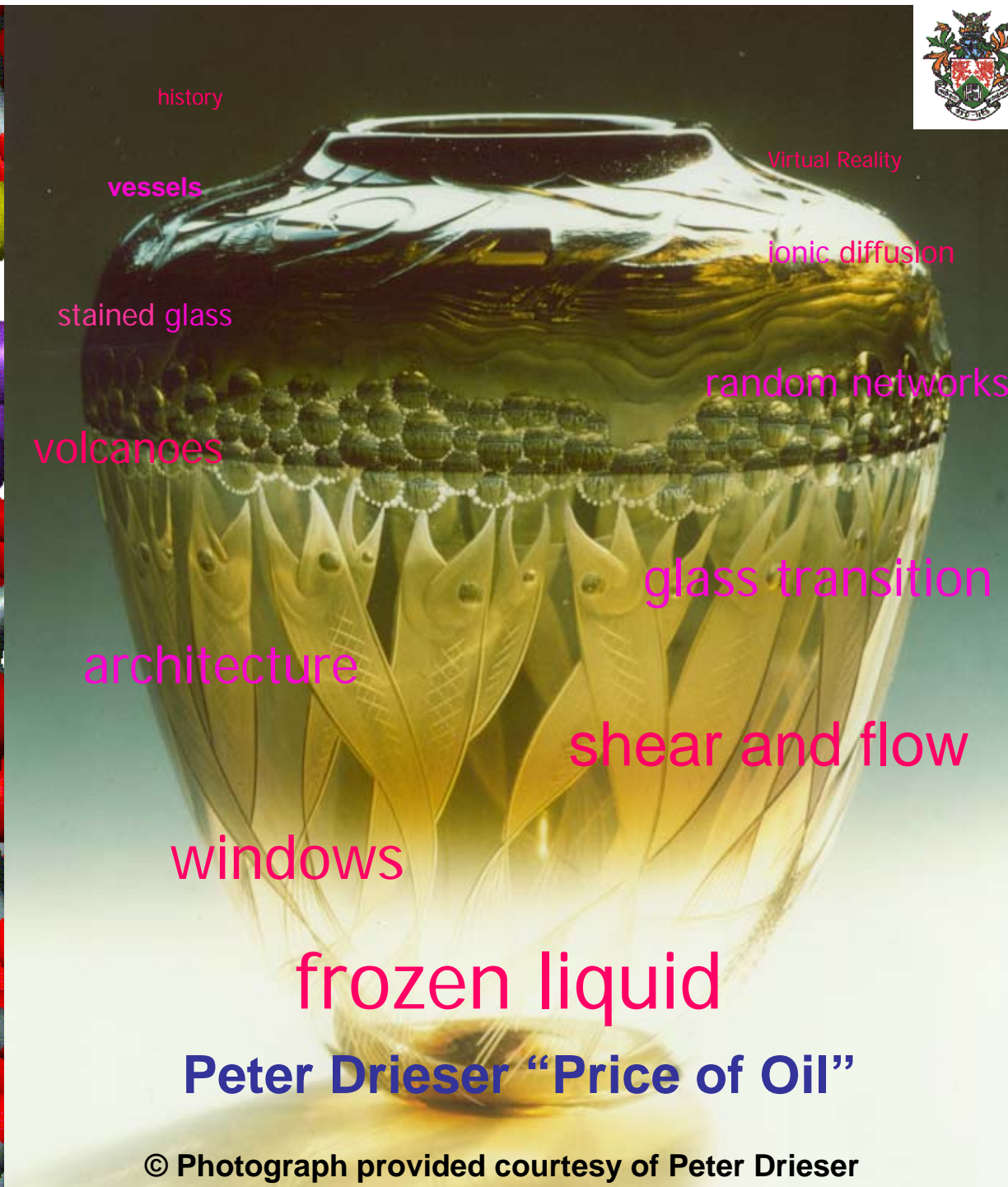
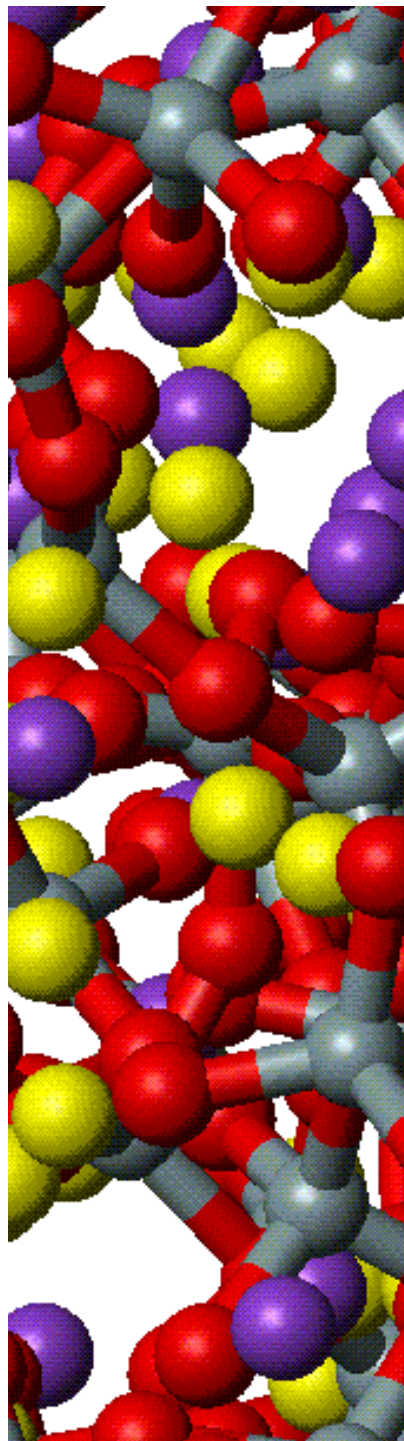


shared low frequencies – sodium, oxygen, silicon



if ions are synchronised at low frequencies, Lévy flight is excited by mode-locking behaviour

alkali rattling modes



history

vessels

stained glass

volcanoes

architecture

windows

frozen liquid

Peter Drieser "Price of Oil"

Virtual Reality

ionic diffusion

random networks

glass transition

shear and flow