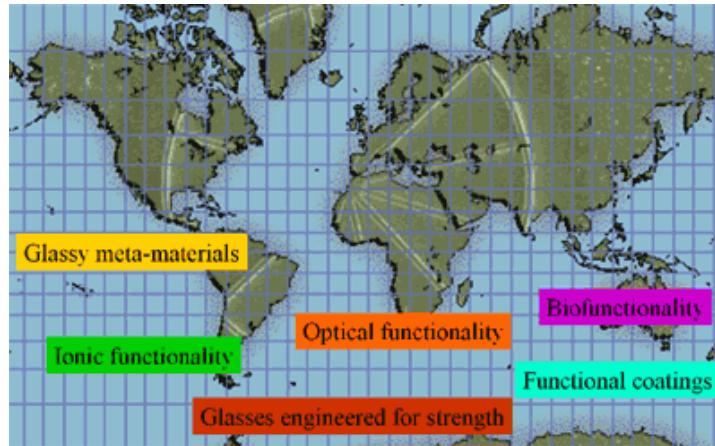




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### Glass structure by infrared reflectance spectroscopy

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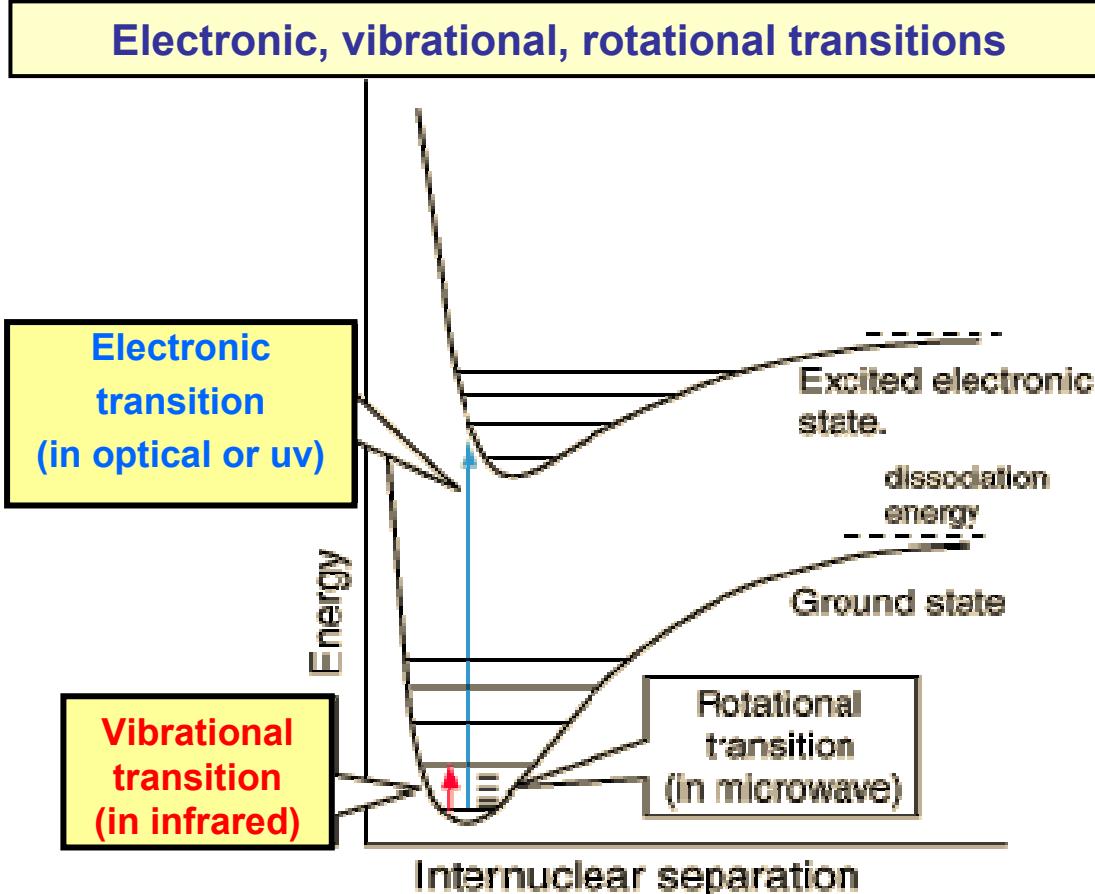
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# Basic principles of vibrational spectroscopy



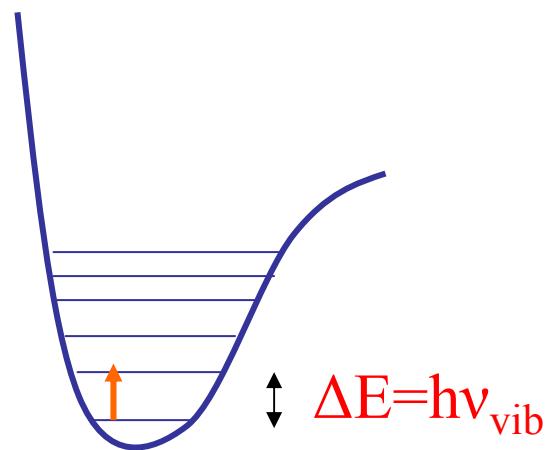
## Infrared & Raman spectroscopy in materials science

**Common characteristics:**

- Probe structure and bonding through molecular vibrations
- Can probe both crystalline and amorphous phases (no long-range order required)
- Widely used in materials science

# Infrared & Raman spectroscopy: differences in mechanism & selection rules

## INFRARED

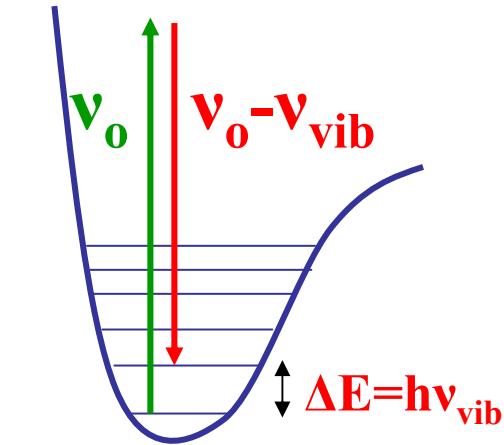


### Infrared:

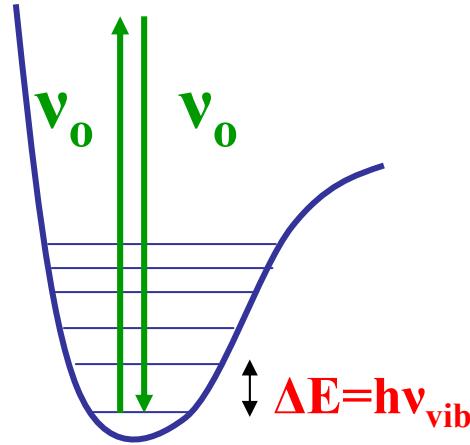
- **Resonance phenomenon:**  $E = h\nu_0 = \Delta E = h\nu_{\text{vib}}$
- **Selection rules (harmonic oscillator):**
  - $\Rightarrow \Delta n = \pm 1$ ,  $n$ : quantum number
  - $\Rightarrow (\partial\mu/\partial x)_0 \neq 0$ ,  $\mu$ : dipole moment

## Infrared & Raman spectroscopy: differences in mechanism & selection rules, cont.

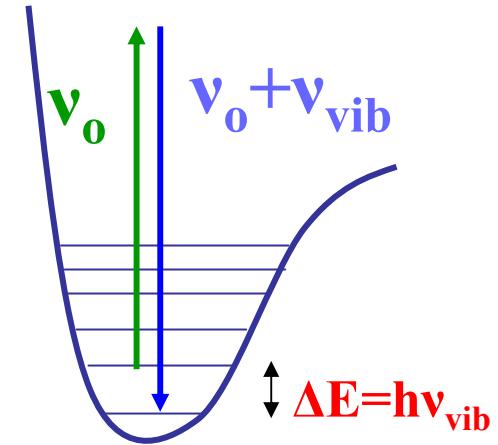
### RAMAN



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Stokes Raman  
 $<<0.01\%$



elastic  
Rayleigh  
 $>>99.99\%$

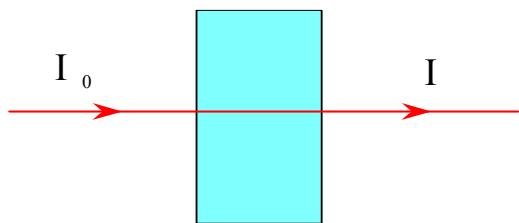


inelastic  
anti-Stokes Raman  
 $<<0.01\%$

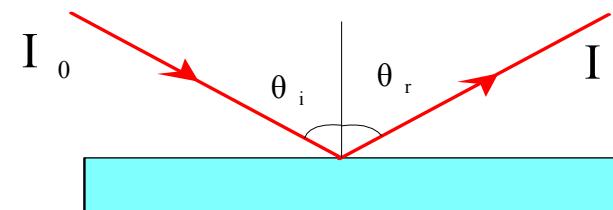
### Raman:

- Scattering phenomenon:  $E = h\nu_0 \gg \Delta E = h\nu_{\text{vib}}$
- Selection rules (harmonic oscillator):
  - ⇒  $\Delta n = \pm 1$ ,  $n$ : quantum number
  - ⇒  $(\partial\alpha/\partial x)_0 \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha$ : polarizability ( $\mu_{\text{ind}} = \alpha E$ )

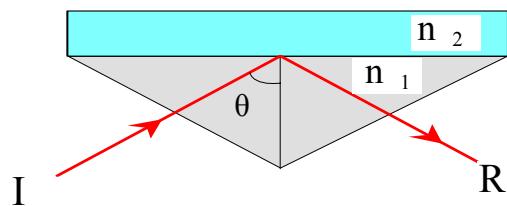
# Sampling methods for measuring infrared spectra



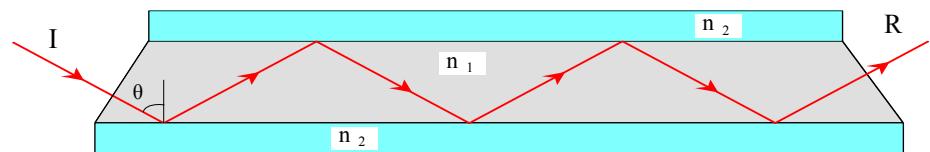
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Specular Reflection

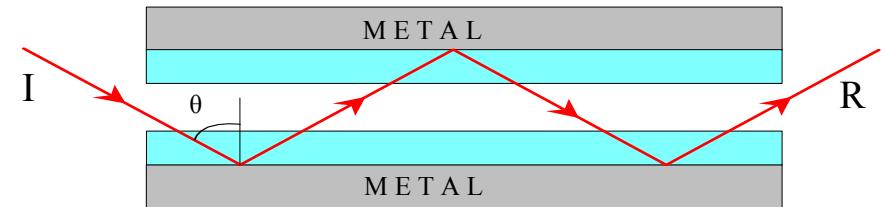
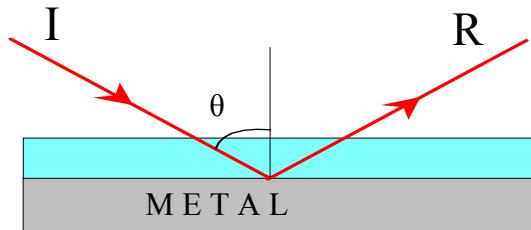


Attenuated Total Reflectance  
(ATR) – single reflection



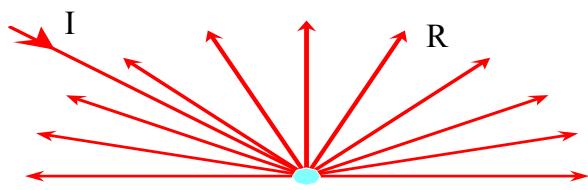
ATR – multiple reflection

## Sampling methods for measuring infrared spectra , cont.

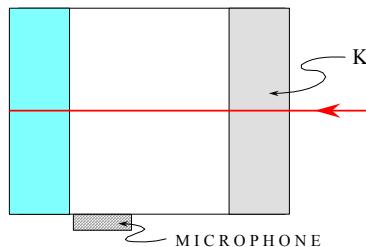


**Reflection-Absorption Spectroscopy  
(RAS) – single reflection**

**RAS – multiple reflection**



**Diffuse Reflectance  
Spectroscopy**



**Photoacoustic  
Spectroscopy**



**Emission  
Spectroscopy**

## Advantages of infrared reflectance spectroscopy

- True band shapes:
    - no band distortion and hydrolysis effects associated with the use of alkali halide salts as matrix materials in traditional transmission measurements,
    - no saturation effects and background interference patterns encountered in transmission measurements on films.
  - Use the same samples for data acquisition in a broad frequency range covering both the mid- and far-infrared (ca.  $20 - 5000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).
  - Combined with the use of modern Fourier-transform spectrometers and the availability of software, infrared reflectance leads to the quantitative determination of the frequency-dependent optical and dielectric properties of materials.
- ⇒ Infrared reflectance spectroscopy is a powerful tool in materials science.

## ANALYSIS OF REFLECTIVITY SPECTRA

$$R(\nu) = \frac{[n(\nu) - 1]^2 + k^2(\nu)}{[n(\nu) + 1]^2 + k^2(\nu)}$$

R( $\nu$ ): measured reflectivity

n( $\nu$ ): refractive index

k( $\nu$ ): extinction coefficient

$\tilde{n}(\nu) = n(\nu) + ik(\nu)$  complex refractive index

### Analysis methods:

- Reflectance curve fitting
- Kramers-Kronig transformation

## REFLECTANCE CURVE FITTING

Use a model for the dielectric function,  $\tilde{\epsilon}(v)$ , to fit the reflectivity spectrum.

$\tilde{n}(v) \equiv n(v) + ik(v) = \sqrt{\tilde{\epsilon}(v)}$ . Classical dispersion theory:

$$\tilde{\epsilon}(v) = \epsilon'(v) + i\epsilon''(v) = \epsilon_{\infty} + \sum_j \frac{\Delta\epsilon_j v_j^2}{v_j^2 - v^2 - iv\Gamma_j}$$

Lorentzian oscillators:

$v_j$  = resonance frequency;  $\Gamma_j$  = bandwidth;  $\Delta\epsilon_j$  = dielectric strength  
 $\epsilon_{\infty}$  = high frequency dielectric constant

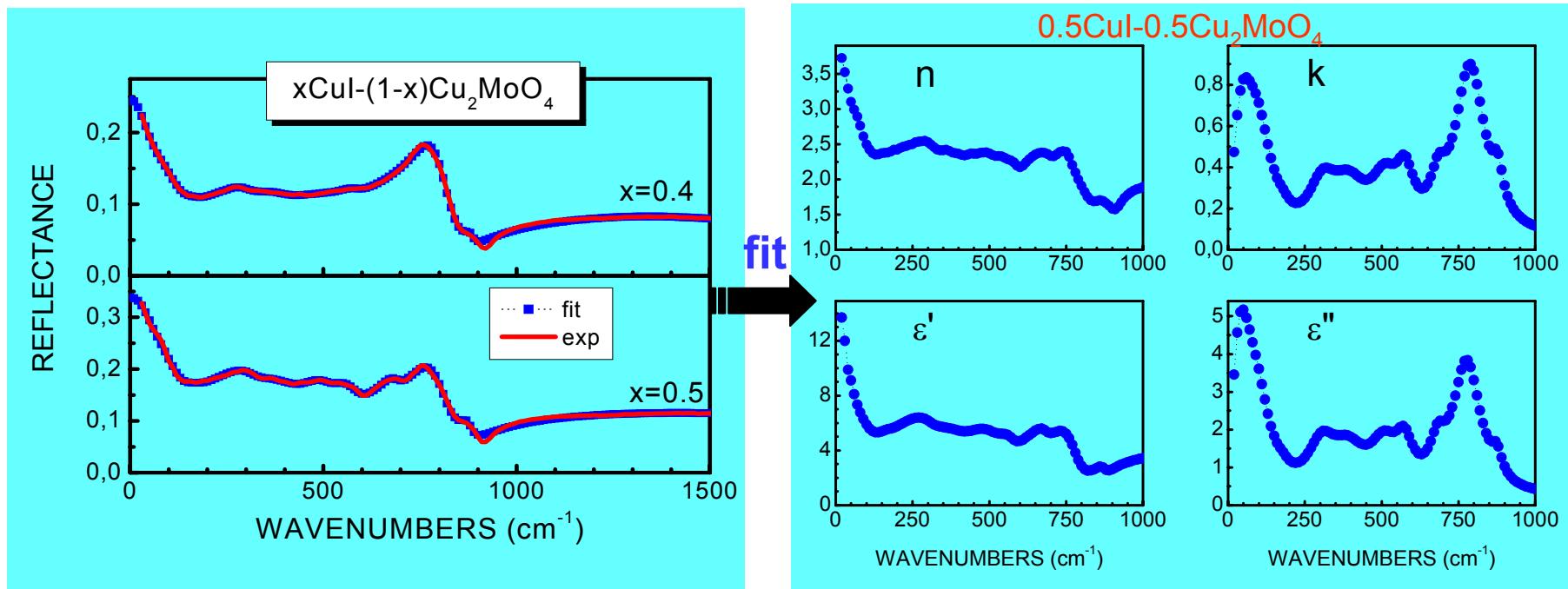
$$\epsilon'(v) = n^2(v) - k^2(v) = \epsilon_{\infty} + \sum_j \frac{\Delta\epsilon_j v_j^2 (v_j^2 - v^2)}{(v_j^2 - v^2)^2 + \Gamma_j^2 v^2}$$

$$\epsilon''(v) = 2n(v)k(v) = \sum_j \frac{\Delta\epsilon_j v_j^2 \Gamma_j v}{(v_j^2 - v^2)^2 + \Gamma_j^2 v^2}$$

# Example of Reflectance Curve Fitting

$$R(v) = \frac{[n(v)-1]^2 + k^2(v)}{[n(v)+1]^2 + k^2(v)} = f[\varepsilon'(v), \varepsilon''(v)]$$

The adjustable parameters ( $v_j$ ,  $\Gamma_j$ ,  $\Delta\varepsilon_j$ ,  $\varepsilon_\infty$ ) are determined by best fitting the calculated  $R(v)$  spectrum to the experimental reflectivity spectrum.



**Dispersion parameters obtained by fitting  
the reflectivity data of xCuI-(1-x)Cu<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub> glasses**

j	0.4CuI-0.6Cu <sub>2</sub> MoO <sub>4</sub>			0.5CuI-0.5Cu <sub>2</sub> MoO <sub>4</sub>		
	v <sub>j</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Γ <sub>j</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Δε <sub>j</sub>	v <sub>j</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Γ <sub>j</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Δε <sub>j</sub>
1	58.0	110.0	3.422	62.8	110.0	6.254
2	113.8	115.0	1.029	110.0	112.1	1.662
3	175.0	50.0	0.025	180.0	50.0	0.043
4	301.0	90.0	0.109	310.0	113.7	0.430
5	390.0	144.6	0.161	399.4	145.2	0.394
6	490.0	100.0	0.048	501.9	91.2	0.167
7	579.2	79.9	0.034	570.3	88.3	0.192
8	670.0	70.0	0.010	684.4	58.2	0.077
9	782.5	104.8	0.441	779.0	110.7	0.500
10	881.5	30.3	0.011	875.1	40.0	0.027
	ε <sub>∞</sub> =3.4			ε <sub>∞</sub> =4.4		

## KRAMERS-KRONIG TRANSFORMATION

Measured quantity: Reflectivity,  $R(v) = I_r(v)/I_i(v)$

$I_r(v)$  = Intensity of the reflected beam

$I_i(v)$  = Intensity of the incident beam

$$\rho(v) = r(v) \exp[i\theta(v)]$$

$\rho(v)$  = complex reflectivity coefficient

$r(v)$  = amplitude =  $[R(v)]^{1/2}$

$\theta(v)$  = phase difference between reflected and incidence beam

$$\theta(v) = \frac{2v}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln r(v_i) - \ln r(v)}{v^2 - v_i^2} dv_i$$

Kramers-Kronig (K-K) transformation: measure  $R(v) \Rightarrow$  calculate  $\theta(v)$

## Kramers-Kronig transformation, cont.

⇒ Optical response functions for normal incidence (Fresnel relations):

$$n(v) = \frac{1 - r^2(v)}{1 + r^2(v) - 2 r(v) \cos \theta(v)}$$

$$k(v) = \frac{2 r(v) \sin \theta(v)}{1 + r^2(v) - 2 r(v) \cos \theta(v)}$$

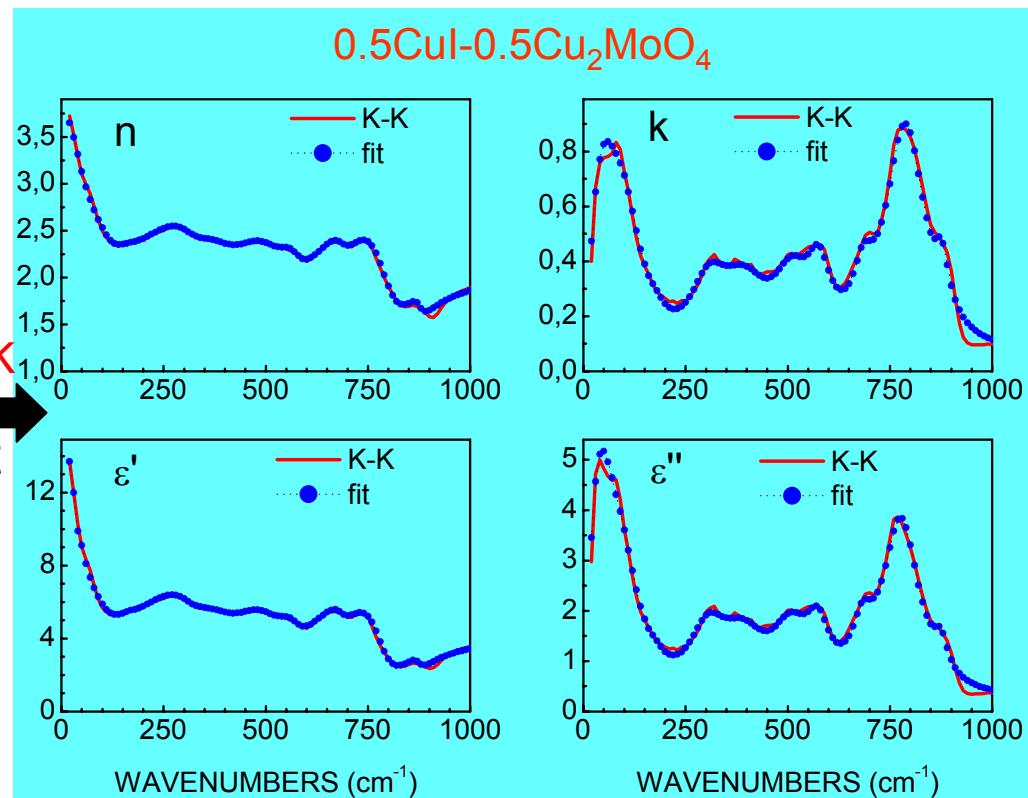
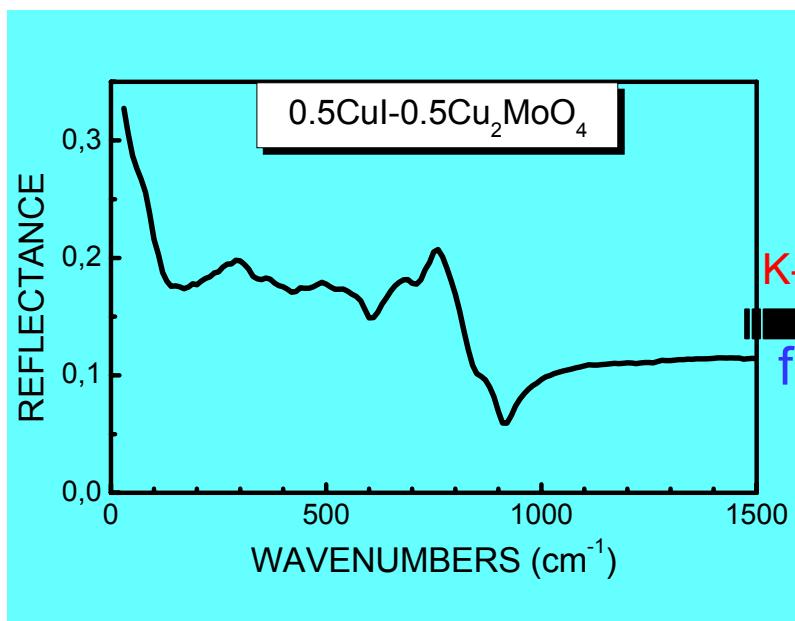
⇒ Dielectric functions:  $\epsilon'(v) = n^2(v) - k^2(v)$

$$\epsilon''(v) = 2 n(v) k(v)$$

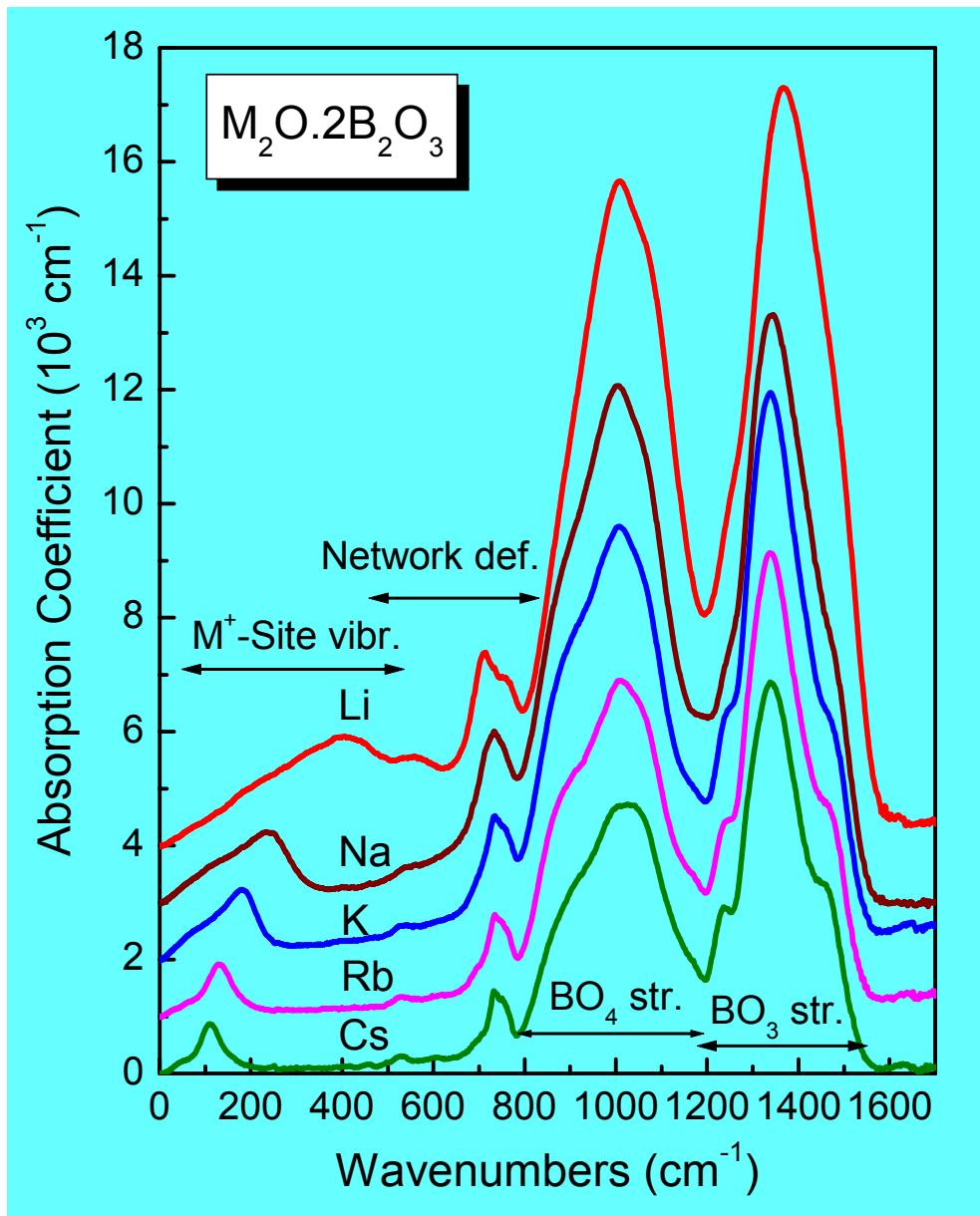
⇒ Absorption coefficient:  $\alpha(v) = 4\pi v k(v)$

⇒ Optical conductivity:  $\sigma(v) = (2\pi c \epsilon_0) v \epsilon''(v)$

## Optical ( $n$ , $k$ ) and dielectric ( $\epsilon'$ , $\epsilon''$ ) properties of the $0.5\text{CuI}-0.5\text{Cu}_2\text{MoO}_4$ glass obtained by K-K analysis and fitting of reflectivity spectra



# Infrared absorption spectra of alkali diborate glasses obtained by K-K analysis of the reflectance spectra



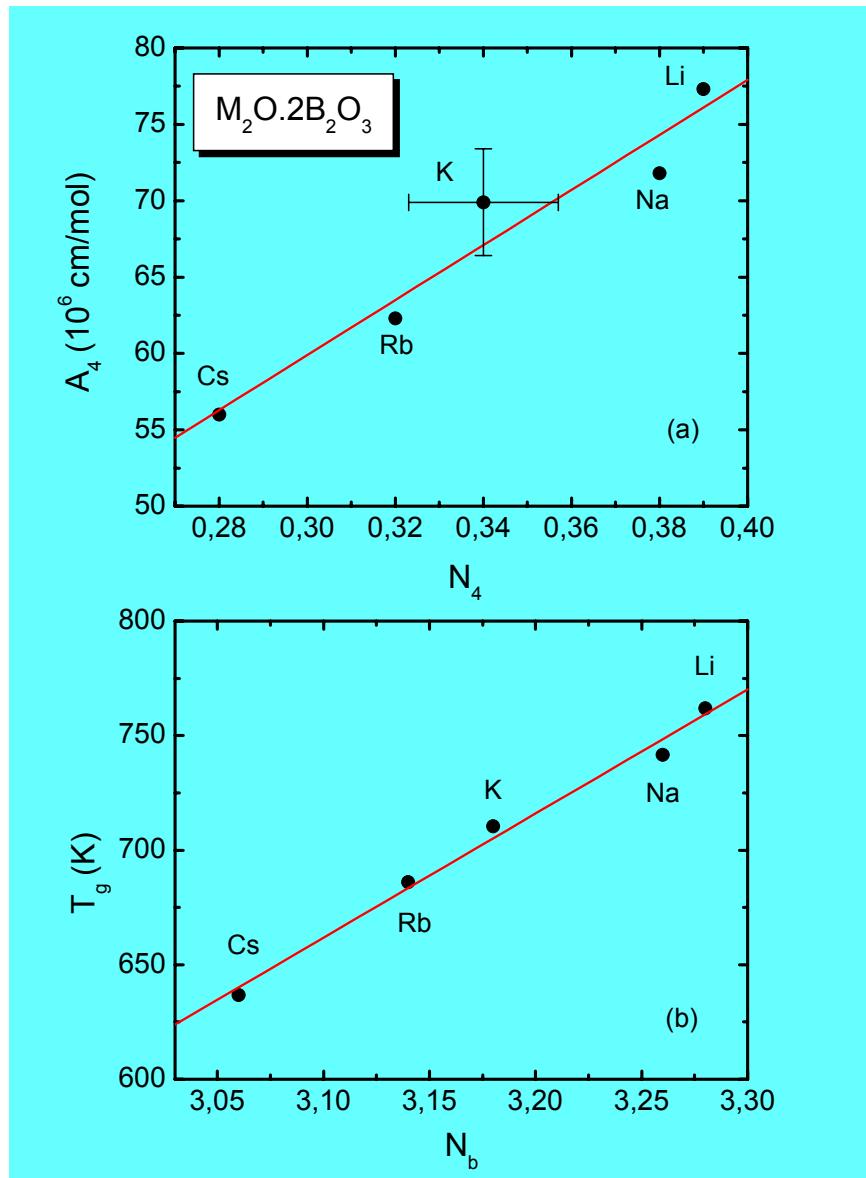
Mid-Infrared  
(above ca.  $500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

⇒ Vibrations of Short Range Order (SRO) borate network units

Far-Infrared  
(below ca.  $500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

⇒ Metal ion–site (M-O) vibrations

## Normalized infrared intensity $A_4$ versus the fraction of four-fold coordinated boron atoms, $N_4$ , determined from NMR



$$A_4 = \langle A_4 \rangle V_{\text{mol}}$$

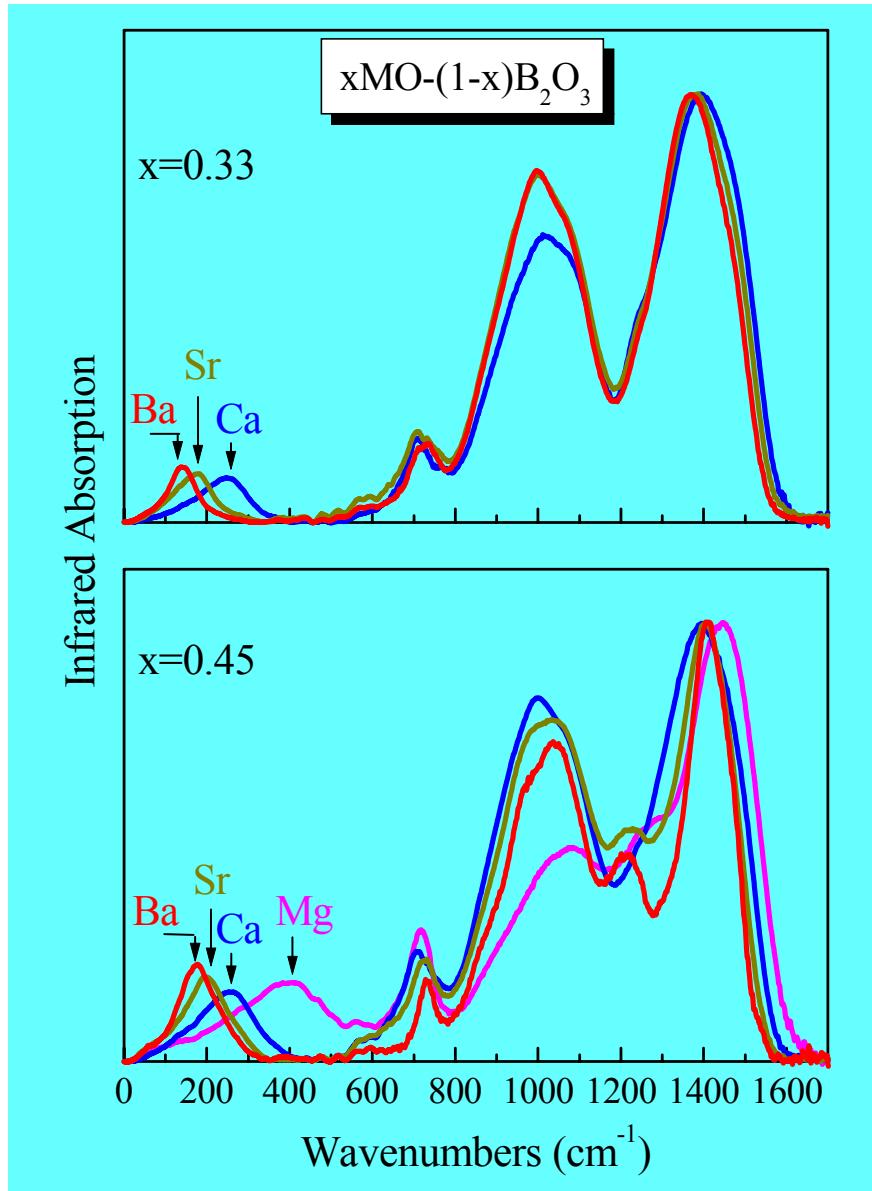
$\langle A_4 \rangle$  = integrated intensity  
of the  $800-1200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  region

$V_{\text{mol}}$  = glass molar volume

Glass transition temperature,  $T_g$ ,  
versus number of bridging B-O  
bonds per boron atom,  $N_b$ .

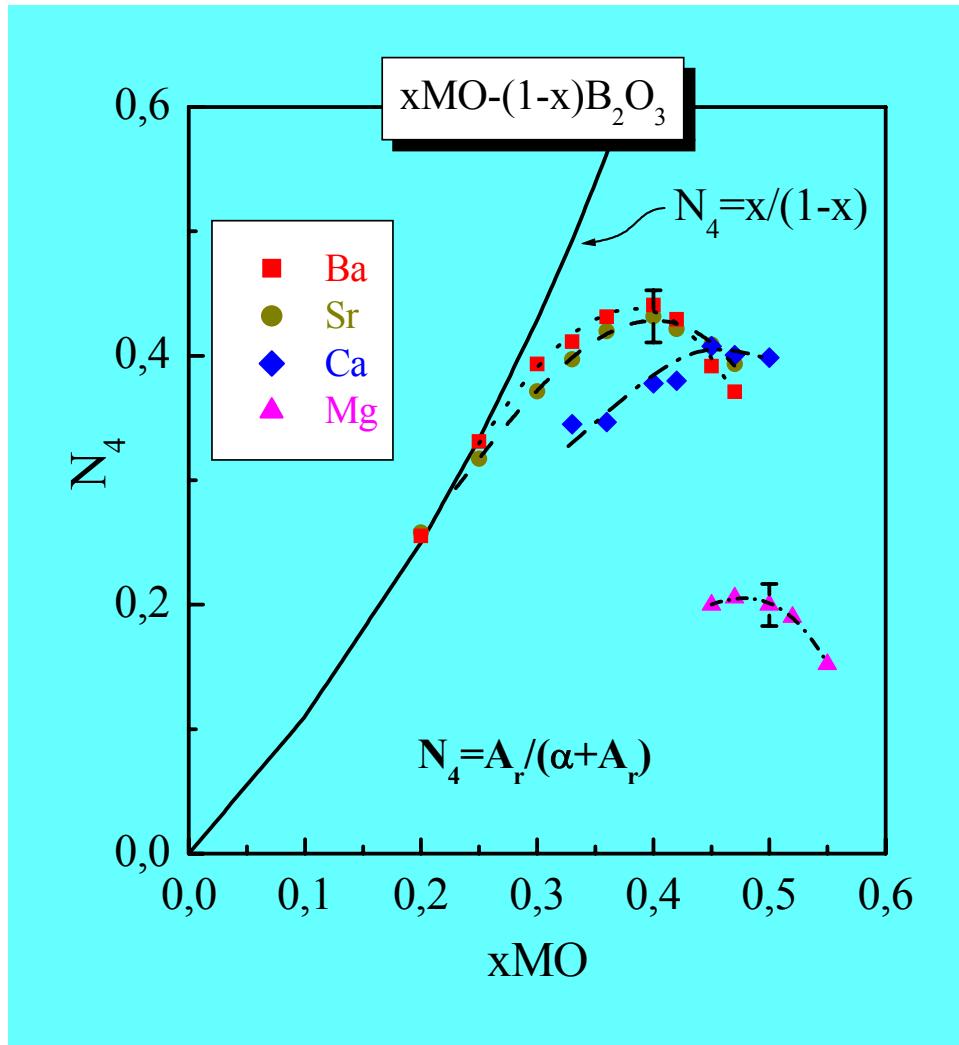
$$N_b = 2.5 + 2N_4$$

# Infrared absorption spectra of alkaline earth borate glasses obtained by K-K analysis of the reflectance spectra



**Mid-Infrared:**  
⇒ SRO structure depends on both  
MO content and type

## Fraction of four-fold coordinated boron atoms, $N_4$ , in alkaline earth borate glasses obtained from analysis of the infrared spectra



$$N_4 = A_r / (\alpha + A_r)$$

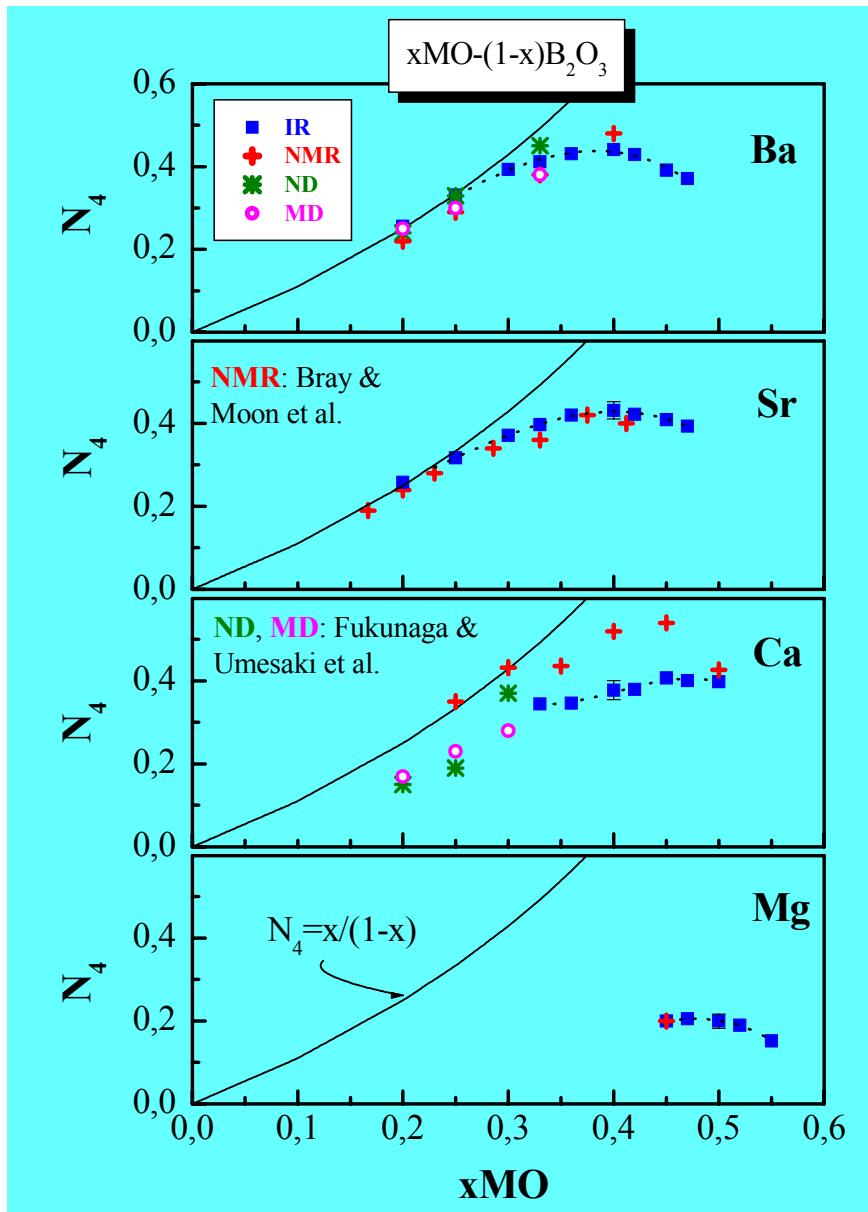
$$A_r = \langle A_4 \rangle / \langle A_3 \rangle$$

$\langle A_4 \rangle$  = integrated intensity  
of the  $800-1150 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  region

$\langle A_3 \rangle$  = integrated intensity  
of the  $1150-1550 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  region

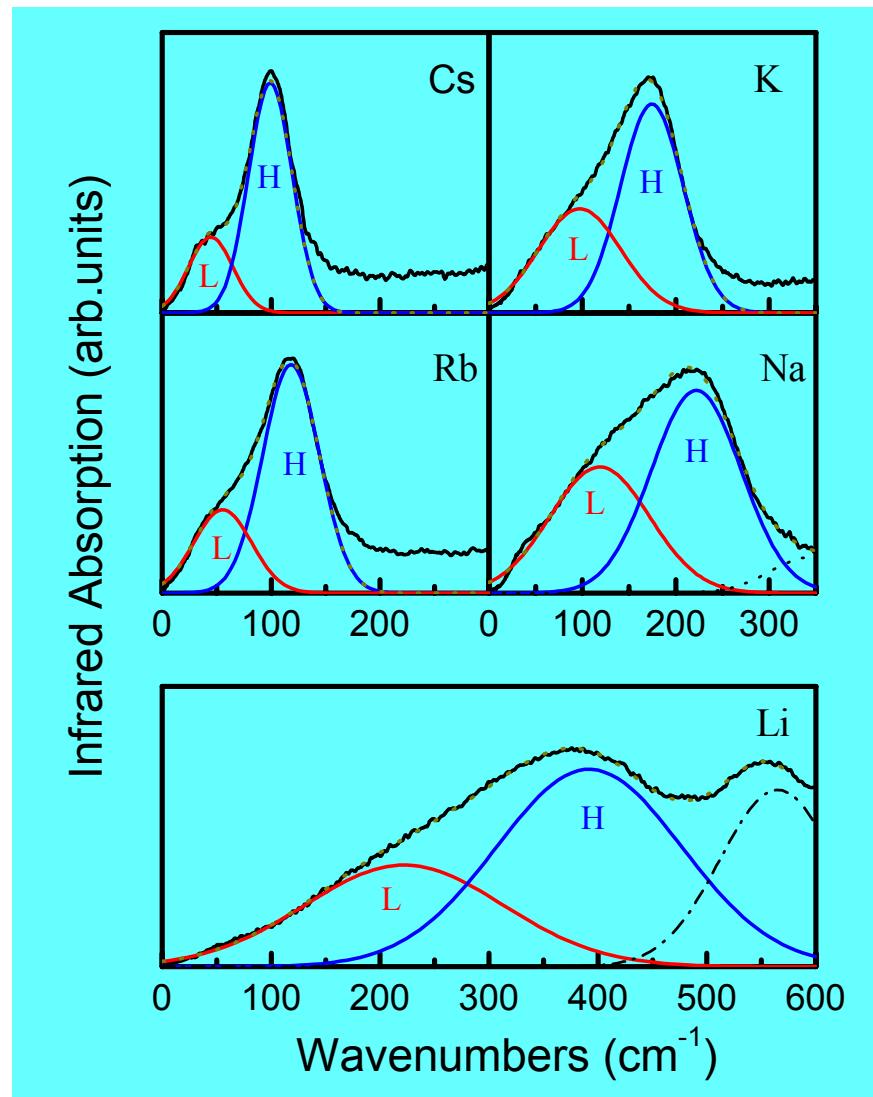
$\alpha$  = relative absorption  
coefficient of borate  
tetrahedral units ( $\alpha=1.3$ )

# Comparison of $N_4$ values of alkaline earth borate glasses obtained from IR, NMR, neutron diffraction (ND) and molecular dynamics (MD) studies

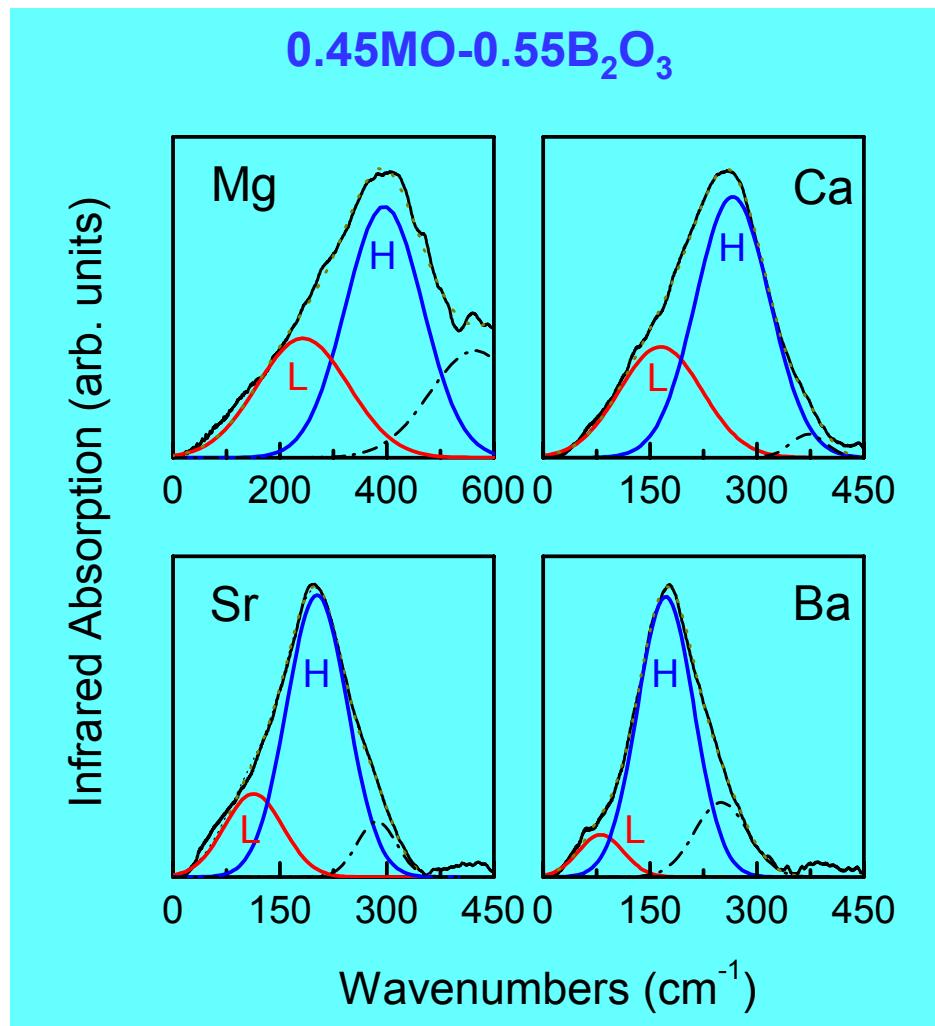


Proper analysis of infrared reflectance spectra can lead to the quantitative determination of the short-range order borate structure

**Far-Infrared absorption spectra of alkali triborate glasses,  $M_2O\text{-}3B_2O_3$ , resulted from K-K analysis of the reflectance spectra**

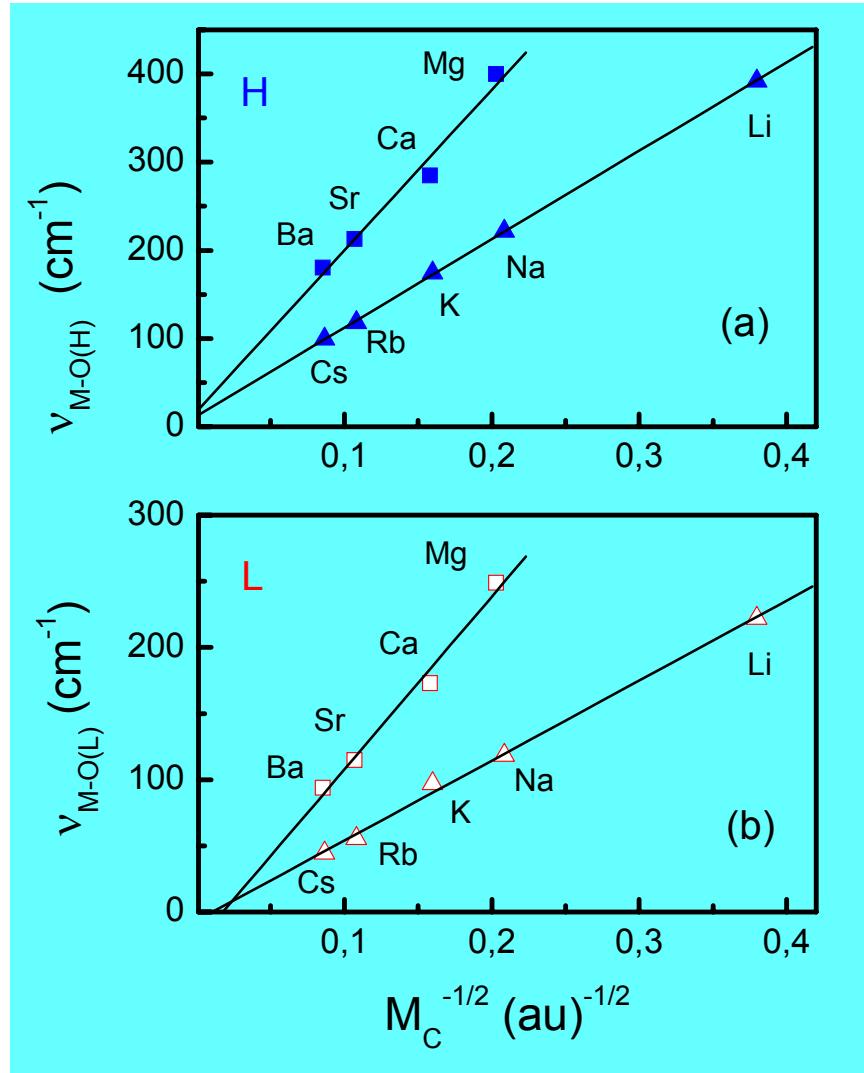


# Far-Infrared absorption spectra of alkaline earth borate glasses resulted from K-K analysis of the reflectance spectra



# Meta-ion site vibration frequencies, $\nu_{M-O}$ , versus the square root of the inverse metal ion mass, $M_c^{-1/2}$

$M_2O \cdot 3B_2O_3$  ( $M=Li-Cs$ ) &  $0.45MO \cdot 0.55B_2O_3$  ( $M=Mg-Ba$ )



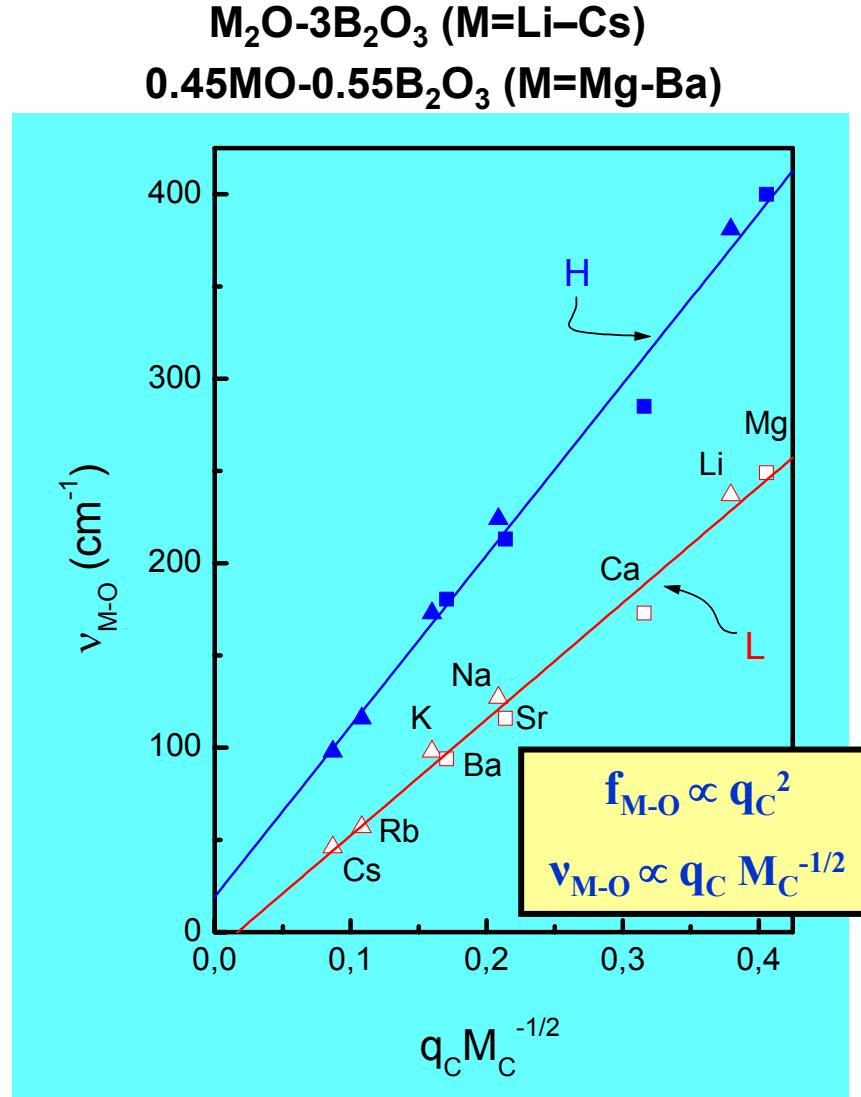
$$\nu_{M-O} = (1/2\pi c) [f_{M-O} / \mu_{M-O}]^{1/2}$$

$f_{M-O}$  &  $\mu_{M-O}$ : the force constant  
and reduced mass of the  
metal ion – site vibration

$$\mu_{M-O} \approx M_C$$

## Meta-ion site vibration frequencies, $\nu_{M-O}$ , versus $q_c M_c^{-1/2}$

where  $q_c$  and  $M_c$  are the charge and mass of metal ion



### Far-IR spectra:

- presence of two type of sites where M-O vibrations give rise to bands H & L

### MD simulations on Li-borate glasses:

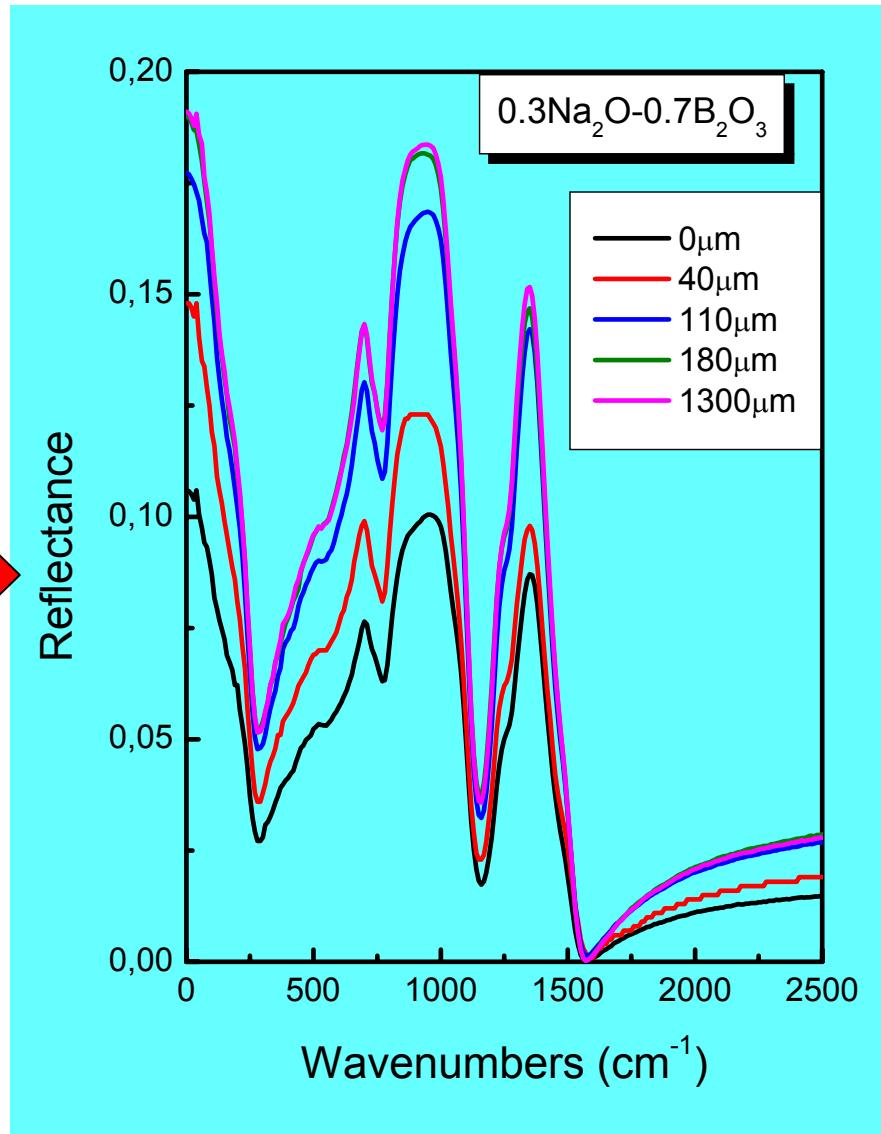
- H band: M-O vibrations in nb-type sites (non-bridging & bridging oxygen atoms)
- L band: M-O vibrations in b-type sites (bridging oxygen atoms)

## Dependence of Na-borate glass structure on depth from the glass surface

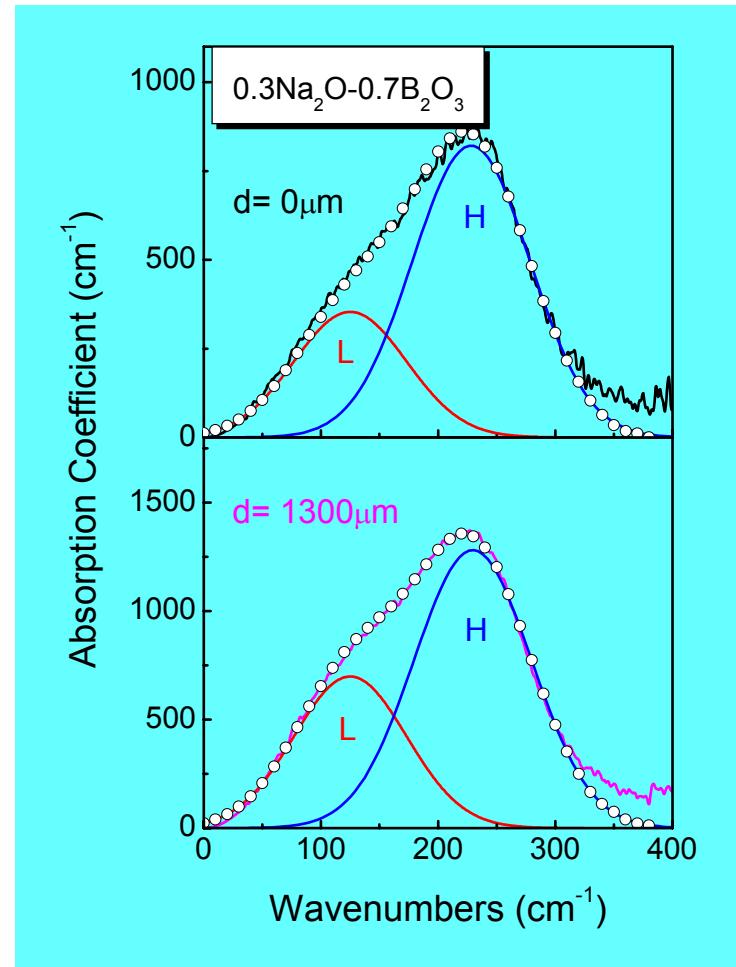
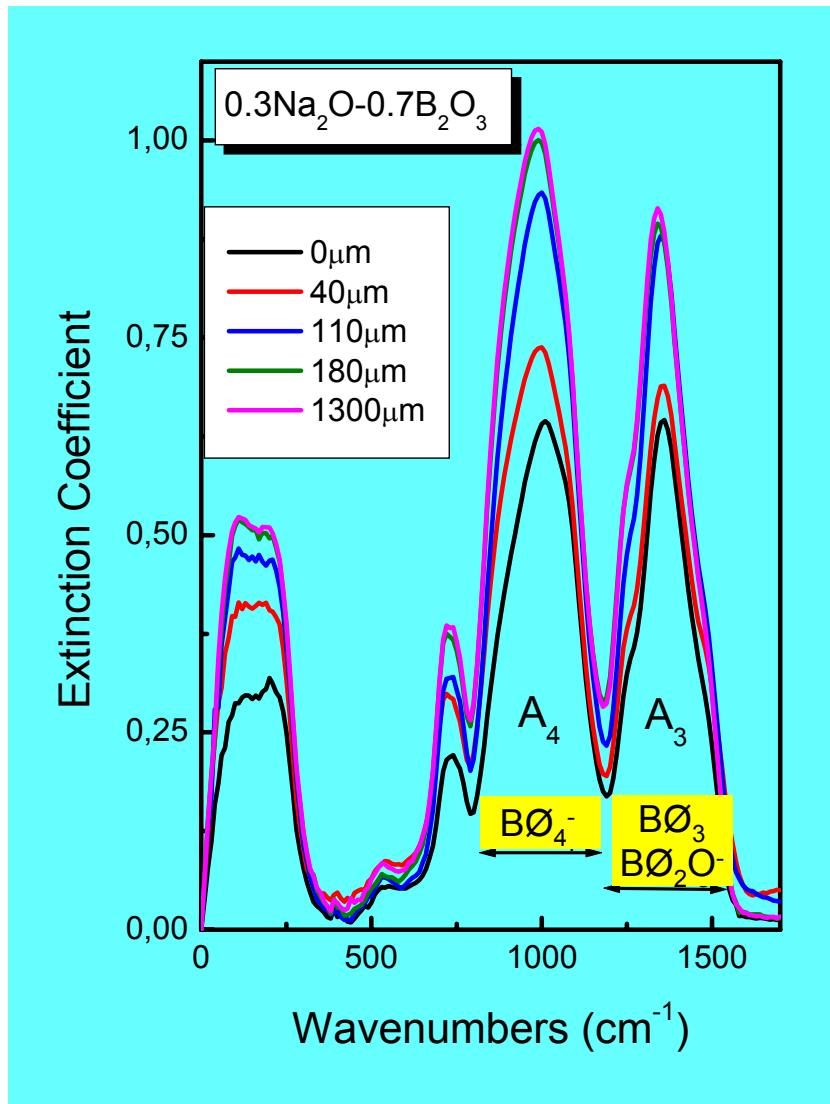
⇒ Glass disks were prepared by quenching from the melt, with diameter: 15mm, thickness: 2mm

⇒ Controlled removal of glass layers by grinding & polishing the same specimen on an automatic polishing machine

⇒ Recording infrared reflectance spectra at various depths from the original glass surface

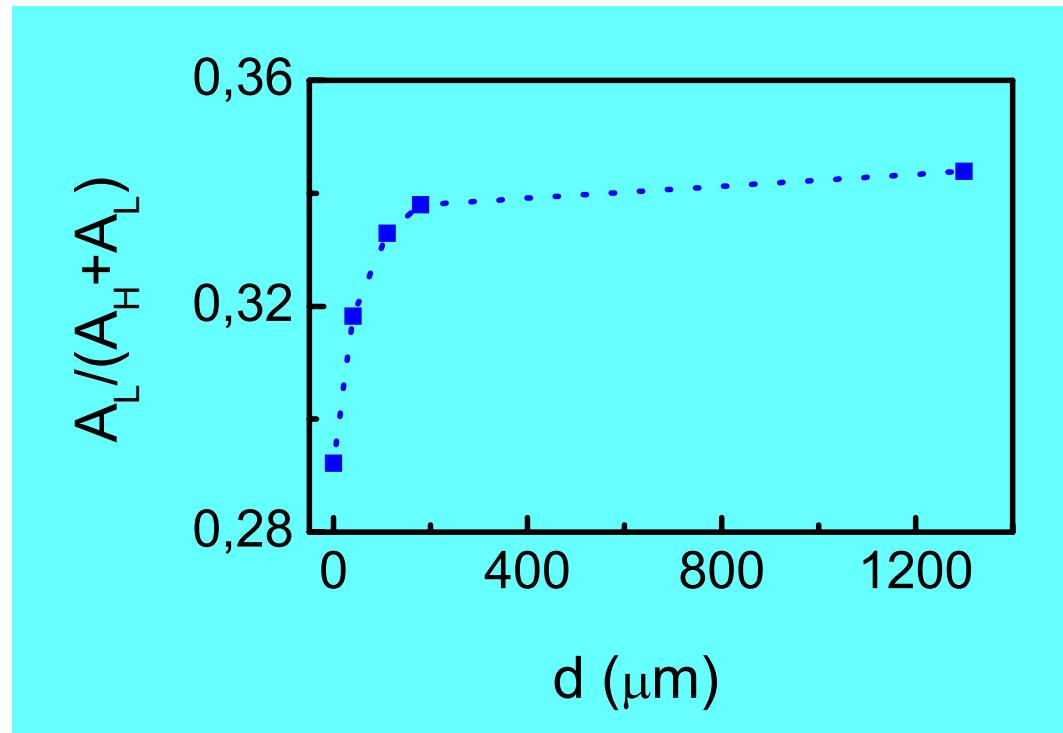


# Infrared absorption spectra calculated from the reflectance spectra measured at different depths from the surface of the $0.3\text{Na}_2\text{O}-0.7\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ glass



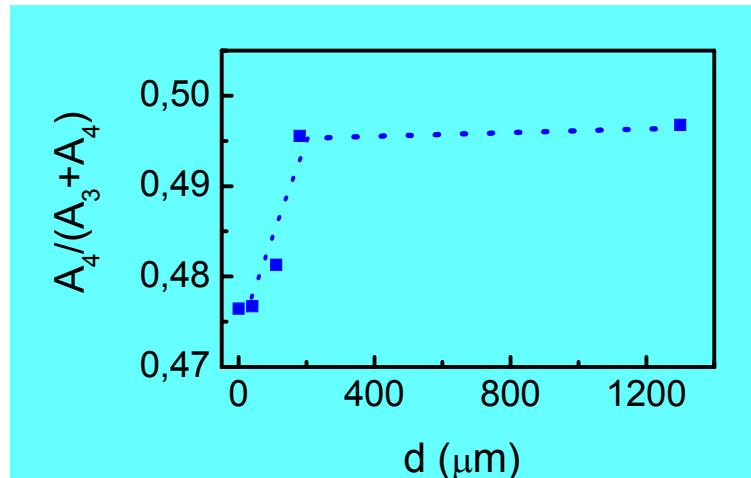
## 0.3Na<sub>2</sub>O-0.7B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Glass: Na Ion – Site Vibrations

Deconvolution of far infrared absorption spectra  
into Gaussian component bands



L-component band (b-type) of the Na-O (site)  
vibration gains relative intensity up to ca. 200  $\mu\text{m}$

## 0.3Na<sub>2</sub>O-0.7B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> glass: Short-Range Order (SRO) Borate Structure



Borate SRO structure:

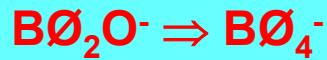
- Tetrahedral units:  $\text{BO}_4^-$  (intensity  $A_4$ , mole fraction  $X_4$ )
- Trigonal units:  $\text{BO}_3$  &  $\text{BO}_2\text{O}^-$  (intensity  $A_3$ , mole fractions  $X_3$  &  $X_2$ )

mass balance:

$$X_4 + X_3 + X_2 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow X_3 = [\text{BO}_3] = 0.57$$

charge balance:

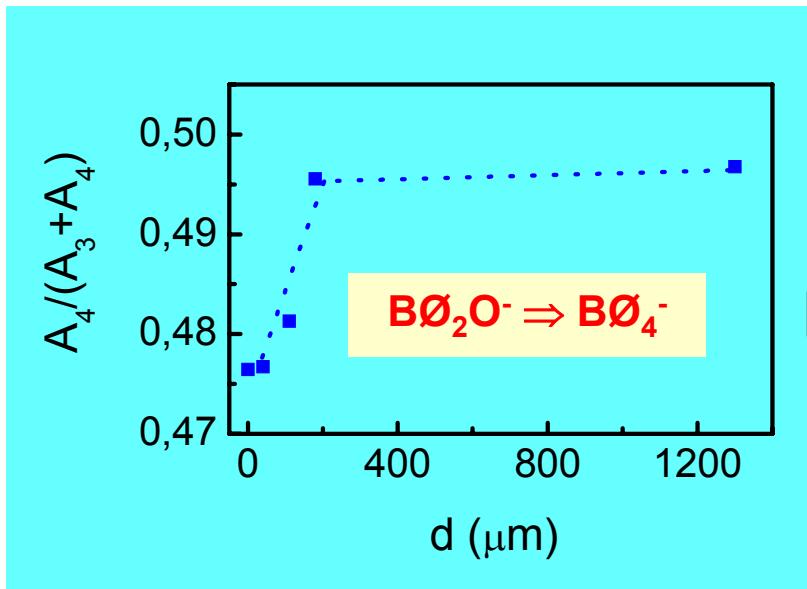
$$X_4 + X_2 = 0.3/0.7 = 0.43$$



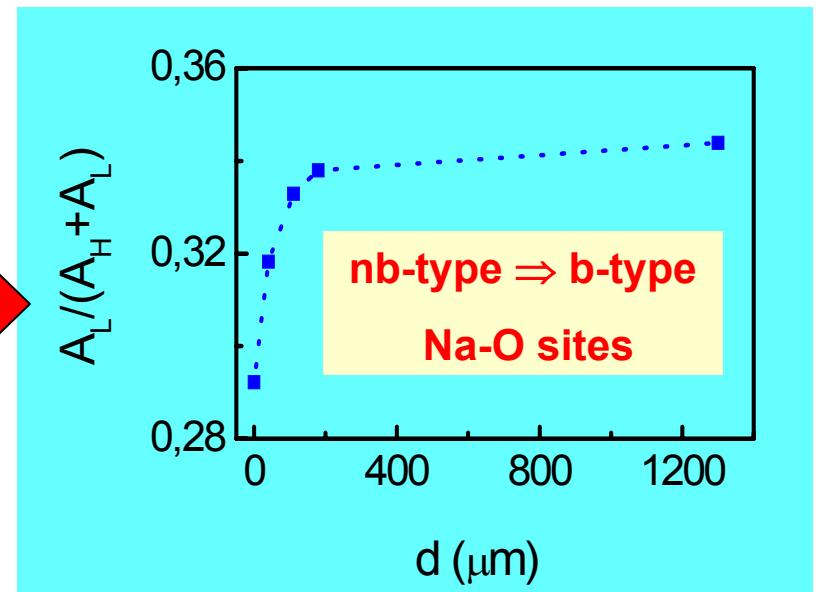
Cooling rate gradient from the surface to the core of the glass sample

## 0.3Na<sub>2</sub>O-0.7B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Glass: Mid-IR & Far-IR correlations

### Mid-Infrared: Short-Range Order (SRO) Borate Structure



### Far-Infrared: Na Ion – Site Vibrations



Infrared reflectance spectroscopy facilitates the simultaneous study of the SRO borate structures (mid-IR) and their effect on the relative population of the network sites hosting metal ions (far-IR)

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