

# On the thermochemical modelling of viscosities of liquid oxide mixtures

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# I. Application of neural networks

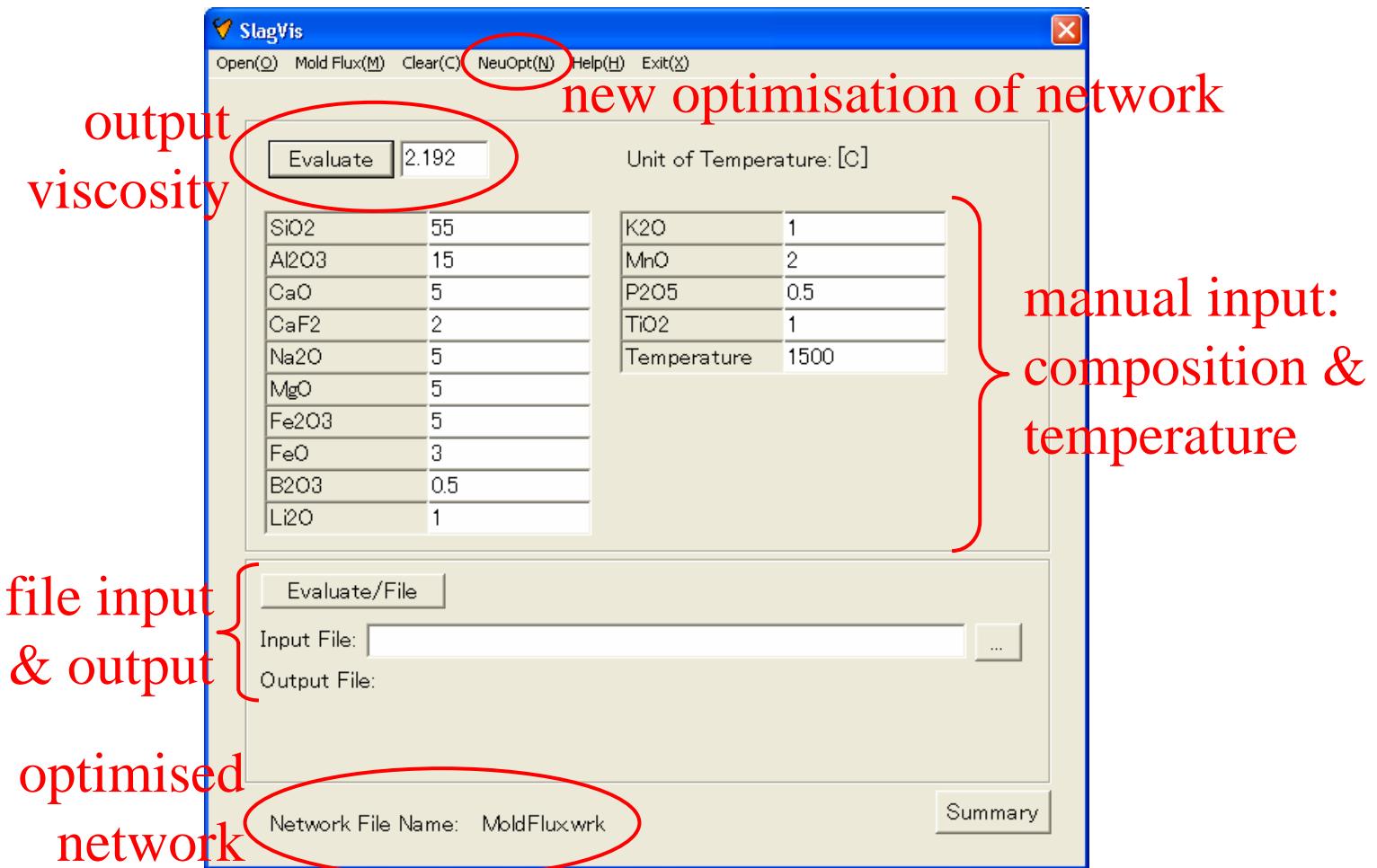


# I.0. Introduction – SlagVis

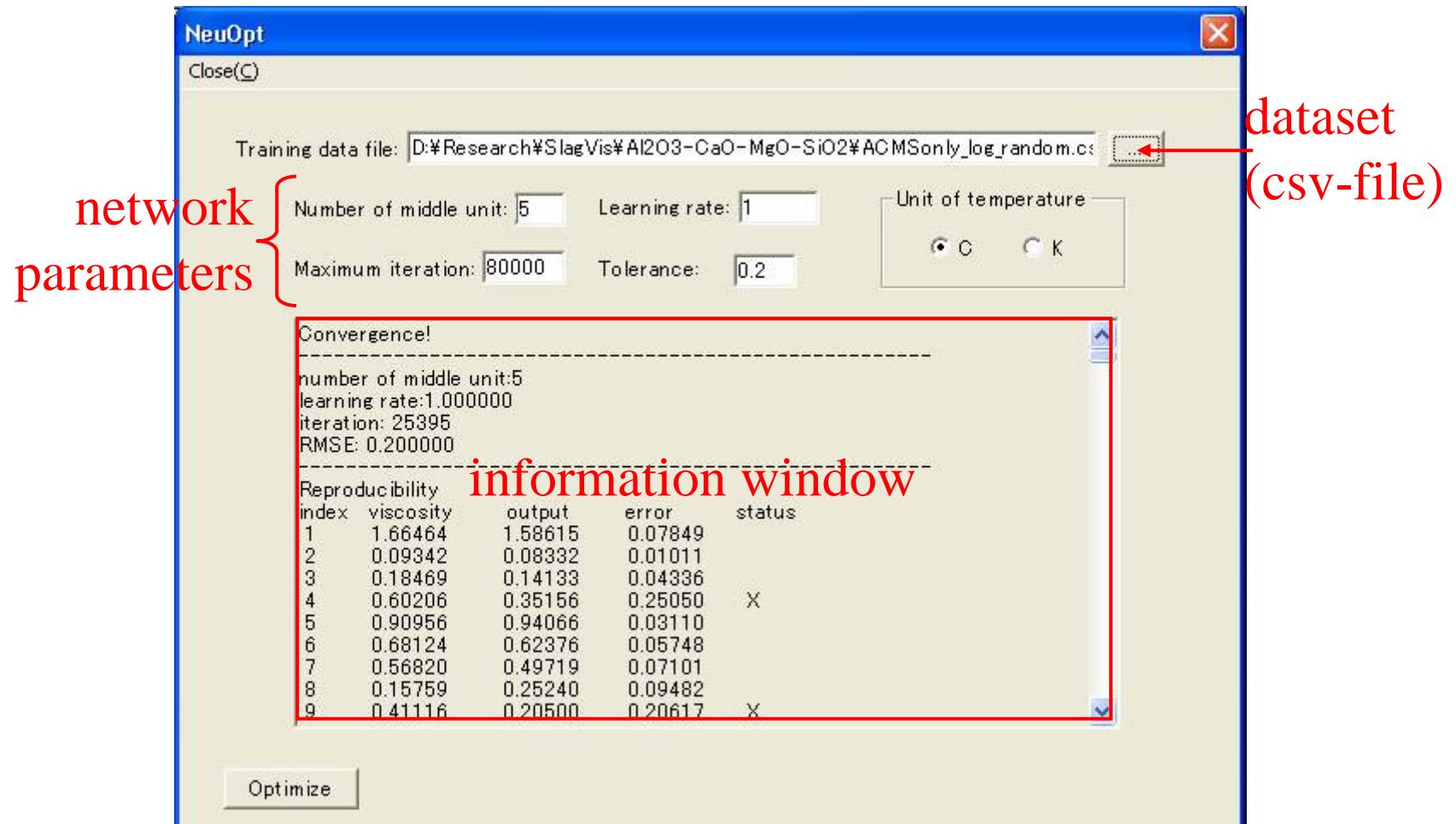
- SlagVis (Research Centre of Computational Mechanics, Japan)
- Based on neural network model (Hanao, Kawamoto, Tanaka, Nakamoto, 2006)
- Learning algorithm: sequential backpropagation method



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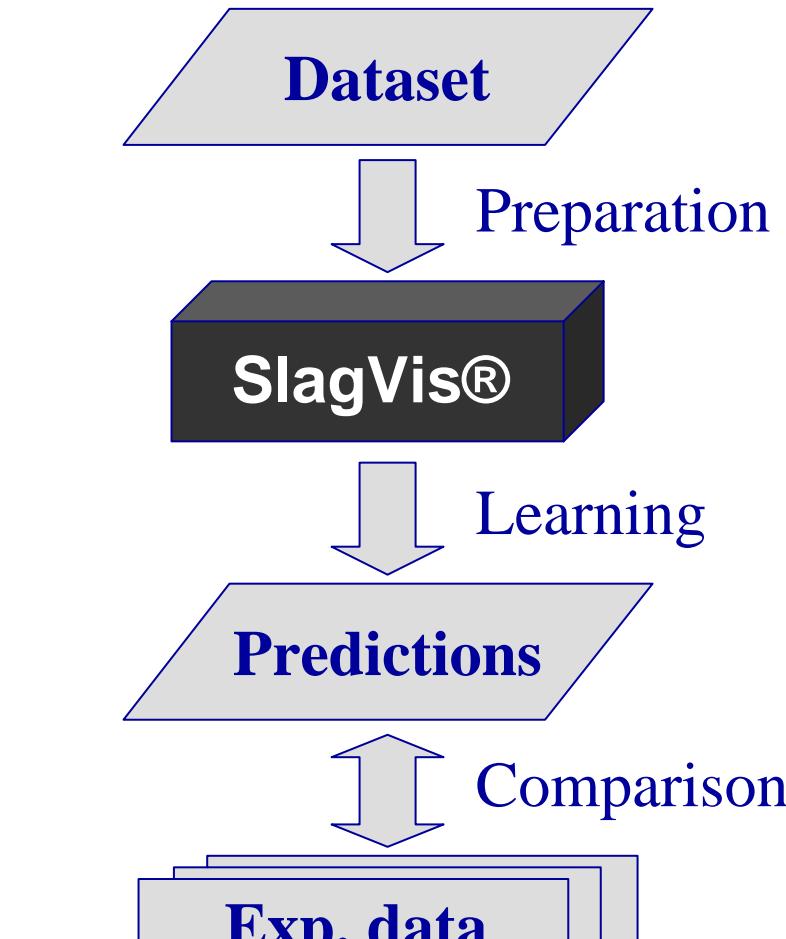
# I.0. Introduction – viscosity database

Viscosity database (Kondratiev, 2004-2008):

- > 18,500 experimental points
- > 2,500 compositions (synthetic systems)
- $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{FeO}$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{PbO}$ ,  
 $\text{SiO}_2 + \text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{BaO}$ ,  $\text{GeO}_2$ ,  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{MnO}$ ,  $\text{SrO}$
- T range: 300 – 2500°C



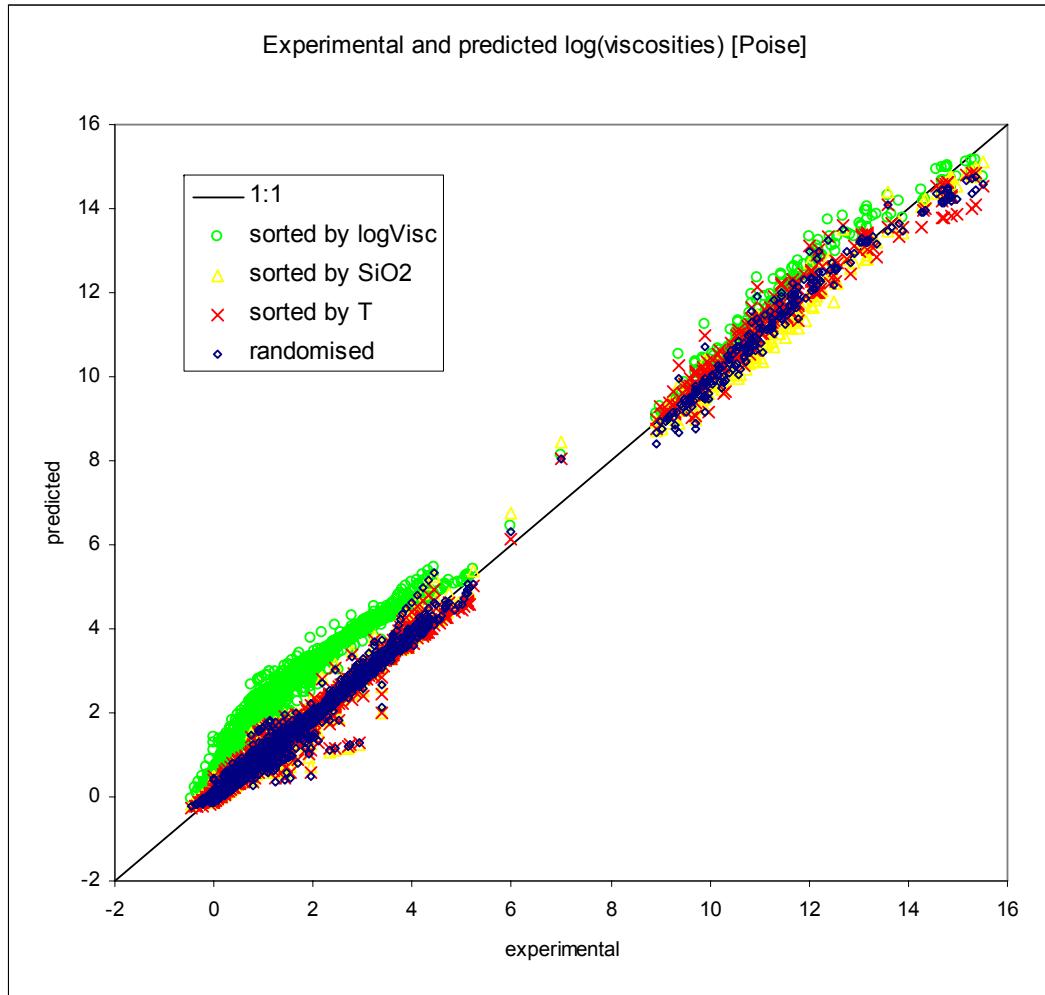
# I.0. Introduction - scheme of tests



## Tests carried out:

- Data sorting
- Temperature inter- and extrapolation
- Composition inter- and extrapolation

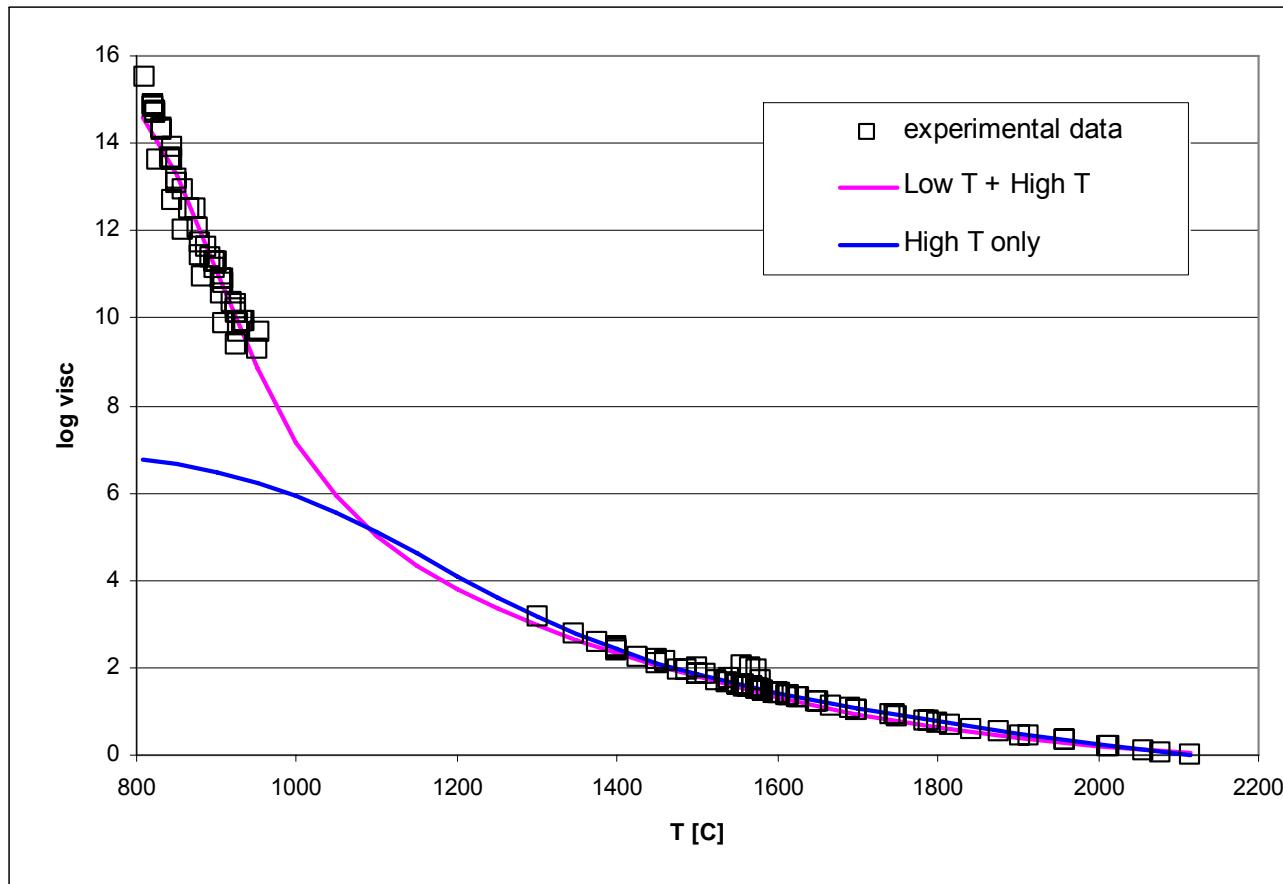
# I.1. Effect of data sorting



- Sequential backpropagation algorithm depends on data sorting
- Randomisation necessary
- Batch backpropagation algorithm being implemented

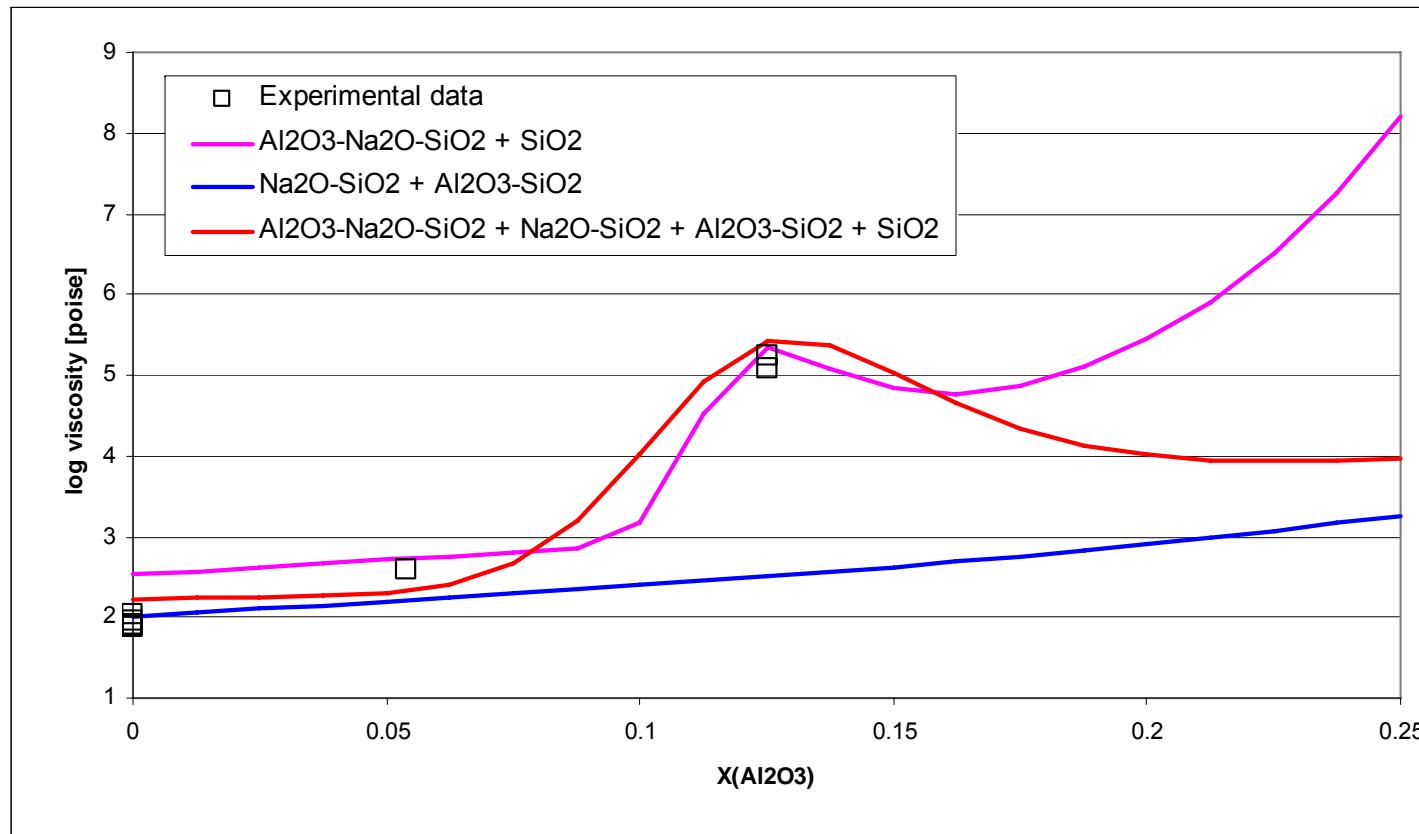
## I.2. Effect of temperature

$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-CaO-SiO}_2$ ,  $X_{\text{SiO}_2}=0.5$ ,  $X_{\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3}=X_{\text{CaO}}=0.25$



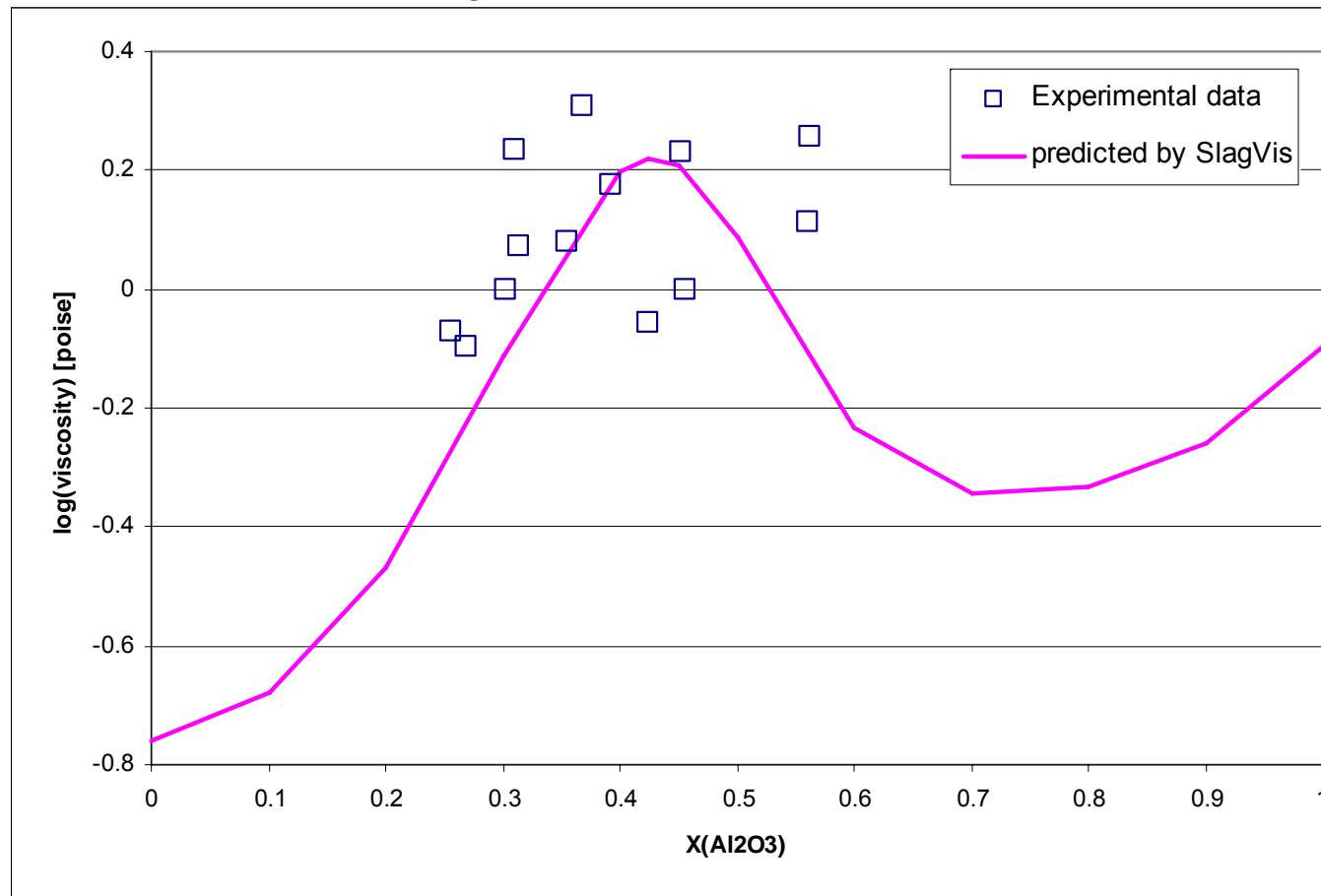
## I.3. Effect of composition

$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Na}_2\text{O-SiO}_2$ ,  $X_{\text{SiO}_2}=0.75$ ,  $1400^\circ\text{C}$



## I.3. Effect of composition

$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-CaO}$ , 1700°C



## I.4. Summary

- Neural network approach is essentially suitable for calculating melt viscosity
- Neural network model can be trained with any data (e.g. owner's data)
- Learning algorithm has to be independent of data sorting
- Interpolative capability is good
- Extrapolative capability is reasonable
- Further tests (multi-component melts) are necessary
- Neural network approach can be used in CFD calculations



## II. Viscosity model



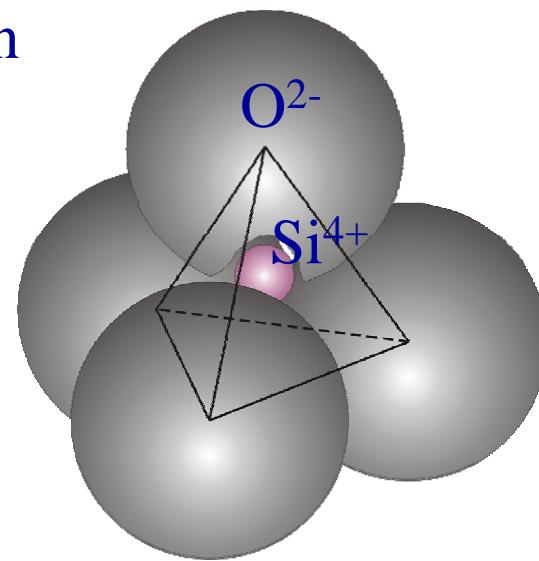
## II.0. Introduction

- Viscosity is non-static but dynamic property: “reaction” to applied shear stress
- Theoretically – transport coefficient: transport of momentum
- Viscosity is structure-related property



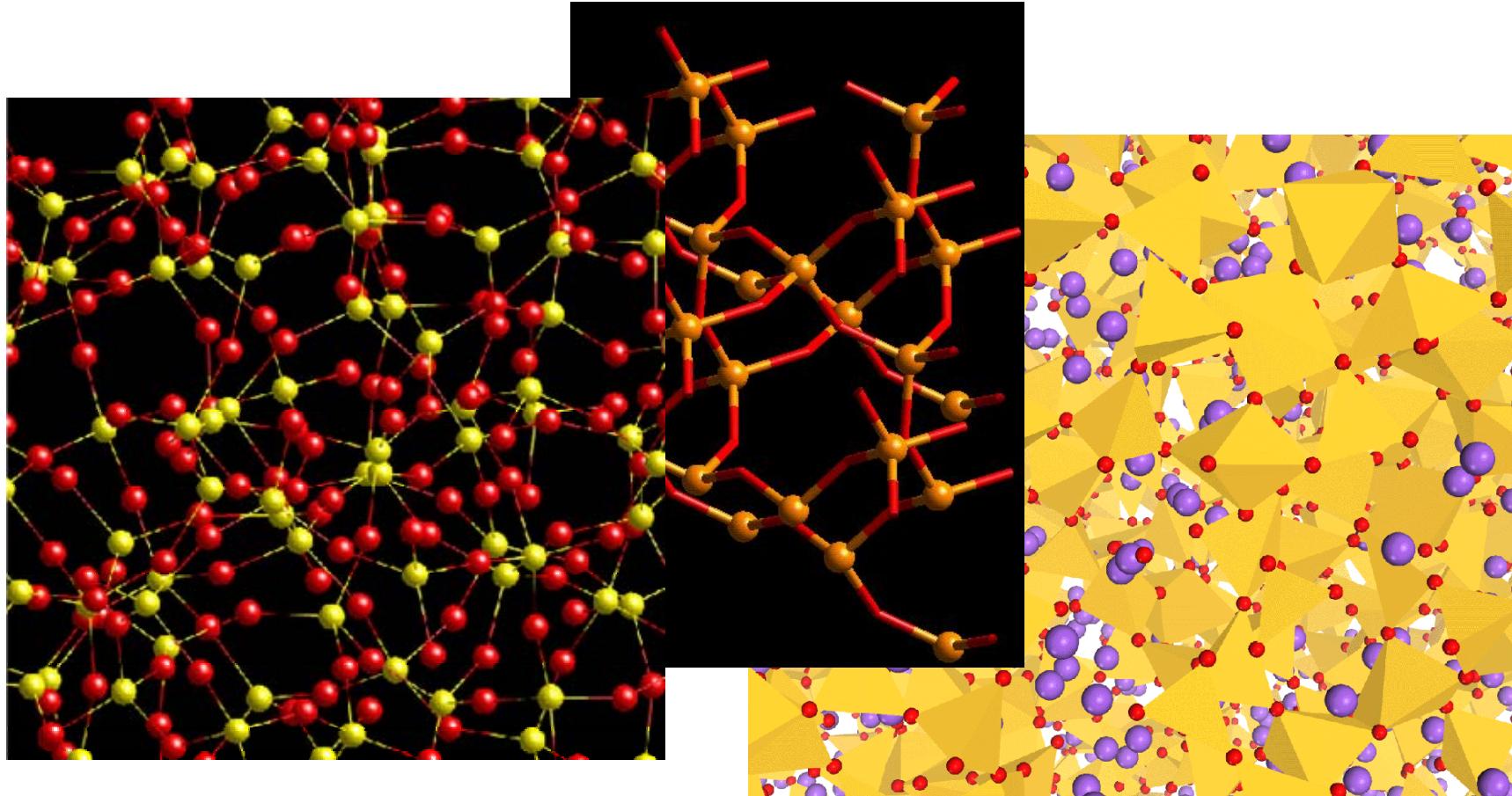
## II.1. Structure of oxide melts

$\text{SiO}_4^{4-}$   
tetrahedron



$$r_{\text{Si-O}} = 1.62 \text{ \AA}$$
$$r_{\text{O-O}} = 2.65 \text{ \AA}$$

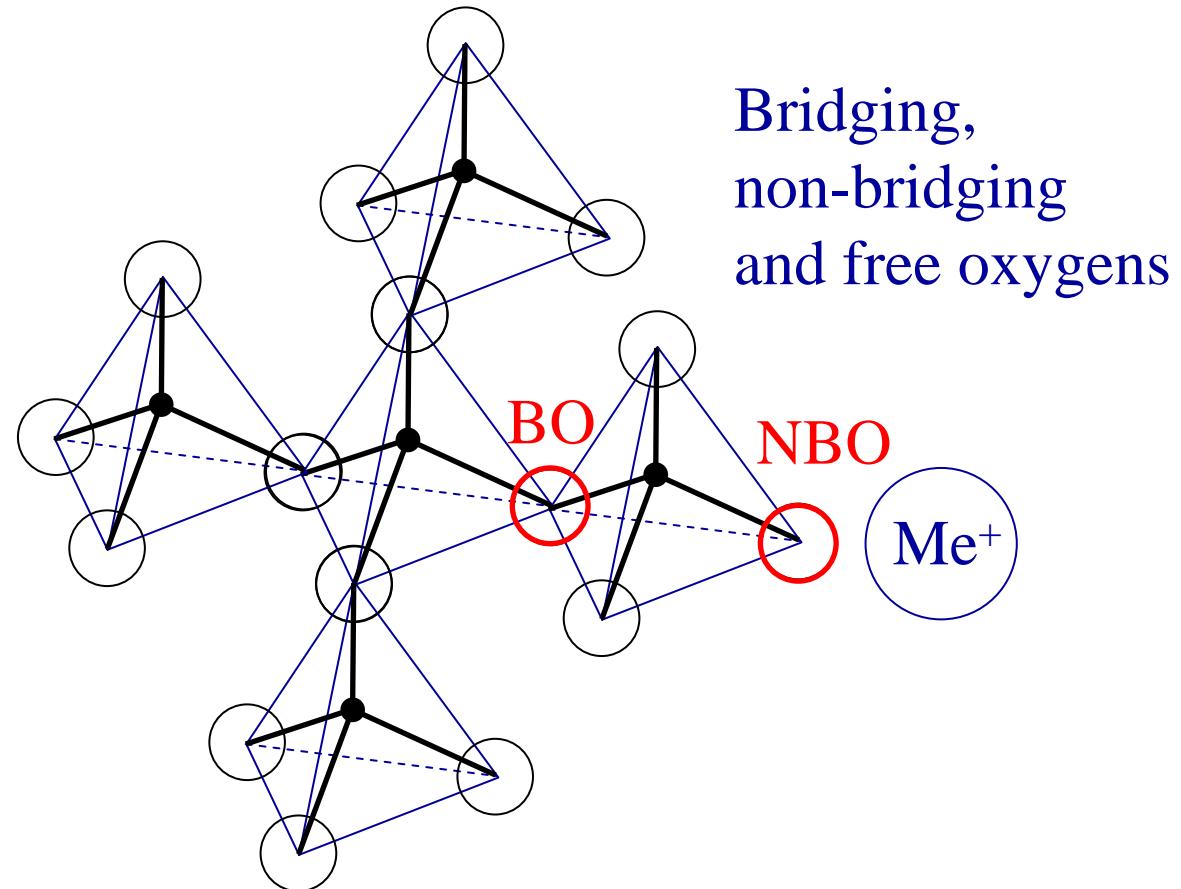
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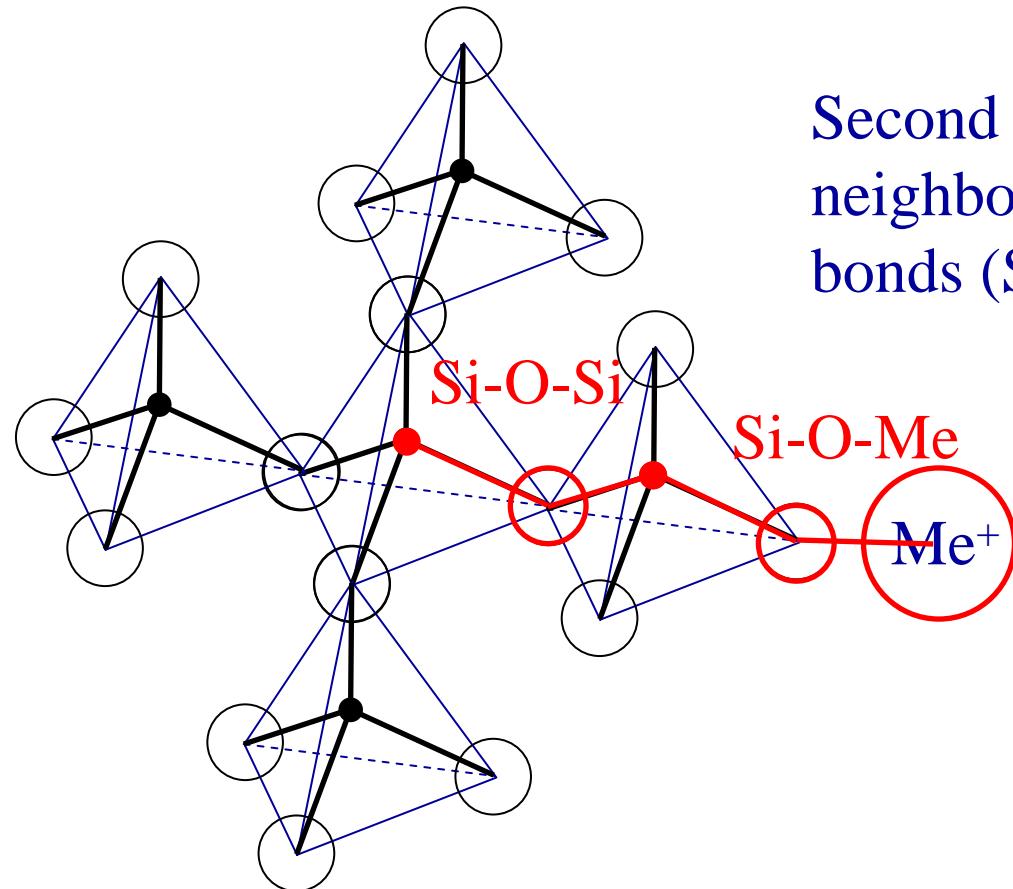
First principles simulation results, Google.com



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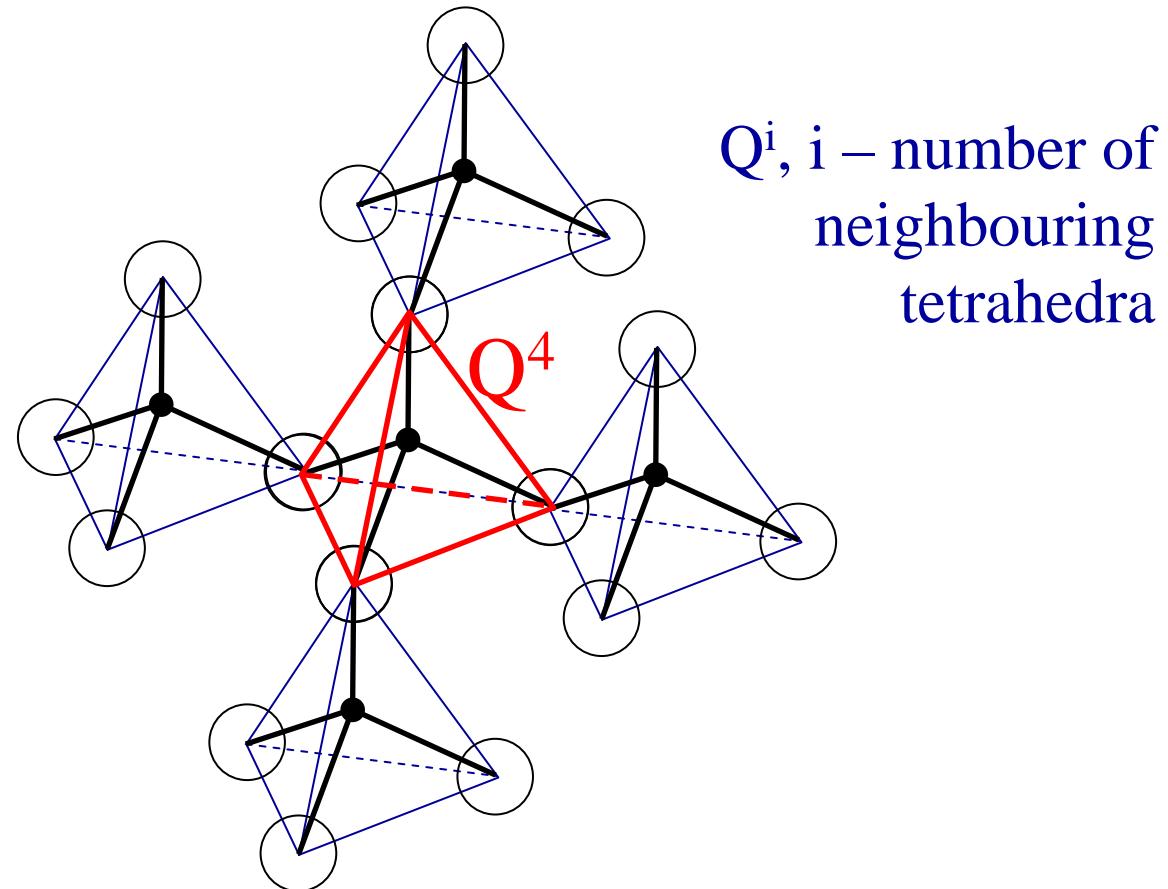
Second nearest  
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bonds (SNNB)

Si-O-Si

Si-O-Me

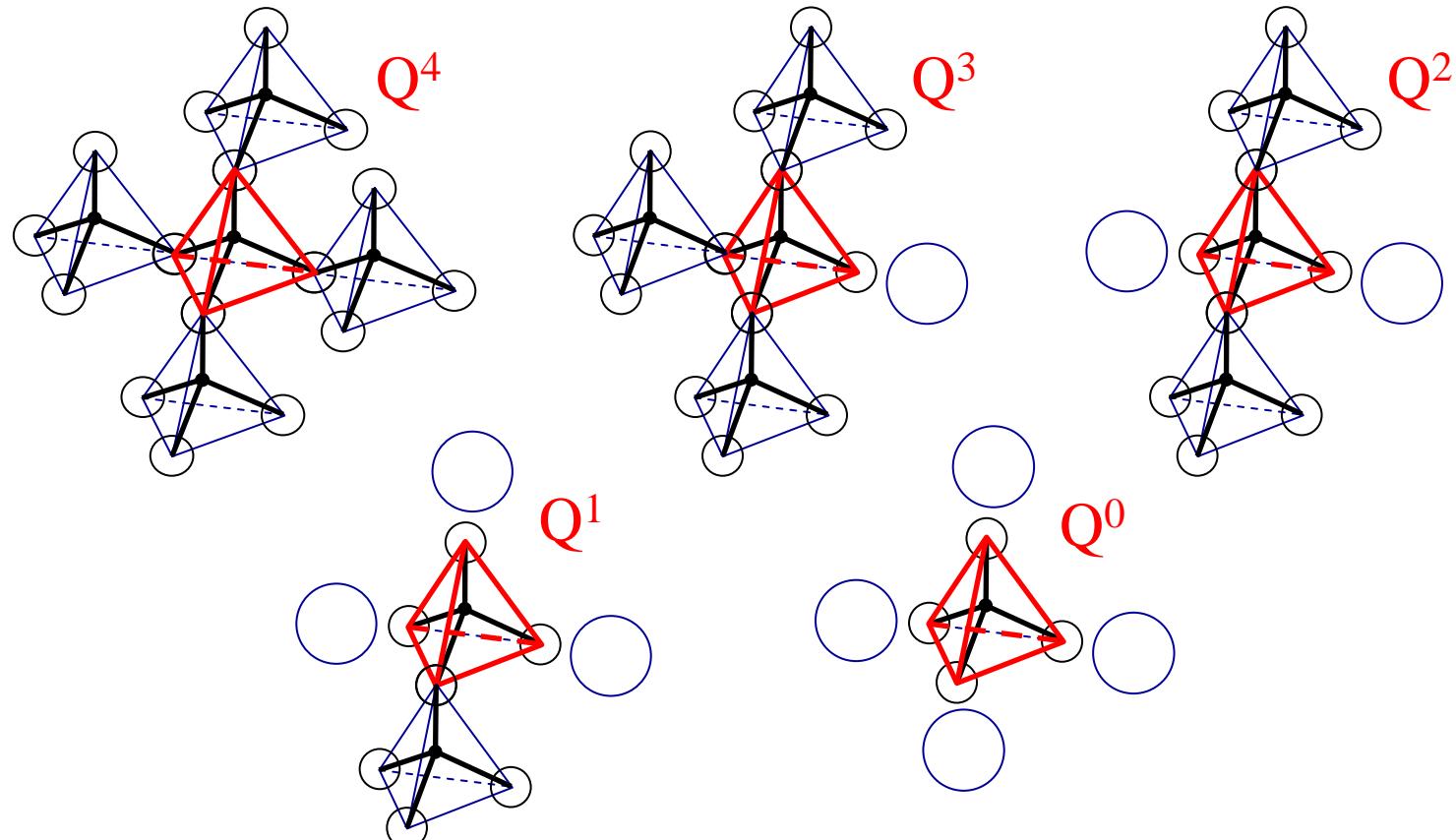
Me<sup>+</sup>

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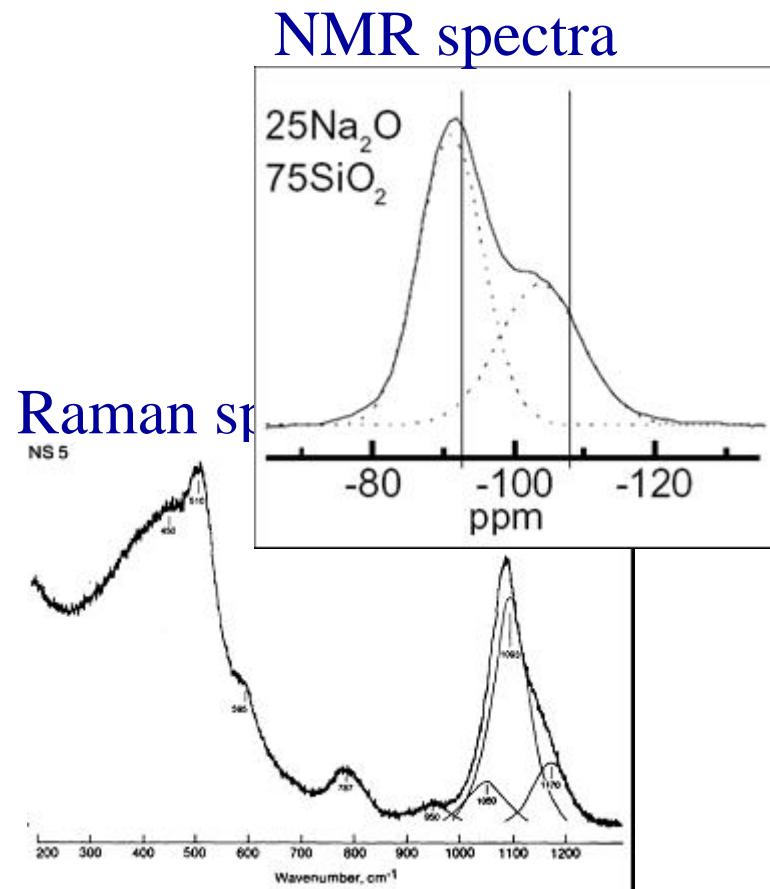


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Q-species



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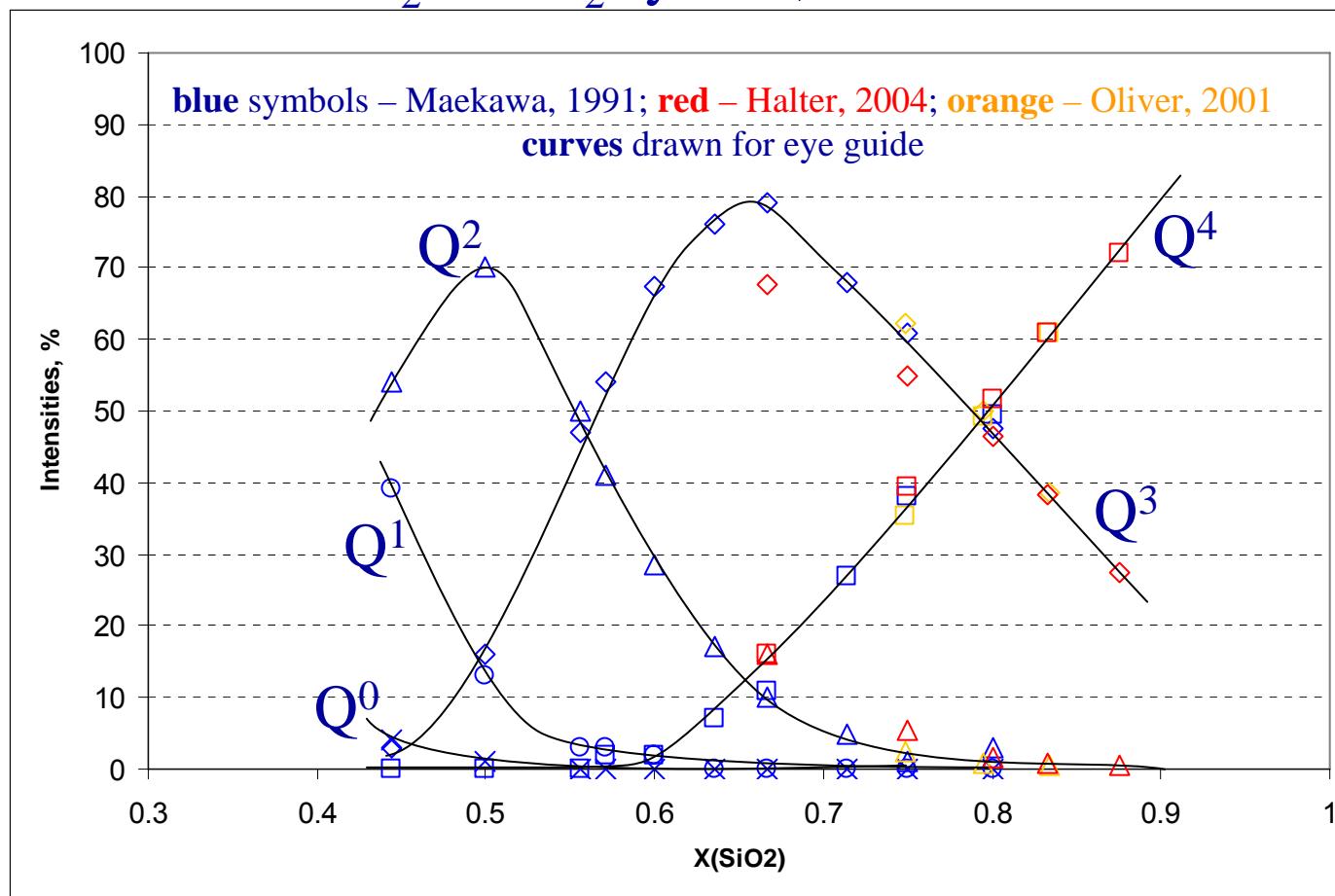


Concentrations  
of Q<sup>i</sup> species  
as functions of  
composition &  
(temperature)



## II.1. Structure of oxide melts

$\text{Na}_2\text{O}-\text{SiO}_2$  system,  $\sim 1200^\circ\text{C}$



## II.2. Associate species t/d model

- Yazhenskikh, Hack, Mueller, 2006-2008
- Thermodynamic assessment of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-K}_2\text{O}\text{-Na}_2\text{O-SiO}_2$  system
- Liquid slag is mixture of associate species:  
e.g.  $\text{Na}_4\text{SiO}_4$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{SiO}_3$ ,  $\text{NaAlO}_2$  etc.
- Associate species can provide reasonable approximation of melt structure



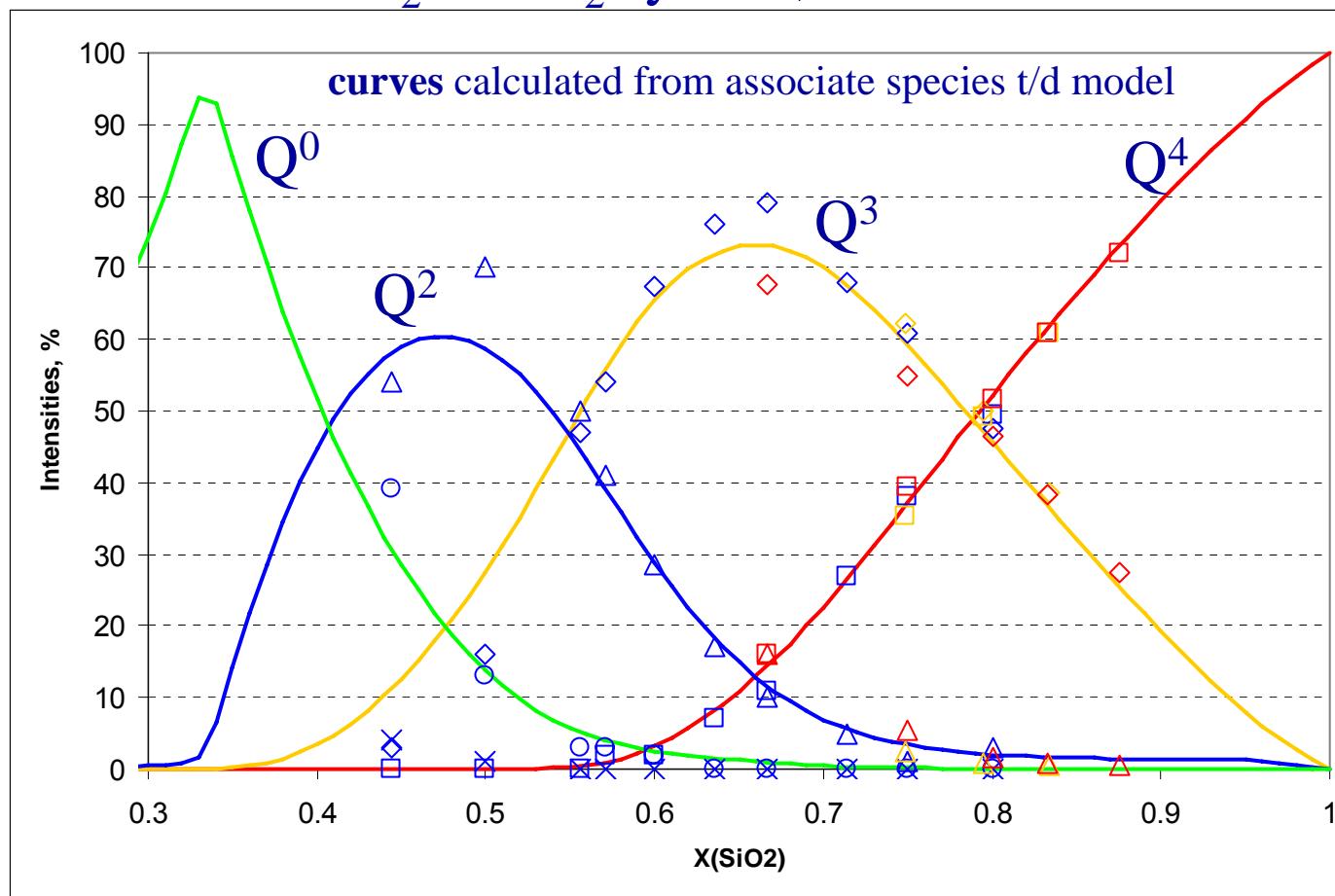
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- Associate species  $\leftrightarrow$  Q-species (not always possible; e.g. for QC t/d model)
- For example, in  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}-\text{SiO}_2$  system:



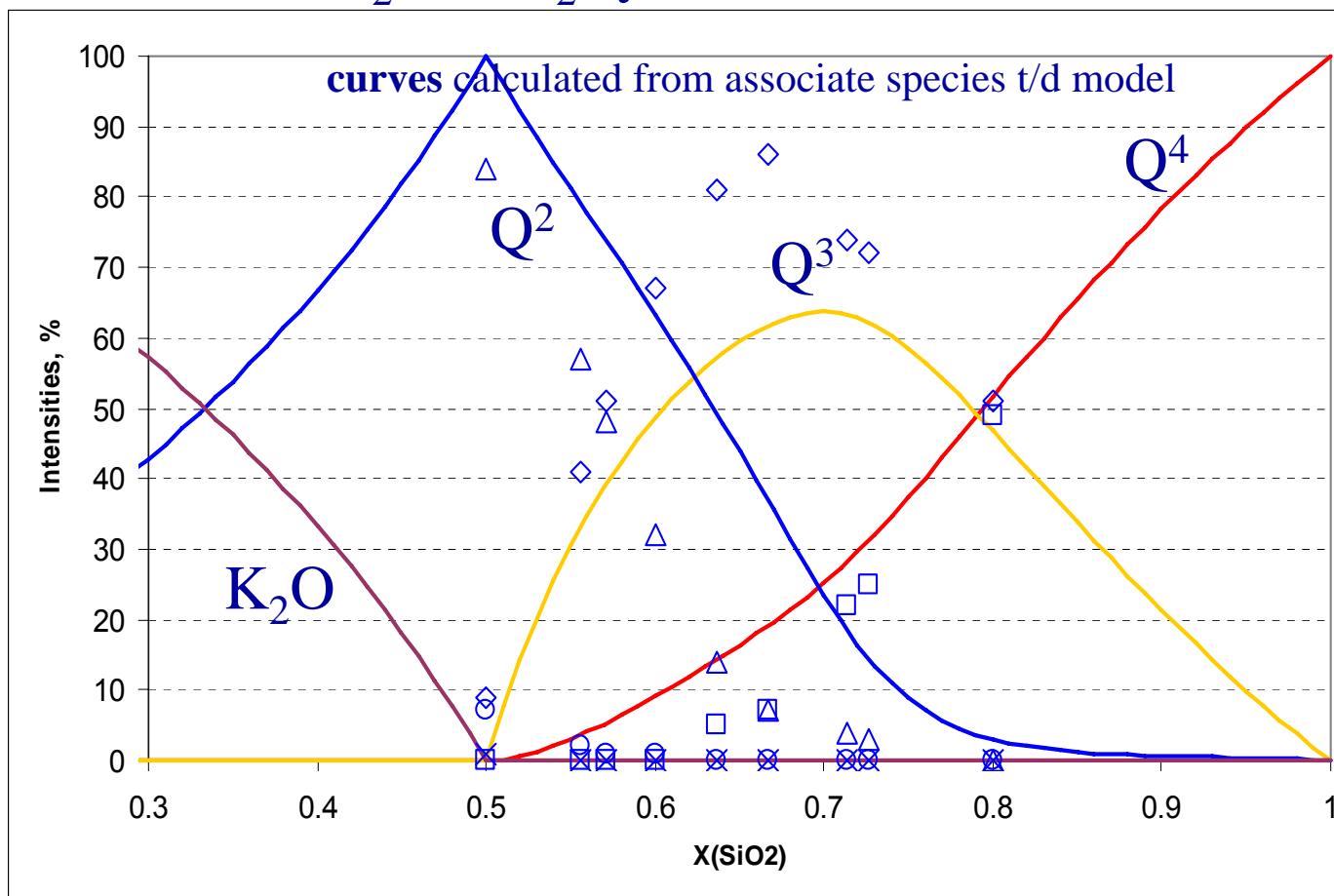
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Na<sub>2</sub>O-SiO<sub>2</sub> system, 1200°C



## II.2. Associate species t/d model

$K_2O-SiO_2$  system, 1200°C



## II.3. Avramov equation

$$\eta = \frac{\eta_0}{\sum_i X_i \exp(-E_i/RT)}$$

concentrations of structural units (SU)

constant

activation energies (barriers) of SU

average jump frequency of SU

## II.3. Avramov eq vs Arrhenian eq

$$\eta = \eta_0 \exp\left( \sum_i E_i X_i / RT \right)$$

activation energies  
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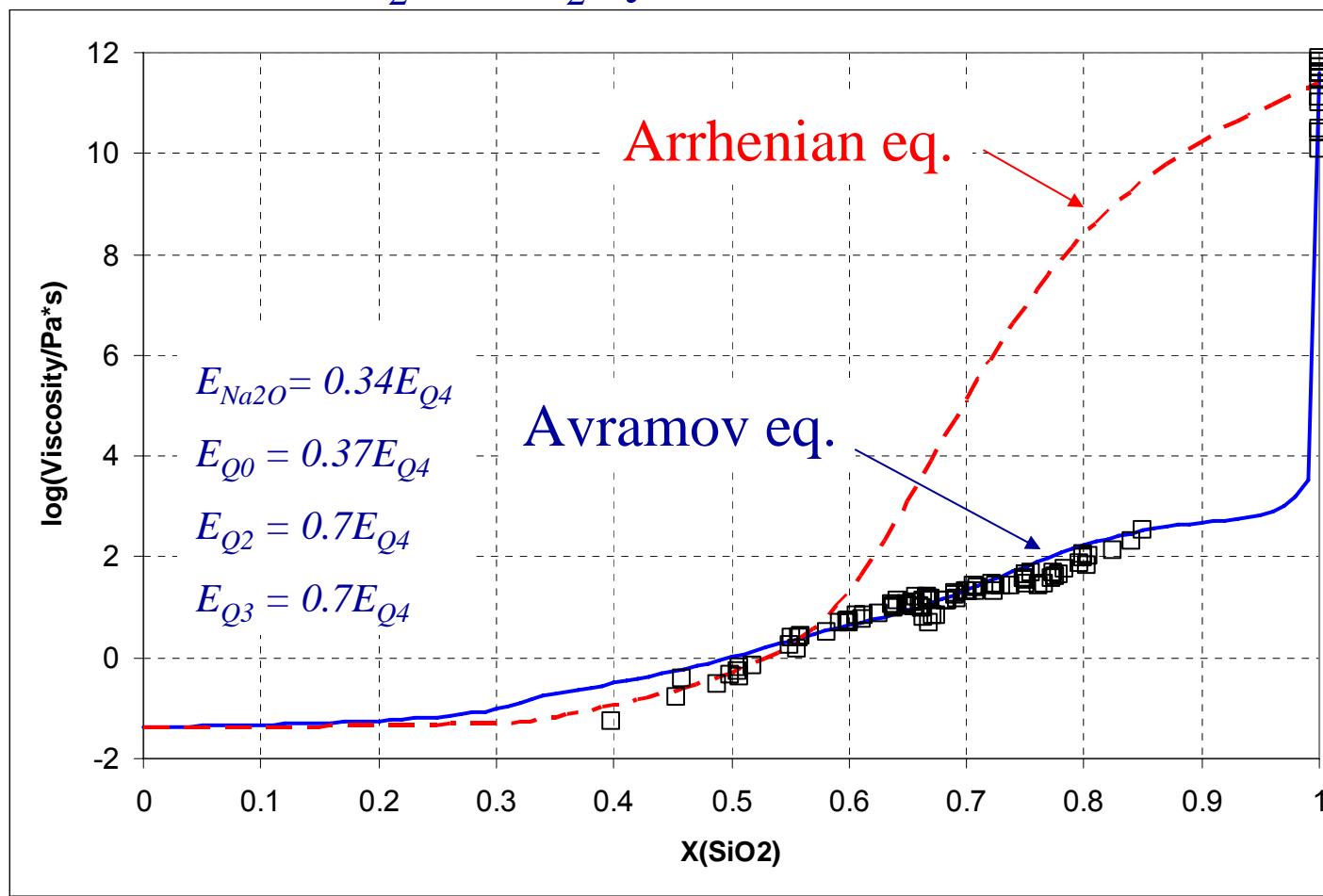
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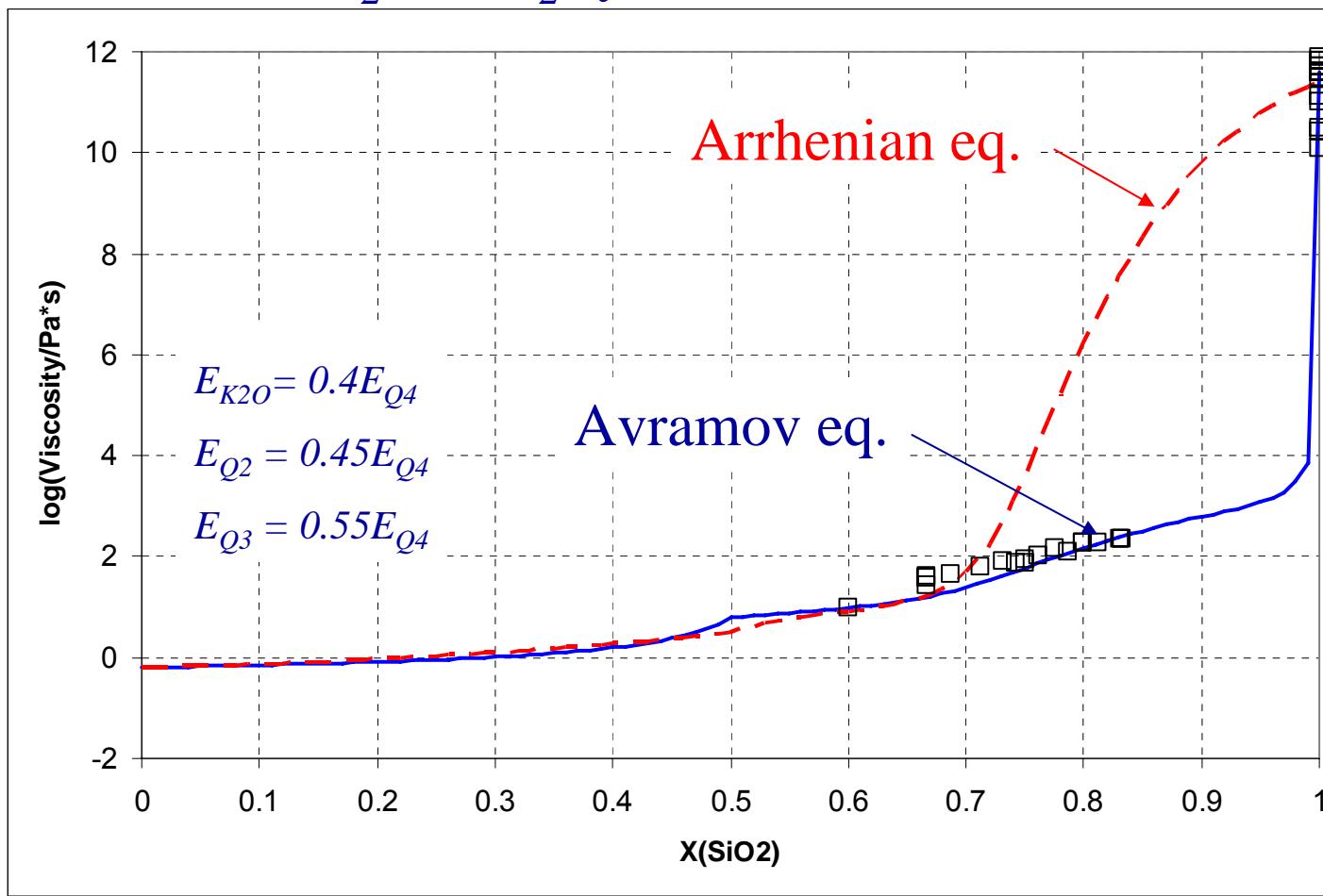
## II.4. Viscosities of binary systems

Na<sub>2</sub>O-SiO<sub>2</sub> system, 1200°C



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K<sub>2</sub>O-SiO<sub>2</sub> system, 1200°C



## II.5. Temperature dependence

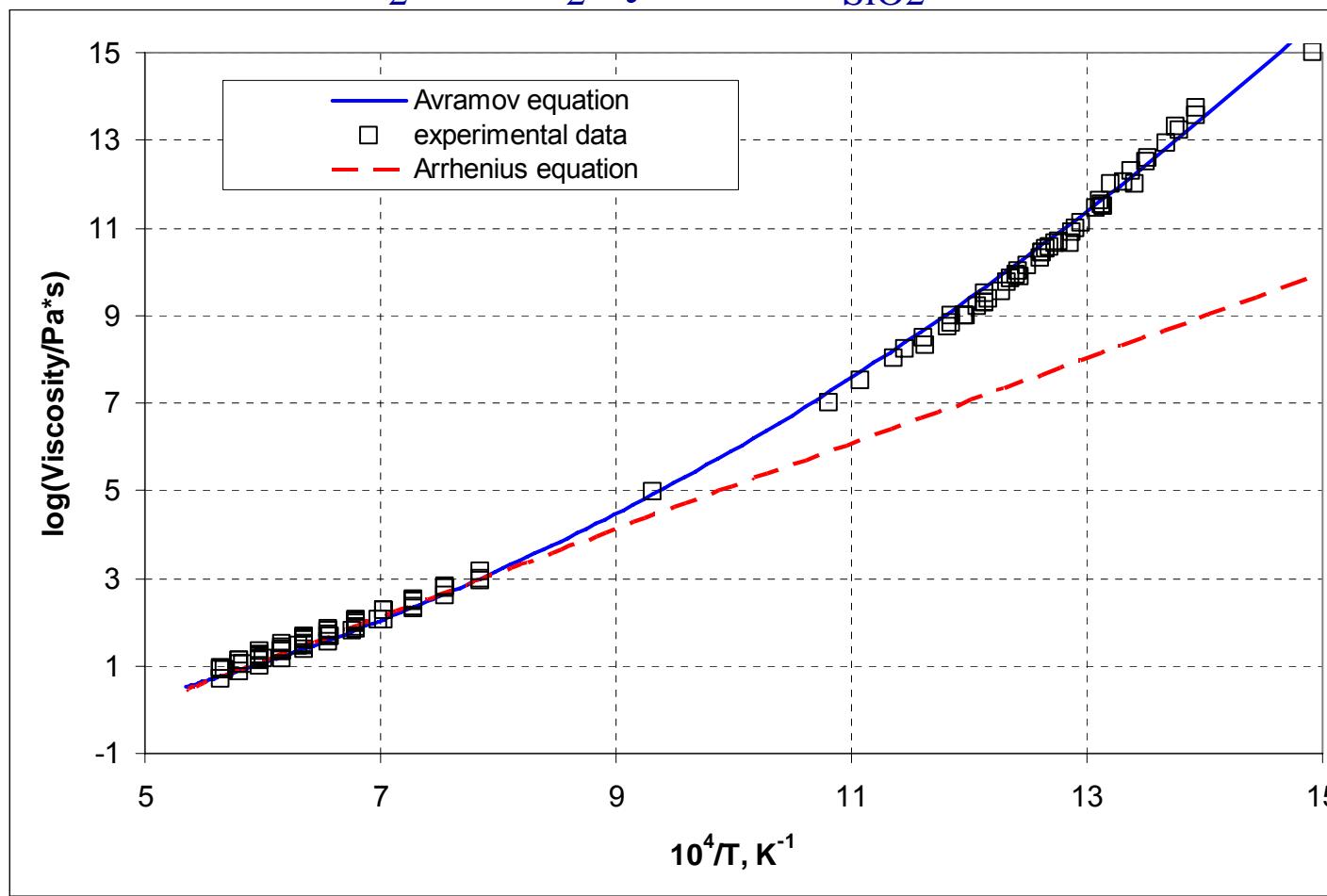
Avramov, JCP, 1991

- Activation energy is distributed (approx. Poisson or Gauss)
- Distribution variance depends on entropy, which in turn depends on temperature
- At low temperatures melt viscosity deviates from linear “ $\log \eta$  vs T” dependence



## II.5. Temperature dependence

$\text{Na}_2\text{O}-\text{SiO}_2$  system,  $X_{\text{SiO}_2}=0.8$



## II.6. Summary

- Viscosity model based on Avramov eq can provide better description than Arrhenian-like model
- Melt thermodynamics and viscosity can be described with one set of associate species
- Associate species are to be corrected according to spectroscopic data or/and viscosity data



### III. Modelling heterogeneous mixtures



# Factors influencing flow behaviour of heterogeneous silicate melts

- Volume fraction of crystals
- Viscosity of liquid phase
- Shape of crystals
- Size of crystals

$$\eta = f(\Phi, \eta_L, shape, d_{eff})$$



# Roscoe-Einstein equation

viscosity of  
remaining liquid

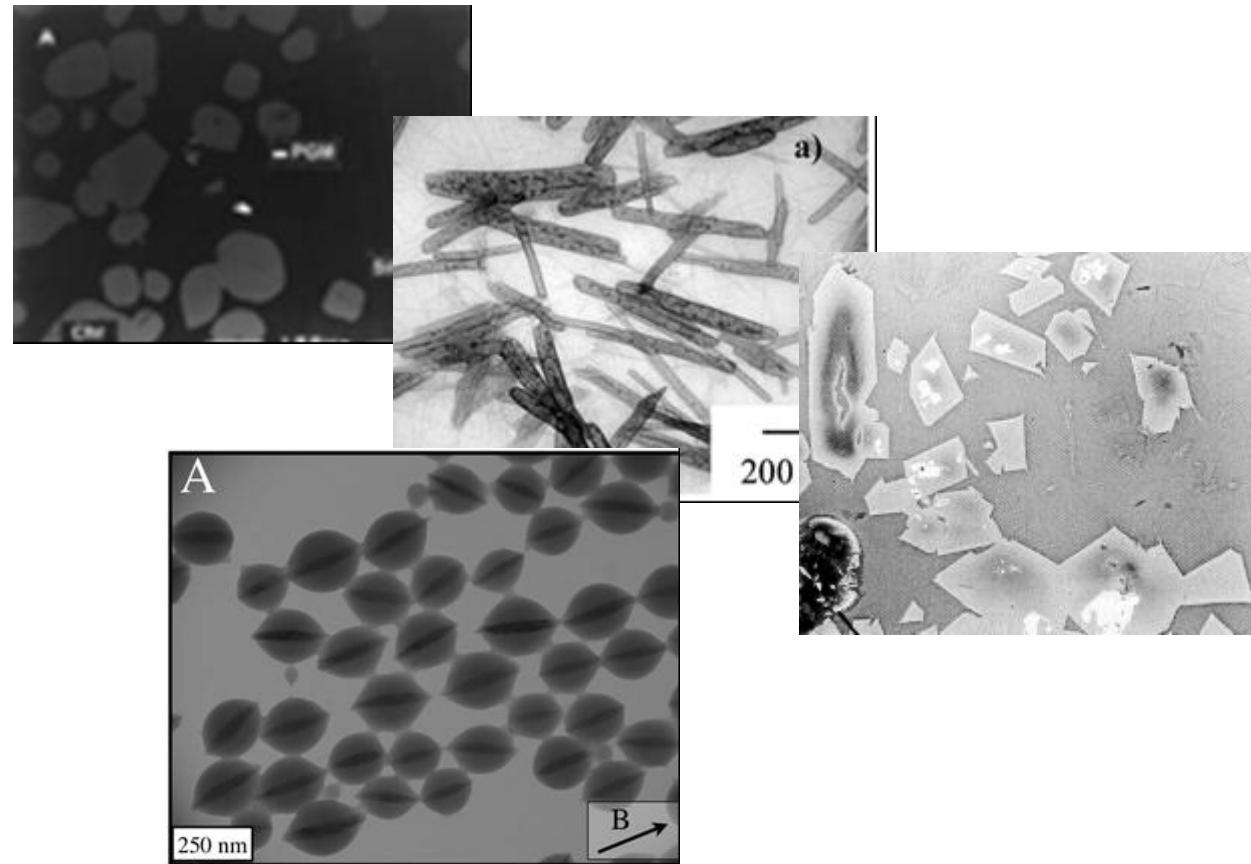
volume fraction  
of solids

$$\eta = \eta_L (1 - R\Phi)^{-n}$$

model parameters



# Shapes of crystals in silicate melts



Thank you for your attention!

