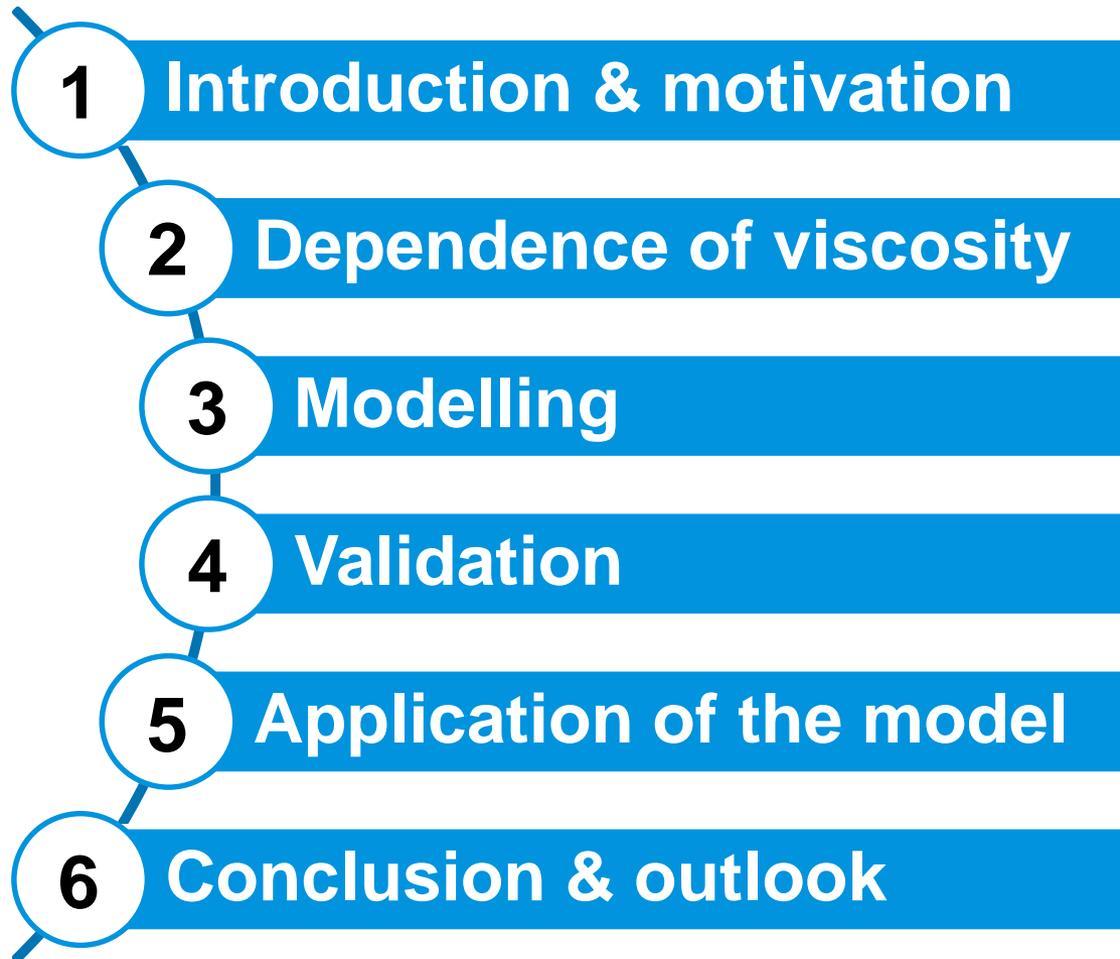


Modelling Viscosity of Molten Oxides (HotVeGas)

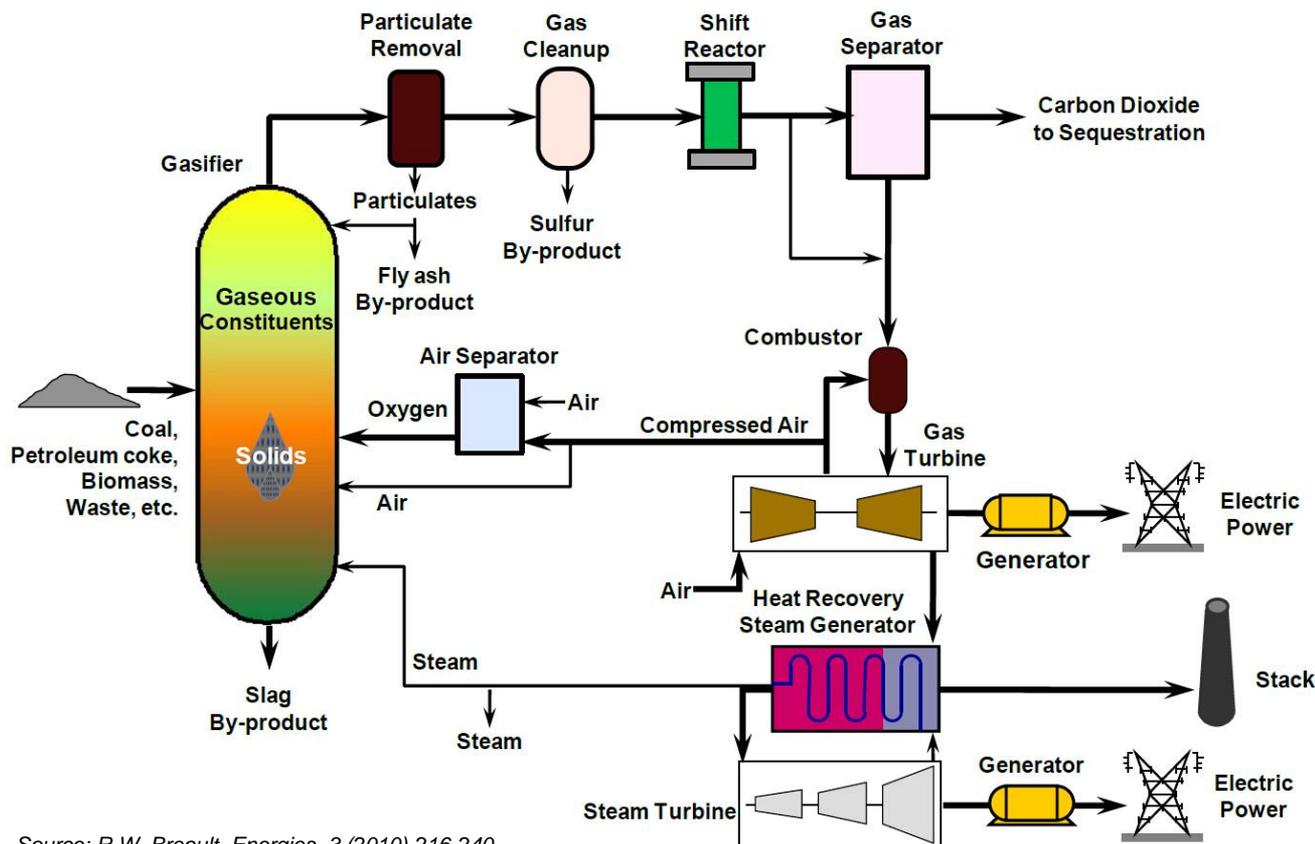
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1 Introduction & motivation

The **IGCC** technology (**I**ntegrated **G**asification **C**ombined **C**ycle) based Coal power plants:

- a **high efficiency** (ca. 45% currently, >50% in 5 years, >55% in 12 years);
- an opportunity for effective **CO₂ capture and storage**;

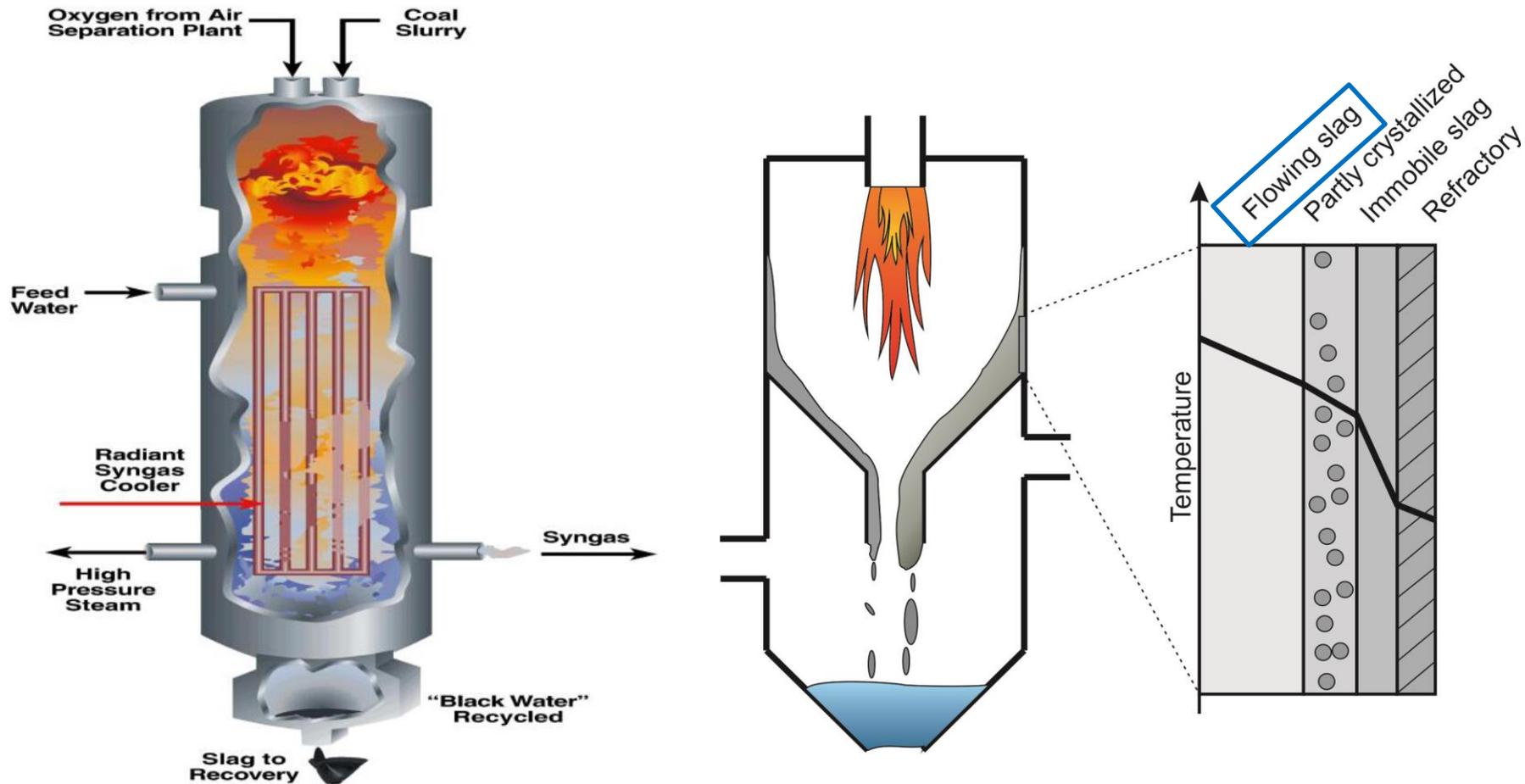


- the **core** of an IGCC power plant is the **gasifier**.

Source: R.W. Braeut, *Energies*, 3 (2010) 216-240.

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The majority of the successful coal gasification processes developed after 1950 are performed by **entrained-flow slagging gasifiers**, such as **GE Energy Gasifier**.



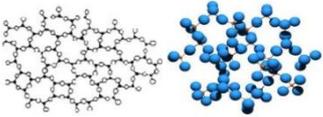
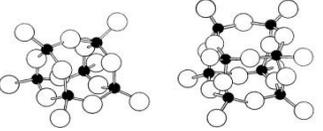
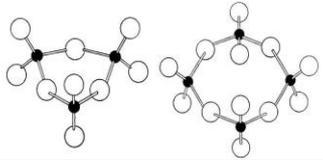
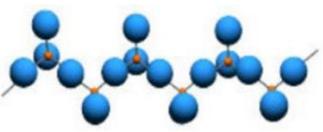
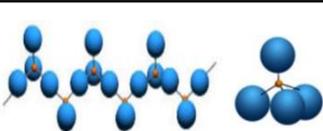
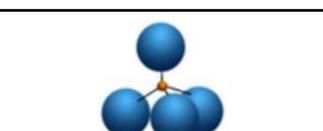
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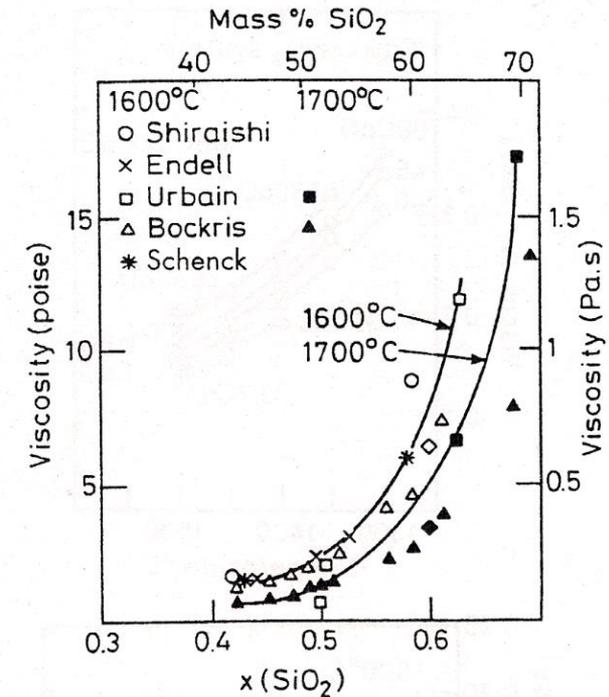
Single phase slag systems		
Temperature-related models	Temperature & Composition-related models	
	Non-structure based models	Structure based models
Arrhenius model	Shaw model	Zhang-Jahanshahi model
Vogel-Fulcher-Tammann model	Lakatos model	Reddy model
Adam-Gibbs model	Urbain model	lida model
Eyring model	Riboud model	KTH model
Weymann-Frenkel model	Kalmanovitch-Frank model	Avramov model
Bockris-Reddy model	Hurst model	Quasi-chemical viscosity model
AM model	Kondratiev-Jak model	FactSage model

- Applicable in a **limited** range of **temperatures** and **compositions**;
- Many **mathematical fitting** model parameters;
- **Non self-consistent** prediction;
- Lack of an effective description of **slag structure**.

2 Dependence of viscosity

CaO, mol %	Structural features of the system CaO-SiO ₂	
$X_{CaO} \leq 12$	3-dimensional network in the form of $[Si_nO_{3n}]^{-2n}$	
$12 < X_{CaO} \leq 33$	Anion complexes in the form of $[Si_{n-r}O_{n \cdot (2r+1)}]^{-2n}$	
$33 < X_{CaO} \leq 50$	Ring structure in the form of $[Si_nO_{3n}]^{-2n}$	
$50 < X_{CaO} \leq 67$	Chain structure in the form of $[Si_nO_{3n+1}]^{-2(n+1)}$	
$67 < X_{CaO} \leq 75$	Chain structure and monomer $[SiO_4]^{4-}$ and O^{2-}	
$X_{CaO} > 75$	monomer $[SiO_4]^{4-}$ and O^{2-}	

CaO-SiO₂



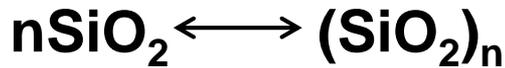
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Gibbs energy

Associate species model

Associate species

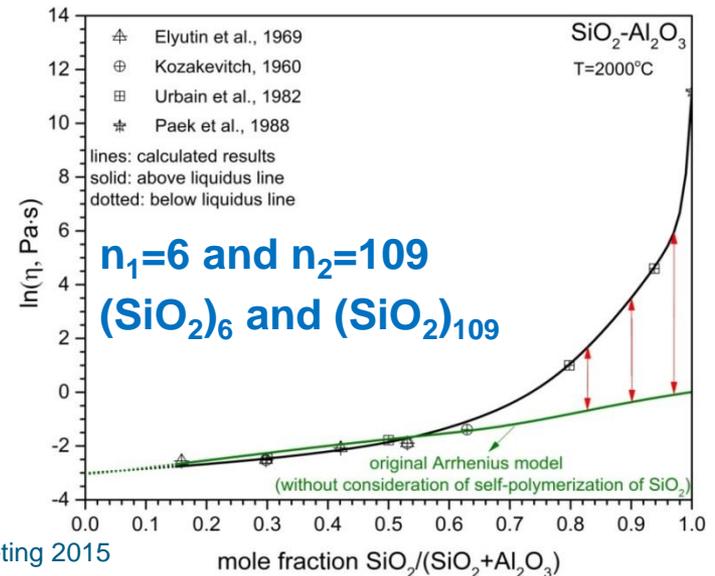
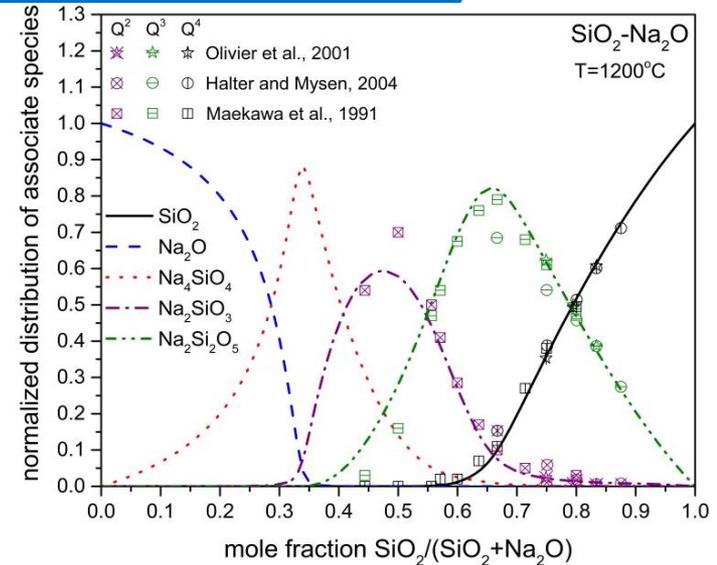


Building structural units

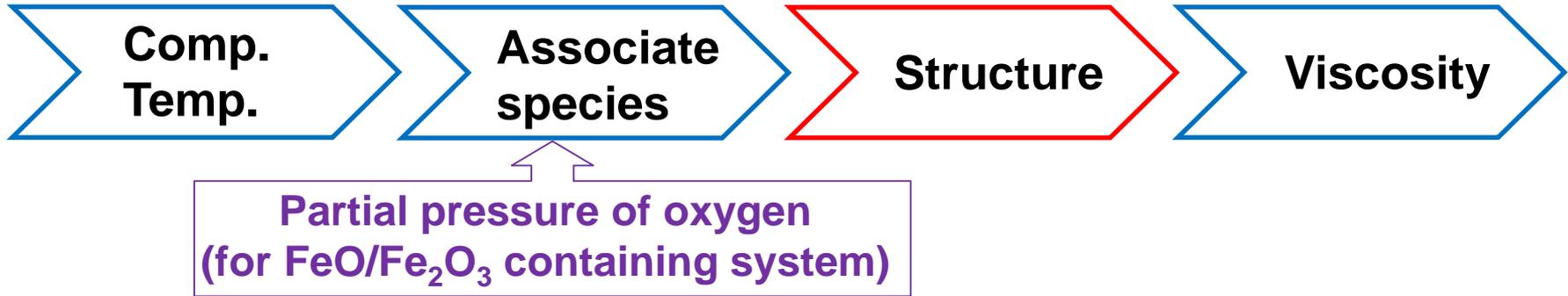
Determination of viscosity contribution

$$\ln \eta_i = A_i + B_i/T$$

$$\ln \eta = \sum X_i \cdot \ln \eta_i$$



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Modified Arrhenius model

$$\ln \eta = \ln \eta_{\text{ideal}} + \ln \eta_{\text{excess}}$$

$$= (\sum X_i \cdot \ln \eta_i) + (\ln \eta_{\text{self-pol.}} + \ln \eta_{\text{inter-pol.}})$$

where: $\ln \eta_i = A_i + B_i/T$ → basic structural units

$$\ln \eta_{\text{self-pol.}} = \sum (A_{j,\text{SiO}_2} + B_{j,\text{SiO}_2}/T) \cdot (X_{\text{SiO}_2}^{n_j}) + \sum_k (A_{(\text{Si-Al})_k} + B_{(\text{Si-Al})_k}/T) \cdot (X_{(\text{Si-Al})_k}^{n_k})$$

$$\ln \eta_{\text{inter-pol.}} = \sum_m (A_{(\text{Si-Al})_m} + B_{(\text{Si-Al})_m}/T) \cdot (X_{(\text{Si-Al})_m} \cdot X_{\text{SiO}_2}^{n_m})$$

larger structural units

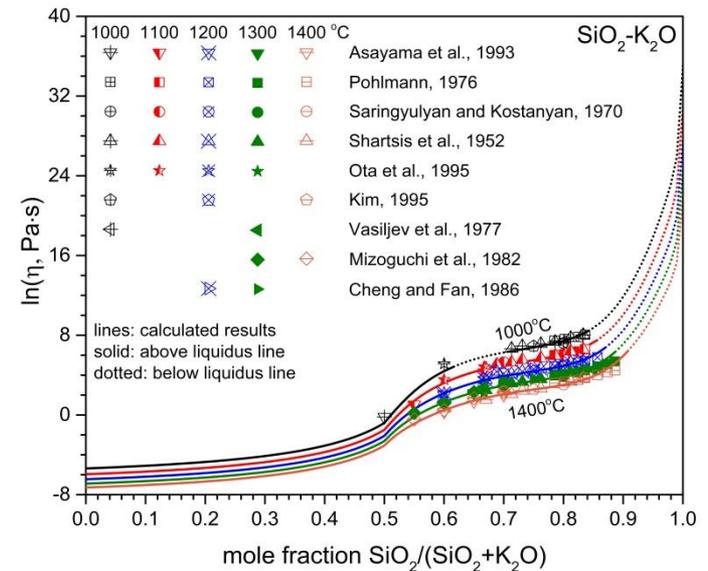
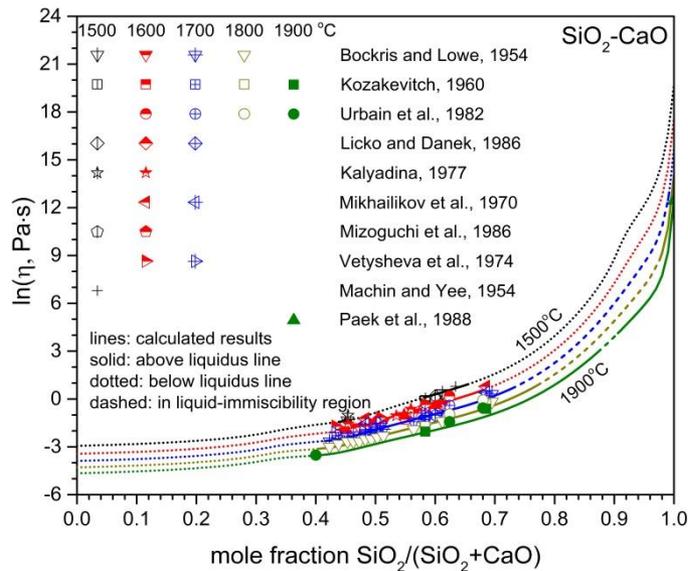
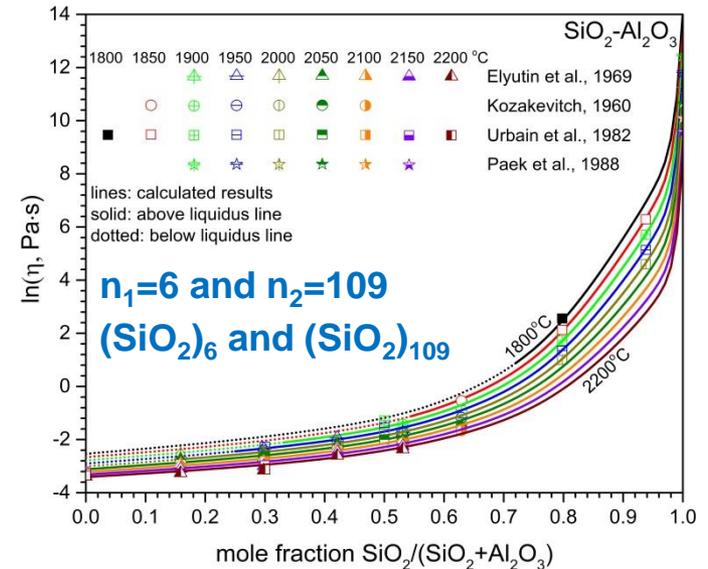
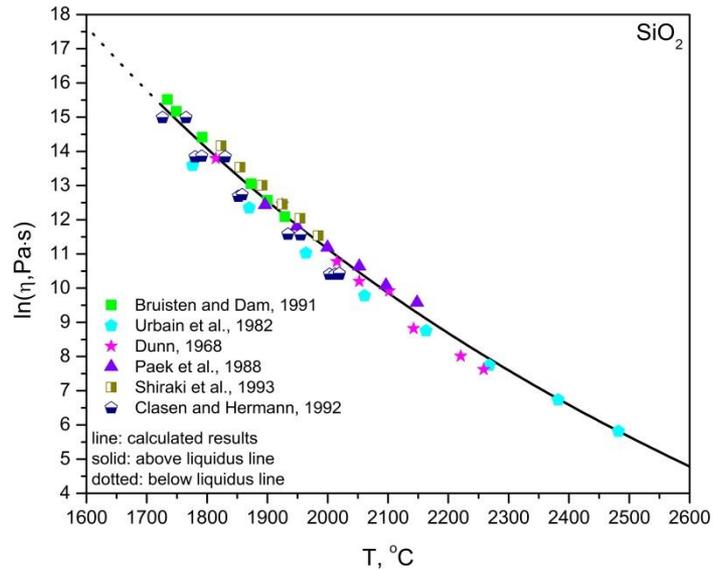
3 Model performance

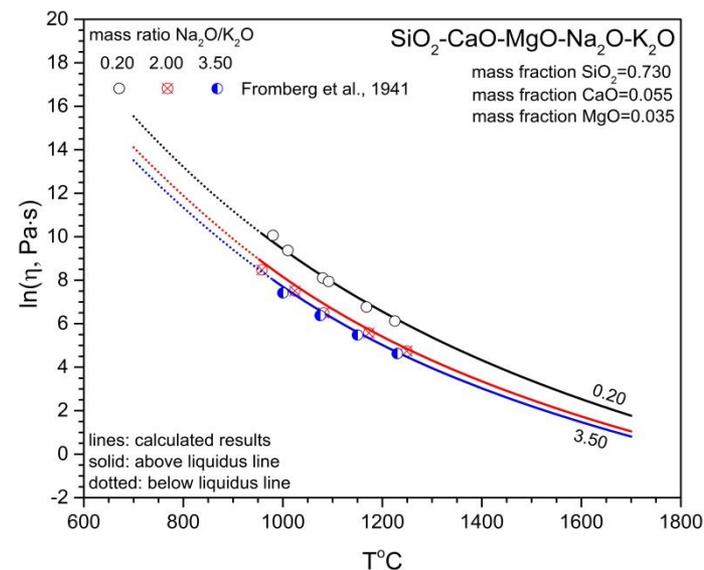
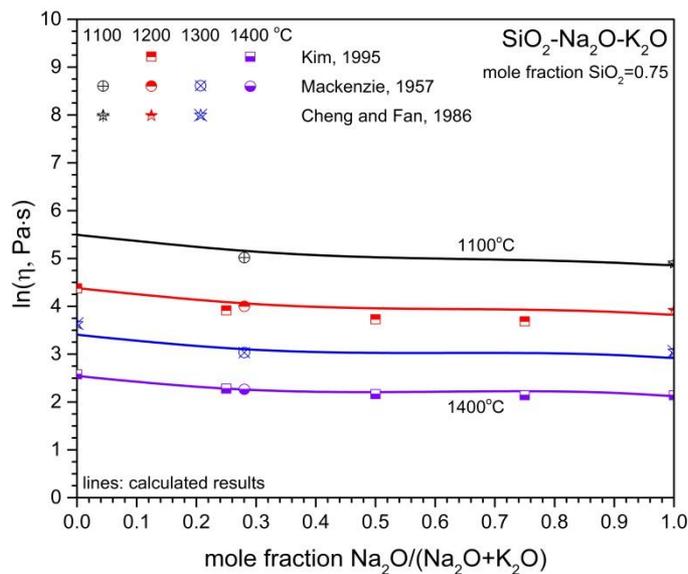
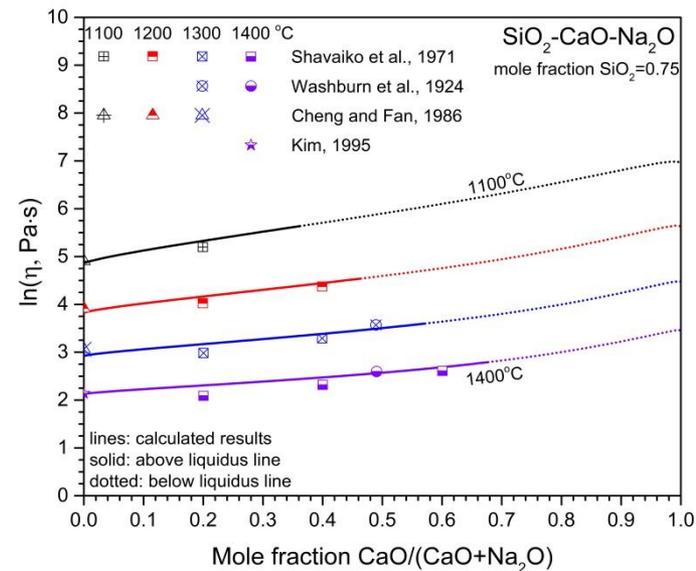
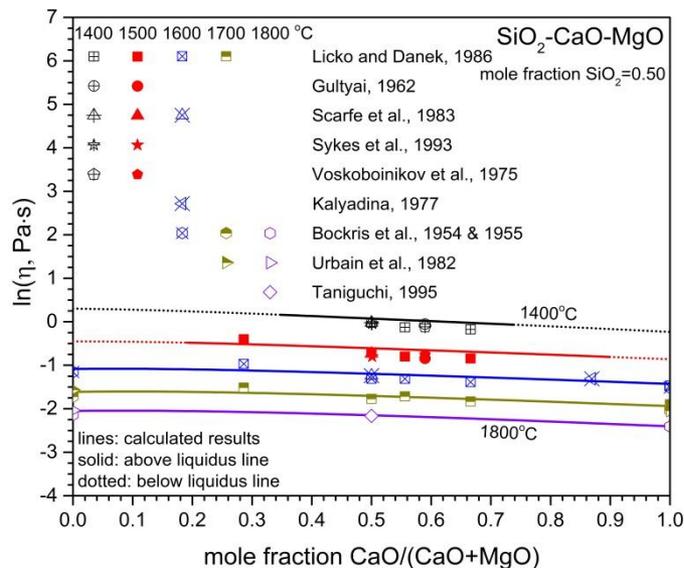
- Evaluation formula:
$$\Delta_n = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left| \frac{(\eta_i)_{\text{cal.}} - (\eta_i)_{\text{exp.}}}{(\eta_i)_{\text{exp.}}} \right|$$

System	No. of data points	Range of viscosities, Pa·s	Δ_n
SiO ₂ -Al ₂ O ₃	73	0.03-537.76	0.122
SiO ₂ -MgO	56	0.002-0.59	0.135
Al ₂ O ₃ -CaO	136	0.05-1.30	0.175
SiO ₂ -CaO-MgO	426	0.03-3.85	0.130
SiO ₂ -Na ₂ O-K ₂ O	48	7.59-2951.21	0.208
SiO ₂ -Al ₂ O ₃ -CaO	1717	0.03-1995.26	0.281
SiO ₂ -Al ₂ O ₃ -MgO	357	0.04-94.17	0.217
SiO ₂ -Al ₂ O ₃ -K ₂ O	33	1.02-6165.95	0.263
SiO ₂ -Al ₂ O ₃ -CaO-MgO	1253	0.09-83.10	0.250
SiO ₂ -Al ₂ O ₃ -Na ₂ O-K ₂ O	45	15.49-79432.82	0.212
SiO ₂ -CaO-MgO-Na ₂ O-K ₂ O	29	10.00-23442.29	0.312
SiO ₂ -Al ₂ O ₃ -CaO-MgO-Na ₂ O-K ₂ O	43	10.72-1412.54	0.320

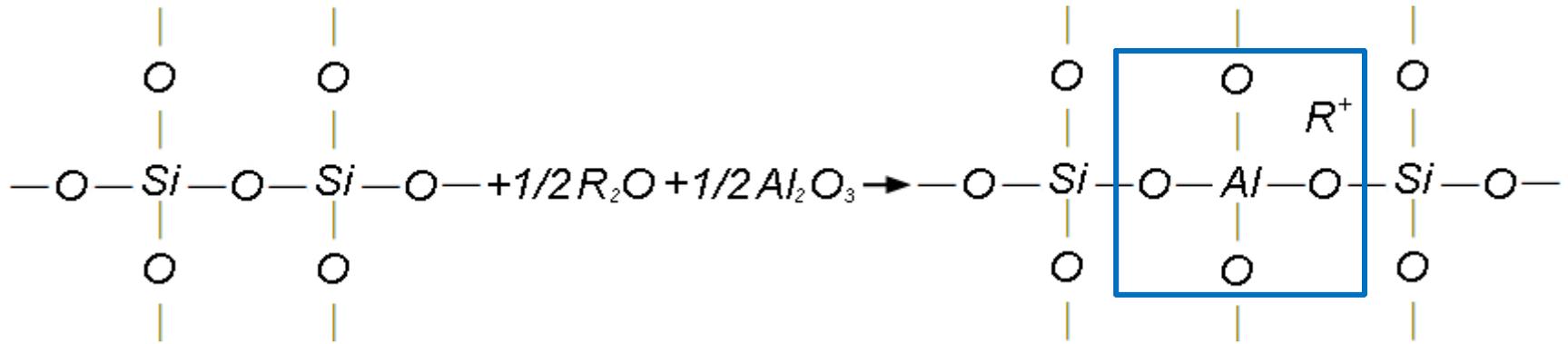
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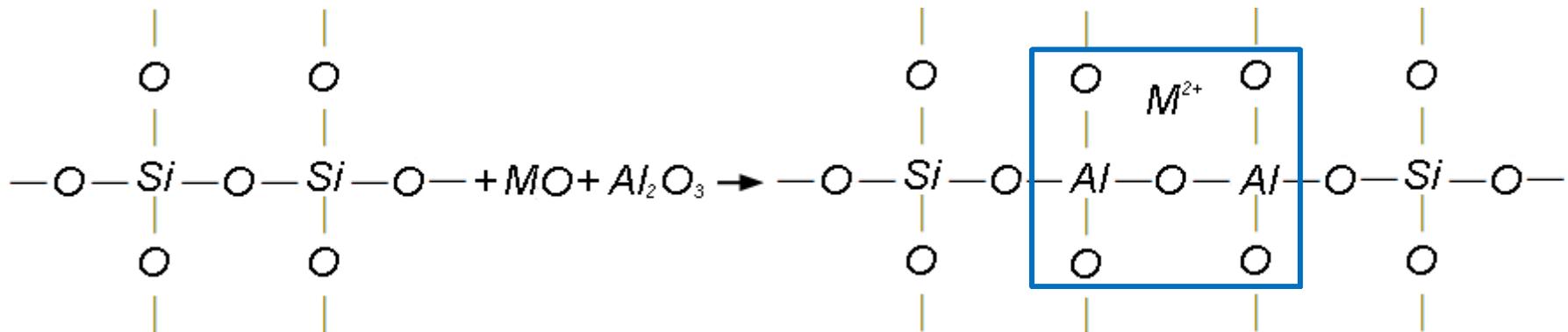




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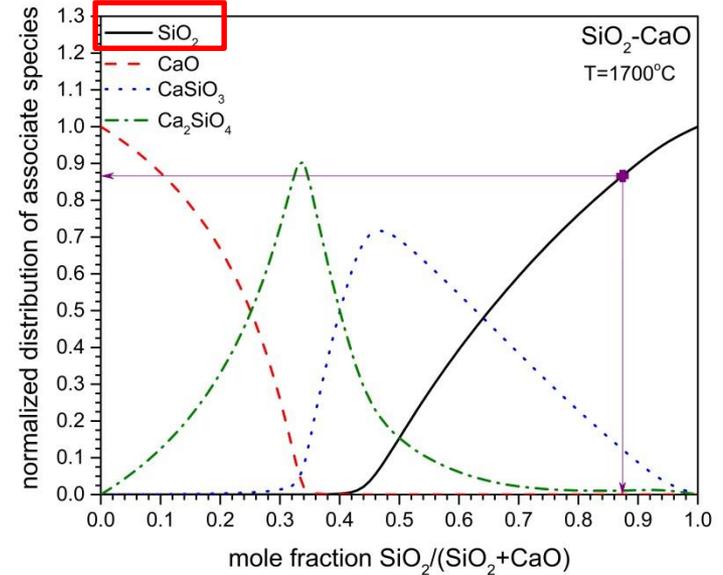
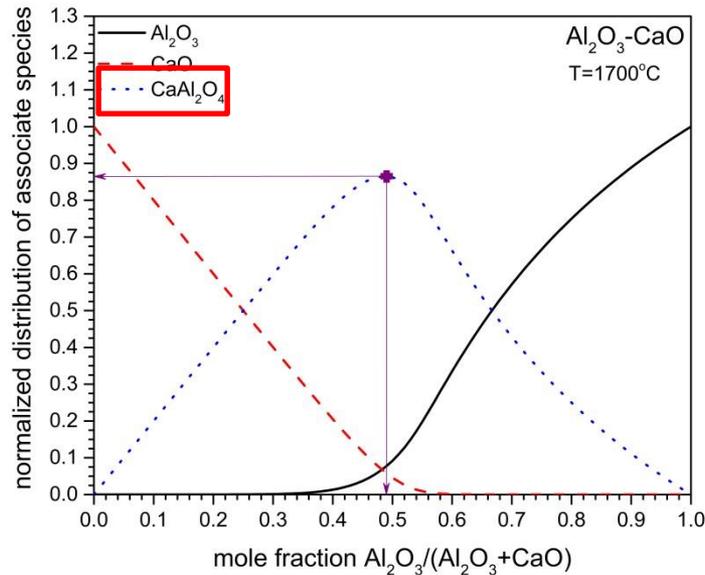
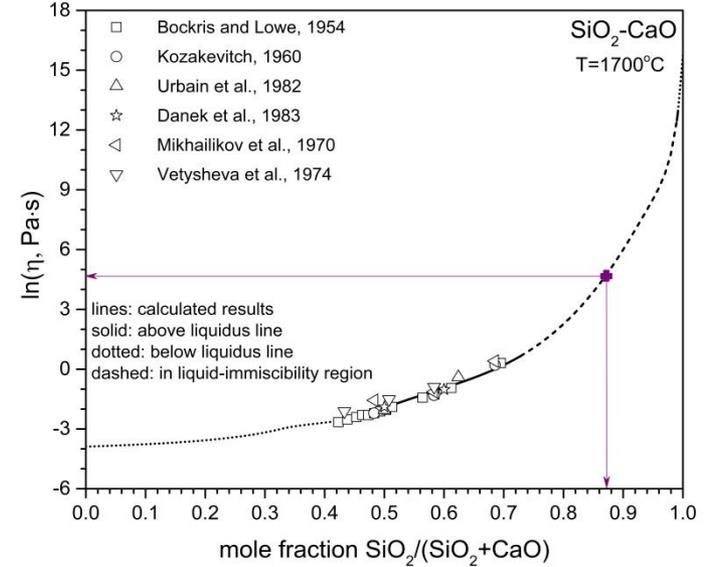
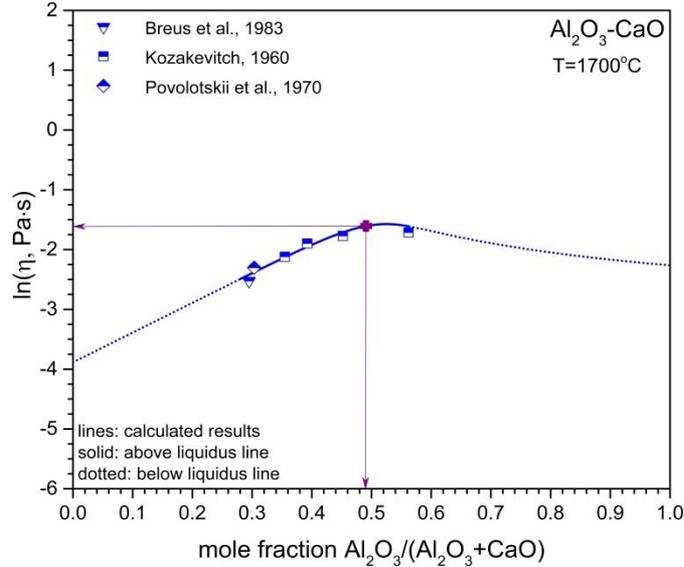


RAIO_2 , RSiAlO_4 , RSi_3AlO_8 or RSi_2AlO_6
 R: Na, K



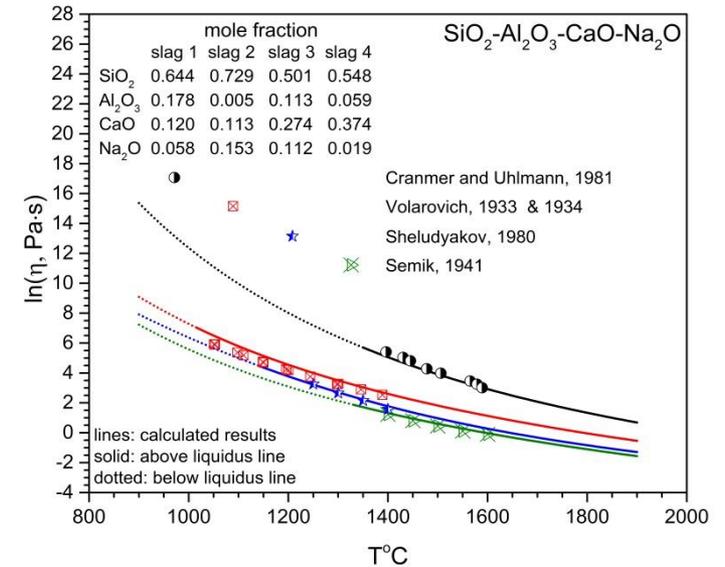
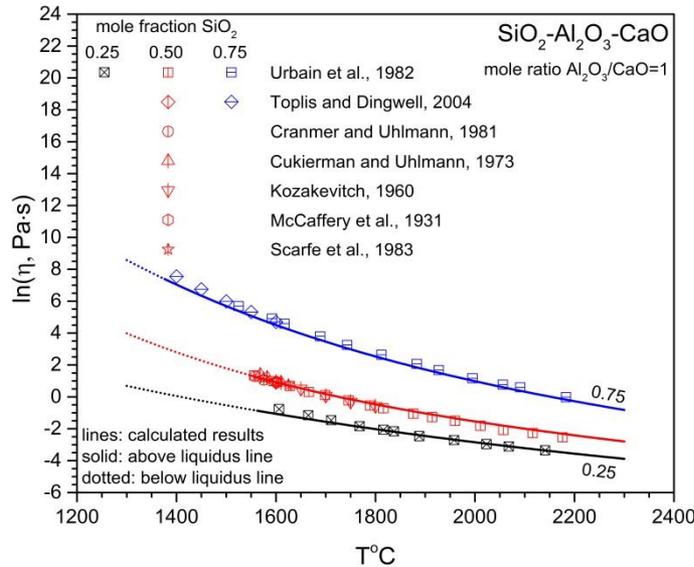
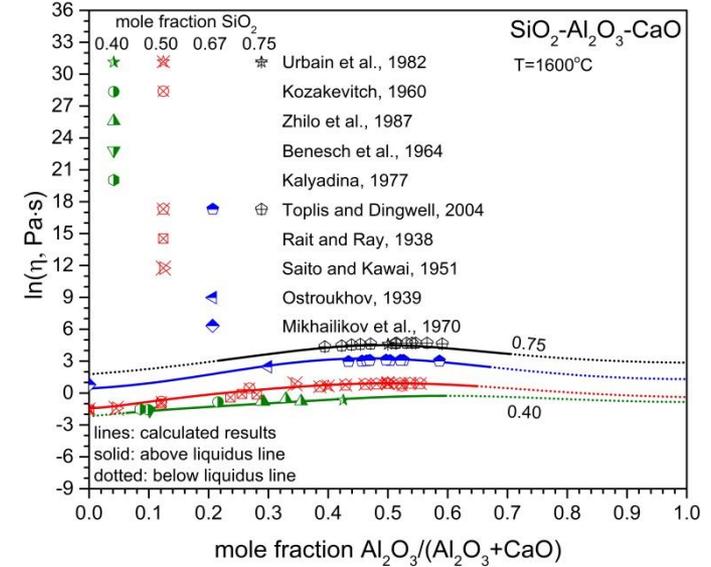
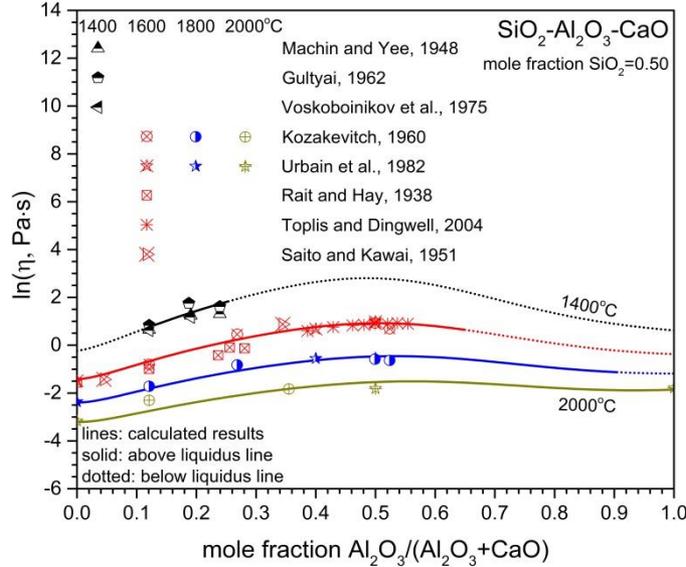
MAI_2O_4 , $\text{MSi}_2\text{Al}_2\text{O}_8$ or $\text{M}_2\text{Si}_5\text{Al}_4\text{O}_{18}$
 M: Ca, Mg

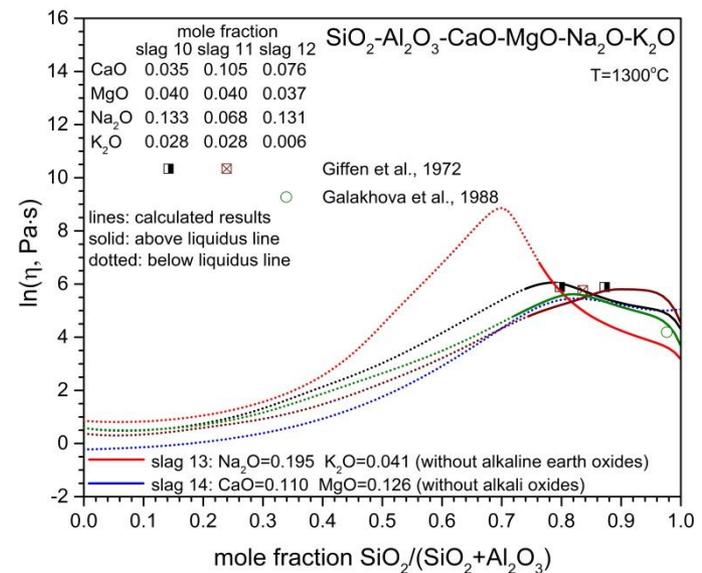
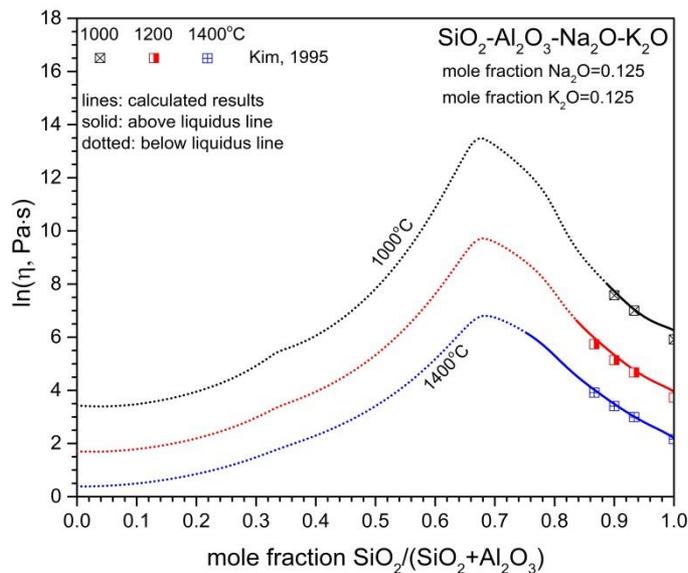
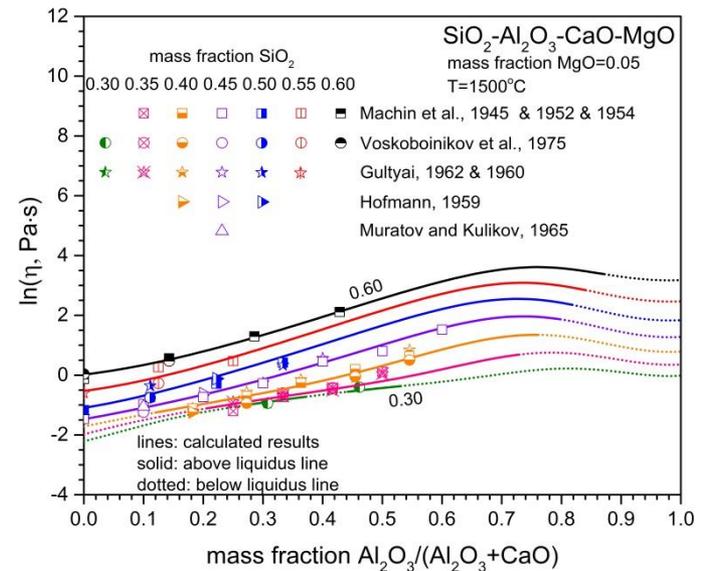
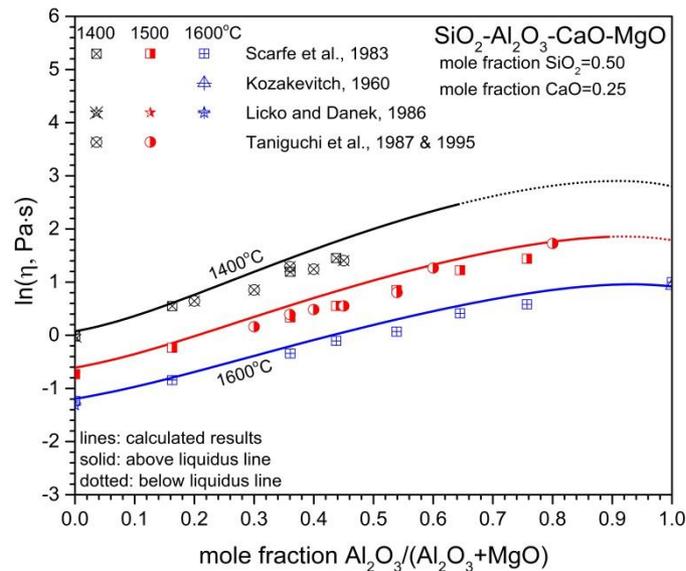
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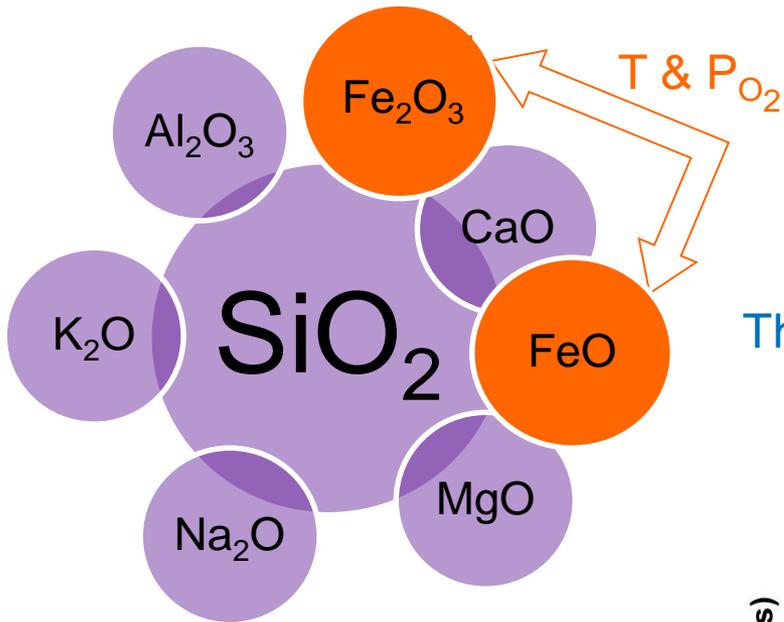
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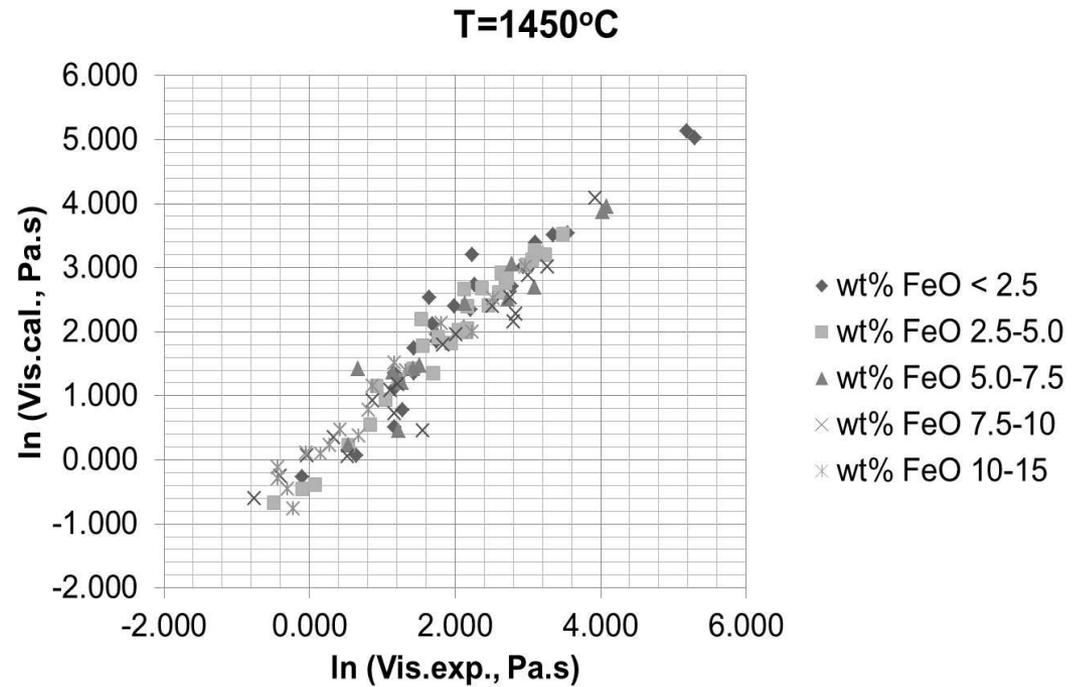
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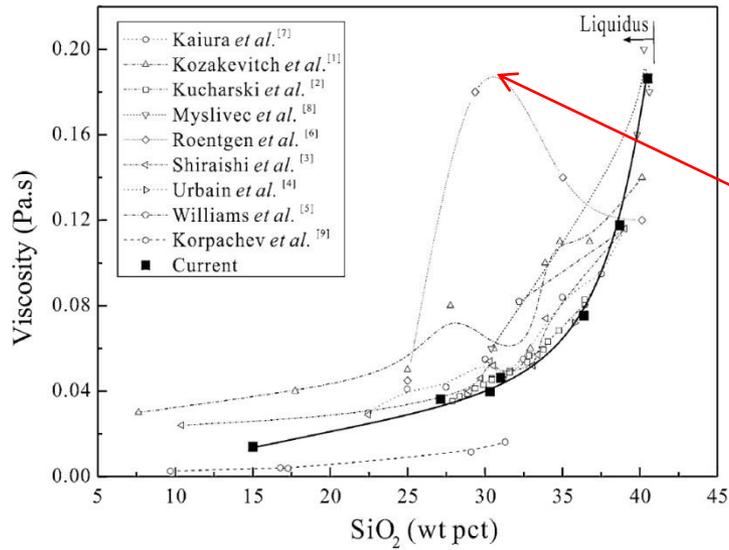
Dual roles

The current model **VS.** The Hurst model*

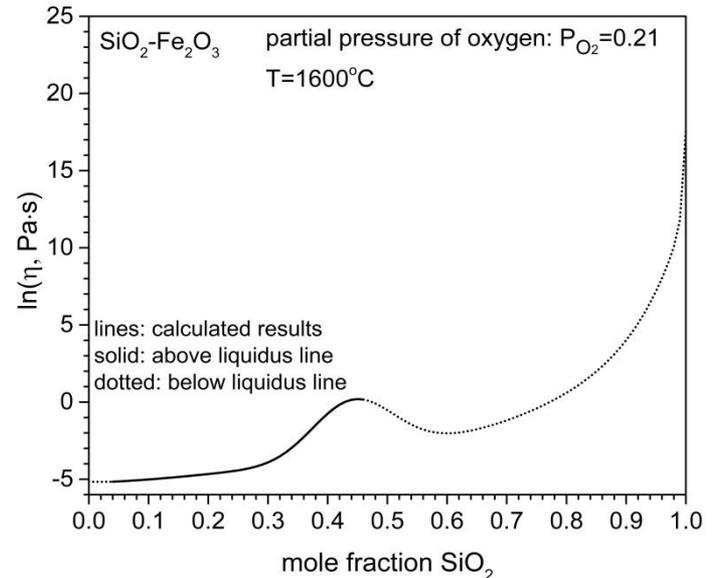
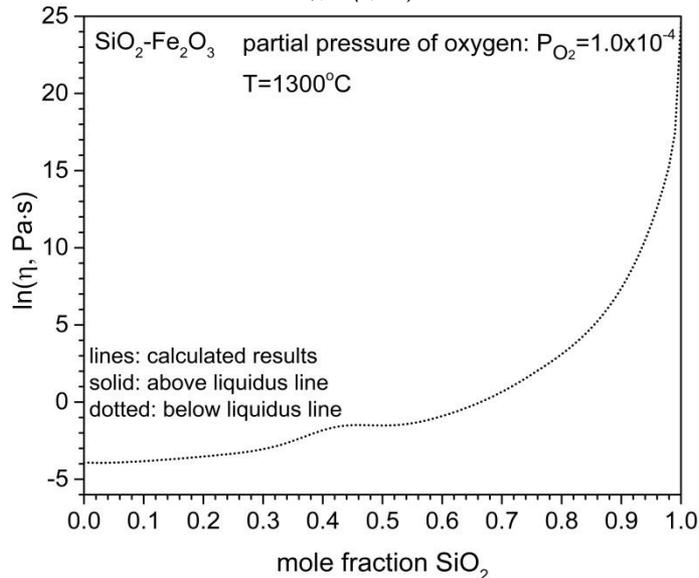
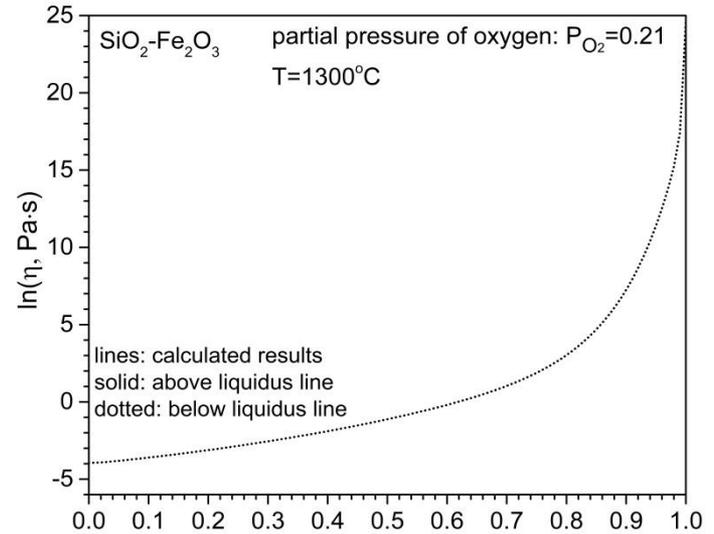
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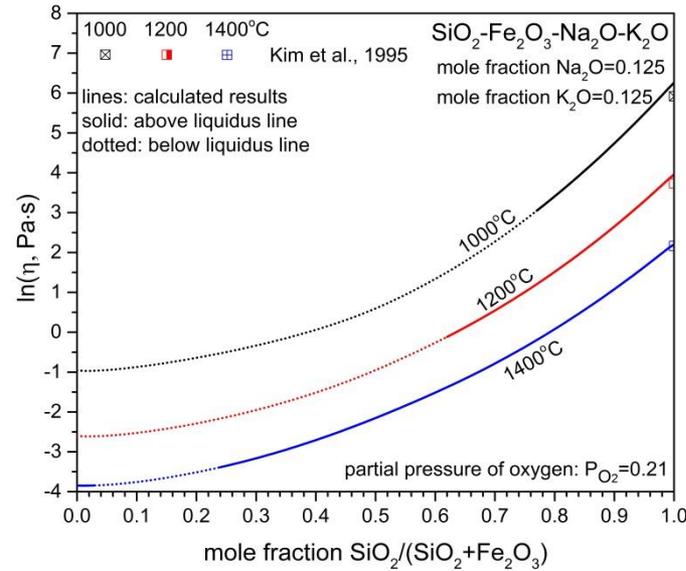
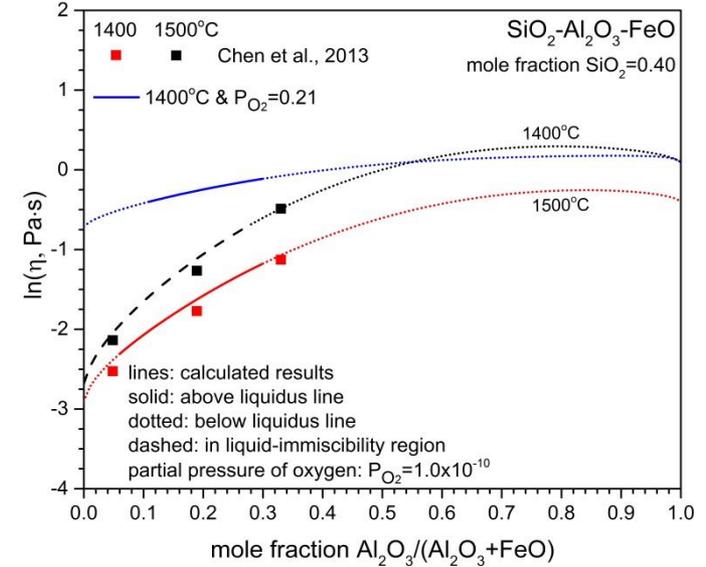
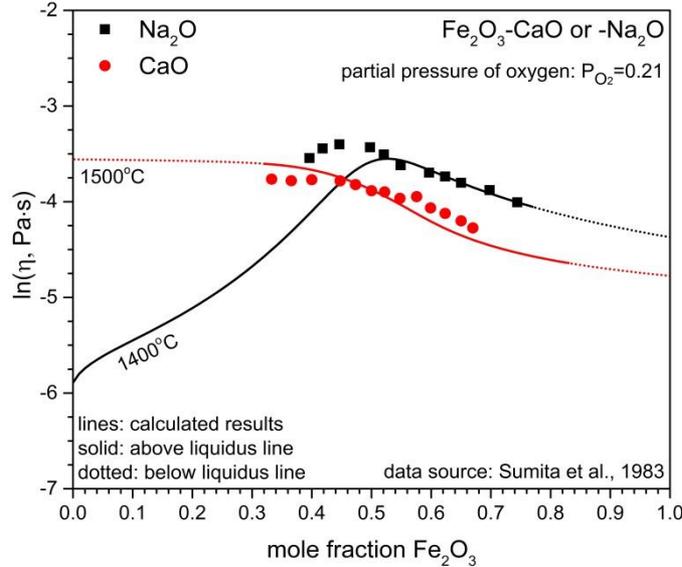
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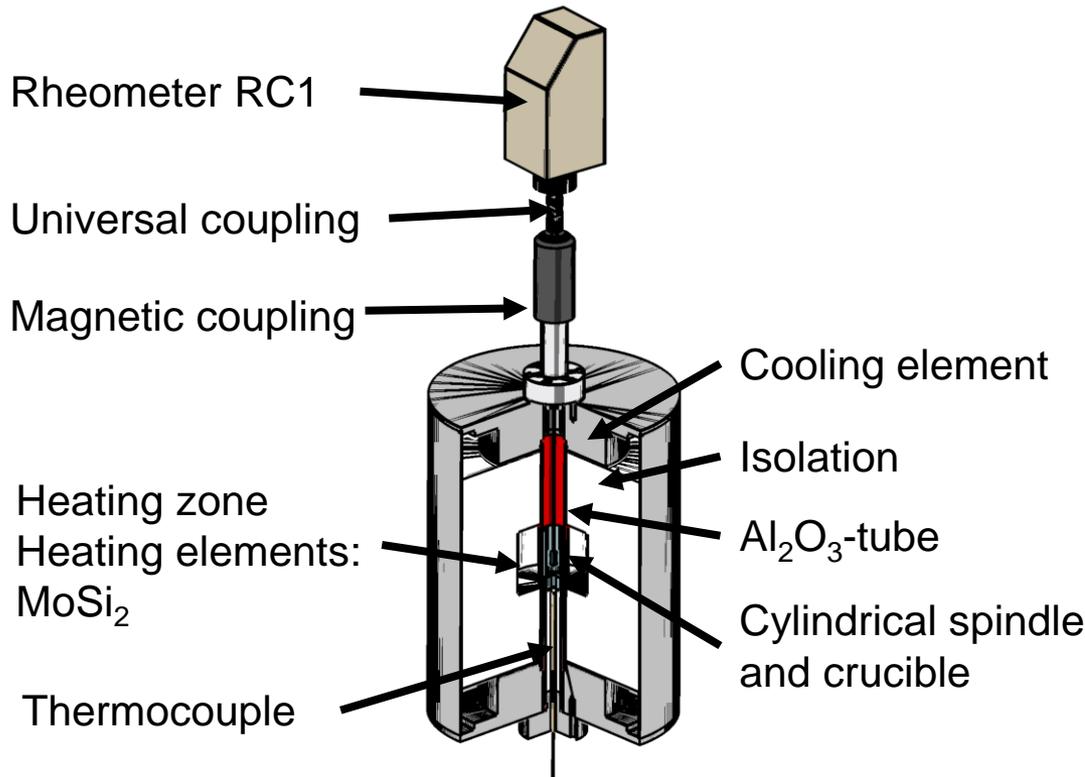
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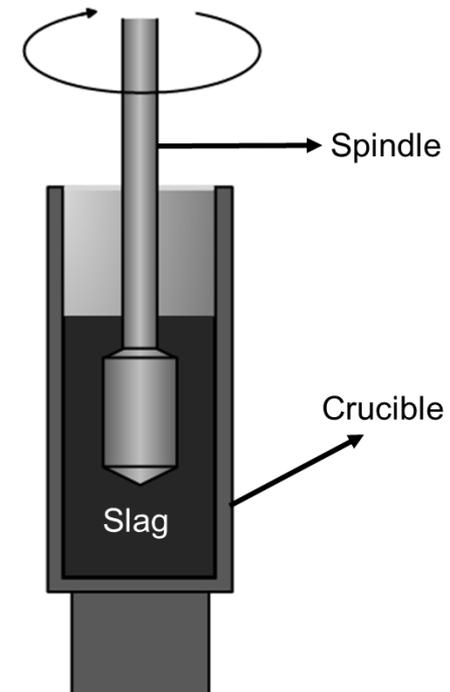


4 Validation



Spindle and crucible:

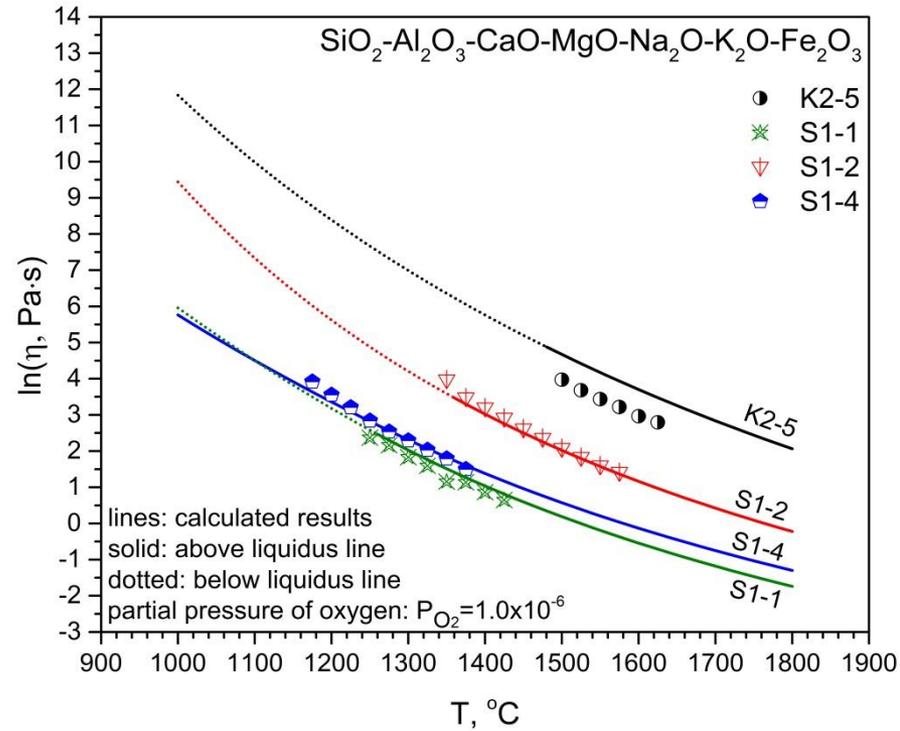
- Molybdenum type ($T_m=2623^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Bob diameter of 14 mm
- Crucible diameter of 29 mm
- Relative viscosity measurement



Rotational viscometer:

- Temperature up to 1600°C
- Pressure up to 5 bar
- Measuring range: 1~1000 Pa•s

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Coal ashes	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	CaO	MgO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Fe ₂ O ₃
K2-5	0.7180	0.1747	0.0206	0.0239	0.0028	0.0320	0.0280
S1-1	0.6292	0.0185	0.2165	0.0873	0.0153	0.0018	0.0314
S1-2	0.5738	0.1739	0.1612	0.0416	0.0206	0.0071	0.0218
S1-4	0.5777	0.0798	0.1785	0.0709	0.0510	0.0105	0.0316

5 Application of the model

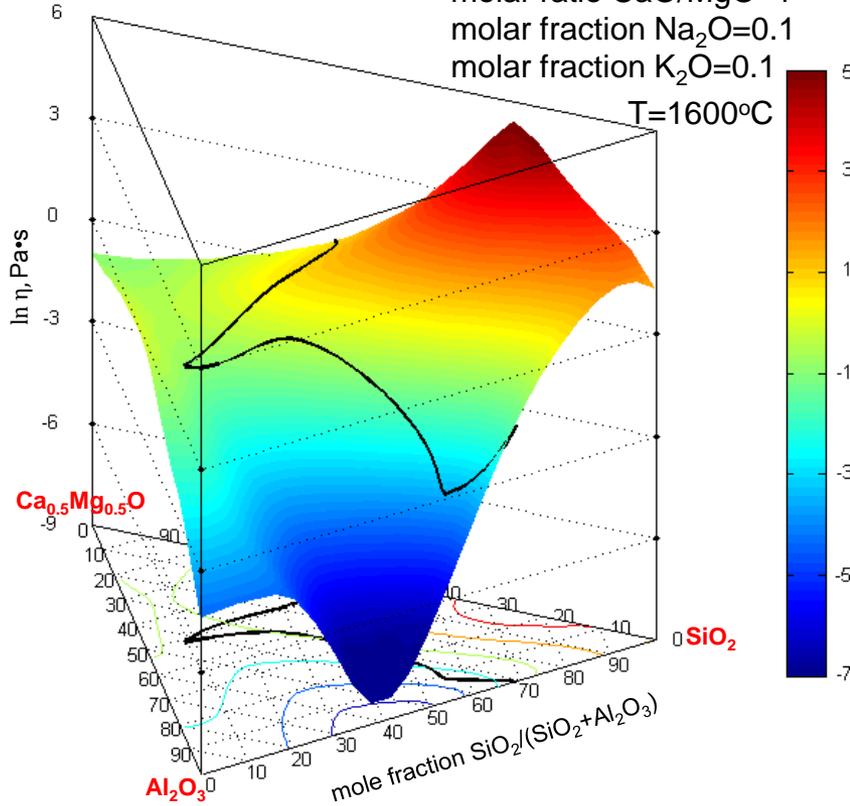
SiO₂-Al₂O₃-CaO-MgO-Na₂O-K₂O

molar ratio CaO/MgO=1

molar fraction Na₂O=0.1

molar fraction K₂O=0.1

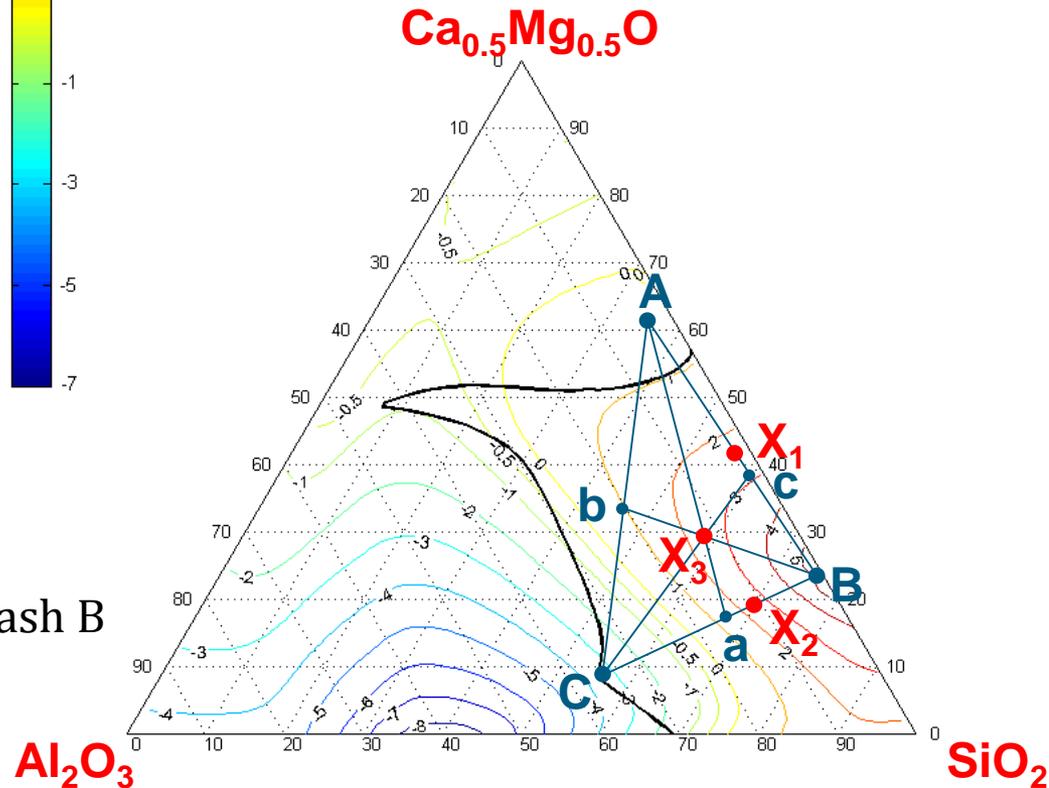
T=1600°C



$$\frac{\text{Amount of Coal ash A}}{\text{Amount of Coal ash B}} = \frac{BX_1}{AX_1}$$

$$\frac{\text{Amount of Coal ash B}}{\text{Amount of Coal ash C}} = \frac{CX_2}{BX_2}$$

$$\frac{\text{Amount of Coal ash A}}{\text{Amount of Coal ash B}} / \frac{\text{Amount of Coal ash B}}{\text{Amount of Coal ash C}} = \frac{aX_3}{bX_3/cX_3}$$



Conclusion:

- A new **structurally-based viscosity model** is developed for the fully liquid oxide system **SiO₂-Al₂O₃-CaO-MgO-Na₂O-K₂O-FeO-Fe₂O₃** over the **whole range of compositions** and a **broad range of temperatures**;
- Good performance is achieved using only **one set of model parameters**, all having a clear **physico-chemical meaning**;
- **Composition-** and **temperature-**induced viscosity behaviors are well described;
- **Extrapolated viscosities** to the regions without experimental data are **reasonable**;
- The model is **self-consistent**.

Outlook:

- Further assessing the model parameters of the **FeO/Fe₂O₃ containing systems**;
- Extending the model for fully liquid phase by **further oxides**, such as P₂O₅;
- Extending the model from fully liquid phase to **mixtures of liquid and solids**;
- Measuring viscosity in unknown region to **validate the current model**.

Thank you very much for your attention!