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# **NOVEL PROPERTIES OF GLASS-METAL NANOCOMPOSITES**

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# OUTLINE

- Glass-Ceramics  $\longrightarrow$  Template for nano metal growth.
- Silver nanowires in gel derived silica glass  $\longrightarrow$  Single electron tunneling
- Silver nanowires in fluorophlogopite mica glass-ceramics  $\longrightarrow$  Giant dielectric permittivity
- Metal core-metal oxide shell nanostructure in silica glass  $\longrightarrow$  Interfacial amorphous phase
- Glass-Ceramic- metal nanocomposites  $\longrightarrow$  Large Relative Humidity Sensitivity
- Silicate glass with nano metal arrays  $\longrightarrow$  Diode- like behaviour

# Growth of Nanocrystalline Metal at Glass-Crystal Interface

Glass 55SiO<sub>2</sub> 12ZnO 32.2 Li<sub>2</sub>O 0.8P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

Heat treated

565<sup>0</sup>C / 1 hr.+ 630<sup>0</sup>C/3 hr.

Glass- Crystal Composites

Zn<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> + Li<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> : Crystalline

phase

Ion Exchange

Li<sup>+</sup> ⇌ Ag<sup>+</sup> (Silver Nitrate at 310<sup>0</sup>C/8 hr.)

Li<sup>+</sup> ⇌ Cu<sup>+</sup> (CuCl, 510<sup>0</sup>C/3 hr.)

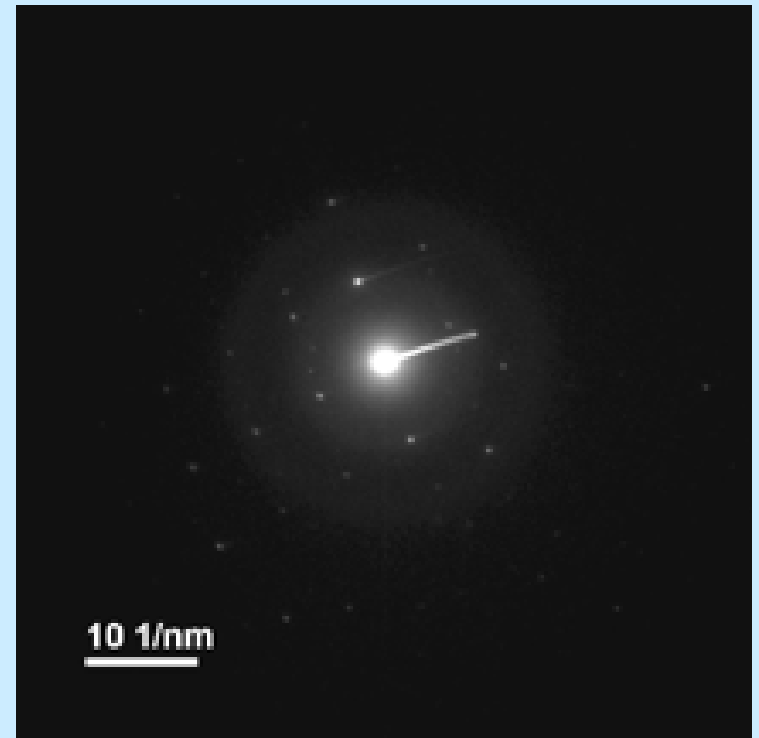
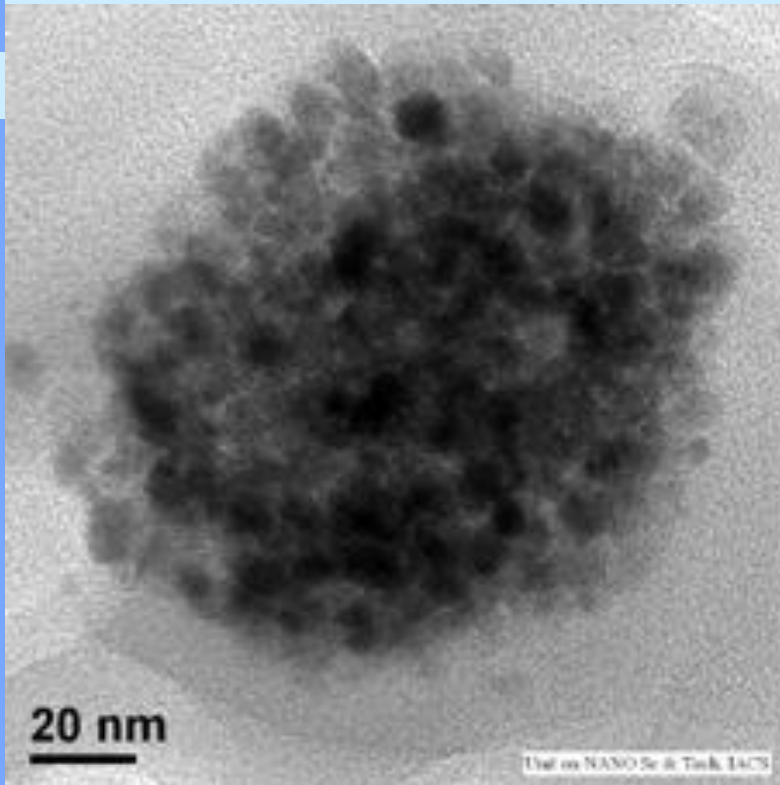
Reducible ion enriched Glass-Crystal Composite Layer

3Li<sup>+</sup> ⇌ Fe<sup>3+</sup> (FeCl<sub>3</sub>, 300<sup>0</sup>C/50 hr)

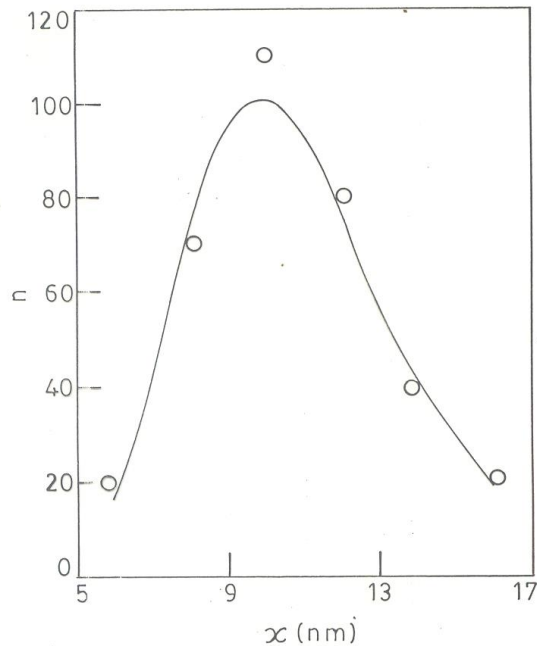
Reduction in H<sub>2</sub>

Nanoparticles of Metal at Glass-Crystal Interface

# Growth of Nanocrystalline Metal at Glass-Crystal Interface



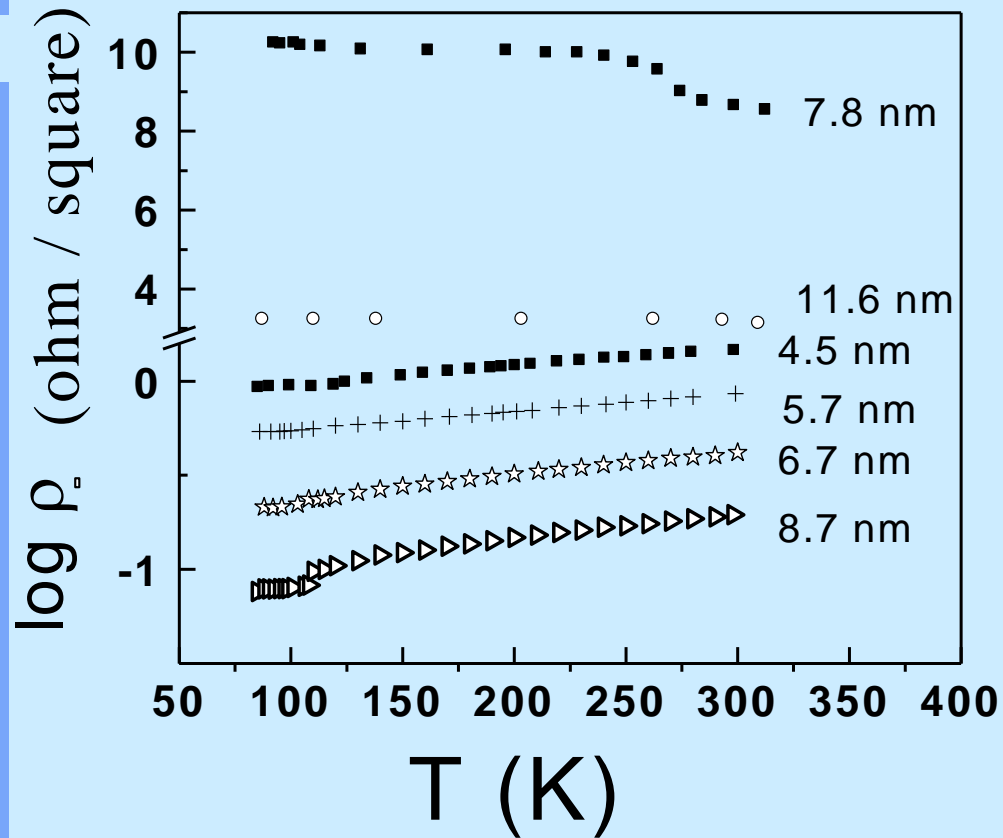
# Growth of Nanocrystalline Metal at Glass-Crystal Interface



Size distribution of Silver Particles  
Synthesized by ion exchange and  
reduction(873K for 1/2 hr) in a glass  
of Composition  
 $55\text{SiO}_2, 32.2 \text{LiO}_2, 12 \text{ZnO}, 0.8\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$

$$\Delta n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \ln \sigma} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \ln \left( \frac{x}{\bar{x}} \right) / \ln \sigma \right)^2 \right\} \Delta(\ln x)$$

# Growth of Nanocrystalline Metal at Glass-Crystal Interface



# Growth of Nanocrystalline Metal at Glass-Crystal Interface

Electron Tunnelling between Metal Islands

*Neugebauer and Webb model:*

$$\rho \propto \exp(2\alpha s + E / kT)$$

$\alpha$  : Tunnelling exponent  $(= \left(\frac{2m\phi}{\hbar^2}\right)^{1/2})$

s : Inter-Grain distance

E : Energy to charge a grain

$\phi$  : Effective barrier height

$$E = \frac{e^2}{2\pi\epsilon\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r+s} \right) \quad (\text{Tick and Fehlner 1972})$$

e : electronic charge

r : metal grain radius

$\epsilon$  : dielectric constant of matrix

$\epsilon_0$  : dielectric permittivity of free space



# **NANOWIRES IN SILICA GEL NANOPORES**

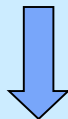
**GEL SAMPLES HEAT TREATED AT TEMPERATURES 523 TO 823 K FOR 6 HRS**



**DIPPED INTO A SOLUTION OF  $\text{AgNO}_3$**

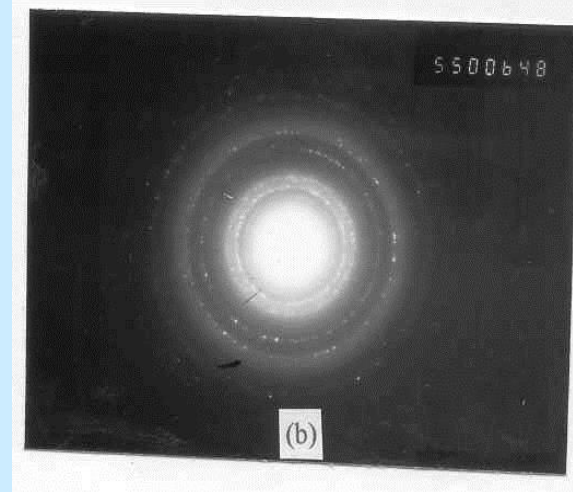
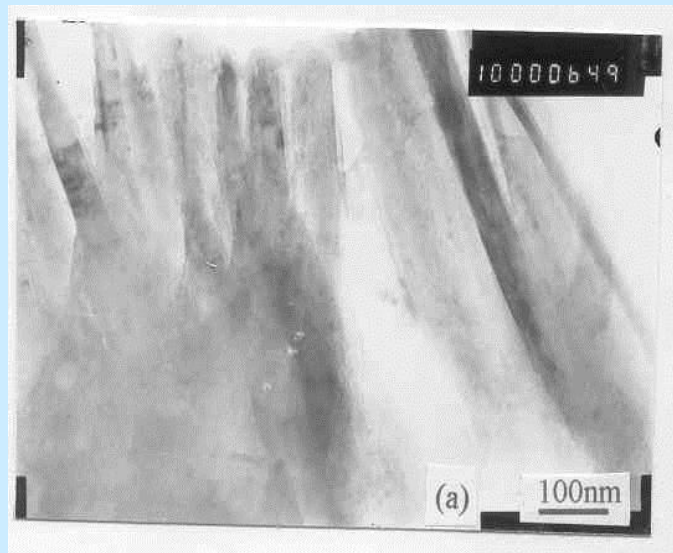


**SAMPLES COATED WITH SILVER PASTE ELECTRODES**



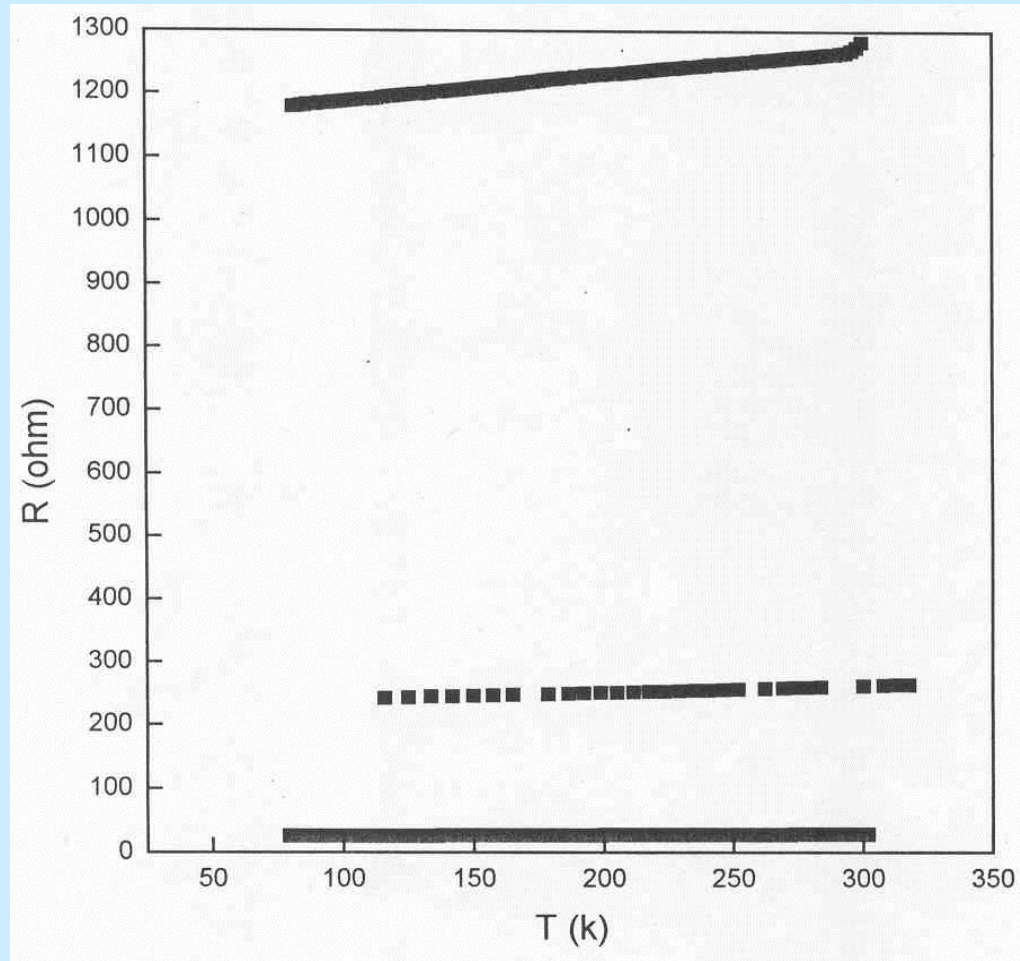
**ELECTRODEPOSITION AT 8 VOLTS**

# SILVER NANOWIRES IN SILICA GEL

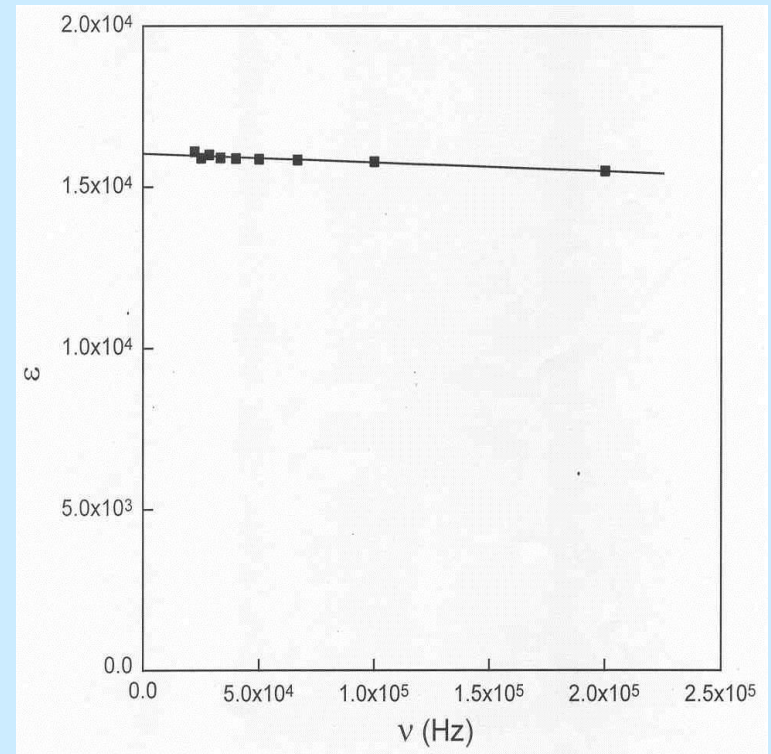
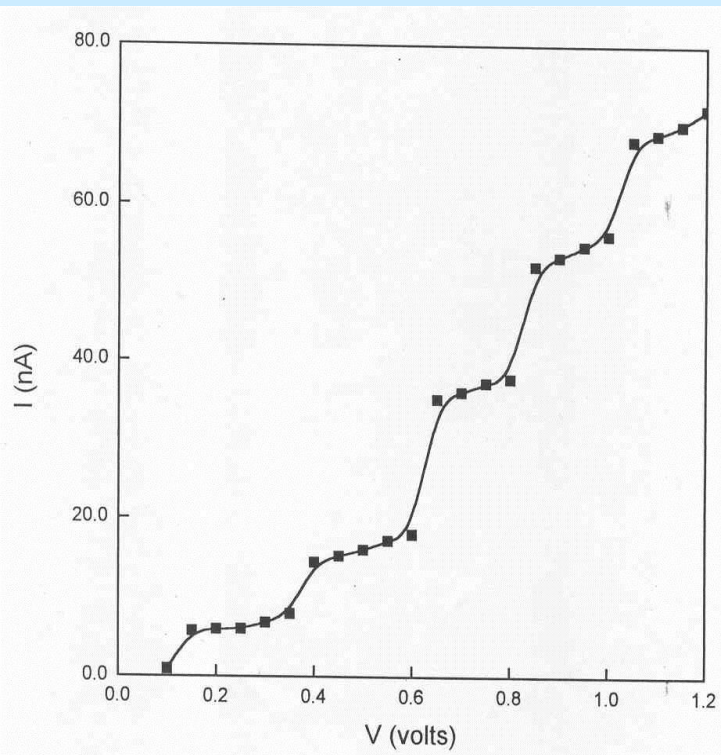


TEM for silica gel heat at 723K/6h.soaked AgNO<sub>3</sub> and  
Subjected to electrodeposition

# SILVER NANOWIRES IN SILICA GEL



# SILVER NANOWIRES WITH BREAK JUNCTION IN SILICA GEL



# GROWTH OF SILVER NANOWIRES IN NANO CHANNELS OF FLUOROPHLOGOPITE MICA ( $\text{KMg}_3\text{AlSi}_3\text{O}_{10}\text{F}_2$ )

GLASS COMPOSITION (TYPICAL) :

42  $\text{SiO}_2$  15  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  9 $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  8  $\text{MgO}$  20  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  6 $\text{KF}$



HEAT TREATMENT AT 1168 K FOR 2 HRS



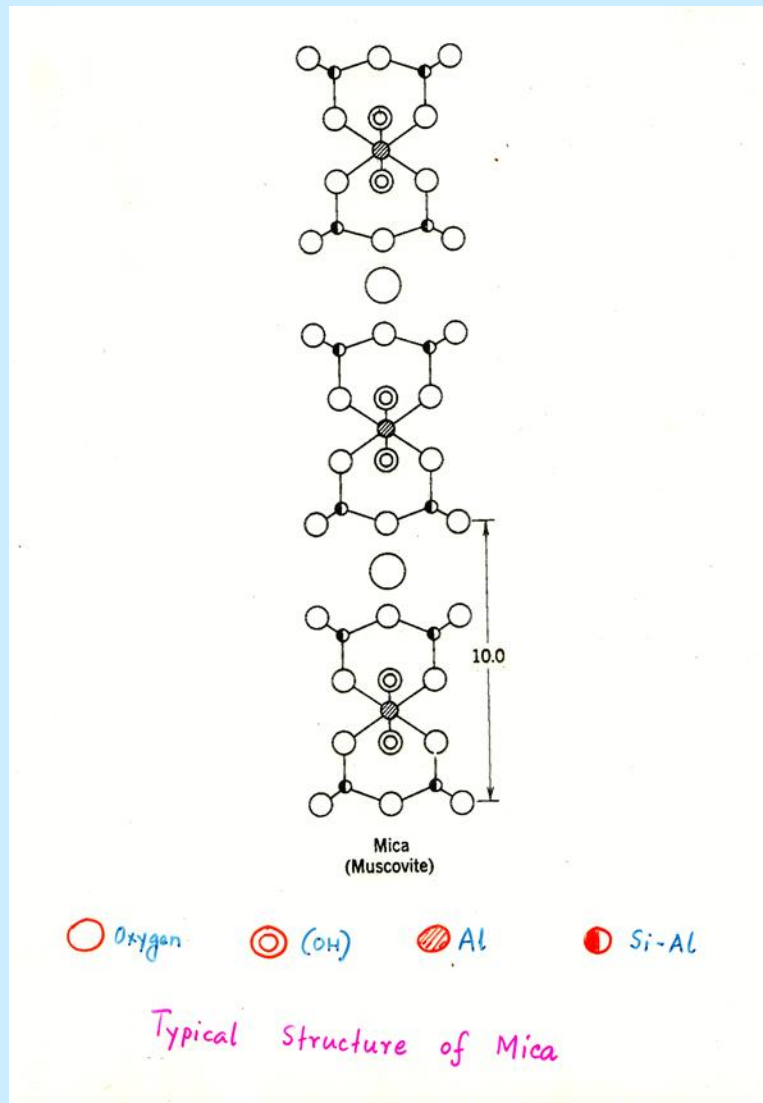
ION EXCHANGED IN  $\text{AgNO}_3$  AT 573 K FOR 24 HRS



ELECTRODEPOSITION WITH 10 VOLTS AT 370 K  
(SILVER PASTE ELECTRODES)

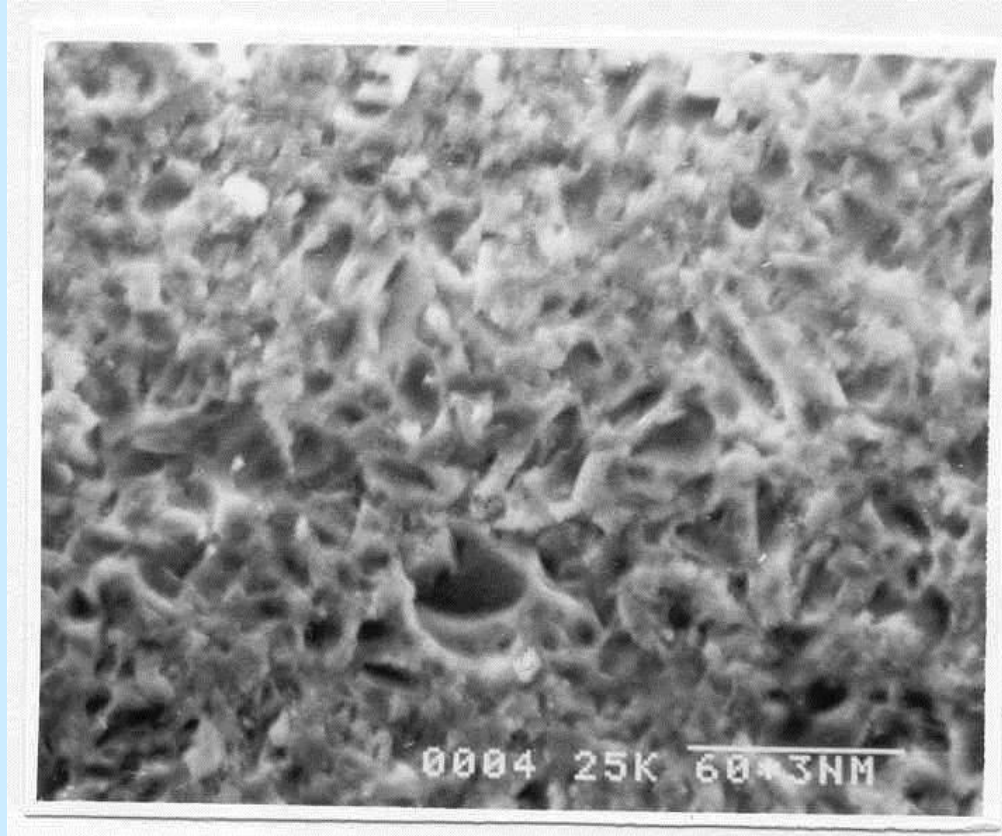
# GROWTH OF SILVER NANOWIRES IN NANO CHANNELS OFFLUOROPHLOGOPITE MICA

Crystal Channels as Templates for Growing Nanowires



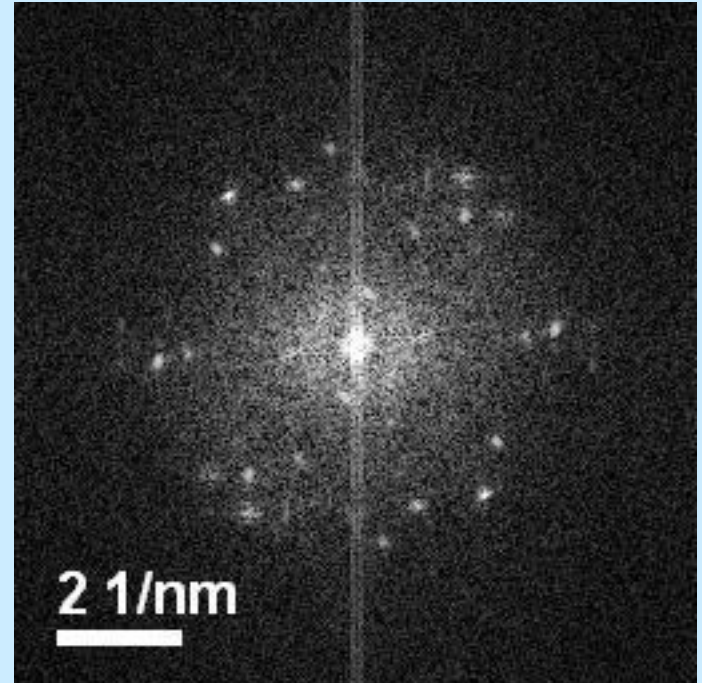
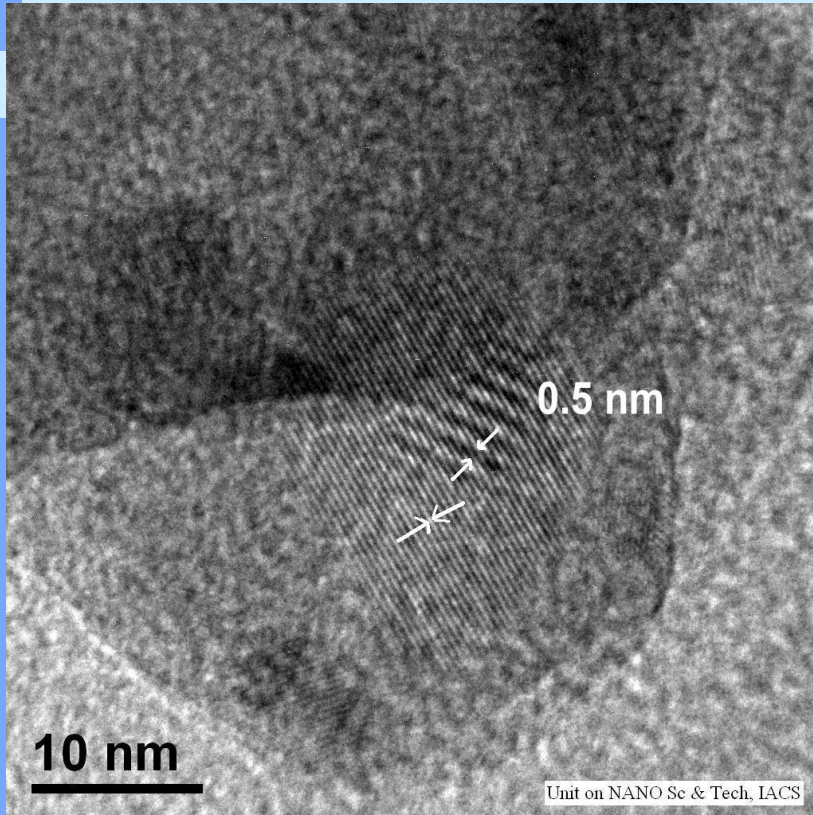


# GLASS CERAMICS WITH FLUOROPHLOGOPITE MICA



SEM

# NANOWIRES IN GLASS CERAMICS CONTAINING FLUOROPHLOGOPITE MICA



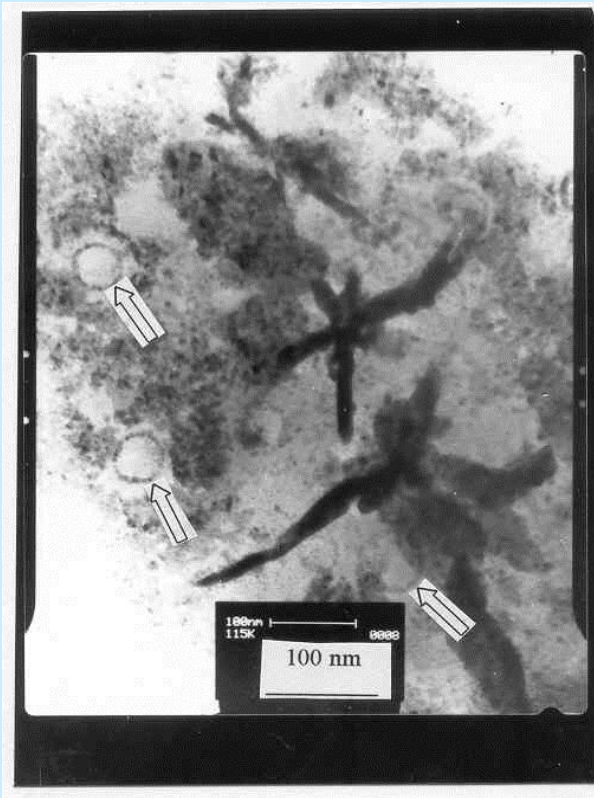


# NANOWIRES IN GLASS CERAMICS CONTAINING FLUOROPHLOGOPITE MICA

Interplanar spacing  $d_{hkl}$  Specimen  
heat treated at 1165 K / 2 hr +ion exchanged at 573 K / 24 hr

Experimental value Specimen heat treated at 1163K for 2 hr.and ion exchanged at 573 K for 24 hr. (nm)	Standard X-ray data for $K Mg_3Al Si_3$ $O_{10} F_2$ (nm)
1.0769	0.996 (001)
0.4666	0.459 (020)
0.375	0.365 (112)
0.304	0.313 (112)
0.250	0.249 (131)

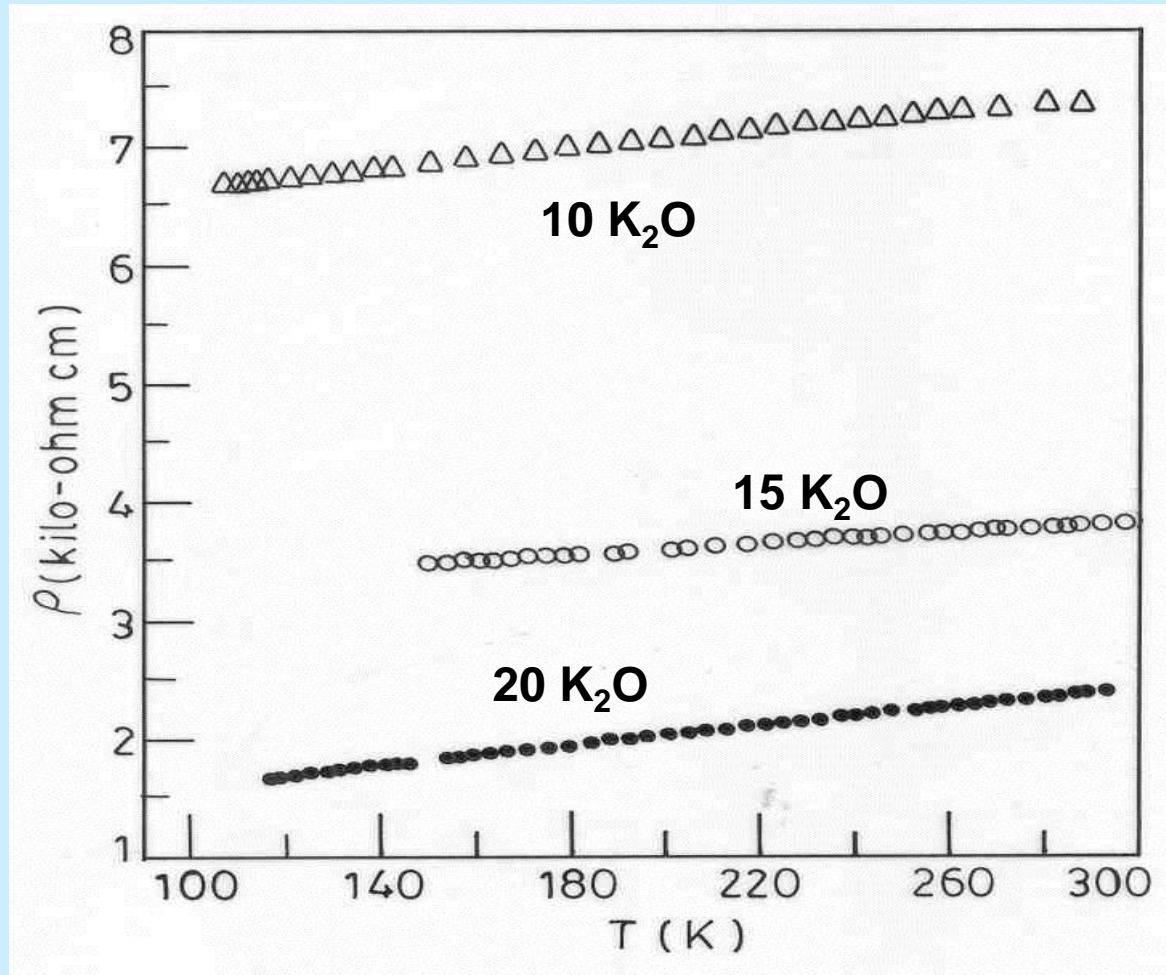
# GROWTH OF SILVER NANO PARTICLES IN GLASS CERAMICS CONTAINING FLUORPHLOGOPITE MICA



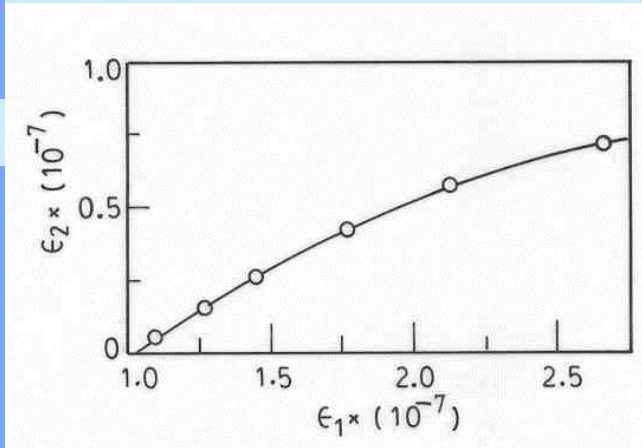
## GLASS COMPOSITION

47 SiO<sub>2</sub> 15 B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 12Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 10 MgO 10 K<sub>2</sub>O 6KF

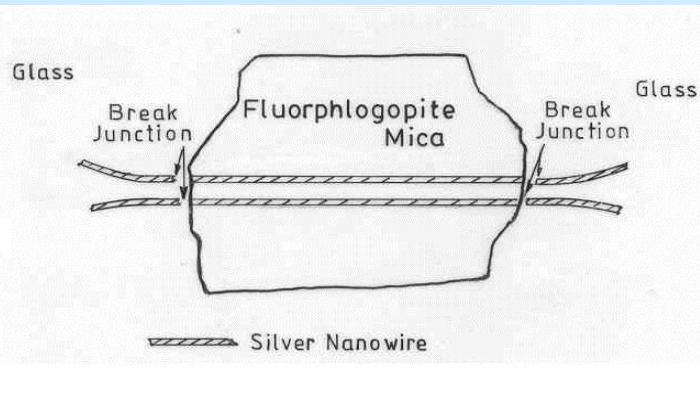
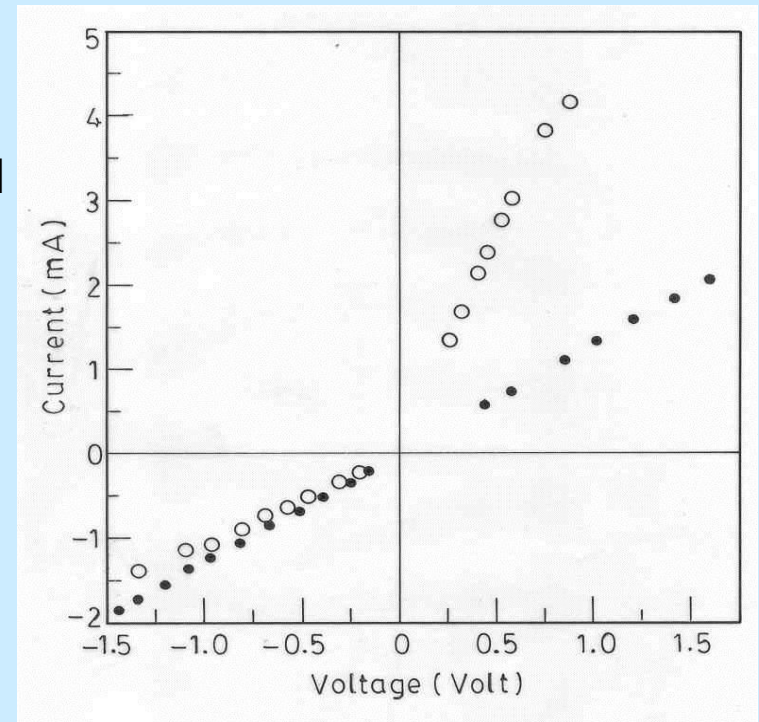
# SILVER NANOWIRES IN GLASS CERAMICS CONTAINING FLUOROPHLOGOPITE MICA



# SILVER NANOWIRES IN GLASS CERAMICS CONTAINING FLUOROPHLOGOPITE MICA



**COLE-COLE DIAGRAM**



**SCHEMATIC OF BREAK JUNCTIONS**

# SILVER NANOWIRES IN MICA CHANNELS– ULTRA HIGH DIELECTRIC PERMITTIVITY

***SPACE CHARGE POLARIZATION MODEL FAILS TO EXPLAIN HIGH  $\epsilon$   
MECHANISM IS ELECTRONIC***

***INTERRUPTED STRAND MODEL (RICE & BERNASCONI, 1972, PRL)***

$$\epsilon \cong 1 / 2(q_s l_0)^2$$

**$l_0$** : STRAND LENGTH ;  $l_0 = 1287$  nm

**$q_s$** : FERMI THOMAS SCREENING WAVE VECTOR OF CONDUCTION ELECTRONS

**$q_s \sim a^{-1}$**  FOR METALLIC DENSITIES; FOR  $\epsilon \sim 10^7$  AND  $a = 0.28$  nm

***IN AGREEMENT WITH MICA CRYSTALLITE DIMENSIONS***

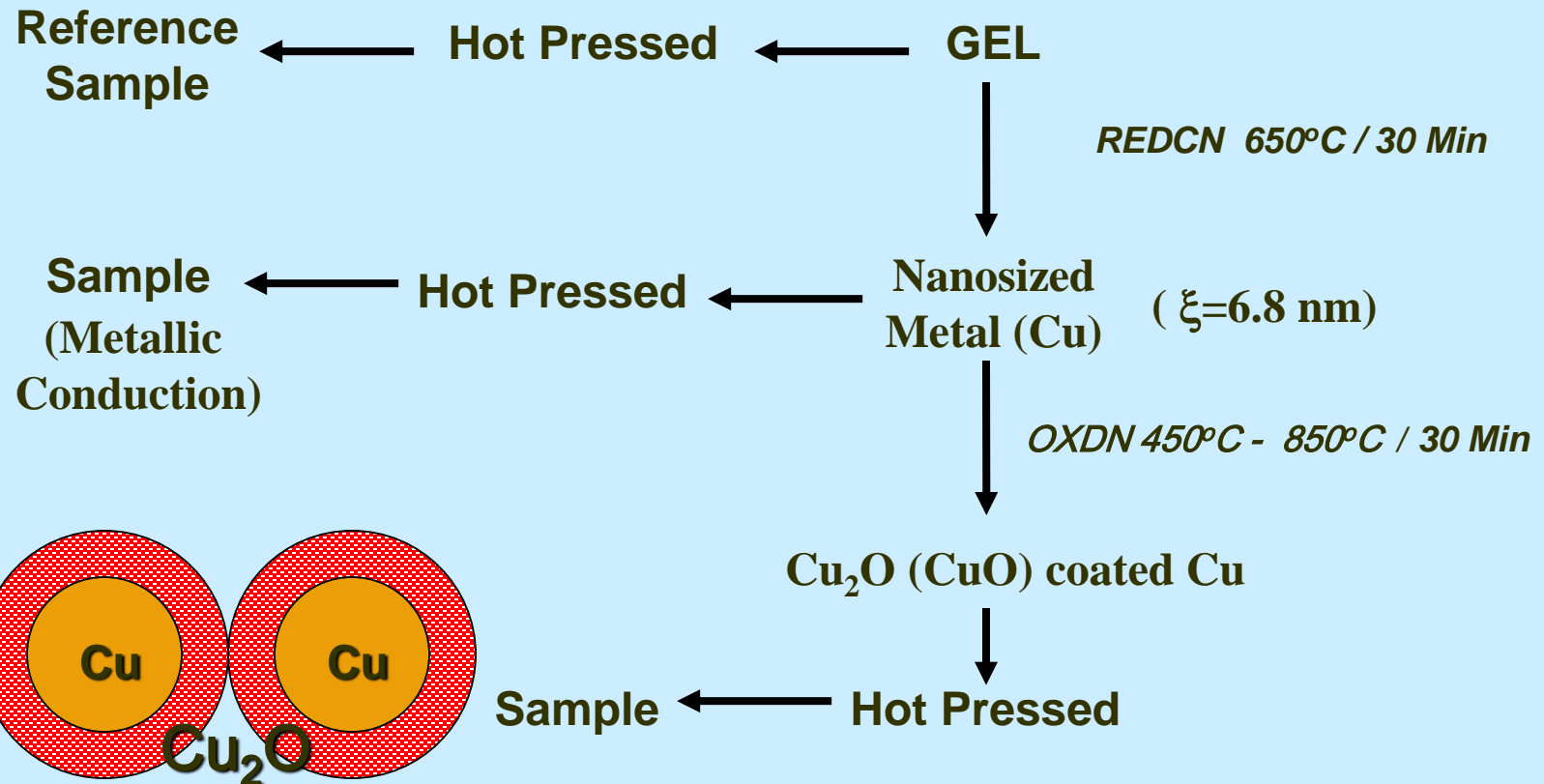
# COPPER CORE COPPER OXIDE SHELL – INTERFACIAL AMORPHOUS PHASE

## Preparation :

*Target gel composition 60 CuO. 40 SiO<sub>2</sub> (mole%)*

**Precursors :** *CuCl<sub>2</sub> · 2H<sub>2</sub>O, Si(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>*

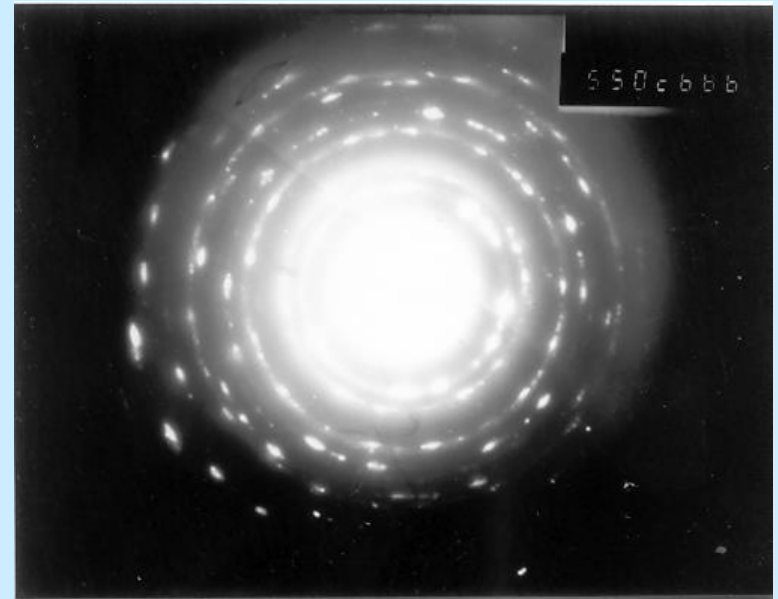
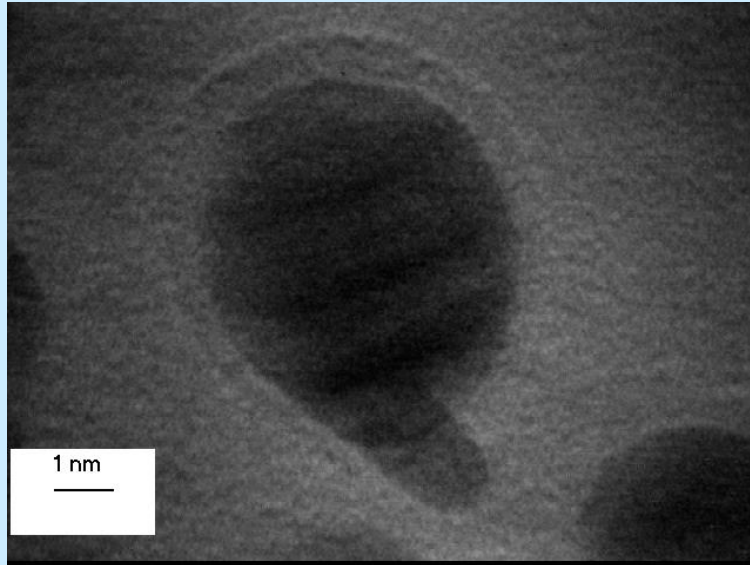
**Sol<sup>n</sup> :** *60 ml C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH, 10 ml dist H<sub>2</sub>O, 1 ml HCL, 125 ml Si (OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>*



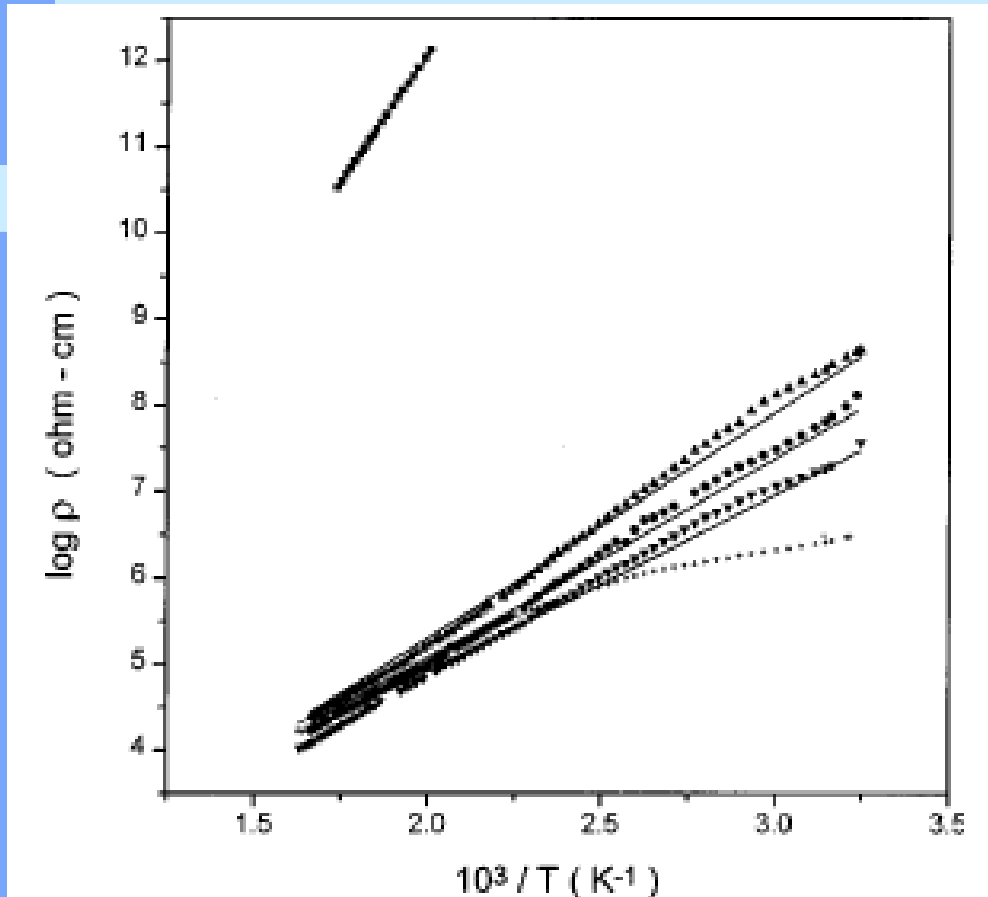


# COPPER CORE COPPER OXIDE SHELL – INTERFACIAL AMORPHOUS PHASE

SPECIMEN REDUCED AT 923K / 30MIN + OXIDIZED AT 823K / 30MIN



# COPPER CORE COPPER OXIDE SHELL-INTERFACIAL AMORPHOUS PHASE



Variation of log resistivity as  
a function of inverse  
temperature for different samples.

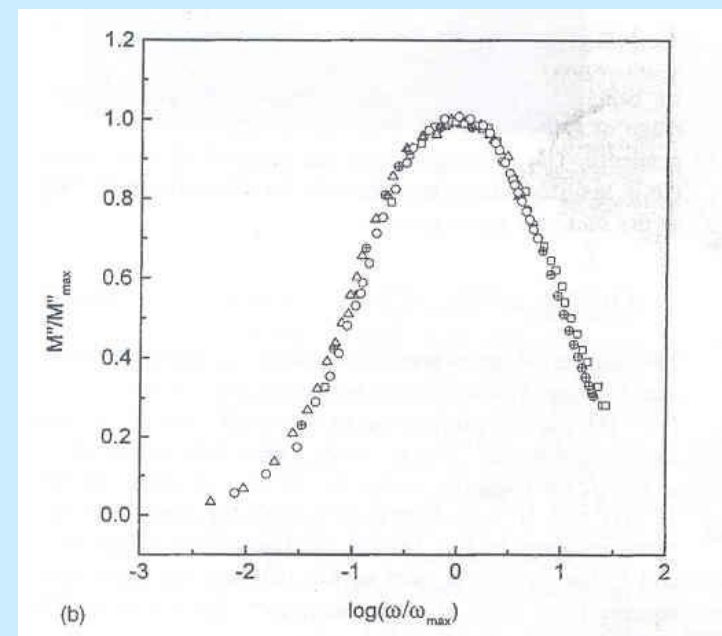
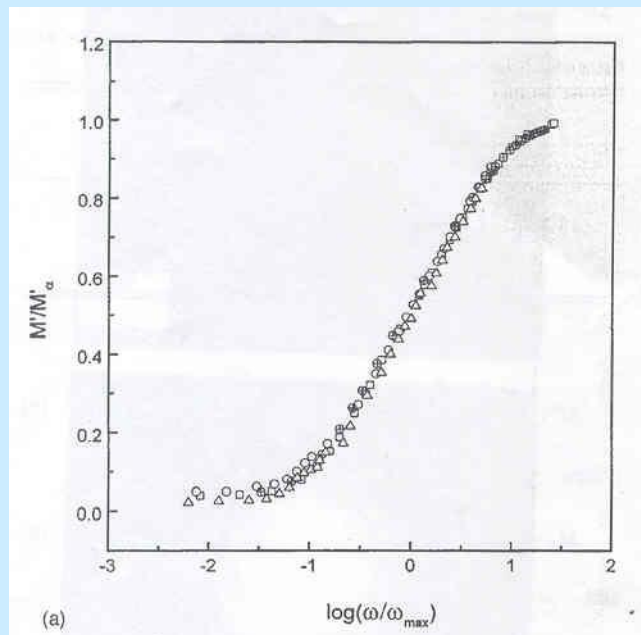
Das/Chakravorty Appl.Phys.Lett. 76 ,1273 (2000)



# COPPER CORE COPPER OXIDE SHELL – INTERFACIAL AMORPHOUS PHASE

**NORMALIZED PLOTS OF  $M'$  AND  $M''$**   
**SPECIMEN REDUCED AT 923K / 30 MIN + OXIDIZED**  
**AT 723K / 30 MIN**

**KWW FUNCTION :  $F(t) = \exp[-(t/\tau_R)^\beta]$**



# COPPER CORE COPPER OXIDE SHELL – INTERFACIAL AMORPHOUS PHASE

Model	N/Wt	$\beta_1$	$10^{-5} \rho_0$	$10^k \tau_0$ (s)	$\varepsilon_{D\omega}$	$\varepsilon_{C1\omega}$	$10^5 A_{3C}$	$\gamma_{3C}$	$100S_P$	-FQF
CK1	12/P	{0.191}	3.42	[0.013]	72.5	0.754	...	...	2.98	89
CK1	12/M	{0.190}	3.33	[0.009]	74.1	0.602	...	...	2.34	124
CK1	10/P	[0.450]	3.05	[17.3]	{56.8}	16.3	...	...	1.87	96
CK1	10/M	{0.371}	3.04	[5.50]	{64.7}	8.49	...	...	1.52	119
CK1	10/P	(2/3)	3.06	135	{11.4}	66.0	...	...	2.60	83
CK1	10/M	(2/3)	3.02	118	{19.7}	58.7	...	...	1.93	114
CK1S	10/M	(2/3)	2.49	[59.5]	56.0	35.9	{1.17}	0.66	0.84	141
CK1S	10/M	0.676	2.55	68.3#	51.3#	39.6	(1.81)	0.64	0.90	138
CK1	10/P	(1/3)	3.10	2.94	65.8	6.43	...	...	1.97	94
CK1	10/M	(1/3)	3.06	2.67	67.4	5.90	...	...	1.53	120
CK1S	10/M	(1/3)	2.58	{1.40}	82.0	3.96	{1.53}	0.65	0.90	137
CK1S	10/M	0.438	2.57	8.56	76.4	9.92	(1.53)	0.66	0.77	143
CK1S	12/P	0.333	2.82	2.14	73.9	5.14	[1.42]	0.70	2.03	106
CK1S	12/P/Y	{0.331}	2.97	[2.46]	{69.8}	5.90	[1.58]	{0.73}	2.03	106

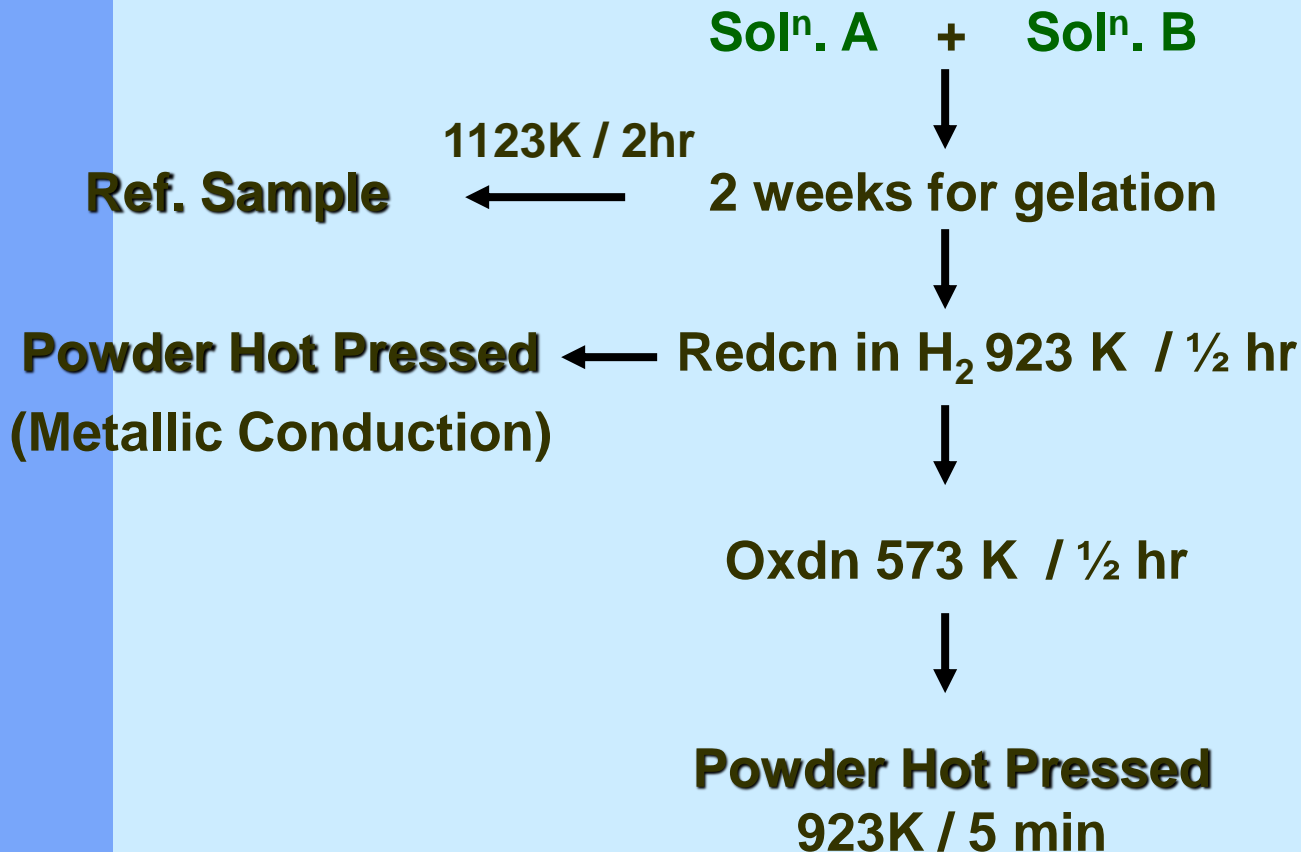
Macdonald Basu Chakravorty, J.Chem. Phys. 122, 241703,(2005)

# Fe - Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> - SiO<sub>2</sub> Gel Nanocomposites

**Target Composition** :55 Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. 45 SiO<sub>2</sub> (mol %)

**Sol<sup>n</sup> A** :60 ml C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH, 10ml H<sub>2</sub>O, 23.17 gm FeCl<sub>3</sub>

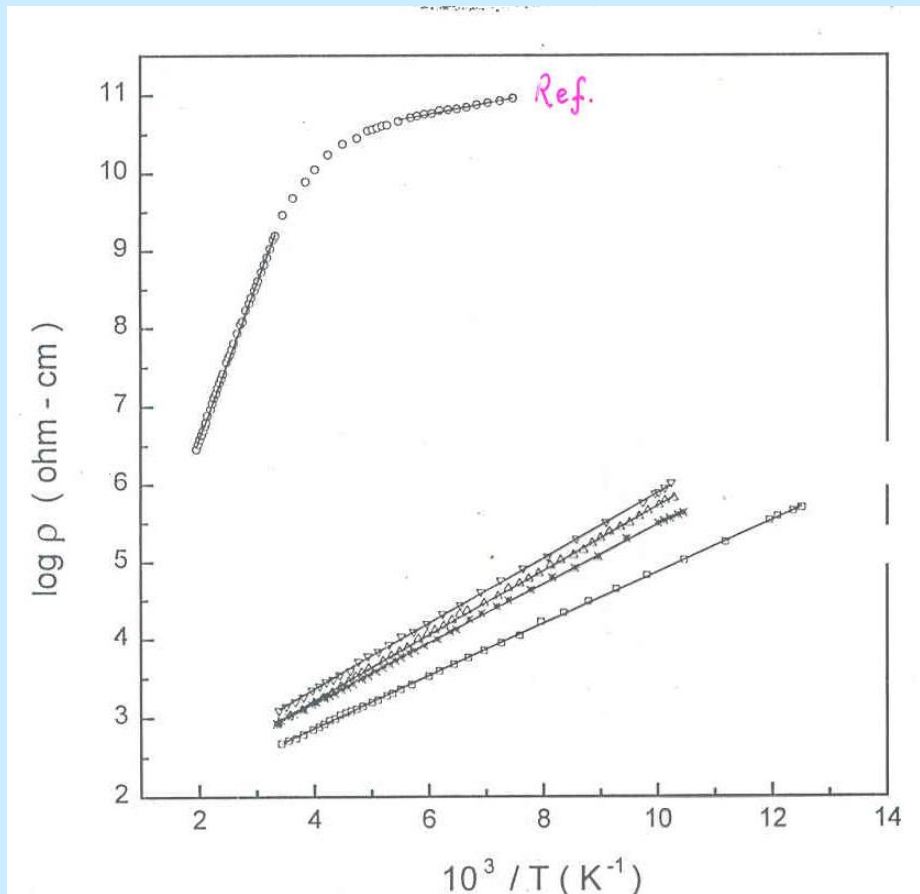
**Sol<sup>n</sup> B** :90 ml C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH, 15ml H<sub>2</sub>O, 1 ml HCL  
26.2 ml Si(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>



# Fe - Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> - SiO<sub>2</sub> Gel Nanocomposites

Heat treatment Schedule for gel powder before hot pressing	Median Diameter X (nm)	Geometric Standard Deviation $\sigma$
Reduced at 923 K / ½ hr	5.3	1.4
Reduced at 923 K / ½ hr Oxidized at 823 K / ½ hr X	4.9	1.4
Reduced at 923 K / ½ hr Oxidized at 1023 K / ½ hr	4.6	1.4
Reduced at 923 K / ½ hr Oxidized at 1123 K / ½ hr	4.4	1.4
Reduced at 923 K / ½ hr Oxidized at 1123 K / ½ hr	4.2	1.4
Reduced at 923 K / ½ hr Oxidized at 1123 K / ½ hr	4.1	1.4

# Fe-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub> Nanocomposites



- ▽ 4.9 nm
- △ 4.6 nm
- ★ 4.4 nm
- ◻ 4.2 nm

Das et al J.Appl.Phys. 914573 (2002)

# Fe - Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> - SiO<sub>2</sub> Gel Nanocomposites

specimen	W (eV)	$\alpha$ (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	R (Å)	C	$\nu_0$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	$\epsilon_p$
Ref	0.39	0.95	4.7	0.99	1.2x10 <sup>13</sup>	4.9
2	0.08	0.89	4.7	0.99	1.3x10 <sup>13</sup>	23.8
3	0.08	0.86	4.8	0.99	1.2x10 <sup>13</sup>	23.3
4	0.07	0.87	4.9	0.99	1.1x10 <sup>13</sup>	26.1
5	0.06	0.86	4.8	0.99	1.3x10 <sup>13</sup>	31.1

## Small polaron Hopping

$$\rho = \frac{kTR}{\nu_0 c^2 c(1-c)} \exp(2\alpha R) \exp\left(\frac{W}{kT}\right)$$

$$W \approx e^2 / 4\epsilon_p \gamma_p$$

$$\gamma_p = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\Pi}{6}\right)^{1/3} R$$

# **SILVER / SILICATE GLASS CERAMIC NANOCOMPOSITES**

COMPOSITION :

**10 Na<sub>2</sub>O, 34 BaO, 34 TiO<sub>2</sub>, 17 B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 5 SiO<sub>2</sub>**



**Heat treatment at 843 K and 963 K**



**Powdered samples ION Exchanged at 583 K / 6 Hrs**



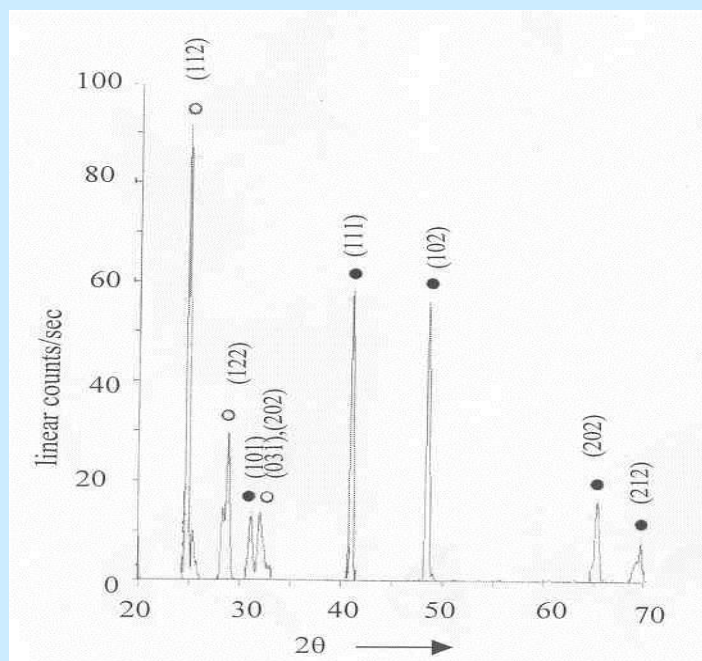
**Reduction at 573 K / 5 Min.s**

# SILVER / SILICATE GLASS CERAMIC NANOCOMPOSITES

SEM Micrograph  
of Glass Ceramic



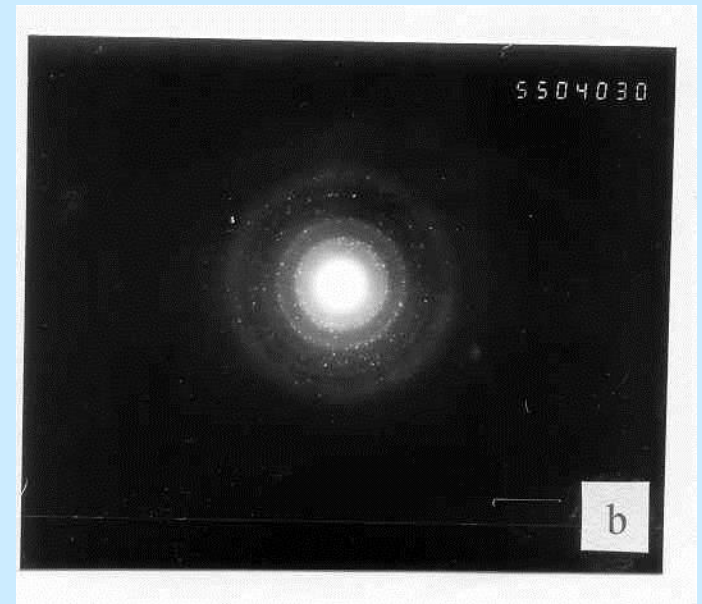
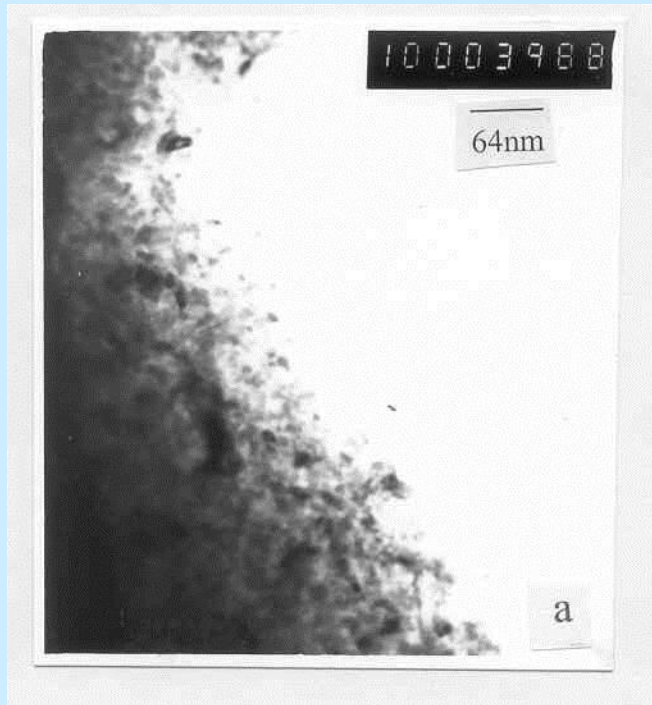
X Ray Diffractogram  
of Glass Ceramic



Crystalline phases :  $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$  ;  $\text{BaTiO}_3$

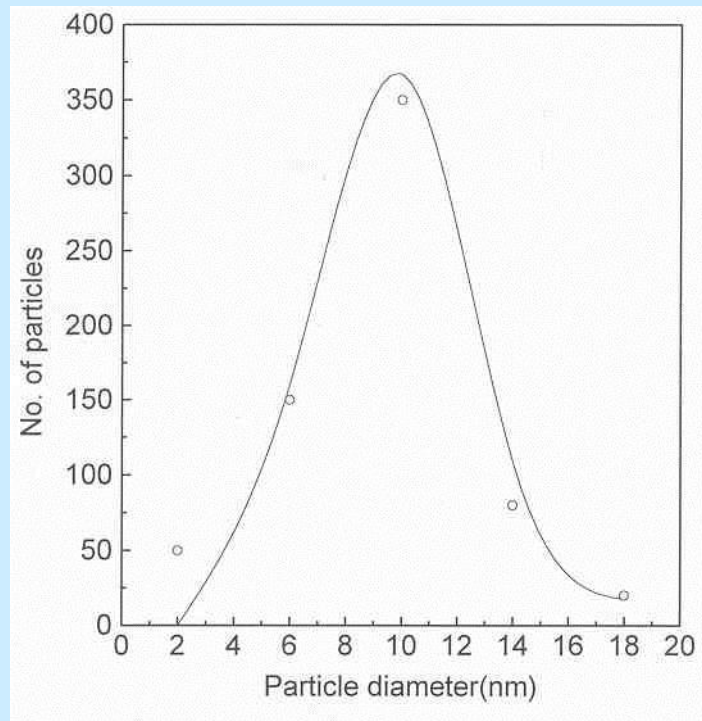


# SILVER / SILICATE GLASS CERAMIC NANOCOMPOSITES



- a) TEM of ION Exchanged and reduced Glass Ceramic
- b) Electron Diffraction of (a)

# SILVER / SILICATE GLASS CERAMIC NANOCOMPOSITES



**Histogram of Silver Particle Size**

# SILVER / SILICATE GLASS CERAMIC NANOCOMPOSITES

**Table II**

**Summary of heat treatment schedules for crystallization and median diameter  $\bar{x}$  and geometric standard deviation  $\sigma$  obtained for different specimens after ion exchange/reduction treatment**

Specimen No.	Heat Treatment Schedule	$\bar{x}$ (nm)	$\sigma$
1	843K for 2 hours + 963K for 10 min.	3.4	1.5
2	843K for 4 hours + 963K for 10 min.	4.6	1.3
3	843K for 6 hours + 963K for 15 min.	10.1	1.3
4	843K for 2 hours + 963K for 20 min.	13.2	1.4

**Reduction in Hydrogen at 573 K / 5 Min.s**

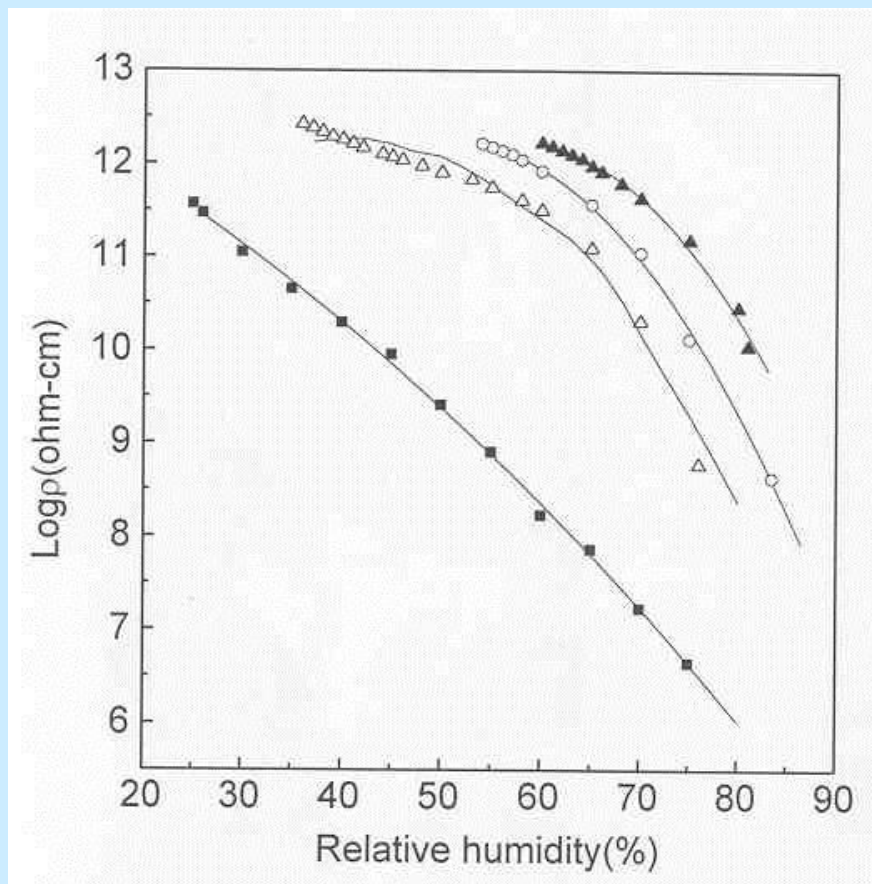
# SILVER / SILICATE GLASS CERAMIC NANOCOMPOSITES

▲ 3.4 nm

○ 4.6 nm

■ 10.1 nm

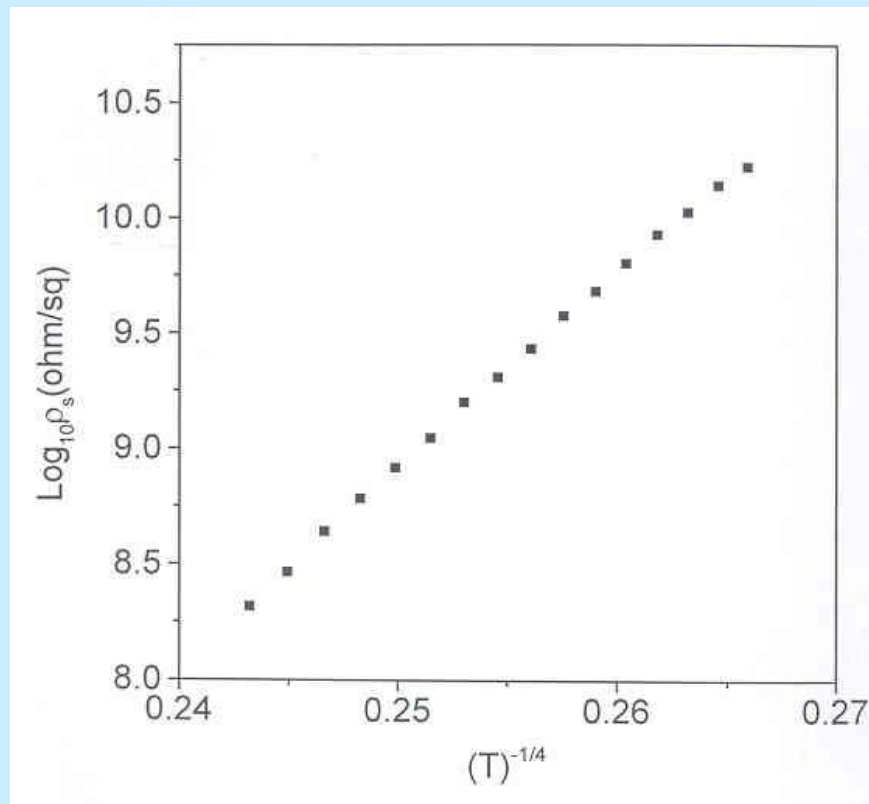
△ 13.2 nm



**Resistivity vs. Relative Humidity**

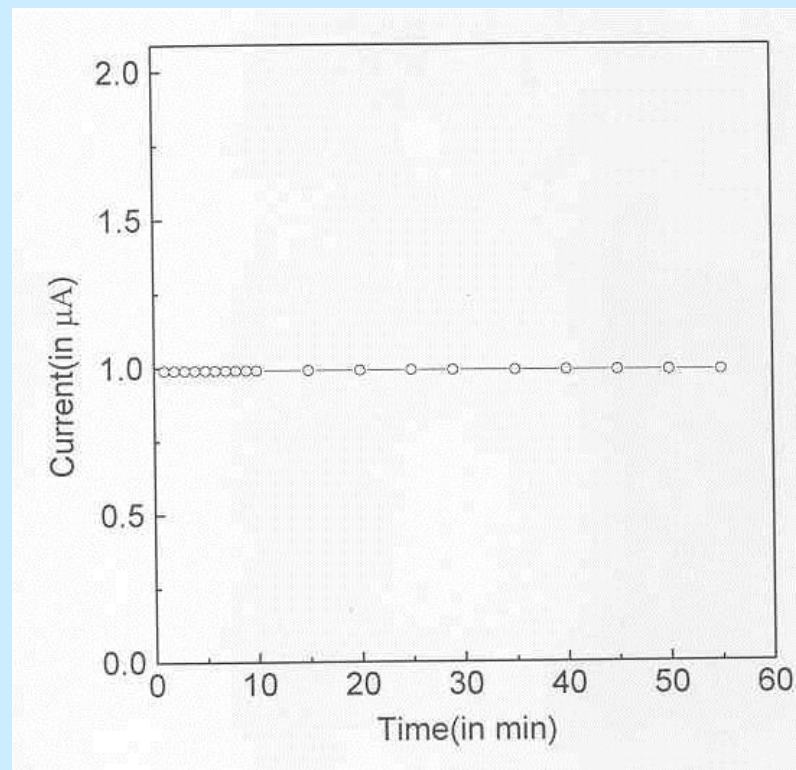
**Pal et al J.Appl.Phys. 93, 4201 (2003)**

# SILVER / SILICATE GLASS CERAMIC NANOCOMPOSITES



**Surface Resistivity vs.  $T^{-1/4}$**   
**Particle Diameter 3.4 nm**

# SILVER / SILICATE GLASS CERAMIC NANOCOMPOSITES



**Current vs. Time**  
**Silver Particle Diameter 10.1 nm**  
**Relative Humidity 85 %**

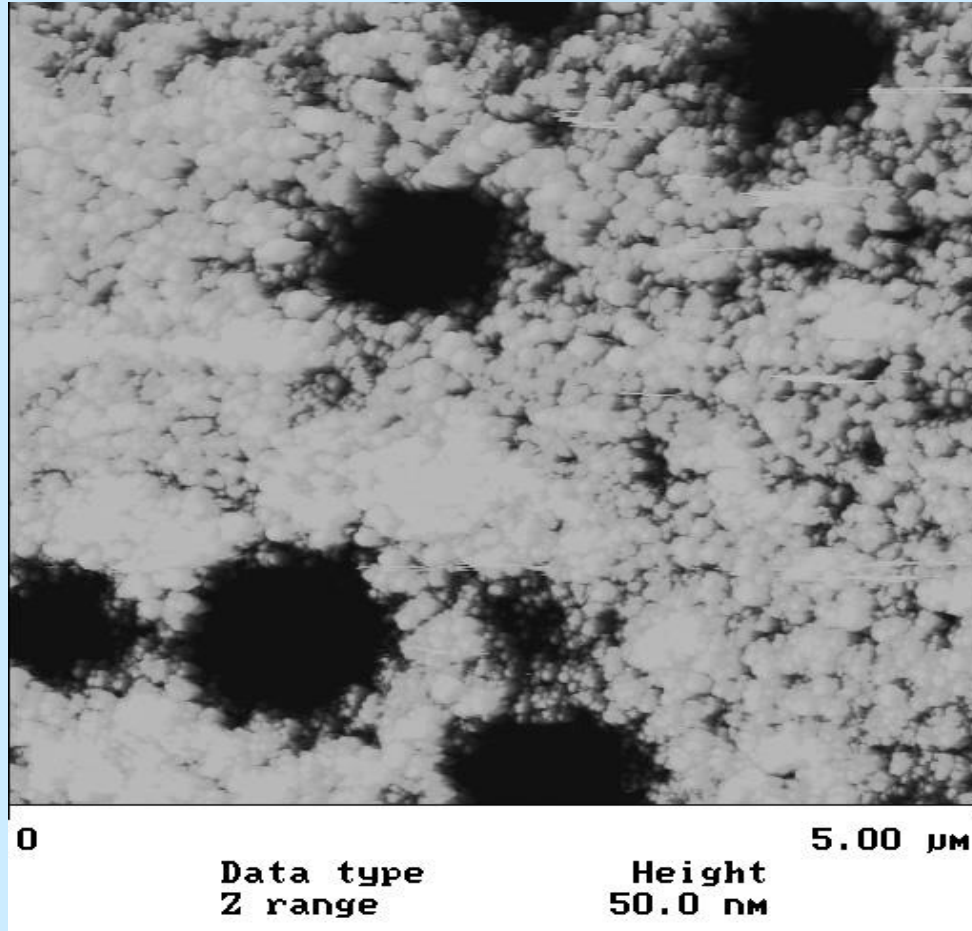
# IRON-IRON OXIDE NANO CORE-SHELL STRUCTURE



Optical micrograph of film with fractally grown Fe- $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  core shell structure



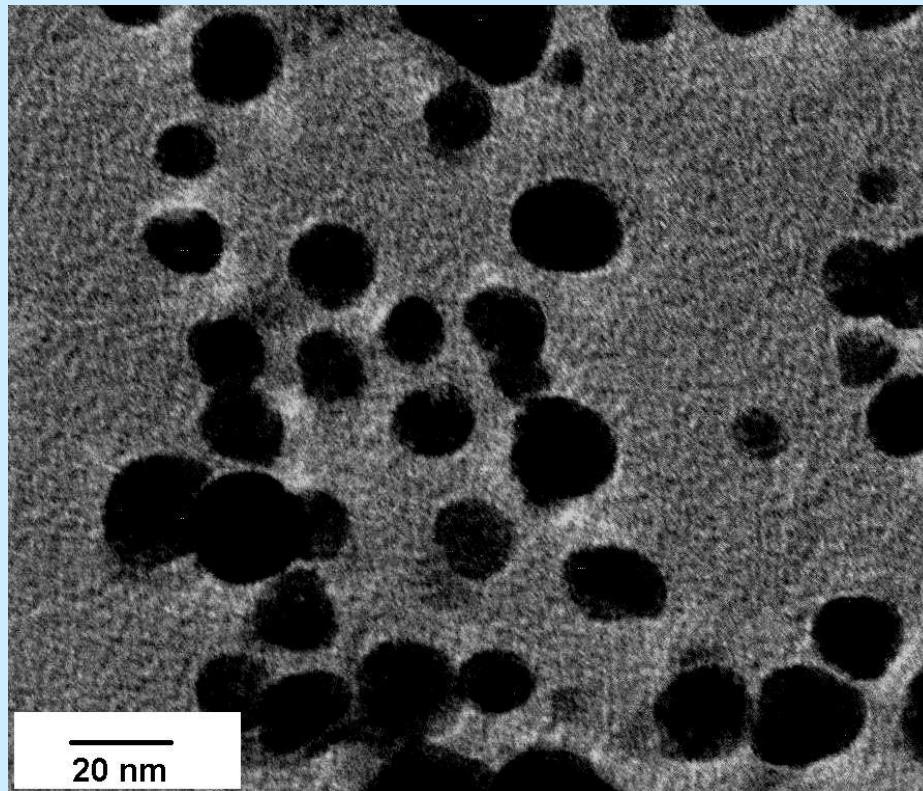
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AFM micrograph

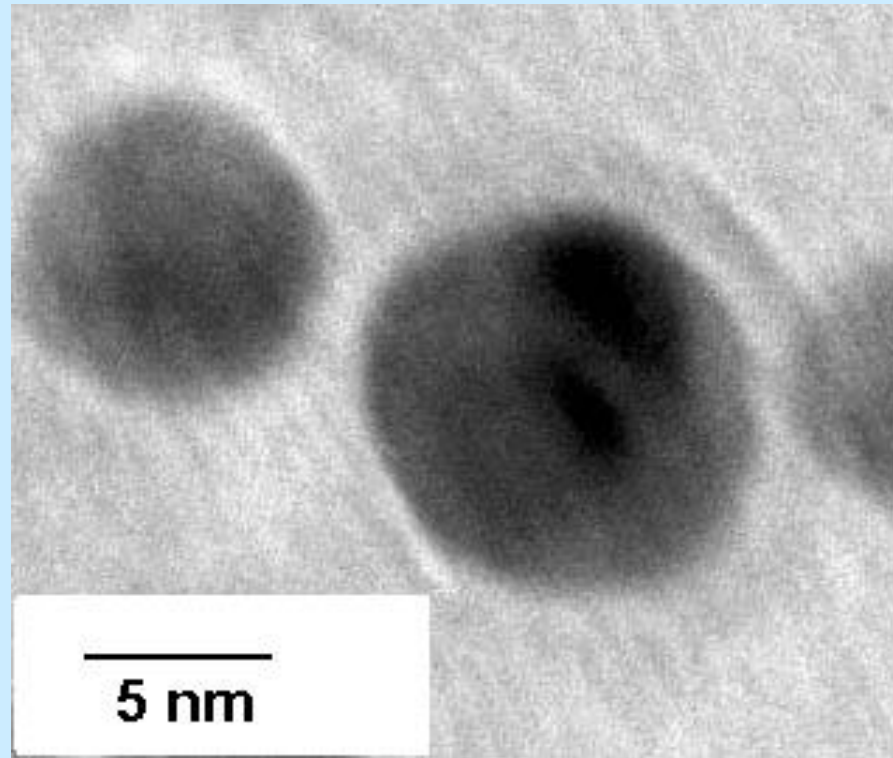


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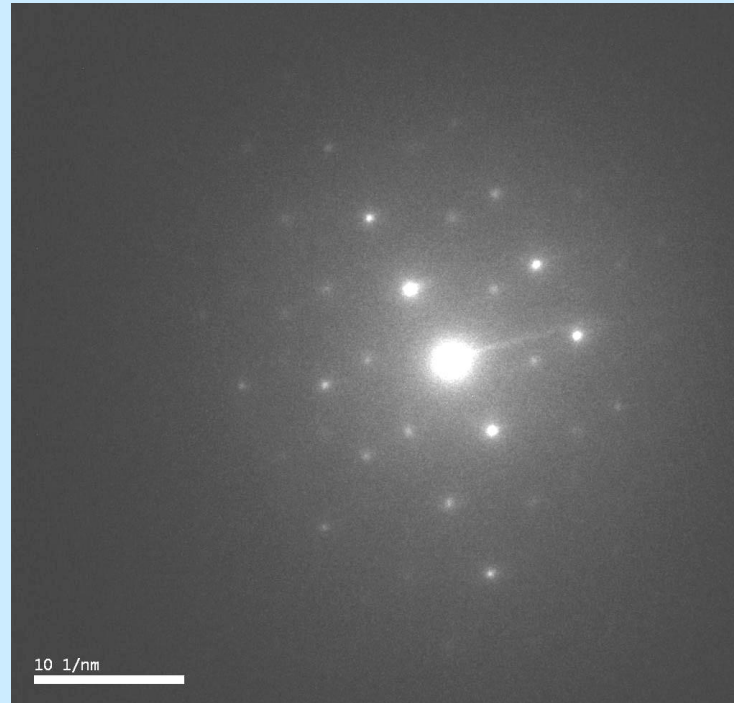
TEM of the specimen

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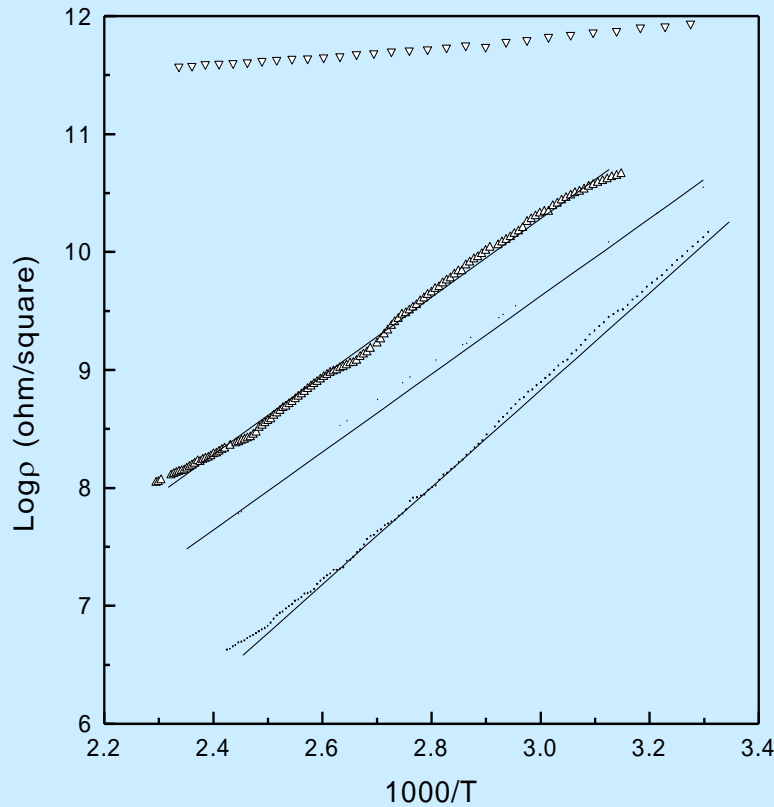
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# IRON-IRON OXIDE NANO CORE-SHELL STRUCTURE



Electron diffraction pattern IRON-IRON OXIDE  
NANO CORE-SHELL STRUCTURE

# IRON-IRON OXIDE NANO CORE-SHELL STRUCTURE



Surface resistivity as a function of temperature

▽ Reference

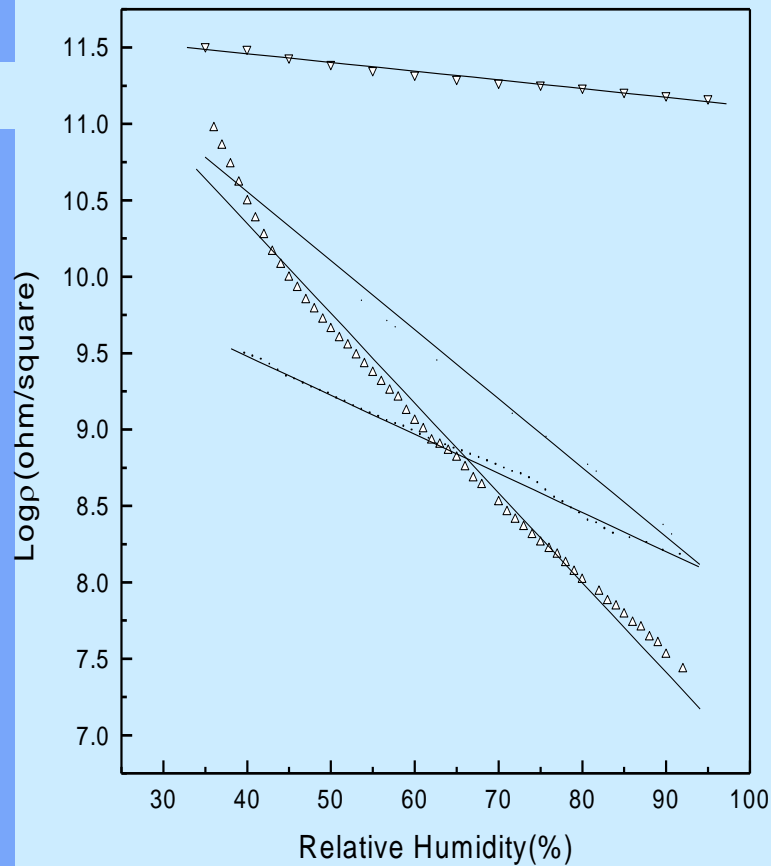
Specimen

○ 1 hour oxidation

□ 2 hour oxidation

△ 4 hour oxidation

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**Surface resistivity vs. relative humidity**

- ▽ Reference Specimen
- 1 hour oxidation
- 2 hour oxidation
- △ 4 hour oxidation

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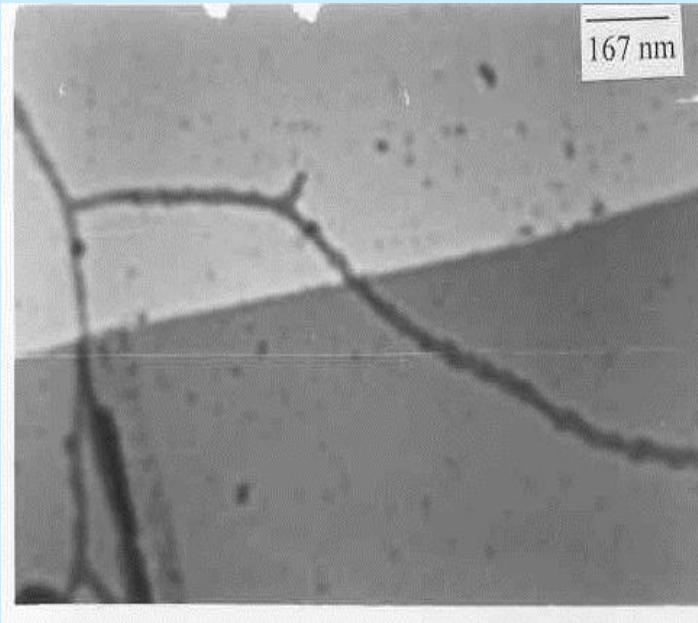
# **NANO INTERFACES IN GLASS METAL NANOCOMPOSITES**

**GLASS COMPOSITION : 30 Li<sub>2</sub>O 12 CaO 3 Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 55 SiO<sub>2</sub>**

**ION EXCHANGED IN AgNO<sub>3</sub> AT 573 K FOR 11 HRS**

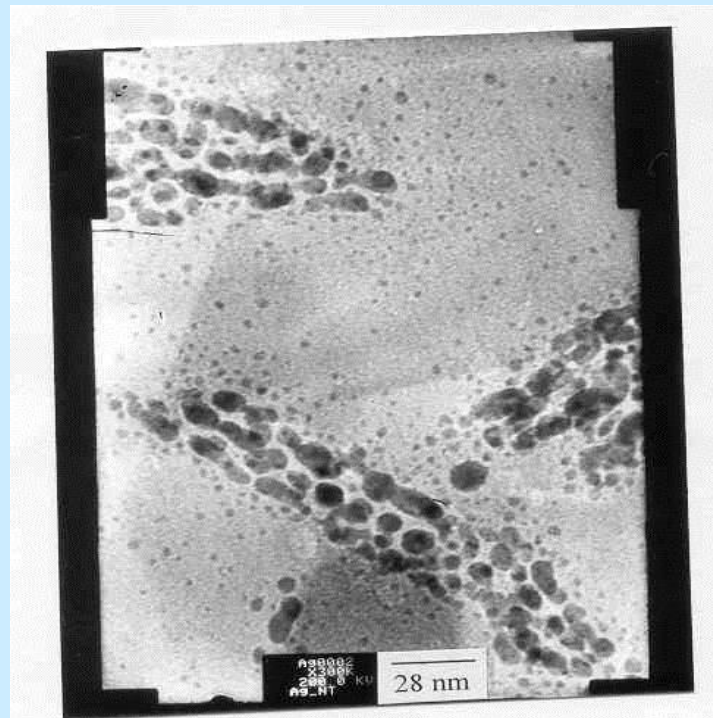
**ELECTRODEPOSITION AT 600 K, 5 and 10 VOLTS  
FOR 10 HRS**

# NANO INTERFACES IN GLASS METAL NANOCOMPOSITES



**TEM  
OF SILVER NANO ARRAYS**

# NANO INTERFACES IN GLASS METAL NANOCOMPOSITES

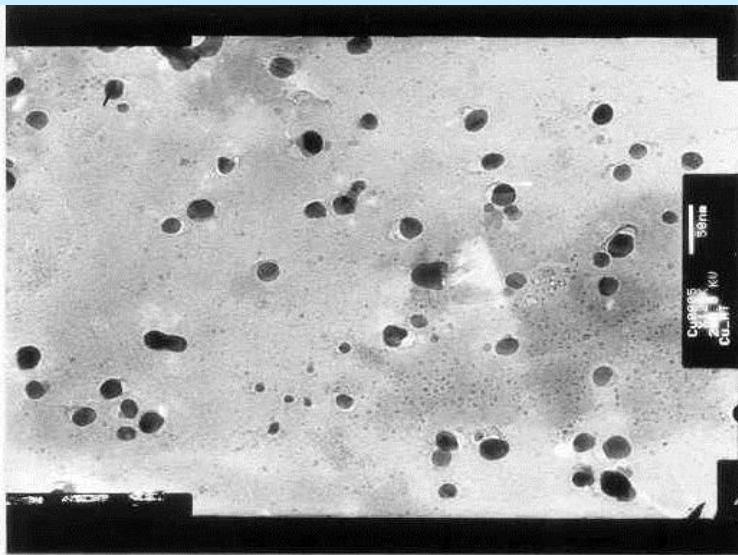


**TEM OF NANO ARRAYS  
OF SILVER IN  
SILICATE GLASS**



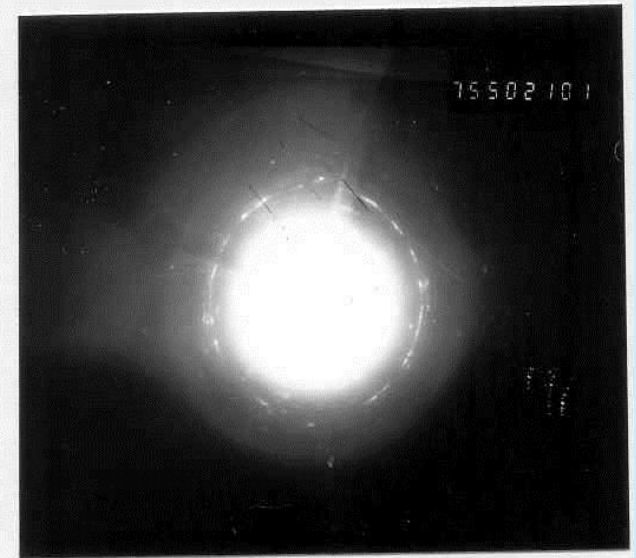
# NANO INTERFACES IN GLASS METAL NANOCOMPOSITES

## TEM OF SILICA GEL GLASS WITH COPPER NANO ARRAYS

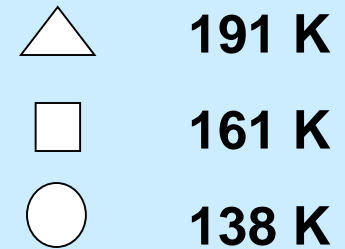
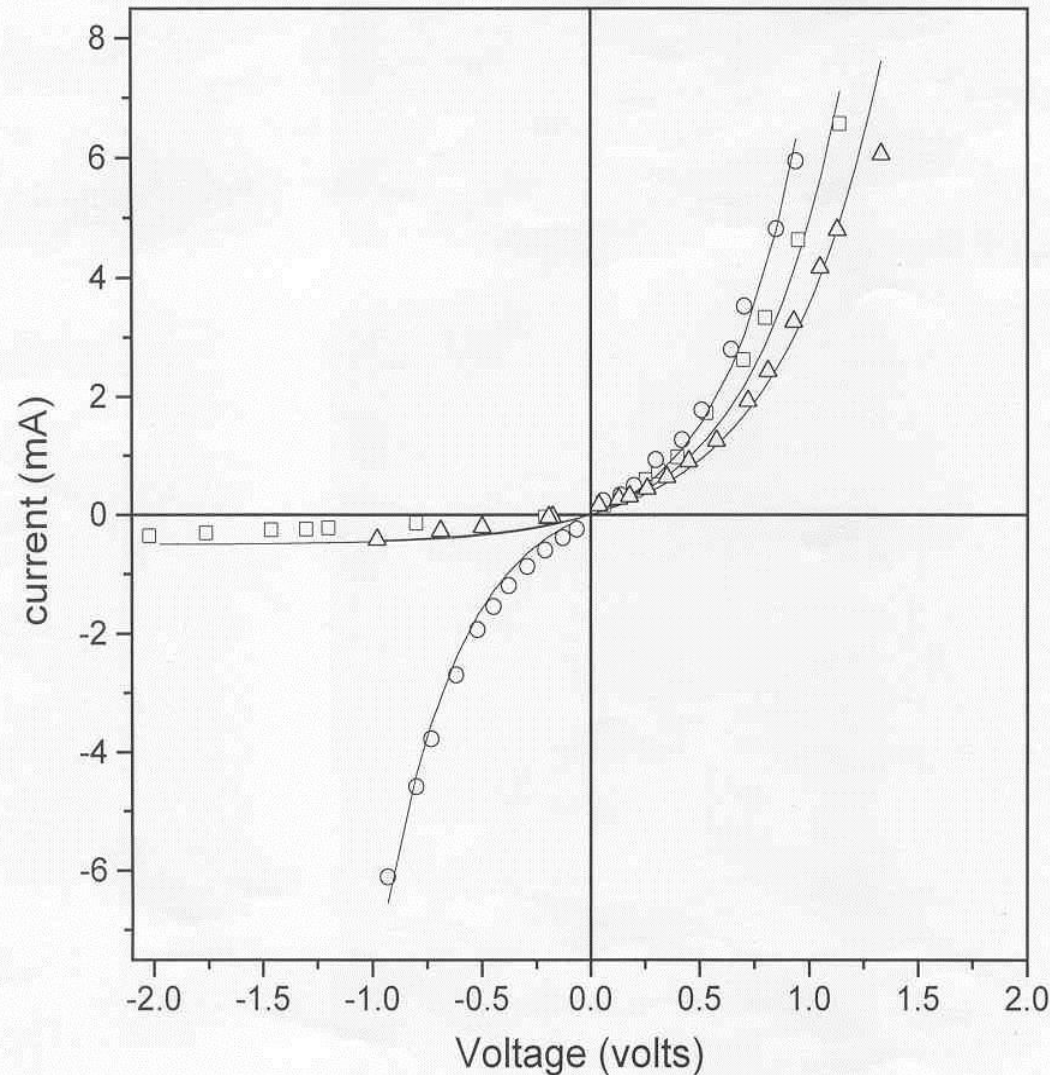


COMPOSITION :  $30\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$   $70\text{SiO}_2$

ELEKTRODEPOSITION VOLTAGE : 5 VOLTS



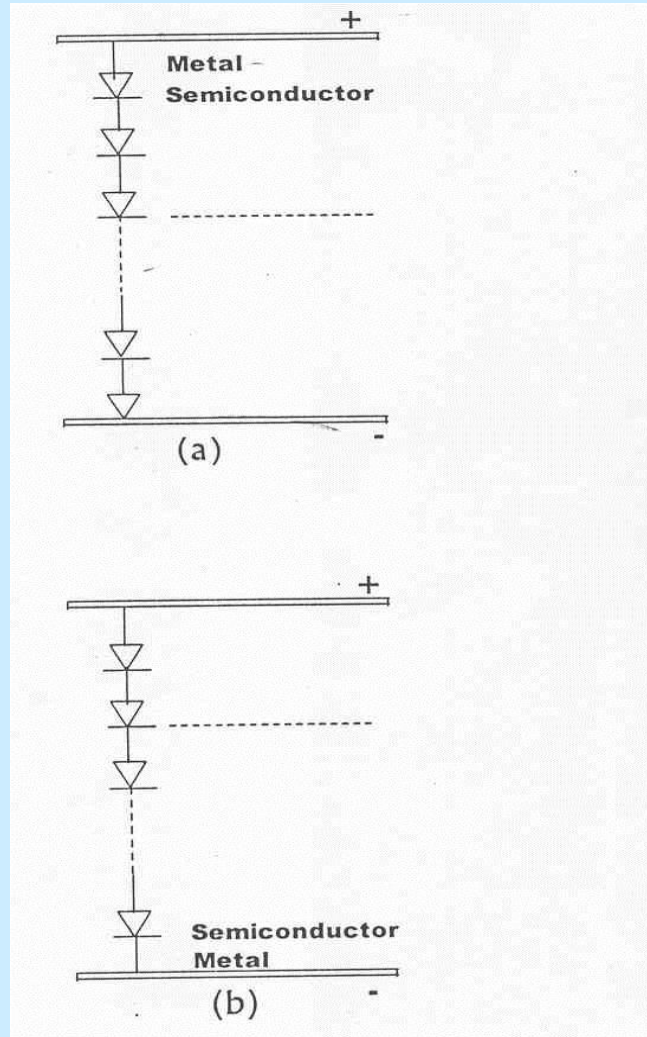
# NANO INTERFACES IN GLASS METAL NANOCOMPOSITES



GLASS COMPOSITION  
 $30\text{Li}_2\text{O}$   $12\text{CaO}$   $3\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$   $55\text{SiO}_2$

ELECTRO DEPOSITION  
VOLTAGE : 5 VOLTS

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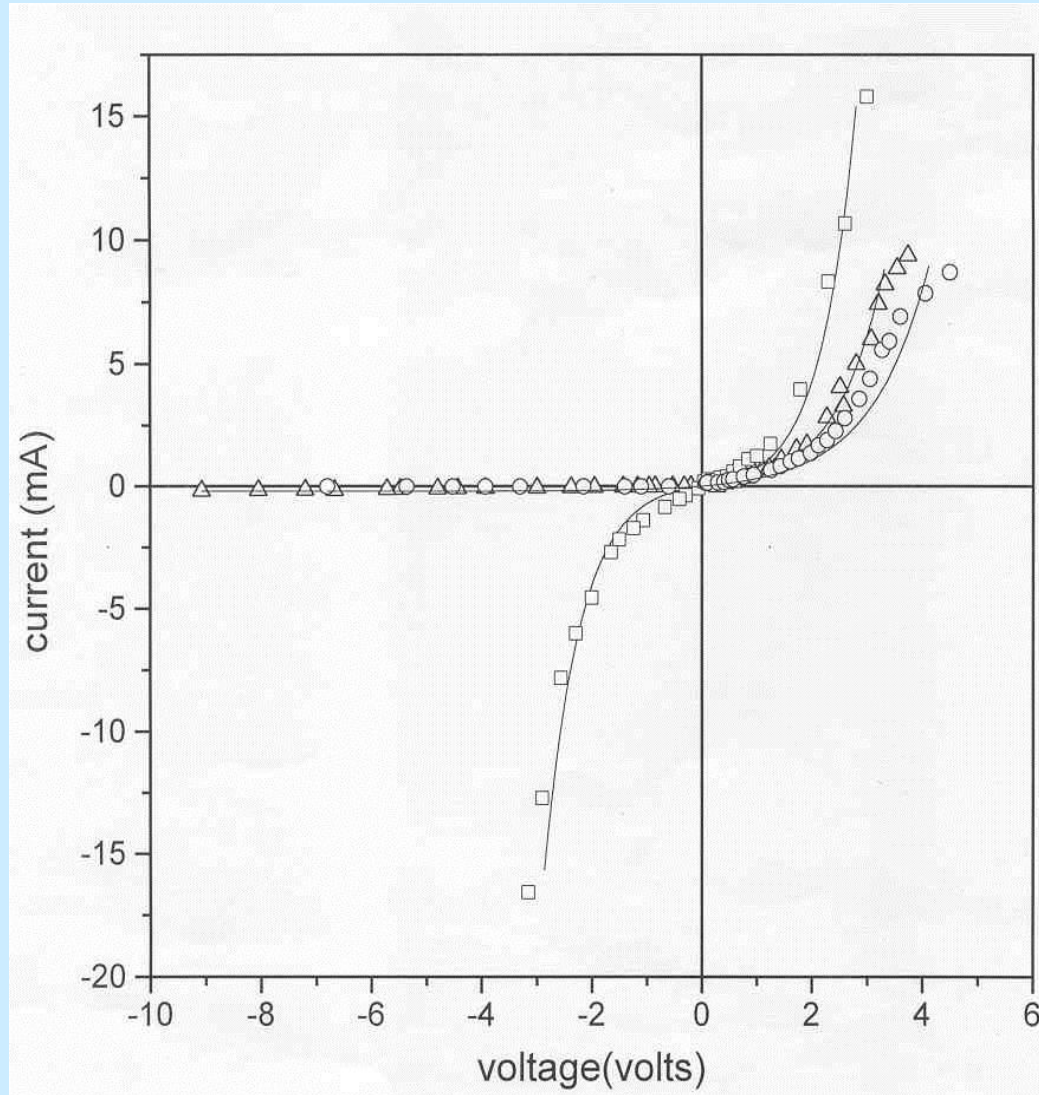
***DIODE LIKE BEHAVIOUR***

**SCHEMATIC REPRESENTATION OF  
METAL SEMICONDUCTOR  
NANO JUNCTION ARRAYS**

***SYMMETRICAL NON LINEAR V - I***



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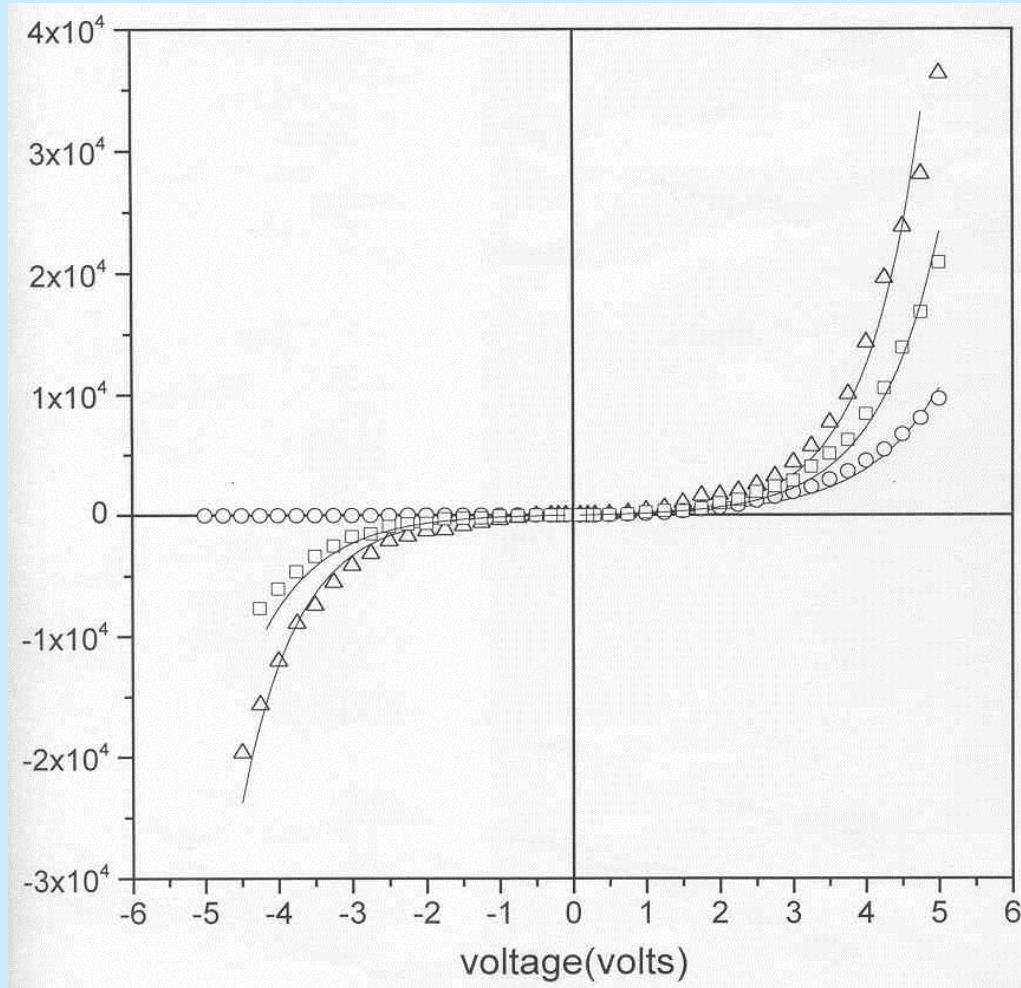


- △ 208 K
- 167 K
- 125 K

30 Li<sub>2</sub>O 12CaO 3Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 55SiO<sub>2</sub>

ELECTRODEPOSITION  
AT 10 VOLTS

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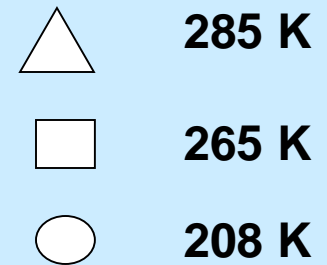
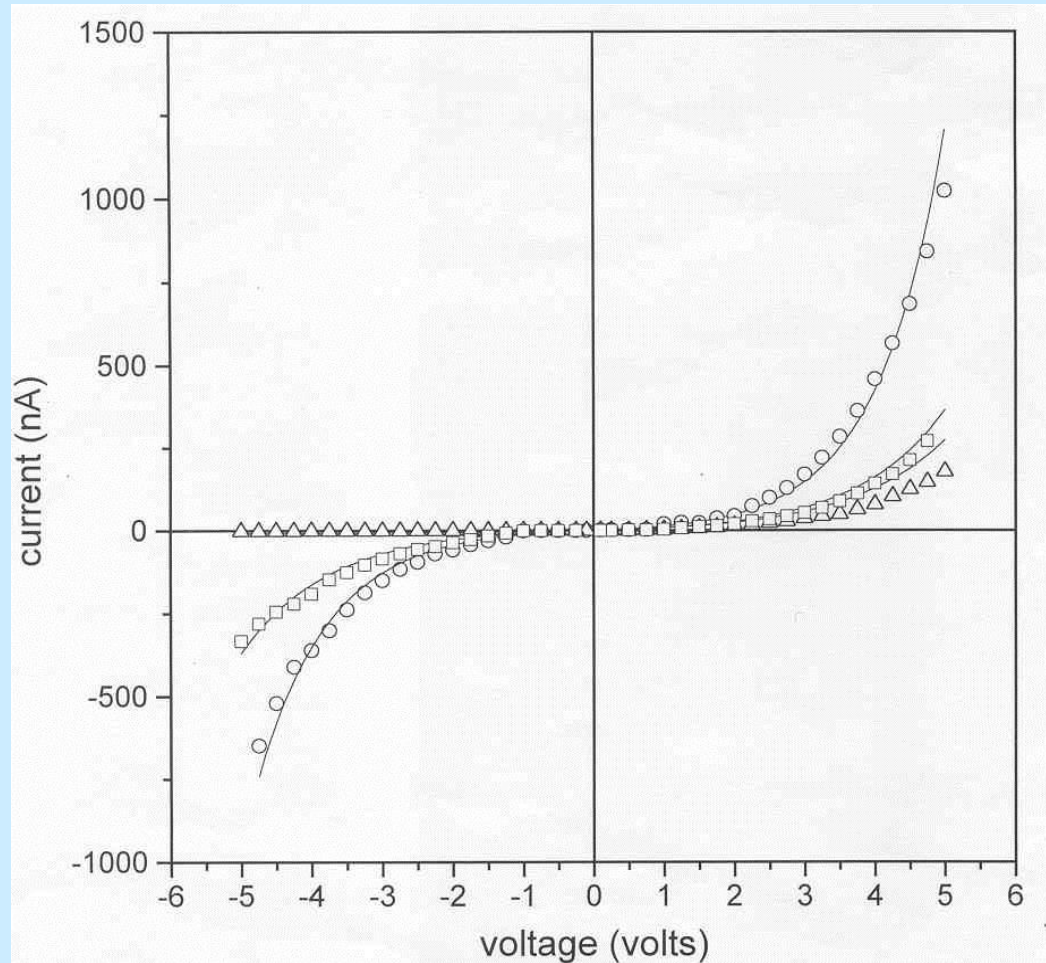


30Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> · 70SiO<sub>2</sub> GEL

ELEKTRODEPOSITION  
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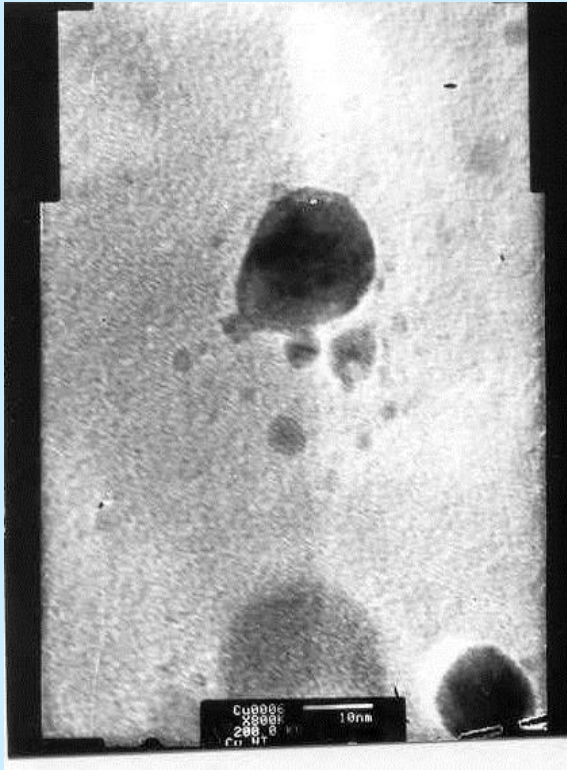
DATA FITTED TO

$$I = I_0 \left[ \exp\left(\frac{eV}{nkT}\right) - 1 \right]$$

COMPOSITION	ELECTRO DEPOSITION VOLTAGE	$I_0$ (Amp)	n
1	5	$0.5 \times 10^{-3}$	30
1	10	$0.2 \times 10^{-3}$	60
2	5	$0.7 \times 10^{-7}$	42
2	10	$0.07 \times 10^{-7}$	55



# NANO INTERFACES IN GLASS METAL NANOCOMPOSITES



ELECTRODEPOSITION  
VOLTAGE 5 VOLTS

TEM OF A NANO INTERFACE  
BETWEEN TWO COPPER PARTICLES



# CONCLUSIONS

- Silicate glasses can be used as effective templates for nanostructure growth
- Glass nanocomposites show novel properties
- New functionalities can be generated by using a nanocomposite approach in glasses

*THANK YOU*