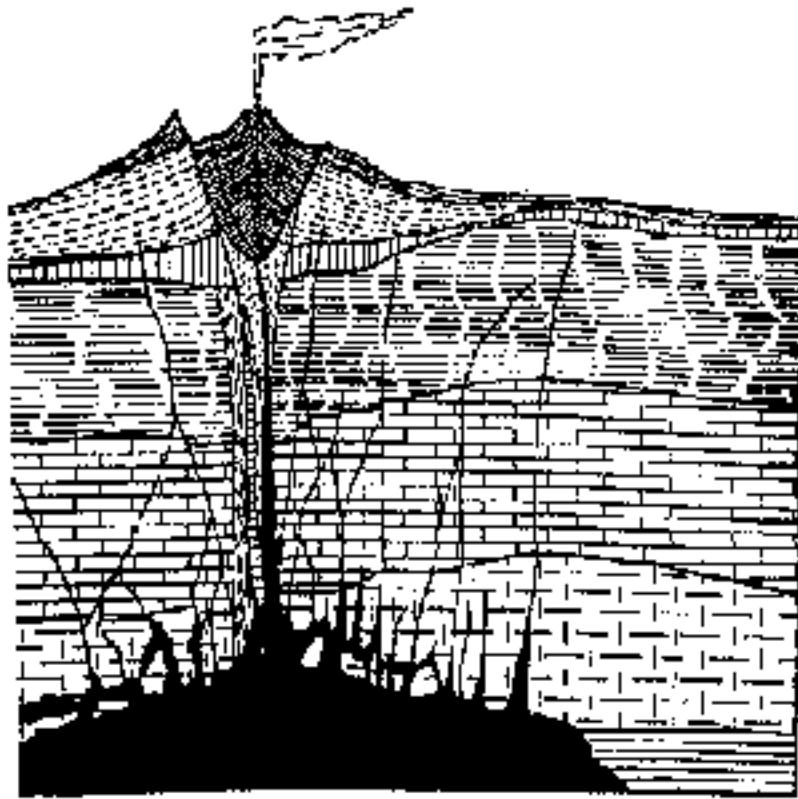




Glass

Structure, Properties and Color

Nature's Glass



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Obsidian

First used 75,000 B.C.
for tools and weapons



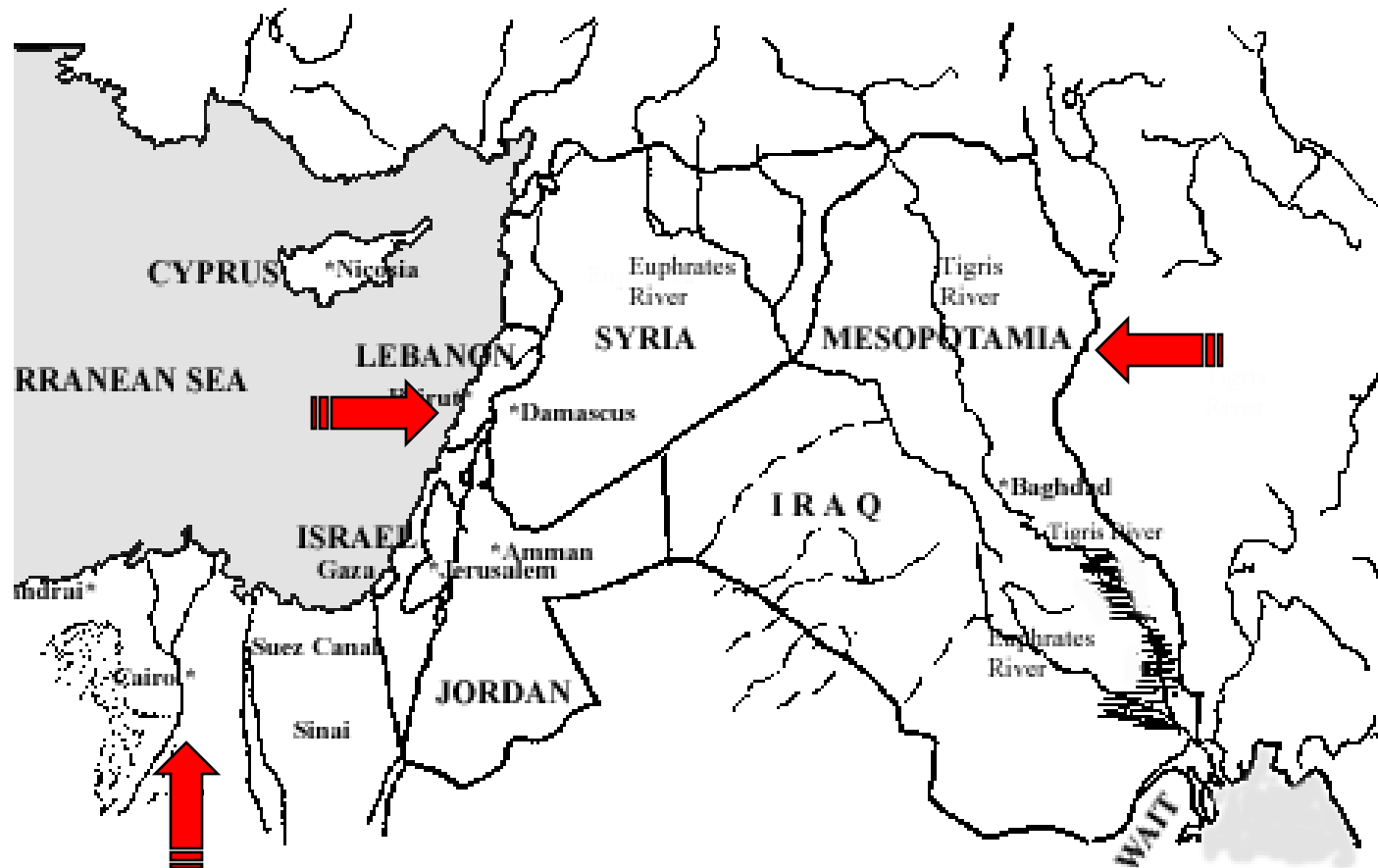
Discovery of Glassmaking

- Phoenicia or Mesopotamia (modern day Lebanon, Iraq and Syria)
- ~4,000 B.C.
- Possibly an accidental discovery — heating of sand, lime and natron
- May have been observed as a by-product of metallurgy



Illustration from "Story of Glass Coloring Book"
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Birthplace of Glassmaking



Egyptians developed the art.

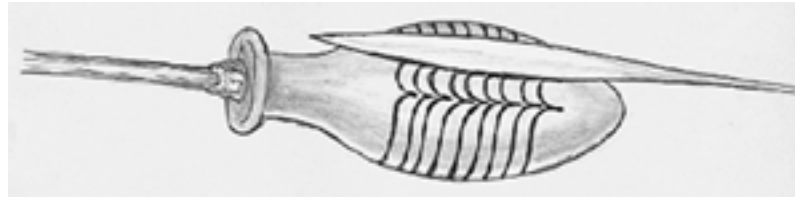
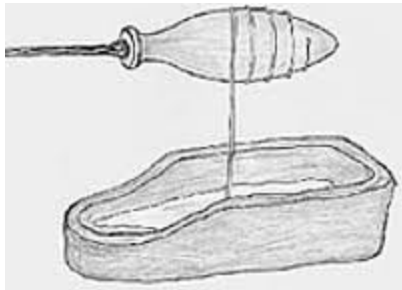
Early Glassmaking Methods

- Egyptians developed several methods for making beads and vessels with glass
 - Beadmaking
 - Casting
 - Core forming
- Slow methods



Wound glass beads, Iran, 1st millennium B.C.

Core forming



Core-formed fish vessel, Egypt,
1353-1336 B.C.



Core-formed vessel
Egypt, 1360-1240 B.C.
11.5 cm high

Core-formed Jar

- Egypt
- 1295-1186 B.C.



New, Faster Methods in 50 B.C.

- Romans and Phoenicians developed
 - Glassblowing
 - Multi-layered colored glass — *millefiori*
 - Glass carving

Millefiori Dish— 3rd century A.D.
East London excavation

Blue Blown Flask— 5th
Century A.D., Mediterranean

The Morgan Cup — Roman cameo
Glass from 1st century A.D.



Blown Glass

- Roman glass from 750-550 B.C.



Blown glass jar (750-550 B.C.)

Roman Blown Glass

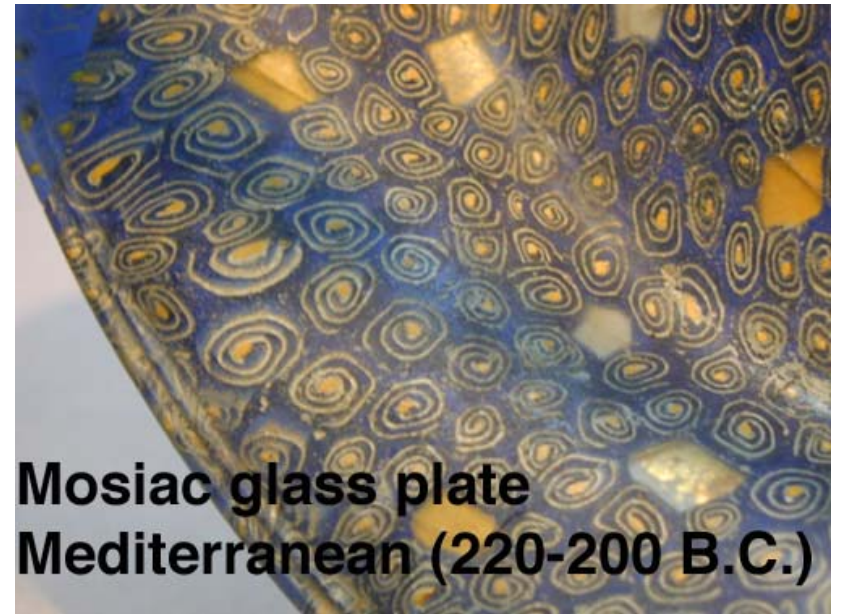
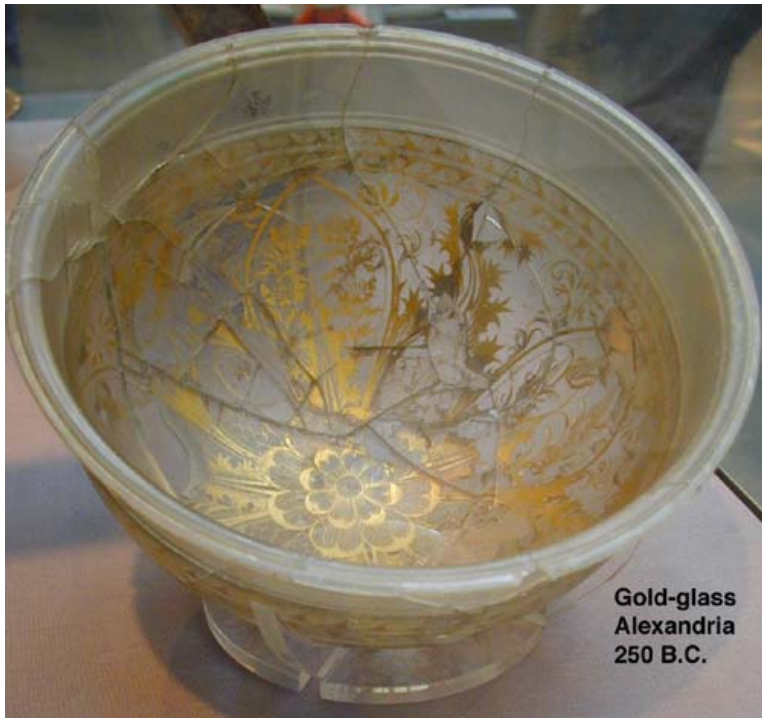


Glass perfume pot or oil flask. (London, 2nd Century A.D.)



Glass jug with chain handle (Essex, 3rd Century A.D.)

Fancy Mediterranean Glass

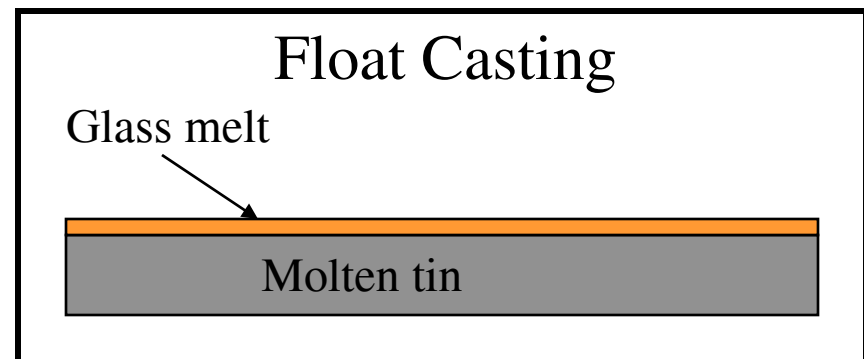
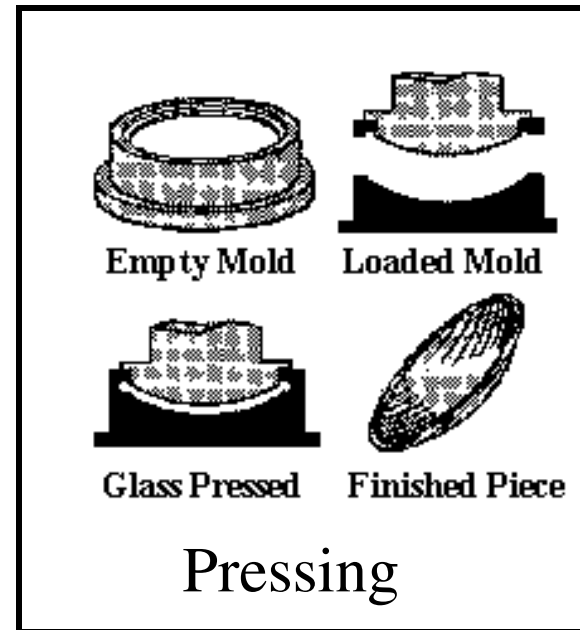
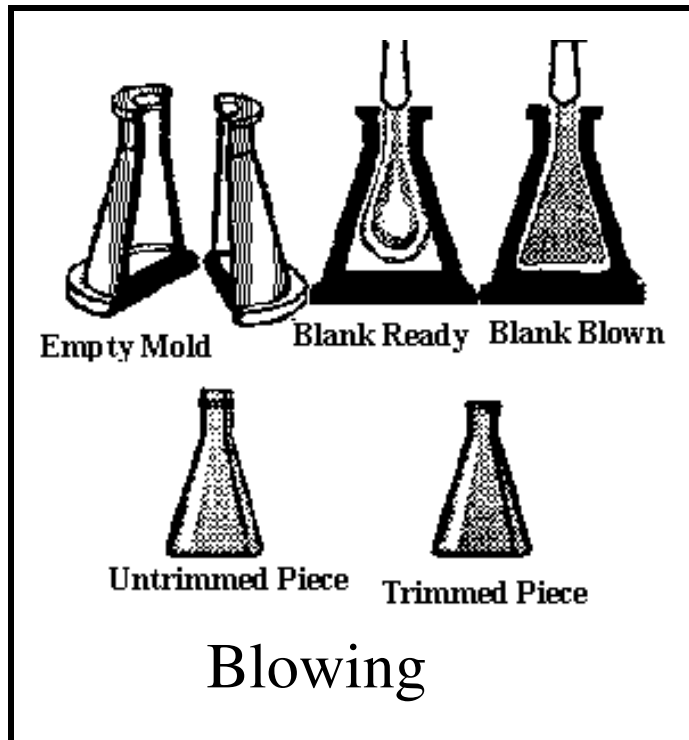


Venice —Glassmaking Center

- Renaissance 13th - 15th centuries
- Secret techniques
- Glassmaking slowly spread to other European countries.
- brought to America in 1608



Modern Production Methods



Stained Glass



- Beginnings in 10-12th centuries
- Colored glass held together with lead strips
- Painted and fired to fuse paint to glass.

Virgin Annunciate, 1340, Worcestershire, England



15th century roundel
Aesop's Reynard the Fox

Painted Glass

- 2-3rd Century A.D.
- The Yorks



Reims Cathedral (French 1211A.D.)

- *Vitreous painted glass* — 1275-1299 A.D.



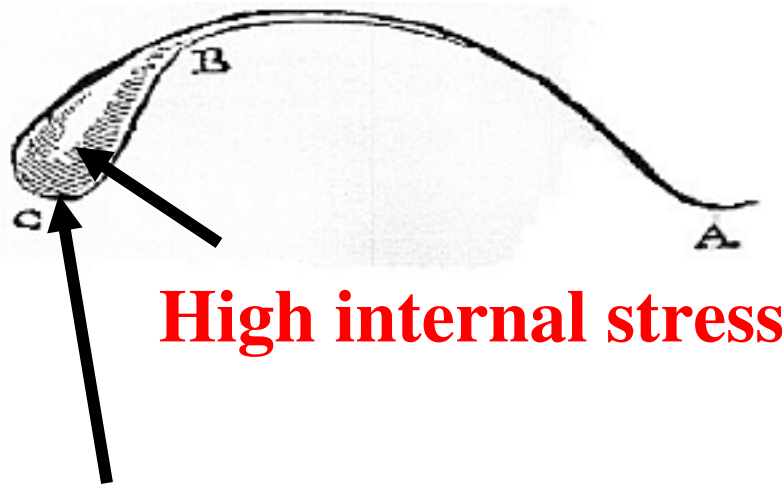
Reims Cathedral (French 1211A.D.)

- Marc Chagall's stained glass (1974)



Prince Rupert Drops

- Drop melted glass into cold water



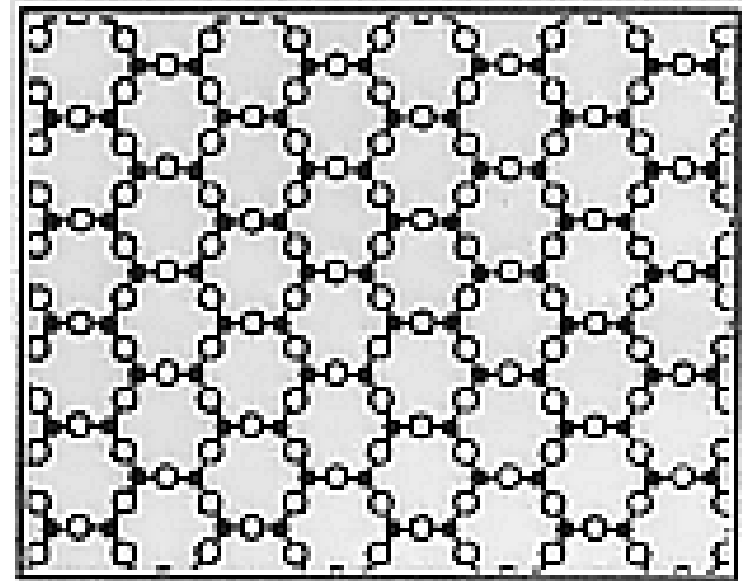
- Outside of glass cools rapidly to form tough “skin”

What is Glass?

- A **non-crystalline** solid
- An **inorganic** product of melting which has cooled to a rigid condition without crystallizing
- An **amorphous** solid - no long-range order
- Intermediate state between crystalline and liquid
- flows and glows upon heating

Quartz — a Crystalline Solid

Quartz or SiO_2 (silica)



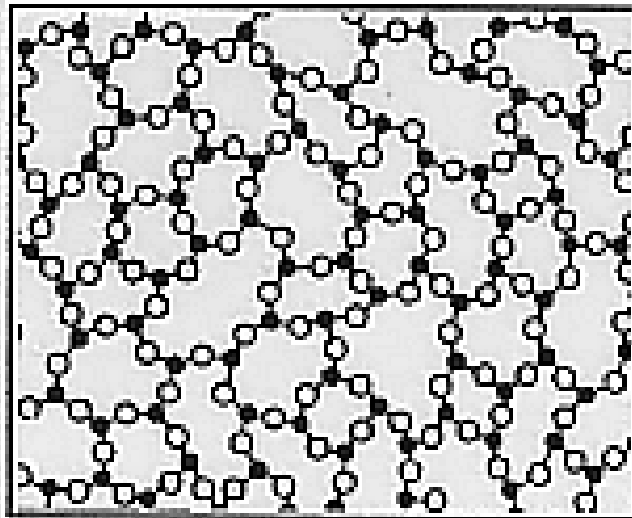
quartz crystal

All the atoms are arranged in a regular, repeating pattern called a **crystal lattice**.

Formed by slow cooling of melted **silica**.

Glass — an Amorphous Solid

- **Silica** is the basic ingredient of glass but its crystalline order has been disrupted due to rapid cooling of the melted silica.



fused silica glass

Composition of Glasses

Three essential categories of oxides

- Glass Forming Oxides

- RO_2 and R_2O_3

- Fluxing Oxides

- RO , R_2O

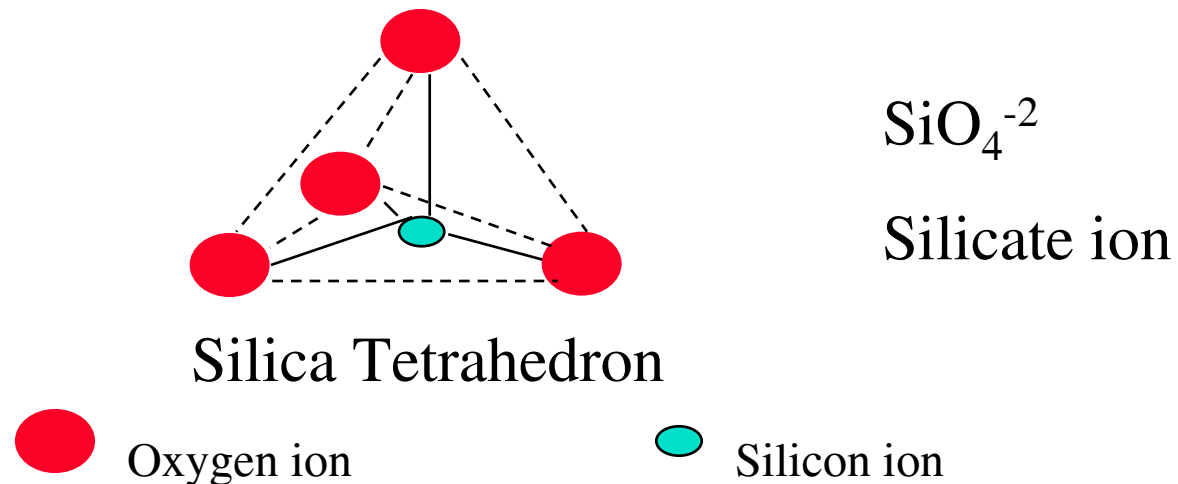
R = a metal ion

- Stabilizing Oxides

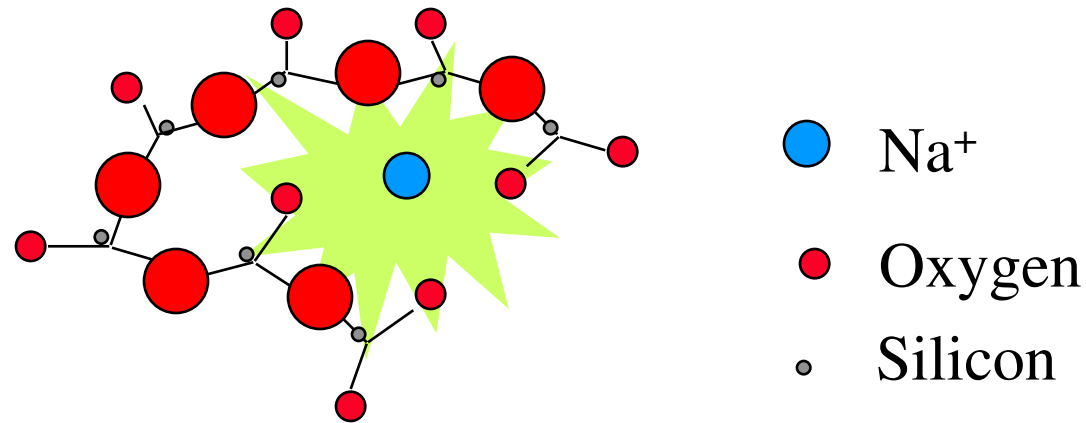
- R_2O_3

Glass Forming Oxides

- Major ingredient of a glass
- Most commonly used is SiO_2 (silica, sand)
- Also can use B_2O_3 (boric oxide)



Glass Network



- SiO₄ units linked in **3-D network** by bridging the oxygen atoms
- pockets are present which can encapsulate cations in order to maintain neutral charges
- disordered array

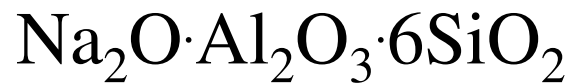
Fluxing Oxides (**Fluxes**)

- Used to **lower the melting point** of silica
- **Lowers the viscosity** of molten glass
- Alkali oxides (R_2O)
Na₂O (soda), K₂O (potassa), Li₂O (lithia)
- Alkaline Earth oxides (RO)
CaO (calcia), MgO (magnesia)
- Others
PbO, ZnO

Sources of Fluxing Oxides

- **Aluminosilicate** rocks and minerals

- Soda feldspars



- Potash feldspars



- Calcium feldspars



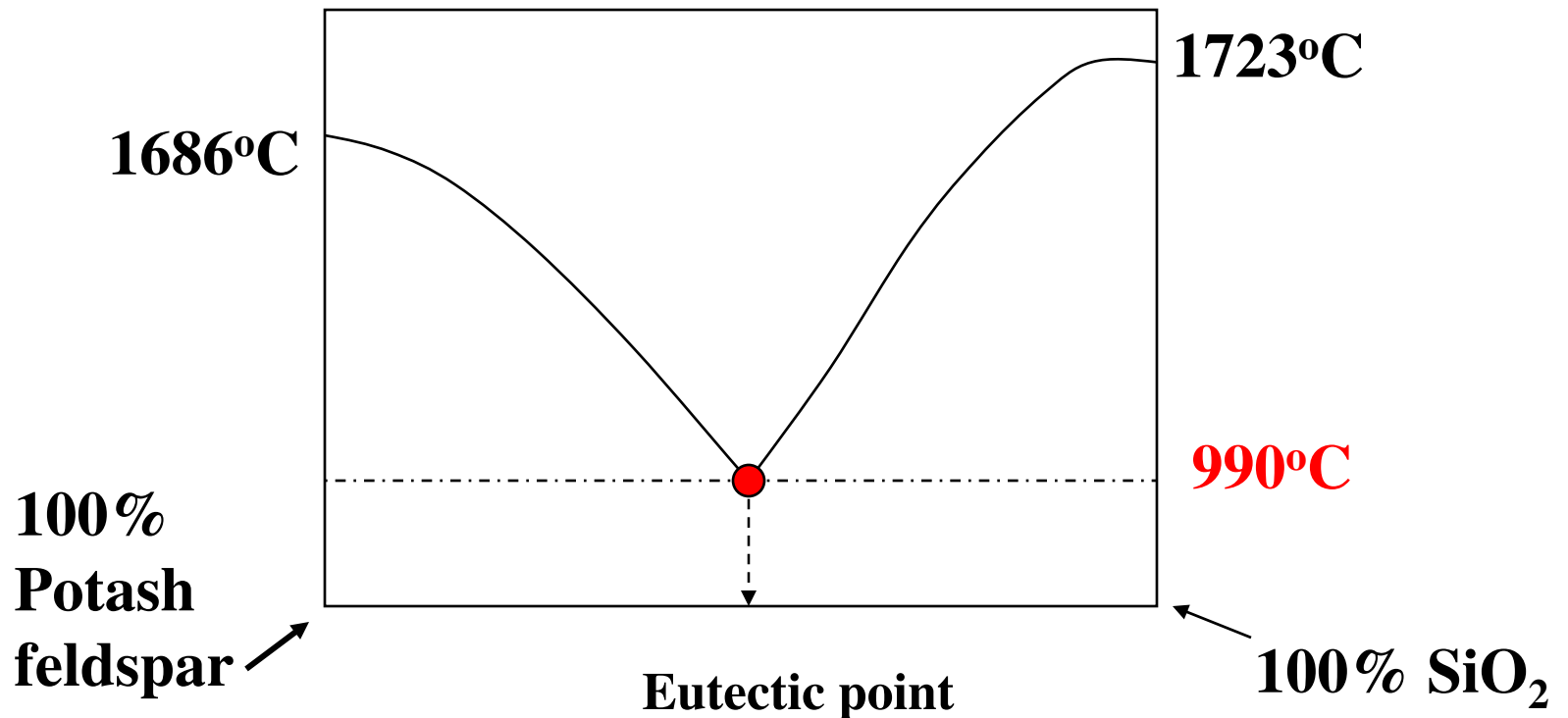
Nepheline Syenite

- igneous rock composed of a silicate mineral called orthoclase (KAlSi_3O_8)
- granite-like appearance with little or no quartz content (free SiO_2)
- used to lower the melting temperature of glass and ceramic, promoting faster melting and fuel savings



Melting Point of Silica and Flux

- mp. of potash feldspar = 1686°C
- mp. of SiO₂ = 1723°C



Stabilizing or Adhesive Oxides

- Used to control viscosity, **inhibit flow** of molten glass, retard crystal formation
- **Lower thermal expansion** of glass — resistance to cracking under changing temperatures
- $R_2O_3 = Al_2O_3, B_2O_3$

Opacifying Oxides

- Compounds with a **high refractive index** added to make glass opaque

$$\text{SnO}_2 = 2.04$$

$$\text{TiO}_2 = 2.55-2.75$$



Milk glass

Coloring Glass

- Transition metal ionic compounds of iron, manganese, copper, cobalt, silver, gold, and uranium



Glass Coloring Agents

- Iron salts - ubiquitous



- Manganese



Glass Coloring Agents

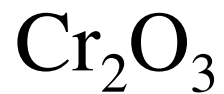
- Copper



- Cobalt



- Chromium



Glass Coloring Agents

- Nickel



- Gold



- Uranium

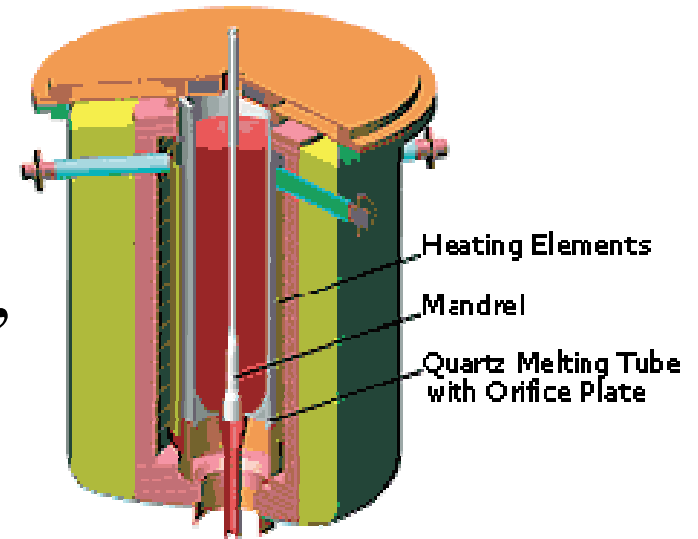


Glass Types

- Quartz Glass (fused silica)
- Soda-Lime Glass (window glass)
- Borosilicate Glass (scientific, Pyrex®)
- Leaded Crystal
- Specialty Glasses

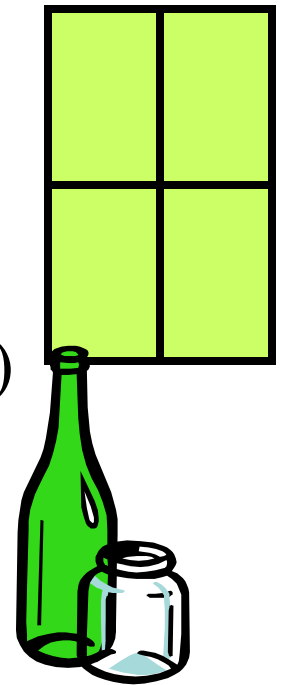
Quartz glass

- Also called “fused silica”
- pure SiO_2
 - high mp = 1723°C , high viscosity
 - chemical and physical durability
 - transparent to visible and UV light
 - many scientific applications



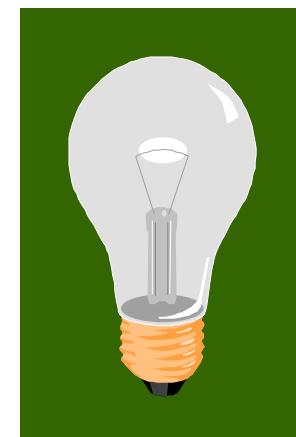
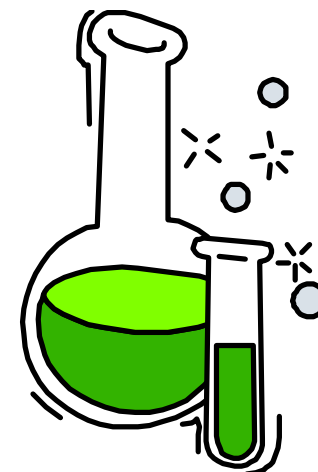
Soda-Lime Glass

- Used to make windows, mirrors, bottles.
- $\text{SiO}_2 + \text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{CaO}$
 - m.p. lowered to 1300°C
 - can be attacked by strong acids (H^+)
 - can be attacked by strong bases (OH^-)
 - high “thermal expansion” — cracks easily when heated and cooled



Borosilicate Glass

- Brand names of Pyrex[®], Kimax[®]
- $\text{SiO}_2 + \text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{B}_2\text{O}_3$
 - boron lowers thermal expansion of glass
 - lower m.p. and lower viscosity
 - durable, chemically resistant glass
 - used in scientific glassware
 - used in household cook ware



Leaded Glass

- Misnomer of “leaded crystal”
 - cut to look like crystals
- $\text{SiO}_2 + \text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O} + \text{PbO}$
 - lowers m.p. and viscosity of glass
 - highly refractive and reflective glass
 - PbO is an historically important flux
 - poisonous in glass and unfired and fired pottery — can be leached by acids
 - used to shield from radiation (eg. TVs)



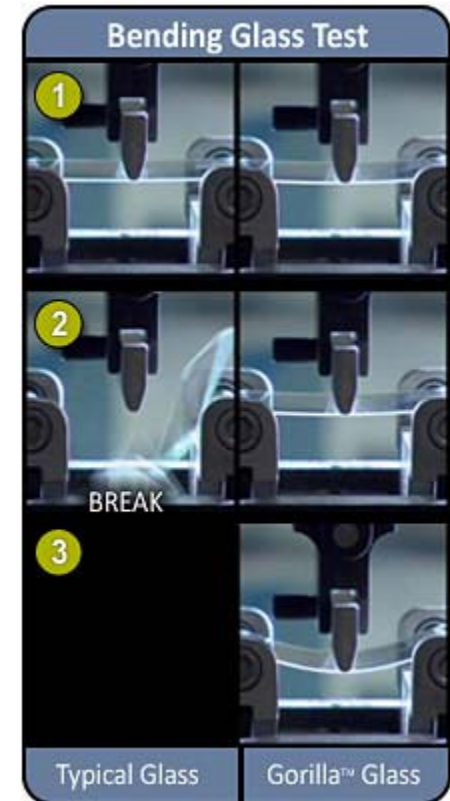
Special Glass



■ Photochromic Glass

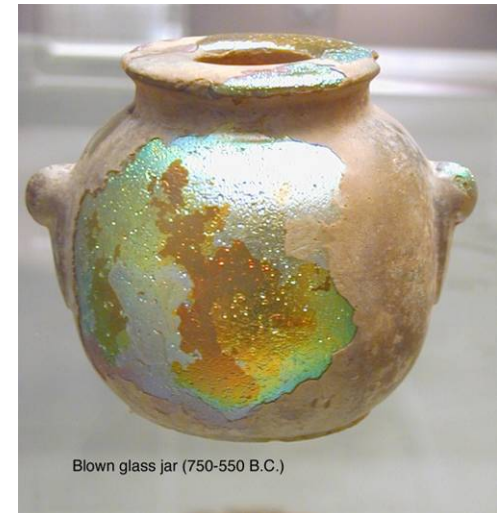
- mid-1960's innovation out of Corning Glass
- Contains 0.01-0.1% AgCl and CuCl
- UV light decomposes AgCl to produce silver atoms and glass darkens (similar to photographic film)
- In the dark the reaction is reversed by the Cu^+ in the glass

Gorilla Glass 1962-2010!



Iridescence on Glass

- Multiple layers produced through weathering and corrosion
- Cause refraction of light and production of interference colors
- Seen in ancient and antique glass
- Carefully reproduced in art glass



Tiffanyglass



Steuben glass

Other Uses of Glassy Materials

- Glazes
 - Applied to surface of ceramics
- Enamels
 - Applied to surface of metals



18th century bottle, Chinese

Glaze

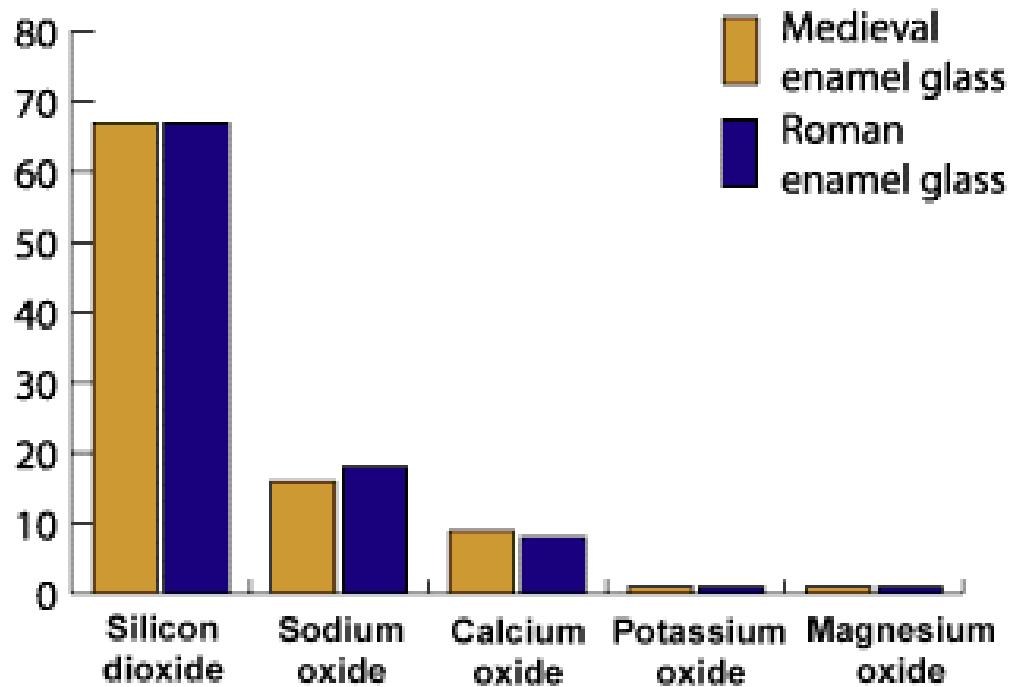
■ Turquoise Matte

- Nepheline Syenite 1725
- Strontium Carbonate 597
- OM-4 Ball Clay 187
- Flint 213
- Lithium Carbonate 81
- Copper Carbonate 81



Enamels

■ British Museum study



Glaze and Enamel Composition

- Similar to glass
- Glazes usually contain more components
- Formulated to melt at lower temperatures
(about 1000°C)
- Glass former is **silica**
- Fluxing Oxides - to lower m.p.
- Stabilizing Oxides - to control fluidity

Application of Glaze and Enamel

- Glazes are usually applied as **slurries or suspensions**
- Can be applied by dipping, spraying, or painting
- Must be **thixotropic (what???)**
- Must **match thermal expansion** and contraction characteristics to those of clay body or metal surface