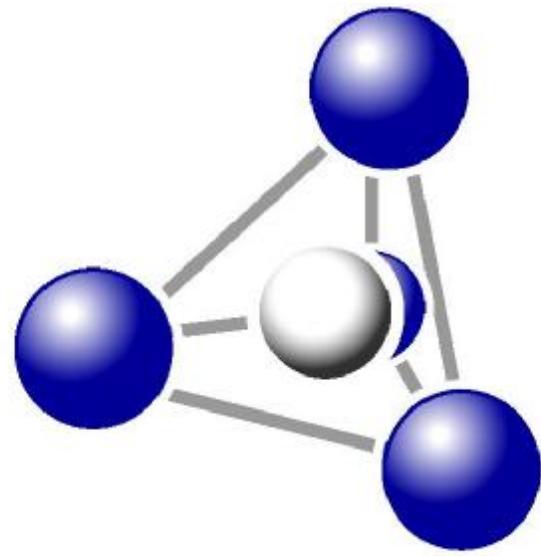


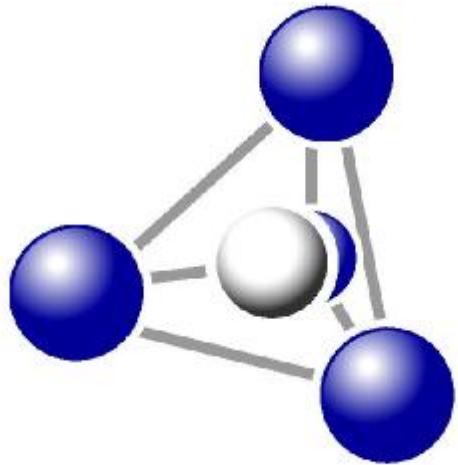
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# **GEOPOLYMER**

**Prof. Dr. Joseph Davidovits**



# **GEOPOLYMER**

**Advanced materials for the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

**Polymeric terminology**

**is the key to success**



**1958**

**Rennes, France  
Ingénieur Chimiste  
E.N.S.C.R.**

**1960**

**Mainz, Germany  
Dr. rer.nat  
organic polymer**

SONDERDRUCK AUS  
DIE  
NATURWISSENSCHAFTEN  
SPRINGER-VERLAG · BERLIN · GÖTTINGEN · HEIDELBERG

1960

HEFT 23, S. 538/3

Sonderdruck aus

DIE MAKROMOLEKULARE CHEMIE

Band XLIII

Heft 1/2 · 1961

Seite 106–116

Über die orientierte Aufwachsung von Dio-  
streckter Polyamidfaser

Organisch-chemisches Institut der Ur-

W. KERN, J. DAVIDOVITS u.

Eingegangen am 8. August 1960

Röntgenographische Untersuchungen  
an linearen Oligourethanen

von

WERNER KERN, JOSEF DAVIDOVITS, KARL JOSEF RAUTERKUS  
und GÜNTER FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT

DR. ALFRED HÜTHIG VERLAG GMBH · HEIDELBERG

Teintex 28,721 (1963)

1963-1964

## Contributions à l'étude de la structure des macromolécules linéaires

par Joseph DAVIDOVITS,

Teintex 29(1963), 257

### Filabilité et résistance à la rupture des polymères linéaires.

#### Étude théorique. Exemples des Nylon 66 et 6.

(La micelle Macromoléculaire II)

### Les polymères linéaires. Étude théorique de la tinctorialité

(La micelle macromoléculaire III)

### Les Polymères Linéaires

(La micelle macromoléculaire IV \*)

A — Structure du polyacrylonitrile

B — Propriétés tinctoriales :

Coefficient de susceptibilité tinctoriale

ASSOCIATION FRANÇAISE DES INGENIEURS, CHIMISTES ET TECHNICIENS  
DES INDUSTRIES DU CUIR DE LA CHAUSSURE ET AUTRES INDUSTRIES  
UTILISATRICES (A.F.I.C.T.I.C.)

1964-1966

## CONTRIBUTION A L'ETUDE STRUCTURALE DU COLLAGENE

**Etude théorique-Utilisation du modèle  
de la micelle macromoléculaire**

par **JOSEPH DAVIDOVITS**

Tannerie

L'étude qui va suivre es-  
de la structure quaternaire  
de départ est le modèle di-  
déjà fait l'objet d'un certai-

*J. Theoret. Biol.* (1966) **12**, 1-11

## The Quaternary and Fibrillar Structure of Native Collagen

J. DAVIDOVITS

*Tanneries de France, Strasbourg-Lingolsheim, France*

(Received 21 October 1965, and in revised form 17 January 1966)

A theoretical discussion of the quaternary and fibrillar structure of the native collagen molecule is based on a macromolecular micelle model. The macromolecular micelle is a macromolecular chain wound into a spiral which consists of straight lengths of chains and curves, the general form being in the solid state a planar ovoid disk which is able to swell in solution. The micelle is characterized by the length,  $L_0$ , of the first

**1969-1971**

**itf**

probabilistic  
La probabilité est sous pression  
et faible dans un prochain  
bulletin de l'ITF.

J. DAVIDOVITS (\*)

**NOTE SUR LA STRUCTURE  
DES FIBRES DE POLYÉ  
SOUMISES A DES TRAITEMENTS**

Une interprétation de rés  
obtenus en microscopie élec

*extrait du  
bulletin de  
l'Institut Textile de France*

Bull. Scient. ITF, V. 1, n° 3

**1972**

**253**

**LA MORPHOLOGIE DES FIBRES SYNTHÉTIQUES**

**REMARQUES SUR LES MODÈLES DE STRUCTURES. LE MECANISME PROBABLE  
DE FORMATION DU FILAMENT**

par

**Joseph DAVIDOVITS**

Omnium de Prospective Industrielle – Saint Quentin

A dramatic photograph of a fire at night. A firefighter in silhouette on the left is spraying a powerful stream of water from a hose onto a two-story brick building engulfed in intense orange and yellow flames. The fire is visible through the windows and along the roofline. The building has multiple windows with dark frames. In the background, another similar brick building stands under a dark, hazy sky. Power lines are visible against the bright fire. The foreground shows a wet street.

**1972**

A photograph of a firefighter in a dark uniform spraying a powerful stream of water from a hose onto a multi-story brick building engulfed in intense orange and yellow flames. The fire is visible through the windows and along the roofline. The firefighter is positioned on the left, and the building spans across the frame.

**Plastics are  
dangerous !!**

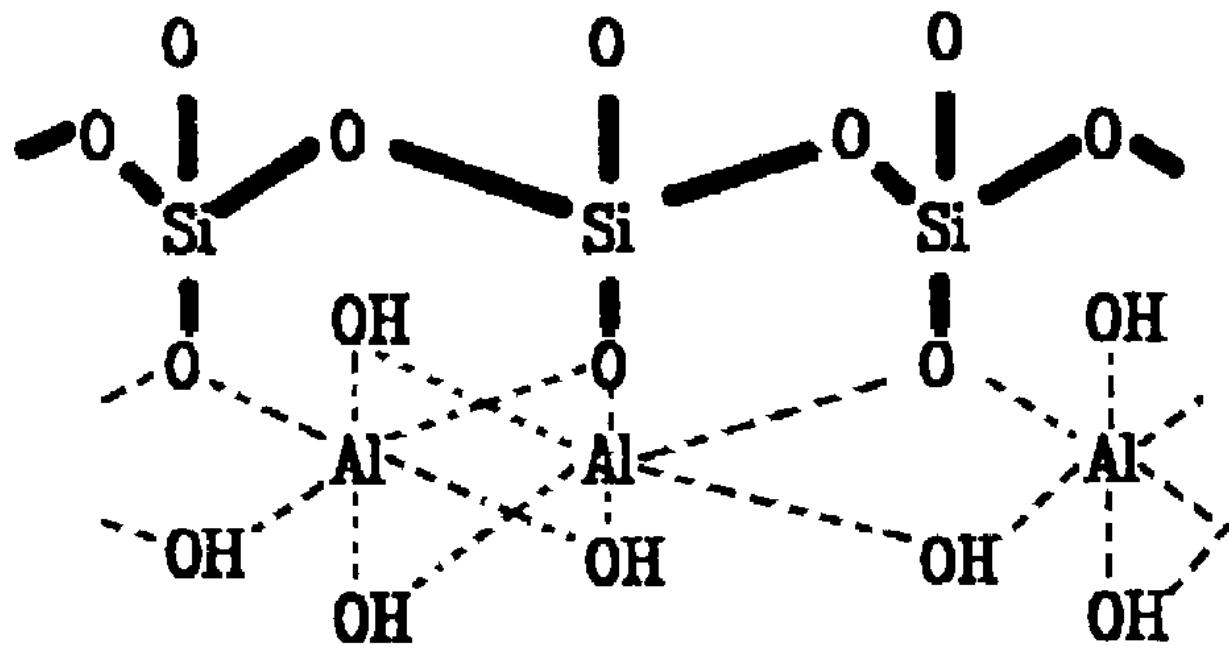
**Are organic  
polymers heat  
resistant ??**

- No ! NATURE states :
- Only MINERALS provide fire and heat resistance
- Target: Inorganic polymers

# Inorganic polymer

## Kaolinite $\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5\text{Al}_2(\text{OH})_4$

Poly(siloxo)  
chain



Aluminum-hydrate  
side groups

**NEEDS**

**Low Temp. Reaction as for  
organic polymers.**

**Quest for information: WHO?**

# Scientific Team:

**Simone Caillère and Stéphane Henin,**  
*Museum of Natural History, Paris.*

C. R. Acad. Sc. Paris, t. 269, p. 1367-1368 (13 octobre 1969) **(1969)**

Série D

MINÉRALOGIE. — *Conditions de préparation de l'hydrosodalite à basse température.* Note (\*) de M<sup>me</sup> Huguette Besson, M<sup>le</sup> Simone Caillère et M. Stéphane Henin, transmise par M. Jean Orcel.



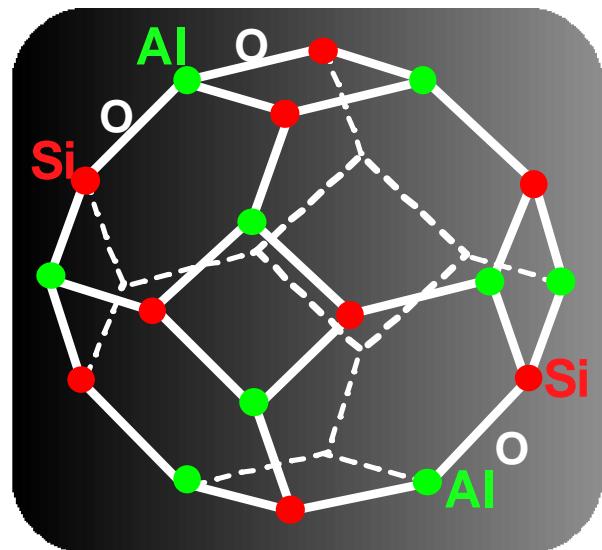
**kaolinite**

**hydrosodalite**

Il faut signaler cependant que W. Borchert et J. Keidel (<sup>6</sup>) en 1949 ont préparé des hydrosodalites plus ou moins riches en sodium dans des conditions différentes. Ces auteurs utilisaient un mélange de kaolinite et de soude chauffé seulement à 100°.

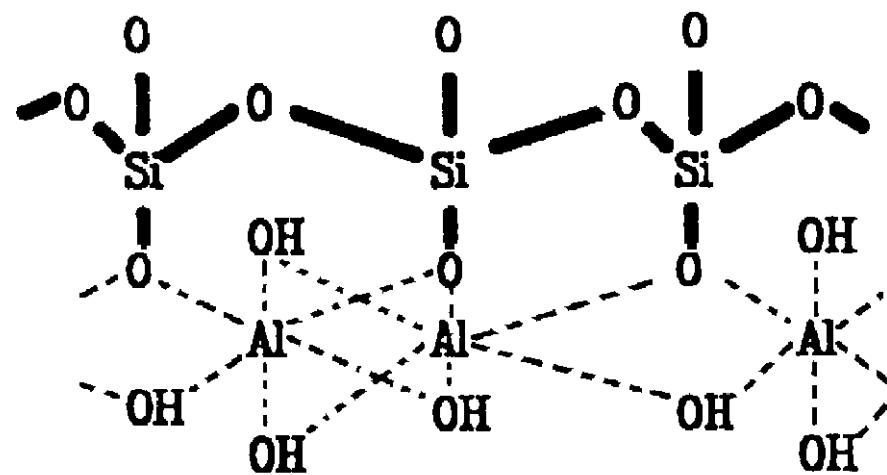
**1949**

**2 D network  
sheet polymer**

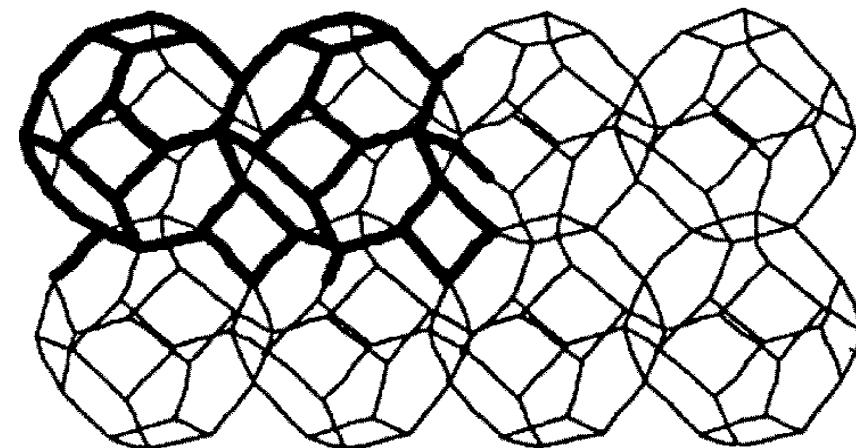


**b-sodalite cage**

**KAOLINITE**



**polycondensation**



**3 D network**

**U.S.S.R. Patent 1964**

~~№~~ 193335 BINDER or material for use in the manufacture of building products is produced by treating ground kaolin with a solution of caustic soda of any suitable concentration. The resulting mass can be formed into products which, after drying at 100°C develop a high strength, resistance to moisture and to low temperatures.

29.1.64. as 878827/29-14, BERG, L.G. et al.

Kazan Engineering and Building Inst. (17.4.67.)

Bul. 6/2.3.67. Class 80b, Int. Cl. C 04b.

23 FEV. 1975 815 f

Des matériaux non cuits, à base de kaolin, pour les  
surfaces apparentes de bâtiments

Traduction d'un article de L.G. Berg, B.A. Demidenko,  
V.I. Remiznikova et N.S. Nizamov, paru dans le numé-  
ro 10/1970 de la revue technique soviétique "Stroi-  
tel'nye materialy", page 22.

A l'Institut de Génie civil de Kasan, on travaille,  
depuis quelques années, au développement et aux pro-  
cédés de fabrication de nouveaux matériaux pour le re-  
vêtement des surfaces apparentes de bâtiments. En col-  
laboration avec l'Université/V.I. Oulyanov-Lénine  
de Kasan, on a étudié les possibilités de fabrication  
de matériaux de revêtement non cuits. Il en résulte  
la proposition d'un procédé basé sur la réaction de  
matériaux argileux avec les lessives.

DEUTSCHES REICH



AUSGECEBEN AM  
20. JULI 1934

1934

REICHSPATENTAMT  
PATENTSCHRIFT

Nr 600327

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*Tag der Bekanntmachung über die Erteilung des Patents: 28. Juni 1934*

Niels Olsen in Frederiksberg, Dänemark

Verfahren zum Härt(en) von Ton bei niedriger Temperatur

Patentiert im Deutschen Reiche vom 28. Mai 1932 ab

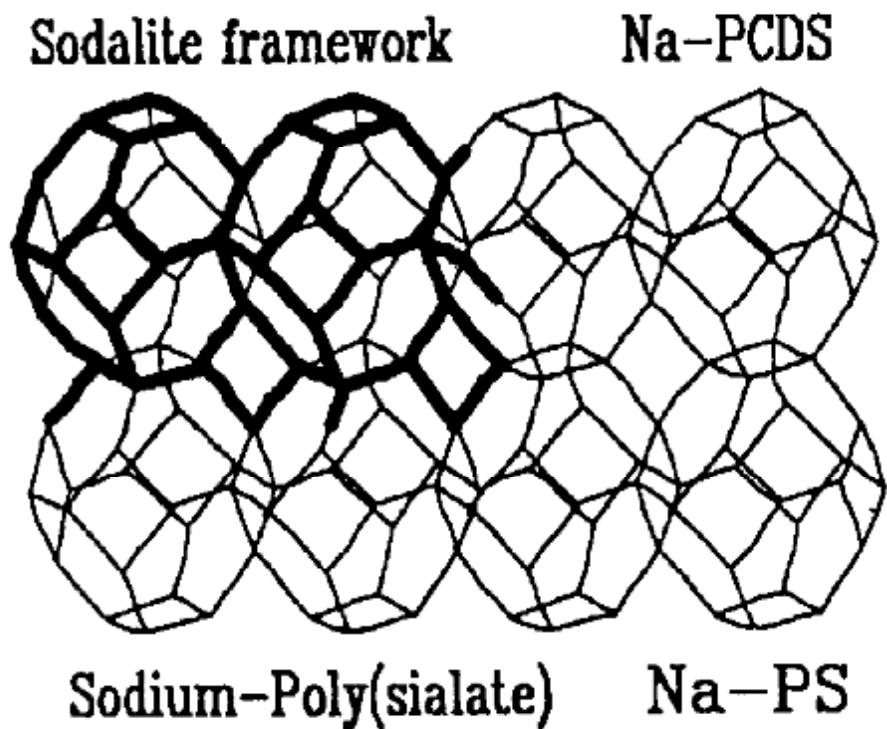
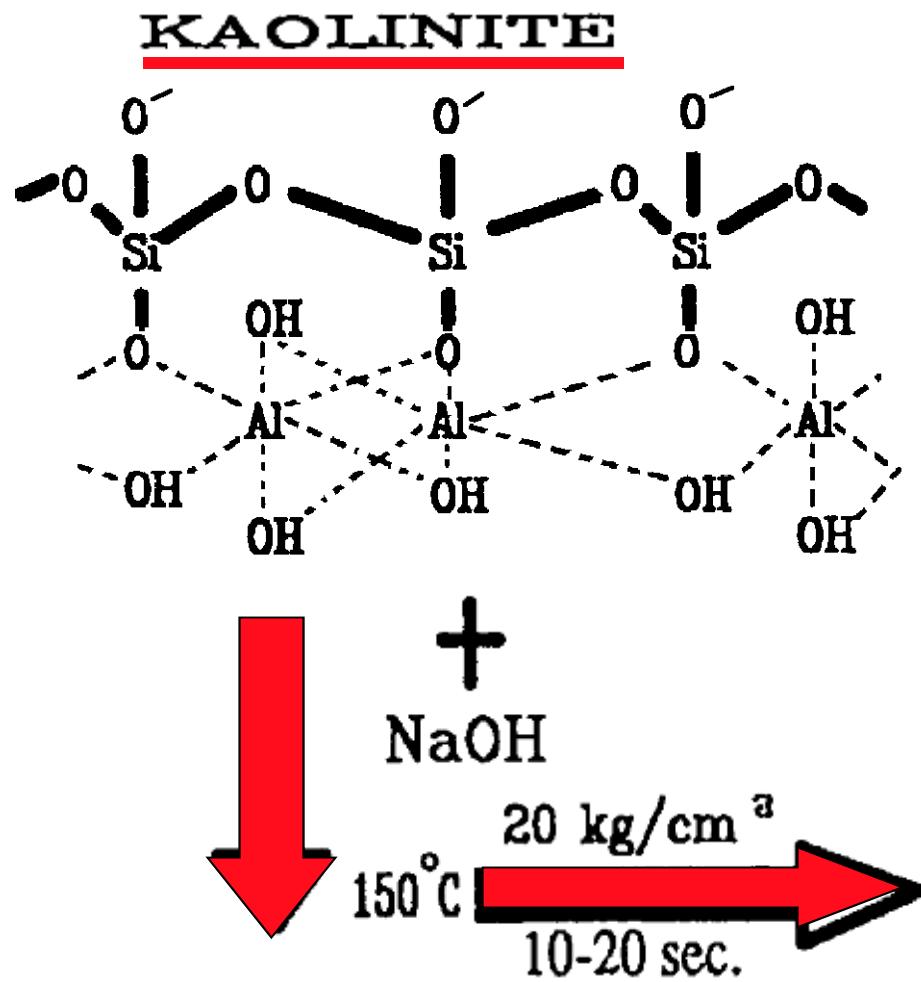
1932

Als Ausführungsbeispiel des Verfahrens  
25 kann folgendes dienen: Der Ton wird auf  
einen Kollergang gebracht, wo er mit einer  
6 bis 8 Teilen NaOH für je 100 Teile trockne-  
nen Tons entsprechenden Menge einer Na-  
triumhydroxydlösung geknetet wird. Der Ton  
30 kann nun durch Erwärmen auf zwischen  
150 und 500° getrocknet und gehärtet werden.

**Polyconsensation**

**like**

**phenolic resin**



## SILIFACE Process

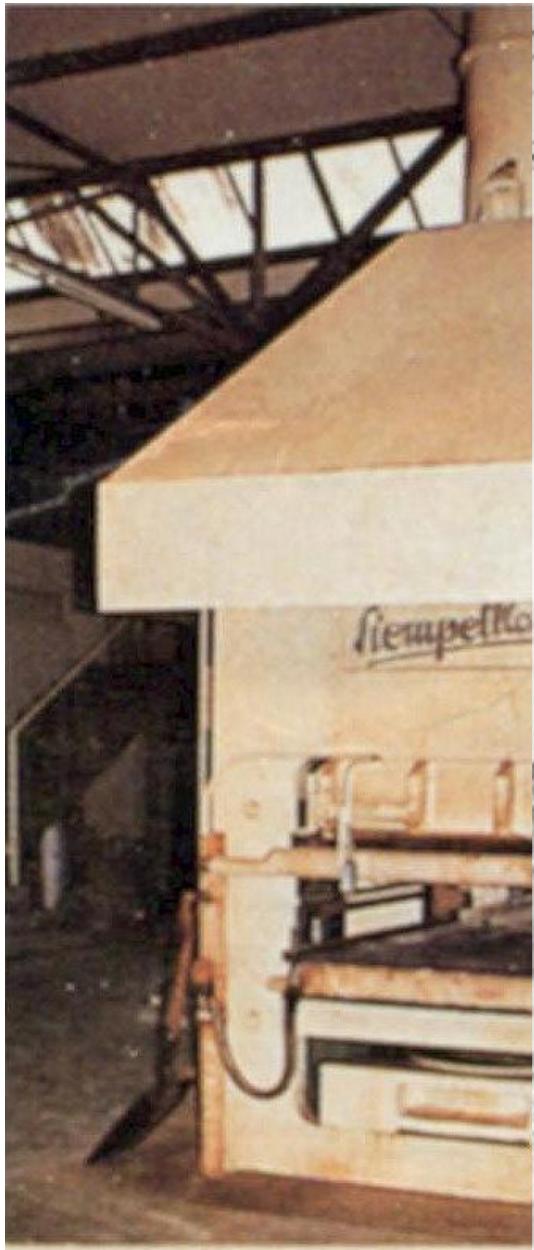
**wood chips  
organic glue**

**1 step process  
heated press  
at 150°C (300°F)  
5-10 minutes**

**Silico-Aluminate facing  
Na-PS**



1975



**A new polymer :  
Clay !**

# Paris 1975



# Düsseldorf 1976

**clay = polymer**

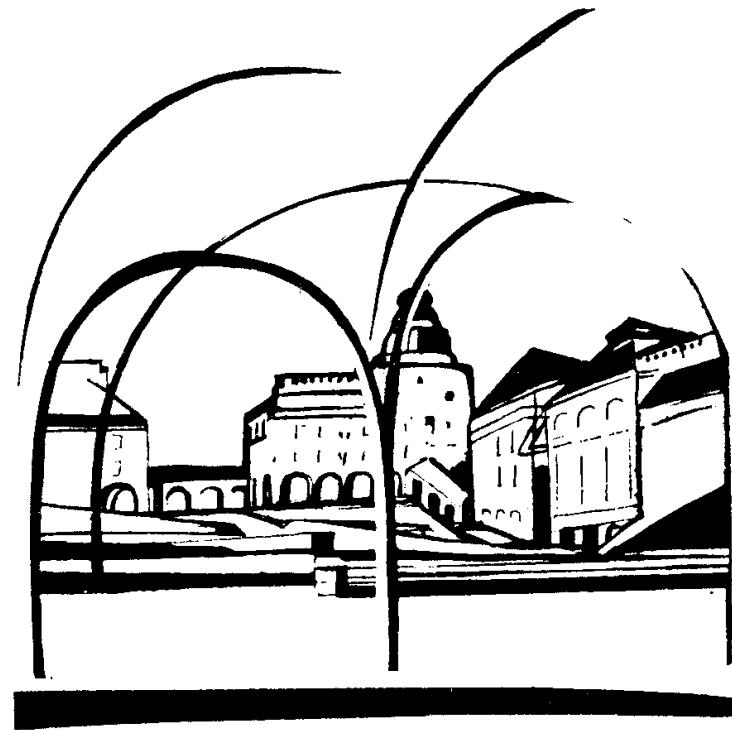
**misunderstanding !!**

# **Polymer terminology !**

**I.U.P.A.C.  
symposium  
Stockholm  
Sept. 1976**

PROGRAMME OF THE IUPAC SYMPOSIUM ON  
LONG-TERM PROPERTIES OF POLYMERS AND  
POLYMERIC MATERIALS

Stockholm, August 30 - September 1, 1976



ORGANIZED BY  
THE DEPARTMENT OF POLYMER TECHNOLOGY  
THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
STOCKHOLM SWEDEN

# I.U.P.A.C. 1976

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

## TOPIC III, NEW POLYMERS OF HIGH STABILITY

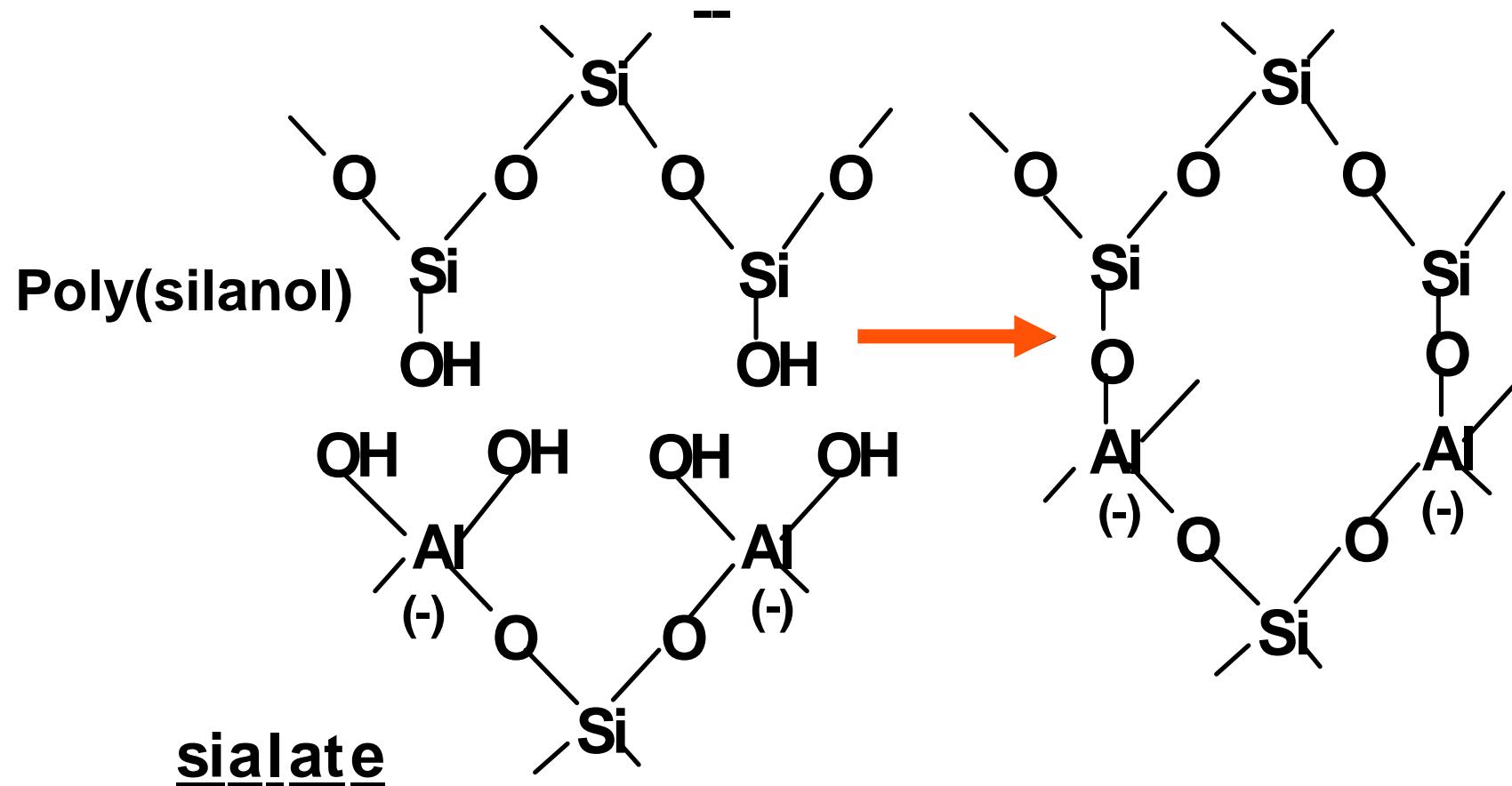
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14.30 - SOLIDPHASE SYNTHESIS OF A MINERAL BLOCKPOLYMER  
BY LOW TEMPERATURE POLYCONDENSATION OF  
ALUMINOSILICATE POLYMERS

by J. Davidovits (Cordi S.A.,  
Saint-Quentin, France)

## 1977-1978 Poly(sialate) block polymers





## Mean linear expansion 20-700 deg.C

Fe	0.96%
Steatite	0.80%
Cermet	0.70%
Iridium	0.50%
Mulite	0.40%
Mo	0.45%
Silicium nitrid	0.25%

Mechanical properties: OK

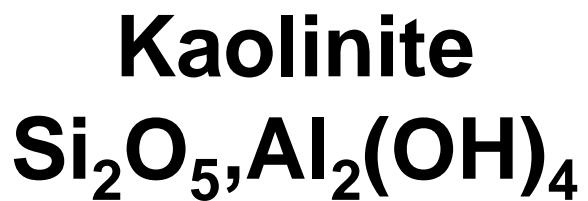
Thermal properties: OK

Molding 120 deg.C: OK

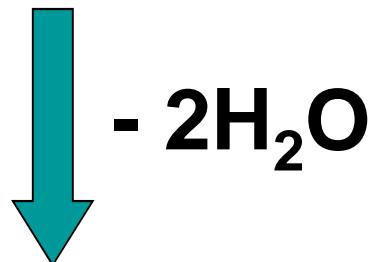
post-treatment 450 deg.C: OK

H<sub>2</sub>O absorption: 0.3%: weak

**SILIFACE COR 70 0,13%**

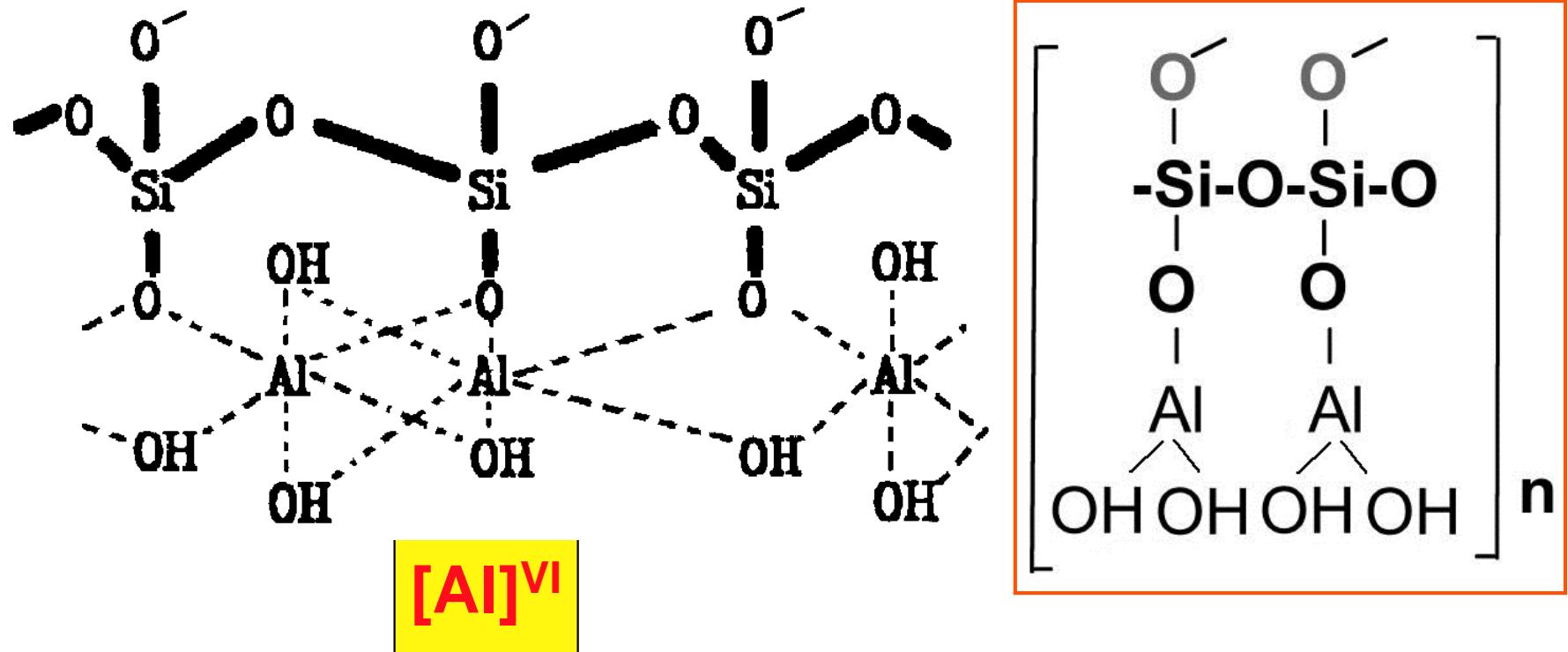


**1978**



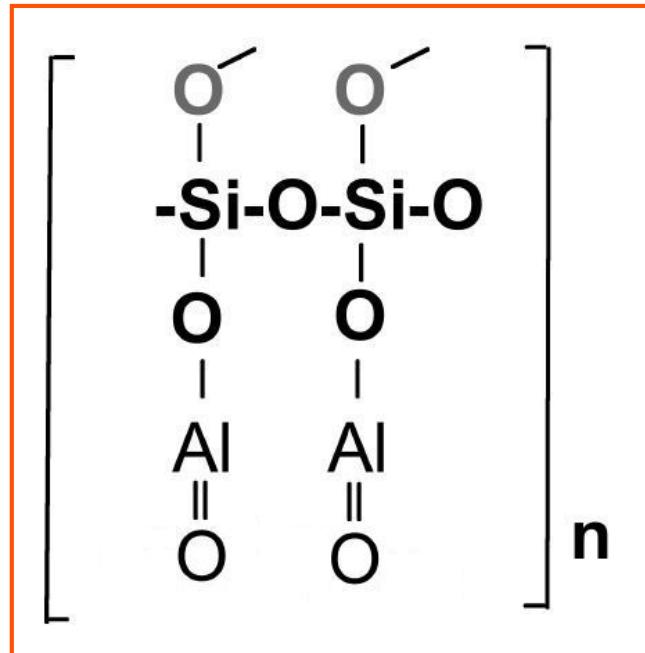
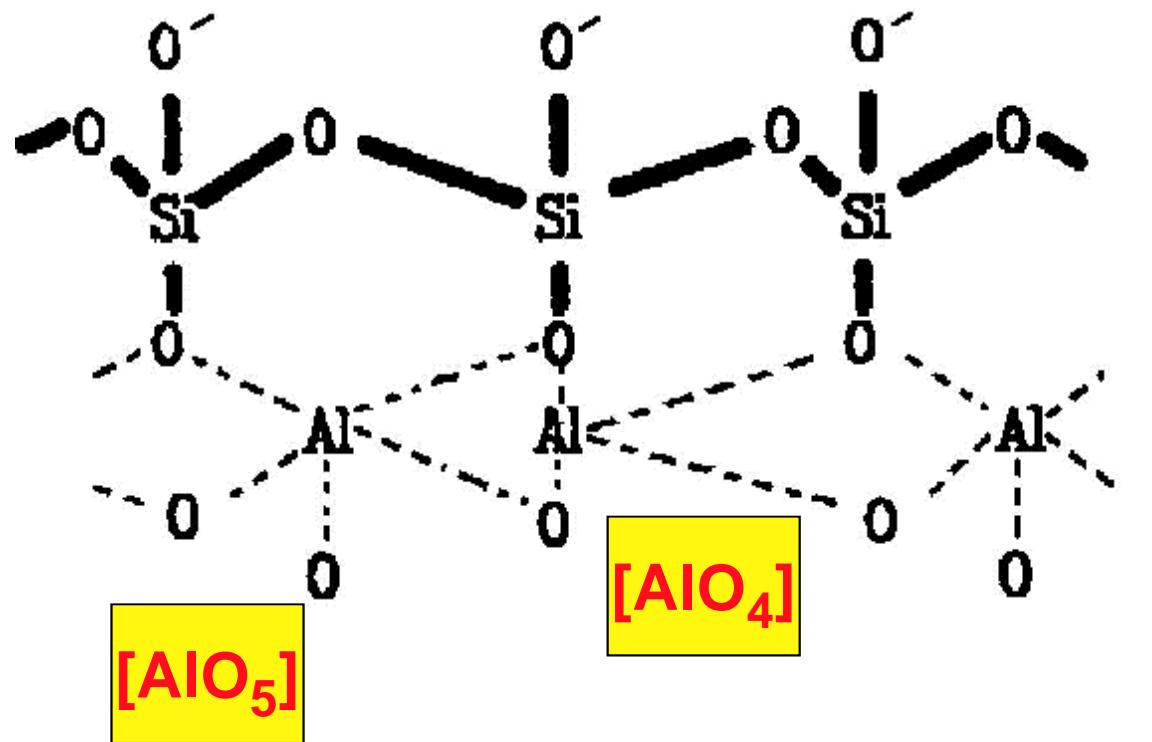
**Metakaolin**

$\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5\text{Al}_2\text{O}_2$   
Alumino-silicate Oxide  
**KANDOXI**  
**MK-750**



## Kaolinite



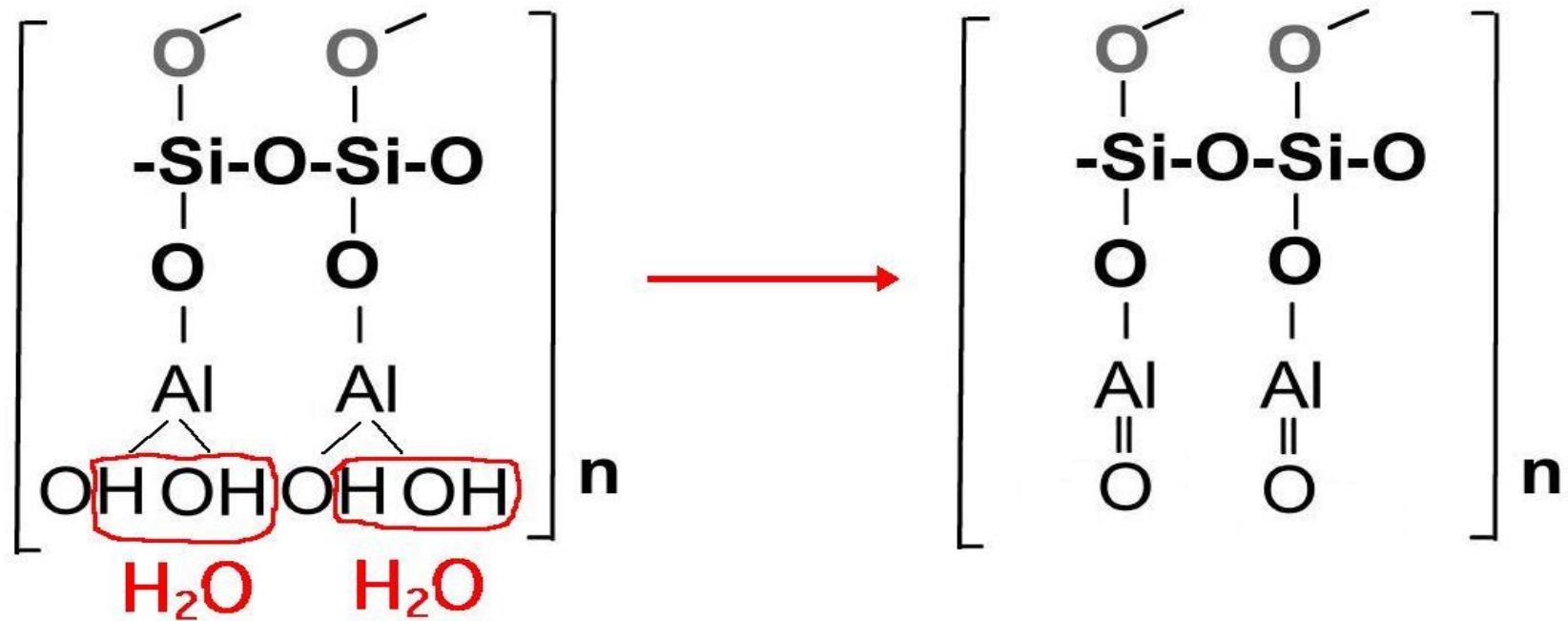


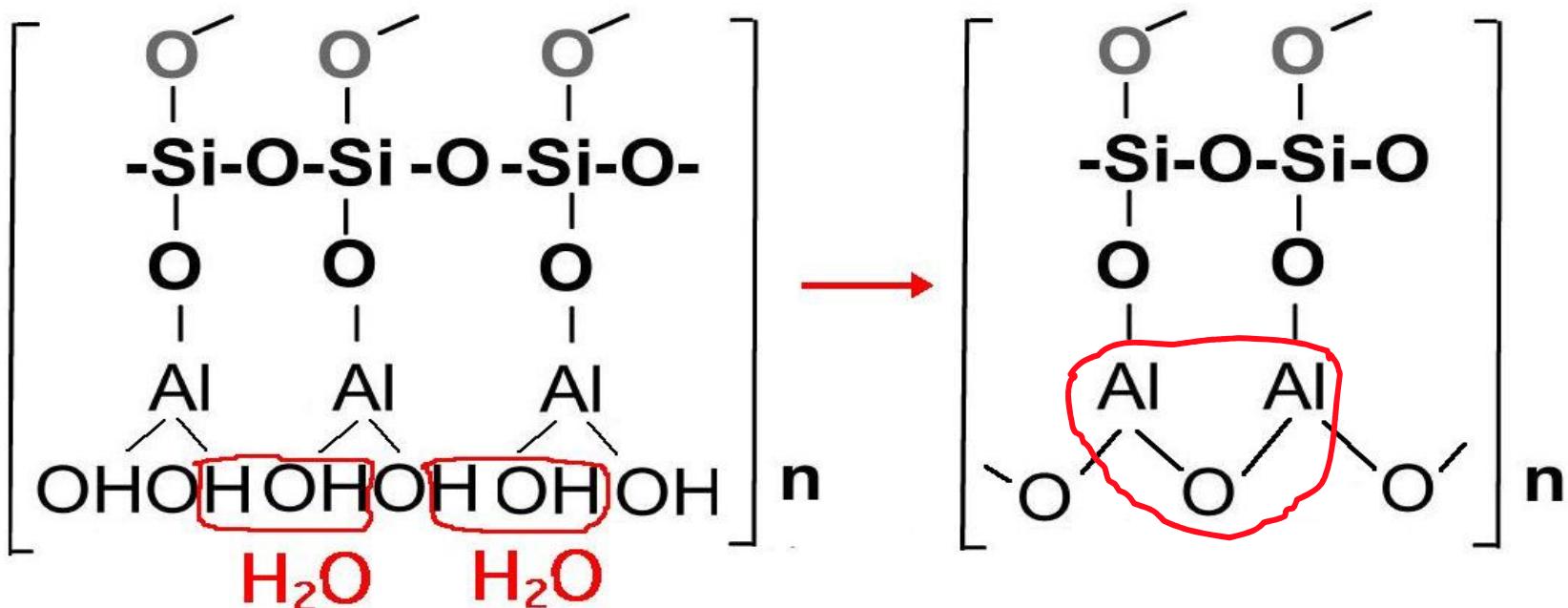
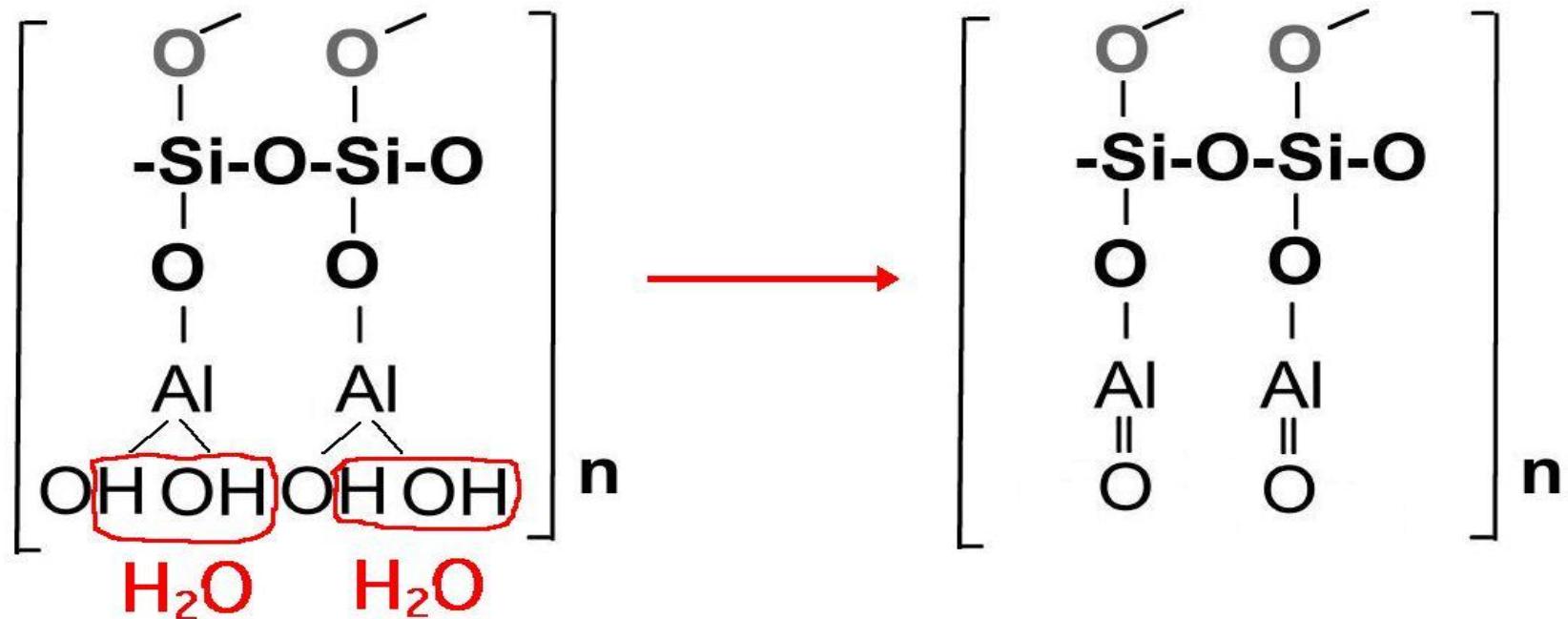
**Metakaolin MK-750**



**Alumino-silicate Oxide**

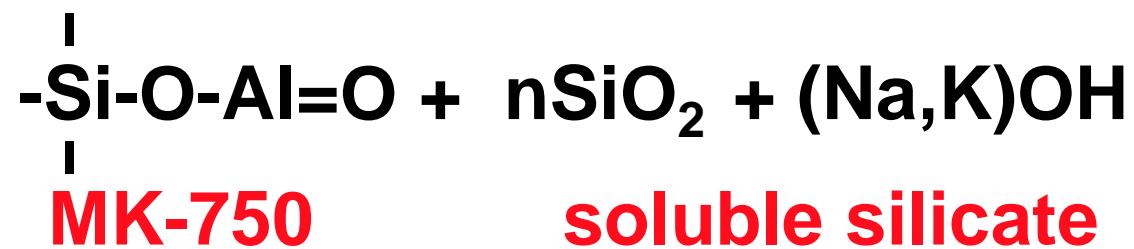
**Poly(siloxo)-aluminum-oxide**





**1977**

**1st mineral polymer resin**



mineral polymer Resin

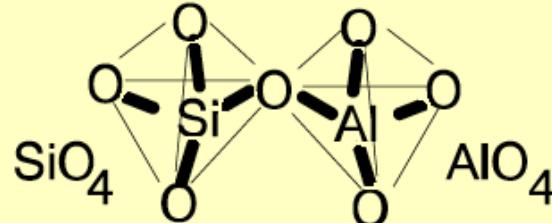


1979

# Geopolymer Terminology

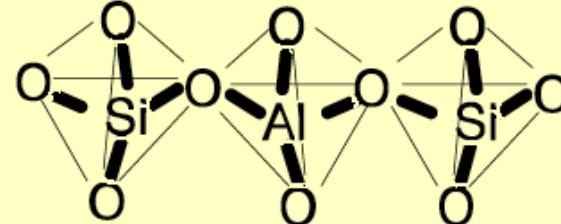
Si:Al = 1:1

Poly(sialate)  
(-Si-O-Al-O-)



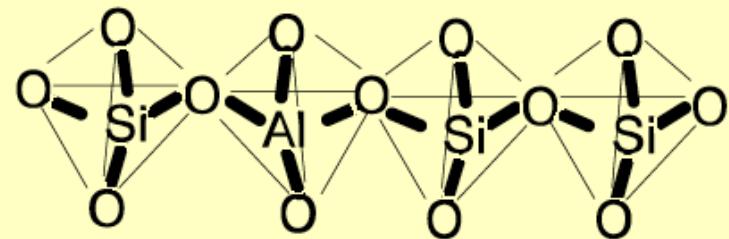
Si:Al = 2:1

Poly(sialate-siloxo)  
(-Si-O-Al-O-Si-O-)



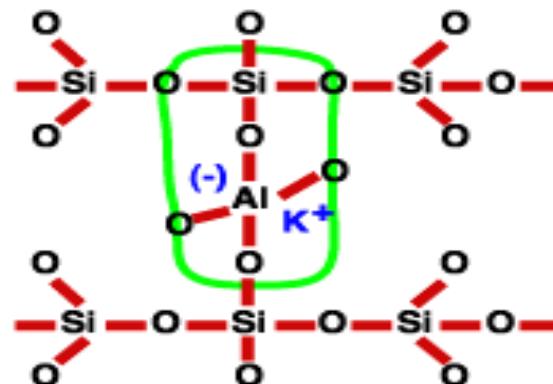
Si:Al = 3:1

Poly(sialate-disiloxo)  
(-Si-O-Al-O-Si-O-Si-O-)



Si:Al >3:1

Sialate link



**Geopolymers are  
Polymers,  
processed like  
organic polymers**

**Yet,  
GEO- polymers  
Fire and heat resistant**

**1979**

**Foundation of the GEOPOLYMER INSTITUTE,  
Saint-Quentin, France**

**Non for profit scientific association**

**d d d**

**The word « geopolymere » : public domain  
PACTEC conference, Los Angeles, USA**

**d d d**

**Presentation of my archaeological researches at  
the 2nd International Congress of Egyptologists,  
Grenoble, France**

# **Cement applications !**

**1983**

**U.S.A.**

**Lone Star Industries  
Geopolymer cement, PYRAMENT  
(11 years after begin of research, 1972)**

**d d d**

**Barry University, Miami, Florida  
Institute for Applied Archaeological Sciences**

# 1st PYRAMENT patent

United States Patent [1]

Davidovits et al.

[11] Patent Number: 4,509,985

[45] Date of Patent: Apr. 9, 1985

[54] EARLY HIGH-STRENGTH MINERAL POLYMER

[75] Inventors: Joseph Davidovits, Saint-Quentin, France; James L. Sawyer, Friendswood, Tex.

[73] Assignee: Pyrament Inc., Houston, Tex.

[21] Appl. No.: 582,279

[22] Filed: Feb. 22, 1984

1984

[51] Int. Cl.<sup>3</sup> ..... C04B 19/04

[52] U.S. Cl. ..... 106/84; 106/85;  
106/117

[58] Field of Search ..... 106/84, 85, 117

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4,349,386 9/1982 Davidovits ..... 106/85

Primary Examiner—James Poer

Attorney, Agent, or Firm—McAulay, Fields, Fisher,  
Goldstein & Nissen

## [57] ABSTRACT

An early high-strength mineral polymer composition is formed of a polysialatesiloxo material obtained by adding a reactant mixture consisting of alumino-silicate oxide ( $\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5\text{Al}_2\text{O}_2$ ) with the aluminum cation in a four-fold coordination, strong alkalis such as sodium hydroxide and/or potassium hydroxide, water, and a sodium-/potassium polysilicate solution; and from 15 to 26 parts, by weight, based upon the reactive mixture of the polysialatesiloxo polymer of ground blast furnace slag. Sufficient hardening for demolding is obtained in about 1 hour with this composition.

6 Claims, No Drawings

# Lone Star/PYRAMENT cement



**Los Angeles:** a crew begins placing concrete.

1 hour  
Strong enough to walk on

4 hours  
Strong enough to drive on

6 hours  
Ready for the weight of a commercial jet

**New York:** a Boeing departs

Start March 1983 / all rights sold to Lone Star Ind. Oct. 1989

**1985-1986**

# Testing of geopolymer cement

## PYRAMENT

by

**US ARMY CORPS  
ENGINEERS**

**Study on various  
alkali-activated  
systems,  
V. Glukovsky**

MISCELLANEOUS PAPER GL-85-15

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## POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS OF ALKALI-ACTIVATED ALUMINO-SILICATE BINDERS IN MILITARY OPERATIONS

(The technical collective of the U.S. Army  
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Geotechnical Laboratory

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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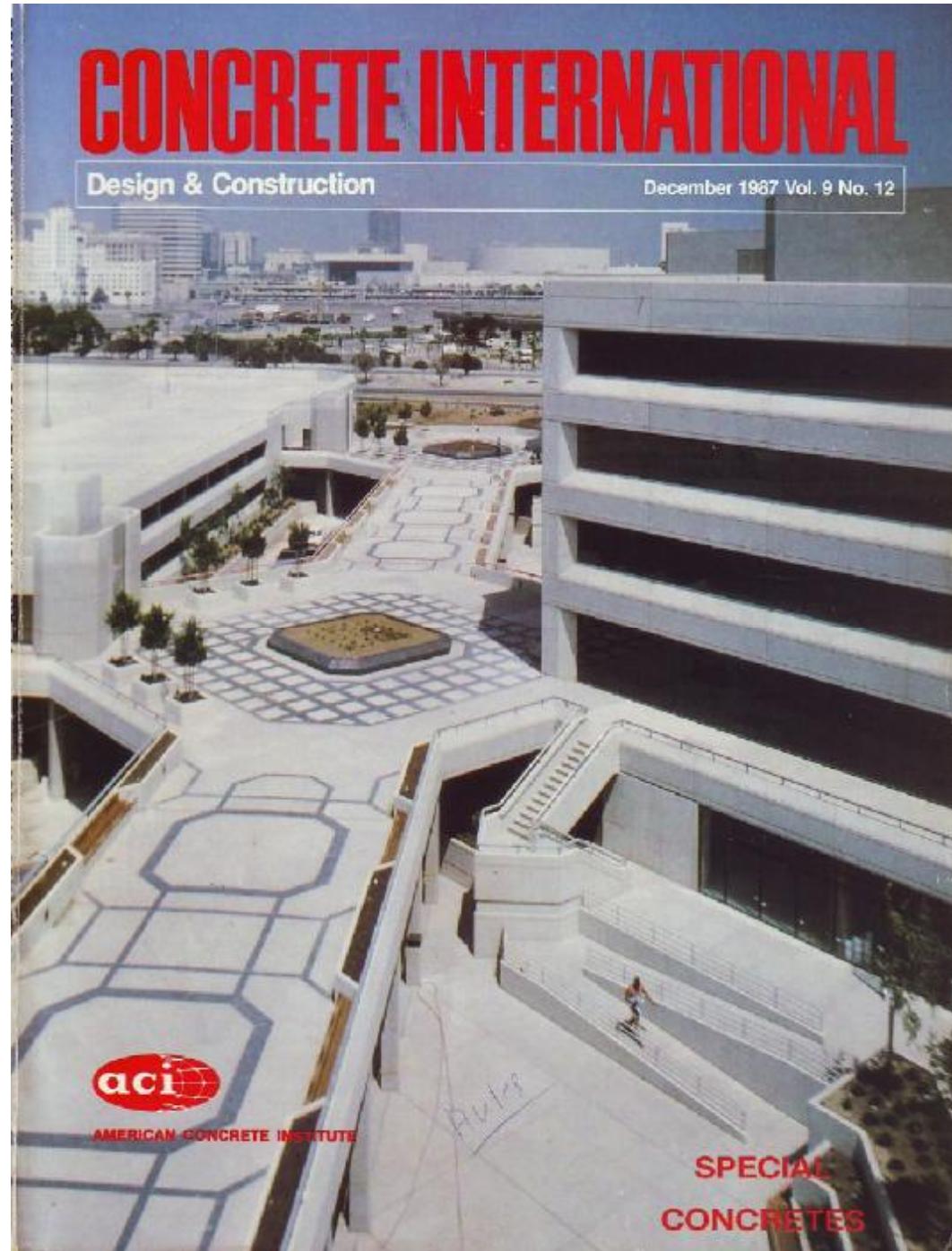
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**1987**

**1st paper on  
geopolymer  
concrete**



Geopolymeric concrete may be  
a key to increased durability

# Ancient and Modern Concretes: What Is the Real Difference?

by Joseph Davidovits

Many observers of ancient architecture are struck by the vast difference in quality between original structures and more recent repairs. Recent studies have attempted to determine why ancient mortars and concretes are so much more durable than their modern counterparts. Many of these materials have been found to be geopolymeric concrete which has been replicated and may prove to be an appropriate concrete for many modern purposes.

magazine<sup>2</sup> dealt with a fascinating idea which would put the origin of concrete much earlier....According to this theory...to build a pyramid ....Egyptian workers could have carried crushed limestone to the work site in buckets, mixed it with Nile River silt for the needed aluminum and silicon binder, and added salts available locally as catalysts to make the solution alkaline. They could have dumped the ingredients into wooden molds and a few hours in the desert heat would have dried the mixture

same conditions. Under certain climatic conditions, some portland cement structures that are only ten years old are being severely eroded, whereas two thousand year old cement in structures in the same locations remains unaffected.

Unfortunately, only cements and mortars of surviving monuments can be investigated, since monu-

**1989**

**Document**

**D9:1989**

**Durability of concrete**

**Aspects of admixtures and  
industrial by-products**

**2nd International seminar, June 1989**

**Swedish Council for Building Research**

**Last paper by  
V.D. Glukhovsky**

**Title:  
*Ancient, Modern  
and Future Concretes***

**based on  
J. Davidovits,  
*Concrete International*  
paper, 1987**

**1994**

FIRST

INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE



## ALKALINE CEMENTS AND CONCRETES



Scientific-Research Institute  
on Binders and Materials  
named after V D Glukhovsky

**1994**

**KIEV**

**alkali-activated  
vs  
geopolymer**

**metakaolin  
Soil-silicate cement  
Geo-cement**



Toxic + Radioactive  
Waste Management



## Geopolymer Cement

1987

Construction

1983

1990

Global Warming

CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Mitigation



**Development  
of  
alumino-silicate materials !**

	Zeolite $SiO_2, Al_2(OH)_3$	Alkali-activation <i>slag</i>	Hydrosodalite <i>kaolin</i>	Geopolymer <i>MK-750</i>

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1950	1956: Milton (US)	1953: Trief (US)  <b>1957: Glukhovsky (UKR)</b>  <i>Soil-silicate-concrete</i>		
1960			1963: Howell (US)  1964: Berg, (USSR)	
1970			<b>1972: Davidovits (FR)</b>  <i>Siliface</i>	<b>1976: Davidovits IUPAC</b>  <b>1979: Davidovits Geopolymer</b>

# **High-tech applications !**

**1986**

**Ceramic-Ceramic composite material  
and production method.**

**FR 2.604.994: 14/10/1986**

**Nicolas Davidovits, Michel Davidovics, Joseph Davidovits**



**A carbon-epoxy composite (left) is burning while a Carbon-Geopolymer Composite still resists a 1200 deg.C fire**

**Si:Al = 3:1**

(K)-(Si-O-Al-O-Si-O-Si-O-)  
(K)-poly(sialate-disiloxo)

**Fire-proof geopolymeric panels for  
thermal protection**

**FR 2.659.963: 20/03/1990**

**J. Davidovits, M. Davidovics, N. Davidovits**

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**Geopolymeric fluoro-alumino-silicate binder**

**FR 2.659.320: 07/03/1990**

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**Method for obtaining an early high-strength geopolymeric  
matrice for the impregnation of composite materials**

**FR 2.666.328: 04/09/1990**

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**Process for obtaining a geopolymeric alumino-silicate**

**FR 2.671.344: 03/01/1991**

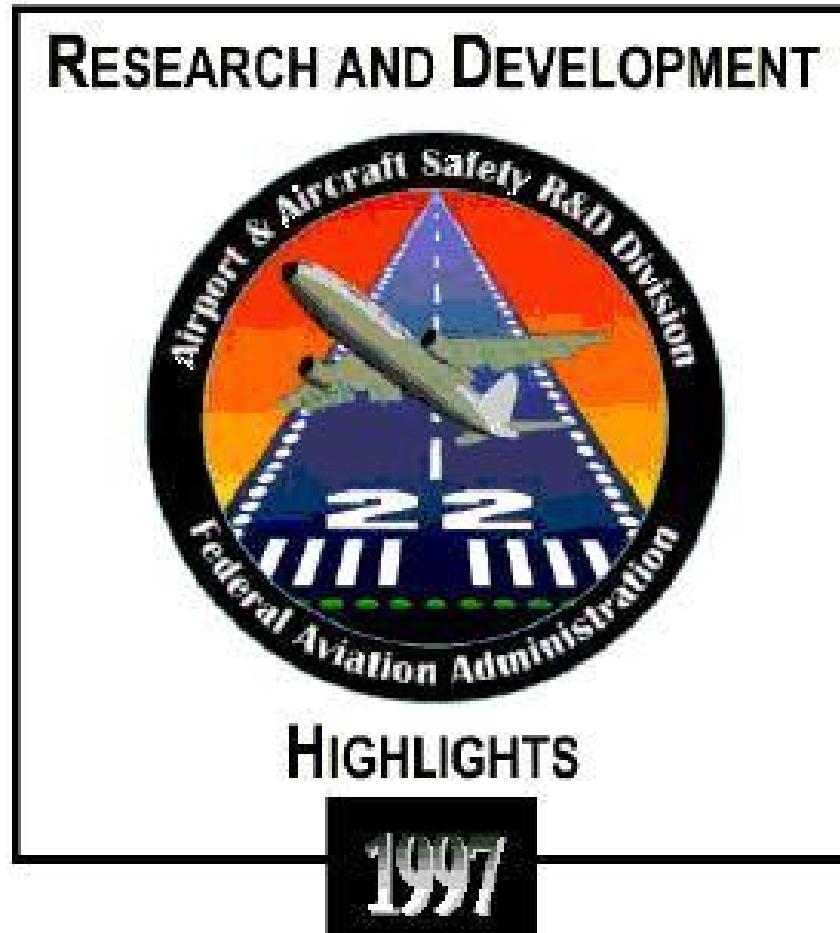
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**Alkaline aluminosilicate geopolymeric matrix for composite  
materials with fibre reinforcement**

**EP 0. 815.064; 15/03/1995**



# 1994-2000 Aircraft cabin safety project





U.S.A.

**Federal Aviation Administration, F.A.A.**

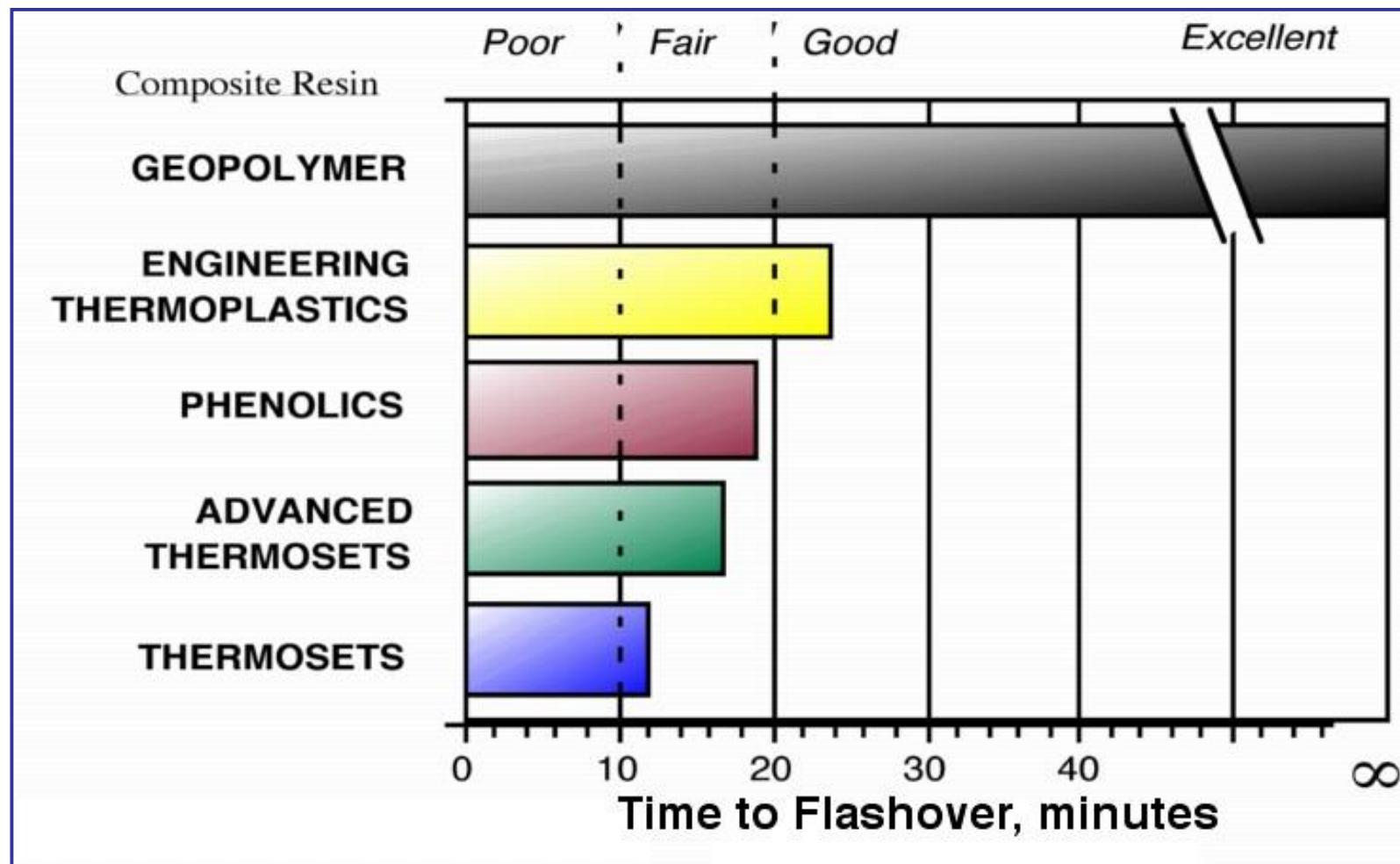


**Rutgers**  
**The State University of New Jersey**



**Saint-Quentin, France**

# Giving Survivors more time to escape

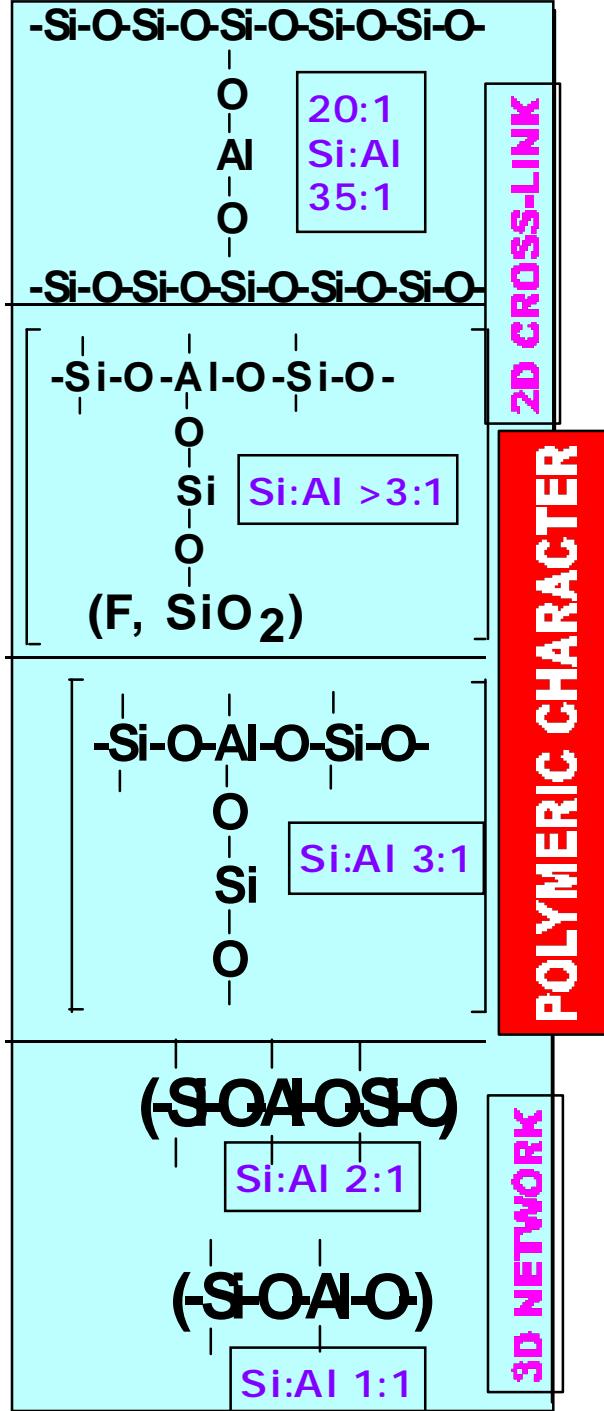




**1994-1995 F1 World Champion**

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**Successful Niche Markets, small companies,  
patent rights sold to PYROMERAL SA.**



## Fire Resistant / Heat Resistant Carbon-fiber Composites



## Tooling For AERONAUTICS SPF ALUMINUM / TITANIUM

Sealants FOR INDUSTRY 200- 1000 deg C

ALUMINUM FOUNDRY EQUIPMENTS

Foam for Heat insulation

Radioactive & Toxic Waste  
ENCAPSULATION

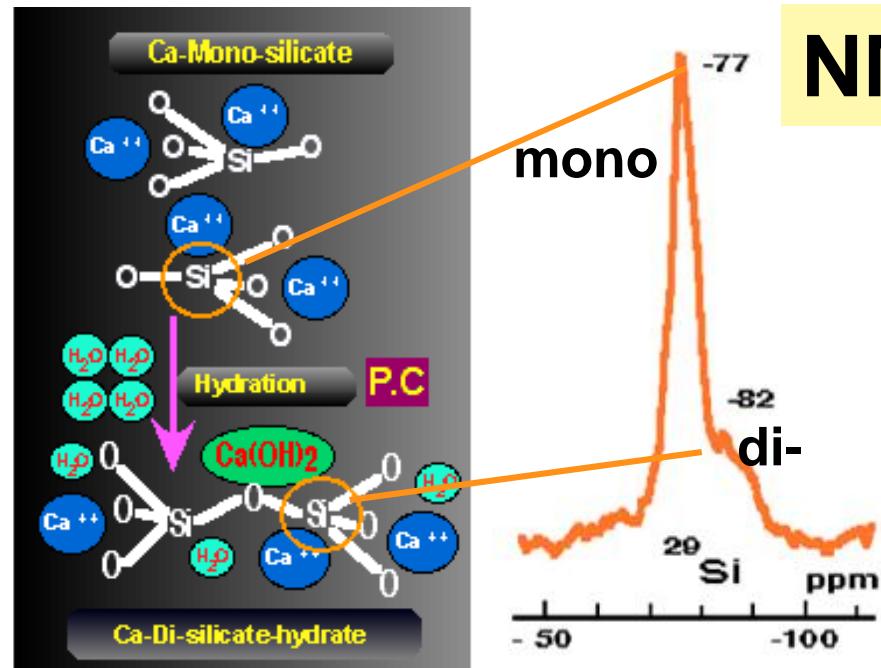
Low CO<sub>2</sub> CEMENTS



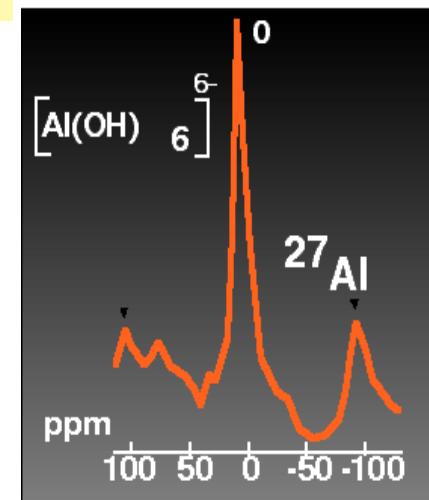
**Chemical  
and  
molecular structure !**

1987

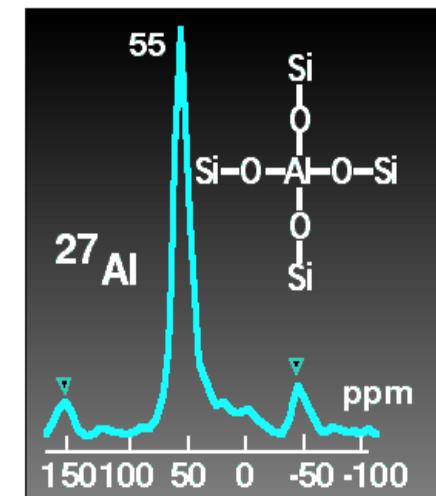
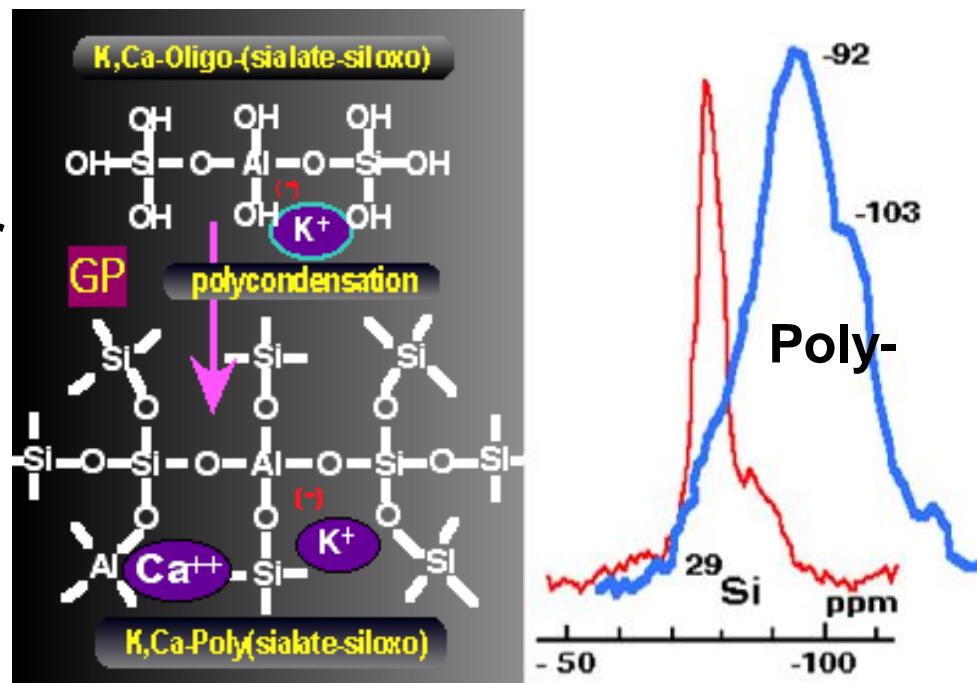
## Portland Cement



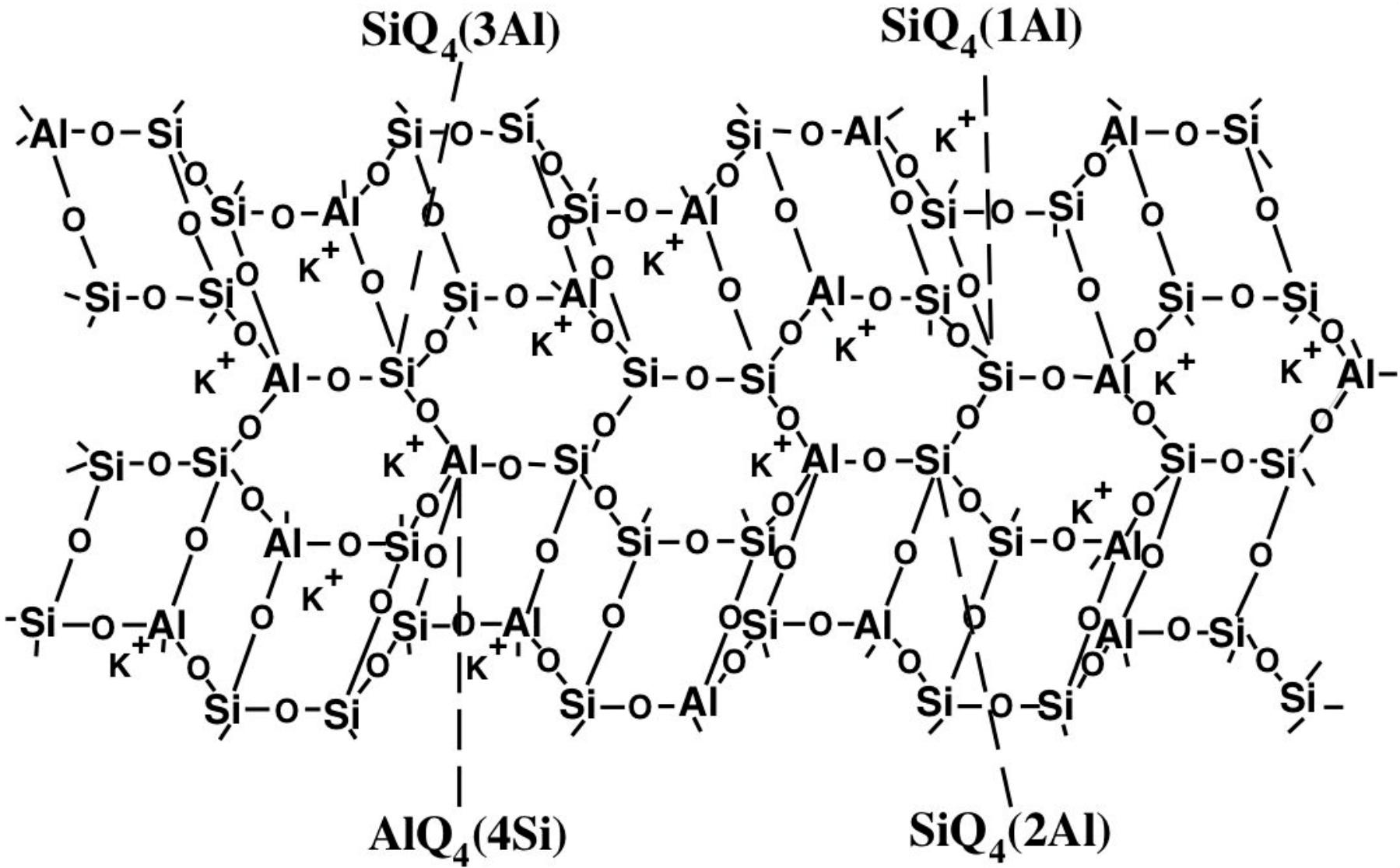
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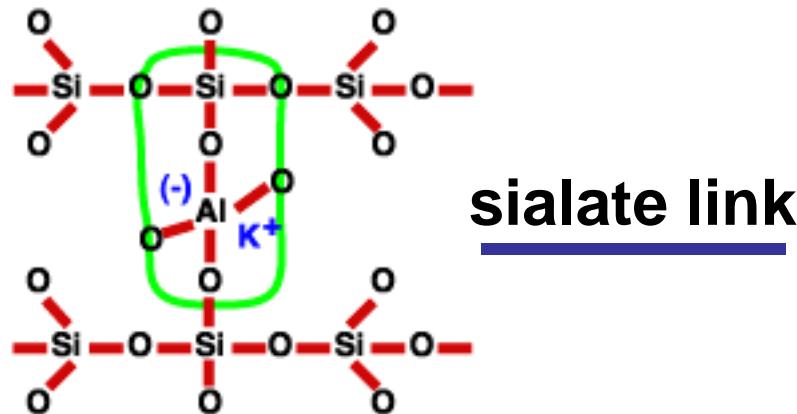


## Geopolymer

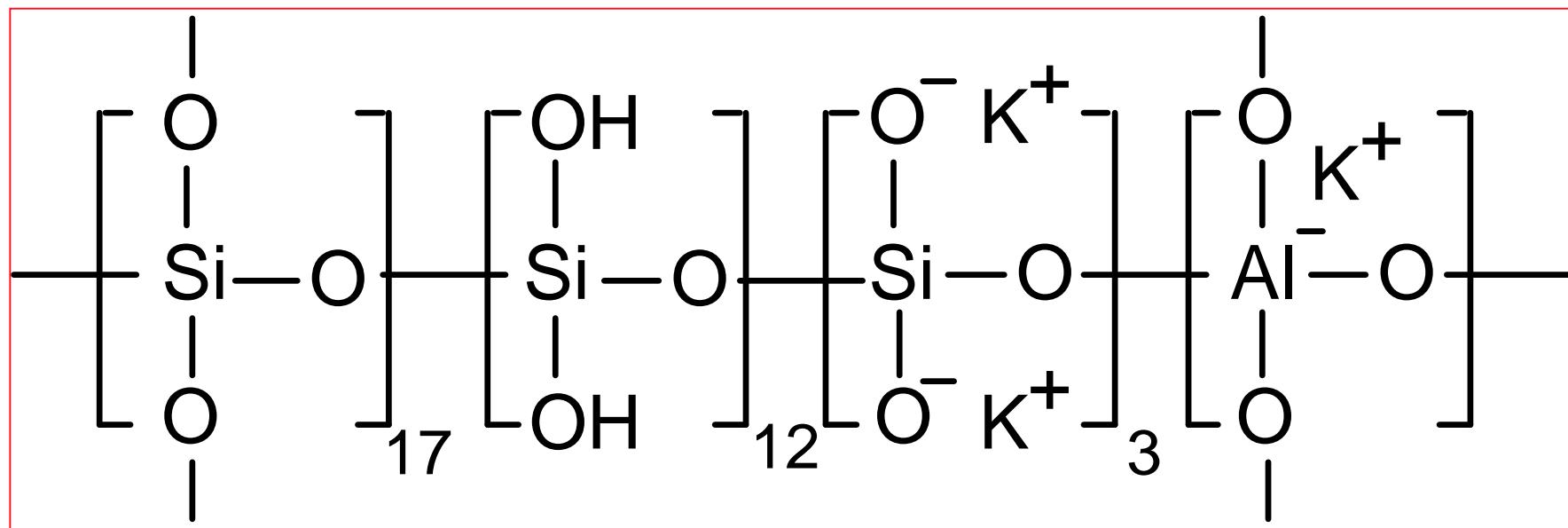


(Na,K)-(Si-O-Al-O-Si-O-)  
**(Na,K)-poly(sialate-siloxo) (Na,K)-PSS**

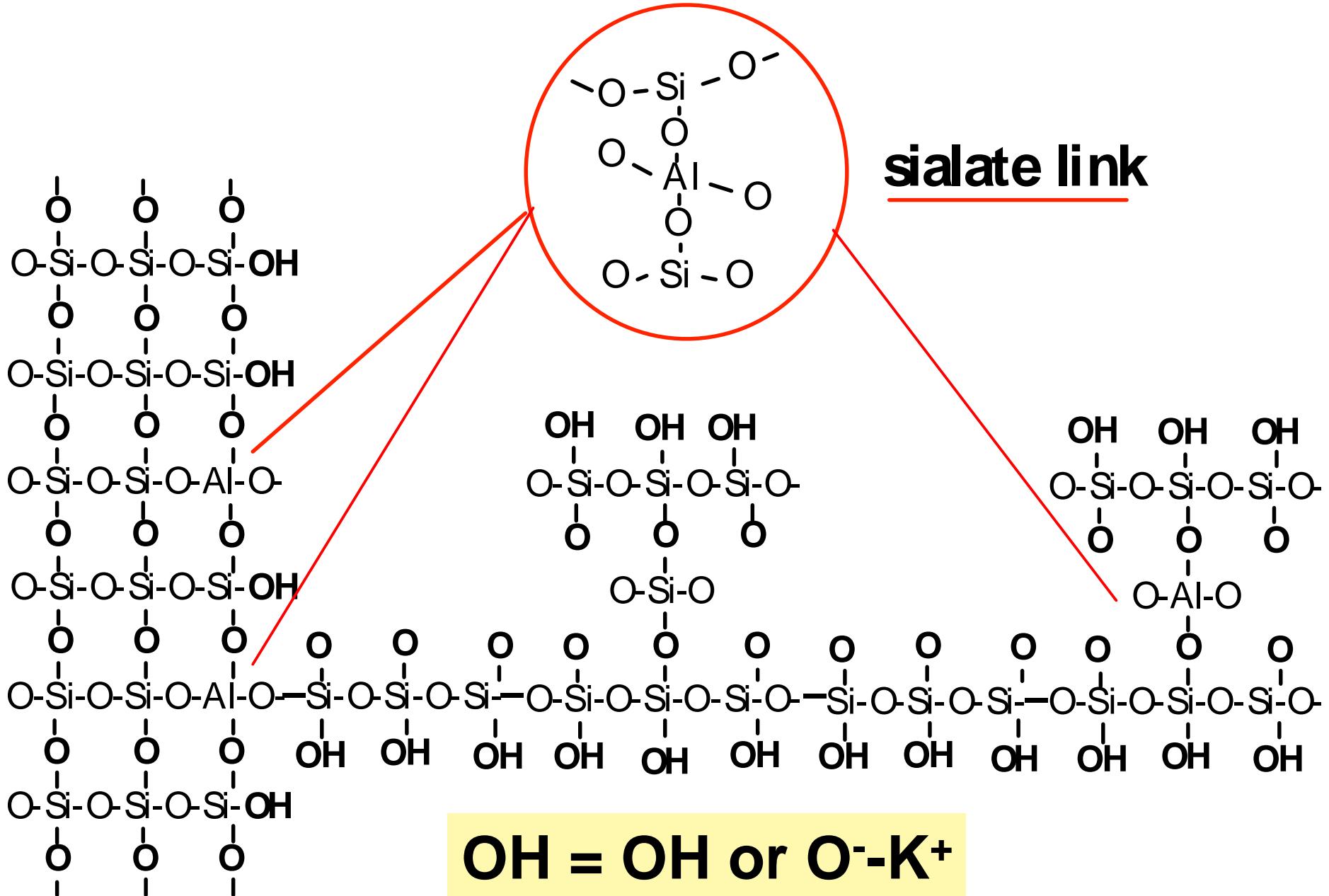




**Si:Al = 32:1**



**K-nano-poly(sialate)**



**sialate link**

**OH = OH or O<sup>-</sup>-K<sup>+</sup>**

# **Geopolymer**

## **high molecular, macromolecules**

**not gel,**

**or unknown structure**

**or colloids,**

# **Geopolymer** **high molecular, macromolecules**

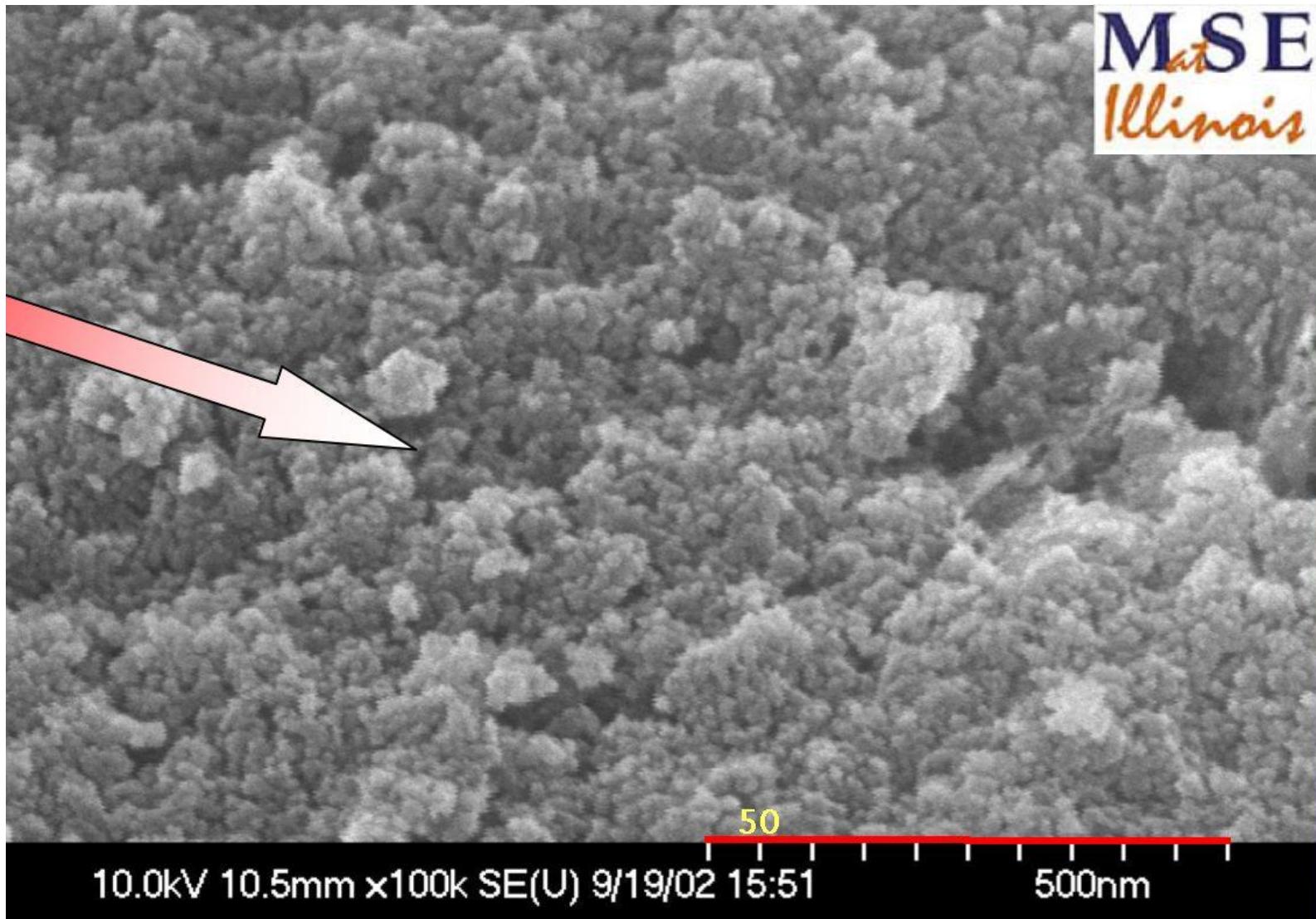
**determination of molecular weight**

**poly(sialate) ( $\text{Si-O-Al-O-}$ ) $n$**

**$512 < n < 8000$**

**$60,000 < \text{MW} < 850,000$**

**$5 \text{ nm (50A)} < d < 15 \text{ nm (150 A)}$**



**Individual geopolymeric micelle (particulate)  
10 nm (100 Å)**

**Until 1999**

***2nd Geopolymer Conference,  
GP' 99, Saint-Quentin***

**geopolymers = advanced knowledge  
in alumino-silicate chemistry**

**Since 2002**

***3rd Geopolymer Conference  
GP' 2002, Melbourne***

**everything that is not Portland  
cement is called Geopolymer.**



***4th Geopolymer Conference, GP' 2005***

**Saint-Quentin,  
separate session  
alkali-activated materials.**

**My decision  
No more participation  
to alkali-activation conferences.**

# **Why ?**

**Alkali-activation  
wrong terminology**

*“The potential for alkali-reactive  
geological materials  
in Belgium”*

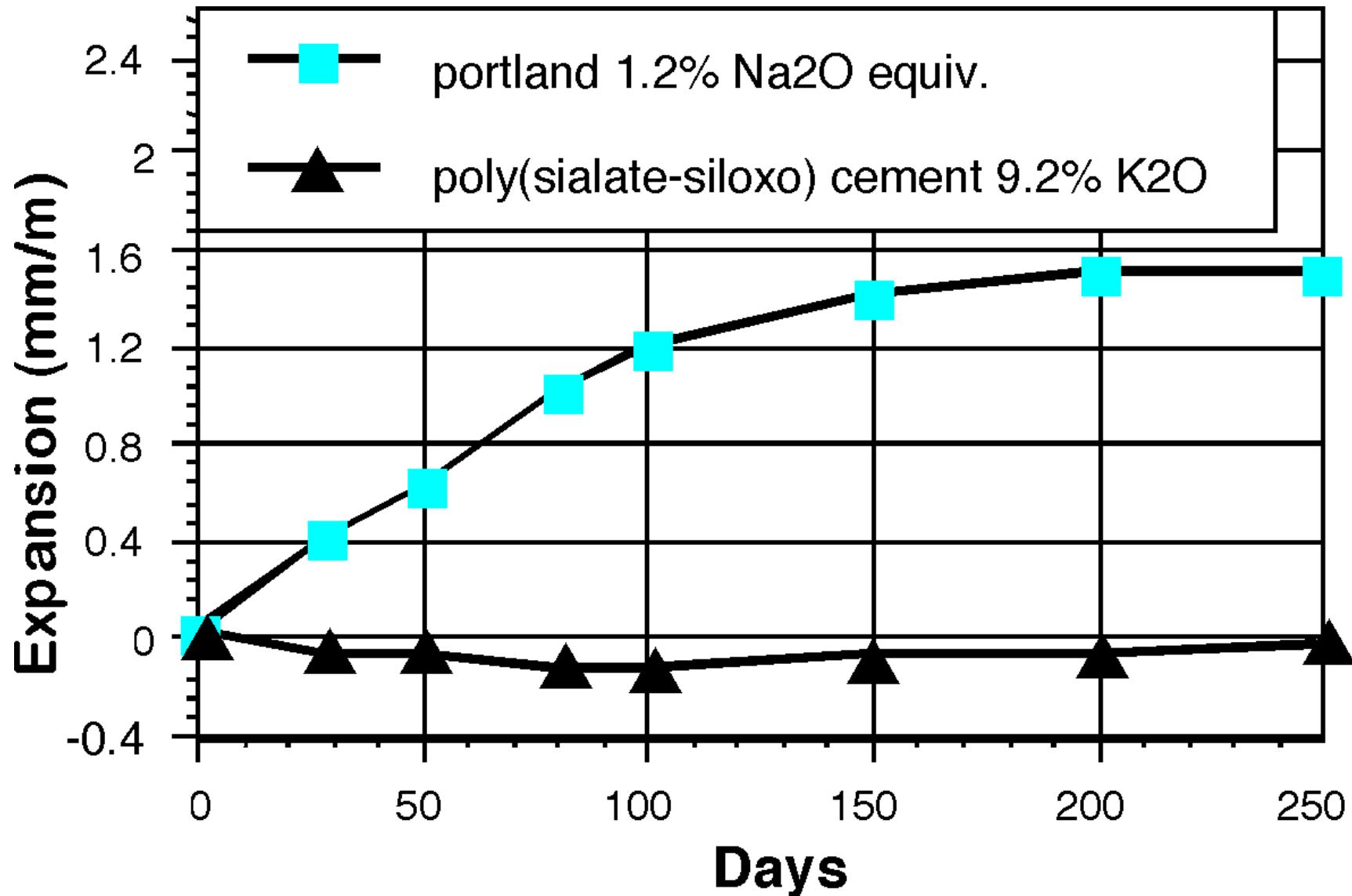
# AAR

*alkali-aggregate reaction*

# ASR

*alkali-silica-reaction*

# A.A.R. on Portland and Geopolymer



**For civil engineers**

**alkali = danger**

# ABC

*alkali-bounded-ceramic*

# AAC

*alkali-activated-cement*

# AAS

*alkali-activated slag*

# AAFA

*alkali-activated-fly ash*

# AAIP

*alkali-activated inorganic polymer*

# **Alkali-activation**

## **first step of geopolymmerization**

- 1) alkali-activation (alkalination)**
- 2) Dissolution of  $\text{Si(OH)}_4$  ,  $\text{Al(OH)}_4$**
- 3) Gel formation of oligo-sialates**
- 4) Polycondensation**
- 5) Reticulation, networking**
- 6) Geopolymer solidification**

**Alkalination,  
a well known process  
going back to Antiquity**

# **QUIZ GAME**

# AAPF

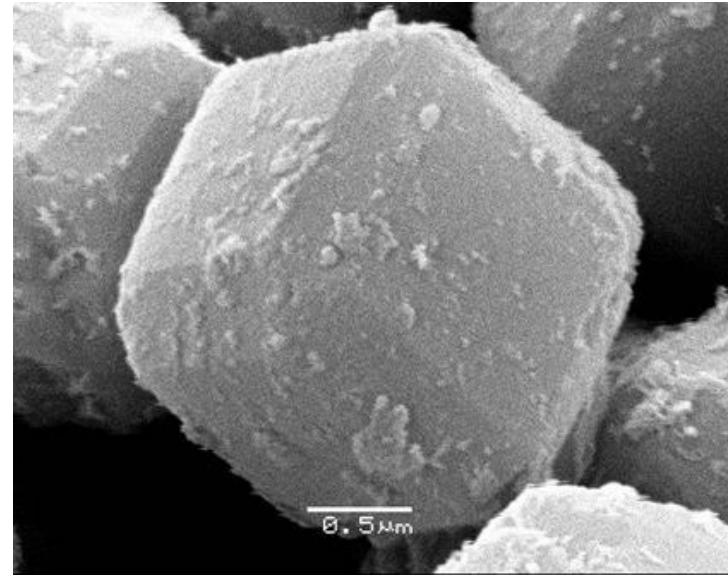
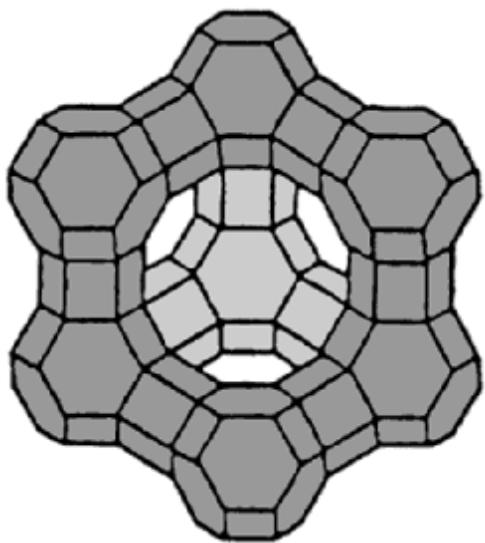
*alkali-activated phenol / formaldehyde*



**BAKELITE, polycondensation, phenoplast**  
**300 kg NaOH / 1 t. of plastic.**

# AAS

*alkali-activated silicate*



**synthetic ZEOLITE**

# AAC

*alkali-activated cellulose*



**VISCOSE - RAYON artificial fibers**  
**500 kg NaOH / 1 t. fiber.**

# AAB

*alkali-activated bauxite*



**ALUMINUM production**  
**200 kg NaOH / 1 t. aluminum.**

# AAG

*alkali-activated glycerin / oil*



**SOAP, saponification,  
250 kg NaOH / 1 t. soap.**

# **Terminology**

## **Ionic or covalent bonding ?**

1968 : A. Noll (Germany)

1982 : G.V. Gibbs (USA)

2000 : G.V. Gibbs (USA)

2000 : M.R. North & T.W. Swaddle (USA)

2004 : M.R. Rowles (Australia)

**Covalent, macromolecules, polymeric terminology**

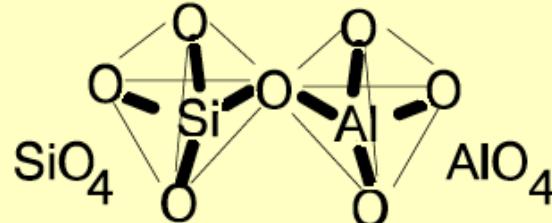
**Silicones and geopolymers**

1979

# Geopolymer Terminology

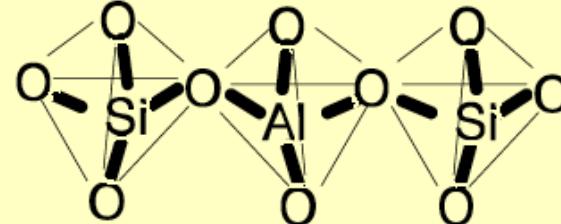
Si:Al = 1:1

Poly(sialate)  
(-Si-O-Al-O-)



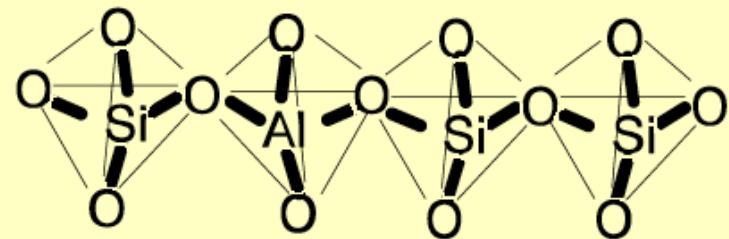
Si:Al = 2:1

Poly(sialate-siloxo)  
(-Si-O-Al-O-Si-O-)



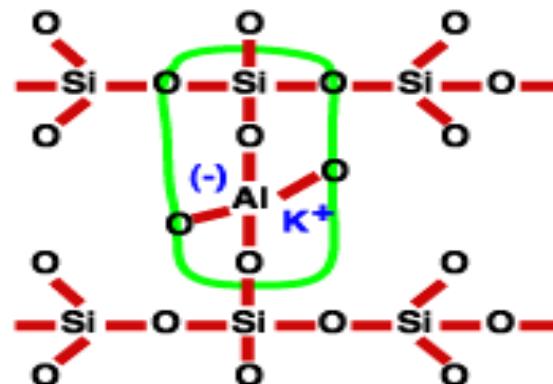
Si:Al = 3:1

Poly(sialate-disiloxo)  
(-Si-O-Al-O-Si-O-Si-O-)



Si:Al >3:1

Sialate link



# What is a geopolymer ?

**Chains or networks of mineral molecules  
linked with co-valent bonds**

**-Si-O-Si-O- siloxo**

**-Si-O-Al-O- sialate**

**-P-O-P-O- phosphate**

**-P-O-Si-O-P-O- phospho-siloxo**

**-P-O-Si-O-Al-O-P-O- phospho-sialate**

# **Geopolymers**

**presently 4 main classes**

**poly(siloxo) + derivates**

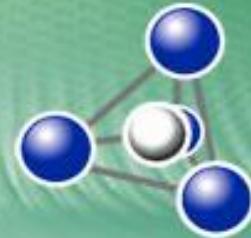
**poly(sialate) + derivates**

**polyphosphates + derivates**

**organo-mineral geopolymers**

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Think geopolymers :  
Burn, organic resin, burn !



A carbon-epoxy composite (left) is burning while a Carbon-Géopolymère Composite™ still resists a 1200°C fire

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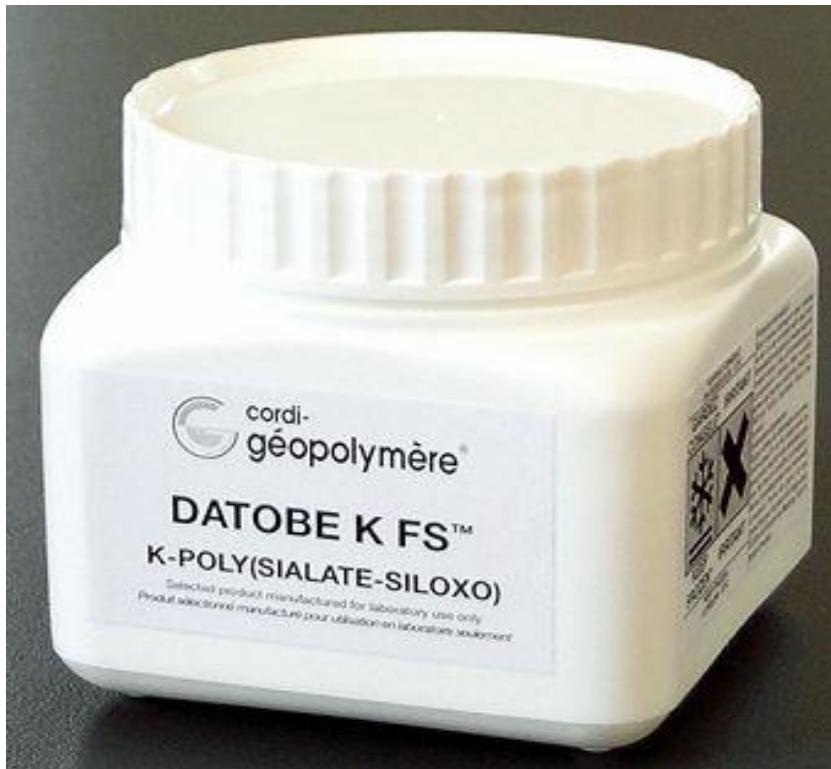


**Si:Al = 2:1 PSS**

**(Na,K)-(Si-O-Al-O-Si-O-)**

**(Na,K)-poly(sialate-siloxo)**

**pre-mixed resin, frozen storage**



**Si:Al = 2:1 PSS**

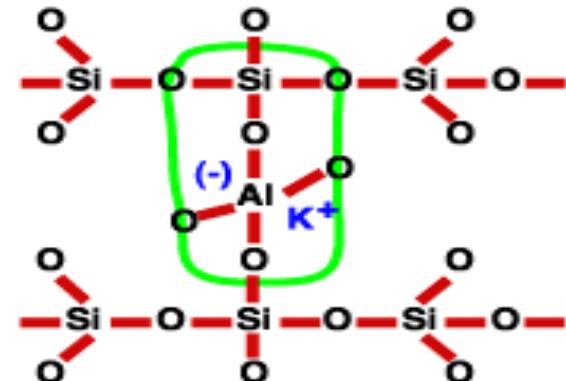
**(K,Ca)-(Si-O-Al-O-Si-O-)**      **(K,Ca)-poly(sialate-siloxo)**

**two-components room temp. geopolymmer cements**  
**Rc up to 140-150 MPa**



## Si:Al >>3:1 Sialate link

K-Nano-Poly(sialate), Si:Al 20-32  
pre-mixed frozen resin + hardener



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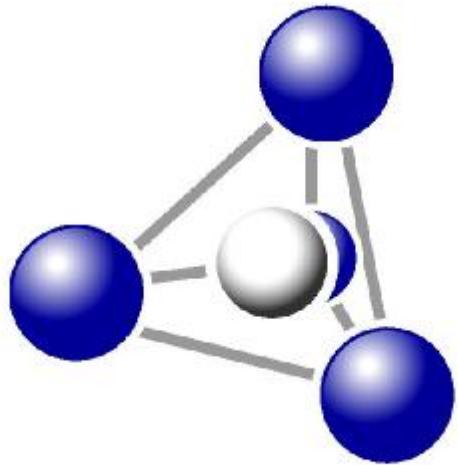
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**Advanced materials for the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

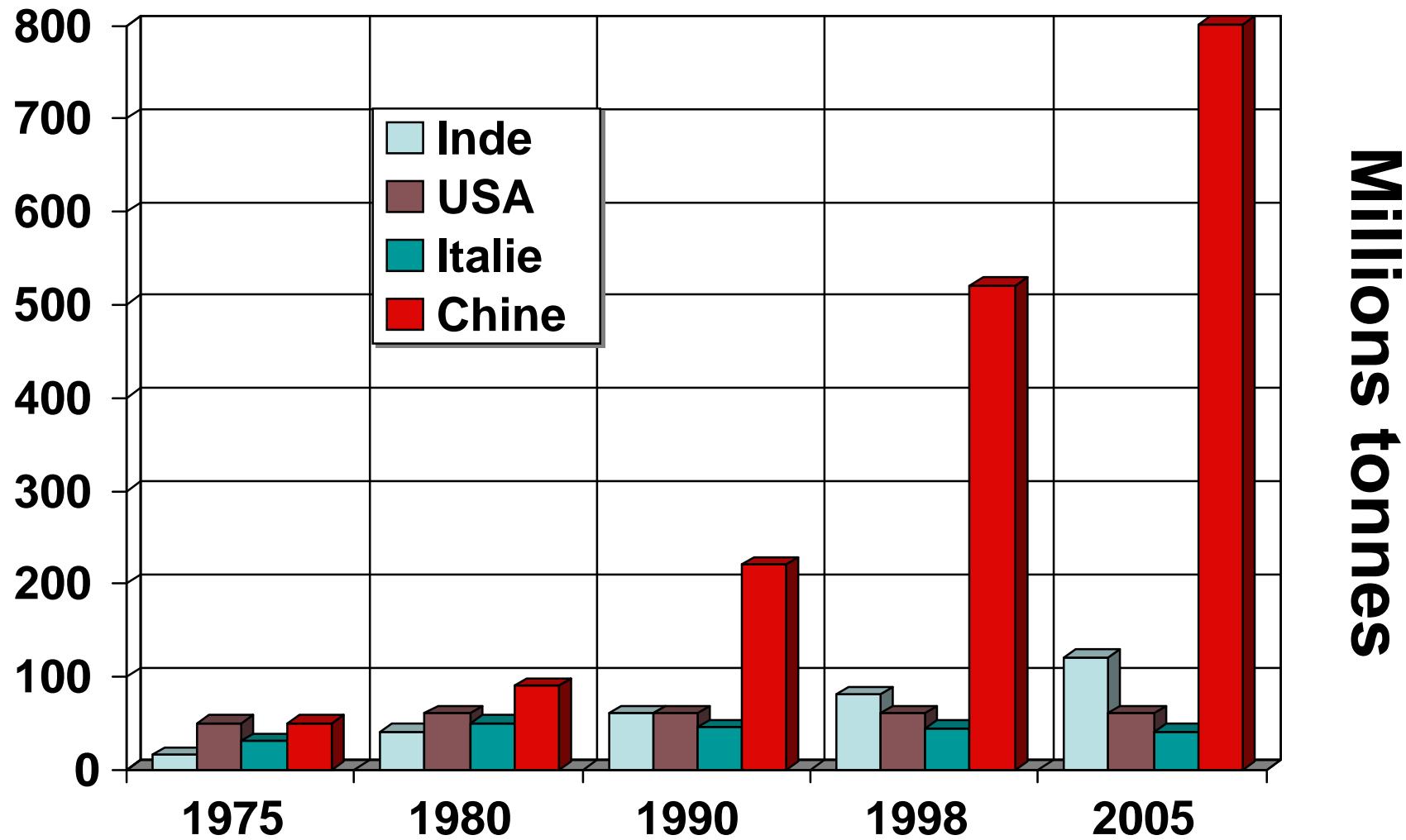
**Polymeric terminology**

**is the key to success**



# Production de CO<sub>2</sub>/Ciment

Millions tonnes



**in 2015**

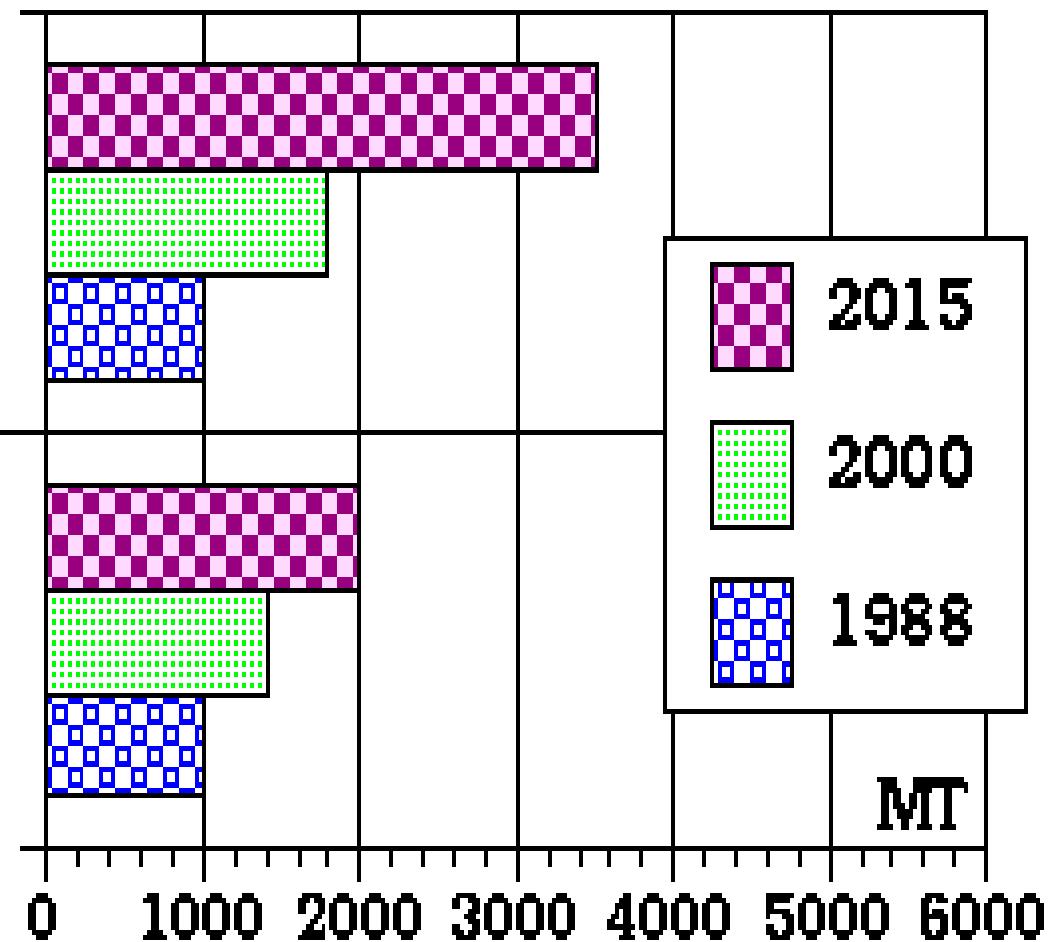
USA total CO<sub>2</sub>, 1990



Europe total CO<sub>2</sub>, 1990



World Cement CO<sub>2</sub>  
5% y. increase



World Cement CO<sub>2</sub>  
2.5% y. increase

**emission 1 t. CO<sub>2</sub>**

**1 t. Portland cement**

**8-10 t. geopolymmer cement**

**(8-10 times more)**