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# Gaining insights into different bioactivity mechanisms by DFT modeling of *soda-lime phospho-silicate* glasses

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MOLECULAR MODELLING







#### What is the origin of the bioactivity?



# Multilevel **MM/QM** approach for bioglasses

- Amorphous
- Unknown structure

ATOMS with RANDOM positions in UNIT CELL, to reproduce the CORRECT glass COMPOSITION

Interatomic potentials



The General Utility Lattice Program, J.D. Gale and A.L. Rohl, *Mol. Simul.*, 29, 291 (2003) Molecular Dynamics are used to MELT the system, which is then COOLED down in order to simulate a MELT-QUENCH process



DENSITY FUNCTIONAL THEORY (DFT) – PBE XCpotential The generated structure is then **RELAXED** through a **Q**uantum **M**echanical approach



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**77S** 



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80 atoms

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#### Vibrational properties of 45S5 <sup>®</sup>Bioglass





















#### Exposed lons and surface energy

Eform	$\underline{E_{slab} - [(n \times E_{H2O}) + E_{Bulk}]}$
$H_2O$	- $n$



45\$5

chemical species	ab	ас	bc	ab	ac	bc	
[Na <sup>+</sup> ]	17.3	24	9.4				
[Ca <sup>2+</sup> ]	3.5	6.8	9.4	0	9.7	12.2	
[NBO]	34.6	54.8	31.5	3.1	12.9	12.2	
<i>E<sub>form</sub></i> (kJ/mol)/H <sub>2</sub> O	172.0	458.4	124.5	-7.8	5.2	25.9	

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#### Surface species



• Orthosilicate group (*ab* surface)



• 2M RING (*ac* surface)



#### What is the role of rings on the surface?

• Water in interaction with a **2M** ring (*ac* surface):



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### Water as a probe: 45S5 and 77S surfaces

One water molecule in interaction with 45S5 surfaces (energies in kJ/mol):
*ab* Surface *bc* Surface







110

H<sub>2w</sub>

74

90

• One water molecule in interaction with **77S** surfaces:



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#### Effect of a monolayer of waters



#### Average interaction

Surface	n° H <sub>2</sub> O	BE <sup>C</sup>
45\$5 ab	17	72.2
45S5 ac	16	71.5
45S5 bc	15	62.6
<b>77S</b> ab	16	60.2
77S ac	17	67.8
<b>77S</b> bc	16	64.3

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For two 45S5 surfaces we observed the **splitting of a water molecule** during relaxation

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MONOLAYER

N<sub>ads</sub> (µmol/m<sup>2</sup>)

12

14

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