

# **The role of adding alkali to solar glass**





## Overview

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How do alkali metal ions affect glass structure?

It is crucial to acknowledge that the impact of alkali metal ions on the glass structure varies due to their distinct positions within the network. Alkali metal ions that bond to the  $[AlO_4]$  tetrahedra act as charge compensators, whereas those bonded to NBOs in the network structure are termed as network modifiers.

How does a mixed alkali glass structure change over time?

For AS glasses with mixed alkali components, as the content of  $Li_2O$  replacing  $Na_2O$  increases, the constraint strength of the glass structure below the critical temperature ( $T_c$ ) gradually rises, while above  $T_c$ , it undergoes unconventional changes. These alterations lead to non-linear variations in glass properties.

Do aluminosilicate glasses exhibit a mixed alkali effect?

Herein, aluminosilicate (AS) glasses exhibit varying trends in Vickers hardness (HV), coefficient of thermal expansion, softening temperature ( $T_s$ ) and glass transition temperature owing to the mixed alkali effect. To elucidate the mechanism of the mixed alkali effect, the glass structure was characterised using multiple methods.

Does sodium-potassium silicate glass have a mixed alkali effect?

A novel topological analysis using persistent homology found that sodium-potassium silicate glass shows a significant reduction in large cavities as a result of the mixed alkali effect. Furthermore, a highly correlated pair arrangement between sodium and potassium ions around non-bridging oxygen atoms was identified.



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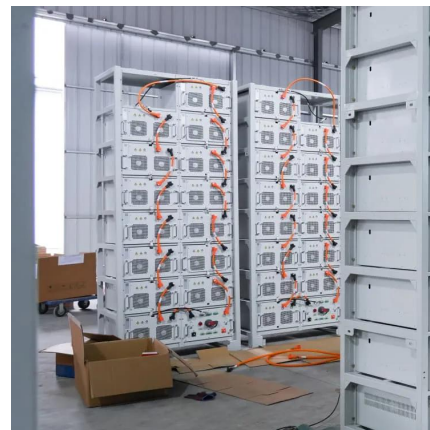


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