

## Supplementary Information

### Anion polarizabilities and optical basicity in oxynitride glasses. Establishing a common optical basicity scale

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**Tables S1A-H. Composition in at%, ratio of oxygen over nitrogen N/O, density, molar volume  $V_m$ , measured and calculated refractive index n, average polarizability  $\alpha_m$ , cation polarizability  $\alpha_c$ , average anion polarizability  $\alpha_{O\&N}$  and theoretical optical basicity  $\Lambda_{th}$**

**Table S1A**

Si-O-N Bååk [1]	N/O	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	$V_m$ (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	n (@546 nm)	$\alpha_m$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\alpha_c$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\alpha_{O\&N}$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\Lambda_{th}$
Si <sub>42</sub> N <sub>58</sub>	-	3.09	45.40	2.008	9.0	0.099	2.24	0.80
Si <sub>42</sub> O <sub>3</sub> N <sub>55</sub>	18.0	3.00	44.09	1.953	8.5	0.092	2.20	0.75
Si <sub>42</sub> O <sub>6</sub> N <sub>52</sub>	8.0	2.91	42.69	1.898	7.9	0.086	2.16	0.70
Si <sub>41</sub> O <sub>10</sub> N <sub>49</sub>	4.7	2.81	41.36	1.842	7.3	0.079	2.12	0.65
Si <sub>40</sub> O <sub>15</sub> N <sub>45</sub>	3.0	2.73	39.63	1.787	6.6	0.073	2.05	0.60
Si <sub>40</sub> O <sub>20</sub> N <sub>40</sub>	2.0	2.65	37.80	1.732	6.0	0.066	1.98	0.55
Si <sub>39</sub> O <sub>26</sub> N <sub>35</sub>	1.3	2.56	36.00	1.676	5.4	0.059	1.90	0.50
Si <sub>38</sub> O <sub>33</sub> N <sub>29</sub>	0.9	2.47	34.07	1.621	4.8	0.053	1.81	0.45
Si <sub>37</sub> O <sub>42</sub> N <sub>21</sub>	0.5	2.38	31.98	1.566	4.1	0.046	1.70	0.40
Si <sub>35</sub> O <sub>53</sub> N <sub>12</sub>	0.2	2.29	29.74	1.511	3.5	0.040	1.59	0.35
Si <sub>33</sub> O <sub>67</sub>	-	2.20	27.31	1.456	2.9	0.033	1.45	0.30

Values might not add up to 100% due to rounding

[1] T. Bååk, "Silicon oxynitride; a material for GRIN optics", App. Opt. 21 (1982) 1069-1072.

**Table S1B**

Mg-Si-O-N Ali [2,3]	N/O	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Vm (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	n (@633 nm)	$\alpha_m$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\alpha_c$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\alpha_{O\&N}$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\Lambda_{th}$
Mg <sub>17</sub> Si <sub>28</sub> O <sub>25</sub> N <sub>30</sub>	1.200	3.09	653.64	1.893	119.9	0.056	2.13	0.70
Mg <sub>19</sub> Si <sub>26</sub> O <sub>24</sub> N <sub>32</sub>	1.333	3.02	670.27	1.922	125.7	0.059	2.20	0.72
Mg <sub>15</sub> Si <sub>29.5</sub> O <sub>19.5</sub> N <sub>36</sub>	1.846	2.99	673.64	1.896	123.8	0.054	2.19	0.72
Mg <sub>17</sub> Si <sub>29.5</sub> O <sub>15.5</sub> N <sub>40</sub>	2.581	3.01	679.43	1.948	129.9	0.055	2.29	0.74
Mg <sub>20</sub> Si <sub>25</sub> O <sub>24</sub> N <sub>31</sub>	1.292	2.99	671.04	1.994	132.5	0.060	2.36	0.72
Mg <sub>25</sub> Si <sub>22</sub> O <sub>21</sub> N <sub>32</sub>	1.524	3.00	669.09	1.961	129.1	0.065	2.38	0.77
Mg <sub>28</sub> Si <sub>20</sub> O <sub>22</sub> N <sub>31</sub>	1.409	2.99	678.41	1.999	134.4	0.069	2.47	0.78
Mg <sub>30</sub> Si <sub>16</sub> O <sub>45</sub> N <sub>9</sub>	0.200	2.98	679.37	1.748	109.5	0.073	1.97	0.65
Mg <sub>25</sub> Si <sub>21</sub> O <sub>32</sub> N <sub>22</sub>	0.688	2.99	674.76	1.843	118.8	0.066	2.14	0.72
Mg <sub>12</sub> Si <sub>31</sub> O <sub>33</sub> N <sub>24</sub>	0.727	3.05	664.40	1.814	114.0	0.050	1.96	0.69

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[2] S. Ali, B. Paul, R. Magnusson, G. Greczynski, E. Broitman, B. Jonson, P. Eklund, J. Birch, "Novel transparent MgSiON thin films with high hardness and refractive index", Vacuum, 131 (2016) 1-4.

[3] S. Ali, B. Paul, R. Magnusson, E. Ekström, C. Pallier, B. Jonson, P. Eklund, J. Birch, Per Eklund, and Jens Birch "Optical and mechanical properties of Mg-Si-O-N thin films deposited by reactive magnetron sputtering", Surface and Coatings Technology, 2019, 372, p. 9-15.

**Table S1C**

Ca-Si-O-N Ali [4,5]	N/O	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Vm (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	n (@633 nm)	$\alpha_m$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\alpha_c$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\alpha_{O\&N}$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\Lambda_{th}$
Ca <sub>13.4</sub> Si <sub>25.7</sub> O <sub>56.06</sub> N <sub>6.4</sub>	0.11	2.80	311.81	1.62	43.4	0.18	1.69	0.62
Ca <sub>12.8</sub> Si <sub>26.4</sub> O <sub>53.8</sub> N <sub>8.5</sub>	0.16	2.81	300.38	1.65	43.4	0.18	1.75	0.62
Ca <sub>20.1</sub> Si <sub>21.8</sub> O <sub>48.9</sub> N <sub>10.6</sub>	0.22	3.02	355.96	1.70	54.5	0.24	1.85	0.70
Ca <sub>16.3</sub> Si <sub>24.7</sub> O <sub>48.5</sub> N <sub>12.1</sub>	0.25	2.90	319.63	1.69	48.4	0.21	1.85	0.67
Ca <sub>23.4</sub> Si <sub>20.1</sub> O <sub>44.7</sub> N <sub>13.3</sub>	0.30	3.13	382.81	1.74	61.2	0.27	1.94	0.75
Ca <sub>26.4</sub> Si <sub>18.2</sub> O <sub>42.5</sub> N <sub>14.3</sub>	0.34	3.09	435.48	1.75	70.3	0.29	2.05	0.79
Ca <sub>24.9</sub> Si <sub>19.5</sub> O <sub>41.2</sub> N <sub>15.8</sub>	0.39	3.02	412.10	1.74	65.9	0.28	2.06	0.78
Ca <sub>21.7</sub> Si <sub>22.0</sub> O <sub>39.5</sub> N <sub>18.3</sub>	0.46	3.02	356.60	1.72	55.8	0.25	1.97	0.76
Ca <sub>25.0</sub> Si <sub>19.6</sub> O <sub>40.2</sub> N <sub>16.7</sub>	0.41	3.11	399.13	1.75	64.5	0.28	2.02	0.78
Ca <sub>20.4</sub> Si <sub>23.7</sub> O <sub>34.8</sub> N <sub>22.8</sub>	0.65	3.05	325.96	1.83	56.7	0.24	2.18	0.76
Ca <sub>24.3</sub> Si <sub>20.9</sub> O <sub>34.4</sub> N <sub>21.9</sub>	0.64	3.09	374.69	1.85	66.4	0.27	2.27	0.80
Ca <sub>25.9</sub> Si <sub>19.7</sub> O <sub>34.6</sub> N <sub>21.3</sub>	0.61	2.94	421.56	1.76	68.8	0.28	2.22	0.82
Ca <sub>22.1</sub> Si <sub>22.9</sub> O <sub>31.4</sub> N <sub>25.2</sub>	0.80	3.12	333.12	1.92	62.4	0.25	2.36	0.79
Sr <sub>22.7</sub> Si <sub>22.8</sub> O <sub>29.7</sub> N <sub>26.5</sub>	0.89	3.25	323.34	1.94	61.4	0.25	2.32	0.81
Sr <sub>23.9</sub> Si <sub>21.9</sub> O <sub>29.2</sub> N <sub>26.5</sub>	0.91	3.24	339.89	1.95	65.1	0.26	2.37	0.82

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[4] A. Sharafat, J. Grins, S. Esmaeilzadeh, "Hardness and refractive index of Ca-Si-O-N glasses", J. Non-Cryst. Solids 355 (2009) 301-304.

[5] S. Ali, "Preparation, characterization and properties of nitrogen rich glasses in alkaline earth-Si-O-N systems", PhD thesis Stockholm University, Sweden, 2009.

**Table S1D**

Sr-Si-O-N Ali [6,7]	N/O	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Vm (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	n (@633 nm)	$\alpha_m$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\alpha_c$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\alpha_{O\&N}$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\Lambda_{th}$
$Sr_{18.6}Si_{23.4}O_{45.6}N_{13.9}$	0.30	3.80	361.50	1.68	54.2	0.40	1.87	0.73
$Sr_{19.3}Si_{22.9}O_{45.3}N_{14.0}$	0.31	3.72	382.78	1.66	56.0	0.41	1.89	0.74
$Sr_{20.3}Si_{21.8}O_{48.8}N_{10.7}$	0.22	3.69	414.08	1.73	65.5	0.43	2.11	0.74
$Sr_{20.4}Si_{22.3}O_{44.0}N_{14.8}$	0.33	3.86	386.62	1.68	57.9	0.43	1.91	0.76
$Sr_{21.0}Si_{21.2}O_{48.8}N_{10.5}$	0.21	3.90	407.13	1.74	65.1	0.45	2.04	0.75
$Sr_{19.9}Si_{23.1}O_{41.3}N_{17.3}$	0.42	3.83	372.30	1.77	61.3	0.42	2.14	0.77
$Sr_{22.3}Si_{21.6}O_{39.4}N_{18.2}$	0.46	4.01	398.31	1.88	72.3	0.46	2.40	0.80
$Sr_{17.9}Si_{23.6}O_{48.2}N_{11.8}$	0.24	3.59	374.76	1.65	54.2	0.39	1.88	0.72
$Sr_{21.0}Si_{22.3}O_{41.2}N_{17.0}$	0.41	3.90	387.26	1.76	63.2	0.44	2.12	0.78
$Sr_{23.5}Si_{21.1}O_{36.7}N_{20.2}$	0.55	4.00	417.74	1.93	78.8	0.47	2.59	0.83
$Sr_{23.0}Si_{21.0}O_{40.5}N_{17.1}$	0.42	4.07	409.36	1.87	73.7	0.47	2.36	0.80

Values might not add up to 100% due to rounding

[6] S. Ali, Preparation, characterization and properties of nitrogen rich glasses in alkaline earth-Si-O-N systems, PhD thesis Stockholm University, Sweden, 2009.

[7] S. Ali,, B. Forslund, J. Grins, S. Esmaeilzadeh, Formation and properties of nitrogen-rich strontium silicon oxynitride glasses, J. Mat. Science 44 (2009) 664.

**Table S1E**

Ba-Si-O-N Ali [8]	N/O	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Vm (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	n (@633 nm)	$\alpha_m$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\alpha_c$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\alpha_{O\&N}$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$\Lambda_{th}$
$Ba_{12.7}Si_{26.0}O_{57.6}N_{5.3}$	0.09	3.27	409.7	1.66	60.0	0.55	2.16	0.68
$Ba_{13.0}Si_{26.0}O_{55.9}N_{6.6}$	0.12	3.31	407.9	1.68	61.1	0.56	2.22	0.69
$Ba_{15.0}Si_{25.0}O_{53.2}N_{8.5}$	0.16	3.49	428.5	1.70	65.7	0.62	2.28	0.72
$Ba_{13.7}Si_{26.3}O_{49.8}N_{11.8}$	0.24	3.42	398.5	1.67	59.0	0.57	2.18	0.72
$Ba_{18.2}Si_{23.0}O_{50.5}N_{9.8}$	0.19	3.68	485.8	1.74	77.7	0.73	2.49	0.78
$Ba_{20.5}Si_{21.8}O_{46.8}N_{12.4}$	0.26	3.92	511.1	1.82	88.2	0.79	2.71	0.83
$Ba_{21.3}Si_{21.8}O_{42.9}N_{15.5}$	0.36	4.05	504.2	1.86	90.0	0.81	2.80	0.86
$Ba_{19.5}Si_{23.6}O_{40.3}N_{18.1}$	0.45	3.79	476.1	1.78	79.2	0.74	2.67	0.84
$Ba_{22.2}Si_{21.3}O_{42.5}N_{15.5}$	0.36	4.18	512.6	1.91	95.3	0.83	2.90	0.88
$Ba_{22.2}Si_{21.7}O_{38.9}N_{18.6}$	0.47	4.13	509.4	1.89	93.2	0.83	2.92	0.89

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[8] S. Ali, B. Jonson, Glasses in the Ba-Si-O-N System, J. Am. Cer. Soc. 94 (2011) 2912-2917.

**Table S1F**

<b>La-Pr-Si-O-N</b> <b>Ali [9]</b>	<b>N/O</b>	<b>Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Vm (cm<sup>3</sup>/mol)</b>	<b>n (640 nm)</b>	<b>α<sub>m</sub> (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>α<sub>c</sub> (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>α<sub>O&amp;N</sub> (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Λ<sub>th</sub></b>
La <sub>23</sub> Si <sub>19</sub> O <sub>25</sub> N <sub>33</sub>	1.30	5.12	9.13	1.958	92.5	0.60	2.62	1.05
La <sub>23</sub> Pr <sub>0.7</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>26</sub> N <sub>33</sub>	1.25	5.19	9.35	1.962	98.9	0.62	2.59	1.06
La <sub>22</sub> Pr <sub>1.4</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>29</sub> N <sub>30</sub>	1.06	5.22	9.07	1.967	96.9	0.61	2.60	1.05
La <sub>21</sub> Pr <sub>2.3</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>30</sub> N <sub>29</sub>	0.95	5.27	8.92	1.970	95.3	0.61	2.55	1.03
La <sub>20</sub> Pr <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>28</sub> N <sub>31</sub>	1.10	5.34	8.96	1.973	97.4	0.61	2.57	1.06
La <sub>17</sub> Pr <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>27</sub> N <sub>32</sub>	1.17	5.37	9.01	1.976	99.4	0.62	2.60	1.07
La <sub>15</sub> Pr <sub>10</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>29</sub> N <sub>30</sub>	1.03	5.39	8.91	1.979	98.6	0.61	2.57	1.06
La <sub>12</sub> Pr <sub>11</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>30</sub> N <sub>29</sub>	0.97	5.42	8.69	1.982	93.1	0.59	2.51	1.04
La <sub>9</sub> Pr <sub>14</sub> Si <sub>19</sub> O <sub>29</sub> N <sub>30</sub>	1.00	5.44	8.52	1.985	88.1	0.57	2.47	1.03
La <sub>8</sub> Pr <sub>17</sub> Si <sub>17</sub> O <sub>27</sub> N <sub>31</sub>	1.12	5.46	9.02	1.989	103.9	0.61	2.64	1.09
La <sub>5</sub> Pr <sub>19</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>29</sub> N <sub>30</sub>	1.02	5.47	8.83	1.994	99.1	0.59	2.59	1.07
La <sub>3</sub> Pr <sub>21</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>29</sub> N <sub>30</sub>	1.02	5.47	8.66	1.997	93.5	0.57	2.55	1.06
Pr <sub>24</sub> Si <sub>19</sub> O <sub>30</sub> N <sub>30</sub>	1.00	5.49	8.59	1.999	91.1	0.56	2.56	1.05

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[9] A. S. Hakeem, S. Ali, B. Jonson, Preparation and properties of mixed La–Pr silicate oxynitride glasses, J. Non-Cryst. Solids, 368 (2013) 93-97.

**Table S1G**

<b>Y-Al-Si-O-N</b> <b>Coon [10]</b>	<b>N/O</b>	<b>Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Vm (cm<sup>3</sup>/mol)</b>	<b>n (@550 nm)</b>	<b>α<sub>m</sub> (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>α<sub>c</sub> (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>α<sub>O&amp;N</sub> (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Λ<sub>th</sub></b>
Y <sub>9</sub> Al <sub>13</sub> Si <sub>15</sub> O <sub>63</sub> <sup>a</sup>	-	3.38	767	1.658	111.9	0.17	1.68	0.63
Y <sub>11</sub> Al <sub>12</sub> Si <sub>14</sub> O <sub>63</sub> <sup>a</sup>	-	3.57	764	1.686	115.2	0.20	1.72	0.66
Y <sub>13</sub> Al <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>19</sub> O <sub>56</sub> N <sub>6</sub> <sup>b</sup>	0.11	3.82	731.38	1.742	117.2	0.21	1.75	0.68
Y <sub>16</sub> Al <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>54</sub> N <sub>8</sub>	0.15	3.87	776.81	1.778	128.9	0.25	1.93	0.72
Y <sub>12</sub> Al <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>53</sub> N <sub>10</sub>	0.18	3.70	747.95	1.748	120.5	0.20	1.83	0.70
Y <sub>16</sub> Al <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>52</sub> N <sub>10</sub>	0.19	3.99	745.82	1.788	125.0	0.25	1.88	0.74
Y <sub>11</sub> Al <sub>9</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>51</sub> N <sub>11</sub>	0.22	3.67	738.96	1.752	119.6	0.19	1.83	0.70
Y <sub>16</sub> Al <sub>9</sub> Si <sub>12</sub> O <sub>50</sub> N <sub>12</sub>	0.25	4.06	726.31	1.823	125.6	0.26	1.92	0.80
Y <sub>13</sub> Al <sub>13</sub> Si <sub>13</sub> O <sub>48</sub> N <sub>13</sub> <sup>b</sup>	0.29	3.94	722.91	1.834	126.3	0.21	1.96	0.75
Y <sub>15</sub> Al <sub>10</sub> Si <sub>15</sub> O <sub>42</sub> N <sub>18</sub>	0.44	4.02	736.23	1.853	130.7	0.23	2.04	0.79
<b>Redmington [10]</b>				<b>(@500 nm)</b>				
Y <sub>10</sub> Al <sub>22</sub> Si <sub>7</sub> O <sub>58</sub> N <sub>3</sub>	0.04	3.6	734.2	1.80	124.4	0.17	1.93	0.82
Y <sub>11</sub> Al <sub>20</sub> Si <sub>9</sub> O <sub>53</sub> N <sub>7</sub>	0.13	3.7	726.3	1.87	130.8	0.18	2.05	0.84

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<sup>a</sup>Value in Coon from Makashima et al. (J. Am. Ceram. Soc. 1978, 61 (5-6): 247-249)<sup>b</sup>Value in Coon from Messier and Deguire (J. Am. Ceram. Soc. 1984, 67 (9): 602-605)

[10] D. N. Coon, T. E. Doyle, J. R. Weidner, Refractive indices of glasses in the Y-Al-Si-O-N system, J. Non-Cryst. Solids, 108 (1989) 180-186.

[11] W. Redington, M. Redington, S. Hampshire, M. Serantoni, Properties of some high Al content glasses in various lanthanide–Si–Al–O–N systems, J. Non-Cryst. Solids, 316 (2003) 74-81.

**Table S1H**

<b>La-Si-O-N Hakeem [12,13]</b>	<b>N/O</b>	<b>Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Vm (cm<sup>3</sup>/mol)</b>	<b>n (@633 nm)</b>	<b>α<sub>m</sub> (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>α<sub>c</sub> (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>α<sub>O&amp;N</sub> (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Λ<sub>th</sub></b>
La <sub>16</sub> Si <sub>20</sub> O <sub>60</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	0.07	4.48	1907	1.75	68.7	0.49	1.92	0.77
La <sub>13</sub> Si <sub>23</sub> O <sub>57</sub> N <sub>7</sub>	0.12	4.24	1517	1.73	56.6	0.41	1.84	0.73
La <sub>16</sub> Si <sub>21</sub> O <sub>56</sub> N <sub>7</sub>	0.13	4.44	1853	1.77	68.7	0.48	2.00	0.78
La <sub>16</sub> Si <sub>21</sub> O <sub>55</sub> N <sub>8</sub>	0.14	4.69	1841	1.79	65.9	0.48	1.92	0.79
La <sub>16</sub> Si <sub>21</sub> O <sub>55</sub> N <sub>8.5</sub>	0.15	4.70	1803	1.78	63.8	0.47	1.88	0.78
La <sub>16</sub> Si <sub>21</sub> O <sub>54</sub> N <sub>9</sub>	0.16	4.55	1886	1.8	70.3	0.49	2.04	0.80
La <sub>16</sub> Si <sub>21</sub> O <sub>52</sub> N <sub>11</sub>	0.21	4.56	1764	1.84	67.9	0.47	2.09	0.80
La <sub>16</sub> Si <sub>22</sub> O <sub>50</sub> N <sub>12</sub>	0.25	4.44	1696	1.84	67.1	0.45	2.13	0.79
La <sub>16</sub> Si <sub>22</sub> O <sub>50</sub> N <sub>12</sub>	0.244	4.66	1781	1.87	68.8	0.47	2.12	0.81
La <sub>17</sub> Si <sub>21</sub> O <sub>49</sub> N <sub>13</sub>	0.27	4.72	1925	1.88	74.0	0.50	2.19	0.83
La <sub>17</sub> Si <sub>21</sub> O <sub>44</sub> N <sub>18</sub>	0.40	4.68	1864	1.89	72.9	0.49	2.25	0.85
La <sub>18</sub> Si <sub>21</sub> O <sub>44</sub> N <sub>17</sub>	0.39	4.77	1955	1.89	75.0	0.51	2.25	0.86
La <sub>21</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>44</sub> N <sub>17</sub>	0.38	5.14	2404	1.92	87.6	0.58	2.28	0.92
La <sub>22</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>43</sub> N <sub>17</sub>	0.40	5.15	2496	1.92	90.8	0.59	2.31	0.93
La <sub>24</sub> Si <sub>15</sub> O <sub>46</sub> N <sub>15</sub>	0.32	5.46	3127	1.94	108.8	0.66	2.33	0.97
La <sub>21</sub> Si <sub>19</sub> O <sub>39</sub> N <sub>21</sub>	0.53	4.91	2287	1.94	88.5	0.57	2.47	0.94
La <sub>22</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>37</sub> N <sub>23</sub>	0.62	5.28	2440	1.94	87.8	0.59	2.34	0.97
La <sub>25</sub> Si <sub>15</sub> O <sub>41</sub> N <sub>19</sub>	0.47	5.42	3158	1.95	111.5	0.67	2.44	1.00
La <sub>24</sub> Si <sub>17</sub> O <sub>34</sub> N <sub>25</sub>	0.75	5.36	2744	1.94	97.3	0.63	2.43	1.02
La <sub>25</sub> Si <sub>17</sub> O <sub>31</sub> N <sub>27</sub>	0.85	5.27	2826	1.96	103.4	0.64	2.57	1.04
La <sub>27</sub> Si <sub>15</sub> O <sub>34</sub> N <sub>24</sub>	0.70	5.51	3396	1.98	120.5	0.69	2.58	1.07
La <sub>24</sub> Si <sub>18</sub> O <sub>23</sub> N <sub>35</sub>	1.45	4.99	2557	2.31	120.0	0.61	3.44	1.07
La <sub>31</sub> Si <sub>14</sub> O <sub>14</sub> N <sub>41</sub>	2.80	5.51	3856	2.28	161.8	0.73	3.61	1.25

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**Table S1**

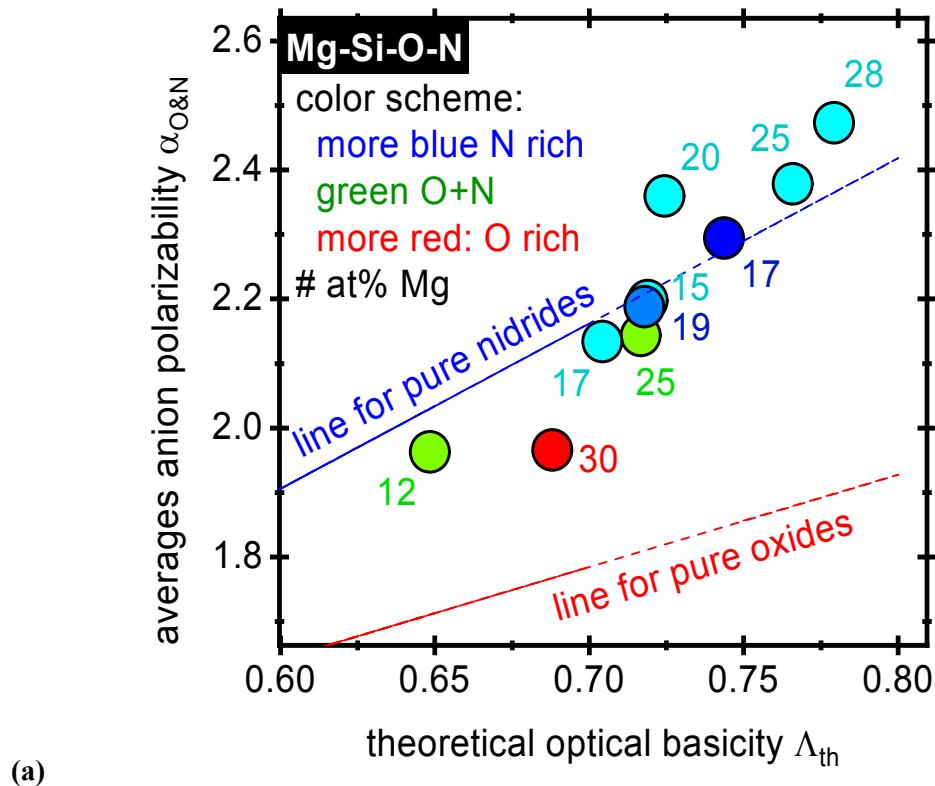
<b>AE-Ca-Si-O-N</b> <b>Ali [14,15]</b>	<b>N/O</b>	<b>Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Vm (cm<sup>3</sup>/mol)</b>	<b>n (@640 nm)</b>	<b>α<sub>m</sub> (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>α<sub>C</sub> (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>α<sub>O&amp;N</sub> (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>
Ca <sub>25</sub> Si <sub>19</sub> O <sub>40</sub> N <sub>15</sub>	0.38	3.02	795.4	1.74	127.2	0.28	2.06
<b>Mg-Ca-Si-O-N</b>							
Mg <sub>2</sub> Ca <sub>22</sub> Si <sub>21</sub> O <sub>37</sub> N <sub>19</sub>	0.52	3.02	781.3	1.75	126.2	0.25	2.07
Mg <sub>4</sub> Ca <sub>19</sub> Si <sub>21</sub> O <sub>38</sub> N <sub>19</sub>	0.49	3.00	767.8	1.75	124.0	0.22	2.04
Mg <sub>6</sub> Ca <sub>18</sub> Si <sub>21</sub> O <sub>37</sub> N <sub>19</sub>	0.49	2.98	766.7	1.73	121.3	0.21	2.00
Mg <sub>8</sub> Ca <sub>16</sub> Si <sub>21</sub> O <sub>38</sub> N <sub>18</sub>	0.48	2.96	763.6	1.70	117.0	0.20	1.94
<b>Sr-Ca-Si-O-N</b>							
Sr <sub>3</sub> Ca <sub>21</sub> Si <sub>20</sub> O <sub>40</sub> N <sub>16</sub>	0.41	3.14	813.2	1.77	133.9	0.30	2.16
Sr <sub>8</sub> Ca <sub>18</sub> Si <sub>19</sub> O <sub>37</sub> N <sub>18</sub>	0.48	3.35	834.9	1.84	146.6	0.35	2.37
Sr <sub>10</sub> Ca <sub>16</sub> Si <sub>19</sub> O <sub>38</sub> N <sub>17</sub>	0.47	3.49	830.9	1.86	148.4	0.37	2.39
Sr <sub>12</sub> Ca <sub>14</sub> Si <sub>19</sub> O <sub>38</sub> N <sub>17</sub>	0.46	3.55	834.3	1.88	151.4	0.38	2.43
<b>Ba-Ca-Si-O-N</b>							
Ba <sub>4</sub> Ca <sub>20</sub> Si <sub>20</sub> O <sub>39</sub> N <sub>17</sub>	0.44	3.35	819.4	1.81	140.1	0.37	2.22
Ba <sub>8</sub> Ca <sub>16</sub> Si <sub>20</sub> O <sub>40</sub> N <sub>16</sub>	0.41	3.67	848.2	1.86	151.5	0.46	2.34
Ba <sub>9</sub> Ca <sub>15</sub> Si <sub>20</sub> O <sub>40</sub> N <sub>16</sub>	0.39	3.84	837.4	1.93	158.0	0.49	2.43
Ba <sub>11</sub> Ca <sub>13</sub> Si <sub>20</sub> O <sub>42</sub> N <sub>15</sub>	0.36	3.99	869.0	1.97	168.8	0.56	2.56

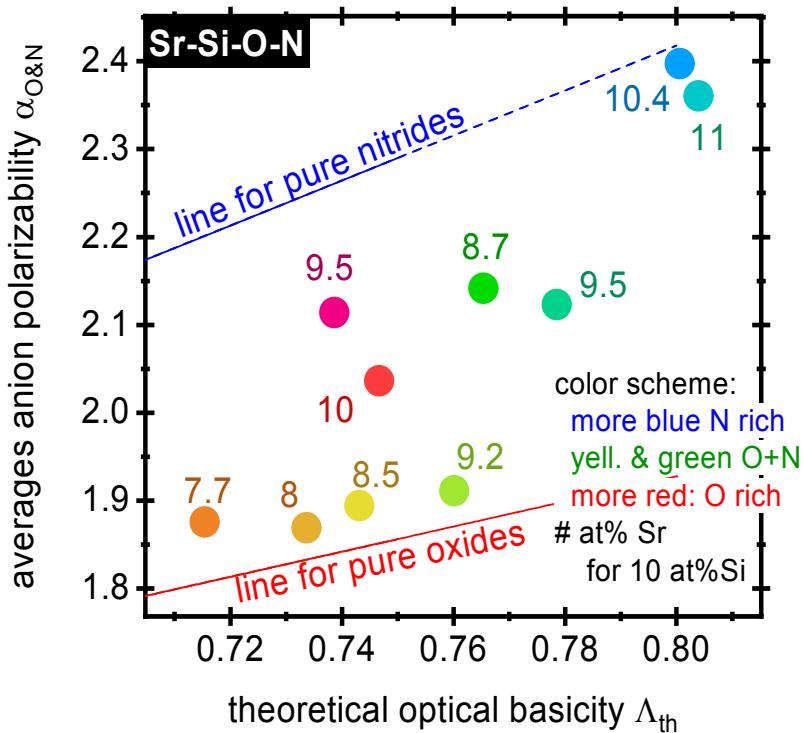
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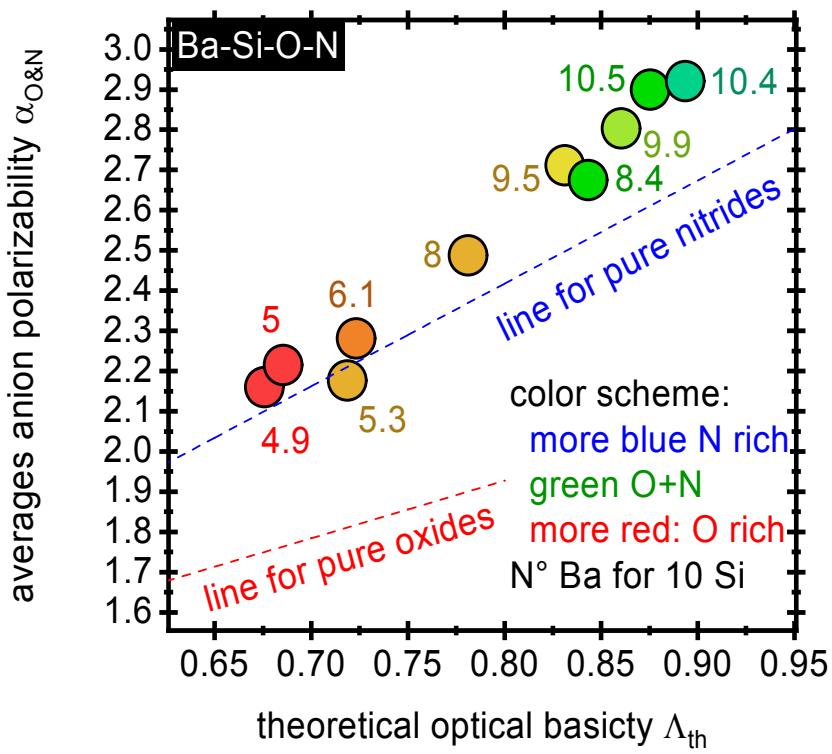
[15] S. Ali, et al., Properties of high nitrogen content mixed alkali earth oxynitride glasses (AE<sub>x</sub>Ca<sub>1-x</sub>)<sub>1.2(1)</sub>SiO<sub>1.9(1)</sub>N<sub>0.86(6)</sub>, AE=Mg, Sr, Ba. J. Non-Cryst. Solids 355 (2009) 1259-1263.

**Figures S1 a to f:** Experimentally derived average anion polarizability values (in  $\text{\AA}^3$ ) from refractive index data,  $\alpha_{\text{O/N}}$ , are plotted versus the calculated theoretical basicities using  $\Lambda(\text{M}_3\text{N}_m) = \frac{3}{2}\Lambda(\text{M}_2\text{O}_m)$  for various multi-component systems (see Table 1 for more compositional details). The lines for pure oxides and nitrides follow equations (5)  $\alpha_0 = (\Lambda + 0.547)/0.7$  and (13)  $\alpha_N = 0.37 + 2.56\Lambda_{\text{th}}$ , respectively. The color scheme reflects on the N:O ratio (N-rich: blue, O-rich red) and the numbers give the relative number of modifier atoms (in at% or for every 10 Si-atoms, respectively).

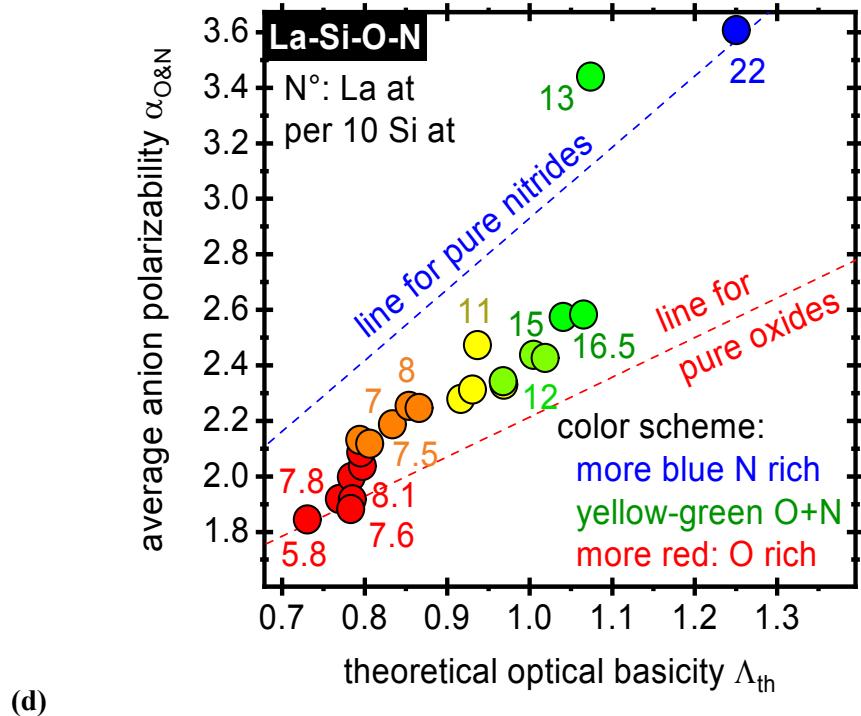




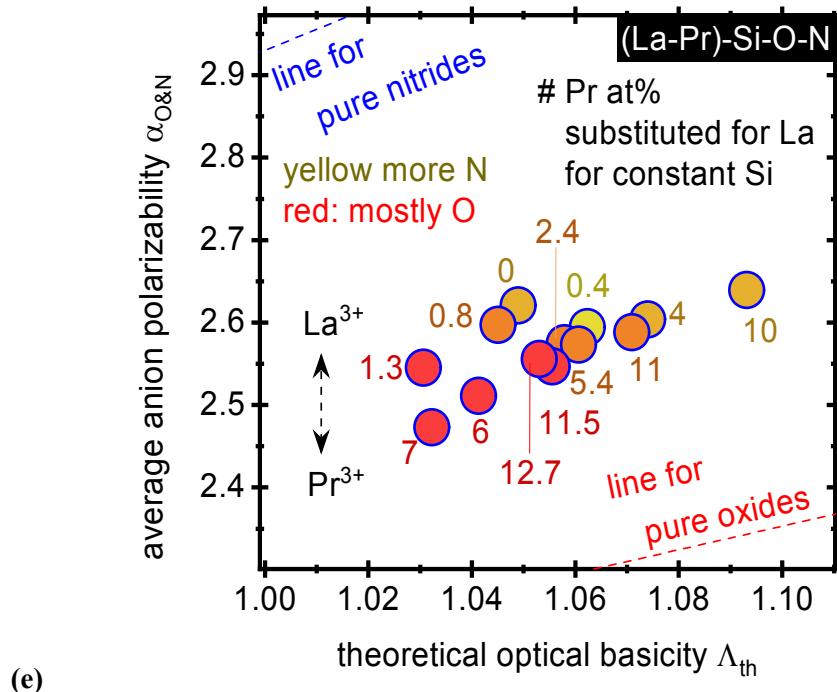
(b)



(c)



(d)



(e)

