

# Role of clay minerals in controlling the fate and transport of radioactive Cs in soils

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特別セミナー

# 粘土表面の放射性セシウムの吸着特性とその挙動

*The sorption and transport behaviors of radioactive Cs ion on clay minerals*



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趣旨：東日本大震災に伴う福島原発事故では放射性セシウムで汚染された土壌の修復が急務の解決課題です。この課題を考える上で重要なのは、 $2\mu\text{m}$  以下と定義される粘土粒子とセシウムの吸着・脱着特性、およびセシウムを吸着した粘土の移動です。本セミナーは、粘土表面科学の権威である Cliff Johnston 教授(アメリカパデュ大学；元アメリカ粘土学会長)の来日にあわせて開催する特別セミナーです。この問題に関心のある方の参加を歓迎します。(呼びかけ責任者：溝口勝@農学国際専攻)



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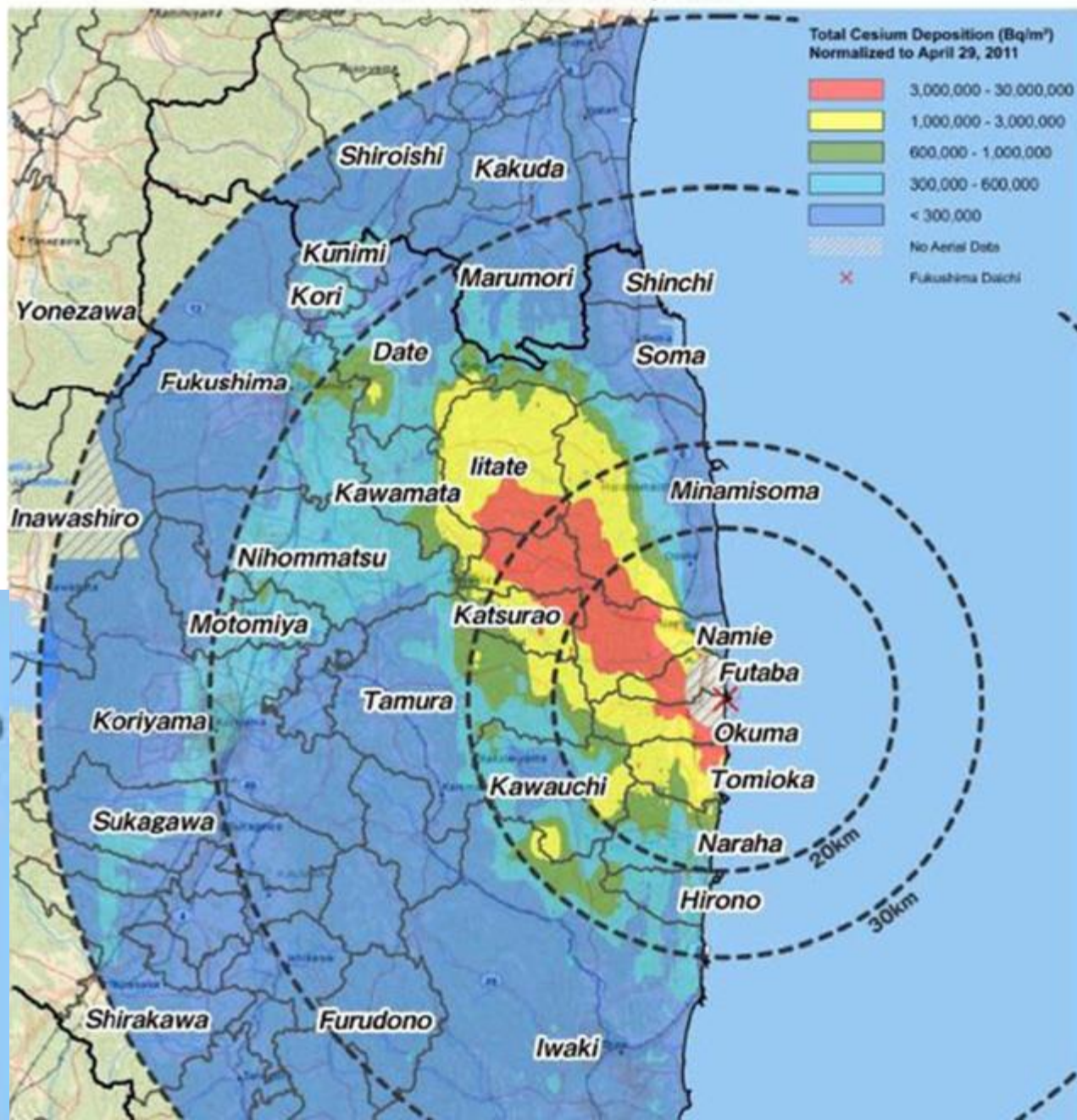
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# Aerial Measuring Results

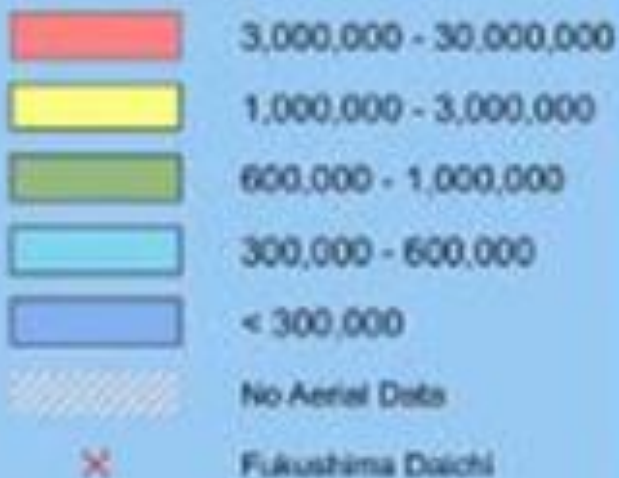
Joint US / Japan Survey Data

Data collected on  
April 30, 2011

Presented on May 30,  
2013



**Total Cesium Deposition (Bq/m<sup>2</sup>)  
Normalized to April 29, 2011**



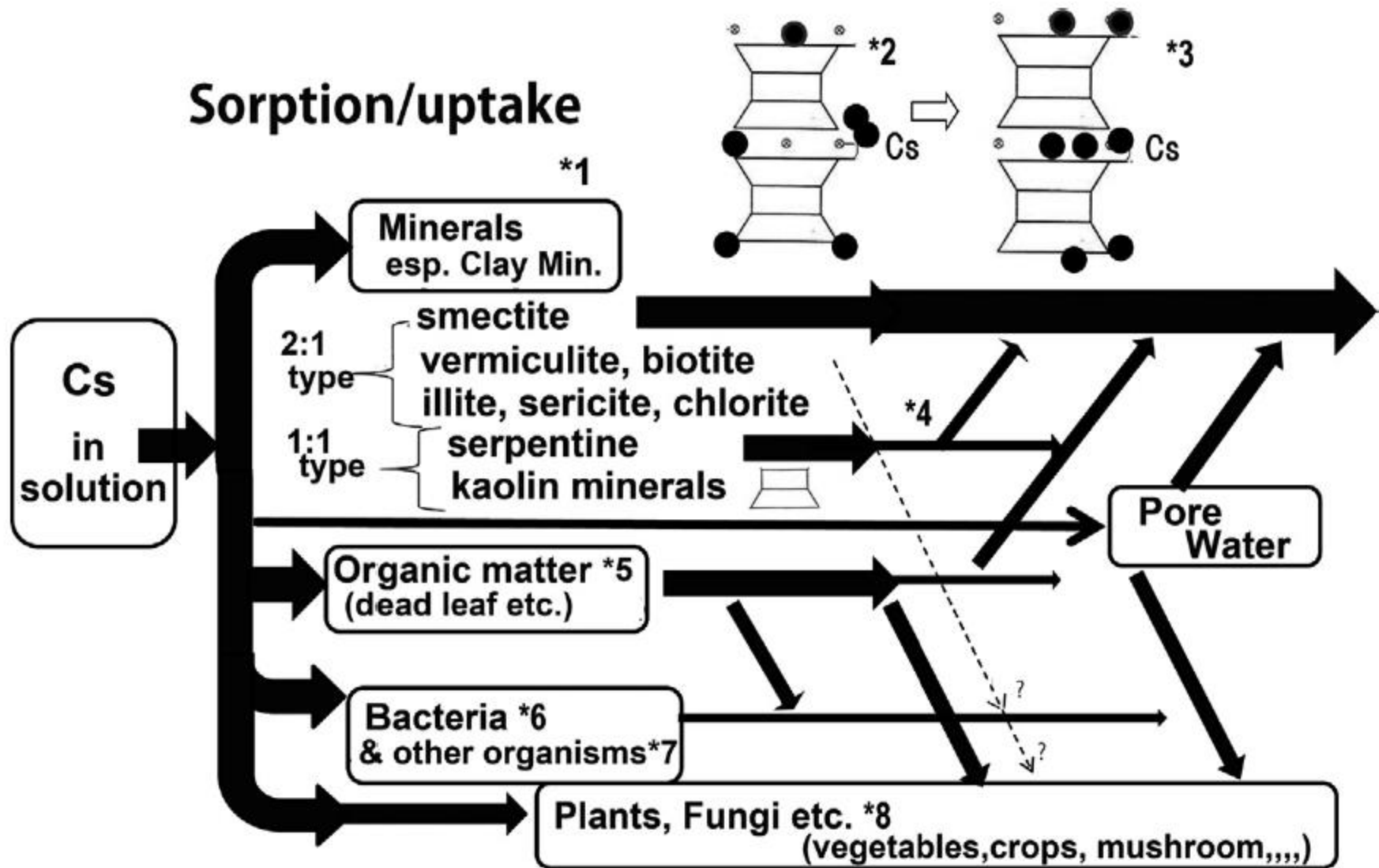
# Heavy Metals in the Environment

## Storage and Migration of Fallout Strontium-90 and Cesium-137 for Over 40 Years in the Surface Soil of Nagasaki

Yasunori Mahara\*

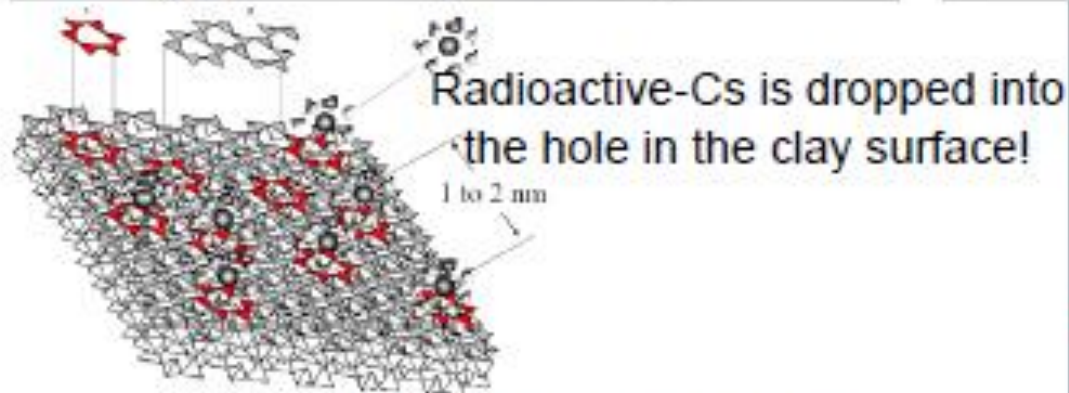
- The vertical migration of  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  and  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  produced by the explosion of the atomic bomb in 1945 was investigated in an unsaturated soil layer in the of Nagasaki.
- **The in situ migration rates of  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  and  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  were estimated to be 4.2 mm/yr and 1.0 mm/yr, respectively, when the rate of movement of soil water was 2500 mm/yr.**
- The in situ  $K_d$  values were calculated to be 300 and 1200 L/kg, respectively.
- These are probably the only results that exist for the interaction between soil and  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  and  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  over 40 yr.

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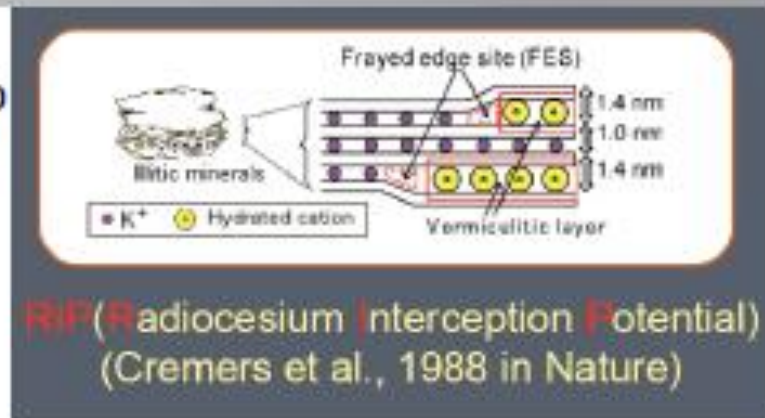


J. Akai, N. Nomura, S. Matsushita, H. Kudo, H. Fukuhara, S. Matsuoka, and J. Matsumoto. Mineralogical and geomicrobial examination of soil contamination by radioactive Cs due to 2011 Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident. *Physics and Chemistry of the Earth* 58-60:57-67, 2013.

# Radioactive-Cs is replaced with K and fixed to the clay particles



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Group #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Period																		
1	1 H																	2
2	3 Li	4 Be																
3	11 Na	12 Mg																
4	19 K	20 Ca																
5	37 Rb	38 Sr																
6	55 Cs	56 Ba		Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	**	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Uut	114 Uuq	115 Uup	116 Uuh	117 Uus	118 Uuo

$^{137}\text{Cs}^+$

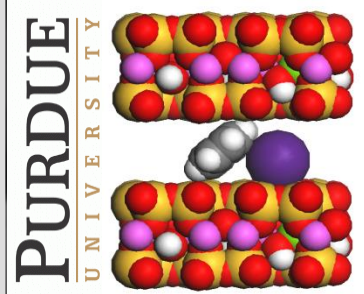
Charge = +1

Large ionic radius

Low Enthalpy of hydration

Small hydrated radius

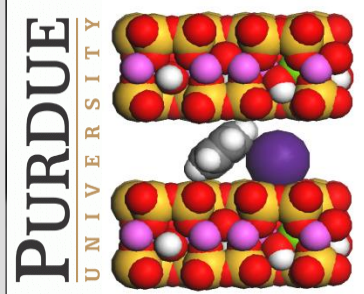
# Molecular Approaches to study Cs-clay interactions related to Fukushima (partial)



- SEM, TEM and related methods (T. Kogure\* )
- Autoradiography (J. Akai et al)
- Positronium Lifetime Spectroscopy (K. Sato)
- NMR (K. Sato et al)
- Sorption / Desorption
- Far IR

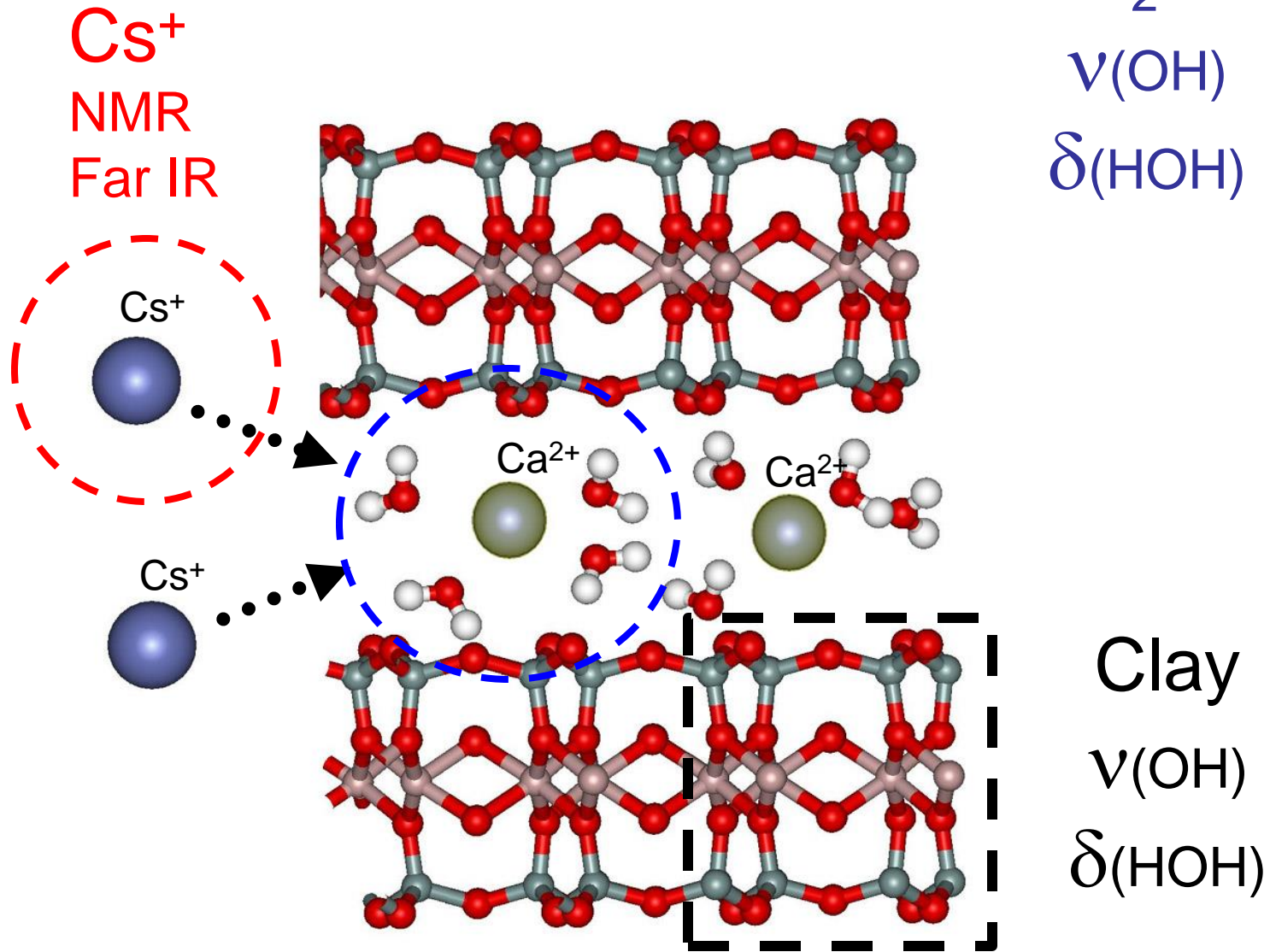


# In Situ ATR-FTIR study of cation exchange reactions on smectite



- ATR FTIR sensitive to changes in interfacial/interlayer water
- Water molecules closely linked/organized by the exchangeable cations present
- Up until recently most of our work focused on Li, Na, K, Mg and Ca. What happens with clays are exchange with Cs?

# Cation exchange of $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ by $\text{Cs}^{+}$



# FTIR Study of Mg → Na exchange

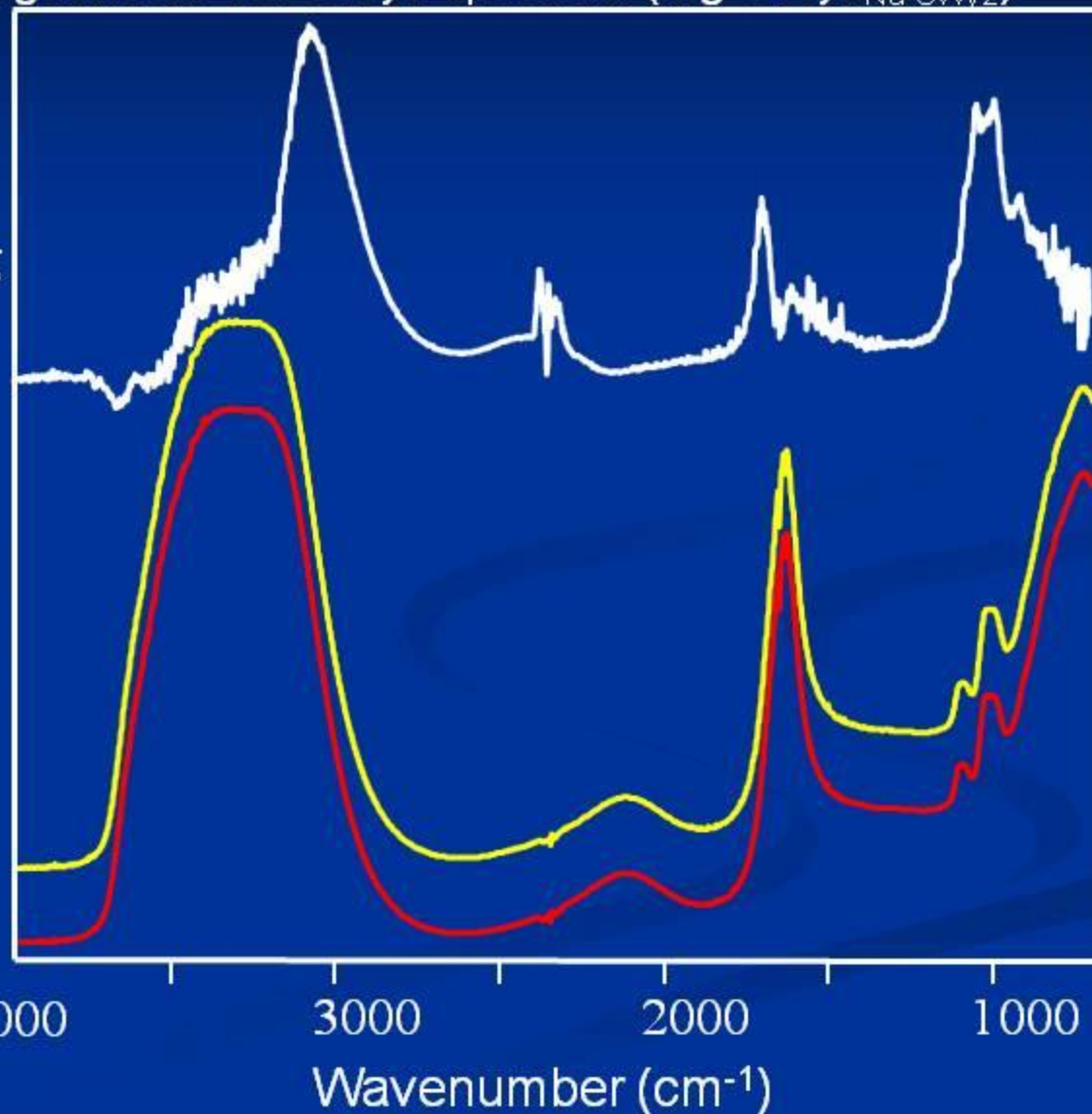
The white spectrum is the **S**ubtractively **N**ormalized **I**nterfacial FTIR (FTIR) spectrum of Mg-Wy2 ratioed against the Na-SWy2 spectrum ( $\text{Mg-SWy2}_{\text{Na-SWy2}}$ )

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}$$

Mg-SWy-2 – Na-SWy-2

Spectral changes resulting from the exchange of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  for  $\text{Na}^+$

Absorbance

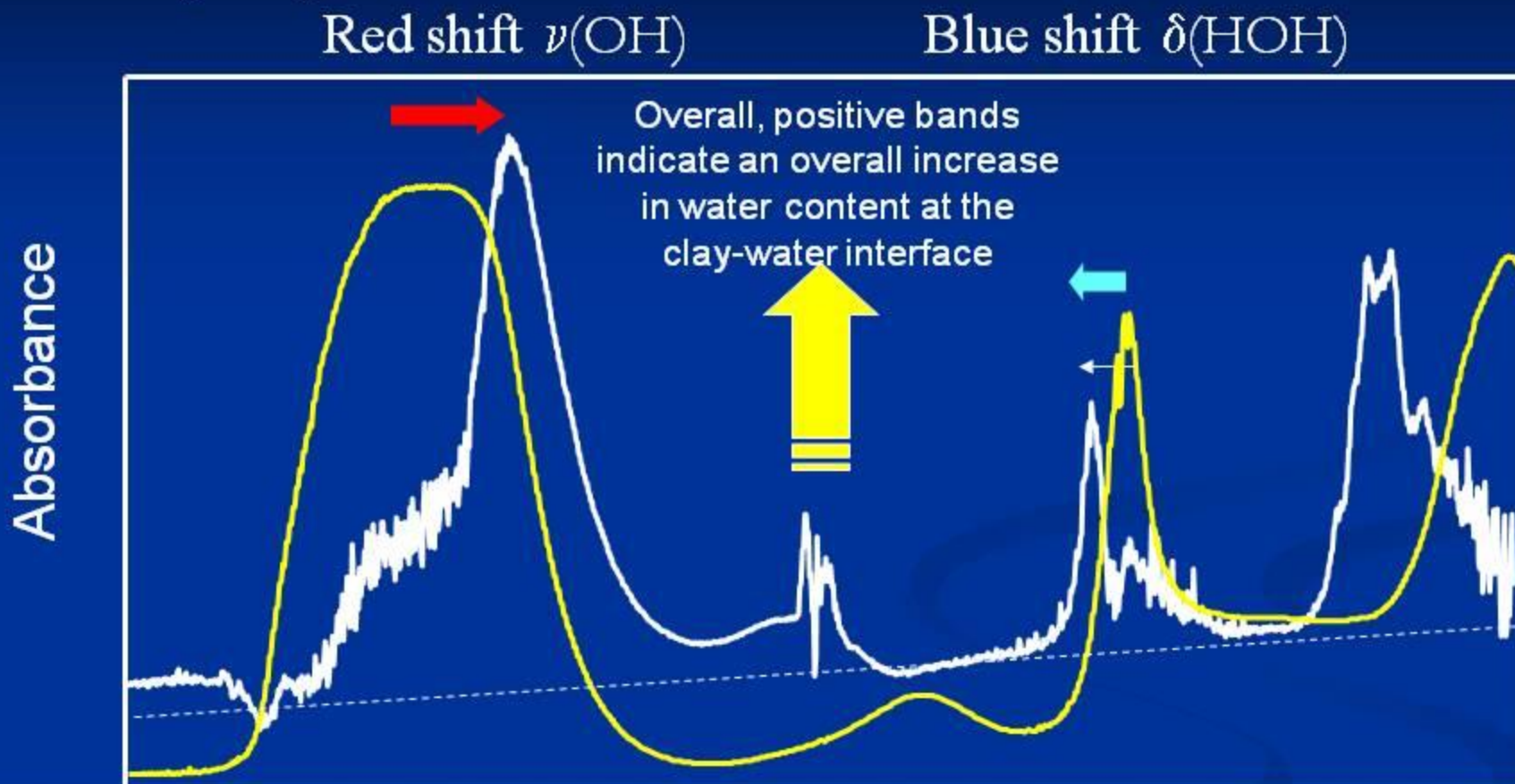


**B:** clay + 0.1 M  $\text{MgCl}_2$

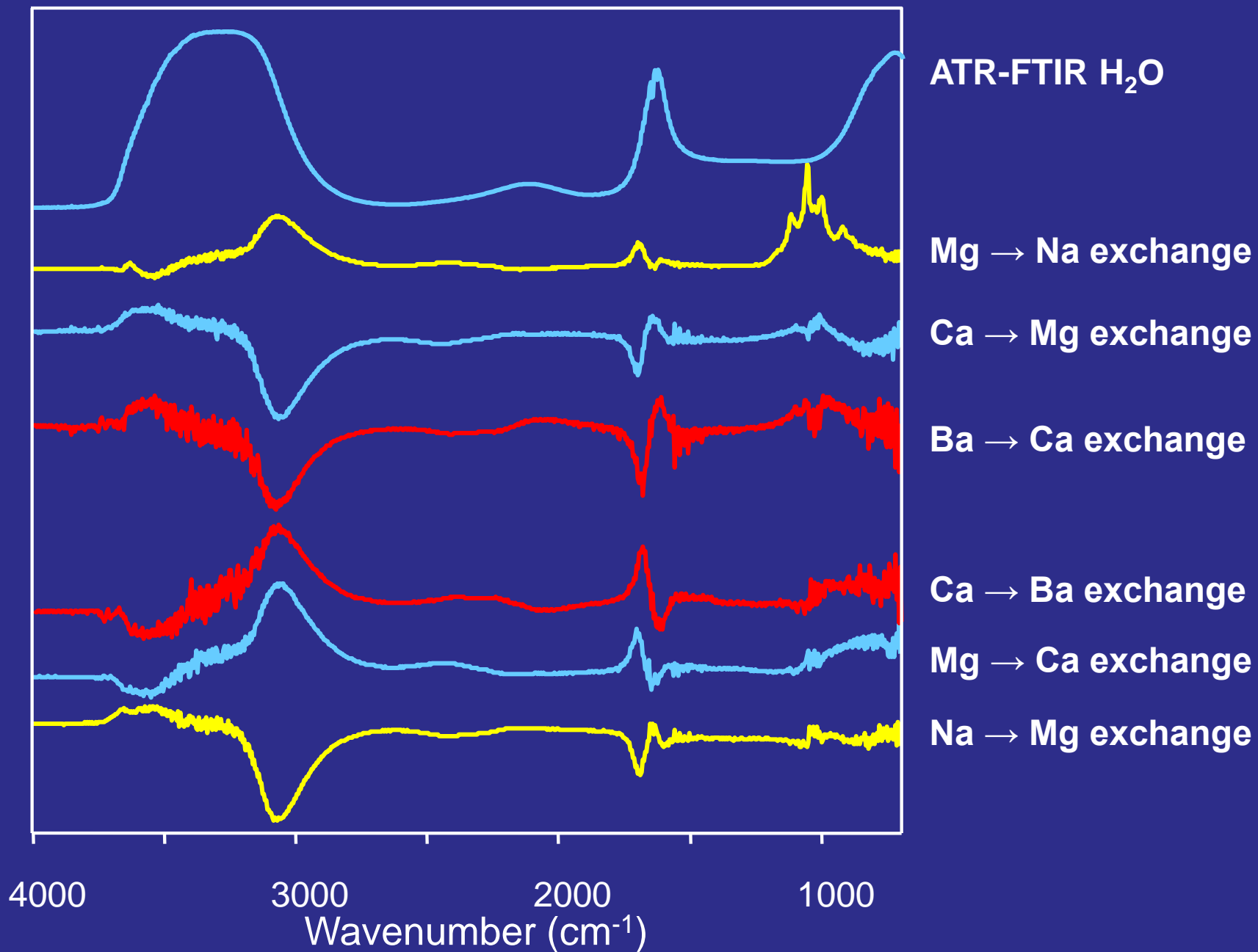
**A:** clay + 0.1 M  $\text{NaCl}$

# Mg → Na exchange

Comparison: FTIR Mg-SWy<sub>2</sub> spectrum (white) to the ATR-FTIR spectrum of bulk water (yellow)



When  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  exchanges for  $\text{Na}^+$ , the overall water content is increased (as shown by the positive absorbance bands) because the enthalpy of hydration of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  is significantly larger than that of  $\text{Na}^+$ . In addition, the 'type' of water sorbed is more strongly hydrogen bonded than bulk water as shown by the red-shift of the  $\nu(\text{OH})$  band, and the blue-shift of the  $\delta(\text{HOH})$  band

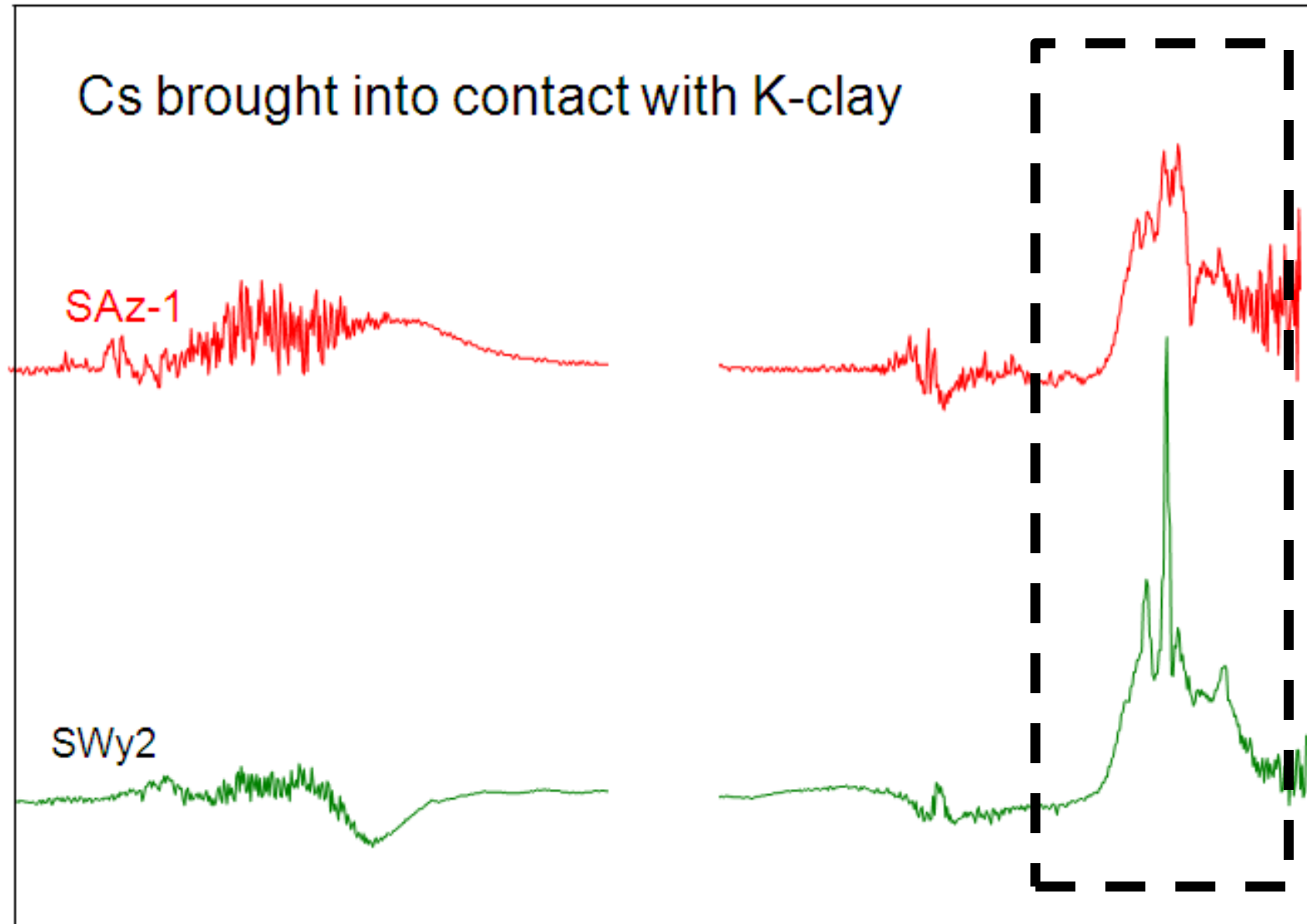


Cs brought into contact with K-clay

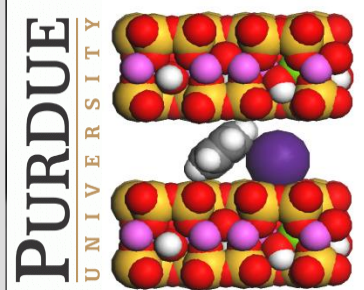
SAz-1

SWy2

4000 3500 3000 2500 2000 1500 1000  
Wavenumbers

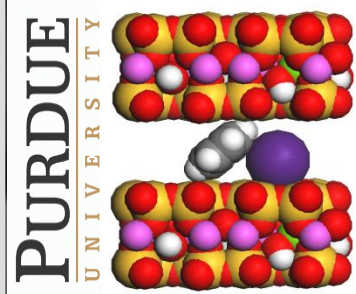


# Summary



- ATR-FTIR sensitive to detect changes of interfacial water. Reproducible changes for two references clays and four soil clays
- Changes consistent with hydration enthalpies of cations
- This method provides a direct method to study the interaction of Cs with siloxane ditrigonal cavity and the interlayer fixation that occurs.
- Potential for Hofman-Klemen fixation with heating?
- Incredibly complex, difficult problem. At the same time, however, Japan has consistently been a leader in the clay / soil science frontiers with significant intellectual resources.

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