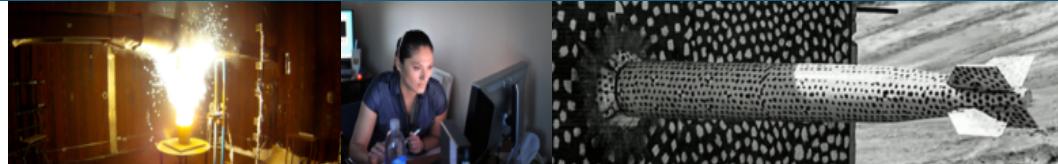




NEUP IMEBM Project: Preliminary Solubility Experiments on Bentonite, Basalt and Glass Fibers



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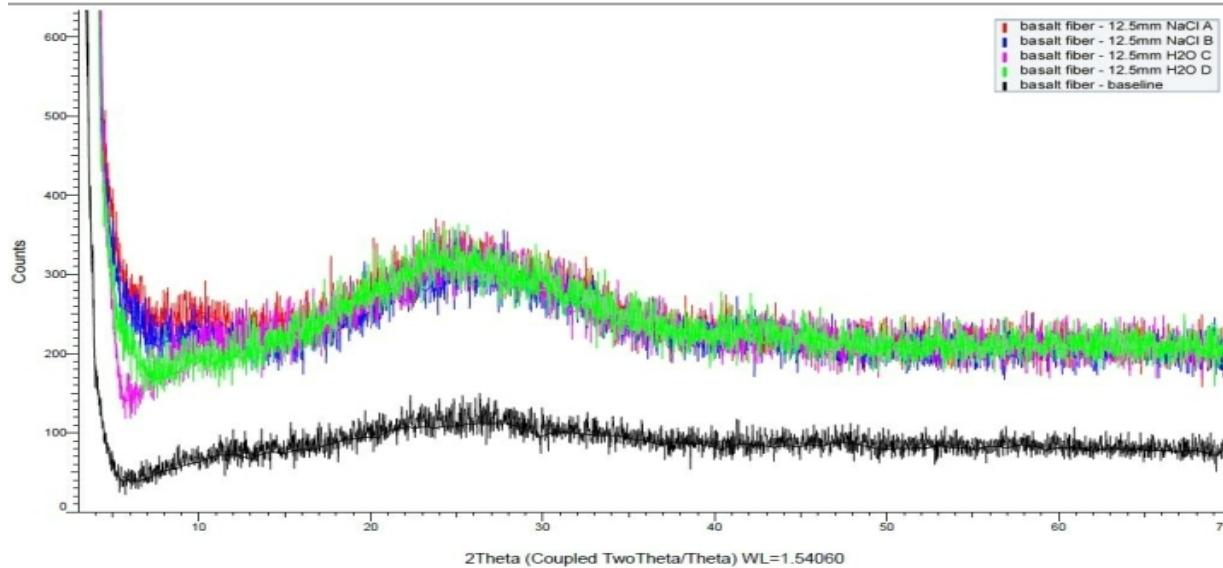
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Bentonite Solubility – XRD Analysis

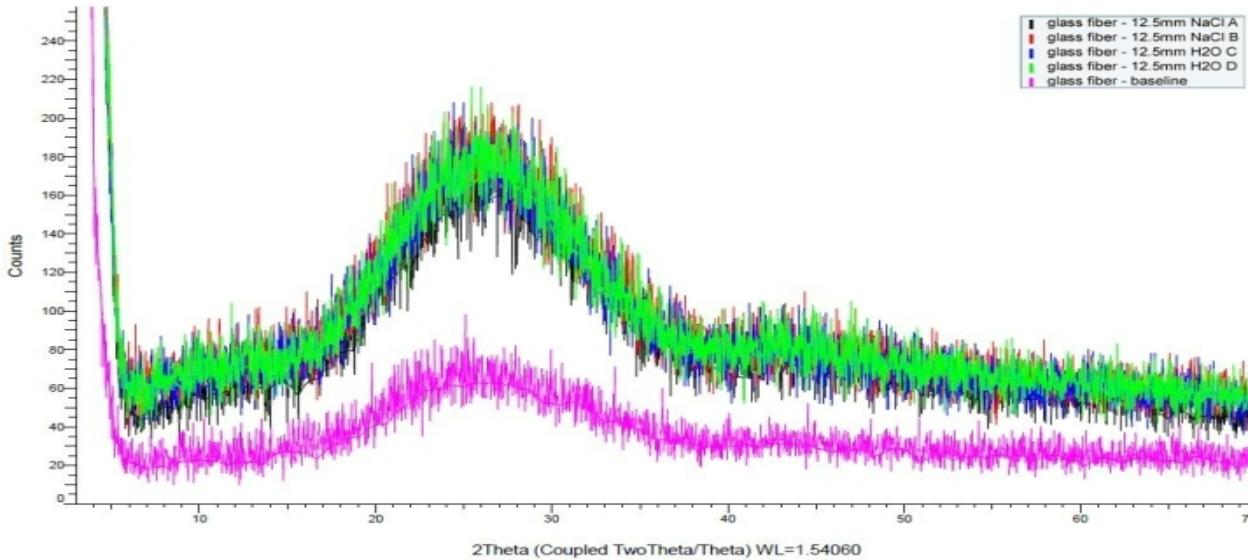
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Basalt Fiber Hydrothermal Experiments

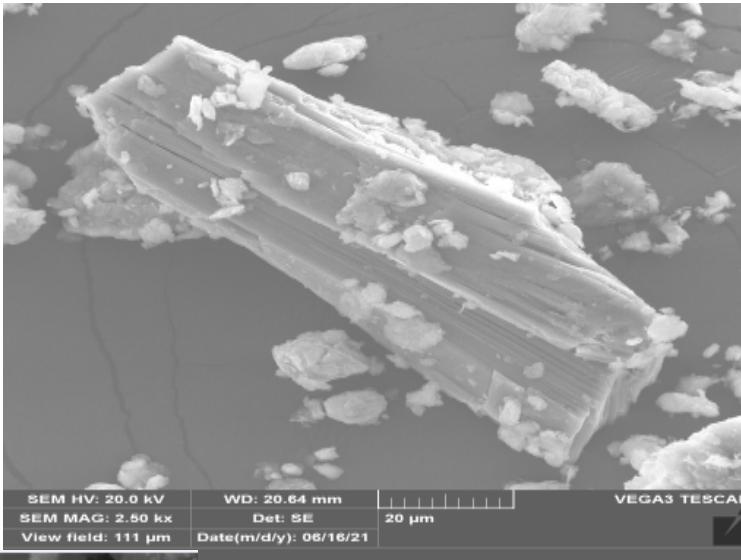


Glass Fiber Hydrothermal Experiments

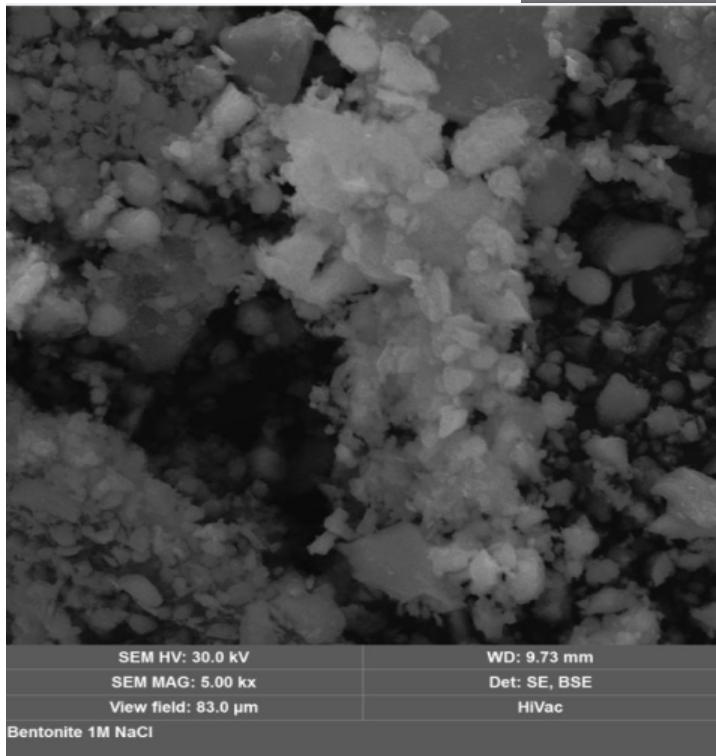




SEM on Bentonite

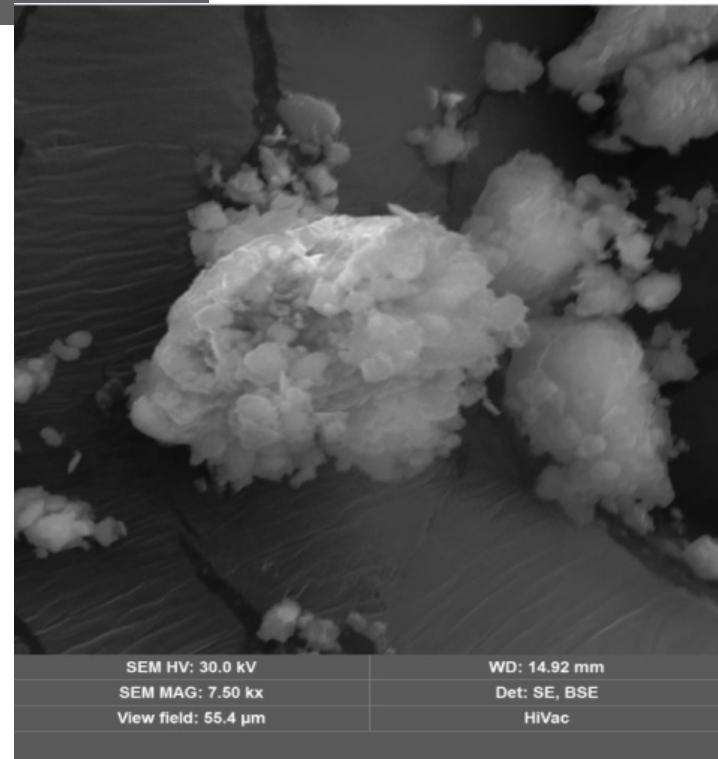


<75um Bentonite
Starting Material



Bentonite-1M NaCl

Bentonite-1M NaCl-PVA

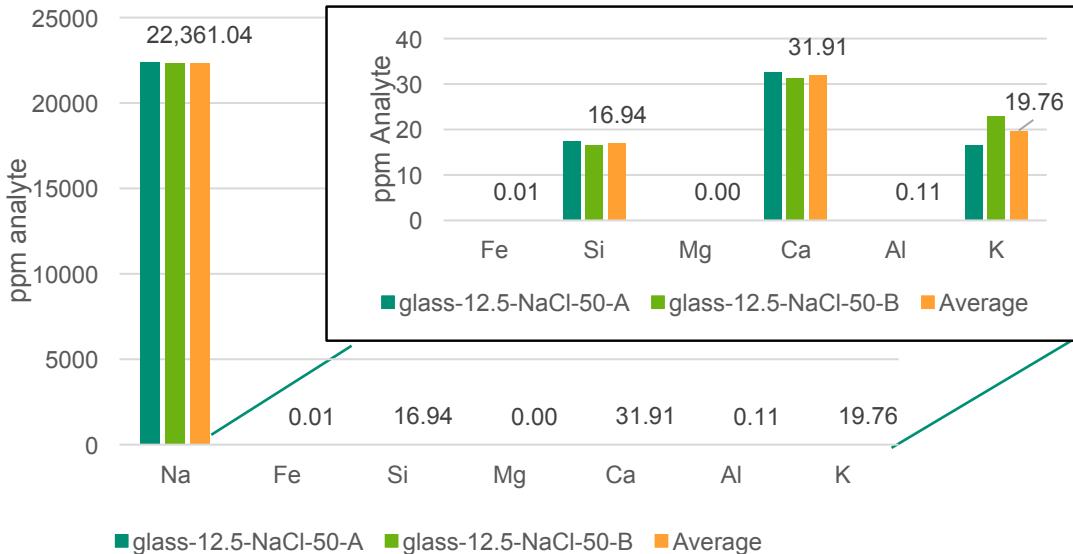


Bentonite-1M NaCl-
PVA

Solubility Experiments – ICP-OES

Glass Fibers – 1M

NaCl



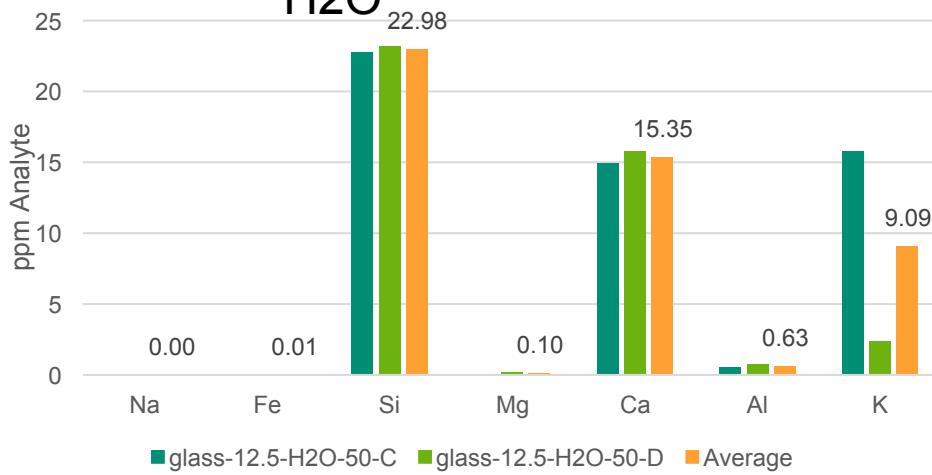
- Closed system Parr Reactors
- Runs done in duplicates
- 12.5mm glass fiber size
- Experiment duration: 21 days
- Water/liquid ratio: 50
- Temperature: 150°C

pH Analysis before & after hydrothermal treatment



Vessel #	Sample ID	initial pH	final pH
A	glass fiber-12.5 mm-NaCl-50	7.01	9.14
B	glass fiber-12.5 mm-NaCl-50	7.09	9.1
C	glass fiber-12.5 mm-H2O-50	6.85	9.49
D	Reactor Solution	initial pH	
	1M NaCl	6.17	5.5
	DI H2O	5.92	

Glass Fibers – DI H2O



Future Work

- Geochemical modeling of solute chemistry (EQ3/6)
- XRF analyses on starting material and reaction products
- XRD and SEM analysis on basalt and glass fiber reacted in DI water and 1M NaCl
- Solubility experiments: Carbon fiber in DI water and 1M NaCl
- Experimental design of flow-through reaction experiments on bentonite-fiber mixtures

Sample	Particle/Fiber Size	Reactor Fluid	Water/Rock Ratio	Reaction Temperature	Reaction Time
Bentonite	<2µm, <75µm, granules	DI Water / 1M NaCl	50	150 °C	21 days
Glass Fiber	crushed / 12.5 mm	DI Water / 1M NaCl	50	150 °C	21 days
Basalt Fiber	crushed / 12.5 mm	DI Water / 1M NaCl	50	150 °C	21 days
Carbon Fiber	crushed / 12.5 mm	DI Water / 1M NaCl	50	150 °C	21 days

