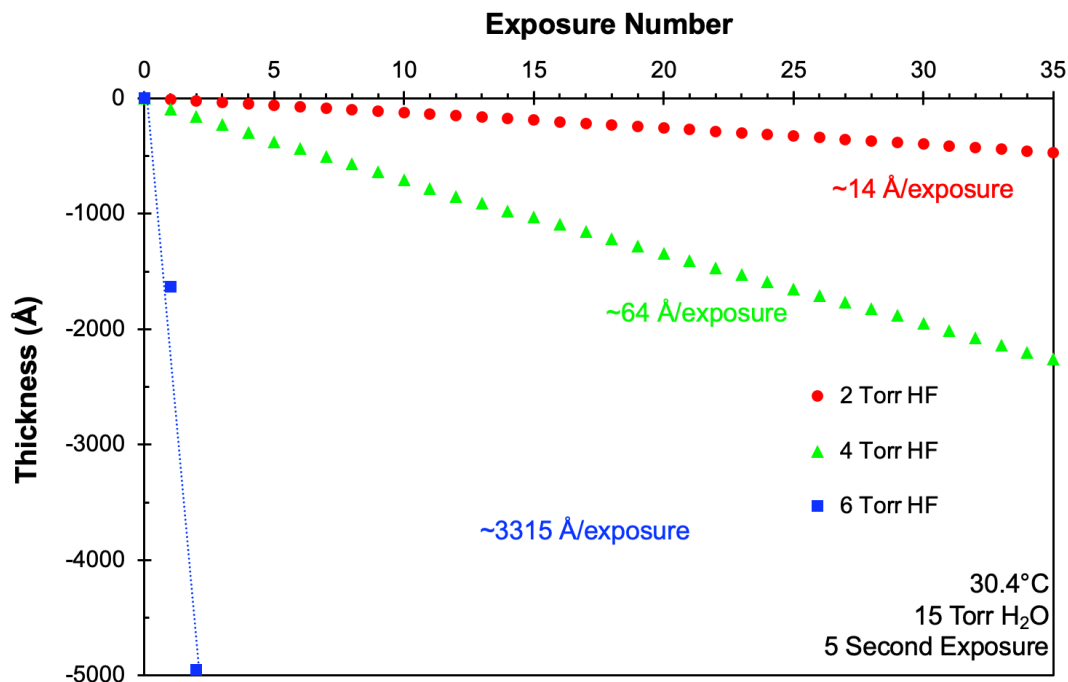
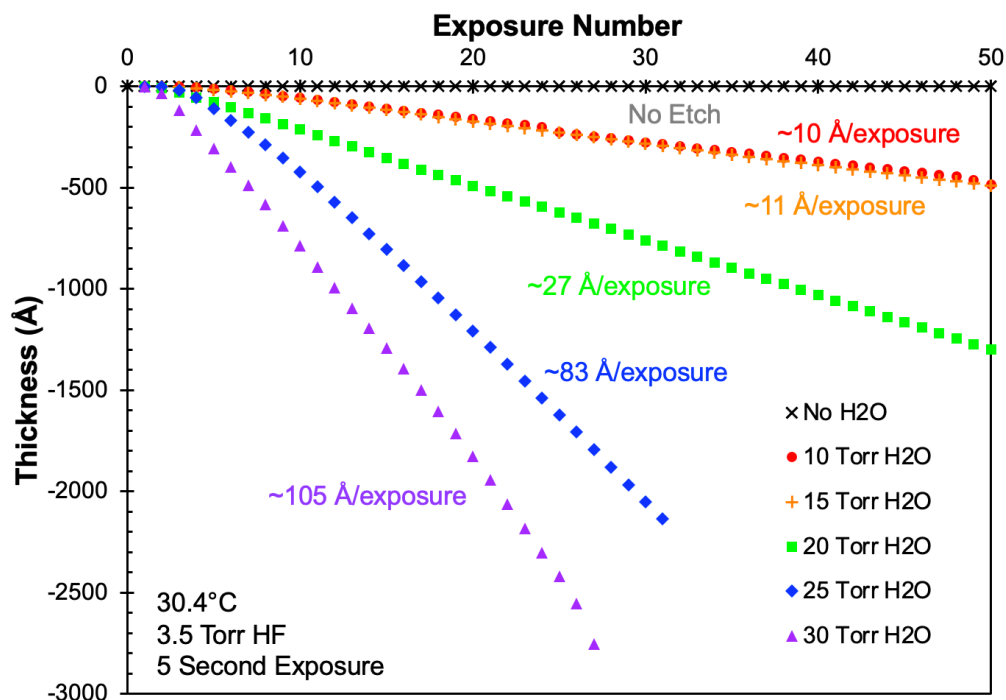


# SiO<sub>2</sub> Etching by HF in Liquid-Like H<sub>2</sub>O Layer in a Vacuum Environment Figure Sheet



**Figure 1.** The etch rate of SiO<sub>2</sub> samples exposed to 15 Torr H<sub>2</sub>O and various HF pressures for 5 seconds at 30.4°C. As the HF pressure is increased, the etch rate increases.



**Figure 2.** The etch rate of SiO<sub>2</sub> samples exposed to various H<sub>2</sub>O pressures and 3.5 Torr HF for 5 seconds at 30.4°C. When there is no water inside the chamber, there is no etching. As the water pressure is increased, the etch rate increases.