# Combined data sets

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# Why talk after lunch?





# Lunch is late....





# Now we only have to fight the after lunch desire to sleep.....





# Outline

- Combined data sets
- Cordierite glass crystallisation kinetics (SAXS/WAXS)
- Polymer phase separation (SAXS/FTIR)



### **Technique combinations**

• Real pioneer Prof H.G. Zachmann from Hamburg University





8.2 Daresbury



Some SAXS/WAXS beam lines I have played with in the last 20 years



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.... and also with some EAXFS lines.....



# Why technique combinations?

- In which order do events take place?
- Inhomogeneous samples
- Connection chemical and physical changes
- Connection large and small scale
- Etc.



# Why not?

- Time saving? B\*ll\*cks
- Optimum data quality for each technique? Forget it!!



# What is possible in combination with SAXS?

- X-ray based
  - WAXS/powder diffraction
  - EXAFS
- Non X-ray
  - DSC, FTIR, Raman, UvVis, etc. etc.
  - It depends on the ingenuity of the user



# Cordierite based ceramics

### Ceramic replacement teeth



#### Pizza baking stones

Refractory parts





Louis Cordier 1777- 1861



Ceramic chip carriers

Car exhaust soot filters





# Why cordierite glass ceramic?

- Shock resistant even at high temperatures
- Glass with very low expansion coefficient



# Cordierite glass devitrivication



 $Mg_2Al_4Si_5O_{18}$ doped with 0.34 mol%  $Cr_2O_3$ (crystallization enhancer)





#### **Normal production process**





### Experiment on 75 micron thick <u>platelet</u>

temperature



time



# Messy phase diagram



1460° C Mullite 3Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>2SiO<sub>2</sub> Protoenstatite MgOSiO<sub>2</sub> Spinel MgO.Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Forsterite 2MgOSiO<sub>2</sub>

W. Schreyer, J.F.Schairer J.Petrol., 2, 361,1961



# SAXS and WAXS

#### d small, $\theta$ large



#### $\theta$ small, *d* large



#### SAXS/WAXS



 $\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{limit} q \to 0$ electron density contrast density fluctuations

<u>2</u> Guinier range particle size interparticle scattering

<u>3</u> particle shape

- 4 Porod range particle surface Surface/volume
- 5 Intermolecular/atomic ordering



### The sample is a platelet

### Not a powder



# Structure development

#### Data taken at 1 minute/frame



SAXS

WAXS







# Post mortem powder diffraction: three different phases



stuffed quartz

spinel

+ large amount glass matrix





Form factor peaks (up to 5<sup>th</sup> order)

 $\Delta R/R \sim 0.04$ 





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This can be fitted to a spherical form factor



# Morphology (1)





### Particle size from SAXS (1)

• Guinier approximation

$$I(q)_{q\to 0} = I(0) \exp(-\frac{R_s^2 q^2}{3})$$

- Don't forget this is an approximation! (Taylor expansion)
- $qR_g < 1$  should hold with q defined as  $q = 2\pi / d$
- for  $qR_g = 1.5$  there is an error margin of 20 30%



# Polydispersity effects on R<sub>g</sub>





### Particle size from SAXS (2)

#### average sphere radius as determined from minima in the scattering curve 350 300 250 radius (Angstrom) 200 150 100 50 0 50 250 300 350 100 150 200 time (30 sec/frame)

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- Particle size
- Minima in form factor
- More accurate than Guinier approximation



### Neutron scattering







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### This tells us:

• There is something 'heavy' in the scattering entities

• This can only be Chromium, added as crystallisation enhancer



# For fixed number of globular particles $I(q=0) = CR^6$











 $R_g^2 q^2$ 3  $I(q \rightarrow 0) = Ce^{\langle}$ 



Spinel and stuffed quartz different time development



# Question:

• Is one crystalline phase templating the other due to local composition changes? Or are they independent?





# Morphology (2)



So far all possible


#### Surface of particles

Porod approximation

$$I(q)_{q \to \infty} \approx K_1 + \frac{K_2}{q^x}$$

- x = 4, smooth surface; x < 4, 'rough' surface
- Again this is an approximation, valid when  $qR_g >>1$
- For particles with density gradient

$$I(q)_{q \to \infty} \approx K_1 + \frac{K_2 e^{-(\sigma q)^2}}{q^x}$$



- K<sub>1</sub> contains information on density fluctuations
- K<sub>2</sub> contains information on internal surface to volume ratio

$$K_2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{S}{V} Q$$





#### Can this be correct?

- Radius of particle stops growing
- Surface/Volume ratio of particle keeps increasing
- Maybe new crystallites created ?



#### New crystallites can be ruled out:

•  $I(0) = CR_g^{6}$ (only true for constant number of particles)

- We see many form factor maxima
- Polydispersity ~ 4%









## -Spinel increases regularly in time

- Stuffed quartz increases irregular

- Spinel starts at same time as particle growth observable in SAXS





#### Growth of stuffed quartz

 $\Rightarrow$  texture effects !

Crystals impinge on each other  $\Rightarrow$  variations in intensity



### Prediction Morphology:



This is (so far) the correct morphology







#### Note on bulk/surface crystallisation:

- This would have been impossible to derive from time-resolved diffraction on powdered samples
- Using a platelet sample was lucky choice



### Summarising:

- Spinel grows in bulk
- Stuffed quartz grows on surface
- This explains why the particle radius can stop growing but the total S/V ratio keeps increasing
- .....but can we find out more about the system .....?



# What's the growth mechanism of the bulk crystallites ?

Conventional tool for solid state crystallization is Avrami analysis

 $(V_c \text{ is the crystalline volume fraction})$ 

$$V_c = 1 - e^{(-Kt^n)}$$

The parameter *n* determines what the mechanism is (i.e. diffusion or reaction rate limited)



Model		Phase boundary control	Diffusion control
Three dim growth			
Nucleation rate	1 constant	4	2.5
	2 instantaneous	3	1.5
	3 deceleratory	3 – 4	1.5 – 2.5
Two dim growth			
Nucleation rate	1 constant	3	2.0
	2 instantaneous	2	1.0
	3 deceleratory	2 – 3	1.0 - 2.0
One dim growth			
Nucleation rate	1 constant	2	1.5
	2 instantaneous	1	0.5
	3 deceleratory	1 – 2	0.5 – 1.5



Dear Wim, Are you serious? To such an equation I can fit anything.....

Signed: Cynic



Dear Cynic, Maybe that is true, but I'm a careful 'man'.....

I double check.....





#### In a WAXS pattern: peak intensity $\sim V_c$



Avrami coefficient  $1.49 \pm 0.01$ 



#### For SAXS data

- For fixed number of particles *N* which are monodisperse
- $N \ge R^3$  is also related to the V<sub>c</sub>







#### Avrami coefficient

 $1.51 \pm 0.05$ 

For the people with poor memories: from WAXS 1.49 ± 0.01



# What does this mean according to mr. Avrami?

For a pre-nucleated system

$$V_c = 1 - e^{(-Kt^{1.5})}$$

Means diffusion limited growth



For pre-nucleated, monodisperse spheres diffusion limited growth predicts that the particle size in the initial stages should behave like:





#### And so it does !





3 independent ways of checking (hope Cynic is happy now)



### Increase in spinel unit cell size



Porod constant approaches 4 when leaving free growth regime



#### Change in lattice spacing

- From the change in lattice spacing we can calculate the internal pressure
- Pressure due to mismatch between specific volumes glass matrix versus spinel

$$P = 1.5 \cdot K_{0,1050} \left[ \left( \frac{V_{0,1050}}{V} \right)^{7/3} - \left( \frac{V_{0,1050}}{V} \right)^{5/3} \right]$$

• Pressure changes from  $9.5 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 8.5$  GPa



## Two little warnings



## Warning 1: How well can we trust data?



### Forget it !!!

#### The first curve is a polydisperse sphere

#### The second is a monodisperse cube



#### TEM



The particles are not spherical but cubes.....



### The correct morphology (3)





#### Warning 2: does radiation hurt?

• Lidisilicate glass

beamspot



XRD pattern heavily textured Low crystallinity

XRD pattern perfect powder High crystallinity

**Optical microscopy** 









#### Not irradiated

**Coarse grains Texture on surface**  **Irradiated** 

Fine grains No texture



### Effect of X-rays

• More nucleation sites

- Smaller but more crystallites
- Higher chance of random orientation
- Therefore a real powder pattern
- Your kinetics experiment might be .....

And this is only a bending magnet; an undulator has 50-100x more flux



## Time resolved SAXS/WAXS derivables

- Particle size/Growth kinetics
- Crystalline phases
- Crystalline volume fraction (not discussed)
- Internal surface/volume ratio
- Growth zone/particle roughness (not discussed)
- Crystallisation energy (not discussed)
- Internal pressure
- Etc.



#### The main message:

- One can obtain a wealth of information with a combined SAXS/WAXS experiment
- Surface/volume ratio, crystallisation energy, surface roughness, volume factions, morphology, crystallite size etc. etc.
- Over-interpretation of data and underestimate effect of X-rays can lead to false conclusions



Make cross correlations with other techniques



In this example: SAXS/WAXS SANS SEM TEM

Not shown:

EXAFS DSC



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It is not out of vanity that I give these references. It is rare to find so many aspects of scattering theory applicable to a system.






#### Example: SAXS and FTIR





#### The question:

# Is hydrogen bond formation the driving force or the consequence of the phase separation?





No SAXS No FTIR signal

SAXS FTIR signal

What comes first? The SAXS signal or the FTIR?





 Optimum thickness for transmission only for one technique



#### SAXS invariant and Hydrogen bond absorption band





### Polymer crystallisation

- This is a very interesting subject for combined experiments
- This can easily be treated in another 30 slides
- Main conclusion is that one has to keep an eye on the sensitivity of different techniques before drawing heavy conclusions

But.....



#### • I've bored you long enough now.....



## Thanks for your attention



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