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# Scienza e tecnologia dei materiali ceramici

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#### **Taxonomy of Ceramics**



- Properties:
  - -- Tm for glass is moderate, but large for other ceramics.
  - -- Small toughness, ductility; large moduli & creep resist.

#### Applications:

-- High T, wear resistant, novel uses from charge neutrality.

#### Fabrication

- -- some glasses can be easily formed
- -- other ceramics can not be formed or cast.

#### Packing of atoms determines structures

Packing efficiency can be characterized by coordination number which depends on cation-anion radius ratio (r<sub>c</sub>/r<sub>a</sub>)

Cation-anion radius ratio (r <sub>c</sub> /r <sub>a</sub> )	< 0.15 5	0.155 – 0.225	0.225 – 0.414	0.414 – 0.732	0.732 - 1.000	> 1.00 0
Coordination number	2	3	4	6	8	12







Rock Salt: MgO, CaO, NiO

### ROCKSALT (NaCI)





Zinc Blend and wurtzite: ZnO, SiC, BeO

## WURTZITE [(Zn,Fe)S]





## SPHALERITE [(Zn,Fe)s]





Fluoride struture: ZrO<sub>2</sub>, CeO<sub>2</sub>, UO<sub>2</sub>

# FLUORITE (CaF<sub>2</sub>)



# CORUNDUM (AI<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> - $\alpha$ )







## Cubic Body Centered



# PEROVSKITE (CaTiO<sub>3</sub>)





# Kröger – Vink Notation

Proposed in 1956 by F.A. Kröger and H.J. Vink in the journal Solid State Physics (F.A. Kröger, H.J. Vink, Relations between the Concentrations of Imperfections in Crystalline Solids, Solid State Physics, Volume 3, 1956, 307-435)

 Set of conventions used to describe lattice position and electric charge for point defects in crystalline structures

• The key concept is the crystal lattice to consist of <u>POSITIONS</u> and <u>ATOMS</u>



• There can be <u>unoccupied</u> positions :



these empty positions are called VACANCIES

In the picture, there is a Na vacancy, which is symbolized by:

 $V_{_{Na}}$ 

# Vacancy & Charge

However, like ions, also vacancies have charge:
 e.g. proceeding with the previous example, the absence of a ion Na<sup>+</sup> leads to a lack of positive charge, meaning a <u>negative charge</u> concentration!

Vacancies have always <u>CHARGE</u> to the missing ion





• 
$$\rightarrow$$
 negative charge e.g.  $V_{Na}^{\dagger}$   
•  $\rightarrow$  positive charge e.g.  $V_{O}^{\bullet \bullet}$  [Oxygen vacancy  
with 2 (+) charges]  
•  $\times$   $\rightarrow$  neutrality e.g.  $Cl_{Cl}^{\phantom{Cl} \times}$   
(neutrality may be unexpressed)

# Substitutional defect

An atom or a ion can be replaced by another:



• The Ca ion took the place of the Na ion, which is symbolized by:  $Ca_{Na}$ 

As Ca ion has 2 (+) charges, while Na ion has only 1 (+) charge, there is a total 1 (+) charge, so:

## Interstitial defect

An atom or a ion can be present on any site that would be unoccupied in a perfect crystal, as is typical for H<sup>+</sup> ions in metallic lattice:



• Interstitial  $H^+$  ion in Fe lattice is symbolized by:

# Pure electric charge



# • electron: $e^{h}$ • hole: $h^{\bullet}$



## Quasi – Chemical Approach to defect formation

Apply Chemical Equilibrium concepts to solid dissolutions of a substance into another

In order to be able to describe (hence with predictive purposes also) defects formation "reactions"

#### **RULES** for defect formation "reactions"

#### 1) SITE BALANCE,

#### 2) MASS BALANCE,

#### 3) CHARGE BALANCE.

#### Given a generic compound $M_A X_B$ :

- SITE BALANCE: at equilibrium the ratio of #M SITES (<u>NOT</u> actual atoms) to #X SITES must always be preserved
  - So, creating anionic sites must lead to the creation of cationic sites as well (and vice versa) IN THE RIGHT RATIO
- MASS BALANCE: defect formation reactions can't create nor destroy mass
- CHARGE BALANCE (Electro Neutrality Condition): preservation of crystal global neutrality
  - So, there can't be reactions which leave the crystal charged
  - So, the total sum of negative electric charges must be equal to total sum of positive charges

# Defects

### Perfect Crystal

- Orystal which has a completely ordered structure with atoms at rest and electrons distributed in the lowest possible energy states.
- But REAL crystals contain a variety of imperfections, or <u>defects</u>.
- In crystalline ceramics the structure and chemistry of the material will be determined by the kinetics of defect movement.

### Defects

What is special about ceramic defects is that they can be *charged*, while metals cannot.

OEFECT HIERARCHY: defects are often classified in terms of a dimensionality: oD, 1D, 2D, or 3D.

"Dimension"	Defect
0	Point defects
1	Line defects
2	Surfaces Grain boundaries Phase boundaries
3	Volume defects

• NB: In spite of the classification, <u>ALL</u> these defects are three-dimensional!

#### Point defects

Point defects are particularly important in ceramics because of the role they can play in determining the properties of a material.

e.g. the entire semiconductor industry is possible because of minute concentrations of point defects that are added to Si (dopants determine the whole material electrical properties: if it's n-type, p-type, or semi-insulating).

#### Point defects

• Types of point defects:

> Misplaced atoms & Solute atoms (substitutional defects: atoms or ions are replaced by others),

> Vacancies (empty positions),

- Interstitials (atoms or ions present on any site that would be unoccupied in a perfect crystal),
- > *Electronic defects* (electrons and holes),
- > Associated centers (two point defects which interact so that they can be considered as a single defect; if more atoms are involved, they would be called a defect cluster or a defect complex).

### Solid Solutions

 If a material crystallizes in the presence of foreign atoms, their inclusion in the main crystalline structure could:

- > <u>Increase</u> significantly system's energy  $\Rightarrow$  foreign atoms would be almost completely <u>excluded</u> from forming crystalline structure
- <u>Decrease</u> considerably system's energy ⇒ there would be the development of a <u>new crystalline form</u>
- > In intermediate cases, foreign atoms would fit in a random way in the forming crystalline structure  $\Rightarrow$  <u>SS</u>

• SS are stable, of course, when the mixed crystal has a lower  $\Delta G_{formation}$  than the other 2 alternatives.
Let's try to apply Quasi – Chemical Approach rules to 2 real instances:

**SS of calcium chloride (***CaCl*<sub>2</sub>**) in sodium chloride** (*NaCl*), which we would assume as a perfect crystal:

First of all, SS of CaCl<sub>2</sub> in NaCl is indicated as follows:

$$CaCl_2 \xrightarrow{NaCl} \rightarrow$$

MASS BALANCE:

 $CaCl_2 \xrightarrow{NaCl} Ca_{Na} + 2Cl_{Cl}$ 

• CHARGE BALANCE: being  $Ca^{++}$  the cation, it would probably substitute host  $Na^+$  cations, leading to an exceeding (+) charge  $\Rightarrow$  adding charges to previous equation:

$$CaCl_2 \longrightarrow Ca_{Na} + 2Cl_{Cl}$$

*but* this equation doesn't balance charges!! So...

• SITE BALANCE: in this example the right ratio anionic/cationic sites is 1:1: our equation doesn't balance lattice sites neither! So...

$$CaCl_2 \xrightarrow{NaCl} Ca_{Na} + 2Cl_{Cl} + V_{Na}$$

#### **REMARKS**:

- All balances are related to a *perfect*, *neutral* crystal.
- Having charge separation, we expect the new crystal to be a better conductor...
- The equation we wrote gives us a better knowledge of the system in an atomic scale:

e.g. we could represent it as:



[\*] close enough to balance charges!

**SS of titania (***TiO*<sub>2</sub>**) in magnesia (***MgO***)**, which we would still assume a perfect crystal

• Mg has a double valence, while Ti has 4 (+) charges...

 $TiO_2 \xrightarrow{MgO} Ti_{Mg} + 2O_O^{\times} + V_{Mg}^{\parallel}$ 

## Schottky Disorder

Simultaneous anionic and cationic vacancies.

- Total stoichiometry of the solid isn't compromised by Schottky disorders, because the number of empty *M* and *X* sites is balanced as to preserve local electro neutrality.
- Opposite charged vacancies tend to associate (they carry an *effective* charge), so they'd never be too far-away from one another.
- Schottky disorder formation "reaction":

$$\emptyset \xrightarrow{MgO} V_{Mg}^{\parallel} + V_{O}^{\bullet \bullet}$$

## Schottky Disorder

This is a common defect in alkali halides at high T.

• In oxides vacancies  $\Delta G_{formation}$  is 2x-3x  $\Delta G_{formation}$ (alkali halides), so at equilibrium the number of S. disorders in not relevant until very high T.

## Frenkel Disorder

Auto-interstitial defect: there is the same number of reticular vacancies and interstitial atoms, cause reticular atoms migrate in interstitial positions.

$$Ti_{Ti} \xrightarrow{TiO_2} V_{Ti}^{||||} + Ti_i^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}$$
  
e.g. halide:  $AgBr \quad Ag_{Ag} \xrightarrow{AgBr} V_{Ag}^{||} + Ag_i^{\bullet}$   
e.g. oxide:  $Y_2O_3 \quad O_0 \xrightarrow{Y_2O_3} V_0^{||} + O_i^{\bullet\bullet}$ 

## Frenkel Disorder

#### O This is a common defect in:

- Crystals with <u>fluorite structure</u>, which has large interstitial sites.
- Crystals with high polarizable ions, which can in an easier way set up in interstitial sites.
- The energy change for F. disorder formation depends strongly on reticular structure and ion characteristics.

# Some more examples

## SS of TiO<sub>2</sub> in MgO

- We wrote  $TiO_2 \xrightarrow{MgO} Ti_{Mg} + 2O_O^{\times} + V_{Mg}^{\parallel}$ for substitutional SS, <u>but</u> it could be also an interstitial SS:  $TiO_2 \xrightarrow{MgO} Ti_{Mg} + O_i^{\parallel} + O_O^{\times}$
- Which one is better?
- > Evaluate  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  and choose the favorite!
- > Usually it is  $\Delta G_i >> \Delta G_V \Rightarrow$  easier formation of vacancies than interstitials.

## SS of TiO<sub>2</sub> in MgO

This specific instance follows that general rule, too, as the passage of atoms to interstitial positions requires quite high energies:

 $|\Delta H_i >> \Delta H_V$ 

 $\odot \Rightarrow$  almost the entire part of defects will be substitutional:

$$TiO_{2} \xrightarrow{MgO} Ti_{Mg} + 2O_{O} + V_{Mg} + V_{Mg} = I$$
$$TiO_{2} \xrightarrow{MgO} Ti_{Mg} + O_{i} + O_{i} + O_{O} \times I$$

# ••• • There are, again, 2 possibilities: • $2CaO \xrightarrow{ZrO_2} Ca_{Zr}^{\parallel} + 2O_O^{\times} + Ca_i^{\bullet\bullet}$

to mantain constant the ratio anionic/cationic sites in zirconia's reticulum (of course interstitial is <u>not</u> considered to this aim)

$$\bigcirc \quad CaO \xrightarrow{ZrO_2} Ca_{Zr}^{\parallel} + O_O^{\times} + V_O^{\bullet}$$

• Zirconia has a <u>Fluorite</u> structure  $\Rightarrow$  lots of empty space inside  $\Rightarrow$  interstitials are <u>not</u> automatically privileged...



## Zirconia doped with calcia

• Let's consider the profiles of density in function of mole % of CaO in ZrO<sub>2</sub> (at T<sub>amb</sub>):



Experimentally, reaction ② is the favourite.

# Lambda sensor (or oxygen sensor)





DATAKEY

## Zirconia doped with yttria

# $Y_2O_3 \xrightarrow{ZrO_2} 2Y_{Zr} + V_O^{\bullet\bullet} + 3O_O^{\times}$

- Applications of *pure* zirconia are restricted because it shows *polymorphism*:
  - > It is *monoclinic* at room temperature
  - > Changes to the denser *tetragonal* phase from circa 1000 °C.
- The phase change t-ZrO<sub>2</sub>  $\leftrightarrows$  m-ZrO<sub>2</sub> shows a large change in volume ( $\Delta V=5\%$ ) which causes <u>extensive</u> <u>cracking</u>.
- The addition of some oxides (like CaO, Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) results in (meta)stabilizing the t-phase (or c-phase) at room temperature.



## Yttria-stabilized Zirconia



Cubic zirconia (or CZ) : hard, optically flawless and usually colorless (but may be made in a variety of different colors). Single crystals of the cubic phase of zirconia are commonly used as diamond simulant in jewellery.



Magnesia doped with lithium fluoride

 $LiF \xrightarrow{MgO} Li_{Mg} + F_{O}$ 

## Magnesia doped with alumina

 $Al_2O_3 \xrightarrow{MgO} 2Al_{Mg} + V_{Mg} + 3O_O^{\times}$ 

## Quasi – Chemical Approach Constant of Reaction

There's a need of a more immediate way to estimate defect concentration in crystals.

- Applying:
  - Kröger Vink notation
  - > Quasi Chemical approach

to equations that represent defect formation's processes

 A "constant of reaction" for those equation can be defined. With e.g.:  $TiO_2 \xrightarrow{MgO} Ti_{Mg} + 2O_O^{\times} + V_{Mg}^{\parallel}$ Defining:  $n_Y = \#$  sites for species Y

> $[M_X]$  = fraction of X species' reticular sites which have been occupied by M atoms



 $K_{r} = \frac{\left[Ti_{Mg} \bullet \left[V_{Mg} \right] \left[O_{O}^{\times}\right]^{2}\right]}{a_{TiO_{2}}}$ 

(where activity of solute specie is at the denominator)

And, going on with the "Quasi – Chemical" approach:  $K_r = e^{-\frac{\Delta G^{\circ}}{RT}}$ Where  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  is energy change associated with the dissolution process of  $TiO_2$  in MgO

$$\frac{\left[Ti_{Mg} \bullet \left[V_{Mg}\right] \right] 0}{a_{TiO_2}} = e^{-\frac{\Delta G^{\circ}}{RT}}$$

(1)

ENC (Electro Neutrality Condition):



Finally, the (1) becomes:

$$\left[Ti_{Mg}^{\bullet\bullet}\right] = \left(a_{TiO_2}\right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{\Delta G^{\circ}}{2}RT}$$

(2)

which permit to <u>ESTIMATE DEFECTS CONCENTRATION</u>

NOTE: 
$$0 < [Ti_{Mg}^{\bullet \bullet}] < 1$$

## Phase Diagram

#### In the phase diagram:



From equation [2] we can also obtain an expression for the SOLVUS LINE (remembering that, for solids, at equilibrium activity is *1*).

#### **Phase Diagram** So, when you come down on a composition line:



activity changes till when you reach the solvus line  $\rightarrow$  then in the microstructure you'll have precipitation of  $TiO_2$ .

# Some examples

## Schottky Disorder in magnesia

 $\emptyset \xrightarrow{MgO} V_{Mg}^{\parallel} + V_{O}^{\bullet \bullet}$ 

# $\Rightarrow \left[ V_{Mg}^{\parallel} \left[ V_{O}^{\bullet \bullet} \right] = K_{r} = e^{-\frac{\Delta H_{S}}{RT}}$

With:

 $\Delta H_{S} = 7.5 \frac{eV}{mol \gamma}$ 

## Schottky Disorder in magnesia

- So, at T = 2,000 K  $\Rightarrow$  [V]  $\approx 10^{-9}$
- $0 \Rightarrow \text{in } 1 \text{ mol there'll be} \approx 10^{+14} \text{ defects.} \left( n_V = \left[ V \right] \cdot n_{MgO} \right)$
- NB: in a *real* crystal, there'll be, in any case, <u>AT</u> <u>LEAST</u>  $10^{16} - 10^{17}$  defects/mol
- $\bullet \Rightarrow [V] \approx 10^{-6} 10^{-7}$

## Schottky Disorder in alumina

 $\bigcirc \xrightarrow{Al_2O_3} 2V_{Al} + 3V_O^{\bullet \bullet}$ 

 $\begin{bmatrix} V_O^{\bullet\bullet} \end{bmatrix}^3 \begin{bmatrix} V_{Al} \end{bmatrix}^2 = e^{-\frac{\Delta H_S}{RT}}$ 

With:  $\Delta H_S = 25 eV$ 

## Schottky Disorder in alumina

ENC:  $2en_{V_0} = 3en_{V_1}$  $n_{Al} = 2n_{Al_2O_3}$  $n_O = 3n_{Al_2O_3}$  $2n_O \left[ V_O^{\bullet \bullet} \right] = 3n_{Al} \left[ V_{Al}^{\parallel \parallel} \right]$  $2\left(3n_{Al_2O_2}\right)\left[V_O^{\bullet\bullet}\right] = 3\left(2n_{Al_2O_3}\right)\left[V_{Al}^{\parallel\parallel}\right]$  $\Rightarrow \left[ V_{O}^{\bullet \bullet} \right] = \left[ V_{Al}^{\parallel \parallel} \right]$  $\Rightarrow \left[ V_{O}^{\bullet \bullet} \right] = \left[ V_{Al}^{\parallel \parallel} \right] = e^{-\frac{\Delta H_{S}}{5RT}}$ 

## Schottky Disorder in alumina

# $\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} V_O \bullet \bullet \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{Al} \end{bmatrix} = e^{-\frac{\Delta H_S}{5RT}} \wedge \frac{\Delta H_S}{5RT} \text{ is sort of medium E per defect"}$

#### • So:

- I Schottky disorder in alumina disarranges 5 points in crystal structure (3 V<sub>O</sub> and 2 V<sub>AI</sub>)
- Schottky disorder in magnesia (previous example) disarranges
   points in crystal structure (1V<sub>0</sub> and 1V<sub>Mq</sub>)

## Schottky disorder's energy of formation

SPECIE	<b>ΔH</b> <sub>s</sub> [eV] =	⇒ E/defect [eV]
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	25	~5
MgO	7.5	3.75
CaO	6.1	3.05
NaCl	2.30	1.65
KCI	2.26	1.1
LiF	2.34	1.17
LiCl	2.12	1.1
LiBr	1.80	0.9
Lil	1.30	0.7

more stable

## Frenkel Disorder in urania

$$U_U \xrightarrow{\times} U_2 \longrightarrow U_i \xrightarrow{\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet} + V_U \parallel \parallel$$

$$\frac{\begin{bmatrix} U_i & & \\ U_i & & \\ \end{bmatrix}}{\begin{bmatrix} U_i & \times \end{bmatrix}} = e^{-\frac{\Delta H_F}{RT}}$$

• NB: thank to the low defect concentration,  $[U_U]$  is <u>SUBSTANTIALLY 1</u>.

## Frenkel Disorder in urania

$$ENC: 4en_{U_{i}} = 4en_{V_{U}}$$
As urania has a fluorite structure it is:  $n_{i} = \frac{1}{4}n_{U}$ 
 $n_{U} = n_{UO_{2}}$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n_{U_{i}}}{n_{i}} = 4\frac{n_{U_{i}}}{n_{U}} = 4\frac{n_{V_{U}}}{n_{U}} \Rightarrow \left[U_{i}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}\right] = 4\left[V_{U}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[U_{i}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}\right]^{2} = 4e^{-\frac{\Delta H_{F}}{RT}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[U_{i}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}\right] = 4e^{-\frac{\Delta H_{F}}{2RT}}$$

## Fuel rods for nuclear reactors



## Frenkel disorder's energy of formation

STRUCTURE	MATERIAL – interstitial	ΔG [eV]
	MgO – Mg	13.5
<u>Rocksalt</u> str.	MgO–O	17.6
	$AI_2O_3 - AI$	14
	$AI_2O_3 - O$	16.5
<u>Fluorite</u> str.	$UO_2 - U$	3.4
<u>Fluorite</u>	CaF <sub>2</sub> – Ca	2.8
till 147 °C: <u>wurtzite</u> (over 147 °C: <u>CBC</u> and there is also a metastable form, with <u>sphalerite</u> str.)	Agl – Ag	0.75

Oxygen has also a bigger steric effect

## Concentrations of charge carriers (electrons and holes)


Schematic of an isolated Si atom

- Consider a regular periodic arrangement of atoms in which each atom contains more than one electron (eg Si).
- Suppose the atom in this imaginary crystal contains e<sup>-</sup> up through the n=3 energy level.
- If the atoms are initially very far apart, the e<sup>-</sup> in adjacent atoms will not interact and will occupy the discrete energy levels.



Splitting of the s and p states of Si into the allowed and forbidden energy bands

- If these atoms are brought closer together, somehow (quantum mechanics), their quantized energy levels split and turn into many states grouped in "energy bands" (see diagrams)
- Conduction only happens if electrons have empty "states" available at nearby energy

#### • Considering an intrinsic semiconductor we have:



When an e<sup>-</sup> springs from VB to CB, it leaves a hole in VB According to Quasi – Chemical approach it's possible to represent this process as:

 $a + b^{\bullet}$ 

$$\left[ e^{I} \right] \left[ h^{\bullet} \right] = e^{-\frac{E_{GAP}}{RT}}$$

$$\left[ e^{I} \right] = \frac{n}{N_{C}} \qquad \left[ h^{\bullet} \right] = -\frac{1}{N_{C}}$$

where:

 $n = \frac{\#e^{-}}{CC}$   $p = \frac{\#holes}{CC}$   $N_{C} = \#availa$ 

 $N_{C} = \#$  available states (= electron E levels) in CB  $N_{V} = \#$  available states (= electron E levels) in VB

$$\frac{n}{N_C} \frac{p}{N_V} = e^{-\frac{E_{GAP}}{RT}}$$

- We have that  $N_C \cong N_V \cong 2.5 \cdot 10^{19} \frac{\#}{CC}$
- This is a number little lower than the number of atoms in 1 CC
- So almost every atom contributes with one state

If, as supposed, the S.C. is intrinsic, we can obtain the concentrations of charge carriers equation:

$$n = p = n_i$$



 $E_{GAP}$  $np = n_i^2 = N_C N_V e^{-1}$ RT $n_i = \sqrt{N_C N_V e^{-\frac{E_{GAP}}{2RT}}}$ 

#### Some E<sub>GAP</sub> values for ceramics:

Ceramic	Energy gap [eV]		
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7		
Si	1.1		
Single crystal ZnO	3.2		
Cd doped ZnO	~3.0		
Mg doped ZnO	~4.0		
Single crystal TiO <sub>2</sub>	3.23		

(Ceramics Science and Technology: Properties; Volume 2; Ralf Riedel, I-Wei Chen)

• Pay attention!! There are direct and indirect S.C.s, which means they may have respectively a direct or indirect transition...

#### **Direct transition**

#### Indirect transition



• Why did we evaluate  $\Delta H$  (instead of  $\Delta G$ )?

> Usually  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  is due mostly to system's free energy, as:

 $\Delta G = \Delta H - \Delta (TS)$ Usually  $\cong$  1-2% of  $\Delta G$ in solid dissolutions  $\Delta H = \Delta U + \Delta (PV)$ (ppm) negligible in SOLIDS

negligible in SOLIDS

 $\Rightarrow \Delta \overline{G} \cong \Delta H \cong \Delta U$ 

 $0 < [Ti_{Mo}^{\bullet \bullet}] < 1$ 

#### qualitatively:



If it is:

$$n_{Ti_{Mg}} \simeq 4 \cdot 10^{16} \, \# / _{Cm^3}$$

 $\Rightarrow \left[Ti_{Mg}^{\bullet\bullet}\right] \cong 10^{-6}$ 



 $U_{U} \xrightarrow{UO_2} U_i \xrightarrow{OO_2} V_i \xrightarrow{OO_2} V_{U}$ 

 $[U_U]$  is <u>SUBSTANTIALLY 1</u>:

Given a generic compound M<sub>A</sub>X<sub>B</sub>,
 With, e.g. 10<sup>9</sup> atoms of M:

$$\left[V_{M}\right] = 10^{-9} = \frac{1 \# V}{10^{9} \# M}$$



### Non-stoichiometry in Kroger Vink Notation

- Cd<sub>1-x</sub>O is non-stoichiometric (and this is due to the fact that more than one oxidation state is available for Cd)
- $\phi \to e' + h'$   $\left[e'\right] [h'] = K_e$   $K_e = e^{-E_g/RT}$
- $\phi \rightarrow V_O^{"} + V_{Cd}^{//}$   $[V_O^{"}] \left[ V_{Cd}^{//} \right] = K_S$   $K_e = e^{-E_S/RT}$
- $O_0^{\chi} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} O_{2(g)} + V_0^{"} + 2e^{/}$   $[V_0^{"}] \left[ e^{/} \right] P_{0_2}^{1/2} = K_P$   $K_e = e^{-E_P/RT}$

• 
$$\left[e^{/}\right]N_{C} + 2\left[V_{Cd}^{//}\right]N_{A}\frac{\rho}{PM} = [h^{\cdot}]N_{V} + 2\left[V_{O}^{\cdot\cdot}\right]N_{A}\frac{\rho}{PM}$$

- N<sub>c</sub> density of states in the conduction band
- N<sub>v</sub> density of states in the valency band
- N<sub>A</sub> Avogadro's number
- $\rho$  Density of CdO
- PM molecular weight of CdO

#### Kroeger-Vink diagram for metal oxide semiconductor MD



Schottki defects dominate

Electronic defects dominate

#### Famous case of non-stoichiometric compounds: ceramic superconductors

### • YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7-x</sub>



## Properties of Ceramics

#### Melting temperatures

Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2054 ± 6		
BaO	2013		
BeO	2780 ± 100		
Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	825		
CaO	2927 ± 50		
	2330 ± 15	B <sub>4</sub> C	2470 ± 20
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2330 ± 15 2175 ± 25	HfB <sub>2</sub>	2900
Eu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		HfC	3900
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Decomposes at 1735 K to	HfN	3390
5- 0	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> and oxygen	HfSi	2100
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1597 ± 2	MoSi <sub>2</sub>	2030
Li <sub>2</sub> O	1570	NbC	3615
Li <sub>2</sub> ZrO <sub>3</sub>	1610	NbN	2204
Ln <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2325 ± 25	SiC	2837
MgO	2852	Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	At 2151 K partial pressure of
			N <sub>2</sub> over Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> reaches 1 atm
Mullite	1850		
$Na_2O(\alpha)$	1132	TaB <sub>2</sub>	3150
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1512 ± 30	TaC	3985
Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2375 ± 25	TaSi <sub>2</sub>	2400
SrO	2665 ± 20	ThC	2625
Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1875 ± 25		
ThO <sub>2</sub>	3275 ± 25		
TiO <sub>2</sub> (rutile)	1857 ± 20		
UO <sub>2</sub>	2825 ± 25		
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	2067 ± 20		
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2403		
ZnO	1975 ± 25		
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	2677		

TABLE 34.3 Predominantly Covalent Ceramics with Very High Melting Temperatures		TABLE 34.4 Melting Temperatures of Alkaline Earth Meta Oxides				
Ceramic	T <sub>m</sub> (°C)	Covalent character of bond (%)	Oxide	T <sub>m</sub> (°C)	Covalent character (%)	$\phi (nm^{-1}) = Z/r$
HfC	3890	70	BeO	2780	37	57
TIC	3100	78	MgO	2852	27	28
WC	2775	85	CaO	2927	21	20
B <sub>4</sub> C	2425	94	SrO	2665	21	17
SIC	2300	88	BaO	2017	18	15
C (diamond)	3727	100	2			6

## Heat capacity







## Thermal expansion



## Thermal expansion

Ceramic	α (ppm/°C)	Ceramic	$\alpha (ppm/°C)$
	Binar	y oxides	
α-Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.2-8.8	ThO <sub>2</sub>	9.2
BaO	17.8	TiO <sub>2</sub>	8.5
BeO	8.5-9.0 (25-1000)	UO <sub>2</sub>	10.0
$Bi_2O_3(\alpha)$	14.0 (RT-730°C)	WO <sub>2</sub>	9.3 (25-1000)
$Bi_2O_3(\delta)$	24.0 (650-825°C)	Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.0 (c axis)
Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.5	ZnO	4.0 (a axis)
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.5	ZrO <sub>2</sub> (monoclinic)	7.0
HfO <sub>2</sub>	9.4-12.5	ZrO <sub>2</sub> (tetragonal)	12.0
MgO	13.5		



#### Asby map Young modulus/density



TABLE 16.2 Elastic Constants of Selected Polycrystalline Ceramics (20°C)						
Material	Crystal type	μ (GPa)	B (GPa)	v	E (GPa)	
Carbides						
С	Cubic	468	416	0.092	1022	
SiC	Cubic	170	210	0.181	402	
TaC	Cubic	118	217	0.270	300	
TiC	Cubic	182	242	0.199	437	
ZrC	Cubic	170	223	0.196	407	
Oxides						
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Trigonal	163	251	0.233	402	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ·MgO	Cubic	107	195	0.268	271	
BaO·TiO <sub>2</sub>	Tetragonal	67	177	0.332	178	
BeO	Tetragonal	165	224	0.204	397	
CoO	Cubic	70	185	0.332	186	
FeO·Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Cubic	91	162	0.263	230	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Trigonal	93	98	0.140	212	
MgO	Cubic	128	154	0.175	300	
2MgO·SiO <sub>2</sub>	Orthorhombic	81	128	0.239	201	
MnO	Cubic	66	154	0.313	173	
SrO	Cubic	59	82	0.210	143	
SrO.TiO <sub>2</sub>	Cubic	266	183	0.010	538	
TiO <sub>2</sub>	Tetragonal	113	206	0.268	287	
UO <sub>2</sub>	Cubic	87	212	0.319	230	
ZnO	Hexagonal	45	143	0.358	122	
ZrO2-12Y2O3	Cubic	89	204	0.310	233	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	Trigonal	44	38	0.082	95	

### Relations among elastic constants

- E, Young modulus
- $\circ$  v, Poisson modulus
- G, Rigidity (shear) modulus
- B, bulk modulus

• E = 2G(1 + v) E = 3K(1 - 2v)

• E=9KG/(3K-G) v=(3K-2G)/(6K+2G)



#### **Commonly Used Mechanical Testing Techniques**



## Strength



Tensile tests with and without luders behaviour https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8U4G5kcpcM

## Ashby map strength/density



# Ashby map strength/density



Material	E [GPa (psi)]	Estimated theoretical strength [GPa (psi)]	Measured strength of fibers [GPa (psi)]	Measured strength of polycrystalling specimen [GPa (psi)]
$Al_2O_3^a$	380	38	16	0.4
	$(55 \times 10^{6})$	$(5.5 \times 10^{6})$	$(2.3 \times 10^{6})$	$(60 \times 10^3)$
SiC	440	44	21	0.7
	$(64 \times 10^{6})$	$(6.4 \times 10^{6})$	$(3.0 \times 10^6)$	$(100 \times 10^3)$

**Table 5.3** Comparison of Theoretical Strength and Actual Strength

<sup>a</sup>From R. J. Stokes, *The Science of Ceramic Machining and Surface Finishing*, NBS Special Publication 348, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1972, p. 347.

## Flaws are Stress Concentrators



If the crack is similar to an elliptical hole through plate, and is oriented perpendicular to applied stress, the maximum

stress 
$$\sigma_m = \sigma_o \left(\frac{a}{\rho_t}\right)^{1/2} = K_t \sigma_o$$

where

 $\rho_t$  = radius of curvature

 $\sigma_o$  = applied stress

 $\sigma_m$  = stress at crack tip

a = length of surface crack or 1/2 length of internal crack

 $\sigma_m / \sigma_o = K_t$  the stress concentration factor





 $K = Y\sigma_{n}/\pi a$ 


### DESIGN AGAINST CRACK GROWTH

- Crack growth condition:  $K \ge K_c$  $Y_{\sigma}\sqrt{\pi a}$
- Largest, most stressed cracks grow first.
  - --Result 1: Max flaw size dictates design stress.



--Result 2: Design stress dictates max. flaw size.





#### **III.4 FRACTURE TOUGHNESS – STRENGTH**



COMPARING CERAMICS AND METALS PART I								
Property	Density (g/cm2)	Elastic modulus (GPa)	Flexural strength (GPa)		Max.service temperature (°C)			
Aluminum oxide (sintered)	3.9	395	300	38	1,700			
Zirconium oxide (sintered)	6.1	210	1,050	7	1,500			
Silicon carbide (hot press)	3.1	400	380	3	1,600			
Silicon nitride (Reaction bond- ed and sintered)	3.2	310	600	6	1,000			
Boron nitride (hot press)	2.3	675	51	2.6	1,000			
Silicon carbide (including fiber composite0	2.5	270	360	39	1,600			
Advanced high- strength steel (QuesTek C61)	7.9	200	1,650	140	430			





$$K_{c} = 0,016 \left(\frac{E}{H_{v}}\right)^{0,5} \frac{P}{c^{1,5}}$$

Figure 1. Crack formation by Vickers indentation.





Characterization	(µm)	Grain size E(GPa)	H(GPa)	$K_{c}(MPa \cdot m^{1/2})$	Toughness measurement <sup><math>\ell</math></sup>
Glass-ceramic	1	108	8.4	2.5	DCB (standard)
Amorphous		70	5.5	0.74	DCB (standard)
Amorphous		73	5.6	0.75	DCB (standard) (Ref. 27)
Amorphous		89	6.6	0.91	DCB (standard) (Ref. 27)
Amorphous		65	4.9	0.68	DCB (standard) (Ref. 27)
Polycrystal	3	406	20.1	3.9	DCB (standard)
Polycrystal	4	390	13.1	2.9	DCB (standard)
	20	305	19.1	4.6	DCB (D. B. Marshall)
Monocrystal		425	21.8	2.1	DT (A. G. Evans' and E. A.
-					Charles, <sup>†</sup> Ref. 20)
Polycrystal	2	300	18.5	4.0	DCB (standard)
Polycrystal	10	170	9.6	2.0	DT (S. M. Wiederhorn <sup>‡</sup> and
					N. J. Tighe <sup>*</sup> )
Polycrystal	4	436	24.0	4.0	DT (S. M. Wiederhorn <sup>‡</sup> and
					N. J. Tighe <sup>‡</sup> )
Polycrystal	50	210	10.0	7.6	DCB (D. B. Marshall)
Monocrystal*		168	10.6	0.7	DT (S. M. Wiederhorn <sup>‡</sup> and
-					E. R. Fuller <sup>‡</sup> )
Polycrystal	3	575	13.2	12	DT (S. W. Freiman <sup>1</sup> )
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Table I. Materials Used in Indentation Toughness Studies

"Pyroceram, Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y.<sup>b</sup> Commercial sheet glass. 'National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C. "Coors Porcelain Co., Golden, Colo. "Vistal, Coors Porcelain Co. 'Linde, Union Carbide Co., New York, N. Y. "Norton Co., Worcester, Mass. "CSIRO, Australia. "Texas Instruments, Inc., Dallas. "Rods, [0001] 30° to axis. 'Disks, [111] parallel to axis. 'DT-double torsion, DCB=double cantilever beam. "University of California, Berkeley. "Rockwell International Science Center, Thousand Oaks, Calif. "National Bureau of Standards.



**Fig. 5.** Plot demonstrating correlation between toughness values determined by indentation and by conventional means. Filled symbols denote reference materials used to evaluate constant  $\S_V^R$  in Eq. (4). Vertical error bars represent uncertainty (standard deviation) in parameter  $P/c_0^{3/2}$  obtained from Fig. 4, horizontal error bars nominal accuracy of  $K_c$  values taken from Table I.

ISB determination of K<sub>Ic</sub>





### Sample deformation at a constant stress (o) vs. time



Primary Creep: slope (creep rate) decreases with time.

Secondary Creep: steady-state i.e., constant slope.

Tertiary Creep: slope (creep rate) increases with time, i.e. acceleration of rate.



### Creep

- A typical creep test consists of subjecting a specimen to a constant load or stress while maintaining constant temperature.
- Upon loading, there is instant elastic deformation. The resulting creep curve consists of 3 regions: primary or transient creep adjusts to the creep level (creep rate may decrease); secondary creepsteady state-constant creep rate, fairly linear region (strain hardening and recovery stage); tertiary creep, there is accelerated rate of strain until rupture (grain boundary separation, internal crack formation, cavities and voids).



Creep strain vs time at constant load and constant elevated temperature. Minimum creep rate (steady-state creep rate), is the slope of the linear segment in the secondary region. Rupture lifetime t<sub>r</sub> is the total time to rupture.

### Secondary Creep

Strain rate is constant at a given *T*, σ
 -- strain hardening is balanced by recovery





### Ashby map Therm. Expan./therm Conduc



### Thermal shock resistance

Table 8.8	Calculated Values of the Thermal Shock Parameter $R$ for
Various Ce	ramic Materials Using Typical Property Data

Material	Strength,ª σ (psi)	Poisson's Ratio, v	Thermal Expansion, α (in./in. · °C)	Elastic Modulus, <i>E</i> (psi)	$R = \frac{\sigma(1 - \nu)}{\alpha E}$ (°C)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	50,000	0.22	$7.4 \times 10^{-6}$	$55 \times 10^{6}$	96
SiC	60,000	0.17	$3.8 \times 10^{-6}$	$58 \times 10^{6}$	230
<b>RSSN</b> <sup>b</sup>	45,000	0.24	$2.4 \times 10^{-6}$	$25 \times 10^{6}$	570
<b>HPSN</b> <sup>b</sup>	100,000	0.27	$2.5 \times 10^{-6}$	$45 \times 10^{6}$	650
LAS <sup>b</sup>	20,000	0.27	$-0.3 \times 10^{-6}$	$10 \times 10^{6}$	4860

<sup>a</sup>Flexure strength used rather than tensile strength.

<sup>b</sup>RSSN, reaction-sintered silicon nitride; HPSN, hot-pressed silicon nitride; LAS, lithium aluminum silicate ( $\beta$ -spodumene).



**Figure 8.32** Typical results of retained strength versus thermal shock  $\Delta T$  for quench test. Example is for hot-pressed Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> material containing 3% MgO as a densification aid. (From G. Ziegler, in *Progress in Nitrogen Ceramics* [F. L. Riley, ed.] Martinas Nijhoff Publishers, The Hague, 1983.)

#### **Thermal shock testing of Schott glasses**

### Stress data for Weibull plot

#### Ergebnisse:

	Р	σ	Pr	d	r3
Nr	N	MPa		mm	mm
1	998,3	1190	0,00	1,185	6,735
2	993,3	1190	0,00	1,181	6,875
3	1034,9	1200	0,00	1,2	6,895
4	994,4	1190	0,00	1,181	6,88
5	1002,2	1180	0,00	1,192	6,935
6	1026,4	1210	0,00	1,192	6,9
7	1035,1	1210	0,00	1,194	6,915
8	940,4	1120	0,00	1,184	6,9
9	1026,8	1190	0,00	1,199	6,935
10	1000,4	1180	0,00	1,192	6,935
11	971,5	1170	0,00	1,176	6,945
12	993,2	1190	0,00	1,183	6,885

	Р	σ	Pr	d	r3
Nr	N	MPa		mm	mm
13	1013,2	1200	0,00	1,19	6,885
14	1018,6	1210	0,00	1,185	6,945
15	994,4	1180	0,00	1,189	6,9
16	980,9	1170	-	1,186	6,9
17	1016,7	1210	-	1,186	6,92
18	992,1	1170	-	1,191	6,945
19	1033,9	1240	-	1,184	6,865
20	989,6	1170	-	1,188	6,88
21	998,7	1190	-	1,187	6,94
22	1025,5	1210	-	1,19	6,895
23	985,1	1170	-	1,188	6,915

#### Seriengrafik:



## Data from SKF







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**Figure 15.8** Example of the use of Weibull plots to compare material. (Adapted from J.F. Rhodes, H.M. Rootare, C.A. Springs, and J.E. Peters, data presented at the 88th Annual Meeting of the American Ceramic Society, Chicago, Ill. April 28, 1986.)



**Figure 15.10** Weibull plots comparing the strength of a sintered  $Si_3N_4$  fabricated by various techniques. IP is isostatically pressed, SC is slip-cast, and IM is injectionmolded. (From A. Pasto, J. Neil, and C.L. Quackenbush, paper presented at International Conference on Ultrastructure Processing of Ceramics, Glasses and Composites, Gainesville, Florida, Feb. 13–17, 1983.)



**Figure 15.11** Finite-element analysis model for a ceramic rotor blade for a gasturbine engine. (© ASM International.)



**Figure 15.12** Rotor blade spin proof-test results that show good correlation between predicted and actual probability of failure for hot-pressed  $Si_3N_4$  rotor blades. (From D. W. Richerson, Design with ceramics for heat engines, paper presented at U.S./Japan Seminar on Structural Ceramics, Seattle, Wash., Aug. 13–15, 1984.) Raw materials for traditional ceramics

 Halloysite Al<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O
 Montmorillonite (Na,Ca)<sub>0,3</sub>(Al,Mg)<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>·n(H<sub>2</sub>O)

In genere prodotto di dilavamento feldspatico:
 Feldspati (Ba,Ca,Na,K,NH<sub>4</sub>)(Al,B,Si)<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>

### **Clay Mineral Structure**



- Silica, Aluminum atom
- Magnesium atom
- Oxygen atom
- Hydroxyl group

# Montmorillonite



## Processo Bayer



## Zirconia powder preparation

Zircon sand (zirconium silicate ZrSiO<sub>4</sub>)

 $ZrSiO_4 + 4NaOH (Fusion) \rightarrow Na_2ZrO_3 + Na_2SiO_3 + 2H_2O \quad fusion with sodium hydroxide (NaOH) at 870 K$ 



Zirconyl chloride, ZrOCl<sub>2</sub>

precipitation of pure intermediates and reactions

with amonia (NH<sub>4</sub>OH) or sodium hydroxide (NaOH) or sodium carbonate(Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>)







## **Measuring Particle Size**

- Most common method uses screens of different mesh sizes
- Mesh count refers to the number of openings per linear inch of screen
  - A mesh count of 200 means there are 200 openings per linear inch
  - Since the mesh is square, the count is equal in both directions, and the total number of openings per square inch is 200<sup>2</sup> = 40,000
  - Higher mesh count = smaller particle size





# **Dynamic light scattering**












### Industrial ball mills



### Attrition milling



**Figure 9.7** Schematic of an attrition mill. (Adapted from T. P. Herbell and T. K. Glasgow, NASA, paper presented at the DOE Highway Vehicle Systems Contractors Coordination Meeting, Dearborn, Mich., Oct. 17–20, 1978.)

### Industrial attrition mills

#### **CENTRIFUGAL IMPACT MILLS**







air flow. (b) Nozzle atomizer using mixed-flow conditions.



Overall process from starting powder to slurry: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHD1SzAJjU8

### Slurry preparation (impasto/barbottina)

Ceramic powder	50%
Water (or other suspension media)	40%
Binder (legante)	5%
<ul><li>Organic: PVA, PEG, Cellulose, starch</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>Inorganic: Clay, colloidal silica, aluminates</li> </ul>	
Plasticizer (plasticizzante)	2-3%
Lubricant (lubrificante)	1-2%
<ul> <li>Stearic acid or stearata</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Graphite, BN, steatite</li> </ul>	

## Typical composition of slurry

Amounts (%)
65–70
1.25
25
1.75
2

Refractory alumina		High alumina		Electrical porcelain	
Alumina (<20µm)	50	Alumina (<20µm)	46	Quartz (<44µm)	16
Hydroxyethyl cellulose	6	Ball clay	4	Feldspar (<44µm)	16
Water	44	Methylcellulose	2	Kaolin	16
$AICI_{3}(pH > 8.5)$	<1	Water	48	Ball clay	16
		MgCl <sub>2</sub>	<1	Water	36
				CaCl <sub>2</sub>	<1

<b>TABLE 23.4</b>	Additives for	Injection	Molding of SiC
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Function	Example	Quantity (wt%)	Volatilization temperature
Thermoplastic resin	Ethyl cellulose	9–17	200-400°C
	Polyethylene		
	Polyethylene glycol		
Wax or high-temperature volatilizing oil	Paraffin	2-3.5	150–190°C
	Mineral oils		
	Vegetable oils		
Low-temperature volatilizing hydrocarbon or oil	Animal oils	4.5-8.5	50–150°C
	Vegetable oils		
	Mineral oils		
Lubricant or mold release	Fatty acids	1-3	
	Fatty alcohols		
	Fatty esters		
Thermosetting resin	Epoxy		Gives carbon
	Polyphenylene		450-1000°C
	Phenol formaldehyde		

### Uuniaxial pressing



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuxRkt\_icso

### **Cold Isostatic Pressing**



Figure 10.18 Schematic of a wet-bag isostatic pressing system. (© ASM International.)



Figure 10.19 Schematic of a die for dry-bag isostatic pressing of a spark plug insulator. (© ASM International.)

### Uniaxial hot press



### Isostatic Hot press



### **Drain Casting**



**Figure 10.34** Schematic illustrating the drain-casting process. (a) Fill mold with slip, (b) mold extracts liquid, forms compact along mold walls, (c) excess slip drained, and (d) casting removed after partial drying.





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZzOTX9lhqs

# **SLIP CASTING**



















#### Components and features of a (single-screw) extruder for plastics and elastomers

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqloeOubnmY

Refractory alumina		High alumina		Electrical porcelain	
Alumina (<20µm)	50	Alumina (<20µm)	46	Quartz (<44µm)	16
Hydroxyethyl cellulose	6	Ball clay	4	Feldspar (<44µm)	16
Water	44	Methylcellulose	2	Kaolin	16
$AICI_{3}(pH > 8.5)$	<1	Water	48	Ball clay	16
		MgCl <sub>2</sub>	<1	Water	36
				CaCl <sub>2</sub>	<1

### SINTERING PROCESS

Silvia Dalla Marta (dal corso di Scienza e tecnologia dei materiali ceramici prof. V. Sergo) It is a thermal process of microstructural rearrangement in which the particles of powder are compacted and the porosity decreases to form a dense piece of ceramic.

monodisperse powder fcc or hcp: PF=74.5%

ceramic matherial with porosity: *before sintering* 



#### FORMATURE?

The absence of defects and porosity is very important for the *mechanical properties*:

$$K_{IC} = y\sigma\sqrt{c}$$

K: the parameter for the determination of the stress at the tip of the crack. y: dimensionless constant that depends on defect's geometry and load c: length of defect (m)

For the polycrystalline alumina:  $K_{IC} = 3MPa\sqrt{m}$ 

In ceramics materials these values are very low compared to metals. A very small defect or porosity lead to failure during an application of stress.



#### **BEFORE SINTERING:**

- powder compact united by weaks Van der Waals forces
- individual grains separated by 25-60% of volume porosity



Considering two particles of ceramic material in contact with each other:

- concave zone
- onvex zone

The atoms in a convex zone tend to *migrate* in a concave zone in according to a diffusion process actived by temperature.

#### DIFFUSION PROCESS

- Thermodinamically favored
- kinetically slow

FICK' S LAW (1D):



Diffusion coefficient:

In order of kinetics to be fast enough for microstructural rearrangment to occur in *short time*, the sintering temperature must be:



### SINTERING MECHANISMS

 SURFACE DIFFUSION
 VAPOR TRANSPORT

#### NO densification

thinning of the particles

#### • BULK DIFFUSION

• GRAIN BOUNDARY DIFFUSION

densification

decrease of the distance between particle centres

#### Thinning due to vapor phase matherial transfer:



Fig. 12.17. Photomicrographs of sintering sodium chloride at 750°C: (a) 1 min, (b) 90 min.

#### DENSIFICATION:

- atoms migration in the neck zone
- o pores disappearence
- obtaining straight grain boundaries
- same chemical potential
- thermodynamically stable



#### More frequent: Grain size distribution!

#### Monodispersed powder: rare and expensive!





#### SECONDARY ABNORMAL OF BOUNDARY

Since grain boundaries migrate toward their centre of curvature, grains with more than 6 sides tend to incorporate grains with less than 6 sides.





# Growth of a large Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> crystal into a matrix of uniformly sized grain.

Polycrystalline flurite CaF<sub>2</sub> illustrating normal grain growth

#### PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF MICROSTRUCTURE IN *LUCALOX ALUMINA*

a) SEM of initial particles befor sintering (5000x)



# b) SEM of particles after1minute at 1700°C (5000x)

# c) SEM of particles after 2 minutes at 1700°C (5000x)





# d) SEM of particles after 6 minutes at 1700°C (5000x)



e) SEM of the final microstructure that is nearly porefree, with only a few pores located within grains (500x)



PRESSURE DIFFERENCE ACROSS A CURVED SURFACE

- The differences in the curvature of surface, causes a pressure difference in the various part of system, that leads to atoms transport.
- At the surface of the particle there is a positive radius of curvature, so that the vapour pressure is larger than would be observed in a flat surface.
- At the junction between particles there is a NECK whith a small negative radius of curvatures and a vapour pressure lower than that for the particle itself.



P : Supplementary pressure to create the bubble.

 $\gamma$ : surface tension

### SPHERICAL MODEL: $A = 4\pi R^{2} \qquad V = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^{3}$

 $pdV = \gamma_{LV} dA$  $\Delta p 4\pi R^2 dR = \gamma_{LV} 8\pi R dR$ 

 $\Delta p = \frac{2\gamma_{LV}}{R}$ 

#### GENERICALLY:

 $\Delta p = \gamma_{LV} \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$ 

 $H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H_2O(g)$ 

in equilibrium condition

$$p^{\circ} = K_e = e^{-\frac{\Delta G^0}{RT}}$$

vapour pressure of water in a flat liquid-vapour interface

If the liquid-vapour interface is not flat, as in a small drops, the water has a vapour pressure that is larger than that in a flat surface:

$$e^{-\frac{\Delta G}{RT}} = e^{-\frac{\Delta G^0}{RT}} e^{-\frac{\overline{V}\Delta P}{RT}}$$

$$P_{H_2O} = P_{H_2O}^0 e^{-\frac{2\gamma \bar{V}}{rRT}}$$

 $P_{H_2O}^0$ : standard vapour pression

$\Delta p$ for water drops of different radii at STP				
Droplet radius	1 mm	0.1 mm	1 µm	10 nm
$\Delta p$ (atm)	0.0014	0.0144	1.436	143.6
### ENERGY SURFACE

# in a densification process in which the only energy is given by radius of curvature:

$$\overline{V} = \frac{MW}{\rho}$$

$$N = \frac{3MW}{4\pi a^3 \rho} = \frac{3\overline{V}}{4\pi a^3}$$

$$S_A = 4\pi a^2 N = \frac{4\pi a^2 3MW}{4\pi a^3 \rho} = 3\frac{\overline{V}}{a}$$

$$E_S = S_A \gamma = \frac{3\overline{V}\gamma}{a}$$

$\overline{V}$	: molecular volume	$\frac{cm^3}{mol}$
ρ	: density	$\frac{g}{cm^3}$
a	: particle radius	≈ µm
N	: number of particles in a mo	ole of powder
$S_A$	: surface area	$m^2$
$E_{s}$	:surface energy	$\frac{J}{mol}$
γ	: surface tension	$\approx 1 \frac{J}{m^2}$
MW	: molecular weight	$\frac{g}{mol}$

Energy available without added pressure in a sintering pocess of alumina:

 $E_{s} = \frac{3\overline{V\gamma}}{a} = 75 \frac{J}{mol}$ • Energy available with added pressure in the same sintering:

$$w = P_A \overline{V} = 750 \frac{J}{mol}$$

P = 30Mpa

$$\overline{V}_{Al_2O_3} = 25 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{m^3}{mol}$$



Fig. 12.30. Densification of beryllia by sintering and by hot pressing at 2000 psi.

Image from Kingery



true in the absence of friction:

otherwise:

F = ma

$$F = m\frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{v}{M}$$
$$D = MRT$$

Einstein's generalized equation of mobility:

 $\frac{v}{M}$  : friction coefficient

M : mobility

D: diffusion coefficient

KINETIC MODELING OF SINTERING PROCESS

PARAMETERS TO DEFINE THE MODEL:

- define a DRIVING FORCE
- define the GEOMETRY
- *define the MECHANISM OFTRANSPORT*

#### STAGES OF THE SINTERING:

- INITIAL STAGE : from 50-55% to 75% of TD → MODELING
- INTERMEDIATE STAGE : from 75% to 92% of TD
- FINAL STAGE : from 92% to 100% of TD



ho: radius of the neck's curvature ho: radius of particle ho: parameter indicated the progress of the sintering

### GEOMETRY

$$(r+\rho)^{2} = (r-\rho)^{2} + (x+\rho)^{2}$$
$$\rho = \frac{x^{2}}{4r}$$
$$A_{Neck} = 2\pi x \cdot \pi \rho = \frac{\pi^{2} x^{3}}{2r}$$

 $V_{Neck} = \frac{\pi x^4}{8r}$ 

Approximations :  $\rho^2 = 0$  $x\rho = 0$  FLUX

The material transfer is linked to the flux.

Considering the area through which the transport takes (the neck area):

$$J = \frac{1}{A_{Neck}} \frac{d}{MW} \frac{dV_{Neck}}{dt}$$

d : density MW : molecoular weight J : flux

$$\frac{dV_{Neck}}{dt} = \frac{4\pi x^3}{8r} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\pi x^3}{2r} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Variation of the neck volume based on the increase of the 'x' parameter:

 $J = \frac{2r}{\pi^2 x^3} \frac{d}{MW} \frac{\pi x^3}{2r} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{\pi \overline{V}} \frac{dx}{dt}$ 

#### FLUX expressed as a DRIVING RORCE



c : concentrationM : mobility of bulk and grain boundary atomsF : force

$$F = -\nabla G = -\frac{dG}{dx} \approx \frac{dG}{\rho}$$

Variation of the free energy during the diffusion on the neck area:

$$\Delta G = \Delta p \overline{V} = \overline{V} \gamma \left( \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right) = \overline{V} \gamma \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{\rho} \right) = \frac{V \gamma}{\rho}$$

$$F = \frac{\Delta G}{\rho} = \frac{\overline{V}\gamma}{\rho^2}$$

 $J = cMF = c\frac{D}{RT}\frac{V\gamma}{\rho^2}$ 

 $\frac{1}{\overline{V}\pi}\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{cD}{RT}\frac{\overline{V}\gamma}{x^4}$  $\frac{1}{16r^2}$ 

#### integration between o and x

t=0, x=0

 $\frac{1}{5}x^5 = \frac{5\pi V^2 cD\gamma r^2}{PT}t$ 

 $x = \left(\frac{5\pi \overline{V}^2 cD\gamma r^2}{RT}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} t^{\frac{1}{5}}$ 

t: sintering time

Variation of the volume of the particles in the sintering process during the time:



# Variation of the relative density variatung time and temperature:



The increase of a few degrees in temperature has much more influence on the grain size than the increase of a one order of magnitude of the time



**Figure 11.9** Comparison of the microstructure and translucency of relatively porefree  $Al_2O_3$  (a) with that of opaque  $Al_2O_3$  containing pores trapped in grains (b). Translucent  $Al_2O_3$  tubes are used in sodium vapor lamps that provide energy efficient street lights. (Courtesy of General Electric.)







FIGURE 24.21 Elongated exaggerated grain in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

- During the growth, the larger grain leaves behind a lot of pores and the piece can not achive the 100% of theoretical density (DT).
- To avoid the pore incorporation inside the grain, the speed of grain boudaries must be lower than that of the pores.
- Some impurities can segregate on grain boundary (GRAIN BOUNDARY PINNING) slowing the growth and so it's possible to achive the 100% of DT.

v pore > v grain boundary



E.G. :

ALUMINA 'LUCALOX ': polycrystalline Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> - 1% MgO



FIGURE 24.14 (a-e) GB/pore interaction: the break-away process.









100 T (°C) 20



FIGURE 24.27 Two-phase ceramics. (a) As sintered and (b) heat treated at 1600°C for 30 hours. ZTA 30% (zirconia-toughened alumina with 30 vol% YSZ containing 10 molar% yttria).

### WETTABILITY

Is the ability of a drop of liquid to recline on a solid surface. Varying the pressur is changed the wettability.



- $\alpha$  : contact angle
- $\gamma_{LV}$  : liquid-vapour interfacial energy
- γ<sub>LS</sub> : liquid-solid interfacial energy
- $\gamma_{SV}$  : solid-vapour interfacial energy

The contact angle specifies the condition for minimum energy, according to the relation:

$$\gamma_{SL} + \gamma_{LV} \cos \alpha = \gamma_{SV}$$
$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\gamma_{SV} - \gamma_{SL}}{\gamma_{LV}}$$

possible cases:



 $\begin{array}{l} \alpha > 90^{\circ} \longrightarrow \text{ non-wettability} \\ \alpha < 90^{\circ} \longrightarrow \text{ wettability} \\ \alpha = 0 \longrightarrow \text{ spreading} \end{array}$ 

### LIQUID PHASE SINTERING

- It is the process of adding an additive to the powder which will melt before the ceramic grains.
- The metal added, at high temperatures, melt and WET the grains. The intergranulary spaces are such as to have a capillary forces which attract the grain one another.
- (By lowering the temperature, the amorphous phase does not wet the grains anymore and ritires in triple junctions.)
- (This gives good mechanical proprieties.)
- E.G. : WIDIA (93% WC in a Co matrix).

# Liquid phase sintered SiC





## Lquid phase sintered SiAION











Figure 1. Typical microstructure of polycrystalline ZnO used in this work, after thermal etching at 1150 °C, for 1 h, in air.









### PROCEDURE FOR THE SINTERING PROCESS

- Determination of the  $T_m$  T<sub>sintering</sub> = 2/3 T<sub>m</sub> E.G.: Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> T<sub>m</sub> = 2400°C T<sub>sintering</sub> = 1600°C
- CALCINATION (200°C-300°C under the sintering temperature)
   E.G.: ZrO<sub>2</sub> stabilized by CaO, Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CeO<sub>2</sub>
- FORMING the ceramic parts
- SINTERING

 $\sqrt{D \cdot t}$ 

### **DENSITY DETERMINATION BY ARCHIMEDE'S PRINCIPLE**

- D = dry weight
- boil the piece for 5 hours
- W = wet weight in air
- S = wet weight in water suspended
- V = external volume of the piece: V = W - S
- **BULK DENSITY** B = D/V
- P = apparent porosity

P = (W-D)/V



### TYPICAL SINTERING TIME-TEMPERATURE PROFILE



t

## Flaws are Stress Concentrators



If the crack is similar to an elliptical hole through plate, and is oriented perpendicular to applied stress, the maximum

$$\sigma_m = 2\sigma_o \left(\frac{a}{\rho_t}\right)^{1/2} = K_t \sigma_o$$

where

- $\rho_t$  = radius of curvature
- $\sigma_o = applied stress$
- $\sigma_m$  = stress at crack tip

a = length of surface crack or 1/2 length of internal crack

 $\sigma_m / \sigma_o = K_t$  the stress concentration factor

# **Brittle Fracture of Ceramics**

- Most ceramics (at room temperature) fracture before any plastic deformation can occur.
- Typical crack configurations for 4 common loading methods.



Impact or point loading (a)



Bending (b)





## Undistinct features: brittle fracture (SiC)



## Fatigue

- Fracture surface with crack initiation at top. Surface shows predominantly dull fibrous texture where rapid failure occurred after crack achieved critical size.
- Fatigue failure
  - 1. Crack initiation
  - 2. Crack propagation
  - 3. Final failure



Region of slow

Region of rapid failure
#### **Brittle Fracture of Ceramics**

- Surface of a 6-mm diameter fused silica rod.
- Characteristic fracture behavior in ceramics
  - Origin point
  - Initial region (mirror) is flat and smooth
  - After reaches critical velocity crack branches
    - mist
    - hackle







#### Fracture of glass



#### Fracture surface of silicon nitride with steel impurity

Si 100µm ⊢ 10µm -Cr Fe

# Fracture surface of lathe machined Silicon nitride





## Roadmap for fractography



#### Roadmap for correcting failure



## Toughening by whiskers and fibers



FIGURE 18.18 SEM image showing fiber pullout on the fracture surface of AIPO<sub>4</sub>-coated alumina/mullite fiber/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> CMC, hot pressed at 1250°C for 1 h.



## Glass theory

- Glasses lack the periodic (long range) order of a crystal
- $\textcircled{\bullet}$
- Infinite unit cell (no repeating large scale structures)
- •
- 3D network lacking symmetry and periodicity
- •
- ISOTROPIC: same average packing and properties in all directions
- $oldsymbol{O}$
- Crystals in different directions(see above):
- different atom packing and so different properties





FIGURE 21.1 Plot of volume versus temperature for a liquid that forms a glass on cooling and one that forms a crystalline solid. The glass transition temperature,  $T_g$ , depends on the cooling rate and is not fixed like  $T_m$ .





### Radial distribution function for SiO<sub>2</sub>







# Zachariasen rules for glass A<sub>m</sub>O<sub>n</sub>

- An oxygen atom is linked to no more than two glass-forming atoms A.
- 2) The number of oxygen atoms around each glass-forming atom A is small, perhaps 3 or 4.
- 3) Among the oxygen-containing polyhedra, a polyhedron cation A shares corners, but no sides or faces.
- 4) For three-dimensional networks of oxygencontaining polyhedra, at least three corners must be shared.
- In general, all four rules should be satisfied for glass formation to occur.
- Low coordination numbers, corner-sharing rules imply that glass formation is more likely with open, low density polyhedral structures.



- 1. Consider Silica:
  - covalent Si-O bond: sp<sup>3</sup> hybrid
    - tetrahedral bonding
- Pauling's packing rule:

 $\frac{r(Si^{4+})}{r(O^{2-})} = \frac{0.40}{1.40} \approx 0.29 \quad prefers \ tetrahedral \ bonding$ 

satisfies Zachariasen's rule #2.

 $\frac{ch \arg e(Si^{4+})}{CN(Si^{4+})} = \frac{4}{4} = \frac{ch \arg e(O^{2-})}{CN(O^{2-})} = \frac{2}{2} \qquad CN(O^{2-}) \text{ is } 2.$ 

satisfies Zachariasen's rule #1.

Crystal structure: sharing four corners: All Rules are Satisfied: SiO<sub>2</sub> forms a glass.



- 2. Consider Magnesia (MgO):
- ionic Mg-O bond
  - Pauling's packing rule:

 $\frac{r(Mg^{2+})}{r(O^{2-})} = \frac{0.72}{1.40} \approx 0.51 \quad \text{prefers octahedral bonding}$ 

violates Zachariasen's rule #2.

$$\frac{charge(Mg^{2+})}{CN(Mg^{2+})} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{charge(O^{2-})}{CN(O^{2-})} = \frac{2}{6} \qquad CN(O^{2-}) \text{ is } 6.$$

violates Zachariasen's rule #1.

Crystal structure: edge-sharing polyhedra; Rules are Not Satisfied: MgO does not form a glass.





3. Consider Alumina (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>): • Pauling's packing rule:  $\frac{r(A^{3^+})}{r(O^{2^-})} = \frac{0.53}{1.40} \approx 0.38 \quad octahedral / tetrahedral boundary$ • octahedral CN preferred in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.  $\frac{charg e(A^{3^+})}{CN(A^{3^+})} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{charg e(O^{2^-})}{CN(O^{2^-})} = \frac{2}{4} \quad CN(O^{2^-}) \text{ is } 4.$ • violates Zachariasen's rule #1.

 $Al_2O_3$  does not form a glass.

# Elements for glass formation

Formers	Modifiers	Intermediate
		<b></b> -
● B	Sc	Ti
o Si	La	Zr
• Ge	Na	Pb
	Κ	Al
<ul><li>V</li><li>As</li></ul>	Rb	Th
As	Cs	

#### Log Glass Viscosity vs. Temperature

Viscosity decreases with T



- soda-lime glass: 70% SiO<sub>2</sub> balance Na<sub>2</sub>O (soda) & CaO (lime)
- borosilicate (Pyrex): 13% B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 3.5% Na<sub>2</sub>O, 2.5% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
- Vycor: 96% SiO<sub>2</sub>, 4% B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
- fused silica: > 99.5 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>

#### strain point annealing point

#### Working range:

#### glass-forming carried out

Adapted from Fig. 13.7, Callister & Rethwisch 8e. (Fig. 13.7 is from E.B. Shand, Engineering Glass, Modern Materials, Vol. 6, Academic Press, New York, 1968, p. 262.)

# Glass Viscosity and Workability



# Pilkington process



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ig4G5WbOMLc



# Glass bending







#### Bottle production line

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A\_M8WBJMcMo



FIGURE 31.1 Illustration of the different polarization mechanisms n a solid.

### Dielectrics



TABLE 31.2 Dielectric	Constan	ts of Various Cerami	cs	
Material	кat 1 MHz	Material	κat 1 MHz	
Diamond	5.5-6.6		8.8	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	3.7-3.8	2 3	9.6	
NaCl	5.9	BaTiO <sub>3</sub>	3000	
Mica	5.4-8.7	and the second second second second	4.0-6.0	
Soda-lime glass	7.0-7.6		14-110	
Steatite $(SiO_2 + MgO + Al_2O_3)$	5.5-7.5		6.2	
Cordierite (SiO <sub>2</sub> +MgO + Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	4.5-5.4		6.6	
High-lead glass	19	TABLE 31.4 Dielect	tric Strengths for Various Ceramic	s
		Material	Dielectric strength (MV/cm	at 25°C)
		Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (99.5%)	0.18	
		Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (94.0%)	0.26	
		High-voltage porcelair	0.15	
		Steatite porcelain	0.10	
		Lead glass	0.25	
		Lime glass	2.5	
		Borosilicate glass	5.8	
		Fused quartz	6.6	
		Quartz crystal	6.0	
		NaCl [100], [111], [110	] 2.5, 2.2, 2.0	
		Muscovite mica	10.1	

### Dielectric constant of BaTiO<sub>3</sub>



#### Positive Temperature coefficient, PTC of Barium Titanate



Temperature [°C]

### Explanation for PTC behavior of BaTiO<sub>3</sub>



#### Domains in ferroelectric depend on the orientation of the polarization



(a)



(b)

#### Ferroelectric domain in a ferroelectric materials



# Non destructive testing Techniques

- Visual inspection
- Penetrant dyes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xEK-c1pkTUI
- Ultrasonic testing https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UM6XKvXWVFA
- Radiographic testing https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcWjZbXiFkM
- Magnetoscopic testing
- Eddy currents

#### Proof testing: 1) load configuration as similar as possible to service condiction

2) one single test slightly above load/stress values in service



# Liquid penetrant dyes



1 Crack filled with dirt



3 Application of penetrant



5 Application of developer



2 Ideally cleaned



4 Intermediate cleaning



6 Crack indication


Fluorescent penetrant dye revealed with a Wood lamp







**Figure 13.10** Ultrasonic C-scan with a 25-MHz transducer of a 0.64-cm (0.25-in.)-thick hot-pressed  $Si_3N_4$  plate. (Courtesy Garrett Turbine Engine Company, Phoenix, Ariz., Division of Allied-Signal Aerospace.)

# Radiographic testing



# Radiographic testing of two chips













#### X ray image of C inclusions in Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>

X ray image of WC inclusions in Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>

## Magnetoscopic testing

Coil

Indication

Flux Lines

**Test Piece** 



## Eddy current testing





 Table 14.2 Examples of Design Requirements of Various Applications and Ceramics with Properties Which Match the Requirements

# SiC Heat exchanger



# Ceramic seal for taps



## Sandblast nozzles



## Rado watches



## SEM fundamentals





## E-beam sample intercation





#### EDS spectrum of ZnO deposited on SiC





## Compositional contrast



FIGURE 24.27 Two-phase ceramics. (a) As sintered and (b) heat treated at 1600°C for 30 hours. ZTA 30% (zirconia-toughened alumina with 30 vol% YSZ containing 10 molar% yttria).

# Topographycal contrast













