Dynamic heterogeneity of glassy ionics: Results from nuclear magnetic resonance and low-frequency spectral hole burning

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Transport in solid electrolytes

Li ion battery

"fuel" cell





Membranes with high <u>ionic</u> conductivities required



electrical conducitivty of solid electrolytes



anhydrous fuel cell

Insight into transport mechanisms?

applications sensors, fuel cells, rechargeable batteries, ...

requirements stable, light, solid, inexpensive, high ionic & low electronic conductivity, suitable operating temperature, ...

goal of group at Dortmund U new experimental methods for better understanding of transport mechanisms in solid ion conductors





spatial coordinate

Principle of magnetic resonance





element specific quantitative locally selective non-destructive experimentally versatile

Principle of magnetic resonance



facilitates re-equilibration \rightarrow spin-lattice relaxation time T₁

frequency perturbation $\Delta \omega$ encoded by

spatial coordinate electronic environment distances and angles orientation imaging chemical analysis structural elucidation fiber texture testing element specific quantitative locally selective non-destructive experimentally versatile

Motional processes

detection of NMR frequencies and their time evolution

NMR frequency encoded by

spatial coordinate chemical environment orientation diffusion, flow exchange, **translation** reorientational motion



Echo height measures the fraction of ions which did NOT hop during t_m

Direct determination of correlation time on which an ion hops

Scattering "vector" q, i.e. spatial sensitivity is determined by the inverse mean jump length





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Video Module 2 : Ion Dynamics by NMR (Part 2)

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Lithium aluminosilicates



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Mesocrystalline texture (Schott, Mainz)

Zerodur®	x = 0.52	70%	62 nm
Zerodur M [®]	x = 0.44	50%	45 nm

precision optics, ceramic cooking ware



crystalline model systemsβ-spodumeneLiAlSi2O6β-eucryptiteLiAlSiO4

x = [AI]/[Si]0.5 1

⁷Li ion conductor β-spodumene

Spin-lattice relaxation indirect information on fast motion



T-dependent time scale and non-exponentiality of ion hopping





Qi, Rier, Böhmer, Franke, Heitjans, Phys. Rev. B 72, 104301 (2005)

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Conductivity of glassy ionics



Ag: 1.0 I: 1.8 B: 0.5 O: 0.9 Å

Howells et al., JP-CM 11, 9275 (1999)

large decoupling <u>and</u> $T \sim T_g$ are prerequisites for battery application



Line shape of $({}^{109}AgI)_x - (Ag_2O - B_2O_3)_{1-x}$



Berndt, Jeffrey, Küchler, Böhmer, Solid State Nucl. Magn. Reson. 27, 122 (2005)

Heterogeneity of ion conductors

$(AgI)_{0.6} - (Ag_2O - B_2O_3)_{0.4}$



spatial heterogeneity !



Ag: 1.0 I: 1.8 B: 0.5 O: 0.9 Å

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Nature of the non-exponential relaxation ?

homogeneous

heterogeneous



dynamic heterogeneity ?

amplitude modification line shape modification

Nature of the non-exponential relaxation

homogeneous

heterogeneous



experimentally distinguishable via sub-ensemble selection

multi-dimensional NMR single-molecule detection **nonresonant hole burning** optical probe spectroscopy computer simulation

amplitude modification line shape modification

resonance frequencies:

¹H: 43 MHz/Tesla

¹⁰⁹Ag: 2 MHz/Tesla !!

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problem:

Ag: very low sensitivity

solution:

availability of very high magnetic fields



four-time NMR



extensively used for polymers and supercooled <u>organic</u> liquids: Schmidt-Rohr, Spiess, Phys. Rev. Lett. 66, 3020 (1991) Böhmer, Diezemann, Hinze, Rössler, Prog. NMR Spectrosc. 39, 191 (2001)

Ag-phosphates: Vogel, Brinkmann, Eckert, Heuer, PRB 69, 094302 (2004)

 $(AgI)_{0.5} - (Ag_2O - B_2O_3)_{0.5}$



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Non-exponential conductivity and structural relaxation





Böhmer, Ngai, Angell, Plazek, JCP 99, 4201 (1993)

Structural and decoupled relaxations



Böhmer, Ngai, Angell, Plazek, JCP 99, 4201 (1993)

Origin of non-exponentiality

Nanoscopic heterogeneity in ionic conductors ?

heterogeneous cluster model:



glass ceramics, nanocrystals, ion conductors in general ??

or correlation effects ?

homogeneous jump-relaxation-model: Coulomb interactions



effectively time dependent rates W(t)

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time evolution exp[-t W(t)] $\propto exp[-(t/\tau)^{\beta}]$

Funke, SSI **40**, 200 (1990)







mark a subensemble



Selection experiments

1. spectral or spatial selection or <u>excitation</u> of sub-ensemble 2. detection of sub-ensemble

Nonresonant hole burning

supercooled liquids : Schiener, Loidl, Böhmer, Chamberlin, Science 274, 752 (1996)



Nonresonant hole burning

supercooled liquids α: β: wing:	Schiener, Loidl, Böhmer, Chamberlin, Science 274, 752 (1996) Richert, EPL 54, 767 (2001) Jeffrey, Richert, Duvvuri, JCP 119, 6150 (2003)	
relaxor ferroelectrics	Kircher, Schiener, Böhmer, PRL 81, 4520 (1998)	
plastic crystal	Wirsch, Kircher, Böhmer (1998, unpublished,*)	
magnetic (spin glasses)	Chamberlin, PRL 83, 5134 (1999) Solid	
ion conductor CKN	Richert, Böhmer, PRL 83, 4337 (1999)	
quantum paraelectrics	Kleemann et al., Ferroelectrics 261, 43 (2001)	
stochastic models	Diezemann, EPL 53, 604 (2001)	
electrical circuit analog	Richert, Physica A 322, 143 (2003)	
binary glass-formers	Blochowicz, Rössler, JCP 122, 224511 (2005)	
mechanical (polymers)	Shi, McKenna, PRL 94, 157801 (2005)	
*review	Böhmer, Diezemann, in: Broadband Dielectric Spectroscopy edited by Kremer, Schönhals (Springer, 2002), p. 523-569	

Nonresonant hole burning





nonresonant (NHB)



phase cycle: $\Delta \Phi(t) = \Phi^*(t) - \Phi(t)$



10 years ago: First results on a viscous liquid



high-frequency pump: short-time modifications

low-frequency pump: long-time modifications

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selection of different sub-ensembles possible: **dynamic heterogeneity**

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CKN – pump frequency dependence



heterogeneous regime: hole depths \propto dielectric loss frequency selective energy absorption

OBSERVATION: t_c corresponds to transition from dc to ac resistivity ρ (or σ)

ion needs $t_c \sim 1/\Omega_c$ to average over heterogeneity





Conclusions

Structure dynamic relationship in crystalline and glassy lithium aluminosilicates

High magnetic fields facilitate investigations of dynamic heterogenities in ion conductors also with less favorable nuclear probes (Ag)





Nonresonant spectral hole burning is a useful tool for different classes of materials. Direct observation of transition from heterogeneous to homogeneous behavior in CKN

log (frequency)