

In-situ tomographic imaging of glasses and melts

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Imaging glasses and melts Looking at heterogeneous systems



not much to be seen !



[Huang et al., Science 2013] HRTEM of 2D silica Not in this talk !



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PHASE SEPARATION **CRYSTALLIZATION** IMAGING PHASES **BUBBLES**

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GLASS-FORMING BATCHES







Different imaging modalities : speed vs. resolution





2 Applications

Phase separation Glass reactive melting : reaction paths between granular raw materials



Principle of synchrotron microtomography



Obtaining 3-D absorption maps from 2-D radiographies



Tomographic reconstruction : an inverse problem



$\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ $n \propto$ number of projections p: number of pixels in reconstructed image

We want to find x knowing A and y

Principle of synchrotron microtomography



Unknown data : One horizontal cut through sample

[Slaney and Kak, 1988]

Measured data : One line of the camera, at all projection angles



Synchrotron microtomography



Credit : Francesco De Carlo, APS

- Spatial resolution limited by
 - optical lenses (diffraction)
 - scintillator (blurring)
- **Time** resolution limited by
 - X-ray photon flux
 - camera sensitivity, . . .

In-situ acquisition is possible in 3-D



Ultrafast 3-D imaging available at ESRF, APS, SLS

Acquisition rate depends a lot on sample (absorption, dose sensitivity, ...)



In-situ acquisition is possible in 3-D



Heating devices Chamber furnaces





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Simap furnace, 300-800°C Ecole des Mines furnace, 700-1500°C [Terzi et al., 2010] [Limodin et al., 2009]

Advantages	Drawbacks		
homogeneity of temperature field	slow quenching		
	bulky		

Continuous rotation for ultrafast acquisition





Heating devices





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Tomcat beamline, SLS PSI [Fife et al., 2012]

Advantages	Drawbacks
fast heating	homogeneity of temperature field
minimal space requirement	

Heating devices





Advantages fast heating h controlled atmosphere

Drawbacks homogeneity of temperature field



High-temperature environments

High temperature and high pressure

Argonne synchrotron (APS)





connectivity of Fe-Ni-S inclusions in a silicate (olivine) matrix

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[Wang et al., 2005, Lesher et al., 2009, Wang et al., 2009, Wang et al., 2011]

Absorption and phase contrast

Good spatial coherence @ ESRF \rightarrow phase can be reconstructed

$$n = 1 - \delta + i\beta$$



Absorption reconstruction (approximate) phase reconstruction [Paganin et al., 2002, Weitkamp et al., 2012] **19 / 58**

Local tomography

Possible to zoom into the sample



Artifacts

Multiple sources of artifacts : sample motion, sensor non-linearities, undersampling, etc.



Images from Limodin, Salvo, Cloetens







Heavy-duty image processing



Large datasets : 100 Go for one experiment !
Noisy images : tradeoff between speed and quality
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Advantages of (in-situ) X-ray tomography

- 3-D images ⇒ connectivity, topology
- more statistics on objects/particles
- non-destructive : follow the same sample
- time resolution : don't miss important events



[Watson and Roberts, 2011]









[Bouttes et al., 2015]

Tomography has been used for a long time in metallic alloys



Mechanisms of dendritic growth in Al-Cu [Limodin et al., 2009]

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Principles of phase separation





Principles of phase separation



- No 1-to-1 correspondence between thermodynamic regime (SD, NG) and microstructure of phases
- Silicate melts : phase separation possible in stable or metastable liquids

Porous membranes: Vycor



Suzuki et al. 2008

Nuclear waste glasses





Martineau et al. 2010

Dargaud et al . 2012 Aytug et al. 2013



Glass ceramics



Microstructure of basaltic magmas Veksler et al. 2007

Luminescent glass *Chenu et al. 2014*



Model materials for crack propagation





In-situ experiments on ID19, ESRF - David Bouttes



- pink beam 35 keV (barium is very absorbing !)
- **a** pixel size 0.55 or 1.1 μ m
- acquisition times 5s 1min
- local (ROI) tomography
- \blacksquare temperatures : 1000 1300° C



FOV: 2mm

Coarsening : $\phi \le 0.5$ case



Evolution of characteristic length



- linear evolution with time
- coarsening rate increases with temperature
- \Rightarrow is hydrodynamic flow the dominant mechanism?

Evolution of characteristic length



 $\dot{\ell}(t) \simeq \frac{\gamma}{n}$

Evolution consistent with viscous coarsening :

[Bouttes et al., 2014, Bouttes et al., 2015]

Coarsening and fragmentation



Close-up on domain break-up



Only the barium-rich phase breaks up in domains

$\delta = 0.00, \alpha = 1.0$		A=2.046, a=1.0		$A = 1.37$, $\mu = 0.4$		3 = 123, a = 0.6	
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Viscous filaments tend to retractLess viscous filaments tend to break

[Stone and Leal, JFM 1989]





Phase separation

Glass reactive melting : reaction paths between granular raw materials



Reactive melting of glass raw materials

Soda-lime silica glass - William Woelffel



 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{grain sizes} \thicksim 100s \mbox{ of microns} \\ {\rm SiO}_2 + {\rm Na}_2{\rm CO}_3 + {\rm CaCO}_3 \ " \rightarrow " \ ({\rm SiO}_2, {\rm Na}_2{\rm O}, {\rm CaO}) + {\rm CO}_2 \end{array}$

Reaction paths and geometry?



[Chopinet et al., 2010] Large calcium carbonate grains lead to poor quality. Why ?



ID19, PCO camera



- Pink beam 19 keV
- Tomo in 1-4 s
- Pixel size of 1.1 μ m
- Samples of a few mg
- **Furnace** : $T \le 1500^{\circ} C$

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lab tomograph (RX Solutions)





ID19, PCO camera



- 🛢 Pink beam 19 keV
- Tomo in 1-4 s
- Pixel size of 1.1 μ m
- Samples of a few mg
- Furnace : T $\leq 1500^{\circ}$ C

- Polychromatic beam
- Tomo in one hour or more
- Pixel size \geq 5 microns
- Samples of a few grams

lab tomograph (RX Solutions)

Geometry of solid-state reactions



Binary mixture of SiO_2 - Na_2CO_3 , 800°C [Gouillart et al., 2012], [Grynberg et al., 2015]

The fate of calcium carbonate



Fast heating at 900°C, ternary mixture of SiO_2 , Na_2CO_3 , $CaCO_3$

The fate of calcium carbonate



Only outer parts of the grain react Core of CaO stays unreacted for a long time Delay in the formation of molten silicates

Visualizing the geometry of reactions



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Quantifying the reacted parts of the grain

Observation de l'élaboration d'un verre nucléaire de composition simplifiée – microtomographie in situ



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Bubbles and vesicularity

Good contrast between gas and glass/melt



[Fife et al., 2012] : fast heating at 15 K.s⁻¹ of obsidian glass in range 800 – 1000°C. Ex-solution of water from the melt generates bubbles.

Combination with 3-D modelling





Mechanics : finite-element simulation on mesh determined from tomography [Youssef et al., 2005]

Estimation of surface tension thanks to hydrodynamic simulations [Bouttes et al., 2015]



Conclusions

In-situ imaging

- Whole evolution for one sample
- Capture turning points

3D imaging

- 3-D information : connectivity, topology
- Whole sample : don't miss where the action is taking place
- More statistics

Challenges

- Spatial resolution
- Realistic sample environment
- Data processing
- Link/combine w/ other techniques





Nanotomography

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[Villanova et al., 2014]

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Data Fusion Study of Mineralized Tissue

Integration of data from instruments with different resolution and different contrast mechanisms



