Solid State NMR of Glass Modelling NMR spectra of glass from first-principles

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Introduction

Basics of NMR: Interactions, MAS, MQMAS

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NMR of disordered Materials

NMR from first-principles

Molecular Dynamics versus NMR

Content of the tutorial

- Basics of NMR interactions and spectra of solids
- ▶ 1D-2D NMR experiments: Static, MAS and MQMAS spectra
- NMR of disordered Materials
- Structure: Molecular Dynamics Simulations (TD)
- NMR parameters: DFT GIPAW calculations (TD)
- NMR parameters & Simulations: specific NMR software packages (fpNMR) (TD)

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- Principles of pulsed NMR
- NMR Hamiltonian Art

The Zeeman Interaction and Larmor Frequency

The NMR spectrum of an isolated nucleus

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The Larmor frequency and its NMR spectrum.

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The Zeeman effect

No information on the chemical surrounding

$$(\hbar) H = -\hbar\gamma_N \vec{I} \cdot \vec{B}_0$$

NMR and the Periodic Table

One-half and quadrupolar nuclei

- Isotope, Nuclear Spin
- Natural Abundance
- Gyromagnetic ratio γ (rad/s/T) $\omega_0 = 2\pi\nu_0 = -\gamma B_0$
- Quadrupolar Moment
 Q (see Pyykko)



Pulsed NMR

The Basic NMR Experiment ... One pulse !

M₀: Nuclear Magnetization at Equilibrium



$$S(\nu) = \int_0^\infty dt \, S(t) e^{-i2\pi\nu t} pprox \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} S(t_k) e^{-i2\pi\nu t_k} = L(\nu - \nu_0)$$

Lineshape $L(\nu)$: Gaussian, Lorentzian ...

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Pulsed NMR

The Basic NMR Experiment: Fourier Transform



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NMR Interactions for NMR spectroscopists

Effects of the *local* magnetic fields



Information on the chemical surrounding

$$(\hbar) H = -\hbar\gamma_N \vec{I} \cdot \left\{ \vec{B}_0 + \vec{B}_{loc} \right\} = H_Z + H_{\text{inter.}}$$
$$(\hbar) H = H_Z + H_{CS} + H_Q + H_J + H_D + \dots$$

CS: Chemical Shift, Q: Quadrupolar, J: J couplings, D: Dipolar

NMR interactions for Quantum Chemists

The effective Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathsf{NMR}) = -\hbar \sum_{i} \gamma_{i} \vec{l}_{i} (\mathbf{1} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \vec{B}_{0} + \sum_{i, |l_{i}| \ge 1} \vec{l}_{i} \mathbf{Q}_{ii} \vec{l}_{i}$$
$$+ \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2} \sum_{i} \sum_{j \neq i} \gamma_{i} \gamma_{j} \vec{l}_{i} (\mathbf{D}_{ij} + \mathbf{J}_{ij}) \vec{l}_{j}$$

\vec{B}_0	External static magnetic field		
$\vec{B}_{RF}(t)$	External radiofrequency magnetic field (NMR signal)		
	Internal Interactions		
\vec{I}_i	Nuclear spin operators $ec{\mu_i}=\gamma_i\hbarec{l_i}$		
σ	Nuclear magnetic shielding tensor (chemical shift)		
\mathbf{D}_{ij}	Nuclear magnetic dipolar coupling tensor (structure)		
\mathbf{J}_{ij}	Indirect nuclear spin-spin coupling tensor		
\mathbf{Q}_{ii}	Nuclear quadrupolar coupling tensor ($ I_i \geq 1$)		

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The nature of NMR interactions

Second-rank tensors (i.e. matrices) define NMR interactions.

$$\vec{B}_{loc}^{(A)} = \mathbf{A}\vec{X} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{xx} & A_{xy} & A_{xz} \\ A_{yx} & A_{yy} & A_{yz} \\ A_{zx} & A_{zy} & A_{zz} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} X_x \\ X_y \\ X_z \end{pmatrix} \quad H_A = -\gamma_N \hbar \times \vec{I} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \vec{X}$$

	Α	X	Interaction			
-	1	\vec{B}_0, \vec{B}_{RF}	Zeeman interaction			
	σ	\vec{B}_0	Magnetic Shielding	DFT		
	Q	ī	Quadrupolar interaction	DFT		
	D	Ŝ	Dipolar interaction (spatial)	structure		
	J	Ŝ	Indirect J couplings (through bond)	DFT		
DĪ	DFT calculations output A in its tensorial (matrix) form relative to a					
reference $frame(x, y, z)$ (crystal axes).						

NMR Interactions: The Principal Axes System (PAS) I The principal values



Calculations output the tensor in a *reference frame* (unit-cell definition). Its diagonalization (3D rotation) provides the principal values $(A_{\alpha,\alpha})$ and its orientation with respect to the *reference frame*. Convention: $|A_{ZZ} - A_{iso}| \ge |A_{XX} - A_{iso}| \ge |A_{YY} - A_{iso}|$



NMR Interactions are Anisotropic

... NMR spectra of a single molecule (crystal)



The NMR frequency depends on the orientation with respect to B_0 $\nu - \nu_0 = \nu_{int}(\Omega)$ Single crystal NMR exists . . . but amorphous materials ?

NMR Interactions: The Principal Axes System (PAS) II The relative orientation of the PAS

(x, y, z): reference frame axis $(\alpha_A, \beta_A, \gamma_A)$: Euler angles

A NMR interaction is characterized by 6 parameters: $A_{iso}, \delta_A, \eta_A, \alpha_A, \beta_A, \gamma_A.$

For a single interaction, $(\alpha_A, \beta_A, \gamma_A)$ does not affect the powder lineshape but can be determined for single crystal NMR.

NMR Interactions are Anisotropic

... NMR spectrum (CSA) of a powder



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NMR Interactions are Anisotropic ...

... but in liquids only the isotropic part in effective



Motional averaging

- Motions affect the anisotropic lineshape.
- In the case of fast motional averaging (vs Larmor frequency), a narrow line at the isotropic frequency.
- Brownian Motion in liquid
- Motions (fluctuations) induce Relaxation

 $\frac{H(\Omega(t)) = H_{iso} + H_{ani}(\Omega(t)) \text{ with}}{H_{ani}(\Omega(t)) = 0 \text{ at the Larmor time scale } (1/\nu_0)}$

The Zeeman Truncation in High Field NMR

Only the part along B_0 is *NMR active* to first order.



In case of 1-spin interaction, only A_{zz} (in the reference frame) contributes to first order to the NMR frequency. Because $B_0 \gg B_{loc}$ (or $H_Z \gg H_{int}$), we have the *secular* approximation

$${\cal H}_{int}\approx {\cal H}_{CS}^{(1)}+{\cal H}_Q^{(1)}+{\cal H}_Q^{(2)}+{\cal H}_J^{(1)}+{\cal H}_D^{(1)}\ldots$$

Typical strength of NMR interactions Z: 10-1000 MHz

- CS: kHz
- Q: MHz (up to second order)
- D: kHz
- ► J: Hz

NMR Interactions in general

An overview ...

$$H^{(\lambda)} = C^{(\lambda)} \times R^{(\lambda)}(\Omega) \times \mathbf{T}^{(\lambda)}$$

$C^{(\lambda)}$	Constant	Obtained from DFT (σ, Q)
$R^{(\lambda)}(\Omega)$	Spatial Dependence	Manipulated through (sample) motions
$R^{\left(\lambda ight)}\left(\Omega ight)=1$	Isotropic	Brownian motions in liquids
$T^{(\lambda)}$	Spin operators	Manipulated through RF (spin rotation)
$\mathbf{T}^{(\sigma)}$	I_z	Chemical shift
$\mathbf{T}^{(Q)}$	I_z^2	First order quadrupolar interaction
$\mathbf{T}^{(Q)}$	I_z, I_z^3	Second order quadrupolar interaction
$T^{(D,J)}$	$I_z S_z$	Dipolar (heteronuclear) or J interactions
${\sf T}_{II}^{(D)}$	$I_z^A I_z^B$ $+ \frac{1}{4} \left(I_+^A I^B + I^A I_+^B \right)$	Dipolar (homonuclear) interaction

The Shielding / Chemical Shift Tensor

NMR frequency

The secular contribution of the magnetic shielding is:

$$H_{CS} = \gamma \vec{I} \sigma \vec{B}_0 \approx \gamma B_0 \sigma_{zz}(\Omega) I_z$$

$$\sigma_{zz}(\Omega) = \sigma_{XX} \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi + \sigma_{YY} \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi + \sigma_{ZZ} \cos^2 \theta$$
$$= \sigma_{iso} + \frac{\delta_{CS}}{2} \left((3\cos^2 \theta - 1) + \eta_{CS} \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \right)$$
$$= \sigma_{iso} + \delta_{CS} R_{20}(\Omega)$$

NMR measure the *chemical shift* tensor δ (ppm):

$$\delta_{iso}^{exp}(\mathsf{ppm}) = 10^6 \left(rac{
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ight)$$

 ν_{ref} is a frequency reference value obtained from one tabulated reference compound, generally in liquid or in a solid (narrow peak, e.g. NaCl for ²³Na.

The shielding / Chemical Shift Tensor NMR static lineshape



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The magnetic shielding

Relationshield with the chemical environment



Tetrahedral silicon $Q^{(n)}$ units in silicates

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The quadrupolar interaction

from electric field gradient. Only for $l \ge 1$.

Because of its large strength (kHz-MHz), quadrupolar Hamiltonian are often accounted for up to second order (²³Na,¹⁷O,²⁷AI,¹¹B...) depending on the local environment of the nucleus.

The electric field gradient **V** is a symmetric traceless $(V_{XX} + V_{YY} + V_{ZZ} = 0)$ tensor.

$$C_Q = rac{eQ}{h} V_{ZZ} \;, \eta_Q = rac{V_{XX} - V_{YY}}{V_{ZZ}} \;, V_{iso} = 0$$

 C_Q : quadrupolar couping constant, η_Q : quadrupolar asymmetry parameter.

The quadrupolar interaction

To first order. Only for $l \ge 1$.

The firt-order secular quadrupolar Hamiltonian is

The quadrupolar interaction To second order.

The second-order secular quadrupolar Hamiltonian is (more complex)

$$H_Q^{(2)} = \frac{1}{\omega_0} \left(\frac{C_Q}{6I(2I-1)} \right)^2 \times \sum_{l=0,2,4} \mathbf{A}^l R_{l0}(\Omega)$$

$$R_{l0}(\Omega) = \sum_{k=l}^{-l} B_l^k(\eta) D_{l0}^k(\Omega) , D_{l0}^k : \text{Wigner rotation matrix elements}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{I} = f(I_{z}^{3}, I_{z})$$
 and isotropic shift (SOQS) $\delta_{Q}^{(2)} = A^{0}B_{0}^{0}(\eta)$

The NMR frequency of the central transition can be written as

$$u_{-1/2,+1/2}(\Omega) - \nu_0 = a_0 + a_2 R_{20}(\Omega) + a_4 R_{40}(\Omega)$$

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The quadrupolar interaction

from electric field gradient



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Quadrupolar + CSA NMR spectrum

Interplay of interactions

NMR lineshapes are also sensitive to the relative orientation of the CSA PAS with respect to the EFG (quadrupolar) PAS.



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_{\sigma,c} &= \mathbf{R}(\alpha_{\sigma,c},\beta_{\sigma,c},\gamma_{\sigma,c}) \\ \mathbf{X}_{Q,c} &= \mathbf{R}(\alpha_{Q,c},\beta_{Q,c},\gamma_{Q,c}) \end{aligned}$$

The relative orientation reads

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_{\sigma,Q} &= \mathbf{X}_{\sigma,c} \times \mathbf{X}_{Q,c}^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{R}(\alpha_{\sigma,Q},\beta_{\sigma,Q},\gamma_{\sigma,Q}) \end{aligned}$$

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Quadrupolar + CSA NMR spectrum

Interplay of interactions



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Multiple magnetic fields acquisition required to determine *accurately* both tensors (8 parameters !).

Why Magic Angle Sample Spinning ?

 $R_{20}(\Omega) \propto 3\cos^2\theta - 1$

Method: Reduce all orientation to an *effective magic angle* orientation !



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Magic Angle Sample Spinning: a coherent averaging approach

$$\mathbf{A}(\Omega(t)) = A_{iso}\mathbf{1} + \overline{\mathbf{A}}(\theta_M) + \mathbf{A}(t)$$



Magic Angle: $\overline{A}(\theta_M) = \overline{A} = 0$ (Fast) Spinning $\overline{\widetilde{A}(t)} = 0$

Effective **A** reduces (to first order) to A_{iso} **1**.

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Magic Angle (Sample) Spinning for I=1/2



 $\nu_{ROT} \leq \delta_A$: spinning sidebands at $k \times \nu_{ROT}$ $\nu_{ROT} > \delta_A$: narrow lines

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(Experimental) Solid State NMR

Un laboratoire de RMN



Magic Angle Spinning for quadrupolar nuclei: The central transition



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High Resolution NMR of quadruplar nuclei

Magic Angle Spinning for quadruplar nuclei: The satellite transitions



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High Resolution NMR of quadruplar nuclei

Magic Angle Spinning: one example



High Resolution NMR of quadrupolar nuclei

How to reduce the linewidth ?



static: $\nu_{CT} = \nu_{iso} + a_2 R_{20}(\Omega) + a_4 R_{40}(\Omega)$ MAS: $\nu_{CT} = \nu_{iso} + a_4 R_{40}(\Omega)$

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High Resolution NMR of quadrupolar nuclei The Multiple Quantum MAS (MQMAS) approach



2D NMR: $S(t_1, t_2) = \exp\{-i \nu_{3Q} t_1\} \times \exp\{-i \nu_{1Q} t_2\}$

2D FFT yields a 2D spectrum $S(\nu_1, \nu_2)$

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High Resolution NMR of quadrupolar nuclei Principles of MQMAS NMR



Both transitions have the same anisotropy!

$$\nu_{(1Q=CT)} = \nu_{iso}^{(1Q)} + a_4(1Q) R_{40}(\Omega)$$

$$\nu_{(3Q=TQ)} = \nu_{iso}^{(3Q)} + a_4(3Q) R_{40}(\Omega)$$
High Resolution NMR of quadrupolar nuclei

MQMAS at work in a crystalline sample



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Solid State NMR of disordered materials



Each site characterized by a NMR parameter distribution.

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¹¹B MAS NMR in Borosilicate Glasses

Direct access to boron speciation



Identifying the structural units forming the glass network

High Field MAS NMR:

Boron speciation resolved

MD Picture, J.M. Delaye, CEA/DEN

Solid State NMR of disordered materials

MAS NMR: mechanisms of broadening?



Need of 2D NMR to elucidate the contribution of EFG and chemical shift distribution.

High Resolution NMR in glass

The power of oxygen-17 MQMAS NMR



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Modeling and Quantifying ¹⁷O MQMAS Spectroscopy

Quantification + Spin dynamics + NMR Distribution

F. Angeli, T. Charpentier et al. JNCS 2008



Correlated model of distribution $p(C_Q, \eta, \delta_{iso})$

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Quantifying glass topological disorder



Glass Topology

- Reconstruction of the NMR parameter distribution
- Correlating the *local disorder* to the NMR spectrum line shape ?
- $\Pi(NMR) \Rightarrow \Pi(Structure)$?

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Understanding NMR / Structure relationships

Quantum Mechanical calculations: the Cluster Approach



¹⁷O C_Q and η_Q NMR parameters are allmost exclusively controlled by local properties: (Si-O-Si bond angle and Si-O bond length)

Understanding NMR / Structure relationships

The Phenomenological Approach: using Crystalline Reference Compounds.

¹⁷O $C_Q(\theta)$

¹⁷O $\eta(\theta)$



But ¹⁷O NMR: very limited number of experimental data !

Coesite SiO₂



Combining MD simulations with fp NMR calculations GIPAW: C.J. Pickard & F. Mauri, PRB 2001

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GIPAW

A solid state theory of Magnetic Resonance

GIPAW (Gauge Inclusing Projector Augmented Waves) is a DFT based method to calculate magnetic resonance proporties, exploiting the full translational symmetry of crystals. The use of pseudopotentials and plane waves provides an escellent balance of speed and accuracy.

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In General

The Quadrupolar Interaction (Electric Field Gradient) *Tensor* from first principles calculations :

$$\mathbf{Q}_{lphaeta}^{(k)}=rac{eQ}{h}\langle\Psi_0|rac{\delta^{(1)}\mathbf{\mathsf{E}}_lpha}{\delta r_eta}|\Psi_0
angle=rac{eQ}{h}\mathbf{V}_{lphaeta}$$

 \mathbf{E}_{α} Electric field, depends on the fundamental states only (easy) The Chemical Shielding *Tensor* from first principles calculations:

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{(k)} = \frac{\delta^{(2)}E_0}{\delta\mu_{k,\alpha}B_{0,\beta}} = \frac{\delta^2 \langle \Psi_0 | H | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\delta\mu_{k,\alpha}\delta B_{0,\beta}}.$$

Second order derivative (Response Theory)

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EFG from electronic density $n_0(r)$

Kohn-Sham Orbitals / Plane wave

$$\begin{split} \phi_j(r) &= \sum_{k \in IBZ} e^{-ikr} u_{j,k}(r) \\ u_{j,k}(r) &= \sum_G C_{j,k}(G) e^{-iGr} \text{ with } G \leq G_{max} \\ n_0(r) &= \sum_{occ} |\phi_j(r)|^2 \end{split}$$

Electric Field Gradient

$$V_{\alpha,\beta}(r_N) = \int dr \frac{n_0(r)}{|r-r_N|} \left\{ \delta_{\alpha,\beta} - 3 \frac{(r_\alpha - r_{N,\alpha})(r_\beta - r_{N,\beta})}{|r-r_N|^2} \right\}$$

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From electronic density $n_0(r)$

- Principles of a NMR shielding tensor calculation (first-order in B_O) (\vec{r}_N position of the nucleus)
 - 1. computation of the induced (quantum) current density $\vec{j}^{(1)}(\vec{r})$
 - 2. computation of the induced magnetic field

$$\vec{B}_{in}^{(1)}(\vec{r}_N) = \frac{1}{c} \int d^3 r \, j^{(1)}(\vec{r}) \times \frac{\vec{r}_N - \vec{r}}{\left|\vec{r}_N - \vec{r}\right|^3} \tag{1}$$

3. The *absolute* chemical shielding tensor σ is obtained through

$$\vec{B}_{in}^{(1)}(\vec{r}_N) = -\sigma(\vec{r}_N)\vec{B}_0$$
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The GIPAW method

Gauge Including Projector Augmented Wave

- DFT using GGA (PBE) or LDA functionals.
- Plane Waves Expansion (e^{-ik.r})
 - ▶ 3D FFT, Parallel Code
 - Periodic Boundary Conditions
- Pseudopotential approximation of core electrons

GI-PAW

- PAW: Reconstruction of the wave function *at* the nucleus
- ► GI: Gauge Invariance
- All-electron approach

Accuracy: GIPAW outperforms all previous approaches



Exp.: Spearing et al. Phys. Chem. Minerals 1992.

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GIPAW Calculations

Practice

- Convergence of NMR versus Plane wave cutoff, k-grid
- Outputs: magnetic shielding σ , EFG V tensor
- \blacktriangleright Experimental Observable: chemical shift $\pmb{\delta},$ Quadrupolar parameters $C_{\mathcal{Q}},\eta$

$$\delta_{iso}(calc) = \sigma_{iso}(ref) - \sigma_{iso}(calc)$$
 $C_Q = \frac{eQ}{h}V_{ZZ}$

 $\sigma_{iso}(ref)$, Q from reference compound(s) with accurate experimental NMR parameters and structure.

- (DFT) Optimized structures provides better NMR predictions than X-ray structures.
- Periodic boundary conditions: GIPAW performs (much) better than cluster approximation

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► Challenges: Finite Temperature (calculation at 0K), Disorder.

The (art of) pseudopotential approximation



- Choice of valence (core) configuration
- choice of cutoff radii

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$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{for} & r > r_{cut} \\ \phi_{PS}(r) &= & \phi_{AE}(r) \\ \text{for} & r < r_{cut} \\ \phi_{PS}(r) & \text{smooth} \end{array}$$

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Importance of the design of accurate pseudopotentials

Some elements are difficult (transition element), need of optimized pseudopotentials (ultra-soft)



Importance of good convergence

L. Truflandier, M. Paris, F. Boucher, Density functional theory investigation of 3d transition metal NMR shielding tensors in diamagnetic systems using the gauge-including projector augmented-wave method, Phys. Rev. B. 76

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ZORA (Zero-Order Relativistic Approximation) Relativistic correction

Absolute magnetic shielding versus (relative) chemical shift



J.R. Yates, C.J. Pickard, M.C. Payne, F. Mauri, Relativistic nuclear magnetic resonance chemical shifts of heavy nuclei with pseudopotentials and the zeroth-order regular approximation, J. Chem. Phys. 118 (2003) 5746

Assessment of the GIPAW method

Set of reliable NMR data are needed to assess the GIPAW method



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Must be developped for Glasses (but coming soon...).

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Combining Molecular Dynamics with NMR-GIPAW



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¹⁷O NMR in alkali tetrasilicate glass

Classical vs Ab Initio

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fpNMR provides complementary data (diffraction) for assessing MD models

A Monte Carlo / MD Hybrid Approach

Modeling Glass Structure: Bond Switching Algorithm



Defect Free Vitreous Silica Continuous Random Network



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Simulation of NMR Spectra

The simple approach





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Simulation of NMR Spectra

Kernel Density Estimate Approach



$$\{C_Q, \eta, \delta_{iso}\}_i \Rightarrow p(C_Q, \eta, \delta_{iso})$$

Kernel: $p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i \mathcal{K}_{H_i} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)$
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Analysis of NMR parameter distribution

Kernel Density Estimate Approach

Theoretical points

Estimated Distribution



Introduction of a correlated 3D NMR parameter distribution: $p(C_Q, \eta, \delta_{iso}) = G(C_Q - \overline{C}_Q) \times G(\eta - f_\eta(C_Q)) \times G(\delta_{iso} - f_\delta(C_Q))$

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Quantitative analysis of Experimental data



Experimental data can be well described in term of *geometrical disorder only*.

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Reconstructing the Bond Angle Distribution (BAD)

NMR / Structure relationships

F.Angeli, O. Villain et al., Geochem. Chim. Acta 2011

Relation structure locale - composition





Mean Si-O-Si bond angle

	29Si δ _{iso}	170 CQ
NS1 - 43% Na2O	133°	129°
N53 - 23% Na ₂ O	142°	143°
SiO ₂	146°	152°

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A new Tool: the first-principles (fp) NMR approach Combining Molecular Dynamics simulations (MD) with fp NMR calculations. ⁴³Ca MQMAS in CaSiO₃ Glass



 \Rightarrow Including polarization effects (O²⁻): Improved Q⁽ⁿ⁾ description.

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Topology of vitreous B₂O₃

G. Ferlat, T. Charpentier et al., PRL 2008

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Topology of vitreous B₂O₃



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Topology of vitreous B_2O_3



NMR: high sensitivity to Bond Angle

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Molecular Dynamics versus NMR

GIPAW provides an integrated approach to analyse NMR data



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