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A FEW ASPECTS OF THE CURRENT UNDERSTANDING OF DPF MATERIALS THERMAL AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

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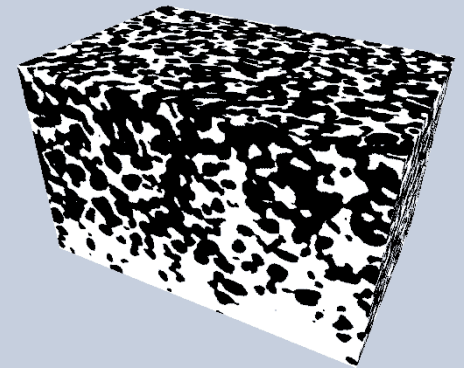
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Porous Ceramics in Industry

Applications as

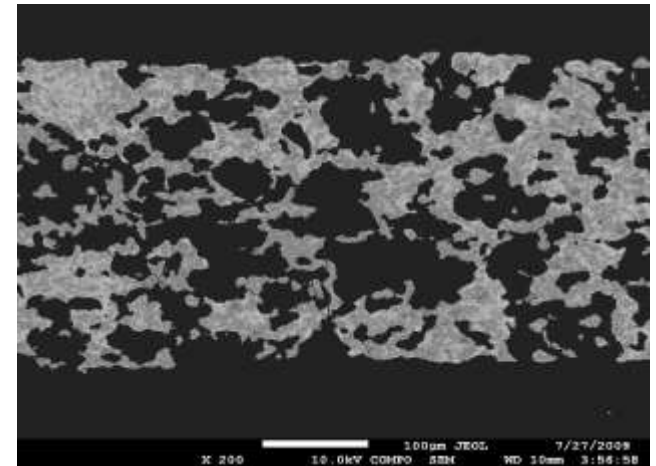
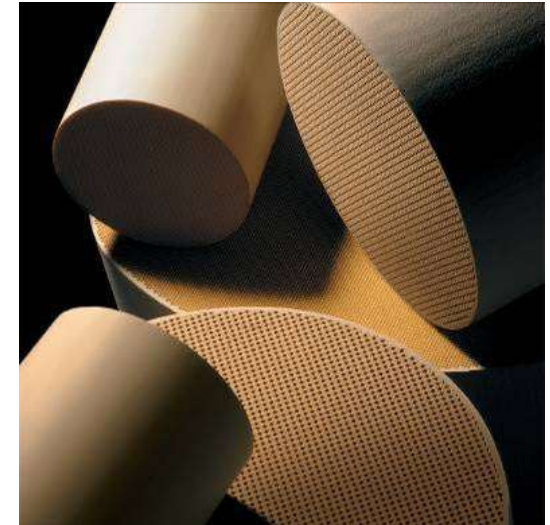
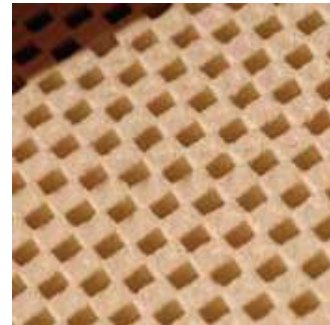
- Filters (mobile/ stationary)
- Membranes
- Substrates for catalyzers

Typical materials

- Cordierite
- Silicon Carbide
- Aluminum Titanate
- β -Eucryptite

Typical Characteristics

- Low thermal expansion (not all)
 - Microcracking (not all)
 - High permeability
 - High thermal shock resistance
 - Strain tolerance
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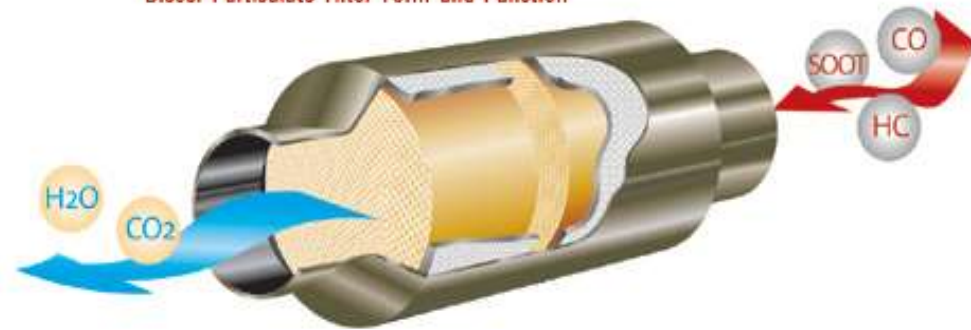


Porous Ceramic Filters

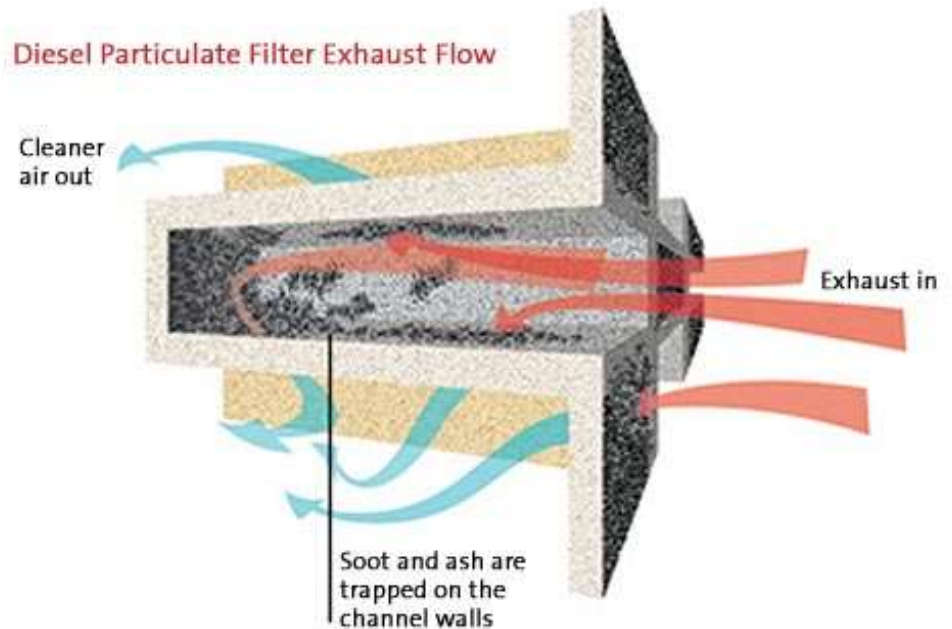
Main attributes

- Filtration efficiency
- Pressure drop
- Resistance to crack initiation
- Operation at high temperatures

Diesel Particulate Filter Form and Function



Diesel Particulate Filter Exhaust Flow



Facts

Microstructure

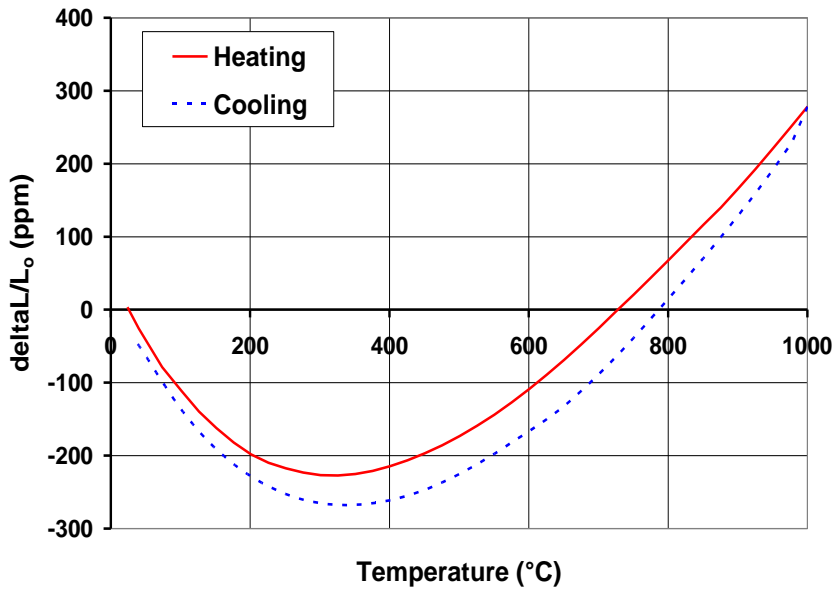
Mechanical behavior

Thermal behavior

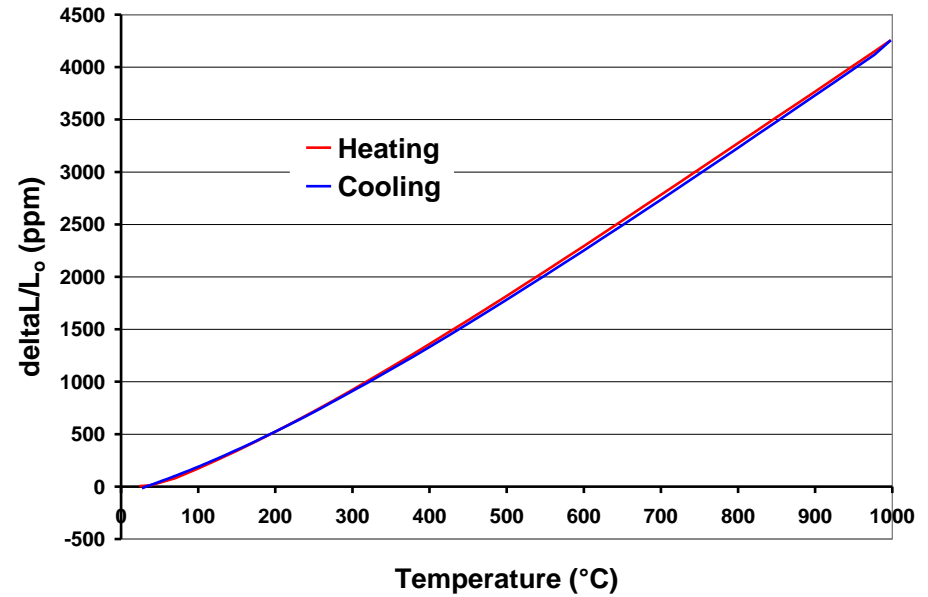
DPF Ceramics:

Microstructure and Thermal Properties

Thermal expansion



Cordierite

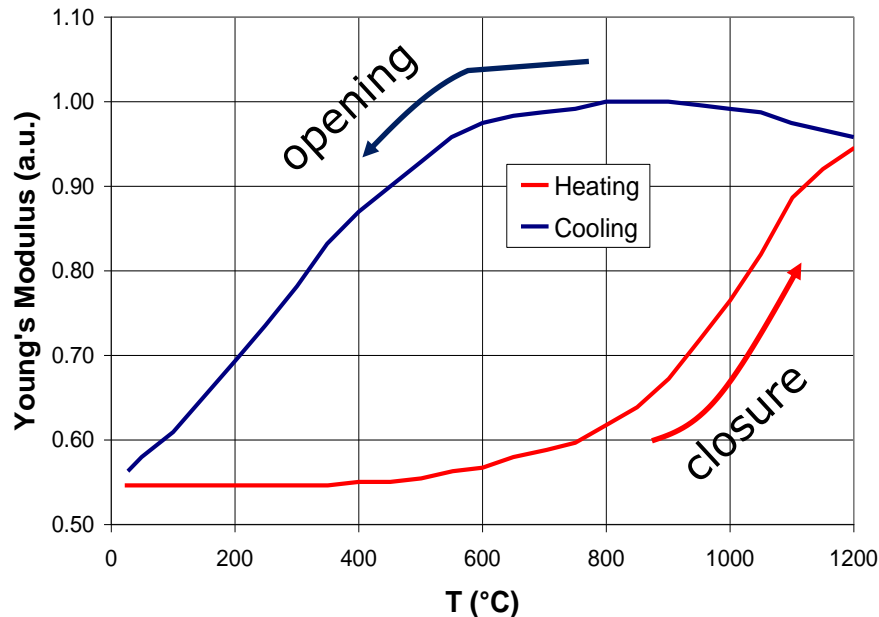


Silicon Carbide

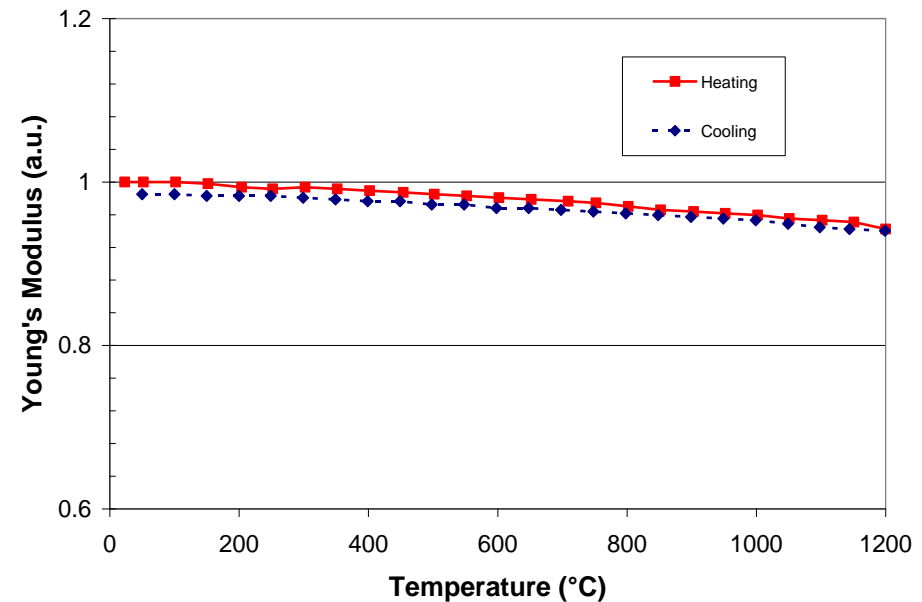
DPF Ceramics:

Mechanical Properties

Young's Modulus



Cordierite



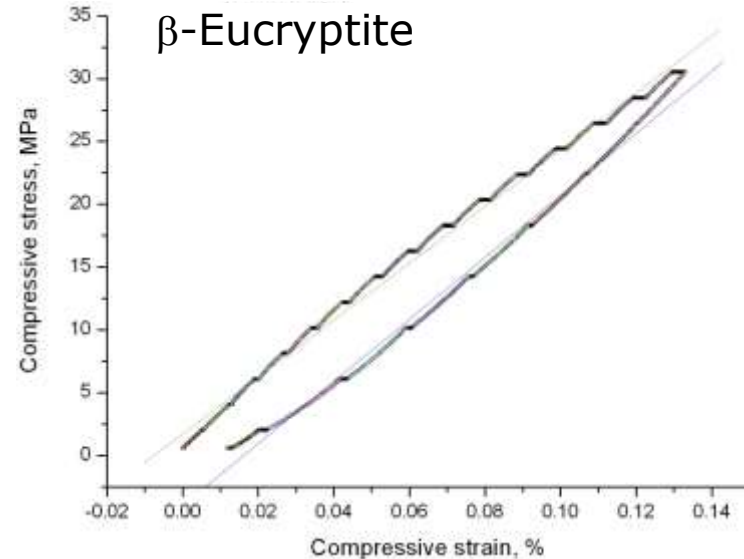
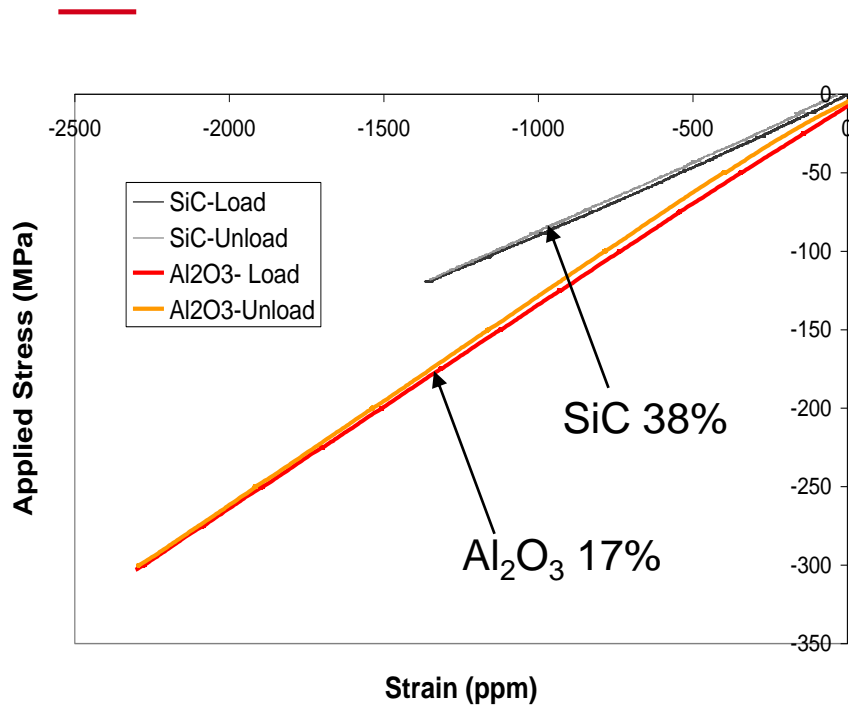
Silicon Carbide

Microcracking often occurs because of lattice thermal expansion anisotropy (NB: low crystal symmetry ceramics)

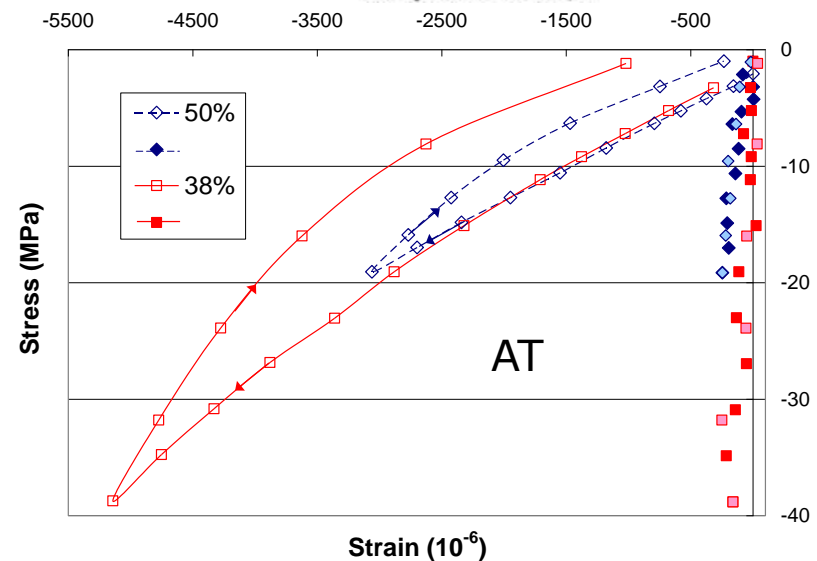
Hysteresis of dilation and Young's modulus vs T: thermal microcracking

Non-linear stress-strain behavior

Mechanical microcracking



Very visible in microcracked materials, present in non-microcracked



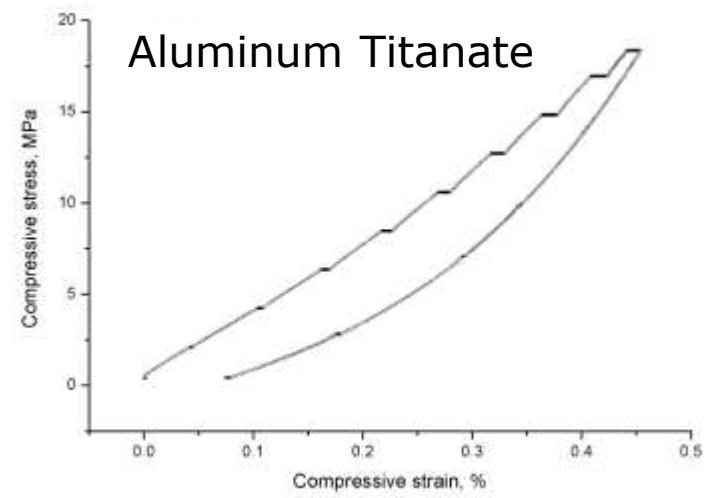
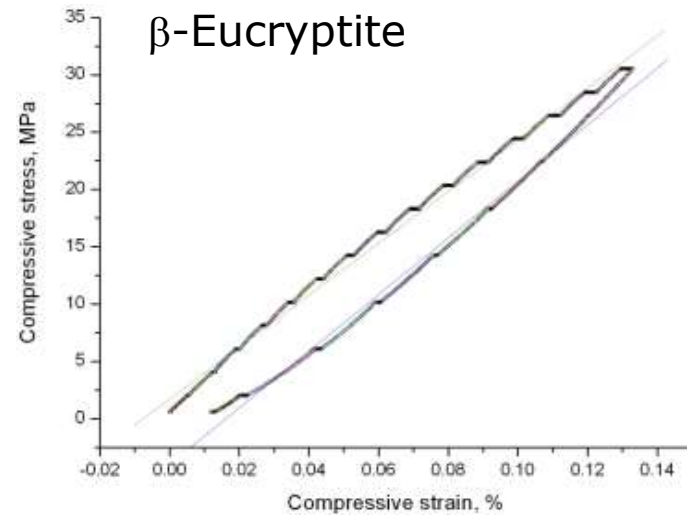
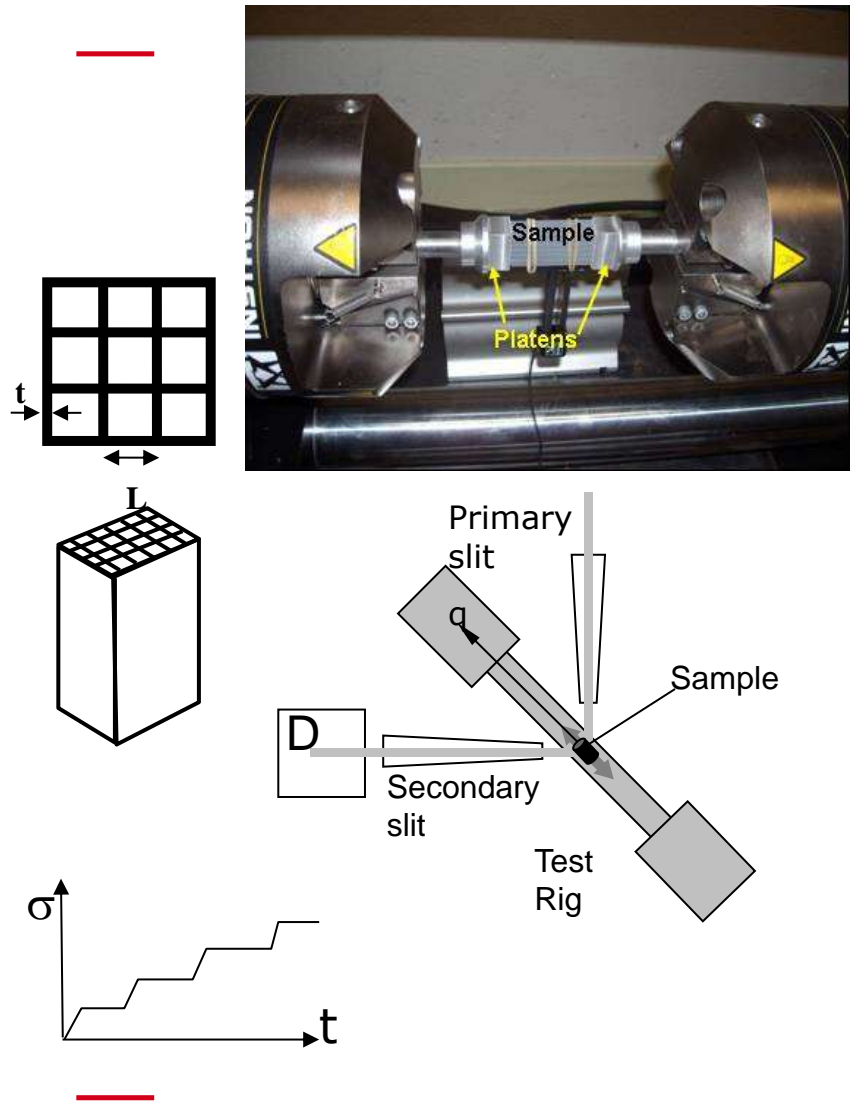
In detail

Mechanical behavior and its modeling

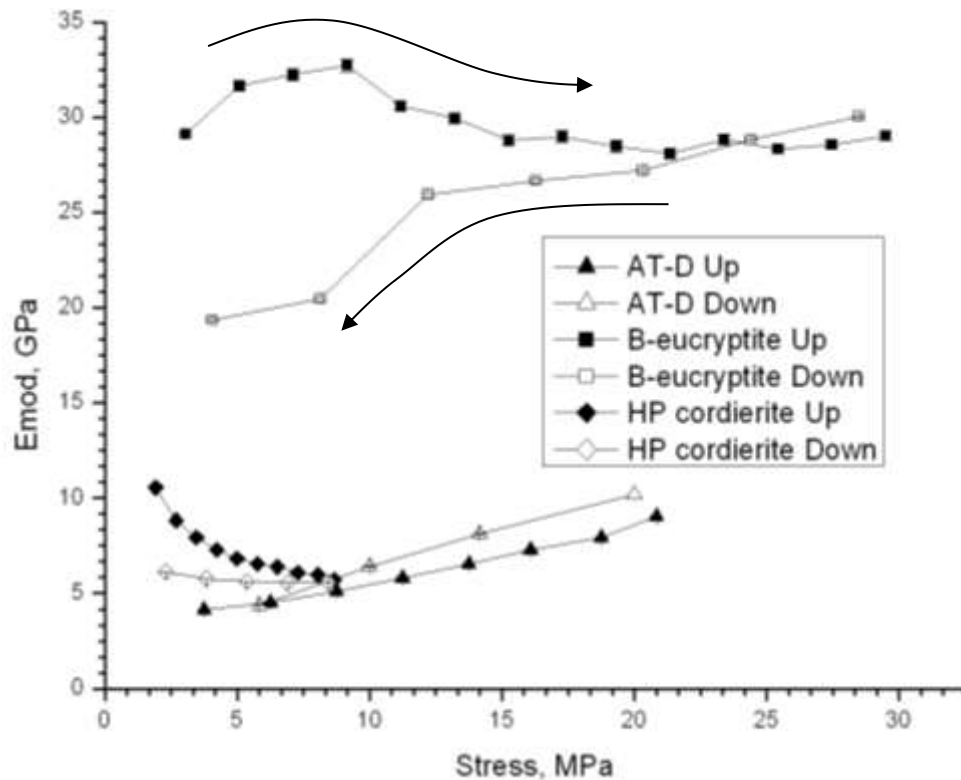
Thermal behavior and its modeling

Microstructural aspects

Stress-strain curves



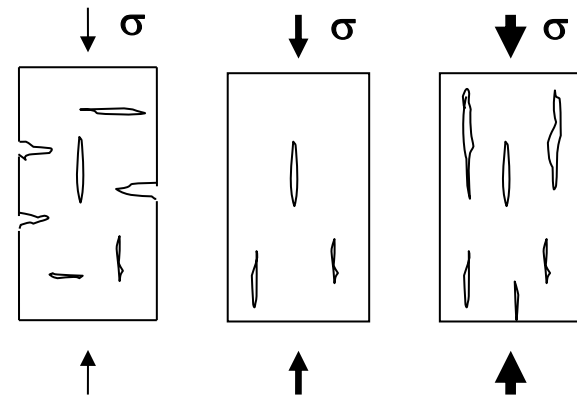
New constitutive laws for porous and microcracked ceramics



Emod vs load:

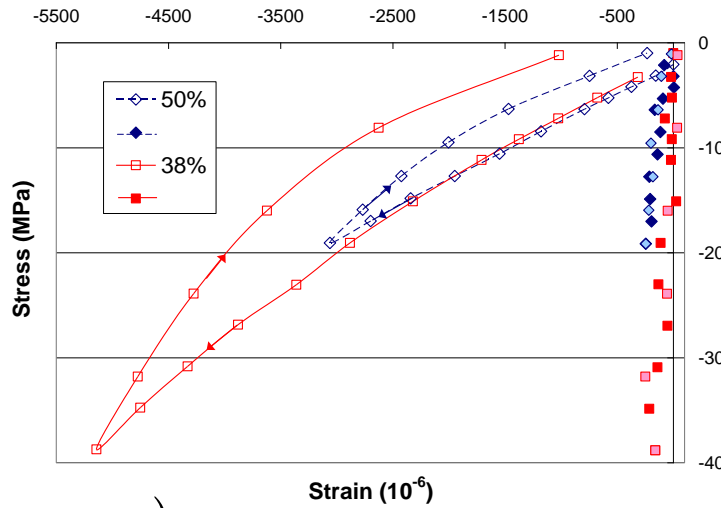
- increases continuously for AT
- decreases continuously for UHPC
- has two regimes for β -eucryptite

From μ -crack closure to opening



- Stress Modeling needs to take the dynamic behavior into account
- Operating conditions cannot be described by static properties
- Mechanical microcracks are irreversible and cannot be closed by load release: they are directional and larger

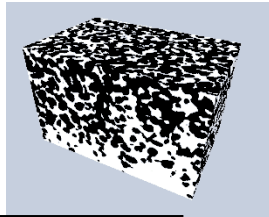
Modeling (AT)



Micromechanics: Differential Scheme

$$\frac{E_0}{E_{eff}} = (1 - \rho)^{-C_1} \cdot \exp(C_2 \rho^{open} + C_3 \rho^{sliding})$$

From tomography

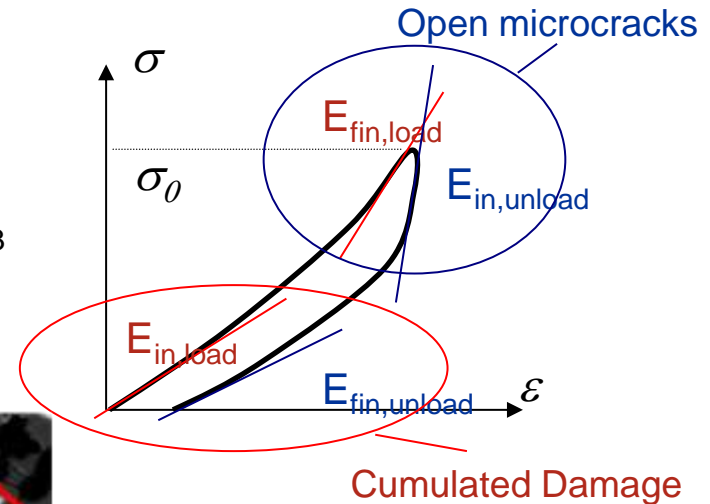
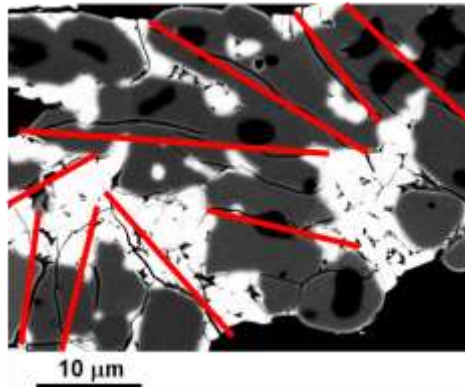


Density Parameter	Theory + Stress-Strain Curves	
	Porosity (%)	
	38	50
$\rho^{open, initial}$	1.44	1.17
$\rho^{open, peak}$	1.01	0.97
$\rho^{sliding, peak}$	1.08	0.83

$$\rho^{open, peak} + \rho^{sliding, peak} > \rho^{open, initial}$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{V} \sum_i a^{(i)3}$$

a^i = microcrack radii



Mechanical Properties Summary

- **New relations** between macro and micro stress and strain for porous materials
- Microcracking induces a viscous behavior (stress-strain curves become time dependent)
- At least two parameters are needed to describe the E vs. p
- Differential model yields microcrack density (agreement with Eshelby approach on E_{mod} vs T data): microcrack sliding is extremely important
- Diffraction Young's modulus rescales with porosity

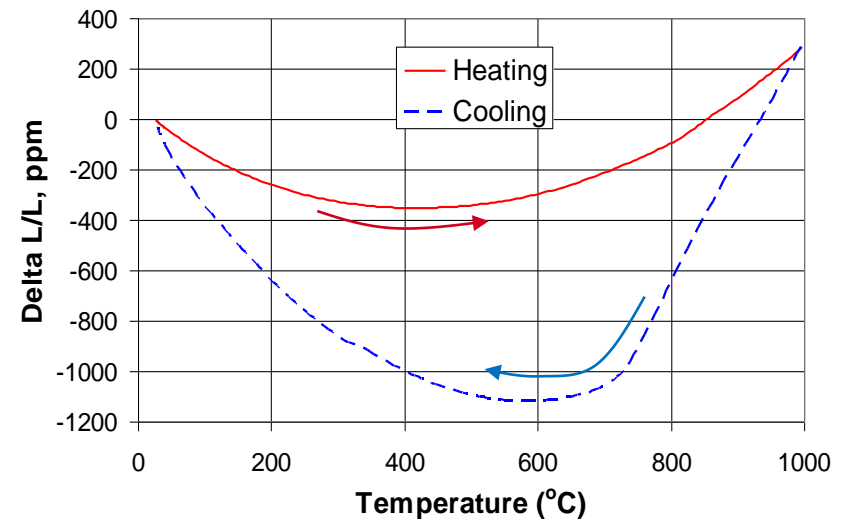
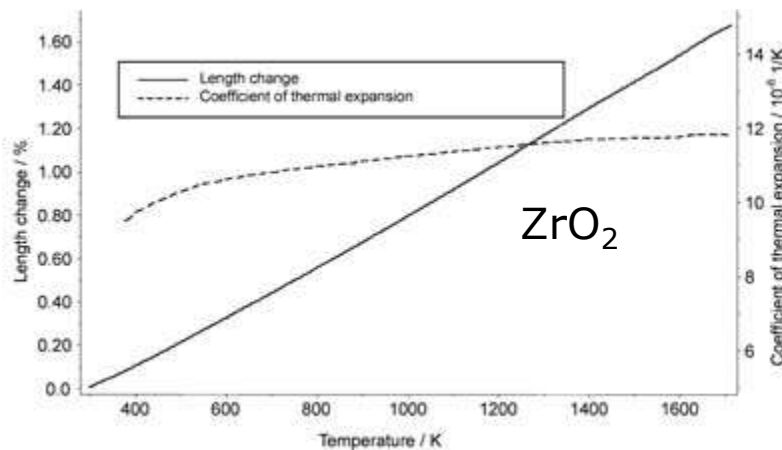
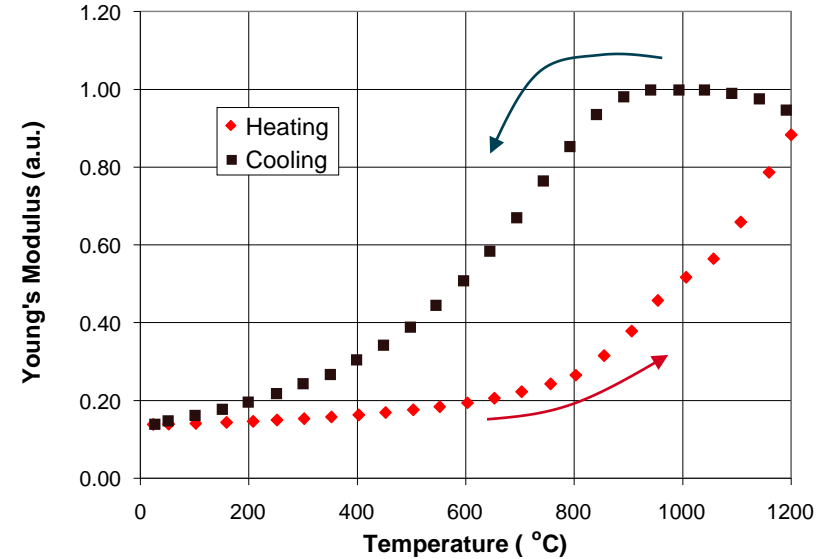
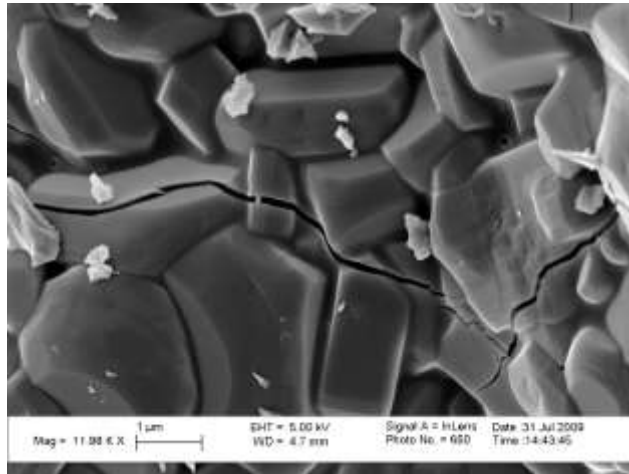
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Thermal behavior and its modeling

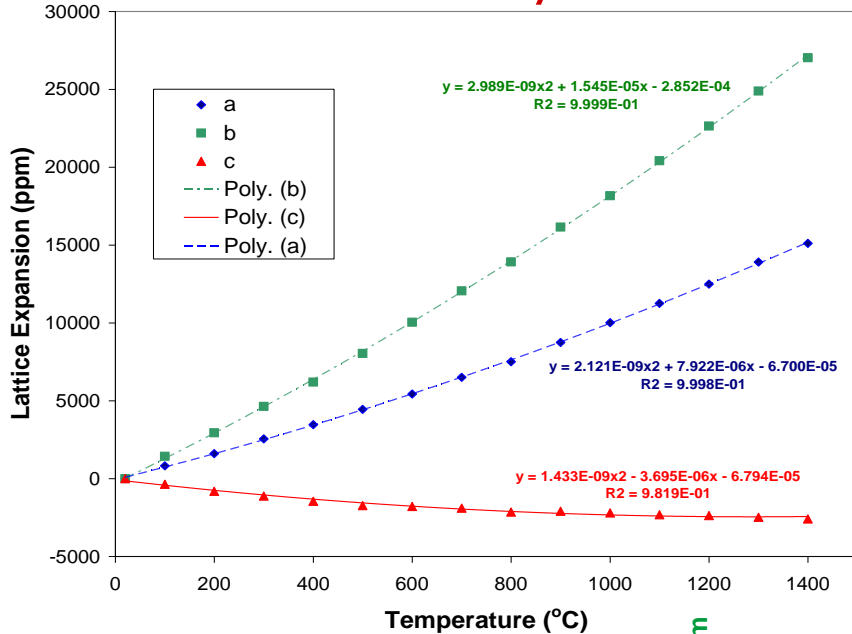
Microstructural aspects

Thermal expansion of Aluminum Titanate

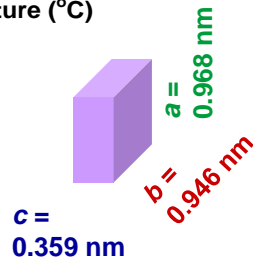


Lattice expansion and Texture of AT

X-Rays

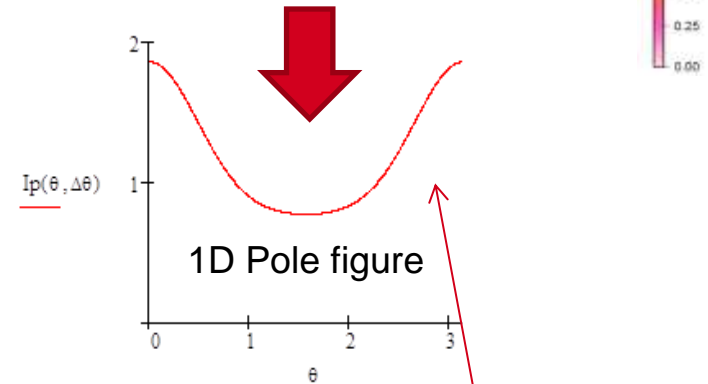
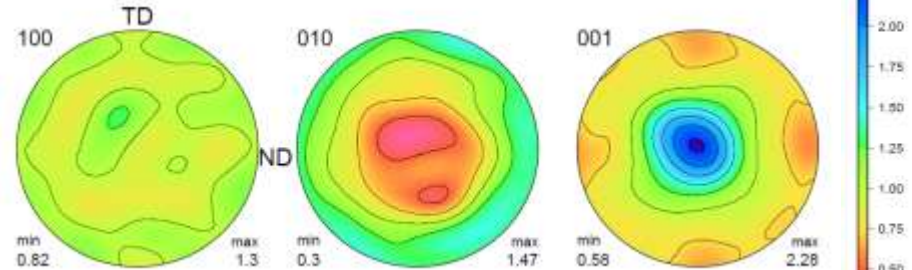


- Different a,b,c
- Negative c-axis



Integrity Factor model (Efremov, Phil Mag., 2013)
 AT macroscopic axial CTE simulation

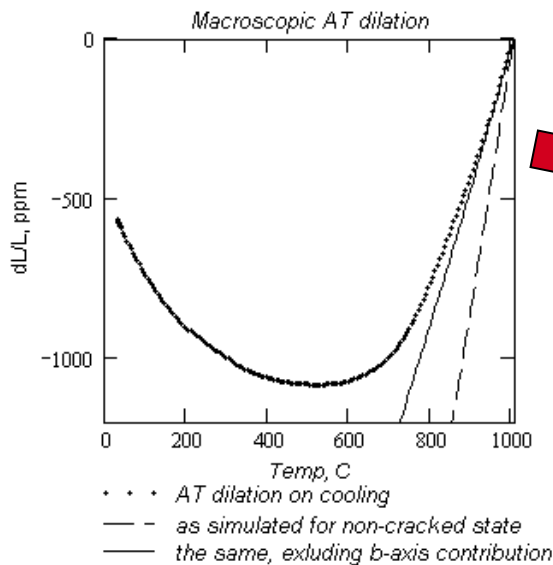
Neutrons



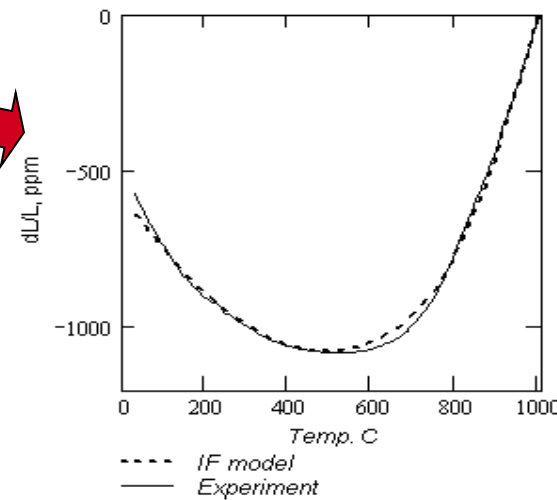
$$\varepsilon^{bulk} = \frac{\sum \varepsilon^{lattice_i} \cdot IF_i \cdot V_i \frac{E_i}{E_{P_i} + E_i}}{\sum IF_i \cdot V_i \frac{E_i}{E_{P_i} + E_i}}; \quad \sum (V_i \cdot \sigma_i) = 0$$

$$\sigma_i = \left(\varepsilon^{bulk} - \varepsilon^{lattice_i} \right) \cdot IF_i \cdot \frac{E_i \cdot E_{P_i}}{E_{P_i} + E_i} \cdot A$$

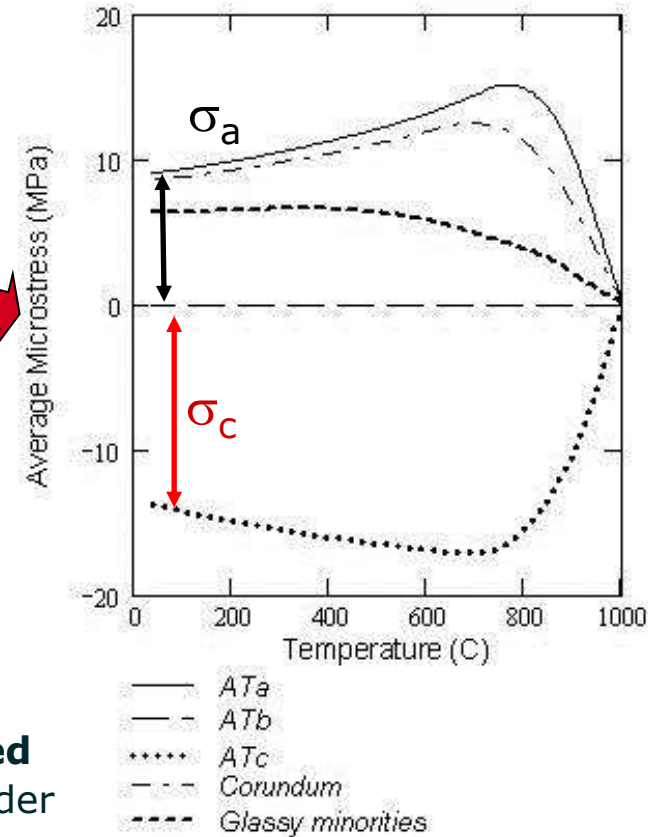
IF model- Matching the slope at HT



IF model- dilation curve



IF model- stress



- At all temperatures the **c-axis** remains attached to the body and is under **compression**
- Even at high temperatures the **b-axis** must be **disconnected**
- At RT, the **c-axis** is under **compression**, the **others** are under **tension**

Thermal Properties Summary

- **Mechanical and thermal microcracks** have different orientations
- Aluminum titanate behaves highly anisotropically: internal micro-stresses
- The **Integrity Factor Model** can rationalize the high-temperature behavior of Thermal Expansion and calculate stresses

In detail



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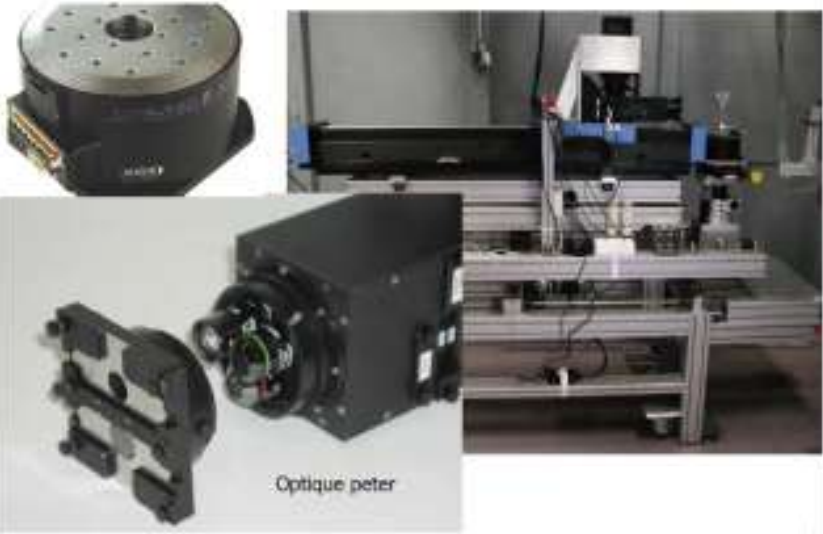
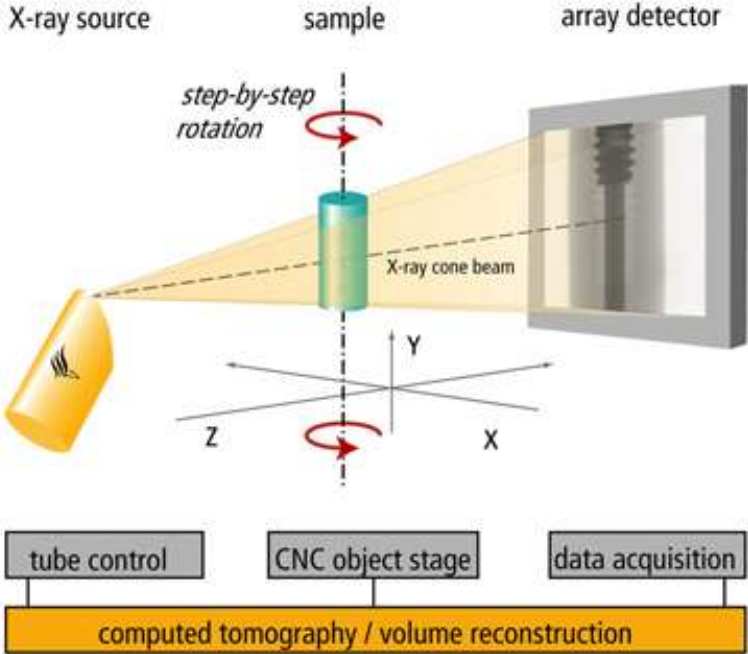
Microstructural aspects



Pore orientation by means of Computed Tomography

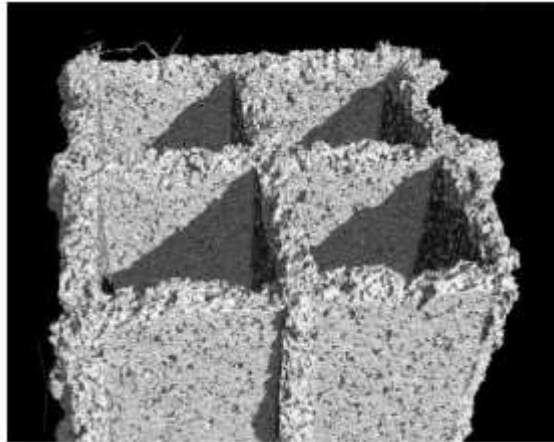


GE v|tome|x
Pixel size ~ 4 mm

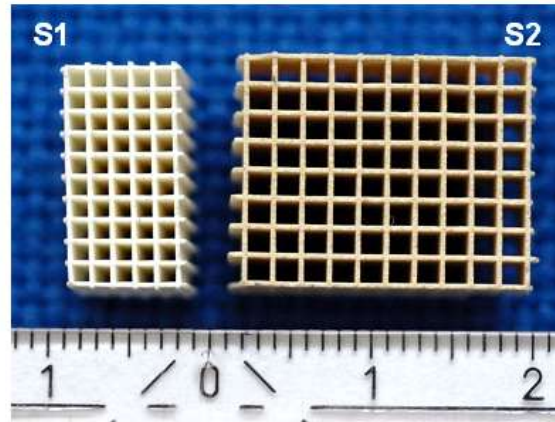


BAMLine, BESSY, Berlin,
Germany
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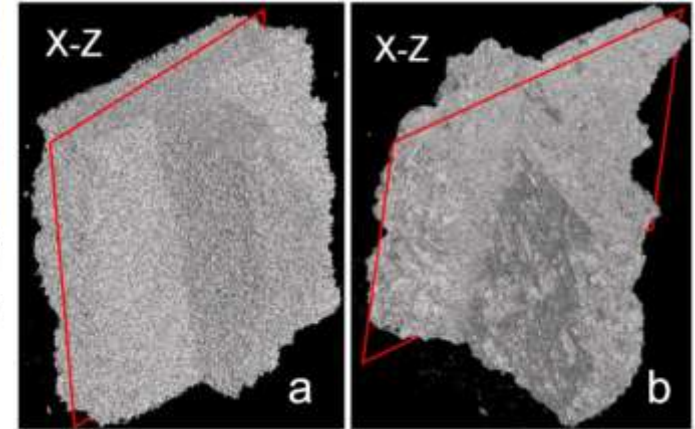
Results- CT reconstructions



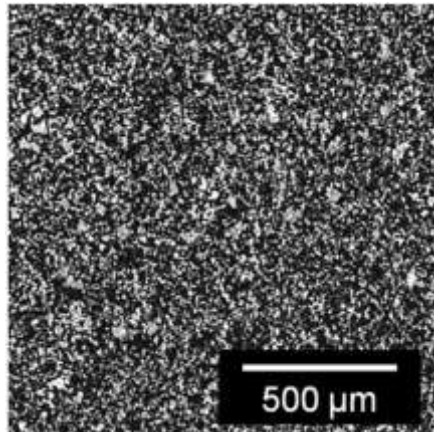
Laboratory CT Data



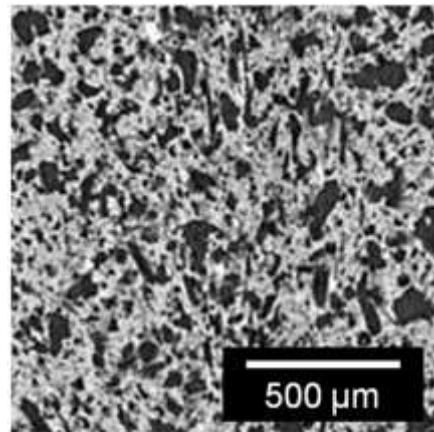
Cordierite samples



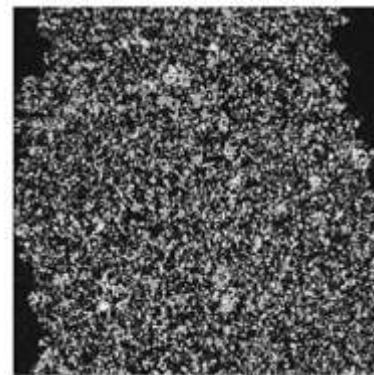
Synchrotron CT Data



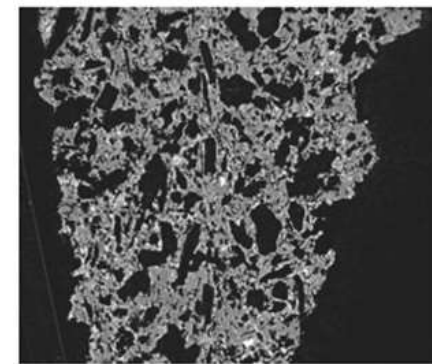
S1



S2

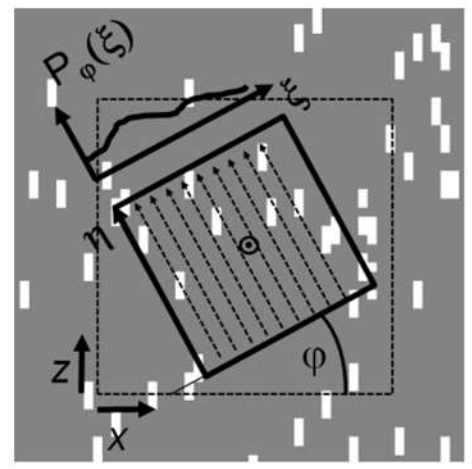
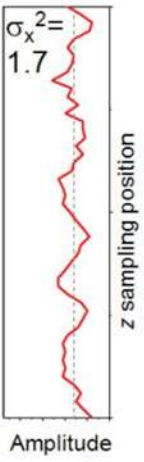
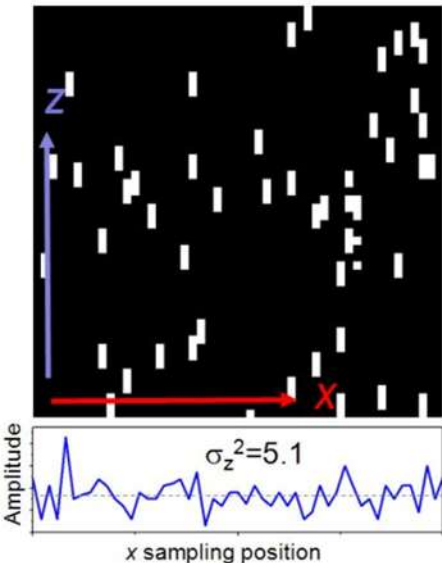


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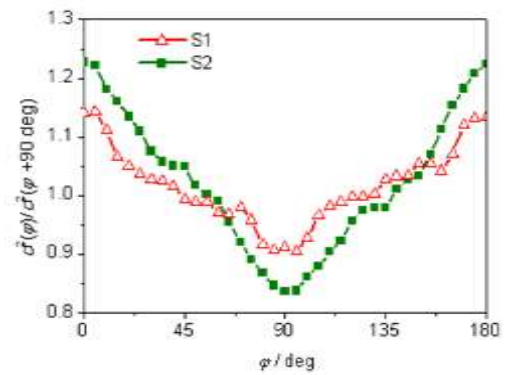
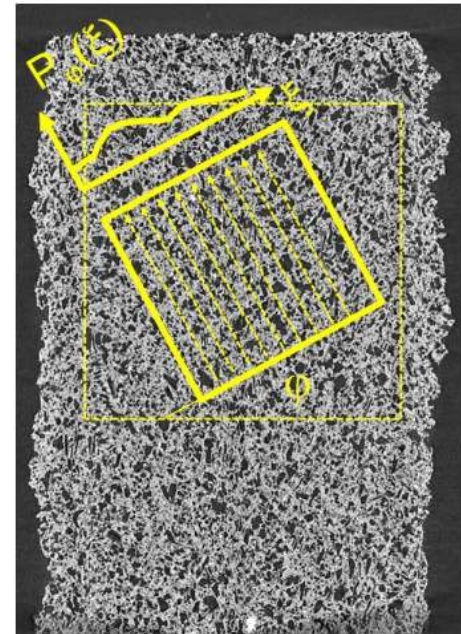
CT Data Analysis: DIVA



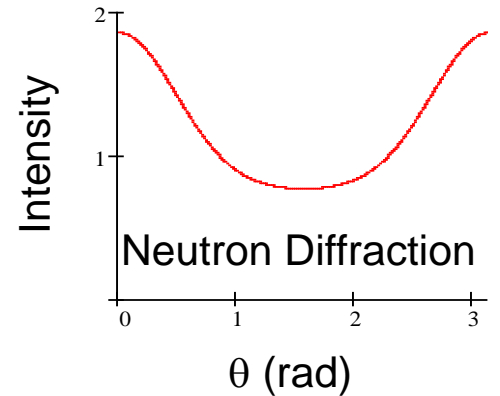
- Calculation of the Variance of Gradients

$$\sigma_P^2(\varphi) = \frac{\sum_{\xi_i} (P_\varphi(\xi_i) - \langle P_\varphi \rangle)^2}{n}$$

$$P_\varphi(\xi) = \int_V |\nabla \mu(\mathbf{r})| d\eta$$



- Orientation parameter O_D by ratio of max to min variance



	X-ray Refraction (/⊥)	μ-CT DIVA (/⊥)	Synch. CT (/⊥)	Neutron Diffraction
S1	0.92	0.92	0.85	-
S2	0.86	0.84	0.74	0.77

Morphology and crystal orientations coincide

Microstructure Summary

- **Morphological and crystallographic** orientations are the same in cordierite
- High resolution CT yields more complete information, yet not substantially different
- Integral information is as valuable as local one

Conclusions

- DPF (complex) materials need high resolution techniques at multi-scale levels
 - One technique (or even a few techniques) is not enough
 - Do not forget the MACRO scale
- Neutrons (and Synchrotrons) are very powerful tools, yet
 - ONLY in combination with others
 - *In-situ* is a MUST
- Modeling is necessary to capitalize experimental data

Questions = Interest