

Physical bases of dental material science

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Alloyes

partial or complete solid solutions of one or more elements in a metallic matrix

metal + metal (Fe+Cr+Ni, Au+Cu)

metal + non metal (Fe+C)



The aim: to modify (to improve) the properties

- hardness and rigidity (Au + Cu)
- tensile strength
- shear strength
- to avoid or reduce the corrosion (Fe, Co, Ni, + Cr)
- to increase the adhesion on metal-ceramic surfaces (precious metal+Fe, Sn, In)



Determination of composition

weight % : $c_{m1} = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \cdot 100(\%)$

properties!!

molar % : $c_{v1} = \frac{v_1}{v_1 + v_2} \cdot 100(\%)$

$$c_{v1} = \frac{\frac{m_1}{M_1}}{\frac{m_1}{M_1} + \frac{m_2}{M_2}} \cdot 100 = \frac{v_1}{v_1 + v_2} \cdot 100 = \frac{m_1 \cdot M_2}{m_1 \cdot M_2 + m_2 \cdot M_1} \cdot 100(\%)$$

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The molar ratio in a gold – silver alloy is 2. How large is the molar percent?
How large is the mass percent of the two components in this metal?

$$M_{Au} = 197g \quad M_{Ag} = 108g$$

$$c_{vAg} = \frac{1}{1+2} \cdot 100(\%) = 33,3\%$$

$$c_{vAu} = \frac{2}{1+2} \cdot 100(\%) = 66,7\%$$

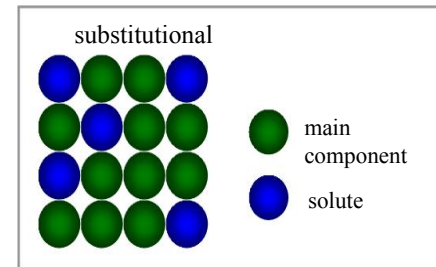
$$c_{mAg} = \frac{m_{Ag}}{m_{Ag} + m_{Au}} \cdot 100(\%) = \frac{0,333 \cdot 108}{0,333 \cdot 108 + 0,667 \cdot 197} \cdot 100 = 21,5\%$$

$$c_{mAu} = \frac{m_{Au}}{m_{Ag} + m_{Au}} \cdot 100(\%) = \frac{0,667 \cdot 197}{0,333 \cdot 108 + 0,667 \cdot 197} \cdot 100 = 78,5\%$$

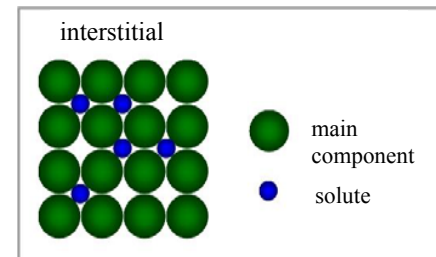
Classification:

- according the application (inlay, corona of teeth)
- on the base of the main component (Au, Pd, Pt, Fe)
- on the base of the number of components (biner, terner, quaterner)
- on the base of the main 3 components (Au-Pd-Ag, Ni-Cr-Be)
- on the base of the phase diagram (solid solution, eutectic alloy, peritectic alloy, metal compound)

Solid solutions



examples: Cu-Ni, Pd-Ag, Au-Cu, ...



examples: Fe-C, CP Ti (O, C, N, H), ...

homogeneous structure

criteria of formation

similar atomic radii (less then 15% diff.)
same crystal structure
similar electronegativities
similar valency

the atomic radius of the solute is smaller
the amount of the solute is less than 10%

properties of solid solutions

flexibility changes

strength increases

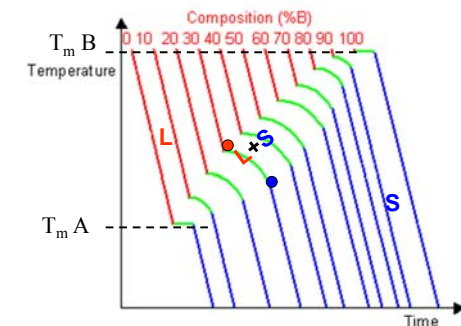
hardness increases

ductility changes

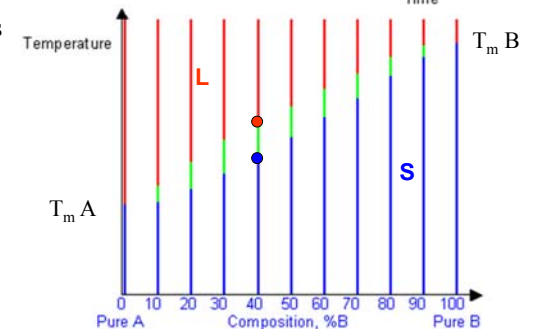
plasticity decreases

metal	atomic radius (nm)	lattice	electro-negativity
Au	0,2882	fcc	2,4
Pt	0,2775	fcc	2,2
Pd	0,2750	fcc	2,2
Ag	0,2888	fcc	1,9
Cu	0,2556	fcc	1,9
Ni	0,25	fcc	1,8
Sn	0,3016	tetragonal	1,8

cooling curve of solid solutions

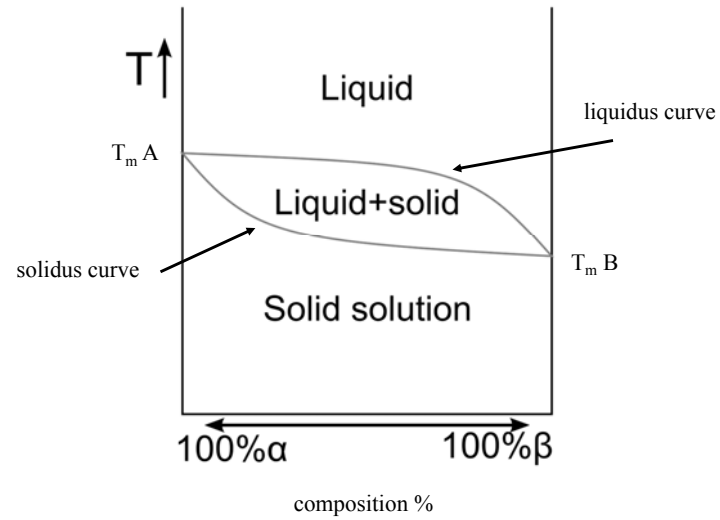


phase diagram of solid solutions

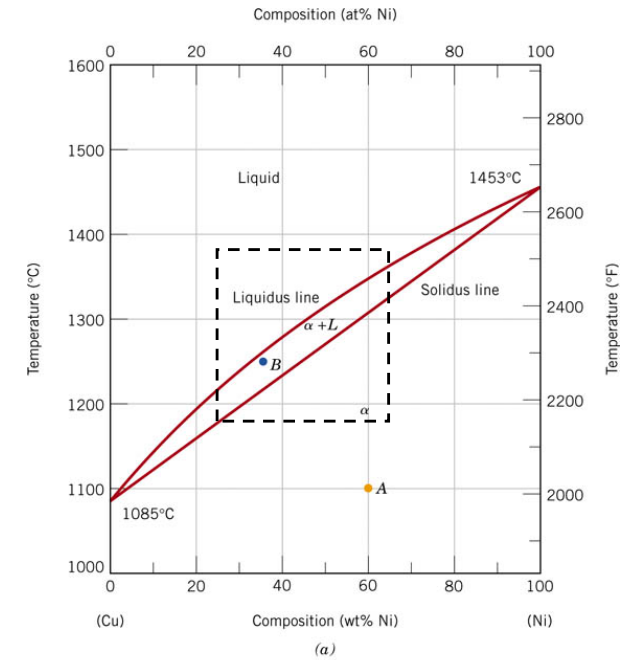


equilibrium !!

equilibrium

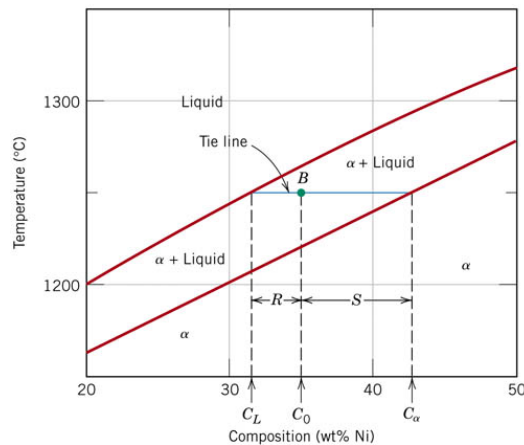


example:
Cu + Ni



Calculation of the composition and the ratio of the different phases

what is the composition at the B point



Liquid phase composition:
31,5 wt % Ni + 68,5 wt % Cu

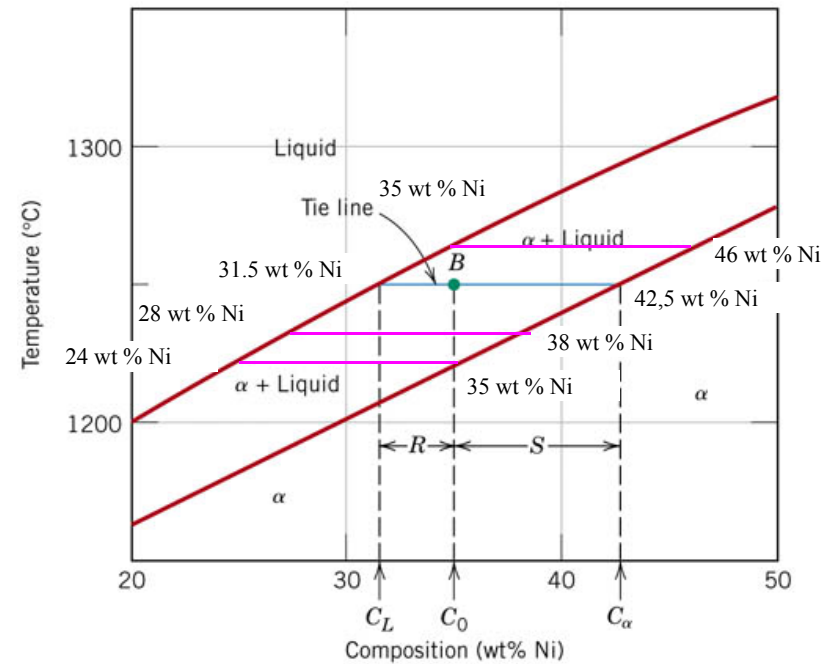
Solid phase composition:
42,5 wt % Ni + 57,5 wt % Cu

Liquid phase ratio:

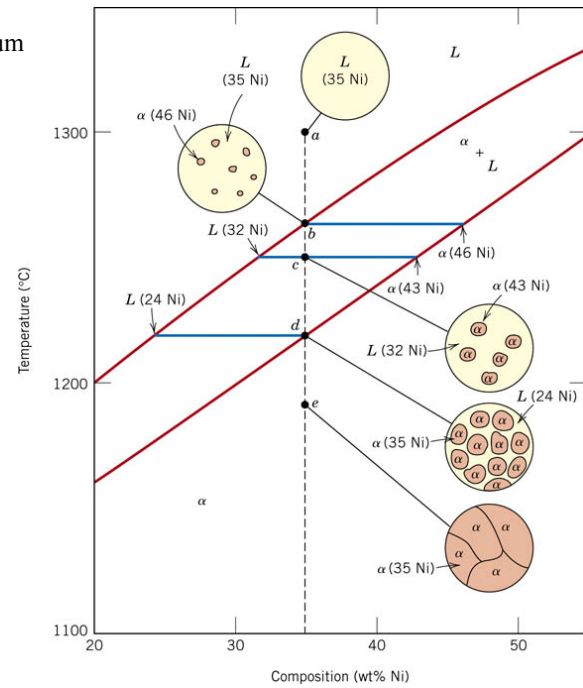
$$\frac{S}{R + S} = 68\%$$

Solid phase ratio:

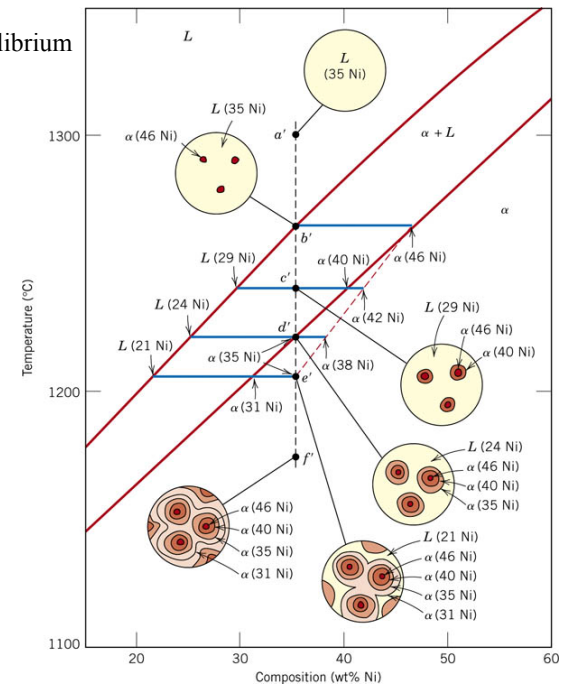
$$\frac{R}{R + S} = 32\%$$



equilibrium

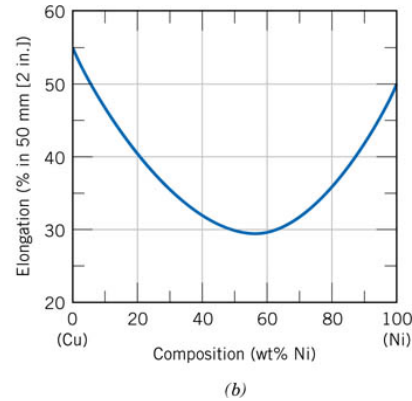
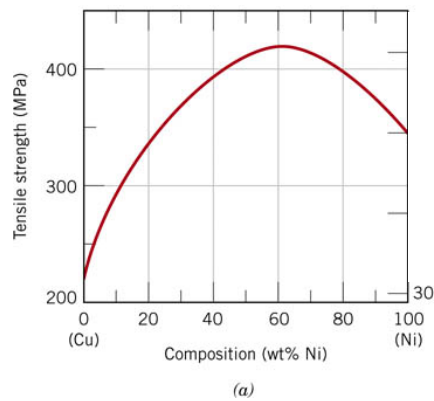


non equilibrium cooling



segregation
seedy structure
heterogeneous
↓
homogenization

Influence of the solute material on different physical properties of alloys



Metal compounds

Definite stoichiometry

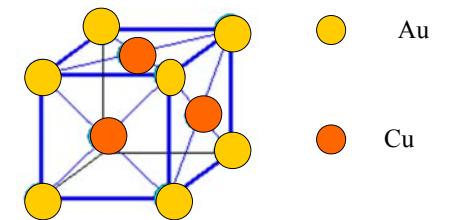
example: Au-Cu

50 wt %Au-50 wt %Cu

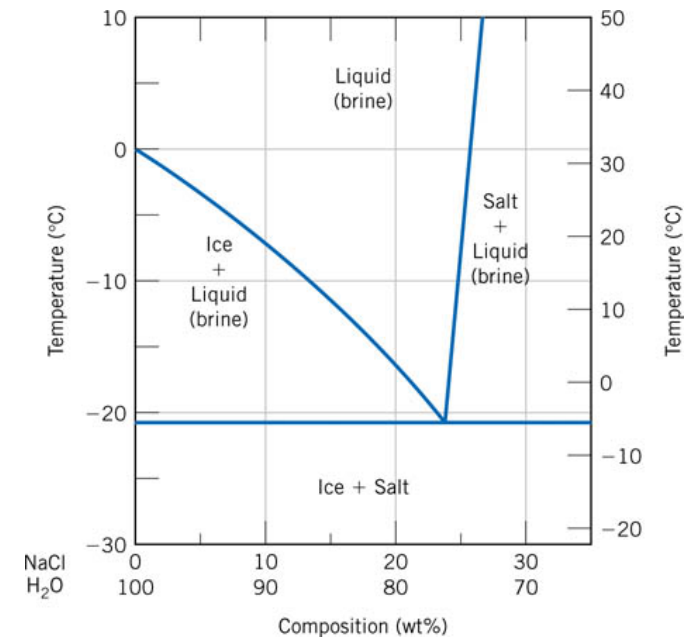
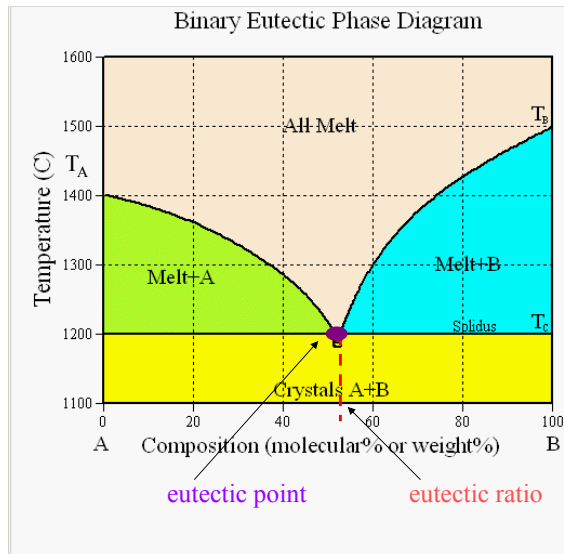
< 400 C

AuCu_3

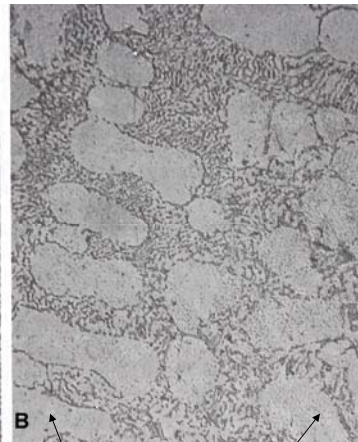
in the amalgam: Ag_3Sn
 Cu_6Sn_5



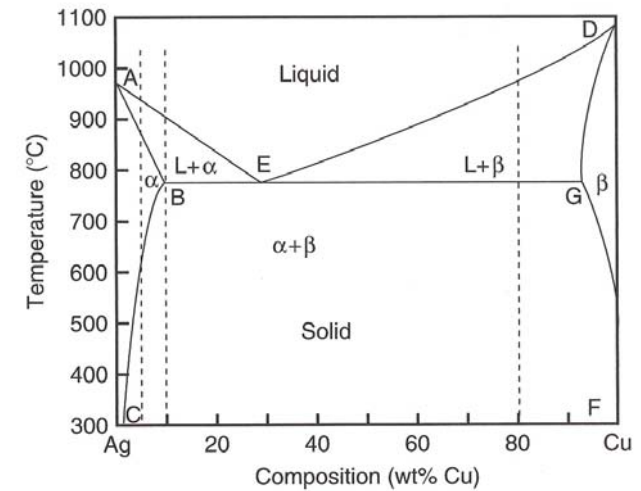
Eutectic alloys



62%Sn-38%Pb
eutectic alloy

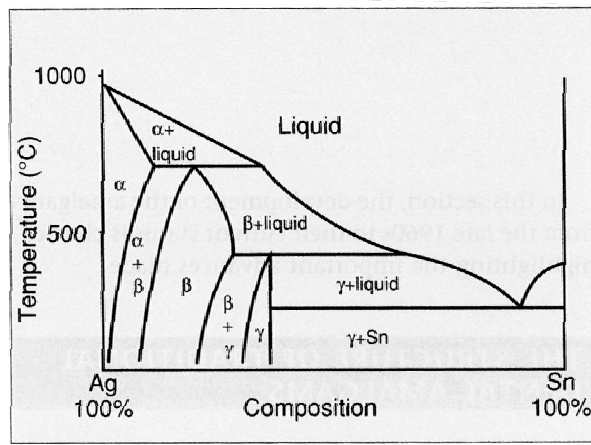


75%Sn-25%Pb
(Sn rich islands)



dental amalgam

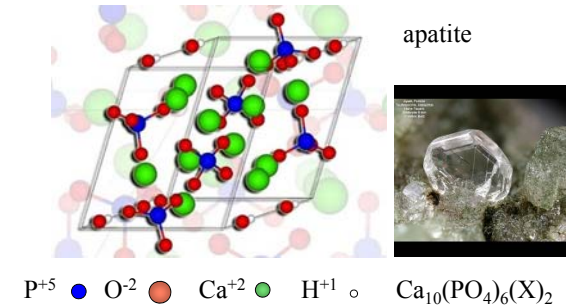
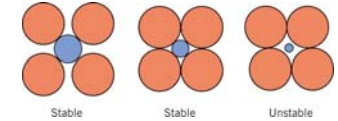
composition	
metal	% (wt/wt)
Hg	50
Ag	34
Sn	13
Cu	2
Zn	1



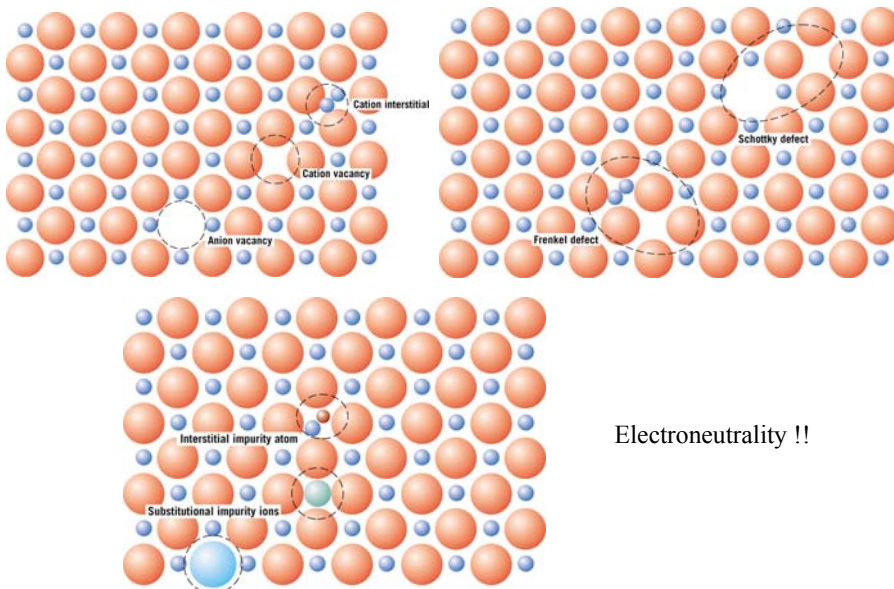
γ phase: Ag₃Sn

Ceramics: compounds of metal and non-metal elements

- mainly ionic bond between the components
- the + ions are smaller
- crystalline or amorphous structure
- phase diagram like in the case of metals



Defects of ceramics

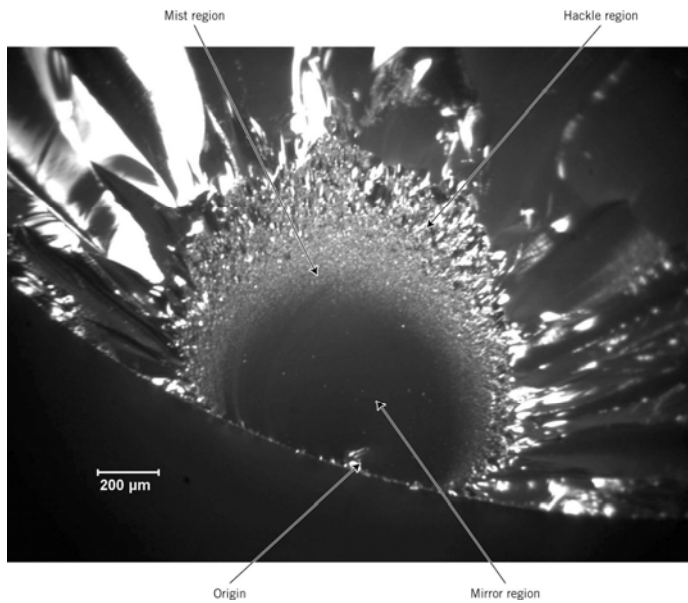


Electroneutrality !!

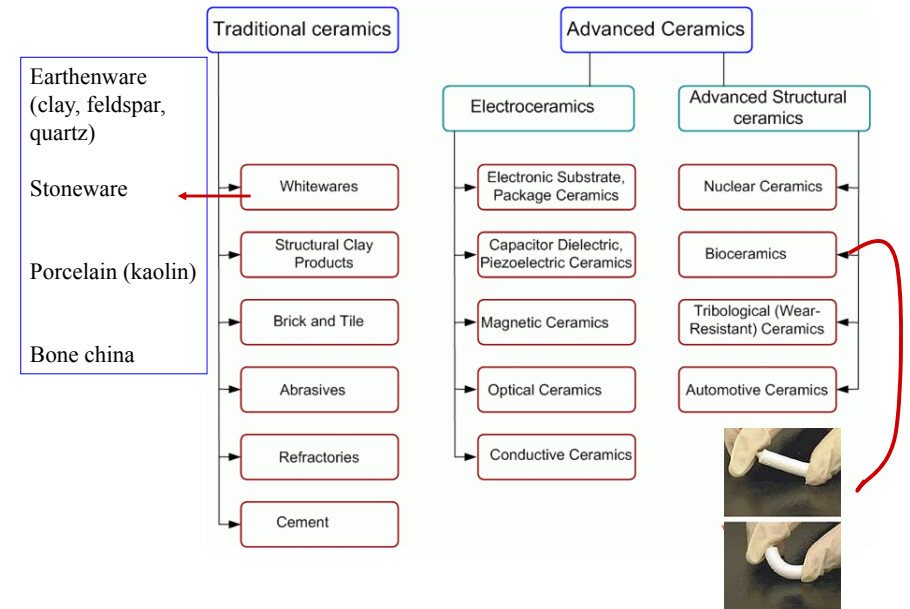
General properties of ceramics

- solid at room temperature
- fragility
- large hardness and rigidity
- strong in compression
- weak in tension and shearing
- poor heat-shock tolerance
- proof against corrosion and heat
- not conduct electric current (insulator)
- biocompatibility





Application base classification of ceramics



← Earthenware pottery



→ Porcelain

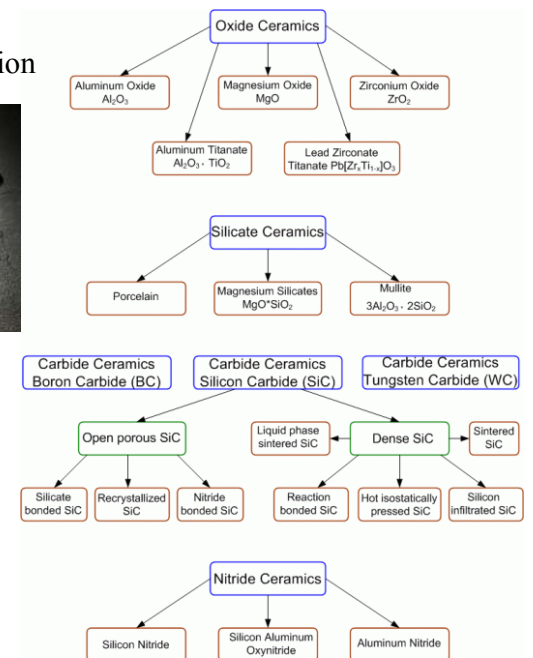
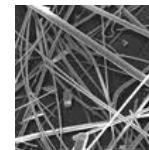


← Stoneware vase

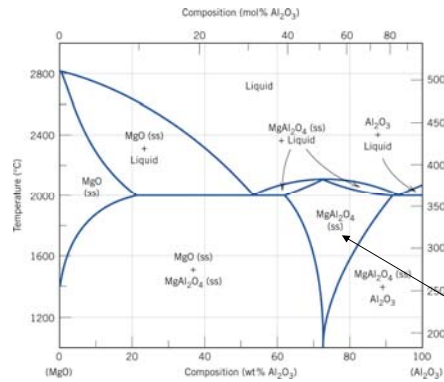
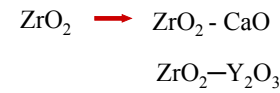


→ Bone china

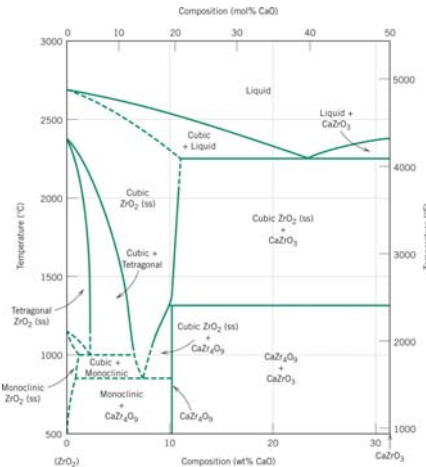
composition base classification of ceramics



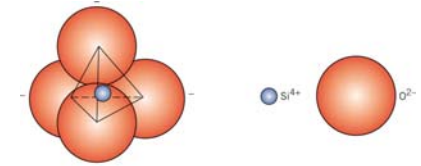
Oxide ceramics



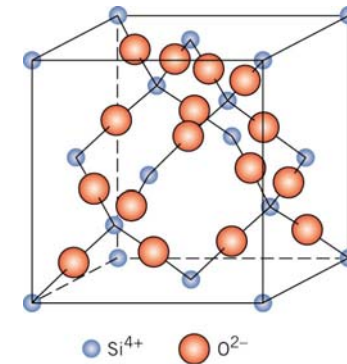
$\text{MgO} - \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$
 $(\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4 \text{ spinel})$



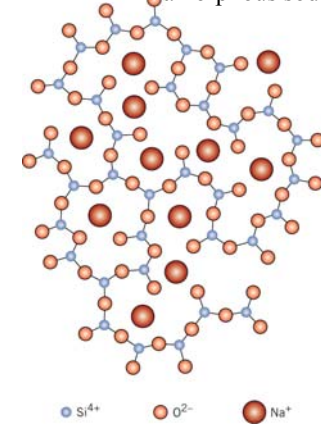
Silicate ceramics



crystal structure of silica

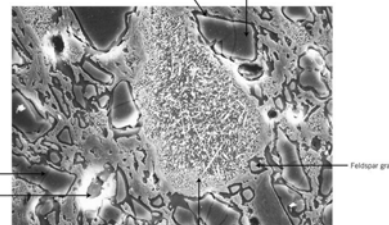
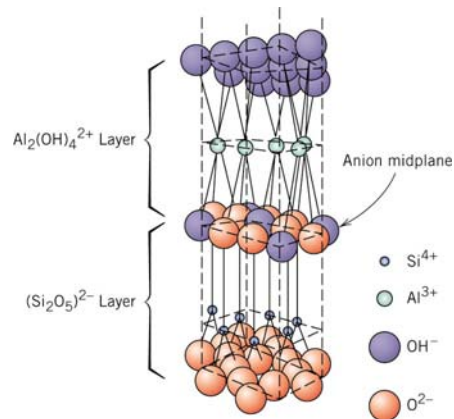


amorphous sodium silicate

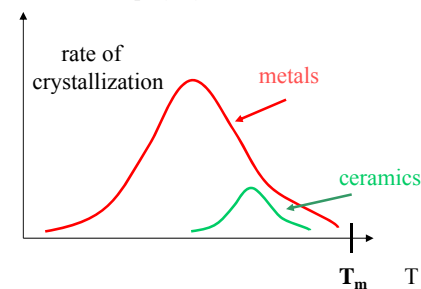
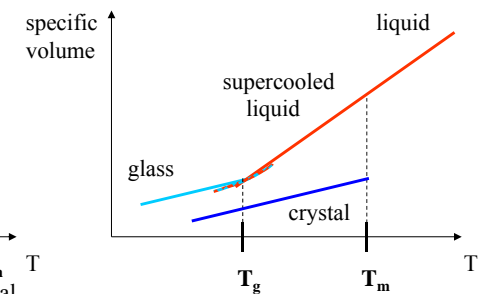
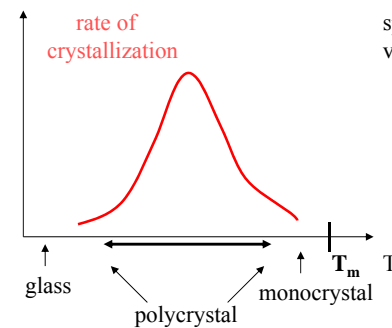


Porcelain

crystal structure of kaolin



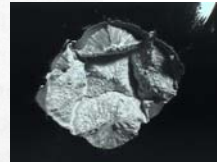
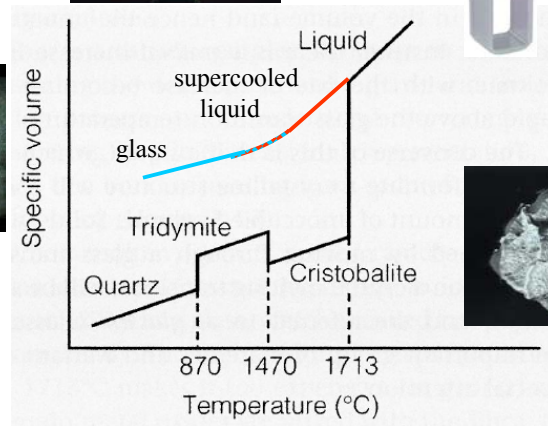
Crystallization ↔ glass formation



SiO₂



silica glass



Glass ceramic share many properties with both glasses and ceramics

glass ceramics structure:

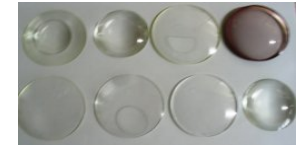
they have amorphous phase
+ crystalline one (controlled crystallization)

main components:

Li₂O – Al₂O₃ – nSiO₂ (LAS-system)

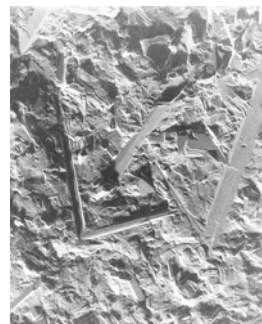
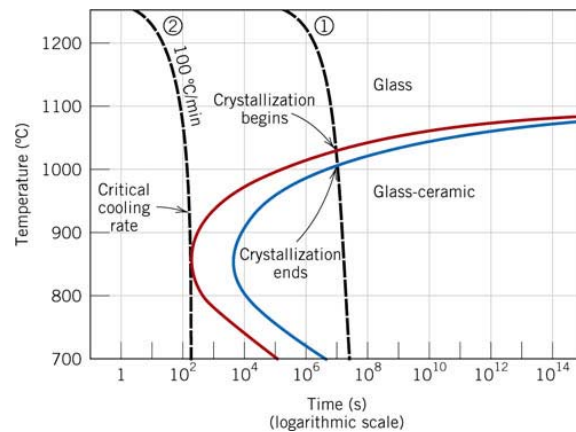
MgO – Al₂O₃ – nSiO₂ (MAS-system)

ZnO – Al₂O₃ – nSiO₂ (ZAS-system)



- properties:
- mechanically strong
 - no pores inside the structure
 - low heat conduction coefficient
 - quick temperature changes (up to 800 -1000 C°)
 - coefficient of thermal expansion can vary with phase ratios (it can be negative or even zero)

Formation of glass ceramics



Dental application of ceramics

- crowns, veneers
- bridges
- fillings
- dental implants
- orthodontic brackets
- cements
- polishing materials

