

Physical Bases of Dental Material science

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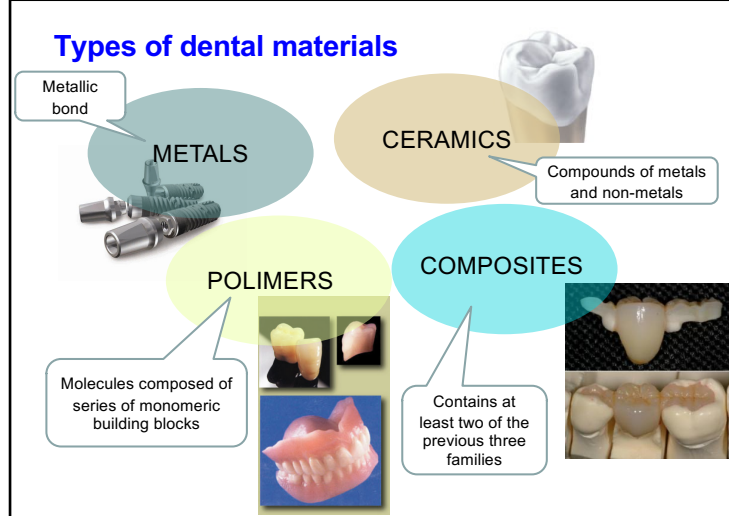
Crystallisation. Metals, alloys, ceramics.

E-book Chapters: 9-11

Homework: Chapter 3.: 3-5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18

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Types of dental materials



METALS
Metallic bond

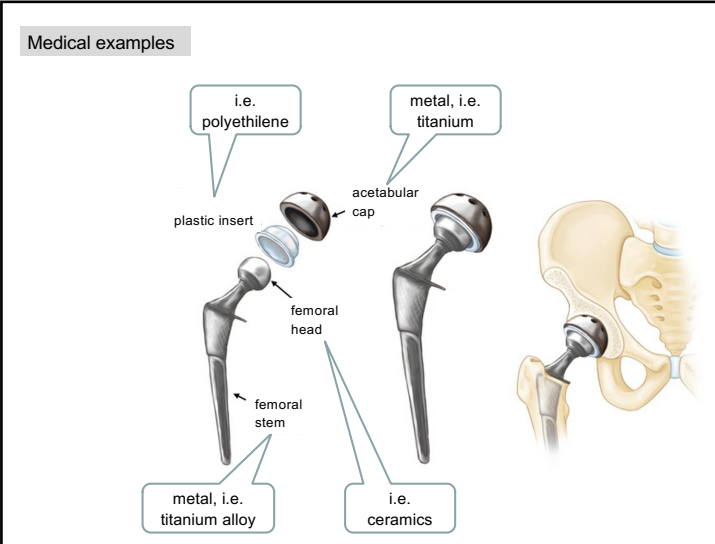
CERAMICS
Compounds of metals and non-metals

POLYMERS
Molecules composed of series of monomeric building blocks

COMPOSITES
Contains at least two of the previous three families

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Medical examples



i.e. polyethylene

metal, i.e. titanium

acetabular cap

plastic insert

femoral head

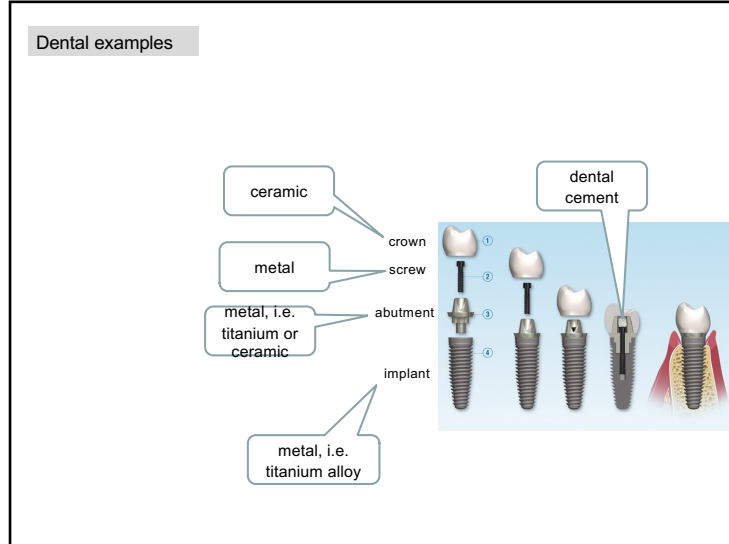
femoral stem

metal, i.e. titanium alloy

i.e. ceramics

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Dental examples



ceramic

metal

metal, i.e. titanium or ceramic

metal, i.e. titanium alloy

crown

screw

abutment

implant

dental cement

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Metals



Properties:

- common material; diverse properties
- relatively large density
- solid at room temperature (except for Ga and Hg)
- relatively large toughness and strength
- relatively good deformability
- tendency to corrode (except for precious metals)
- properties can be influenced by alloying
- good heat and electric conductivity
- metallic color
- mostly not biocompatible



amorphous
metallic
glass!

Structure:

- metallic bond
- Atoms with identical size in pure metals
- crystalline (typically hexagonal or cubic)*
- polycrystalline**

examples for application:

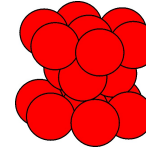
- crown, bridge
- implants
- filling
- orthodontics

Production: melting, casting

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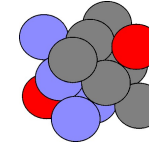
*Why is the hexagonal and cubic lattice common among metals?

close packing of equal spheres!



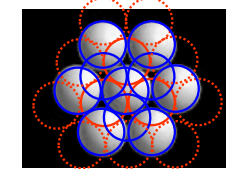
hexagonal close packed
(hcp)

pl. Ti, Cd, Co, Zn, ...



face centered cubic
(fcc)

pl. Ag, Au, Pt, Al, Cu, Ni, ...



less packed body
centered cubic
(bcc)

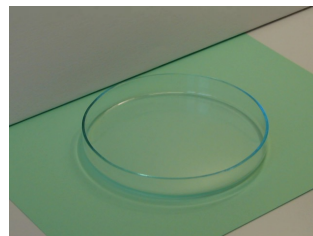
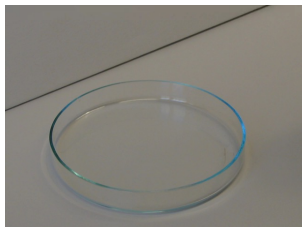
pl. Fe, Cr, ...

space filling: 74 %

74 %

68 %

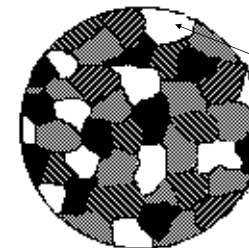
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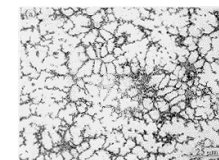
**Polycrystalline structure

Microstructure:

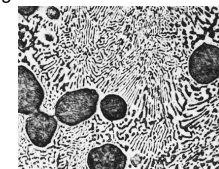


grains
(crystallites)

homogeneous microstructure



heterogeneous microstructure



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Metal alloys

Aim: to improve properties, for example:

- increase corrosion resistance, i.e. Fe, Ni, Co, ...+Cr
- increase hardness, stiffness, i.e. Au+Cu
- to improve metal-ceramic adhesion, ie. precious metals +Fe, Sn, In

Classification:

- metal+metal, i.e. Fe+Cr
- metal+non-metal, i.e. Fe+C
- usage (i.e inlay, crown, ...)
- base element (gold or palladium based, ...)
- number of components (biner, terner, kvaterner,...)
- 3 main element (i.e. Au-Pd-Ag, Ni-Cr-Be, ...)
- type of phase diagram
 - solid solution
 - eutectic alloy
 - peritectic alloy
 - metal alloy



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Alloying ratios:

• **mass%**
$$c_{m,1} = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} (\cdot 100\%)$$

• **mole%**
$$c_{v,1} = \frac{V_1}{V_1 + V_2} (\cdot 100\%) \rightarrow \text{properties!}$$

(i.e. Ni-Cr-Mo-Be alloy: Be 1,8 mass% ↔ 11 mole%)

Conversion:

$$c_{v,1} = \frac{c_{m,1} \cdot M_2}{c_{m,1} \cdot M_2 + c_{m,2} \cdot M_1} (\cdot 100\%) \quad c_{m,1} = \frac{c_{v,1} \cdot M_1}{c_{v,1} \cdot M_1 + c_{v,2} \cdot M_2} (\cdot 100\%)$$

Mean density:
$$\bar{\rho} = \frac{\rho_1 \cdot \rho_2}{c_{m,1} \cdot \rho_2 + c_{m,2} \cdot \rho_1}$$

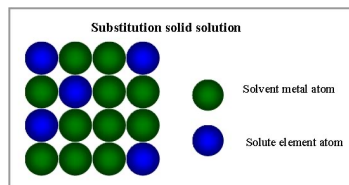
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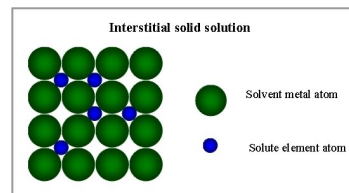
Solid solution

Good solubility in both liquid and **solid phases**.

homogenous microstructure



i.e. Cu-Ni, Pd-Ag, Au-Cu, ...



i.e. Fe-C, CP Ti (O, C, N, H), ...

(CP: Commercial Purity)

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Criteria of solubility for substitution solid solutions:

- difference between size of atoms is small (< 15%)
- same crystal lattice type
- similar electronegativity
- same valence, or the valence of „solvent“ is greater

metal	atomic diameter (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

Criteria of solubility for interstitial solid solutions:

- size of „solute“ atom is much smaller
- amount of „solute“ is low (< 10%)

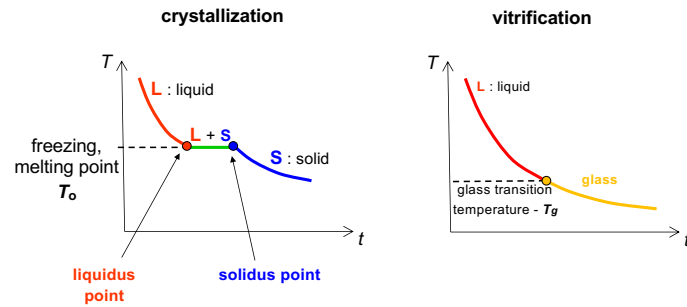
Properties of solid solution:

elastic limit, strength, hardness increases
plasticity decreases, i.e. Au-Cu (5 mass%)

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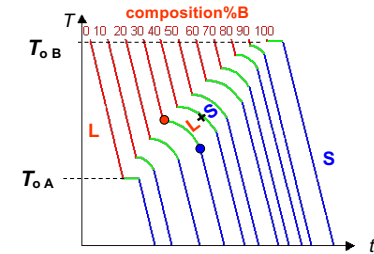
Cooling of pure melted metal



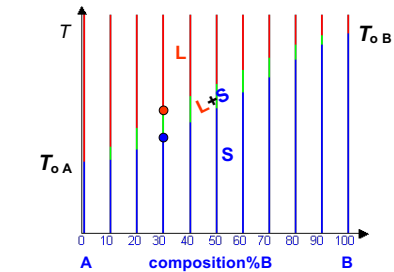
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Cooling of solid solution



Phase diagram

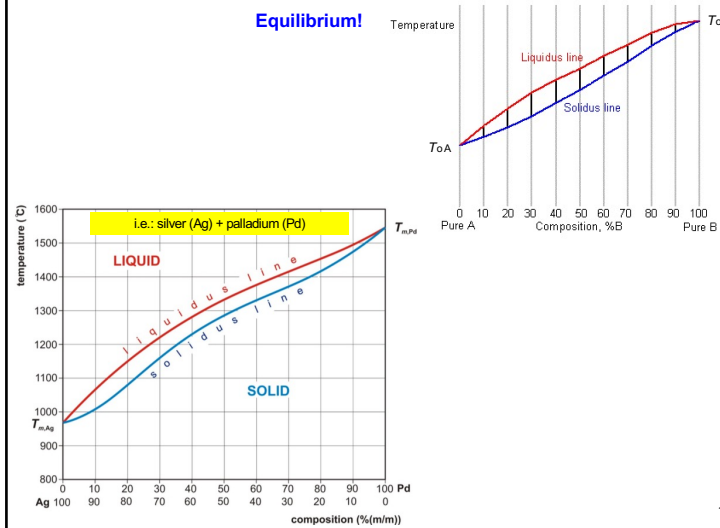


Through equilibrium states! = infinitely slow cooling

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Equilibrium!

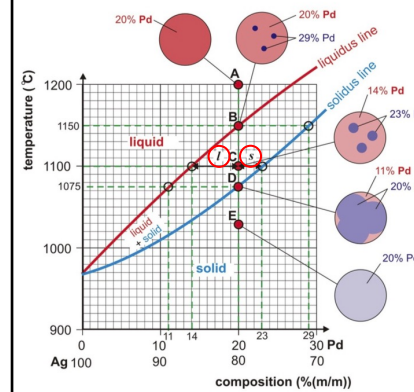


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How to determine phase composition and ratio

Example: 80%(m/m) Ag + 20%(m/m) Pd

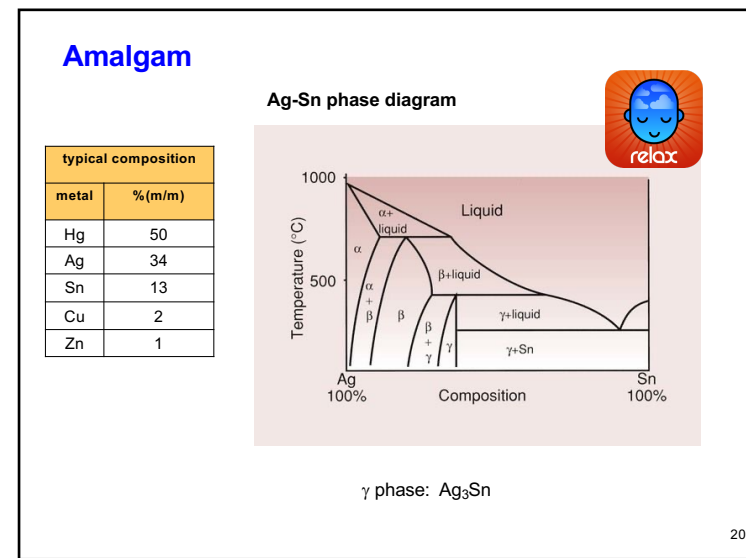
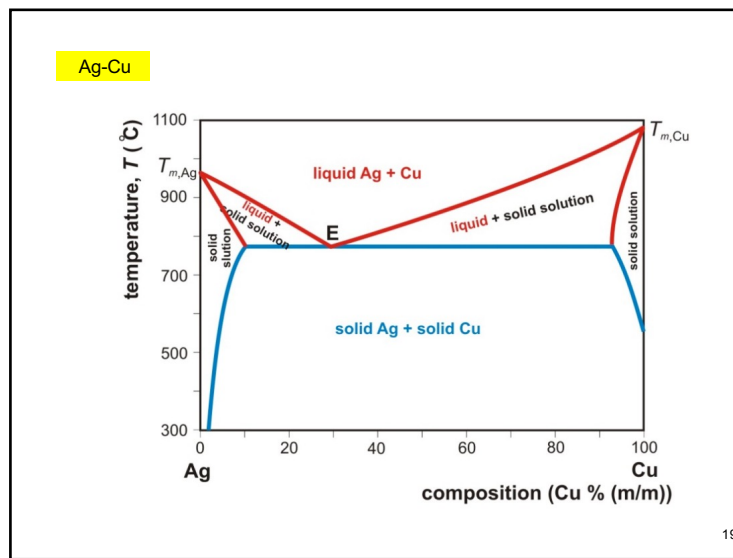
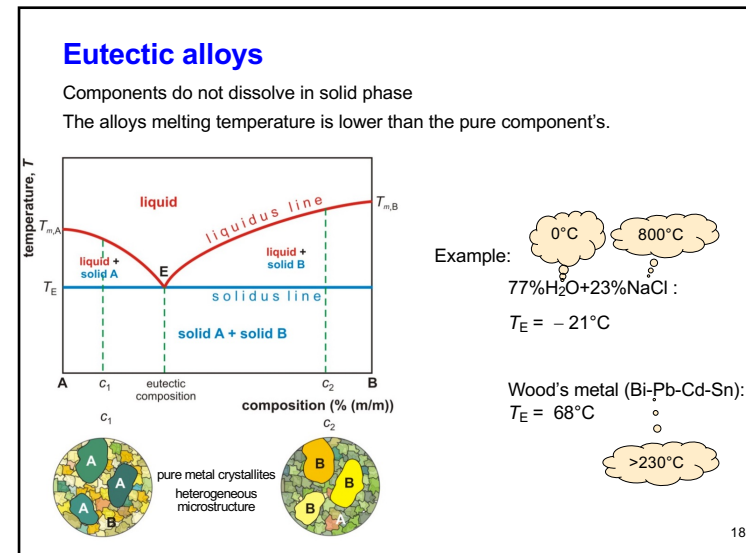
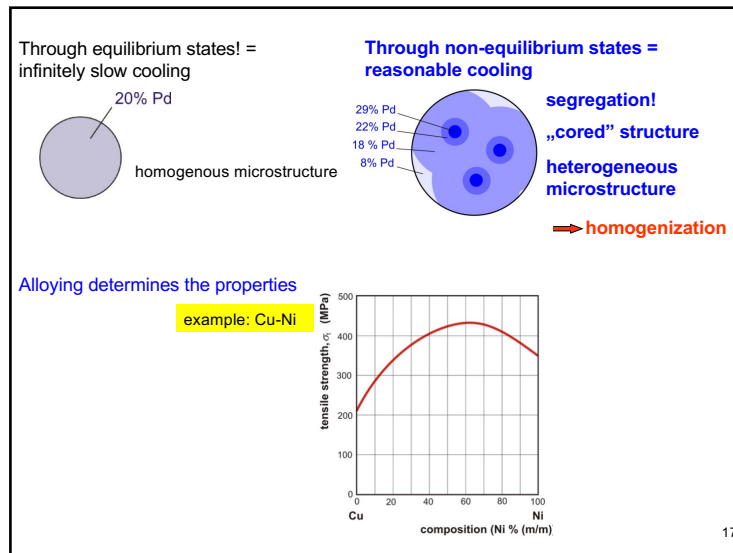


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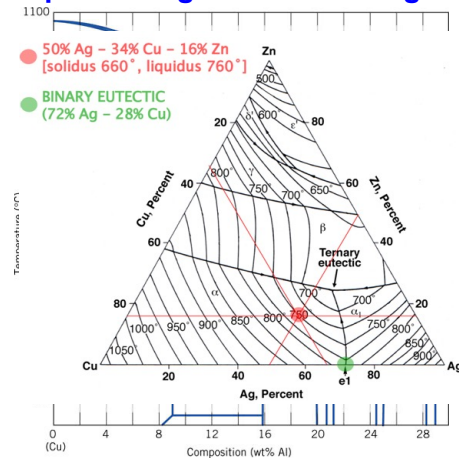
- Liquid phase composition:
14% Pd + 86% Ag
- Solid phase composition:
23% Pd + 77% Ag
- Liquid phase ratio:
$$\frac{s}{l+s} = \frac{23-20}{23-14} = \frac{3}{9} = 33,3\%$$
- Solid phase ratio:
$$\frac{l}{l+s} = \frac{20-14}{23-14} = \frac{6}{9} = 66,6\%$$

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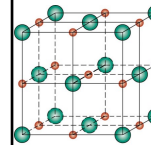


Eutectic phase diagram can be a nightmare!



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Ceramics



Definition: mixture of metallic and non-metallic elements (there are exemptions!)

Properties:

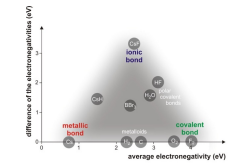
- medium density
- solid at room temperature
- large stiffness, hard, not deformable, brittle
- great heat- and corrosion resistance
- heat shock sensitive
- bad heat- and electric conduction
- diverse optical properties
- biocompatible

Structure:

- mainly ionic bond, less covalent
- ions of different sizes
- crystalline or amorphous or mixed**

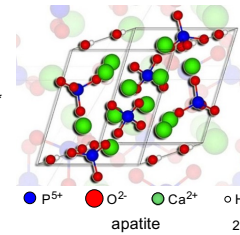
Applications:

- crowns, bridges
- implants
- cements
- polishing materials



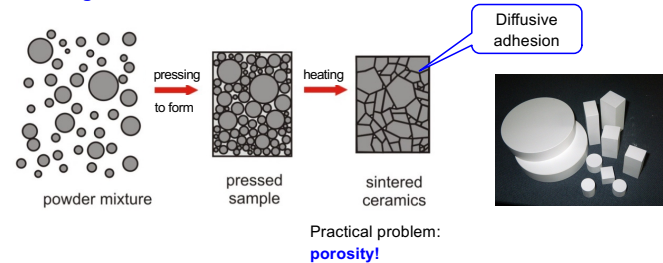
Production:

- melting
- sintering*

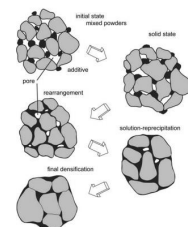


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*Sintering



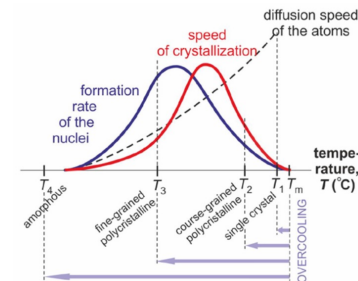
Liquid phase sintering: one component melts



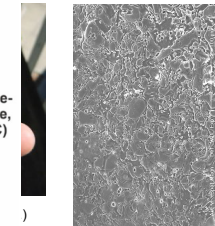
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**Structure

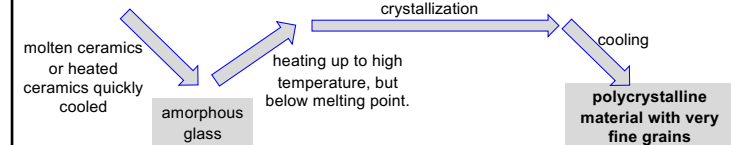
amorphous



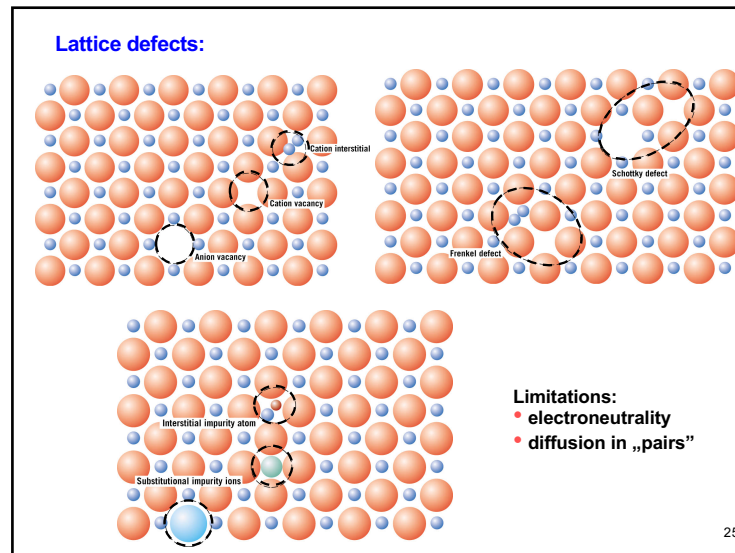
mixed



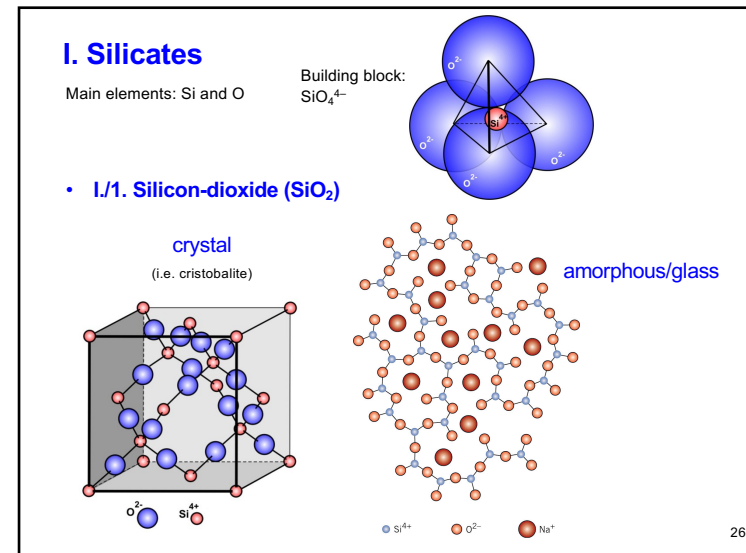
Glass-ceramics:



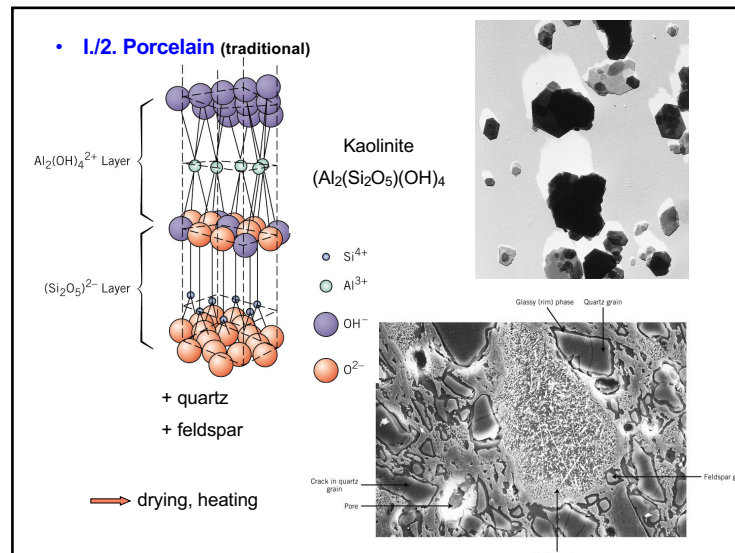
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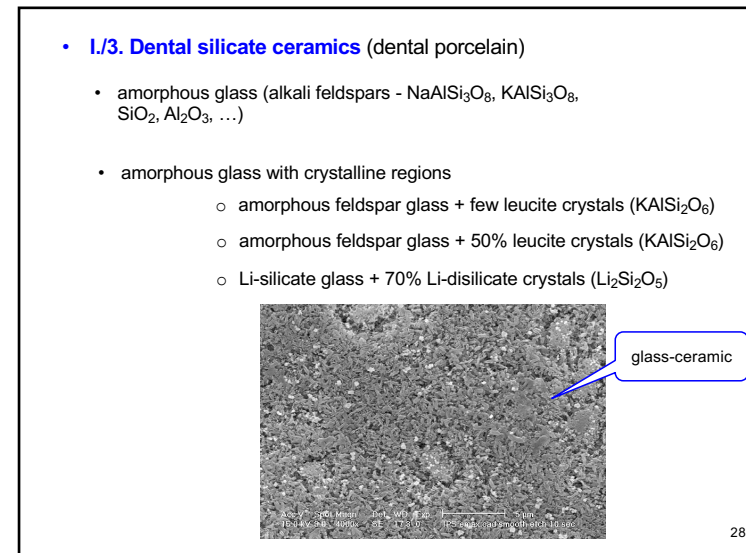
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II. Oxide ceramics

- II.1. Zirconium-dioxide (ZrO_2 , zirconia)

Properties (when sintered to compact state):

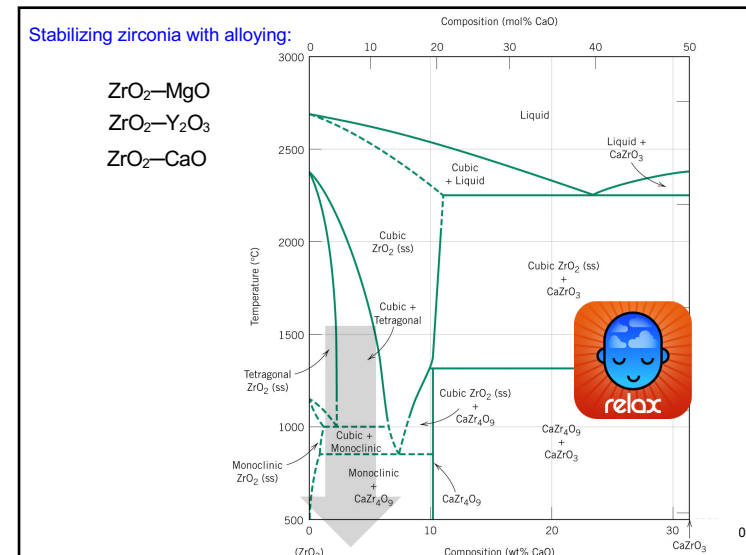
- white
- density approx. 6 g/cm^3
- great strength, toughness, stiffness, hardness (see later)

Production:

- from ZrSiO_4
- expensive purification steps
- cold or hot extrusion, sintering

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„Self-healing” property of zirconia:

Upon adding zirconia, other ceramics will become more resistant against cracks!

I. Ceramics toughened by phase transition!

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- II.2. Aluminium-oxide (Al_2O_3)

Properties:

- colorless, white
- melting point 2700°C
- density approx. 4 g/cm^3
- very hard (see later)

Crystalline forms: corundum

$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{CrO}_2 \rightarrow \text{ruby}$
 $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{CoO}_2 \rightarrow \text{sapphire}$

- II.3. Oxide ceramics crystal + glass

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