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宇宙実験・量子ビーム実験・コンピュータシミュレーションによる MgO-SiO₂系ガラス・液体の構造物性研究

Structural properties of MgO-SiO₂ glasses and liquids by thermophysical properties/quantum beam measurements and computer simulation.

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1. Introduction

The MgO-SiO₂ system is important in both glass science and geo science, because MgO-SiO₂ glass is a binary silicate glass system and enstatite (crystalline (*c*-) MgSiO₃) and forsterite (*c*-Mg₂SiO₄) are main components of mantle of the earth. Understanding of the structure of both glass and high temperature liquid of MgSiO₃ (high glass forming ability (GFA)) and Mg₂SiO₄ (low GFA) makes it possible to understand the origin of glass formation and magma ocean solidification. In this study, we have performed density measurement on electrostatic levitation furnace (ELF) of the international space station (ISS)¹⁾ and X-ray/neutron diffraction on the liquids. Moreover, we have performed DF-MD simulation to understand structure of glasses and liquids at both atomistic and electronic levels.

2. Experimental methods

The density measurements of high-temperature liquid Mg₂SiO₄ (*l*-Mg₂SiO₄) were carried out with ELF at the ISS. The X-ray diffraction measurements of *g*, *l*-MgSiO₃ and *g*, *l*-Mg₂SiO₄ were performed at the BL04B2 beamline of the SPring-8 and the neutron diffraction measurements were carried out at the NOMAD diffractometer at SNS of Oak Ridge National Laboratory in USA. In addition, DF-MD simulations were performed for *g*, *l*-MgSiO₃ and *g*, *l*-Mg₂SiO₄.

3. Result and discussion

Figure 1. compares the X-ray and neutron total structure factors, $S(Q)$, of g , l - $MgSiO_3$ and Mg_2SiO_4 , ^{2,3}). It is confirmed that the $S(Q)$ of DF-MD models reproduce experimental diffraction data. Both the glass and liquid $S(Q)$ of $MgSiO_3$ and Mg_2SiO_4 has a first sharp diffraction peak (FSDP) around $Q \sim 2.0$ and 2.2 \AA^{-1} . These peaks are broad and the position shifts to higher Q than those of g , l - SiO_2 ($Q \sim 1.5 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$), because the addition of MgO break down the network which is comprised by corner sharing of SiO_4 tetrahedra associated with the reduction of the cavity volume.

The status of density/viscosity measurements at the ISS, quantum beam diffraction measurements at SPring-8 and ORNL will be reported and results of DF-MD simulations will be discussed.

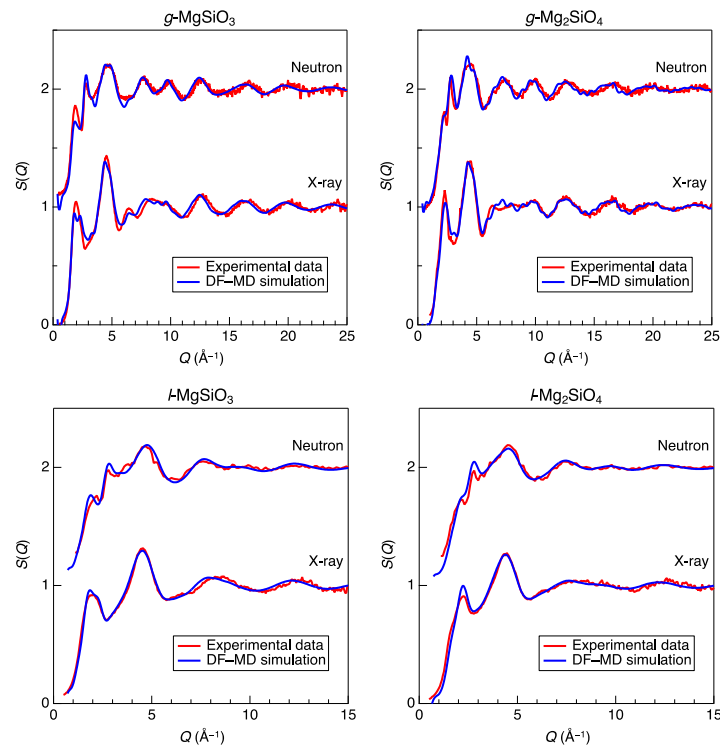


Figure 1. X-ray and Neutron total structure factors $S(Q)$ of g , l - $MgSiO_3$ and Mg_2SiO_4 .

Red curve: experimental data, blue curve: DF-MD simulation.

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