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Dynamics of multicomponent polymer systems: ^1H - ^{13}C wide-line separation experiments and spin diffusion

Separation experiments

2D ^1H - ^{13}C WISE

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Schmidt-Rohr K., Claus J., Spiess H.W.,
Correlation of Structure and Mobility and Morphology by 2D Wide-Line-Separation NMR, *Macromolecules*. (1992); 25: 3273.

2D ^1H - ^{15}N SLF NMR

RG Griffin

Griffin R.G.,
Measurement of Heteronuclear Bond Distances in Polycrystalline Solids by Solid-State NMR, *J.Am.Chem.Soc.* (1987); 109: 4163.

Principles of separation of ^1H - ^1H dipolar spectra

Strong dipolar interactions ^1H - ^1H (30-50 kHz)
 ^1H chemical shift is neglected (2 kHz)
Cosine data are recorded

2D ^1H - ^{13}C WISE

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Polycarbonate-PEO

2D ^1H - ^{13}C WISE

Principles of separation of ^1H - ^1H dipolar spectra

Polyimide-Polydimethylsiloxane

2D ^1H - ^{13}C WISE

Spin-diffusion in WISE dipolar spectra

^1H - ^1H spin system

2D ^1H - ^{13}C WISE

Polyimide-Polydimethylsiloxane

Without SD Limited SD Short 0,5 ms Full SD Long 40,5 ms

¹H-¹H spin exchange (diffusion)

Selective excitation

Selection and transfer of magnetization

Spin diffusion:

$$\frac{\partial M(r,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[D \frac{\partial M(r,t)}{\partial r} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[D \frac{\partial M(r,t)}{\partial r} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[D \frac{\partial M(r,t)}{\partial r} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[D \frac{\partial M(r,t)}{\partial r} \right]$$

Size of dispersed component A in matrix B:

$$d_A = 2 \frac{\epsilon}{f_B} \left(\frac{1}{\pi} D t_m \right)^{1/2}$$

Relations of spin-diffusion coefficients and segmental dynamics:

$$D_{rig} = \frac{1}{12} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2 \ln 2}} (r^2) \Delta V_{1/2} \quad D_{mob} = \frac{1}{6} (r^2) [\alpha \Delta V_{1/2}]^{1/2}$$

$$D_{mob} = 8.2 \times 10^{-6} T_2^{-1} + 0.007 \quad D_{mob} = 4.4 \times 10^{-4} T_2^{-1} + 0.26$$

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Frequency encoding

Selection and transfer of magnetization

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$$D = 0.05 - 0.8 \text{ nm}^2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

¹H-¹H spin exchange (diffusion)

Polyimide-Polydimethylsiloxane

Small domains

Large domains

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¹H-¹H WISE and off-resonance effect

Location of external water molecules

¹H NMR

2D ¹H-¹³C WISE

Weak dipolar interactions ¹H-¹³C (1-2 kHz)
Narrow signal of H2O superimposed
Effect of ¹H chemical shift is not negligible (2-5 kHz)
Off-resonance detection = narrow doublet in the spectrum

Location of external water molecules

Polysiloxane network

²⁹Si CP/MAS NMR

2D ¹H-²⁹Si WISE

Location of external water molecules

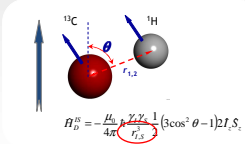
Elastine-like polypeptide

¹³C NMR

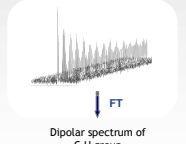
Dipolar couplings

Dipolar couplings and interatomic distances

Dipolar oscillation of ^{13}C NMR signal in a typical C-H group



- D - dipolar coupling constant depends on $1/r_{CH}^3$.
- D - dipolar coupling constant should be constant for all C-H pairs in CH or CH_2 groups as bond length is always ca. 0.11 nm



Scaling of D

$$r_{CH} = a \left(\frac{S_C}{2\pi} \right)^{1/3}$$

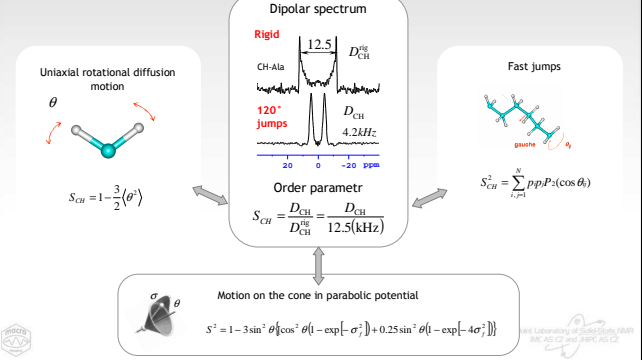
$$S_C = \sin \theta_c \frac{D_{CH}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\sin \theta_c = 0.816$$

$$\theta_c = 54.7^\circ$$

Dipolar couplings and segmental dynamics

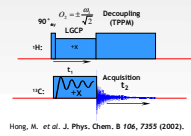
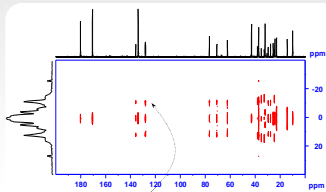
Order parameter and motional models



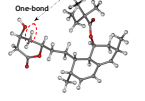
Site-specific experiments

Simple measurement of dipolar couplings

Lee-Goldburg cross-polarization (LG-CP)



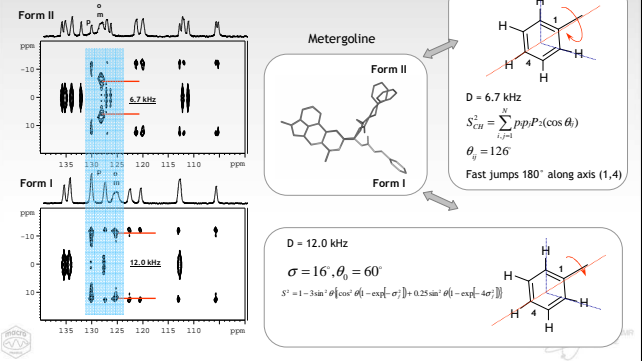
Hong, M. et al. J. Phys. Chem. B 106, 7355 (2002).



- The 2D dipolar spectrum separates dipolar couplings for each resolved carbon unit. The obtained dipolar profiles are dominated by strong one-bond dipolar couplings.

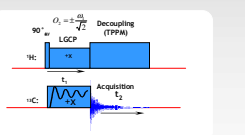
Motional averaging and segmental dynamics

Fluctuation angle

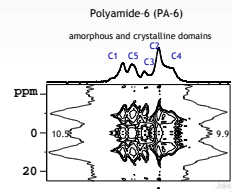
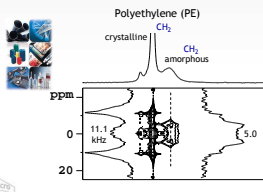


Dynamics in semicrystalline polymers

Standard Lee-Goldburg cross-polarization

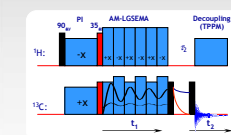


- Standard experiment is not "domain-selective" and dipolar profiles are detected both for mobile and rigid components.
- If NMR signals of both components are not resolved the resulting dipolar spectra must be considered as a superposition and combination of all contributions and motional modes.

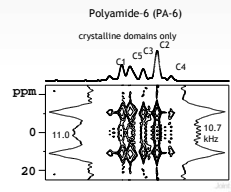
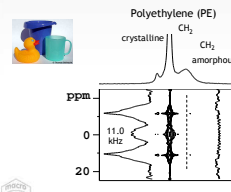


Selective detection of crystalline phase

T_1 -filtered amplitude-modulated FSLG-CP experiment

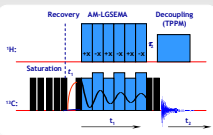


- T_1 -filtered amplitude-modulated experiment detects data selectively from crystalline domains.
- PA-6: magnetization of amorphous component is suppressed; signals in both dimensions are narrowed. The measured dipolar couplings are not distorted.

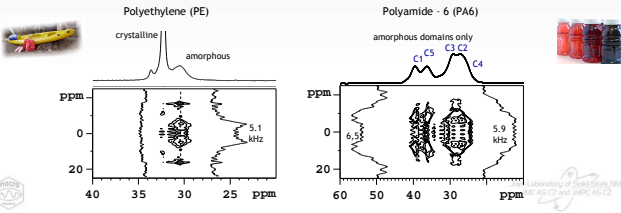


Selective detection of amorphous phase

Inverse- T_1 -filtered amplitude-modulated FSLG-CP



- Inverse- T_1 -filtered amplitude-modulated FSLG-CP experiment back cross-polarization $^{13}\text{C} \rightarrow ^1\text{H}$ provides dipolar data selectively for amorphous domains.
- PA-6: magnetization of crystalline component is suppressed; signals in both dimensions are broadened due to conformational and motional heterogeneities.



What about practical results?

Connection between molecular properties determined by ssNMR and macroscopic behavior

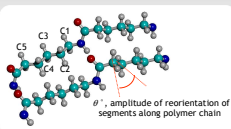
Spectral parameters and motional amplitudes

Macroscopic properties and mechanical behavior

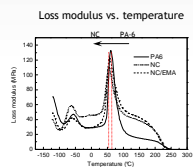
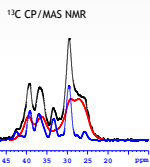


Polymer/clay nanocomposites

Polyamide-6/MMT



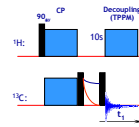
- Semicrystalline systems
- α -form, γ -form and amorphous phase
- Clay minerals cause
 - changes in composition
 - changes in T_g



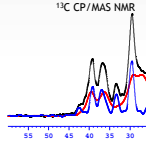
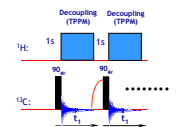
Semicrystalline polymers

Polyamide-6

T_1 -filtered experiment



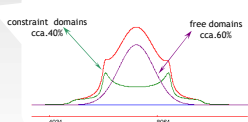
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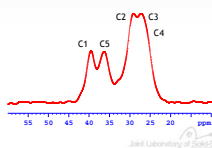
Semicrystalline polymers

Polyamide-6

^2H NMR spectra of amorphous phase of PA-6



Amorphous phase

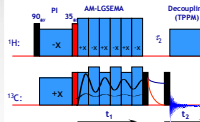


- Two components can be resolved in ^2H NMR spectra selectively measured for amorphous phase of PA-6
 - constraint chains
 - free chains

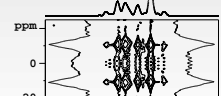
Segmental dynamics in polymer/clay nanocomposites

Domain-selective 2D FSLG-CP experiments

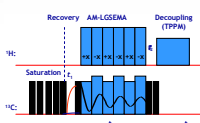
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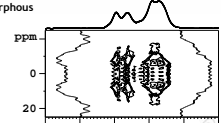
2D spectrum of crystalline phase



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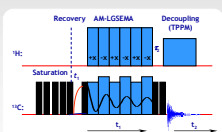


2D spectrum of amorphous phase



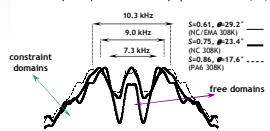
Motional amplitudes in polymer nanocomposites

Decrease in T_g in polymer nanocomposites

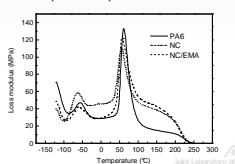


- Nanocomposites exhibit a bit surprising decrease in glass transition temperature.
- Dipolar spectra selectively measured for amorphous phase revealed enhanced motional amplitudes of some segments (C1) in nanocomposites.
- Fast and relatively low-amplitude wobbling occurring in glassy state can be considered as mechanically active

^1H - ^{13}C dipolar profiles of amorphous domains (C1)



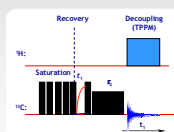
Temperature dependence of loss modulus



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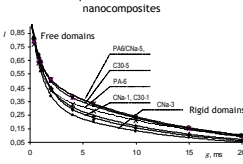
Constraint and free polymer chains in PA-6/MMT systems

Inverse- T_1 -filtered $T_{1\rho}$ relaxation experiments



- Amorphous phase in PA-6 nanocomposites exhibits double-exponential (double-component) behavior.
- Inverse- T_1 -filtered $T_{1\rho}$ relaxation is sensitive to high-amplitude millihertz frequency motions.
- Fast component - efficient relaxation in free domains due to trans-gauche jumps.

Relaxation profiles of various PA-6/MMT nanocomposites



sample	T_1 (°C)	$T_{1\rho}$ (°C)	f_{fast} %	$T_{1\rho}(^{\circ}\text{C})_{fast}$ (ms)	f_{slow} %
PA6	1.15	12.8	45	0.8	55
PA6/CNa-1	0.98	11.0	36	1.2	64
PA6/CNa-3	0.93	10.8	34	1.1	66
PA6/CNa-5	0.95	11.0	57	0.8	43
PA6/C30-1	1.06	11.2	42	1.1	58
PA6/C30-3	1.09	12.0	55	0.9	45
PA6/C30-5	0.95	12.5	51	1.0	49

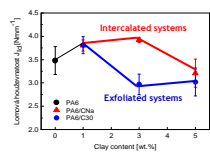
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NMR parameters and mechanical properties

Fracture toughness and $T_{1\rho}$ relaxation

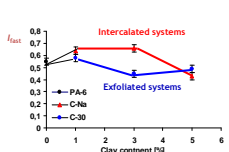
Mechanical properties

Fracture toughness as a function of clay content



NMR spin properties

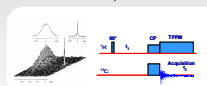
Intensity of rapidly relaxing component as a function of relative amounts of free domains in amorphous phase of PA-6



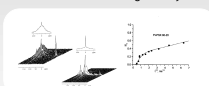
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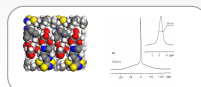
Wide Line Separation - WISE



Size of domains in heterogeneous systems



Location of external water



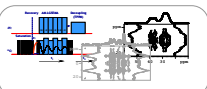
Solid-state NMR and ...

Spin diffusion

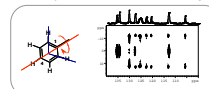
$$D_{eff} = 8.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1} \rightarrow 3.0 \text{ \AA}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} \rightarrow 0.7 \text{ \AA}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$D_{eff} = 4.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1} \rightarrow 0.7 \text{ \AA}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Segmental dynamics in semicrystalline systems



Order parameter and fluctuation angle



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