

# How Unstructured are Amorphous Polymer Melts? Solid-State NMR Studies of Local Dynamic Order in Amorphous Polymer Melts

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#### **Introduction** • interactions in solid state NMR

- **Solid State NMR** resolution enhancement in solid state NMR, magic angle spinning, recoupling methods, double quantum NMR spectroscopy.
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**Polymer dynamics** • Reptation model, polybutadiene, PEMA

**Conclusions** • How unstructured are amorphous polymers ?



Important NMR interactions:

Zeemann Interaction :

**Electronic Shielding :** 

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$$\begin{split} \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{Z}} + \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{Q}} + \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{CS}} + \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{D}} + \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{J}} \\ \text{Zeemann Interaction} : & \mathbf{H}_{Z} = -\sum_{i} \gamma_{i} \underline{\mathbf{B}}_{0} \underline{\mathbf{I}}^{i} \\ \text{Quadrupol Interaction} : & \mathbf{H}_{Q} = -\sum_{i} \frac{eQ}{2I(2I-1)\hbar} \underline{\mathbf{I}}^{i} \underline{\mathbf{V}} \underline{\mathbf{I}}^{i} \\ \text{Electronic Shielding} : & \mathbf{H}_{CS} = -\sum_{i} \gamma_{i} \underline{\mathbf{B}}_{0} \underline{\mathbf{\sigma}} \underline{\mathbf{I}}^{i} \\ \text{Dipol-Dipol Interaction} : & \mathbf{H}_{D} = -\sum_{i\neq j} \frac{\mu_{0}\hbar}{4\pi} \frac{\gamma_{i}\gamma_{j}}{r^{3}} \Big[ \frac{3}{r^{2}} (\underline{\mathbf{I}}^{i} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{r}}) (\underline{\mathbf{I}}^{j} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{r}}) - \underline{\mathbf{I}}^{i} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{I}}^{j} \Big] \end{split}$$

Indirect Spin-Spin Interaction :  $H_J = -\sum_{i \neq i} \underline{I}^i \cdot \underline{J}^{ij} \underline{I}^j$ 





## <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra in Liquid and in Solid State



# **Spectral Resolution Enhancement in Solid State NMR**

dipol-dipol coupling:



magic angle spinning:

$$\overline{\hat{R}}_{2,0} \rightarrow 0$$

 $\hat{H} = \hat{R}_{2,0} \cdot \hat{T}_{2,0}$ space spin  $\hat{H} \propto \frac{1}{r_{ij}^3} \frac{1}{2} (3\cos^2\theta_{ij} - 1) \qquad \gamma_i \gamma_j (3\hat{I}_{Z,i}\hat{I}_{Z,j} - \hat{I}_i \cdot \hat{I}_j)$ 





# **Double Quantum NMR Spectroscopy under MAS**





properties of double quantum coherences :



## **Order Parameter in Liquid Crystalline Phases**



## **Order Parameters in Liquid Crystalline Systems**









#### **Local Order Parameter in Liquid Crystals and Polymers**







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**Polymer Dynamics** • Reptations-model, scaling laws in polymer dynamics, influence of rigid confinements, conformational stability in PEMA melts.

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### **DQ Measurements of Dynamics on Different Time Scales**

$$I_{DQ} \propto \left\langle \int_{0}^{t} dt' \int_{t+t_1}^{2t+t_1} dt'' \left\langle D_{ij,eff} \right\rangle^2 \cdot d_{2,-m}^{(2)}(t') d_{2,m}^{(2)}(t'') \right\rangle$$



local order parameter :

static systems :

isotropic motion :

polymer network theory :

$$S_{ij}(t) = 1$$
  

$$S_{ij}(t) = 0$$
  

$$S \approx \frac{3}{5} N_e^{-1}$$

 $\mathbf{S}_{ij} = \left\langle \mathbf{D}_{ij,eff} \right\rangle / \mathbf{D}_{ij}$ 

Polybutadien : S  $\approx \frac{3}{5} \frac{M_{Kuhn}}{M_e} \approx 0.03$ 

$$t = 0$$
  $t \approx \tau_e$   $t > \tau_e$ 

 $\left\langle d_{2,-m}^{(2)}(t'_{exc.}) \cdot d_{2,m}^{(2)}(t''_{rec.}) \right\rangle_{t}$  corresponds to *return-to-origin* probability C (t)





Dynamic order parameter **S** via residual dipolar couplings





## **Time Dependence of Local Order Parameter**

#### double-quantum filtered experiments on 1,4 poly-butadien



Reptation-model predicts two scaling laws:  $S \sim t^{-1/4}$  and  $S \sim t^{-1/2}$ 



### Molecular Weight Dependent Dynamics of PB Melts in PS-PB





Tethering a PB chain end to a rigid PS block stabilizes the t<sup>-1/4</sup>-regime

#### **Influence of Rigid Confinements on Polymer Dynamics**





## **Polymer Dynamics in heterogeneous Polymer Melts**



## Variation of Dynamic Order Along the Polymer Chain







cooperation with Prof. Hadjichristidis / Athen.

## a-PEMA: Isotropisation of Chain Dynamics





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#### **Dynamic Models: Random Jump vs. Rotational Diffusion**





## **Time Sclaes of Molecular Dynamics PEMA Melts**







Arrhenius-diagram of dynamic processes in PEMA

## **Length Scale of Isotropisation Process**



## **Organisation in Poly(Methacrylats): WAXS**

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extrapolated lokal structur: "Nano Layers"

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# Längenskalen lokaler Ordnung in Polymerschmelzen

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