New Features of Supercooled Glycerol Dynamics

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Glycerol Crystallization



Melting point T_m=293 K

What is the crystallized Glycerol ?



Objectives for our study

- To investigate Glycerol crystallization by Dielectric Spectroscopy technique
- To find out if any special features of Glycerol near the crystallization region
- What new information about Glycerol glass-forming dynamics we can grain from this study ?

How to crystallize Glycerol ?

- One need to use pure dehydrated Glycerol
- Cool it down below the T_G
- > Hold it at this temperature for several hours
- Heat it up to the temperature slightly below the T_m
- Hold it for crystallization

X-Ray study by Van Koningsveld, H. Rec. Trav. Chim. 87, 243-254 (1968)



- We used pure dehydrated Glycerol from Sigma
- Cool it down to 140 K
- Novocontrol BDS 80 used to measure dielectric permittivity while heating in the temperature interval 140K ÷ 313 K with the step of 3 K and frequency band 0.01 Hz ÷ 3 MHz
- Thus each temperature point takes about 20 min to measure and overall experiment time was about 30 hours

Pure dehydrated Glycerol measured while heating



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Pure dehydrated Glycerol measured while heating





NOT dehydrated Glycerol measured while heating in reduced temperature interval





NOT dehydrated Glycerol measured while heating in WHOLE temperature interval





Pure dehydrated Glycerol measured while cooling



- In usual condition Glycerol can not be crystallized
- Pure Dehydrated Glycerol could be crystallized while heating at 263 K



- Crystallization of glycerol while cooling is very unstable. Moreover cooling below the 263K plasticizes Glycerol, which undergoes in the state of a supercooled liquid
- Crystallization and Relaxation Dynamics of Glycerol dependent on the Thermal History and impurities



Relaxation of crystallized and supercooled Glycerol

Crystallized Glycerol



Arrhenius law

 $\tau = \tau_0 \operatorname{Exp} \left(\operatorname{E_A} / \operatorname{k} T \right)$

 $E_A = 41 \pm 6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

 $\tau_0 = 2.7 \cdot 10^{-11} \pm 1 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ s}$



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Pure dehydrated supercolled Glycerol



Vogel Fulcher Tammann $\tau = \tau_v \operatorname{Exp} (\operatorname{D} T_v / (T - T_v))$ $T_v = 122.1 \pm 0.5 \text{ K}$ $\tau_v = 3.9 \cdot 10^{-16}$ $\pm 0.6 \cdot 10^{-16} s$ Fragility $D = 21.9 \pm 0.3$



Two relaxation patterns of supercooled Glycerol

USUAL supercolled Glycerol



Vogel Fulcher Tammann $\tau = \tau_v \operatorname{Exp} (\operatorname{D} T_v / (T - T_v))$ $T_v = 122.9 \pm 1.7 \text{ K}$ $\tau_v = 2.2 \cdot 10^{-16}$ $\pm 0.7 \cdot 10^{-16} s$ Fragility $D = 21.9 \pm 0.3$



Two relaxation patterns of supercooled Glycerol

Relaxation time correspondent to the dehydrated sample is about 40% bigger than relaxation time for usual glycerol behaviour.

This observation signifies that even in the supercooled liquid phase before the crystallization glycerol could follows two different dynamical patterns





$$g = \frac{9\varepsilon_0 M kT}{\rho N_a \mu^2} \frac{(\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_\infty)(2\varepsilon_s + \varepsilon_\infty)}{\varepsilon_s (\varepsilon_\infty + 2)^2}$$

$$g = 1 + z < \cos \theta_{ij} >$$

g > 1 signifies that the neighboring dipoles have tendency to the parallel orientation

- 0 < g < 1 means anti parallel orientation
- g = 1 corresponds to the random dipole orientation



Kirkwood Correlation factor





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For super-cooled liquid phase of dehydrated glycerol before the crystallization the temperature dependence of parameter g is almost negligible while for the usual glycerol behavior without crystallization the strong temperature dependence is observed.



Thus, two different dynamical patterns of glycerol behavior are related to two different structural organization of the glycerol in supercooled liquid phase.



DSC of Pure Dehydrated supercooled Glycerol





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MCT and its problem in the case of Glycerol $T_1 > T_C > T_2$



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MCT and its problem in the case of Glycerol

 $1.24 T_G < T_C < 1.6 T_G$

Dynamical crossover should be accompanied by non monotonic behavior of Heat Capacity



Usual Supercolled Glycerol does not show "knee" predicted by MCT and does not exhibit non monotonic behavior of Heat Capacity in expected temperature region

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Conclusions

- Depending on temperature history and impurities glycerol can exhibit two different dynamic patterns: with and without crystallization
- The dynamical (relaxation time) and structural (Kirkwood correlation factor) properties of supercooled liquid glycerol are different for these two patterns
- The pure dehydrated glycerol exhibits crystallization at 263 K Near this temperature the glycerol samples, which do not undergoes crystallization, exhibit some non-monotonic behavior of heat capacity
- The dynamical crossover temperature of glycerol could, similar to the water, lay above the temperature of crystallization while heating