# A corresponding states equation and compensation effects in crystal growth rates

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# Abstract

Interpretation of grain size measurements in terms of the kinetics of grain growth depends on the ability to define the temperature variation of mineral growth rates. An outline is presented of the application to mineral growth rates of a corresponding states equation (CSE), which provides a relationship of growth rate to a reduced temperature function. Additionally, growth rates exhibit a 'compensation effect' between the pre-exponential constant and the activation energy in the standard Arrhenius equation, analogous to that shown by diffusion data. The general systematics of activation energy, equilibrium temperature and growth rate maxima are controlled by the relationships of the CSE, the standard Arrhenius equation and the compensation effect, and on this basis the temperature variation of growth rate between the equilibrium and the glass temperature may be estimated.

KEYWORDS: mineral growth rates, compensation effect, corresponding states equation.

#### Introduction

A MAJOR hindrance to the study of the kinetics of the crystallisation processes in igneous rocks is the relative paucity of data on the temperature variation of mineral growth rates. In modelling crystallisation and grain growth in a cooling igneous body, it is impractical to measure the temperature dependence of grain growth rates for each mineral. Even if this were to be done there is no certainty of achieving an environment for the experimental crystallisation which is similar to that of the original rock formation, and in addition, the times required for grain growth would be prohibitively long. It is more convenient to use a limited number of defining parameters to generate trial temperature-dependent growth rate curves.

It is the purpose here to define the major parameters which control the form of the growth rate curves and to attempt to outline the systematics of a wide range of such curves.

# **Corresponding states equation**

A corresponding states equation (Gandica and Magill, 1972; Magill *et al.*, 1973) has been shown to approximate closely to the temperature variation of basaltic mineral growth rates (Dearnley, 1983).

The relationship may be expressed by

$$\log (G/G_{\text{MAX}}) = f[T_{\text{E}} - T)/(T_{\text{E}} - T_{\infty})] = f\theta$$
(1)

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where G is the growth rate at temperature T;  $G_{MAX}$  is the maximum growth rate and log  $(G/G_{MAX}) = 0$  occurs at  $\theta = 0.140$ , see Fig. 1 and Table 1,  $T_E$  is the equilibrium temperature (°C) and  $T_{\infty}$  is a kinetically limiting value of the glass transition temperature  $(T_g)$  at infinite time. Growth can only take place within the temperature range from the equilibrium temperature  $(T_E)$ to the transition temperature  $(T_{\infty})$ .

The concept of a kinetically limiting  $T_{\infty}$  value may be illustrated (using equation 7) by comparing two growth rate curves with the same equilibrium temperature ( $T_{\rm E}$ ), say 1200 °C, but with



FIG. 1. Standard corresponding states equation (CSE) curve of log  $G/G_{MAX}$  vs log  $\theta$ . The curve is represented by a 6th degree polynomial, see equation (3).

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Reduced temperature function $\theta = (T_E - T) / (T_E - T_{\infty})$	Log (G / G <sub>MAX</sub> )
0.02	-1.4086
0.04	-0.7077
0.06	-0.3979
0.08	-0.2152
0.12	-0.0313
0.14	0
0.18	-0.0162
0.24	-0.2951
0.30	-0.9208
0.36	-1.7964
0.43	-3.2041
0.48	-4.3143
0.54	-5.8745
0.60	-7.5687

 
 Table 1
 Corresponding states equation coordinates for the standard growth rate curve

differing activation energy (for instance of  $Q = 160 \text{ kcals mol}^{-1}$  and  $Q = 80 \text{ kcals mol}^{-1}$ ). At decreasing temperatures (for instance during cooling at a given rate) the rate of grain growth falls much more rapidly in the former instance than in the latter. Therefore, in the former case, the growth rate reaches a limiting minimum value more rapidly, and at a higher  $T_{\infty}$  (386 °C) than the corresponding  $T_{\infty}$  (of 42 °C) for the Q = 80 kcals mol<sup>-1</sup> curve. Such a limiting temperature is similar to that of a closure (or blocking) temperature (see Dodson, 1973, 1976) at which diffusion effectively ceases during cooling.

When the CSE is plotted as a log-log curve (Fig. 1) the power law relations of the high-temperature portion ( $\theta \le 0.04$ ) are evident, given by

$$G/G_{\rm MAX} = 352.27 \ \theta^{2.328}$$
 (2)

and, for  $\theta \ge 0.43$  the CSE coincides with the Arrhenius expression (equation 4).

For the whole of the curve from  $\theta = 0.001$  to 0.60 a sixth degree polynomial (with  $r^2 = 0.9998$ ) closely fits the CSE:

$$\log (G/G_{MAX}) = -21.8640 - 93.6566 \log \theta - 159.2721 (\log \theta)^2 - 138.8832 (\log \theta)^3 - 66.0997 (\log \theta)^4 - 16.1685 (\log \theta)^5 - 1.5841 (\log \theta)^6$$
(3)

The corresponding states equation (CSE) describes the temperature variation of crystal growth rate of a range of materials and its applications extend beyond the organic molecules for which it was originally devised. It describes equally well the crystallisation of both multiphase and simple congruent melting systems and covers large variations of chemical composition, growth rate  $(10^{-1}$  to  $10^{-8}$  cm sec<sup>-1</sup>), temperature  $(-40 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $1500 \,^{\circ}\text{C})$  and viscosity  $(10^0$  to  $10^{13}$ poise). Such a considerable extension of the CSE to cover materials so diverse as, for instance, glycerol, and blast-furnace slags and natural silicates (Tables 2–4), supports the suggestion (Magill *et al.*, 1973) of a universal relationship.

A preliminary outline of the application of the CSE to the basaltic system (Dearnley, 1983) forms the basis for this present extension, which considers in more detail the relationships involved between the CSE and the standard Arrhenius equation:

$$G = G_{\rm O} \exp -(Q/RT) \tag{4}$$

where  $G_{\rm O}$  is the pre-exponential (frequency) factor, Q is the apparent activation energy for growth, R the gas constant and  $T(^{\circ}K)$  is the temperature.

In order to estimate the best fit of the CSE curve to the growth rate vs temperature data for a given material, the characteristic value of  $T_{\infty}$  is required and this, in turn, requires the value of Qto be known. Normally, the experimentally measured grain growth rates are presented as a plot of growth rate against temperature, which shows a characteristic peak in growth rate  $(G_{MAX})$  at a certain undercooling  $(\Delta T)$  from the melting temperature  $(T_E)$ . The method used to find the best fit to the CSE curve as a whole is based on the individual known values of G and T, together with  $T_{\rm E}$ , an initially estimated (trial) value for Q, and an iterative procedure to obtain  $T_{\infty}$  (as given in Dearnley, 1983). After the value of  $T_{\infty}$  has been found for a given trial Q, the appropriate CSE curve may be determined (based on the parameter  $\theta$  derived from these values) from equation (3).

The r.m.s.d. (root mean square deviation) is then calculated between the experimental points of the original growth rate curve and the generated trial CSD curve and the whole process is repeated as necessary with another trial value for Q (either incremented or decremented as required) with the object of decreasing the r.m.s.d. to a minimum. At this point the best fit of the experimental data to the CSE curve is obtained and the growth rate curve is completely defined by the determined parameters.

Experimentally determined growth rates at known temperatures for the range of materials in Tables 2–4 are taken from published figures which have a range of scales and units and thus inevitably small errors may occur in the values of

No.	T <sub>E</sub> °C	$T_{\infty}$	2 Q	LogGO	LogG*	LogGMAX
UNA	R BASA	LTS				
1	1180	478	194561	30.08	0.82	-3.66
2	1250	492	194414	29.36	1.47	-2.93
3	1240	345	143770	20.43	-0.33	-4.22
4	1210	275	125000	17.15	-1.26	-4.91
5	1270	230	115012	16.21	-0.08	-3.52
6	1280	208	109841	15.02	-0.43	-3.76
7	1210	161	100000	14.23	0.31	-3.74
8	1185	164	100228	14.86	-0.16	-3.44
9	1270	147	97977	13.75	-0.12	-3.25
10	1310	122	94228	12.05	-0.95	-3.95
11	1360	93	90826	11.95	-0.20	-3.09
12	1365	0	77253	10.06	-0.25	-2.80
13	1340	-32	72777	9.40	-0.46	-2.95
14	1310	-67	67715	8.91	-0.44	-2.82
15	1270	-171	54800	7.37	-0.39	-1.70
LBIT	E-ANOI	THIT	E-DIOPSI	DE		
16	1255	408	162500	21.11	-2.13	-6.20
17	1390	341	139996	17.22	-1.18	-4.82
18	1391	305	131301	16.24	2.00	-1.52
19	1415	303	131250	16.30	-0.69	-4.20
20	1500	274	125072	16.07	0.66	-2.66
21	1450	275	125000	15.62	-0.23	-3.60
22	1340	277	125000	14.90	-2.03	-5.52
23	1552	168	106735	13.86	1.08	-1.90
RANI	TIC MI	NERAL	s			
24	670	112	89831	17.72	-3.09	-7.00
25	690	109	88494	16.70	-3.38	-7.22
26	885	115	88210	13.88	-2.76	-6.22
27	850	96	84516	11.95	-4.49	-7.96
28	940	35	73615	9.43	-3.83	-6.89
29	940	-20	64295	8.66	-2.92	-5.70
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Table 2. CSE best fits to temperature variation of gr	rain growth	ı data
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Lunar basalts : (1) 70019 and (2) 79155 , Klein et al. (1975) ; (3) 14259 , Scherer et al. (1972) ; (4) 67975 , Uhlmann et al. (1977) ; (5) 15498 , Uhlmann and Klein (1976) ; (6) howardite , Hewins and Klein (1978) ; (7) 15286 , Uhlmann and Klein (1976) ; (8) mare basalt , Handwerker et al. (1978) ; (9) 60095 , Uhlmann et al. (1974) ; (10) 14310 , Scherer et al. (1972) ; (11) 65016 , Uhlmann et al. (1974) ; (12) highland basalt , Handwerker et al. (1978) ; (13) 15418 , Uhlmann et al. (1974) ; (14) 15555 , Cukierman et al. (1973) ; (15) Apollo green glass , Uhlmann et al. (1974).

Albite - anorthite, diopside: (16) An10 and (17) An30, Muncill and Lasaga (1987); (18) diopside, Kirkpatrick (1974) and Kirkpatrick et al. (1976); (19) An40, Muncill and Lasaga (1987); (20) An75 and (21)An50, Kirkpatrick et al. (1979); (22) An20, Muncill and Lasaga (1987); (23) An100, Klein and Uhlmann (1974), Kirkpatrick et al. (1976).

Granitic minerals : (24) alkali feldspar and (25) quartz from granite; (26) alkali feldspar and (27) quartz from granodiorite; (28) and (29) plagioclase from granite and granodiorite, Swanson (1977)

Table 3. CSE best fits to temperature variation of grain growth data

No.	T <sub>E</sub> ℃	Τ <mark>∞</mark> ΄	°C Q	Log G <sub>O</sub>	Log G	Log G <sub>MAX</sub>	_
MEL	ILITE		167306	21.04	0.01	2.68	

IVIEL							
30	1377	402	157306	21.04	0.21	-3.68	
31	1389	354	143750	19.24	0.35	-3.36	
32	1395	307	131682	16.60	-0.65	-4.18	
33	1417	284	127230	16.47	0.02	-3.44	
34	1452	259	122032	15.71	0.26	-3.09	
35	1400	256	120543	16.60	0.86	-2.50	
36	1420	248	119062	15.50	0.14	-3.18	
37	1402	232	115761	15.80	0.70	-2.58	
38	1390	169	103748	13.83	0.20	-2.89	
39	1487	154	103260	12.65	-0.17	-3.16	
40	1470	149	101676	13.41	0.67	-2.30	
41	1433	140	99496	12.71	-0.04	-3.00	
42	1498	75	90800	10.96	-0.24	-2.95	
43	1451	53	86652	10.80	-0.18	-2.86	
44	1503	-85	70606	8.09	-0.59	-2.82	
LEAD BORATES							
45	696	319	181249	41.46	0.59	-4.42	
46	775	313	160846	34.29	0.75	-3.91	
47	760	255	135259	29.28	0.67	-3.74	
48	750	248	133847	28.59	0.00	-4.46	
49	7 <u>75</u>	73	79090	16.26	-0.23	-3.71	

Melilite : (30) 14, (31) 13, (32) 15, (33) 19, (34) 12, (35) 23, (36) 18, (37) 26, (38) 24, (39) 22, (40) 25, (41) 17, (42) 21, (43) 16, (44) 20, glass numbers from Table 3 in Kruchinin and Ivanova (1968).

Lead borates : (45 - 47) and (49), PbO.B O<sub>3</sub> glasses, Eagap et al. (1970) : (48) PbO.2B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> glass, DeLuca et al. (1969).

the points used in this study. Values are taken from the experimental points where possible and not from the smoothed growth curves based on these points in the original figures. A set of calculated values of the parameters  $T_{\rm E}$ ,  $T_{\infty}$ , Q, log  $G_O$ , log  $G^*$  and log  $G_{MAX}$  is listed in Tables 2– 4 for 76 published growth rate vs temperature curves.<sup>†</sup>

The CSE best fits of the measured growth rates at various temperatures for the data from Tables 2-4 are shown in Fig. 2. Growth rates in the whole data set have a log r.m.s.d. of 0.399, that is within a factor of 2.51 of the standard CSE curve. This is probably not significantly in excess of the likely errors in the original growth rate measurements together with the errors inherent in reading off the values from the published graphs. Within the

various groups of Fig. 2 the mean log r.m.s.d. values of 0.274, 0.306, 0.335, 0.347, 0.375 and 0.879 correspond respectively to the basaltic minerals of Leontyeva (1947, 1949) (Fig. 2.6-9), lunar basalts (Fig. 2.2), lead borates (Fig. 2.5), anorthite-albite and diopside (Fig. 2.1), mellilite (Fig. 2.4) and granitic minerals (Fig. 2.3). This latter group has the largest deviation, which may be due to the difficulties of measurement in this system. In Table 4 numbers, 50, 58 and 65 are based on the smallest numbers of experimental points in their respective groups and are unreliable; all show apparent values for Q which are too large (see equation 20), but are retained for completeness of the Leontyeva (op. cit.) data set. As can be seen from Fig. 2.1, the albiteanorthite, diopside group (Table 2) shows the least scatter about the standard CSE curve over almost five orders of magnitude and is closely followed by the lunar basalts (Table 2) and lead borates (Table 3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> A listing of the computer programme in BASIC V for the calculation of the best fit CSE curve to grain growth data as outlined here may be obtained from the author.

_	No.	T <sub>E</sub> ℃	™∞℃	Q	LogG <sub>O</sub>	Log G*	Log G <sub>MAX</sub>	
Ы	LAG	IUCLA:	SE COD	200000	10 40	0.61		
	50	1230	080	300000	42.43	-0.01	-3.00	
	51	1225	018	202499	38.20	-0.09	-4.97	
	52	1225	618	202499	38.23	-0.00	-4.94	
	33 64	1200	5/9	243749	33.90	-0.20	-5.01	
	34	1076	676	242201	33.20	-0.30	-3.05	
	33	12/3	5/5	229038	31.88	-0.45	-5.05	
	20	1240	347	191060	21.91	1.00	-4.50	
	57	1250	439	101250	24.70	-1.22	-3.30	
CL	INO	PYROX	ENE					
	58	1170	716	362499	54.96	0.07	-5.31	
	59	1250	627	262499	37.54	-0.12	-4.97	
	60	1200	591	250000	36.64	-0.44	-5.27	
	61	1240	563	227677	32.49	-0.39	-5.02	
	62	1275	531	207987	28.89	-0.47	-4.92	
	63	1250	515	203420	28.26	-0.92	-5.36	
	64	1200	435	175000	25.28	-0.68	-4.95	
OI	.IVII	JE						
	65	1225	760	381249	55.28	-0.33	-5.71	
	66	1250	664	287499	40.75	-0.49	-5.48	
	67	1275	610	247734	34.44	-0.53	-5.26	
	68	1240	531	212500	30.44	-0.24	-4.80	
	69	1225	455	181250	25.37	-1.07	-5.37	
MAGNETITE								
	70	1200	521	211476	29.13	-2.24	-6.80	
	71	1250	427	168750	21.67	-2.54	-6.68	
	72	1330	416	162500	19.80	-2.35	-6.35	
	73	1330	400	156992	18.98	-2.42	-6.34	
	74	1300	372	150000	17.92	-2.92	-6.80	
	75	1300	302	131250	14.83	-3.40	-7.04	
	76	1300	56	83576	8.55	-3.05	-5.84	

Table 4. CSE best fits to temperature variation of growth rate data

 $\begin{array}{l} Plagioclase \ : \ (50) \ olivine \ basalt 1 \ , Leontyeva \ (1947) \ ; \ (51) \ Caucasian \ basalt 2 \ and \\ (53) \ diabase \ 101 \ , Leontyeva \ (1949) \ ; \ (54) \ basalt \ glass \ 221-3 \ , Leontyeva \ (1943) \ ; \ (55) \\ basalt \ 34 \ and \ (56) \ basalt \ glass \ 221-2 \ , Leontyeva \ (1949) \ ; \ (57) \ olivine \ basalt \ 17 \ , Leontyeva \ (1947) \ . \end{array}$ 

Clinpyroxene : (58) Caucasian basalt 2, Leontyeva (1949); (59) olivine basalt 17, Leontyeva (1947); (60) Caucasian basalt 1, (61) basalt glass 221-2 and (62) basalt 34, Leontyeva (1949); (63) olivine basalt 1, Leontyeva (1947); (64) diabase 101, Leontyeva (1949).

Olivine : (65) Caucasian basalt 1, Leontyeva(1949); (66) olivine basalt 17, Leontyeva (1947); (67) basalt 34, (68) basalt glass 221-2 and (69) Caucasian basalt 2, Leontyeva (1949).

Magnetite : (70) diabase 101, (71) Caucasian basalt 2, (72) and (73) diabase 101, and (74) Caucasian basalt 1, Leontyeva (1949); (75) olivine basalt 1, Leontyeva (1947); (76) basalt glass 221-3, Leontyeva (1943).



FIG. 2. Growth rate (G) to maximum growth rate ( $G_{MAX}$ ) ratio plotted against a reduced temperature function,  $\theta = (T_E - T)/(T_E - T_{\infty})$  for the various mineral groups of Tables 2-4: (2.1) albite-anorthite, diopside; (2.2) lunar basalts; (2.3) granitic minerals; (2.4) mellilite; (2.5) lead borate glasses; (2.6) magnetite; (2.7) plagioclase; (2.8) clinopyroxene; (2.9) olivine. The points plotted correspond to original experimental data points (see references to Tables 2-4) after using a minimum r.m.s.d. procedure to obtain the best fit to the standard CSE curve with the appropriate  $T_{\infty}$  value, see text for details of the method used.

# $T_{\infty}$ and $T_{g}$ relationships

The parameter  $T_{\infty}$  in equation (1) above may be calculated iteratively from the CSE (Dearnley, 1983), although an alternative explicit expression would be more immediately useful. In deriving such a function the well known 'two-thirds rule' (see, for example Sakka and Mackenzie, 1971) for glass temperature and liquidus temperature,  $(T_g/T_E)$  °K ~ 0.66 and the CSE are shown to be directly related.

Using the available glass temperature and

liquidus temperature determinations of 40 lunar basaltic compositions and other basalts (Table 2; Fang *et al.*, 1983, Scarfe, 1977, and Uhlmann *et al.*, 1977) the mean  $T_g/T_E = 0.620$ , with standard deviation 0.024 and standard error of the mean  $\pm 0.004$ . This is close to the mean  $T_g/T_E$ = 0.627 for a series of 15 samples, covering the Ab-An range (Arndt and Haberle, 1973, Cranmer and Uhlmann, 1981). For the wider compositional range of (84) inorganic glasses listed in Sakka and Mackenzie (1971) the corresponding values are  $T_g/T_E = 0.639$ . The combined results (of 139 determinations) yield a mean  $T_g/T_E = 0.633$  with a standard error of the mean of  $\pm 0.005$ .

The function  $\theta$  in equation (1) represents the ratio of the actual growth temperature range  $(T_{\rm E} - T)$  to the maximum possible growth temperature range at infinite time  $(T_{\rm E} - T_{\infty})$ . In practice the maximum value of  $T_{\infty}$  approaches  $T_{\rm g}$  and may therefore be estimated from  $T_{\rm g}/T_{\rm E} = 0.633$ . At the other extreme the minimum  $T_{\infty} = -273 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

An exponential function relates the ratio  $T_{\infty}/T_{\rm E}$ to the activation energy, Q for different  $T_{\rm E}$  values as shown in Fig. 3. The linear trends apply between  $T_{\infty}/T_{\rm E} = 0.633$  and a minimum value of  $T_{\infty}/T_{\rm E} = 0$ , as  $T_{\infty}$  approaches -273 °C. The slope is the same (2.9595) for each  $T_{\rm E}$  and the general relationship is given by

$$Q = a \exp(2.9595 \ T_{\infty}/T_{\rm E}) \tag{5}$$

By plotting the constant a (which is the



FIG. 3. Relationships of activation energy (Q), at various values of  $T_{\rm E}$ , to the temperature ratio  $T_{\infty}/T_{\rm E}$ . All curves have the same slope (equation 5) and correspond to the general form of equation (6).

intercept at  $T_{\infty}/T_{\rm E}$  °K = 0, corresponding to  $T_{\infty}$  = -273 °C against T °K, a slope of 28.8708 is obtained, with an origin at T °K = 0, and hence

$$Q = 28.8708 T_{\rm E} \exp(2.9595 T_{\infty}/T_{\rm E}) \qquad (6)$$

from which

$$T_{\infty} = 0.3379 \ T_{\rm E} \left( \ln Q - \ln T_{\rm E} - 3.3628 \right) \tag{7}$$

This is the desired explicit relationship between  $T_{\infty}$ , Q and  $T_{\rm E}$  derived from the CSE, which may be used in (19), below, to provide an expression relating  $G_{\rm MAX}$ ,  $T_{\rm E}$  and Q, and in (1) to yield

$$\theta = (T_{\rm E} - T)/[T_{\rm E} - \{0.3379 \ T_{\rm E} (\ln Q - \ln T_{\rm E} - 3.3628)\}]$$
(8)

or, for use in the polynomial expression in (3). These two equations (19) and (3), using  $T_{\infty}$  from (7) may be used to estimate the temperature variation of growth rate in terms of  $T_{\rm E}$ , Q and G<sup>\*</sup>.

#### **Compensation effect**

An interesting consequence of the application of the corresponding states equation to the growth rate data of Tables 2–4 is the general correlation which is evident between the hypothetical growth rate limit at infinite temperature  $(G_O)$  and the apparent activation energy for growth Q (see Fig. 5) where the relationship takes the form

$$\log G_{\rm O} = aQ + b \tag{9}$$

Such a positive linear correlation between log  $G_{\rm O}$  and Q is analogous to that demonstrated by Winchell (1969) and Winchell and Norman (1969) in relation to rates of diffusion in silicates and is termed a 'compensation' effect, see also Hofmann (1980), Lasaga (1981), Hart (1981) and also Shaw (1972) in terms of viscosity estimations. Since the phenomena of diffusion, viscosity and crystal growth are closely related, it is not unexpected that the latter should also be characterised by a well defined compensation effect, although apparently this has not previously been recognised.

For two curves of growth rate plotted against 1/T, each with the same  $T_E$  but with differing  $G_O$  and Q values (see Fig. 4*a*), crossover growth rate (*G*\*) at temperature  $T^*$  (=  $T_E$ ) corresponds to an activation energy (Q) of zero (see Fig. 4*b*). Since, from (4)

$$\log G^* = \log G_{01} - Q_1/2.303 RT^* \quad (10)$$

then, at  $T^*$ :

 $(\log G_{01} - \log G_{02})/(Q_1 - Q_2) = 1/2.303RT^*$ Thus the slope *a* in Fig. 4*b* is given by



FIG. 4. Growth rate compensation relationships: (a) pair of growth rate curves  $(Q_1 \text{ and } Q_2)$ , with the same equilibrium temperature  $(T_{E2})$ , showing compensation crossover at  $G^*$  and  $T_{E2}$  and similar pairs may be imagined at  $T_{E1}$  and  $T_{E3}$  with the same crossover,  $G^*$ ; (b) log  $G_0$  vs Q (compensation) plot of three pairs of curves as in (a), note that the decrease in slope with increasing  $T_E$ ; (c) same data as in (b), but with slopes normalised by plotting log  $G_0$  against  $Q/2.303RT_E$  to yield a single trend.

$$a = 1/2.303RT^*$$
 (11)

and from (9)

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$$b = \log G_{\rm O} - a \rm Q \tag{12}$$

with the crossover temperature at

$$T^* = T_{\rm E} = 1/2.303 \ Ra$$
 (13)

and where the crossover growth rate  $G^* = 10^b$ (i.e. log  $G^* = b$ ) for any value of  $T_E$ .

The final form of the compensation effect equation may be obtained from (9) and (11)

$$\log G_{\rm O} = Q/2.303RT_{\rm E} + \log G^* \qquad (14)$$

or alternatively

$$G_{\rm O} = G^* \exp(Q/RT_{\rm E}) \tag{15}$$

and whereas by plotting  $G_O$  against Q, as in Fig. 4b, the slope is governed by  $T_E$ , if  $G_O$  is plotted against  $Q/2.303RT_E$  then curves for all values of  $T_E$  will be superimposed onto a single trend (Fig. 4c) with a slope = 1.

The  $T_{\rm E}$  values of the data in Tables 2–4 vary from 670 °C to 1552 °C and, since each point would lie on a different slope, it is not appropriate to plot  $G_{\rm O}$  against Q, as in Fig. 4b. Instead the general form (14) is used in Fig. 5 (similar to Fig. 4c).

The above discussion is based on the assump-



FIG. 5. Compensation plot (as in Fig. 4c) for the growth rate data of Tables 2-4. The trend is given by equation (14), setting log  $G^* = 0$ . Note the scatter involved by not allowing for the variations in  $G^*$ .

tion of a constant value of the growth rate  $G^*$  at a single crossover point at  $T^*$  as in Fig. 4. However it is clear from the listings of  $G^*$  in Tables 2–4 that this parameter is not a constant and this is apparent also from Fig. 5, which shows a considerable scatter around the trend of  $G_0$  against  $Q/2.303RT_E$ . This is also a feature of the original diffusion compensation law correlation graph of Winchell (1969, Fig. 4), again indicating that  $G^*$  is not a general constant, although it may exhibit characteristic values for certain restricted groups of data.

For the data considered here it is apparent that  $G^*$  is related to  $G_{MAX}$  and increases as  $G_{MAX}$  increases (Fig. 6). This is based on 49 mineral growth rate curves from Tables 2–4 including all the data of Table 2 (except the lunar basalts 1 and 2), mellilites from Table 3, and pyroxenes and olivine from Table 4. The remaining minerals, characterised by high Q values, fall on a parallel trend approximately one order of magnitude larger in  $G^*$ .

The relationship between  $G^*$  and  $G_{MAX}$  shown in Fig. 6 may be expressed by

$$G^* = 496 \ G_{\rm MAX}^{0.8459} \tag{16}$$

with a correlation coefficient of 0.9533. This regression has relatively large errors and other relationships derived from it (see 28–30, below)



FIG. 6. Relationship of  $G^*$  (the crossover growth rate at  $T_{\rm E}$ ) to the peak growth rate,  $G_{\rm MAX}$ . The regression is given by equation (16). Symbols 1–5 correspond to the groups of minerals listed in Tables 2–4, respectively lunar basalts, albite-anorthite and diopside, granitic minerals and magnetite, see text.

are therefore the least reliable and subject to the largest errors.

Considering now the connections between the CSE, the Arrhenius and the compensation relationships (equations 1, 4 and 15), we have from (1) an expression for the temperature  $T_{\theta}$  at  $\theta$  given by

$$T_{\theta} = T_{\rm E} - \theta (T_{\rm E} - T_{\infty}) \tag{17}$$

When  $\theta = 0.14$  (at log  $(G/G_{MAX}) = 0$ ) the temperature  $T_{\theta}$  corresponds to that for  $G_{MAX}$ . If however  $\theta$  is set within the Arrhenius region of the CSE curve (e.g.  $\theta = 0.43$ ) then, from the curve of equation (3):  $G_{MAX}/G_{\theta} = 1/6.25 \times 10^{-4}$ and  $G_{\theta} = 6.25 \times 10^{-4} G_{MAX}$ . Substituting for  $T_{\theta}$ and  $G_{\theta}$  in (4) gives

$$G_{\theta} = 6.25 \times 10^{-4} G_{\text{MAX}} = G_{\text{O}} \exp[-Q/R\{T_{\text{E}} - \theta(T_{\text{E}} - T_{\infty})\}]$$
(18)

Finally, using the compensation relationship (15) to substitute for  $G_{\rm O}$ , an expression for  $G_{\rm MAX}$  in terms of  $T_{\rm E}$ , Q,  $T_{\infty}$  and  $G^*$  is given by

$$G_{MAX} = 1600 \left[ G^* \exp(Q/RT_E) \right] \exp[-Q/R\{T_E - \theta(T_E - T_{\infty})\}]$$
(19)

where  $T_{\infty}$  is defined by (7).

#### Activation energy and growth rate

For a given  $T_{\rm E}$  the maximum and minimum values of Q may be obtained from equation (27) below, by substituting  $T_{\infty}/T_{\rm E} = 0.633$  and  $T_{\infty}/T_{\rm E}$ = 0 respectively, as shown in Fig. 3, from which

$$Q \max = 187.95 T_{\rm E}^{\circ} {\rm K}$$
 (20)

$$Q \min = 28.87 T_{\rm E}^{\circ} {\rm K}$$
 (21)

Similarly, by using (25) below, the value of  $G^*/G_{MAX}$  at Q min for any  $T_E$  is a constant at 4.46  $\times$  10<sup>1</sup> cm sec<sup>-1</sup>, and  $G^*/G_{MAX}$  at Q max for any  $T_E$  is equal to 1.27  $\times$  10<sup>5</sup> cm sec<sup>-1</sup>. These limiting values of  $G^*/G_{MAX}$  define the end points of the regression line shown in Fig. 7 when plotted against a normalising factor ( $Q/2.303RT_E$ ) to superimpose the trends for all values of  $T_E$  onto a single (power-law) trend joining Q max and Q min, expressed by

$$G^*/G_{\text{MAX}} = 1.889 \times 10^{-2} \left[ Q/(2.303 \ RT_{\text{E}}) \right]^{4.249}$$
(22)

with a correlation coefficient of 0.995. This simplifies to

$$G^*/G_{\text{MAX}} = 2.949 \times 10^{-5} (Q/T_{\text{E}})^{4.249}$$
 (23)

and

$$Q = 11.641 T_{\rm E} (G^*/G_{\rm MAX})^{0.2353}$$
(24)



FIG. 7. Relationships of the ratio  $G^*/G_{MAX}$  to  $Q/2.303RT_E$  for all the minerals of Tables 2-4, for comparison with the compensation plot of Fig. 5. The regression is given by equation (22).

For comparison, if this same ratio of  $G^*/G_{MAX}$ is plotted against the temperature ratio  $T_{\infty}/T_E$ , as shown in Fig. 8, an exponential regression (with correlation coefficient, r = 0.9993) is obtained:

$$G^*/G_{\text{MAX}} = 44.462 \exp[12.5743 (T_{\infty}/T_{\text{E}})]$$
 (25)

The influence of these limiting values of  $G^*/G_{MAX}$  at Q max and  $G^*/G_{MAX}$  at Q min on the overall CSE systematics of growth curves over a range of  $T_E$  values may best be appreciated on an Arrhenius diagram (Fig. 9) by using the ratios of  $G_O/G^*$  and  $G^*/G_{MAX}$  plotted relative to  $G^* = 1$ . Notable features are the convergence of the Q min slopes at log  $G_O/G^* = 6.308$  and the convergence of the Q max slopes at log  $G_O/G^* = 41.068$ .

At any  $T_{\rm E}$  the value of  $G_{\rm OMIN}$  represents the pre-exponential factor in equation (4) where  $T_{\infty} = -273$  °C and where the activation energy for that  $T_{\rm E}$  is at a maximum. Conversely,  $G_{\rm OMAX}$ is equal to the pre-exponential factor where



FIG. 8. Plot of the ratio  $G^*/G_{MAX}$  against the temperature ratio  $T_{\infty}/T_E$  for all the minerals listed in Tables 2–4. The regression is given by equation (25).

 $T_{\infty}/T_{\rm E} = 0.633$  and the activation energy is at a maximum for that  $T_{\rm E}$ .

In metals, the activation energy for diffusion (Q) approximates to  $16RT_{\rm E}$  °K (McLean, 1965). On this basis, for a typical basaltic composition with an equilibrium temperature of say 1200 °C, the corresponding Q would be 46834 cal. mol<sup>-1</sup>, which approximates to the Q min value of 42526 cal. mol<sup>-1</sup> given by equation 21. These two equations have similar constants (respectively, 16R and 28.87) but, significantly, the relationship for metals approximates only to the minimum activation energy for silicate minerals. In the latter, Q typically ranges from this lower value up to about 300000 cal. mol<sup>-1</sup>, see Tables 2–4.

## Application of results

The temperature variation of growth rate relationships in Figs. 1 and 2 are defined in terms of the  $G/G_{MAX}$  ratios by the CSE, but the absolute G values are determined by  $G_{MAX}$  and  $G^*$ . Assuming the general applicability of the CSE and within the error limits of  $G^*$  as derived from equation (16), then, if  $T_E$  and  $G_{MAX}$  are



FIG. 9. General relationships of growth rate, activation energy (Q), the pre-exponential factor (log  $G_{\rm O}$ ) and equilibrium temperature ( $T_{\rm E}$ ), normalised to  $G^* = 1$ .  $G^*$  is the compensation crossover growth rate value at each  $T_{\rm E}$  for the extrapolated Arrhenius trends,  $G_{\rm OMIN}$ represents the pre-exponential factor for the  $Q_{\rm MIN}$ trends at each  $T_{\rm E}$  (equation 21) and  $G_{\rm OMAX}$  is the corresponding factor for the  $Q_{\rm MAX}$  trends at each  $T_{\rm E}$ (equation 20);  $G_{\rm MAX}$  defines the range of the growth rate maxima for the range of  $Q_{\rm MAX}$  to  $Q_{\rm MIN}$  at each  $T_{\rm E}$ .

known, the whole form of the temperature variation of growth rate may be derived.

Relationships derived from the regressions corresponding to Figs. 5–8 may be combined to yield a set of simplifying equations. Combining equations (23) and (25) yields

 $T_{\infty}/T_{\rm E} = 0.3379 \,(\ln Q - \ln T_{\rm E} - 3.3628)$  (26) and also

$$Q/T_{\rm E} 28.8708 \exp[2.9595(T_{\infty}/T_{\rm E})]$$
 (27)

Combining equations (16) and (22) results in

$$Q = 50.162 T_{\rm E} G_{\rm MAX}^{-0.0363}$$
 (28)

and from (27) and (28):

$$T_{\infty}/T_{\rm E} = 0.3379 \ln(1.738 G_{\rm MAX}^{-0.0363})$$
 (29)

Finally, an expression for  $G_{\rm O}$  is obtained from (14), (16) and (28)

$$\log G_{\rm O} = (10.96 \ G_{\rm MAX}^{-0.0363}) + (\log 496 \ G_{\rm MAX}^{0.8459}) \quad (30)$$

The CSE derived relationships outlined above have various practical applications. Firstly, they may be used to extrapolate from incomplete growth rate vs temperature determinations. If  $T_{\rm E}$ , Q and  $G_{MAX}$  are known,  $G^*$  may be obtained from (22–24), then  $T_{\infty}$  from (25–27) and  $G_{\rm O}$  from (14–15). When  $T_{\rm E}$  and Q are known then  $T_{\infty}$  and  $G^*/G_{MAX}$  may be found from (26) and (24) respectively. If only  $T_E$  and  $G_{MAX}$  are known, then the approximate values of the parameters Q,  $T_{\infty}$ ,  $G^*$  and  $G_O$  may be derived from equations (28), (29), (16) and (30) respectively, in terms only of these two most commonly available measurements. In this latter case however, using only  $T_{\rm E}$  and  $G_{\rm MAX}$ , the errors are greater due to the use of equation (16).

Also, by using measured and/or estimated trial values for  $T_{\rm E}$ ,  $G_{\rm MAX}$  and Q the kinetics of mineral growth can be modelled over any temperature range of growth as, for instance, in a cooling intrusion.

Although more experimental measurements of crystal growth rate in the major rock forming systems are required to test and complement the above results, these general relationships, based on the best currently available crystal growth data from widely different materials, contribute towards a systematic and practical modelling of crystallisation which does not assume any specific nucleation or transport mechanism for growth.

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# **Explanation** of symbols

- Equilibrium temperature
- $T_{\rm E} T$ Temperature
- Glass temperature
- $\hat{T}_{g}$  $T_{\infty}$ Kinetically limiting value of the glass temperature
- θ Temperature difference ratio as in equation 1

Above temperatures in °C or °K as stated in text

- Growth rate (cm sec<sup>-1</sup>) G
- $G_{MAX}$  Maximum growth rate (cm sec<sup>-1</sup>)
- $G_{O}$ Pre-exponential (frequency) factor in the Arrhenius equation (cm sec $^{-1}$ )
- $G^*$ Extrapolated growth rate at compensation 'crossover' point at  $T_E$ , see Fig. 4
- Activation energy for growth (cal  $mol^{-1}$ ) Q
- Gas constant (= 1.986 cal mol<sup>-1</sup> °K<sup>-1</sup>) R