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In Situ Monitoring of Microwave Processing of Materials at High Temperatures through Dielectric Properties Measurement

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Abstract: Microwave-assisted processes have recognized advantages over more conventional heating techniques. However, the effects on the materials' microstructure are still a matter of study, due to the complexity of the interaction between microwaves and matter, especially at high temperatures. Recently developed advanced microwave instrumentation allows the study of high temperature microwave heating processes in a way that was not possible before. In this paper, different materials and thermal processes induced by microwaves have been studied through the *in situ* characterization of their dielectric properties with temperature. This knowledge is crucial in several aspects: to analyze the effects of the microwave field on the reaction pathways; to design and optimize microwave-assisted processes; and to predict the behavior of materials leading to repeatable and reliable heating processes, etc.

Keywords: microwave; high temperature; process monitoring; dielectric properties; heating; ceramic materials

1. Introduction

Microwave processing of materials is a well-known and established technology. In the last decade, microwave energy applications have extended towards processing at increasing temperatures (>1000 °C) [1]. Promising results have been obtained in the laboratory, e.g., materials with innovative properties, new reaction routes, ultrafast heating, efficient processing, etc.

In this context, there is a necessity to increase the transfer of these benefits to an industrial scale. However, several barriers hinder the scalability of the results obtained at laboratory scale. In particular, the need arises to include new elements such as materials for the transport system or thermal insulation in the microwave system. The microwave energy absorption by such elements and its variation with temperature may deteriorate the performance of the microwave applicator. Nevertheless, there is a generalized shortage of available data regarding the dielectric properties of these materials at high temperatures [2].

Another barrier is the lack of understanding of the heating mechanisms when materials are subjected to high frequency fields. The effects on the materials' microstructure are still unknown, and very often it is not possible to predict the materials' behavior during the heating process [1,3]. This problem is accentuated when mixtures of materials are processed, or when materials experience changes and transformations at certain temperatures, because their interaction with microwave fields is even more complex. Again, precise knowledge about the materials' dielectric properties (measured

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