

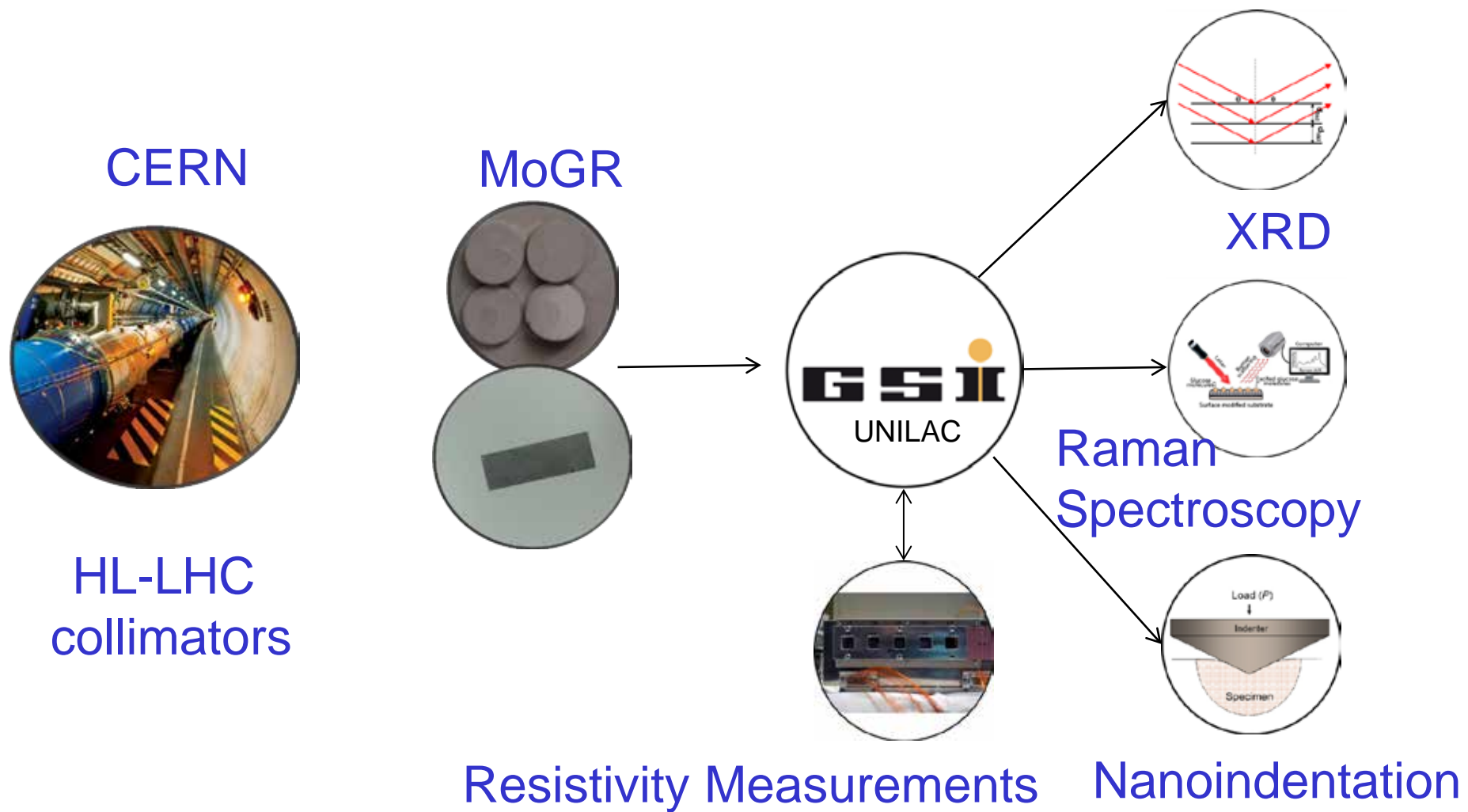


Radiation Induced Effects in MoGr composites

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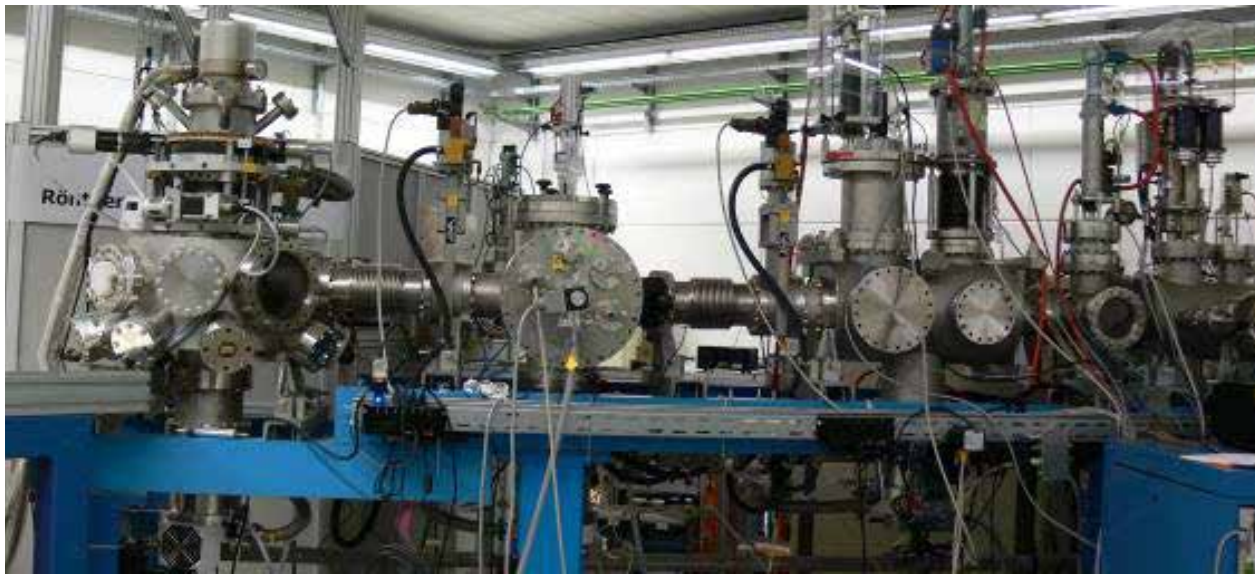
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Overview



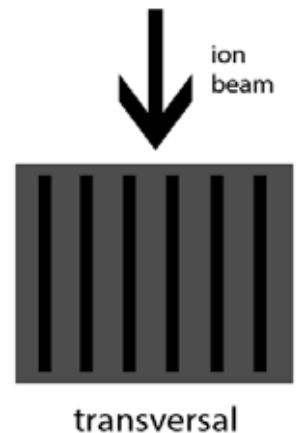
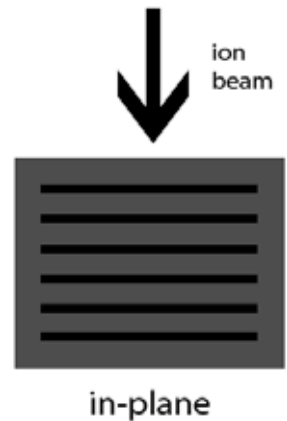
Ion irradiation at GSI

- U, 1.14 GeV, 0.5 ms, 0.6 Hz, 4×10^9 ions/cm² s
- Bi, 1 GeV, 0.5 ms, 3.4 Hz, 1.2×10^9 ions/cm² s
- Au, 945 MeV, 2ms, 40 Hz, 4×10^9 ions/cm² s
- Ca, 236 MeV, 3ms, 40 Hz, 4×10^9 ions/cm² s
- C, 71 MeV, 3ms, 32 Hz, 5×10^9 ions/cm² s

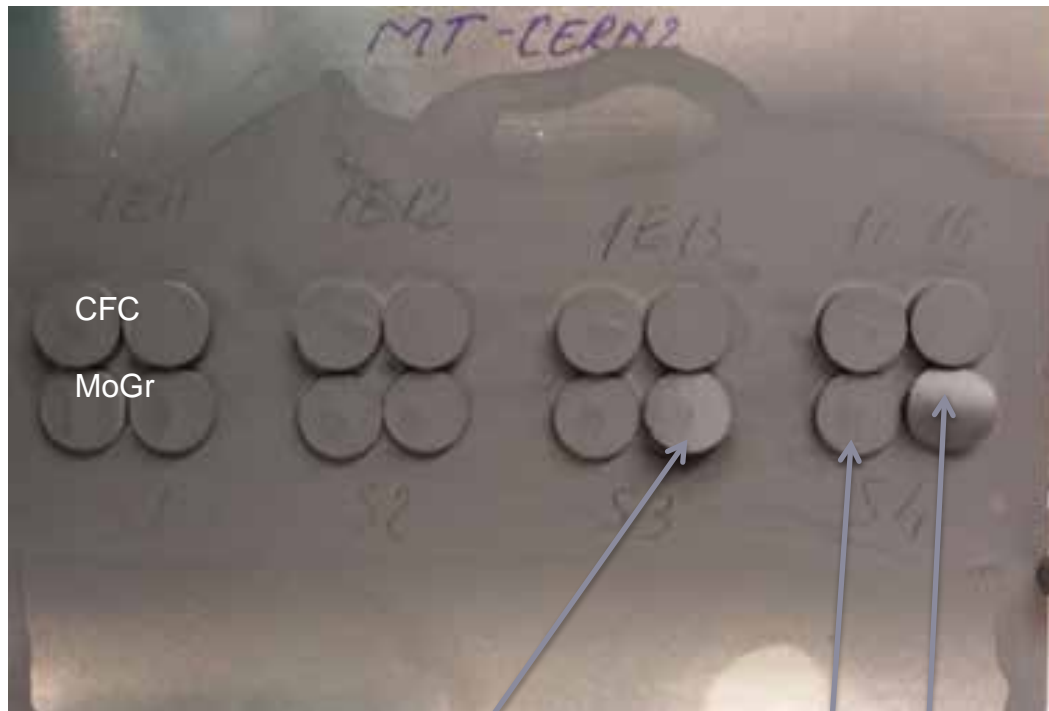


Molybdenum Carbide-Graphite Composites

- Molybdenum Carbide – Graphite – Carbon Fibers (MoGRCF)
- Inhomogeneous compound material
- Produced by hot pressing
- Anisotropic properties
- According to the basal planes orientation, the samples are categorized into in-plane and transversal direction
- Annealing applied before irradiation



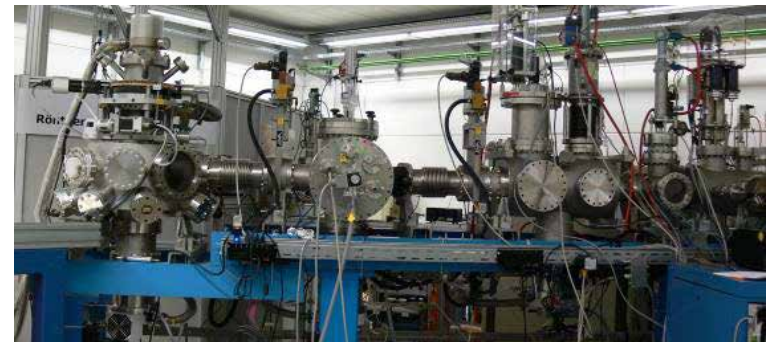
Irradiation induced deformation in Mo-Gr



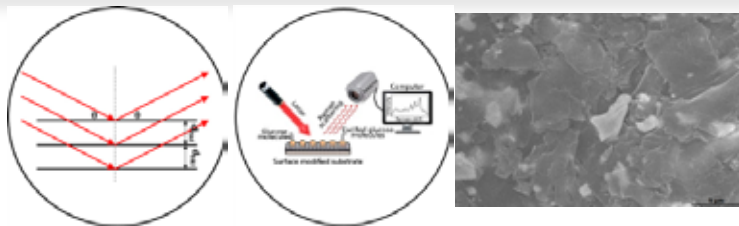
- Macroscopic bending was observed around 5×10^{12} U ions/cm²

Irradiation of novel composites at GSI

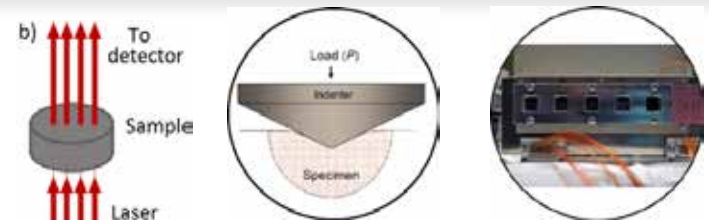
Ion irradiation: C – U
Energies: 70 MeV – 1 GeV
Fluence: up to 1×10^{14} i/cm²



Structural characterization:
XRD, Raman spectroscopy, SEM



Functional properties degradation:
thermal, mechanical, electrical



Material optimization



Overview of irradiation tests on MoGr

BNL (p^+ , n)

GSI (^{238}U , ^{209}Bi , ^{197}Au , ^{152}Sm , Ca, C ions)

BNL (p^+ , n)

mid 2013

Feb. 2014

July 2014

mid 2015

2016

3th generation

MG 1110-E

(3.7 g/cm³)

NOT fully molten

20%v Mo

40%v C-fibers

(long+short)

4th generation

MG 3110-P

(2.67 g/cm³)

Fully molten

20%v Mo

40%v C-fibers

(long+short)

5th generation

MG 5200-S

(2.65 g/cm³)

Fully molten

7.2%v Mo

46.4%v C-fibers

(long+short)

2 annealing cycles:

- 1150°C

- 1300°C

6th generation

MG 6400-U

(2.63 g/cm³)

Fully molten

4.5%v Mo

NO C-fibers

Annealing 1800°C

MG 6541-Aa

(2.5 g/cm³)

Fully molten

4.5%v Mo

0. %v Ti

5%v C-fibers

(short only)

Annealing 1900°C

MG 6530-Aa

(2.5 g/cm³)

Fully molten

4.5%v Mo

5%v C-fibers (long only)

Annealing 1900°C

7th generation

MG 6403-Aa

(g/cm³)

Fully molten

4.5%v Mo

%v Ti

NO C-fibers

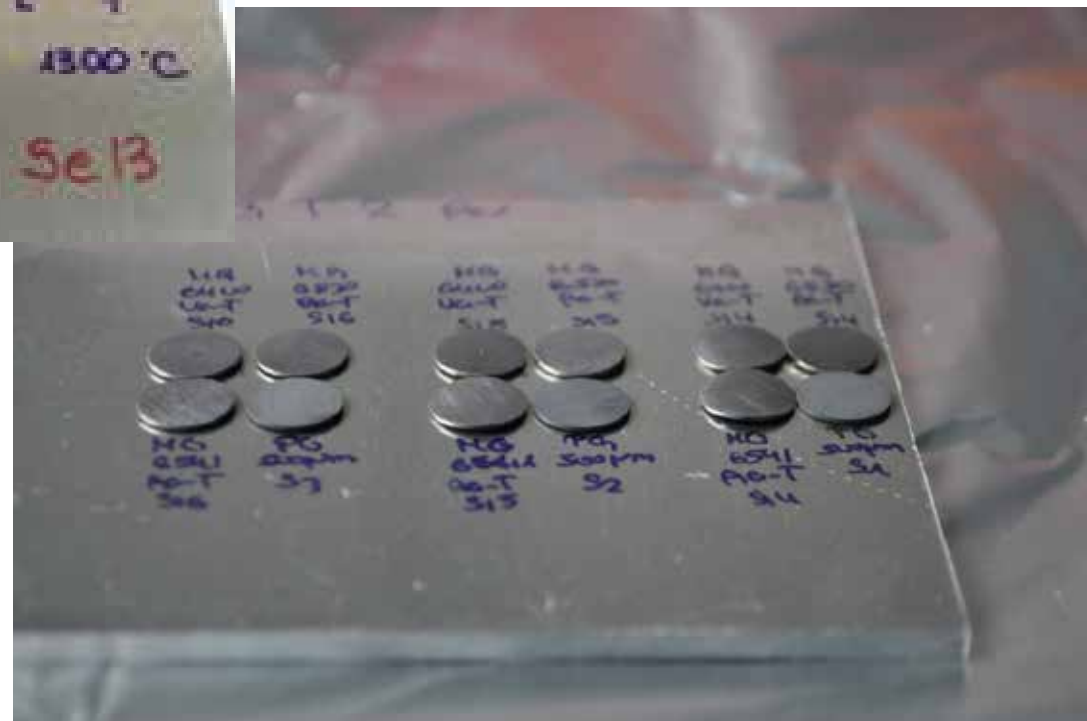
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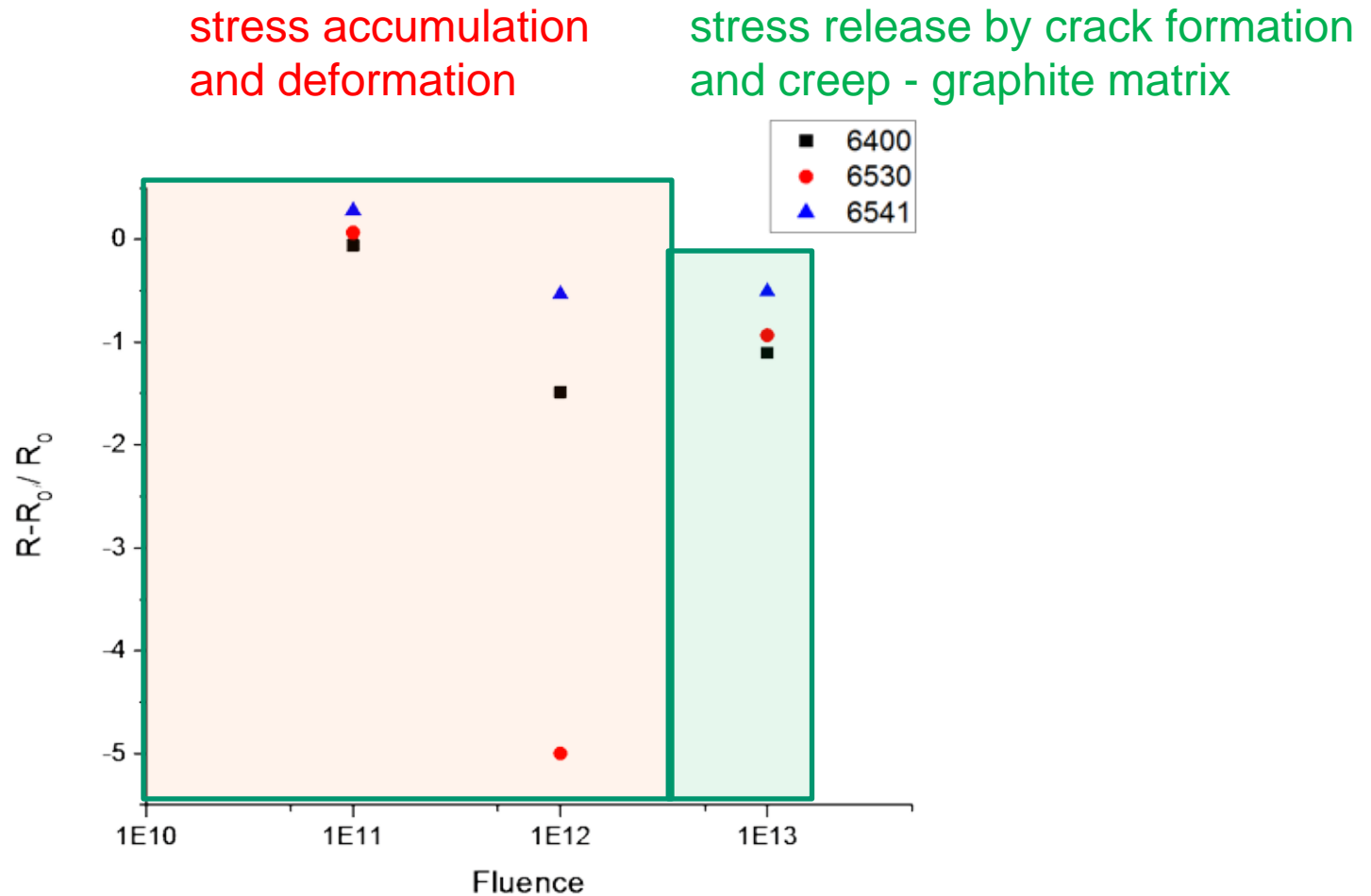
6th generation – high temperature annealed MoGr, Ti addition

**MG 6400-U, MG 6530-AA AND
MG 6541-AA**

MG 6400-U, MG 6530-AA, MG 6541-AA VS MG5220S



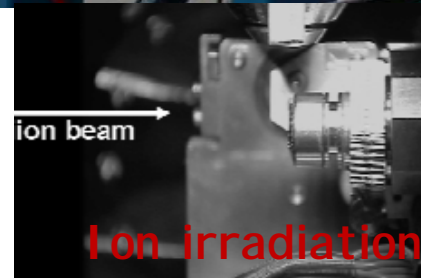
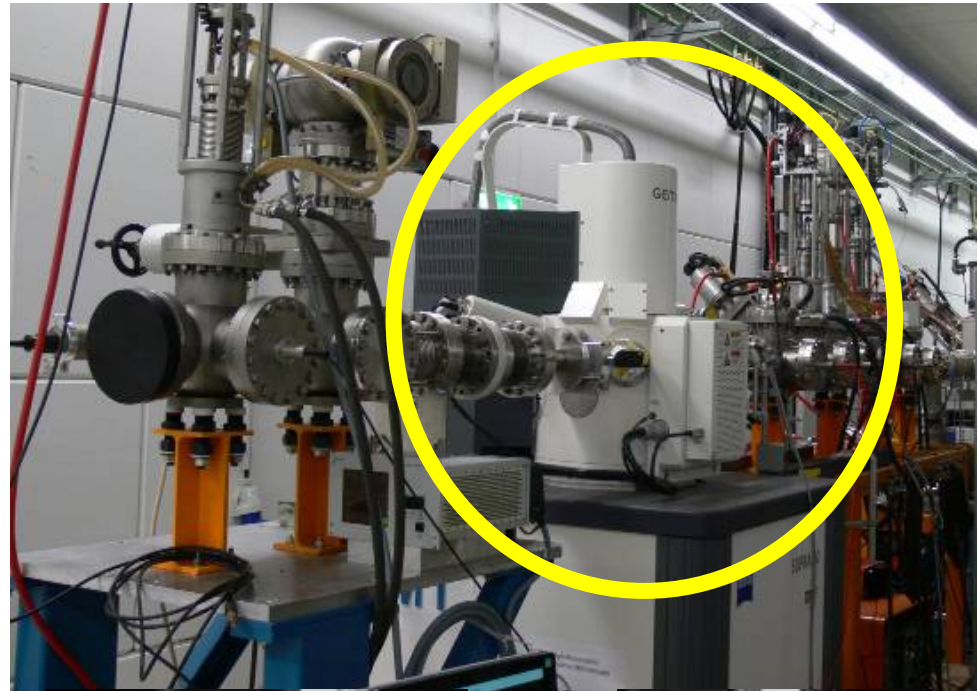
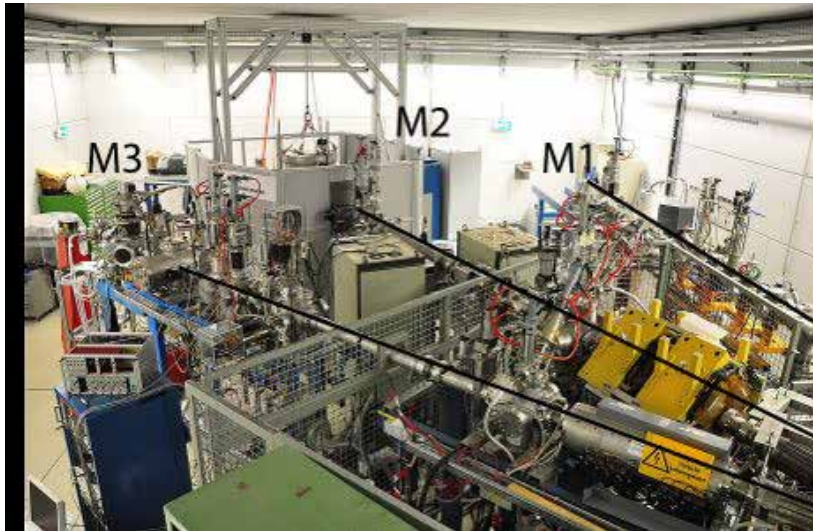
Optimization of MoGr composition as respect to irradiation induced deformation



- MG6541 (short fibers, Ti addition) smallest deformation

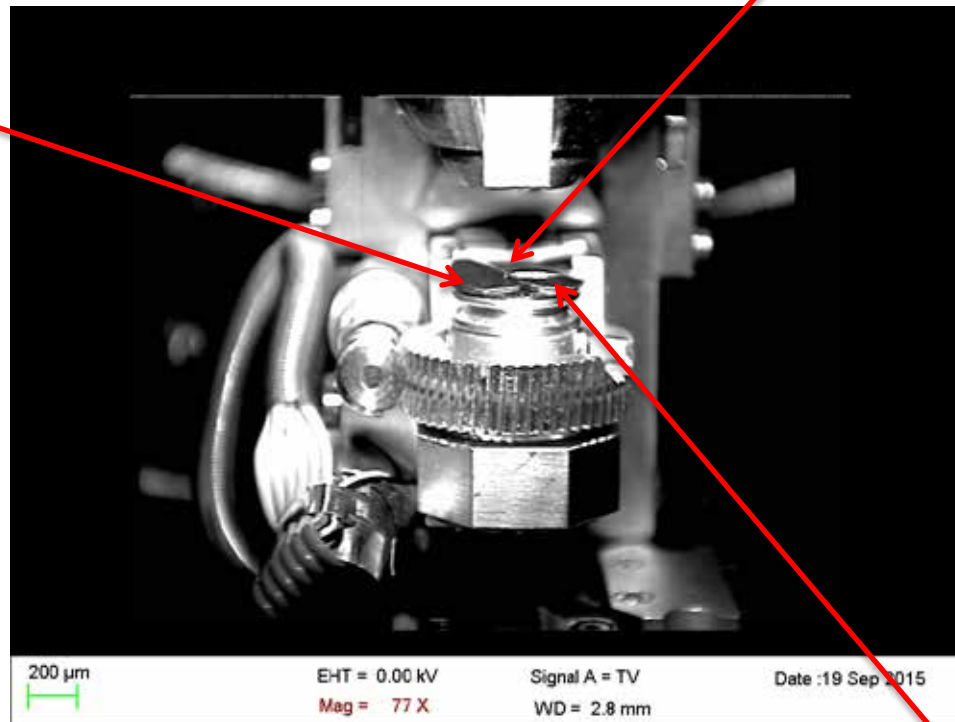
In situ HRSEM at M-branch, GSI

Au, 4.8 MeV/u (GSI, Sept. 2015)



In situ SEM monitoring of microstructural changes during ion irradiation of MoGR

Au, 4.8 MeV/u (GSI, Sept. 2015)



MG 6541Aa

MG 6400U

MG 6530Aa

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Pristine

2e13 Au

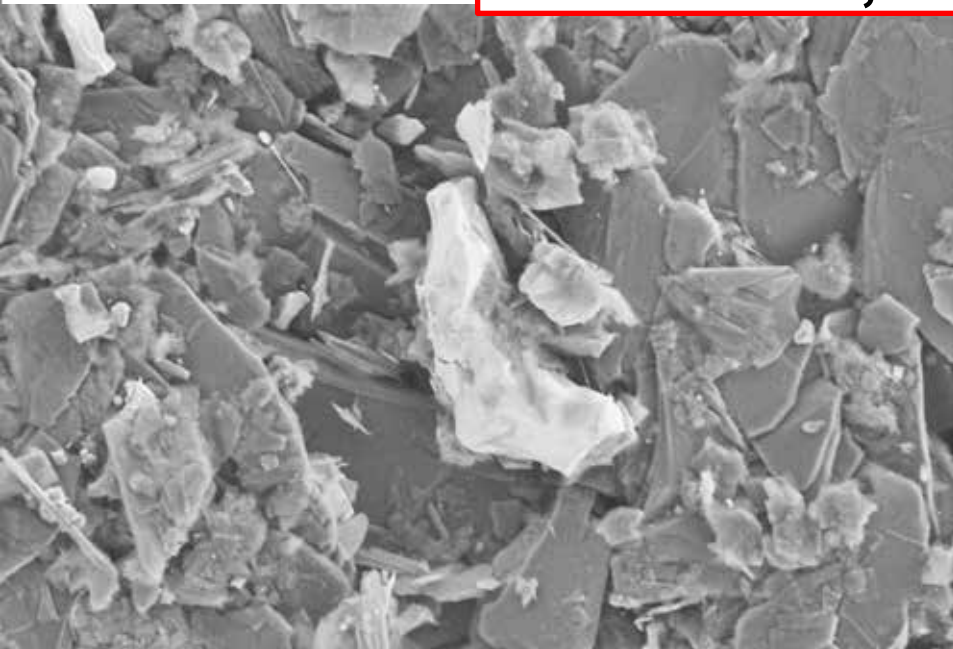
20 μm

EHT = 4.00 kV
Mag = 1.00 K X

MG 6400U, no Ti, no fibers

Signal A = SE2
WD = 7.9 mm

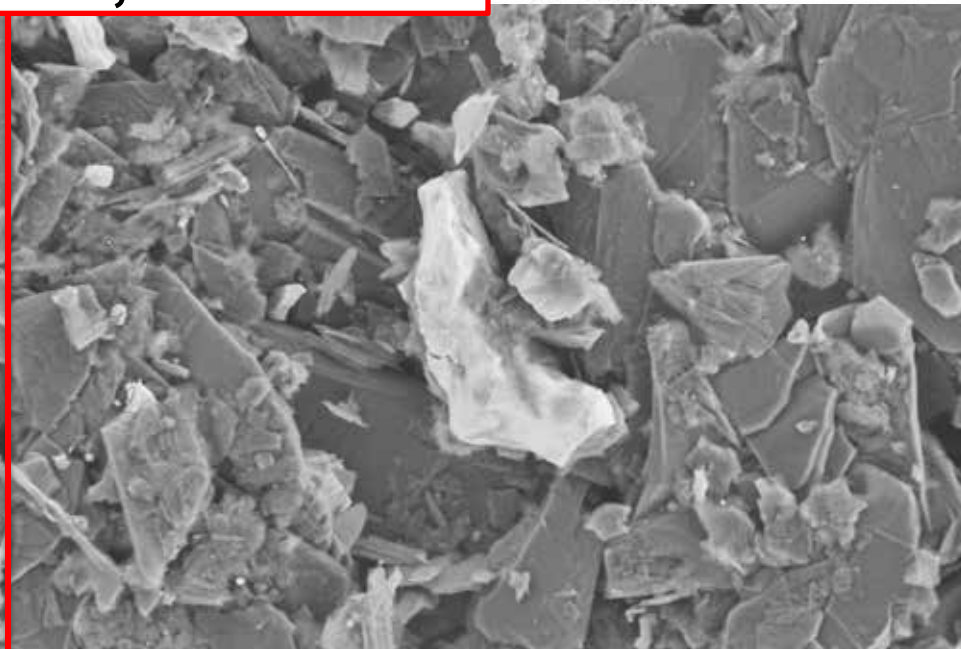
Date :19 Sep 2015



EHT = 4.00 kV
Mag = 10.00 K X

Signal A = SE2
WD = 8.2 mm

Date :18 Sep 2015



EHT = 4.00 kV
Mag = 10.00 K X

Signal A = SE2
WD = 8.2 mm

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M. Tomut - GSI

Pristine

2e13 Au

100 μ m

EHT = 4.00 kV
Mag = 400 X

MG 6541Aa, Ti, short C fibers

Signal A = SE2
WD = 8.1 mm

Date :19 Sep 2015

1 μ m

EHT = 4.00 kV
Mag = 10.00 K X

Signal A = SE2
WD = 8.2 mm

Date :18 Sep 2015

1 μ m

EHT = 4.00 kV
Mag = 10.00 K X

Signal A = SE2
WD = 8.3 mm

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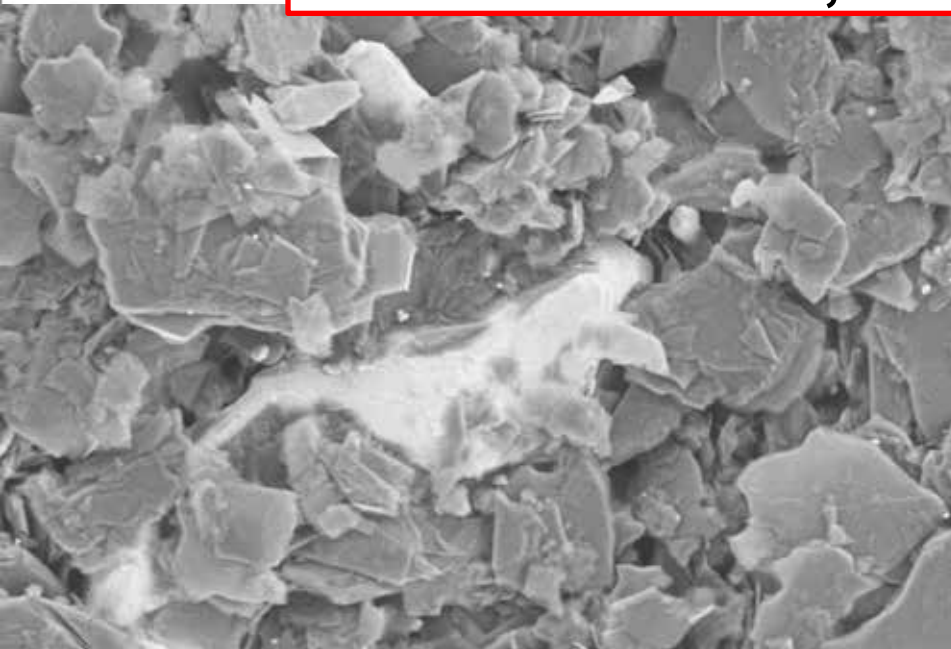
Pristine

2e13 Au

20 μm

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MG 6530Aa, no Ti, long C fibers

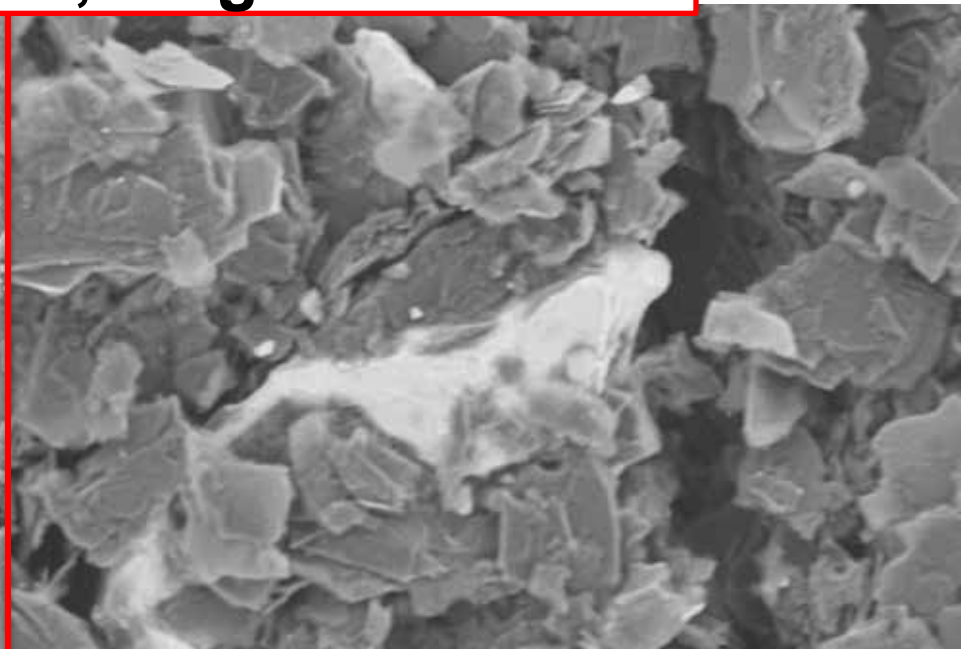


2 μm

EHT = 4.00 kV
Mag = 10.00 K X

Signal A = SE2
WD = 8.2 mm

Date :18 Sep 2015



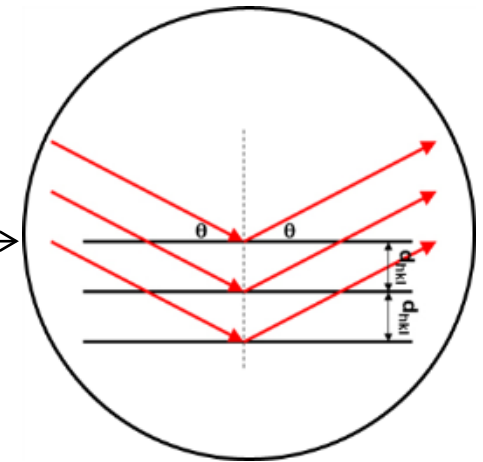
1 μm

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Signal A = SE2
WD = 8.2 mm

Date :19 Sep 2015

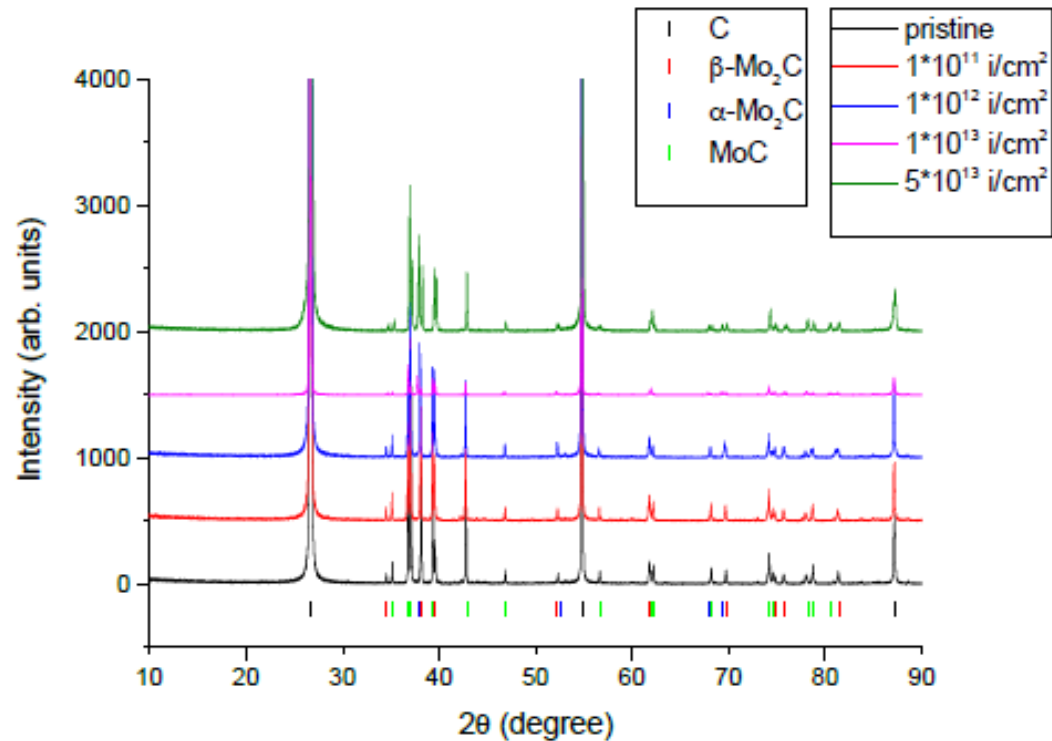
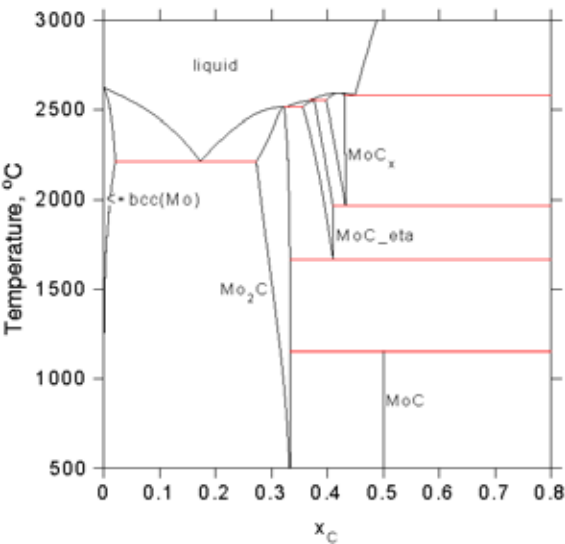
MoGR



X-RAY DIFFRACTION

Ion-induced Structural Changes – XRD

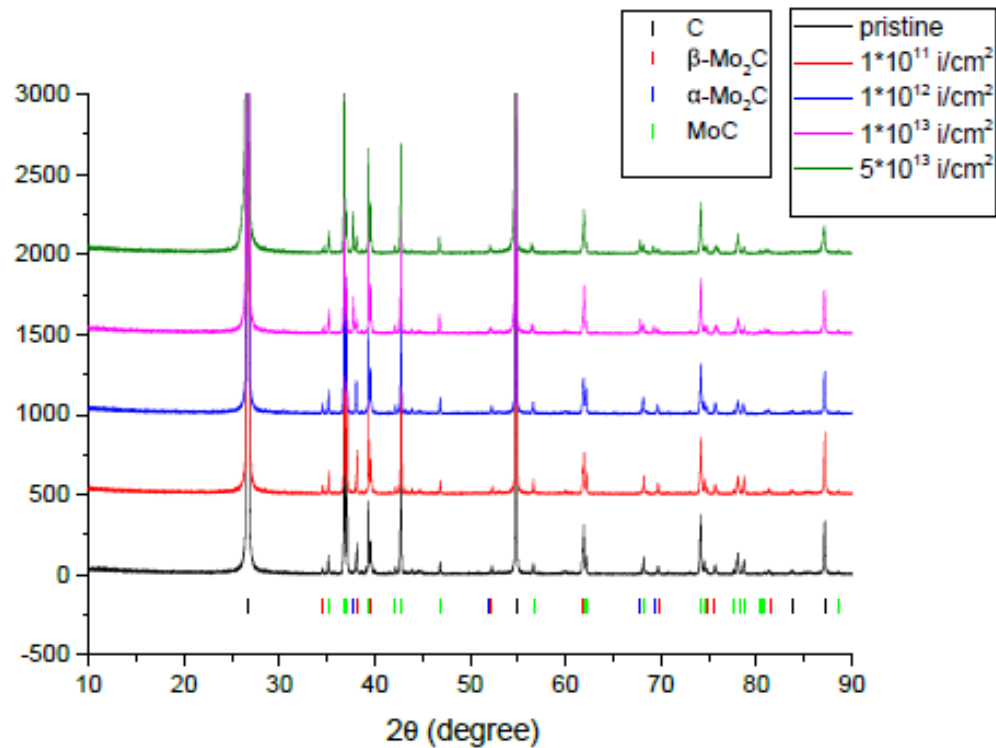
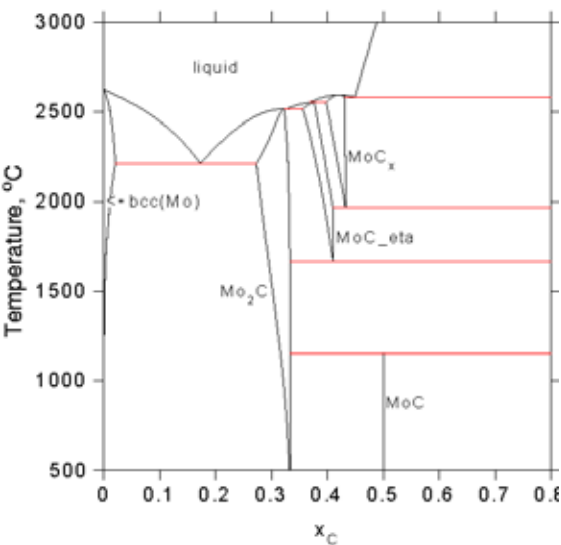
- Hexagonal Mo_2C
- Monoclinic MoC
- Hexagonal graphite



MG6530

Ion-induced Structural Changes – XRD

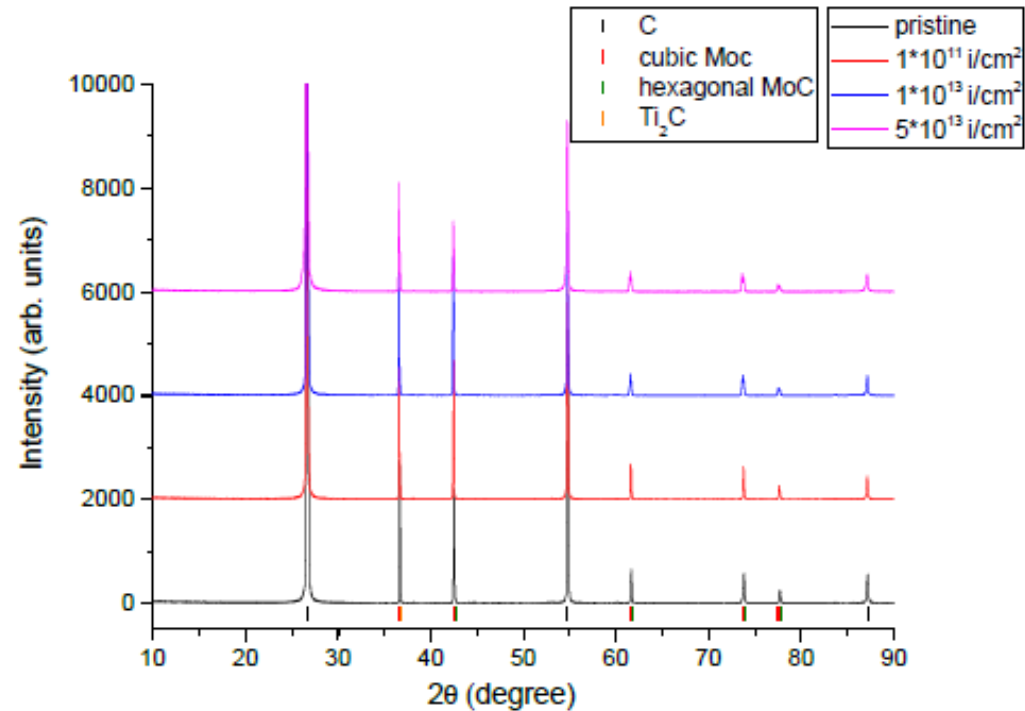
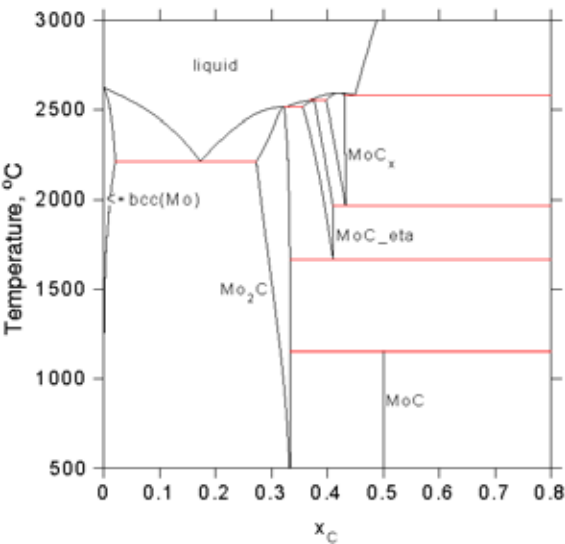
- Hexagonal Mo_2C
- Monoclinic MoC
- Hexagonal graphite



MG6400

Ion-induced Structural Changes – XRD

- Hexagonal Mo_2C
- Monoclinic MoC
- Hexagonal graphite

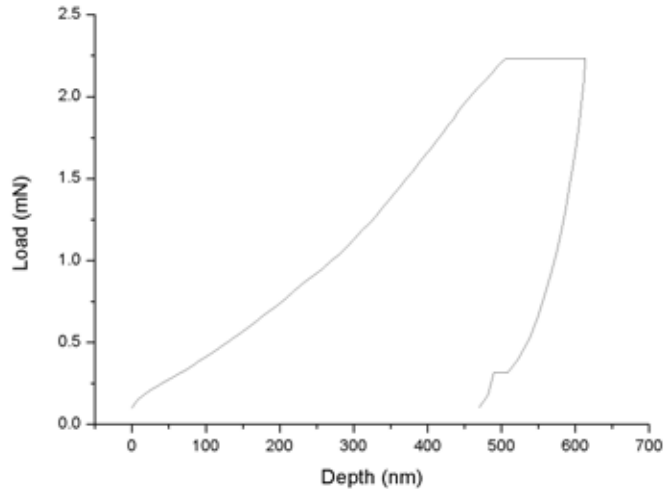


MG6541

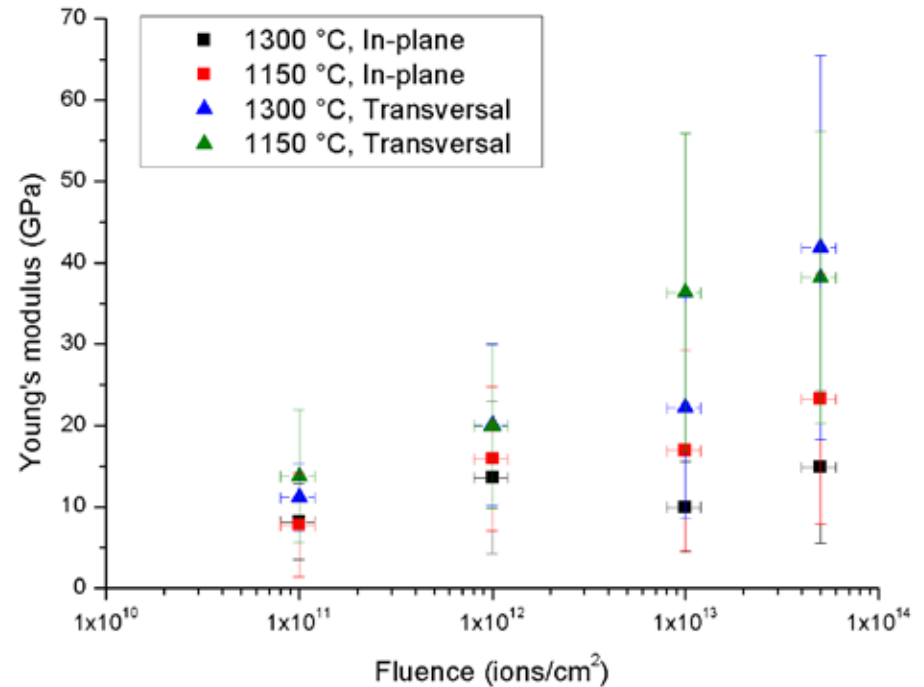


NANOINDENTATION

Ion-induced hardening - old MoGr grades

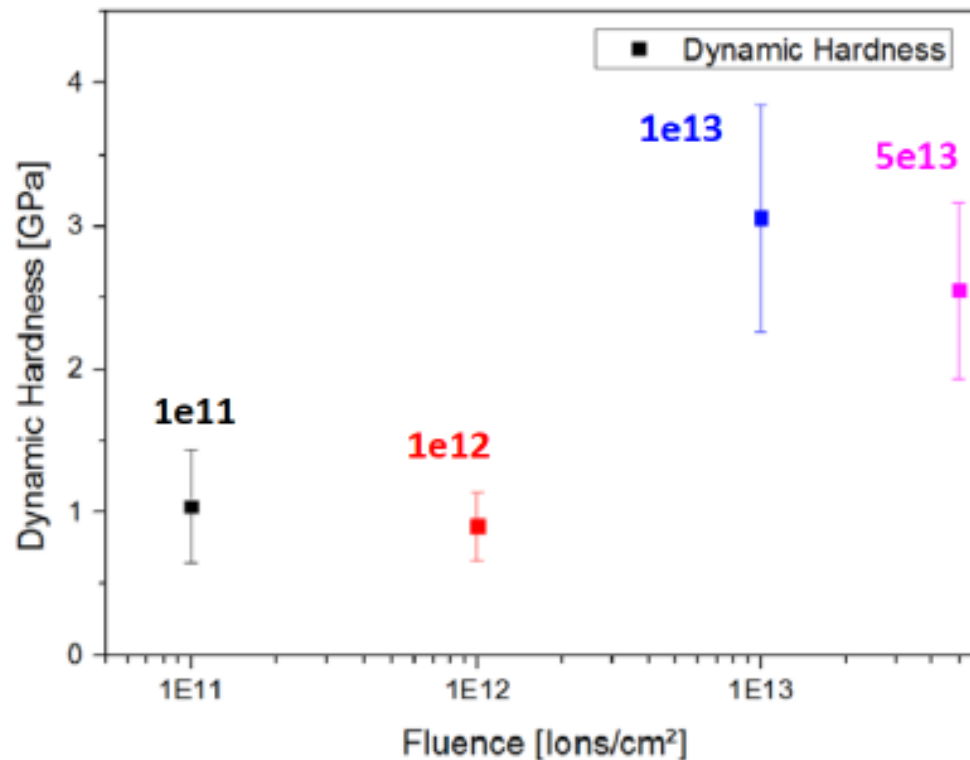


- Load/Depth controlled
- Maximum depth: 500 nm
- Maximum load: 50 mN
- Berkovich tip
- Mapping with 100 indentations



- Young's modulus increases with dose
- Dependency on pre-treatment
- Anisotropic behavior

Impact response of irradiated Mo-Gr composites



Irradiation:

Ion: Bi 27+

Energy: 4.8 MeV/u

Flux: 2e9 ions/cm²s

Frequency: 2 Hz

Pulse length: 0.3 ms

Sampling time: 0.5 s

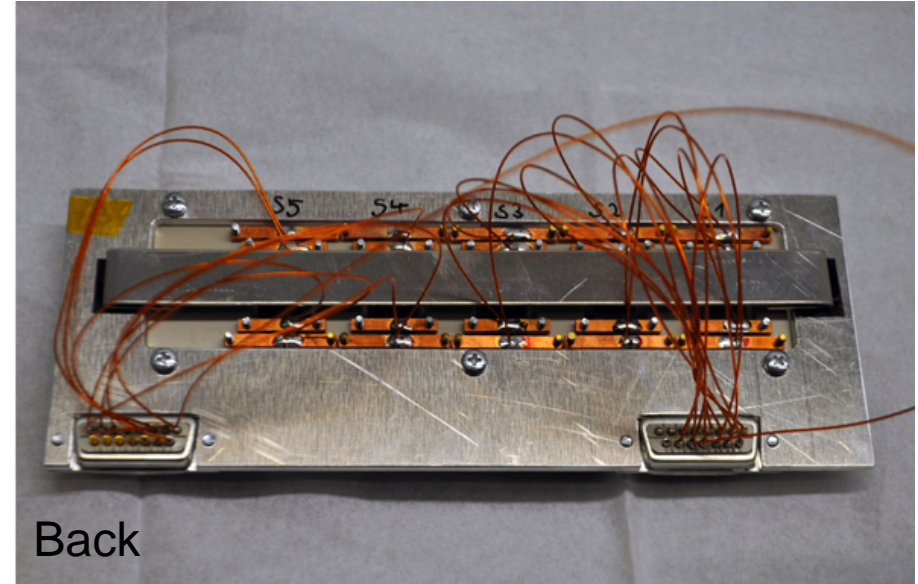
Impact load: 2mN

Impact distance: 15000 nm



ONLINE RESISTIVITY DEGRADATION MEASUREMENTS

Online Resistivity Measurements Set-up M-branch, UNILAC GSI

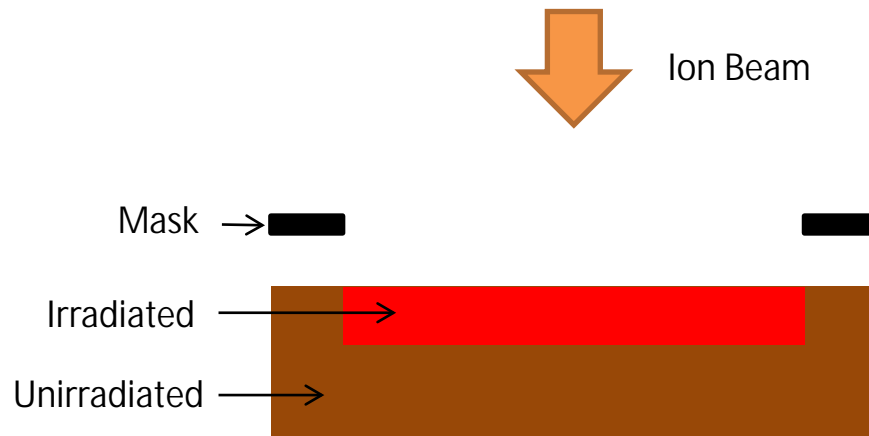


- Five samples in series irradiated one by one while measuring the voltage drop across the sample with a 4-probe setup.
- Investigation of MoGR with long carbon fibers (3 mm), short carbon fibers (300 μm) and without fibers.

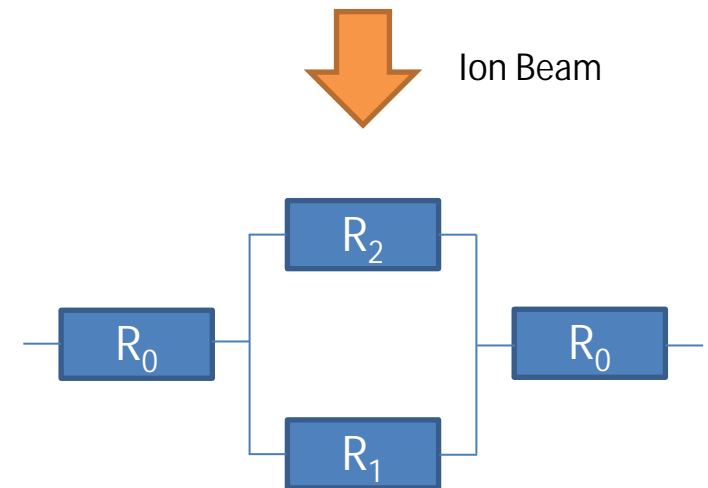
Ion-induced Electrical Properties Changes

– Equivalent electrical circuit

(a)



(b)



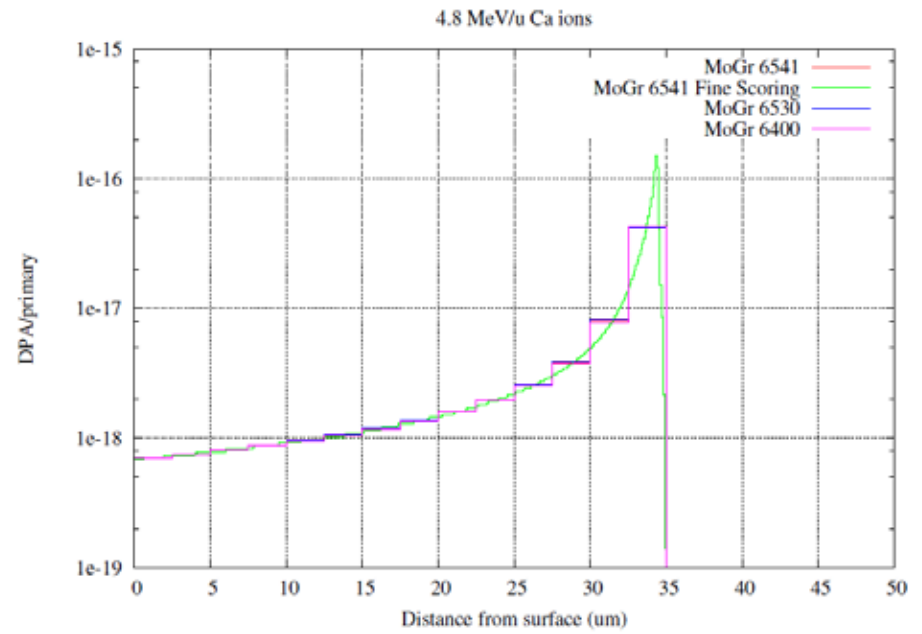
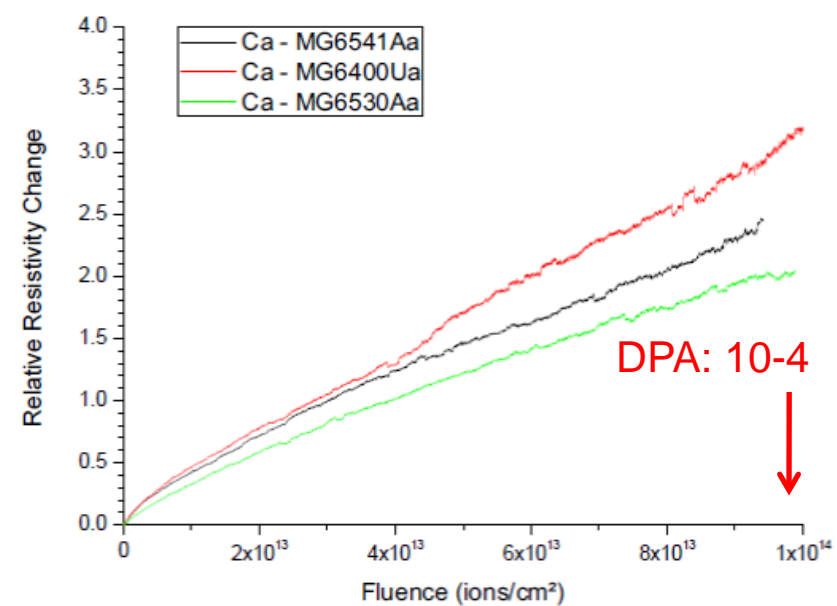
$$R_2 = \frac{R_{tot}R_1 - 2R_0R_1}{R_1 - R_{tot} + 2R_0}$$



Online study of electrical resistivity degradation for isotropic graphite – heavy ions



Ca ions to simulate damage induced by secondary particles and recoil atoms in collimator jaw



Fluka, DPA calculations - Eleftherios Skordis

- relative change of average resistivity for the whole ion range ~ 35 µm)

MG6530 (long fibers, no Ti) < MG6541 (short fibers, Ti) < MG6400 (no fibers, no Ti)

Summary

- Macroscopical bending was observed to have a maximum around 5×10^{12} ions/cm²; at higher fluences is relaxed by crack formation and creep
- With increasing fluence, the disorder in the graphite matrix and the carbon fibers increased. The defect density increased while the (graphitic) crystallite size decreased
- Hardness and Young's modulus increased with accumulated dose. Samples annealed at higher temperatures show less degradation
- Carbon fibers reduce material's resistivity degradation, Ti as well,
 - a compromise between deformation and resistivity degradation mitigation needs to be found
- Further optimization of the material to avoid swelling and deformation - Post-production annealing heat treatments decrease irradiation-induced deformations à $T \sim 1900^\circ\text{C}$

Coming beamtime GSI

- UNILAC
- heavy duty cycle Au
 - 02.05-04.05
 - 12.06-13.06
 - 21.06-23.06

4.8 MeV/u, 5×10^9 ions/cm² s, “25 Hz, 5 ms pulse lengths.

- low duty cycle U
 - 20.05-25.05

4.8 MeV/u, up to 1×10^{10} ions/cm² pulse, 0.2 Hz

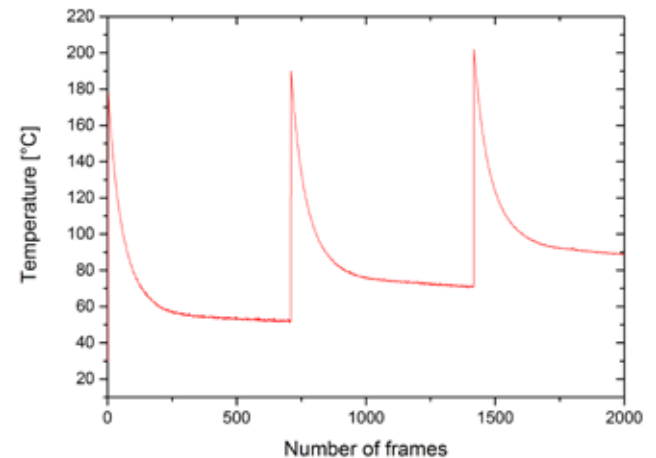
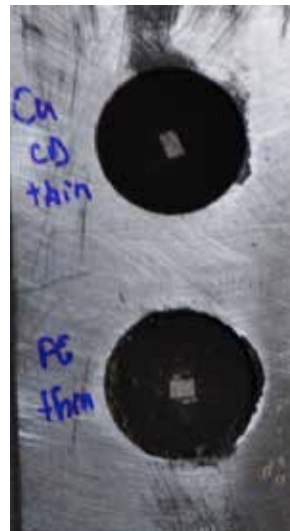
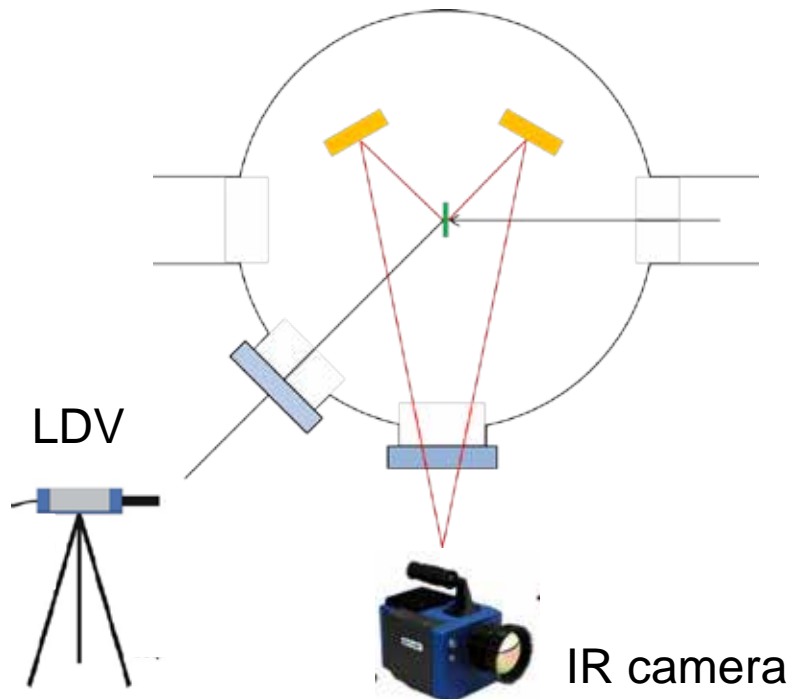


Dynamic response in context of radiation damage

Experimental details

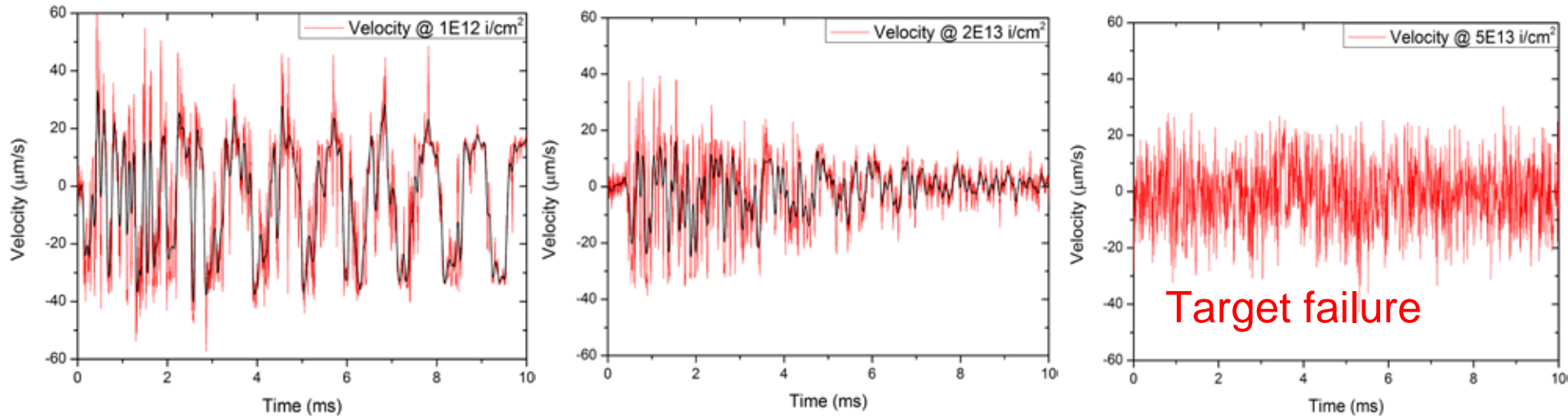
Irradiation parameters & set-up

- Beam parameters
 - 4.8 MeV/u U^{28+} ; 0.15 ms pulse length; 1 Hz
 - Up to 1.5×10^{10} i/cm² per pulse
 - Up to fluences of 1×10^{14} i/cm²



Oscillation monitoring as a function of fluence

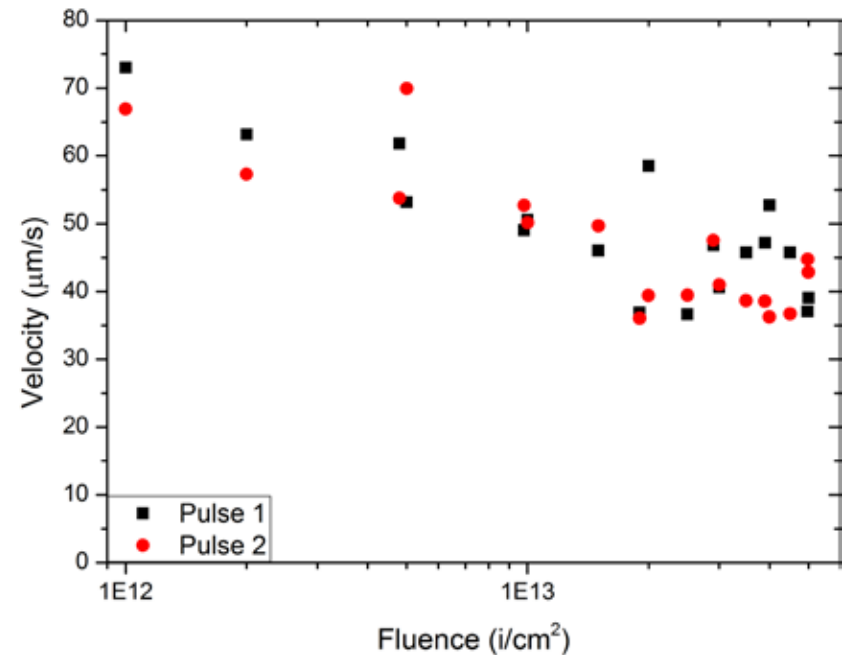
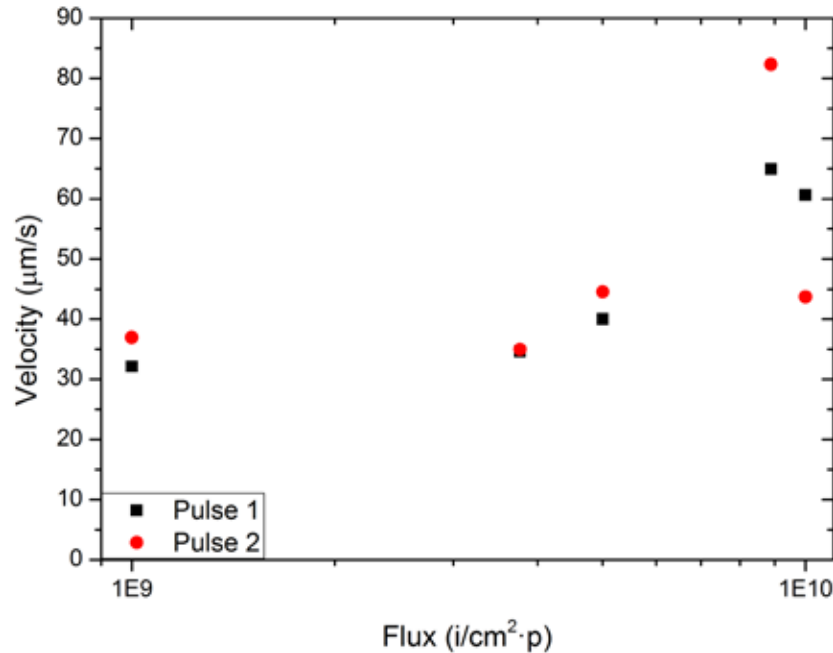
Polycrystalline isotropic graphite 140 μm



With radiation damage accumulation:

- Additional reflection at irradiated / non-irradiated interface
- increase of frequency
- increase of damping
- decrease of velocity

Measured maximum velocities - LDV



- Decrease of maximum velocity with accumulated dose:
Radiation damage:
 - density reduction in beam spot
 - internal friction
 - plastic deformation processes

Thank you for your attention!

