

Results from recent investigations and characterizations at GSI

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Motivation

- Properties of graphite:
- Low density
- High thermal conductivity
- Low coefficient of thermal expansion
- High service temperature
- Graphite materials are used for:
- Target wheel and beam catchers in Super Fragment Separator
- Beam dumps in experimental caves
- Collimators







Super-FRS working group, 2008

Investigated materials



Polycrystalline graphite (PG)



Material	Particle size [µm]
R6300	20
R6500	10
R6550	10
R6650	7
POCO ZEE	1

Carbon fibre reinforced carbon (CFC)



- 2 dimensional fibre orientation
- Fibre plane parallel or perpendicular to surface







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Structural characterization Raman spectroscopy

- Main peaks for graphite:
 - i. D-peak ≈ 1380 cm⁻¹
 - ii. G-peak ≈ 1580 cm⁻¹
 - iii. 2nd D-peak ≈ 2700 cm⁻¹
- Ratio of I_D/I_G allows determination of defect concentration and lattice parameters
- Bands included for Raman spectra deconvolution:
- i. D1-D3: Lorentzians
- ii. D2: Gaussian
- iii. G: Lorentzian
- iv. G'2D-G'3DA-G'3DB: Lorentzians
- v. P7: Splitlorentzian
- vi. P9: Lorentzian

N. Larouche, B.L. Stansfield, Carbon N. Y. 48 pp. 620–629, 2009







Raman results of isotropic polycrystalline graphite grades





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Infrared thermography



 Infrared thermography acquires and processes thermal information from non-contact measurement devices

Experimental setup



Infrared thermography



2D-CFC •SGL Mechanical

Graphitic Foam •POCO FOAM





Parallel



56.50

55.94

55.38

54.81

54.22

53.64

53.05

52.44

51.83

51.21 50.58

49.94

49.29

48.63

47.96

47.29

46.59

45.89

45.17

44.45

Functional characterization Microindentation



 β = Geometrical correction factor ϑ = Poisson's ratio

Area function A: $A = 24.5 h_f^2$ Hardness H: $H = \frac{P_{max}}{A}$

Reduced modulus E_r : $E_r = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \cdot S}{2 \cdot \beta \cdot \sqrt{A}}$

Young's modulus E:

$$\frac{1}{E_r} = \frac{1 - \vartheta^2}{E} + \frac{1 - \vartheta_i^2}{E_i}$$

Oliver and Pharr, *J. Mater. Res.*, vol. 7, no. 6, pp. 1564-1583, 1992



Microindentation of investigated materials





Hardness

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Dynamic indentation



- Indenter is accelerated with constant force towards the sample
- Resulting bouncing of the indenter on the surface of the sample is measured



Dynamic indentation results of polycrystalline graphite and carbon fibre reinforced carbon grades



Standard 6K Standard 6K 2D CFC 2D CFC Mechanical Mechanical Premium Premium R6300 R6300 R6500 R6500 Poly G Poly G R6550 O R6550 O R6650 R6650 ZEE ZEE 0 20 40 50 60 70 80 90 20 40 60 80 10 30 0 Dynamic Hardness (GPa) average damping constant (1/s)

Dynamic hardness

In plane II

Transversal ⊥





Damping constant

Multiple Impulse indentation



- Indenter is accelerated with constant force towards the sample
- Indenter is moved back to the initial position and accelerated again
- Allows measurement of fatigue



Multiple impulse results of polycrystalline graphite grades





3-point bending test





Flexural strength





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Laser flash analysis





https://www.netzsch-thermal-analysis.com/de/produkteloesungen/waerme-und-temperaturleitfaehigkeitsbestimmung/lfa-427/ (23.11.2017)

Laser flash analysis results





Empirical relation between I_D/I_G and thermal diffusivity







- Properties of polycrystalline graphite depend on the grain size
- Carbon fibre reinforced carbon and graphite foams properties depend on orientation with a strong and a weak direction
- The thermal diffusivity is decaying exponentially with increasing defect concentration
- Results allow calculation of figures of merit and improved simulations to predict the behaviour during irradiation
- Experiments at HiRadMat and at GSI will allow evaluation of beam induced effects and property changes of the different irradiated graphitic materials



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