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Anisotropic Drude response in $\mathbf{Mg}(\mathbf{B}_{1-x}\mathbf{C}_x)_2$ **TERUHISA** KAKESHITA, SERGEY LEE, SRL-ISTEC, SETSUKO TAJIMA, Osaka University, SRL-ISTEC TEAM, OSAKA UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION — There exists an unsolved issue on MgB₂ that a plasma edge estimated from optical spectra so far is conspicuously inconsistent with a band calculation. It is mysterious since experimental band dispersions by ARPES are marvelously coincident with the band calculation. We report on a- and c-axis optical responses in $Mg(B_{1-x}C_x)_2$ using small single crystals and a FTIR spectrometer combined with an optical microscope. It was verified that the Drude responses show the anisotropy between aand c-axis. The observed plasma frequencies $\omega_{n'}$ are considerably small compared to a theoretical value (~7eV), whereas the bare ones ω_p , estimated from a sum rule of optical conductivity $\int d\omega \sigma(\omega) = (\pi/2)\omega_p^2 = (\pi/2)\varepsilon_\infty \omega_p'^2$, are fairly coincident with it. We also discuss an effect of carbon-substitution on carrier concentration and scattering rate in a multiband system. This work was supported by the New Energy and Industrial TechnologyDevelopment Organization(NEDO) through ISTEC as the Collaborative Research and Development of Fundamental Technologies for Superconductivity Applications.

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