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Deformation of sp^2 graphitic nanostructure by irradiation with highly charged ion¹ YOSHIYUKI MIYAMOTO, Fundamental and Environmental Research Laboratories, NEC — I will discuss possibility of structural deformation of graphitic sp^2 network by irradiation of highly charged ions. Meguro *et al.*, [Appl. Phys. Lett., **79**, 3866 (2001)] reported indication of nano-diamond formation on graphite surface when it is irradiated by Ar^{+8} ions with incident kinetic energy of 400 eV. The nano-diamond structure was suggested from STS and IR spectrum taken after irradiation showing energy gap of 6 eV and C-C stretching with the frequency of 1360 cm^{-1} . This structural change was considered to be induced by injection of holes from highly charged ion (Ar^{+8}) while role the kinetic energy of Ar ion was thought to be marginal. Electron-ion dynamics simulation combined to the time-dependent density functional theory [O. Sugino, Y. Miyamoto. Phys Rev **B59**, 2579 (1999), *ibid*, Phys. Rev. **B66**, 088901(E) (2002)] has been performed to examine the mechanisms of the structural change. This simulation has found that the role of incident kinetic energy of Ar^{+8} and subsequent cooling mechanisms also play crucial role in determining the structural change. More details will be presented and discussed in my talk.

¹All calculations were performed by using the Earth Simulator.

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