

Supplemental Material

Hydrogen influence of amorphous carbon films on mechanical properties and fluorine penetration: A density functional theory and ab initio molecular dynamics study

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This supporting information explains the detailed methodology used to compute the elastic constants of amorphous films.

In case of crystalline systems, elastic constants can be determined by computing the energies of deformed unit cells. For cubic type phases, distortions with tetragonal and orthorhombic shear, and isotropic distortion along the three lattice vectors require three independent elastic constants C_{11} , C_{12} , and C_{44} (all elastic constants are expressed using the Voigt notations¹). For the tetragonal phases, six different deformation modes need to compute C_{11} , C_{12} , C_{13} , C_{33} , C_{44} , and C_{66} . For expansion along three high-symmetry directions, three monoclinic distortions, and three orthorhombic distortions needs to compute nine independent elastic constants.

Next, we discuss the methodology used to compute the elastic constants of amorphous alloys because the amorphous phases are isotropic. Elastic constants, C_{ij} can be obtained by computing the energies of the deformed unit cells; the deformation strain tensor, e_{ij} with six independent components is represented using Voigt notation.

$$e_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 & e_6/2 & e_5/2 \\ e_6/2 & e_2 & e_4/2 \\ e_5/2 & e_4/2 & e_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

In order to obtain three independent elastic constants C_{11} , C_{12} , and C_{44} for cubic structure, orthorhombic, isotropic and monoclinic distortions are applied.

The total energy change related to the strain tensor gives

$$E(V, e_{ij}) = E_0 + V \sum_{ij} \sigma_{ij} e_{ij} + \frac{V}{2} \sum_{ijkl} C_{ijkl} e_{ij} e_{kl} + O[e_{ij}^3]$$

where E_0 and $E(e_{ij})$ are the internal energies of the initial and the strained lattice, respectively; V is the volume of the unstrained lattice; σ_{ij} is the stress; $O(e_{ij}^3)$ indicates the neglected terms in the polynomial expansion. The Elastic stiffness tensors are calculated by the computation of the derivatives of the total energy respect to the applied strain.

$$C_{ijkl} = \frac{1}{V} \left[\frac{\partial^2 E(V, e)}{\partial e_{ij} \partial e_{kl}} \right]_{e=0}$$

Once the stiffness tensor, C_{ijkl} , are obtained, elastic properties such as poisson's ratio, Young's, bulk, and shear moduli can be calculated by using Voight-Reuss-Hill approximation.²

$$K = (K_V + K_R)/2$$

$$K_V = \frac{1}{9}(C_{11} + C_{22} + C_{33}) + \frac{2}{9}(C_{12} + C_{13} + C_{23})$$

$$K_R = \frac{1}{(S_{11} + S_{22} + S_{33}) + 2(S_{12} + S_{13} + S_{23})}$$

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