Radiation damage of Heavy ions and H irradiated Tungsten – Some Experimental Results

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Objective

- 1. To study the Structural , microstructural and Morphological changes in Tungsten after low (0.1 MeV), Medium (7.5 MeV) and High (80 MeV) energy Heavy ion irradiations.
- 2. Hydrogen trapped/retained in un-irradiated and preirradiated Tungsten

Experimental Details

• Two types of samples are used for Experiments

Samples cut from plate supplied by Plansee –
 Sample size : 8mm x 8 mm x 2 mm and 10 mm x10mm x 2mm
 Samples cut out from Hot rolled sheet (5 mm thick), 99.95 % pure, Rolling direction parallel to the plate surface and final sample surface

Samples provided by Dr. Linke (Supplier Plansee) –
 Sample size : 8mm x 8 mm x 2 mm
 Samples cut from a Rod , 99.97 % pure, elongated grains parallel to the rod axis and perpendicular to final sample surface

 Heavy ions Au and W have been used for irradiation with 80 MeV, 7.5 MeV and 100 KeV in Pristine and Annealed (at 900C) samples.

Ion Irradiation in Tungsten

• The 15 UD pelletron at IUAC, New Delhi –

| Energy – 80 MeV, Charge state – 7 ⁺ | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------|------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| SL No | lons | Atomic Mass | Sample treatment | Fluence (ions/cm ²) x 10 ¹⁴ | Current (nA) | |
| 1 | W | 184 | Annealed 900 C | 1 | 7.0 | |
| 2 | Au | 197 | Annealed 900 C | 6.26 | 11.5 | |
| 3 | Au | 197 | Annealed 900 C | 1 | 7.0 | |
| 4 | Au | 197 | Pristine | 6.26 | 11.5 | |



Used for 7.5 MeV W in W



Illustration of the 1.7 MV tandetron accelerator at IGCAR along with the beam lines which is used for tungsten irradiation and ERDA analysis.



Illustration of the 150 kV accelerator along with the beam lines at IGCAR which is used for hydrogen implantation.

Characterization of Unirradiated samples

- Pristine and samples annealed at 900 C have been analyzed for their structure, microstructure, particularly for grain size and orientation using XRD and EBSD.
- SEM and AFM techniques have also been used for unirradiated samples to compare the microstructural and morphological changes after irradiations.

EBSD Results

Sample ID: Linke. Scan on surface







Crystal orientation map



Observation: Grains are more equiaxed

Inverse pole figure

Boundaries: <none>

Sample ID: Linke. Scan on surface



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Gray Scale Map Type:<none>

Color Coded Map Type: <none>

| Boundaries: Rotation Angle | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|------|----------|--------|---------|--|--|--|
| | Min | Max | Fraction | Number | Length | | | |
| | 1° | 5° | 0.657 | 132690 | 3.83 cm | | | |
| _ | 5° | 15° | 0.196 | 39639 | 1.14 cm | | | |
| | 15° | 180° | 0.146 | 29543 | 8.53 mn | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

*For statistics - any point pair with misorientation exceeding 1° is considered a boundary total number = 201872, total length = 5.83 cm)



Grain boundary maps

Step size: 0.5 µm

Observation: Grains are more equiaxed

Sample ID: Linke. Scan on surface



Chart: Grain Size (diameter)

Edge grains included in analysis

| Diameter [microns] | Area Fraction |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 1.46298 | 0.0952196 |
| 2.90391 | 0.198588 |
| 4.34484 | 0.168422 |
| 5.78577 | 0.112625 |
| 7.2267 | 0.0814062 |
| 8.66763 | 0.0799982 |
| 10.1086 | 0.0558302 |
| 11.5495 | 0.0421055 |
| 12.9904 | 0.0139465 |
| 14.4313 | 0.041141 |
| 15.8723 | 0.0209862 |
| 17.3132 | 0 |
| 18.7541 | 0.0149332 |
| 20.1951 | 0.01684 |
| 21.636 | 0 |
| 23.0769 | 0 |
| 24.5178 | 0.0228155 |
| 25.9588 | 0 |
| 27.3997 | 0 |
| 28.8406 | 0.0351433 |
| | |
| Average | |
| Number | 2.57584 |
| Area | 7.73768 |
| | |





Grain Size (diameter)



Observation: Grains are more equiaxed

Sample ID: Linke. Scan-1 on cross-section



Image quality map

Crystal orientation map

Step size: 1 µm

The columnar nature of the grains is evident in these maps

Sample ID: Linke. Scan-1 on cross-section



50 um

Gray Scale Map Type:<none>

Color Coded Map Type: <none>

Boundaries: Rotation Angle

| | Min | Max | Fraction | Number | Length |
|---|-----|------|----------|--------|----------|
| | 1* | 5* | 0.567 | 212718 | 12.28 cm |
| _ | 5" | 15* | 0.283 | 106103 | 6.13 cm |
| | 15* | 180* | 0.151 | 56526 | 3.26 cm |

For statistics - any point pair with misorientation exceeding 1 is considered a boundary total number = 375347, total length = 21.67 cm)

The columnar nature of the grains is evident in these maps



Unique grain map

Sample ID: Linke. Scan-1 on cross-section

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Grain Size (diameter)

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Grain Size (Diameter) [microns]

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Step size: 1 µm

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Chart: Grain Size (diameter)

Edge grains included in analysis

| Diameter (microns) | Area Fraction |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 2.44927 | 0.145318 |
| 4.37775 | 0.149294 |
| 6.30623 | 0.136018 |
| 8.2347 | 0.107789 |
| 10.1632 | 0.0740054 |
| 12.0917 | 0.0430326 |
| 14.0201 | 0.0521553 |
| 15.9486 | 0.0454802 |
| 17.8771 | 0.0421426 |
| 19.8056 | 0.0294598 |
| 21.7341 | 0.025336 |
| 23.6625 | 0.0146409 |
| 25.591 | 0.0408001 |
| 27.5195 | 0.00540689 |
| 29.448 | 0.00559973 |
| 31.3764 | 0.00697185 |
| 33.3049 | 0.0220651 |
| 35.2334 | 0.0243125 |
| 37.1619 | 0.00889281 |
| 39.0904 | 0.021279 |
| | |
| Average | |
| Number | 3.46422 |
| Area | 12.0068 |
| | |

Sample ID: Linke. Scan-2 on cross-section



Sample ID: Linke. Scan-2 on cross-section



| Boundaries: Rotation Angle | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|--------|---------|--|--|
| | Min | Max | Fraction | Number | Length | | |
| _ | 1° | 5° | 0.720 | 125967 | 3.64 cm | | |
| _ | 5° | 15° | 0.168 | 29407 | 8.49 mm | | |
| | 15° | 1 80° | 0.112 | 19607 | 5.66 mm | | |

*For statistics - any point pair with misorientation exceeding 1° is considered a boundary total number = 174981, total length = 5.05 cm)

Grain boundary maps

Step size: 0.5 µm

The columnar nature of the grains is evident in these maps

Sample ID: Linke. Scan-2 on cross-section



Unique grain map



Grain Size (diameter)

Step size: 0.5 µm

| 6.77412 | 0.12741 |
|---------|-----------|
| 8.49743 | 0.0543009 |
| 10.2207 | 0.0754509 |
| 11.9441 | 0.03446 |
| 13.6674 | 0.0291552 |
| 15.3907 | 0.0460201 |
| 17.114 | 0.0735908 |
| 18.8373 | 0.01754 |
| 20.5606 | 0.0195792 |
| 22.2839 | 0 |
| 24.0073 | 0 |
| 25.7306 | 0.096656 |
| 27.4539 | 0.0399713 |
| 29.1772 | 0.0429337 |
| 30.9005 | 0 |
| 32.6238 | 0 |
| 34.3471 | 0 |
| | |
| Average | |
| Number | 2.71367 |
| Area | 11.6825 |

Chart: Grain Size (diameter)

Edge grains included in analysis

Area Fraction

0.0832771

0.110586

0.149069

Diameter [microns]

1.60417

3.32749

5.0508

Plansee samples- Surface scans



Image quality map

Crystal orientation map

Unique grain map

Larger grains compared to the sample marked'Linke'

Step size: 1 µm

Plansee samples- Surface scans



Grain boundary maps Larger grains compared to the sample marked'Linke'

Plansee samples-Surface scans



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*For statistics - any point pair with misorientation

total number = 217041, total length = 12.53 cm)

exceeding 1° is considered a boundary

Grain Size (diameter)



Strained Lattice

Area Fraction

0.240294

0.114966

0.0941945

0.0592462

0.041796

0.0429032

0.0234072

0.0264038

0.0168003

0.00953137

0.0115171

0.0600645

0.0180037

0.0409536

0.0473319

0.0661299

0.0864563

3.01253

22.6512

0

0

0

Grain orientation spread High angle grain boundaries

XRD study

- XRD spectra were recorded for the Pristine and Annealed Tungsten samples irradiated with 80 MeV and 100 KeV and compared with the Pristine and annealed (900 C and 1100 C) samples.
- The changes in the Relative Peak Intensity, Peak Width and peak positions are attributed to Crystallographic Texture, Micro-strain and Macro-strian respectively.















Irradiation reduces the lattice stress

| Sample | 2*theta | theta | delta | d (Å) | a (Å) | strain(std) | Stress (GPa) |
|-----------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|-----------------|
| W110_S | 40.265 | 20.1325 | 2.2397 | 3.1674 | | | |
| W110_A | 40.23 | 20.115 | 0.1593 | 2.2416 | 3.1701 | 8.48E-03 | 0.3537 |
| W110_A80 | 40.29 | 20.145 | 0.141 | 2.2384 | 3.1656 | 5.80E-04 | 0.2356 |
| W110_A100 | 40.25 | 20.125 | 0.138 | 2.2405 | 3.1686 | 3.57E-04 | 0.1428 |

•Young's modulus 400 GPa for polycrystalline W at 20 C (Ref:Tungsten, Lassner & Schubert)







PALS characterization

| Sr. No. | Identification (Sample details) | lon species | Energy | Fluence |
|------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|----------------------|
| 1. | 80MPWAu6p214 | Au7+(197) | 80 MeV | 6.2x10 ¹⁴ |
| 2. | 100KPWAu117 | Au+1 | 0.1 MeV | 1x10 ¹⁷ |
| 3. | 80MAWW114 | W7+ (184) | 80 MeV | 1x10 ¹⁴ |
| 4. | 80MAWAu6p214 | Au7+ (197) | 80 MeV | 6.2x10 ¹⁴ |
| 5. | 80MAWAu114 | Au7+ (197) | 80 MeV | 1x10 ¹⁴ |
| 6. | 100KAWAu117 | Au+1 | 0.1 MeV | 1x10 ¹⁷ |

Positron lifetime in bulk W - 105 ps

| Sample | τ ₁ (ps) | I ₁ | τ ₂ (ps) | I ₂ |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Plansee pristine | 117 | 67.40 | 289 | 31.50 |
| Plansee annealed (900C) | 138 | 85.30 | 384 | 13.95 |
| Linke annealed (900C) | 133 | 78.20 | 347 | 20.80 |
| 80MeV annealed W on W (1x10 ¹⁴ cm ⁻²) | 140 | 73.90 | 313 | 25.14 |
| 80MeV annealed Au on W (1x10 ¹⁴ cm ⁻²) | 145 | 70.32 | 301 | 28.20 |
| 80MeV annealed Au on W (6.2x10 ¹⁴ cm ⁻²) | 147 | 64.68 | 308 | 34.51 |
| 100keV annealed Au on W (1x10 ¹⁷ cm ⁻²) | 145 | 69.20 | 297 | 29.94 |
| 80MeV pristine Au on W (6.2x10 ¹⁴ cm ⁻²) | 142 | 64.97 | 302 | 34.10 |
| 100keV pristine Au on W (1x10 ¹⁷ cm ⁻²) | 125 | 75.98 | 289 | 23.01 |

Effect of annealing in positron life time – Enhanced mono-vacancy like defects and vacancy clustering – Effect of stress in positron life time



First life time component (τ_1) for pristine and annealed samples along with respective intensities

Annealing shows mono-vacancy like defects (τ_1) ~140 ps (higher intensity compared to pristine)

Annealing increases (τ_2) from 280 ps to 384 ps \rightarrow Larger vacancy clusters Lower intensity of $(\tau_2) \rightarrow$ decomposition of vacancy clusters into mono-vacancy like defects

Effect of stress relieving ?

The life-time of perfect crystal W ~105 ps

Pristine sample ~117 ps, much lower than mono-vacancy life time (also reported by Shengyun et.al , JNM, 343 (2005) 330)

Could be an indication of stress in the lattice (also seen in XRD measurements) Stress can give intermediate life times



Second life time component (τ_{2}) for pristine and annealed samples and their intensities

Effect of irradiation – reduction in mono vacancy formation – Stress/dislocation effects



 $\tau 2$ is reduced from 384 ps to ~300 ps due to ion bombardment independent of the ion energy.

Also radiation induced stresses and dislocations in the lattice can give rise to intermediate positron life times (Kuramoto etal, JAERI conf. 2003-001) Further investigations are ongoing to confirm this. The first lifetime is nearly same (~140 ps) for all irradiated samples. Although the irradiation dose (1x1014 and 6.2x1014) shows a slight variation, they are still within the experimental errors The intensity of the mono-vacancy like defects reduces due to irradiation 80 MeV irradiation in pristine sample also seem to have relieved the stress in positron range



Detail of 7.5 MeV W and 50 MeV H₂ irradiation of Tungsten

| Sample | Sample ID | W implantation fluence (ions /cm ²) | Damage due to W ion implantation at surface(peak) (dpa) | Hydrogen concentration (ions/cm ²) | Damage due to H ion implantat. at surface(peak) (dpa) |
|---------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Plansee | P1 mask | - | - | 1×10 ¹⁸ | 0.09(0.74) |
| Plansee | P1 | 4.5×10 ¹⁵ | 10 (17) | 1×10 ¹⁸ | 0.09(0.74) |
| Linke | L1 | 4.5×10 ¹⁵ | 10 (17) | 1×10 ¹⁸ | 0.09(0.74) |
| Plansee | P2 | 4.5×10 ¹⁴ | 1(1.7) | 1×10 ¹⁸ | 0.09(0.74) |
| Linke | L2 | 4.5×10 ¹⁴ | 1 (1.7) | 1×10 ¹⁸ | 0.09(0.74) |

The displacement damage on the sample due to tungsten and hydrogen implantations as given in the Figures have been calculated using SRIM program using quick damage routines; The quick damage routine invokes the Kinchin Pease model where the number of displacements

ND = 0.8 Edamage/ 2 Ed

Where ND = total number of displacements

Edamage = fraction of energy used in creating displacement damage

Ed = displacement energy of 90 eV.

We have calculated the fluence such that L1 and P1 samples are exposed to 10 dpa at the surface; Whereas the samples L2 and P2 are exposed to 1 dpa at the surface.



Displacement damage due to implantation of 7.5 MeV W implantation to a fluence of 4.5×10¹⁴ W ions /cm², as obtained from SRIM program.



The hydrogen depth profiles obtained using SIMNRA program.







(c) Pristine W after Irradiation Fluence: 6.2x10¹⁴ions/cm²

 Date(m/d/y): 08/07/14
 Det: SE
 Line (m/d/y): 08/07/14
 MIRA\\ TESCAN

 SEM HV: 15.00 kV
 WD: 13.73 mm
 500 nm
 IUAC

 SEM MAG: 100.00 kx
 Name: DrRaole-sample4-01
 IUAC

(f) Annealed W after Irradiation Fluence: 1 x10¹⁷ions/cm²

 Date(m/d/y): 08/07/14
 Det: SE
 MIRA\\ TESCAN

 SEM HV: 15.00 kV
 WD: 13.32 mm
 1 μm

 SEM MAG: 50.00 kx
 Name: DrRaole-sample5-04
 IUAC

80MPWAu6p214 Image 2







(c) Pristine W after Irradiation



(d) Annealed W after Irradiation

Fluence: 1x10¹⁷ions/cm²



Summary

- EBSD results show that Tungsten (Linke-Plansee) samples have equiaxed grains on the surface. However, in the cross section columnar grains are seen. In the Plansee samples there are larger grains and lattice is strained.
- The pristine and 900 C annealed samples are tensile strained with respect to standard relaxed tungsten matrix d values. It gets progressively relieved with 1100 C anneal, 100 keV irradiation and 80 MeV irradiation.
- All irradiated samples show that irradiation tends to increase preferred orientation in (200) and (211) direction, and the effect must be in substantial thickness of 10s of microns.
- Increase in the crystallite size is observed in 80 MeV irradiated gold.
- PALS results show the effect of annealing in terms of enhanced monovacancy like defects and vacancy clustering. The effect of irradiation is seen in the reduction in mono vacancies.
- ERDA results show that as the W irradiation dpa value incresses, small increase in the H trapping is seen.
- Nanostructuring is observed in 80 MeV Au irradiated Tungsten.

