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Experimental study on the phase transition of graphite to lonsdaleite (hexagonal diamond)

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Abstract

Lonsdaleite (hexagonal diamond) is a metastable polymorph of carbon and occurs as microscopic crystals associated with cubic diamond in meteorites such as the Canyon Diablo meteorite and in impact craters. Recent theoretical studies reported a possibility that lonsdaleite has indentation strength and a bulk modulus comparable to or even greater than those of cubic diamond. However, such physical properties of hexagonal diamond have not experimentally investigated due to a difficulty in synthesizing a single-phase bulk sample. Here, we investigated the P-T conditions required to obtain single-phase lonsdaleite from highly-oriented graphite through a laser-heated DAC experiments at pressures of 15, 25 and 50 GPa and temperatures ranging 1400-3300 K. The details of the martensitic transformation mechanisms, in particular, the lattice (coaxial) relations between the two phases were also examined through TEM observations of the recovered products.