

Development of Mg/Al/Si/O ReaxFF Interatomic Parameters and Mechanical Properties,

Damage Analysis, and Surface Analysis of S-glass Fiber

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Key Goals and Technical Approach

- Composite property depends on its constituents: Fiber, Matrix, Interphase.
- Fiber/Matrix interphase property influences the overall composite quality and failure mode.
- Reactive MD simulation can simulate the accurate bond formation and breakage. It can predict the structural properties of interphase and interaction with composite constituents.
- Mg/Al/Si/O ReaxFF Parameters Development of ReaxFF parameter set for description of S-glass.
- Development of ReaxFF parametrization automation algorithm.
- Mechanical Behavior of S-glass Quasi-static modulus and strength
- Quasi-static modulus and strength estimation from MD simulation.
- Atomistic origin of the mechanical response of S-glass and damage development.
- Surface Reactivity of S-glass Surface aerial density of hydroxyls on
- Surface aerial density of hydroxyls or the S-glass surface.
- Categorization of hydroxyls and distribution of surface reaction site of S-glass.

Development of ReaxFF Mg/Al/Si/O Interaction Parameters



- [2021, Yeon et al.]
 Genetic Algorithm assisted by Neural Network optimization algorithm enhance the efficiency of the parametrization. [2021, Daksha et al., Comp. Mat. Sci]
- Validation attempt, such as equation of state, modulus, and structure factor, from the newly developed ReaxFF Mg/Al/Si/O parameters agrees well with quantum scale simulations and experiment. [2021, Yeon et al., J. Phy. Chem. C]



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- Stress-Relaxation method can estimate the guasi-static modulus and strength of glass with reasonable accuracy from MD scale.
- Modulus and density S-glass and silica from ReaxFF MD matches well with experiment. Future effort will estimate the guasi-static strength with the influence of pre-existing crack.



Void formation process of S-glass

Strain (nm/nm) Relative number of network former bridges of S-glass





on S-glass & silica Areal number density of silica glass from ReaxFF is within the range of the experimental estimation.

Spatial distribution of surface OH groups & surface-OH-water interactions will be analyzed.

Transitions (materials, codes/tools, legacy publications)

- GA (Genetic Algorithm) + ANN automated parametrization algorithm.
- Mg/Al/Si/O ReaxFF parameter set for the description of S-glass and silica glass, including DFT results.
- S-glass formation protocol and Stress-Relaxation MD simulation protocol.
- Two papers are published in peer-reviewed journal and one under review process.
- 2021, Daksha et al., Comp. Mat. Sci.
- 2021, Yeon et al., J. Phys. Chem. C
- 2022, Yeon et al., Composite Part B (under review)
- * Mechanical properties and damage analysis of S-glass will be submitted in the Composite part B as legacy publication.

Future Plan

- Toughness of S-glass with defect & fracture energy analysis. (Dr. Chowdhury)
- Parametrization of Mg/Al/Si/O vs C/H/O/N interaction.
- Mechanical property-composition mapping of S-glass from atomistic scale.
- S-glsss/Epoxy interphase modeling.



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stress-strain, Silica stress-strain, S-glass Si-O-Si, S-glass

> 0.2 04

200

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100

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