

Physical properties of the returned sample of Ryugu by Hayabusa2 mission

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Introduction: The sample of the C-type asteroid 162173 Ryugu was successfully collected from surface by the two times of touchdown operations of Hayabusa2 mission and returned to Earth on 6th Dec. 2020. The total amount of the sample was unexpectedly large as 5.4g in total mass, and some samples had about 100 mg in mass and about 10mm in major axis length[1].

The physical properties which involve four categories as mechanical, thermal, electrical, and magnetic, could give basic parameters of collisional, thermal and others related to the origin and evolution of the body, and they also give us essential clues to understanding of results from remotesensing observations.

In order to measure the physical properties of the sample effectively and efficiently, Ryugu sample Physical Property Measurement Team (Ryugu-PPMT) was organized about two years before sample return to Earth. This team was positioned as part of 'rock team' which mainly treated larger samples[2]. We prepared and developed measurement methods and conducted rehearsal measurements using small amount (size) and breakable analogue samples. In this paper, we report a summary of the physical properties measured as an activity of initial sample analysis.

Sample and sample processing : The sample we measured intensively was one of the largest samples collected at the second touch down operation[2]. Its size of major and minor axes is around $9 \times 5 \times 3$ mm. Table 1 summarize a list of physical properties prepared for the initial analysis and also indicate the minimum and nominal requirement of sample size (or sample mass) for each measurement. Many of them require two flat end surface and the size of $\phi 3 \times 1$ mm disk-like shape,

therefore, we requested to cut the sample along the minor axis. Since a large number of small cracks were found by X-ray CT observation, the sample was thought to be easily breakable. In order to avoid destruction by the cutting process, the whole sample was molded by glycol phthalate (hereafter:GF) in the glass tube at around 100°C. GF was too viscous at this temperature to permeate the texture in the sample. Then, the sample was cut in parallel by a diamond-wire-saw with the thickness of 0.5-1.0mm[3]. After cutting, the sample was re-heated to remove the GF, and polished both sides by SiC lapping film under dry condition.

As the result, two sliced disk-like shape pieces both of which had about 9-10mm² and the thickness of 0.75 and 0.9mm were processed for the physical properties measurement.

Physical properties measurement: The measurements were conducted at different universities, and institute as shown in Table1 in order of least likely to damage to the sample. For example, thermal diffusivity measurement which was firstly applied was non-contact, on the other hand, elastic velocity measurement which was done last required the sample sandwiched by the transducers with a proper loading. Finally, the samples were processed to rectangular shape, and were fractured by bending test to measure the strength of the sample[4]. After that, they are pulverized into small particles to measure cohesive force. For the magnetic measurement, a small fragment of about 0.3mm size, which was unexpectedly separated from the large sample by the removing process from GF, was used.

Category	physical property	method	minimum. size, mass	nominal size, mass	flatness	meas. Inst/Univ.
Mechanical Properties	Hardness	Nanoindentation test	$\phi 0.1 \times 0.1(\text{Rd})$	$\phi 1 \times 0.5(\text{Rd})$	one-side	ISAS, AIST
	Young's modulus	Nanoindentation test	$\phi 0.1 \times 0.1(\text{Rd})$	$\phi 1 \times 0.5(\text{Rd})$	one-side	ISAS, AIST
	Bending strength	three point bending test	$1.5 \times 1 \times 0.5(\text{Rec})$	$80 \times 10 \times 4(\text{Rec})$	two-sides	ISAS, PERC
	longitudinal velocity	elastic wave transmission method	$\phi 1 \times 0.5(\text{Rd})$	$\phi 3 \times 1(\text{Rd})$	two-sides	ISAS
	shear velocity	elastic wave transmission method	$\phi 1 \times 0.5(\text{Rd})$	$\phi 3 \times 1(\text{Rd})$	two-sides	ISAS
	thermal expansivity	mechanical dilatometers	$1 \times 1 \times 1(\text{Rec})$	$3 \times 1 \times 1(\text{Rec})$	N/A	ISAS
Thermal properties	cohesion force	centrifugal-method	$\phi 0.02(\text{Sd})$	$\phi 0.02 - 0.06(\text{Sd})$	N/A	Kobe Univ.
	Heat capacity	differential scanning calorimetry(DSC)	1mg	10mg	N/A	Nagoya Univ.
	Thermal diffusivity	lock in thermography, laser spot periodic heating radiation thermometry	$\phi 1 \times 0.2(\text{Rd})$	$\phi 3 \times 0.6(\text{Rd})$	two-sides	Nagoya Univ AIST
Electrical properties	resistivity	frequency-impedance measurement	$\phi 1 \times 0.5(\text{Rd})$	$\phi 3 \times 1.0(\text{Rd})$	two-sides	Kyushu Univ.
	relative permittivity	frequency-impedance measurement	$\phi 1 \times 0.5(\text{Rd})$	$\phi 3 \times 1.0(\text{Rd})$	two-sides	Kyushu Univ.
Magnetic properties	susceptibility	ac & dc susceptibility	$\phi 0.1(\text{Sd})$	$\phi 1.0 > (\text{Sd})$	N/A	Univ. Tokyo
	saturation magnetization	hysteresis loop	$\phi 0.1(\text{Sd})$	$\phi 1.0 > (\text{Sd})$	N/A	Univ. Tokyo
	saturation remanence	hysteresis loop	$\phi 0.1(\text{Sd})$	$\phi 1.0 > (\text{Sd})$	N/A	Univ. Tokyo
	coercivity	hysteresis loop	$\phi 0.1(\text{Sd})$	$\phi 1.0 > (\text{Sd})$	N/A	Univ. Tokyo
	coercivity of remanence	back field demagnetization	$\phi 0.1(\text{Sd})$	$\phi 1.0 > (\text{Sd})$	N/A	Univ. Tokyo

Table 1 Physical properties list prepared for the measurement of the Ryugu sample. Size requirement is rectangular shape (Rec:three sides lengths) approximation, disk shape approximation (Rd: diameter and thickness), and spherical shape approximation (Sd: diameter),

Result: All of sixteen physical properties (six for mechanical, two for thermal, two for electrical and five for magnetic properties) were measured successfully[2]. In this report, we describe overview of characteristics for each category.

Mechanical properties are key parameters for impact simulation for collisional history of the Ryugu. It is also of great interest to investigate physical mechanism how the large crater of 10m in diameter could be generated by the Small Carry on Impactor (SCI) experiment conducted during the mission phase[5].

The Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio obtained from elastic wave velocity and nanoindentation tests are 5.3-7.3 GPa and 0.122, respectively, which are smaller than those of carbonaceous chondrites[6]. These elastic properties suggest that Ryugu is weaker in strength than carbonaceous chondrites and has a larger volume change upon deformation such as compression and impact.

Thermal properties are not only key parameters to elucidate the thermal evolution of Ryugu, but also important to compare the result from remotesensing observations[7][8]. The thermal inertia of the sample was $892 (\text{J m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-0.5} \text{K}^{-1})$ at a temperature of 298K calculated from the products of measured thermal diffusivity($3.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$), bulk density (1820kg/m^3) and heat capacity($866 \text{J kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$) respectively. This value is similar to CM2, however, more than three times larger than the mean thermal inertia on the Ryugu surface obtained from remote sensing observations [7][8].

Electrical properties are likely to reflect the bulk abundance and structure of the conductive minerals and the presence of water. Comparing the resistibility of Ryugu ($2.5 \times 10^6 \text{ohm} \cdot \text{m}$) with meteorite data[9], it is similar to CM meteorites.

Magnetic properties reflect bulk amounts of magnetic minerals (magnetite, pyrrhotite) and the magnetic characteristics of Ryugu are similar to those of CI meteorites[10].

The overall characteristics of the physical properties indicate that there are no meteorites that match the physical properties of Ryugu, but some properties are similar to CM and others are similar to CI.

In conclusion, it was a great success for us to measure the physical properties of direct returned sample from small asteroid material for the first time. Our programmatic measurements taking care of sample damage was also well functioned. Based on this activity, we expect to develop the measurement technique in order to apply any sample conditions and sample amount for future upcoming sample return missions.

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