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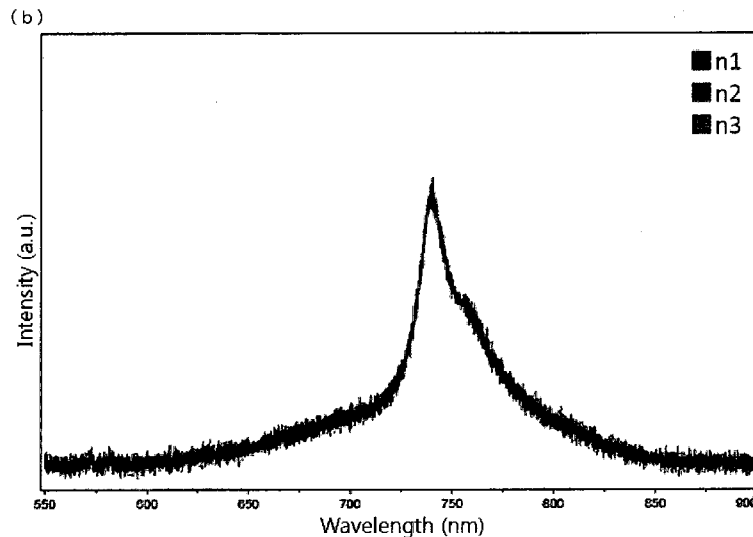
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[図1]



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides an explosive composition containing at least one explosive and at least one heteroatom compound, the heteroatom compound including at least one type of heteroatom selected from the group consisting of B, P, Si, S, Cr, Sn, Al, Ge, Li, Na, K, Cs, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Ti, Zr, V, Nb, Ta, Mo, W, Mn, Ni, Cu, Ag, Cd, Hg, Ga, In, Tl, As, Sb, Bi, Se, Te, Co, Xe, F, Y, and lanthanoids.

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(57) 要約: 本発明は、少なくとも1種の爆薬と少なくとも1種の異原子化合物を含み、前記異原子化合物が B、P、Si、S、Cr、Sn、Al、Ge、Li、Na、K、Cs、Mg、Ca、Sr、Ba、Ti、Zr、V、Nb、Ta、Mo、W、Mn、Ni、Cu、Ag、Cd、Hg、Ga、In、Tl、As、Sb、Bi、Se、Te、Co、Xe、F、Y 及びランタノイドからなる群から選ばれる少なくとも1種の異原子を含む、爆薬組成物を提供するものである。

EXPLOSIVE COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME,
AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING HETEROATOM-DOPED
NANODIAMOND

5 Technical Field

[0001]

The present invention relates to an explosive composition and a method for producing the same, and a method for producing a heteroatom-doped nanodiamond.

10 Background Art

[0002]

A luminescent center in diamond is a nanosized chemically stable fluorescent chromophore and does not exhibit degradation, fading, or flickering in vivo, which often occur in organic fluorescent, and thus is expected as probes for fluorescence
15 imaging. In addition, information on spins of electrons excited in the luminescent center can be sometimes measured from outside, and thus the luminescent center is also expected to be utilized in optically detected magnetic resonance (ODMR) or as a quantum bit.

[0003]

20 The Si-V center, which is a type of luminescent center of diamond, has a sharp peak called zero phonon level (ZPL) in an emission spectrum (Non-Patent Literature 1).

[0004]

Diamonds doped with silicon or boron are produced by CVD, for example
25 (Patent Documents 1 to 4).

[0005]

Patent Document 5 describes an explosive composition for diamond synthesis, the explosive composition containing one or two or more high performance
explosives and diamond powder.

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[0006]

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[0007]

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Summary of Invention

[0008]

It would be advantageous to provide an explosive composition suitable for
10 production of nanodiamonds doped with a heteroatom and a production method
thereof, and a method for producing a heteroatom-doped nanodiamond.

[0009]

The present invention provides an explosive composition and a method for
producing the same, and a method for producing a heteroatom-doped nanodiamond,
15 described below.

Item 1. An explosive composition comprising at least one explosive and at
least one heteroatom compound, the heteroatom compound comprising at least one
heteroatom selected from the group consisting of B, P, Si, S, Cr, Sn, Al, Ge, Li, Na, K,
Cs, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Ti, Zr, V, Nb, Ta, Mo, W, Mn, Ni, Cu, Ag, Cd, Hg, Ga, In, Tl, As,
20 Sb, Bi, Se, Te, Co, Xe, F, Y, and lanthanoids. In preferred embodiments: polysiloxane
is excluded from the heteroatom compound; the composition comprises from 90 to
99.99 mass% of the explosive and from 0.01 to 10 mass% of the heteroatom
compound; and the heteroatom compound is an organic heteroatom compound.

Item 2. The explosive composition according to Item 1, wherein the organic
25 heteroatom compound is a compound selected from: phenylboronic acid,
3-acetylphenylboronic acid and 2-thiopheneboronic acid; aryl-substituted silane;
silane having an aryl group and a hydrogen atom; aryltin compounds; cobalt aryl
sulfonates; bis(benzene) chromium, bis(ethylbenzene) chromium, and bis(mesitylene)
chromium; aryl thallium compounds; silver benzoate; aryl aluminum compounds and
30 diaryl aluminum halides; copper salicylate; cadmium phthalate and cadmium
naphthalate; phenylmercuric acetate and para-chloromercuribenzoate; phenylarsonic
acid, diphenylarsonic acid, p-hydroxyphenylarsonic acid, p-aminophenylarsonic acid,
and salts thereof; triphenylantimony; triphenyl bismuth

Item 3. The explosive composition according to preceding Items, where the
35 explosive comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of trinitrotoluene
(TNT), cyclotrimethylene trinitramine (hexogen, RDX), cyclotetramethylene
tetranitramine (octogen), trinitrophenyl methylnitramine (tetryl), pentaerythritol

tetranitrate (PETN), tetranitromethane (TNM), triamino-trinitrobenzene, hexanitrostilbene, and diaminodinitrobenzofuroxan.

Item 3A. The explosive composition according to preceding Items, where the heteroatom compound is an organic heteroatom compound.

5 Item 3B. The explosive composition according to any one of Items 1 to 3, comprising from 80 to 99.9999 mass% of the explosive and from 0.0001 to 20 mass% of the heteroatom compound.

Item 4. The explosive composition according to preceding Items, where a particle size of the explosive and/or the heteroatom compound is 10 mm or less.

10 Item 5. A method for producing the explosive composition according to preceding Items, the method comprising mixing the explosive and the heteroatom compound as a dry powder, in a molten state, or by using a solvent, and forming the mixture by pressing or casting.

Item 6. The method for producing the explosive composition according to 15 Item 5, wherein the explosive composition is produced by having a particle size of 10 mm or less as a dry powder or in a molten state.

Item 6A. The method for producing the explosive composition according to Item 5, where the explosive composition is produced by mixing the explosive and/or the heteroatom compound having a particle size of 10 mm or less as a dry powder or 20 in a molten state.

Item 7. A method for producing a heteroatom-doped nanodiamond, the method comprising exploding the explosive composition according to any one of Items 1 to 4 in a sealed container.

25 Item 8. An explosive composition comprising at least one explosive and at least one heteroatom compound,

the heteroatom compound comprising at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of B, P, Si, S, Cr, Sn, Al, Ge, Li, Na, K, Cs, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Ti, Zr, V, Nb, Ta, Mo, W, Mn, Ni, Cu, Ag, Cd, Hg, Ga, In, Tl, As, Sb, Bi, Se, Te, Co, Xe, F, Y, and lanthanoids,

30 wherein the composition comprises from 90 to 99.99 mass% of the explosive and from 0.01 to 10 mass% of the heteroatom compound, and

wherein the heteroatom compound is an organic heteroatom compound.

wherein, when the heteroatom is Si, the heteroatom compound is selected from the group consisting of

35 silane having a lower alkyl group;

silane having a halogen atom;

polysilane;

silazane;

aromatic silane;
hydroxy group-containing silane;
alkyl- or aryl-substituted silane;
carboxyl group-containing silane;
5 siloxane consisting of hexamethyldisiloxane, hexaethyldisiloxane,
hexapropyldisiloxane, and hexaphenyldisiloxane;
silane having an alkyl group or an aryl group and a hydrogen atom;
tetrakis(chloromethyl)silane, tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)silane,
tetrakis(trimethylsilyl)silane, tetrakis(trimethylsilyl)methane,
10 tetrakis(dimethylsilyl)silane, tetrakis(tri(hydroxymethyl)silyl)silane, and
tetrakis(nitratemethyl)silane.

Advantageous Effects of Invention

[0010]

15 By using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention, nanodiamonds doped with at least one heteroatom by detonation can be obtained.

Brief Description of Drawings

20 [0011]

FIG. 1(a) is a 738 nm brightness imaging of silicon-doped nanodiamonds obtained by using triphenylsilanol as a silicon compound in an addition amount, in terms of an external proportion, of 1 mass%. FIG. 1(b) is a fluorescence measurement result of the brightness of FIG. 1(a). FIG. 1(C) is an XRD measurement result of a
25 sample after mixed acid and alkali treatments. In FIG. 1(b), a sideband (shoulder peak) of fluorescence is present around 750 nm; however, this sideband might not be present depending on the sample.

Description of Embodiments

30 [0012]

The explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention contains at least one explosive and at least one heteroatom compound.

[0013]

35 The explosive is not particularly limited, and known explosives can be widely used. Specific examples thereof include trinitrotoluene (TNT), cyclotrimethylene trinitramine (hexogen, RDX), cyclotetramethylene tetranitramine (octogen), trinitrophenyl methyl nitramine (tetryl), pentaerythritol tetranitrate (PETN), tetranitromethane (TNM), triamino-trinitrobenzene, hexanitrostilbene, and

diaminodinitrobenzofuroxan. These explosives can be used singly, or in a combination of two or more.

[0014]

The heteroatom compound is a compound containing at least one heteroatom (an atom other than carbon) and may be an organic compound or an inorganic compound.

5 [0015]

The heteroatom is selected from the group consisting of B, P, Si, S, Cr, Sn, Al, Ge, Li, Na, K, Cs, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Ti, Zr, V, Nb, Ta, Mo, W, Mn, Ni, Cu, Ag, Cd, Hg, Ga, In, Tl, As, Sb, Bi, Se, Te, Co, Xe, F, Y, and lanthanoids, preferably selected from the group consisting of Si, Ge, Sn, B, P, Ni, Ti, Co, Xe, Cr, W, Ta, Zr, Ag, and
10 lanthanoids, and further preferably selected from the group consisting of Si, Ge, Sn, B, P, Ni, Ti, Co, Xe, Cr, W, Ta, Zr, and Ag.

[0016]

The heteroatom compounds specifically exemplified below are mere examples, and publicly known heteroatom compounds can be widely used.

15 [0017]

In the case where the heteroatom is silicon, examples of the organic silicon compound include the following:

- silane having a lower alkyl group, such as acetoxytrimethylsilane, diacetoxydimethylsilane, triacetoxymethylsilane, acetoxytriethylsilane,
20 diacetoxydiethylsilane, triacetoxyethylsilane, acetoxytripropylsilane, methoxytrimethylsilane, dimethoxydimethylsilane, trimethoxymethylsilane, ethoxytrimethylsilane, diethoxydimethylsilane, triethoxymethylsilane, ethoxytriethylsilane, diethoxydiethylsilane, triethoxyethylsilane, and trimethylphenoxysilane;

25 [0018]

- silane having a halogen atom, such as trichloromethylsilane, dichlorodimethylsilane, chlorotrimethylsilane, trichloroethylsilane, dichlorodiethylsilane, chlorotriethylsilane, trichlorophenylsilane, dichlorodiphenylsilane, chlorotriphenylsilane, dichlorodiphenylsilane,
30 dichloromethylphenylsilane, dichloroethylphenylsilane, chlorodifluoromethylsilane, dichlorofluoromethylsilane, chlorofluorodimethylsilane, chloroethyldifluorosilane, dichloroethylfluorosilane, chlorodifluoropropylsilane, dichlorofluoropropylsilane, trifluoromethylsilane, difluorodimethylsilane, fluorotrimethylsilane, ethyltrifluorosilane, diethyldifluorosilane, triethylfluorosilane, trifluoropropylsilane,
35 fluorotripropylsilane, trifluorophenylsilane, difluorodiphenylsilane, fluorotriphenylsilane, tribromomethylsilane, dibromodimethylsilane, bromotrimethylsilane, bromotriethylsilane, bromotripropylsilane, dibromodiphenylsilane, and bromotriphenylsilane;

[0019]

- polysilane, such as hexamethyldisilane, hexaethyldisilane, hexapropyldisilane, hexaphenyldisilane, and octaphenylcyclotetrasilane;
- silazane, such as triethylsilazane, tripropylsilazane, triphenylsilazane, 5 hexamethyldisilazane, hexaethyldisilazane, hexaphenyldisilazane, hexamethylcyclotrisilazane, octamethylcyclotetrasilazane, hexaethylcyclotrisilazane, octaethylcyclotetrasilazane, and hexaphenylcyclotrisilazane;
- aromatic silane in which a silicon atom is incorporated in an aromatic ring, such as silabenzene and disilabenzene;

10 • hydroxy group-containing silane, such as trimethylsilanol, dimethylphenylsilanol, triethylsilanol, diethylsilanediol, tripropylsilanol, dipropylsilanediol, triphenylsilanol, and diphenylsilanediol;

[0020]

- alkyl- or aryl-substituted silane, such as tetramethylsilane, 15 ethyltrimethylsilane, trimethylpropylsilane, trimethylphenylsilane, diethyldimethylsilane, triethylmethylsilane, methyltriphenylsilane, tetraethylsilane, triethylphenylsilane, diethyldiphenylsilane, ethyltriphenylsilane, and tetraphenylsilane;
- carboxyl group-containing silane, such as triphenylsilylcarboxylic acid, 20 trimethylsilyl acetic acid, trimethylsilylpropionic acid, and trimethylsilylbutyric acid;

[0021]

- siloxane, such as hexamethyldisiloxane, hexaethyldisiloxane, hexapropyldisiloxane, and hexaphenyldisiloxane;
- silane having an alkyl group or an aryl group and a hydrogen atom, such as 25 methylsilane, dimethylsilane, trimethylsilane, diethylsilane, triethylsilane, tripropylsilane, diphenylsilane, and triphenylsilane; and
- tetrakis(chloromethyl)silane, tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)silane, tetrakis(trimethylsilyl)silane, tetrakis(trimethylsilyl)methane, tetrakis(dimethylsilyl)silane, tetrakis(tri(hydroxymethyl)silyl)silane, and 30 tetrakis(nitratemethyl)silane.

[0022]

Examples of the inorganic silicon compound include silicon oxide, silicon oxynitride, silicon nitride, silicon oxycarbide, silicon nitrocarbide, silane, and carbon materials doped with silicon. Examples of the carbon material doped with silicon 35 include black lead, graphite, active carbon, carbon black, ketjen black, coke, soft carbon, hard carbon, acetylene black, carbon fibers, and mesoporous carbon.

[0023]

Examples of the boron compounds include inorganic boron compounds and organic boron compounds.

[0024]

5 Examples of the inorganic boron compound include orthoboric acid, diboron dioxide, diboron trioxide, tetraboron trioxide, tetraboron pentoxide, boron tribromide, tetrafluoroboric acid, ammonium borate, and magnesium borate.

[0025]

10 Examples of the organic boron compound include triethylborane, (R)-5,5-diphenyl-2-methyl-3,4-propano-1,3,2-oxazaborolidine, triisopropyl borate, 2-isopropoxy-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane, bis(hexylene glycolato)diboron, 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole, tert-butyl-N-[4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,2,3-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl]carbamate, phenylboronic acid, 3-acetylphenylboronic acid, boron trifluoride-acetic acid complex, boron trifluoride-sulfolane complex, 2-thiopheneboronic acid, and
15 tris(trimethylsilyl) borate.

[0026]

Examples of the phosphorus compounds include inorganic phosphorus compounds and organic phosphorus compounds. Examples of the inorganic phosphorus compound include ammonium polyphosphate.

20 [0027]

Examples of the organic phosphorus compound include phosphates, such as trimethyl phosphate, triethyl phosphate, tripropyl phosphate, tributyl phosphate, tripentyl phosphate, trihexyl phosphate, dimethylethyl phosphate, methyl dibutyl phosphate, ethyldipropyl phosphate, 2-ethylhexyldi(p-tolyl) phosphate, 25 bis(2-ethylhexyl)p-tolyl phosphate, tritolylphosphate, di(dodecyl)p-tolyl phosphate, tris(2-butoxyethyl)phosphate, tricyclohexyl phosphate, triphenyl phosphate, ethyldiphenyl phosphate, dibutylphenyl phosphate, phenylbis(dodecyl) phosphate, cresyldiphenyl phosphate, tricresyl phosphate, p-tolylbis(2,5,5'-trimethylhexyl) phosphate, cresyl-2,6-xylenyl phosphate, trixylenyl phosphate, 30 hydroxyphenyldiphenyl phosphate, tris(t-butylphenyl) phosphate, tris(i-propylphenyl) phosphate, 2-ethylhexyldiphenyl phosphate, bis(2-ethylhexyl)phenyl phosphate, tri(nonylphenyl) phosphate, and phenyl bis(neopentyl) phosphate;

condensed phosphates, such as 1,3-phenylene bis(diphenyl phosphate), 1,4-phenylene bis(dixylenyl phosphate), 1,3-phenylene bis(3,5,5'-trimethylhexyl phosphate), bisphenol A bis(diphenyl phosphate), 4,4'-biphenyl bis(dixylenyl phosphate), and 1,3,5-phenylene tris(dixylenyl phosphate),

phosphites, such as trimethyl phosphite, triethyl phosphite, triphenyl phosphite, and tricresyl phosphite; and

phosphites, such as 1,3-phenylene bis(diphenyl phosphite), 1,3-phenylene bis(dixylenyl phosphite), 1,4-phenylene bis(3,5,5'-trimethylhexyl phosphite), bisphenol A bis(diphenyl phosphite), 4,4'-biphenyl bis(dixylenyl phosphite), and 1,3,5-phenylene tris(dixylenyl phosphite).

5 [0028]

Examples of the germanium compound include organic germanium compounds, such as methylgermane, ethylgermane, trimethylgermanium methoxide, dimethylgermanium diacetate, tributylgermanium acetate, tetramethoxygermanium, tetraethoxygermanium, isobutylgermane, alkylgermanium trichloride, and
10 dimethylaminogermanium trichloride, germanium complexes, such as nitrotriphenol complex ($\text{Ge}_2(\text{ntp})_2\text{O}$), catechol complex ($\text{Ge}(\text{cat})_2$) or aminopyrene complex ($\text{Ge}_2(\text{ap})_2\text{Cl}_2$), and germanium alkoxide, such as germanium ethoxide and germanium tetrabutoxide.

[0029]

15 Examples of the tin compound include inorganic tin compounds, such as tin(II) oxide, tin(IV) oxide, tin(II) sulfide, tin(IV) sulfide, tin(II) chloride, tin(IV) chloride, tin(II) bromide, tin(II) fluoride, tin acetate, and tin sulfate, alkyl tin compounds, such as tetramethyltin, monoalkyltin oxide compounds, such as
20 monobutyltin oxide, dialkyltin oxide compounds, such as dibutyltin oxide, aryltin compounds, such as tetraphenyltin, and organic tin compounds, such as dimethyltin maleate, hydroxybutyltin oxide, and monobutyltin tris(2-ethylhexanoate).

[0030]

Examples of the nickel compound include divalent nickel halides, such as nickel(II) chloride, nickel(II) bromide, and nickel(II) iodide, inorganic nickel
25 compounds, such as nickel(II) acetate and nickel(II) carbonate, and organic nickel compounds, such as nickel bis(ethyl acetoacetate) and nickel bis(acetylacetonate).

[0031]

Examples of the titanium compound include inorganic titanium compounds, such as titanium dioxide, titanium nitride, strontium titanate, barium titanate, and
30 potassium titanate; tetraalkoxy titanium, such as tetraethoxy titanium, tetraisopropoxy titanium, and tetrabutyltyloxy titanium; and organic titanium compounds, such as tetraethylene glycol titanate, di-n-butyl bis(triethanolamine) titanate, di-isopropoxy titanium bis(acetylacetonate), isopropoxy titanium octanoate, isopropyl titanium trimethacrylate, isopropyl titanium triacrylate, isopropyl triisostearoyl titanate,
35 isopropyl tridecylbenzenesulfonyl titanate, isopropyl tris(butylmethylpyrophosphate) titanate, tetraisopropyl di(dilaurylphosphite) titanate, dimethacryloxy acetate titanate, diacryloxy acetate titanate, di(dioctylphosphate)ethylene titanate, isopropoxy titanium tri(dioctylphosphate), isopropyl tris(dioctylpyrophosphate) titanate, tetraisopropyl

bis(dioctylphosphite) titanate, tetraoctyl bis(ditridecylphosphite) titanate, tetra(2,2-diallyloxymethyl-1-butyl) bis(di-tridecyl)phosphite titanate, bis(dioctylpyrophosphate)oxyacetate titanate, tris(dioctylpyrophosphate)ethylene titanate, isopropyltri-n-dodecylbenzene sulfonyl titanate, isopropyltrioctanoyl titanate, 5 isopropyltrimethacryloyl isostearoyl titanate, isopropylisostearoyldiacryl titanate, isopropyltri(dioctylphosphate) titanate, isopropyltricumylphenyl titanate, and isopropyltri(N-aminoethyl-aminoethyl) titanate.

[0032]

Examples of the cobalt compound include inorganic cobalt compounds, such as cobalt salts of inorganic acids, cobalt halides, cobalt oxide, cobalt hydroxide, 10 dicobalt octacarbonyl, cobalt hydrogen tetracarbonyl, tetracobalt dodecacarbonyl, and alkylidyne tricobalt nonacarbonyl; cobalt salts of organic acids (e.g., acetate, propionate, cyanides, naphthenate, and stearate; alkyl sulfonates (e.g., C₆₋₁₈ alkylsulfonates), such as methanesulfonate, ethanesulfonate, octanesulfonate, and 15 dodecanesulfonate; aryl sulfonates that may be substituted with an alkyl group (e.g., C₆₋₁₈ alkyl-aryl sulfonates), such as benzenesulfonate, p-toluenesulfonate, naphthalene sulfonate, decylbenzene sulfonate, and dodecylbenzene sulfonate), such as cobalt tris(acetylacetate), and cobalt tris(acetylacetonate); and organic cobalt complexes. Examples of the ligand constituting a complex include hydroxy (OH), alkoxy (e.g., 20 methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, and butoxy), acyl (e.g., acetyl and propionyl), alkoxy ,carbonyl (e.g., methoxy carbonyl and ethoxy carbonyl), acetylacetonate, a cyclopentadienyl group, halogen atoms (e.g., chlorine and bromine), CO, CN, an oxygen atom, aquo (H₂O), phosphorus compounds such as phosphine (e.g., triaryl phosphines, such as triphenylphosphine), and nitrogen-containing compounds, such as 25 ammine (NH₃), NO, nitro (NO₂), nitrate (NO₃), ethylenediamine, diethylenetriamine, pyridine, and phenanthroline.

[0033]

Examples of the xenon compound include fluorides such as XeF₂, XeF₄, XeF₆, XeOF₂, XeOF₄, and XeO₂F₄, oxides such as XeO₃ and XeO₄, xenic acid Xe(OH)₆ and 30 its salt Ba₃XeO₆, perxenic acid H₄XeO₆ and its salt Na₄XeO₆, complexes with metal carbonyl M(CO)₅Xe (M = Cr, Mo, W), and hydrates.

[0034]

Examples of the chromium compound include chromium acetylacetonate complexes, such as acetylacetonate chromium; chromium alkoxide, such as 35 chromium(III) isopropoxide; organic acid chromium, such as chromium(II) acetate and chromium(III) acetate hydroxide; organic chromium compounds, such as tris(allyl) chromium, tris(methallyl) chromium, tris(crotyl) chromium, bis(cyclopentadienyl) chromium (i.e. chromocene), bis(pentamethylcyclopentadienyl)

chromium (i.e. decamethylchromocene), bis(benzene) chromium, bis(ethylbenzene) chromium, bis(mesitylene) chromium, bis(pentadienyl) chromium, bis(2,4-dimethylpentadienyl) chromium, bis(allyl)tricarbonyl chromium, (cyclopentadienyl)(pentadienyl) chromium, tetra(1-norbornyl) chromium, (trimethylenemethane)tetracarbonyl chromium, bis(butadiene)dicarbonyl chromium, (butadiene)tetracarbonyl chromium, and bis(cyclooctatetraene) chromium.

[0035]

Examples of the tungsten compound include inorganic tungsten compounds, such as tungsten trioxide, ammonium tungstate, and sodium tungstate; and organic tungsten compounds, such as tungsten complexes coordinated with boron atoms, such as one coordinated with ethylborylethylidene ligands; tungsten complexes coordinated with carbon atoms, such as one coordinated with carbonyl ligands, cyclopentadienyl ligands, alkyl group ligands, and olefin-based ligands; tungsten complexes coordinated with nitrogen atoms, such as one coordinated with pyridine ligands and acetonitrile ligands; tungsten complexes coordinated with phosphorus atoms, such as one coordinated with phosphine ligands and phosphite ligands; and tungsten complexes coordinated with sulfur atoms, such as one coordinated with diethyl carbamodithioato ligands.

[0036]

Examples of the thallium compound include inorganic thallium compounds, such as thallium nitrate, thallium sulfate, thallium fluoride, thallium chloride, thallium bromide, and thallium iodide; organic thallium compounds, such as trialkyl thallium, such as trimethyl thallium, triethyl thallium, and triisobutyl thallium; aryl thallium, such as dialkyl thallium halide, alkenyl dialkyl thallium, alkynyl dialkyl thallium, triphenyl thallium, and tritoyl thallium; diaryl thallium halide, thallium 2-ethylhexanoate, thallium malonate, thallium formate, thallium ethoxide, and thallium acetylacetonate.

[0037]

Examples of the zirconium compound include inorganic zirconium compounds, such as zirconium nitrate, zirconium sulfate, zirconium carbonate, zirconium hydroxide, zirconium fluoride, zirconium chloride, zirconium bromide, and zirconium iodide; and organic zirconium compounds, such as zirconium n-propoxide, zirconium n-butoxide, zirconium t-butoxide, zirconium isopropoxide, zirconium ethoxide, zirconyl acetate, zirconium acetylacetonate, zirconium butoxyacetylacetonate, zirconium bisacetylacetonate, zirconium ethylacetoacetate, zirconium acetylacetonate bisethylacetoacetate, zirconium hexafluoroacetylacetonate, and zirconium trifluoroacetylacetonate.

[0038]

Examples of the silver compound include organic silver compounds, such as silver acetate, silver pivalate, silver trifluoromethanesulfonate, and silver benzoate; and inorganic silver compounds, such as silver nitrate, silver fluoride, silver chloride, silver bromide, silver iodide, silver sulfate, silver oxide, silver sulfide, silver tetrafluoroborate, silver hexafluorophosphate (AgPF_6), and silver hexafluoroantimonate (AgSbF_6).

[0039]

Examples of the aluminum compound include inorganic aluminum compounds, such as aluminum oxide; alkoxy compounds, such as trimethoxy aluminum, triethoxy aluminum, isopropoxy aluminum, isopropoxydiethoxy aluminum, and tributoxy aluminum; acyloxy compounds, such as triacetoxy aluminum, tristearate aluminum, and tributyrate aluminum; and organic aluminum compounds, such as aluminum isopropylate, aluminum sec-butylate, aluminum tert-butylate, aluminum tris(ethylacetoacetate), tris(hexafluoroacetylacetonate) aluminum, tris(ethylacetoacetate) aluminum, tris(n-propylacetoacetate) aluminum, tris(iso-propylacetoacetate) aluminum, tris(n-butylacetoacetate) aluminum, tris(salicylaldehyde) aluminum, tris(2-ethoxycarbonylphenolate) aluminum, tris(acetylacetonate) aluminum, trialkyl aluminum compounds, such as trimethyl aluminum, triethyl aluminum, and triisobutyl aluminum, dialkyl aluminum halide, alkenyl dialkyl aluminum, alkynyl dialkyl aluminum, aryl aluminum such as triphenyl aluminum and tritoyl aluminum, and diaryl aluminum halides.

[0040]

Examples of the vanadium compound include vanadic acid and metavanadic acid and inorganic vanadium compounds of alkali metal salts of these; alkoxides, such as triethoxyvanadyl, pentaethoxy vanadium, triamyloxyvanadyl, and triisopropoxyvanadyl; acetonates, such as bisacetylacetonate vanadyl, vanadium acetylacetonate, vanadyl acetylacetonate, and vanadium oxyacetylacetonate; and organic vanadium compounds, such as vanadium stearate, vanadium pivalate, and vanadium acetate.

[0041]

Examples of the niobium compound include halides such as niobium(V) chloride and niobium(V) fluoride; inorganic niobium compounds, such as niobium sulfate, niobic acid, and niobate; and organic niobium compounds, such as niobium alkoxide.

[0042]

Examples of the tantalum compound include inorganic tantalum compounds, such as TaCl_5 and TaF_5 ; and organic tantalum compounds, such as $\text{Ta}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)_5$, $\text{Ta}(\text{OCH}_3)_5$, $\text{Ta}(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_7)_5$, $\text{Ta}(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)_5$, $(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TaH}_3$, and $\text{Ta}(\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2)_5$.

[0043]

Examples of the molybdenum compound include inorganic molybdenum compounds, such as molybdenum trioxide, ammonium molybdate, magnesium molybdate, calcium molybdate, barium molybdate, sodium molybdate, potassium
5 molybdate, phosphomolybdic acid, ammonium phosphomolybdate, sodium phosphomolybdate, silicomolybdic acid, molybdenum disulfide, molybdenum diselenide, molybdenum ditelluride, molybdenum boride, molybdenum disilicide, molybdenum nitride, and molybdenum carbide; and organic molybdenum compounds, such as molybdenum dialkyldithiophosphate and molybdenum
10 dialkyldithiocarbamate.

[0044]

Examples of the manganese compound include inorganic manganese compounds, such as hydroxides, nitrates, acetates, sulfates, chlorides, and carbonates of manganese; and organic manganese compounds including manganese oxalate,
15 acetylacetonate compounds, and a manganese alkoxide such as methoxide, ethoxide, or butoxide.

[0045]

Examples of the copper compound include organic copper compounds, such as copper oxalate, copper stearate, copper formate, copper tartrate, copper oleate, copper
20 acetate, copper gluconate, and copper salicylate; and inorganic copper compounds, such as copper carbonate, copper chloride, copper bromide, copper iodide, copper phosphate, and natural minerals such as hydrotalcite, stichtite, and pyrolite.

[0046]

Examples of the cadmium compound include inorganic cadmium compounds,
25 such as cadmium fluoride, cadmium chloride, cadmium bromide, cadmium iodide, cadmium oxide, and cadmium carbonate; and organic cadmium compounds such as cadmium phthalate and cadmium naphthalate.

[0047]

Examples of the mercury compound include inorganic mercury compounds,
30 such as mercury(II) chloride, mercury sulfate, and mercury(II) nitrate; and organic mercury compounds, such as methyl mercury, methylmercuric chloride, ethyl mercury, ethylmercuric chloride, phenylmercuric acetate, thimerosal, para-chloromercuribenzoate, and fluorescein mercuric acetate.

[0048]

Examples of the gallium compound include organic gallium compounds, such as tetraphenyl gallium and tetrakis(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl) gallium; and inorganic gallium compounds, such as gallium oxoate, gallium halides, gallium hydroxide, and gallium cyanide.

[0049]

Examples of the indium compound include organic indium compounds, such as triethoxyindium, indium 2-ethylhexanoate, and indium acetylacetonate; and inorganic indium compounds, such as indium cyanide, indium nitrate, indium sulfate, indium carbonate, indium fluoride, indium chloride, indium bromide, and indium iodide.

[0050]

Examples of the arsenic compound include inorganic arsenic compounds, such as diarsenic trioxide, diarsenic pentoxide, arsenic trichloride, arsenic pentoxide, and arsenious acid and arsenic acid and salts thereof, including sodium arsenite, ammonium arsenite, potassium arsenite, ammonium arsenate, and potassium arsenate; and organic arsenic compounds, such as cacodylic acid, phenylarsonic acid, diphenylarsonic acid, p-hydroxyphenylarsonic acid, p-aminophenylarsonic acid, and salts thereof, including sodium cacodylate and potassium cacodylate.

[0051]

Examples of the antimony compound include inorganic antimony compounds, such as antimony oxide, antimony phosphate, KSb(OH) , and NH_4SbF_6 ; and organic antimony compounds, such as antimony esters of organic acids, cyclic alkyl antimonite, and triphenylantimony.

[0052]

Examples of the bismuth compound include organic bismuth compounds, such as triphenyl bismuth, bismuth 2-ethylhexanoate, and bismuth acetylacetonate; and inorganic bismuth compounds, such as bismuth nitrate, bismuth sulfate, bismuth acetate, bismuth hydroxide, bismuth fluoride, bismuth chloride, bismuth bromide, and bismuth iodide.

[0053]

Examples of the selenium compound include organic selenium compounds, such as selenomethionine, selenocysteine, and selenocystine; and inorganic selenium compounds, such as alkali metal selenates such as potassium selenate, and alkali metal selenites such as sodium selenite.

[0054]

Examples of the tellurium compound include telluric acid and salts thereof, tellurium oxide, tellurium chloride, tellurium bromide, tellurium iodide, and tellurium alkoxide.

[0055]

Examples of the magnesium compound include organic magnesium compounds, such as ethyl acetoacetate magnesium monoisopropylate, magnesium bis(ethylacetoacetate), alkylacetoacetate magnesium monoisopropylate, and

magnesium bis(acetylacetonate); and inorganic magnesium compounds, such as magnesium oxide, magnesium sulfate, magnesium nitrate, and magnesium chloride.

[0056]

5 Examples of the calcium compound include organic calcium compounds, such as calcium 2-ethylhexanoate, calcium ethoxide, calcium methoxide, calcium methoxyethoxide, and calcium acetylacetonate; and inorganic calcium compounds, such as calcium nitrate, calcium sulfate, calcium carbonate, calcium phosphate, calcium hydroxide, calcium cyanide, calcium fluoride, calcium chloride, calcium bromide, and calcium iodide.

10 [0057]

As the heteroatom compound in which the heteroatom is Li, Na, K, Cs, S, Sr, Ba, F, Y, or lanthanoids, a known organic or inorganic compound can be used.

[0058]

15 A single heteroatom compound may be used alone, or two or more heteroatom compounds may be used in combination.

[0059]

20 The proportion of the explosive in the explosive composition containing at least one the explosive and at least one the heteroatom compound is preferably from 80 to 99.9999 mass%, more preferably from 85 to 99.999 mass%, even more preferably from 90 to 99.99 mass%, and particularly preferably from 95 to 99.9 mass%. The proportion of the heteroatom compound is preferably from 0.0001 to 20 mass%, more preferably from 0.001 to 15 mass%, even more preferably from 0.01 to 10 mass%, and particularly preferably from 0.1 to 5 mass%. Furthermore, the heteroatom content in the explosive composition containing the explosive and the

25 heteroatom compound is preferably from 0.000005 to 10 mass%, more preferably from 0.00001 to 8 mass%, even more preferably from 0.0001 to 5 mass%, particularly preferably from 0.001 to 3 mass%, and most preferably from 0.01 to 1 mass%.

[0060]

30 Mixing of at least one the explosive and at least one the heteroatom compound may be performed by powder mixing in the case where both are solid, by melting, or by mixing through dissolving or dispersing in an appropriate solvent. The mixing can be also performed by agitation, bead milling, or ultrasonic waves.

[0061]

35 In one preferred embodiment, the explosive composition containing at least one the explosive and at least one the heteroatom compound further contains at least one cooling medium. The cooling medium may be solid, liquid, or gas. Examples of the method of using the cooling medium include a method of detonating the explosive composition containing the explosive and the heteroatom compound in the cooling

medium. Examples of the cooling medium include inert gases (nitrogen, argon, and CO), water, ice, liquid nitrogen, aqueous solutions of heteroatom-containing salts, and crystalline hydrates. In the case where the heteroatom is silicon, examples of the heteroatom-containing salts include ammonium hexafluorosilicate, ammonium silicate, and tetramethylammonium silicate. The cooling medium is preferably used in an amount approximately 5 times the weight of the explosive, for example, in the case of water or ice.

[0062]

In one preferred embodiment of the present invention, the explosive composition containing at least one the explosive and at least one the heteroatom compound is transformed into heteroatom-doped nanodiamonds through compression by shock wave under high pressure and high temperature conditions generated by explosion of the explosive (detonation). At the time of explosion of the explosive, at least one the heteroatom is incorporated into the diamond lattice. The carbon source of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamonds can be the explosive and the organic heteroatom compound; however, in the case where the explosive composition containing the explosive and at least one the heteroatom compound further contains a carbon material that contains no heteroatom, this carbon material may be the carbon source of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamonds.

[0063]

The heteroatom-doped nanodiamonds produced using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention contains a heteroatom-vacancy (V) center, and thus have a fluorescence emission peak. The wavelength of the fluorescence emission peak is preferably from 720 to 770 nm, and more preferably from 730 to 760 nm, in the case where the heteroatom contains silicon; is preferably from 580 to 630 nm, and more preferably from 590 to 620 nm, in the case where the heteroatom contains germanium; and is preferably from 590 to 650 nm, and more preferably from 600 to 640 nm, in the case where the heteroatom contains tin. In one preferred embodiment of the present invention, the fluorescence emission peak of the nanodiamond in which the Group 14 element is Si has a sharp peak of approximately 738 nm, which is called zero phonon level (ZPL).

[0064]

The concentration of the heteroatom-V center of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond produced using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention is preferably $1 \times 10^{10} / \text{cm}^3$ or greater, and more preferably from 2×10^{10} to $1 \times 10^{19} / \text{cm}^3$. It is presumed that the concentration of the heteroatom-V center can be determined using, for example, a confocal laser scanning microscope or a fluorescence and absorbance spectrometer. Note that, for

determination of the concentration of heteroatom-V center by fluorescence and absorbance spectrometry, Literature (DOI 10.1002/pssa.201532174) can be used as a reference.

[0065]

5 The BET specific surface area of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond produced using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention is preferably from 20 to 900 m²/g, more preferably from 25 to 800 m²/g, even more preferably from 30 to 700 m²/g, and particularly preferably from 35 to 600 m²/g. The BET specific surface area can be measured by nitrogen adsorption.

10 Examples of a measurement instrument for the BET specific surface area include BELSORP-mini II (available from Microtrac BEL) and, for example, the BET specific surface area can be measured under the following conditions.

- Measured powder amount: 40 mg
- Preliminary drying: treated at 120°C for 3 hours in a vacuum.
- 15 • Measurement temperature: -196°C (liquid nitrogen temperature)

 The average size of the primary particles of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamonds produced using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention is preferably from 2 to 70 nm, more preferably from 2.5 to 60 nm, even more preferably from 3 to 55 nm, and particularly preferably from 3.5 to 50
20 nm. The average size of the primary particles can be determined by Scherrer equation based on the analysis result of the powder X-ray diffractometry (XRD). Examples of a measurement instrument of XRD include the Multipurpose X-ray Diffraction System with Built-in Intelligent Guidance (available from Rigaku Corporation).

[0066]

25 The carbon content of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond produced using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention is preferably from 70 to 99 mass%, more preferably from 75 to 98 mass%, and even more preferably from 80 to 97 mass%.

[0067]

30 The hydrogen content of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond produced using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention is preferably from 0.1 to 5 mass%, more preferably from 0.2 to 4.5 mass%, and even more preferably from 0.3 to 4.0 mass%.

[0068]

35 The nitrogen content of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond produced using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention is preferably from 0.1 to 5 mass%, more preferably from 0.2 to 4.5 mass%, and even more preferably from 0.3 to 4.0 mass%.

[0069]

The content of carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond can be measured by elementary analysis.

[0070]

5 The heteroatom content of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond produced using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention is preferably from 0.0001 to 10.0 mass%, more preferably from 0.0001 to 5.0 mass%, and even more preferably from 0.0001 to 1.0 mass%. The heteroatom content can be measured by, for example, inductively-coupled plasma emission spectrometry
10 (ICP-AES, XRF, secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS)), and after alkali fusion, the heteroatom-doped nanodiamonds can be quantified as an acidic solution.

[0071]

In one preferred embodiment of the present invention, for the heteroatom-doped nanodiamonds produced using the explosive composition
15 according to an embodiment of the present invention, characteristic peaks of diamond, graphite, surface hydroxy groups (OH), and surface carbonyl groups (CO) can be identified in a chart of Raman shift by Raman spectroscopy. The characteristic peak of diamond in a Raman shift chart is at 1100 to 1400 cm^{-1} , the characteristic peak of graphite is at 1450 to 1700 cm^{-1} , the characteristic peak of surface hydroxy groups
20 (OH) is at 1500 to 1750 cm^{-1} , and the characteristic peak of surface carbonyl groups (CO) is at 1650 to 1800 cm^{-1} . The areas of characteristic peaks of diamond, graphite, a surface hydroxy group (OH), and a surface carbonyl group (CO) can be determined by Raman spectrometer. The laser wavelength of the Raman light source is, for example, 325 nm or 488 nm. As the Raman spectrometer, a confocal microscopic
25 Raman spectrometer (e.g., trade name: Confocal Raman Microscope LabRAM HR Evolution, available from Horiba, Ltd.) can be used.

[0072]

In one preferred embodiment of the present invention, in the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond produced using the explosive composition according
30 to an embodiment of the present invention, the ratio (D/G) of the peak area (D) of diamond to the peak area (G) of graphite is preferably from 0.2 to 9, more preferably from 0.3 to 8, and even more preferably from 0.5 to 7.

[0073]

In one preferred embodiment of the present invention, in the
35 heteroatom-doped nanodiamond produced using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention, the ratio (H/D) of the peak area (H) of surface hydroxy group (OH) to the peak area (D) of diamond is preferably from 0.1 to 5, more preferably from 0.1 to 4.0, and even more preferably from 0.1 to 3.0.

[0074]

In one preferred embodiment of the present invention, in the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond produced using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention, the ratio (C/D) of the peak area (C) of surface carbonyl group (CO) to the peak area (D) of diamond is preferably from 0.01 to 1.5, more preferably from 0.03 to 1.2, and even more preferably from 0.05 to 1.0.

[0075]

As the Raman spectroscopy method for the nanodiamonds, Literature (e.g., Vadym N. Mochalin et al., NATURE NANOTECHNOLOGY, 7 (2012) 11-23, especially Figure 3) can be used as a reference.

[0076]

In another preferred embodiment of the present invention, the surface of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond produced using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention may have at least one oxygen functional group terminal and/or at least one hydrogen terminal. Examples of the oxygen functional group terminal include OH, COOH, CONH₂, C=O, and CHO, and OH, C=O, and COOH are preferred. Examples of the hydrogen terminal include alkyl groups having from 1 to 20 carbons.

[0077]

Presence of at least one the oxygen functional group terminal on the surface of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond is preferred because aggregation of the nanodiamond particles can be suppressed. Presence of at least one the hydrogen terminal on the surface of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond is preferred because the zeta potential becomes positive, and stable and high dispersion occurs in an acidic aqueous solution.

[0078]

In another preferred embodiment of the present invention, the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond produced using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention may have a core-shell structure. The core of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond having a core-shell structure is the nanodiamond particle doped with the heteroatom. This core is preferably a core having the Si-V center and emitting fluorescence. The shell is a non-diamond cover layer, may contain a sp² carbon, and preferably further contains an oxygen atom. The shell may be a graphite layer. The thickness of the shell is preferably 5 nm or less, more preferably 3 nm or less, and even more preferably 1 nm or less. The shell may have a hydrophilic functional group on its surface.

[0079]

The heteroatom-doped nanodiamonds can be preferably produced by detonation using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention. The shape of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond is preferably spherical, ellipsoidal, or polyhedral close to these.

5 [0080]

In the present specification, the degree of circularity is a numerical value to represent the complexity of a shape illustrated in, for example, an image. For the degree of circularity, the numerical value becomes smaller as the shape is more complex, while the maximum value thereof is 1. The degree of circularity can be
10 determined by, for example, analyzing a TEM image of the silicon-doped nanodiamond by an image analysis software (e.g., winROOF) and using the following equation.

$$\text{Degree of circularity} = 4\pi \times (\text{area}) \div (\text{circumference})^2$$

15 For example, in the case of a perfect circle having a radius of 10, the calculation equation becomes " $4\pi \times (10 \times 10 \times \pi) \div (10 \times 2 \times \pi)^2$ ", and the degree of circularity results in 1 (maximum value). That is, in terms of the degree of circularity, the perfect circle is a shape that is the least complex. The degree of circularity of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond produced using the explosive composition according
20 to an embodiment of the present invention is preferably 0.2 or greater, more preferably 0.3 or greater, and even more preferably 0.35 or greater.

[0081]

In one preferred embodiment of the present invention, the center of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond particle produced using the explosive composition
25 according to an embodiment of the present invention has a diamond structure including sp³ carbons and the doped heteroatoms, and the surface thereof is covered with an amorphous layer formed from sp² carbons. In a more preferred embodiment, the outer side of the amorphous layer may be covered with a graphite oxide layer. Furthermore, a hydration layer may be formed between the amorphous layer and the
30 graphite oxide layer.

[0082]

In one preferred embodiment of the present invention, the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond produced using the explosive composition according to an embodiment of the present invention has a positive or negative zeta potential. The zeta potential of
35 the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond is preferably from -70 to 70 mV, and more preferably from -60 to 30 mV.

[0083]

The heteroatom-doped nanodiamonds can be produced by a production method including mixing of an explosive composition containing at least one the explosive and at least one the heteroatom compound and exploding the obtained explosive composition in a sealed container. Examples of the container include metal
5 containers and synthetic resin containers. The explosive and the heteroatom compound are preferably formed by pressing or casting. Examples of the method of producing particles (dry powder) of the explosive and the heteroatom compound include crystallization, crushing, and spray flash evaporation. When the explosive composition is formed by pressing or casting, the explosive and the heteroatom
10 compound are mixed as dry powder, in a molten state, or using a solvent. The form of the explosive and the heteroatom compound at the time of mixing may be any of the following four combinations:

- Explosive (dry powder) and heteroatom compound (dry powder)
- Explosive (dry powder) and heteroatom compound (molten state)
- 15 • Explosive (molten state) and heteroatom compound (dry powder)
- Explosive (molten state) and heteroatom compound (molten state)

Mixing of the explosive and the heteroatom compound may be performed in the presence or absence of a solvent, and formation can be performed by pressing or casting after mixing.

20 [0084]

The average particle diameters of the explosive and the heteroatom compound are preferably 10 mm or less, more preferably 5 mm or less, and even more preferably 1 mm or less. Note that these average particle diameters can be measured by laser diffraction/scattering methods, by an optical microscope, or by Raman method. The
25 product obtained by explosion can be further subjected to purification and a post treatment. The purification can include one or both of a mixed acid treatment and an alkali treatment. A preferred purification is a mixed acid treatment.

[0085]

When the explosive composition containing at least one the explosive and at
30 least one the heteroatom compound is exploded in a sealed container, in addition to the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond, for example, graphite, metal impurities, elemental heteroatom, and heteroatom oxides are generated. Graphite and metal impurities can be removed by the mixed acid treatment. Elemental heteroatom and heteroatom oxides can be removed by the alkali treatment.

35 [0086]

Examples of the mixed acid include a mixed acid of concentrated sulfuric acid and concentrated nitric acid, and the mixed acid is preferably a mixed acid of concentrated sulfuric acid:concentrated nitric acid = 1:1 (volume ratio). The

temperature for the mixed acid treatment is from 50 to 200°C, and the duration of the mixed acid treatment is from 0.5 to 24 hours.

[0087]

5 Examples of the alkali include alkali metal hydroxides, such as sodium hydroxide and potassium hydroxide. The temperature of the alkali treatment is from 30 to 150°C, and the duration of the alkali treatment is from 0.5 to 24 hours.

[0088]

10 The post treatment can include annealing and gas-phase oxidation. The heteroatom that is incorporated in the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond and vacancy are brought into contact by the annealing treatment, and thus the heteroatom-V center can be formed. Furthermore, by gas-phase oxidation, the graphite layer formed on the surface of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamond can be made thin or removed. Vacancy formation may be performed before the annealing although such vacancy formation is an optional process. The vacancy formation is performed by irradiation with an ion
15 beam or an electron beam. Even in the case where no vacancy formation is performed, the heteroatom-V center is formed by annealing; however, by annealing after the vacancy formation, more heteroatom-V centers can be formed. For the density of vacancies to be introduced by ion beam irradiation or electron beam irradiation, the upper limit is limited by a concentration at which the diamond is broken (a vacancy concentration of $> 1 \times 10^{21} / \text{cm}^3$), but the lower limit is, for example, $1 \times 10^{16} / \text{cm}^3$ or higher, or even $1 \times 10^{18} / \text{cm}^3$ or higher. The ion beam is preferably an ion beam of hydrogen (H) or helium (He). For example, the energy of the ion beam of hydrogen is preferably from 10 to 1500 keV, and the energy of the ion beam of helium is preferably from 20 to 2000 keV. The energy of the electron beam is preferably from
25 500 to 5000 keV.

[0089]

The temperature of the annealing is preferably 800°C or higher, and the annealing time is 30 minutes or longer.

[0090]

30 The gas-phase oxidation can be performed in an air atmosphere, the gas-phase oxidation temperature is preferably 300°C or higher, and the gas-phase oxidation time is 2 hours or longer.

[0091]

35 In one preferred embodiment of the present invention, the explosive composition containing at least one the explosive and at least one the heteroatom compound is transformed into diamonds through compression by shock wave under high pressure and high temperature conditions generated by explosion of the explosive (detonation). At the time of explosion of the explosive, the heteroatom is

incorporated into the diamond lattice. The carbon source of the nanodiamonds can be the explosive and the organic heteroatom compound; however, in the case where the explosive composition containing the explosive and the heteroatom compound further contains a carbon material that contains no heteroatom, this carbon material may be the carbon source of the heteroatom-doped nanodiamonds.

Examples

[0092]

Hereinafter, the present invention will be described more specifically with reference to examples, but the present invention is not limited by these examples.

Examples 1 to 6

Using TNT as the explosive and using, as the compound in which the heteroatom is silicon, the dopant shown in Table 1 in the number of moles shown in Table 1 relative to 1 mol of TNT, production of silicon-doped nanodiamonds was performed by detonation in accordance with an ordinary method under conditions including the temperature (K) and the pressure (GPa) shown in Table 1, and thus the nanodiamonds doped with silicon in a proportion shown in Table 1 can be obtained.

[0093]

The names and structural formulas of the dopant molecules (heteroatom compounds) 1 to 6 used for doping with silicon are shown below.

Dopant molecule 1: Siline

Dopant molecule 2: Tetramethylsilane (SiMe₄)

Dopant molecule 3: Tetrakis(nitratemethyl)silane (SiPETN)

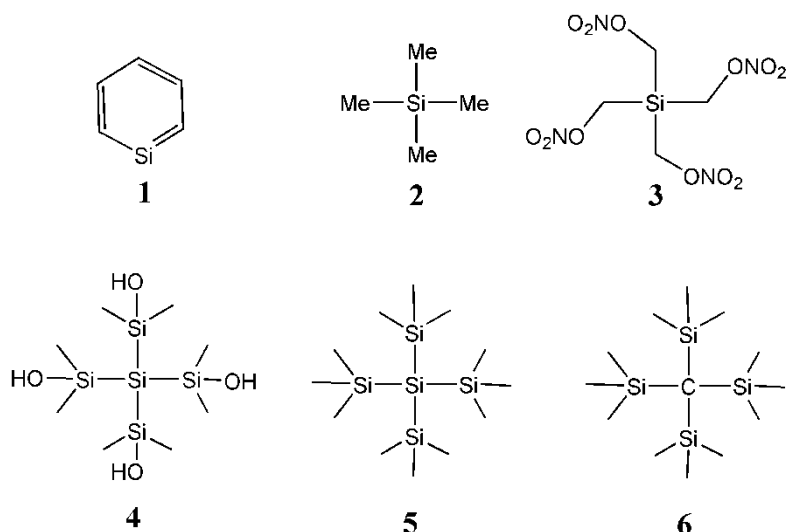
Dopant molecule 4: Tetrakis(dimethylsilanol)silane (Si(SiMe₂OH)₄)

Dopant molecule 5: Tetrakis(trimethylsilyl)silane (Si(SiMe₃)₄)

Dopant molecule 6: Tetrakis(trimethylsilyl)methane (C(SiMe₃)₄)

[0094]

[Chem. 1]



[0095]

[Table 1]

Examples	Dopant molecule	Proportion of dopant molecule used in TNT288 molecule	TEMPERATURE [K]	Pressure [GPa]	(Si atom/C atom) × 100 (%)
1	Siline	$56/288 = 0.19$	3521	33	3.2
2	SiMe ₄	$60/288 = 0.21$	3525	34	2.3
3	SiPETN	$48/288 = 0.17$	3508	29	3.1
4	Si(SiMe ₂ OH) ₄	$60/288 = 0.21$	3528	33	32.3
5	Si(SiMe ₃) ₄	$60/288 = 0.21$	3518	31	36.0
6	C(SiMe ₃) ₄	$60/288 = 0.21$	3518	30	22.7

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[0096]

As is clear from Table 1, it is apparent that nanodiamonds to which a large amount of silicon atoms have been introduced can be obtained according to embodiments of the present invention.

10 [0097]

Example 7

Using approximately 60 g of an explosive composition each obtained by adding 10 parts by mass, 1 part by mass, or 0.1 parts by mass of triphenylsilanol as a silicon compound into 100 parts by mass of explosive containing trinitrotoluene (TNT) and cyclotrimethylene trinitramine (RDX), silicon-doped nanodiamonds were produced in accordance with an ordinary method of nanodiamond production. For the obtained silicon-doped nanodiamonds, the following treatments were performed. Note

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that the added amount of triphenylsilanol in the explosive was 10 mass%, 1 mass%, or 0.1 mass%.

(i) Mixed acid treatment

5 In 2800 g of a mixed acid of concentrated sulfuric acid:concentrated nitric acid = 11:1 (weight ratio), 15 g of the nanodiamonds obtained by the detonation test was added and treated at 150°C for 10 hours while being agitated.

(ii) Alkali treatment

10 In 100 mL of an 8 N sodium hydroxide aqueous solution, 1 g of the nanodiamonds that had been treated with the mixed acid was added and treated at 100°C for 10 hours while being agitated.

(iii) Annealing

15 The nanodiamonds after the alkali treatment were annealed at 800°C in a vacuum atmosphere for 30 minutes.

(iv) Gas-phase oxidation

20 The nanodiamonds that had been annealed was subjected to a gas-phase oxidation treatment at 300°C in an air atmosphere for 2 hours, and thus the silicon-doped nanodiamonds according to an embodiment of the present invention were obtained.

(v) Fluorescence analysis

25 An aqueous suspension of 10 w/v% of the silicon-doped nanodiamonds according to an embodiment of the present invention obtained by the gas-phase oxidation was added dropwise on a glass substrate and dried, and thus an evaluation sample was prepared. The obtained evaluation sample was subjected to high-speed mapping using a confocal microscopic Raman spectrometer (trade name: Confocal
30 Raman Microscope LabRAM HR Evolution, available from Horiba, Ltd.), and brightness imaging at 738 nm was performed. FIG. 1(a) shows the brightness images at 738 nm of the silicon-doped nanodiamonds obtained using triphenylsilanol as the silicon compound in an addition amount, in terms of an external proportion, of 1 mass%. FIG. 1(b) shows a fluorescence spectrum of brightness of FIG. 1(a). The zero
35 phonon line (fluorescence peak) of the Si-V center can be confirmed. The Si content of the obtained silicon-doped nanodiamonds was 3.2 mass% when the added amount of triphenylsilanol in the explosive was 10 mass%, 0.15 mass% when the added amount was 1 mass%, and 0.03 mass% when the added amount was 0.1 mass%.

In FIG. 1(b), it was confirmed that the silicon-doped nanodiamonds according to an embodiment of the present invention have a fluorescence at 738 nm derived from the SV center. Furthermore, the average size of the primary particles measured by XRD and the BET specific surface area of the obtained silicon-doped

5 nanodiamonds are shown in Table 2 below.

[0098]

[Table 2]

Added amount of triphenylsilanol in explosive	BET specific surface area (m ² /g)	Average size of primary particles (nm)
10 mass%	213	7.9
1 mass%	232	7.2
0.1 mass%	254	6.9

[0099]

10 • Measurement of BET specific surface area

Instrument: BELSORP-mini II (available from Microtrac BEL)

Measured powder amount: 40 mg

Preliminary drying: treated at 120°C for 3 hours in a vacuum

Measurement temperature: -196°C (liquid nitrogen temperature)

15 • Measurement of average size of primary particles (powder X-ray diffractometry (XRD))

Instrument: Multipurpose X-ray Diffraction System with Built-in Intelligent Guidance (available from Rigaku Corporation)

• Measurement method of Si introduction amount (XRF)

20 Instrument: X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometer ZSX Primus IV, available from Rigaku Corporation

[0100]

Example 8

25 Nanodiamonds doped with boron can be obtained in the same manner as in Example 7 except for using 1 part by mass of phenylboronic acid in place of 1 part by mass of triphenylsilanol of Example 7.

[0101]

Example 9

30 Nanodiamonds doped with phosphorus can be obtained in the same manner as in Example 7 except for using 1 part by mass of triphenylphosphine in place of 1 part by mass of triphenylsilanol of Example 7.

[0102]

Example 10

Nanodiamonds doped with nickel can be obtained in the same manner as in Example 7 except for using 1 part by mass of nickel bis(acetylacetonate) in place of 1 part by mass of triphenylsilanol of Example 7.

5 [0103]

Example 11

Nanodiamonds doped with silicon and boron can be obtained in the same manner as in Example 7 except for using 0.5 parts by mass of triphenylsilanol and 0.5 parts by mass of phenylboronic acid in place of 1 part by mass of triphenylsilanol of

10 Example 7.

[0104]

Example 12

Nanodiamonds doped with silicon and phosphorus can be obtained in the same manner as in Example 7 except for using 0.5 parts by mass of triphenylsilanol and 0.5 parts by mass of triphenylphosphine in place of 1 part by mass of triphenylsilanol of Example 7.

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[0105]

It is to be understood that reference to prior art publications referred to herein does not constitute an admission that the publication forms a part of the common general knowledge in the art, in Australia or any other country.

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[0106]

In the claims which follow and in the preceding description of the invention, except where the context requires otherwise due to express language or necessary implication, the word “comprise” or variations such as “comprises” or “comprising” is used in an inclusive sense, i.e. to specify the presence of the stated features but not to preclude the presence or addition of further features in various embodiments of the invention.

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Claims

[Claim 1]

An explosive composition comprising at least one explosive and at least one heteroatom compound,

the heteroatom compound comprising at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of B, P, Si, S, Cr, Sn, Al, Ge, Li, Na, K, Cs, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Ti, Zr, V, Nb, Ta, Mo, W, Mn, Ni, Cu, Ag, Cd, Hg, Ga, In, Tl, As, Sb, Bi, Se, Te, Co, Xe, F, Y, and lanthanoids, provided that polysiloxane is excluded from the heteroatom compound,

wherein the composition comprises from 90 to 99.99 mass% of the explosive and from 0.01 to 10 mass% of the heteroatom compound, and

wherein the heteroatom compound is an organic heteroatom compound.

[Claim 2]

The explosive composition according to claim 1, wherein the organic heteroatom compound is a compound selected from: phenylboronic acid, 3-acetylphenylboronic acid and 2-thiopheneboronic acid; aryl-substituted silane; silane having an aryl group and a hydrogen atom; aryltin compounds; cobalt aryl sulfonates; bis(benzene) chromium, bis(ethylbenzene) chromium, and bis(mesitylene) chromium; aryl thallium compounds; silver benzoate; aryl aluminum compounds and diaryl aluminum halides; copper salicylate; cadmium phthalate and cadmium naphthalate; phenylmercuric acetate and para-chloromercuribenzoate; phenylarsonic acid, diphenylarsonic acid, p-hydroxyphenylarsonic acid, p-aminophenylarsonic acid, and salts thereof; triphenylantimony; triphenyl bismuth.

[Claim 3]

The explosive composition according to claim 1, wherein the explosive comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of trinitrotoluene (TNT), cyclotrimethylene trinitramine (hexogen, RDX), cyclotetramethylene tetranitramine (octogen), trinitrophenyl methyl nitramine (tetryl), pentaerythritol tetranitrate (PETN), tetranitromethane (TNM), triamino-trinitrobenzene, hexanitrostilbene, and diaminodinitrobenzofuroxan.

[Claim 4]

The explosive composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a particle size of the explosive and/or the heteroatom compound is 10 mm or less.

[Claim 5]

A method for producing the explosive composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4, the method comprising mixing the explosive and the heteroatom compound as a dry powder, in a molten state, or using a solvent, and forming the mixture by pressing or casting.

[Claim 6]

The method for producing the explosive composition according to claim 5, wherein the explosive composition is produced by having a particle size of 10 mm or less as a dry powder or in a molten state.

[Claim 7]

A method for producing a heteroatom-doped nanodiamond, the method comprising exploding the explosive composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4 in a sealed container.

[Claim 8]

An explosive composition comprising at least one explosive and at least one heteroatom compound,

the heteroatom compound comprising at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of B, P, Si, S, Cr, Sn, Al, Ge, Li, Na, K, Cs, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Ti, Zr, V, Nb, Ta, Mo, W, Mn, Ni, Cu, Ag, Cd, Hg, Ga, In, Tl, As, Sb, Bi, Se, Te, Co, Xe, F, Y, and lanthanoids,

wherein the composition comprises from 90 to 99.99 mass% of the explosive and from 0.01 to 10 mass% of the heteroatom compound, and

wherein the heteroatom compound is an organic heteroatom compound.

wherein, when the heteroatom is Si, the heteroatom compound is selected from the group consisting of

silane having a lower alkyl group;

silane having a halogen atom;

polysilane;

silazane;

aromatic silane;

hydroxy group-containing silane;

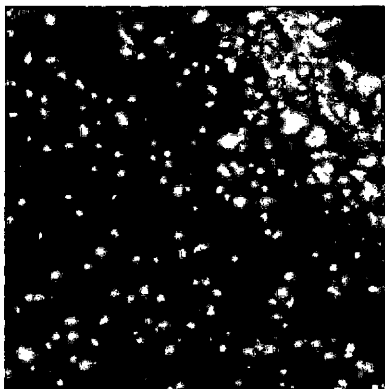
alkyl- or aryl-substituted silane;

carboxyl group-containing silane;

siloxane consisting of hexamethyldisiloxane, hexaethyldisiloxane, hexapropyldisiloxane, and hexaphenyldisiloxane;

silane having an alkyl group or an aryl group and a hydrogen atom;
tetrakis(chloromethyl)silane, tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)silane,
tetrakis(trimethylsilyl)silane, tetrakis(trimethylsilyl)methane,
tetrakis(dimethylsilyloxy)silane, tetrakis(tri(hydroxymethyl)silyl)silane, and
tetrakis(nitratemethyl)silane.

(a)



(b)

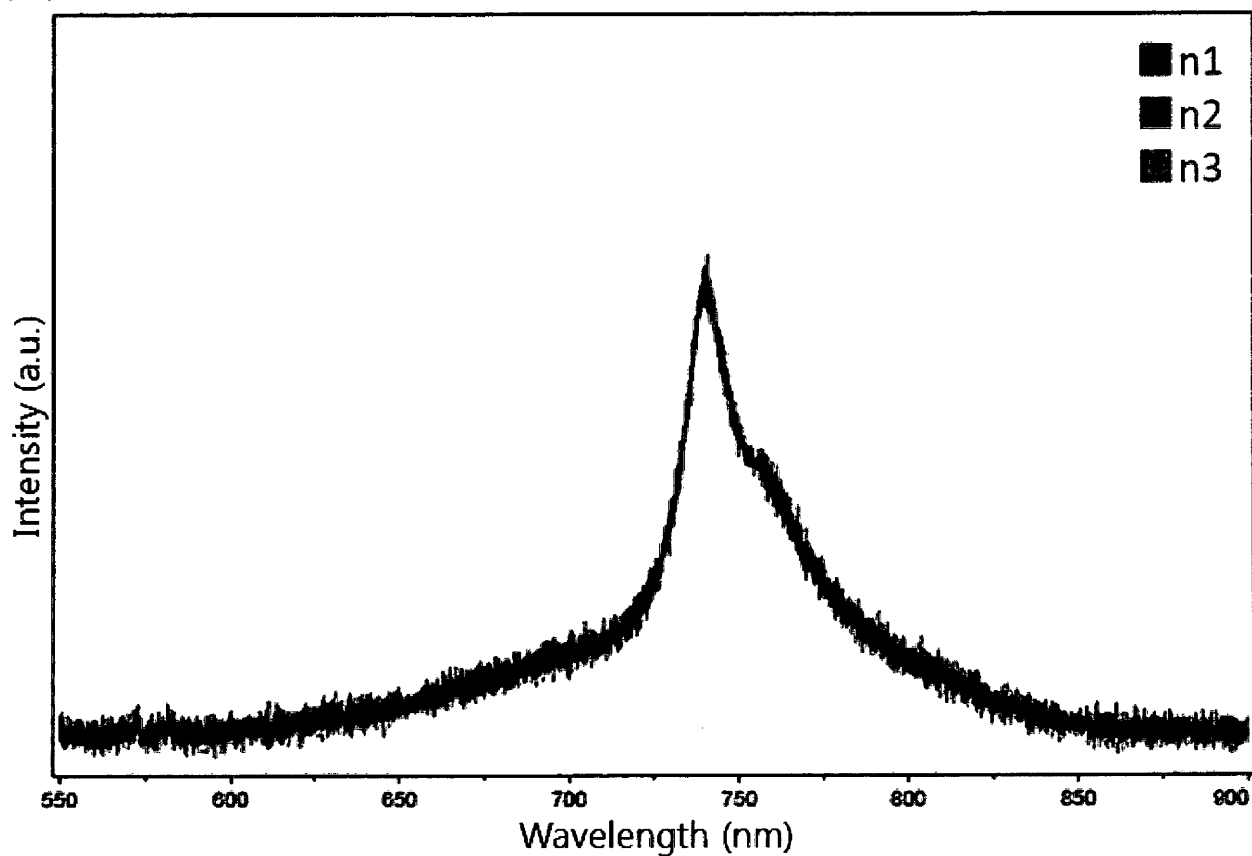
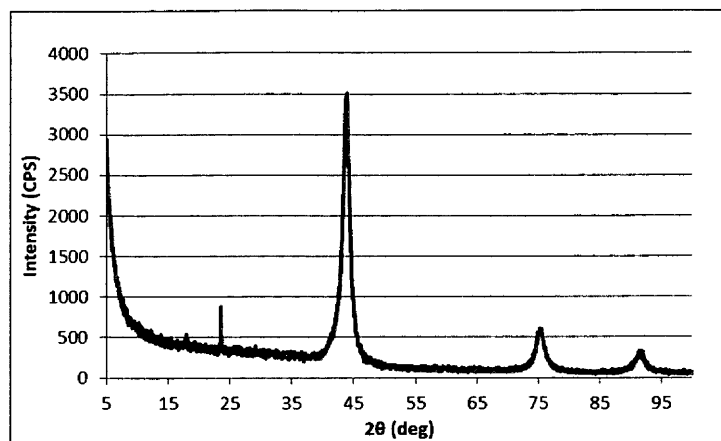


FIG. 1

(c)



Continuation of FIG. 1