

Material mixing of tungsten with low Z materials -Carbon and Helium-

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Outline of this talk

- ❑ Material mixing of C & W : introduction
 - ❑ C deposition on W
 - ❑ Effects of C & W mixing on retention/blistering
 - ❑ Effects of simultaneous He bombardment to W on retention/blistering
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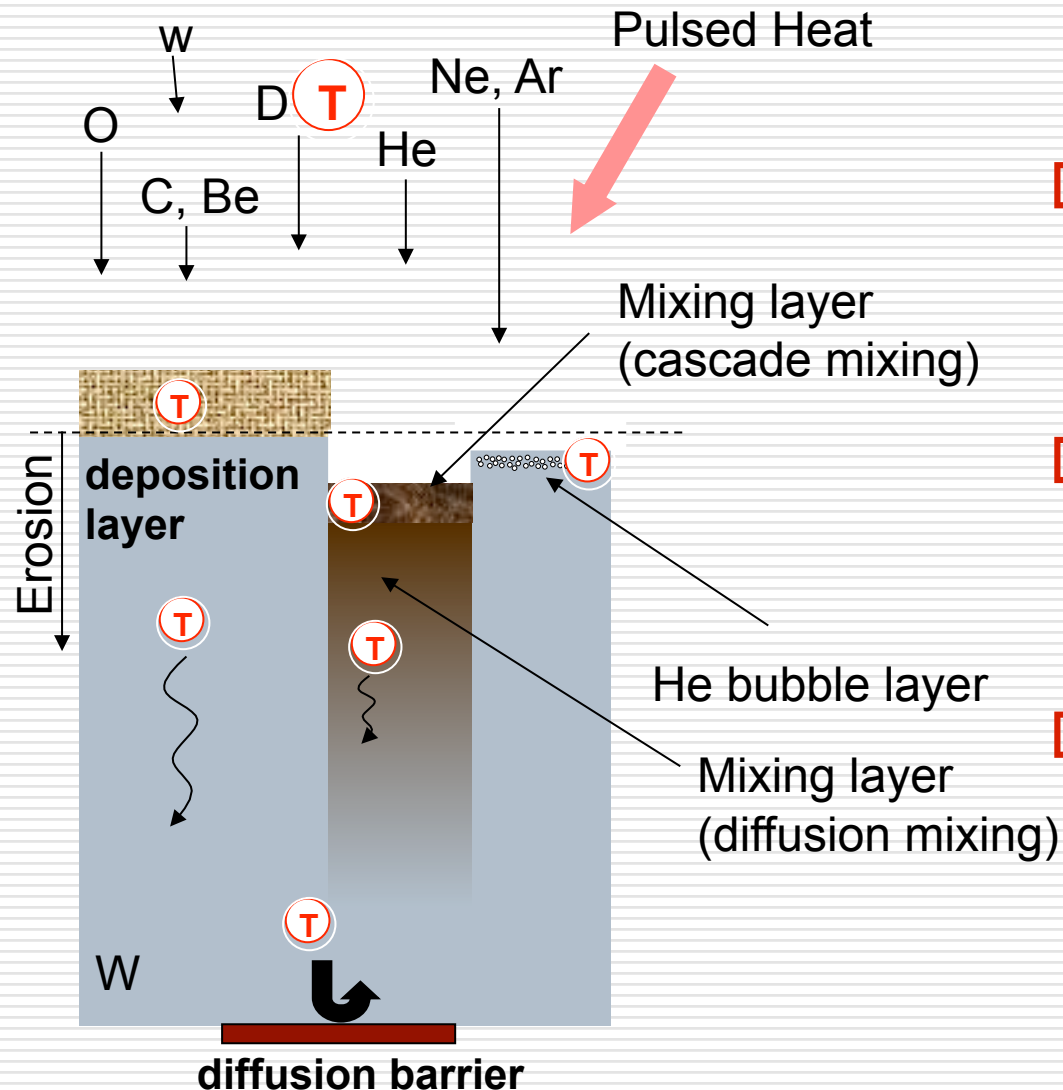
Wall material selection in ITER

- ❑ CFC : T retention problem (associated with significant erosion) could greatly reduces DT shots number
- ❑ Tungsten : several concerns such as Melting, Cracking, Helium embrittlement, Core plasma contamination.
- ❑ In terms of T retention, a full W wall is a better choice.
 - But, several issues need to be settled for the use of full W
 - In H phase, W, C and Be are used to learn ITER plasma operation toward full W.
- ❑ W+C (CFC) system is still one option for DT operation.
- ❑ Material mixing of C and W is a very important subject.
- ❑ In addition, He mixing effects are significant in T retention.
- ❑ W-Be and C-Be mixing are also an important issues.
 - Be issues will be discussed in Prof. Tynan's talk.

Research on W & C material mixing

- Many basic studies have been done in $C+D \rightarrow W$, but still quite a few remaining issues (deposition, effects on retention)
 - Several complicated processes need to be considered.
 - **Dynamic mixing process**
 - Mixed layer formation during ion irradiation (non-equilibrium state)
 - Multiple ion irradiation (D/T, He, Ar(edge cooling), C(wall), O, etc.)
 - **Thermal processes of C (W, D) in mixed layer**
 - **Chemical sputtering of C in mixed layer and deposition layer**
 - Depending on chemical state and micro-structure
 - **Ion radiation enhanced processes**
 - Radiation enhanced diffusion and segregation
 - Necessary to consider actual conditions
 - **Roughness**(surface morphology)
 - **Surface impurities** (Ex. Oxide layer)
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Effects of material mixing on T retention/permeation



□ Deposition layer

- T trap sites
- Modification of T diffusion

□ Mixing layer

- T trap sites
- T diffusion (barrier)
- T surface recombination

□ He bubble layer

- T trap sites
- T diffusion (barrier)
- Diffusion through pore

□ Important Parameters to affect mixed layer

- Temperature
- Energy
- Deposition rate (ratio)
- Bulk material characteristics

Balance between C implantation and erosion

☐ C implanted

- = C injected – C reflected

☐ C erosion

- by all ions
 - ☐ Physical sputtering
 - ☐ Radiation enhanced sublimation
- by hydrogen isotope ions (oxygen)
 - ☐ Chemical sputtering
 - C in mixed layer
 - C in deposition layer
- Sublimation (at elevated temperatures)
- Flaking, exfoliation, or dust emission (for thick D deposition)

☐ C diffusion into the bulk

The simplest model for C balance (H+C ions)

$$\underbrace{\Gamma_i f_C}_{\text{Injected C}} \underbrace{(1 - R_{CC} \Delta_C - R_{CW} (1 - \Delta_C))}_{\text{C reflection by C (1) C reflection by W (2)}} = \underbrace{\Gamma_i ((1 - f_C) Y_{HC} \Delta_C)}_{\text{C sputtered by H(3)}} + \underbrace{f_C Y_{CC} \Delta_C}_{\text{C sputtered by C (4)}}$$

Δ_c : Surface coverage of C ($\Delta_c=1$: fully covered by C)

Γ_i : Ion influx

f_C : C concentration in injected ions

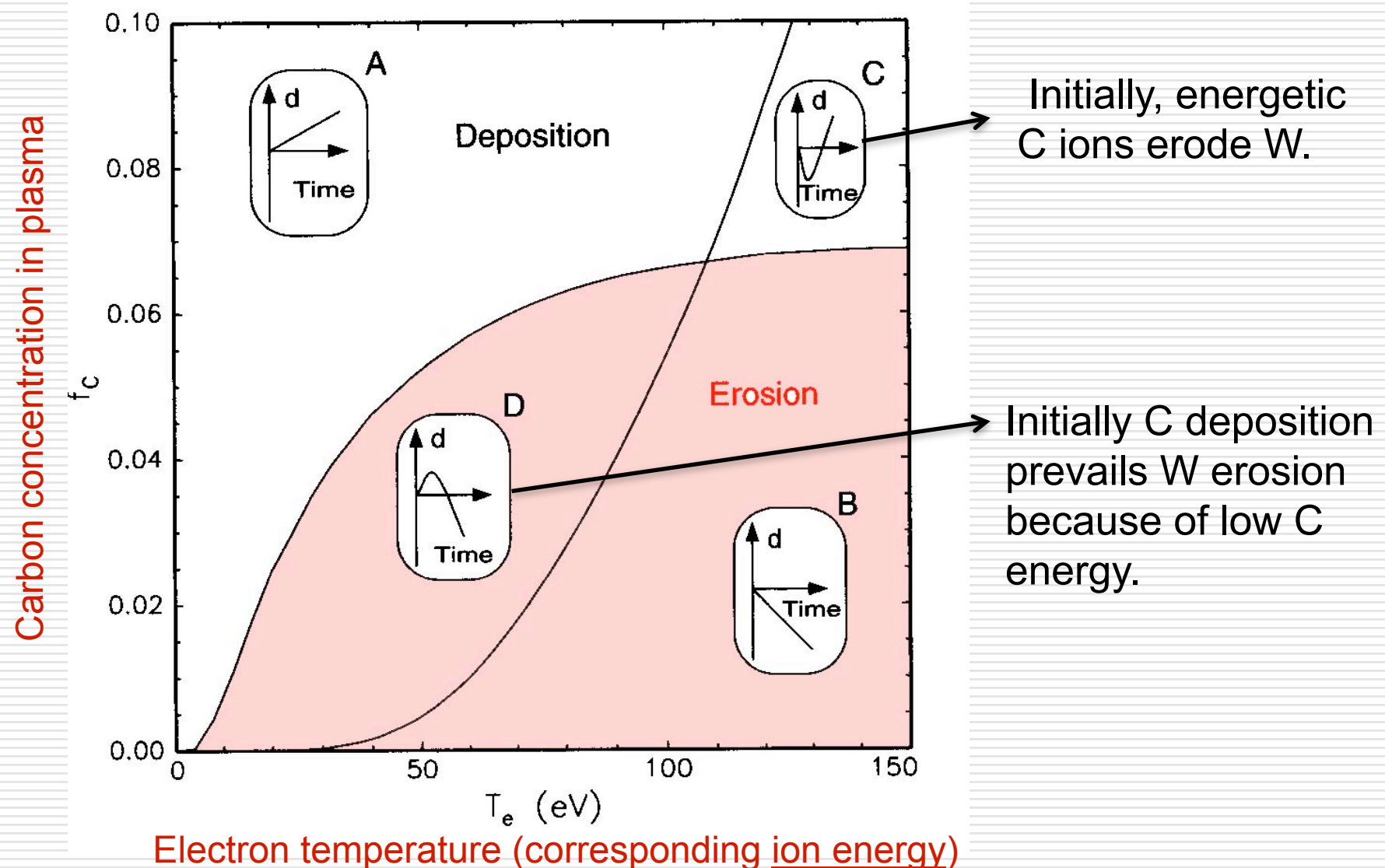
R_{CC} : C reflection coefficient on C, R_{cw} : C reflection coefficient on W

Y_{HC} : Sputtering yield of C by H, Y_{CC} : Sputtering yield of C by C (self-sputtering yield)

☐ More complicated for real system

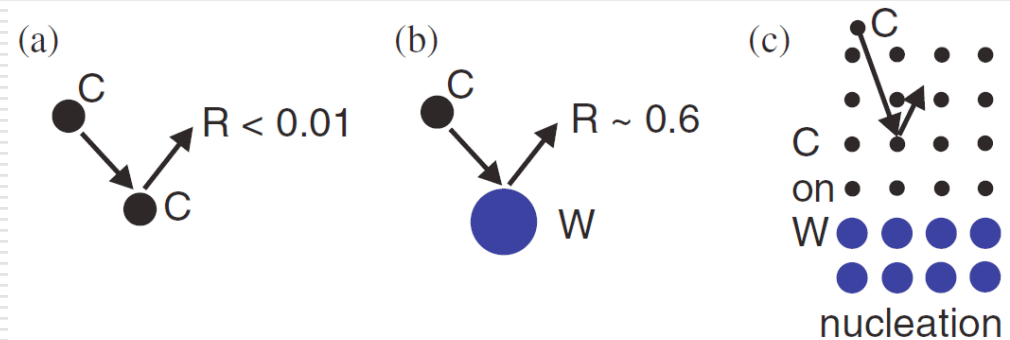
- How to determine the thickness of layers for Δ_c
 - ☐ Actually, for (1), (2), (3), and (4), thickness is different.
- Sputtering and reflection are not simple linear function of Δ_c .
- How does thermal effect play roles?
 - ☐ Surface segregation, diffusion

Initial surface evolution under $D+C \rightarrow W$

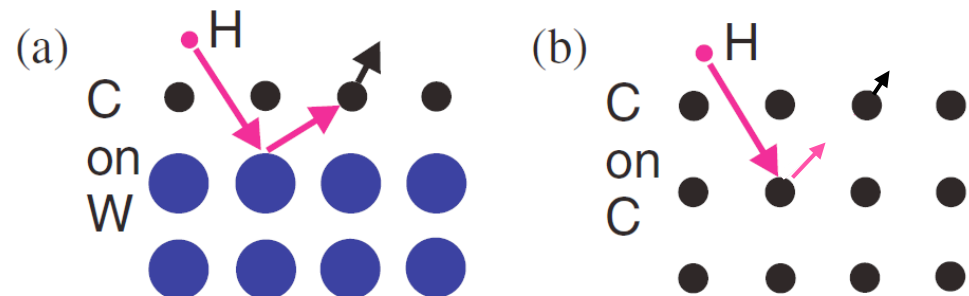


Reflection and phys. sputtering of C on W

- Reflection coefficient is lower than that on W
 - $R \sim 0.6$ (50eV C to W)
 - $R \sim 10^{-4}$ (50 eV C to C)
 - Carbon mono-layer is easily re-sputtered by reflected H from W substrate.
- Carbon deposition is more pronounced on graphite.



Difference in reflection

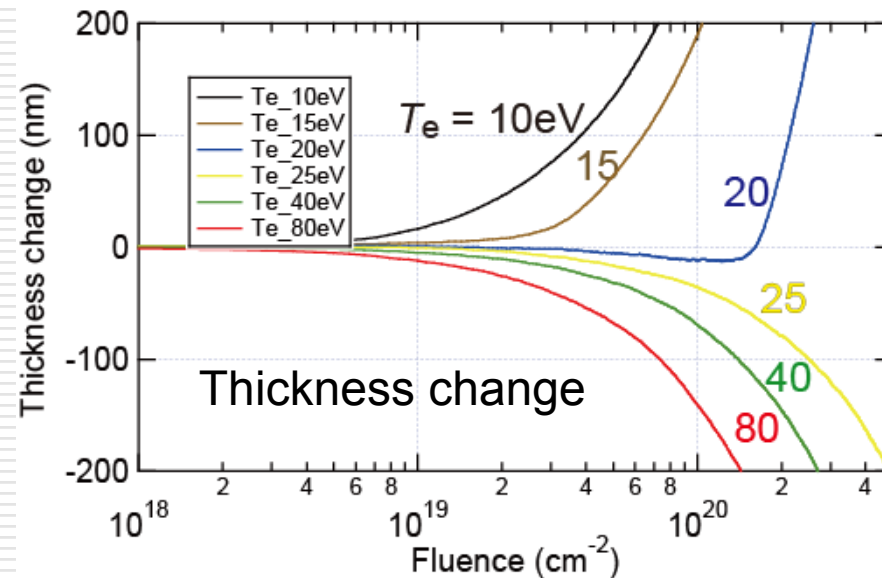


Enhancement of sputtering of surface C

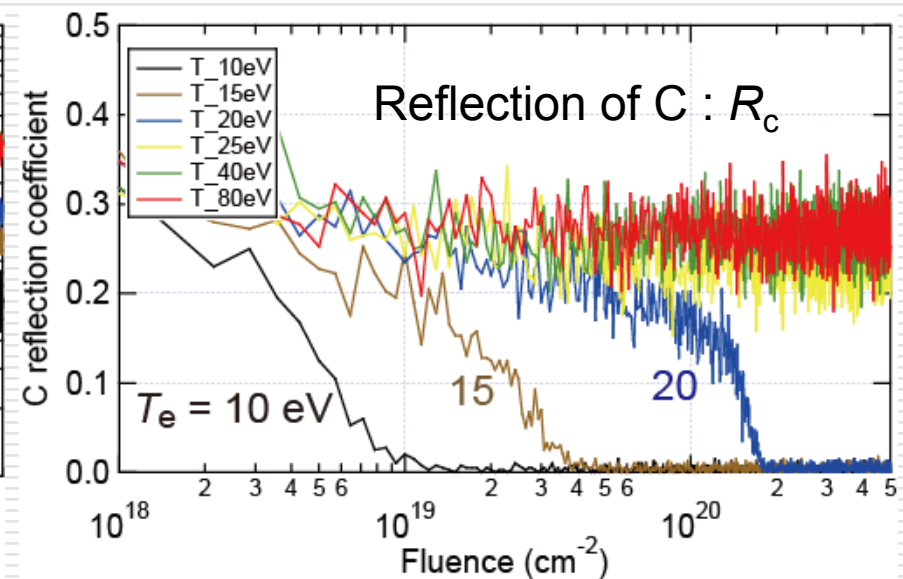
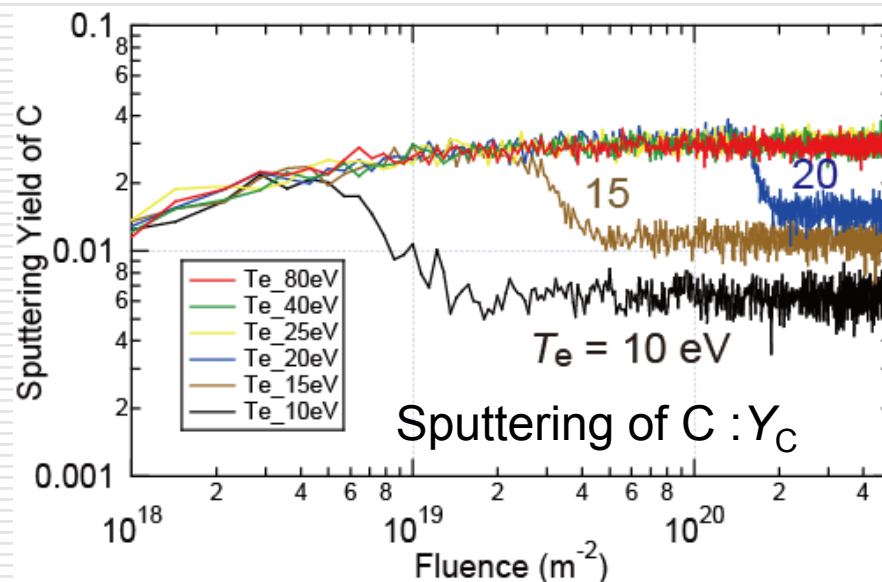
A. Kreter, et al.,
 Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 48 (2006) 1401

Computer simulation by EDDY

Acknowledgment (K. Ohya)

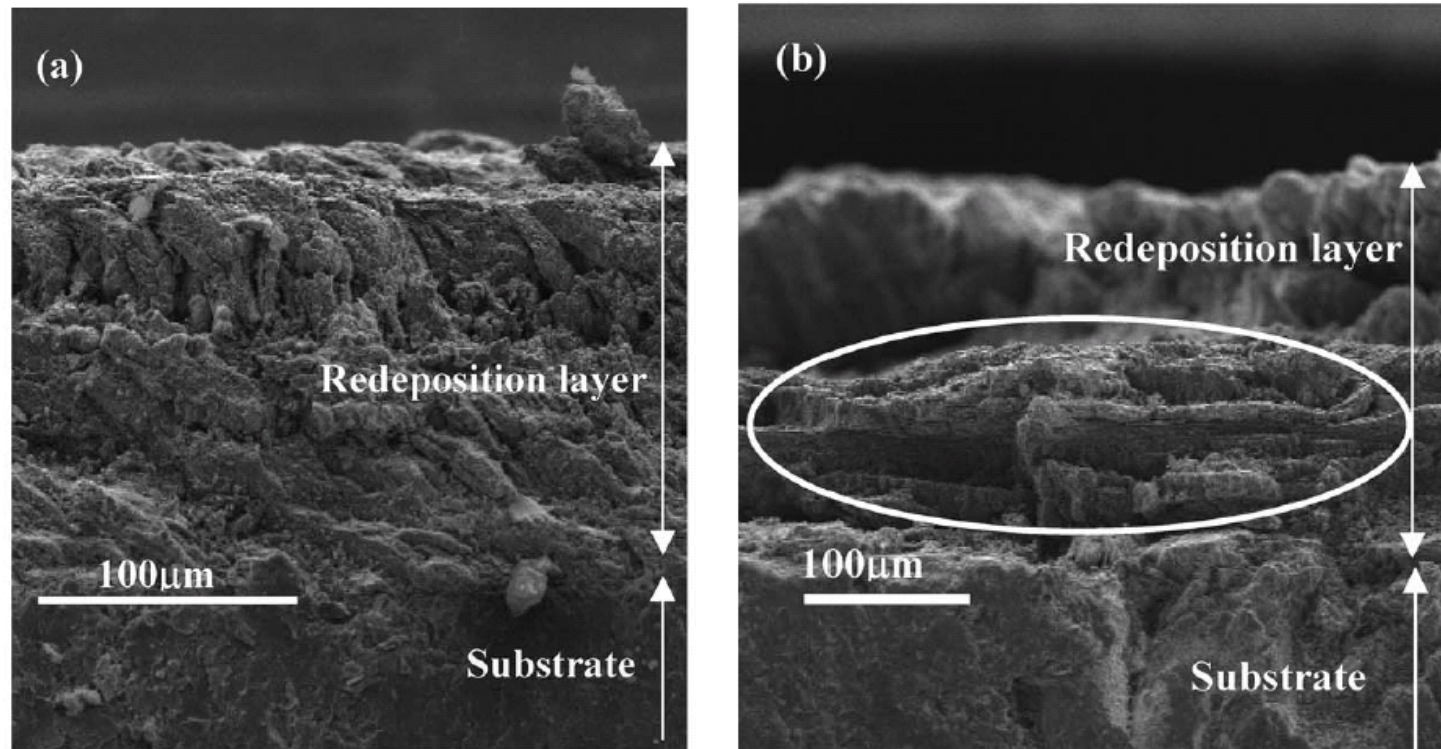


- ☐ $\text{D}^+ + \text{C}^{4+}$ mixed ion irradiation to tungsten
- ☐ Simulated by EDDY code
- ☒ D : 96%, C : 4%
- ☐ No chemical sputtering
- ☐ As deposition proceeds, Y_c and R_c drastically decrease.



Deposition layer : quite different from solid C

- Different structure depending on Temperature, flux, D ratio, etc.
- C deposition layer is not dense (0.91 g/cm^3 on JT-60U tiles (2.23 g/cm^3 for graphite crystal)).
 - Y. Ishimoto et al., J. Nucl. Mater. 350 (2006) 301.



Structure of C deposition layer (JT-60U)

Some comments on erosion

□ Chemical erosion of C deposition layer

- Depends on bulk properties (Soft C-H film ($H/C \sim 1$), Hard C/H film ($H/C \sim 0.4$))
 - W. Jacob, J. Nucl. Mater. 337-339 (2005) 839.
- Local ^{13}C deposition experiments and their simulations suggest enhanced re-erosion of C deposition layer.
 - A. Kirschner et al., J. Nucl. Mater. 328 (2004) 62.

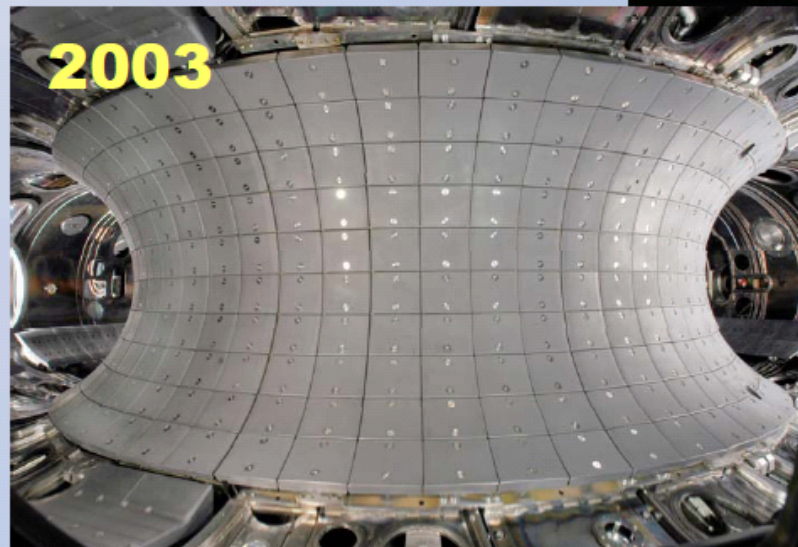
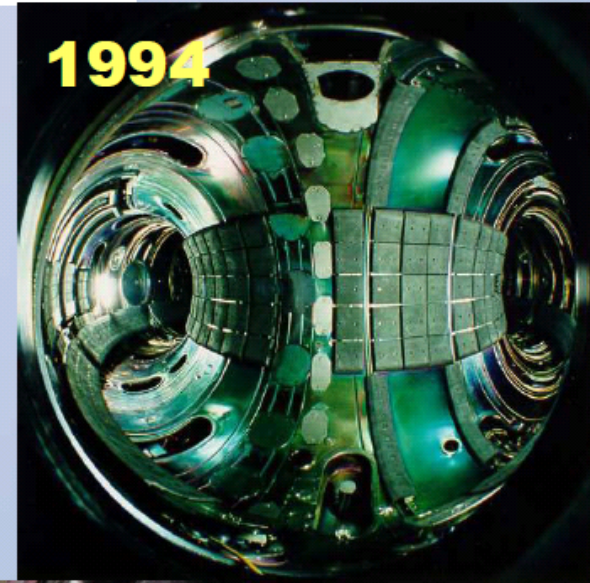
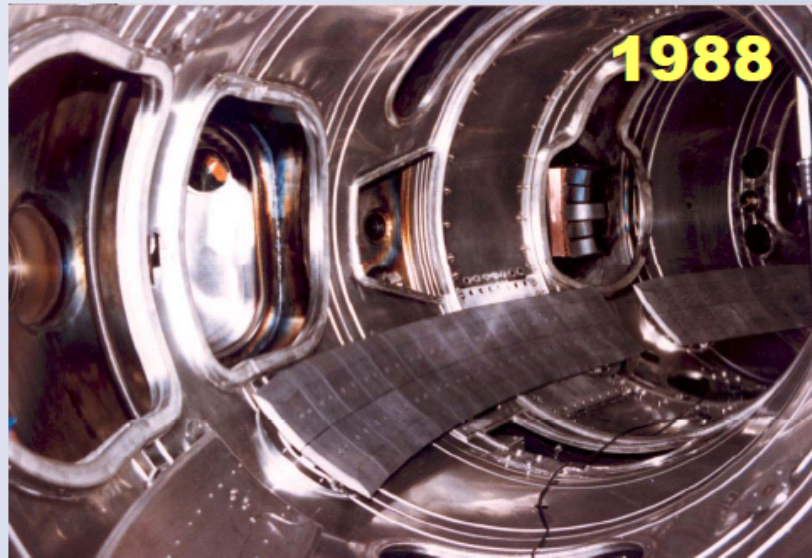
□ Chemical erosion of C in mixed layer with W

- In general, C in mixed layer has lower chemical sputtering yields than graphite.
 - Temperature dependent C-selfsputtering was reported. But mechanism is not well known.
 - H. T. Lee, K. Krieger, J. Nucl. Mater. 390–391 (2009) 971.
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Carbon deposition on W (TEXTOR test limiter experiments)

TEXTOR – a test bed for power exhaust concepts ...



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International Workshop on TEXTOR and PWI 12/10/2007

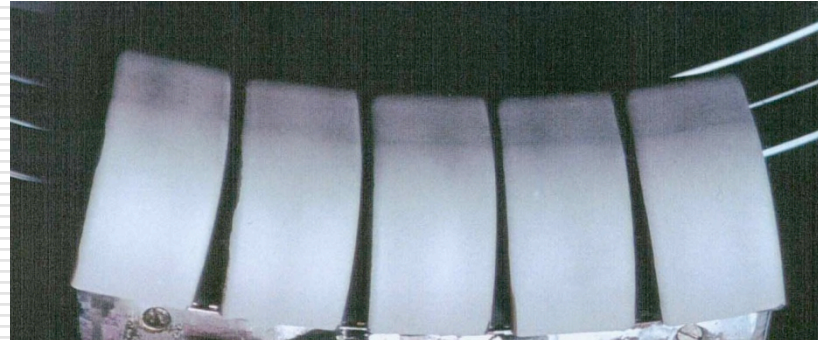
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High Z test limiter experiments

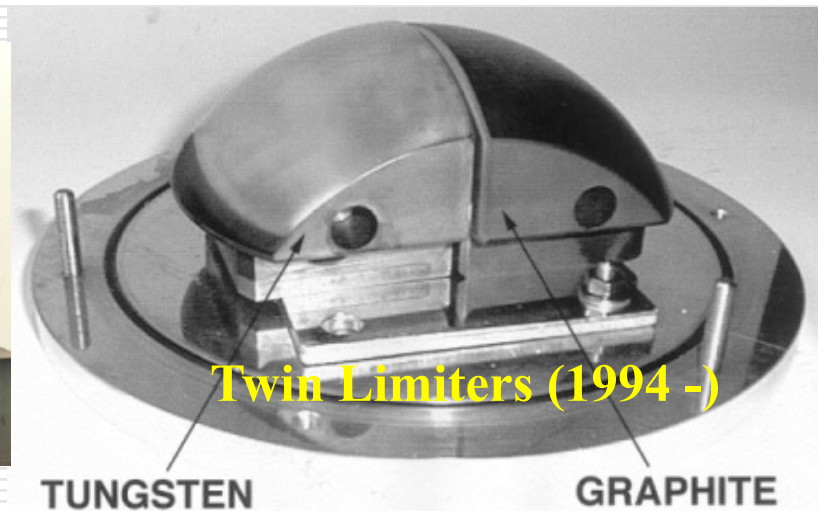
Bulk Tungsten (1993)



Main Poloidal limiters: VPS-W coated graphite (1998-1999)



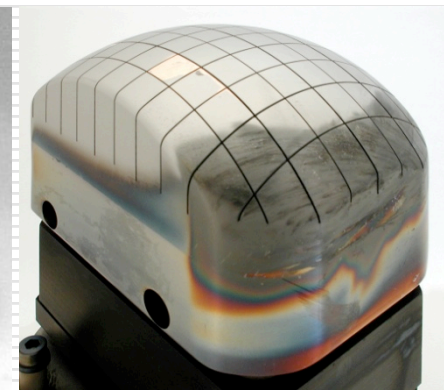
Bulk Tungsten (1996 -)



Twin Limiters (1994 -)

TUNGSTEN

GRAPHITE



Castellated W (1999-)

Subjects: Material test, erosion and transport, melt layer behavior, carbon redeposition

Experimental conditions for TEXTOR experiments

☐ Effects of surface roughness on C deposition

- Tungsten
 - ☐ Roughness $R_a = 9 \sim 180$ nm
- Graphite (fine grained graphite)
 - ☐ Roughness $R_a = 70 \sim 700$ nm
- He plasma pre-exposed W
 - ☐ Nano-structure formed

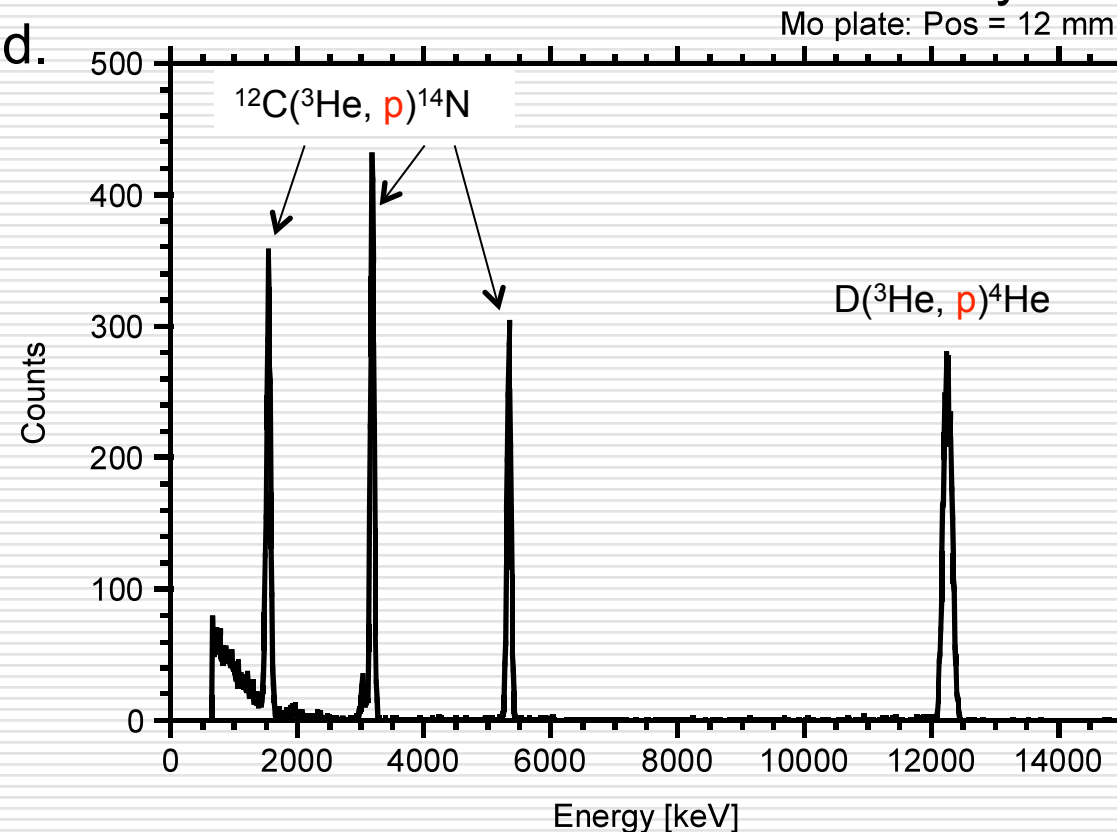
☐ C deposition on tungsten at elevated temperatures

- Temperature range
 - ☐ ~ 300 °C : \sim ITER wall
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NRA measurements (IPP Garching)

□ NRA (Nuclear Reaction Analysis)

- Analysis beam: 2.5 MeV $^3\text{He}^+$
- Protons produced by $\text{D}(^3\text{He}, \text{p})^4\text{He}$ & $^{12}\text{C}(^3\text{He}, \text{p})^{14}\text{N}$ nuclear reactions were detected.
- Absolute amounts of D and ^{12}C were determined by each proton yield.



Setup for study on surface roughness effects

□ Pure W samples

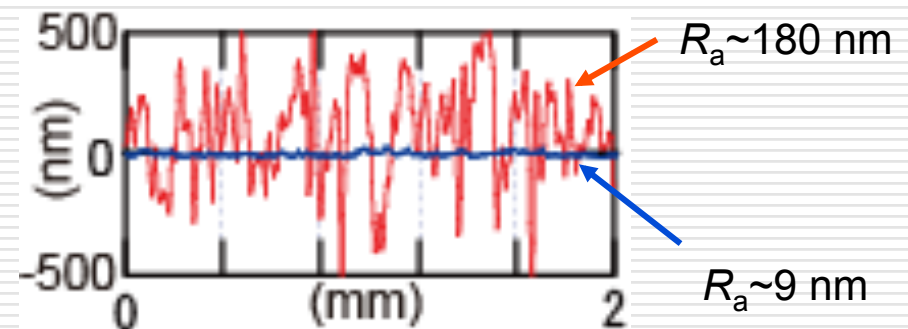
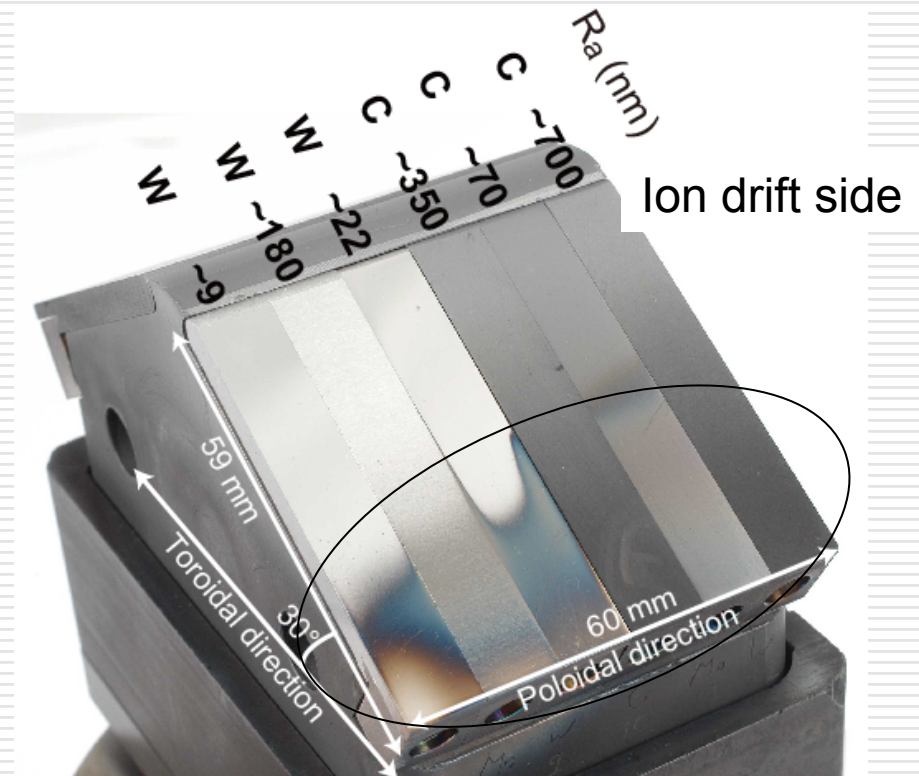
- $R_a \sim 9$ nm, ~ 22 nm, ~ 180 nm
- Difference in surface polishing

□ Graphite (fine grained)

- $R_a \sim 70$ nm, ~ 350 nm, ~ 700 nm

□ Deposition mechanism

- Lower T_e deeper into SOL
- Higher carbon density deeper into SOL



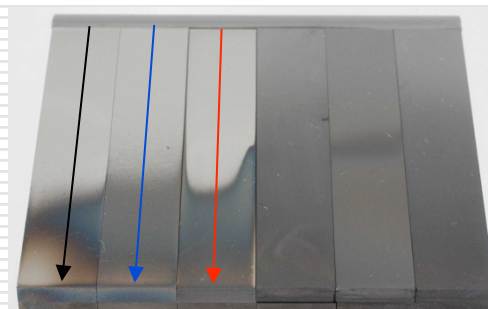
C deposition and D retention on W

□ C deposition

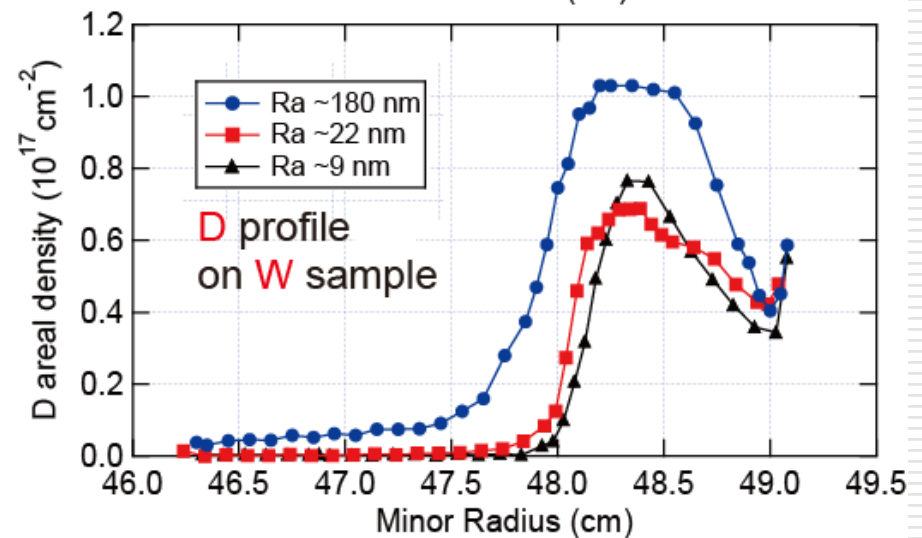
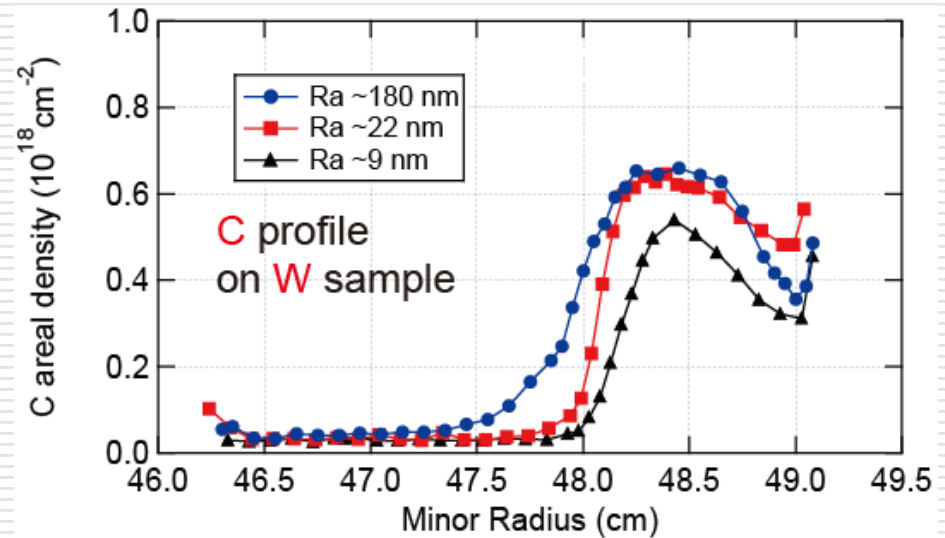
- Roughness enhances C deposition
- $R_a \sim 180$ nm : Long tail
- Sharpe boundary between erosion and deposition

□ D retention

- similar to C deposition
- no surface retention in erosion zone
- $D/C = 0.1 \sim 0.15$



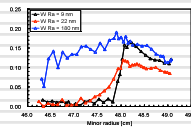
W Graphite



NRA measurement

C/D ratio in C deposition layer

- For the roughest case ($R_a = 180 \text{ mm}$), the region of D/C ~ 0.1 - 0.15 extends to $r \sim 46.5 \text{ cm}$, suggesting thin C deposition layer exists over wide area of the sample.

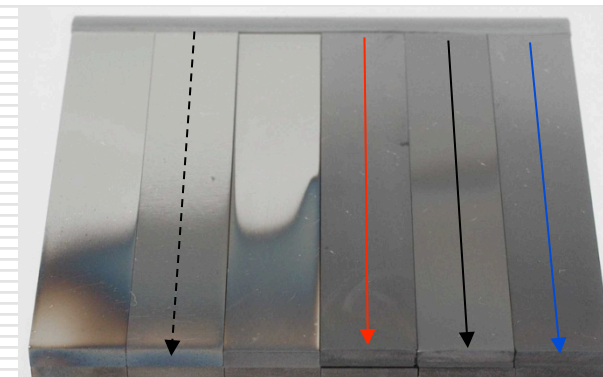
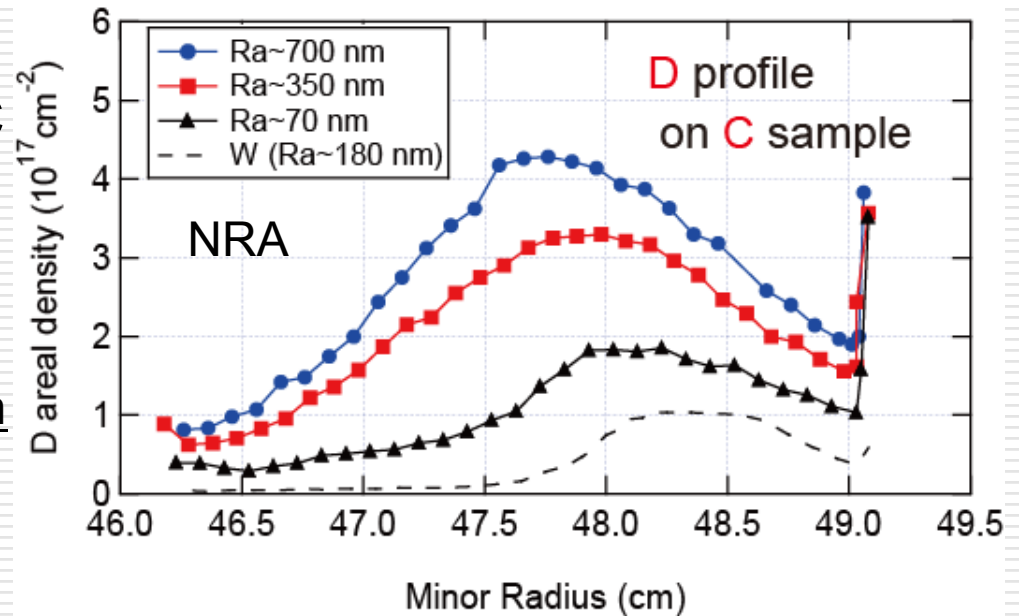


D/¹²C ratio

D retention (C deposition) on graphite

- C deposition on graphite
 - D retention was mainly in C deposition layer
 - D/C ~ const in deposition layer
 - D retention ~ C deposition

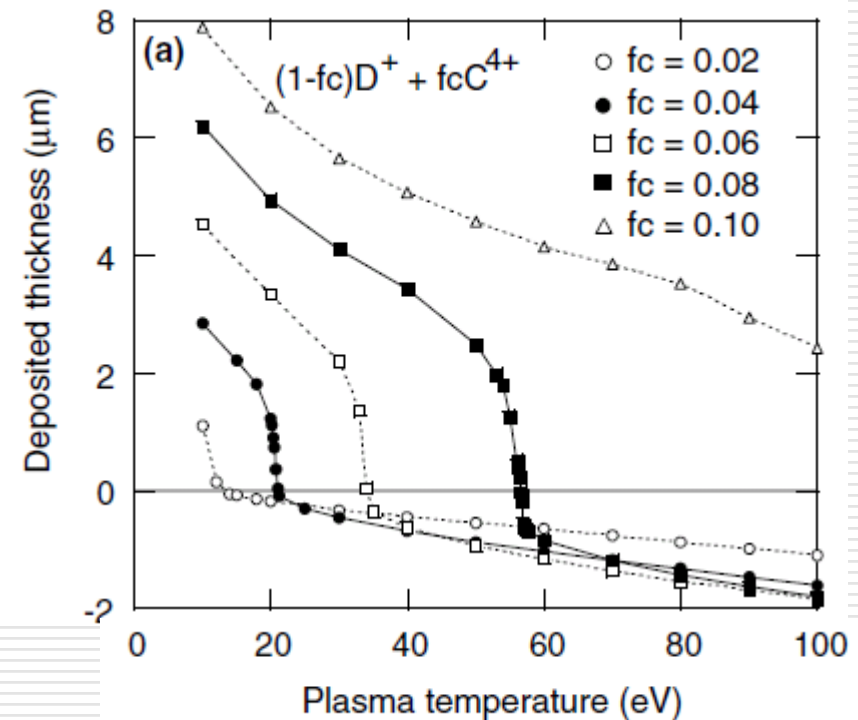
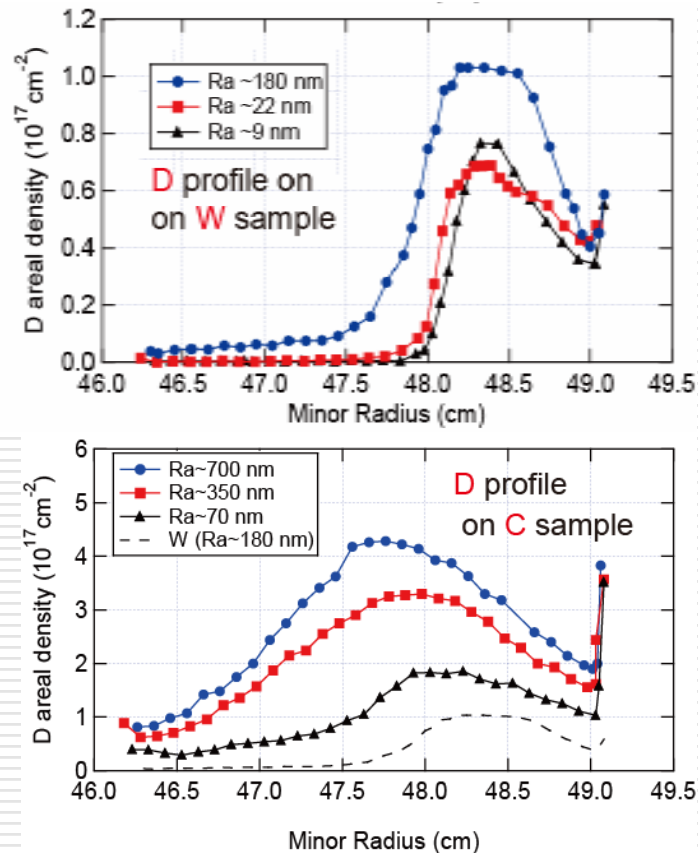
- Characteristics of C deposition on graphite
 - Roughness enhanced C deposition also on graphite
 - No sharp transition between erosion and deposition



W Graphite
Measured position

Sharp C deposition- erosion boundary on W

- ❑ C deposition rate is much higher on C than W.
- ❑ Once C deposition layer is formed, the deposition rate increases.
- ❑ Sharp boundary is formed.

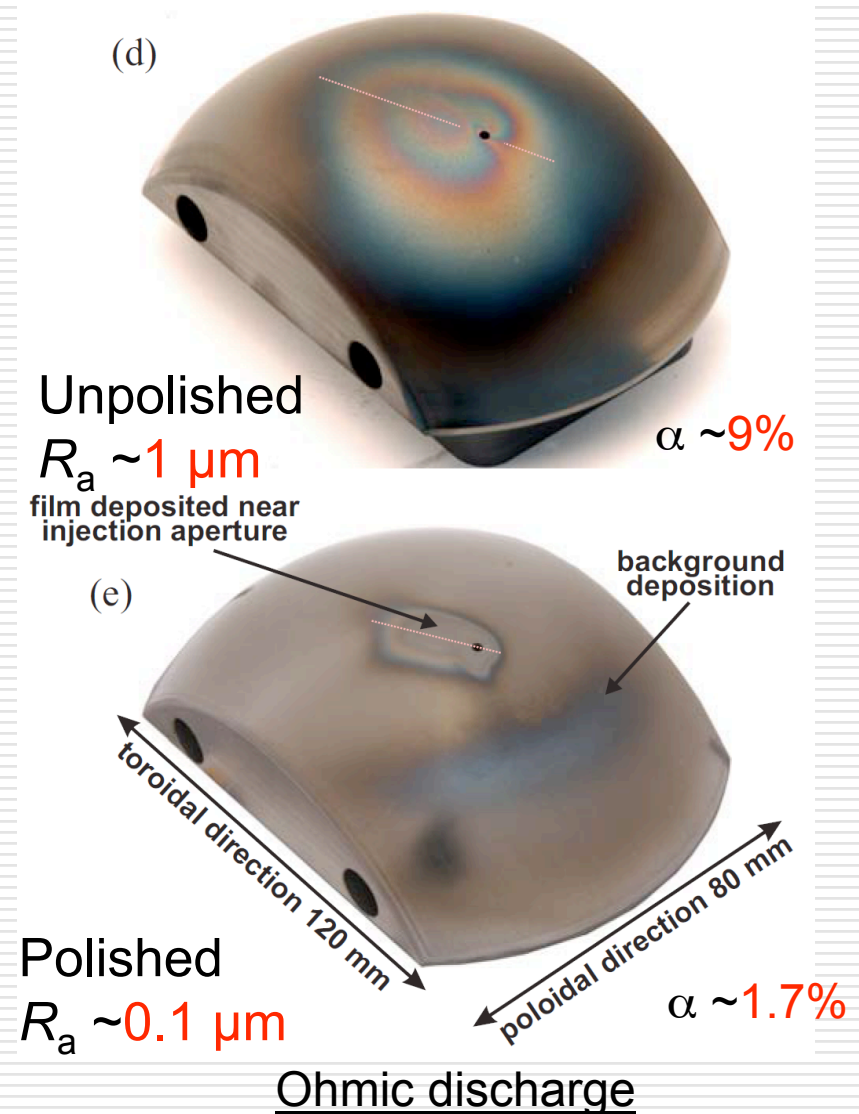


Simulation of C deposition

K. Ohya et al., J. Nucl. Mater. 337–339 (2005) 882

$^{13}\text{CH}_4$ puff exp. with graphite limiter (TEXTOR)

- C deposition on graphite test limiter (TEXTOR exp.)
 - Deposition Efficiency α
 - Deposited ^{13}C / injected $^{13}\text{CH}_4$
 - C on unpolished C ($R_a \sim 1 \mu\text{m}$)
 - $\alpha \sim 9\%$
 - C on polished C ($R_a \sim 0.1 \mu\text{m}$)
 - $\alpha \sim 1.7\%$
- Surface roughness seems to affect C deposition
 - Similar or larger than substrate effects (W or graphite)



C deposition on He pre-exposed W

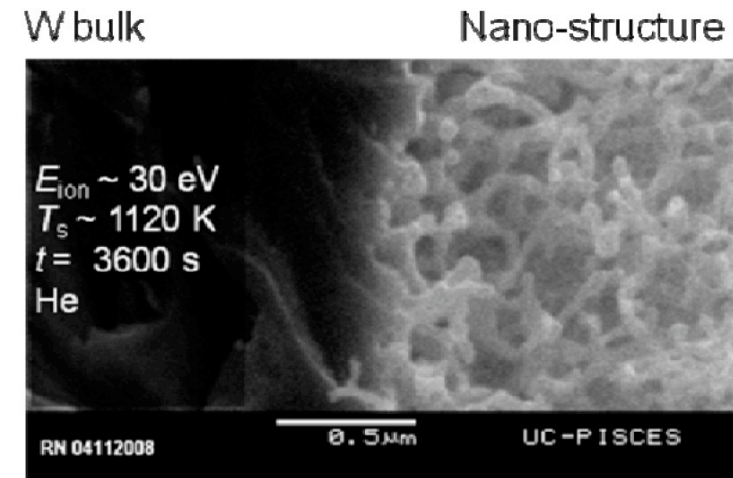
□ He plasma pre-exposure

- High density pure He plasma exposure in NAGDIS-II (Nagoya U.)
- Black surface after ~1h exposure at 1300 °C (flux $\sim 10^{23} \text{ m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)
 - He bubble and nanostructure formation

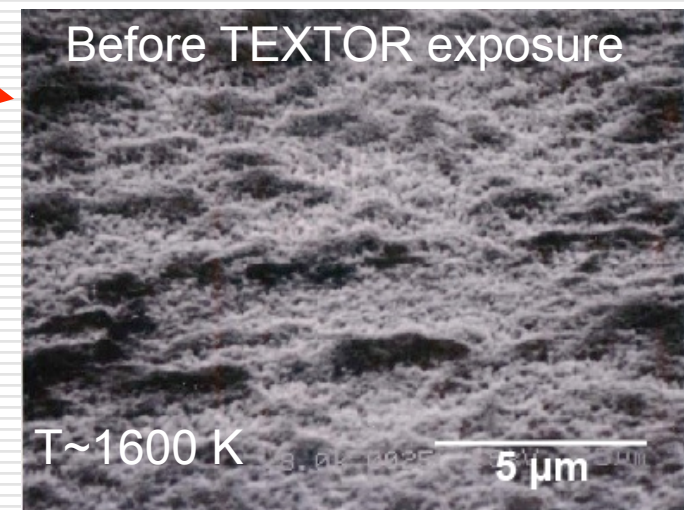
- Surface structure removed before TEXTOR plasma exposure
 - Loosely bound nano-structure was wiped out mechanically

□ Roughness of He exposed W

- Roughness $\sim 15 \text{ nm}$ (after exp.)
 - Small pits could be missing due to stylus type measurement



M. Baldwin et al., I-20, PSI18

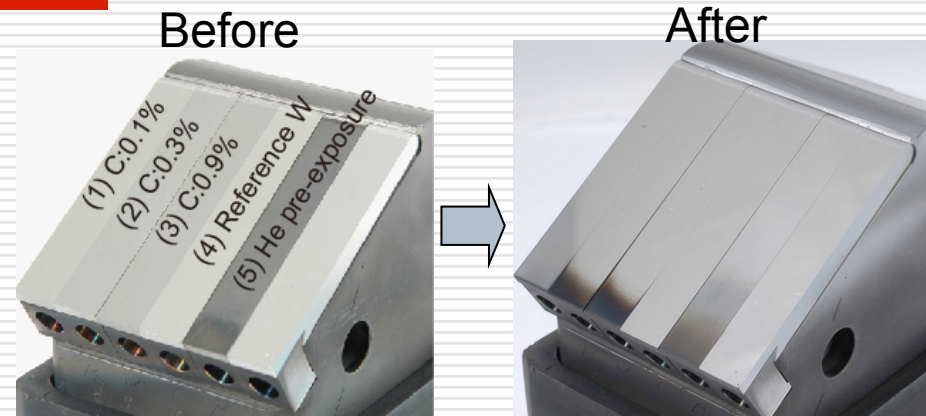


W surface in this work

C deposition on He pre-exposed W

□ He pre-exposed W

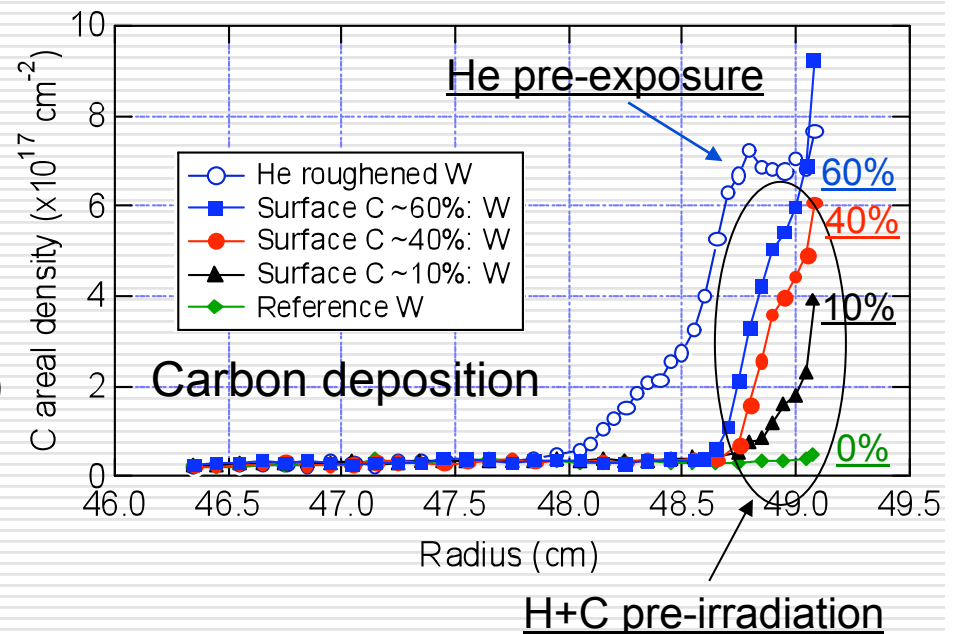
- Enhancement of C deposition
- C profile : **long tail**
 - increase in deposition area
- large enhancement of deposition despite small roughness (**~ 15 nm**)



46 shots (Ohmic plasma)
r = 46 cm (same as LCFS)

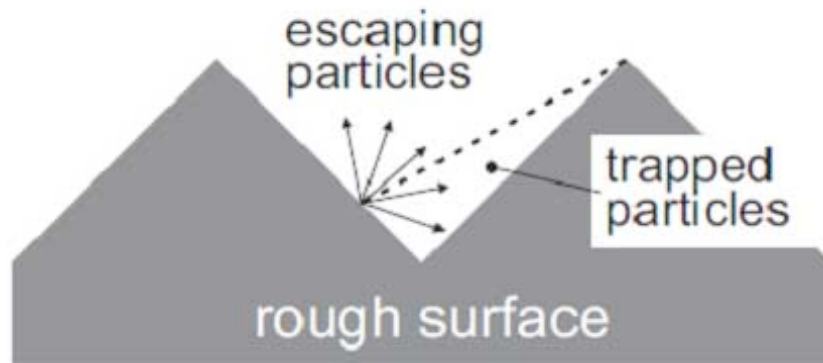
□ H+C pre-irradiated W

- C deposition speed relates to surface C concentration
- only 10% initial C affects deposition
- No deposition on pure W (0%C)
- $R_a \sim 10$ nm for each W



Explanation of roughness effect on deposition

- Roughness ($0.01\text{-}1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) \ll Ion Larmor radius ($0.1\text{-}1\text{ mm}$)
 - D ion flux and C ion flux did not change locally
 - Local shading effect of D ions may not occur
- Some of sputtered or reflected particles redeposited immediately.
 - Trapping rate depends on the morphology
 - He roughened surface was very fine and complicated structure
 - He induced roughness could have high trapping rate (C deposition)



M. Kunster et al., Nucl. Instrum. Meth.B145 (1998)320.



He roughened W surface

Experimental conditions for TEXTOR experiments

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■ Tungsten

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■ Graphite (fine grained graphite)

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■ High density He plasma pre-exposed W

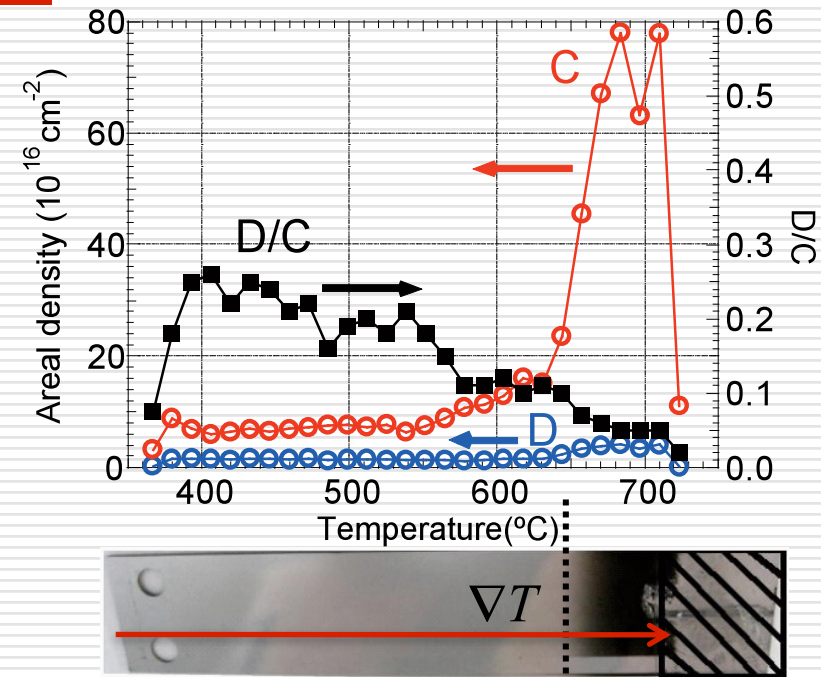
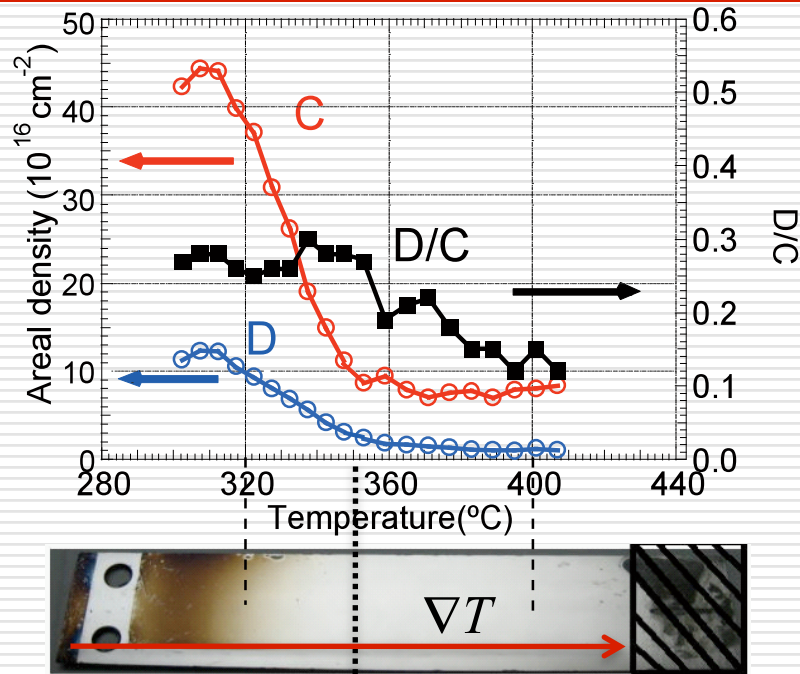
- ☐ Nano-structure formed

☐ C deposition on tungsten at elevated temperature

■ Temperature range

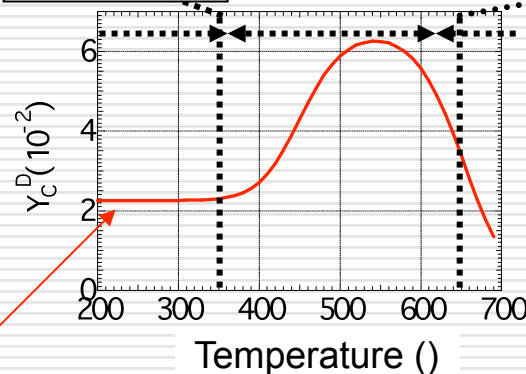
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Temperature dependence of C deposition



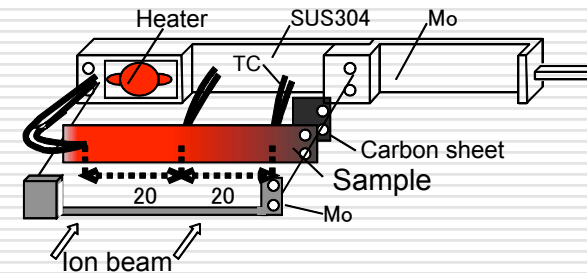
HiFIT experiments

Ion beam energy : 150 eV
 Flux : $1.3 \times 10^{20} / \text{m}^2 \text{ sec}$
 Irradiation time : 6600 sec
 C ratio in ion beam : 6.4%

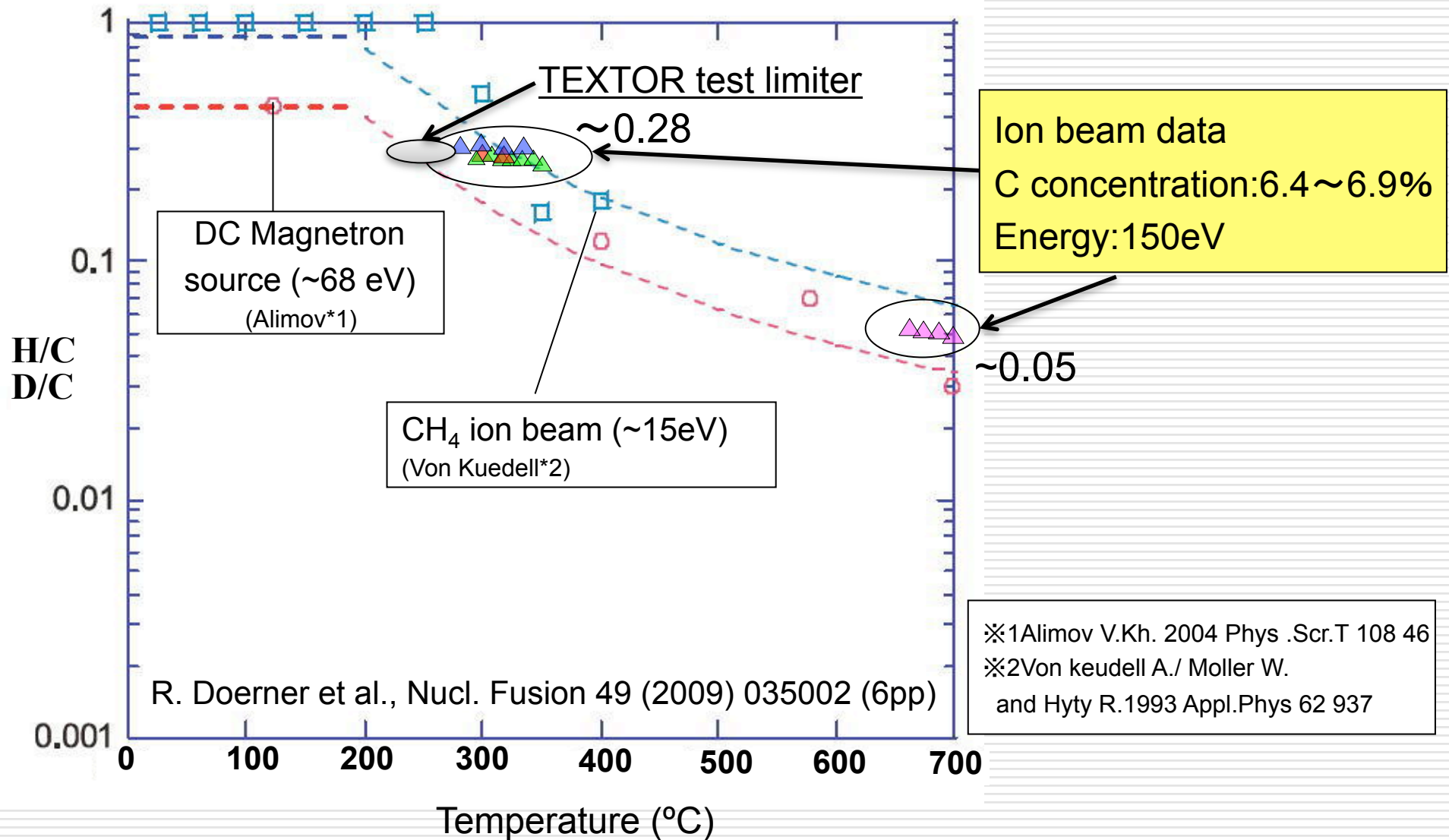


Temperature dependence of C sputtering yield (Roth (1996))
 for 150 eV D

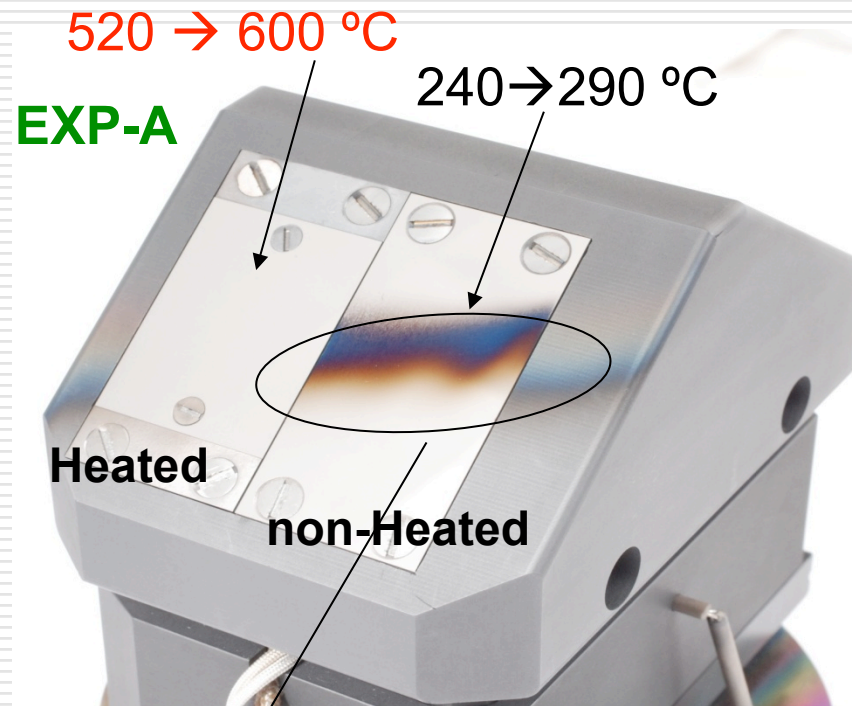
Clear correlation between C deposition and C sputtering



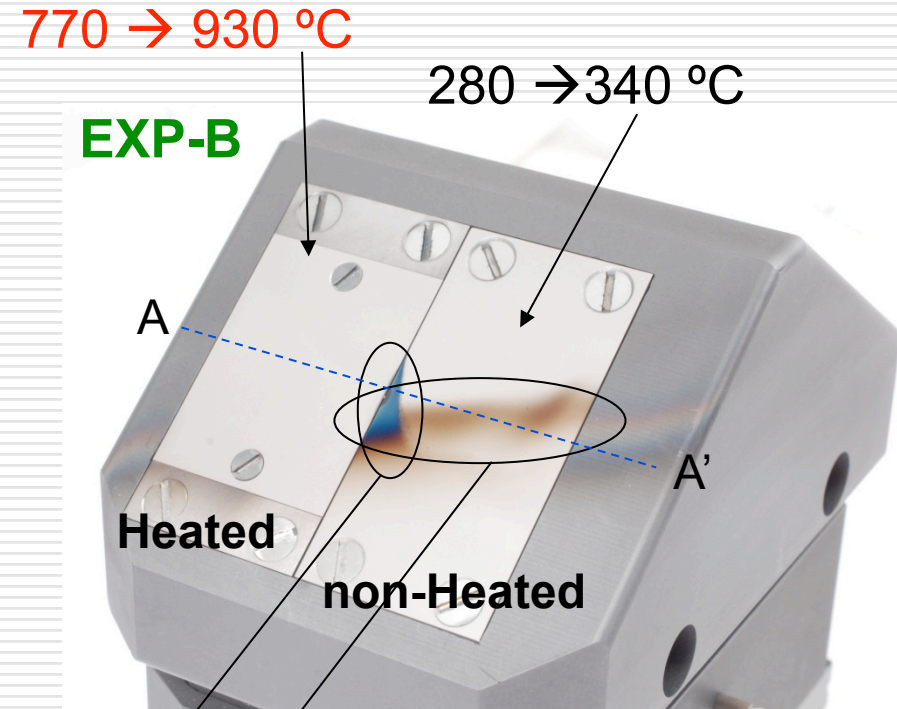
Comparison with previous C deposition data



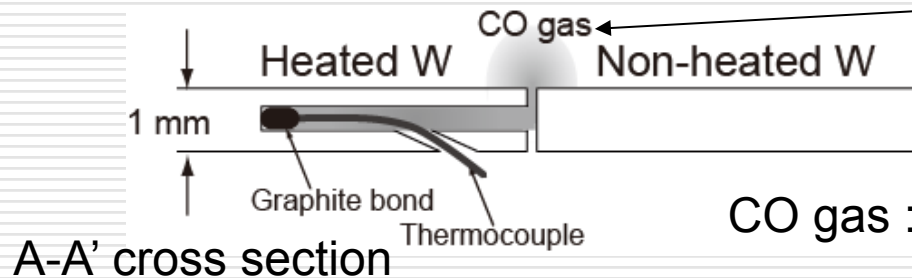
Partially heated limiter exp. for C deposition on W



Deposition by edge plasma exposure
No deposition on the heated sample.



Deposition by edge plasma exposure
Deposition due to “gas puff” (CO)
No deposition on the heated sample.



CO gas : desorbed above ~700 °C

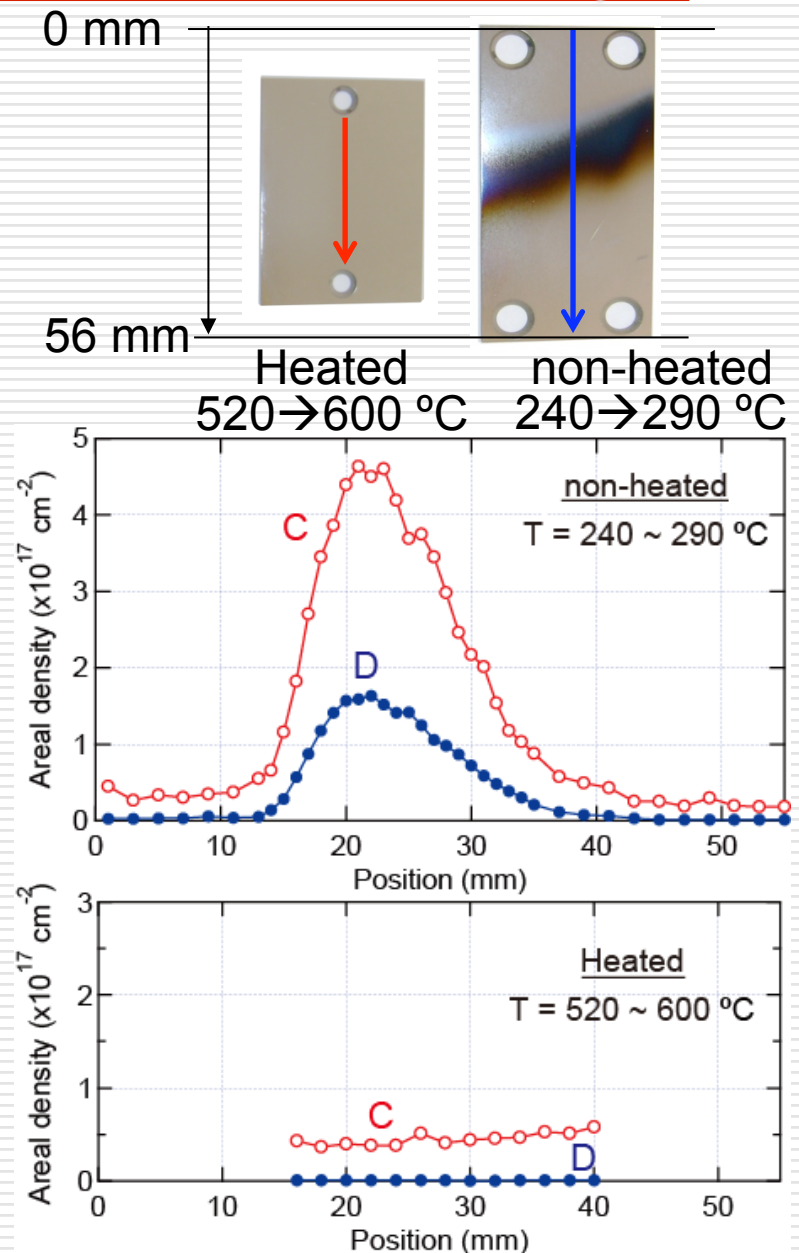
Partially heated limiter exp. (heated W : 520 °C)

□ non-heated W (240 °C~280 °C)

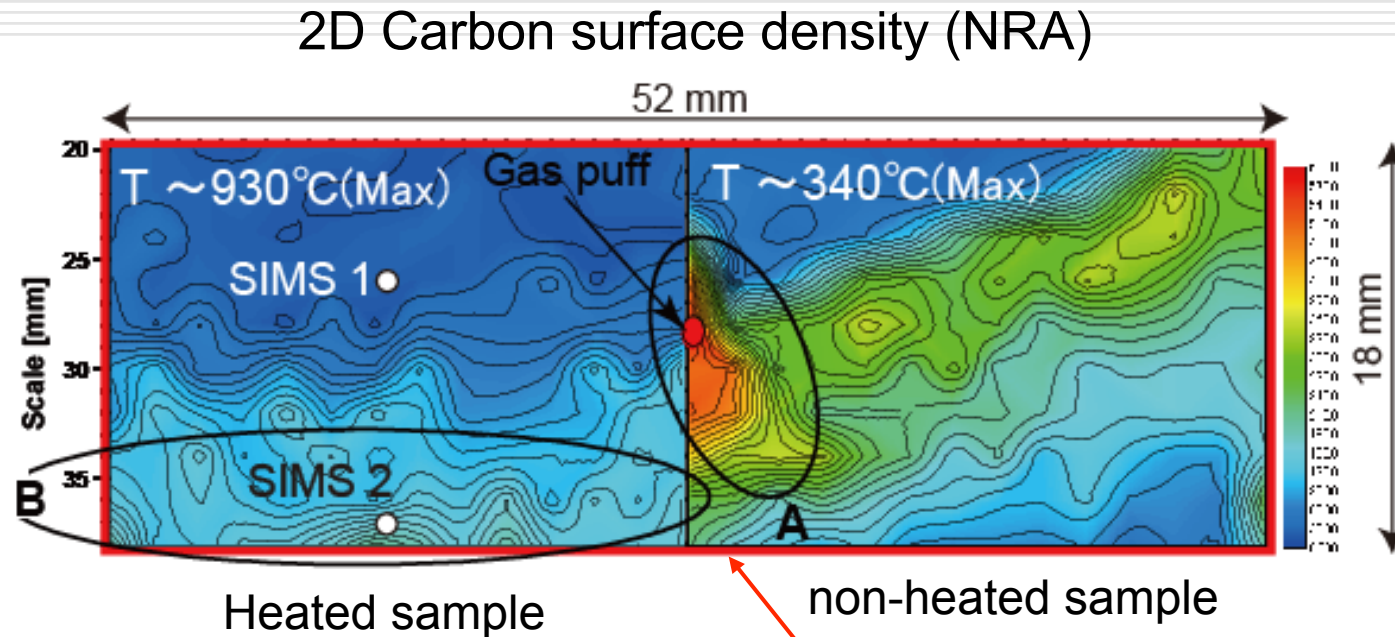
- Beltlike C deposition (asymmetry)
- D retention only on C deposition
- D/C ratio ~ 0.3

□ Heated W (520 °C~600 °C)

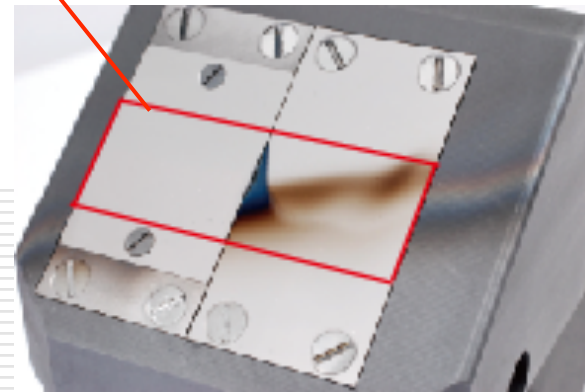
- no C deposition
- no near surface D retention
- near peak T of chemical sputtering



Partially heated limiter exp. (heated W : $\sim 930^\circ\text{C}$)



- ☐ In area A (heated W)
 - No C observed near CO gas puff
- ☐ In area B (heated W)
 - C diffusion in bulk W



Possible reason for C behavior on high T tungsten

□ Difference in **ion energy** could be the reason

- C in plasma : highly charged ($\sim +4$), thermalized

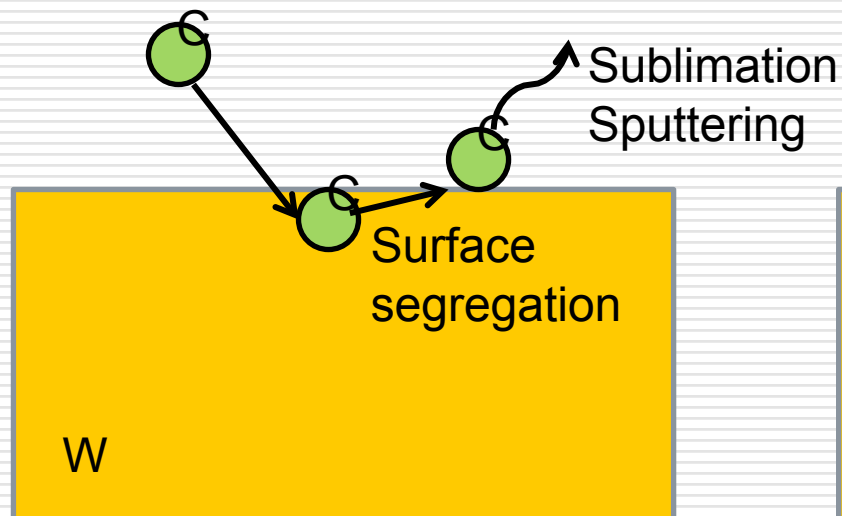
- impact energy $E \sim 580 \text{ eV}$ ($T_e \sim T_i \sim 40 \text{ eV}$)

- C⁺ or CO⁺ from CO gas : singly charged, not thermalized

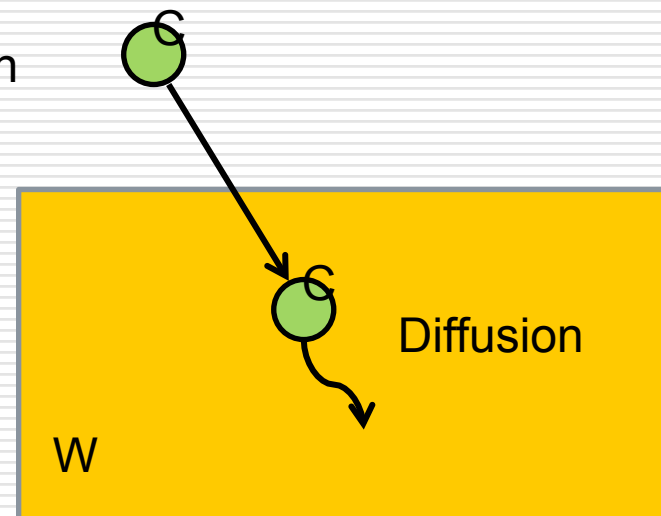
- impact energy $E \sim 120 \text{ eV}$ ($T_e \sim 40 \text{ eV}$, $T_i \sim 0 \text{ eV}$)

- Ion range \sim less than a few ML


- **Implantation \rightarrow Surface segregation \rightarrow sputtering, sublimation**



Shallow implantation

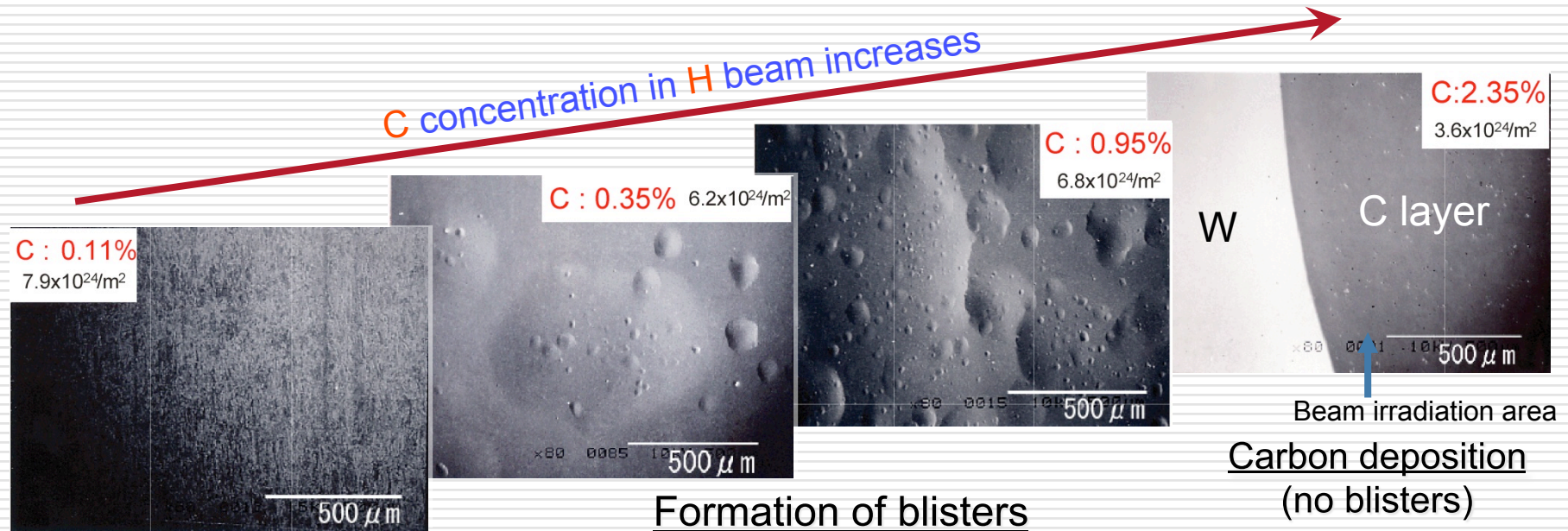


Deep implantation



Retention/blistering by simultaneous C/
He/D exposure

Enhancement of blistering by carbon impurity



No blisters

Formation of blisters

Small amount of carbon (less than 1%) in ion beam can enhance blister formation on W.

Experimental conditions

Beam Energy: 1keV H_3^+ , Flux : $(3-4) \times 10^{20} \text{ Hm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

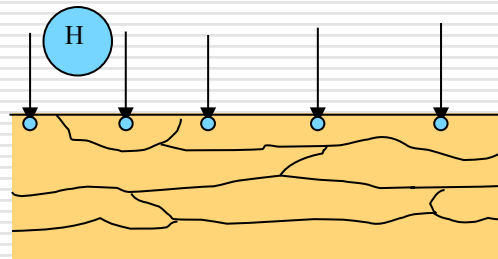
Temperature : 653 K

Sample : pure W with mirror polished

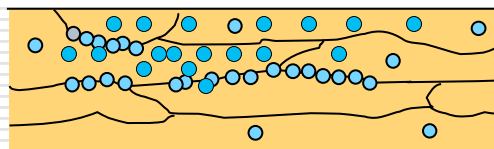
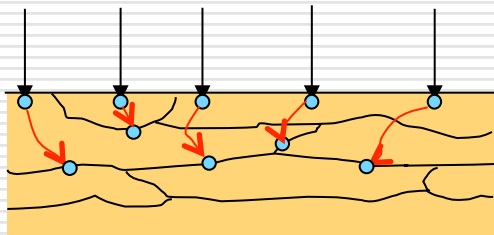


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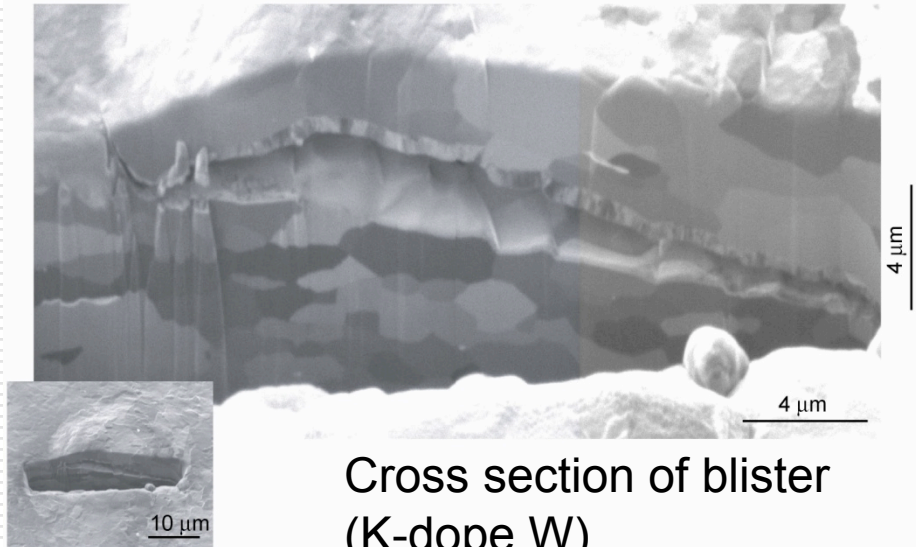
Mechanism for blistering (K-doped Poly-W)



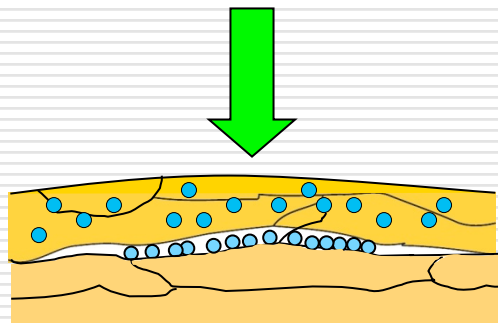
Implantation of H (a few nm ~ 20 nm)



Accumulation of H



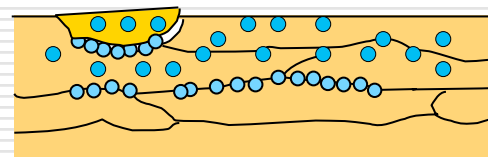
Cross section of blister
(K-dope W)



Dome-like blisters

What is a driving force for plastic deformation?

Pressure inside cracks or internal stress?

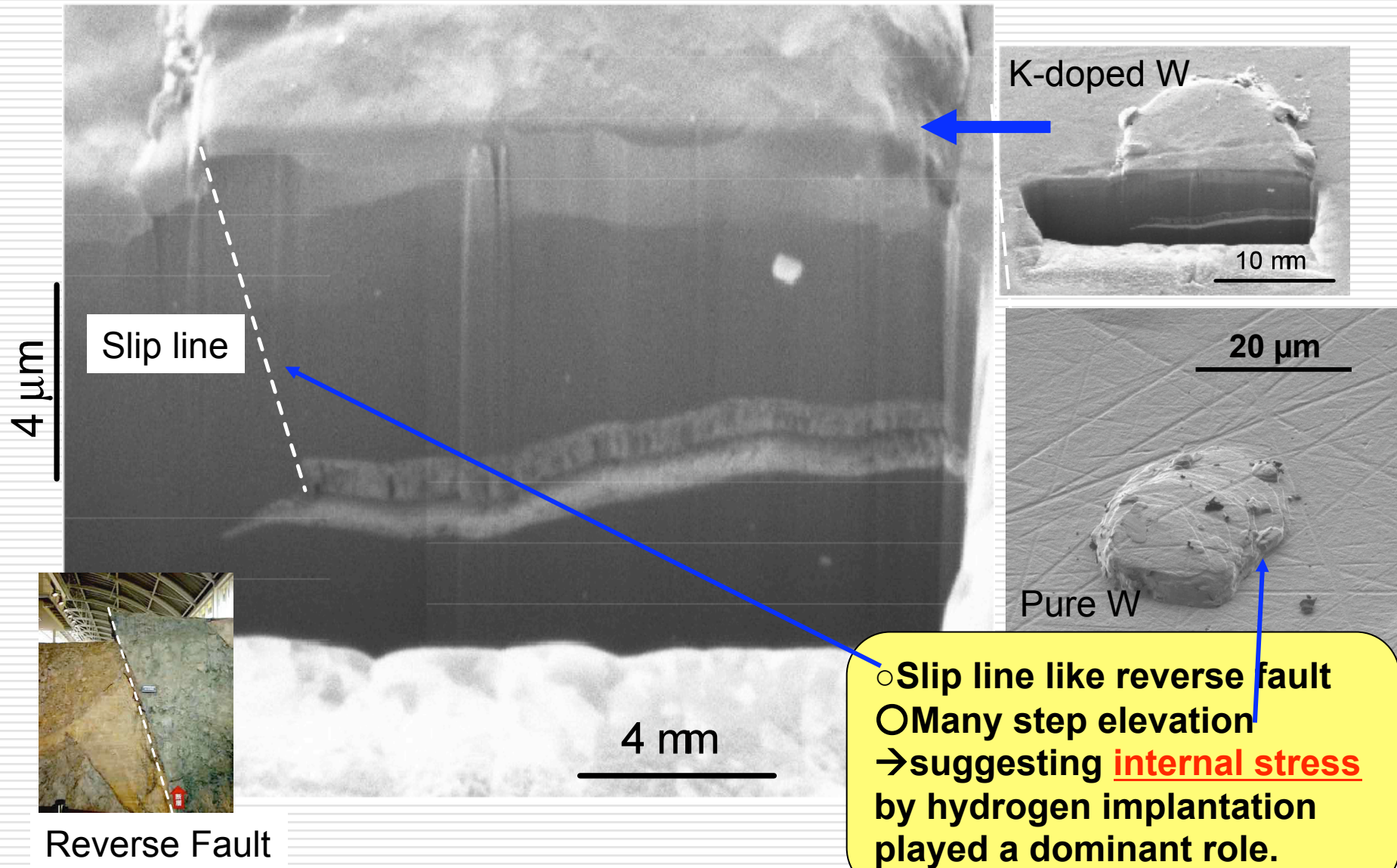


grain ejection



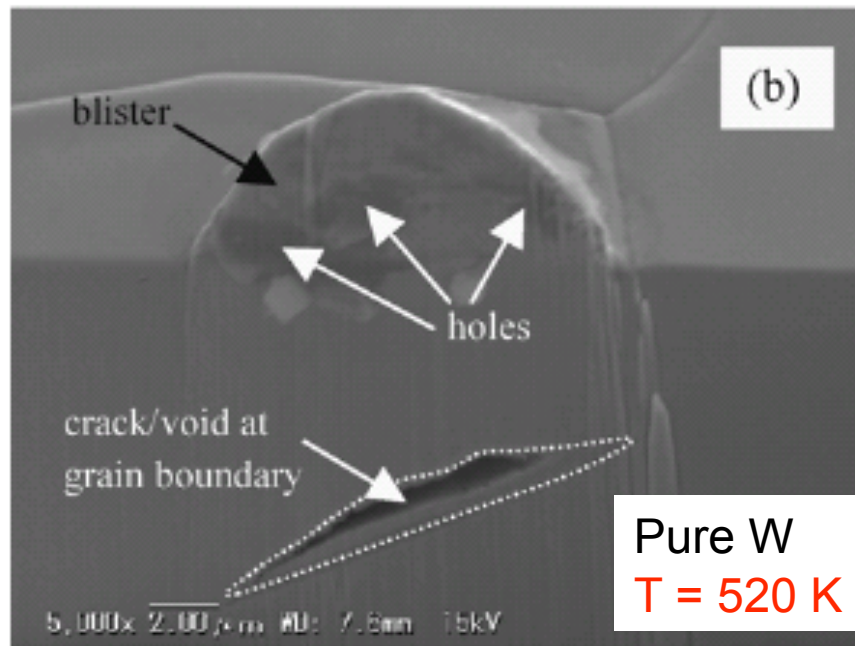
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Blistering of Recrystallized W

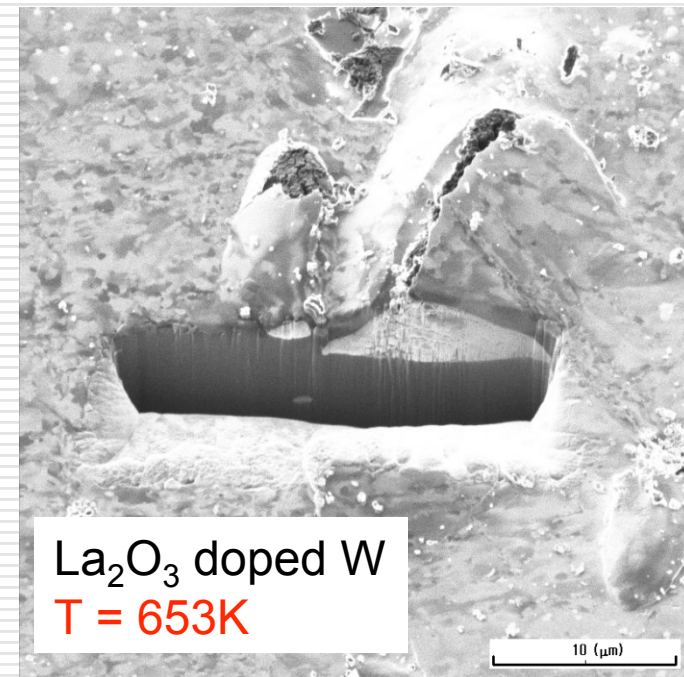


Blisters without gaps

- ❑ Blisters without gaps (or small gaps) are reported lately.
- ❑ Formation mechanism is not known.
 - Abnormal diffusion of W?
 - Giant swelling due to high flux D/H irradiation?



W.M. Shu, et al., Nucl. Fusion 47 (2007) 201–209

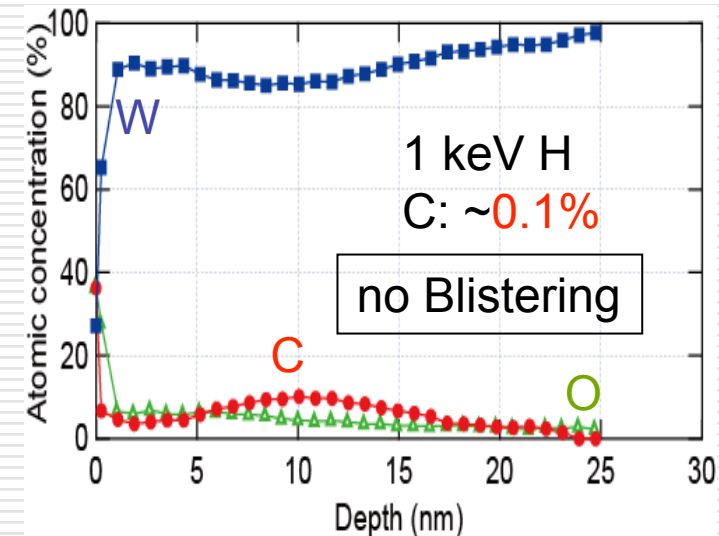
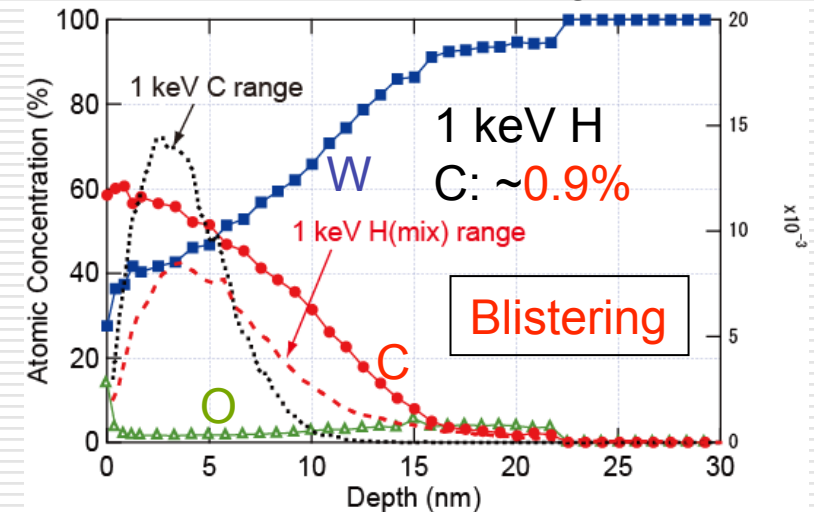


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W and C mixing layer reduced desorption

- C depth distribution
 - Absolutely calibrated by NRA
 - broader than ion implantation range
 - Recoil implantation by H
- High C ($\sim 0.9\%$ in the beam) case
 - WC layer reduced desorption of H
 - Enhance bulk diffusion of H
 - Enhance blister formation
- Low C ($\sim 0.1\%$ in the beam) case
 - Low surface C concentration
 - no significant reduction of recombination

Atomic composition in tungsten

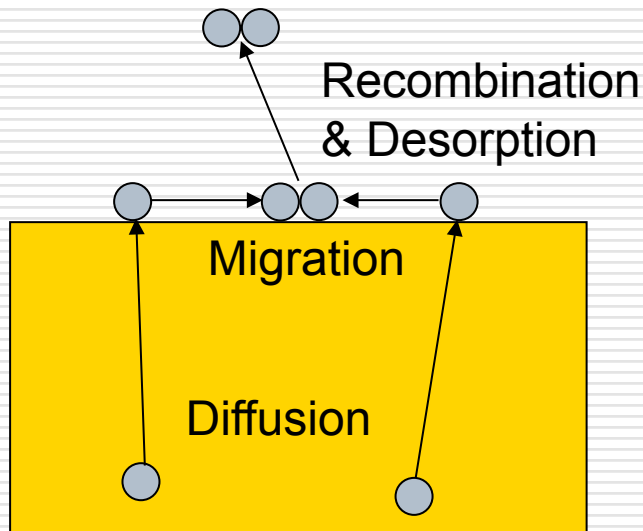


How does WC layer affect H behavior?

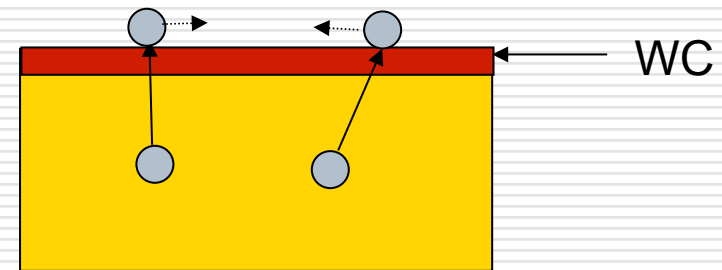
□ Low H-recombination rate on WC surface

- Suppress surface migration of H atoms

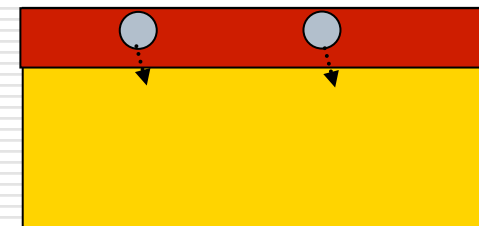
□ Low H-diffusion coefficient in WC



Hydrogen Desorption (<1000 °C)



Surface WC-rich layer suppresses hydrogen recombination and desorption



Bulk WC layer reduces hydrogen diffusion

D & C mixed plasma exposure to W

□ Planar DC magnetron plasma

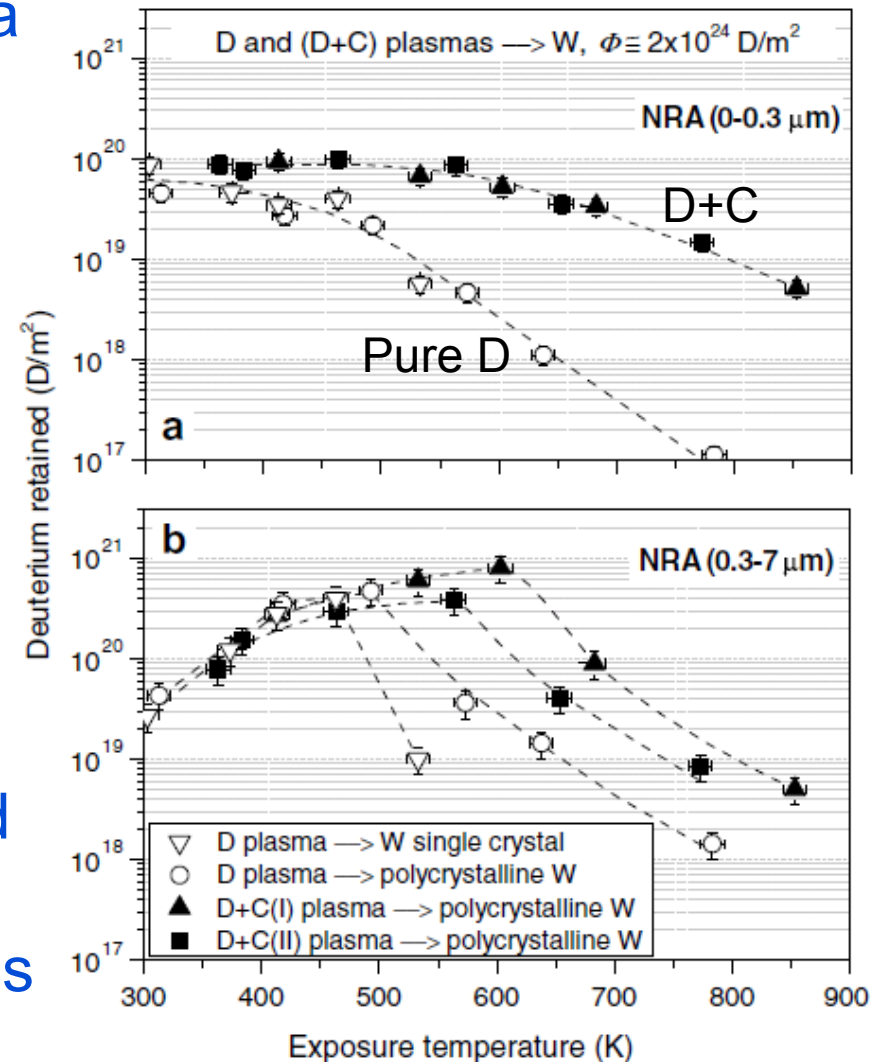
- Energy : ~ 200 eV (D_2^+ mainly)
- Flux : $1 \times 10^{21} \text{ m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- C plate on cathode surface to provides C into plasma

□ For D+C, D retention near surface (a) and bulk (b) increased at elevated temp.

□ For D+C, fraction of C on W surface is higher.

□ Possibly, surface C+W mixed layer (C existed as carbidic and graphitic phases) reduces release of D from surface.

V. Alimov et al., J. Nucl. Mater. 375 (2008) 192.



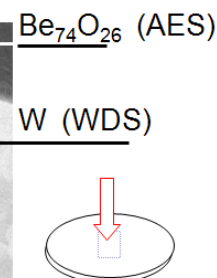
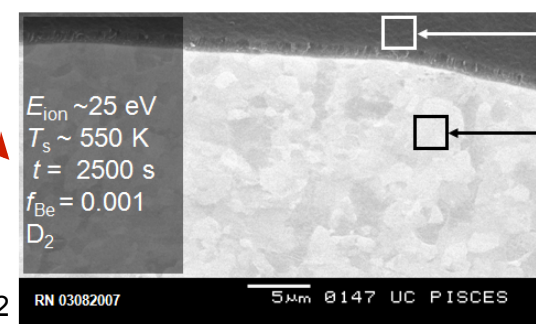
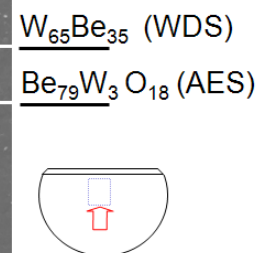
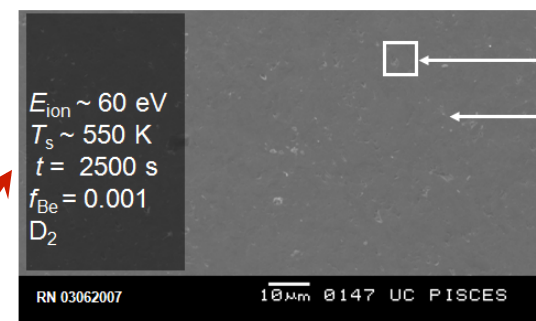
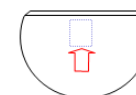
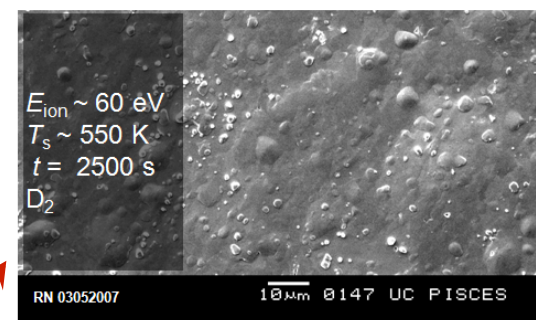
D retention in W exposed to pure D plasma ($\square \nabla$) and D+C plasma ($\blacktriangle \blacksquare$)

From 300-700 K, thin and thick layers of Be suppresses blister formation.

M. Baldwin et al.
PSI 18(2008)

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- Blistering & exfoliation of blister caps is a concern for certain varieties of W.
- Increased retention is associated with the trapping of hydrogen in blisters.
E.g. K Tokunaga et al. *J. Nucl. Mater.* (2004) 337–339, 887.
- At 550 K a blistered surface is prevalent after exposure to D₂ plasma.
- A thin layer of Be as little as a few 10's of nm, or thicker, is found to suppress blister formation.



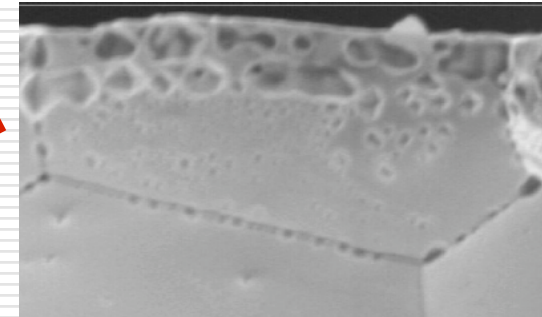
D⁺ ion fluence $\sim 1 \times 10^{26}$ m⁻²

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He effects on W

□ High temperature ($> \sim 1,600$ K)

- Large He bubbles formation with recrystallization
- Degradation of mechanical and thermal properties
- Dust formation (enhanced erosion)

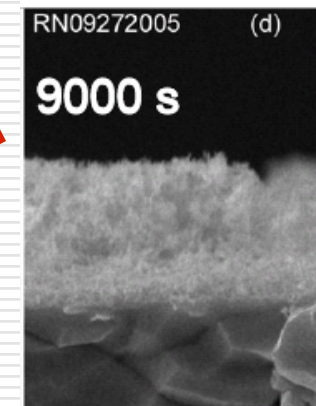


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$T \sim 1,600$ K

□ Medium temperature ($> \sim 1,100$ K)

- Nano-structure formation
- Dust formation (enhanced erosion)
- Initiation of arcing



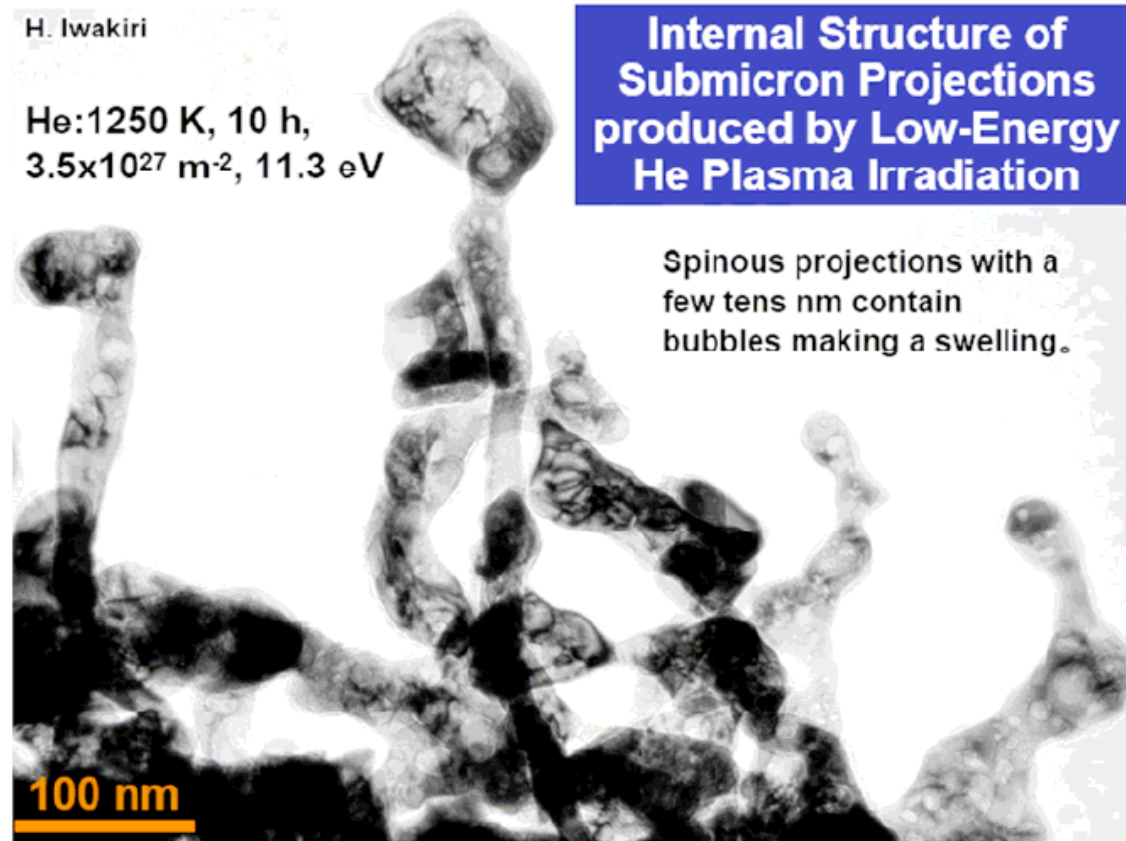
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$T \sim 1,120$ K

□ Low temperature ($< \sim 900$ K)

- Small He bubble formation (a few nm)
- Significantly affects D/T retention and diffusion

Submicron structure on W (T~1250 K)

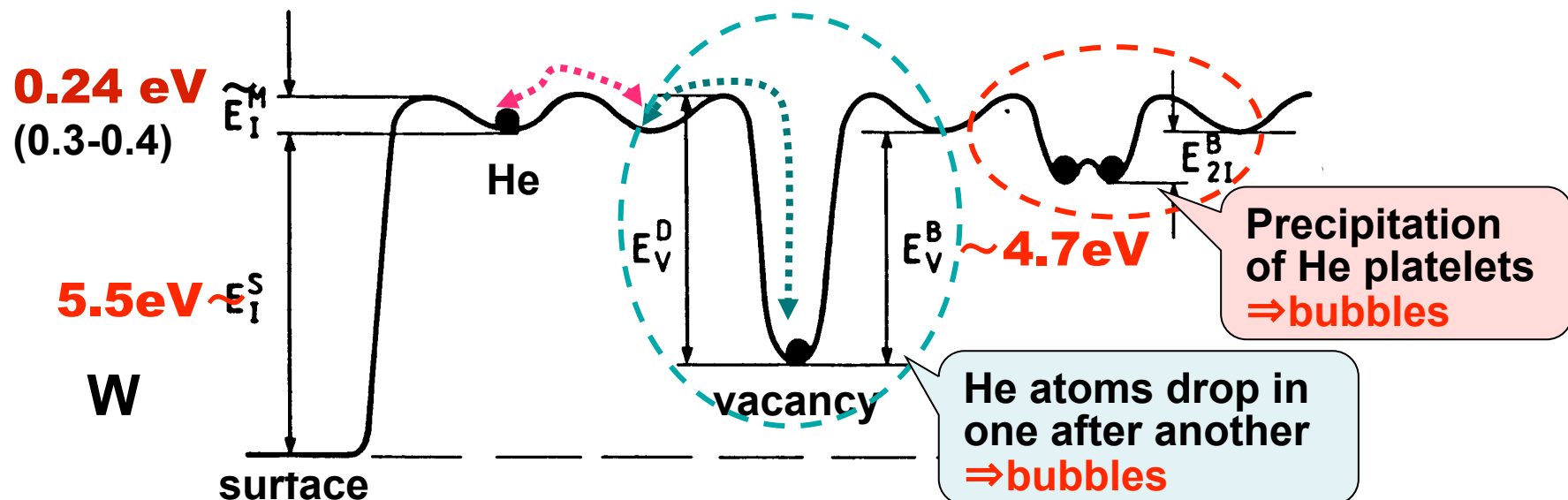


From Prof. Takamura presentation at ITPA
sol./div meeting, Toronto, Nov. 2006.

Basic Behavior of He in W

Y. Yoshida (Kyushu U)
18th PSI (2008)

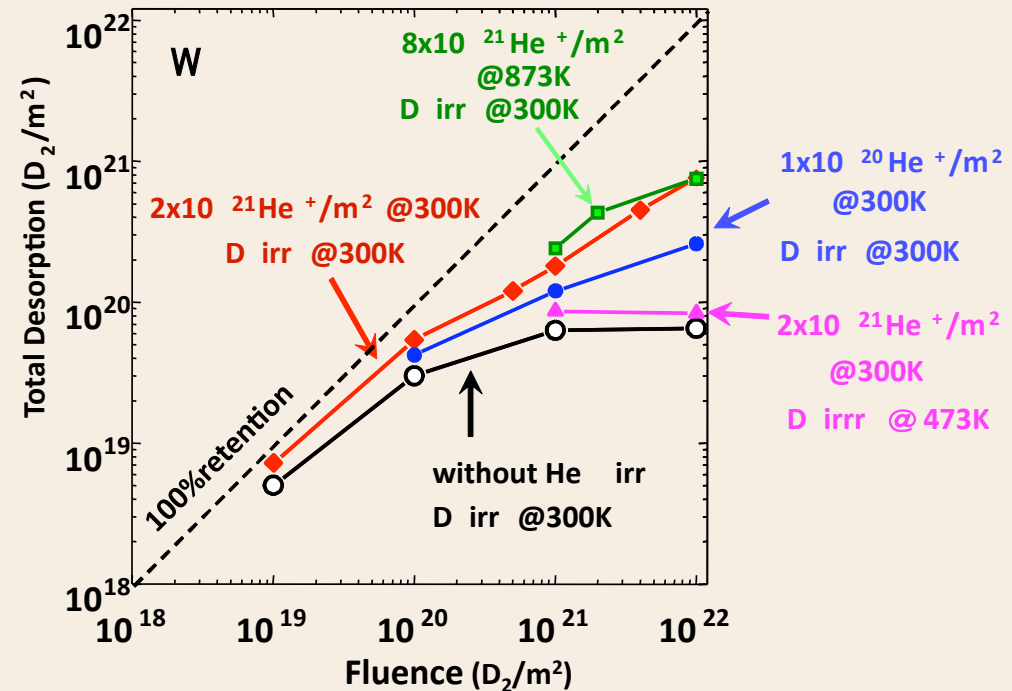
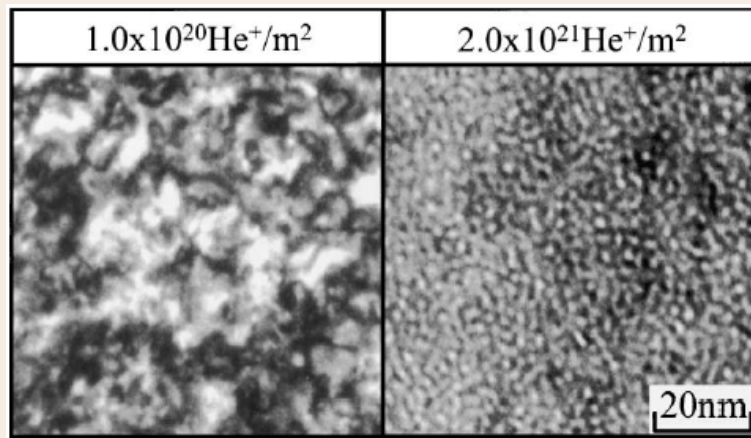
- Very low solubility.
- Very fast thermal migration via **interstitial sites** (very high mobility even at R. Temp.)
- Very deep trapping in a vacancy (Large E_V^B)
- Comfortable positions of He in W lattice:
empty sites such as **vacancy, bubble, grain boundaries, dislocations etc.** \Leftarrow **closed electron shell structure**
- He enhances the formation of voids (bubbles) and dislocation loops even above 1000°C \rightarrow **hardening, embrittlement**
- He atoms can aggregate by themselves \rightarrow He atoms can form clusters once get in the lattice ($E > E_I^S$) \rightarrow **no need displacement damage**



He effect on retention

- Sequential irradiation of He and D.
- Formation of He bubbles enhances D retention very much.
- He bubbles become traps of D.
 - (*H. Iwakiri et al., J. Nucl. Mater. 307-311 (2002) 135-138*)

8keV He⁺ → W (300K)



Blister formation under H & He (&C) irradiation

- Small amount of He affected blistering
- He : $\sim 0.1\%$ has strong effects
- Suppression of blisters at $T > 653\text{ K}$
- 0.1% He did not change surface mixing layer much.

Energy : **1 keV (H_3^+ , H_2^+ , H^+)**

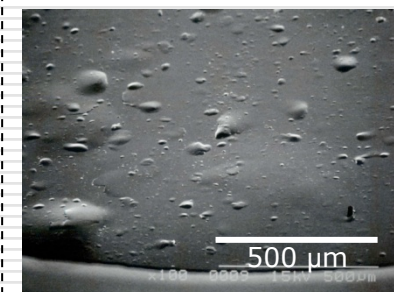
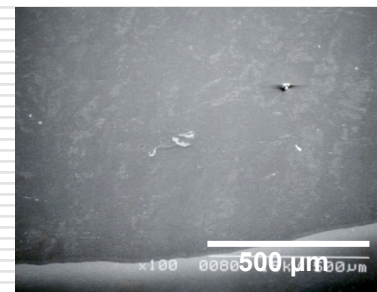
Carbon : **$\sim 0.8\%$**

Fluence : **$\sim 7.5 \times 10^{24} \text{ m}^{-2}$**

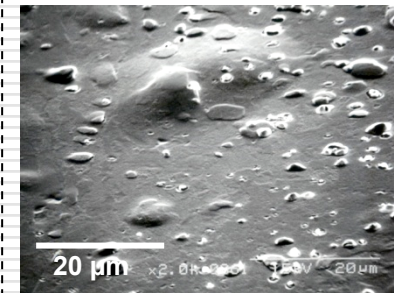
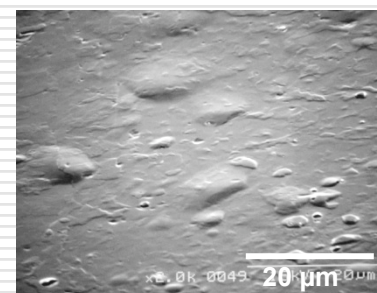
753 K



653 K

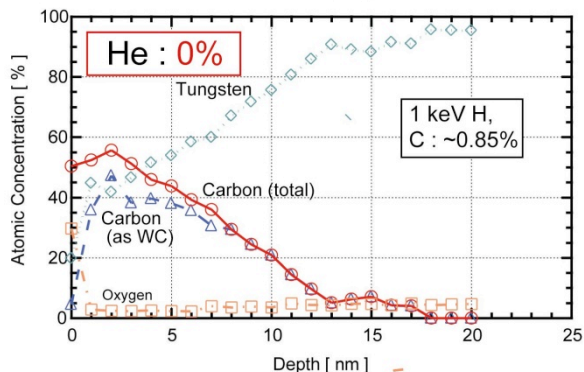
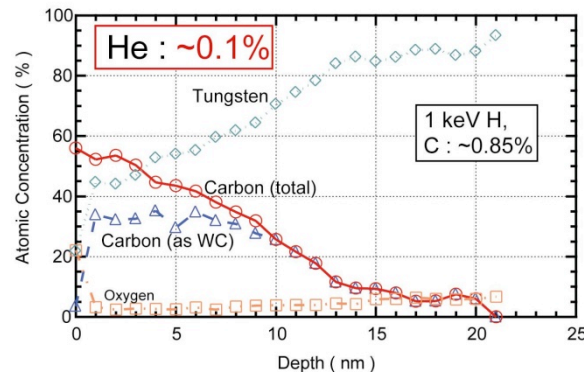


473 K



He : **0.1%**

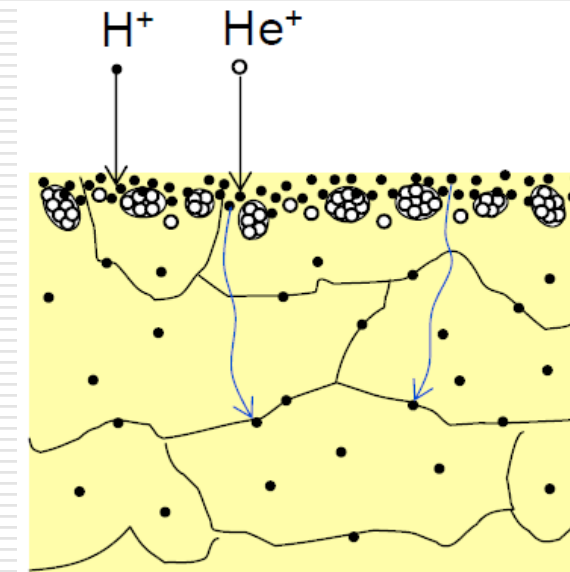
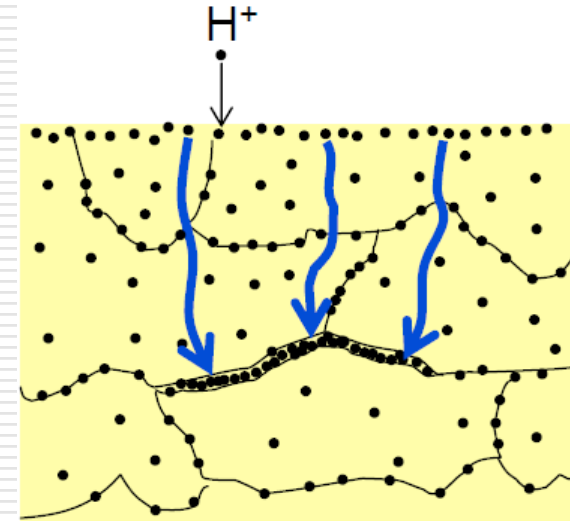
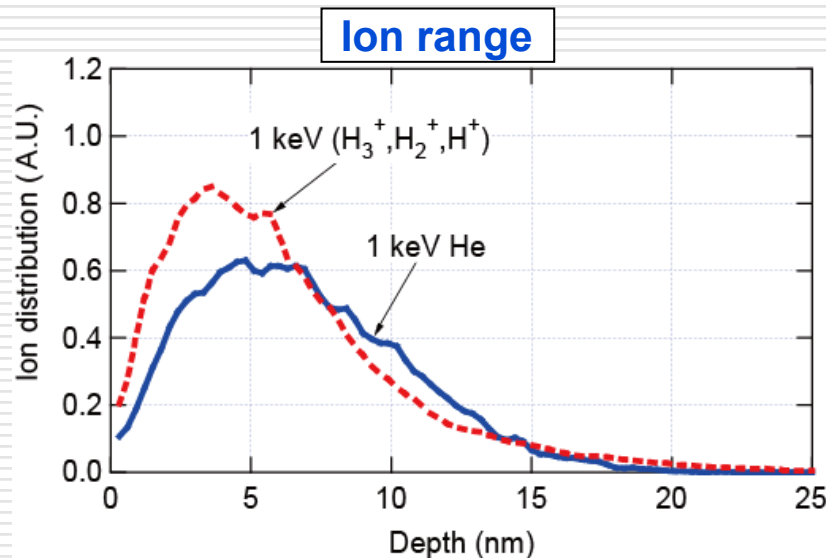
He : **0%**



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He bubble could affect H diffusion

- 1 keV He has slightly longer range than 1 keV H (mixed).
- He bubbles could be formed around the end of ion ranges.
- He bubbles in W and C mixed layer.
- He bubbles could block H diffusion into the bulk.



Effects of He energy on blistering

Main Ion Beam (1.5 keV : H+C:0.8%)

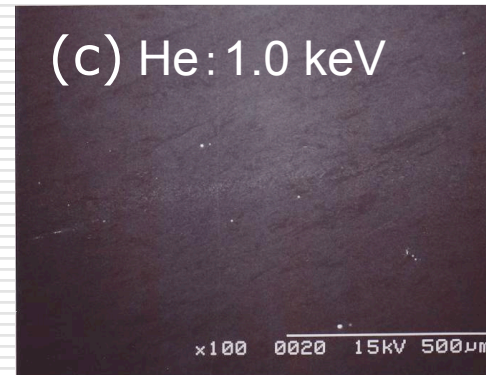
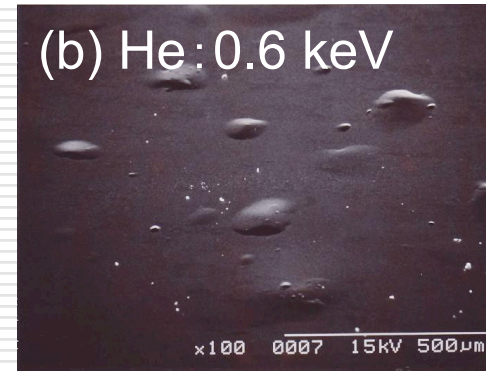
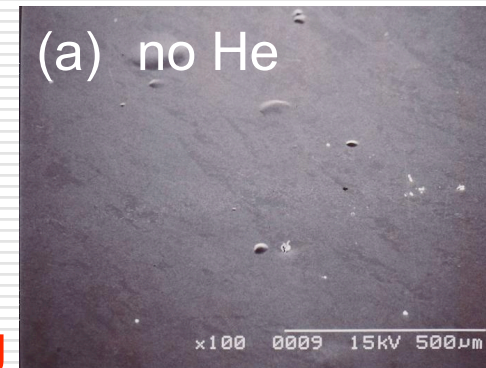
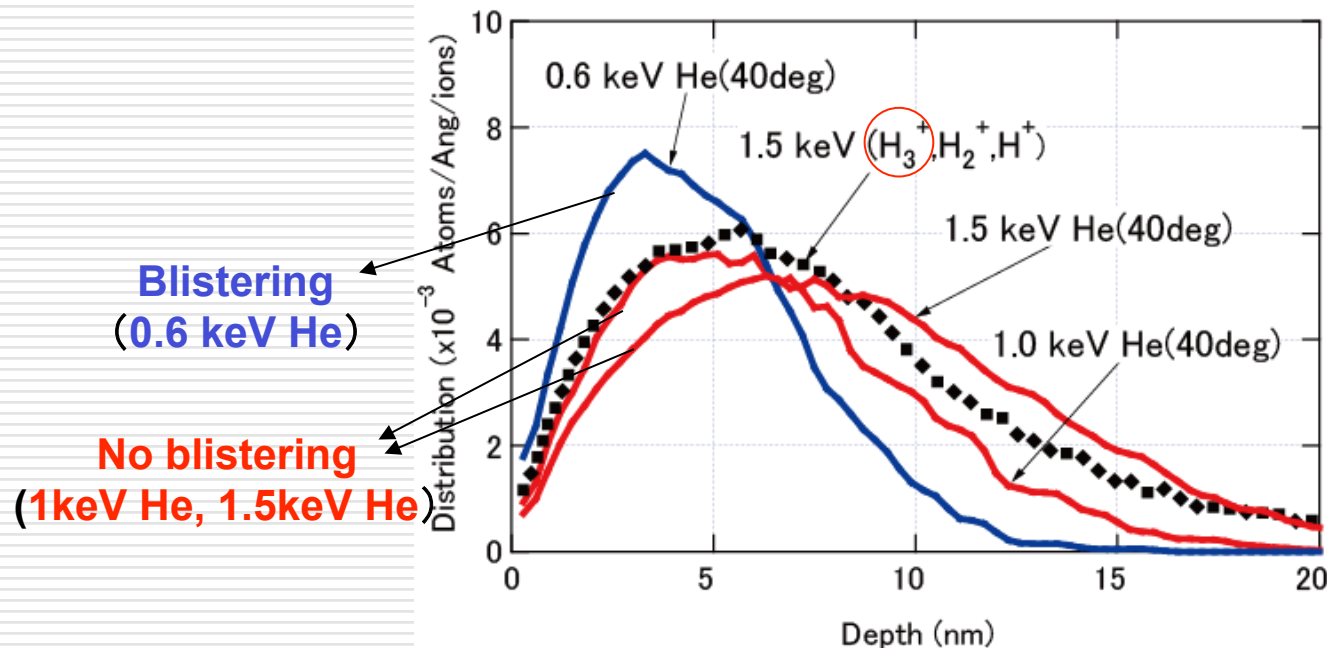
(a) no He ion beam → **Blistering**

(b) 2nd He beam :0.05% (0.6 keV) → **Blistering**

(c) 2nd He beam :0.05% (1.0 keV) * → **no Blistering**

2nd He beam :0.05% (1.5 keV) *

*angle of incidence ~ 40 deg



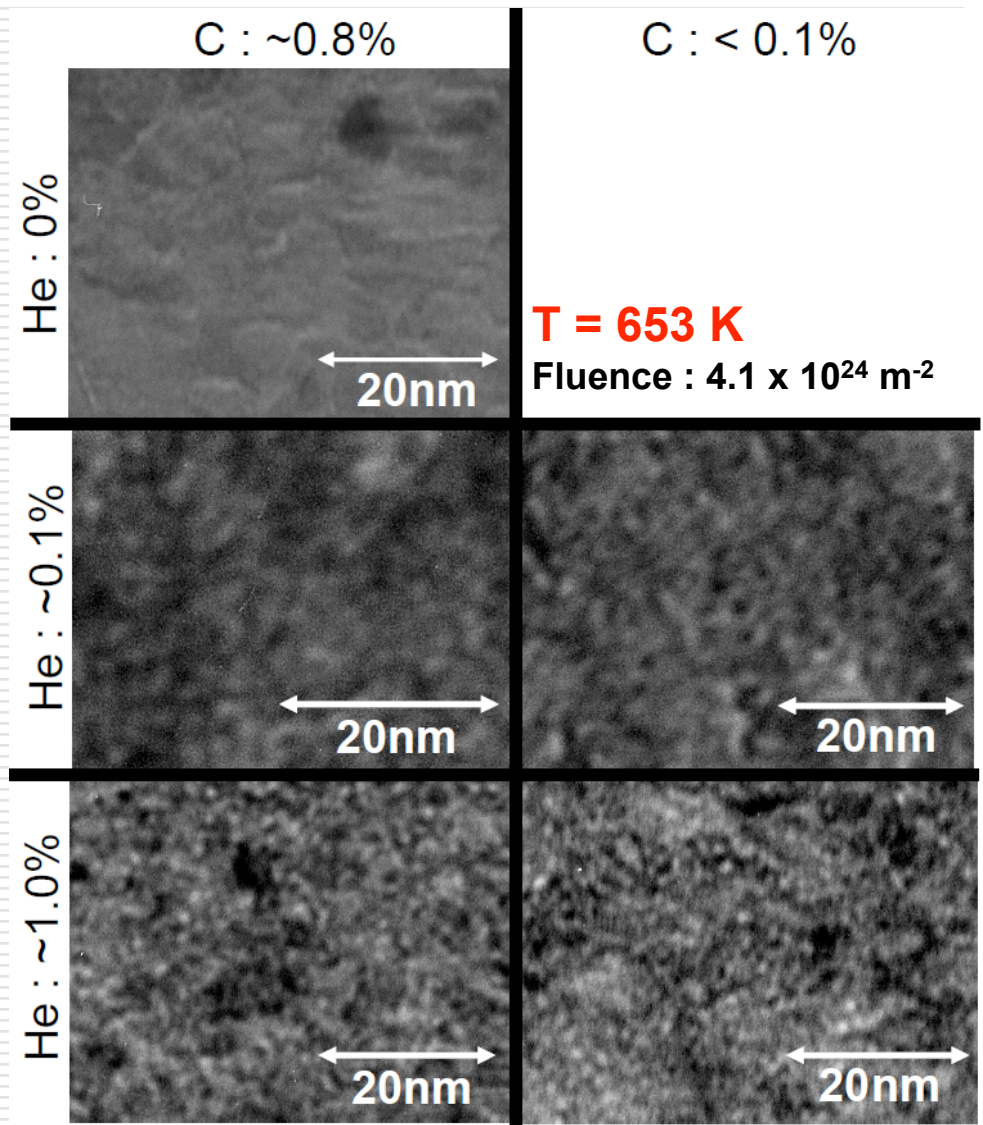
Ion range in tungsten



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TEM observation of He bubbles

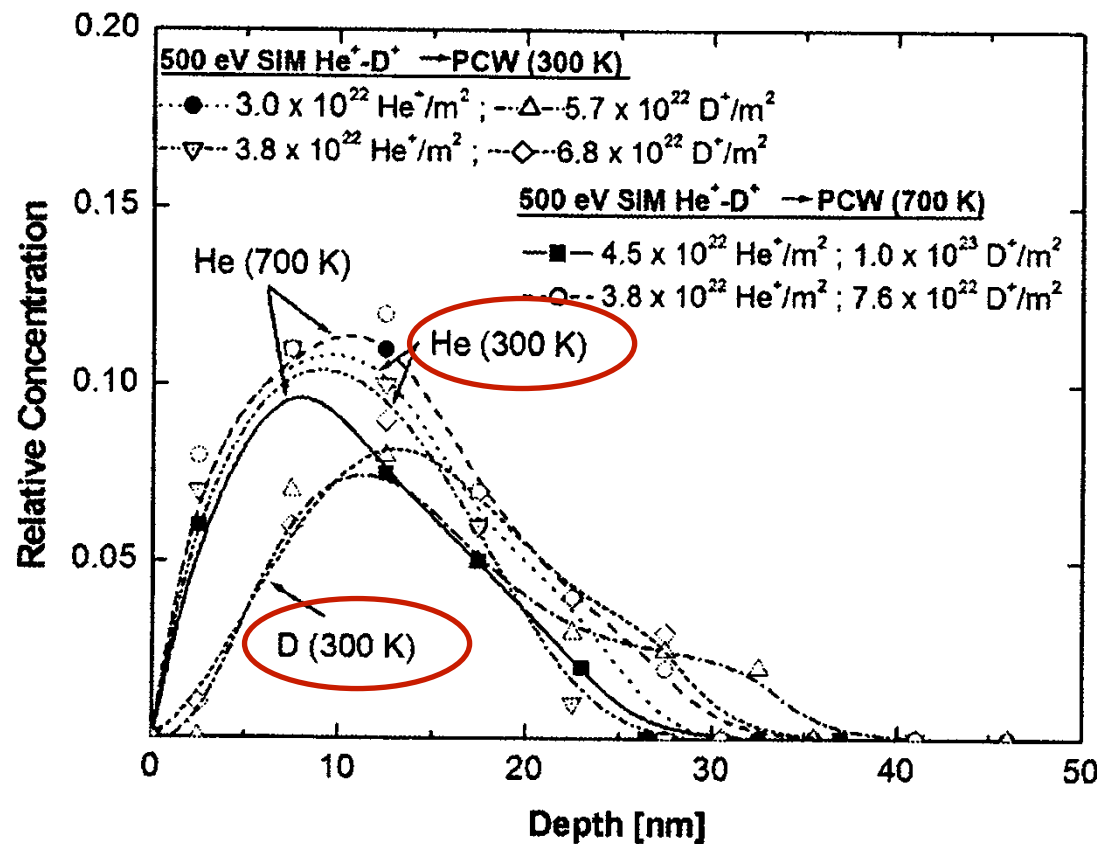
- He:1.0%, ~2 nm ϕ He bubbles
- He:0.1%, 1~2 nm ϕ He bubbles
 - He fluence : $4.1 \times 10^{21} \text{m}^{-2}$.
- Bubble size and bubble number density had weak dependence on He % and C%.
- He bubbles were formed in WC layer for C:~0.8%.



TEM observation of near surface structure

Simultaneous He/D (Toronto)

- 500 eV D & 500 eV He H. Lee, J. Nucl. Mater. 363-365 (2007) 898
- At 300 K, D did not diffuse into the bulk.
- For pure D irradiation, D diffused much deeper at 300 K.



Depth distribution of D and He

Suppression of Blistering by He

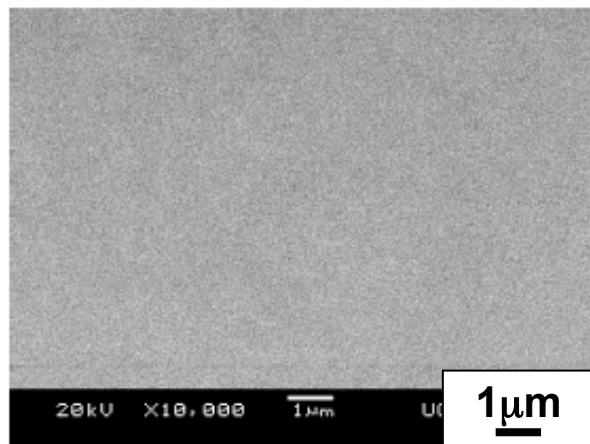
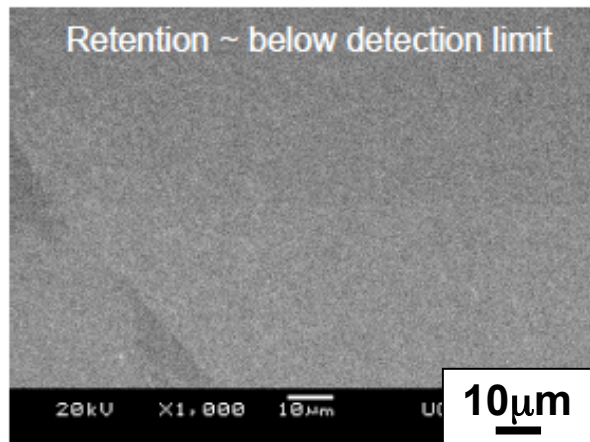
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$$E_i \sim 55 \pm 15 \text{ eV}$$

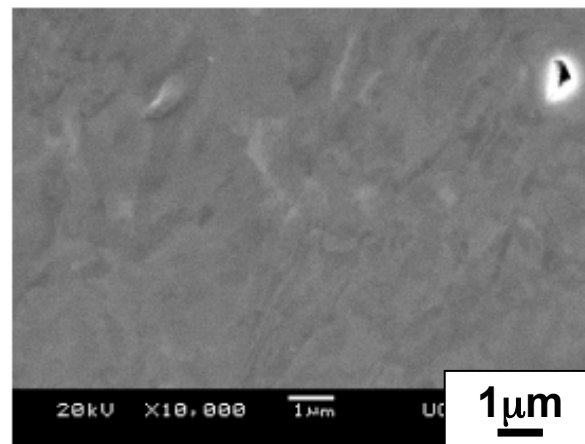
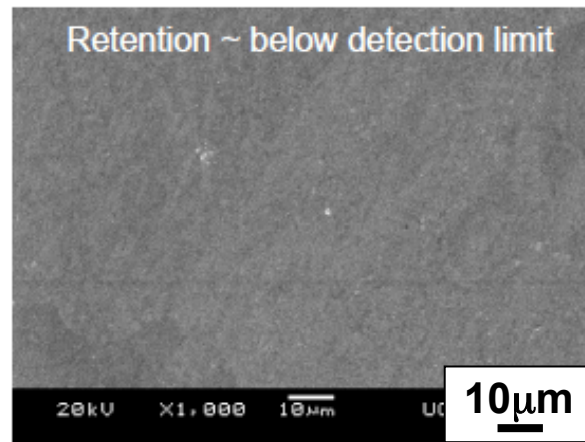
$$\Gamma_i \sim 10^{22} \text{ ions/m}^2$$

■ W (SR), $5 \times 10^{25} \text{ D/m}^2$, 573K

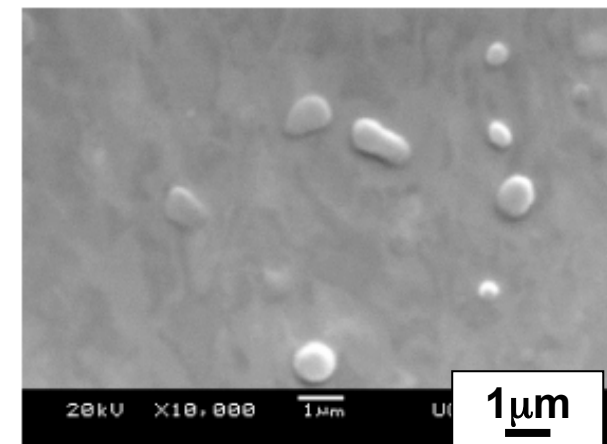
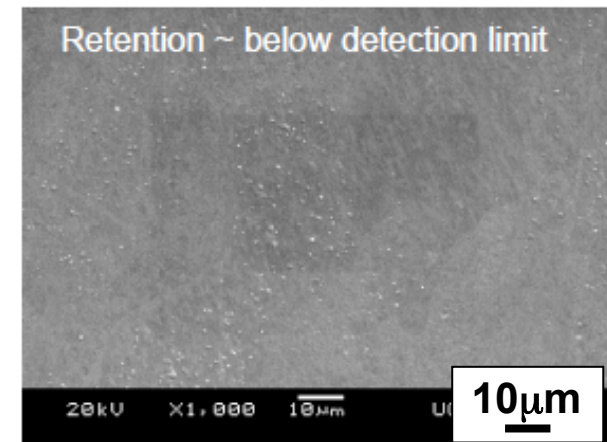
D + He(20%)



D + He(5%)



D + He(1-2%)



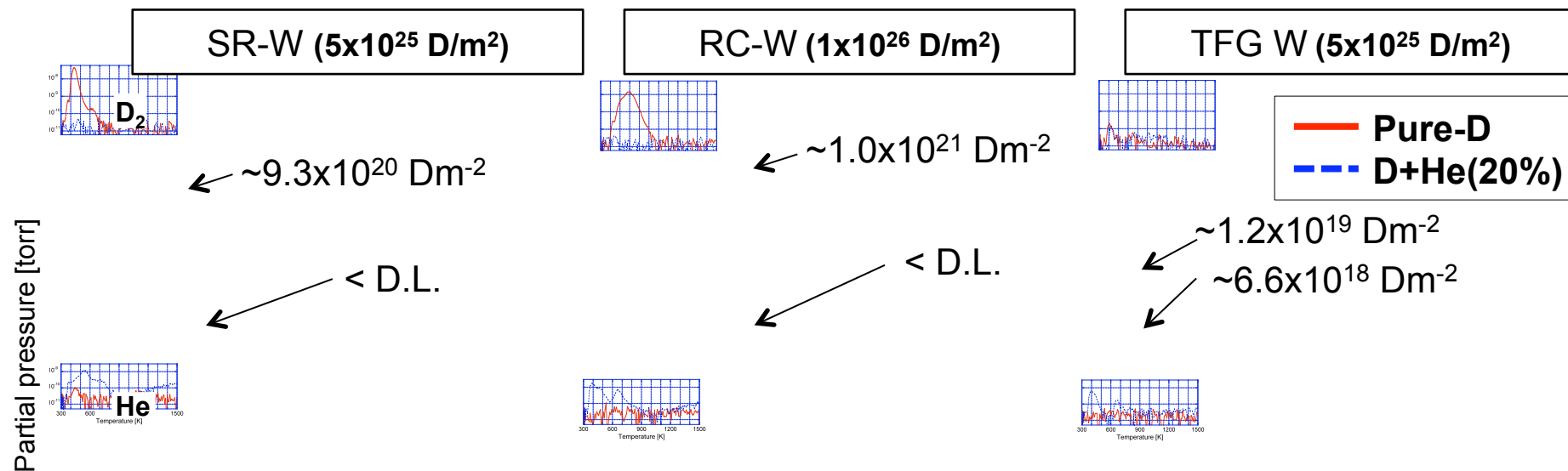
D retention

TDS

TDS after plasma exposure

- ✓ High resolution Q-Mass (D_2 and He can be separated).
- ✓ Heating rate : 0.59 K/s

D.L. (Detection Limit) $\sim 10^{18} \text{ m}^{-2}$



No D retention from W exposed to D+He mixed plasma

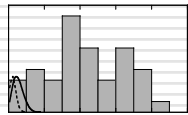
Similar results have been obtained in other research group
(V. Alimov et al., 12th ITPA (SOL/DIV) meeting (2009))

Depth distribution of He bubbles in SUS.

◆ LHD, He GDC(200eV), SUS304, 65 hours

He bubble depth distribution measured by TEM

◆ LHD He GDC



◆ LHD-He GDC (~200 eV)

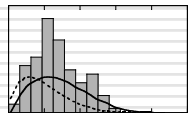
➤ Much broader distribution than ion range.

◆ Ion beam exp. (2keV-He⁺)

➤ Distribution around ion range.

Fraction of He bubble [a.u.]

TRIM(200eV-He⁺)



◆ Ion beam exp. (2keV-He⁺, 1x10²²)

TRIM(2keV-He⁺)

0 10 20 30 40 50
Depth [nm]

This difference could be due to displacement damage by He ions.

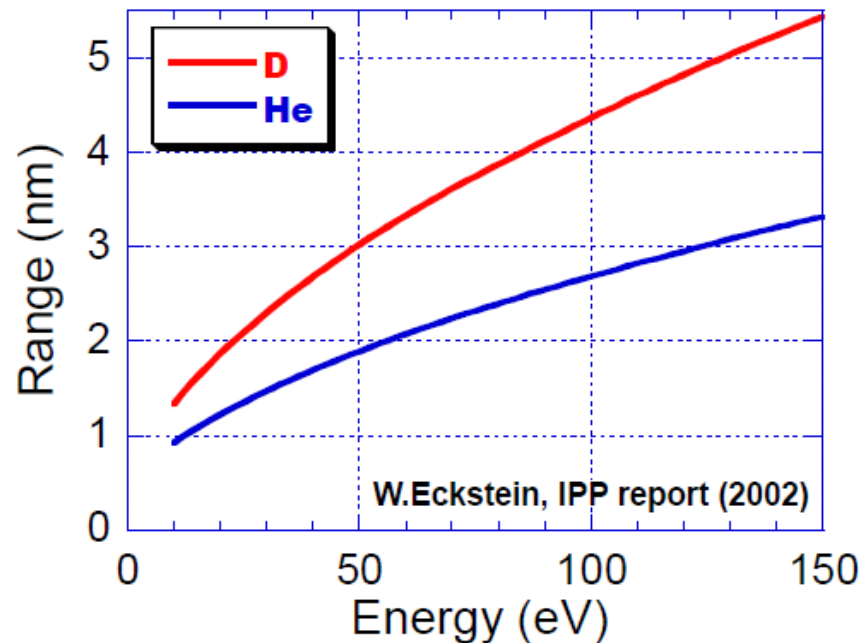
For low energy He (few damage): He atoms diffuse far from ion range to find intrinsic traps.

For high energy He (damage): He atoms are trapped at self-produced traps within ion range.

For W, similar phenomena could take place.

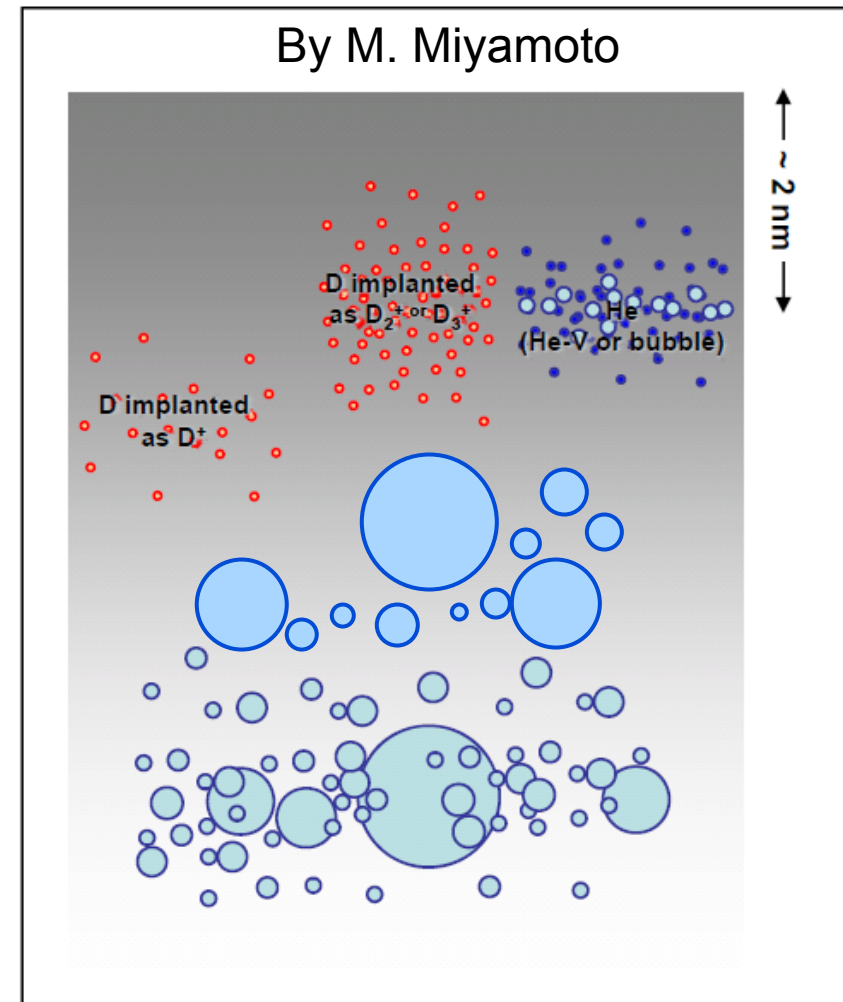
Is He bubble layer a diffusion barrier?

- For low energy He implantation (less than recoil threshold), He bubble layer could extend deeper and become the barrier.



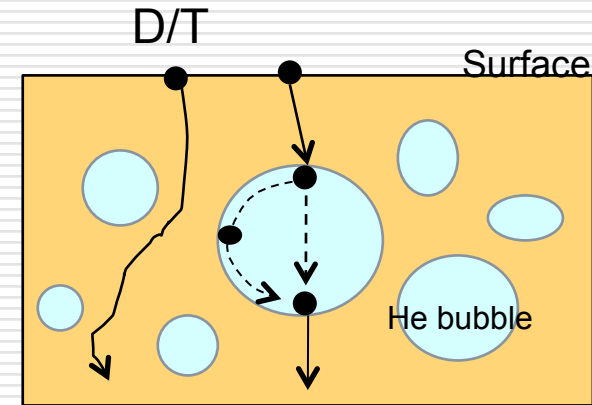
◆ Ion range (@70eV)

Ion	He ⁺	D ⁺	D ₂ ⁺	D ₃ ⁺
Range	2.2nm	3.6nm	2.5nm	2.2nm

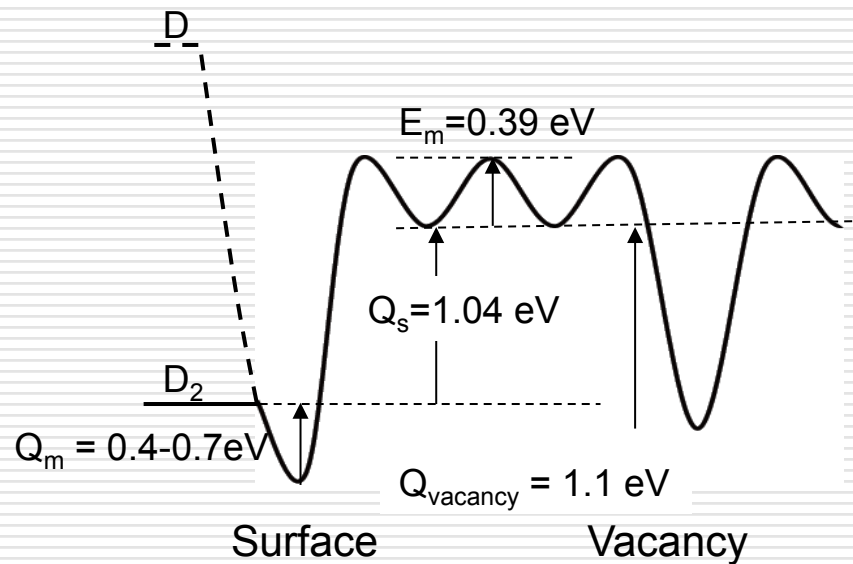


Possible mechanisms

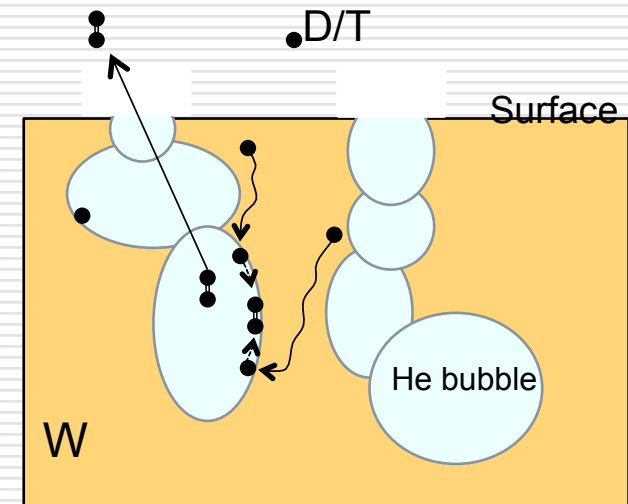
- ❑ Narrowing diffusion channels by He bubbles
- ❑ Release of D_2 through He created pores
- ❑ Reduction of diffusion through stress-induced W



Diffusion of D/T in W



Energy diagram of D in W



Desorption of D_2 through pores

Summary

- There still remain unsolved problems in C & W mixing.
 - C erosion from C&W mixed layer and C deposition layer
 - Effects of surface morphology (roughness) on C deposition
 - C atom behavior at elevated temperatures ($> 800\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- C & W mixed layer strongly affects D behavior
 - W&C mixed surface layer reduces recombination of D atoms
 - Diffusion of D in W&C mixed layer is reduced compared to pure W
- He bubble layer strongly affects D retention
 - Initially increase retention by increasing trapping sites
 - But, under high fluence condition, He bubbles greatly reduce retention as they work as diffusion barrier.
- We do not have enough knowledge on material mixing to correctly evaluate T retention in ITER.