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# RECENT ADVANCES ON HYDROGEN RETENTION IN ITER'S PLASMA-FACING MATERIALS: Be, C, W.

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# **ABSTRACT:**

Management of tritium inventory remains one of the grand challenges in the development of fusion energy and the choice of plasma-facing materials is a key factor for in-vessel tritium retention. The Atomic and Molecular Data Unit of the International Atomic Energy Agency organized a Coordinated Research Project (CRP) on the overall topic of tritium inventory in fusion reactors during the period 2001-2006. This dealt with hydrogenic retention in ITER's plasma-facing materials, Be, C, W, and in compounds (mixed materials) of these elements as well as tritium removal techniques. The results of the CRP are summarized in this article together with recommendations for ITER. Basic parameters of diffusivity, solubility and trapping in Be, C and W are reviewed. For Be, the development of open porosity can account for transient hydrogenic pumping but long term retention will be dominated by codeposition. Codeposition is also the dominant retention mechanism for carbon and remains a serious concern for both Be and C containing layers. Hydrogenic trapping in unirradiated tungsten is low but will increase with ion and neutron damage. Mixed materials will be formed in a tokamak and these can also retain significant amounts of hydrogen isotopes. Oxidative and photon-based techniques for detritiation of plasma-facing components are described.

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# **1. INTRODUCTION**

Management of tritium is a central issue in the development of magnetic fusion energy. The allowable inventory of retained tritium in a fusion reactor is limited for three reasons. First, tritium is a source term in safety assessments. The tritium inventory is controlled to ensure that any tritium released in case of a worst credible accident is below the no-evacuation limit at the site boundary. Second, tritium is expensive and in short supply. Third, the low margin for tritium breeding from lithium additionally constrains the total tritium that can be lost from the fuel cycle. In a fusion power reactor with an anticipated burn efficiency of a few % all three factors limit the tritium lost or retained to about 0.1% of the tritium fueled. Limitations on the allowable helium ash concentration in the core of a burning plasma, and on its exhaust rate from the plasma result in more than an order of magnitude more tritium circulating through the plasma than tritium burnt in nuclear reactions and this tritium can be retained in plasma-facing components. The importance of these issues came to the fore during DT experiments in TFTR and JET and in the engineering design activity for ITER.

The Atomic and Molecular Data Subcommittee of the International Fusion Research Council recommended in 2001 that the Atomic and Molecular Data Unit of the International Atomic Energy Agency organize a Coordinated Research Project (CRP) on the overall topic of tritium inventory[1]. Accordingly such a CRP was organized and included the authors as participants during a 5-year project from 2001 - 2006. During the course of the CRP a number of investigations on means of tritium retention as well as possible release mechanisms were carried out. A summary of the results from these investigations and related work is presented in this article.

Tritium retention in the principal plasma-facing materials in ITER (beryllium, carbon and tungsten) was studied. Section 2 covers the interaction of hydrogen isotopes with beryllium, including solubility, diffusivity, permeation, implantation retention and codeposition of beryllium with hydrogen isotopes. Carbon is the topic of section 3. It begins with a summary of hydrogen solubility, diffusivity and trapping parameters, and reports on low-energy tritium ion erosion of graphite, hydrogen isotope effects on the chemical erosion of carbon, chemical erosion of DIII-D divertor tiles all of which result in source terms for impurity production and subsequent redeposition potentially leading to tritium trapping in codeposits. Tokamak experience related to erosion and tritium retention including retention in dust is also discussed. Tungsten is covered in section 4, including a summary of hydrogen solubility, diffusivity parameters, hydrogen and helium trapping under irradiation, and the effects of surface and background gas impurities, temperature, flux and fluence dependence of D retention in tungsten, effects of post-irradiation air exposure and time delay on thermal desorption spectroscopy (TDS) measurements of D in tungsten. Mixing of these materials is expected in the course of their interaction with the plasma. Section 5 covers Be/C, Be/W, C/W compounds and the mixed material experience in tokamaks. Once the in-vessel tritium inventory approaches the administrative limit, tritium must be removed to permit continued DT plasma operations. Tritium removal techniques are covered in section 6, including *in-situ* gas treatments, photon cleaning including desorption and ablation, and tritium removal from the vessel after release from plasmafacing components. Conclusions and recommendations from the CRP are given in section 7.

This article reports the work of the authors during the CRP. It is not intended as a comprehensive review of these topics and, for example, does not cover the important topic of

tritium retention in neutron damaged materials. For previous articles and reviews of hydrogen retention in fusion materials we refer the reader to references [2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9] and the Proceedings of the biennial International Conferences on Plasma Surface Interactions [10].

# 2. BERYLLIUM

With its low atomic number, relatively high thermal conductivity, and its ability to getter oxygen impurities from the plasma, beryllium is an attractive material for the fusion reactor designer for low heat flux areas. It has been used at both the divertor and wall of JET [11]. This section will address the hydrogen solubility, diffusion, and permeation in beryllium, the retention of hydrogen in beryllium after implantation, codeposition with hydrogen, and finally tokamak results. An earlier review of tritium diffusivity and solubility in beryllium is given in ref. [12].

#### 2.1 Solubility of Hydrogen Isotopes

The solubility values for hydrogen isotopes in beryllium as determined by various research groups are shown in Figure 1. Jones and Gibson [13] determined the solubility of tritium in arc-cast beryllium by exposing samples to gas at fixed pressures and temperatures for times varying from 15 to 144 hours. They concluded that the solubility was effectively independent of temperature. From approximately 550 K to 1250 K, the solubility of tritium in beryllium was reported to be a constant 6.4 appm T/Be-atm<sup>1/2</sup>.

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Swansiger [14] used 98.5% and 99.8% pure beryllium in experiments on tritium solubility in beryllium using the gas uptake technique. He reported the measured retention in the sample to be independent of sample thickness and purity. From 713 K to 783 K the solubility was reported to be:  $S=18.2 \exp(-1.0 \text{ eV/kT})$  T/Be-atm<sup>1/2</sup>. While the amount of absorbed tritium decreased rapidly with decreasing temperature for temperatures from 783 K to 713 K, it rose again as the temperature was dropped below 650 K. This effect was suggested to be due to trapping. Shapovalov and Dukel'skii [15] used hydrogenation to equilibrium at various hydrogen pressures with quenching and vacuum extraction to determine the solubility of hydrogen in sintered, distilled alpha beryllium. For the temperature range 673 K to 1473 K, they

reported the solubility to be given by:  $S=5.8 \times 10^{-5} \exp(-0.174 \text{ eV/kT}) \text{ H/Be-atm}^{1/2}$ . It is interesting to examine Figure 1 and compare the three different reported solubilities. Over the temperature ranges where the measurements were performed, all of the reported solubilities agree within an order of magnitude even though the reported activation energies vary by as much as 1 eV. It is difficult to examine these reported results and conclude that the solubility of hydrogen in beryllium behaves similarly to that of hydrogen in most metals. This will be discussed in the later sub-sections.

## 2.2 Diffusivity

The Arrhenius plot for the reported diffusivities of hydrogen isotopes in beryllium is shown in Figure 2. Jones and Gibson [13] studied tritium diffusion in arc-cast beryllium at temperatures from 673 K to 1173 K. In their experiments, beryllium was exposed to tritium gas for various times, temperatures, and pressures during isothermal anneals. The samples were then moved to another part of the apparatus and heated to selected temperatures. Small amounts of hydrogen gas were present in the apparatus to dilute the released tritium. In all cases, the release was not typical of normal diffusion. At a given temperature, the release would eventually drop to almost zero, only to rise again after the temperature was increased. It was possible to repeat this stepwise increase in release several times for each sample. Relatively thick oxide layers on the samples were thought to have affected the results. Still, the data were analyzed by fitting the logarithm of fractional release versus time to determine the diffusivity at each of the anneal temperatures. Their expression for the diffusivity is given by: D=3x10<sup>-11</sup> exp(-0.19 eV/kT) m<sup>2</sup>/s.

### Figure 2 to be inserted here

Abramov et al. [16] determined the diffusivity of deuterium in beryllium using the gasdriven permeation technique. Two different high purity (99.0% and 99.8%) beryllium materials were used in the experiments. Multilayer permeation theory was used in the data analysis to take into consideration the effect of the oxide layer on the permeation. For the high grade (99%) beryllium, the Arrhenius equation for the diffusivity is:  $D=8.0x10^{-9} \exp(-0.36 \text{ eV/kT}) \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . For the extra-grade beryllium, the diffusivity is given by:  $D=6.7x10^{-9} \exp(-0.29 \text{ eV/kT}) \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . In a similar study, Tazhibaeva et al. [17] determined diffusivities for deuterium in 98% pure beryllium using the gas-driven permeation technique. Like the Abramov et al. [16] work, they used the multilayer analysis technique to account for the effect of the oxide layer. Over the temperature range of 673 K to 873 K, they reported the diffusivity to be:  $D=9x10^{-12} \exp(-0.15 \text{ eV/kT}) \text{ m}^2/\text{s}.$ 

In a series of experiments, Thompson and Macaulay-Newcombe [18,19] examined the diffusion of deuterium in single crystal and polycrystalline beryllium. For experiments where the deuterium was loaded from the gas phase at elevated temperatures, the effective diffusivity of the deuterium in the single crystal material was lower than that for polycrystalline material. They reported that the diffusivity given by Abramov et al. [16] gave a good fit to the data for the polycrystalline beryllium. When the authors attempted to make similar measurements using implanted deuterium, they found that the effective diffusivity in the single crystals was enhanced by the beam. They suggested that the diffusivity for deuterium in single crystals during gas loading was the "real" diffusivity for deuterium in beryllium, and that other measurements were affected by "short circuit" diffusion along grain boundaries.

## 2.3 Permeation

Using both tubes and membranes, Al'tovskiy et al. [20] measured the gas phase permeation of hydrogen through 98.4% purity powder metallurgy beryllium. Pressures were varied from 3 to 21 atm while temperatures varied from 773 K up to 923 K. For the tubes, the activation energy of the permeation was determined to be 0.91 eV while that for the membranes was 0.28 eV. The authors did report that the permeation was affected by the grain size of the material with permeation decreasing as the grain size decreased. Oxide effects were not considered by the authors. The gas-driven technique was also used by Abramov et al. [16] to examine hydrogen isotope permeation through beryllium, but they were very careful in their consideration of the surface oxide. While selected values for the permeation were shown in their discussion of the pressure dependence of permeation (e.g.  $P=2.1x10^{17} \text{ D/m}^2$ -s at 725 K and a pressure of  $5x10^3$  Pa), no values were given in the text for the permeation.

 $D_3^+$  ions with an energy of 3 keV were used by Anderl et al. [21] at beam densities of approximately  $5 \times 10^{19}$  D/m<sup>2</sup>-s to measure the ion beam driven permeation of deuterium through 99.96% purity cast beryllium. The samples were 20 mm<sup>2</sup> with thicknesses of 25 µm to 71 µm.

No permeation at all was seen for temperatures below 750 K. For temperatures slightly above this temperature, permeation fractions of less than  $10^{-5}$  were recorded along with breakthrough times four orders of magnitude longer than predicted. The authors reported the upstream surface of the sample to have severe damage and pitting to a depth of 1  $\mu$ m. This damage was listed as the probable cause of the low permeation rate. The long breakthrough time was credited to trapping.

Causey et al. [22] used 200 eV particles but much higher fluxes  $(1.1 \times 10^{21} \text{ T/m}^2\text{-s})$  in their measurements of hydrogen isotope permeation through 99.4% purity S65B beryllium. Sample thicknesses were varied between 51 µm and 254 µm while temperatures varied between 673 K and 823 K. The permeation fractions of the implanted tritium were higher than those reported by Anderl et al. [21], falling between  $5 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $2 \times 10^{-4}$ . The rate of permeation did not properly scale with sample thickness. The final conclusion of the work was that the oxide layer on the upstream and downstream sides of the sample controlled the rate of permeation.

#### 2.4 Implantation Retention and Surface Effects

Anderl et al. [23] completed a very thorough review of hydrogen isotope retention in beryllium due to implantation in 1999. Some of the earliest hydrogen isotope implantation experiments for beryllium were performed by Langley [24]. The beryllium used in the experiments was approximately 99.1% pure and was prepared by cold isostatic pressing followed by hot isostatic pressing. For 25 keV deuterium, he recorded nearly 100% retention until the particle fluence reached approximately 2x10<sup>22</sup> D/m<sup>2</sup>. Above this fluence, the retention flattened to a limit of about 2.8x10<sup>22</sup> D/m<sup>2</sup>. Similar experiments were performed by Wampler [25] where 99.6% purity cold and hot pressed beryllium samples were loaded to saturation with 500 eV and 1500 eV deuterium ions. Saturation in the implant zone occurred at an atomic ratio of about 0.31 D/Be. Thermal release experiments of saturated samples showed the retention to be controlled by 1.0 and 1.8 eV traps. Möller et al. [26] implanted polycrystalline sintered S65 beryllium samples with monoenergetic deuterium ions in the energy range from 60 eV/atom to 10 keV/atom at temperatures from room temperature to 920 K. Similar to the findings of Langley [24], post-irradiation examination of the samples showed oxidation of the surface, up to about 20 monolayers thickness even though the background pressure in the experimental chamber was maintained at  $10^{-8}$  Pa. Also similar to the results of Wampler [25], saturation scaling linearly with particle range was noted.

In a later set of experiments using low concentrations of deuterium in zone melt recrystallized single crystal beryllium, Wampler [27] recorded thermal release of the deuterium controlled by a 2.3 eV trap. When the samples were pre-bombarded with helium to produce bubbles into which the deuterium could agglomerate, the effective permeation out of the bubbles to the surface was seen to be seven orders of magnitude lower than the value calculated using published solubility and diffusivity data. In a series of experiments on deuterium retention in several metals, Haasz and Davis [28] reported a 0.39 D/Be saturation in the implant zone. During thermal desorption of the deuterium after implantation, most of the deuterium was released at about 500 K. Yoshida et al. [29] used 8 keV deuterium ions in their experiments with 99% pure powder metallurgy beryllium. Bubbles were seen to form for all temperatures examined between room temperature and 873 K. For temperatures above 573 K, large roundish bubbles formed at higher doses. The bubbles remained even after annealing at temperatures as high as 973 K, agreeing with Wampler's [27] data showing very low permeation from bubbles. In experiments on deuterium implantation into actively cooled beryllium monoblocks using very high fluences of ions, Falter et al. [30] also saw the saturation type behavior for beryllium. They compared their data for different temperatures and ion energies to others in the literature, and showed the saturation values to vary directly with the energy of the particles. Macaulay-Newcombe et al. [31] ion implanted 99% purity hot isostatic pressed beryllium samples at 298 K using 30 keV particles. They also used gas charging of the beryllium at 773 K using deuterium gas at a pressure of 13.3 kPa. Subsequent outgassing of the ion implanted sample showed release at about 710 and 820 K, agreeing fairly well with the earlier data of Wampler [25]. For the gas charging, relatively small amounts of retained deuterium were seen during desorption. Also, subsequent use of the same samples without annealing between experiments increased the amount of absorption and the temperature at which the gas was released. The oxide layer was seen to increase with each usage, possibly explaining the behavior.

Several experiments have been performed using lower energy hydrogen isotope ions on beryllium. Hsu et al. [32] looked at the transient release of deuterium immediately following implantation of Brush Wellman S-65 B beryllium using a Penning-discharge. In these

experiments, the sample was first heated to the desired temperature (333 to 800 K), and the discharge was then initiated. The particle flux was held at  $7.4 \times 10^{20} \text{ D/m}^2$ -s with ion energies of 150 and 500 eV. The same sample was used for all experiments. For the experiments where the oxide layer was thought to be removed, the transient release followed a  $t^{-1}$  behavior. The integrated release increased steadily with temperature until it leveled off at 700 K. The average amount of released deuterium was about 10<sup>17</sup> D/cm<sup>2</sup>. Very intense fluxes of 100 eV deuterium and tritium ions were used by Causey et al. [33] in their retention measurements in S-65 beryllium. In this case the flux was varied between  $1 \times 10^{21}$  ions/m<sup>2</sup>-s and  $2.8 \times 10^{22}$  ions/m<sup>2</sup>-s while the temperature of the measurements varied from 373 to 973 K. With the exception of the single point at 973 K, the retention decreased continuously with increasing temperature and was less than  $3 \times 10^{21}$  (D+T)/m<sup>2</sup> for all cases. Open porosity in the implant zone was listed as a possible reason for the low retention. Similar retention values were seen in the experiments on S-65B performed by Doerner et al. [34] using the PISCES experiment. They also listed open porosity in the implant zone as the cause of the lower than expected retention values. Sharapov et al. [35] used hot isostatic pressed beryllium containing 2.2% BeO in their deuterium accumulation experiments at 740 K. A plasma source with a heated cathode was used to provide atomic deuterium, and the sample was biased with a +80 V to limit the positively charged ions. They reported that the retention increased from  $2x10^{20}$  D/m<sup>2</sup> to about  $2x10^{21}$  D/m<sup>2</sup> as the fluence increased from about  $6 \times 10^{22}$  D/m<sup>2</sup> to  $2 \times 10^{24}$  D/m<sup>2</sup>. Depth profiling of the samples showed the depth of penetration increasing from about 80 nm to 460 nm as the time of exposure went from 10 minutes up to 240 minutes. They also reported the oxide layer to be growing at a rate of 0.4 to 0.5 nm/min.

Key experiments reported in [36,37,38] provided the real understanding of the retention of hydrogen isotope implanted into beryllium. Chernikov et al. [36] and Alimov et al. [37] showed that hydrogen isotope retention is strongly affected by adsorption on bubble and cavity walls. According to Chernikov et al. [36], at 300 K tiny deuterium bubbles of a high volume density are formed at low fluences in 97.8% purity TIP-30 beryllium, but then progress to the formation of microchannels. Even when these microchannels intersect with the surface, the deuterium retention remains at or above 8 at.%. For irradiation at 500 to 700 K, small facetted bubbles and large oblate gas-filled cavities are formed. This microstructure extends beyond the range of the implanted ions. At 700 K, the concentration of deuterium is lowered to about 0.5 to 1.0% in the near-surface layer (0.5 to  $1.0 \mu$ m). Alimov et al. [37] in their work using S-65B beryllium postulated that the retention in this porous region was due to trapping of deuterium atoms in radiation vacancies, deuterium adsorption on bubble and cavity walls, and the bonding of deuterium atoms to beryllium oxide present in the surface oxide layer and as metallurgical inclusion in the bulk. Markin et al. [38] looked at the thermal desorption of deuterium from ion implanted TIP-30 beryllium samples. At lower temperatures, the desorption occurred at two peaks (about 460 and 490 K). While the temperature location of the peaks did not depend on the ion fluence, the magnitude of each peak did. There was also a higher temperature release of deuterium where the peak of the release rate increased from 850 to 1050 K as the ion fluence was increased, but ultimately returned to about 850 K as the fluence reached very high values. The lower temperature peaks were postulated to be due to the release from the network of opened channels and to the uncovering of bubbles/closed channels to the outer surface. The higher temperature peak was postulated to be due to liberation of deuterium atoms bound at immobile and stable vacancy complexes.

#### 2.5 Codeposition of Beryllium with Hydrogen Isotopes

Experiments on the codeposition of beryllium with hydrogen have been measured by Mayer [39], Causey and Walsh [40] and by Baldwin et al., [41]. In the study performed by Mayer [39], the sputtered beryllium was produced by the impinging 0.1 mA of 4.5 keV  $D_3^+$  ions onto a beryllium disk. The sputtered beryllium was collected on a silicon collector. While the vacuum in the apparatus was quite good (10<sup>-5</sup> Pa), the relatively slow sputtering process resulted in the formation of a beryllium oxide layer instead of a beryllium layer (O/Be $\approx$ 1). A significant amount of carbon was also detected within the codeposited layer, presumably due to the conditions of the vacuum. While this experiment, and the ones by Causey and Walsh [40] and Baldwin et al. [41], were intended to examine the codeposition of hydrogen isotopes with beryllium (or beryllium oxide), the reflection of the primary ions resulted in the formation of a co-implanted surface. In the Causey and Walsh [40] experiments, high flux and high fluence of 100 eV deuterons were used to sputter the beryllium. The much more intense sputtering rate of this experiment resulted in layers composed primarily of beryllium (O/Be levels varied between 0.03 and 0.125). In these experiments the level of carbon in the codeposited layer was measured to be in the 1-2 % range. Finally, in the measurements made by Baldwin et al. [41], a high flux of ~40 eV deuterium ions was used to sputter beryllium-coated carbon samples. Even though the target material used in these experiments was carbon, depth profiles of the codeposited material revealed relatively low carbon concentrations (in the percent range) throughout the bulk of the codeposited films. This indicates that the presence of beryllium in the plasma had reduced carbon erosion of the target. Beryllium is then the primary material eroding from the resulting mixed Be/C surface layer (see Section 5.1). On the other hand, the oxygen content in these films varied dramatically, being in the percent range during low temperature collection and increasing to roughly 30% for collection of codeposited material at elevated temperature. The results for the three experiments are shown in Figure 3. For the Mayer/BeO experiment, the results are similar to that for the codeposition of carbon and hydrogen. For the Causey-Walsh and Baldwin et al. Be experiments, the retention is significantly lower and the deuterium content in the layer decreases much more rapidly with the increasing temperature of the collecting material. The conclusion to be drawn from these experiments is that while the level of oxygen present in the codeposited material certainly impacts the total retention in the codeposited layer, there is also a temperature-dependent effect that dominates over the oxygen term. The deuterium content in the codeposited layers also seems to vary with the energy of the reflected ions, but this relationship is still actively being investigated.

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# 2.6 Tokamak Results

The behavior of the hydrogen isotopes in the beryllium has been studied extensively for the JET device. Saibene et al. [42] used the test vessel equipped with a beryllium evaporator as used on JET to determine the hydrogen recycling coefficient for beryllium. The beryllium for these experiments was a thick *in-situ* deposited beryllium layer greater than 50  $\mu$ m thick. An RF assisted DC discharge was used to generate hydrogen ion fluxes of approximately  $9x10^{17}$  H/m<sup>2</sup>-s with energies up to 1 keV. For temperatures between 373 and 523 K, the initial pumping of the hydrogen ions was very strong. At about 6 to 8 seconds into the discharge, the pumping action decreased rapidly but did not drop to zero even after 60 seconds. During the initial stage of the discharge, the pumping parameter, defined as D/2K or Diffusivity / (2\*Recombination rate coefficient), averaged about  $4x10^{20}$  m<sup>-2</sup>, similar to the values calculated for nickel and stainless

steel. The authors stated that values this high for the pumping parameter suggest high diffusivity and relatively low recombination. Sartori et al. [43] used gas balance measurements in JET to examine the in-vessel retention of the hydrogen isotope fuel. They found that the amount of deuterium required to fuel the tokamak during the beryllium phase of JET was higher than that for the earlier carbon phase by a factor of  $\sim 2$  for a typical discharge. Unlike carbon, continuous gas feeding was required to maintain a density flat top when beryllium was used. Additionally, after beryllium phase discharges, the measured release fraction was increased, indicating a higher dynamic retention during the discharge. It was noted that even a thin layer of beryllium on the carbon was sufficient to change the outgassing characteristics, suggesting that the retention was driven by surface effects. Ehrenberg et al. [44] examined pumping with beryllium in JET during the same time period as the above two references. They showed that the JET beryllium pumped approximately 10<sup>21</sup> deuterium atoms/s at the beginning of the shot and then continued to pump at a slower rate over the next 10 seconds. This rate is compared to the carbon phase where much lower initial pumping was recorded with no pumping several seconds into the shot. After the shot was terminated, the beryllium outgassing rate was proportional to  $t^{-n}$  where  $0.6 \le n \le 0.7$ . This power law was obeyed from about 10 seconds after termination of the discharge up to about 1000 seconds. Integrating the outgassed molecules yielded recovery fractions of 30 to 70% of the amount pumped during the discharge. The authors argued that the release could only be explained if it were recombination limited. In 1994, Andrew and Pick [45] gave a more detailed model of the retention and release of the hydrogen isotope fuels from the JET beryllium. They described the pumping action as due to a saturation effect over a very large fraction of the wall. The subsequent release after termination of the discharge was described as a detrapping process with subsequent recombination of the detrapped atoms.

#### 2.7 Beryllium Summary and Conclusions

For an understanding of the behavior of hydrogen implanted into beryllium, the defining experiments are those performed by Anderl et al. [21] in 1992, by Yoshida et al. [29] in 1996, and most importantly, the subsequent series of experiments by Chernikov, Alimov and Marken [36,37,38]. This combination of experiments, each building on the results of the earlier data, showed the development of connected porosity in beryllium samples exposed to energetic hydrogen isotope ions with the porosity extending beyond the range of the particles. Prior to

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these measurements, researchers examining the interaction of hydrogen with beryllium thought of beryllium in the same manner as they would think of hydrogen in metals such as nickel, iron, or copper. The normal assumption would be that hydrogen injected into beryllium would go into solution and diffuse throughout the metal. In reality, hydrogen's behavior in beryllium is closer to that of helium in metals. The very low solubility (perhaps almost zero) of hydrogen in beryllium prevents injected hydrogen from staying in solution in beryllium. After extensive bombardment, a honeycomb type structure extending beyond the particle range develops. At least part of this structure is composed of beryllium oxide. At lower temperatures, this structure is able to retain approximately 0.3 to 0.4 H/Be [24,25,28], tied at least partially to the oxide. This behavior explains the initial strong pumping of hydrogen presented by newly exposed beryllium. It is this same porosity that is likely responsible for a sizeable fraction of the pumping seen during the later stage of the tokamak discharges. One only has to look at the honeycomb structure presented by Chernikov et al. [36] to understand its potential as a reservoir for stored gas. During the discharge, release of hydrogen from the saturated near-surface region provides a large excess of molecules that can flow either inwards or outward through the porosity. At the end of the discharge, the gas begins to come back out of the porosity, but the tortuous path out results in time constants in the 10's of seconds. A second possible mechanism of pumping during the discharge is the diffusion of atoms deeper into the material. Based on the results of experiments by Thompson and Macaulay-Newcombe [18,19] and Wampler [27], it is postulated here that that diffusion occurs along grain boundaries. The release of the atoms from these grain boundaries with their subsequent recombination add to that gas dumping back out of the porosity to prepare the beryllium for pumping during the next discharge

Regardless of whether experimentalists finally perform the necessary experiments to determine the true form of hydrogen migration in beryllium, the behavior of beryllium in a tokamak is known. Implantation results in open porosity in any area where the beryllium faces the hydrogen plasma. This open porosity becomes an excellent getter of oxygen and forms a thin honeycomb layer of beryllium oxide. While the affinity of hydrogen to metal oxides can result in substantial hydrogen uptake in this layer, the oxide layer is expected to be very thin (nm scale thickness) and hence the global retention will still be dominated by codeposition of fuel atoms with either beryllium or carbon (if it is present).

# **3. CARBON**

Carbon has been extensively used in most of the recent and current major tokamak fusion reactors for shielding the vacuum vessel from the plasma, e.g., TFTR, JET, JT-60, ASDEX-UG, and DIII-D. Carbon has also been selected for use in the hydrogen phase of International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) for high heat flux components in the divertor. Due its low Z, carbon impurities are less detrimental to the plasma compared to similar amounts of high-Z metals. Due to its excellent thermo-mechanical properties, carbon is able to tolerate high heat loads during off-normal events. Carbon's main drawbacks are its erosion behaviour, its capacity to trap hydrogen, and diminished structural integrity and thermal conductivity due to neutron irradiation. Erosion can occur due to physical sputtering [46, 47], radiation-enhanced sublimation [46, 47], and chemical reactions with the hydrogen fuel [48, 49] – and with oxygen impurities. Chemical erosion dominates in the divertor where plasma temperatures are a few eV with corresponding  $H^+$  energies of ~10s eV – below the threshold for physical sputtering. The chemical erosion yield of carbon can be further enhanced by the presence of some energetic (>100 eV) hydrogen or impurity ions/neutrals through a synergistic effect [50]. Erosion of carbon-based materials leads to the production of C atoms and hydrocarbon molecules and radicals, which can then either enter the core plasma or get transported in the plasma edge until they intercept solid surfaces where redeposition could occur. Carbon redeposition in conjunction with H isotopes can result in the formation of codeposited layers - with thicknesses reaching >100  $\mu$ m – with large capacity for tritium retention in T-D burning reactors. Indeed, it is the tritium trapped in codeposits that may limit the operation of ITER, and therefore, research is underway to develop techniques for the periodic removal of T from the codeposits. Here we present basic parameters on Diffusivity, Solubility, and Trapping (section 3.1), recent results on Carbon Erosion: Laboratory Studies (section 3.2) and Tokamak Experience (section 3.3), and Tritium Retention in Carbon Codeposits (section 3.4) including tritium retention in dust. At the time of writing (March 2008) a final decision on the use of carbon plasma-facing components for the divertor target during the DT operational phase is under debate by the ITER organization.

### 3.1 Diffusivity, Solubility, and Trapping.

The carbon materials used in fusion reactors are different forms of graphite and carbonfibre composites (CFCs) comprising carbon fibres embedded in a carbon matrix. The basic properties of carbon/graphite presented here are discussed in more detail in recent reviews by Causey [4], and Haasz and Davis [5]. Isotropic fine-grain graphites and CFCs have typical densities of less than about 2000 kg/m<sup>3</sup> compared with 2250 kg/m<sup>3</sup> for single crystal graphite. The latter is made up of a highly ordered structure of parallel planes, resulting in non-isotropic H diffusion along and across the planes [50,51,52]. By comparison, the less dense graphites are composed of grains (~10  $\mu$ m) and the grains are further composed of crystallites (~5 nm) [4,51], resulting in a highly porous structure. The BET surface area of typical graphites and CFCs is 0.25-1.0 m<sup>2</sup>/g [4,53].

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Four primary mechanisms have been identified for the transport, trapping and retention of hydrogen in carbon-based materials [4,5]; these are depicted in Fig. 4.

(a) During energetic hydrogen ion/plasma irradiation, a saturated surface layer will form within the ion range. The depth of this layer depends on the incident ion energy, and the trapped hydrogen concentration within this layer is a function of temperature; at 300 K, H/C is about 0.4 [5]. In addition to the trapped hydrogen, mobile hydrogen is also present in the implantation zone. Mixed isotope experiments with simultaneous  $H^+-D^+$  irradiation of graphite led to the conclusion that thermalized mobile H and D atoms in the implantation zone move and recombine on internal surfaces [50,52]. On the other hand, during  $H^+-D^+$  irradiation,  $CH_4$  is formed at the end of ion range [50,52]. The concept of trapping at the edges and within crystallites was used by Haasz et al. in their two-region model for graphite in order to reproduce experimental results for molecule formation and reemission during simultaneous  $H^+-D^+$  irradiation [51].

(b) Following saturation of the implantation zone, some of the mobile H atoms 'diffuse' beyond this zone into the bulk, primarily along internal porous surfaces and grain boundaries, e.g., [5,54,55,56]. Deep diffusion into the bulk was also observed for thermal H and D atoms, e.g., [57,58], and molecules [59] – which do not get implanted into the near surface, but rather

are adsorbed on porous surfaces. Surface adsorption of H atoms occurs at different types of sites with multiple or continuous activation energies (0.2-2.2 eV) [4,60]. While H atom adsorption can occur at relatively low temperatures, molecular adsorption must first involve the dissociation of H<sub>2</sub>, requiring high temperatures, e.g., Strehlow's experiments at 1023 K [61]. Once adsorbed, the hydrogen then migrates by jumping from one surface site to another [4,51]. Using measured tritium profiles in POCO AXF-5Q graphite removed from TFTR and subsequently exposed to a plasma, Causey et al. derived an effective surface diffusion coefficient of  $1.2 \times 10^{-4} \exp (-0.9 \text{ eV}/kT) \text{ m}^2 \text{s}$  for hydrogen on graphite pores [4,55].

(c) At elevated temperatures (>1200 K) hydrogen undergoes transgranular diffusion in the graphite lattice [55], i.e., H atom diffusion into individual grains, both along inter-crystallite surfaces and within crystallites [51]. Although Causey [4,62] uses standard concepts of diffusion and trapping of hydrogen in graphite to derive coefficients of diffusion and solubility, he clearly states that 'it is almost definite that hydrogen does not go into solution in the graphite crystallites.' This implies that hydrogen is trapped in the grains, at crystallite edges or in intrinsic traps within crystallites, which are accessible at temperatures above ~1200 K. A trap energy of 4.3 eV was derived from the hydrogen migration study [55]. Neutron irradiation can significantly increase the 4.3 eV trap density, which can lead to significant tritium inventories over the temperature range of 1200 K to 1500K. At lower temperatures, the traps are not accessible by the tritium, and at higher temperatures, the trap is no longer effective.

Various experimental results on transgranular 'effective diffusivity' and 'effective solubility' of hydrogen in graphite are shown in Fig. 5 [62,63,64,65,66] and Fig. 6 [62,63], respectively. Here we include expressions of 'effective diffusivity' and 'effective solubility' given by Causey [62] and Atsumi et al [63].

| Diffusivity: | Causey ('best estimate' [62]): | D=9.3x10 <sup>-5</sup> exp (-2.8 eV/ $kT$ ) m <sup>2</sup> s                      |
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|              | Atsumi et al. [63]:            | $D=1.69 \times 10^{-4} \exp(-2.6 \text{ eV}/kT) \text{ m}^2\text{s}$              |
| Solubility:  | Atsumi et al. [63]:            | S= $6.4 \times 10^{-5} \exp(+0.2 \text{ eV}/kT)$ atom fraction/atm <sup>0.5</sup> |

(d) The fourth mechanism for trapping hydrogen is codeposition, which entails the formation of hydrogen-containing carbon layers via the codeposition of eroded C atoms and C-containing molecules and/or radicals in combination with hydrogen. Codeposits can form on

both plasma-facing and shadowed areas in tokamaks. In JET codeposits have been observed to exceed 200  $\mu$ m (see section 3.3.1). It is expected that tritium retention in ITER will be dominated by codeposition. Techniques for the removal of D from codeposits are discussed in section 6.

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#### **3.2 Carbon Erosion: Laboratory Studies**

### 3.2.1 Low-energy tritium ion erosion of graphite

An extensive database exists for the chemical erosion of graphite by sub-eV hydrogen atoms and energetic hydrogen ions in the energy range 100-3000 eV; e.g., [48, 49]. The chemical erosion yields due to sub-eV H atoms are typically 2-3 orders of magnitude lower that those for ions with energy >100 eV. The reaction rates depend on temperature – with a maximum occurring at about 500-800 K, depending on energy and flux density. The reaction products produced by the sub-eV atoms are dominated by heavy hydrocarbons, whereas for energetic ions methane dominates [48, 49]. As the energy of the impacting ions/atoms decreases, the relative contribution of methane to the total hydrocarbon yield ( $\Sigma C_x H_y$ ) decreases; e.g., for 3 keV H<sup>+</sup> the CH<sub>4</sub> comprises ~90% of the total C yield, while at 50 eV it drops to ~50%, and for < 0.1 eV H<sup>o</sup> atoms CH<sub>4</sub> contributes only about 5-10% [67].

Chemical erosion studies were also performed with carbon-fiber composites (CFCs). No differences were seen in either the total chemical erosion yield or the distribution of hydrocarbons between two orientations of the CFC and pyrolytic graphite [68]. On the other hand, significant reductions in H<sup>+</sup>-induced chemical erosion have been observed for CFCs doped with boron and silicon [69].

Tokamak operation with low-temperature divertor plasmas has triggered laboratory studies of the chemical erosion of graphite with  $H^+(D^+)$  energies of 10s eV – characteristic of the

divertor plasma [e.g., 70,71,72]. Recently, this work was extended to include T<sup>+</sup> ion irradiation [73]. As the incident H<sup>+</sup> and D<sup>+</sup> energy is reduced from 200 to 10 eV, the temperature dependence curves of the CH<sub>4</sub> and the total C (sum of all C in the released hydrocarbons) yields broaden such that significant yields are seen even at 300 K [48, 70]. This room temperature yield is energy dependent with a peak near 50 eV; see Fig. 7 [70].

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As a function of energy and temperature, the erosion yields are similar for both  $H^+$  and  $D^+$  irradiations, with the deuterium yields being up to 2 times higher under some energy-temperature conditions; see Fig. 7 [70]. Modeling of the experimental methane yields [74], assuming a square-root mass dependence, generally fit all of the  $H^+$  and  $D^+$  yields within the experimental uncertainty of about ±50%. Subsequent experiments using  $T^+$  ions have confirmed the absence of strong isotope dependence; see Fig. 8 [73].

Combined irradiation of graphite with low-energy H (sub-eV atoms and relatively lowenergy H<sup>+</sup> <100 eV) and energetic (above 300 eV) hydrogenic and non-hydrogenic ions leads to an enhancement of the chemical erosion yield compared to the sub-eV H<sup> $\circ$ </sup> or low-energy H<sup>+</sup>-only cases. This is due to the additional energy deposition and associated lattice damage by the added energetic ions. Reference [50] has an overview of carbon erosion studied in dual-beam experiments.

#### 3.2.2 Hydrogen isotope effects on the chemical erosion of carbon

The topic of isotopic effect on the chemical erosion of carbon has received considerable attention in the plasma-surface interactions community, and several experiments have been performed in a variety of devices, including ion beams, laboratory plasmas and tokamaks. The measurement techniques used include mass loss, mass spectroscopy and optical spectroscopy; see [75] for related references and a recent overview of these results. The D-yield/H-yield ratios  $(Y_{D_+}/Y_{H_+})$  obtained in these experiments at room temperature and  $T_{max}$ , plotted as a function of ion energy, are presented in Fig. 9. For all temperatures some isotopic effect for H<sup>+</sup> and D<sup>+</sup> is

evident, with the deuterium yield being larger [75]. Typically, the observed  $Y_{D_{+}}/Y_{H_{+}}$  ratio lies between 1 and 2. (The notably higher yield ratios of Balden and Roth [76] remain unresolved.) This is fully consistent with the square-root of mass dependence proposed by Mech et al [74], which implies that the erosion due to tritium would not be significantly larger than for deuterium, consistent with the tritium yields measured by Macaulay-Newcombe et al. [73]. This is also consistent with the dependence of radiation damage on hydrogen ion isotope mass [77]. At energies much higher than the threshold energy the radiation damage increases roughly with square-root of mass [77].

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At low temperatures and low ion energies, molecular dynamics (MD) calculations indicate that a kinetic bond breaking process will lead to the emission of hydrocarbon radicals from hydrogenated carbon surfaces, e.g., [71, 78]. At room temperature the calculated erosion yield ratios for the three isotopes appear to vary linearly with mass for incident ion energies below ~25 eV and as the square-root of mass for energies above ~25 eV [71, 72]. By gradually lowering the incident ion energy in the MD calculations a threshold energy was found; no carbon sputtering was seen at ion energies below ~1.0 eV for any of the three isotopes H, D, T [71]. This is consistent with the modelling considerations of Hopf et al. where a threshold energy in the range of C–C bond energies in organic molecules (several eV) is suggested [79]. At energies close to the threshold for these kinetic effects, stronger isotopic differences might be expected if the threshold energy differs for different isotopes. An experimental verification of this hypothesis, however, is hampered by the lack of sufficiently high-flux ion sources with energies below 10 eV [79].

# 3.2.3 Laboratory studies of chemical erosion of DIII-D tokamak tiles

This study was triggered by some unexplainable trends in spectroscopic observations of CD bands in DIII-D over an 8-year period. The laboratory experiments were undertaken with the objective to assess whether the observed effect was due to changes in the chemical reactivity of the graphite caused by extensive plasma exposure and periodic boronizations.

Spectroscopic analysis of the DIII-D plasma has shown that the brightness of the CD emission band in the lower divertor has decreased by an order of magnitude over the course of eight years of plasma discharges (~23,000 plasma shots) [80]. Over this time period the  $B_{CD}/B_{CII}$  ratio has also decreased by a factor of 4. Both of these observations imply that the role of chemical erosion as a carbon source has been progressively reduced over the eight years. A possible implication is that the carbon tiles in the lower divertor have undergone some surface modification, resulting in a reduced chemical reactivity caused by the routine boronizations in DIII-D or some sort of *plasma conditioning* of the tiles [80].

Using a mass-analyzed low-energy D<sup>+</sup> ion beam, controlled laboratory measurements of the chemical erosion yield were made on DIII-D divertor tile specimens from the inner and outer strike point positions [81]. The measured yields are very similar to the yields obtained with pyrolytic graphite and virgin DIII-D tile specimens, showing no evidence of reduced chemical reactivity due to tile surface modification during prolonged DIII-D plasma exposure – ruling out any plasma conditioning effect. The similar chemical erosion yield of pyrolytic graphite and the DIII-D virgin specimen further implies that the DIII-D divertor tiles have not experienced any significant changes in their physical properties due to surface preparation prior to installation in the divertor [81]. Therefore, at this time the observed trends in the spectroscopic observations of CD bands in DIII-D remain unexplained.

#### 3.3 Carbon Erosion: Tokamak Experience

#### 3.3.1 Carbon erosion and deposition in JET

In JET the characteristic pattern of erosion and re-deposition of plasma impurities has been strongly asymmetric for operations with every configuration of the divertor since it was installed in 1994 [82,83,84, 85,86,87,88]. For example, Fig. 10 shows the deposition on a poloidal set of divertor tiles during the period 1999-2001, as measured by a micrometer [88]. The tile numbers (1-8) and the numbering of the measurement points (1-24) is shown in the upper part of Fig. 10. The deposit thickness on the inner divertor wall (tiles 1 and 3) increases towards the bottom, reaching a maximum of ~90  $\mu$ m. There are even thicker deposits (~200  $\mu$ m) on the small section of the floor that can be accessed by the plasma both at the inner (point 10) and outer (point 16) divertor legs. These are powdery in nature – hence the range of micrometer values at these points. Only small amounts of erosion/deposition are found elsewhere in the outer divertor (of the order of the accuracy of the measurement, which is  $\pm 10 \,\mu$ m).

#### Figure 10 to be inserted here

There is clearly more deposition in the divertor than erosion; so, much of the deposited material must come from the main chamber. Furthermore, in 1995 JET operated for a few months with a beryllium divertor and carbon was deposited at the inner divertor, so it was obvious then that the main chamber contributed to the deposition. The inner wall cladding was shown to be one source [87], and more recent measurements have shown that the outer poloidal limiters are also net erosion zones [85]: other areas of the main chamber may also be net erosion zones. Under normal field conditions (grad B<sup>1</sup>), plasma impurities (on average 8% Be, ~1% Ni plus other metallic impurities, balance carbon) eroded from the main chamber drift around the scrape-off layer (SOL) and deposit where this intersects the inner divertor. However, carbon is released by chemical erosion from these deposits at the inner divertor, leaving a Be-rich film, and migrates in the plasma to the limiting accessible point at the inner corner of the divertor (point 10 in Fig. 10) [86,88]. Impurities are ejected into the shadowed region at the inner corner of the JET divertor to form films of ~100 µm thickness when power is applied to the neighborhood of point 10. This two-step process has been developed to explain results from a Quartz Microbalance (QMB) installed at the inner divertor for the MkIISRP campaign (2001-04) [89]. The QMB has shown that most of the flux to the shadowed region occurs only when power is applied to the neighborhood of point 10, and there is little flux when the strike point is up on the inner divertor wall. The overall deposition at the inner divertor during the JET MkIIGB campaign (1999-2001) has been estimated at ~500 g (predominantly carbon, plus beryllium and small amounts of other impurities), or ~20 mg/s of divertor operation [90].

During the 2001-2004 JET campaign there was a 4-week period of operation with reversed magnetic field (grad B $\uparrow$ ). Under these conditions, plasma conditions (e.g., temperatures, densities, sputtered impurities) are more equitable in the two divertor legs, and infra-red camera measurements show that a deposited film starts to grow on tile 7 [86]. Post-mortem analysis after the campaign revealed that, for the first time in a JET divertor, significant deposition (10s of µm) was also found in the shadowed region at the *outer corner* of the divertor.

#### 3.3.2 Carbon erosion and deposition in ASDEX-Upgrade

Net carbon erosion is observed over a large fraction of the ASDEX-Upgrade main chamber, especially at the inner heat shield [91, 92] and the Ion Cyclotron Resonant Heating (ICRH) and auxiliary limiters at the low field side [93]. Large carbon influxes were still observed from the inner heat shield even after coating with tungsten [92], indicating that this is an important carbon recycling area [94]. In the divertor, the outer baffle [95, 96] and the outer strike point are net carbon erosion areas with a maximum campaign-averaged carbon erosion rate of >1 nm/s at the strike point [96]. Eroded C, B (originating from boronizations), and metals (W, Fe, Cu, etc) are redeposited mainly in the inner divertor [95]. The thickest layers, observed at the inner strike point, have a growth rate of ~2 nm/s. Only a small deposition area is observed in the outer divertor in the lower corner, where the strike point is not positioned. Most boron and some fraction of the deposited carbon in the inner divertor originate from the main chamber. There is, however, some indication that carbon is transported from the outer divertor to the main chamber [97] and finally to the inner divertor.

Carbon is observed to migrate to remote areas without direct plasma contact, such as the roof baffle tiles just opposite the strike points [95], all areas below the roof baffle [98, 99], and gaps between tiles [100] – forming soft deuterium-rich layers. The thickest layers are observed in areas with direct line-of-sight to the strike points, where hydrocarbon layers are mainly formed by particles with near-unity surface-loss probabilities [99]. Hydrocarbon species with lower surface loss probabilities (0.2–0.9) are also present, but because these particles are able to survive several wall collisions, they are responsible for layer growth in areas without direct line-of-sight to the plasma. Particles with very low surface loss probabilities < 10<sup>-3</sup> form thin layers (<1 nm per campaign) in the pump ducts [98]. Re-erosion of redeposited layers in remote areas is observed during some discharges using quartz micro-balances [101]. This re-erosion is probably due to etching by low-energy or thermal atomic hydrogen. The re-erosion is temperature dependent and increases strongly with increasing temperature from 300 to 473 K [99]. The layer growth in remote areas is determined by the temperature dependent balance between the influx of carbon atoms and hydrocarbon radicals, and etching by atomic hydrogen.

#### 3.3.3 Carbon erosion and deposition in NSTX

Hydrogen isotopes can be absorbed by plasma-facing materials during a tokamak discharge and released following the discharge, a process known as dynamic retention. Hydrogen can also be codeposited with eroded boron, beryllium or carbon and the layer growth results in a continuous increase of the in-vessel hydrogen isotope inventory [102,103,104]. These processes have traditionally been studied by measurements of the global particle balance of gas fuelling and exhaust (with time resolution but no spatial information) [45,105] and by tile surface analysis (spatial resolution but no time information) [106]. Quartz crystal microbalances (QMBs) can also be used to study hydrogenic retention and have the advantage of both a well defined spatial location and time resolution.

The National Spherical Torus Experiment (NSTX) is aimed at exploring the physics of high beta and high confinement in a low aspect ratio device [107]. Quartz microbalances have been used to investigate the time dependence of deposition and dynamic retention in shadowed areas. Two QMBs were installed at a location 0.77 m outside the last closed flux surface to assess the deposition to be expected on a typical diagnostic window or mirror [108]. Ex-situ analysis showed deposits of carbon, oxygen and deuterium. The QMB facing away from the plasma recorded deposition of lower sticking probability molecules at 10% of the rate of the plasma-facing one. Time resolved measurements over 497 discharges recorded 29.2  $\mu$ g/cm<sup>2</sup> of deposition on the plasma facing QMB, however surprisingly, a total of 15.9  $\mu$ g/cm<sup>2</sup> of material loss occurred in steps coincident with 7 discharges presumably due to peeling or detachment of deposited layers from the crystal. Monte Carlo modeling of quiescent plasmas showed negligible direct deposition at the QMB location suggesting that transient processes such as ELMs, disruptions and plasma startup/shutdown are likely to dominate the deposition [108].

Subsequently the QMBs were positioned in 7 cm wide slots in the upper and lower outer divertor, 7 cm back from the tile surface [109]. The QMBs showed transient excursions at the occurrence of a discharge; Fig. 11 shows the first 4 discharges of May 10, 2005. The most striking feature at this location is a large step-up in mass with the first discharge of the day that relaxed to a higher level. Such a large step-up in layer thickness is universally observed on the first discharge of the day whatever its plasma parameters. The next three discharges had similar

plasma parameters (lower single null, plasma current, Ip  $\approx$  900 kA, 4 MW neutral beam injection, peak electron temperature, Te  $\approx$  1 keV, maximum line electron density N<sub>e</sub>l  $\approx$  $6\times10^{15}$ /cm<sup>2</sup>) but showed only a transient rise that decayed back to the prior level without a significant longer term change in mass. This pattern cannot be explained by codeposition, but is consistent with dynamic retention - that is mass gain through transient uptake of deuterium from the plasma followed by outgassing. Long term QMB measurements show net erosion and deposition to be small at the QMB locations.

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#### 3.3.4 Carbon deposition and hydrogen isotope retention in JT-60U

More than half of the high energy tritons produced in DD reactions in JT60-U are directly implanted deep into the tiles. These are not removed by isotopic exchange and/or thermal diffusion (with the exception of tritons implanted within ~1 micron). The remaining tritons are thermalized in the plasma. Most of these impinge on the plasma-facing surfaces and are either retained, reflected and recycled, or evacuated. Tritons in the top surface layers can be completely removed by isotope exchange during subsequent D and H discharges. Nevertheless, some of the thermalized tritium is retained in redeposited carbon layers in shadowed areas and tile gaps that are not exposed to the plasma [110]; see sections 3.4.5.

H and D as operating gases [111, 112] behave similarly and are incorporated (retained) in the redeposited carbon layers [113]. Carbon deposition profiles in the divertor region show strong inboard/outboard asymmetry as observed in most divertor tokamaks [114] – thick redeposited layers on the inner tiles and eroded areas on the outer tiles. No significant carbon deposition was observed on plasma shadowed areas except on the bottom side of the outer dome wing (see section 3.4.5 Fig. 18). The carbon deposition rate in the divertor region is estimated to be around  $9 \times 10^{20}$  atoms/s normalized for neutral beam heating (NBI) duration during the 1997-2002 campaigns. Since around 40% of the net deposition on the divertor was attributed to the erosion of the first wall, the net erosion of the first wall is ~220 kg/year.

The (H+D)/C ratio was uniformly ~0.03 in the redeposited layers on the inner divertor tiles [113] except for a few  $\mu$ m of the top surface where it was ~0.05 [115]. Surface D within a

few  $\mu$ m was mostly replaced by H during subsequent H discharges used for tritium removal, indicating possible T removal by D discharges. Rather high D retention was observed on the outer dome wing probably due to high energy implantation of deuterons originating from NBI. Little deposition and debris were observed in remote areas, even in the NBI ducts and cryopanels [116]. The retained hydrogen comprises (i) dynamic retention on the plasma-facing surfaces which could saturate during one discharge, and (ii) static retention on plasma shadowed surfaces which would accumulate continuously [117]. The relatively low deuterium retention seen in JT-60U is attributed to operation at 573 K, which leads to surface temperatures well above 1000 K [118] at the redeposited layers on the inner divertor [119].

A newly developed *Tritium Imaging Plate Technique* [120] was used to obtain detailed tritium distribution on the divertor tiles of JET and JT-60U. In shadowed areas or tile gaps in the divertor the deposition was quite inhomogeneous; thicker layers were observed in line of sight of the strike points, directly accessible by the eroded carbon/hydrocarbon neutrals and radicals. Tritium content in such layers was higher than that in the layers formed on the plasma-facing surfaces because the temperature of the shadowed areas remained low during discharges.

# 3.3.5 Transport and break-up processes of hydrocarbons in the DIII-D edge plasma

Injection of <sup>13</sup>CH<sub>4</sub> into tokamaks has been used in the past as a tool for monitoring the deposition pattern for locally produced impurities. Such experiments have previously been carried out on TEXTOR [121,122], JET [123], JT-60U [124], and ASDEX-Upgrade [125], using single or multiple injection locations. Several experiments have also been carried out in DIII-D, with the objective of improving our understanding of hydrocarbon transport and various breakup reactions in the edge plasma of a tokamak. These processes have direct impact on C redeposition and associated codeposit formation.

In the DIII-D experiment, <sup>13</sup>CH<sub>4</sub> was injected from a toroidally symmetric source into the crown (top) of lower single-null plasmas. In the first experiment of this set, low-density L-mode plasmas were used [126,127], while in the second, partially detached, ELMy H-mode discharges were used [128]. In the L-mode experiments, the largest concentration of <sup>13</sup>C was observed on the inner divertor tiles [127], while in the H-mode case, an approximately equal amount of

deposition was also observed in the private flux zone between the divertor strike points. Modelling indicates that the deposition is strongly linked to parallel transport in the SOL [129].

The second set of experiments involved the local injection of methane into the plasma at the outer divertor strike point, in order to simulate the release of hydrocarbons due to chemical sputtering [130]. These experiments involved the use of a self-contained gas injection system, the porous plug injector (PPI), capable of injecting small quantities of gas into the lower divertor of DIII-D. A key feature of the probe is the carbon plate through which gas is injected. This plate has  $\sim 1000$  small holes over an area  $\sim 3$  cm diameter, such that the holes comprise < 10% of the surface area. This configuration allows a distributed injection of gas so as to minimize the disturbance to the plasma, while still producing large spectroscopic signals. This approach also better reproduces the immediate environment experienced by a hydrocarbon molecule released by chemical sputtering – the molecules are released from an *essentially continuous carbon* surface. The primary goal of the PPI is to derive photon efficiencies for molecular and atomic species resulting from the break-up and ionization of hydrocarbons released from the divertor surface. In the first experiment, gas flow was approximately 10× that due to intrinsic chemical erosion which may have caused local disturbances to the plasma. Follow-up experiments, with gas flow reduced to be approximately equal to that of intrinsic chemical erosion rates and improved diagnostics, were performed in 2007, leading to more precise values for photon efficiencies, and estimates for the relative importance of physical and chemical sputtering of carbon [131].

#### **3.4 Tritium Retention in Carbon Codeposits**

#### 3.4.1 Dependence of deuterium retention on graphite structure

(a) Total deuterium retention: Retention of hydrogen isotopes at high ion fluences depends on material structure. In single crystal and dense pyrolytic graphite, implanted hydrogen does not diffuse from the implanted region, and after reaching a local concentration of D/C  $\approx 0.4$ at 300 K (lower at higher temperatures), further implanted hydrogen is reemitted [5,132,133, 134]. In fine grain graphite (typical density of ~1850 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) no saturation occurs, and retention slowly increases with incident ion fluence [134,135]. The same tendency, but much more pronounced, is found in doped graphites [136] and CFCs [56]. Comparisons of the D<sup>+</sup> fluence dependence of different graphite structures, spanning monocrystal, fine-grain and doped graphites, irradiated at 300 K are shown in Fig. 12; the relatively higher slopes for the doped graphites (designated by CKC-dopant) are attributed more to structure that to the effect of the dopants [136,137]. Recent measurements for composites NB31 and N11 are shown in Fig. 13 [56]. D retention in D<sup>+</sup>-irradiated NB31, measured by nuclear reaction analysis (NRA), shows a quasi square-root dependence on incident fluence at 323 and 473 K, while at 523 K the retention level is about a factor of 3 lower. Samples of N11 exposed to a plasma in PISCES-A at 473 K (analyzed by NRA) also showed no saturation even at a fluence of  $2 \times 10^{26}$  D/m<sup>2</sup>; somewhat lower retention was seen at 673 K. By comparison, a saturation trend is observed in HPG pyrolytic graphite [138].

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(*b*) *Deuterium depth profiles:* A deep penetration of deuterium into the CF222 CFC (up to 2-3 mm) was reported after its exposure to plasmas in PISCES-A [139]. Tritium depth profiles in 2D CFC divertor tiles retrieved from JET have revealed that a large fraction (up to 61%) of the retained tritium had diffused deep into the bulk (up to 20 mm); by comparison, only a few percent was found in the 4D CFC tiles from TFTR [54, 140, 141].

In NB31 irradiated at 323 K with 200 eV D<sup>+</sup>, the D depth profile is characterized by a nearsurface maximum and a long tail in the bulk, increasing with ion fluence. Depth profiles at 323 K show that saturation occurs only within the near surface layer equivalent to the ion range. The near-surface maximum widens as the fluence increases. For fluences above  $5 \times 10^{24}$  D/m<sup>2</sup>, the tail extends beyond 14  $\mu$ m with D concentrations around 10<sup>-1</sup> at%; see Fig. 14(a). It is evident that the structure of the CFC NB31 allows deuterium to penetrate into the bulk even at room temperature while no diffusion tail is observed in HPG [134, 142]. This could have implication for long pulse/high fluence machines such as ITER, and probably plays a role in the retention rate observed in long pulses in Tore Supra [143]. Depth profiles for different temperatures are shown in Fig. 14(b).

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(c) Thermal desorption spectra: TDS measurements for CFC NB31 and powder graphite MPG-8 exposed to various plasmas demonstrated a variety of narrow peaks in the range of 500-1200 K, which are combined in 3 broad peaks as shown in Fig. 15. Experiments with ion implantation and saturation from  $D_2$  gas exposure gave similar peak positions but different relative peak intensities, connected with the production of radiation defects and different accessibility of the trapping sites [144]. The positions of the main groups of peaks were the same for powder graphite and the NB31 CFC although the CFC traps twice as much deuterium. The release of  $D_2$  molecules often correlates with the release of  $H_2$ , HD, CD<sub>4</sub>, and HDO after plasma exposure. This may lead to the suggestion that release starts from de-trapping of D and H atoms, followed by their fast migration to the surface, recombination with other complexes, and release of various H and D containing molecules.

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#### 3.4.2 Deuterium and tritium retention in codeposits observed in JET and TFTR.

Gas retention in JET is regularly inferred from post-mortem analysis of a relatively small sample of tiles removed during each shutdown. This value, however, will be lower than the real figure for a campaign of plasma discharges because it also includes the effects of periods of glow discharge cleaning and of exposing the vessel and the samples to air. Comparisons between gas balance and post-mortem analysis when JET was a limiter machine indicated a discrepancy of about a factor of two [145, 146]. Since the divertor was installed in JET in 1994, gas balance measurements have been difficult, due to the simultaneous installation of a fully toroidal divertor cryopump. Deuterium retention values averaged over typically one week have been of the order of 8% but with a factor of two error bar.

During the deuterium-tritium experiment (DTE1) in JET in 1998, 40% of the 35 g tritium input was retained [43]. By running a campaign of clean-up discharges, the retained tritium was reduced to 17% of the input. The removable fraction may have been in the dynamic wall inventory which can isotope exchange with the fuelling gas, while most of the remaining 17% is assumed to be in co-deposited films that are not affected by plasma discharges. A further 6% was released to air during the subsequent JET shutdown. Post-mortem analyses following the DTE1 campaign revealed that the co-deposited material was located mainly at the inner corner of the

divertor [146]. Thick carbon-based films containing H-isotopes with H/C in the range 0.7-1.0 were found in regions shadowed from the plasma such as at the inner louvers, where the deposition was so heavy that the deposits had spalled off to form flakes. Analysis of the flakes showed that the D:T ratio was similar to the relative fuelling amounts during the entire campaign. The H-isotope content of deposits elsewhere in the vessel was lower as a result of plasma interaction. In subsequent campaigns deposits at the inner divertor corner have continued to dominate, with comparable amounts of carbon deposition (and hence H-isotope trapping) [90]. Following a trace tritium campaign in 2003 (using 0.38 g tritium in total), the tritium content of selected components removed from JET was used to estimate the tritium retention, which was found to be ~15% of the input. The most recent gas balance measurements show the D retention in JET to be ~11% (averaged over L-mode, type III ELMy H-mode and type I ELMy H-mode discharges) [147]. The T retention rate in the 2003 experiment was of similar order (given the inaccuracies of the measurements), but it is possible for T to be retained at a greater rate than D due to isotope exchange.

TFTR plasmas had a circular cross section with major radius typically 2.5 m and minor radius 0.9 m. The plasma boundary was defined by an inner toroidal limiter composed of graphite tiles and carbon composite tiles in high heat flux regions. Analysis of in-vessel components exposed during the deuterium phase of TFTR showed the main mechanism for retention was codeposition. The ratio of deuterium retained in the vacuum vessel to the total used in neutral beam fueling was found to be  $44\% \pm 17\%$ . Of this, 19% was on the plasma-facing surface of the bumper limiter tiles, 7% on the tile sides, and 18% on the vacuum vessel wall. During 3.5 years of TFTR DT operations, 100 g of tritium was processed and 5 g of tritium supplied to the plasma by neutral beam injection and direct gas puffs. The tritium inventory in tiles and coupons removed from the vessel was compared with estimates of tritium retention obtained through modeling of the carbon erosion/deposition in selected discharges [148]. The comparison showed that known erosion mechanisms and subsequent co-deposition were sufficient to account for the order of magnitude of retention. The tritium input and exhaust were also carefully tracked. There were three periods of plasma operations interspersed with cleanup campaigns to remove tritium [104]. During the three run periods (excluding periods of active tritium removal) approximately 51% of the tritium supplied to the plasma was retained in the

vacuum vessel, a fraction similar to that found in earlier deuterium measurements. Active tritium removal by glow discharge and air ventilation was successful in removing substantial amounts of tritium in between periods of plasma operations. At the end of April 1998 the long term tritium retention was 16%. T retention was also extrapolated from measurements of tiles and coupons retrieved from TFTR. The T inventory was estimated to be 0.2 g-T in the inner limiter, with highest concentrations at the top and bottom of the limiter and 0.36 g-T on the outer wall. The total of 0.56 g-T was consistent with the difference inventory measured by gas balance of 0.64 g [104].

#### 3.4.3 Tritium depth profiles in tiles retrieved from JET and TFTR

Tritium depth profiles for tiles retrieved from JET and TFTR revealed a non-uniform surface distribution of tritium over the vessel [84, 149] and this was also confirmed by deuterium analysis [146]. In JET a substantial amount of tritium is retained in the divertor region in the form of flakes and also a significant part of the retained tritium is trapped deep in the bulk of the tiles. Figure 16 shows typical tritium profiles in tiles IN3 and BN4 due to diffusion [84,141]. The diffusion profile can be fitted with an equation of the type:  $A_D = A_B + A_0 e^{(kD)}$ , where  $A_D$  is the tritium activity measured (or calculated for the part lost during cuts),  $A_B$  the activity in the bulk of the tile, D the depth in mm and k is a constant having a dimension of inverse length (mm<sup>-1</sup>). The latter depends on temperature, tile material (graphite or CFC) and structure (2D, 3D, 4D, etc.). For the JET divertor tile IN3 this value is fairly constant ~0.2 mm<sup>-1</sup>. The pre-exponential factor  $A_0$  represents the tritium activity on the surface of the tile, not including the tritium content of any deposited film on the surface. Typical values for  $A_B$ ,  $A_0$  and k are given in Table 1 [84, 149]. This table also compares the activity in the bulk of the tile calculated by the equation above.

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As illustrated in Fig. 16, all cylinders exhibit almost the same surface activity ranging between  $10^{16}$  and  $10^{17}$  T/cm<sup>2</sup>. Another remarkable point is that the bulk activity of all cylinders

sharply decreases after the first sample (1 mm below the plasma exposed surface) and seems to reach an almost constant value at about  $3 \times 10^{14}$  T/cm<sup>3</sup> for the JET samples, while the bulk values for the TFTR samples are more than one order of magnitude lower. This comparison indicates that for similar tritium surface activity the tritium inventory in the TFTR-4D CFC is much lower than in the JET-2D CFC. This could be attributed to a lower diffusion of small molecular species (Q<sub>2</sub>, Q = H, D or T) in 4D tiles along the weaves of the fibres. We may then expect even less T retention in the bulk of higher level CFCs (e.g., 7D or even 11D).

#### 3.4.4 Deuterium retention in codeposits observed in ASDEX-U

Deuterium containing codeposited layers are observed predominantly in the inner divertor of ASDEX-U, where amorphous hydrocarbon layers with some additional boron and D/(B + C) in the range 0.2-0.4 are formed on all tiles [95]. Soft deuterium-rich layers with higher D/C ratio (0.4-1.0) are formed in remote areas without direct plasma contact at the roof baffle tiles just opposite the inner strike point and on areas below the roof baffle [98,99]. Also, very soft and deuterium-rich hydrocarbon layers with D/C from 1.3-1.7 were observed on the liquid-nitrogen cooled panels of the cryopumps [99].

The amount of D trapped in different areas of ASDEX-U is summarized in Table 2. Deuterium is mainly trapped in codeposited layers on inner divertor tiles, where 50-60% of the total D-inventory is found. Some tiles showed a smaller D/(B+C) ratio of about 0.2, probably due to elevated temperatures. An upper value for the possible inventory is obtained from the amount of deposited B+C, assuming a ratio of D/(B+C)=0.4; see Table 2 [150]. About 30% of the D-inventory is found at roof baffle tiles in the divertor (mainly just opposite the inner divertor strike point) and on the structure below the roof baffle, and only ~10% is found in other areas, such as the upper divertor tiles, side faces of main chamber limiters, and gaps between tiles in the main chamber. Migration of D to very remote areas, such as pump ducts, is negligible. The amount of retained D corresponds to 3-4% of the total deuterium input [151].

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#### 3.4.5 Hydrogen isotope retention and carbon deposition in tokamak tile gaps

Carbon deposition profiles at tile sides (or tile gaps) are clearly correlated to hydrogen (H, D, T) retention and the carbon deposition profiles are quite consistent with tritium retention profiles given by the tritium imaging plate technique [152]. Generally, carbon deposition decreases from the front side to the bottom side, and at least two decay components, one with an e-folding length of ~3 mm and the other with more than 10 mm are distinguished as depicted in Fig. 17 [152]. The detailed deposition profiles are quite dependent on the location of tiles as well as different machines.

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From the tritium intensity levels shown in Fig. 17 for two TFTR bumper limiter tiles it is evident that the tritium intensity on all sides of the eroded tile (KC2) is higher than the front surface intensity, indicating the occurrence of local transport and prompt redeposition of carbon near the eroded area. Since the tritium intensity was nearly proportional to the tritium concentration in the surface layers as determined by combustion [112], and the tritium profiles were well correlated to carbon deposition profiles [112, 153, 154], one can estimate the extent of carbon deposition in the tile gaps from tritium profiles. The side tritium profiles of tile KC2 show how carbon is penetrated and deposited in the gaps. Most of the carbon (and tritium) has accumulated near the front (plasma-facing surface) and decreased exponentially towards the rear – with an e-folding length of ~3 mm for all tiles.

At least two different decay lengths of carbon deposition in tile gaps were also observed in JT-60U [154] (see Fig. 18), JET [112, 154, 110], and ASDEX Upgrade [100,150]. The mechanism leading to gap deposition involves two different processes: (i) Carbon ions entering the gap get deposited within the radius of gyration, incorporating tritium as observed in the tile side profiles, hence carbon deposition in gaps is larger for the tiles facing the magnetic field than for those in shadowed areas [99, 114, 119, 150]. (ii) Transport deeper in the gaps is perpendicular to the magnetic field and is due to neutral particles. This may be neutral carbon atoms or neutral hydrocarbon radicals with low sticking coefficient [99, 100]. This deep penetration is dependent on the tile location and tile gap width [155]. Recent simulations performed by Ohya et al. [156, 157] were able to confirm the short decay deposition due to ionization and gyration of incident carbon ions at the plasma-facing surface. The deeper penetration was successfully modeled by assuming neutral particles with low sticking coefficient, which are able to survive several wall collisions [100]. At elevated temperatures reerosion by atomic hydrogen may play an important role [99].

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# 3.4.6 Hydrogen isotope retention in tokamak dust

Early studies of dust produced by a plasma disruption simulator found a retention level of  $6 \times 10^{19}$  D per gram of carbon or D/C of  $1.2 \times 10^{-3}$  [158]. The D content in dust retrieved from TFTR MIRI diagnostic windows [159] was measured to be D/C  $\approx 5.8 \times 10^{-3}$  and the T/C ratio was 26× lower, as expected from the T/D fuelling ratio. Analysis of dust vacuumed from the TFTR vacuum vessel also showed a low D/C ratio of  $8.1 \times 10^{-3}$  and T/C of  $4.4 \times 10^{-4}$ . Baking of 0.24 g of flakes from TFTR codeposits at 773 K for 1 h released 0.72 Ci or 75  $\mu$ g of tritium, a T/C ratio of  $3 \times 10^{-4}$  [160] broadly consistent with the dust results. Even this low amount of tritium was enough to cause the flakes to spontaneously levitate under the influence of a static electric field [161] suggesting that in accident scenarios ambient static electric fields will facilitate the spread of tritiated dust. Ion beam analysis of JET flakes showed a D/C ratio of 0.75 [162], which is about two orders of magnitude higher than the TFTR deuterium content. This suggests that the low D/C ratios found in TFTR and in the disruption simulator dust were due to previous exposure to high temperatures.

The transport of dust particles in plasmas may play a significant role in the performance of next-step fusion devices. Highly mobile incandescent dust particles were observed in NSTX for the majority of the discharges using fast visible cameras [163]. Particles were most often born in the divertor region during events such as ELMs or disruptions. Particles born on the midplane were most often deflected by the plasma boundary and remained outside the scrape off layer. The dynamics of the dust trajectories can be quite complex exhibiting a large variation in both speed (10–200 m/s) and direction. Particles may have constant velocities or exhibit various degrees of acceleration or deceleration. Abrupt reversals in direction are sometimes observed while some of the larger particles are seen to break apart during mid-flight. 3D trajectories of the dust particles have been derived from measurements of dust trajectories taken simultaneously from two
observations points with two fast cameras [163] and will be used to benchmark dust transport models.

Methods to measure the inventory of dust particles and to remove dust if it approaches safety limits is a high challenge for the radiological environment and scale of next-step burning plasma devices such as ITER. Diagnostics that could provide assurance that ITER is in compliance with its dust inventory limits are in their infancy [3]. A separate challenge is demonstrating techniques that could remove dust from the tokamak once the limits are approached. An electrostatic dust detector, based on fine grids of interlocking circuit traces, biased to 30 or 50 V, has been developed for the detection of dust on remote surfaces in air and vacuum environments [164, 165]. The current flowing through the short circuit creates a voltage pulse and the total number of pulses can be related to the mass of impinging dust. The response (counts/mg/cm<sup>2</sup>) is maximal for smaller particles [166]. The short circuit events are transient as heating by the current pulse caused up to 90% of the particles to be ejected from the grid or vaporized [167]. This both resets the detector for subsequent dust particles and raises the possibility for using this device to transport dust and remove it from difficult-to-access locations in tokamaks. The contemporary development of microelectronic and flat screen technology offer new possibilities for routine electrostatic dust detection and transport with miniaturized hardware and without the need for dedicated intervention. A mosaic of electrostatic elements in a next-step tokamak could be potentially used for detecting conductive dust settling on remote surfaces and also ensure that these surfaces remain substantially dust free.

# **3.5 Carbon Summary and Conclusions**

Carbon has been extensively used in most of the recent and current major tokamak fusion reactors for shielding the vacuum vessel from the plasma and has also been selected for use for the ITER divertor target plates– although the use of carbon in ITER's D-T phase is at the present uncertain. Key issues related to the use of carbon in tokamaks are carbon's erosion behaviour and its capacity to trap hydrogen. Carbon erosion typically occurs in the main chamber of contemporary tokamaks. By contrast, more deposition than erosion occurs in the divertor, implying that much of the deposited material must come from the main chamber. Deposition in the divertor is asymmetric, with most of the deposite being on the inner divertor – on surfaces

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both in- and out-of-sight of the plasma. Examples include thick codeposits in shadowed areas of the inner divertor of JET and ASDEX-U.

In ITER chemical erosion is expected to be dominant in the divertor where plasma temperatures are a few eV with corresponding  $H^+$  energies of tens of eV – below the threshold for physical sputtering. Eroded C (atoms/molecules/radicals) can get transported in the plasma edge until they intercept solid surfaces where redeposition, in conjunction with H isotopes, can result in the continuous growth of codeposited layers. (In ASDEX-U, there is some indication that carbon is transported from the outer divertor to the main chamber and finally to the inner divertor.) Thus, the codeposits serve as reservoirs for trapped tritium. During the D-T campaigns in both JET and TFTR, massive amounts of the injected fuel were retained by the carbon walls of the vessel (mostly in codeposits) leading to a retention fraction of 40 – 50%, and this was subsequently reduced in cleanup operations. The relatively lower D retention seen in JT-60U is attributed to operation at 573 K, which leads to temperatures above 1000 K on the surface of the inner divertor. By comparison, in the JET divertor, most of the deposition was on the horizontal divertor tiles (which were fixed to the water-cooled plates) and the louvers just in front of the cryo pumps. Consequently, the JET divertor deposition areas were at temperatures much lower that the machine temperature.

Carbon deposition profiles observed in tile gaps of several tokamaks correlate well with hydrogenic retention profiles. Generally, most of the carbon (and tritium) accumulates near the front (plasma-facing surface) of the gap and decreases exponentially towards the bottom – with at least two e-folding lengths of  $\sim$ 3 mm and 10 mm.

Dust produced in D-T burning tokamaks will contain tritium and thus will have tritium inventory and safety implications. The tritium content of the dust is expected to be high for dust formed by chemical synthesis or by flaking of codeposits but relatively low for dust produced in high temperature off-normal events such as disruptions.

Laboratory experiments with ion beams and plasma devices have shown that hydrogen retention in carbon-based materials depends on material structure. In single crystal and pyrolytic graphite, implanted hydrogen gets trapped in the implantation zone until saturation is reached, after which further implanted hydrogen is reemitted. In less dense forms of graphite no saturation

occurs, and retention slowly increases with increasing incident ion fluence – with some of the incident D diffusing deeper into the material. The same tendency, but much more pronounced is found in doped graphites and CFCs. Tritium depth profiles in 2D CFC divertor tiles retrieved from JET have revealed that a large fraction (up to ~60%) of the retained tritium had diffused deep into the bulk (to 35 mm); by comparison, only a few percent was found in the 4D CFC tiles from TFTR.

In conclusion, codeposits formed in D-T burning reactors with carbon PFCs can act as reservoirs for tritium retention, depending on the PFC temperature. Techniques for the periodic removal of T from codeposits are described in section 6.

### 4. TUNGSTEN

Due to its favourable physical properties, such as low erosion yield and high melting temperature, tungsten is a candidate armour material for some parts of the ITER divertor and perhaps the whole first wall in future reactors. As a plasma-facing material, tungsten will be subjected to intense fluxes of energetic deuterium and tritium ions and neutrals. Implantation of these ions into W plasma-facing components leads to concerns about tritium inventory after long-term plasma exposure. Most of the data on hydrogen isotope retention and recycling for tungsten generated before 2000 have been reviewed by Causey and Venhaus [4,168]. In this chapter we present recent results on D retention in single crystal tungsten (SCW) and polycrystalline tungsten (PCW), exposed to D<sup>+</sup> ions and D plasmas (PCW is planned to be used in ITER). We also present D and He retention results for sequential and simultaneous D<sup>+</sup> and He<sup>+</sup> irradiations of PCW.

Although this chapter focuses on experimental results, we note that work is also progressing on modelling D trapping in tungsten due to D<sup>+</sup> irradiation. Using the TMAP7 [169] multi-trap diffusion code, deuterium trapping energies were derived from experimental thermal desorption spectra obtained for D<sup>+</sup>-irradiated single-crystal tungsten [170].

# 4.1 Diffusivity, Solubility, Permeability and Recombination Coefficient

Diffusivity is one of the fundamental properties affecting retention and migration of hydrogen in a material. For tungsten, there have been several studies of this basic parameter.

Unfortunately, the temperature range over which these measurements have been performed is also quite limited. Fraunfelder [171] used the outgassing rate of hydrogen from saturated samples to determine the diffusivity of hydrogen in tungsten at temperatures between 1200 and 2400 K. A rolled tungsten sheet with a purity of 99.95% was used. The diffusivity determined by Fraunfelder was:  $D=4.1 \times 10^{-7} \exp(-0.39 \text{ eV/kT}) \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . Results similar to those of Fraunfelder were determined by Ryabchikov [172] over the temperature range of 1900 to 2400 K. Over the quite limited temperature range of 910 to 1060 K, Zakharov et al. [173] used permeation techniques to determine the diffusivity of hydrogen in 99.9% pure tungsten. Their diffusivity is given by:  $D=6x10^{-4} \exp(-1.07 \text{ eV/kT}) \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . Benamati et al. [174] also used gaseous permeation experiments to determine the diffusivity of deuterium in tungsten containing 5% rhenium. Over the very limited temperature range of approximately 850 to 885 K, the values determined for the diffusivity from the permeation data agreed well with an extrapolation of the Zakharov et al. [173] data. It is important to note that trapping was not taken into consideration in the analysis of the data by either Zakharov et al. [173] or Benamati et al. [174]. By performing his experiments at temperatures above the range where trapping is effective, Fraunfelder[171] was able to report diffusivity independent of trapping. Garcia-Rosales et al. [175] modeled the release of deuterium implanted into wrought tungsten, and reported the calculated diffusivity to be:  $D=3.5 \times 10^{-11} \exp(-0.39 \text{ eV/kT}) \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . Franzen et al. [176] modeled the reemission of deuterium from wrought and single crystal tungsten. Their expression for the diffusivity for deuterium in the wrought tungsten is:  $D=1.5 \times 10^{-10} \exp(-0.25 \text{ eV/kT}) \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . The activation energy for the single crystal tungsten was the same as reported for the wrought tungsten, but the leading coefficient was reported to be twice as large. A plot of the diffusion coefficients is shown as Figure 19.

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Similar to the diffusion coefficients for tungsten, the data on the solubility of hydrogen in tungsten is also very limited. In his report, Fraunfelder [171] showed the solubility of hydrogen in tungsten to be given by:  $S=9.3 \times 10^{-3} \exp(-1.04 \text{ eV/kT}) \text{ H/(W-atm}^{1/2})$  where S is expressed in terms of the hydrogen/tungsten atomic fraction per square root of the hydrogen pressure on the tungsten in atmospheres. His measurements with the 99.95% pure tungsten covered the temperature range of 1100 to 2400 K. Mazayev [177] measured the solubility of hydrogen in

tungsten over the temperature range of 1900 to 2400 K. Mazayev's data agreed well with that presented by Fraunfelder. Benamati et al. [174] also used their permeation data for hydrogen through tungsten with 5% rhenium to approximate the solubility. Over the limited temperature range of approximately 850 to 885 K, they determined the solubility of hydrogen in the tungsten alloy to be a constant  $6 \times 10^{-7}$  H/(M-atm<sup>1/2</sup>) where H/M denotes the atomic fraction of hydrogen to alloy. Figure 20 shows a comparison of the reported solubilities for hydrogen in tungsten.

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The gas-driven permeation of hydrogen through tungsten has been measured by Fraunfelder [178], Aitken et al. [179], Zakahrov et al. [173], and Benamati et al. [174]. All four reports listed the permeation as being proportional to the square-root of the driving pressure. The activation energies reported by the four vary between approximately 1.0 and 1.4 eV. It is interesting to note that the two studies at the higher temperatures, Fraunfelder [178] and Aitken et al. [179], agree quite well. The two studies performed at lower temperatures, Zakharov et al. [173] and Benamati et al. [174], agree well, but do not agree well with the other two. This disagreement points out the danger of extrapolating results to significantly different parameter regimes, but also suggests that there may be a change in the mechanisms controlling the process.

The recombination rate coefficient,  $K_R$ , plays a very important role in determining the uptake of materials exposed to intense hydrogen plasmas. In a report on implantation-driven permeation by Anderl et al. [180], recombination rate coefficients for hydrogen on tungsten were given. Thin foils of 99.95% purity, reduction rolled, powder metallurgy tungsten were used in the permeation studies using 3 keV D<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ions. For measurements over the temperature range of 690 to 825 K, the effective recombination rate coefficient was reported to be:  $K_R=3.2x10^{-15}$  exp(-1.16 eV/kT) m<sup>4</sup>/s. Over the temperature range where the measurements were performed, the recombination rate coefficient averaged about  $1x10^{-22}$  m<sup>4</sup>/s, a value considerably larger than those measured for materials such as iron [181] and nickel [182] at the same temperatures. It should be noted that in a theoretical calculation of permeation, the assumption of such a value for the recombination rate coefficient on the surface being bombarded would only increase the permeation rate by a factor of 2 in comparison to assuming the diffusing concentration of hydrogen to be zero at that boundary. Causey et al. [183] used an intense flux (8.8x10<sup>21</sup>

 $(D+T)/m^2$ -s) of 100 eV ions in experiments on the retention of hydrogen isotopes in high purity (99.99%) and lanthanum oxide doped powder metallurgy tungsten disks. Experiments were performed over the temperature range of 423 to 973 K. It was reported that not only was the release not recombination rate limited, but that the intense flux increased the effective diffusivity in the implant zone.

# 4.2 D Depth Profiles in W Exposed to D<sup>+</sup> Ions and D Plasmas

The retention of deuterium in tungsten develops differently at different depths. Nuclear reaction analysis (NRA) enables D concentrations to be measured to depths of 0.5  $\mu$ m by detecting  $\alpha$  particles produced by the D(<sup>3</sup>He, $\alpha$ )H reaction, and to depths of 7  $\mu$ m by detecting protons from the reaction D(<sup>3</sup>He,p)<sup>4</sup>He [184,185]. The depth at which deuterium is retained in W exposed to D<sup>+</sup> can be divided into three zones: (i) near-surface layer (0.2-0.5  $\mu$ m, depending on ion energy), (ii) sub-surface layer (0.5-4  $\mu$ m), and (iii) the bulk (> 6  $\mu$ m); see Figs. 21 and 22 [186, 187].

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# 4.2.1. W exposed to $D^+$ ion beams

When single crystal W is irradiated with 200 eV D<sup>+</sup> at 300 K, the near-surface D concentration increases from  $\sim 10^{-2}$  to  $\sim 5$  at.% as the D<sup>+</sup> fluence is increased from  $5 \times 10^{22}$  to  $1 \times 10^{24}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>; see Fig. 21(a). The large increase of the D concentration can only be explained by a structural change during D<sup>+</sup> irradiation, providing traps for D retention. The concentration within the <u>sub</u>-surface layer is  $\sim 10^{-2}$  at.% for all ion fluences used (Fig. 21(a)), whereas the D concentration in the bulk (at depths >6 µm) lies in the range  $10^{-4}$  to  $\sim 3 \times 10^{-3}$  at.% [186, 187].

Similarly, in polycrystalline W irradiated with 200 eV D<sup>+</sup> at 323 K, the near-surface D concentration ranges from 1 to 5 at.%; see Fig. 21(b). Within the sub-surface layer, as the fluence is increased to  $1 \times 10^{24}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>, the D concentration reaches its maximum value of 0.1 at.% – about ten times higher than SCW. A further fluence increase leads to a decrease in the D concentration,

and for fluences  $\ge 3.2 \times 10^{24} \text{ D}^{+}/\text{m}^{2}$  the concentration drops to  $\sim 3 \times 10^{-2}$  at.%. The D concentration in the bulk increases with D<sup>+</sup> fluence and reaches a value of  $\sim 6 \times 10^{-3}$  at.% at fluences  $>1 \times 10^{24}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> [186, 187].

Blisters were observed on the surfaces of PCW specimens at ion fluences above  $1 \times 10^{24}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>. The release of deuterium from the sub-surface layer of the PCW may be connected with the appearance of blisters and flaking and accompanying porosity development. Note that blisters were not observed on the surface of SCW irradiated with 200 eV D<sup>+</sup>, and the D concentration did not show a release of deuterium with increasing fluence. More information on blisters is in section 4.3.

# 4.2.2. W exposed to D plasmas

The D depth profiles in SCW and PCW specimens exposed to low-energy (~200 eV/D), high flux (~1×10<sup>21</sup> D<sup>+</sup>m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>) magnetron D plasmas at 303-313 K, are characterized by a sharp near-surface concentration maximum of ~1 at.% and a decreasing concentration tail into the bulk (Fig. 22). At temperatures in the range 413-493 K, the D profile demonstrates, in addition to the near-surface peak, a relatively high D concentration (0.3-0.4 at.%) in the sub-surface layer. The main difference between SCW and PCW is the constant concentration level in the bulk for PCW which is absent in the single crystal. The total D retention in both single and polycrystalline tungsten increases with the exposure temperature, reaching its maximum value of  $5 \times 10^{20}$  D/m<sup>2</sup> at 463-493 K, and then decreases as the temperature increases further [187]; also see section 4.4.1.

The concentration of  $D_2$  molecules (in arbitrary units) within the near-surface layer of SCW exposed to a deuterium plasma at 373 K was determined by measuring the  $D_2$  release rate (residual gas analysis) in the course of surface sputtering with Ar<sup>+</sup> ions [187]. A characteristic of the  $D_2$  release rate is that the repetitive  $D_2$  gas bursts occur throughout the whole analysis time which corresponds to an analysis depth of ~450 nm (Fig. 23). The appearance of  $D_2$  molecules is related to the formation of voids filled by gaseous deuterium [187].

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The dependence of the D concentration on the temperature of post-irradiation annealing can provide information about the nature of traps which are responsible for capturing deuterium. Changes in the D depth profile in PCW irradiated at 388 K with 1500 eV D<sup>+</sup> ions to a fluence of  $5 \times 10^{23}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> caused by isochronous annealing (for 10 min) show that there are two ranges of the annealing temperature where the D concentration in W is significantly reduced: 400-500 K (for ~3 µm depth) and 680-750 K (depths ≥6) [187]. According to van Veen et al. [188], the D<sub>2</sub> gas inside the voids is expected to be released during annealing at 400-600 K (de-trapping energy ≈1.0 eV), whereas the D atoms bound on the inner surface of voids (binding energy ≈1.7 eV) is expected to be released at 700-900 K. Using TMAP7 [169] modelling, Poon et al. have identified three trapping energies: ~1.1 and 1.35 eV corresponding to vacancy traps and 2.1 eV corresponding to trapping on inner surfaces of voids [170].

#### **4.3 Blister Formation on the W Surface**

Recent observations of modification of tungsten surfaces by exposure to either hydrogen ion beams or plasmas have shown the formation of blisters [186,187,189,190,191,192,193,194, 195,196,197]. The blister size ranges from one to hundreds of  $\mu$ m, and depends on the structure of the W materials, exposure/irradiation temperature, flux/fluence of hydrogen ions, and the carbon impurity content in the hydrogen beam or plasma. There is some regularity in the development of blisters [191,194,196]. (i) For a particular ion energy, blisters are observed on the irradiated W surface after a corresponding critical fluence is reached. (ii) At low D<sup>+</sup> fluences, the blisters increase in their size and number with increasing fluence, and the size increase tends to saturate at a certain fluence, which might be attributed to rupturing of blisters. (iii) The critical fluence for blistering increases with decreasing ion energy. (iv) At D<sup>+</sup> energies <100 eV, the blister size does not appear to depend on the ion energy, whereas at energies >100 eV, the size increases with increasing ion energy. (v) Carbon impurities in the hydrogen ion beam or plasma enhance blister formation. The reason could be attributed to the formation of a WC layer on the W surface. This layer prevents the implanted hydrogen from leaving the tungsten and causes enhanced diffusion into the bulk, leading to blister formation. (vi) Blisters are not formed at temperatures >870 K.

There are two main models which describe the blistering process. One is the gas driven model [198,199] in which bubbles are assumed to grow by coalescence or the loop punching mechanism. As more D is deposited and bubbles grow, cooperative fracture between the bubbles suddenly becomes an easier way of relieving their overpressure, thus initiating cracks, allowing internal gas release, and lifting the surface of the implanted material into dome-shaped blisters; see e.g., [189]. In the alternative 'lateral stresses model' [200,201] stresses are assumed to be introduced in the implanted layer and the surface will buckle if the integrated stress becomes too high. The D concentration in W materials exposed to D<sup>+</sup> ions at conditions when blisters appear on the surface is found to be relatively low ( $\sim 10^{-1}$  at.%); see Figs. 21 and 22. This fact supports the 'lateral stresses model' for the blister formation mechanism.

The high deuterium concentration in the sub-surface layer and the formation of blisters lead to the conclusion that low-energy D<sup>+</sup> ions in beams or plasmas modify the surface to depths of up to several  $\mu$ m both for SCW and PCW [186,187,189]. The sputter-RGA measurement shows that some of the deuterium is accumulated in the form of D<sub>2</sub> molecules in the near-surface layer [187]. The decrease of the D concentration at a depth of ~1 µm in PCW at the annealing temperatures 420-520 K [187] favours the assumption that some of the deuterium retained within the sub-surface layer is accumulated in the form of D<sub>2</sub> molecules. As the ion fluence increases, the concentration of gas-filled voids within the sub-surface layer (1-5 µm) increases, and interconnected porosity starts to develop. This leads to the release of a fraction of the molecular deuterium and is demonstrated by the decrease of the D concentration in PCW at fluences >1×10<sup>24</sup> D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>; see Fig. 21(b) [186,187,189]. A review of hydrogen bubbles in metals by Condon and Schober [202] outlines some possible void formation mechanisms.

### 4.4 Temperature, Fluence and Flux Dependence of D Retention in W

# 4.4.1 Temperature dependence

The retention of hydrogen in both single and polycrystalline tungsten exposed to <u>D</u> <u>plasmas</u> is dependent on the exposure temperature; see Fig. 24. For a D plasma with ~200 eV D<sup>+</sup> (high flux of ~1×10<sup>21</sup> D<sup>+</sup>m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> flux and ~2×10<sup>24</sup> D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> fluence), D retention in both SCW and PCW is about 1×10<sup>20</sup> D/m<sup>2</sup> at ~300 K. As the temperature increases, the amount of D retained rises to its maximum of about (4-6)×10<sup>20</sup> D/m<sup>2</sup> at 460-490 K, and then decreases by an order of magnitude to  $\sim 2 \times 10^{19}$  D/m<sup>2</sup> at  $\sim 530$  K for SCW and  $\sim 640$  K for PCW; see Fig. 24 (a) [187]. We note that in both the single and polycrystalline W exposed to D plasmas at 300-310 K, the D retention in the near-surface (0-0.3  $\mu$ m) is higher than in the sub-surface layer and in the bulk (0.3-7  $\mu$ m); see Fig. 22. However, at temperatures >350 K, D retention at depths >0.3  $\mu$ m starts to dominate and reaches about 90% of the total D retained at 450-500 K [203].

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In PCW and SCW irradiated with <u>ion beams</u> of 200 eV D<sup>+</sup> and 500 eV D<sup>+</sup> energy at a low flux ((4-6)×10<sup>19</sup> D<sup>+</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>), the D retention decreases as the irradiation temperature increases above 300 K; see Fig. 24(a). However, irradiation of PCW with 500 eV D<sup>+</sup> ions with a flux of  $8\times10^{19}$  D<sup>+</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> does lead to a maximum in the D retention plot at ~450 K [204]; see Fig. 24(b). It is evident that the temperature at which the maximum occurs increases when the flux of D diffusing into the bulk becomes higher. Data on the D retention in PCW exposed to low-energy (~100 eV D<sup>+</sup>) and high flux (~1×10<sup>22</sup> D<sup>+</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>) D plasmas [190,195,197,205] show that a large decrease in the D retention is observed at temperatures above 650-700 K, whereas for ion fluxes of about 1×10<sup>21</sup> D<sup>+</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> the decrease in D retention begins at ~500 K [187]. Evidently, the incident D<sup>+</sup> flux (rather the flux of D atoms diffusing into the bulk) affects not only the D retention in W materials, as it was reported in [190,206], but also the temperature where the D retention reaches its maximum.

#### 4.4.2 Fluence dependence

In PCW irradiated at 300 K with 500 and 1000 eV D<sup>+</sup> ions, the retained amount of D tends to saturation for fluences  $>10^{23}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> [28,204]; see Fig. 25(a). Although the 1000 eV D<sup>+</sup> is slightly above the energy for damage formation (940 eV for D<sup>+</sup>) the saturation levels for the 500 and 1000 eV cases are very similar (~6×10<sup>20</sup> D/m<sup>2</sup>). NRA measurements of the near-surface depth profiles show D being trapped way beyond the ion range to depths of ~500 nm at both 500 and 1000 eV [184].

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Irradiation of W with 500 eV D<sup>+</sup> at 500 K did not show signs of saturation even at a fluence of  $10^{25}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>; see Fig. 25(b). This is consistent with a diffusion-limited trapping mechanism (slope ~0.5) [204]. However, NRA measurements on both the front and back surfaces of a specimen irradiated to a fluence of  $10^{24}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> showed D concentrations of ~0.05 at%, without peaks, indicating a uniform D concentration throughout the bulk [204].

In vacuum plasma-sprayed W (VPSW) of 9% porosity irradiated with 200 eV D<sup>+</sup> ions at 323 K, the D retention increases pro rata square root of the ion fluence and does not demonstrate saturation [203]; see Fig. 25(a). Relatively high D retention in the VPSW (around  $2 \times 10^{21}$  D/m<sup>2</sup> at a fluence of  $10^{24}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>) is caused by high porosity of the material. Analysis of deuterium depth profiles after D ion irradiation at various temperatures leads to the conclusion that deuterium is accumulated in the VPSW mainly in the form of D<sub>2</sub> molecules at the irradiation temperatures of 300-500 K [203].

The fluence dependence of D retention in SCW for 500 eV D<sup>+</sup> irradiations at 300 K is similar to that of PCW [204, 207]. Initially, the retention increases with increasing D<sup>+</sup> fluence, tending to a saturation level of ~ $6\times10^{20}$  D/m<sup>2</sup> for incident fluences > $10^{23}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>; Fig. 25(a). At 500 K the retention curves for both SCW and PCW are similar in that they both show an increasing trend with increasing fluence, without reaching saturation even at  $10^{25}$ /m<sup>2</sup>; Fig. 25(b). However, they differ in the slope of the curves and the magnitude of the amount of D retained, with the SCW showing less retention [204, 207], implying significantly less trapping sites in the single crystal.

# 4.4.3 Flux dependence

Deuterium retention in single crystal W implanted with 500 eV D<sup>+</sup> ions at 300 K was found to vary significantly at low D<sup>+</sup> ion fluxes ( $<10^{18}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>s) and low D<sup>+</sup> fluences ( $<10^{21}$ D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>) [206]; see Fig. 26. The prominent decrease in retention for fluxes below 10<sup>18</sup> D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>s suggests a 'flux threshold' level for D retention. For a higher fluence of  $10^{22}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> the flux dependence is more difficult to observe (Fig. 26). The suggested explanation for this effect is as follows: under irradiation, a steady state will be established between the incident D<sup>+</sup> flux and the flux of D diffusing out of the implantation zone, such that the local mobile D concentration will depend on the incident flux. Hydrogen trapping is thought to occur only when the local D concentration exceeds a local threshold value, i.e., high enough to cause lattice distortion. Thus, for sufficiently low fluxes, there will not be any hydrogen trapping. For fluxes which lead to mobile D concentrations above the threshold, trapping can occur; however, the rate of trapping does not appear to have any dependence on flux above this threshold value. This threshold effect is present for all fluences studied [206].

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### 4.5 Effects of Impurities on D Trapping in W

The impurities that can potentially affect D retention during D<sup>+</sup> irradiation can originate from either the bulk or from the gas phase during irradiation. Differences in D retention observed for SCW specimens obtained from Johnson-Matthey (JM-SCW) and the State Institute of Rare Metals, Moscow (M-SCW) have been attributed to differences in bulk impurities. The JM-SCW with 10 times higher O and C bulk impurities had generally higher D retention [207].

Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS) depth profiles of SCW specimens were used to follow the evolution of near-surface impurities at various stages of the experiments (Fig. 27) [207]. After D<sup>+</sup> irradiation all of the elements profiled had gained near-surface peaks (Fig. 27(b)). The peak locations correspond to the D<sup>+</sup> implant zone (~20 nm). It appears that D<sup>+</sup> implantation has enhanced O and C diffusion from the surface into the bulk. Since 500 eV is too low to create vacancies by the D<sup>+</sup> ions, the enhanced diffusion was attributed to lattice strain and dislocations caused by the high concentration of mobile D in a material with very low solubility [171]. Post-implantation TDS (heating to 1775 K) caused a significant reduction of C and O, dropping to the initial post-anneal levels; compare Figs. 27(a) and 27(c).

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Surface impurities originating from the background gas during  $D^+$  irradiation can also affect the amount of D retained [208]. Reduction of the background gas levels has led to reductions in the near-surface O and C concentrations and the retained amount of D. Through elastic collisions, the impacting 500 eV D<sup>+</sup> ions can transfer energy to the O and C atoms [208, 209] allowing them to reach depths equivalent to the 500 eV D<sup>+</sup> implant zone [210]. In addition, the energy transfer from O or C to a W atom is sufficient to create vacancy-type defects where D can be trapped [211]. It then follows that by reducing the impurity content in the background gas, and thus the concentration of surface impurities during D<sup>+</sup> irradiation, the number of vacancies created will be reduced, and the amount of D trapped will decrease – as observed in the experiments [208]. Exposure to background gas impurities during the various stages of the experiment (implantation, post-implantation, and TDS) and the time delay between implantation and TDS may also affect the measured D retention [210]. Air exposure has negligible effect while post-irradiation time delay leads to detrapping and release of D from shallow traps [210].

D retention was also studied in W alloyed with other metals. The presence of 1-10% Re in an admixture of W-Re alloy did not influence the deuterium retention within the accuracy of the measurements [212]. With W-La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> the fluence dependence behaviour of D retention due to 500 eV D<sup>+</sup> implantations at 300 and 500 K was similar to that of pure W; however the near-surface (within 500 nm) NRA-measured depth distribution in W-La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> as about a factor of 10 higher than in pure W [184].

# 4.6 Hydrogen and Helium Trapping in W during Sequential Irradiations at 300 K

Under burning plasma conditions, virtually all tungsten plasma-facing surfaces will be irradiated with D, T, and He ions and neutrals. Material changes due to He ion irradiation may affect the transport, trapping, and recycling behaviour of hydrogen in tungsten. Here we highlight recent experimental results on the effect of  $H^+$  (or  $D^+$ ) on He trapping and the effect of He<sup>+</sup> on H (or D) trapping in polycrystalline W for sequential (section 4.6) and simultaneous (section 4.7) irradiations at 300 K [213, 214]. For corresponding results at 700 K, refer to [213, 214].

# 4.6.1 Effect of $H^+$ or $D^+$ on He retention

(a) Effect of  $H^+(or D^+)$  post-irradiation on He retention: Comparisons of TDS profiles for 500 eV irradiations of PCW by sequential (SEQ) He<sup>+</sup>–H<sup>+</sup>(D<sup>+</sup>) and He<sup>+</sup>-only at 300 K show that the characteristic TDS peaks at >800 K typical for the He<sup>+</sup>-only irradiation are not present [213]; compare Figs. 28(a) and 28(b). This indicates that the incident H and D ions have detrapped the He from the more energetic traps. Instead, He was found to desorb at 500 and 680 K, the latter being characteristic of D release for D<sup>+</sup>-only irradiation; see Fig. 28(c). The absence of peaks >800 K suggests the elimination of He-vacancy ( $He_nV_m$ ) complexes in the implantation zone [213].

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He release at 500 K is the only part of the He<sup>+</sup>-only TDS spectrum which is largely unchanged by post H<sup>+</sup> or D<sup>+</sup> irradiation. This peak was attributed to He trapped at grain boundaries or interstitial loops surrounding He<sub>n</sub>V<sub>m</sub> complexes [213]. With the He<sub>n</sub>V<sub>m</sub> complexes now removed by H<sup>+</sup>(or D<sup>+</sup>) post irradiation, the unchanged 500 K peak suggests trapping at grain boundaries. The peak at 680 K which was not observed for He<sup>+</sup>-only irradiation may involve He trapping with D(or H), but its reduction with increasing H<sup>+</sup>(or D<sup>+</sup>) fluence suggests that it is a remnant of the He<sub>n</sub>V<sub>m</sub> complex. The concept of joint D-He trapping is supported by the nearly overlapping Elastic Recoil Detection (ERD) depth profiles of D and He in the near surface (~20-30 nm). This overlapping of the D and He ERD profiles further implies that the pre-implanted He blocks the transport of D beyond the implantation zone [213].

(b) Effect of  $D^+$  pre-irradiation on He retention: Here the sequence of irradiation is reversed,  $D^+$  first, then He<sup>+</sup>. The TDS desorption profiles indicate that in the range 800-1200 K, where no D desorption peaks are expected, the trapping of He is unaffected by the presence of the pre-implanted D, and He is released in the same manner as for He<sup>+</sup>-only irradiations [213].

# 4.6.2 Effect of He<sup>+</sup> on D retention

(a) Effect of He<sup>+</sup> pre-irradiation on D retention: The effect of pre-implanted He on D retention can be seen by taking the difference between the SEQ He<sup>+</sup>-D<sup>+</sup> and He<sup>+</sup>-H<sup>+</sup> profiles shown as hatched area in Fig. 28(c); see also  $\Delta A$  in Fig. 28(d). It is evident that the post-implanted D<sup>+</sup> is released at ~500 K, with the near elimination of the 680 K peak, which is dominant for D<sup>+</sup>-only irradiations [213]. This D release at 500 K appears to be largely unaffected by the He presence. It is possible that the post-implanted D<sup>+</sup> breaks apart the He<sub>n</sub>V<sub>m</sub> complexes and re-traps interstitially with the He atoms [213]. The overlap of He and D ERD depth profiles suggests a possible He-D trap configuration in the near surface.

(b) Effect of  $He^+$  post-irradiation on D retention: Subtracting the He<sup>+</sup>-only profile from the SEQ D<sup>+</sup>-He<sup>+</sup> gives a good approximation of the D retention profile for the SEQ D<sup>+</sup>-He<sup>+</sup> irradiation, shown as  $\Delta B$  in Fig. 28(d) [213]. The observed reduction in the 680 K peak, compared to the D<sup>+</sup>-only case, corresponds to ~40% reduction in D retention. In previous studies the 680 K peak for D<sup>+</sup>-only was interpreted to be D trapped at vacancies at the near surface and extended defects deep in the bulk, e.g., [207, 215, 216]. Since ERD He depth profiles for 300 K implants show He to be within the near surface (~35 nm), the reduction in the 680 K D peak is attributed to He de-trapping of D at vacancies in the near surface [213].

# 4.7 Hydrogen and Helium Trapping in W during Simultaneous Irradiations at 300 K

The TDS desorption profiles observed for simultaneous (SIM)  $He^+-H^+$  irradiations closely follow the He<sup>+</sup>-only profiles (Fig. 29(a)) [214]. Overall, the presence of H<sup>+</sup> does not appear to have a significant effect on the He release. The total He retained also closely follows the He<sup>+</sup>only values and fluence dependence trend [214].

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The most revealing difference between the SIM He<sup>+</sup>-H<sup>+</sup> and SIM He<sup>+</sup>-D<sup>+</sup> profiles occurs in the temperature range 400-800 K, indicating significant contributions of D<sub>2</sub> to the total mass-4 release in the SIM He<sup>+</sup>-D<sup>+</sup> cases; see Fig. 29(b) [214]. This is the temperature range where D release is observed for D<sup>+</sup>-only irradiations at 300 K [207]. By taking the difference between the SIM He<sup>+</sup>-D<sup>+</sup> and SIM He<sup>+</sup>-H<sup>+</sup> profiles (Fig. 29(b)), the D contribution can be derived. Plots of this difference for several He<sup>+</sup> and D<sup>+</sup> fluences reveal only one desorption peak, centered on ~520 K; the ~650 K peak characteristic of D<sup>+</sup>-only is significantly reduced [214]. This indicates that He has modified the nature of some trapping sites.

ERD depth profiles of D and He for SIM  $He^+-D^+$  at 300 K show that both He and D are confined to a depth of 30-35 nm [214], similar to the depth profiles seen for SEQ  $He^+-D^+$ irradiations [213]. Deuterium, when implanted alone into tungsten at 300 K, diffuses deep into the bulk (>500 nm) [204]. Hence the shallower D range observed for both SIM  $He^+-D^+$  [214] and SEQ  $He^+-D^+$  [213] irradiations indicates that the presence of He in tungsten limits D diffusion into the bulk.

#### 4.8 Tokamak Experience with an All-tungsten Machine

ASDEX-Upgrade was operated as a full tungsten machine without boronizations during the discharge period 2007. Compared to the earlier predominantly carbon machine the carbon deposition in the divertor decreased by a factor of about 15, and the long-term deuterium inventory decreased by a factor of 5-10. In the predominantly carbon machine the total D inventory was dominated by codeposition with C (and to a minor extent with B) in the inner divertor, while in the all-W machine the D inventory is dominated by implantation and deep diffusion at the outer strike point [217].

#### **4.9 Tungsten Summary and Conclusions**

Hydrogen retention in tungsten is mainly controlled by hydrogen's low solubility and high diffusivity in tungsten. In unirradiated tungsten, the diffusing hydrogen is trapped at intrinsic defects in the bulk. However, during D<sup>+</sup> ion irradiation or D plasma exposure, the D concentration in the implantation zone greatly exceeds the solubility limit and stresses the matrix lattice until plastic deformation, coupled with the formation of voids and vacancy clusters, occurs to alleviate these induced stresses. This can occur even at energies below the displacement threshold for D<sup>+</sup> in W (< 940 eV). This deformation is assumed to be responsible for the sudden increase in trapping sites for deuterium and the concurrent accumulation of deuterium, both in the form of D<sub>2</sub> molecules and D atoms, at depths of several micrometers. The ion-induced lateral stresses in the near-surface layer can also cause blistering. It has been shown that D retention in W during D<sup>+</sup> irradiation also depends on material structure and impurities in the bulk and on the surface.

The amount of D trapped in W during D<sup>+</sup> ion/D plasma irradiation depends on the D<sup>+</sup> ion energy, flux, fluence, and W temperature. For D<sup>+</sup> energies below ~500 eV, the amount of D retained is a function of irradiation temperature: in some cases a decreasing trend with increasing temperature is seen, while in most cases a maximum in D retention is observed, and the temperature at which the maximum occurs increases with increasing incident D<sup>+</sup> flux. For D<sup>+</sup> energies of 1000 eV or less, and temperatures  $\geq$  500 K, D retention increases with increasing incident D<sup>+</sup> fluence with a slope of ~0.5 – indicating diffusion-limited trapping. Available results at 300 K differ, requiring further studies. New results on sequential and simultaneous irradiation of W with  $H^+(D^+)$  and  $He^+$  indicate that the presence of He in the implantation zone acts as a barrier for H(D) diffusion into the bulk.

Generally, one can predict the hydrogen isotope retention in tungsten materials for various implantation conditions. However, further studies are needed to gain a thorough understanding of hydrogen trapping mechanisms, e.g., retention at high ion fluxes and high irradiation temperatures, depth profiles, analysis of microscopic ion-induced defects. While D retention in a predominantly carbon machine is dominated by C codeposition, in an all-W machine it is dominated by implantation and deep diffusion at the outer strike point. Regarding the use of W in ITER, further investigations are also required to assess the effects of neutron-induced displacements/traps on tritium trapping/retention- such work is now in progress.

# 5. HYDROGEN RETENTION IN MIXED MATERIALS

In any plasma confinement device constructed with plasma-facing components made with more than a single element, the issue of fuel retention in a mixture of the plasma-facing elements must be addressed. Much work has gone into the characterization of mixed-materials composed of the ITER materials, specifically tungsten, carbon and beryllium [218]. This section will highlight the present understanding of hydrogen isotope retention in these mixed materials and will also indicate where the existing knowledge base appears to be lacking.

#### 5.1 Be/C Mixed Materials

PISCES-B linear divertor simulator [219,220] utilizes beryllium-seeded deuterium plasmas to investigate mixed-material erosion and codeposition properties of the Be/C and Be/W material combinations. The beryllium-containing plasma simulates the erosion of a particular first wall material into the ITER Scrape-Off-Layer (SOL) plasma and its subsequent flow toward the carbon and tungsten material located in the ITER divertor region.

The first, most dramatic result obtained from the PISCES-B experiments was the suppression of carbon erosion, both physical sputtering and chemical erosion, at very low levels (~0.1%) of incident beryllium impurity ions [221,222]. Typical deuterium plasma parameters in PISCES-B are: ion flux ~ 4 x  $10^{22}$  m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>, incident ion energy ~ 50 eV and surface temperature

ranging from 400-1300 K. This result was confirmed using both spectroscopic as well as weight loss measurements. Initial measurements focused on the equilibrium state of the plasma-exposed surface. In other words, long fluence plasma exposures were performed, after which the surfaces of the plasma-bombarded targets were examined. In addition, during these large fluence exposures, material collectors (referred to as witness plates) were positioned outside the plasma column to collect eroded material [223].

Subsequent experiments have documented the temporal evolution of the mixed beryllium-carbon plasma-created surface [224,225]. Through focusing on the time-dependent evolution of the surface and its associated plasma-material interactions, the fundamental mechanisms responsible for the mitigation of carbon erosion from the mixed-material surface have been identified. A thin, protective  $Be_2C$  layer forms on the plasma-exposed carbon surface and this surface layer is responsible for the chemical erosion suppression [226].

The formation of a mixed-material surface layer has dramatic implications for ITER from the point of view of codeposition. The mixed Be/C surface and the suppression of carbon erosion from the resultant surface causes the codeposited material to become dominated by beryllium codeposition. This work has been described in section 2.5 above.

Information on deuterium inventory and thermal stability of graphite targets following exposure to beryllium-containing deuterium plasmas is inferred from gas desorption profiles during thermal desorption mass spectroscopy (TDS). During TDS, targets are heated in vacuum for over 1 h with a linear temperature ramp to ~1400 K while the partial pressures of deuterium containing species  $D_2$ , HD,  $D_2O$ ,  $CD_3$  and  $CD_4$  are monitored using a residual gas analyzer.  $D_2$  and HD are typically the prominent desorption species and deuterium retention is calculated from the weighted integral of their partial pressure profiles. A calibrated deuterium leak, assumed applicable also for the mixed isotope HD, facilitates conversion of the desorption integrals into a total retention value.

Figure 30 shows desorption fluxes for two targets previously exposed at temperature regimes of ~600 K (Fig. 30a) and ~1000 K (Fig. 30b). Spectra for targets exposed to plasmas of pure deuterium (dashed lines) and deuterium with  $f_{Be}$  =0.001 (solid lines) are compared. Targets

exposed to the pure deuterium plasma received a total ion fluence of  $4.0 \times 10^{26} \text{ m}^{-2}$  while those subject to the beryllium contamination plasma received a smaller fluence of only  $2.0 \times 10^{26} \text{ m}^{-2}$ .

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Fig. 30 shows desorption flux trends for the deuterium containing species, m/e = 3 (HD), 4 (D<sub>2</sub>) as the targets are heated under vacuum at a constant rate of temperature increase to 1373 K. There is no significant trend in CD<sub>4</sub> desorption or any other deuterium containing species. The deuterium uptake in graphite is increased in targets exposed to beryllium-containing plasmas compared to a pure deuterium plasma. This result has also been confirmed with Nuclear Reaction Analysis (NRA) of the exposed samples [227]. For targets exposed at ~600 K, thermal release is characterized by a release peak at ~800 K with more than a factor of 5 increase in the amount of desorbed deuterium in the beryllium contaminated case. The targets exposed at ~1000 K do not show strong thermal release at ~900 K presumably because of the higher temperature during plasma exposure. In both temperature regimes the mixed material surface shows a reduced temperature for the onset of desorption.

In Fig. 31 retention is plotted against target surface temperature during exposure. Data are shown for graphite targets exposed to both beryllium containing,  $f_{Be}$ =0.001, and pure, deuterium plasma exposures. The plasma fluences vary from 2–5×10<sup>26</sup> D ions m<sup>-2</sup> in this data set. The data show that retention falls significantly with exposure temperature. However, targets with a mixed beryllium/carbon surface show systematically higher retention than targets without. Retention in targets with a mixed material surface is increased by a factor of ~4 at temperatures below 600 K but this difference is reduced to a factor of ~2 at ~1000 K. Interestingly, similar trends are observed in the opposite scenario, i.e., beryllium targets exposed to a carbon-containing deuterium plasma. Also shown in Fig. 31 are PISCES mixed materials retention data from Doerner *et al.* [228]. In those experiments, pure beryllium targets are exposed under similar plasma conditions, and retention is compared for plasma exposures with and without deuterated methane (CD<sub>4</sub>, ~2 %) injection. As with the graphite targets, retention is increased in beryllium targets with a mixed material layer and the difference narrows at temperatures beyond 600 K.

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The desorption characteristics of graphite targets exposed to a beryllium-containing deuterium plasma is reminiscent of the retention and release behaviour of boronized graphite, which exhibit an increase in the retention of hydrogen isotopes as well as a decrease in the release temperature of the trapped hydrogen isotopes [136]. It seems likely that the beryllium-containing plasma bombardment acts to dope the graphite targets during the exposure. Such *insitu* doping would explain the reduced chemical erosion behaviour, the increase in global retention in plasma-exposed surfaces, and the decrease in release temperature of the trapped species [226].

#### 5.2 Be/W Mixed Materials

The other beryllium-containing mixed-material system relevant to the ITER device is the Be/W binary mixture. The tungsten beryllide system [229] consists of three alloys ( $Be_2W$ ,  $Be_{12}W$  and  $Be_{22}W$ ) all of which have a lower melting temperature than pure tungsten. The importance of beryllide alloy formation was initially observed in PISCES-B due to the unexpected deterioration of the tungsten crucible used in the beryllium oven during the seeding experiments [230]. Subsequent studies of beryllide formation in tungsten samples exposed to beryllium-seeded deuterium discharges have identified the region of plasma conditions necessary for the alloys to form and grow [231].

In the plasma environment, beryllides begin forming in tungsten surfaces when the temperature reaches about 873 K [231]. However, the diffusion rate of beryllium into tungsten only becomes significant above about 1073 K [232]. It has also been demonstrated that the growth rate of the beryllide alloy is restricted when insufficient beryllium exists in the surface [231]. In the case of ITER utilizing carbon divertor target plates, there appears to be little likelihood of extensive beryllide formation since the tungsten baffles and dome region will not be hot enough for significant inter-diffusion to occur. However, if the ITER design were modified to replace the carbon divertor target plates with tungsten at the divertor strike points, then the tungsten surface would be at much higher temperature and beryllide growth rates could be significant [226].

Although there is no information yet available on the deuterium retention characteristics of these mixed Be-W surfaces, one could expect that the high temperatures necessary for their formation might result in little retention of hydrogen isotopes. This, however, still needs to be experimentally verified and is an ongoing area of research.

# 5.3 C/W Mixed Materials

As for hydrogen isotope retention in C-W mixed materials, tungsten carbides and layers of simultaneously deposited carbon and tungsten atoms have been investigated [233,234,235, 236,237].

Chemical vapour deposited (CVD) coatings of tungsten carbides W<sub>2</sub>C and WC containing about 10 at.% of chemically unbound C atoms along with the carbide phase were exposed to a low-energy ( $\approx 200 \text{ eV/D}$ ) and high flux ( $\approx 10^{21} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) D plasma at various temperatures [233]. The D concentration was measured by means of the  $D(^{3}He,\alpha)H$  reaction, where both the  $\alpha$  particles and protons were analyzed. To determine the D concentration at larger depths, an analyzing beam of <sup>3</sup>He ions with energies varied from 0.69 to 4.0 MeV was used. Additionally, the concentration of deuterium atoms and molecules in the near-surface layers of the plasma-exposed CVD coatings was determined by means of SIMS measurements of Dsecondary ion yields and RGA measurements of the partial pressure of D<sub>2</sub> molecules in the course of surface sputtering. Deuterium molecules were not detected in the RGA measurements and it may be therefore concluded that deuterium is accumulated in the CVD coatings of tungsten carbides solely as D atoms. Depth profiles of deuterium in the plasma-exposed CVD coatings are shown in Fig. 32. At exposure temperatures above 400 K, D atoms diffuse into the bulk of the coatings and accumulate up to a maximum concentration of about 2 at.%. Presumably, deuterium is trapped to carbon precipitates. At temperatures above ~550 K the D concentration in the bulk starts to decrease.

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In sequential  $C^+$  then  $D^+$  implantation experiments Poon et al. [237] have shown three zones of D retention: (i) in the outer C layer D retention is similar to what would be expected in graphite; (ii) an interface layer of WC with significantly lower D retention; and (iii) the substrate W, with W-like D retention levels. Deuterium retentions in carbon and carbon-tungsten mixed films deposited by reactive magnetron sputtering in  $D_2$  atmosphere at a pressure of 0.3-0.5 Pa have been investigated by means of secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS) and residual gas analysis measurements [234]. In the C and C-W films, deuterium is distributed homogeneously throughout the film thickness. When the deposition temperature increases, the D concentration in the C films varies from about 0.4 D/C (atomic ratio) at 400 K to about 0.02 D/C at 973 K (Fig. 33). Similarly, the D concentration in the C-W films falls from about 0.02 D/(C+W) at 400 K to values below  $10^{-4}$  D/(C+W) at 973 K. In spite of the presence of carbon atoms in the C-W mixed films (up to 30%), the concentration of deuterium in these films is much lower than is expected from the assumption that the W-C mixed film consists of tungsten and graphite inclusions. The deuterium concentration in the W-C mixed films is close in value to that in tungsten carbides (Fig. 33).

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Several types of carbon dust and C-W dust were prepared by  $D_2$  arc discharges using carbon and carbon-tungsten electrodes, respectively [235]. The dust was prepared by changing the substrate temperature while maintaining a constant discharge pressure of 1.6 Pa. The amount of retained deuterium was measured by thermal desorption spectroscopy, whereas the number of C and W atoms were estimated from the weight of the dust and from the C/W concentration obtained by Auger electron spectroscopy. The results indicate that the deuterium concentration for the carbon dust and C-W dust (C/W = 70/30) is reduced from 0.33 to 0.12 D/C and from about 0.5 to 0.05 D/(C+W), respectively, when the substrate temperature increases from 300 to 850 K. Katayama et al. [236] reported that in C-W co-deposition layers (C/W > 60/40) formed at the substrate temperatures in the range from 338 to 393 K by sputtering method using hydrogen RF plasma, the hydrogen or deuterium concentration is in the range between 0.16 and 0.45 H/(C+W).

It may be concluded that a C-W mixed layer containing carbon over 60 at.% can trap hydrogen, or deuterium, to the same degree as the C layer. The retained hydrogen is thought to be mainly trapped to carbon. When a C-W mixed layer contains only about 30 at.% of C atoms, hydrogen isotope accumulation is one to two orders of magnitude lower, depending on temperature, than the accumulation in a pure C layer. It is believed that hydrogen retention is reduced due to formation of tungsten carbides.

### **5.4 Mixed-material Experience in Tokamaks**

The first wall of JET is protected from ion impact by carbon tiles, which cover approximately one-half of the vacuum vessel surface. Charge-exchange neutrals, however, interact with all plasma-facing components (PFC) including uncovered areas of vacuum vessel (which is manufactured from the nickel-based alloy inconel). Once a week during plasma operations, beryllium (Be) is evaporated inside JET from evaporator heads at four equi-spaced locations near the outer mid-plane. The plasma thus interacts with a complex PFC geometry, and the surface composition of each component may vary with time and with the distance to the Be evaporators. The impurity content of the plasma is determined by the species sputtered from this mixture of PFC surfaces: carbon is the dominant impurity, with Be at a mean value of ~8% of the C level, and Ni, Cr and Fe (from the inconel) at least an order on magnitude lower than the Be. Impurities leaving the confined plasma enter the scrape-off layer (SOL), and in JET are swept towards the inner divertor by the SOL flow [238].

Impurities arriving at the inner divertor may be expected to have the same composition as those in the plasma. However, due to the large flux of H-isotope ions and neutrals in the divertor region, carbon atoms arriving along the SOL have a high probability of being chemically sputtered, whereas Be and the metals do not. Thus in JET the region of the inner divertor intercepted by the SOL is found to have a deposited film enriched in Be relative to C (Be:C ratios in the range 1 to 2), with a proportion of metals commensurate with the Be. The majority of the carbon is transported to shadowed regions in the corner of the divertor [85,86,239].

The plasma-facing surface of the inner divertor in JET is thus a mixed material, with film thicknesses up to 90  $\mu$ m thick on the carbon-fibre composite (CFC) tiles 1 and 3 (Fig. 10) [85]. Some work on ascertaining the structure of the layer, such as whether there are Be carbides present, is on-going. Measurements of properties of the layer relevant to the performance of the inner divertor such as sputtering coefficients, thermal conductivity, H-isotope retention, detribution behavior are planned, since similar materials may form in the ITER divertor if the main chamber wall is Be and the divertor target is carbon.

### 5.5 Mixed Material Summary and Conclusions

The understanding of mixed materials, in general, and their behaviour with respect to hydrogen uptake and release, in particular, has increased dramatically during the period of this Coordinated Research Program. However, predictions for what to expect in ITER are still problematic. The biggest uncertainty to addressing mixed-material issues in ITER is the relatively poor understanding of impurity creation rates and locations, as well as imprecise predictions of the material transport in the edge and scrape-off layer of confined plasmas.

Given these uncertainties, one can still predict that where carbon-containing mixed materials exist, there is a higher probability of finding larger amounts of retained hydrogen isotopes. For example, the D/C ratio approached unity in JET in divertor codeposited surfaces composed of primarily carbon, On mixed-material surfaces in JET that contained large amounts of metallic species (Be/C  $\sim$ 1), the tritium retention is typically about an order of magnitude less [84].

Operation at higher surface temperature can benefit tritium retention in two ways. First, at higher surface temperature, the hydrogen retention in mixed materials decreases, as it does with mono-elemental materials. The second, added benefit of operation at higher temperature with carbon-based mixed materials is that the carbon tends to bond as a carbide at higher temperature. This effect can alleviate the likelihood of hydrogen bonding to the carbon atoms, thereby reducing retention as well as reducing the chemical erosion of carbon, which reduces the source term for codeposition.

#### 6. DETRITIATION OF PLASMA-FACING MATERIALS

Tritium removal from plasma-facing components is a critical issue for the operation and licensing of magnetic fusion reactors. Tritium is important is safety assessments, it is also expensive and in short supply. In next-step machines the order-of magnitude increase in duty cycle will greatly increase the tritium accumulated per day of plasma operations while drastically reducing the time available for its removal [240]. The lack of tokamak demonstrations of tritium removal at the speed and efficiency required for ITER [241] has led to questions on the licenseability of carbon PFCs during the tritium phase on ITER. Techniques for tritium removal

from metal PFCs and mixed materials are less well developed especially for tritium trapped deep in the material. Hydrogen removal from codeposits has been previously reviewed in [3,6,7,8,9].

The use of carbon as a first wall material has shown that substantial amounts of the fuel injected into the vacuum vessel is co-deposited in surface layers and/or implanted into the surface of the carbon tiles (section 3.3). A particular concern is the location of these deposits; in several tokamaks deposits are found in regions shadowed from the plasma such as duct scrapers (TEXTOR), beneath the divertor (ASDEX), and on louvers beyond the inner corner of the divertor (JET). Access to such deposits for *in-situ* cleaning may be difficult. The layers are basically hydrocarbons in chemical composition, i.e., they contain massive amounts of hydrogen, and occasionally their thicknesses may reach a few tens of micrometers. Even worse, sometimes they become so thick that they spall off to form flakes, many of which fall into the sub-divertor zones of the machine.

Tritium removal techniques are typically tested first *ex-situ* on tiles retrieved from tokamaks; however, tokamak demonstrations are essential to demonstrate that tritium is not simply reabsorbed before evacuation from the tokamak, or redistributed as dust in inaccessible regions. Numerous experimental techniques have been investigated for the *in-situ* and *ex-situ* detritiation of the plasma-facing materials. While the *in-situ* techniques are limited by the conditions permissible inside the torus, the *ex-situ* detritiation techniques can employ much more aggressive treatments both in temperature and/or reagents (use of oxygen, ozone, etc...), that are normally not possible inside the vacuum vessel. A number of these detritiation techniques have been tested during the period of this CRP, and are described briefly in the following sections. Firstly, non-invasive *in-situ* techniques such as gas treatments are considered, then techniques involving the use of equipment to clean off deposits *in-situ* such as laser and photon cleaning (which as a back-up solution can also clean components *ex-situ*), and finally techniques designed for de-tritiation of components *ex-situ* prior to disposal are described.

### 6.1 In-situ Detritiation by Gas Treatments

# 6.1.1 Cleaning in oxygen

One of the methods proposed for the removal of tritium from tokamak co-deposits is thermo-oxidation, which removes the co-deposit via the formation of reaction products  $D_2O$ , CO and CO<sub>2</sub> [242,243]. Laboratory studies have demonstrated that the co-deposit erosion rates and the associated D removal rates depend on the film structure, the oxidation temperature and oxygen pressure, e.g., [244,245]. Recent oxidation studies of DIII-D co-deposits have shown that the effect of increasing the temperature and/or pressure leads to increases in the initial erosion rates and decreases in the final D content [244,245]. Significantly larger initial erosion rates are best achieved by increasing the temperature rather than increasing the pressure; see Fig. 34 [244]. At 673 K and 79 kPa the D content was reduced by about an order of magnitude in 15 min, roughly corresponding to a film erosion rate of ~10  $\mu$ m/h [244].

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The final D content after prolonged oxidation is seen to decrease with increasing temperature and increasing pressure [244]. After 2 h of oxidation at 673 K and 79 kPa, the remaining D content was reduced to  $\sim 5 \times 10^{20}$  D/m<sup>2</sup>, down by a factor of  $\sim 30$  from the initial level of  $\sim 1-2 \times 10^{22}$  D/m<sup>2</sup>, and a further decreasing trend with increasing oxidation time is evident as seen in Fig. 34 [244]. A possible explanation of the reduced oxidation rate with oxidation time is the build-up of impurity elements in the deposited films by the preferential erosion of carbon. For the DIII-D specimens studied [244,245,246,247,248] the 'D removal efficiency' (i.e., reduction in D content divided by the initial D content) as a function of initial near-surface boron impurity concentrations is plotted in Fig. 35 [244] – B was the dominant impurity. For initial B content of about 2-3%, the D removal efficiency at 673 K and 79 kPa O<sub>2</sub> pressure was >95%. (By comparison, the oxidative erosion rate of the graphite substrate is orders of magnitude lower than the erosion rate of tokamak co-deposits [8,249].)

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Oxidation has also been performed on thick (10-250  $\mu$ m) codeposits with high impurity content (up to 50% Be/(Be+C)) removed from the JET MkII-GB divertor after the 1998-2001 campaign [85]. During oxidation at 623 K and 20 kPa O<sub>2</sub> pressure the initial D removal rates increase nearly linearly with inherent D content; see Fig. 36. About 50% of the inherent D is removed in the first 15 minutes, independent of thickness and Be content and after 8 h of oxidation > 85% of the inherent D was removed; see Fig. 37. This implies that the structure of the codeposit is likely to be highly porous such that erosion occurs throughout the layer and not from the geometric surface inward [250]. The observed different effects of B (DIII-D) and Be (JET) on the codeposit removal rates is attributed to differences in the chemistry involving B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and BeO [250]. Post-oxidation analysis of the codeposit is currently underway.

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#### Oxidation experience in tokamaks

Controlled oxidation experiments performed in TEXTOR [251] at 500-700 K temperature and 0.7-30 Pa  $O_2$  pressure have also shown the release of CO, CO<sub>2</sub> and water. Similar results were also obtained in HT-7 [252]. Additional tokamak experience with oxidation has been inadvertently obtained from the occasional accidental air leaks into operating tokamaks at elevated temperatures. In all of these cases, including the controlled TEXTOR oxidation tests, post-oxidation plasma operation was recovered after applying normal wall conditioning procedures, e.g., GDC in  $D_2$  and He in TEXTOR [251].

# Implication for ITER

Assuming that ITER codeposits will have similar structure and impurity content as the JET codeposits, we would expect that thermo-oxidation at 623 K and 20 kPa  $O_2$  pressure would remove > 85% of the D from the codeposit after about 8 h – independent of Be content and codeposit thickness.

The release of tritium from codeposits during thermo-oxidation will be predominantly in the form of  $T_2O/DTO$  [242]. Thermo-oxidation in ITER might liberate up to 700 g of T along

with 470 g of D, leading to the production of ~4900 g  $(D,T)_2O$ . The baseline water processing rate for the ITER Tritium Plant is 33 g/hr. At this rate it would take 150 h (~6 days) to process this tritiated water. Thus, a scale-up of the current Water Detritiation System or a separate tritiated water processing system would likely be needed to accommodate this load.

Highly tritiated water is corrosive; because of this it will be important to ensure that no tritiated water vapor is allowed to condense as liquid and remain for extended periods of time. The tritiated water vapor must be transported through ductwork, and it is important to ensure that this vapour does not condense in unwanted locations. This might necessitate additional heating of ductwork and components. However, it is already recognized that tritiated water in the normal torus exhaust will not be diluted by (H,D)<sub>2</sub>O, and heated ductwork is planned whether or not thermo-oxidation is used.

### 6.1.2 Use of He-O discharges

The possible synergy of adding O to a He glow discharge along with heating has been examined by Kunz et al. [253], using a graphite tile covered with a relatively thick codeposited layer removed from the TFTR reactor with a D/C ratio of approximately 0.2. The samples were examined before and after treatment microscopically using Auger scanning electron microscopy, and by Ion Beam Analysis (IBA) techniques. The samples were then exposed to a He-O glow discharge at temperatures varying from 373 K to 513 K (the latter being the highest obtainable temperature in ITER without draining the coolant). The gas consisted of 80% helium and 20% oxygen, and was held at a pressure of 13.2 Pa during the discharge. The gas purity was maintained by slowly pumping on the vacuum vessel at the same time fresh gas was supplied.

After exposure to the glow for 4 h at 443 K, the amount removed was less than 1  $\mu$ m, implying a removal rate of ~0.35 carbon atoms/ion [253]. Much higher rates were reported by Hsu [254] (5 carbon atoms/ion) and Jacob [255]. This may be due to differences in the films treated, or due to a sharp decrease in rate with time as observed by Cowgill [256]. Microscopic examination of Cowgill's samples after low temperature exposure revealed a "grass-like" or "hair-like" structure that is resistant to further removal. The increased temperature used in this study apparently does not facilitate oxygen reaction with the individual strands of the structure. IBA suggested some loss of deuterium from near the surface [256].

In the more recent work of Hu et al. [252], oxidation with both ion cyclotron resonance discharge (O-ICR) and glow discharge cleaning (O-GDC) at 400 to 470 K yielded codeposited layer removal rates of about twenty times that of He-ICR and He-GDC. While the use of carbon removal rate per hour in Ref. [252] instead of per unit area per hour, made the removal rates difficult to quantify, the simple fact that the removal rate was only twenty times that of He-GDC clearly shows that O<sup>+</sup> fluxes would need to be increased significantly for this process to be of use for deposit removal in ITER.

In conclusion, the available results confirm this combination of removal techniques is not an effective way of removing the codeposited carbon/tritium layer produced in fusion reactors.

#### 6.2 Photon Cleaning: Laser and Flashlamp

#### 6.2.1 General

Laser induced desorption [257] or ablation [258] is a reliable method to remove tritium retained in near surface layers of plasma-facing component. Advantages of tritium removal using lasers are the ability to remove tritium from plasma-shadow regions, little or no production of hazardous tritiated water and no deconditioning of plasma-facing surfaces with oxygen. Many experiments on the removal of hydrogen isotopes from carbon materials have been conducted using different types of laser or photon sources with various wavelengths, pulse durations, and intensities, see references [259,260,261,262,263,264,265,266,267,268,269,270,271,272,273, 274,275,276].

When a laser beam is irradiated on carbon materials, many different processes can occur depending on the laser intensity,  $I_L$ . In the region where  $I_L$  is less than the threshold intensity for ablation,  $I_{ablation}$ , or vaporization (non-ablation region; NAR), only thermal desorption of hydrogen isotopes occurs. When  $I_L$  is larger than  $I_{ablation}$  (ablation region; AR), sublimation of both carbon materials and hydrogen isotopes occurs, and ablative removal of the target materials starts. While continuous lasers can attain the highest time-average intensities, pulsed lasers can attain very high peak intensities and are usually used for AR. When  $I_L$  is increased further, ionization of ablated carbon materials due to inverse bremsstrahlung (IB) absorption and multiphoton ionization (MPI) begin at another threshold laser intensity  $I_{ionize}$  [275,276,277]. Hereafter,

the region at  $I_{ablation} < I_L < I_{ionize}$  is referred as the "weak-ablation region" (WAR), and that at  $I_L > I_{ionize}$  as the "strong-ablation region" (SAR) [270,271]. In Fig. 38 NAR, WAR and SAR are distinguished in terms of emitted particles, ions and photons [278].

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Laser-induced desorption in NAR with surface temperature of around 1000-2000 K has released gaseous deuterium and tritium molecules from codeposited layers of ~ 100  $\mu$ m thickness [267]. In AR, the surface layers (including the hydrogen contained therein) are continuously removed. In WAR, however, the released hydrocarbons would stick or re-deposit somewhere near the ablated area with incorporation of tritium. In this respect, SAR is more desirable because of larger removal efficiency and less production of tritiated hydrocarbons although it faces the issue of the subsequent removal of ablated tritiated particulates from the vessel.

In the following sections three different sets of experiments are described: photon cleaning and two examples of the use of lasers in different modes – desorption of tritium (NAR), and ablation (SAR).

## 6.2.2 Flashlamp cleaning of JET divertor tiles

A photon cleaning unit consisting of a flash-lamp capable of delivering 500 J at 5 Hz with a pulse width of 140  $\mu$ s was used to remove tritium from deposited films on tiles from JET. Trials of the photon cleaning unit were carried out in-vessel using remote handling at JET [271], and further trials were completed in the beryllium handling facility (BeHF) at a range of pulse energies and repetition rates [279]. Tiles were examined with ion beam analysis (IBA) and secondary ion mass spectroscopy (SIMS) before and after treatment. At low energies (<100 J) some H-isotopes were desorbed, but only from the top 1  $\mu$ m at the surface of the film. For pulse energies from 150 J to 300 J, a limited removal of material from the tile surface was observed, but this was insufficient for cleaning off thick films.

In further trials, tiles were sectioned before and after treatment with 500 J pulses. By comparing the difference in thickness between the untreated and treated regions the total amount

of material removed was 70  $\mu$ m from a region at the edge of the tile and 90  $\mu$ m from an area away from the edge, ~40% of the deposit in the latter area. From the total number of pulses used to treat the two regions, removal rates were of the order 0.05  $\mu$ m/pulse and 0.03  $\mu$ m/pulse, respectively. The total T removed from the tile was approximately 0.081Ci (8.4  $\mu$ g-T) from a total area of 18x10<sup>-4</sup>m<sup>2</sup>.

During cleaning, the release of T per pulse was found to decrease with increasing number of pulses. Results from SIMS show the presence of nickel (Ni) at the surface [279]. This indicates that Ni is not removed efficiently during the photon cleaning process, and consequently builds up on the surface. Physical removal of this layer restored the T release rate to its previous value. SIMS and IBA show that D is partially depleted ahead of the removal front, to a depth of  $\sim 10 \ \mu$ m.

Based on these removal rates, and assuming a continuous operation of the flash-lamp at 500 J per pulse and frequency of 5 Hz, a 10  $\mu$ m deposit would be removed at the rate of 0.06 m<sup>2</sup>/h. In order to increase the removal rate, the temperatures at the tile surface would be need to be raised. This might be achieved with minor modifications to the current photon cleaning system so that lower energy pulses in rapid succession could be delivered to the tile surface; however, application to ITER would require a major increase in removal rate and the necessary technology to remove the ablation products from the vessel.

# 6.2.3 Laser cleaning by desorption of tritium

A novel method for tritium release was proposed by Skinner et al. in 1997 [257] and has been successfully demonstrated on co-deposited layers on tiles retrieved from TFTR and from JET [265,267]. A scanning continuous wave Nd laser beam was focused to  $\approx 100 \text{ W/mm}^2$  and scanned at high speed over the codeposits, heating them to temperatures of  $\approx 2,300 \text{ K}$  for about 10 ms in either air or argon atmospheres. Up to 87% of the codeposited tritium was thermally desorbed from the JET and TFTR samples in laboratory experiments. Fiber optic coupling between the laser and scanner was implemented that would enable the laser to be located remotely from the tokamak [267]. The temperature excursion would also release volatile impurities from the tiles and improved wall conditioning may prove to be a significant collateral benefit to subsequent plasma operations. Unlike laser ablation techniques that create particulate debris which could be dispersed to hard-to-access areas, this technique generates gaseous tritium, mostly in the elemental form that can be pumped out of the tokamak. Such a laser thermal desorption technique has been extensively used by Haasz et al. to measure D content in various materials, including codeposits, e.g., [244,245,250]. This technique also avoids the drawbacks of thermo-oxidative erosion that generates tritium as DTO, drawbacks that include the passivation of the oxygen gettering capacity of beryllium plasma-facing components, conditioning time needed to remove oxygen and recover normal plasma operations, potential damage to in-vessel components and the cost of processing large quantities of DTO exhaust [280]. Interestingly the temperature excursion of the codeposited layer was significantly higher than a bare graphite surface (2043 K compared to 1353 K), implying a much reduced thermal conductivity [269]. An interesting change in the surface morphology was observed after laser treatment of C/Be deposits on JET tiles. The previously uniform layer becomes broken up into sub-millimeter 'globules' suggesting melting of the beryllium component [269].

High-power Nd lasers with fiber-optically coupled scanning heads are a proven technology in manufacturing. For a next-step device we envisage a scaled up system with a multi-kilowatt laser beam delivered by fiber-optics on a robotic arm or mobile robot inside the vessel [281] (Fig. 39). Energetically 30 MJ is needed to heat the top 100  $\mu$ m of a 50 m<sup>2</sup> co-deposited area from 673 to 2273 K and this corresponds to the output of a 3 kW laser for 3 hours. Miniaturized scan heads could be used in hard-to-access areas such as tile gaps. Clearly much work remains to be done to develop this technique at an engineering scale, however, the results show that this technique appears to be a promising *in-situ* method for tritium removal in a next-step DT fusion device.

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If oxygen is present, tritiated water may be released during laser desorption. Tritiated water is corrosive and needs special precautions in comparison with elemental tritium gas (see section 6.1.1); in addition tritiated water can be re-absorbed on tokamak walls and is commonly observed in thermal desorption measurements on samples kept in air. Experiments [273,282] with laser energies of 400, 230, and 70 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>, which are well below the ablation threshold, demonstrated that after 5 pulses of 20 ns duration, about 90, 65, and 50% of deuterium was released from the TEXTOR bumper limiter tiles containing  $10^{18}$  D/cm<sup>2</sup>. HD and D<sub>2</sub> were

observed in the residual gas, the HD apparently originating from residual water released under laser impact. HDO is also expected from residual water and its absence in the quadropole mass spectrometer (QMS) spectrum is attributed to its absorption on the walls of the UHV (10<sup>-10</sup> mbar) system.

Additional experiments [283] with 400 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup> laser beam were performed in vacuum,  $H_2$  gas environment (24 mbar), and  $O_2$  gas environment (2.4 mbar and 24 mbar). It was found that HD and  $D_2$  components were very similar after laser pulses in vacuum, hydrogen, and in low pressure oxygen. After irradiation at high pressure of oxygen,  $D_2$ +HD decreased by a factor of 2-3, while heavy water (HDO and  $D_2O$ ), which gave only a few percent of D release in vacuum and at low pressure of  $O_2$ , increased. Heavy water in this case can be formed during laser induced dissociation of oxygen gas at high temperature. Though the increase of QMS water signals after laser shots in vacuum was small, its background increased from experiment to experiment. This can be interpreted as an indirect indication that heavy water was released during laser shots in vacuum, but it was absorbed by walls giving only a rise of the background. The absorption by walls was demonstrated in separate experiments where a water leak was arranged. The water signal rose with time to a steady-state level, and the delay time was about 30 min in the system with a large wall surface but was only about 1 min in a smaller system. More detailed experiments on measurements of mass-spectra after laser impact are necessary.

#### 6.2.4 Detritiation by laser ablation

When removing tritium from thick co-deposits such as may occur in ITER, it is advantageous to remove the films themselves, as this decreases the potential hazard posed by large accumulations of carbon dust in ITER. One detritiation method considered here is to use a laser in a SAR regime. Equipment for the detritiation of JET tiles by laser ablation within the JET BeHF has been developed at CEA, Saclay [270].

Tiles from the JET divertor were mounted on a stand in a slit box in the BeHF. The sealed box containing a laser, scanning mechanism and viewing camera was wrapped in polythene and supported on a table so that the scanned beam could pass through an open slit into the slit box and illuminate the sample tile at normal incidence (Fig. 40). Sockets on the sealed box connected to the laser, etc, were connected via a bulwark plate in the BeHF wall to power

supplies and drive units that could be operated from outside the BeHF. A Nd-YAG laser with a pulse energy of 1 mJ, a beam diameter of 100 microns, a pulse length of 120 ns and a repetition rate of 20 kHz was used.

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A single scan was sufficient to completely change the appearance of the treated region; instead of the smooth film, the fibre planes of the CFC substrate were clearly visible [284]. In the case of 3 passes the deposited film, which was up to 300  $\mu$ m thick in this region, was removed completely as shown by IBA, but some of the CFC substrate (~ 10  $\mu$ m) had also been eroded as shown by the cross-sections in Fig. 41. Note also the sharp edge to the treated region. The laser energy required for removal of substrate material is higher than that for removal of a co-deposited film. Thus, by optimizing the laser energy it would be possible to avoid any removal of substrate material, if this were necessary.

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It is not clear in what form the film is removed by the laser (gas, particulates, etc), as all the ablated material was swept from the slit box by the ventilation flow. Also, during the trials, less tritium release was recorded by the stack monitors than expected (e.g., an order of magnitude less than observed during the flash lamp cleaning trials reported in section 6.2.2); further work is in progress to elucidate these points. However, for ITER it is essential that the ablated material is removed from the machine. This may be done either by setting up a gas flow in the vicinity of the ablation, or by treating divertor cassettes after removal from the vessel.

The laser was configured to scan over a maximum area of 500x500 mm with a limited effective depth of field. Alternative configurations are being developed that are more suitable for accessing difficult places, such as in the ITER divertor: since the laser delivery is via a fibre optic cable there are no inherent limitations. The tests have shown that laser ablation is a possible technique for removing large areas of plasma deposited layers.

### 6.3 Clean-up after Removal from the Tokamak

# 6.3.1 Gamma irradiation of flakes

A very large fraction of the tritium remaining in JET after the DTE1 campaign was found to be retained in flakes at the inner louvers. The flakes exhibit a layered structure and a D/C ratio ranging from 0.7 to 0.8 containing 96% carbon 3% oxygen, and traces of various metals, mostly beryllium. The flakes were similar in composition and structure to the adherent deposited films on the sections of tiles shadowed from the plasma close to the louvers. A sample of these flakes was characterised at the Hot-Cells of the Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe (TLK).

The physico-chemical analysis at TLK revealed an average Specific Surface Area (SSA) of  $(4.7\pm0.3)$  m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>, and a density of  $1.69\pm0.02$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>, whereas their D/T ratio was estimated to be equal to 50 [285]. Their average tritium activity was also measured by calorimetry and was found to be  $1.17\pm0.1$  TBq per gram of flakes or 3.3 mg tritium per gram of flakes.

The flakes are naturally off-gassing and over a storage period of 21 months at TLK the average off-gassing rate was assessed to be 0.58 Ci ( $60\mu g$ -T) per gram of flakes per month. Over a following period of two years, the tritium off-gassing rate showed a slow decrease to reach the average value of 0.37 Ci/g per month. Under inert atmosphere the off-gassing rate rapidly decreases while the presence of moisture seems to speed up the off-gassing process.

This off-gassing behaviour may be explained by a radiation-induced mechanism based on the tritium beta decay. After the tritium beta decay, the beta particle collides with the surrounding molecules and atoms and has sufficient energy (average 5.7 keV per beta) to produce multiple excitations, T-C bond breaking and ionisation of the surrounding molecules. One of the authors (NB) attempted, therefore, to enhance such a process by using an additional external irradiation, such as gamma irradiation.

After several months of irradiation at TLK under a gamma field generated by four <sup>57</sup>Co sources, for a total dose of 3.5 Mrads, the off-gassed tritiated species released by the sample were tracked using a mass spectrometer and compared with the species released before irradiation. It was observed, that the oxygen amount (mass 32) and the amount of CO or  $C_2H_4$  (mass 28) were similar before and after irradiation. It seems likely that it is the water presence

that is responsible for the oxygen release and once the water is consumed the oxygen amount released by the sample is diminished, the same way the tritium off-gassing rate of the flakes is diminished.

The gamma sources were not strong (~6 krad/h), and the gamma irradiation did not enhance significantly the tritium off-gassing rate of the flakes. The reason is that the tritium content into the flakes (~3 mg tritium) delivers a much higher dose than the gamma sources. In this regard 1 g of tritium delivers approximately 0.324 W/g or 32 krad per second. Consequently, the dose rate delivered by the 1 g flakes (containing 3mg tritium) is approximately 345 krad/h, which is much higher than the 6 krad/h delivered by the three gamma sources. Moreover, the photoelectric effect generated by the gamma irradiation is very weak for low Z (hydrocarbon) materials, but increases for high Z materials as a larger number of secondary electrons would be produced.

# 6.3.2 Thermal release of tritium from carbon-based deposits

Thermal release studies of tritium from specimens from the plasma-exposed side of carbon tiles used in JET has already shown that heating the samples under moist air atmosphere, temperatures higher than 723 K are required to release most of the tritium [140]. With a view to heat the samples at as high as possible temperatures in an inert gas, three samples from the inner divertor tile IN3 of JET were retrieved using the coring technique, and heated up to 1373 K under helium purge gas containing 0.1% vol. hydrogen.

The samples were heated with a ramp rate of 7 K min<sup>-1</sup> up to a holding temperature of 773, 823, 873 K and then after cooling down the thermal treatment was repeated with a subsequent heating ramp rate of 15 K min<sup>-1</sup> up to 1373 K. After having reached the final temperature the sample is held at 1373 K for 30 to 90 min. Several peaks have been observed between 673 K and 1273 K corresponding to the release of a number of various tritiated species. Typical thermal release results are shown in Fig. 42.

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Heating the plasma-exposed sample IN3-Cyl8-A1 at 773 K releases only part of the trapped tritium; all the tritium is released only after thermal treatment at 1373 K. The figure clearly indicates that at least two types of hydrogen bonding are present in the co-deposited layers. One type is "easily" broken at temperatures between 723 K and 823 K; a second much stronger bond requires higher temperatures (~1073 K) to break the bond and release the total amount of the contained tritium.

From this study [140] it appears that the gas-solid reactions taking place during the thermal treatment of a carbon sample are quite complicated and involve various tritiated hydrocarbon species having one or two carbon atoms in their structure. As the deuterium and tritium content for such compounds is very high e.g., D/C~0.75, such small chain hydrocarbons must exhibit mainly a  $sp^3$  hybridization. On the other hand, it has been reported that an  $sp^3$  H–C bond does not have the same energy as an  $sp^2$  H–C bond [286]. Indeed, the dissociation energy of the H–C bond increases as the *p* character of the carbon, in the *s-p* hybridization, decreases. In other words, passing from a  $sp^3$  hybridization to  $sp^2$  and then to *sp* the H–C bond becomes shorter and therefore stronger, requiring higher temperatures to break the bond. Accordingly, we attributed the first type of the released tritium (between 723 and 823 K) to the tritium diffused between the fibers and grains while the various observed peaks correspond to the various s-p hybridizations of carbon in the T–C bonds. On the other hand the second type of peaks, observed at higher temperature (~ 1073 K), has been attributed to tritium released after the intraganular diffusion.

A more detailed investigation [287] has shown that the presence of various peaks observed between 673 K and 1073 K corresponds to the various alkyl, or isotopic substitutions that the  $sp^3$  carbon can have.

### 6.3.3 Detritiation of stainless steel

Detritiation of stainless steel in wet atmosphere was investigated after saturation in T gas [288]. Release was found to be mainly in the form of HTO molecules. It was observed that SS316 with a thick technological oxide layer demonstrates rates of detritiation comparable to the rates predicted by a simple diffusion-limited mechanism of release. It was suggested that surface

oxides promote water absorption and dissociation as well as T-HO recombination and facilitate in this way detribution of metals.

#### 6.4 Detritiation Summary and Conclusions

There is no clear answer to date on the best way to control the in-vessel tritium inventory in ITER, which is likely to be concentrated in parts of the divertor structure difficult to access [3]. A method of reducing the inventory on a regular basis (e.g., overnight) without requiring the magnetic fields to be turned off, without affecting the torus vacuum, and without producing any hazardous waste would be the ideal solution. Oxygen gas will reach all parts of the machine, but efficient removal of codeposits will require the heating of some components of the divertor (where codeposits form) to temperatures  $\geq$  573 K. The reaction products of oxidation include tritiated water, which will require appropriate consideration in the design of the exhaust processing plant in ITER; (section 6.1.1). Oxygen treatment is relevant for the removal of carbon-based and mixed C-Be deposits. Laser technology may be used *in-situ* during an extended outage (section 6.2.3), but access to all appropriate regions of codeposition may be difficult. Laser induced thermal desorption releases elemental tritium that can be pumped out. Laser ablation is very effective at removing thick deposits, assuming access is possible, but it leads to the release of particulates (section 6.2.4).

Although the level of codeposition, or co-implantation, of H-isotopes in beryllium-rich layers at room temperature is similar to that expected in carbon-rich co-deposits, the concentration decreases much more rapidly with temperature in the former (as discussed in section 2.5). In addition, it is easier to remove the deuterium content at low temperature from beryllium-rich films than from carbon-rich films. This is shown in Fig. 43, where data from outgassing measurements of beryllium-rich co-deposits [289] is re-plotted and compared to data from thermally desorbing carbon-rich co-deposits [290]. For comparison the design value for the maximum bake temperature achievable in the ITER divertor after the coolant is drained from the divertor components is 650 K. Detritiation for ITER is thus critically dependent on final decisions regarding the first wall composition and operating scenarios.

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#### 7. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Designing a robust interface between a burning plasma and the material world poses severe challenges for future fusion reactors. The high stored energy and pulse duration in ITER coupled with the lack of experience in contemporary tokamaks with the proposed combination of plasma-facing materials makes the choice of these materials among the highest risk factors for ITER. The tritium inventory is a major source term in accident scenarios, and erosion and tritium retention are decisive factors in material selection, licensing and the future schedule of plasma operations. Advances in materials technology, especially in high-Z materials and in He cooling technology that will permit high wall temperatures are essential parts of the long term solution. This paper has presented recent results from research on plasma-facing materials proposed for ITER: Be, C and W as well as mixtures of these materials with a special focus on tritium uptake and possible release mechanisms.

A key feature of beryllium is the development of connected porosity in material exposed to energetic hydrogen isotope ions. After extensive bombardment, an open honeycomb type structure develops that extends beyond the particle range. The open porosity is an excellent getter of oxygen and the affinity of hydrogen to metal oxides results in 0.3 to 0.4 H/Be tied at least partially to the oxide. This porosity growth can account for the strong pumping of hydrogen observed in tokamak discharges. After a discharge, the gas begins to escape from the porosity with a time constant of tens of seconds or can diffuse along grain boundaries deeper into the material. However, the oxide layer is expected to be very thin (nm scale thickness) and hence the hydrogenic retention in beryllium will still be dominated by codeposition of fuel atoms with either beryllium or carbon (if it is present).

Carbon has been a favoured material for plasma-facing components ever since the replacement of tungsten with carbon facilitated the first achievement of fusion relevant temperatures in PLT [291]. Carbon has excellent thermo-mechanical properties and low radiative cooling of the plasma because of its low Z. The key issue for ITER though, is carbon's ability to trap tritium. Eroded C (atoms/molecules/radicals) can be transported in the plasma edge until they intercept solid surfaces where redeposition, in conjunction with H isotopes, can result in the continuous growth of tritium-containing codeposited layers. Full carbon machines such as JET

and TFTR experienced tritium retention fractions that would be intolerable for ITER. Nevertheless, carbon is maintained as an option for limited areas of the ITER divertor target however, its use will require frequent interventions for tritium removal. The formation of codeposited layers in tile gaps and tritium diffusion into the bulk material adds to the challenge. Tritium retention levels decrease with increasing temperature, however the maximum bake temperature of ITER's plasma-facing components is limited.

Hydrogen retention in tungsten is mainly controlled by hydrogen's low solubility and high diffusivity. In unirradiated tungsten, the diffusing hydrogen is trapped at intrinsic defects in the bulk. However, during deuterium ion irradiation or plasma exposure, the deuterium concentration in the implantation zone greatly exceeds the solubility limit and causes plastic deformation, leading to a sudden increase in trapping sites and the concurrent accumulation of deuterium, both in the form of  $D_2$  molecules and D atoms, at depths of several micrometers. The amount of hydrogenic retention is temperature dependent. While the level of retention in unirradiated tungsten is expected to be lower than retention levels in Be- and C- containing codeposits, the creation of neutron induced displacements/traps will increase the retention of hydrogen in tungsten. Experiments are currently underway to investigate this.

In general, one can predict that where carbon and beryllium containing mixed material codeposits exist, there is a probability of finding large amounts of retained hydrogen isotopes. However, the amount of retention decreases with increasing temperature, as it does with monoelemental materials. Although an extensive database exists on hydrogen retention, both from laboratory and tokamak experiments, predictions for what to expect in ITER are still problematic due to the relatively poor understanding of impurity creation rates and locations, and uncertainties in material transport in the edge and scrape-off layer of toroidal plasmas.

Once the in-vessel tritium inventory in ITER approaches the administrative 700 g-T limit [292], plasma operations will have to cease and the tritium removed by some means. The resulting availability of the machine for plasma operations will sensitively depend on the tritium accumulation rate, which in turn depends on the final selection of plasma-facing materials (and the resulting mixed materials) as well as on the speed and efficiency of tritium removal. Candidate tritium removal techniques include passive removal by oxidation and active removal

by surface heating or ablation. The lack so far of a demonstration of tritium removal at the required speed and efficiency from a contemporary tokamak with ITER's mix of materials poses risks for ITER's availability for plasma operations and makes tritium retention a decisive factor in the selection of ITER's plasma-facing materials.

The following topics are recommended for high priority R&D:

- 1. Determination of the effectiveness of tritium removal techniques from Be and BeO codeposits with carbon and tungsten impurities.
- 2. Quantification of the effect of ion and neutron-induced damage on tritium trapping, permeation and retention in tungsten.
- 3. The capability to exchange components of ITER's first wall. This is critical if unacceptably high erosion or excessive tritium inventory occurs.
- Techniques of tritium and dust removal should not be pioneered on ITER. Candidate techniques should be validated in contemporary tokamaks; JET with its ITER-like wall materials, being an attractive possibility.

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TABLE 1. Tritium fraction in the bulk of various cylinders retrieved from JET 2D CFC divertortiles after the DTE1 campaign and from TFTR 4D CFC tiles [84, 149].[DOUBLE COLUMN]

| Tile/Cylinder<br>(Cylinder<br>diameter: 0.78<br>cm) | Volume<br>of the<br>cylinder<br>(cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Plasma<br>exposed<br>disc (A <sub>1</sub> )<br>(T/disc) | Total<br>activity<br>(A <sub>total</sub> )<br>(T/cyl) | A <sub>B</sub> (T)    | A <sub>0</sub><br>(T) | K<br>(mm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Bulk<br>fraction<br>activity<br>(%) <sup>a</sup> | Error           |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------|
| IN3 cyl-1   | 1.85   | 2.24 10 <sup>16</sup>                                   | 3.59 10 <sup>16</sup>                                 | 8.46 10 <sup>13</sup> | 1.65 10 <sup>15</sup> | 0.21                     | 37.6   | 5               |
| IN3 cyl-2   | 1.60   | 1.65 10 <sup>16</sup>                                   | 2.57 10 <sup>16</sup>                                 | 2.74 10 <sup>13</sup> | 1.03 10 <sup>15</sup> | 0.16                     | 35.8   | 6               |
| IN3 cyl-4   | 1.55   | 6.98 10 <sup>15</sup>                                   | 2.12 10 <sup>16</sup>                                 | 1.57 10 <sup>14</sup> | 1.16 10 <sup>15</sup> | 0.21                     | 67.1   | 4               |
| BN4 cyl-1   | 1.70   | 5.58 10 <sup>16</sup>                                   | 1.43 10 <sup>17</sup>                                 | -                     | -                     | -                        | 61.0   | 12 <sup>b</sup> |
| KC18 cyl-1  | 1.79   | 2.62 1016   | 2.65 10 <sup>16</sup>                                 | 2.70 10 <sup>12</sup> | 3.70 10 <sup>14</sup> | 1.27                     | 1.1  | _               |
| KC18 cyl-2  | 0.68   | 4.10 10 <sup>16</sup>                                   | 4.13 10 <sup>16</sup>                                 | _                     | _                     | _                        | 0.7  | _               |
| KC18 cyl-3  | 1.73   | 4.28 10 <sup>16</sup>                                   | 4.31 10 <sup>16</sup>                                 | 3.94 10 <sup>12</sup> | 9.21 10 <sup>13</sup> | 0.95                     | 0.7  | _               |

<sup>a</sup>Bulk activity is calculated as{1- $(A_1/A_{total})$ }\*100 where  $(A_1/A_{total})$  represents the fraction of the surface activity;

<sup>b</sup>The best fitting equation involves a double exponential expression taking into account front and rear side diffusion.

TABLE 2. Amount of D trapped in codeposited layers in different areas of ASDEX-U. Numbers in parentheses are obtained from the amounts of deposited B and C, assuming D/(B+C)=0.4 [150].

| Location                                   | Amount of D (g) | Campaign<br>dates |  |  |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Inner divertor tiles                       | 1.15 (1.84)     | 2002-03           |  |  |
| Roof baffle tiles                          | 0.16            | 2002-03           |  |  |
| Outer divertor tiles                       | 0.14            | 2002-03           |  |  |
| Gaps between divertor tiles                | 0.12            | 2002-03           |  |  |
| Below roof baffle                          | 0.46            | 2002-03           |  |  |
| Pump ducts                                 | 0.005           | 2001-02           |  |  |
| Upper divertor tiles                       | 0.16            | 2003-04           |  |  |
| Gaps between<br>inner heat shield<br>tiles | 0.07            | 2002-03           |  |  |
| Auxiliary<br>limiters in main<br>chamber   | 0.03            | 2005-06           |  |  |
| Total                                      | 2.30 (2.99)     | 2002-03           |  |  |

# **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

- Fig 1. Solubility of hydrogen isotopes in beryllium (from Ref. 4).
- Fig 2. Diffusivity of hydrogen isotopes in beryllium (from Ref. 4).
- Fig 3. Codeposition fraction of beryllium with hydrogen isotopes (adapted from Ref. 41).
- Fig. 4 Schematic of the primary mechanisms for hydrogen retention in graphite (diagram is adapted from Ref. [5]).
- Fig. 5 Effective diffusivity of hydrogen in graphite grains. Data are from Causey [62], Malka et al. [66], Atsumi et al. [63], Rohrig et al. [65] and Causey, Ellerman et al. [64], all contained in Ref.[4]).
- Fig. 6 Effective 'solubility' of hydrogen in graphite grains. Data are from Causey [62] and Atsumi et al. [63], both contained in Ref.[4]).
- Fig 7 Isotopic comparison of the total chemical erosion yield of graphite due to H<sup>+</sup> and D<sup>+</sup> impact at 300 and 700 K. (Data adapted from [70].)
- Fig 8 Hydrocarbon yields as a function of graphite temperature for H<sup>+</sup>, D<sup>+</sup> and T<sup>+</sup> impact on graphite. (H<sup>+</sup> and D<sup>+</sup> data are adapted from [70, 75] and T<sup>+</sup> data from [73, 75].) Lines are drawn to guide the eye.
- Fig 9 Summary of the isotopic ratios of chemical erosion of carbon as determined in the various studies reported in [75] (data are adapted from [75]).
- Fig 10 Thickness of codeposited layer on a poloidal set of divertor tiles during the period 1999-2001 (measured by micrometer) [from Ref. 88]. Grey bars denote the decrease in apparent thickness during many repeat measurements. The tile numbers (1-8) and the numbering of the measurement points (1-24) are shown in the upper part of the figure.
- Fig 11 Change in mass recorded by the NSTX Bay H bottom QMB on the first four discharges of May 10, 2005 showing the large step-up on the first shot. The Y-axis zero is arbitrary [from Ref.109].
- Fig 12 Comparisons of D retention in different graphite structures as a function of D<sup>+</sup> fluence [from Ref. 136].

- Fig 13 D retention in CFC materials compared with pyrolytic graphite [from Ref. 56] as a function of incident D<sup>+</sup> ion fluence. Additionally, data for LENTA are given [from Ref. 144].
- Fig 14 Depth profiles of D in CFC NB31 and pyrolytic graphite HPG irradiated with (a) various fluences of 200 eV D<sup>+</sup> at 300 K, and (b) D magnetron plasma to the fluence of 2×10<sup>24</sup> D/m<sup>2</sup> at various temperatures. Retention in HPG pyrolytic graphite is shown for comparison [from Ref. 138].
- Fig 15 Thermal desorption of D<sub>2</sub>, HD from fine grain graphite MPG-8 and CFC NB31 after irradiation in LENTA by 200 eV D ions to the fluence of 10<sup>25</sup>D/m<sup>2</sup> at 323 K. Data for NB31 are divided by a factor of 2 to compare with MPG-8 [from Ref. 144].
- Fig 16 Tritium depth profiles for the JET 2D divertor tiles IN3 and BN4, and the 4D TFTR tile KC18 [from Refs. 84,141].
- Fig 17 Tritium profiles on two carbon tiles used as TFTR bumper limiters: eroded tile (KC15) and deposited tile (KC2) [from Ref. 152]. Tritium distributions on tile sides of KC2 are also shown.
- Fig 18 Tritium profiles on the side surfaces of JT-60U divertor tiles [from Ref. 154]: (a) toroidal side of inner divertor tile, (b) poloidal side of dome top tile, and (c) bottom side of outer dome wing tile.
- Fig. 19 Diffusivity of hydrogen in tungsten. Data are from Frauenfelder [171], Zakharov et al.,[173], Benamati et al.[174], Franzen et al.[176], and Garcia-Rosales et al. [175], all contained in Ref. [4].
- Fig. 20 Solubility of hydrogen in tungsten. Data are from Frauenfelder [171], Mazayev [177] and Benamati et al. [174], all contained in Ref. [4].
- Fig. 21. Depth profiles of deuterium trapped in W irradiated with 200 eV D<sup>+</sup> at 300-323 K;(a) SCW, (b) PCW [from Ref. 186, 187].
- Fig. 22. Depth profiles of deuterium trapped in W exposed to a 200 eV/D<sup>+</sup> plasma with high ion flux (~1×10<sup>21</sup> D<sup>+</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>) to a fluence of ~2×10<sup>24</sup> D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> at various temperatures; (a) SCW, (b) PCW [from Ref. 187].

- Fig.23. Depth profile of deuterium trapped in SCW exposed to a 200 eV/D<sup>+</sup> plasma with  $\sim 1 \times 10^{21} \text{ D}^+ \text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$  flux to a fluence of  $\sim 2 \times 10^{24} \text{ D}^+/\text{m}^2$  at 373 K as measured with NRA, D(<sup>3</sup>He, $\alpha$ )H, and sputter RGA [from Ref. 187].
- Fig. 24. (a) Temperature dependence of D retention in SCW and PCW exposed to a ~200 eV/D<sup>+</sup> plasma with ~1×10<sup>21</sup> D<sup>+</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> flux [from Ref. 187]. D retention curves for PCW [from Ref. 187] and SCW [from Ref. 207] irradiated with 200-500 eV D<sup>+</sup> ion beams with fluxes of (4-6)×10<sup>19</sup> D<sup>+</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> are shown for comparison. (b) Temperature dependence of D retention in PCW (i) exposed to a low-energy (98-100 eV/D<sup>+</sup>(T<sup>+</sup>)) and high flux (~1×10<sup>22</sup> D<sup>+</sup>(T<sup>+</sup>) m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>) D or (D+T) plasmas and (ii) irradiated with 500 eV D<sup>+</sup> ions with flux of 8×10<sup>19</sup> D<sup>+</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>. Data in (b) are taken from Refs. [190, 195, 197, 204, 205]. The ion energy and fluence for each exposure/irradiation experiment are indicated in the legend.
- Fig. 25. Fluence dependence of D retention in PCW, SCW and VPSW (9% porosity) irradiated with 200-1000 eV D<sup>+</sup> at: (a) 300-323 K and (b) 500 K (data are adapted from Refs. [28, 186, 203, 204, 207]).
- Fig. 26. Deuterium retention in SCW as a function of incident D<sup>+</sup> flux at fluences of  $10^{21}-10^{22}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> at 300 K for various experimental conditions [adapted from Ref. 206].
- Fig. 27. SIMS depth profiles of Moscow SCW showing the evolution of impurities after:
  (a) annealing at 2200 K; (b) implantation to 10<sup>24</sup> D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> at 500 K; and (c) TDS at 1775 K (data are from Ref. [207]).
- Fig. 28. TDS profiles for 500 eV SEQ irradiations of PCW at 300 K: (a) SEQ He<sup>+</sup>-H<sup>+</sup>; (b) SEQ He<sup>+</sup>-D<sup>+</sup>; (c) comparison of two SEQ cases with D<sup>+</sup>-only and He<sup>+</sup>-only profiles, and (d) derived profiles for D release compared with a D release profile obtained for D<sup>+</sup>-only irradiation (data are adapted from Ref. [213]). (Legend: H<sup>+</sup>, D<sup>+</sup> and He<sup>+</sup> fluences are given in units of 10<sup>22</sup> ions/m<sup>2</sup>).
- Fig. 29. TDS profiles for 500 eV irradiations of PCW at 300 K for He<sup>+</sup>-only, SIM He<sup>+</sup>-H<sup>+</sup> and SIM He<sup>+</sup>-D<sup>+</sup> (data are from Ref. [214]). (Legend: H<sup>+</sup>, D<sup>+</sup> and He<sup>+</sup> fluences are given in units of 10<sup>22</sup> ions/m<sup>2</sup>).

- Fig. 30 Thermal desorption spectroscopy profiles for graphite targets previously exposed to pure (dashed lines) and beryllium contaminated ( $f_{Be} = 0.001$ , solid lines) deuterium plasma at ~600 K (a) and 1000 K (b). The deuterium ion fluence was  $4.0 \times 10^{26} \text{ m}^{-2}$  for the case without beryllium injection and  $2.0 \times 10^{26} \text{ m}^{-2}$  for the cases with beryllium injection [from Ref. 227].
- Fig. 31 Deuterium retention in targets as a function of target temperature during plasma exposure. Data are shown from (i) Baldwin et al. [225], for graphite targets exposed to a deuterium plasma with and without beryllium injection ( $f_{Be}$ =0.001) and (ii) from Doerner et al. [228], for pure beryllium targets exposed under similar plasma conditions with and without deuterated methane (CD<sub>4</sub>, ~2 %) injection. Both data sets reveal increased retention where a mixed beryllium/carbon surface is present [from Ref. 227].
- Fig. 32 Depth profiles of (a) deuterium trapped in CVD  $W_2C$  and (b) WC coatings exposed to a low-energy ( $\approx 200 \text{ eV/D}$ ) and high ion flux  $(1.1 \times 10^{21} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1})$  deuterium plasma to a fluence of about  $2 \times 10^{24}$  D m<sup>-2</sup> at various temperatures [from Ref. 233].
- Fig. 33 Deuterium concentration in: the bulk of C and C-W mixed films (C/W < 30/70) deposited by magnetron sputtering in D<sub>2</sub> atmosphere [from Ref. 234]; the near-surface layer of CVD WC and W<sub>2</sub>C coatings exposed to D plasma [from Ref. 235]; the near-surface layer of polycrystalline W exposed to D plasma [from Ref. 138] as a function of deposition/exposure temperature. The D concentration was determined by means of SIMS combined with residual gas analysis (SIMS/RGA) and nuclear reaction analysis (NRA).
- Fig. 34 Measured D content and derived codeposit film thickness for DIII-D divertor tile specimens as a function of oxidation time (data are from Ref. [244]).
- Fig. 35 DIII\_D divertor codeposits: Loss of D content due to oxidation divided by the initial D content plotted against the initial boron impurity content in the near surface of the co-deposit (data are from Refs. [244,246,247,248]).
- Fig. 36 JET divertor codeposits: Initial D removal rate (based on the first 15 min of oxidation) vs. inherent D content (data are from Ref. [250]).

- Fig. 37 JET divertor codeposits: The amount of D removed during the first 15 minutes and during the full 8 h of oxidation period, normalized by the inherent D content, is plotted as a function of (a) inherent Be/(Be+C) content and (b) codeposit thickness (data are from Ref. [250]).
- Fig. 38 (a) Ablation depth per laser shot Δd; (b) intensities of optical emission I[C<sub>2</sub>] (471.5 nm), I[CI] (909.4 nm), I[CII], (426.7 nm), and I[CIII] (465.1 nm) roughly at the 600th laser shot; and (c) C<sup>+</sup> signal intensity I[C<sup>+</sup>] of Time of Flight Mass Spectroscopy (TOFMS) versus laser intensity I<sub>L</sub>. Three regions (non-ablation, weak and strong ablation NAR, WAR and SAR, respectively) are distinguished (after Sakawa et al. [278]).
- Fig. 39 Conceptual design of a detritiation robot inside a next-step tokamak. The umbilical cord contains a fiber optic which transmits an external laser beam to a scanning mirror. The laser beam is line focused onto the tile, rapidly heating the surface and releasing tritium. The design was inspired by the Sojouner robotic explorer deployed on Mars in 1997 [from Ref. 281 with kind permission of Springer Science and Business Media].
- Fig. 40 Schematic of the equipment used inside and outside the beryllium handling facility during laser ablation experiments.
- Fig. 41 Cross-section cut from a laser treated CFC JET divertor tile at the edge of the laser treated region [from Ref. 284].
- Fig. 42 Tritium release from the plasma-exposed JET sample IN3-cyl8-A1 after three successive heat treatments under He gas exposure with 0.1%H<sub>2</sub>.
- Fig. 43 Comparison of hydrogen isotope desorption characteristics from beryllium-based and carbon-based co-deposits. Be-based codeposits data from Baldwin et al. [289], codeposited a:CH layer data from Causey et al [290].

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Fig. 7 Isotopic comparison of the total chemical erosion yield of graphite due to  $H^+$  and  $D^+$  impact at 300 and 700 K. (Data adapted from [70].)



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Fig. 8 Hydrocarbon yields as a function of graphite temperature for  $H^+$ ,  $D^+$  and  $T^+$  impact on graphite ( $H^+$  and  $D^+$  data are adapted from [70, 75] and

T<sup>+</sup> data from [73, 75].) Lines are drawn to guide the eye.



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Fig. 9 Summary of isotopic ratios of chemical erosion of carbon as determined in the various studies reported in [75] (data are adapted from [75]).



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Fig. 10 Thickness of codeposited layer on a poloidal set of divertor tiles during the period 1999-2001 (measured by micrometer) [from Ref. 88]. Grey bars denote the decrease in apparent thickness during many repeat measurements. The tile numbers (1-8) and the numbering of the measurement points (1-24) is shown in the upper part of the figure.



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Fig. 12 Comparison of D retention in different graphite structures as a function of  $D^+$  fluence [from Ref. 136].



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Fig. 13 D retention in CFC materials compared with pyrolytic graphite [from Ref. 56] as a function of incident  $D^+$  ion fluence. Additionally, data for LENTA are given [from Ref. 144].



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Fig. 14 Depth profiles of D in CFC NB31 and pyrolytic graphite HPG irradiated with (a) various fluences of 200 eVD<sup>+</sup> at 300 K, and (b) D magnetron plasma to the fluence of  $2 \times 10^{24}$  D/m<sup>2</sup> at various temperatures. Retention in HPG pyrolytic graphite is shown for comparison [from Ref. 138].



Manuscript title: "Recent Advances on Hydrogenic Retention in ITER's Plasma Facing Materials: Be, C, W." Author: C. H. Skinner et al., Figure 15. Thermal desorption of D<sub>2</sub>, HD, from fine grain graphite MPG-8 and CFC NB31 after irradiation in LENTA by 200eV D ions to the fluence of  $10^{25}$ D/m<sup>2</sup> at 50°C. Data for NB31 are divided by the factor of 2 to compare with MPG-8 [from Ref. 144].



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Figure 17 Tritium profiles on two carbon tiles used as TFTR bumper limiters: eroded tile (KC15) and deposited tile (KC2) [from Ref. 152]. Tritium distributions on tile sides of KC2 are also shown.



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Figure 18. Tritium profiles on the side surfaces of JT-60U divertor tiles [from Ref. 154]: (a) toroidal side of inner divertor tile, (b) poloidal side of dome top tile, and (c) bottom side of outer dome wing tile.



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Figure 19. Diffusivity of hydrogen in tungsten. Data are from Frauenfelder [171], Zakharov et al., [173] Benamati et al. [174], Franzen et al. [176] and Garcia-Rosales et al. [175], all contained in Ref. [4].



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Figure 20. Solubility of hydrogen in tungsten. Data are from Frauenfelder [171], Mazayev [177], and Benamati et al. [174], all contained in Ref. [4]



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200 eV D<sup>+</sup> at 300-323 K; (a) SCW, (b) PCW [from Ref. 186, 187].



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Fig. 23. Depth profile of deuterium trapped in SCW exposed to a 200 eV/D+ plasma with  $\sim 1 \times 10^{21}$  D<sup>+</sup> m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> flux to a fluence of  $\sim 2 \times 10^{24}$  D<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> at 373 K as measured with NRA, D(<sup>3</sup>He, $\alpha$ )H, and sputter RGA [from Ref. 187].



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Fig. 24. (a) Temperature dependence of D retention in SCW and PCW exposed to a ~200 eV/D<sup>+</sup> plasma with ~1×10<sup>21</sup> D<sup>+</sup> m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> flux [from Ref. 187]. D retention curves for PCW [from Ref. 181] and SCW [from Ref. 207] irradiated with 200-500 eV D<sup>+</sup> ion beams with fluxes of (4-6)×10<sup>19</sup> D<sup>+</sup>m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> are shown for comparison. (b) Temperature dependence of D retention in PCW (i) exposed to a low-energy (98-100 eV/D<sup>+</sup> (T<sup>+</sup>)) and high flux (~1×10<sup>22</sup> D<sup>+</sup>(T<sup>+</sup>)m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>) D or (D+T) plasmas and (ii) irradiated with 500eV D<sup>+</sup> ions with flux of  $8×10^{19}$  D<sup>+</sup>m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>. Data in (b) are taken from Refs. [190, 195, 197, 204, 205]. The ion energy and fluence for each exposure/irradiation experiment are indicated in the legend.



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Fig. 25. Fluence dependence of D retention in PCW, SCW and VPSW (9% porosity) irradiated with 200-1000 eV  $D^+$  at: (a) 300-323 K and (b) 500 K. Data are adapted from Refs. [28, 186, 203, 204, 207].



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Fig. 26. Deuterium retention in SCW as a function of incident  $D^+$  flux at fluences of  $10^{21}-10^{22} D^+/m^2$  at 300 K for various experimental conditions [adapted from Ref. 206].



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Fig. 27. SIMS depth profiles of Moscow SCW showing the evolution of impurities after: (a) annealing at 2200 K; (b) implantation to  $10^{24} \text{ D}^+/\text{m}^2$  at 500 K; and (c) TDS at 1775 K (data are from Ref. [207]).



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Fig. 28. TDS profiles for 500 eV SEQ irradiations of PCW at 300 K: (a) SEQ He<sup>+</sup>-H<sup>+</sup>; (b) SEQ He<sup>+</sup>-D<sup>+</sup>; (c) comparison of two SEQ cases with D<sup>+</sup>-only and He<sup>+</sup>- only profiles, and (d) derived profiles for D release compared with a D release profile obtained for D<sup>+</sup>-only irradiation (data are adapted from Ref. 213]). (Legend: H<sup>+</sup>, D<sup>+</sup> and He<sup>+</sup> fluences are given in units of  $10^{22}$  ions/m<sup>2</sup>).



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Fig. 29. TDS profiles for 500 eV irradiations of PCW at 300 K for He<sup>+</sup>-only, SIM He<sup>+</sup>- H<sup>+</sup> and SIM He<sup>+</sup>-D<sup>+</sup> (data are from Ref. 214]). (Legend: H<sup>+</sup>, D<sup>+</sup> and He<sup>+</sup> fluences are given in units of  $10^{22}$  ions/m<sup>2</sup>).



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Fig. 30 Thermal desorption spectroscopy profiles for graphite targets previously exposed to pure (dashed lines) and beryllium contaminated ( $f_{Be}$  =0.001, solid lines) deuterium plasma at ~600K (a) and 1000 K (b). The deuterium ion fluence was 4.0 ×10<sup>26</sup> m<sup>-2</sup> for the case without beryllium injection and 2.0 ×10<sup>26</sup> m<sup>-2</sup> for the cases with beryllium injection. [from Ref. 227].



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Fig. 31 Deuterium retention in targets as a function of target temperature during plasma exposure. Data are shown from Baldwin et al. [225], graphite targets exposed to deuterium plasma with and without beryllium injection ( $f_{Be}$ =0.001) and compared to data from Doerner et al. [228], pure beryllium targets exposed under similar plasma conditions with and without deuterated methane (CD<sub>4</sub>, ~2 %) injection. Both data sets reveal increased retention where a mixed beryllium/carbon surface is present. [from Ref. 227].



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Fig. 32 Depth profiles of (a) deuterium trapped in CVD  $W_2C$  and (b) WC coatings exposed to a low-energy ( $\approx 200 \text{ eV/D}$ ) and high ion flux (1.1×10<sup>21</sup> m-2s<sup>-1</sup>) deuterium plasma to a fluence of about 2×10<sup>24</sup> D/m<sup>2</sup> at various temperatures [from Ref. 233].



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Fig. 33 Deuterium concentration in: the bulk of C and C-W mixed films (C/W < 30/70) deposited by magnetron sputtering in D2 atmosphere [from Ref. 234], the near-surface layer of CVD WC and W2C coatings exposed to D plasma [from Ref. 235], the nearsurface layer of polycrystalline W exposed to D plasma [from Ref. 138] as a function of deposition/exposure temperature. The D concentration was determined by means of secondary ion mass spectrometry combined with residual gas analysis (SIMS/RGA) and nuclear reaction analysis (NRA).



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Fig. 34 Measured D content and derived codeposit film thickness for DIII-D divertor tile specimens as a function of oxidation time (data are from Ref. [244]).


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Fig. 35. DIII-D divertor codeposits: Loss of D content due to oxidation divided by the initial D content plotted against the initial boron impurity content in the near surface of the co-deposit. Data are from several sources (data are from Refs. 244, 246, 247, 248]).



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Fig. 36 JET divertor codeposits: initial D removal rate (based on the first 15 min of oxidation) vs. inherent D content. (data are from Ref. 250]).



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Fig. 37 JET divertor codeposits: The amount of D removed during the first 15 minutes and during the full 8 h of oxidation period, normalized by the inherent D content, is plotted as a function of inherent  $Be/(Be^+C)$  content. (data are from Ref. 250]).



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Fig. 38 (a) Ablation depth per laser shot  $\Delta d$ ; (b) intensities of optical emission I[C2] (471.5nm), I[CI] (909.4 nm), I[CII], (426.7 nm), and I[CIII] (465.1 nm) roughly at the 600th laser shot; and (c) C<sup>+</sup> signal intensity I[C<sup>+</sup>] of Time of Flight Mass Spectroscopy (TOFMS) versus laser intensity IL. Three regions (non-ablation, weak and strong ablation -NAR, WAR and SAR, respectively) are distinguished. [from Ref. 278])



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Fig. 39 Conceptual design of a detritiation robot inside a next-step tokamak. The umbilical cord contains a fiber optic which transmits an external laser beam to a scanning mirror. The laser beam is line focused onto the tile, rapidly heating the surface and releasing tritium. The design was inspired by the Sojouner robotic explorer deployed on Mars in 1997. [from Ref. 281 with kind permission of Springer Science and Business Media].



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Fig. 40 Schematic of the equipment used inside and outside the beryllium handling facility during laser ablation experiments.



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Fig. 42 Tritium release after three successive heat treatments under He + 0.1% H2, of the plasma exposed sample IN3-cyl8-A1.



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Fig. 43 Comparison of hydrogen isotope desorption characteristics from beryllium-based and carbon-based co-deposits. Be-based co-deposits data from Baldwin et. al [289], co-deposited a:CH layer data from Causey et al [290]. The Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory is operated by Princeton University under contract with the U.S. Department of Energy.

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