

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

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# Outline of this talk

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

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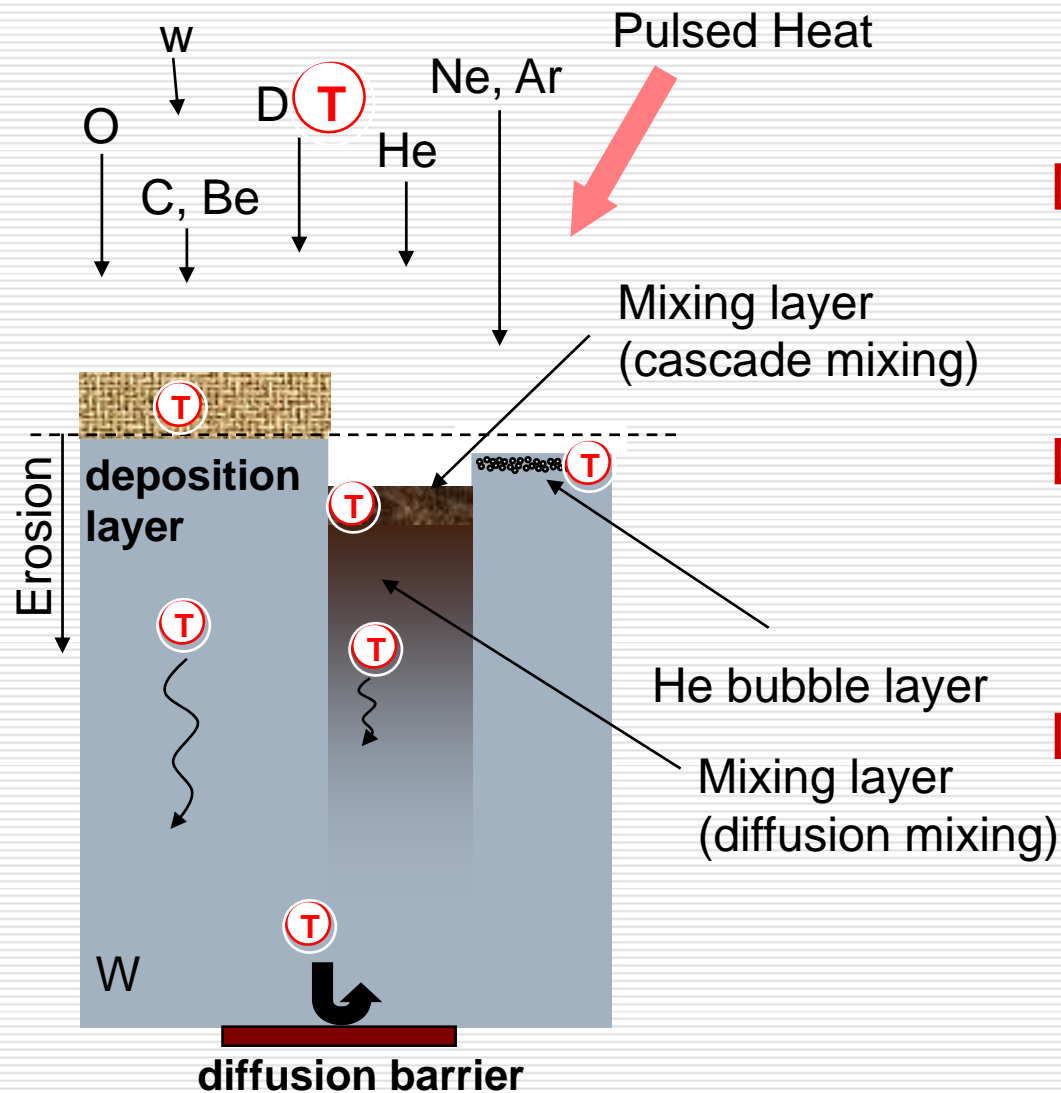
- CFC : T retention problem (associated with significant erosion) could greatly reduces DT shots number
  - Tungsten : several concerns such as Melting, Cracking, Helium embrittlement, Core plasma contamination.
  - In terms of T retention, a full W wall is a better choice.
    - But, several issues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

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



## □ Deposition layer

- T trap sites
- Modification of T diffusion

## □ Mixing layer

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

## □ He bubble layer

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

## □ Important Parameters to affect mixed layer

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

# Balance between C implantation and erosion

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- C implanted
    - = C injected – C reflected
  - C erosion
    - by all ions
      - Physical sputtering
      - Radiation enhanced sublimation
    - by hydrogen isotope ions (oxygen)
      - Chemical sputtering
        - C in mixed layer
        - C in deposition layer
    - Sublimation (at elevated temperatures)
    - Flaking, exfoliation, or dust emission (for thick D deposition)
  - C diffusion into the bulk
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# The simplest model for C balance (H+C ions)

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

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

$\Gamma_i$  : Ion influx

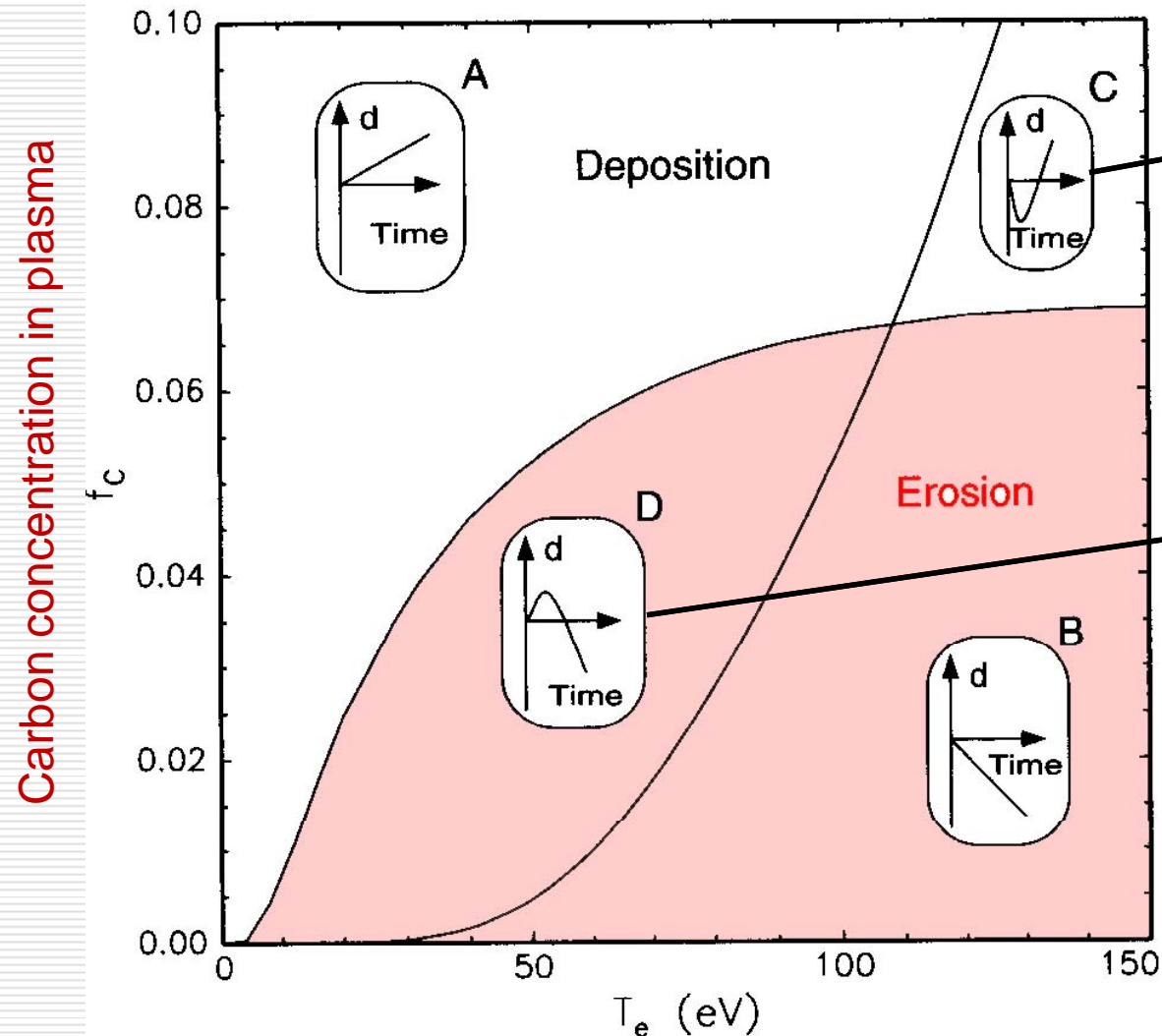
$f_C$  : C concentration in injected ions

$R_{CC}$  : C reflection coefficient on C,  $R_{CW}$  : C reflection coefficient on W

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

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

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



Initially, energetic C ions erode W.

Initially C deposition prevails W erosion because of low C energy.

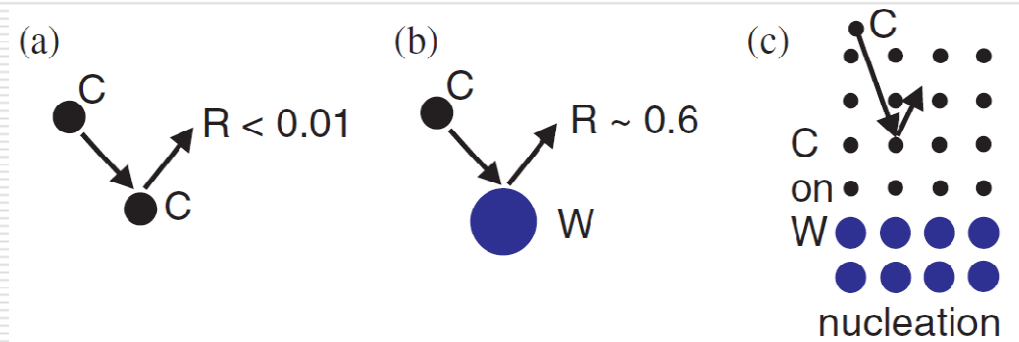
Electron temperature (corresponding ion energy)



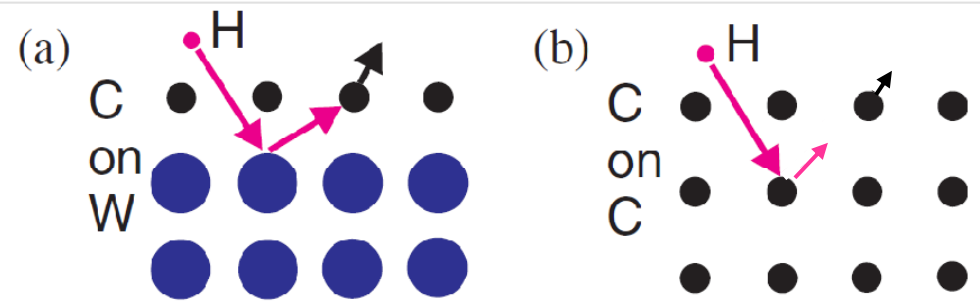
# Reflection and phys. sputtering of C on W

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

→ Carbon deposition is more pronounced on graphite.



Difference in reflection

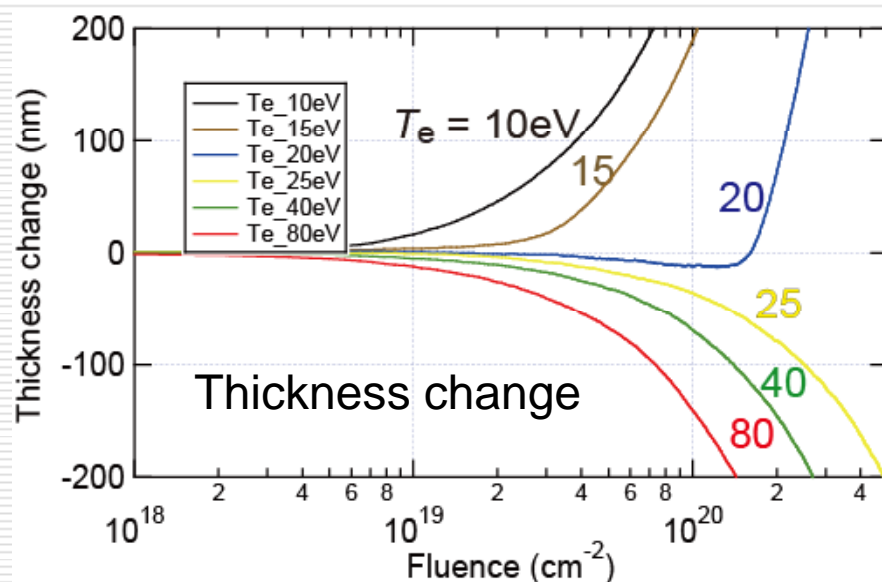


Enhancement of sputtering of surface C

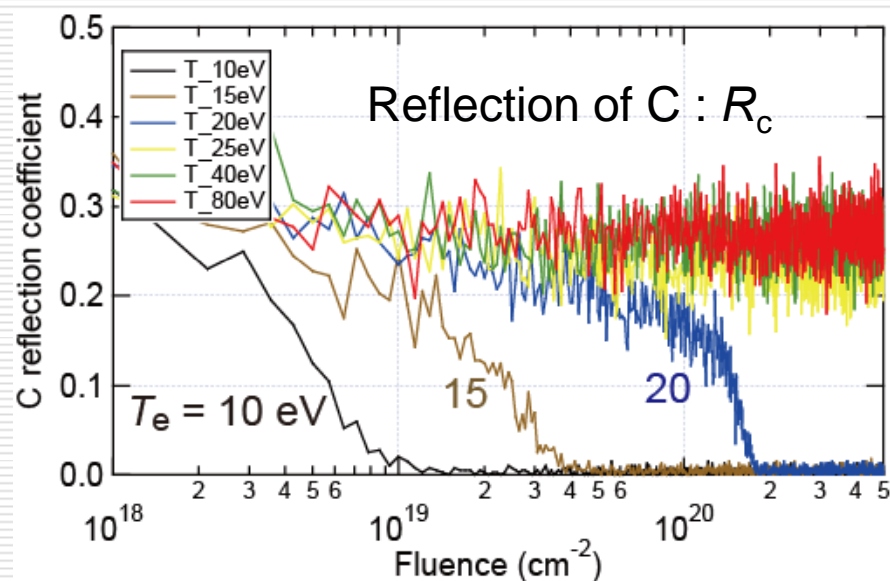
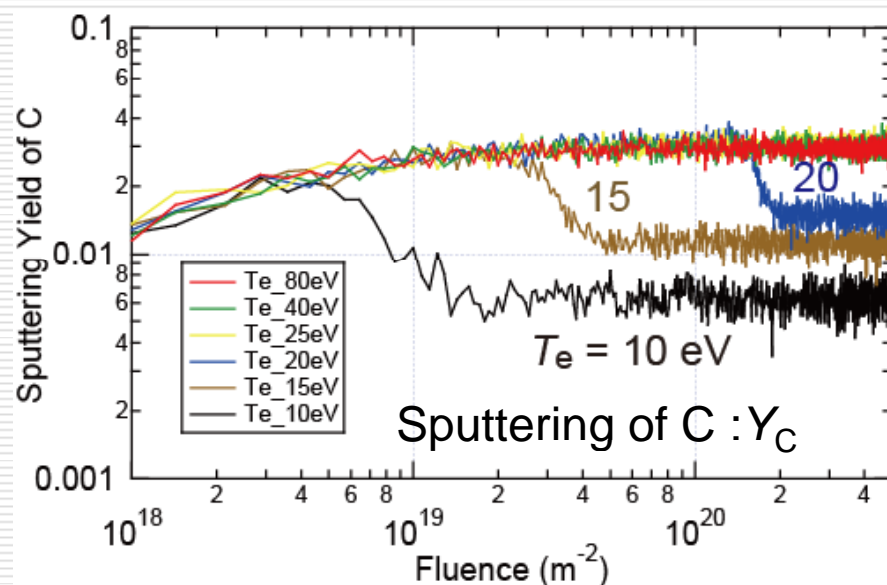
A. Kreter, et al.,  
Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 48 (2006) 1401

# Computer simulation by EDDY

Acknowledgment (K. Ohya)

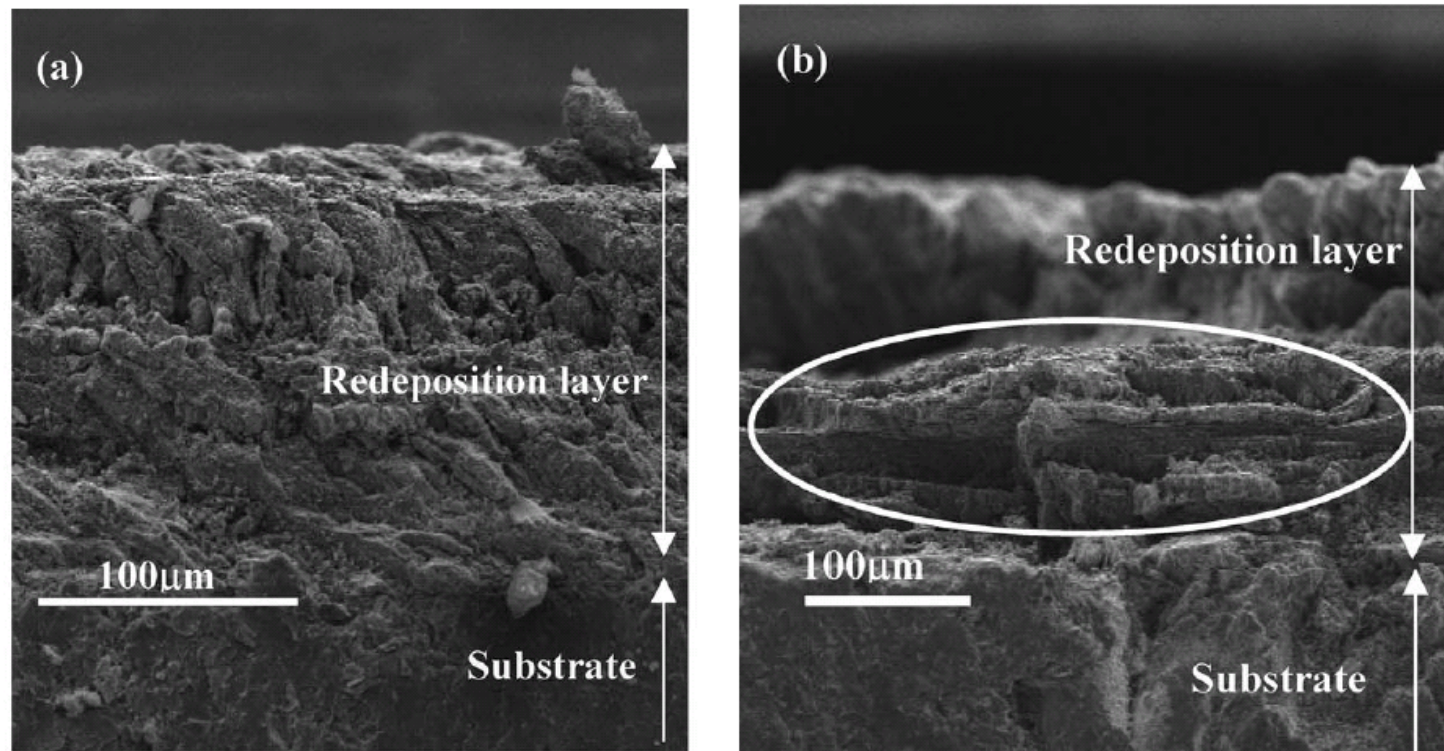


- $\text{D}^+ + \text{C}^{4+}$  mixed ion irradiation to tungsten
- Simulated by EDDY code
- D : 96%, C : 4%
- No chemical sputtering
- As deposition proceeds,  $Y_c$  and  $R_c$  drastically decrease.



# Deposition layer : quite different from solid C

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



Structure of C deposition layer (JT-60U)

# Some comments on erosion

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## □ Chemical erosion of C deposition layer

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

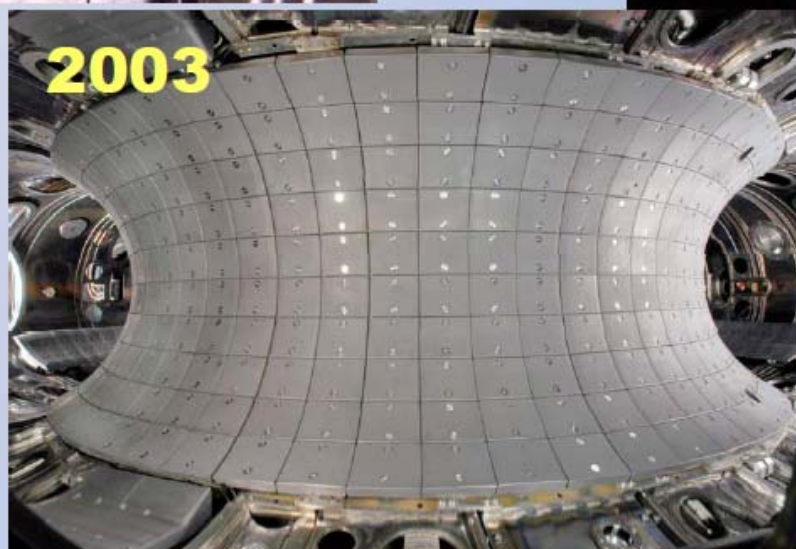
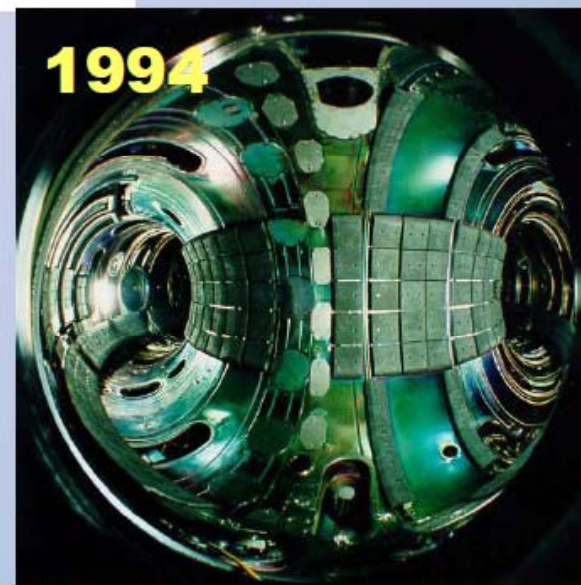
## □ Chemical erosion of C in mixed layer with W

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

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



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International Workshop on TEXTOR and PWI 12/10/2007

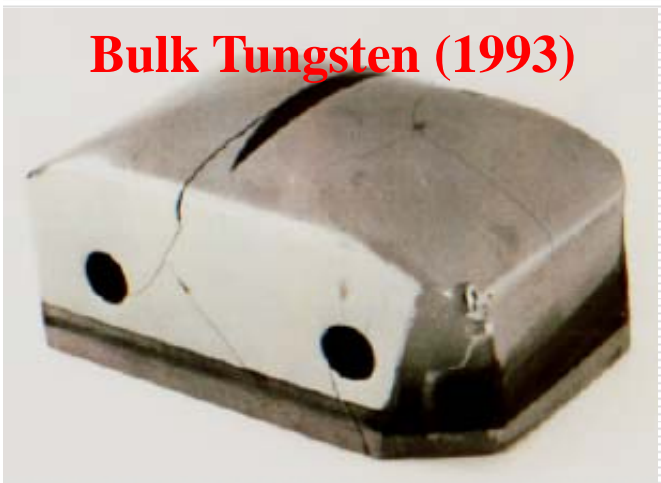
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# High Z test limiter experiments

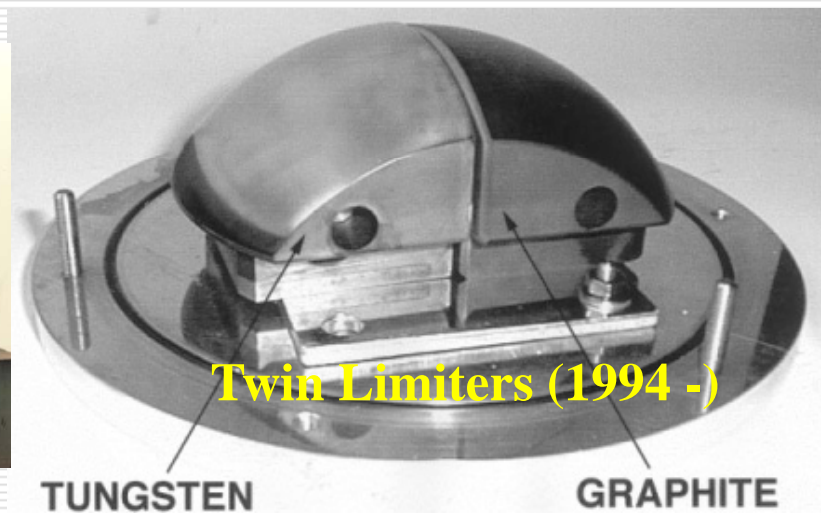
**Bulk Tungsten (1993)**



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



**Bulk Tungsten (1996 -)**



**Castellated W (1999-)**

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

# Experimental conditions for TEXTOR experiments

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## Effects of surface roughness on C deposition

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

## C deposition on tungsten at elevated temperatures

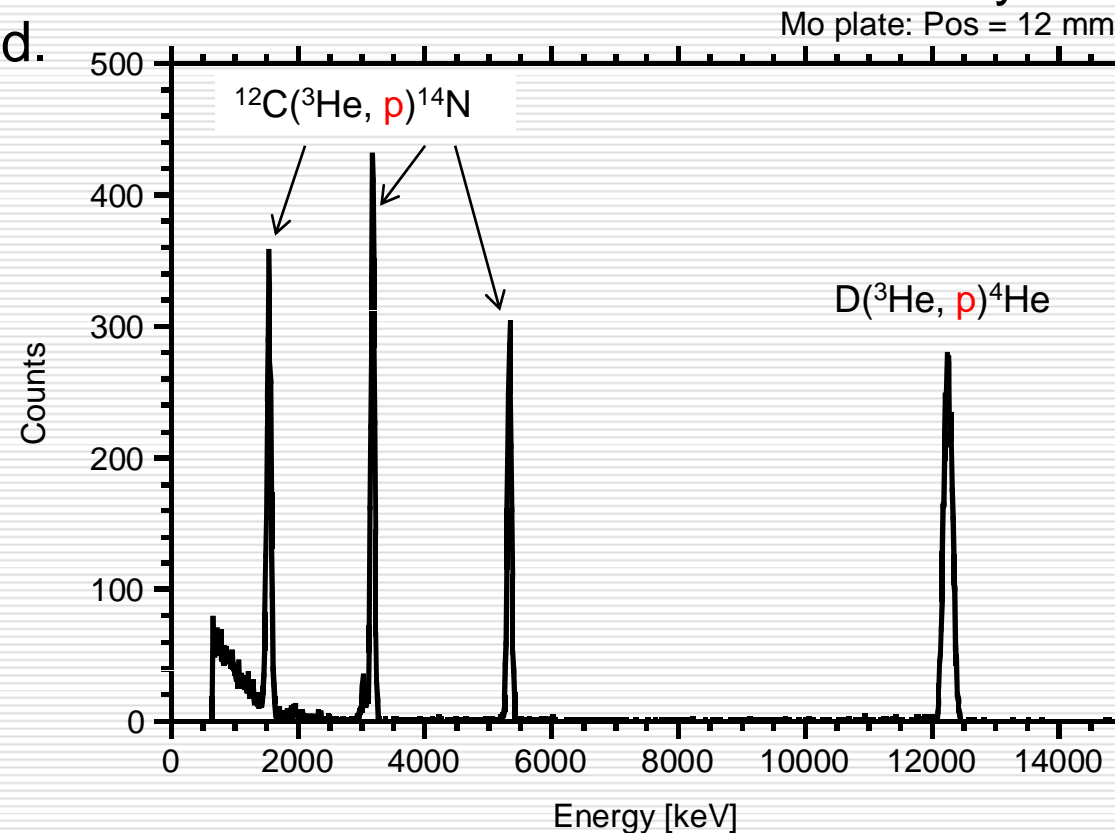
- Temperature range
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# NRA measurements (IPP Garching)

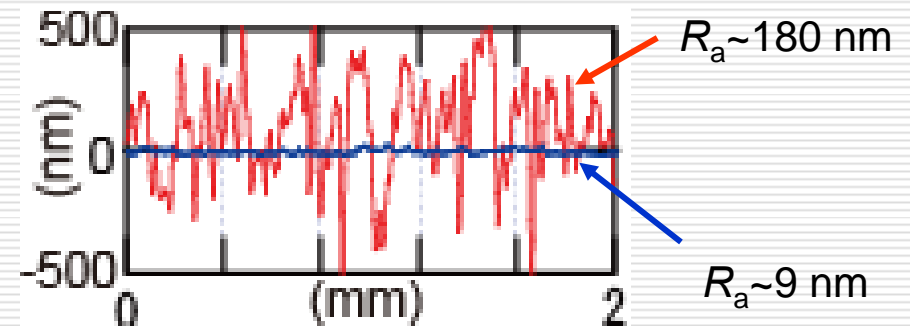
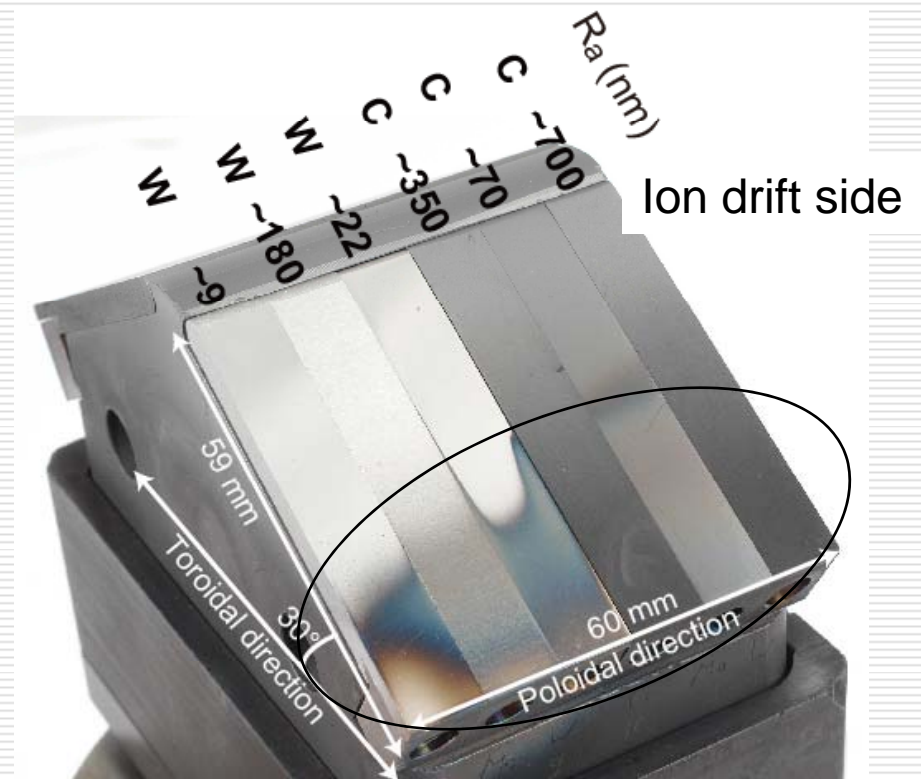
## □ NRA (Nuclear Reaction Analysis)

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



# Setup for study on surface roughness effects

- Pure W samples
  - $R_a \sim 9$  nm,  $\sim 22$  nm,  $\sim 180$  nm
  - Difference in surface polishing
- Graphite (fine grained)
  - $R_a \sim 70$  nm,  $\sim 350$  nm,  $\sim 700$  nm
- Deposition mechanism
  - Lower  $T_e$  deeper into SOL
  - Higher carbon density deeper into SOL



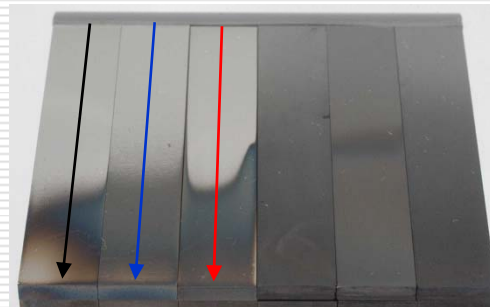
# C deposition and D retention on W

## □ C deposition

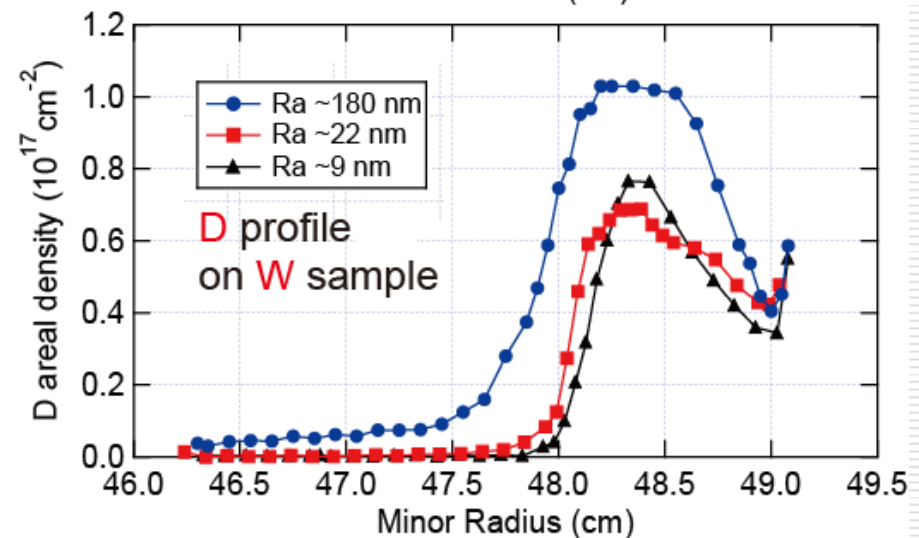
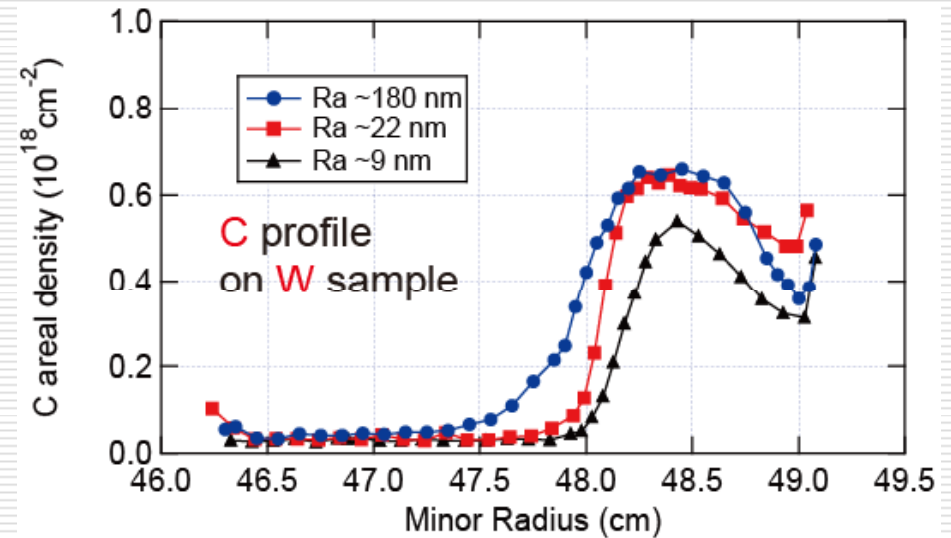
- Roughness enhances C deposition
- $R_a \sim 180$  nm : Long tail
- **Sharpe boundary** between erosion and deposition

## □ D retention

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



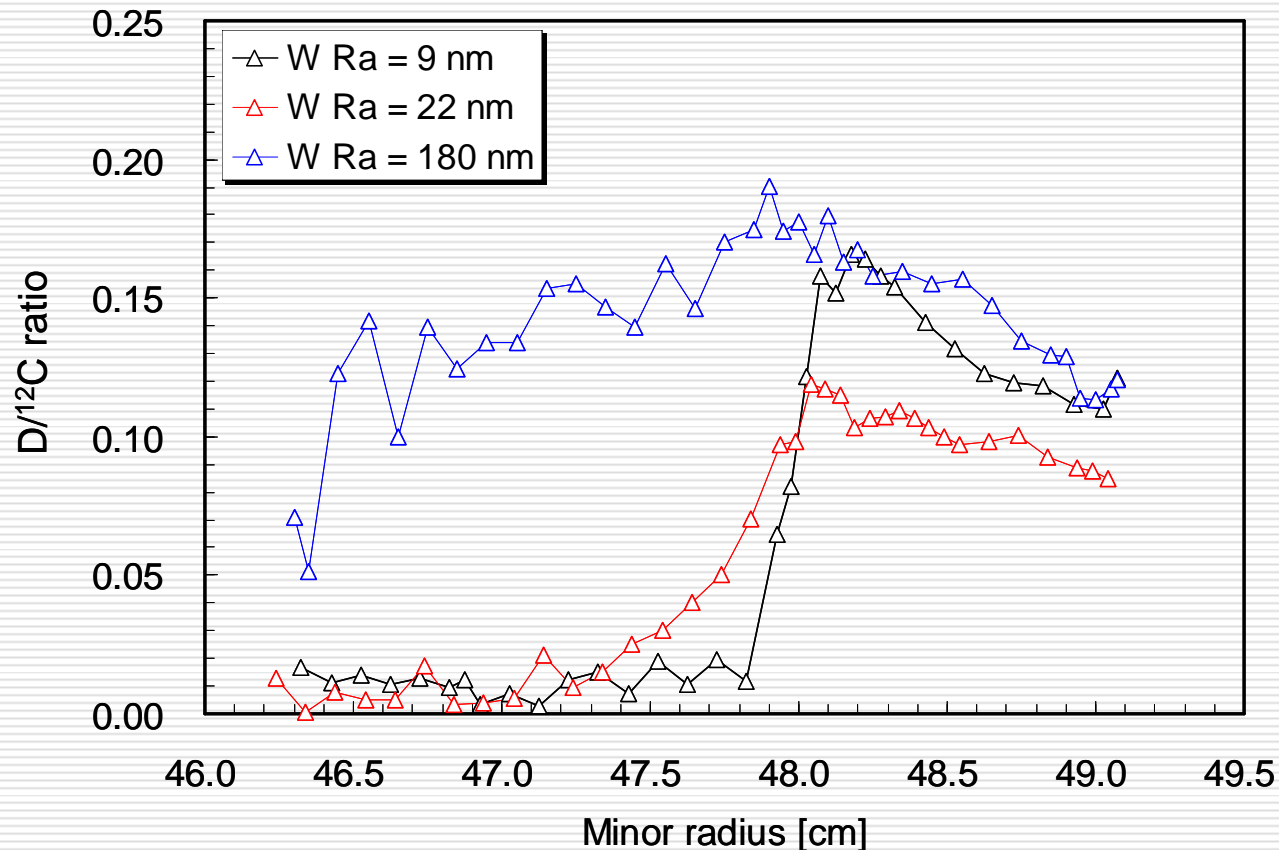
W Graphite



NRA measurement

## D/C ratio in C deposition layer

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



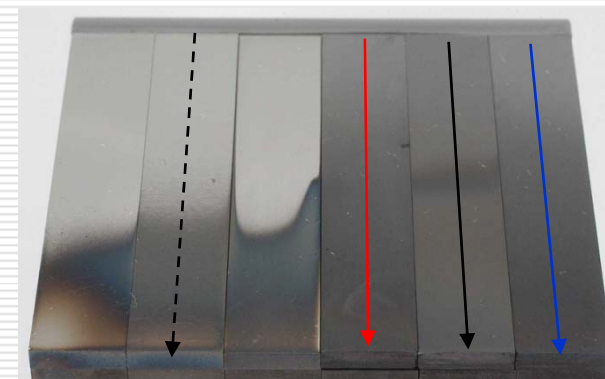
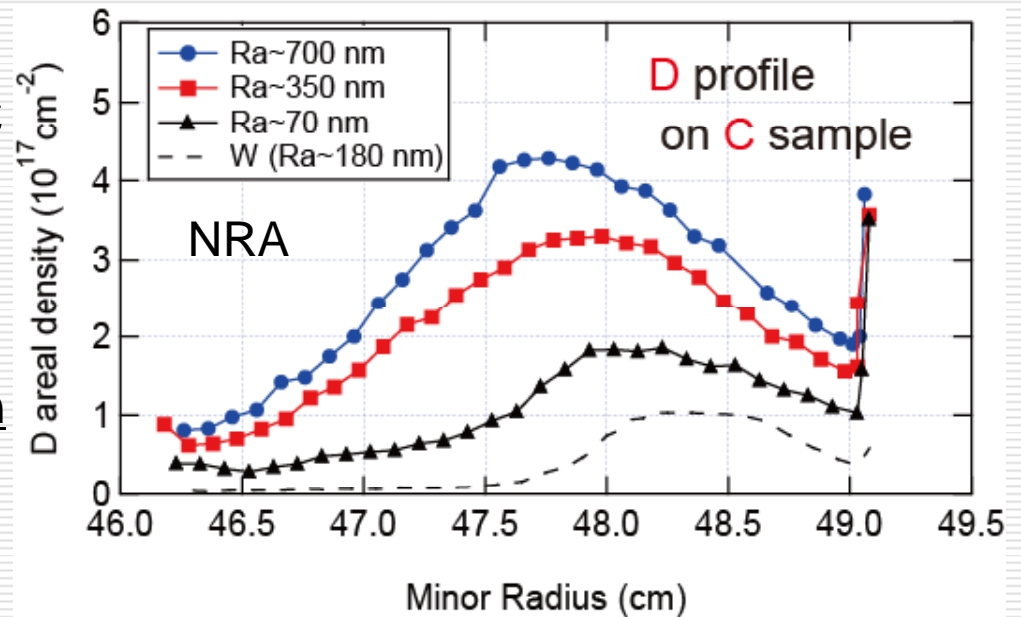
Profiles of D/C ratio in C deposition layers

# D retention (C deposition) on graphite

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

- Characteristics of C deposition on graphite

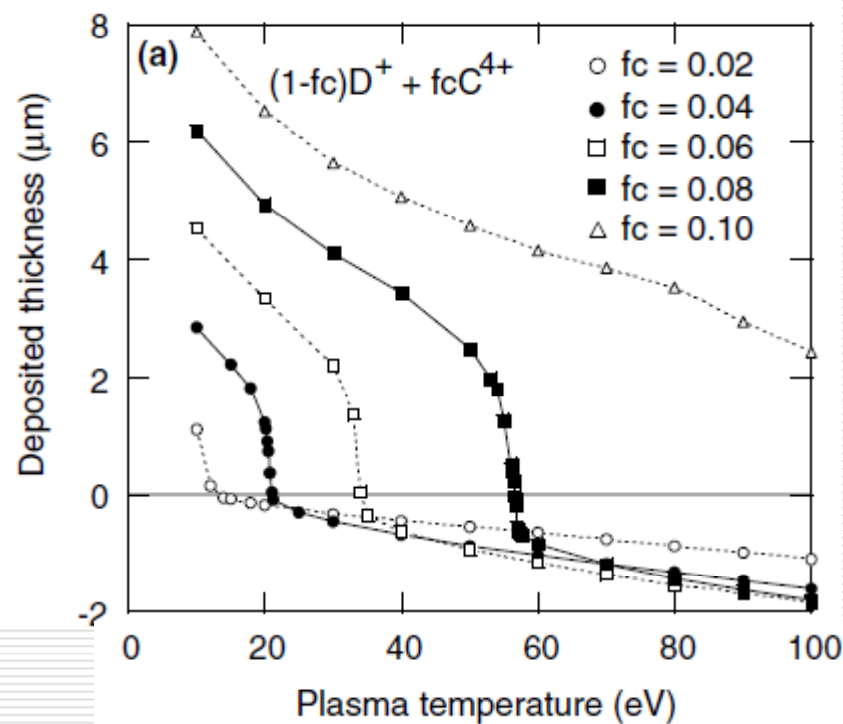
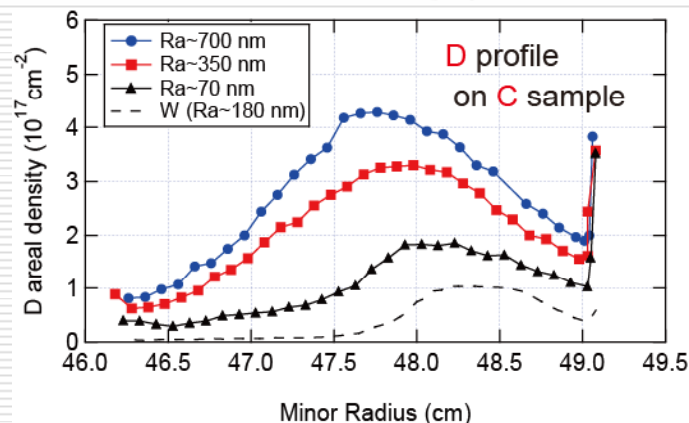
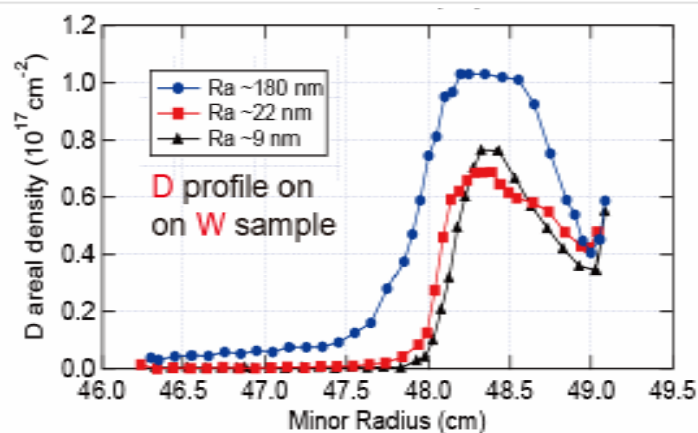
- Roughness enhanced C deposition also on graphite
- No sharp transition between erosion and deposition



W Graphite  
Measured position

## Sharp C deposition- erosion boundary on W

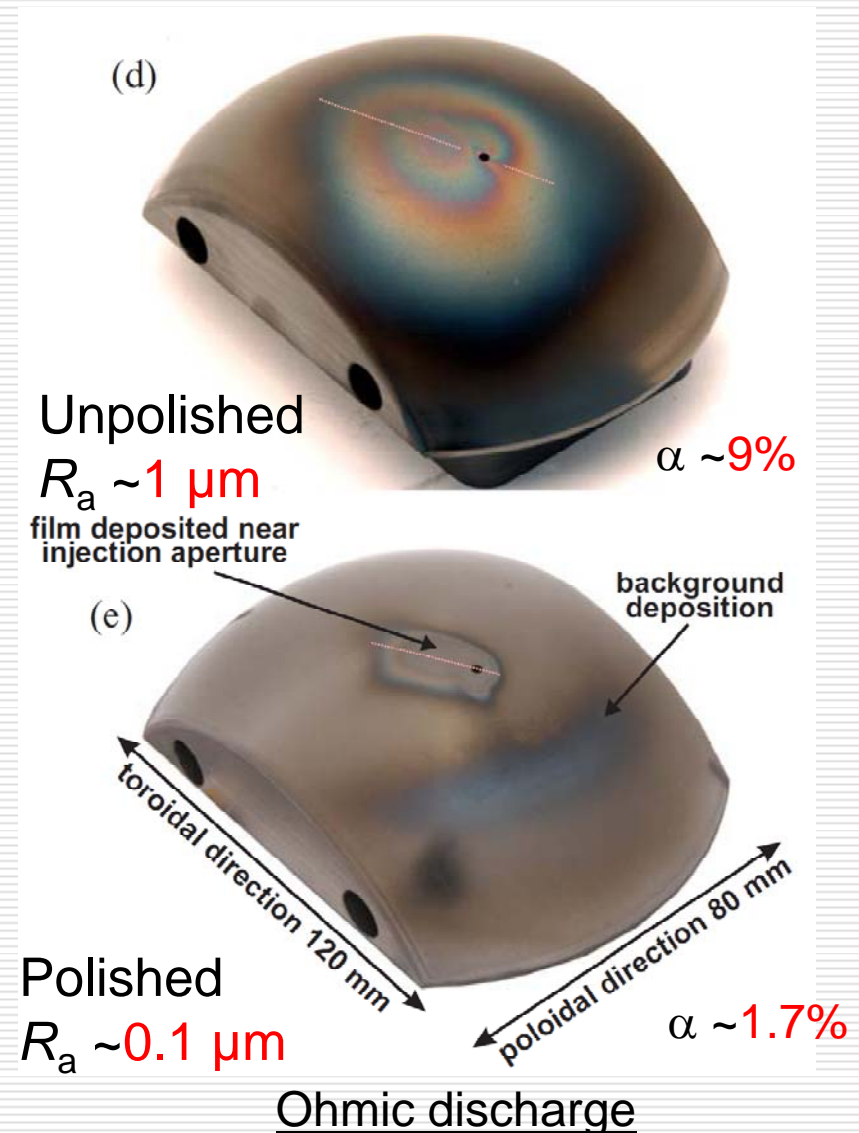
- C deposition rate is much higher on C than W.
- Once C deposition layer is formed, the deposition rate increases.
- Sharp boundary is formed.



Simulation of C deposition

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

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



## C deposition on He pre-exposed W

### □ He plasma pre-exposure

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

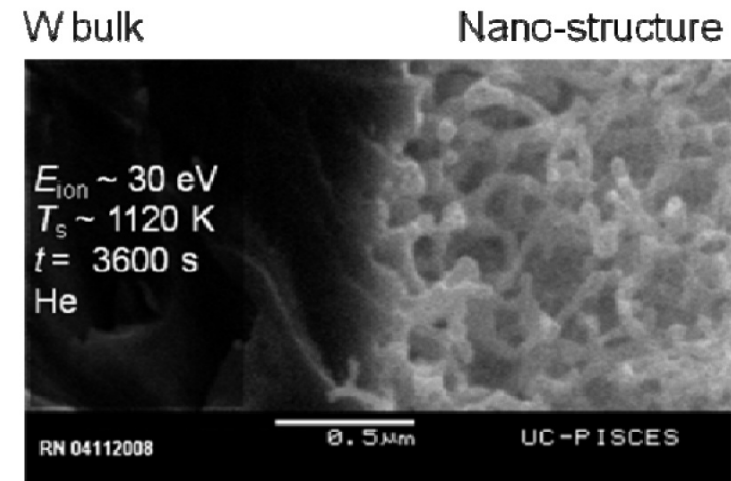
□ He bubble and nanostructure formation

- Surface structure removed before TEXTOR plasma exposure

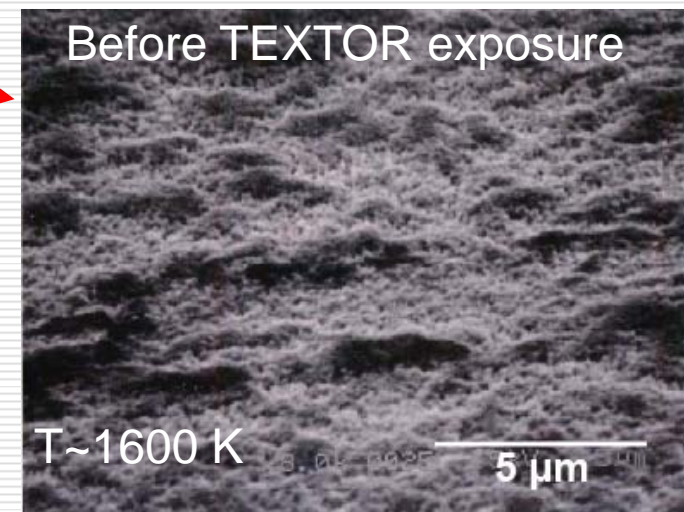
□ Loosely bound nano-structure was wiped out mechanically

### □ Roughness of He exposed W

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



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



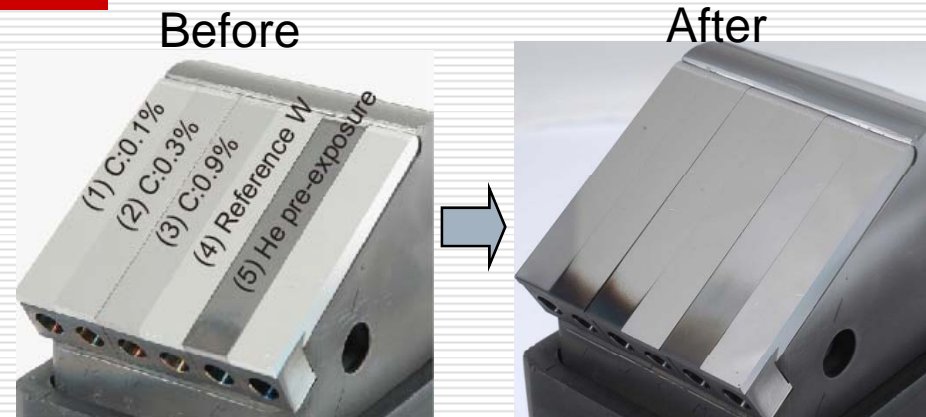
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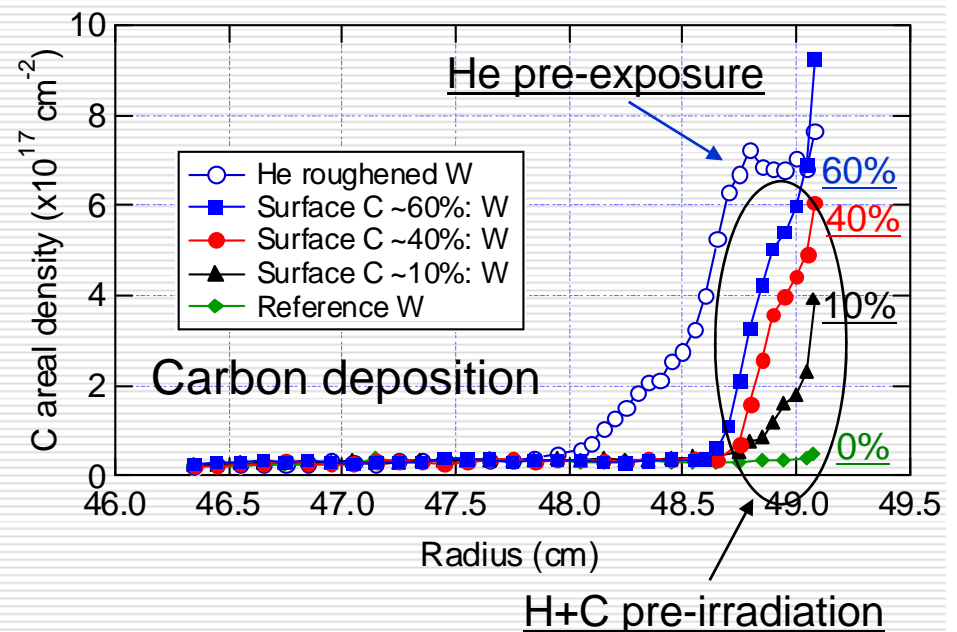
- Enhancement of C deposition
- C profile : long tail
  - increase in deposition area
- large enhancement of deposition despite small roughness (~15 nm)



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

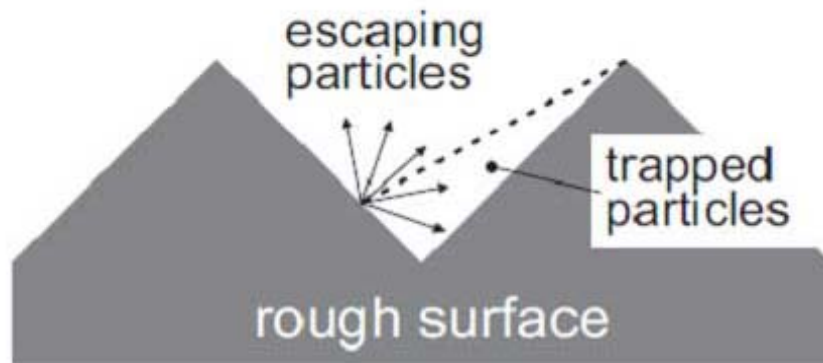
## □ H+C pre-irradiated W

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

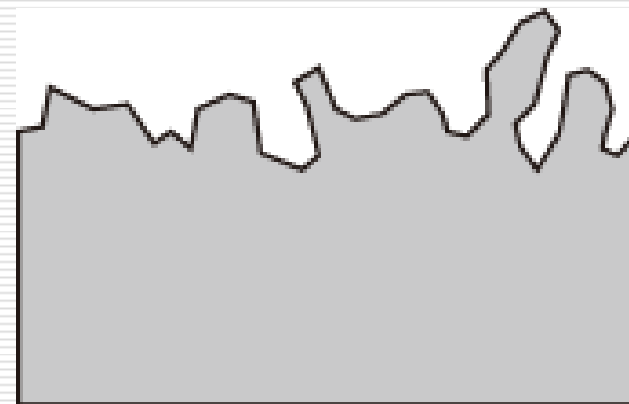


## Explanation of roughness effect on deposition

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



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



**He roughened** W surface

# Experimental conditions for TEXTOR experiments

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## Effects of surface roughness on C deposition

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- Roughness  $R_a = 9 \sim 180$  nm

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### ■ High density He plasma pre-exposed W

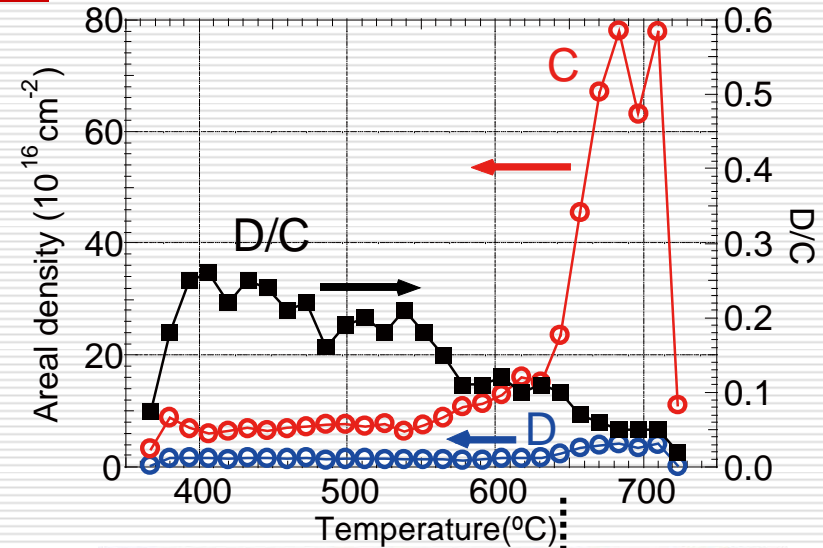
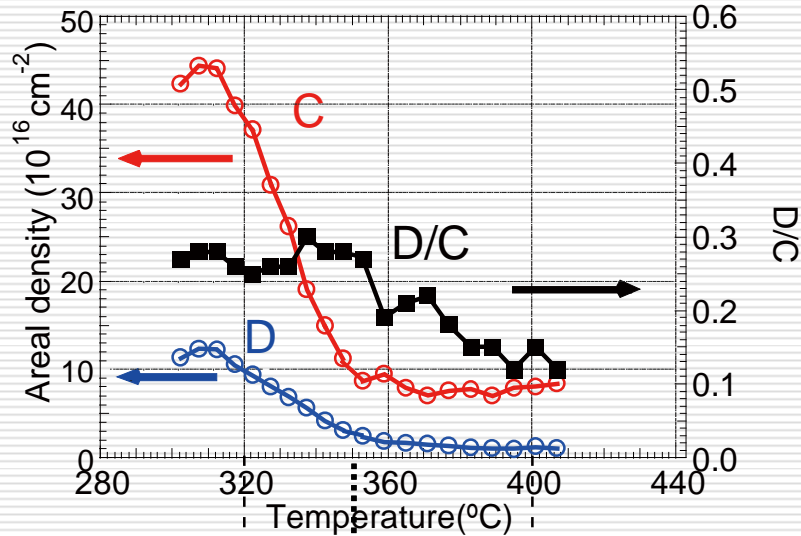
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## C deposition on tungsten at elevated temperature

### ■ Temperature range

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# Temperature dependence of C deposition

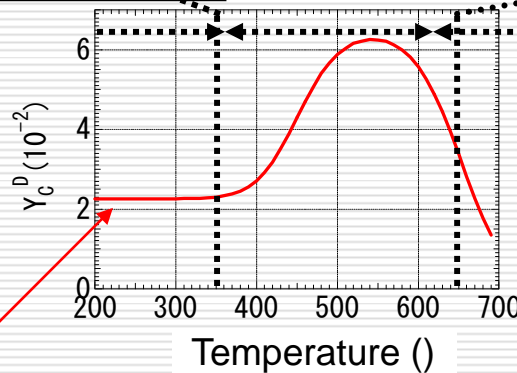


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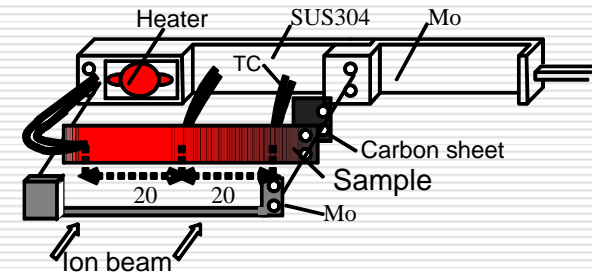
~650°C

## HiFIT experiments

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

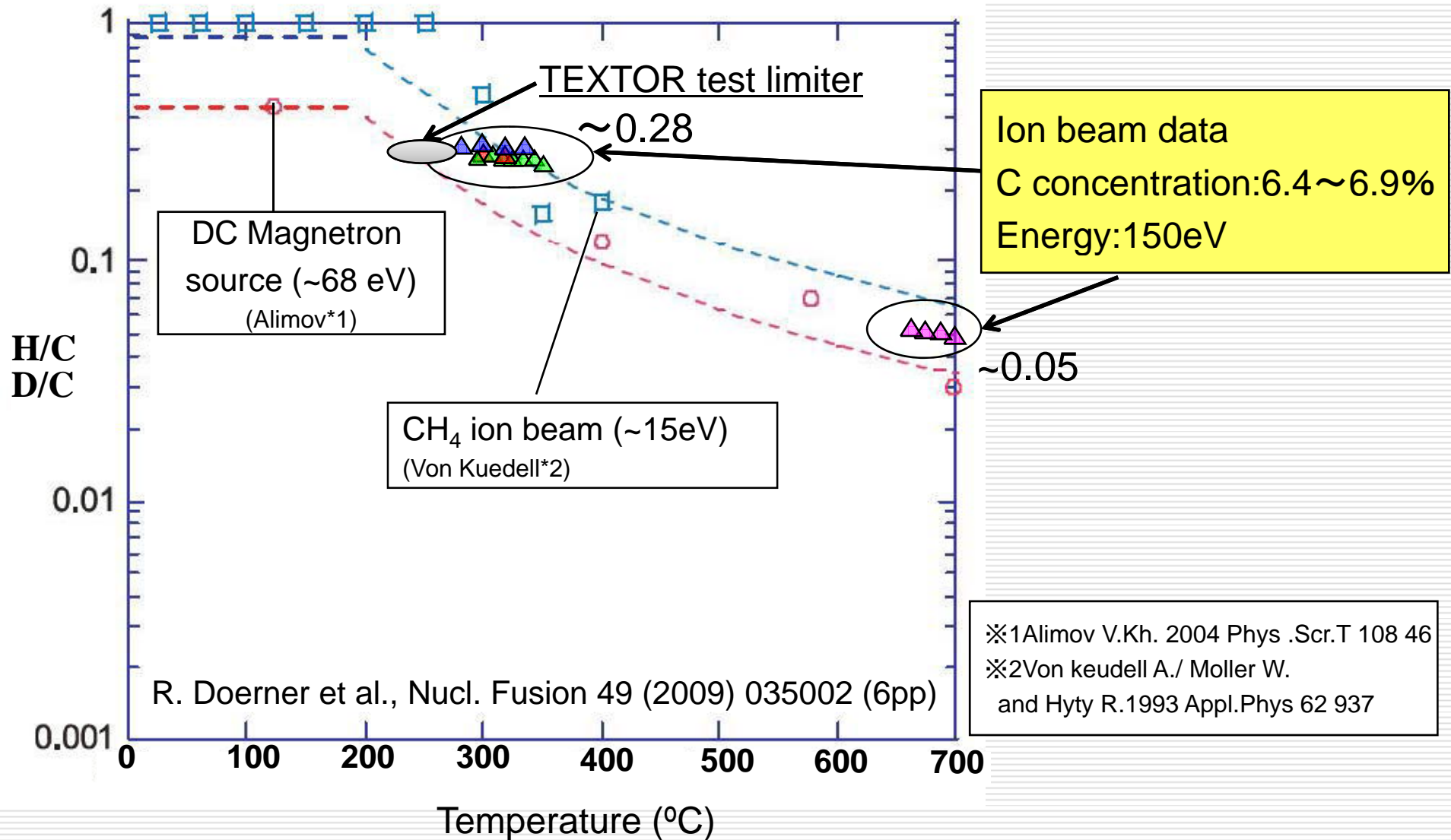


Clear correlation between C deposition and C sputtering

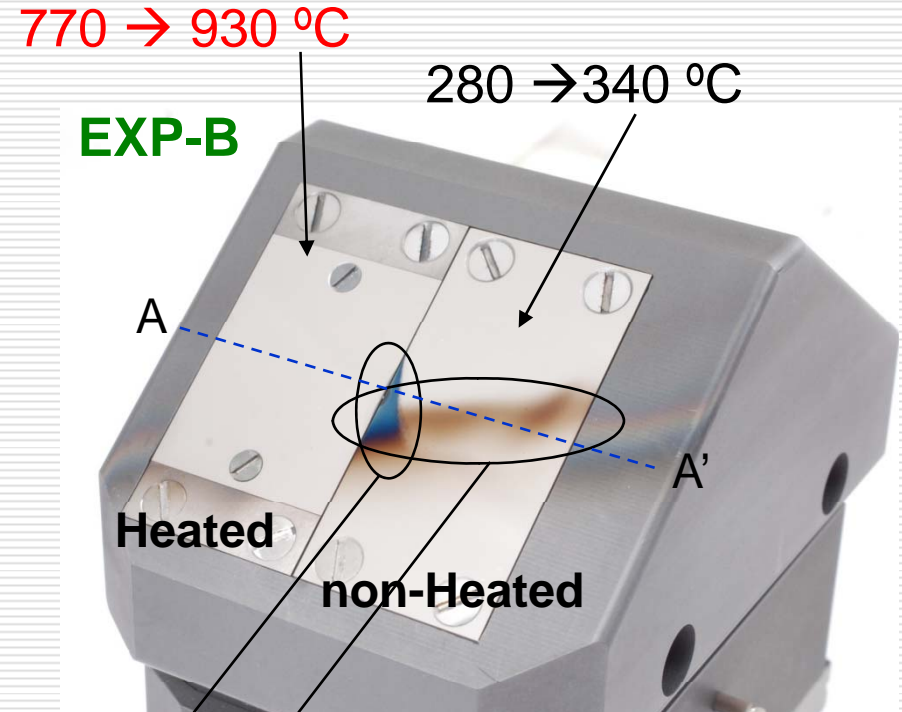
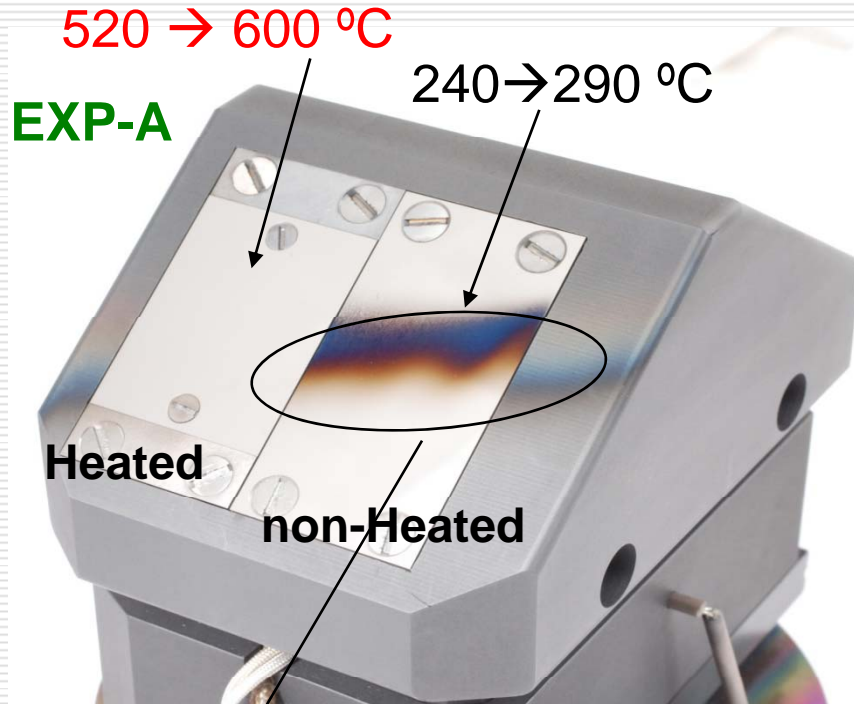


Temperature dependence of C sputtering yield (Roth (1996)) for **150 eV D**

# Comparison with previous C deposition data

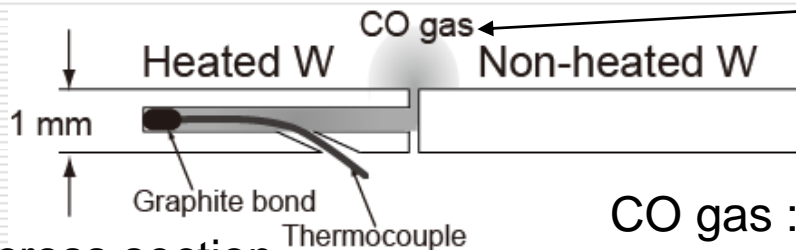


# Partially heated limiter exp. for C deposition on W



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

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



A-A' cross section

CO gas : desorbed above **~700 °C**

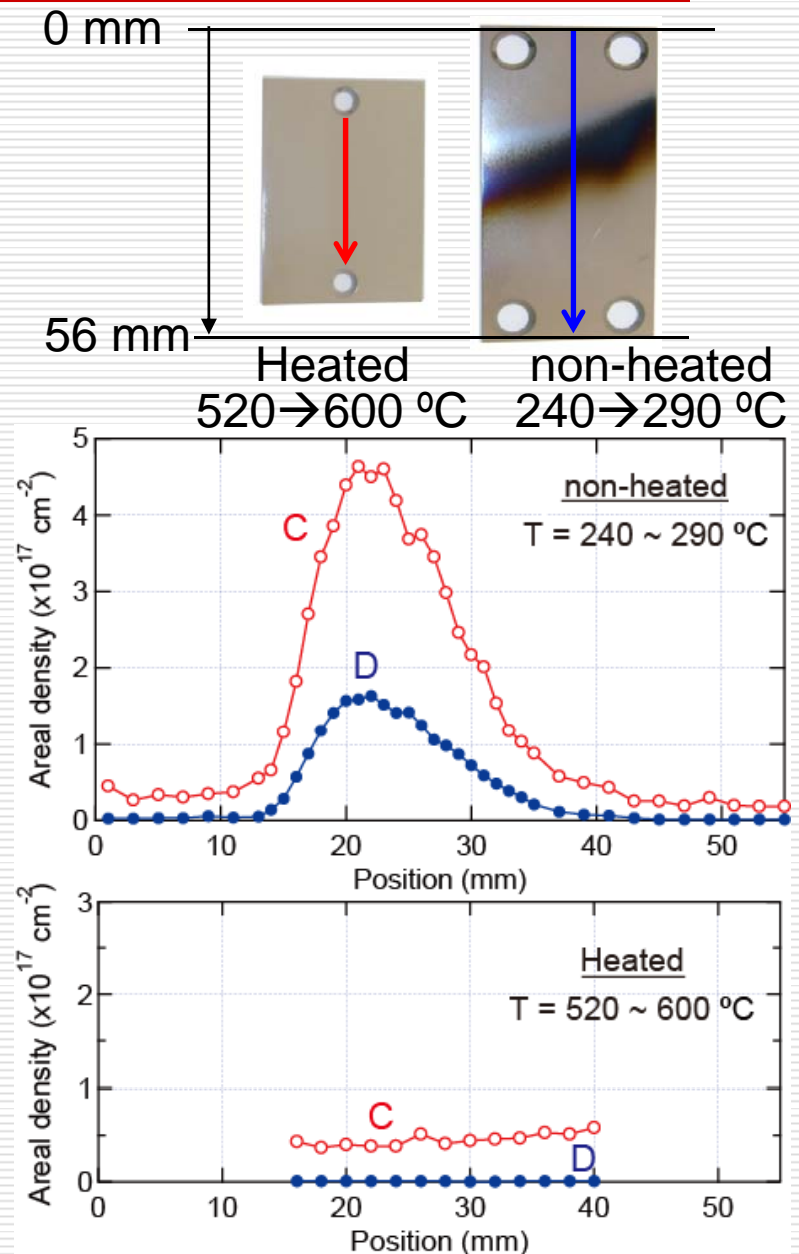
## Partially heated limiter exp. (heated W : 520 °C)

### □ non-heated W (240 °C~280 °C)

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

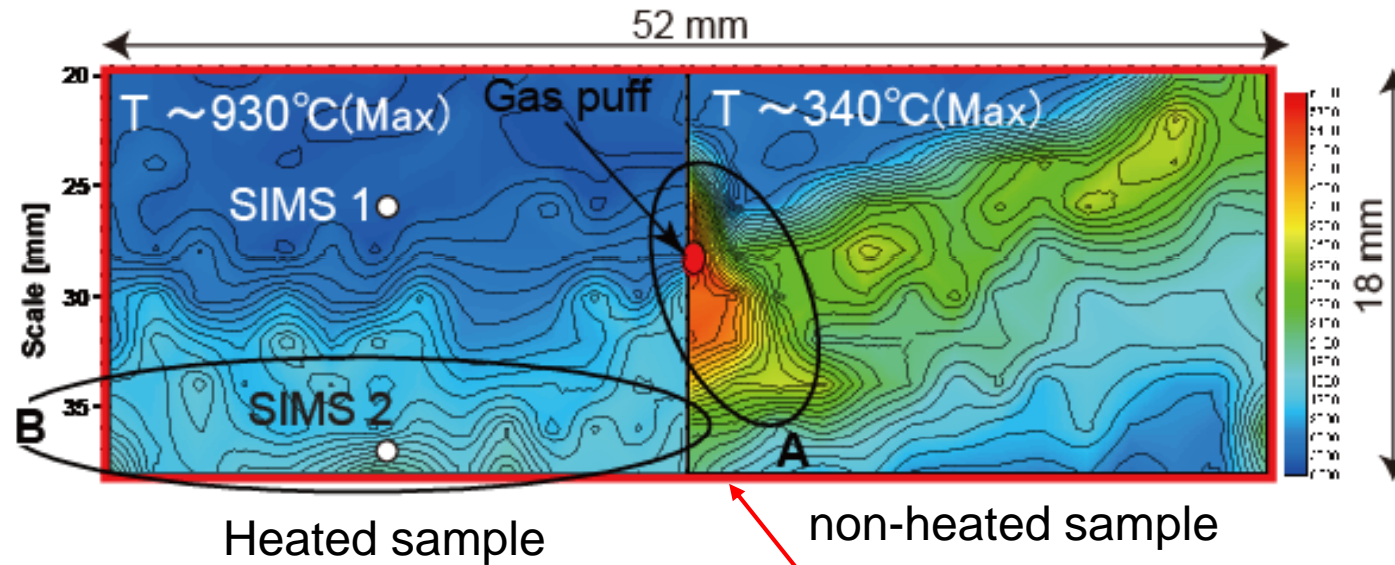
### □ Heated W (520 °C~600 °C)

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

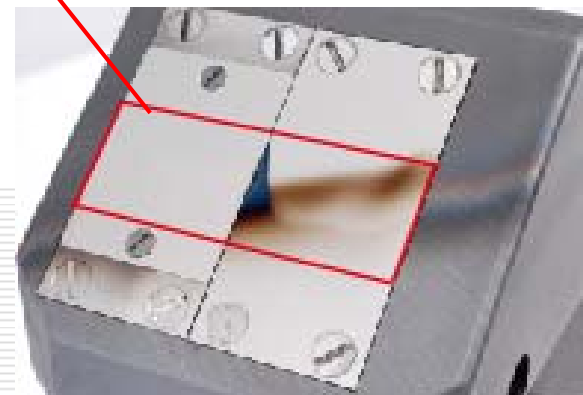


# Partially heated limiter exp. (heated W : $\sim 930\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

2D Carbon surface density (NRA)



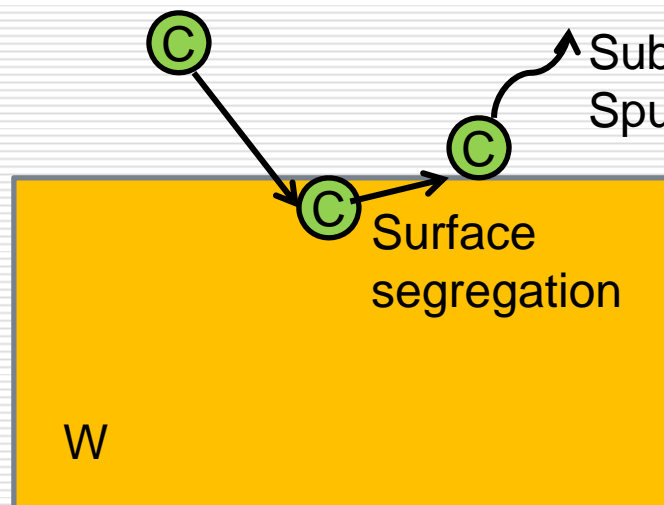
- In area A (heated W)
  - No C observed near CO gas puff
- In area B (heated W)
  - C diffusion in bulk W



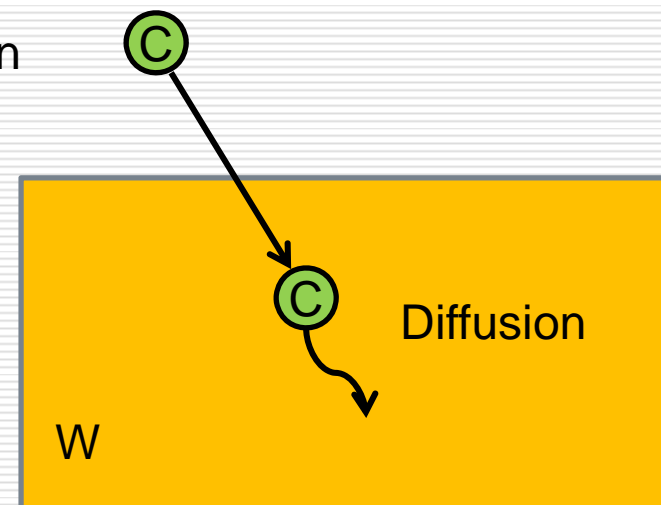


# Possible reason for C behavior on high T tungsten

- Difference in **ion energy** could be the reason
  - C in plasma : highly charged ( $\sim +4$ ), thermalized
    - impact energy  $E \sim 580 \text{ eV}$  ( $T_e \sim T_i \sim 40 \text{ eV}$ )
  - C<sup>+</sup> or CO<sup>+</sup> from CO gas : singly charged, not thermalized
    - impact energy  $E \sim 120 \text{ eV}$  ( $T_e \sim 40 \text{ eV}$ ,  $T_i \sim 0 \text{ eV}$ )
    - Ion range  $\sim$  less than a few ML
    - **Implantation**  $\rightarrow$  **Surface segregation**  $\rightarrow$  **sputtering, sublimation**



Shallow implantation

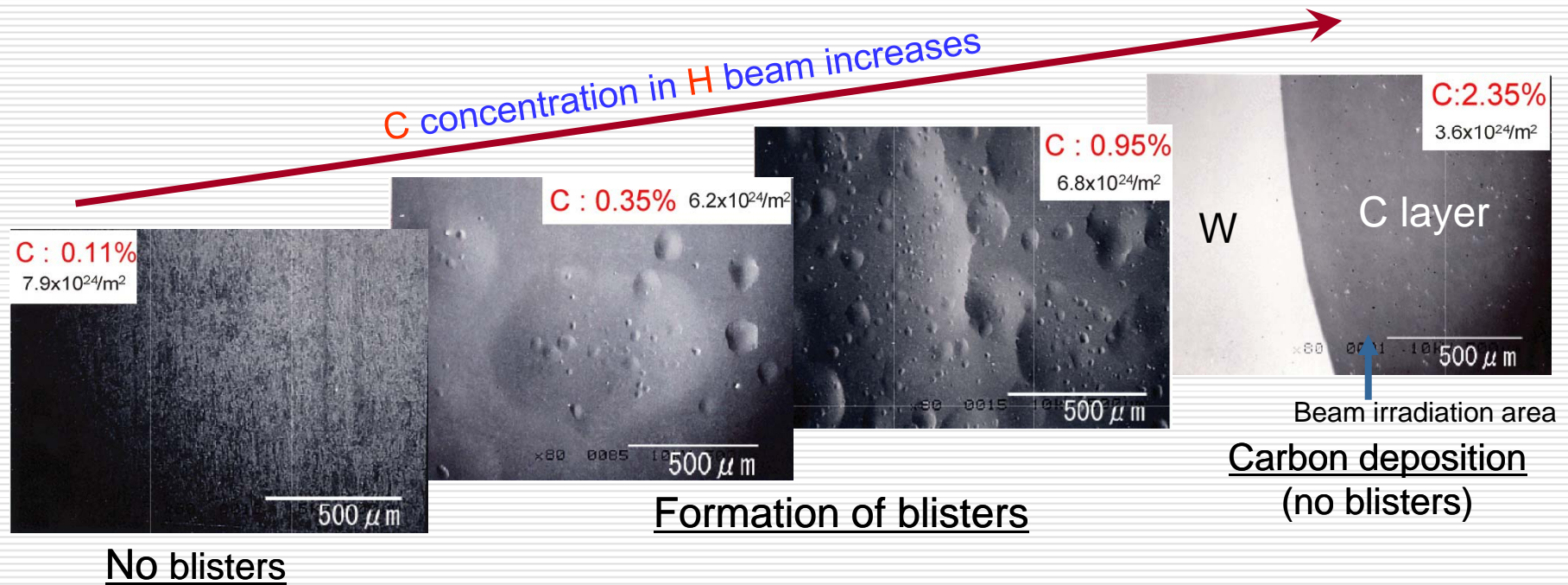


Deep implantation



Retention/blistering by simultaneous  
C/He/D exposure

# Enhancement of blistering by carbon impurity



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

## Experimental conditions

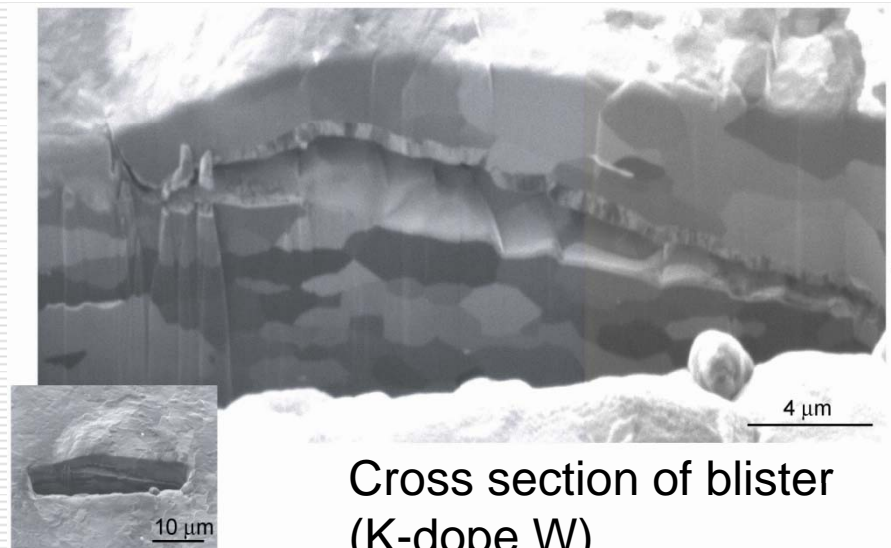
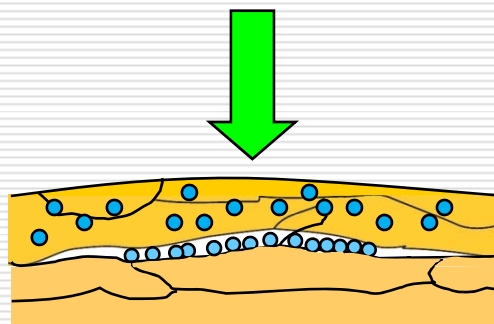
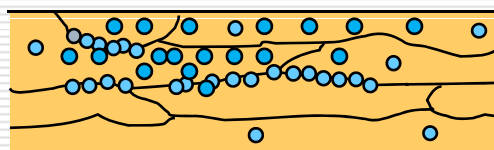
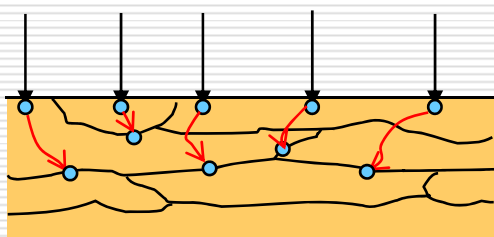
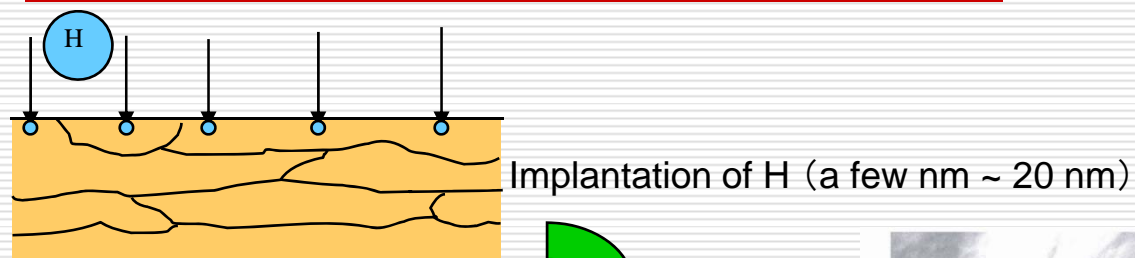
Beam Energy: 1keV  $\text{H}_3^+$ , Flux :  $(3-4) \times 10^{20} \text{ Hm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

Temperature : 653 K

Sample : pure W with mirror polished

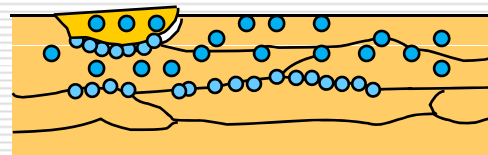


# Mechanism for blistering (K-doped Poly-W)

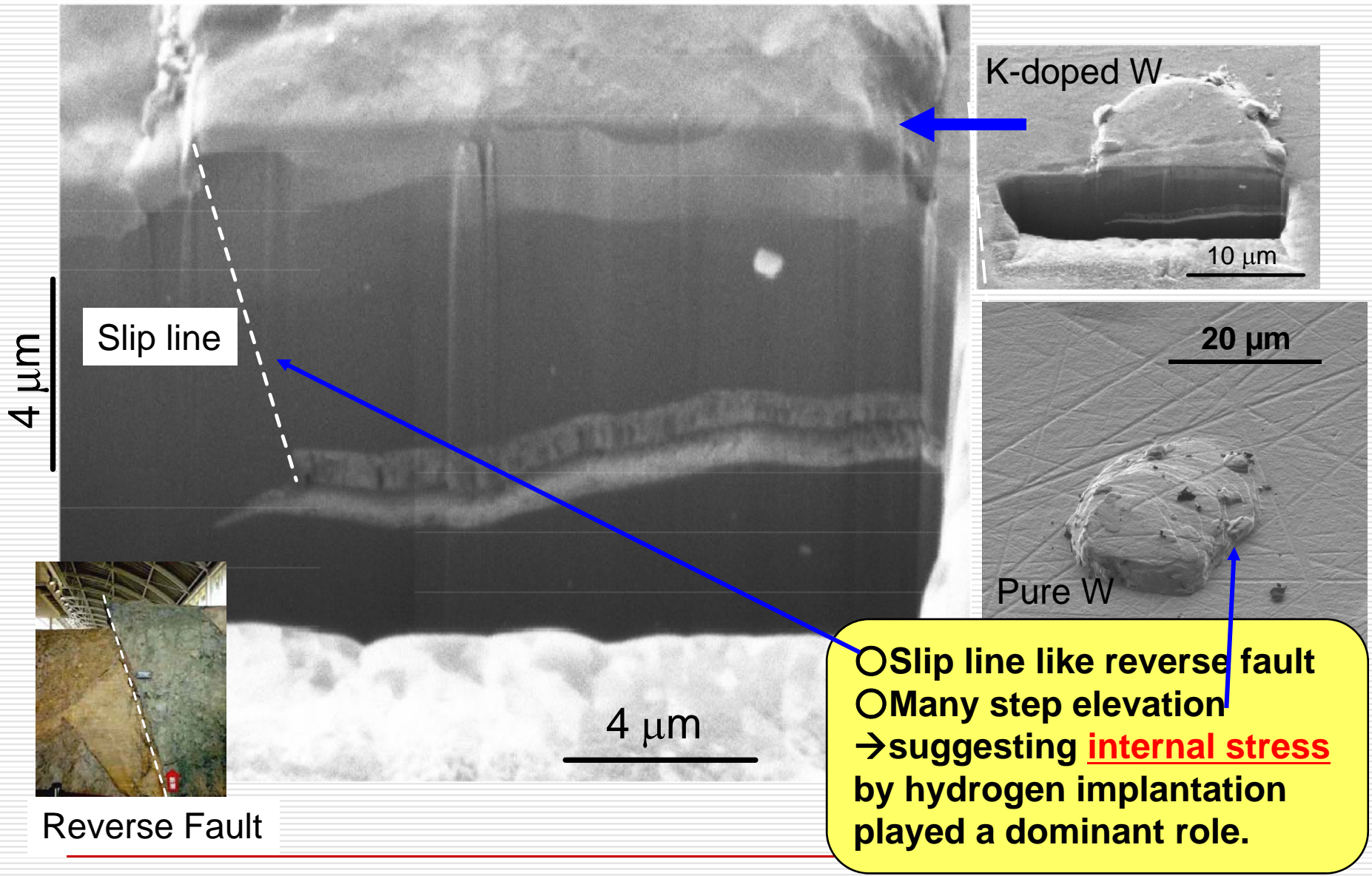


What is a driving force for plastic deformation?

Pressure inside cracks or internal stress?



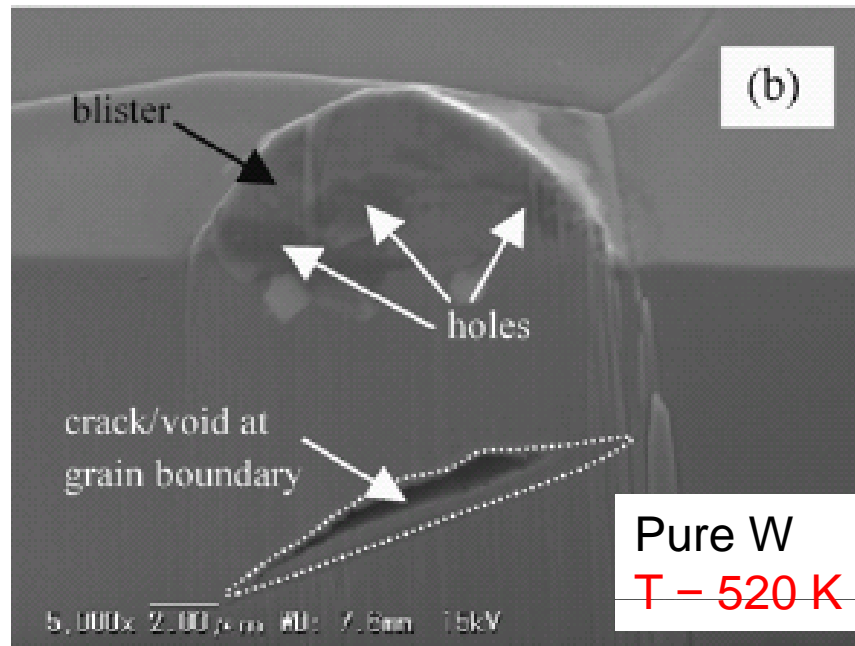
# Blistering of Recrystallized W



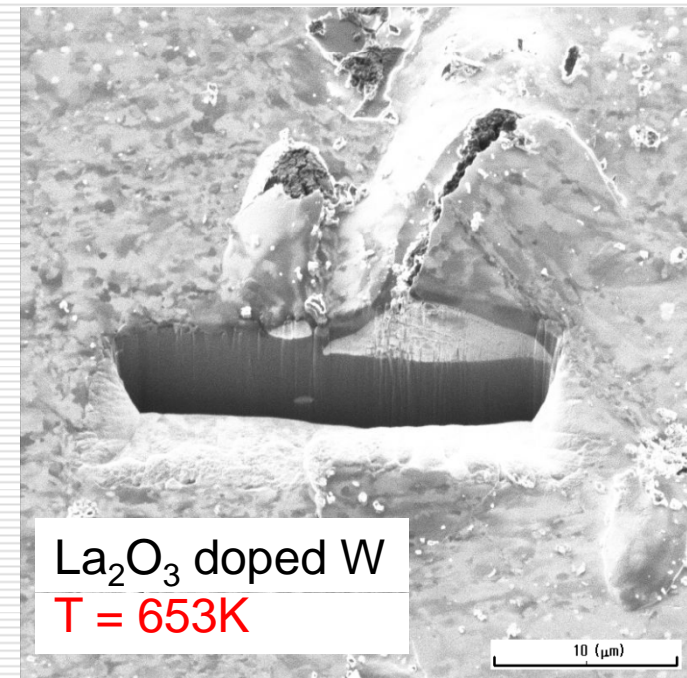
O Slip line like reverse fault  
 O Many step elevation  
 → suggesting **internal stress** by hydrogen implantation played a dominant role.

# Blisters without gaps

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



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

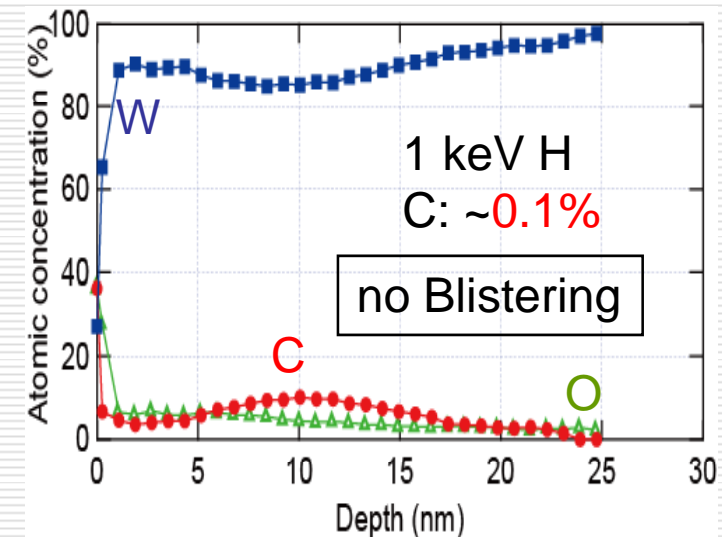
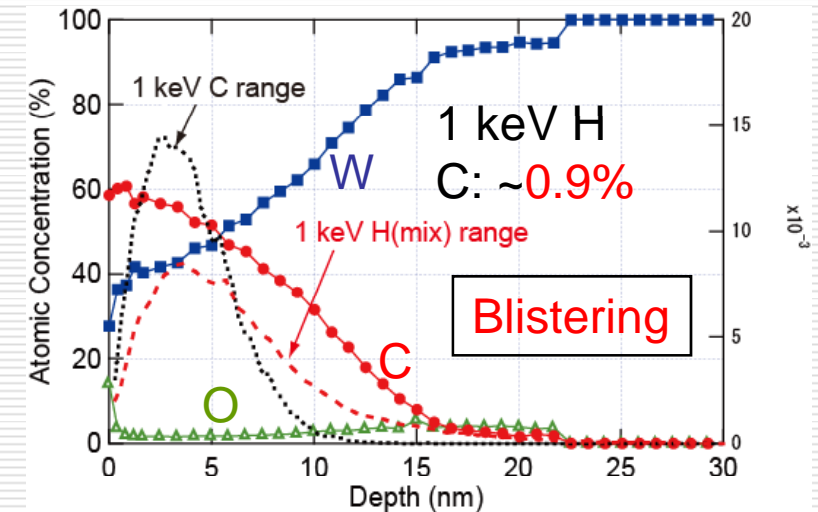


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# W and C mixing layer reduced desorption

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

Atomic composition in tungsten

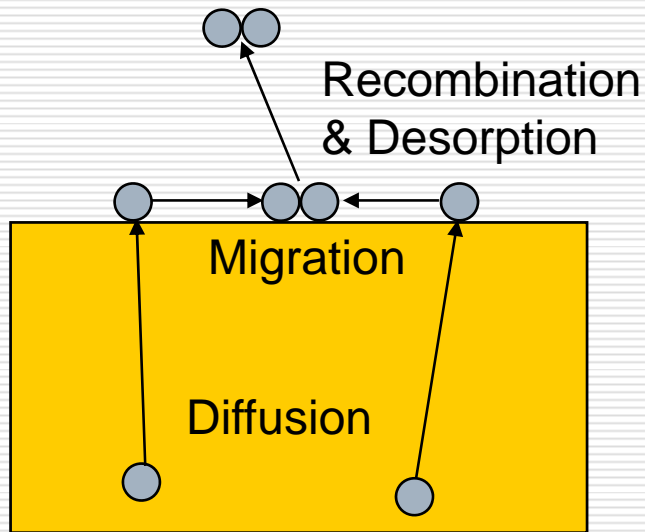


# How does WC layer affect H behavior?

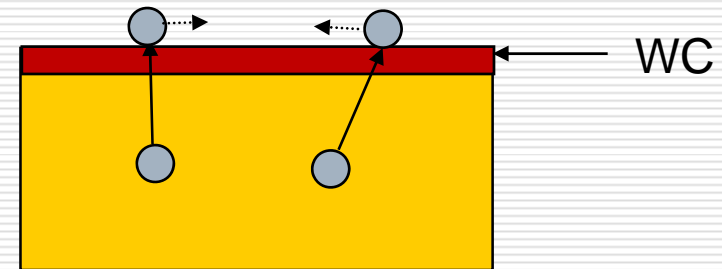
## □ Low H-recombination rate on WC surface

- Suppress surface migration of H atoms

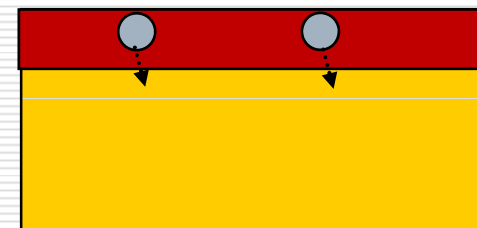
## □ Low H-diffusion coefficient in WC



Hydrogen Desorption (<math><1000\text{ }^\circ\text{C}</math>)



Surface WC-rich layer suppresses hydrogen recombination and desorption



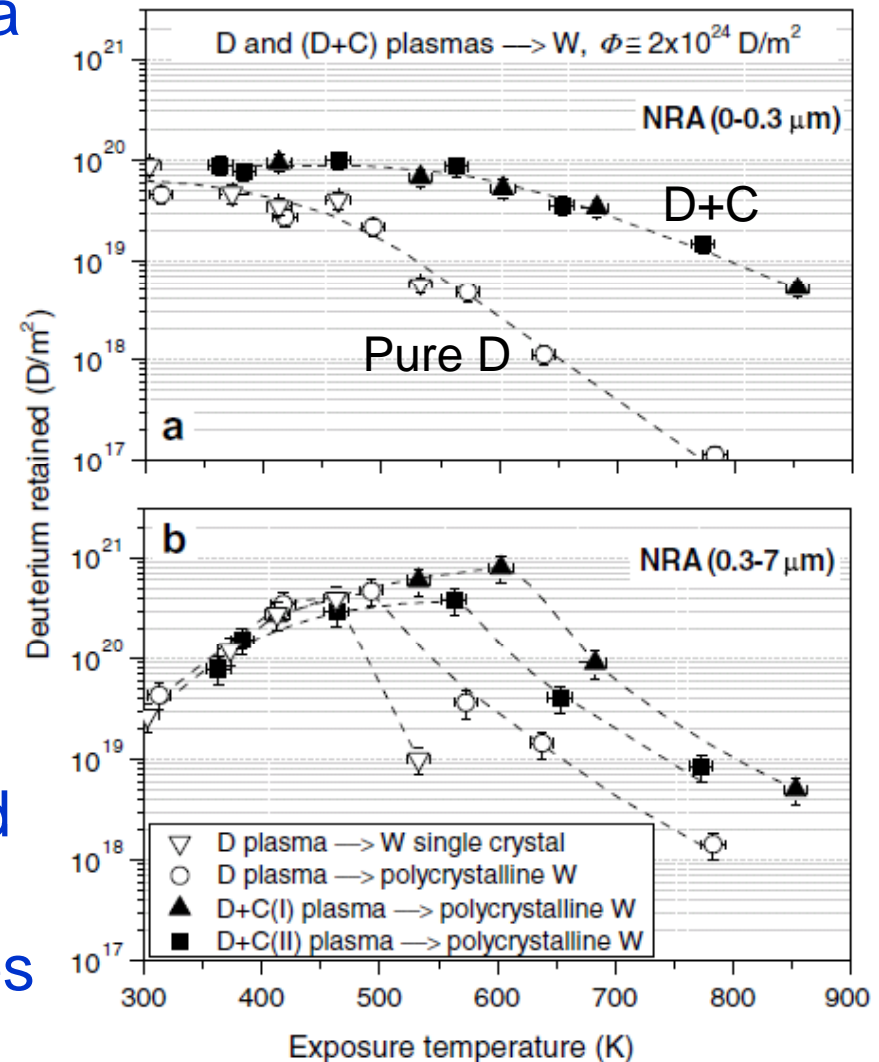
Bulk WC layer reduces hydrogen diffusion



# D & C mixed plasma exposure to W

- Planar DC magnetron plasma
  - Energy :  $\sim 200$  eV ( $D_2^+$  mainly)
  - Flux :  $1 \times 10^{21} \text{ m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
  - C plate on cathode surface to provides C into plasma
- For D+C, D retention near surface (a) and bulk (b) increased at elevated temp.
- For D+C, fraction of C on W surface is higher.
- Possibly, surface C+W mixed layer (C existed as carbidic and graphitic phases) reduces release of D from surface.

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



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

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

M. Baldwin et al.  
PSI 18(2008)

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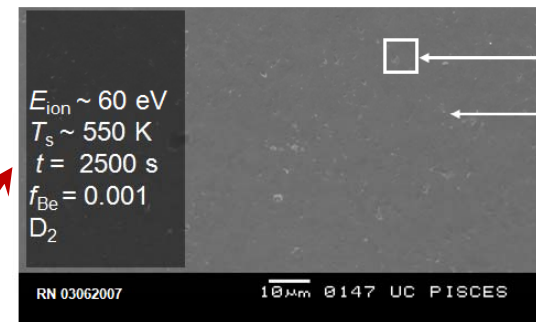
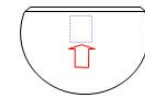
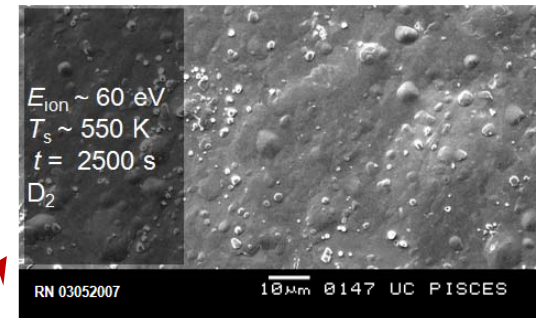
- Blistering & exfoliation of blister caps is a concern for certain varieties of W.

- Increased retention is associated with the trapping of hydrogen in blisters.

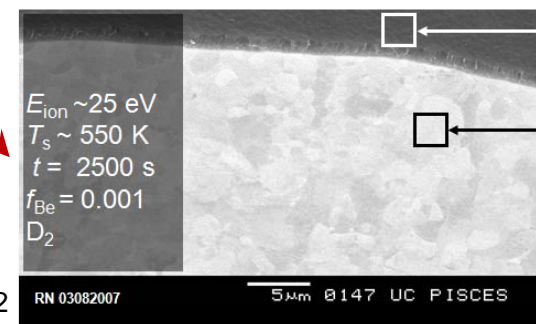
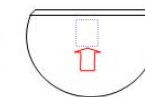
E.g. *K Tokunaga et al. J. Nucl. Mater. (2004) 337–339, 887.*

- At 550 K a blistered surface is prevalent after exposure to D<sub>2</sub> plasma.

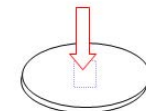
- A thin layer of Be as little as a few 10's of nm, or thicker, is found to suppress blister formation.



W<sub>65</sub>Be<sub>35</sub> (WDS)  
Be<sub>79</sub>W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>18</sub> (AES)



Be<sub>74</sub>O<sub>26</sub> (AES)  
W (WDS)



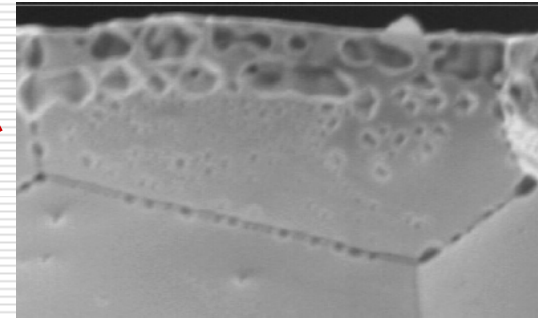
D<sup>+</sup> ion fluence ~ 1x10<sup>26</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>

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# He effects on W

## □ High temperature ( $> \sim 1,600$ K)

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

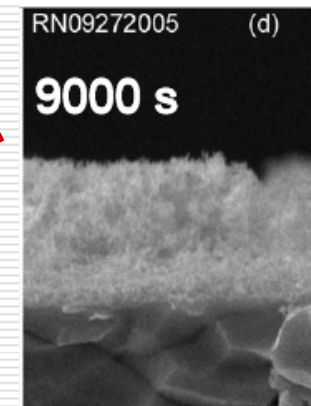


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$T \sim 1,600$  K

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

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



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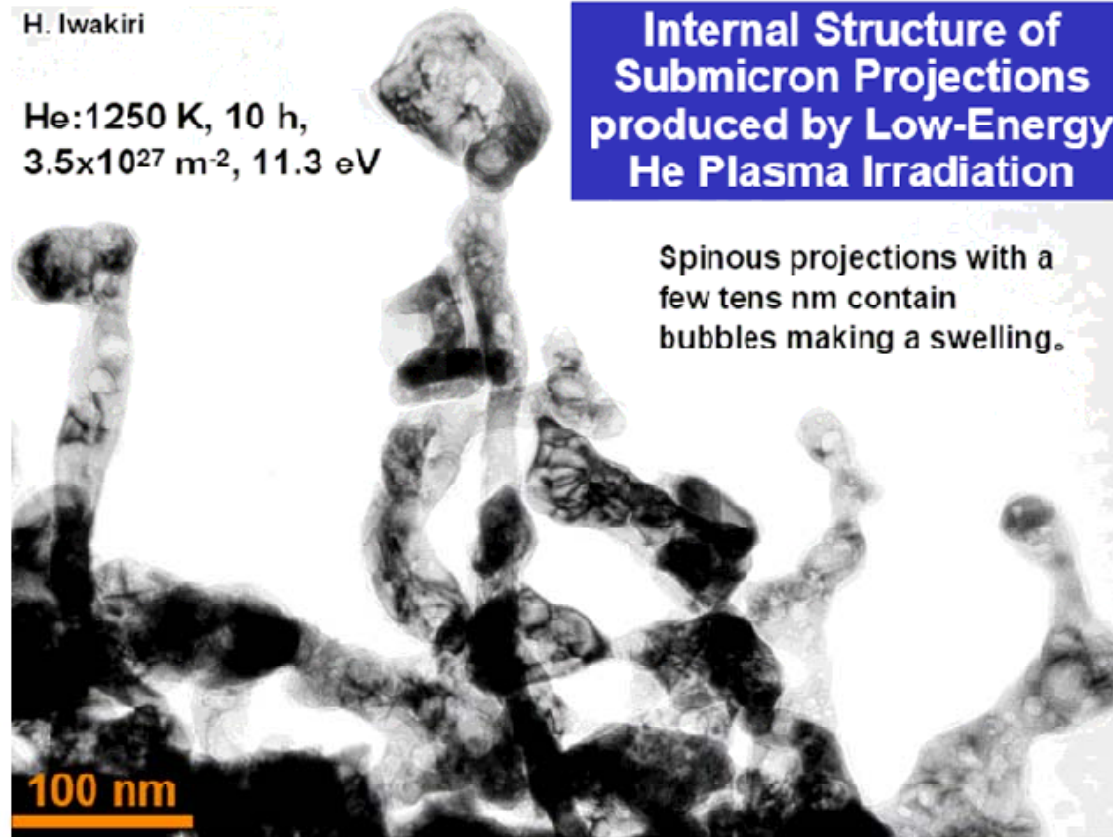
$T \sim 1,120$  K

## □ Low temperature ( $< \sim 900$ K)

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

## Submicron structure on W ( $T \sim 1250$ K)

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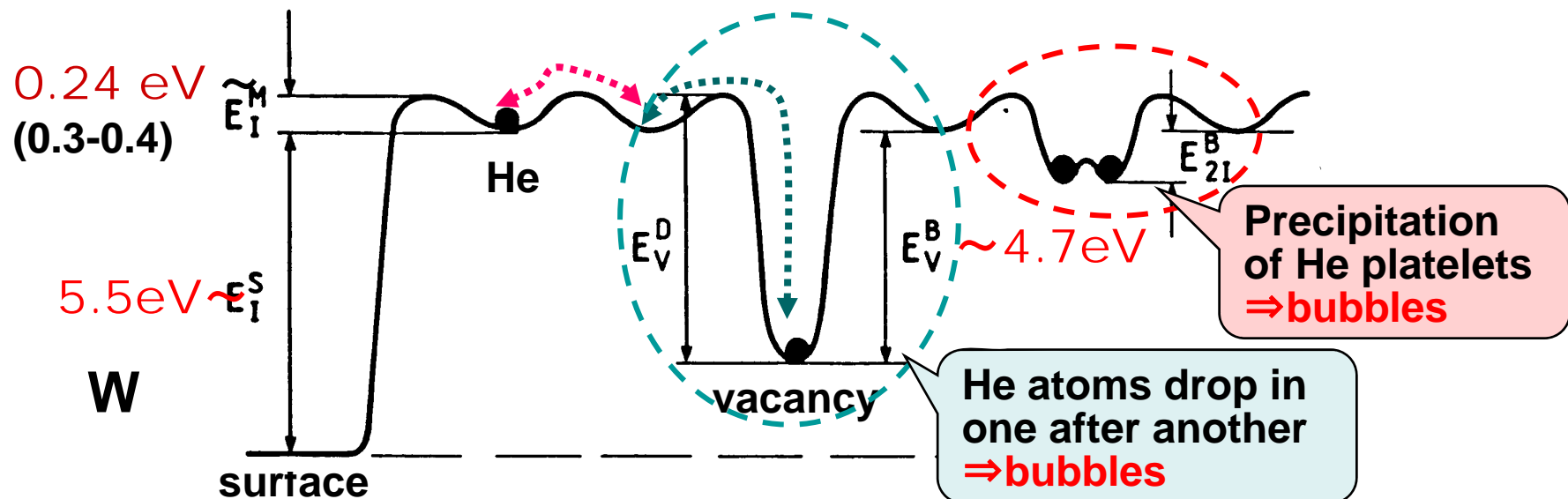


From Prof. Takamura presentation at ITPA  
sol./div meeting, Toronto, Nov. 2006.

# Basic Behavior of He in W

Y. Yoshida (Kyushu U)  
18<sup>th</sup> PSI (2008)

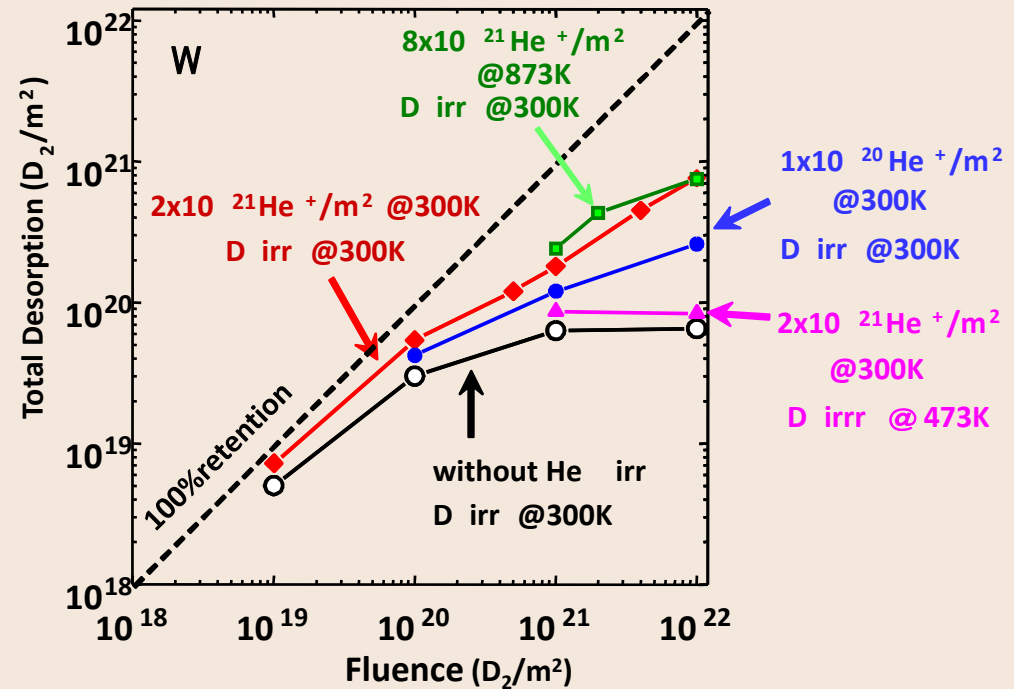
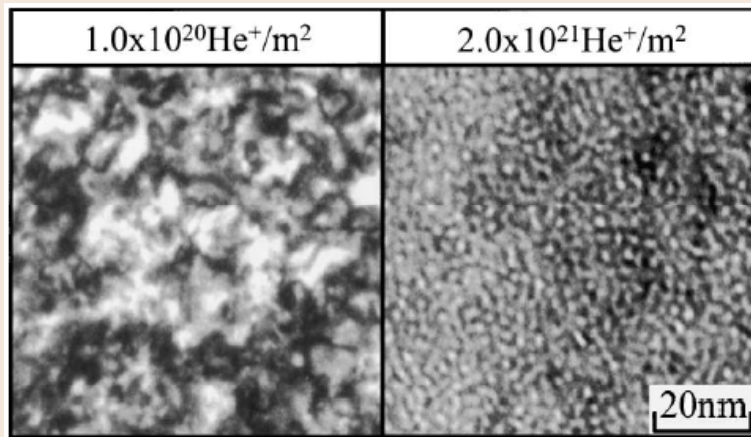
- Very low solubility.
- Very fast thermal migration via **interstitial sites** (very high mobility even at R. Temp.)
- Very deep trapping in a vacancy (Large  $E_V^B$ )
- Comfortable positions of He in W lattice:  
**empty sites** such as **vacancy, bubble, grain boundaries, dislocations etc.**  $\Leftarrow$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



# He effect on retention

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

8keV He<sup>+</sup> → W (300K)



# Blister formation under H & He (&C) irradiation

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

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

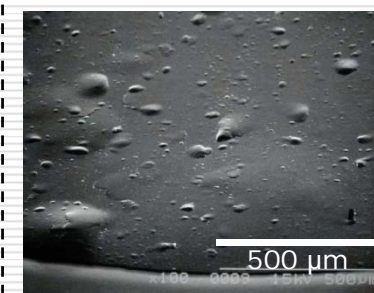
Carbon :  $\sim 0.8\%$

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

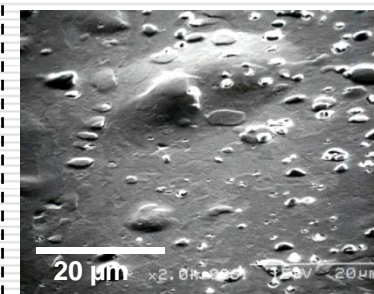
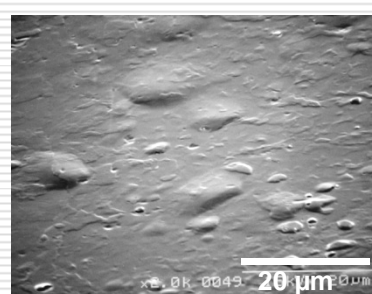
753 K



653 K

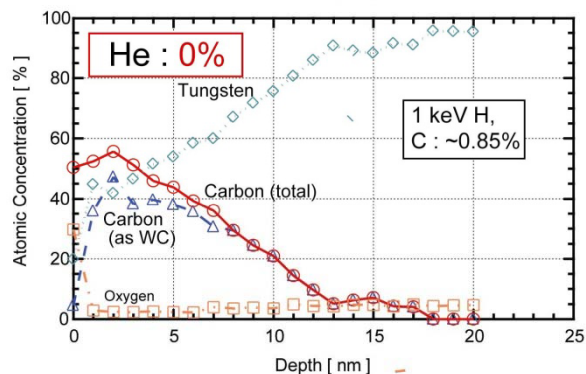
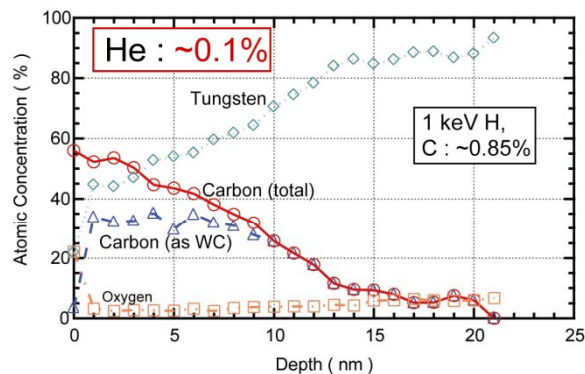


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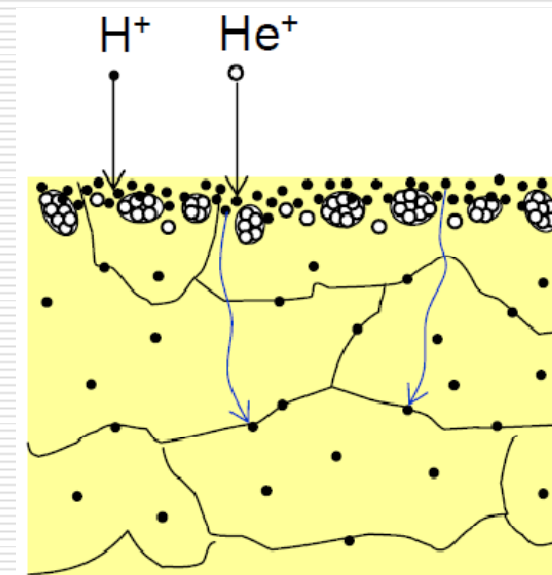
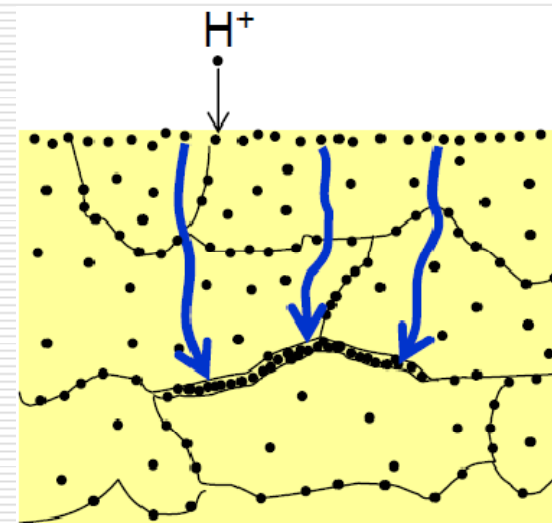
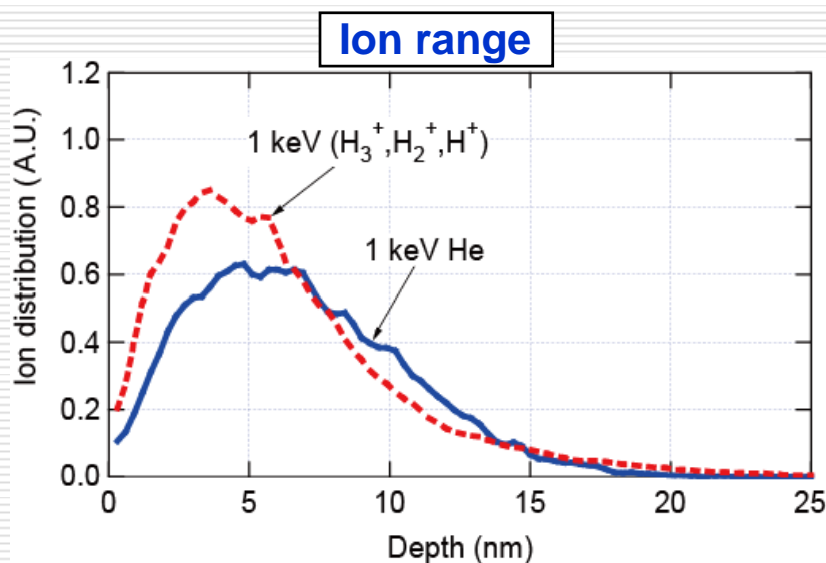
He : 0.1%

He : 0%



# He bubble could affect H diffusion

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





# Effects of He energy on blistering

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

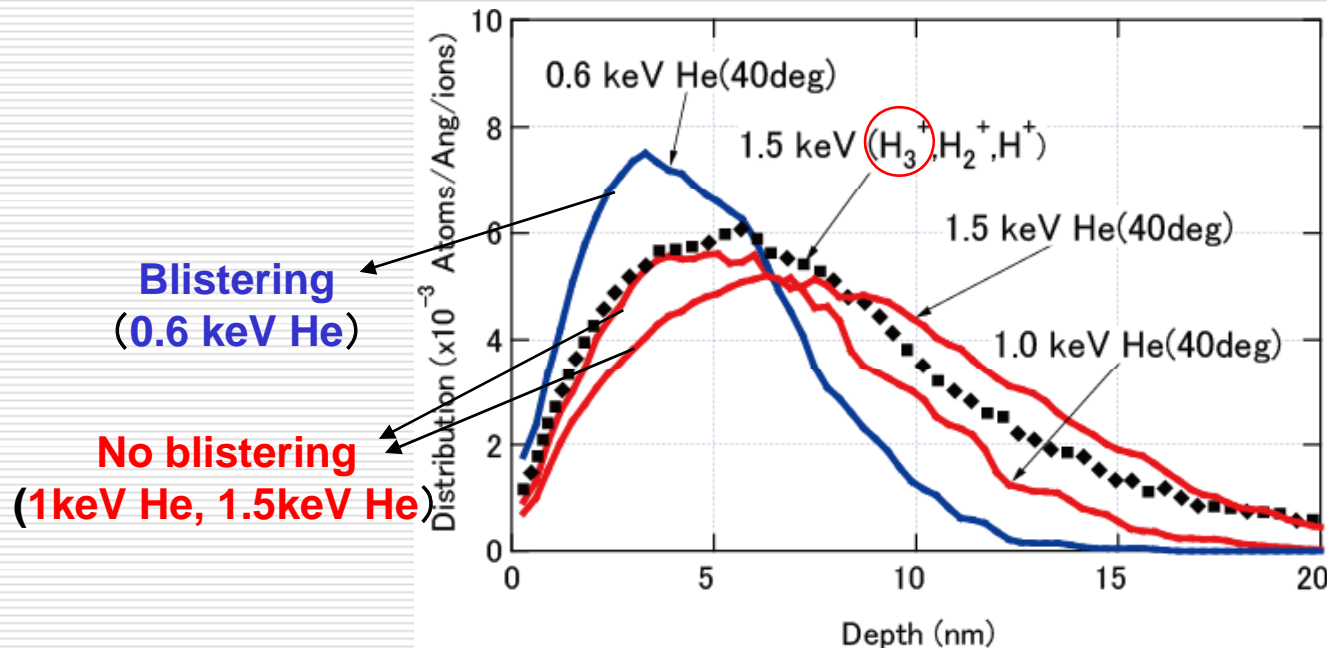
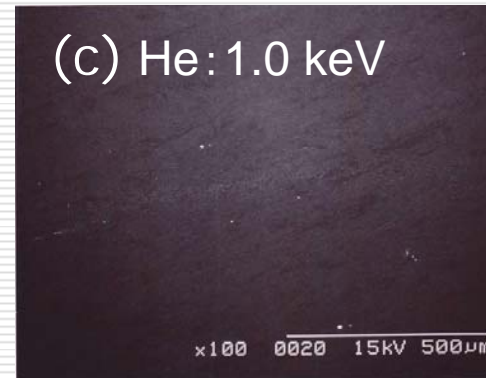
(a) no He ion beam → **Blistering**

(b) 2<sup>nd</sup> He beam :0.05% (0.6 keV) → **Blistering**

(c) 2<sup>nd</sup> He beam :0.05% (1.0 keV)\* → **no Blistering**

2<sup>nd</sup> He beam :0.05% (1.5 keV)\*

\*angle of incidence ~ 40 deg



**Blistering**  
(0.6 keV He)

**No blistering**  
(1keV He, 1.5keV He)

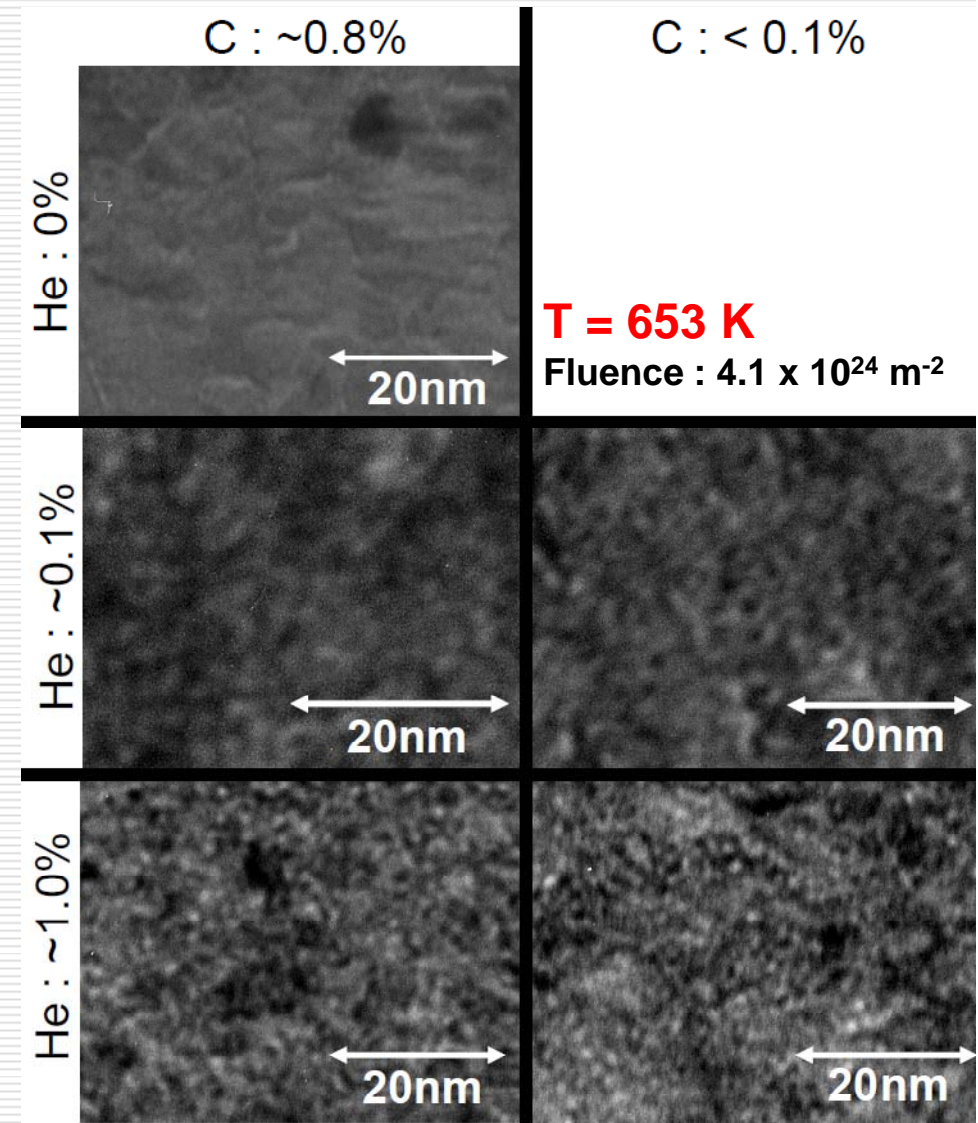
Ion range in tungsten



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# TEM observation of He bubbles

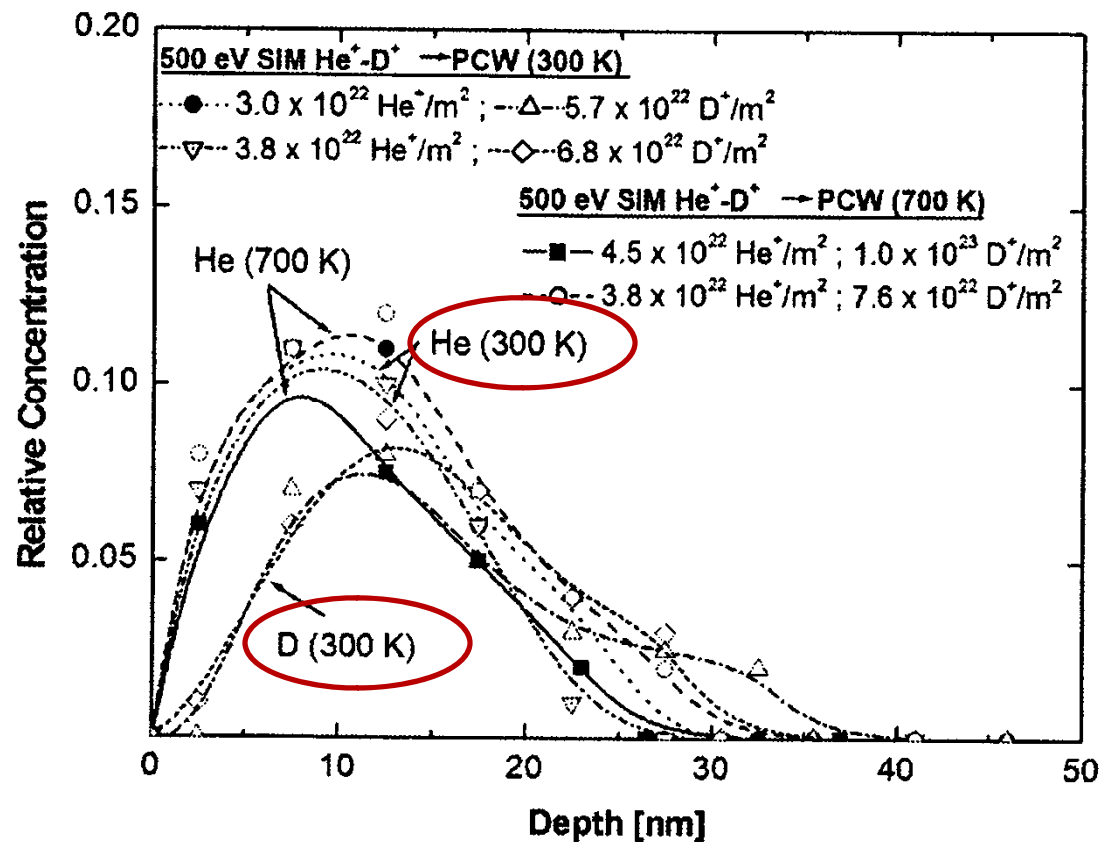
- He:1.0%, ~2 nm $\phi$  He bubbles
- He:0.1%, 1~2 nm $\phi$  He bubbles
  - He fluence :  $4.1 \times 10^{21} \text{m}^{-2}$ .
- Bubble size and bubble number density had weak dependence on He% and C%.
- He bubbles were formed in WC layer for C:~0.8%.



TEM observation of near surface structure

# Simultaneous He/D (Toronto)

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



Depth distribution of D and He

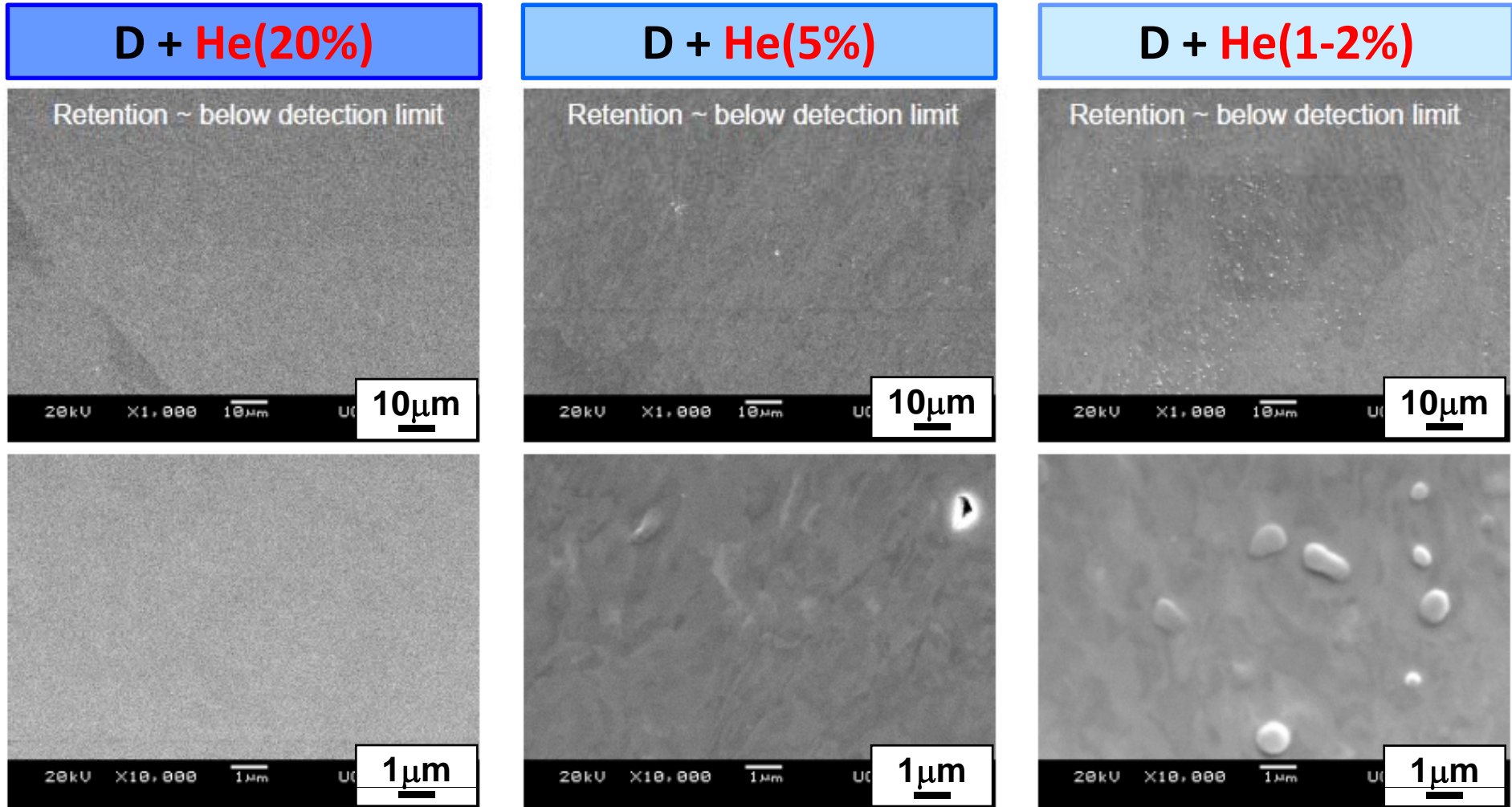
# Suppression of Blistering by He

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

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

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



M. Miyamoto et al., Nucl. Fusion 49 (2009) 065035 (7pp).

Blistering disappeared above 5% He.

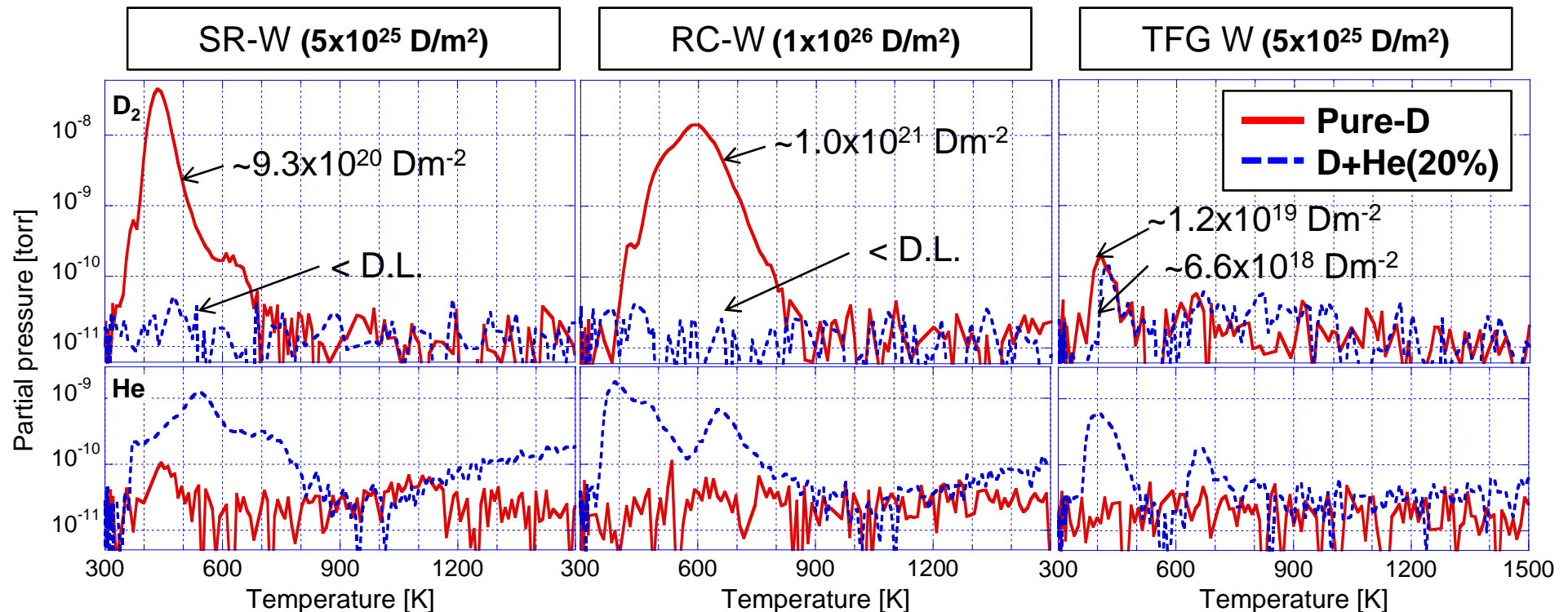
# D retention

TDS

## TDS after plasma exposure

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

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



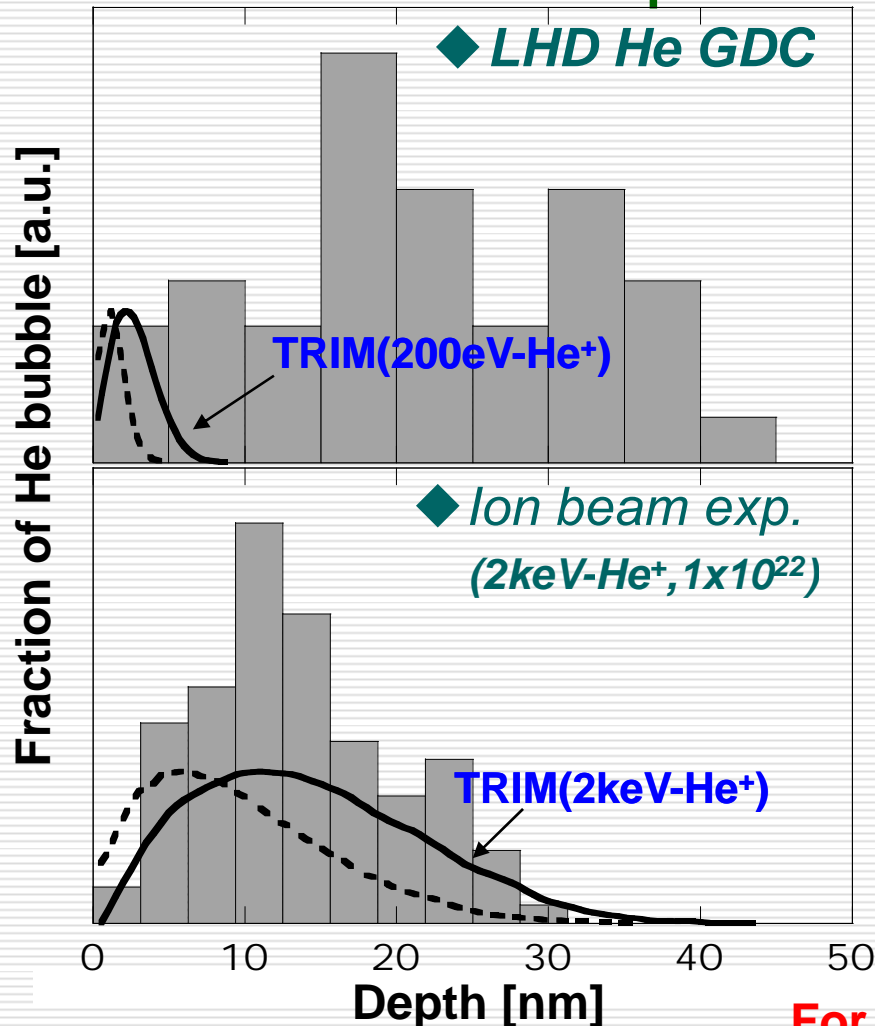
No D retention from W exposed to D+He mixed plasma

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

# Depth distribution of He bubbles in SUS.

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

## He bubble depth distribution measured by TEM



- ◆ *LHD-He GDC (~200 eV)*

➤ Much broader distribution than ion range.

- ◆ *Ion beam exp. (2keV-He<sup>+</sup>)*

➤ Distribution around ion range.

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

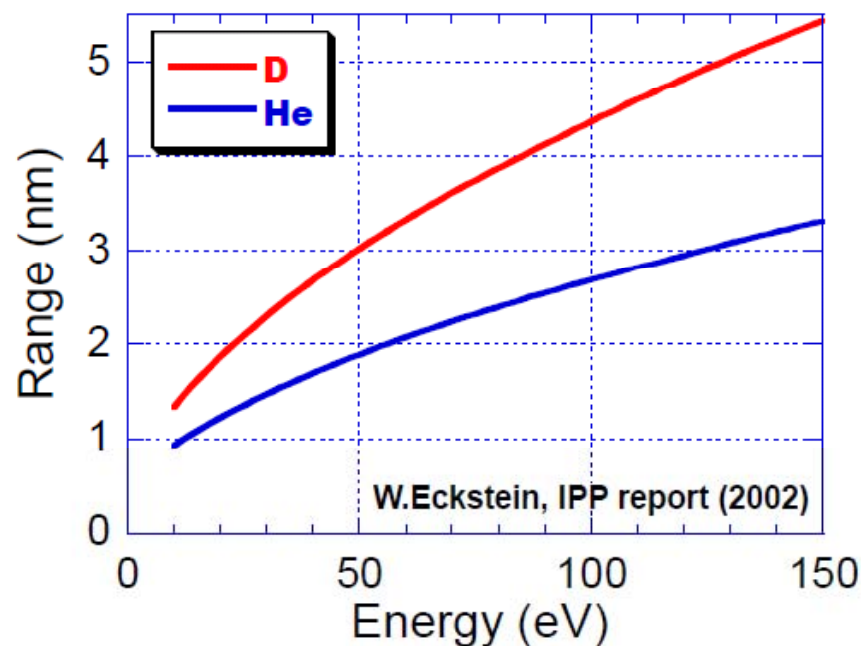
**For low energy He (few damage):** He atoms diffuse far from ion range to find intrinsic traps.

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

**For W, similar phenomena could take place.**

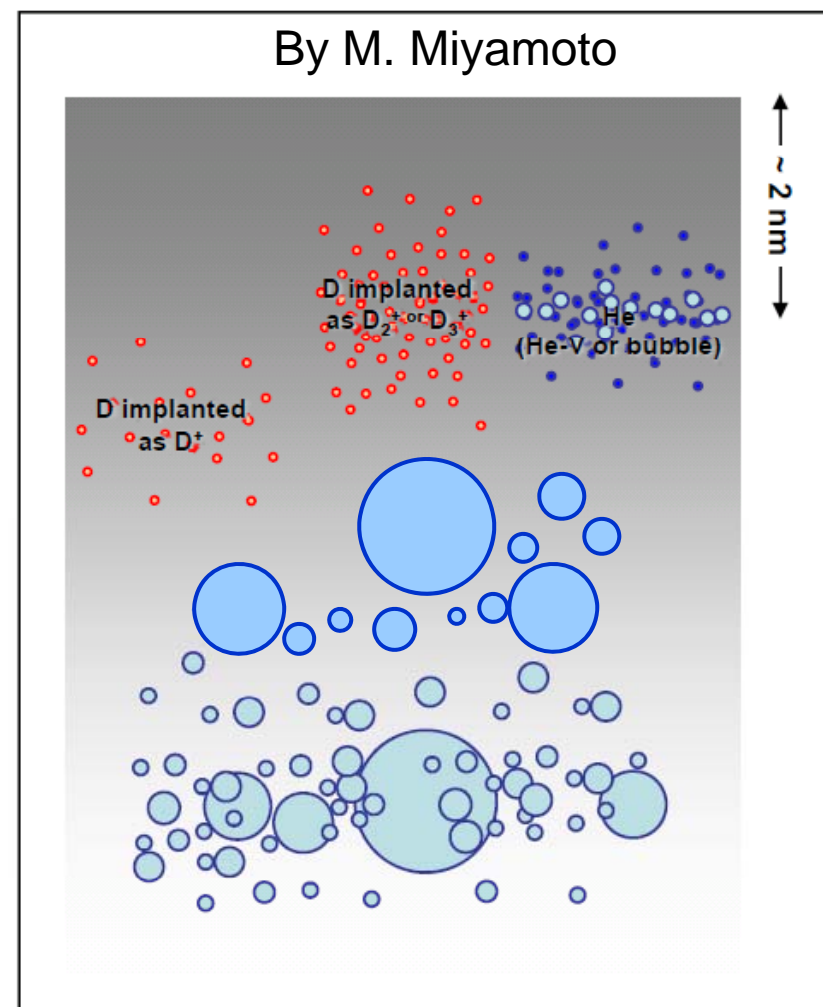
# Is He bubble layer a diffusion barrier?

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



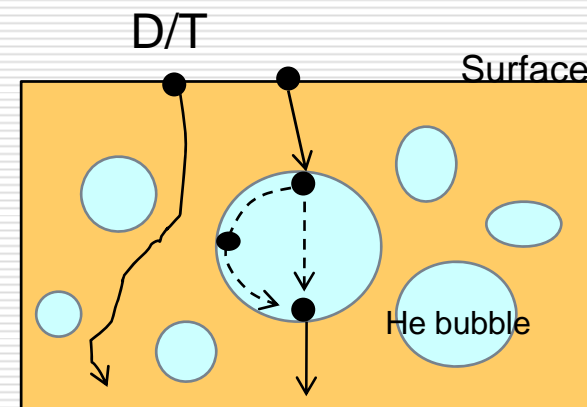
◆ Ion range (@70eV)

Ion	He <sup>+</sup>	D <sup>+</sup>	D <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	D <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>
Range	2.2nm	3.6nm	2.5nm	2.2nm

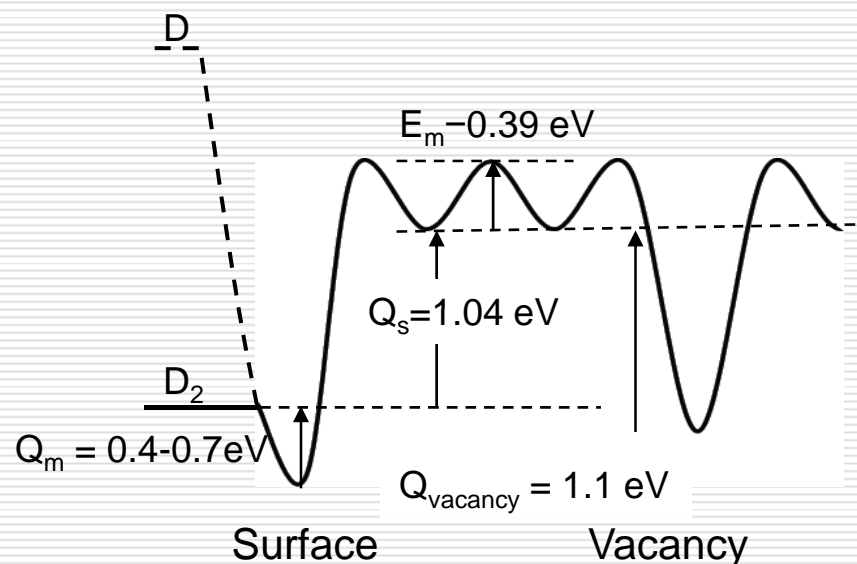


# Possible mechanisms

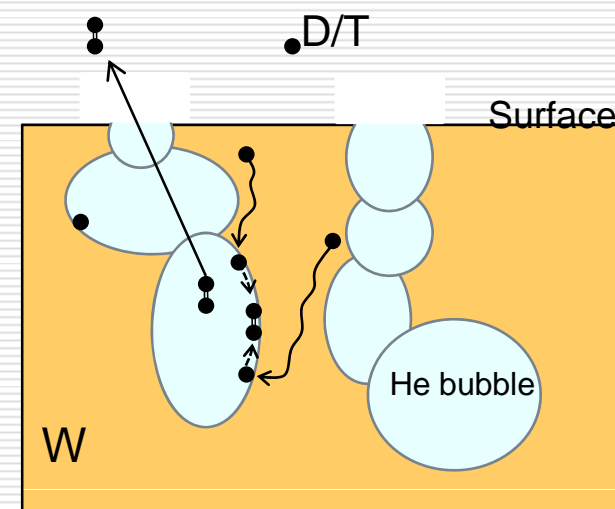
- Narrowing diffusion channels by He bubbles
- Release of  $D_2$  through He created pores
- Reduction of diffusion through stress-induced W



Diffusion of D/T in W



Energy diagram of D in W



Desorption of  $D_2$  through pores



# Summary

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