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(MPT/1-2Rb) Advances in Understanding of High-Z Materials Erosion & Re-deposition in Low-Z Wall Environment in DIII-D

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## **PFM/C** evolution in EAST



## W/Cu upper divertor design



## **Flowchart of manufacturing**



HIP technology is widely used in the bonding of W/Cu and Cu/CuCrZr.

## **ITER-like monoblock W/Cu PFC**

- W/Cu monoblocks are prepared employing HIP (900 °C, 100 MPa).
- W/Cu PFUs are manufactured successfully by HIP (600 °C, 100 MPa).
   Properties of CuCrZr after HIP satisfy the requirement.
- US-NDT results: Bondings between monoblocks/OFC/CuCrZr are excellent.



## Flat-type W/Cu PFCs

- Casting + HIP: The interface of W/Cu were joined by casting. (1200°C), and then the interface of Cu/CuCrZr was bonded by HIP at lower temperature of 500~600 °C.
- NDT results: bondings between W tiles/OFC/CuCrZr plate are excellent.







# **US-NDT for W/Cu PFCs**



- Single probe: scanning the inner surface.
- The defects of Φ1 mm in the interface of W/Cu and Cu/CuCuZr was detected clearly using this set-up.
- 15000 W/Cu mono-blocks and 720 PFUs tested.

More than 30000
 W/Cu slices and 240
 flat PFUs have been
 tested by this set-up
 with detection limit
 of Φ1 mm.



# High heat flux test of W/Cu PFCs



## Grand view of the W/Cu divertor for EAST



## Performance of W/Cu divertor during campaigns



In the 2015 and 2016 spring campaigns, the W/Cu upper divertor withstood more severe irradiation by EAST plasma and no similar leaks occurred.



Improving NDT for welding seam of tube-plate joints inspection



connection using bellows



Performing baking and high pressure helium leak check on whole assembled div. modules

## **Section summary**

- The W/Cu upper divertor for EAST was finished in the spring of 2014. HIP technology was used in the bonding of W/Cu and Cu/CuCrZr. NDT quality control system has been established for quality control;
- In collaboration with IO and CEA teams, we have demonstrated capability to resist 5000 cycles at 10 MW/m<sup>2</sup> plus 1000 cycles at 20 MW/m<sup>2</sup> for small scale monoblock mockups, and surprisingly over 300 cycles at 20 MW/m<sup>2</sup> for the flat-type ones.
- Commissioning of the EAST W/Cu divertor in 2014 was unsatisfactory and then several practical measures were implemented, which has improved welding quality and general reliability significantly.
- The experience and lessons learned from batch production and commissioning are valuable for ITER engineering validation and tungsten-related plasma physics.

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## Pre-characterized Samples Exposed to Reproducible Well-diagnosed Plasma Discharges Using DiMES

- Understanding of High-Z material erosion
  - Sheath effect
  - Background impurities

#### DIII-D Experiments

- Thin Mo/W coating sample
- Net erosion & redeposition measured via Rutherford backscattering (RBS)
- 1 cm sample + 1 mm samples to measure net + gross erosion
- Gross erosion measured also spectroscopically using S/XB coefficient

#### The 3D Monte Carlo code ERO

- Plasma-surface interaction
- Local impurity transport
- OEDGE background plasma as

input: n<sub>e</sub>, T<sub>e</sub>, E<sub>//</sub>, v<sub>//</sub>





## The High Redeposition Ratio from ERO Simulation Strongly Depends on Magnetic Pre-sheath Electric Field

- Magnetic pre-sheath dominates for small angle between B and surface
  - Strong E field
  - n<sub>e</sub> decay with potential drop
- Larger gyroradius due to strong E field enhances the prompt redeposition
- Decreasing the sheath potential drop can suppress both gross and net erosion Rate
  - The redeposition ratios are not reduced because the density is increased at the same time
  - The gross erosion rate is reduced for lower ion incident energy





### Modifying Sheath Potential by External Biasing Changes Mo Gross Erosion Rate Significantly

- Central graphite with Mo coating biased
- Gross erosion measured by spectroscopy (Mo I 550 nm)
- Mo erosion suppressed with positive biasing (below RBS detection limit)









### Higher C Concentration in Background Plasma Leads to Lower Net Erosion Rate

- Assuming 1.8% of C<sup>3+</sup> concentration in plasma, ERO modeled net erosion rates agree well with the measured values
- Net erosion profiles of both Mo and W are well reproduced by ERO modeling
- W net erosion rate is much lower than Mo for its lower sputtering yield and higher redeposition ratio due to shorter ionization length





# Local Methane Gas Injection can Turn the Surface into a Net Deposition Area

- $^{13}CH_4$  injected ~12 cm upstream from the center of the DiMES (1.8 Torr-I/s)
- The samples imaged by an absolutely calibrated camera (Mol, CH, Cl, Cl)
- A carbon coating created on the Mo sample protecting the Mo from erosion
- More <sup>13</sup>C deposited in radial inboard direction is mainly due to the ExB drift
- Higher  $D_{\perp}$  leads to broader profile and lower <sup>13</sup>C deposition on DiMES



**Radial profile** 





# OEDGE/ERO Modeling Demonstrates that Inter-ELM W Erosion is Well Explained by $C \rightarrow W$ Sputtering



- High-resolution inter-ELM W erosion profiles were measured by monitoring WI 400.9 nm line intensity with OSP sweeping
- charge-state-resolved carbon ion flux in the background plasma is calculated using the OEDGE code



#### Section summary

- Improved understanding of erosion and redeposition of high-Z materials in a mixed materials environment in DIII-D was achieved
- Dedicated experiments coupled with ERO modeling highlight the roles of the sheath potential and background impurities in determining high-Z material erosion
- The high-Z materials erosion can be actively controlled with electrical biasing, as well as by local gas puffing
- The experimental results are well reproduced by the OEDGE/ERO simulations, allowing better predictions for ITER and future devices





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