



# PMI studies in JT-60U

## - Hydrogen retention and erosion/deposition of carbon & Effort of tritium removal

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**Workshop Agenda**





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# 1. Introduction - PMI issues

**Erosion and deposition**

**Impurity transport and accumulation**

**Hydrogen recycling in long time discharge**

**Tritium retention in redeposits and dust/debris**

**Removal of tritium**

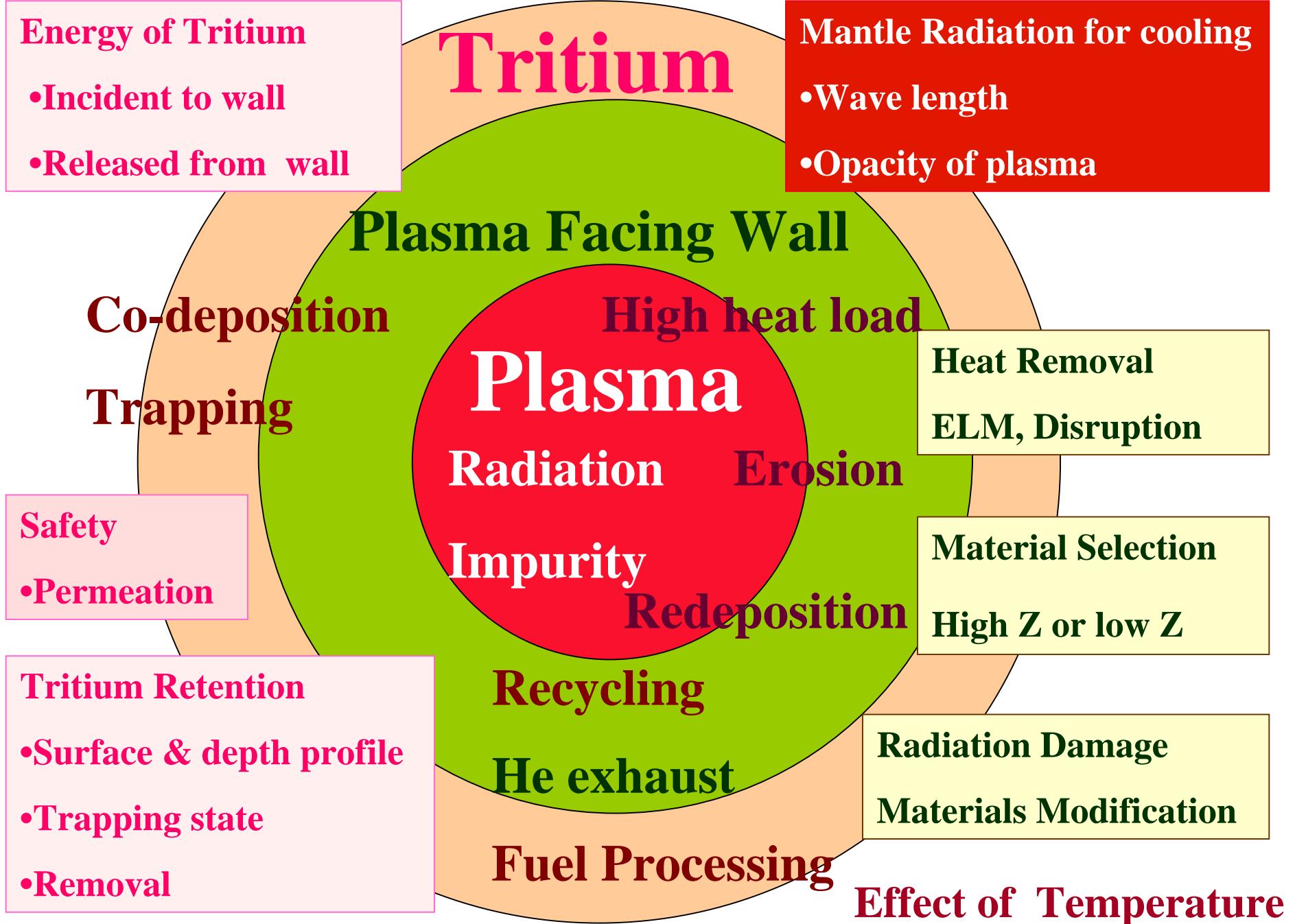
**Selection of PFM (Be, C, V, W, Ferritic steel, Liquid metal)**

**Response to high heat load (Type I ELM and Disruption)**

**Behavior of molten layer**

**Tolerance to radiation (Soft X-ray)**

**In situ tritium measurements (Tritium accountability)**



# Impurity, Source, Transport and Deposition

Outer divertor	erosion
First wall	erosion
Inner wall	deposition

Tritium codeposits with carbon at shadowed area and dust

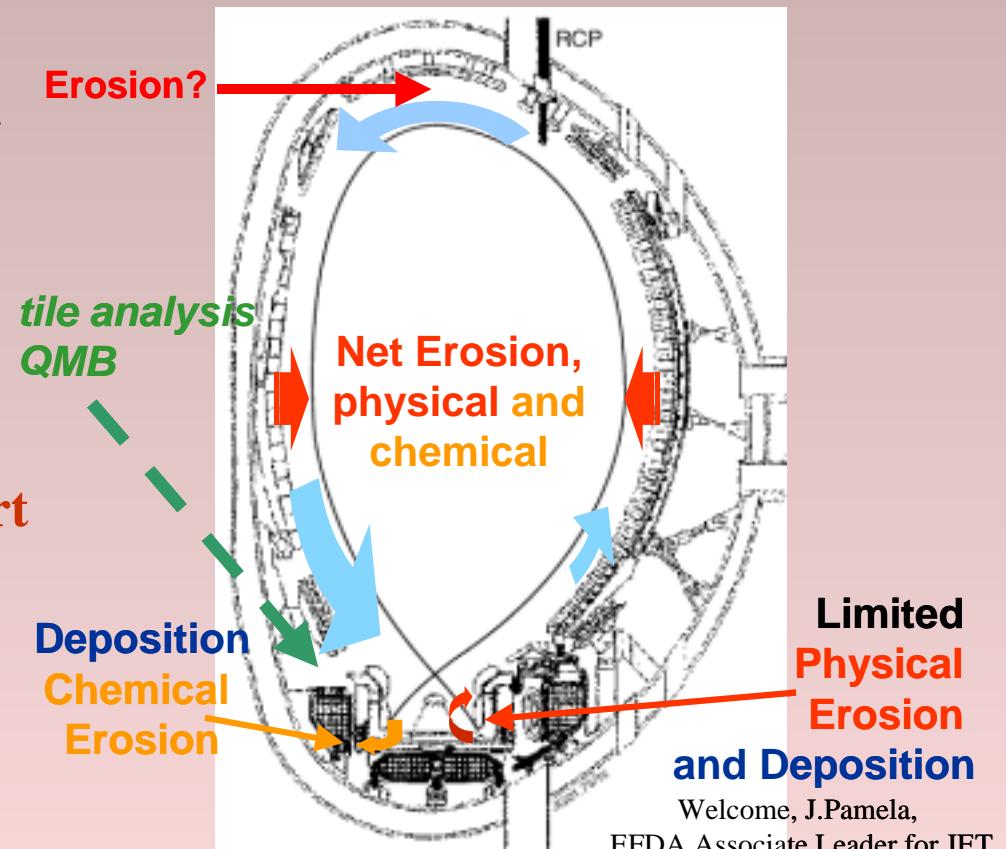
## Mechanism

Local transport & Long range transport

- Deposition of HC radical or H & C codeposition
- Retention of tritium afterward?

## How to remove?

## Missing mass balance



# Tritium codeposits with carbon

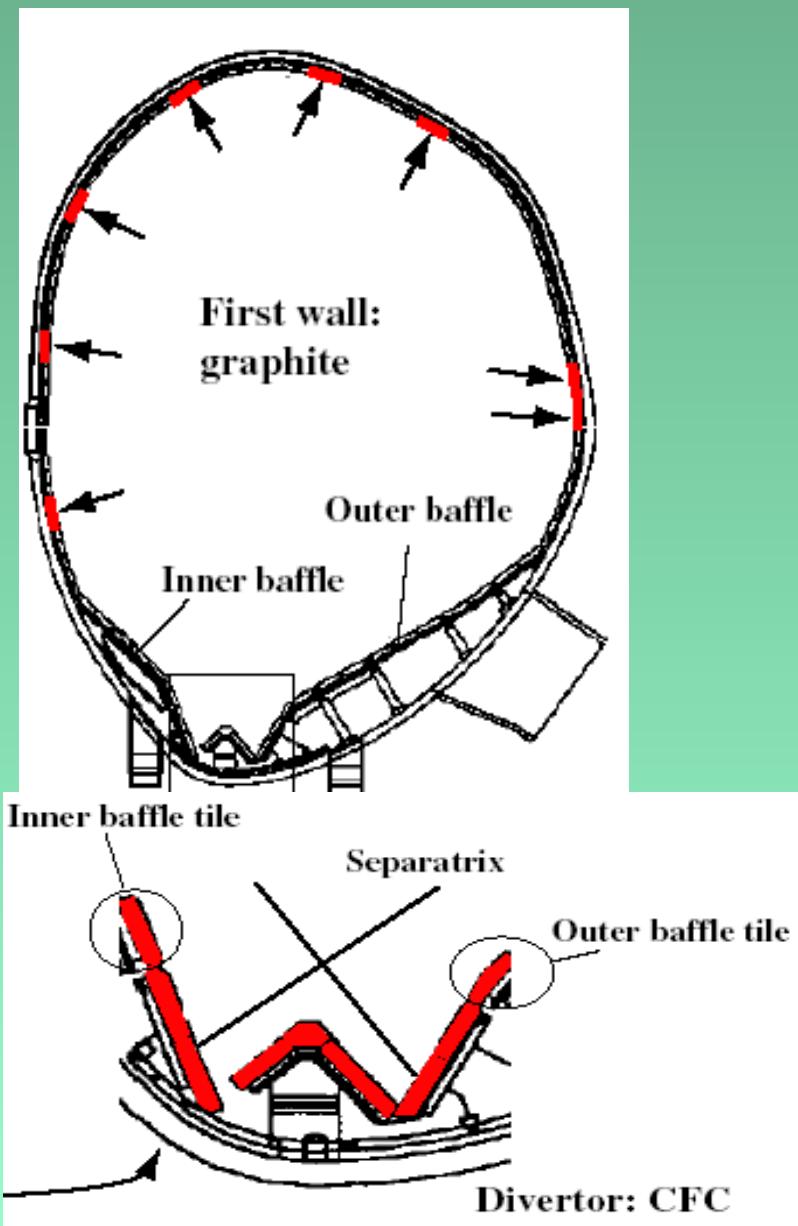
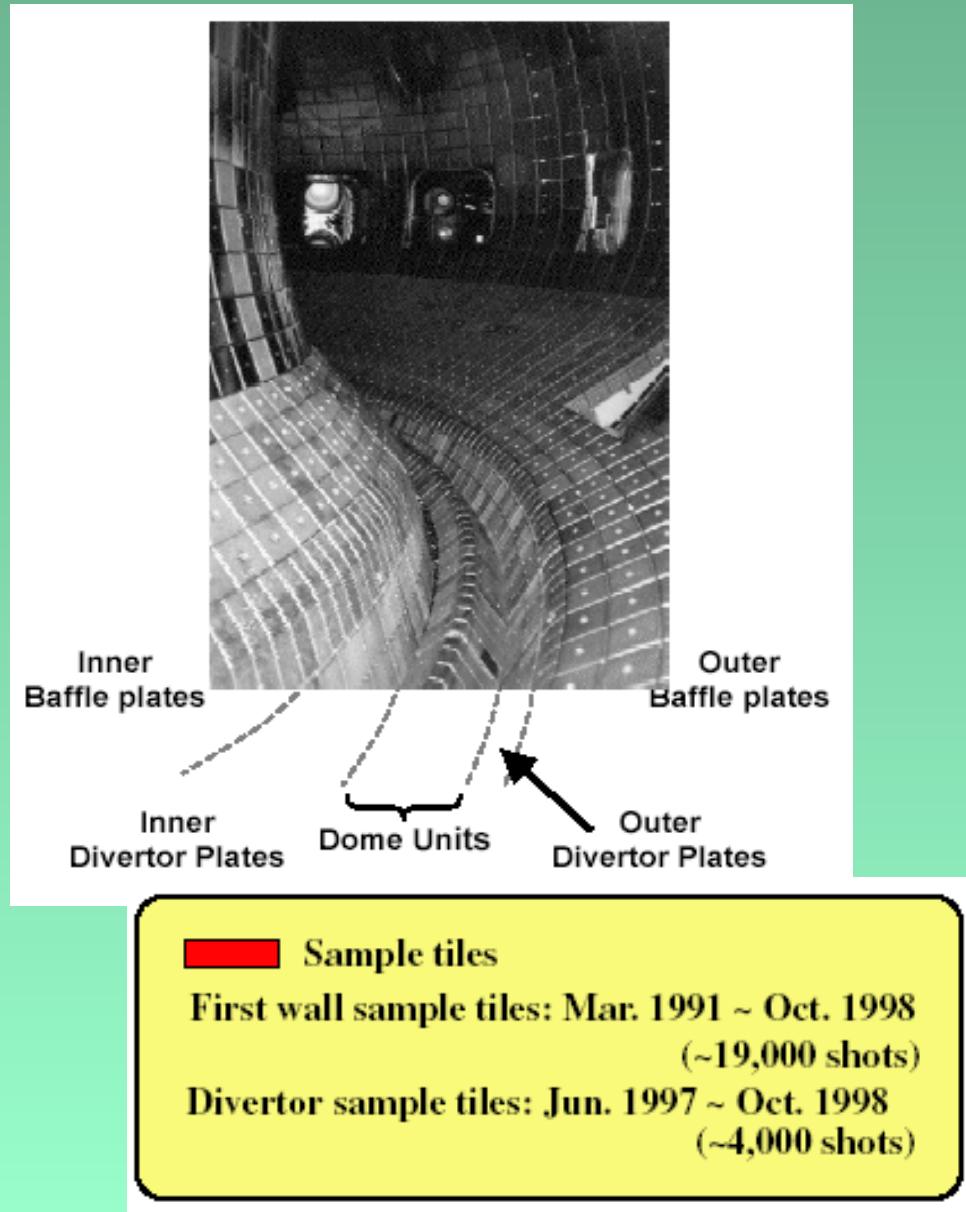
## Estimation of Tritium retention in ITER

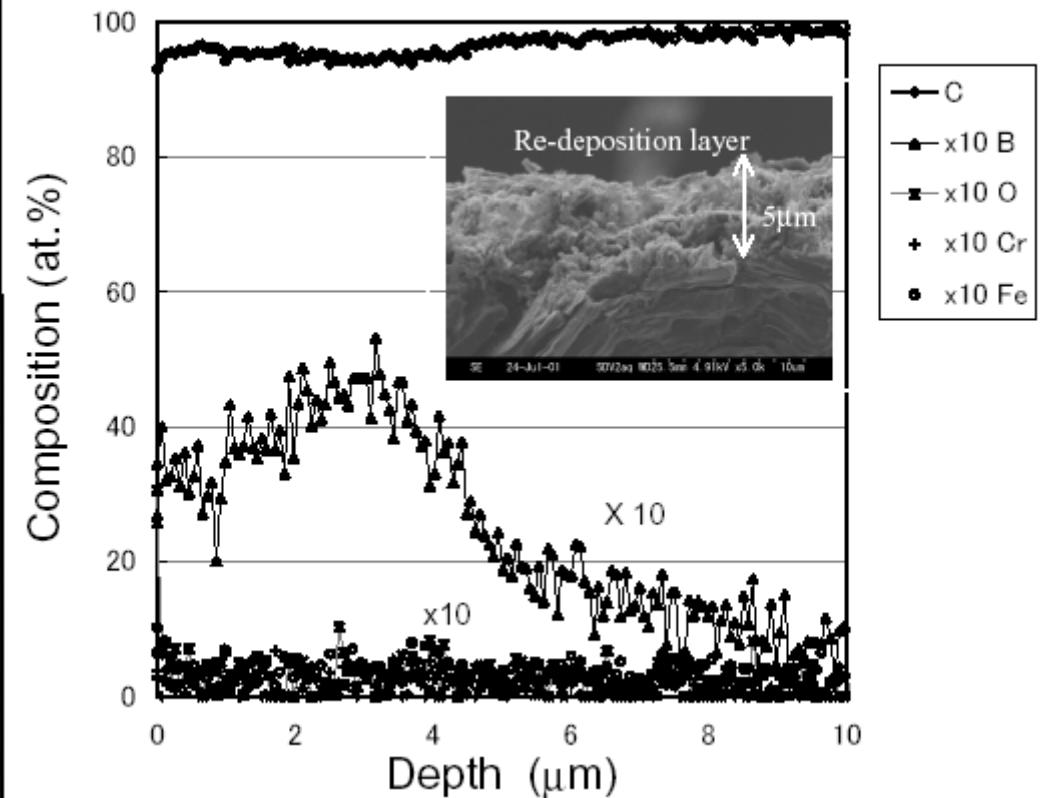
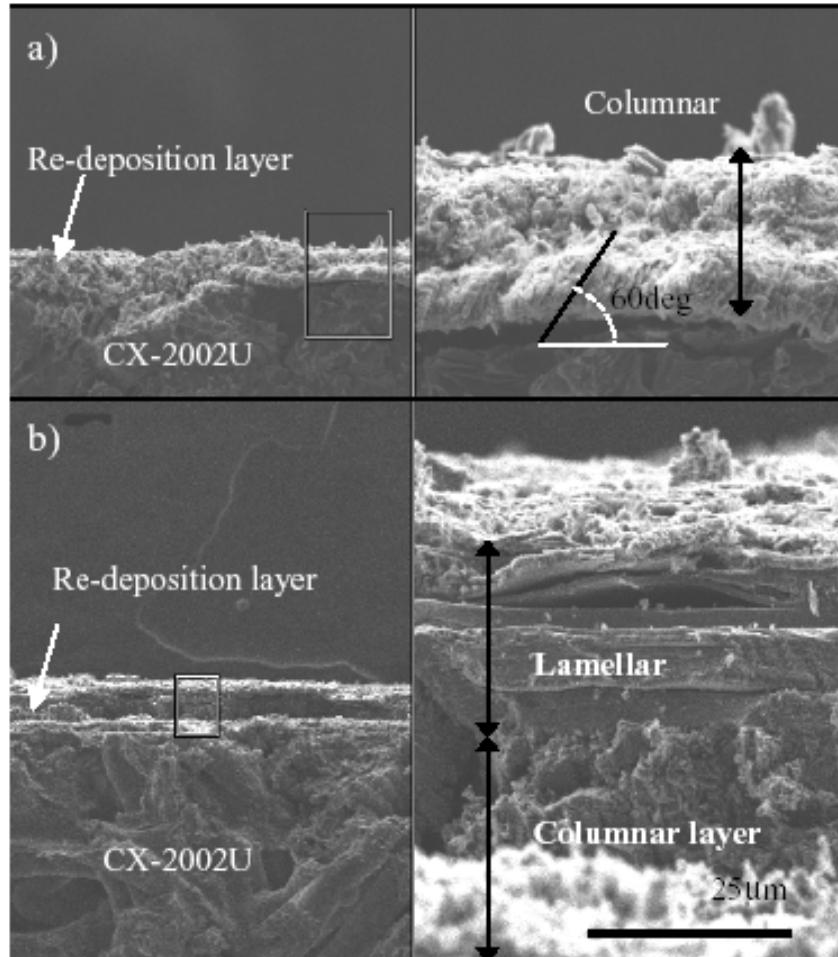
Extrapolation from experiments	T-retention rate T/ion	ITER retention gT/s Extrapolation flux $1.8 \cdot 10^{24}/\text{sc}$	Shots /T limit (400 sec )
TEXTOR	$6.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.0064	136
JET T experience	$1.75 \cdot 10^{-2}$ (only louver)	0.10	9
JET GB on tile	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.024	36
JET C5 on louver from GB	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.0026	340
Modeling			
ERO code 2% (CxHy er.)		0.006	145
WBC code		0.007	125

Only ~100 full D-T shots will give trtium retntion more than site limitation!

After Volker Phlipps(EFDA)

## 2. Postmortem analysis for PFM tiles of JT-60U





## Analysis of deposited layers

Gotoh et al. 15<sup>th</sup> PSI

## 2-1. Erosion, transport and redeposition

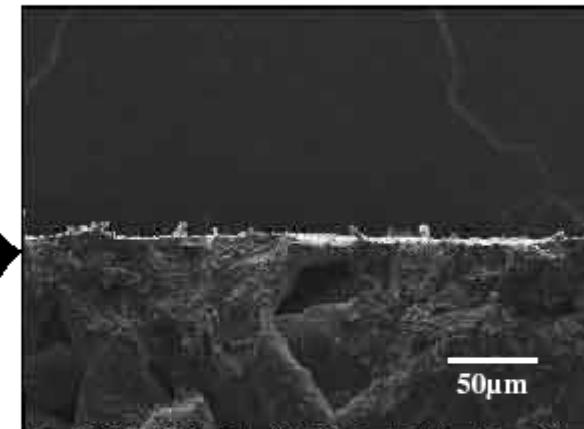
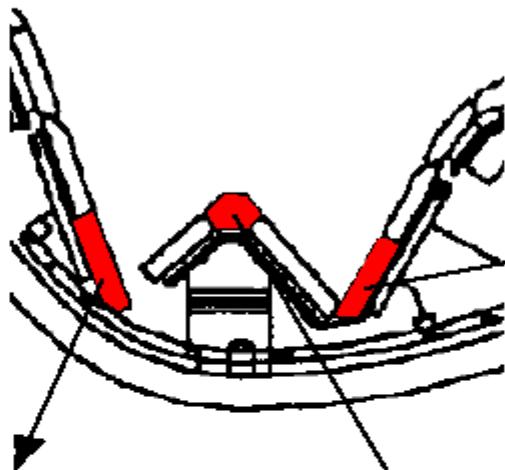
### <SEM analysis results>

Thick deposition layers were observed on the inner divertor tile.

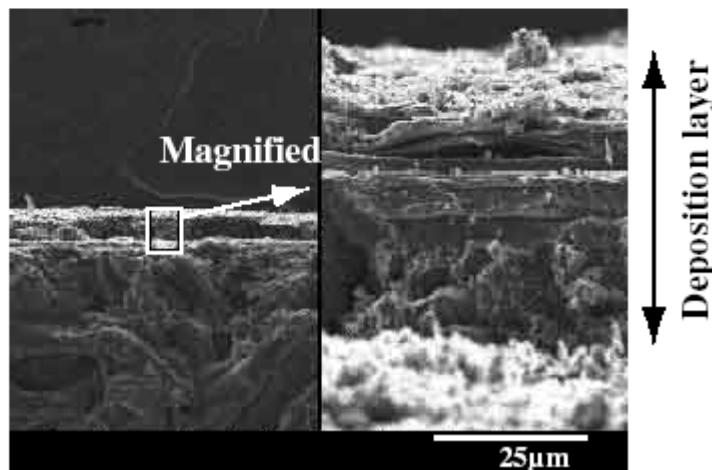
Max. : ~60 $\mu$ m

The deposition layer was not obviously observed on the dome top and the outer divertor tiles.

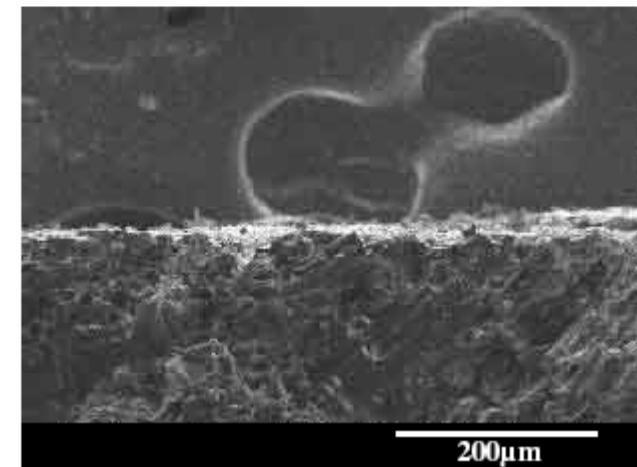
No correlation between the deposition layer and the tritium retention.



Outer Divertor: no deposition layer



Inner divertor: thick deposition layer

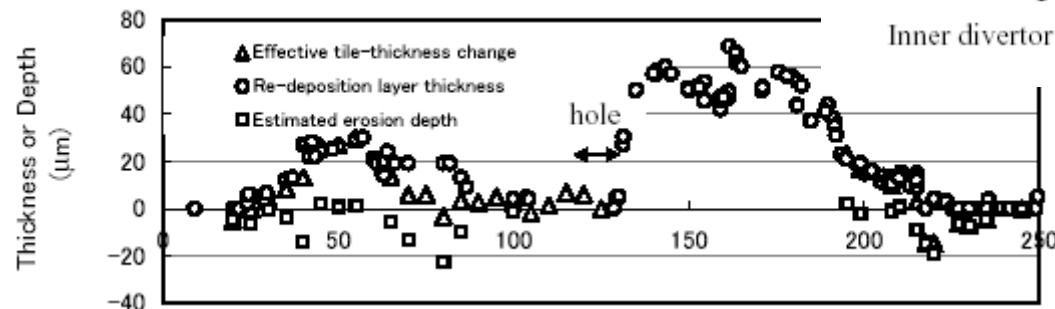


Dome top: no deposition layer

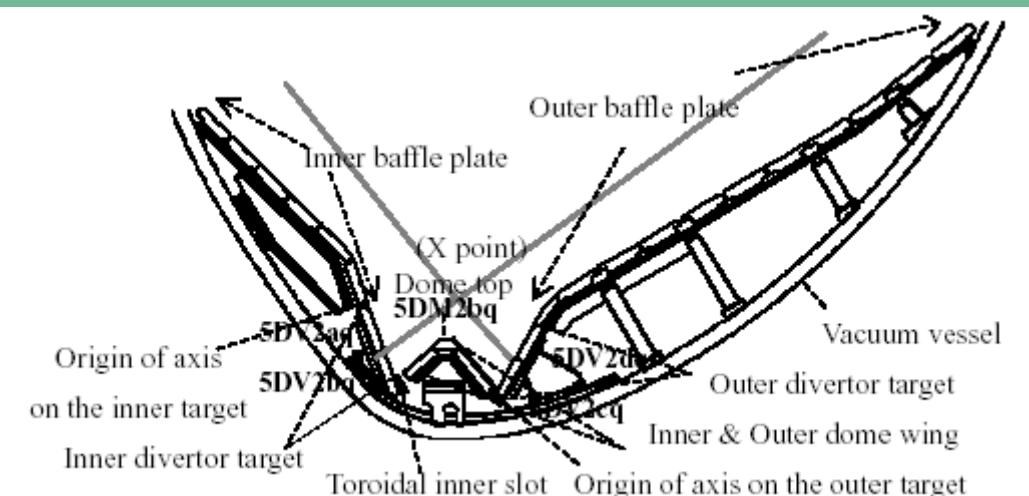


# Erosion/deposition Summary

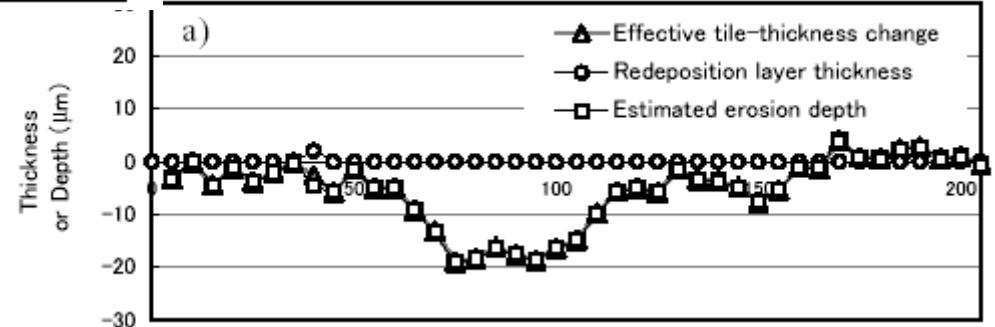
First wall:  
mostly erosion dominant  
max. 60  $\mu\text{m}$



Inner divertor :  
redeposition dominant



Outer divertor:  
erosion dominant

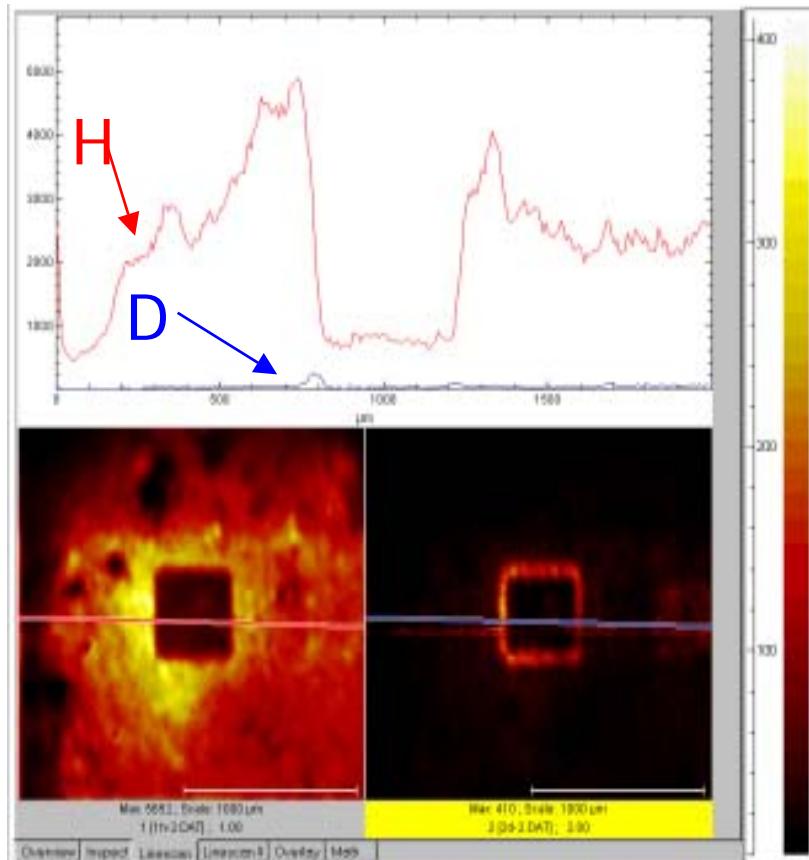


Carbon transport : repetition of erosion & deposition  
Long migration through scrape off layer  
or Short migration through private legon

Gotoh et al. 15<sup>th</sup> PSI

## 2-2. Retention of Hydrogen/Deuterium.

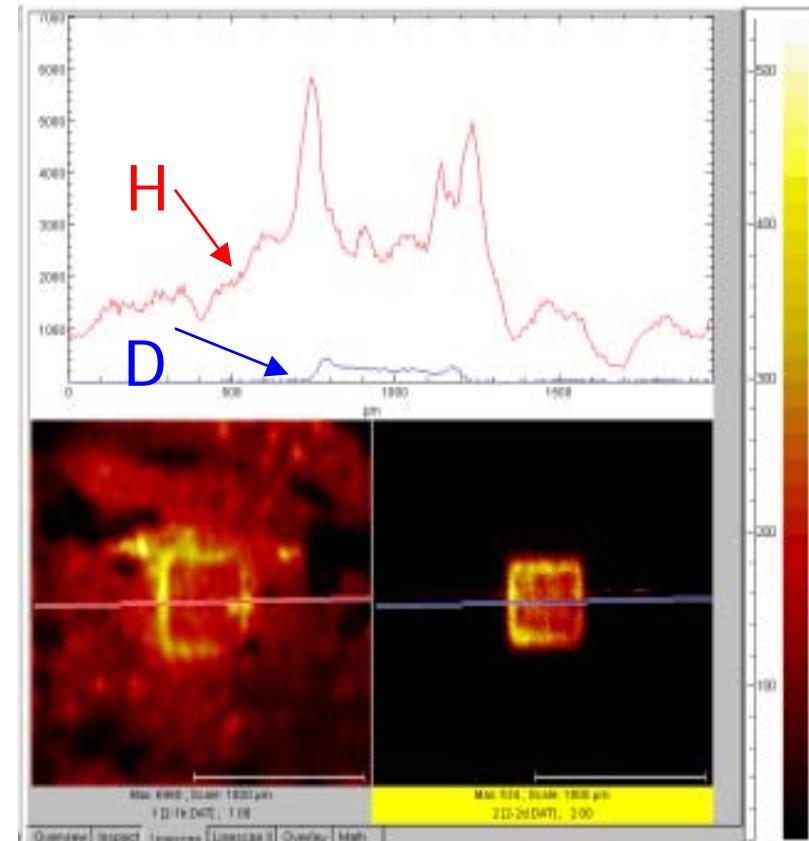
a) Top flat area (DM2)  
after sputtering of 4.1  $\mu\text{m}$



H profile

D profile

b) Inner side(DM1)  
1.2  $\mu\text{m}$

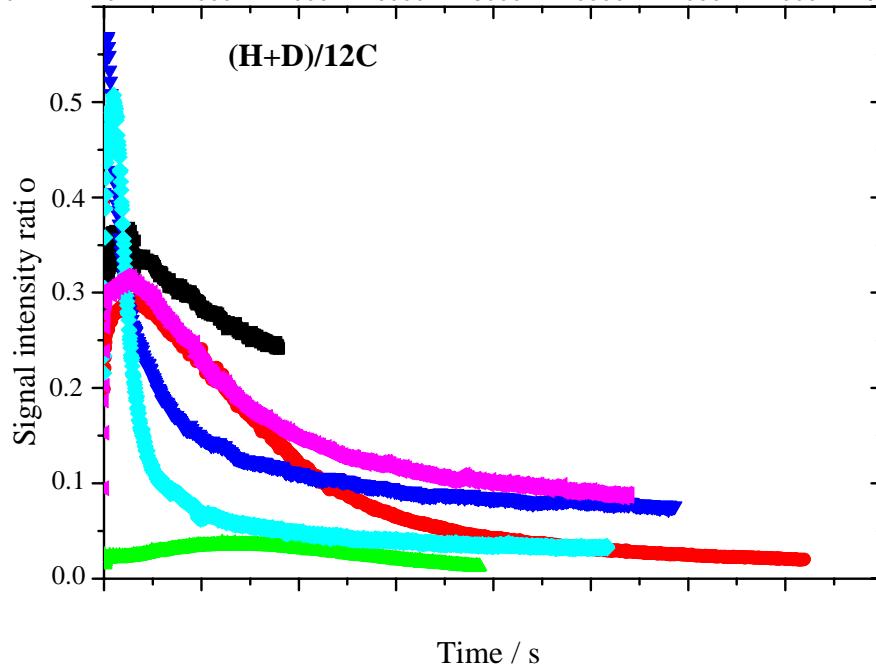
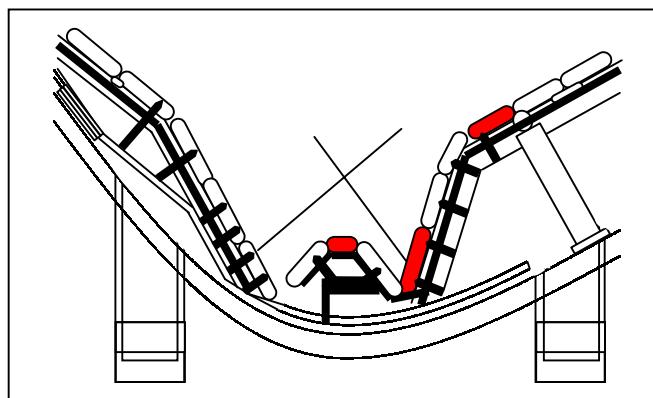
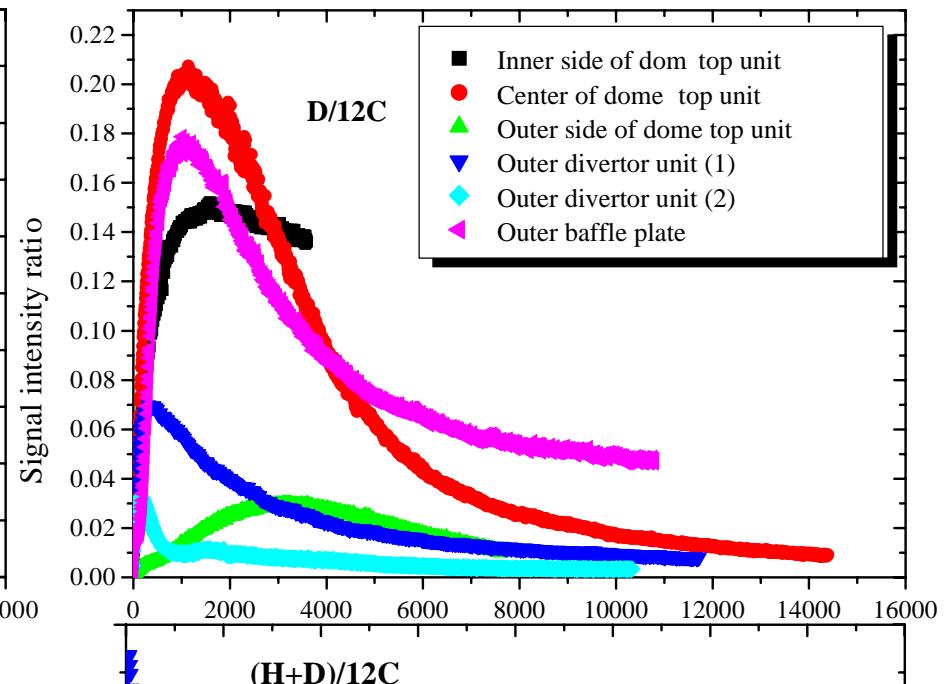
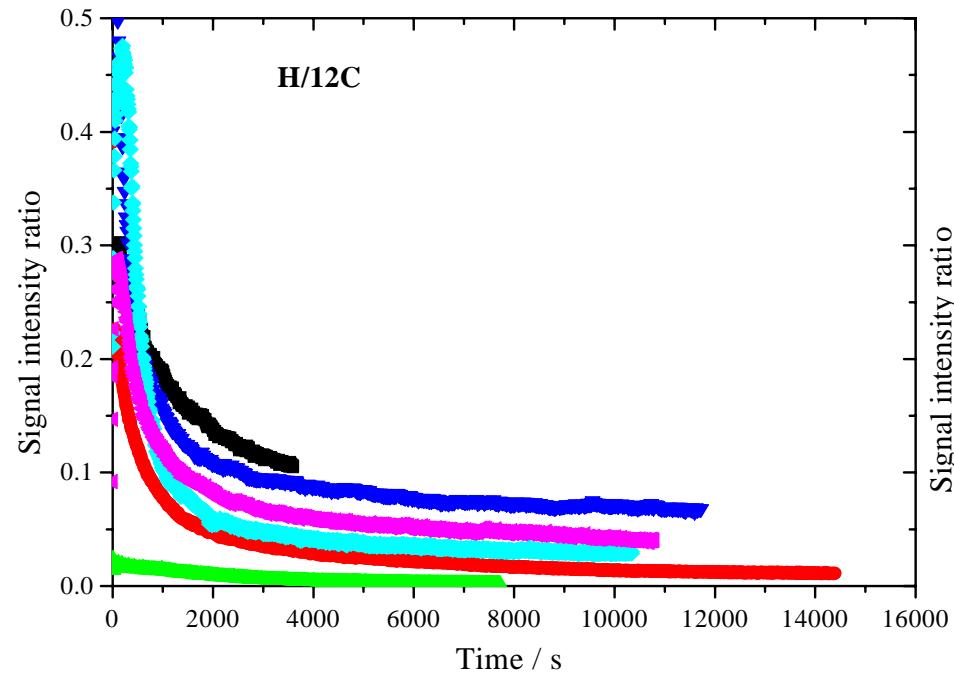


H profile

D profile

H in top surface layers, D in a little deeper zone and T in  $\mu\text{m}$  depth

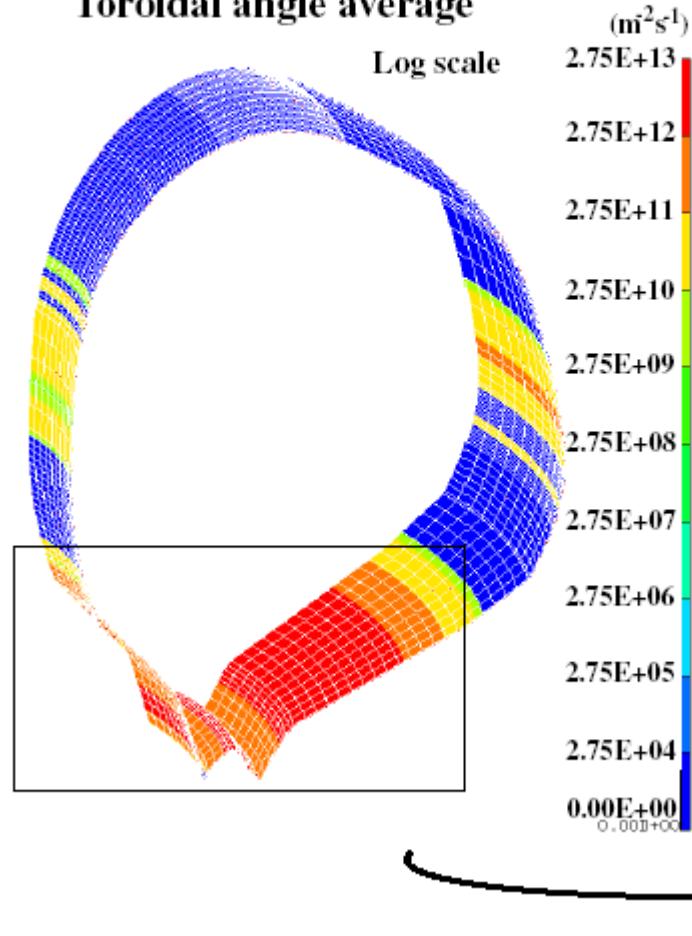
# Depth profiles of H and D in graphite tiles



## 2-3. Tritium distributions on PFM

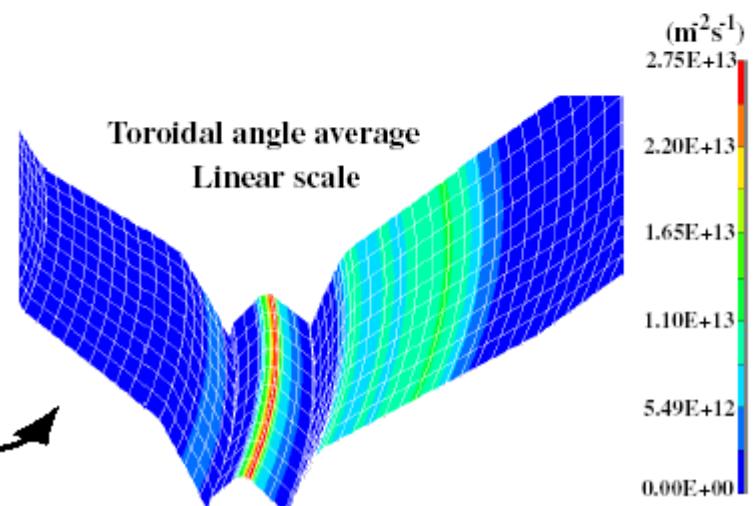
<Simulation results using OFMC code>

Toroidal angle average

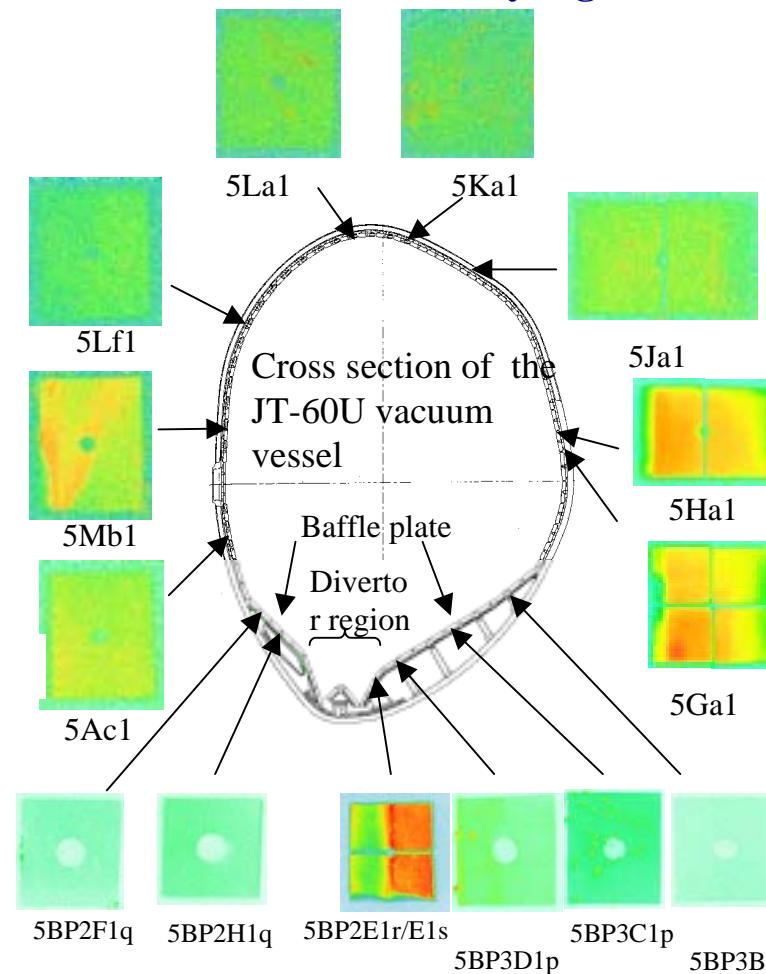
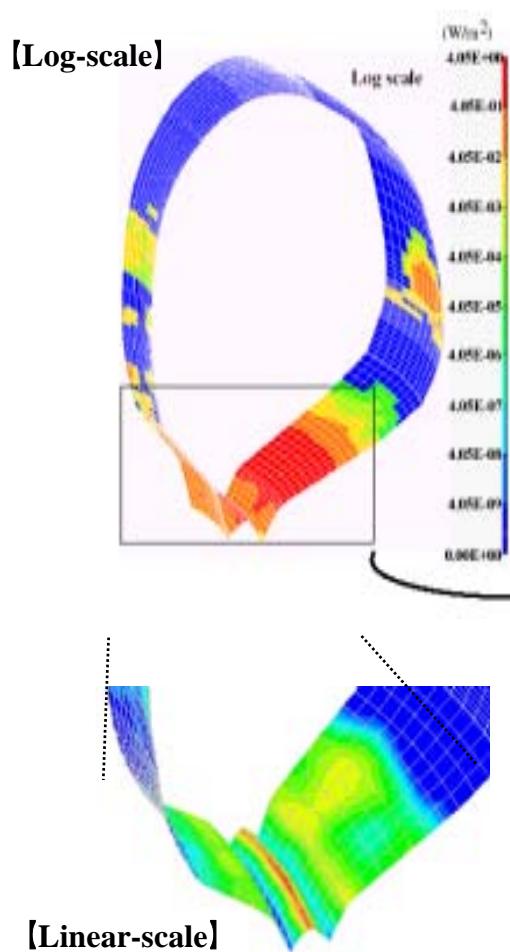


- 31% of produced tritons was lost and implanted to the wall.
- 12% of produced tritons impinged on the divertor region
- Fluxes of the tritons were
  - In a case of neutron production of  $\sim 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - $\sim 10^{11} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ : inner and outer midplane first wall
  - $\sim 10^{12} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ : inner divertor target and inner baffle plate
  - $\sim 10^{13} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ : dome top and the outer baffle plate

Toroidal angle average  
Linear scale



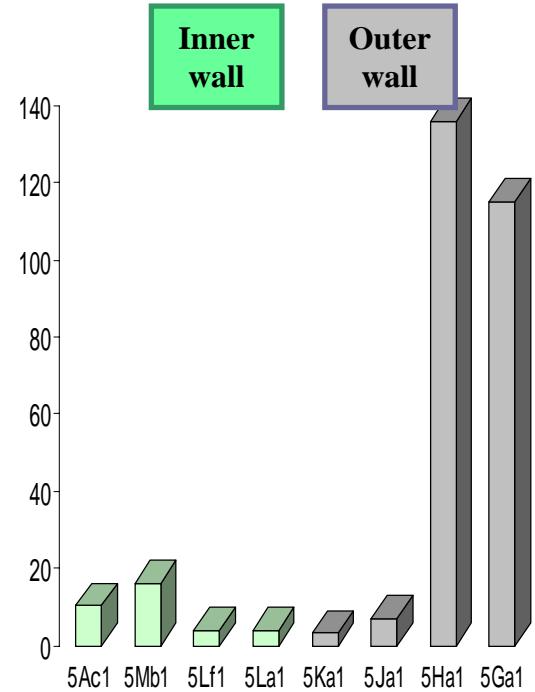
# Tritium - Ploidal distribution -



# Higher tritium on bottom tiles

# Higher tritium on outer wall

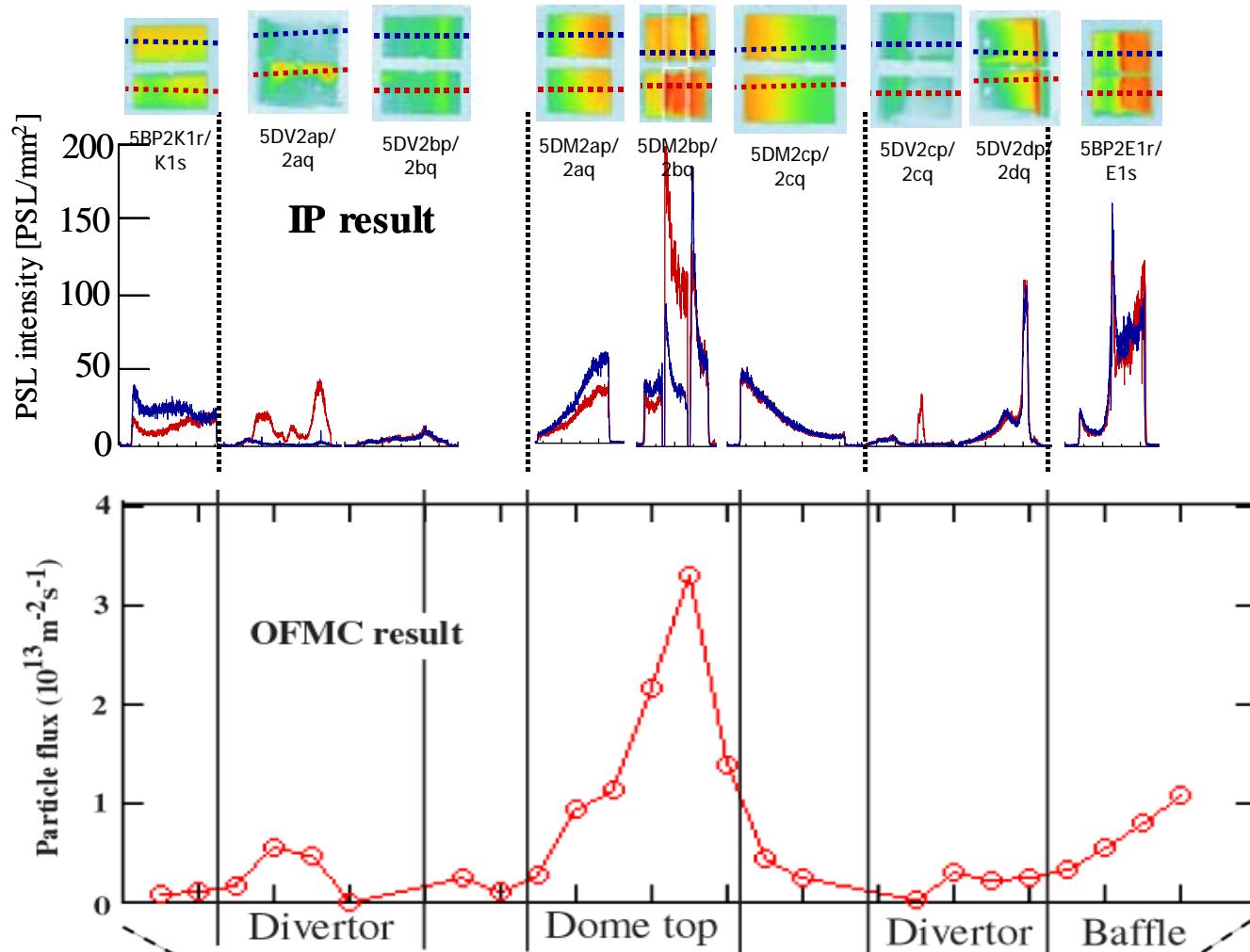
# Very high tritium on midplane of outer wall

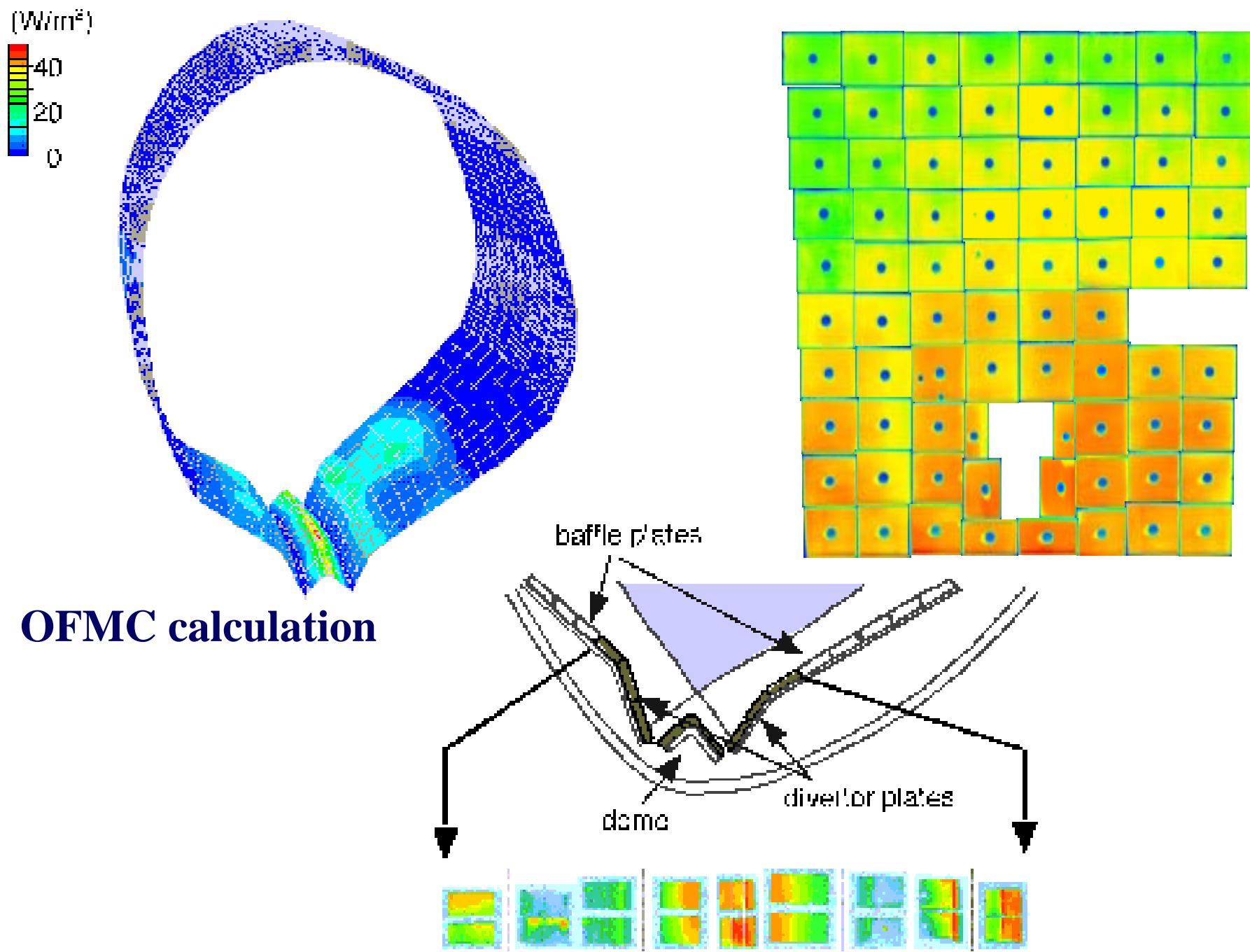


Particle flux by OFMC



## Comparison of IP results and OFMC calculation

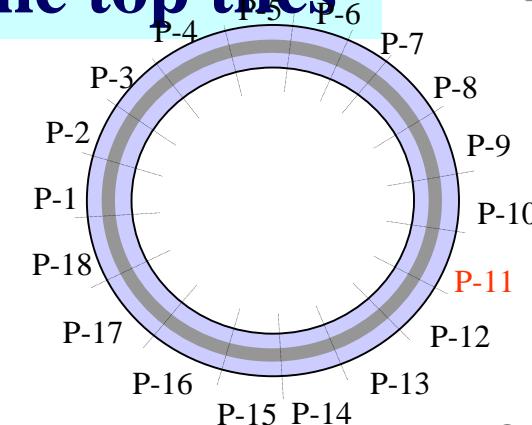




## 5.Toroidal distribution on dome top tiles

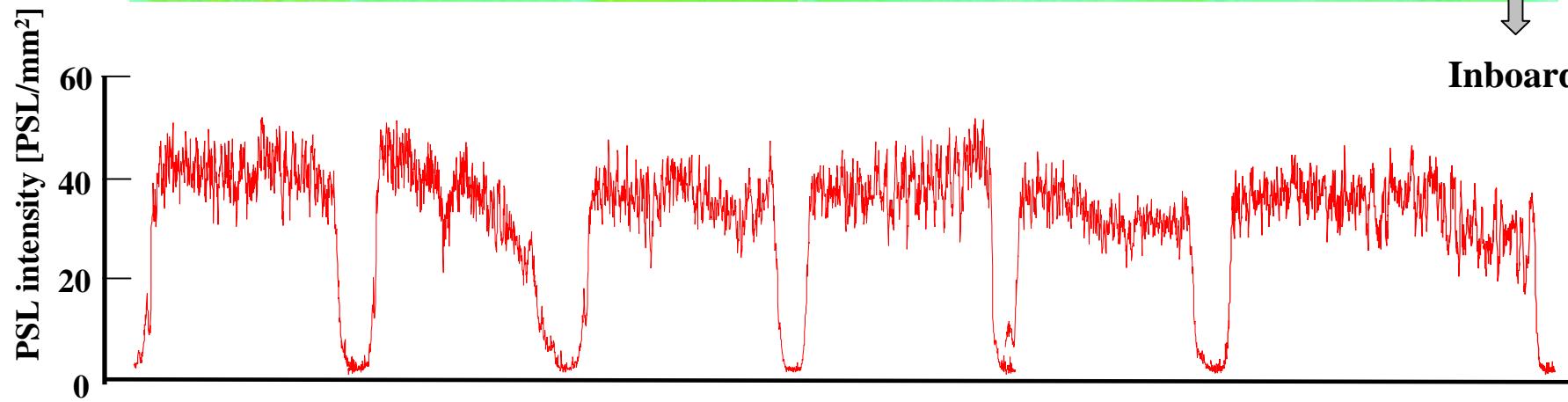
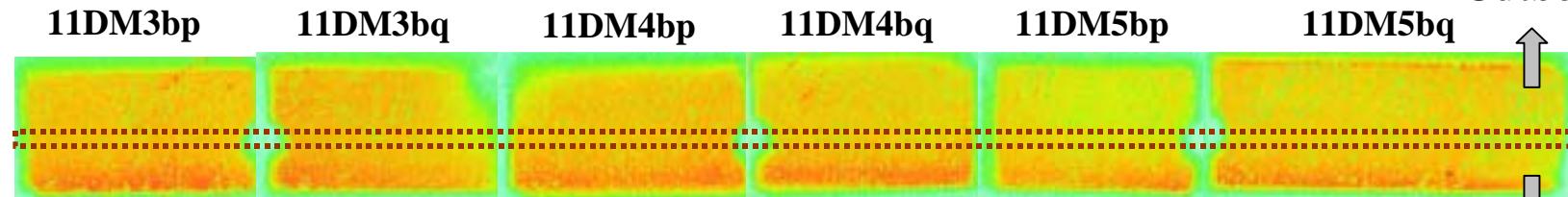


[Photograph of dome top tiles]



Outboard

Inboard



P11 sector

# Tritium retention: comparison between observation and calculation

## Observation

Long term tritium retention : Roughly 40% of produced tritium (18GBq)

<Tritium concentration>

Inner divertor: 2 kBq/cm<sup>2</sup>

2 Dome top: 60 kBq/cm<sup>2</sup>

Outer divertor: 250 Bq/cm<sup>2</sup>

<Tritium retention>

Divertor region

**10% of produced tritium**

## OFMC calculation

31% of tritons produced by nuclear reaction are lost from plasma

Dome : 6% of the produced tritons, ~0.7 MeV

First wall: 1%, ~1 MeV

Divertor: 3%, ~0.5 MeV

Inner baffle plate: 1%, ~1 MeV

Outer baffle plate: 20%, ~0.6 MeV

<Tritium retention>

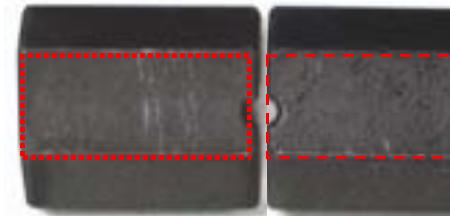
Divertor region

**12% of produced triton**

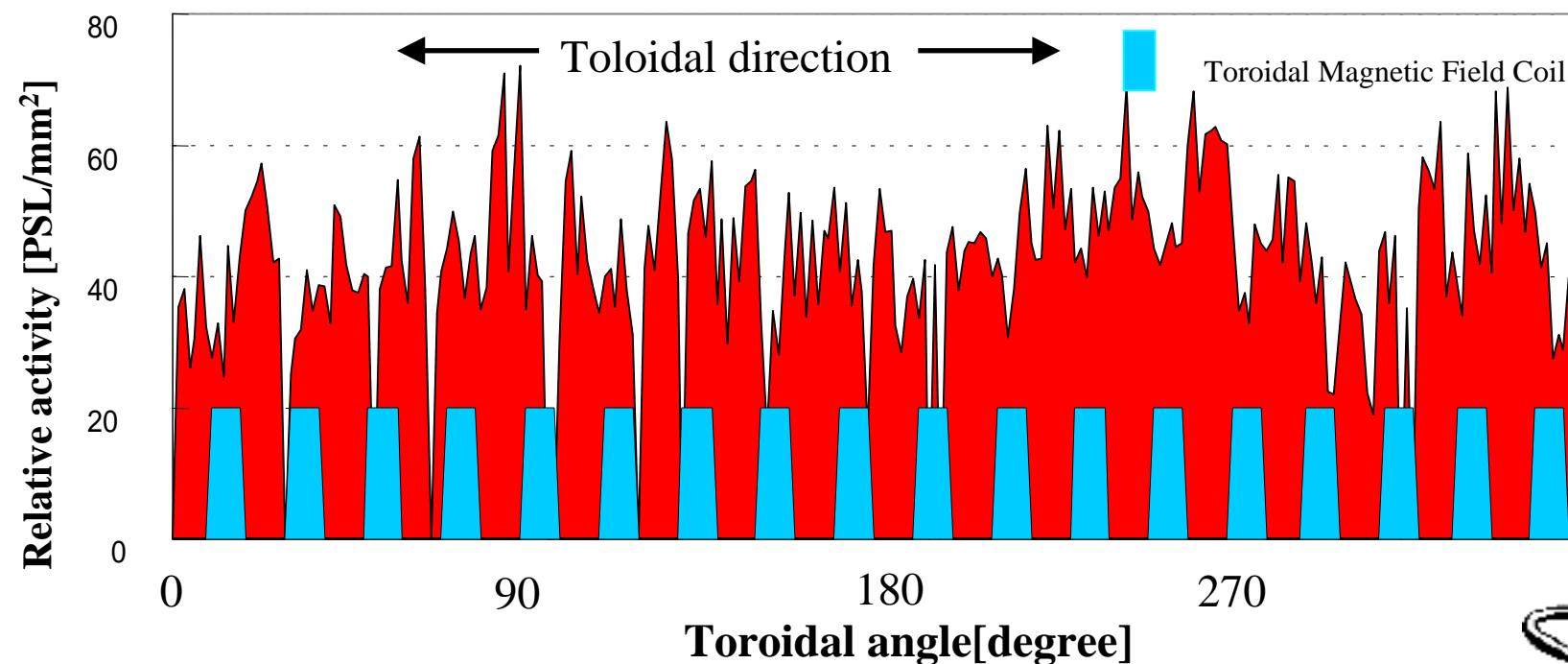
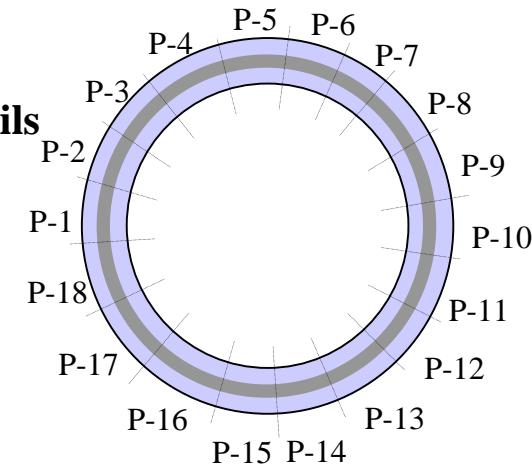
# Tritium –Full toroidal distribution-

# 240 pieces of tiles

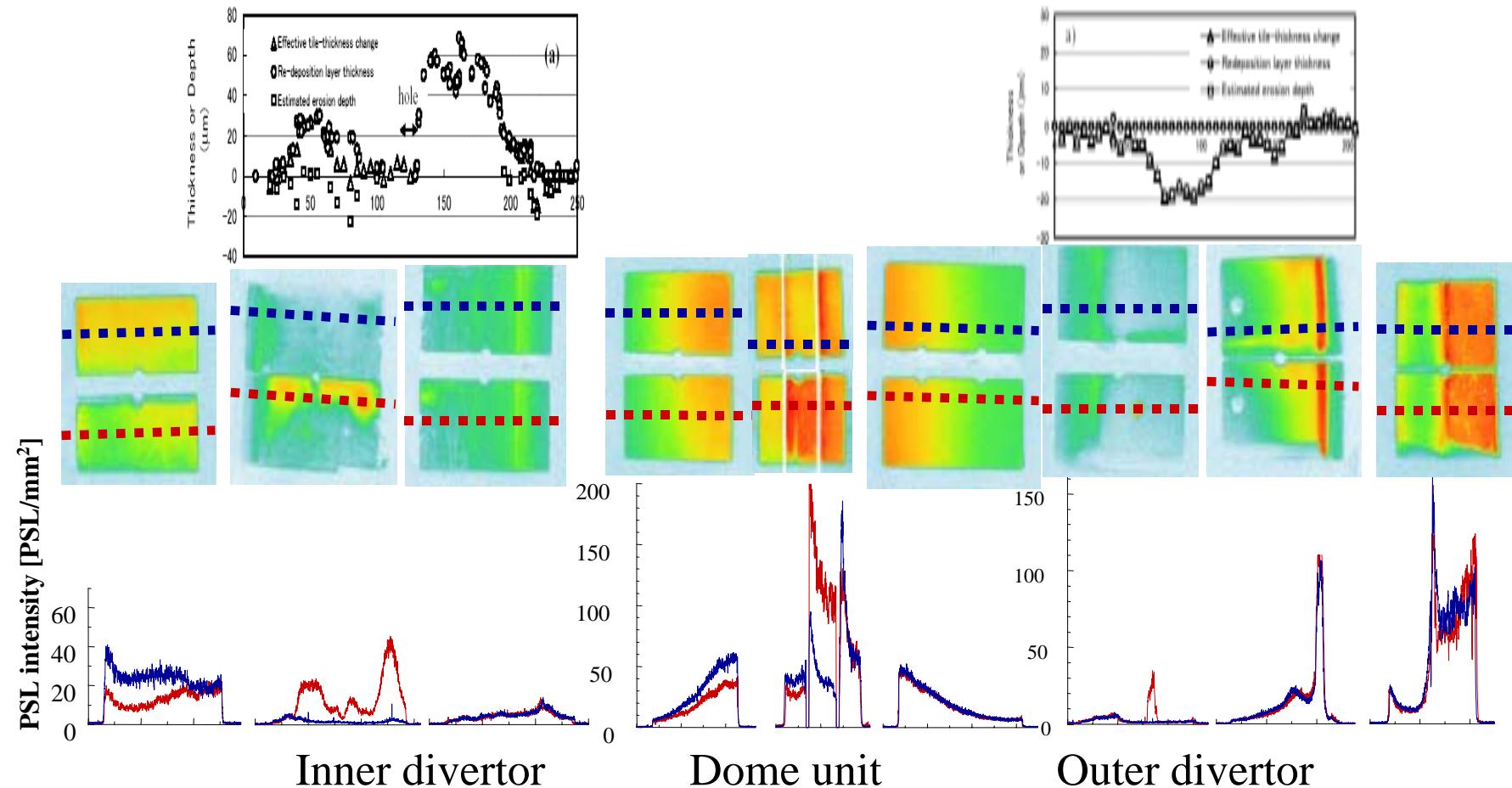
# relation between tritium distribution and toroidal magnetic coils



Measured area



## No relation between tritium distribution and deposition

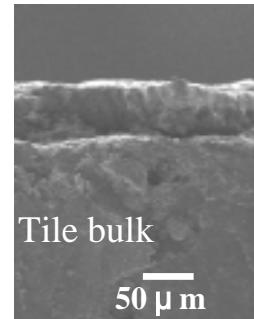


Nearly half of triton produced by D-D reaction is implanted into more than 1  $\mu\text{m}$  in depth

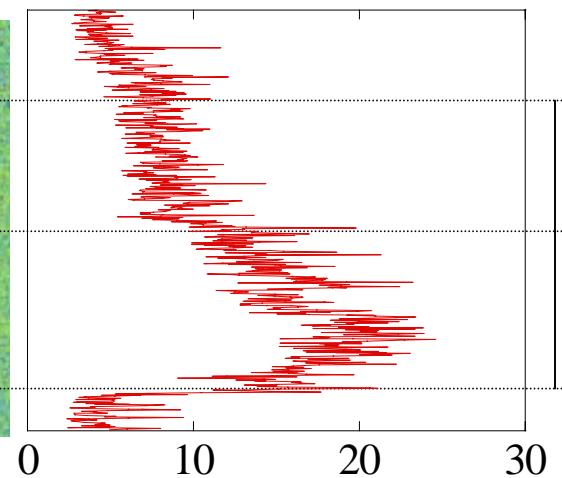
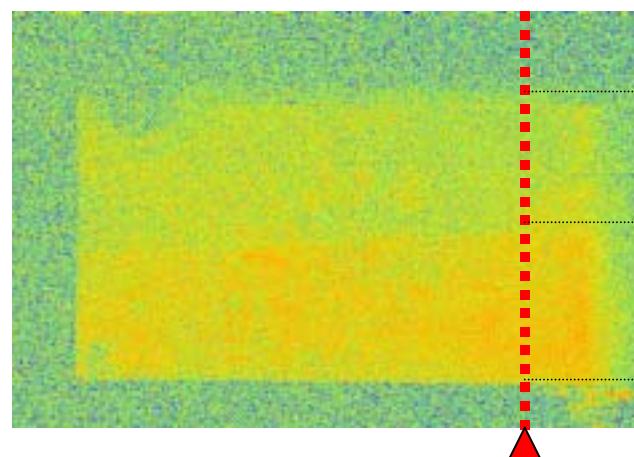
# Tritium depth profile

## *Tritium beneath the deposited layer (Inner divertor tile)*

- Exfoliate some redeposited area on inner diverot tile 5DV2ap
- Redeposited layer with thickness of 20m (Max 60m)



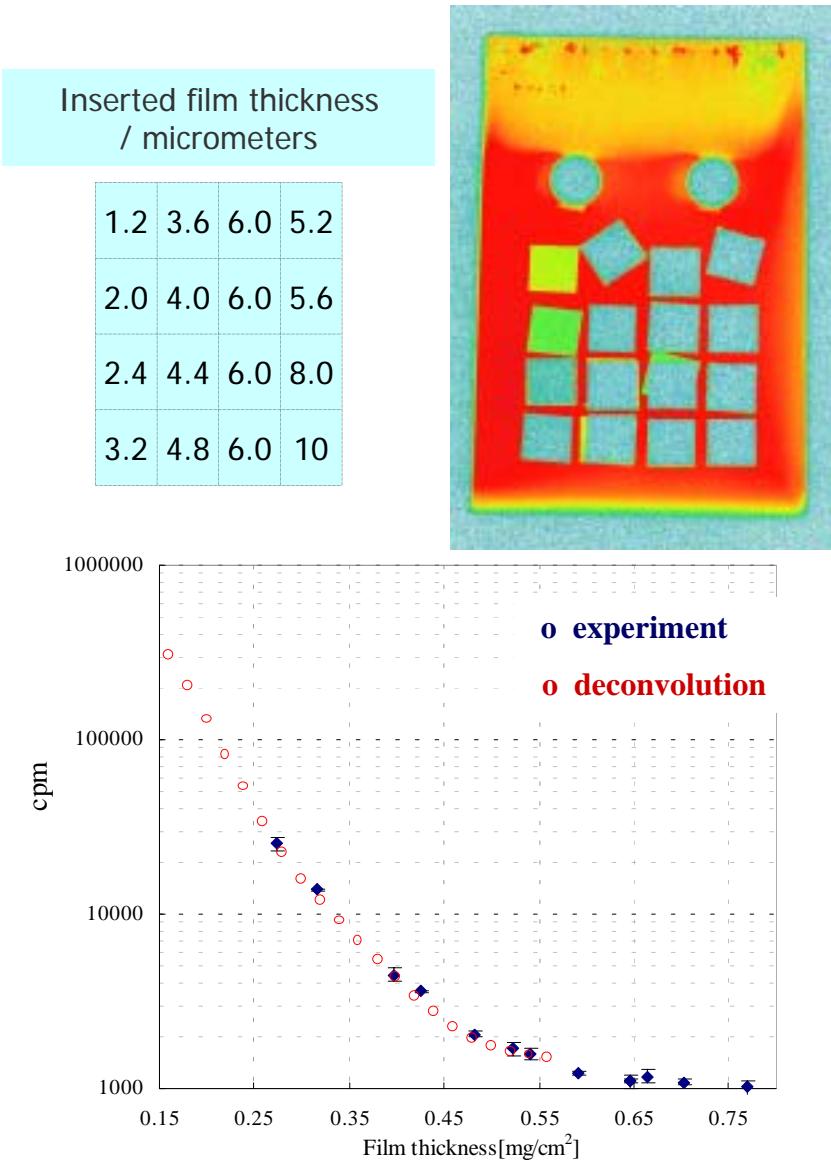
[ SEM photograph ]  
Near the top surface  
of the inner divertor tile



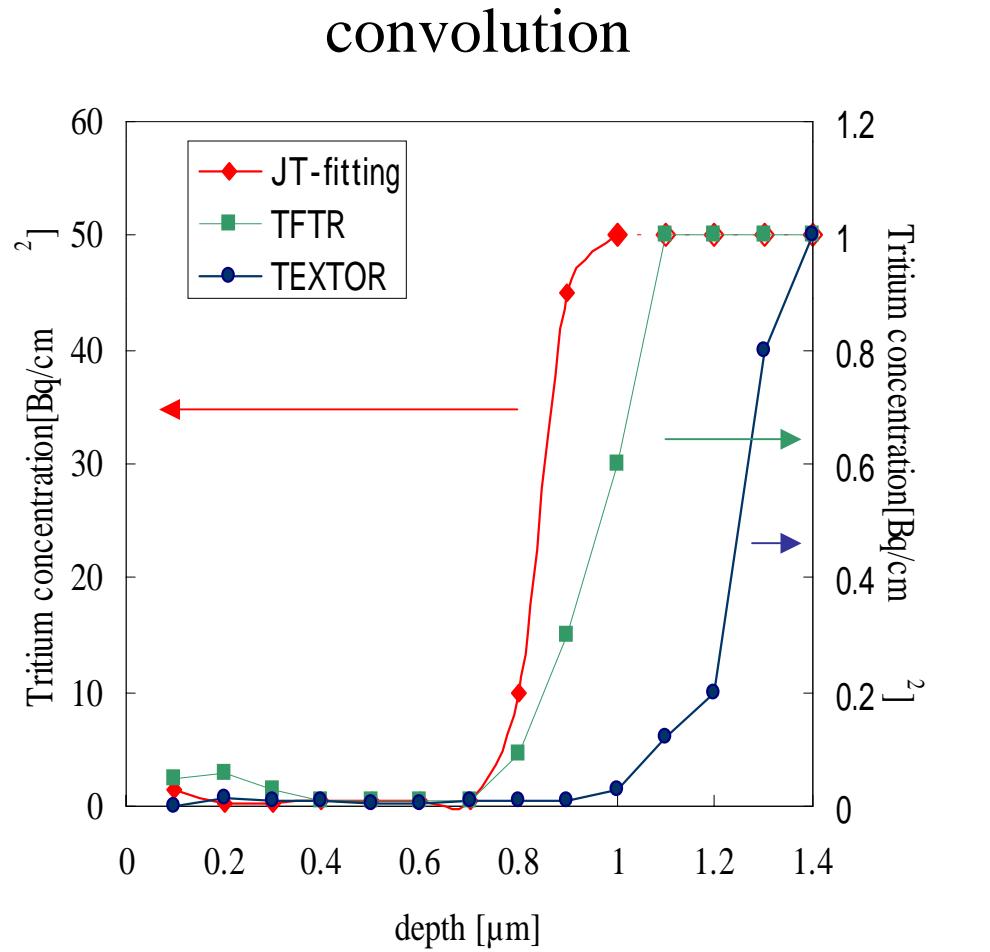
Surface of the  
redeposited layer

The exfoliated region

# Depth profile of tritium (Implanted more than 1 $\mu\text{m}$ in depth)

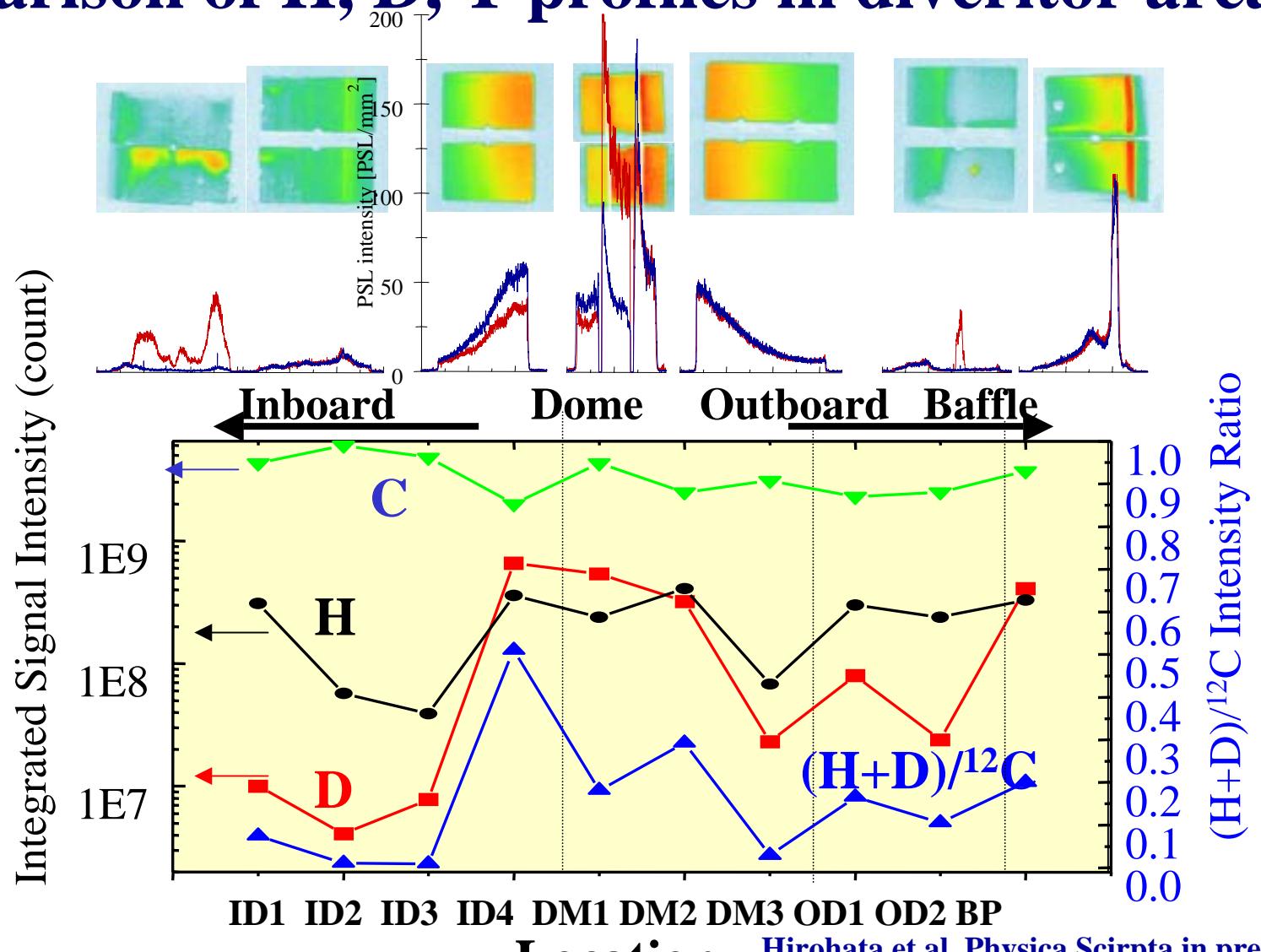


Deconvolution of depth profile



Comparison of tritium depth profile of D-D tiles

# Comparison of H, D, T profiles in divertor area



Hirohata et al. Physica Scripta in press

By SIMS measurement

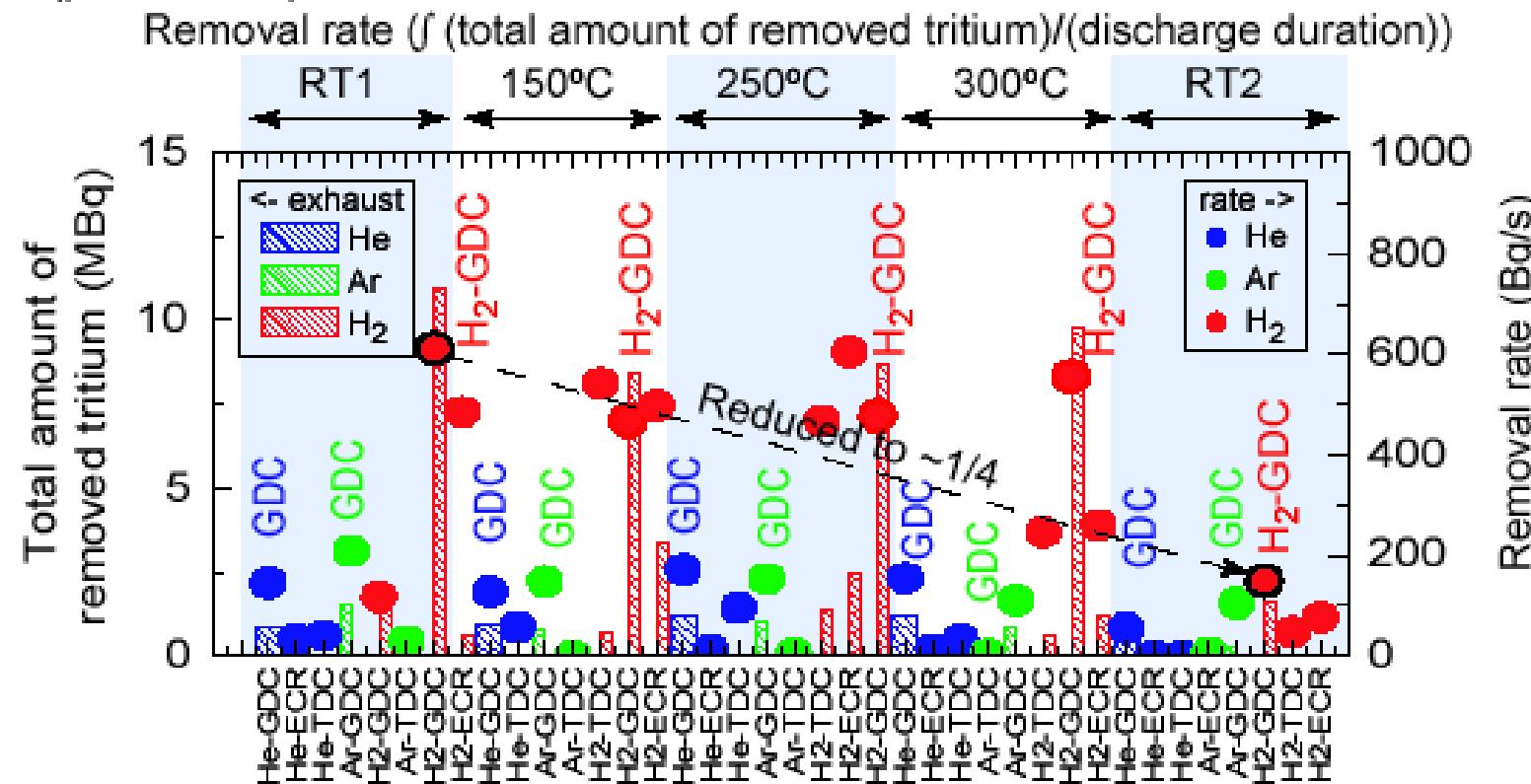
H, D, T profiles are very similar in JT-60U → High Temperature

### 3. Tritium removal by discharge technique

$\text{H}_2$  gas: Large removal rate, Similar effectiveness in glow, ECR and Taylor discharges

Noble gas: Small removal rate, Effectiveness(Glow)>Effectiveness(ECR) ~Effectiveness(Taylor)

- Total amount of removed tritium: ~73 MBq (smaller than predicted retained tritium (~ several 100 GBq) in first wall).



- Effect of wall conditioning discharges on tritium removal: Confirmed  
In glow discharge, by RT1->RT2

$\text{H}_2$  gas: reduced to ~1/4, Noble gas: reduced to ~1/2

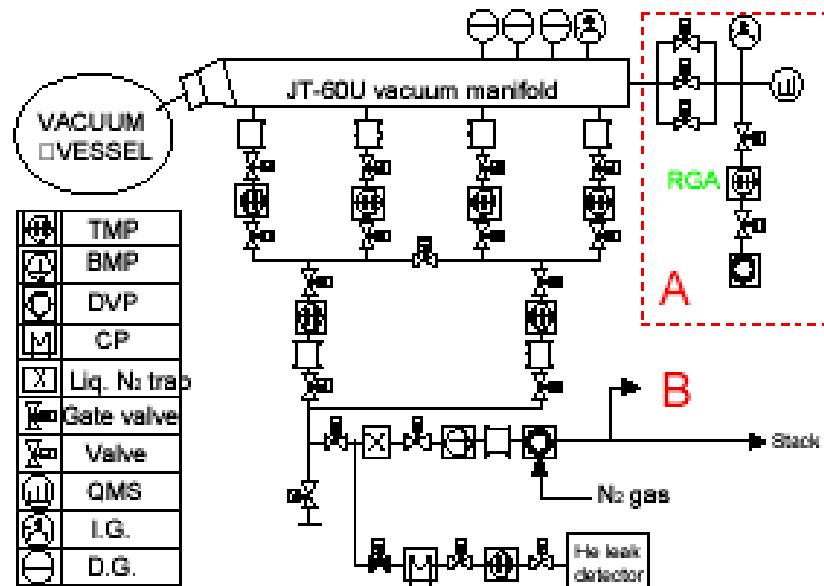
# Diagnostics for tritium concentration and residual gas

**Ion chamber:** Tritium concentration

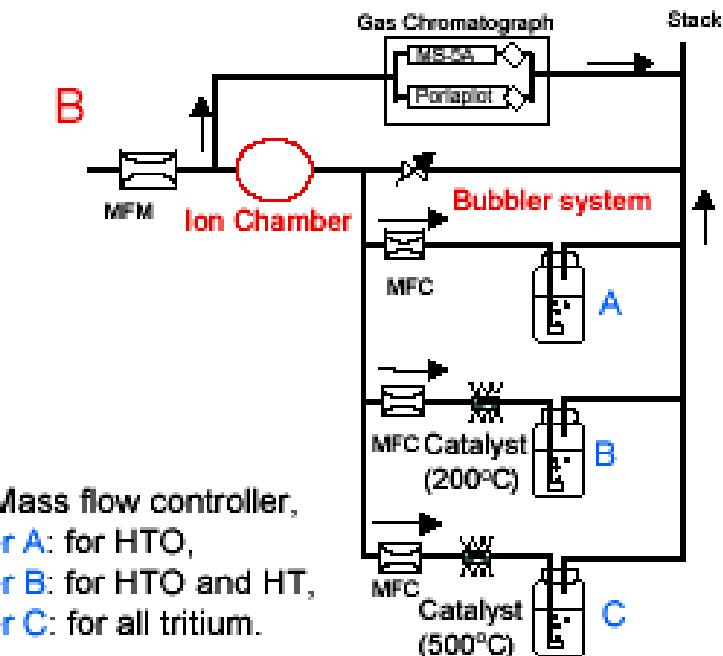
**Bubblers with heated catalysts (200°C, 500°C):** Tritium chemical form

**RGA, Gas Chromatography(GC):** Gas species

Measurement system (sampling points)



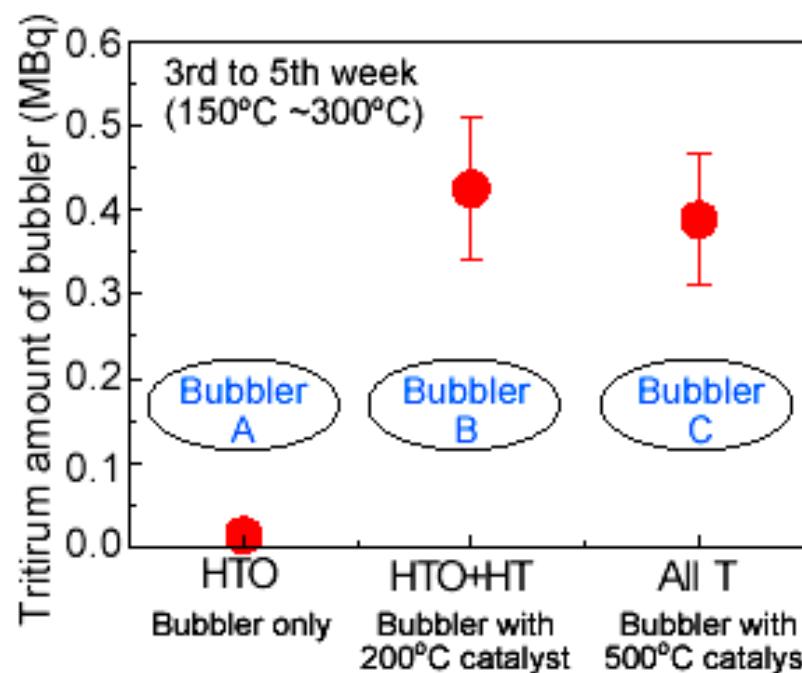
Flow diagram of JT-60U vacuum pump system



Flow diagram of tritium and gas species measurement system

## Chemical form of removed tritium of JT-60U: Elemental (hydrogen) form

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*Results of bubbler measurement. Tritium amount collected by bubbler A~C during series of conditioning discharge at 150°C ~300°C.*

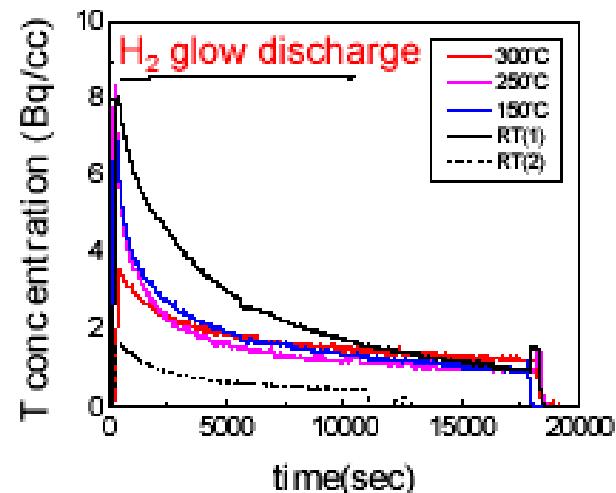
RGA and GC showed that hydrocarbon was generated during baking. However, the content of water vapor and hydrocarbon with tritium was small.

In H<sub>2</sub> glow discharges,  
Tritium and HD: monotonically decay, Methane: almost constant

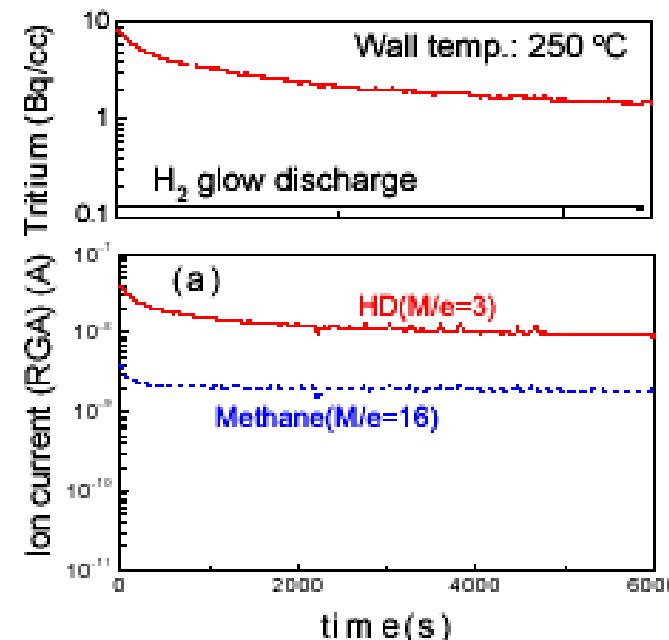
Removal behavior of hydrogen isotopes and hydrocarbon in glow discharges

Tritium and HD: monotonically decay

Methane: almost constant



*Time evolution of tritium concentration in exhausted gas during H<sub>2</sub> glow discharges.*



*Time evolution of HD and methane intensity during H<sub>2</sub> glow discharges in comparison with tritium.*

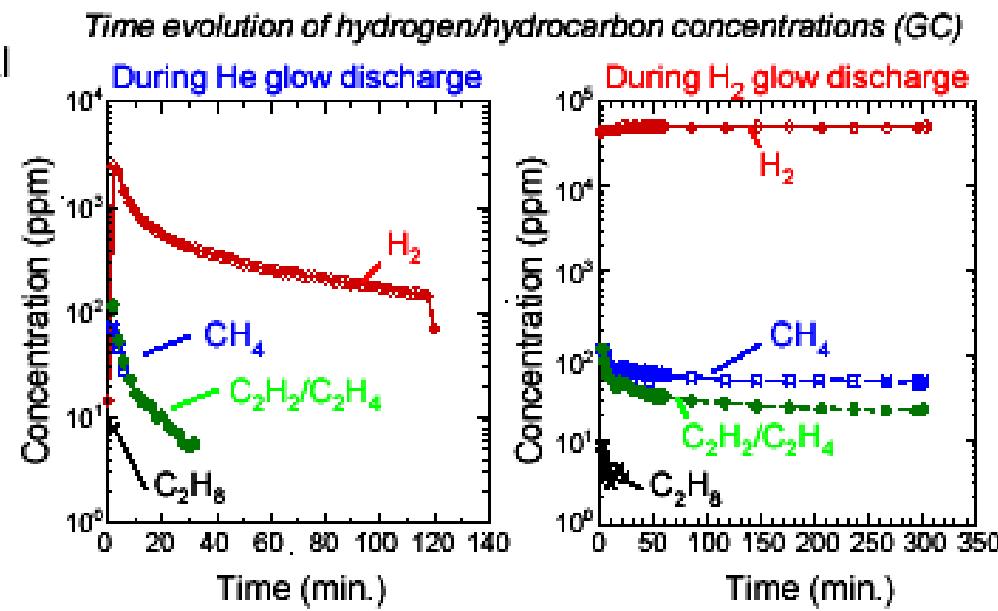
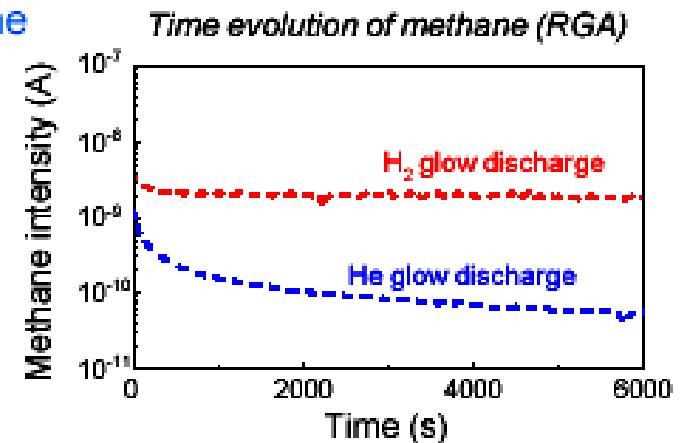
# Removal of carbon codeposit using wall conditioning discharge

## Problems: Tritium removal from co-deposition in DT machine

- > Can we remove co-deposit by wall conditioning discharges?

$H_2$  glow discharge can remove much carbon atoms from the first wall (co-deposit layer?) than He glow discharge.

- > Qualitative evaluation of carbon removal rate is necessary.



## Time behavior of hydrogen isotope removal: by exponential fitting

Hydrogen isotope transport by diffusion and trapping below 300°C: negligible  
(Small diffusivity ( $\sim 10^{-25}\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ ), Higher trap energy (2~4eV))

- For analysis of hydrogen isotope removal by glow discharges,  
**Exponential fitting: Combination of multiple removal processes**

$$C(t) = C_0 + \sum_j^n \frac{A_j}{\tau_j} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_j}\right)$$

$C(t)$ : T concentration in exhausted gas

$C_0$ : Constant T concentration

$A_j$ : Pre-exponential factor for process  $j$   
(Max. of removal amount)

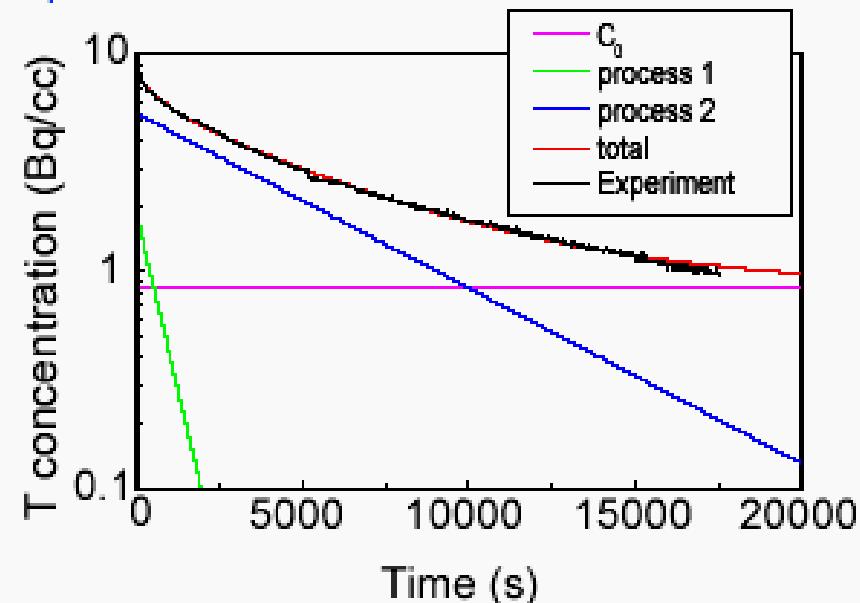
$\tau_j$ : Time constant for process  $j$

→ Experiment could be reproduced by two exponential functions.

Process 0: constant

Process 1: fast decay

Process 2: slow decay



Fitting result of decay curve of tritium concentration in  $H_2$  glow discharge at RT1.

Tritium of DT-machine: recycle particle -> existing in near-surface region  
-> Deuterium behavior of JT-60U: Good reference

- Different distribution in the first wall in JT-60U

D: surface area and co-deposit layer

T: deeper area ( $\sim \mu\text{m}$ )

- Removal process of D and T: similar, independent on depth profiles

How much tritium can be removed by glow discharge?

How long does it take to remove ?

#### Removed amount( $Q$ )

Initial conditions:

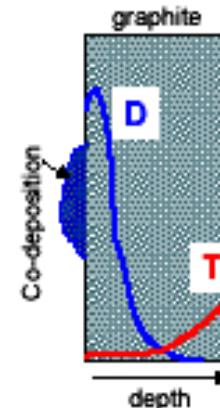
(1) Incident energy of D ions in  $\text{H}_2$  glow discharge:  $\sim 300$  eV

-> Incident depth  $< 15$  nm (by TRIM98)

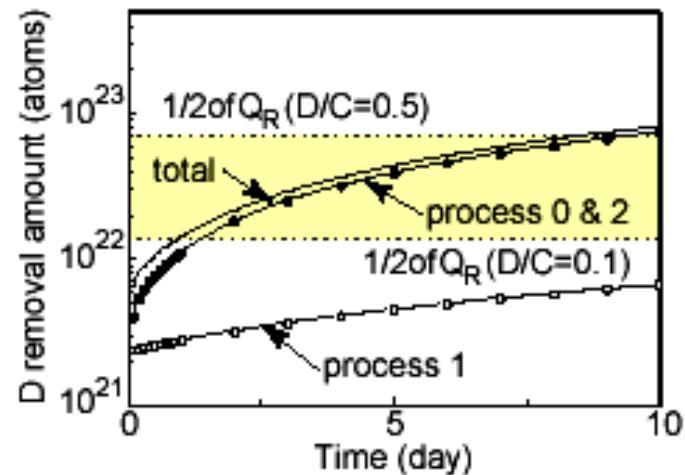
(2) D/C ratio measured in JT-60U carbon surface:  $0.1 \sim 0.5$ .

According to  $C_0$ ,  $\tau_1$ ,  $\tau_2$ ,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ ,

Half-life of D retention amount by continuous  $\text{H}_2$  glow discharge:  $1 \sim 10$  days



Conceptual diagram of depth profile of D and T



Estimated deuterium removal amount by continuous  $\text{H}_2$  glow discharge at  $300^\circ\text{C}$ .  $Q_R$ : deuterium retention amount within 15 nm depth of graphite first wall.



## 4. In vessel PMI studies

**T. Nakano and others**  
(Spectroscopy group)

JAERI, Naka

- 1.  $\text{CD}_4/\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{D}_x/\text{C}_2\text{H}_x$  sputtering yields**  
(T.Nakano et al., Nucl. Fusion 42 (2002) 689)
- 2. Reduction of carbon content by lowering wall temperature**  
T. Nakano et al., unpublished
- 3. Effects of boronization**  
T. Nakano et al., J. Nucl. Mater. 313-316 (2003) 149.



# $C_2H_y/C_2D_y$ Should Be Taken into Account in Cold and Dense Divertor

JT-60U

Usual measurement of chemical yield

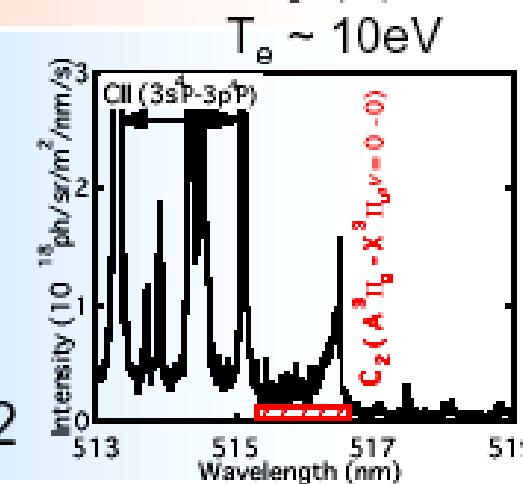
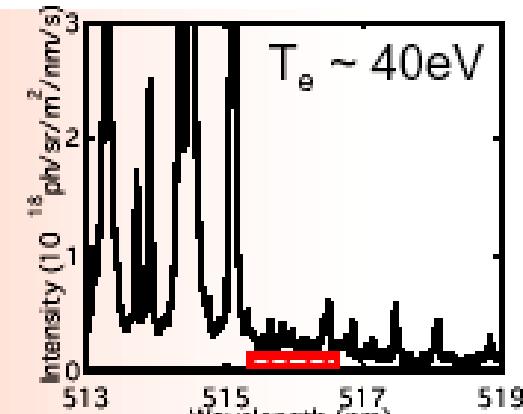
$$Y_{\text{total}} = Y_{CD4} \\ = |CD| \times (D/XB^{CD}) / \Gamma_{\text{ion}}$$

D:Dissociation rate coefficient  
X:eXcitation rate coefficient  
B:Brancing ratio

In this study,

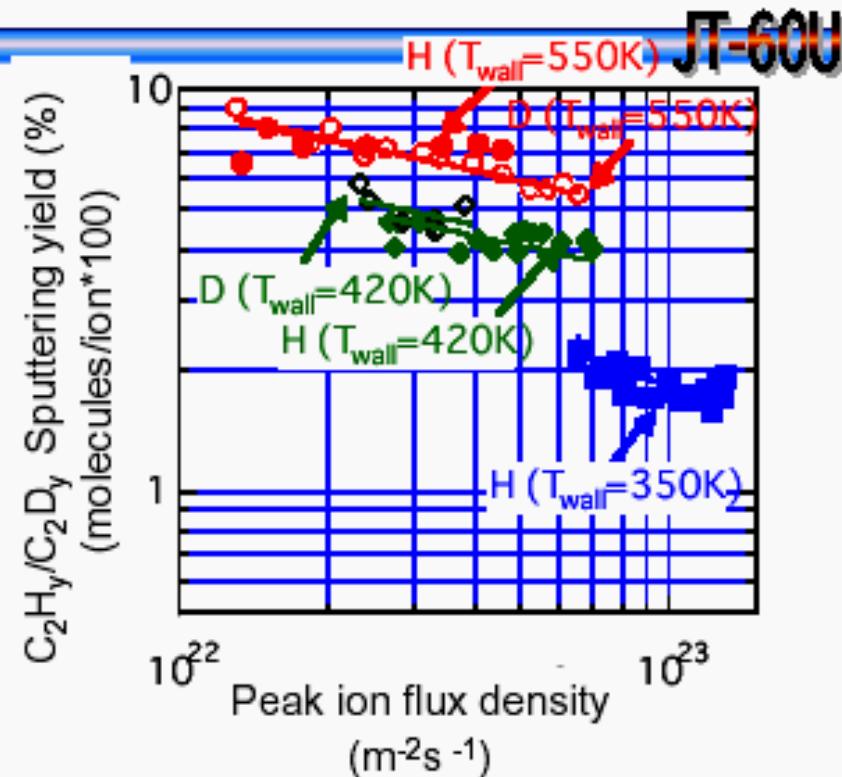
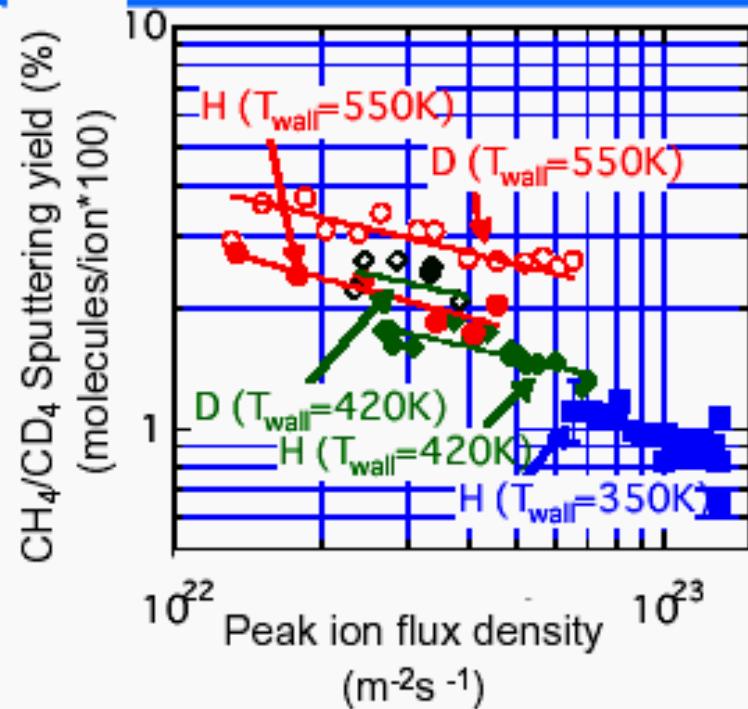
Simultaneous measurement of CD &  $C_2$

$$Y_{\text{total}} = Y_{CD4} + Y_{C2Dy} \times 2 \\ = |CD|_{CD4} \times (D/XB^{CD}) / \Gamma_{\text{ion}} \\ + |C2|_{C2Dy} \times (D/XB^{C2}) / \Gamma_{\text{ion}} \times 2$$





## Result : Chemical Sputtering Yield



Dependence on  $T_{\text{wall}}$

$$Y^{550\text{K}}:Y^{420\text{K}}:Y^{350\text{K}} = 1:\sim 0.6:\sim 0.4$$

Dependence on isotope

$$Y^D \sim 1.3 \times Y^H$$

Dependence on ion flux

$$Y \propto \Gamma^{-0.1 \sim -0.3}$$



# Summary 1

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1. Temperature effect;  $Y^{550K}:Y^{420K}:Y^{350K} = 1:\sim 0.6:\sim 0.4$   
The ratio depends on neither H/D nor  $C_xH_y$ .
2. Isotope effect;  $Y^D \sim 1.3 \times Y^H$   
The coefficient depends on neither  $T_{wall}$  nor  $C_xH_y$ .
3. Ion flux & incident ion energy;  $Y \propto \Gamma^a$   $a \sim -0.1 \sim -0.3$   
 $Y_{chem}/T_e^{0.37}$  does not depend on ion flux.
4.  $C_2H_x$  contributions  $\sim 80\%$  to total sputtered carbon atoms.



## Summary 2

JT-60U

In order to investigate effects of low  $T_{\text{wall}}$  & boronization, the discharges with identical discharge conditions have been repeated  $\sim 100$  times in 2 years.

The database is based on data from,

deuterium discharges at  $T_{\text{wall}} \sim 420$  and  $540\text{K}$  (13 boronization sessions)

& hydrogen discharges at  $T_{\text{wall}} \sim 350$ ,  $420$  and  $540\text{K}$ .

The database indicates,

1.  $n_{\text{C}}/n_{\text{e}}$  decreases at low  $T_{\text{wall}}$  because of reduction of  $Y_{\text{chem}}$ .
2.  $\Gamma_{\text{chem}}$  contributes 5-15% of  $\Gamma_{\text{C}^+}$  in the divertor.
3.  $\Gamma_{\text{chem}}$  contributes 30-80% of  $N_{\text{C}}^{\text{core}}$ . The contribution depends on confinement modes and working gases. (Preliminary)



## Summary 3

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In 50 shots after boronization, suppression of sputtering at carbon plates resulted in **low core carbon content**. After that, the carbon content became constant  $\sim 2.5\%$ .

In 50 shots after boronization,  
the boron content decreased to  $\sim 0.5\%$ .

Boronization using  $70\text{ g}$  of  $\text{B}_{10}\text{D}_{14}$  suppressed **the core oxygen content  $\leq \sim 1.0\%$**  in **400 - 500 shots**. The durability of boronization using  $20\text{ g}$  is **much shorter**.

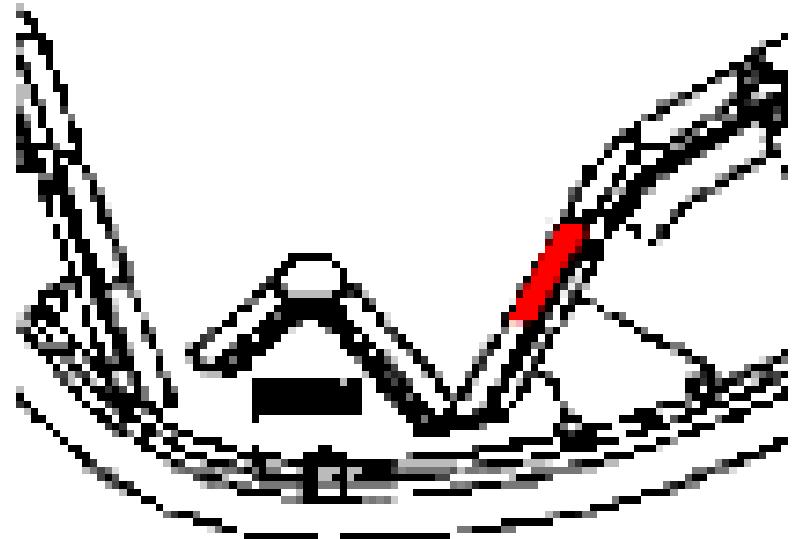
Continual boronization every 200 shots using  $10 - 20\text{ g}$  of  $\text{B}_{10}\text{D}_{14}$  successfully kept **the core oxygen content  $\leq \sim 1.0\%$** .



## 5. Future works

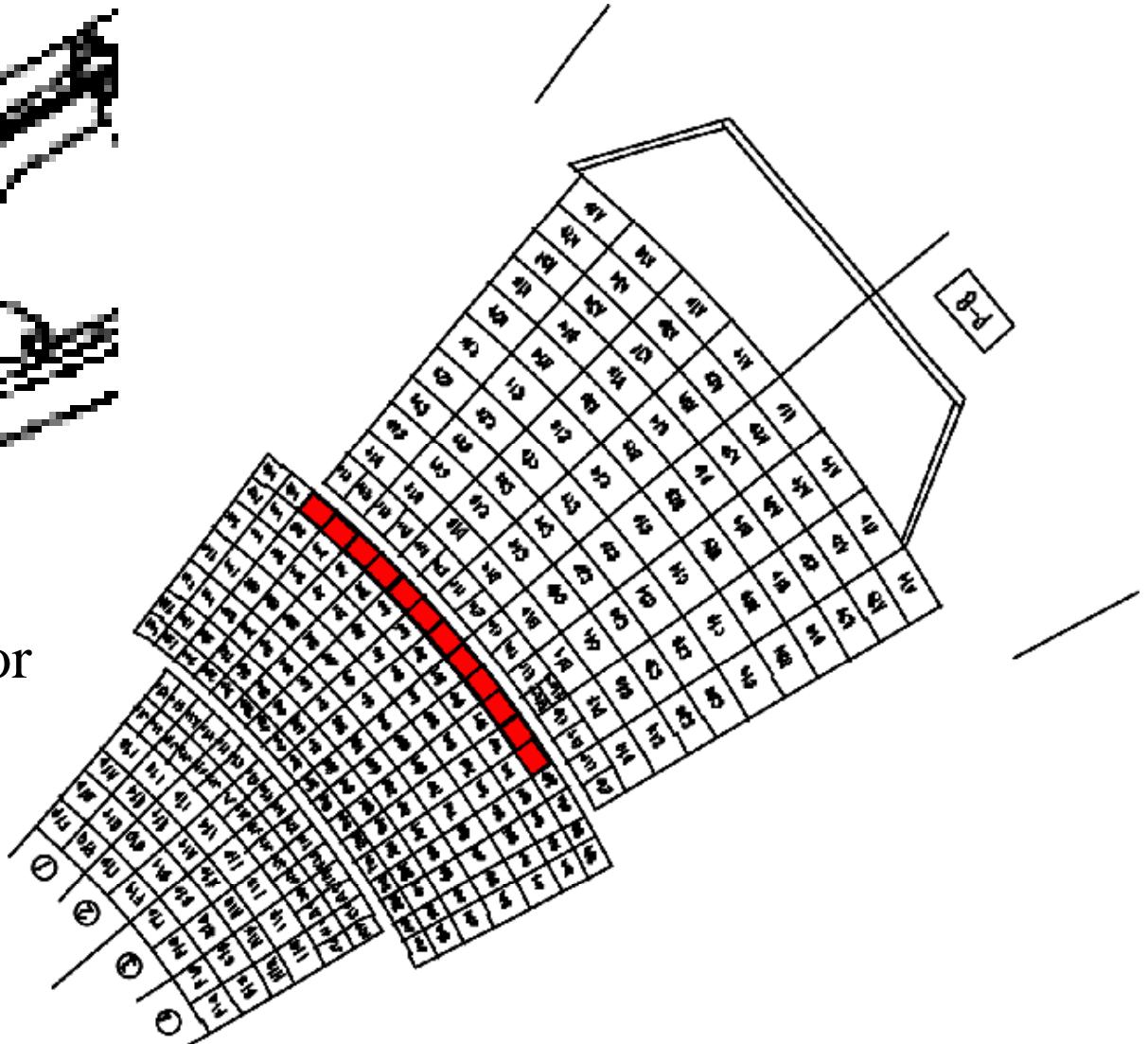
- 1. Collection of dust and debris in the vessel  
cooperation with Phil Sharjp (INEEL)**
- 2. Installation of 13 tiles of W(50 $\mu$ m) on C  
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- 4. Collector probe measurement**
- 5. Gas puff from outer divertor**

# Installation of 13 tiles of W(50μm)on C at outer divertor

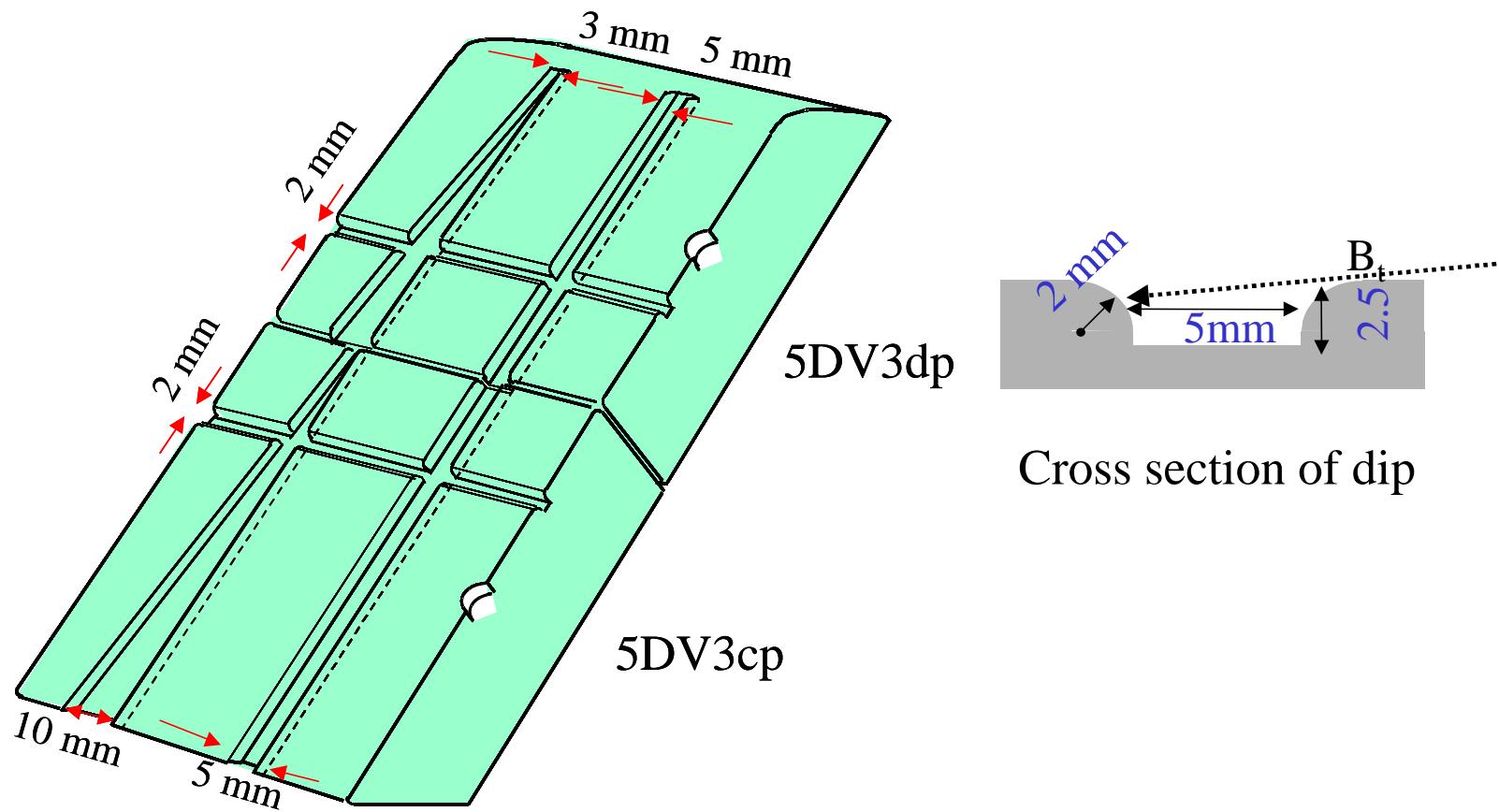


12 pieces at outer divertor

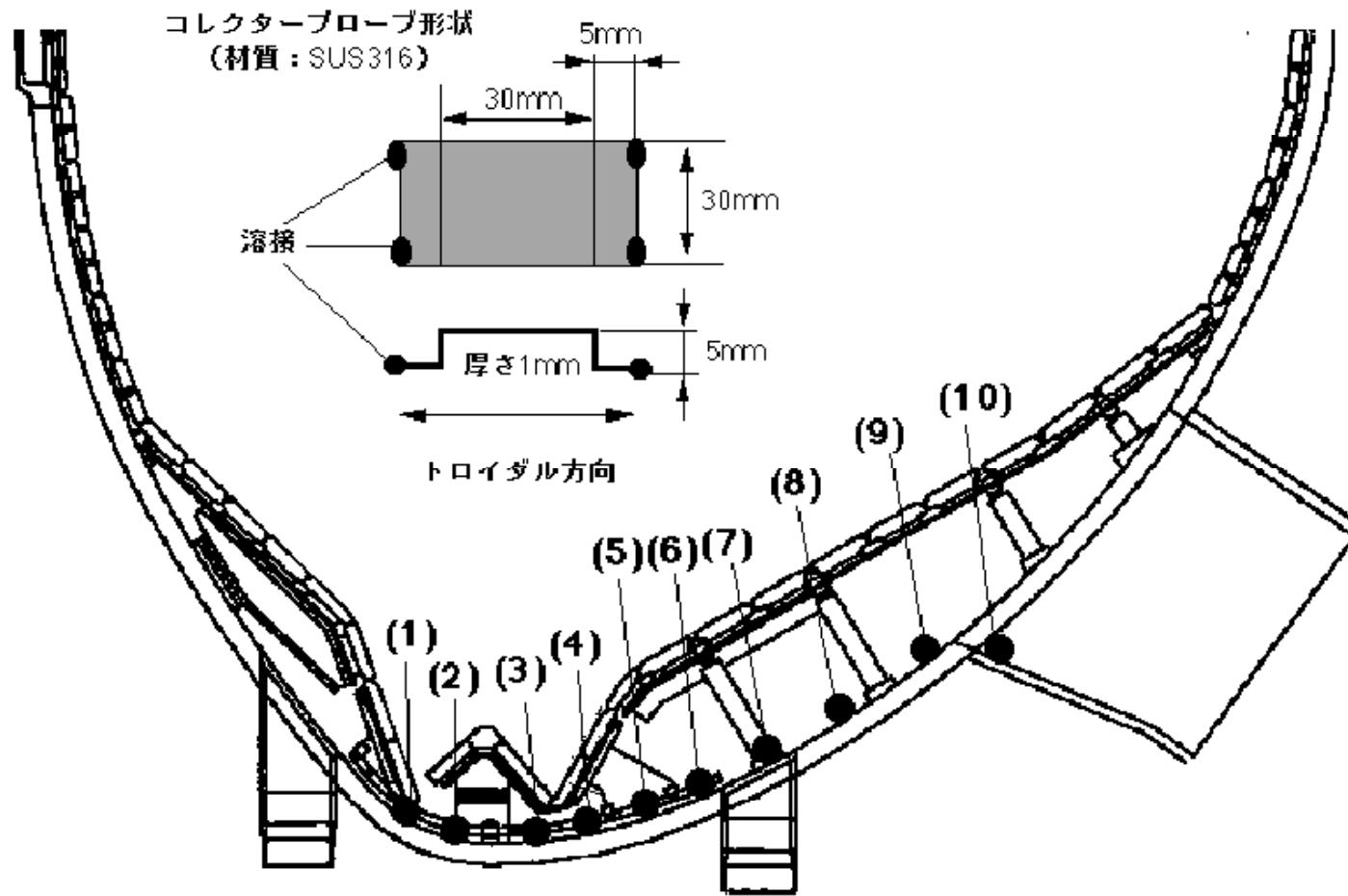
1 piece at inner divertor



# Erosion and deposition measurements with installation of specially designed tiles



# Collector probe measurement



# Gas puff from outer divertor

## Planned

**Introduction of  $^{13}\text{CH}_4$  or  $^{13}\text{CD}_4$  for impurity transport by spectroscopy and post mortem analysis)**

**Introduction of  $\text{D}_2$  for chemical sputtering and hydrogen recycling by spectroscopy**

**Introduction of High Z gas for physical sputtering, transport, impurity behavior by spectroscopy and post mortem analysis**