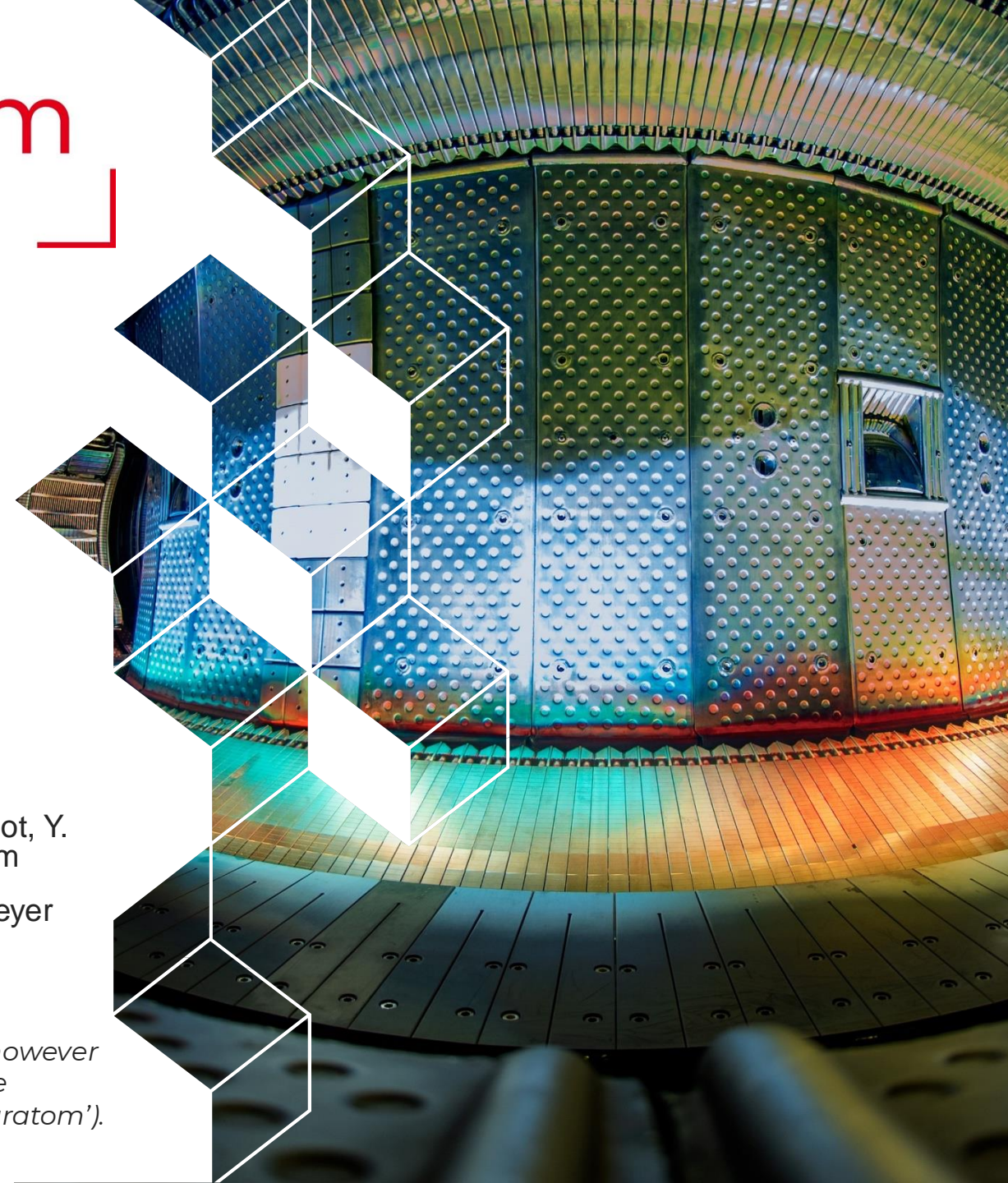


Challenges for materials in fusion environment: interactions with tritium and morphology evolution under the WEST first wall conditions

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Achieving magnetic confinement in reactors: the tokamak concept

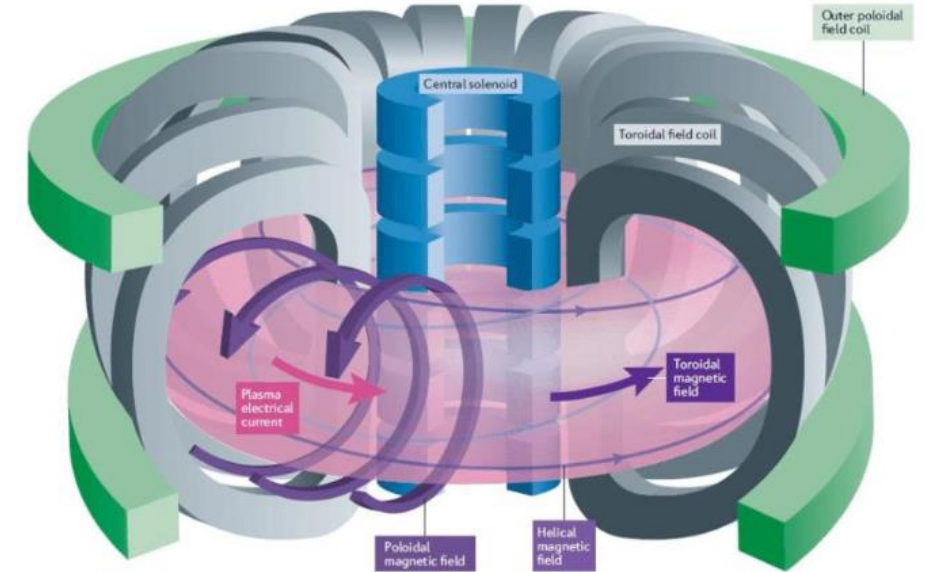
- Confining the hot plasma for nuclear reactions to happen:
 - Inertial confinement
 - Magnetic confinement: **tokamaks** and stellarators



In tokamaks, magnetic confinement is not perfect:

- Particles (and energy) losses
- Intense plasma - wall interaction
 - *Production of particles (« dust »)*
 - *Irradiation of plasma-facing materials (PFM)*

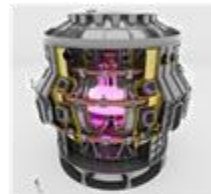
Vacuum chamber surrounded by strong magnetic fields



WEST
25 m³



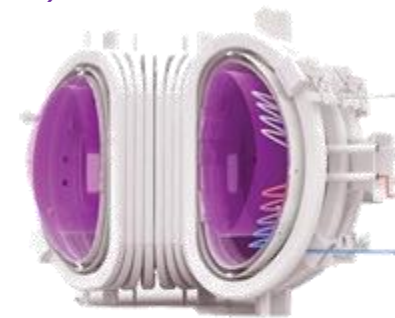
JET
80 m³



JT-60SA
135 m³



ITER
800 m³
(one-third the size of an Olympic swimming pool)
~ 500 MW_{th}



DEMO
~ 1000 – 3500 m³
(half to one and a half times the size of an Olympic swimming pool)
~ 2000-4000 MW_{th}

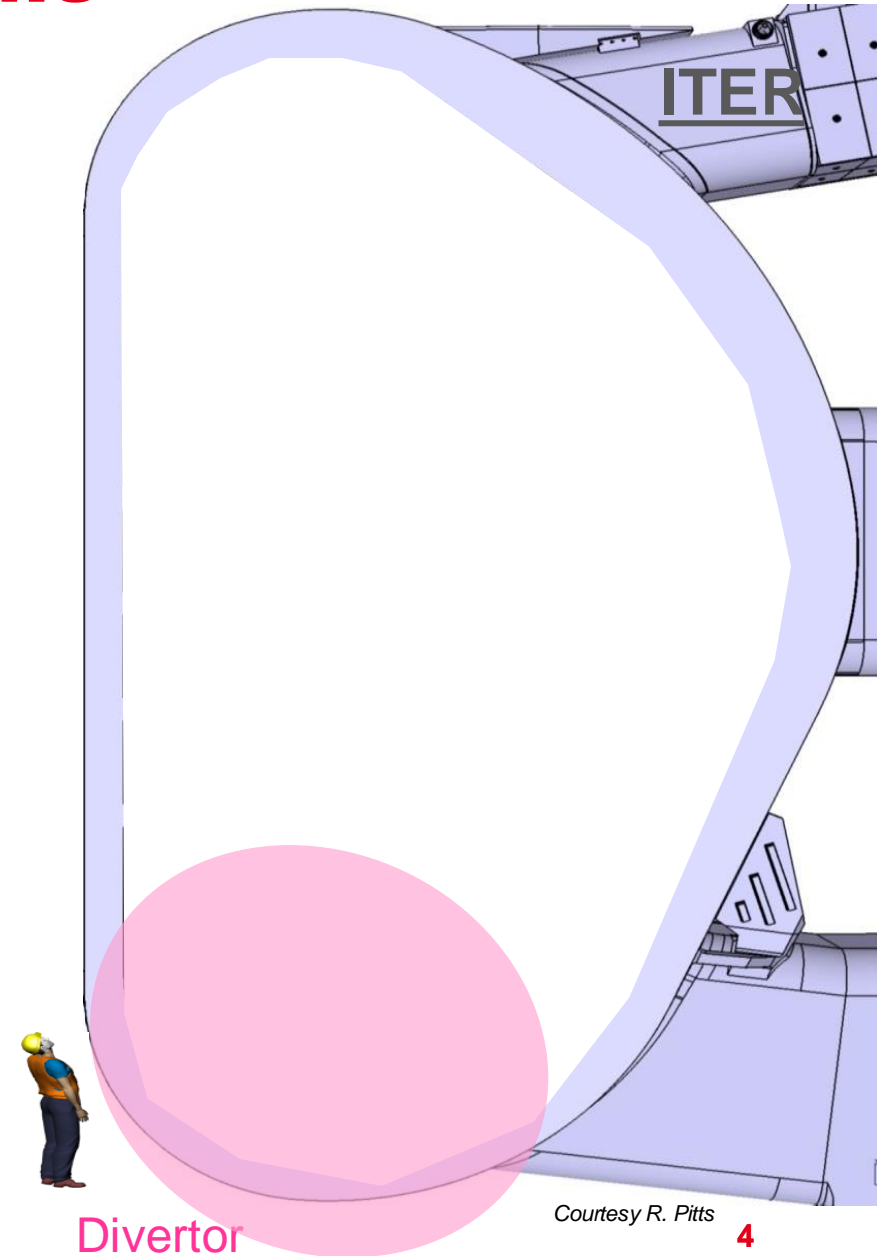
➔ ITER: demonstrate scientific and technical feasibility of fusion as a source of energy + tests of Breeding Blanket (tritium production)



From the magnetic confinement to the first physical barrier in ITER

- **The vacuum vessel:** double actively cooled stainless steel wall
 - 10^{19} - 10^{20} m⁻³ plasma densities
 - Minimize impurities: low background pressure ($\sim 10^{-5}$ Pa)
- **First wall components:** the first physical materials facing the plasma
 - Exposed to drastic conditions:
 - High thermal flux (stationnary and transients)
ITER: 10-20 MW/m² up to 60 MJ/m² over a few ms
 - Particle irradiation (D,T, He)
 - Neutron irradiation
 - Functions:
 - Extract the heat from plasma
 - Control impurities and particles (He)
 - Produce T

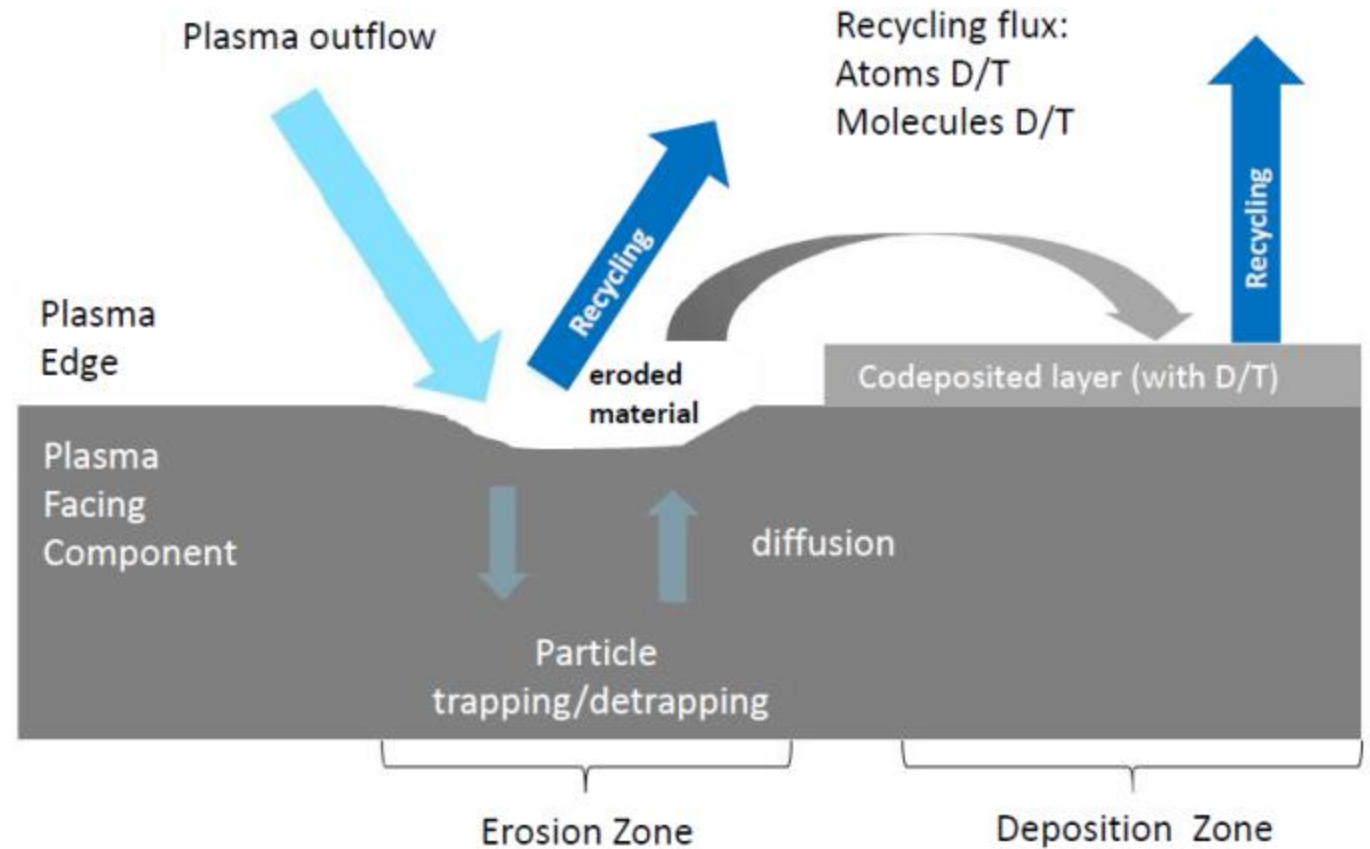
➔ Manage the contact while minimizing the pollution of the plasma and the modification of materials



Plasma-Wall interactions in Tokamaks



- Combination of several mechanisms
- Irradiations:
 - D/T
 - He
 - 14 MeV neutrons
- + **Conditioning (boronisation)**
- + **High temperatures (>500°C)**
- + **Drastic events: disruptions, ELMs, runaways electrons, arcs**

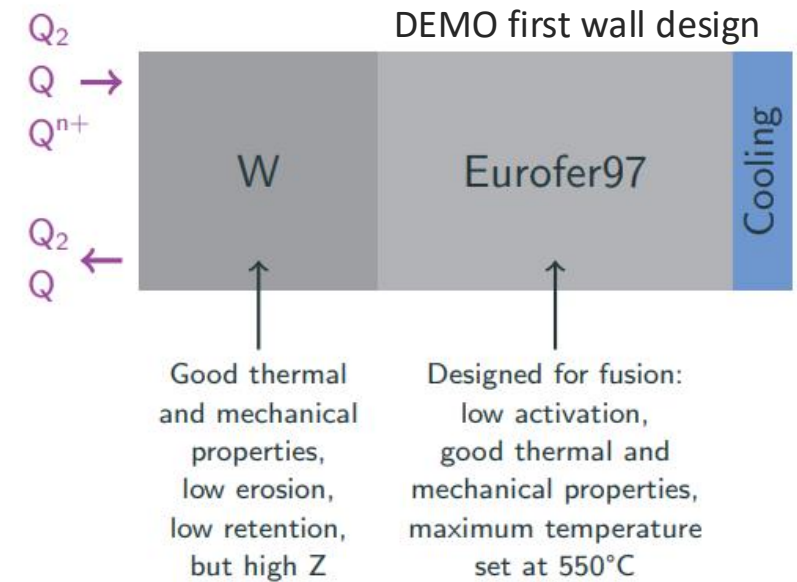
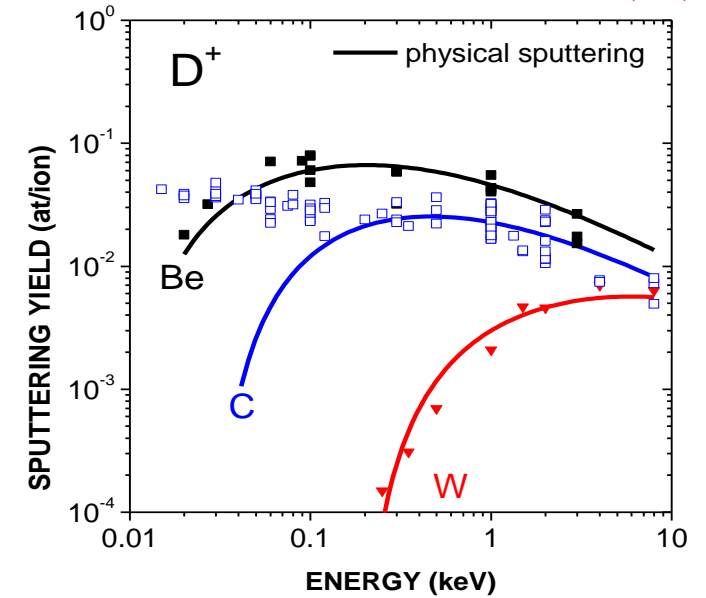


Materials in fusion reactors

- **Required properties:**
 - No activation or transmutation
 - High electric conductivity
 - Good thermomechanical behavior
 - Low D/T trapping and permeation
 - Low plasma pollution → low erosion and/or plasma pollution

- **Materials of interest:**
 - Facing the plasma: **tungsten (W)**
 - Adaptative layer: Cu, CuCrZr
 - Structural material: **EUROfer97, stainless steel**

+ active cooling: heat sink (H₂O)



Impact of interfaces

Evolution of surface condition and bulk microstructure

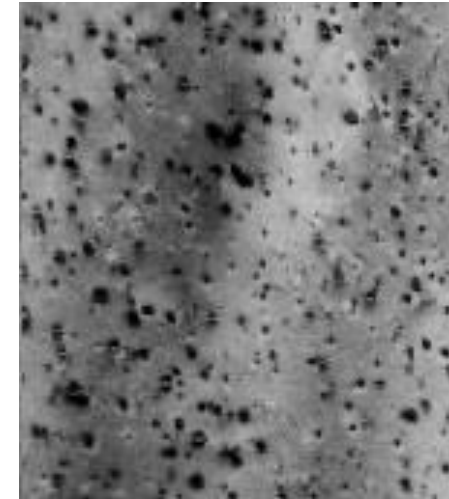
Tungsten as a Plasma-Facing Material



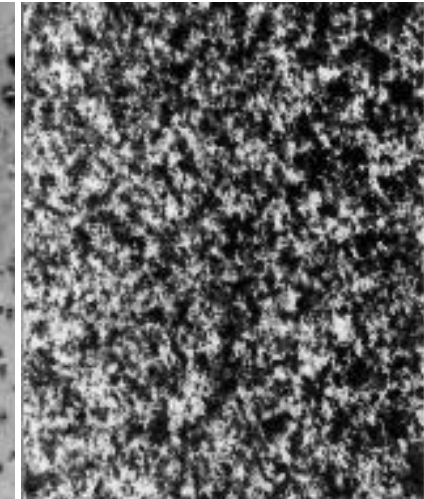
- W: used in JET, AUG, WEST, ITER
 - ➔ intensive fluxes of He and H isotopes at high temperatures
- Impact of He irradiation at the surface:
 - dislocation loops
 - bubbles
 - W-fuzz

$< 530^{\circ}\text{C}$
 $E < E_{\text{disp. min}} (538 \text{ eV})$

W irradiated
with 6.5×10^{19}
 $\text{H} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$



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➔ He has a strong impact on the material.

➔ These modifications can affect the trapping of hydrogen (T).



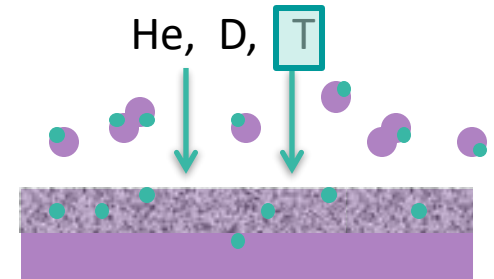
Tritium: a key isotope for fusion devices operation and safety

- Radioactive hydrogen isotope: ^3H (T)



$$(E_{\text{max}} = 18,6 \text{ keV} - E_{\text{moy}} = 5,68 \text{ keV}, t_{1/2} = 12,5 \text{ year})$$

- H: high mobility in the environment and materials (as gas, water or OBT)
- Very large re-circulation of tritium in the installation (tokamak, tritium plant, ...)
- **Impacts the power plant efficiency, operability, safety, dismantling and waste management**



All fusion devices will be confronted with T handling and management:

- Fuel availability: $^6\text{Li} + \text{n} \rightarrow ^3\text{H} + ^4\text{He}$ (Breeding Blanket)
- Safety requirements:
 - Address the tritium retention (max 700 g of tritium in ITER Vacuum Vessel)
 - Control the permeation
 - Limit the tritium releases from tritiated waste

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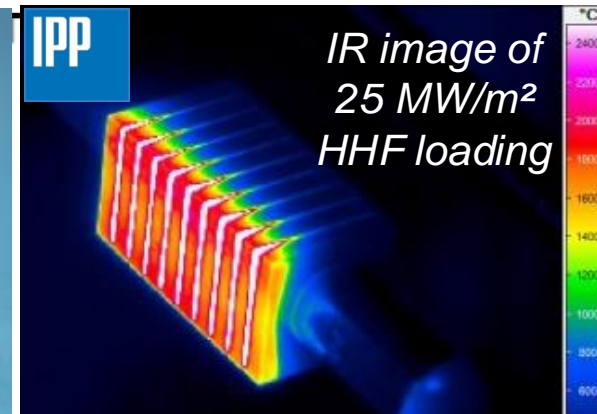
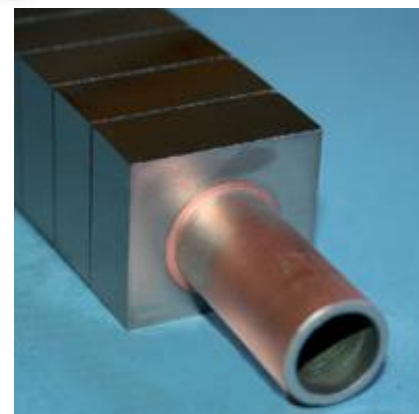
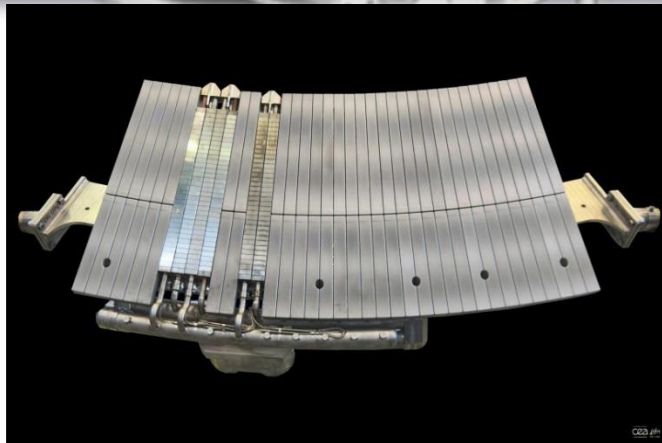
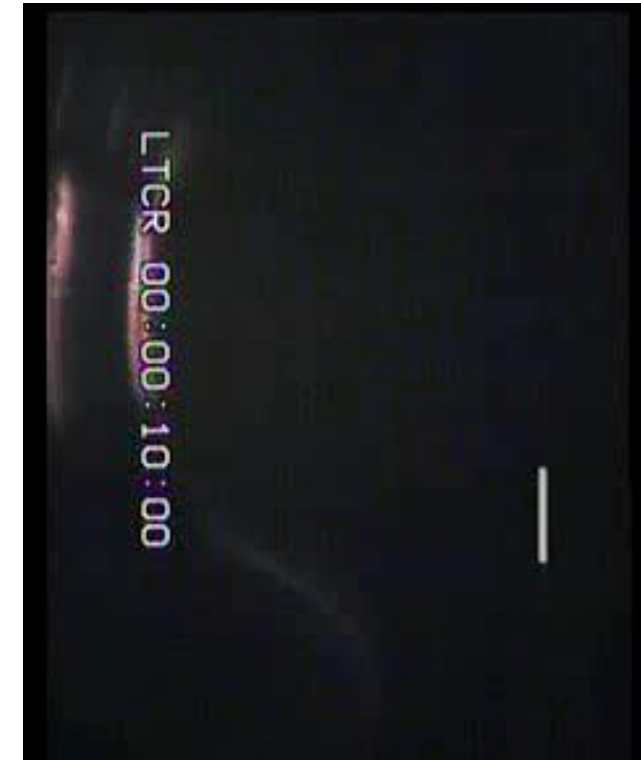
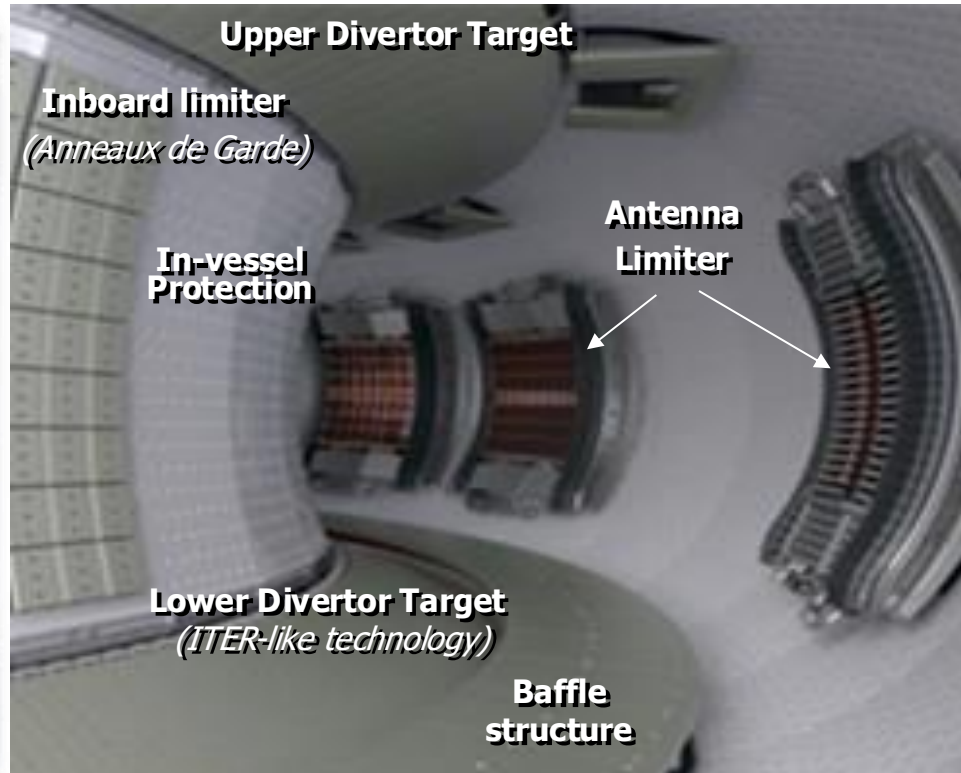
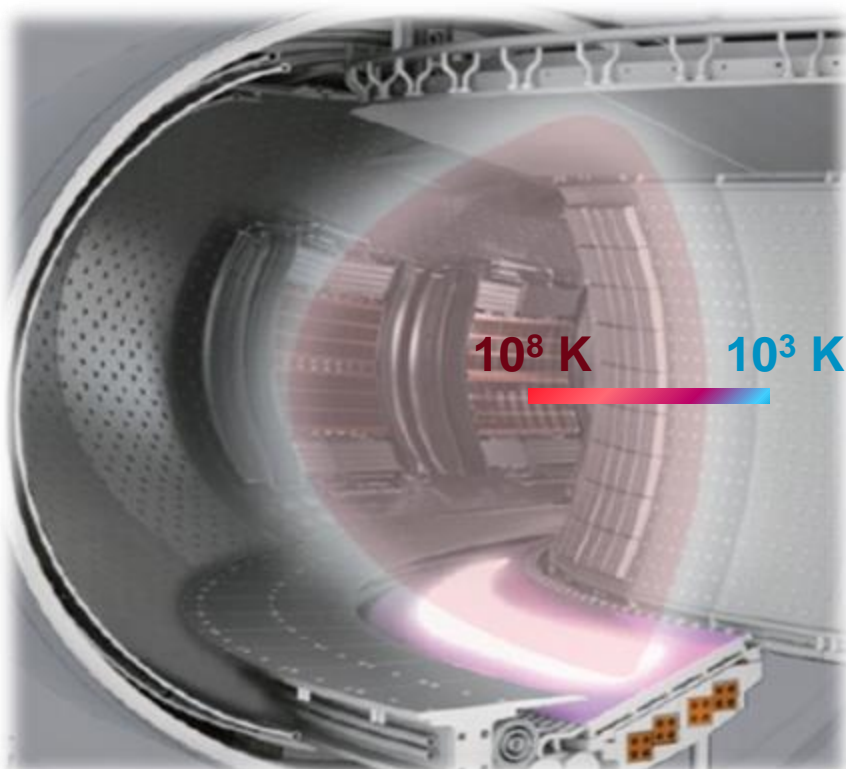
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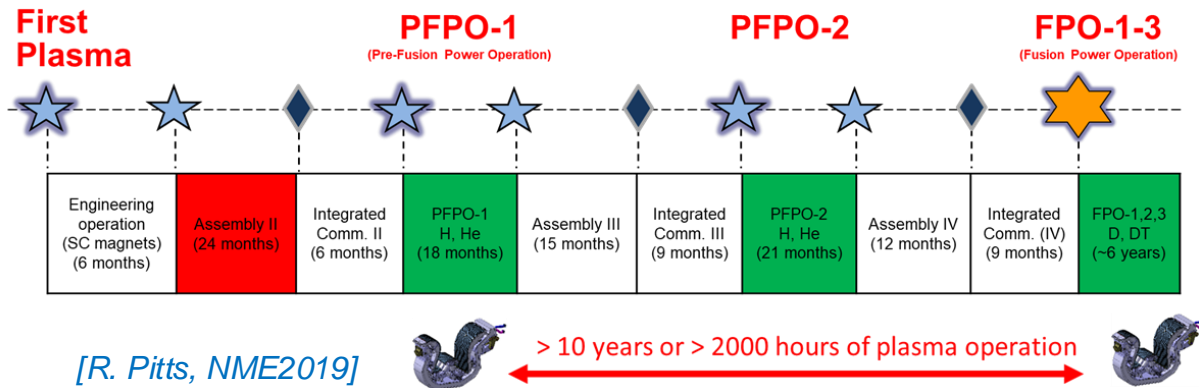


Divertor in next step fusion devices will handle unprecedented particle fluence

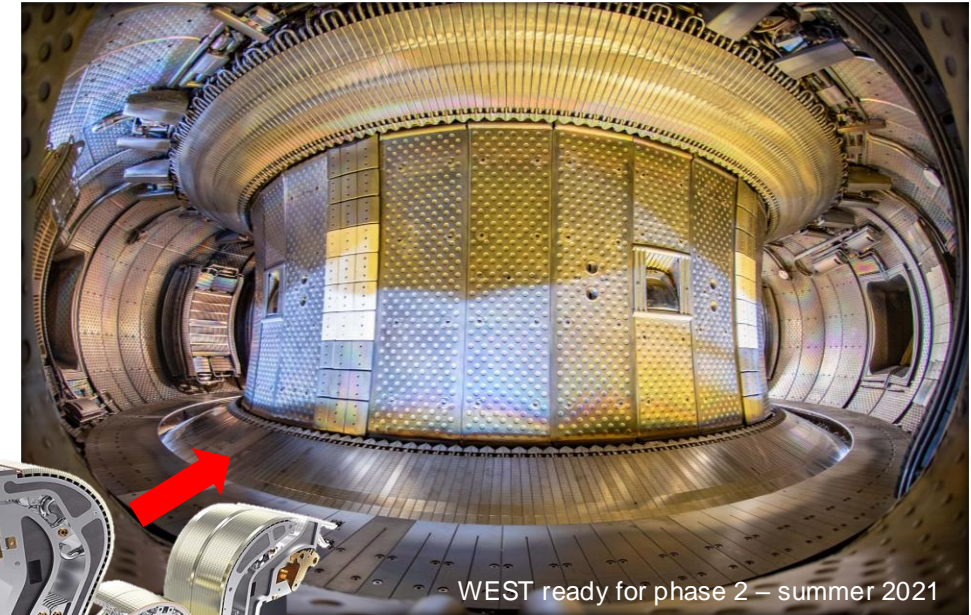


- ▶ High priority research area for ITER : divertor lifetime appropriateness to allow operation until well into FPO with the 1st tungsten divertor

[Loarte, ITER R&D needs, 2020]

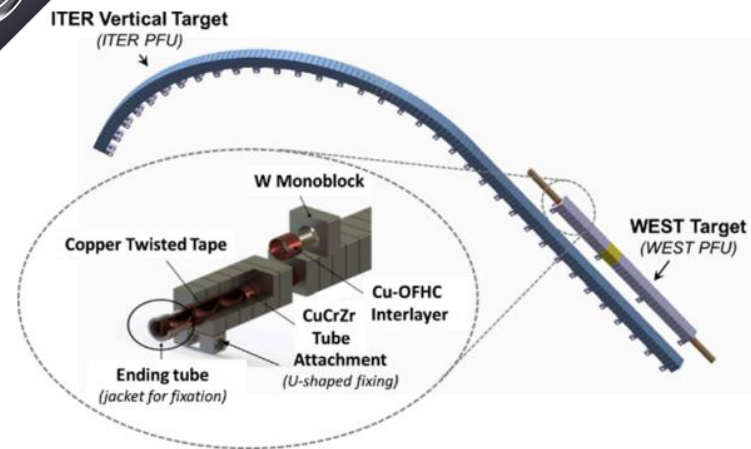


[R. Pitts, NME2019]



WEST : full W superconducting tokamak targeted at preparing ITER divertor operation

- ▶ WEST operates with an ITER grade divertor → long pulse capability
- ▶ “High Fluence” phase run at the end of the first experimental campaign of phase 2
- ▶ Objective : cumulate ITER relevant particle fluence and assess evolution of ITER grade divertor ↔ plasma operation

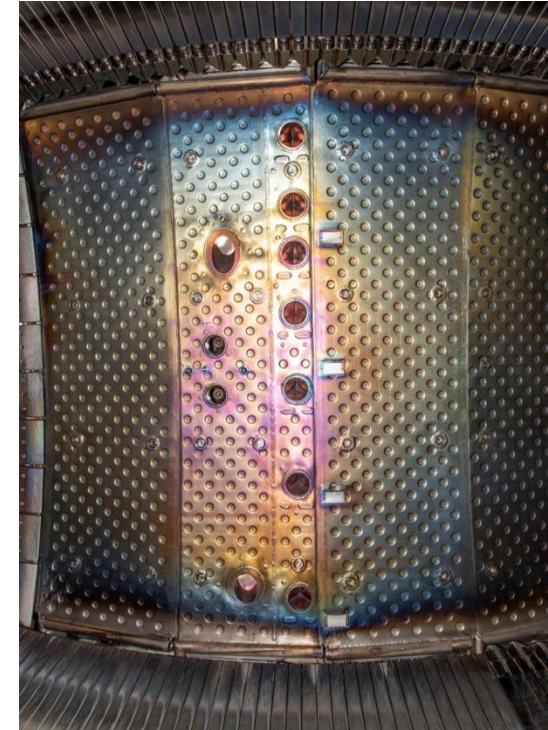
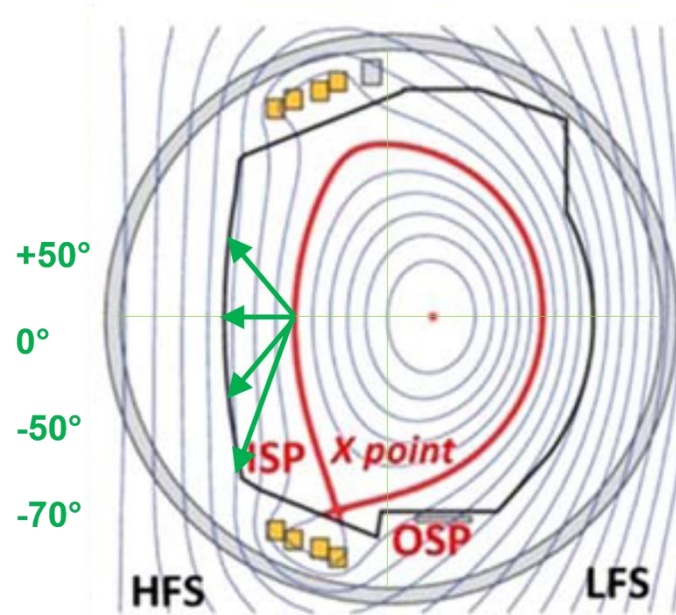


First-wall exposure in WEST: WHIrr sample holders

Far in the Scrape Of Layer

- Grazing field line
 - Charge exchange area
 - Deposition area
- The larger the poloidal angle, the further the sample is from the lower divertor.
- 4 locations: - HFS: Q3B, Q6A, PJ4
- LFS: PJ2

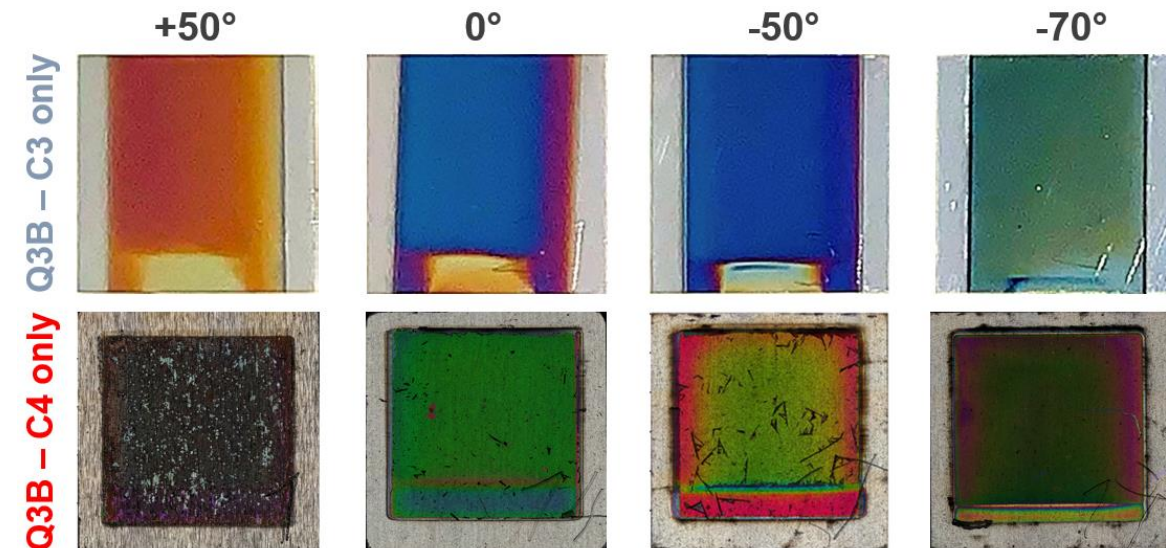
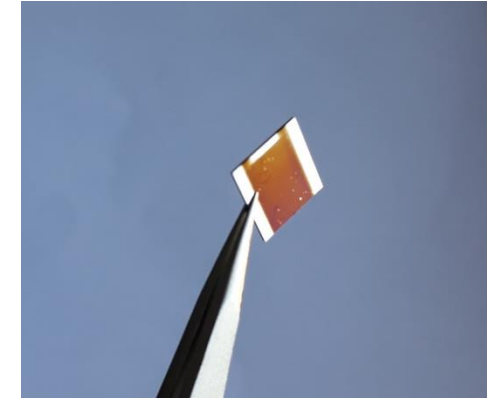
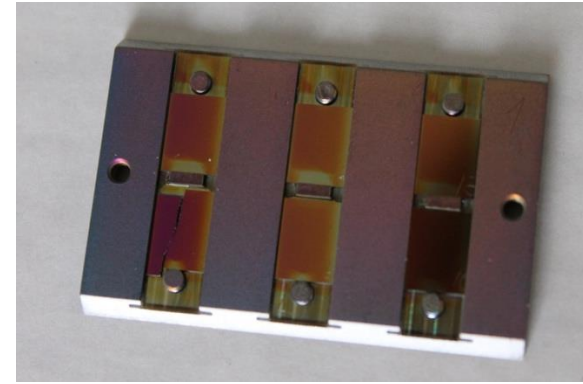
➔ Goal: expose samples at first wall conditions for an easy access to each campaign impact on the surface and structure of the material (EUROfer, W + various original surface conditions)



Exposure history throughout WEST phase 1



- Samples exposed during C1, C2, C3, C4 and C5
 - + Cumulative exposure: C3+C4
 - Focus on C3/C4 comparison to consider the impact on He plasma
- Operational conditions:
 - C3 campaign (D campaign):
 - 3 boronizations
 - 2h D plasma
 - 12 ITER-like PFUs in sector Q3B
 - C4 campaign (D+He campaign):
 - 13 boronizations
 - 2h45 D plasma +0.5h He plasma
 - 14 ITER-like PFUs in sector Q3B
- Major visual changes from C3
 - Shadowing of sample-holders: preferential incident angles for the deposition process
 - Composition and variation of the deposited layer?



Impact of the campaign history on surface evolution



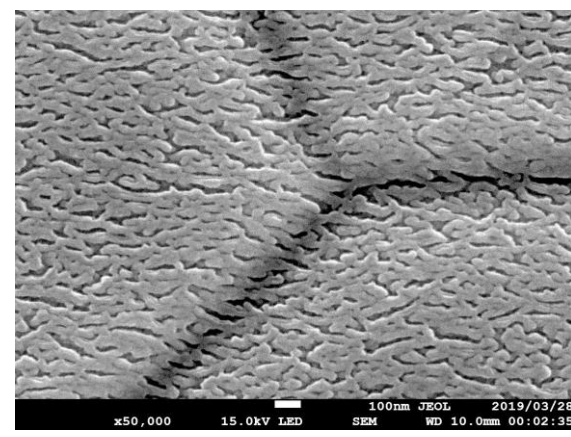
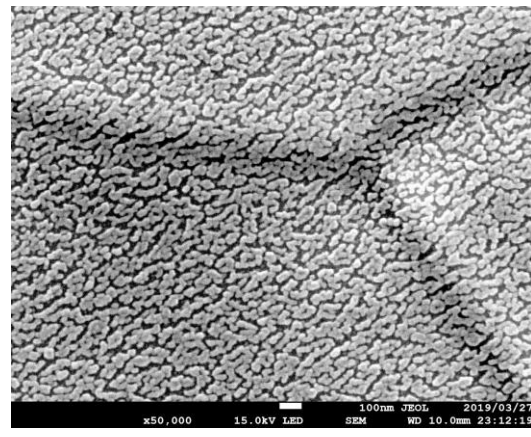
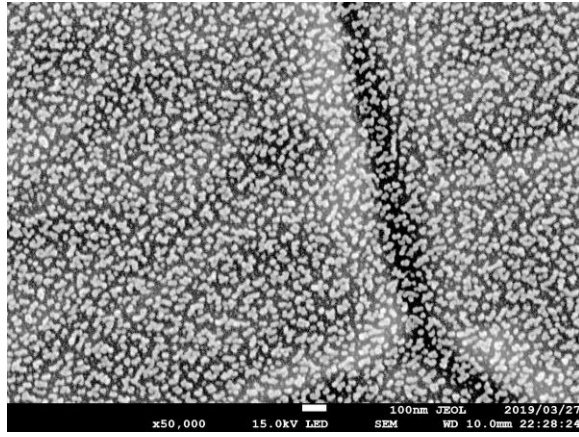
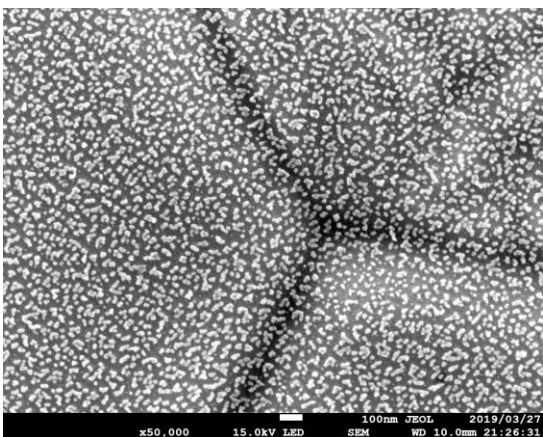
+50°

0°

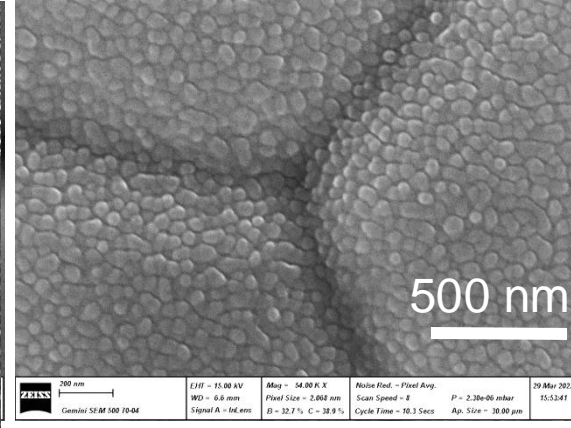
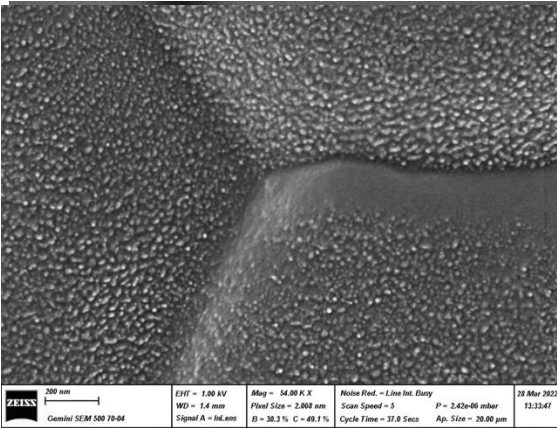
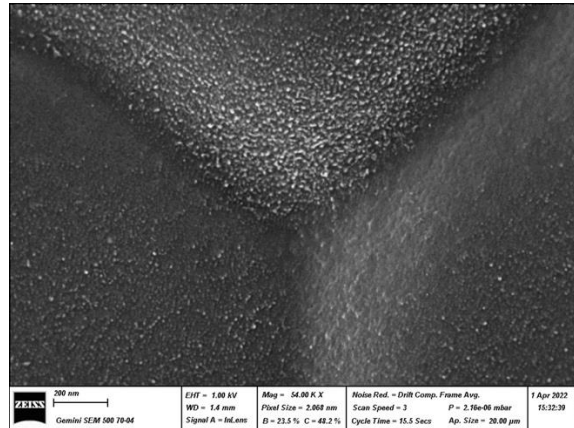
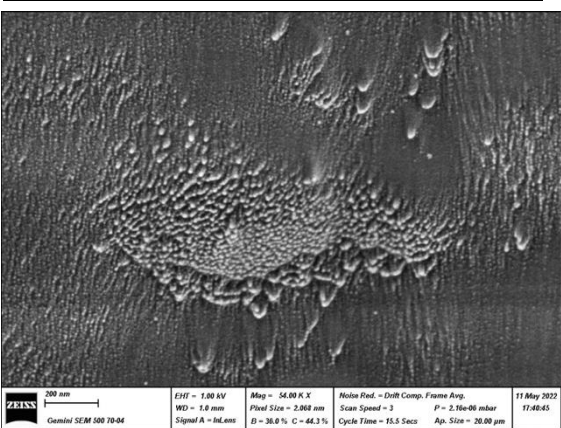
-50°

-70°

Q3B –
C3 only



Q3B –
C4 only



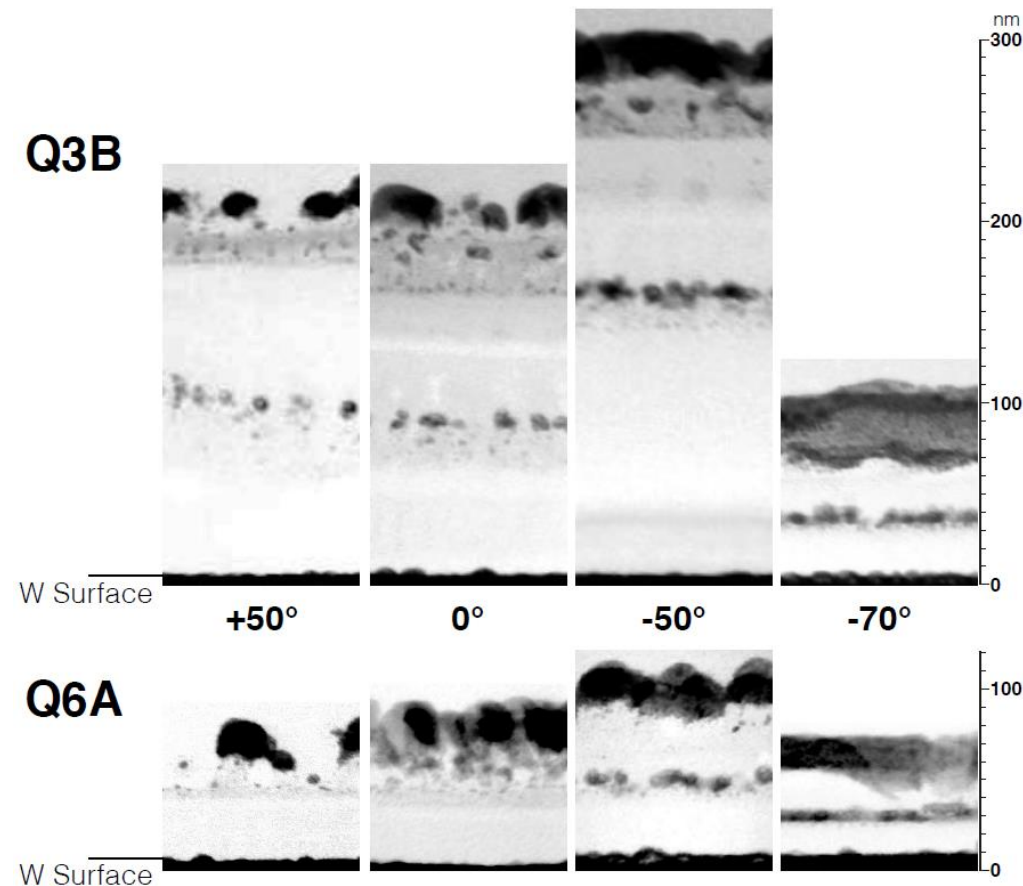
- **C3**: layer of nanoparticles of metal oxide (WO_3). The closer the deposit is to the divertor, the larger the particle size and the greater the surface coverage
- **C4**: boron layer except for -70° layer with large W nanoparticles. Low roughness for B layer on recrystallized W and tips along poloidal direction on industrial W (+50°).

C3 exposed W: Three layer of boron deposition interlayered with metal oxide particles

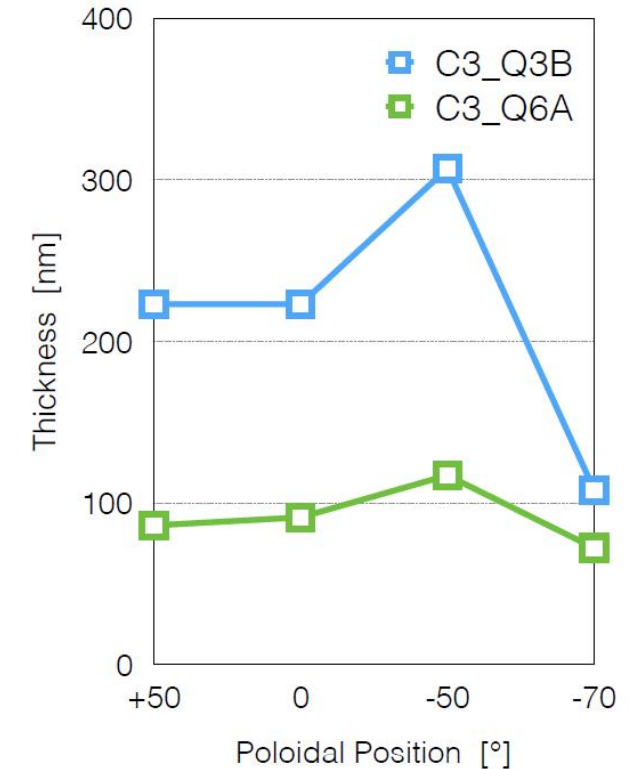


SEM surface observation + TEM cross-section images and EDS quantitative elemental mapping

- Color variation of the deposit is associated with **different thickness of B deposition layer and density of surface metal oxide particles**, but the structure of the deposited layer is similar and **present everywhere**
- 3 B layers
- Deposition thickness is higher in Q3A and at 50° angle
- Metal oxide layer (particles) is observed in the 2 B layer and at the surface
- Lesser oxygen is observed in B rich layers

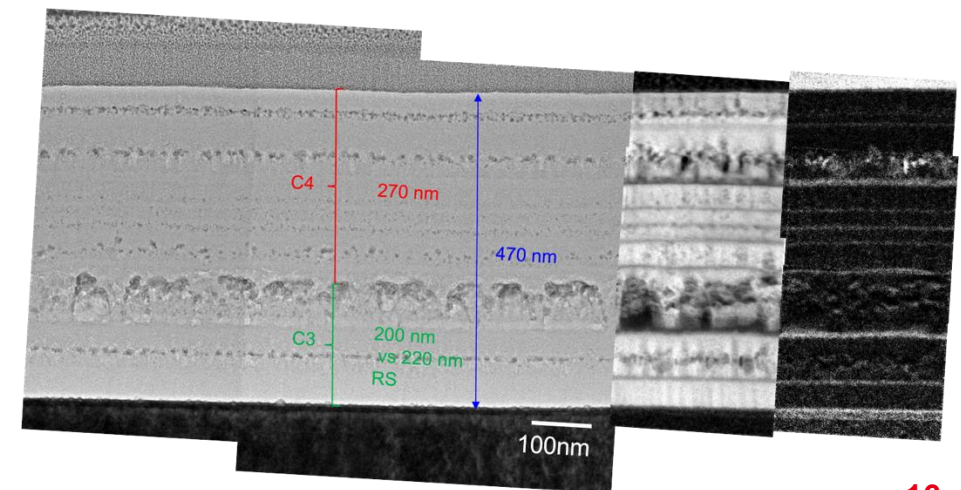
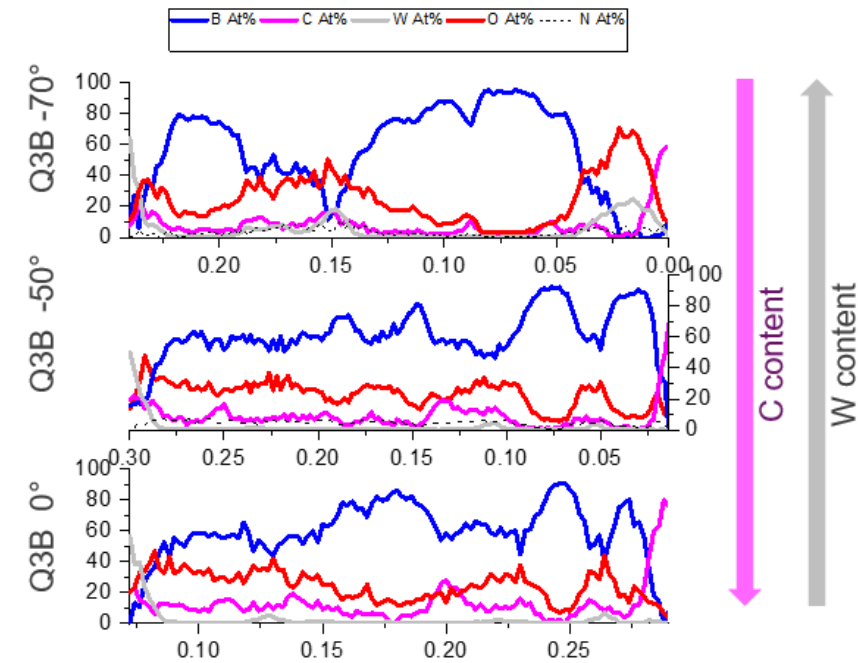


10 % B₂H₆ with 100 bar·L/h for 4 h
⇒ 200 nm thickness



C4 exposed W: a more complex composition of layers

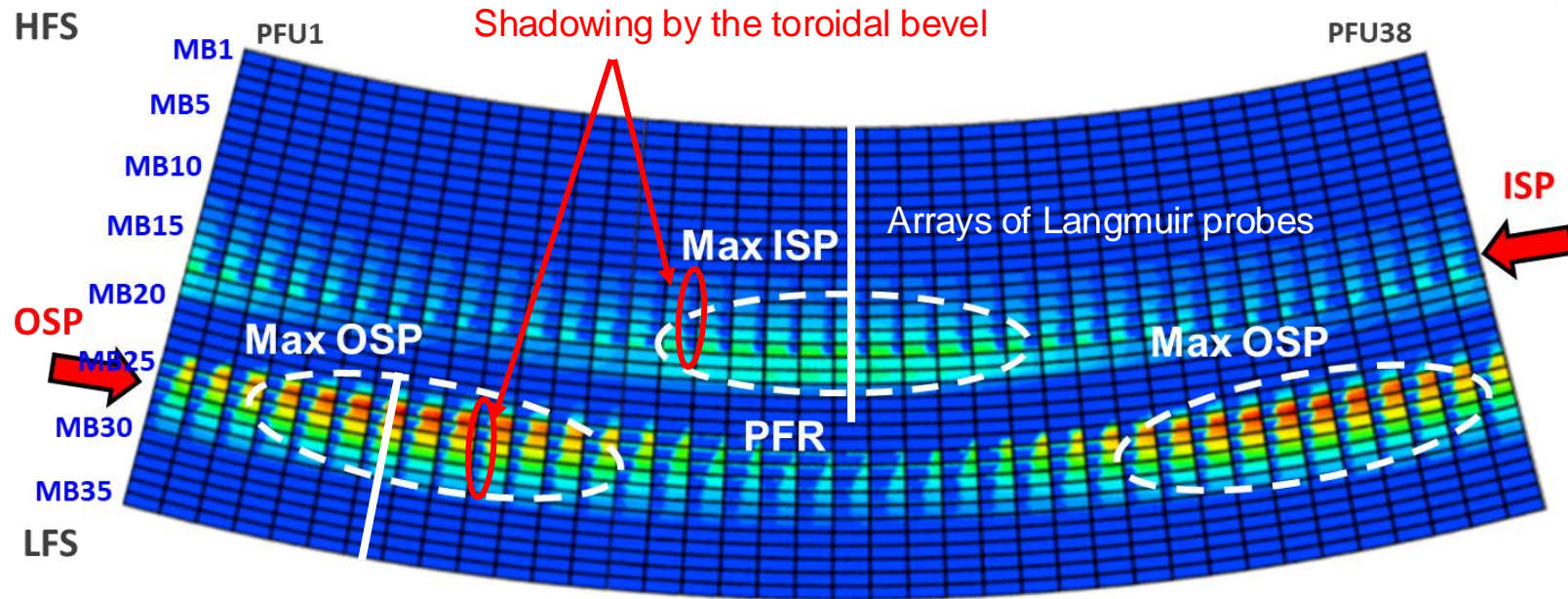
- Different tendency of deposit thickness compared to C3, with a specific surfacic layer at the 70° position (i.e. closer to the divertor) composed of metallic particles
- **Comparison between the 2 campaigns:**
 - Strong presence of B on the first wall after both C3 and C4
 - Deposition layer:
 - Similar structure and elements
 - Variation of boron and metal oxide particles
 - Profile of deposition layer
 - After C4 at -70° only (near divertor) metal oxide layer is thickest
 - Metal oxide layer (W nanoparticles) are observed (2 for C3 and 5 for C4) not directly linked with boronization history



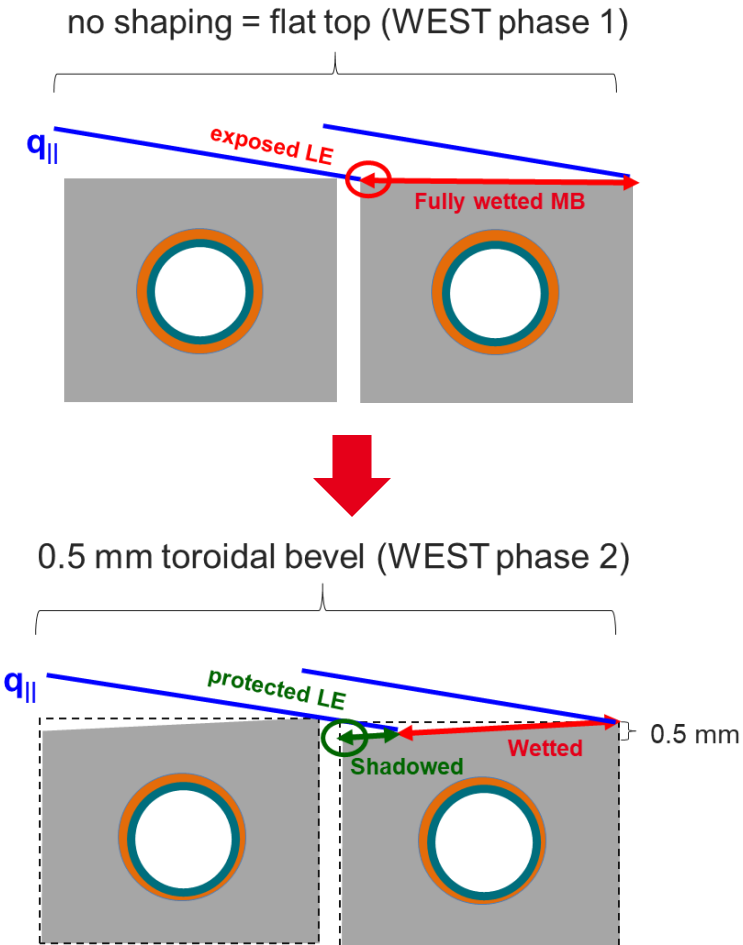


Modulated heat and particle loads on the WEST divertor

- ▶ WEST divertor heat/particle load pattern modulated by ripple
- ▶ Toroidal bevel to protect leading edge (ITER) : local monoblock shadowing



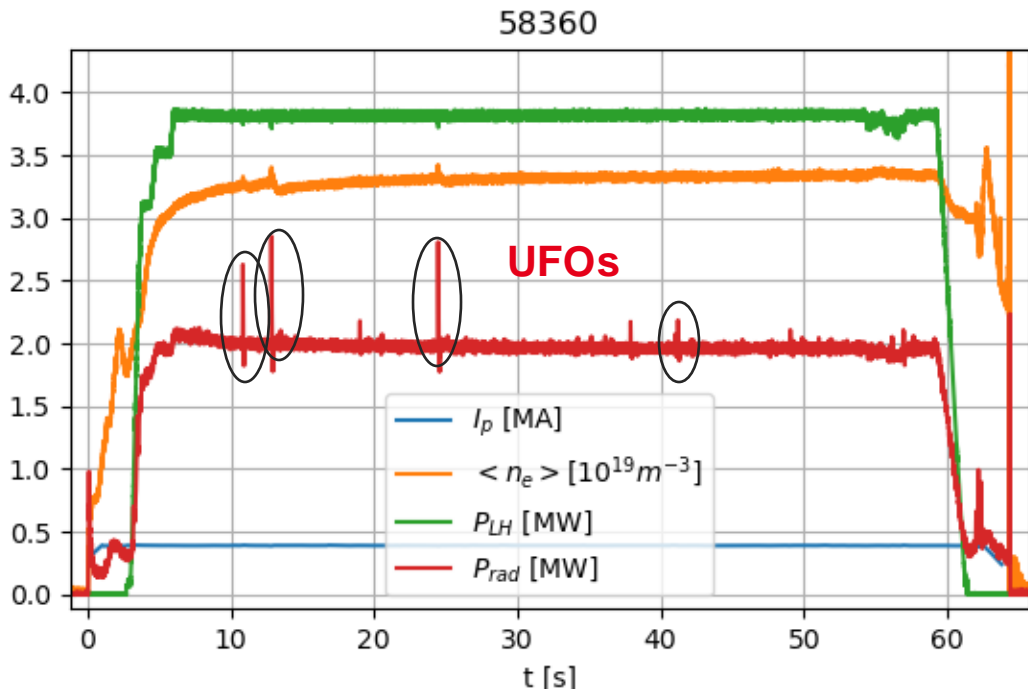
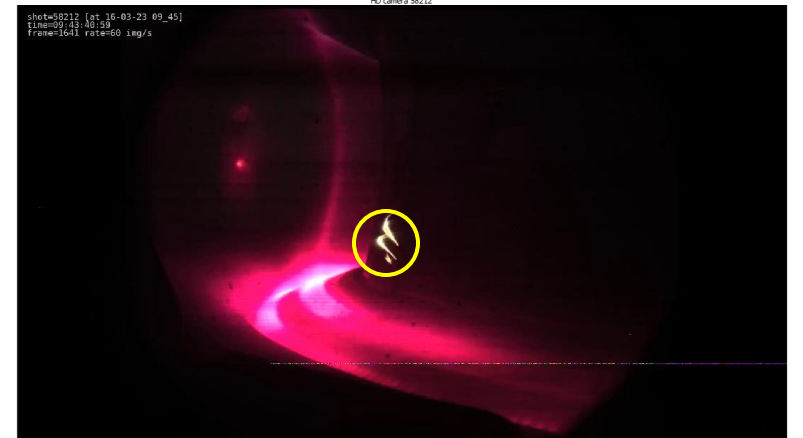
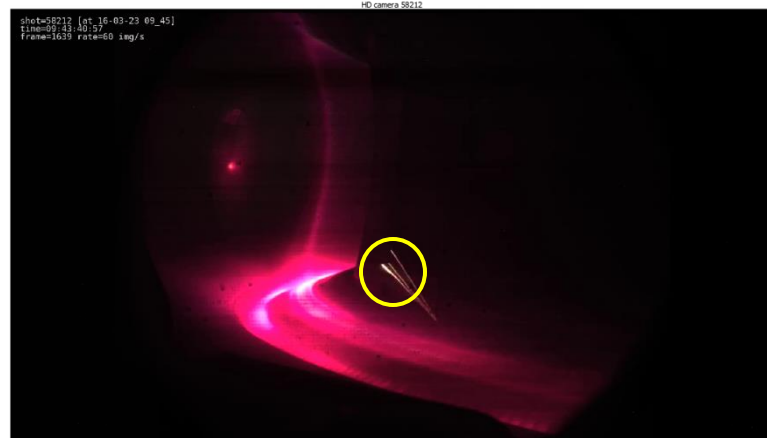
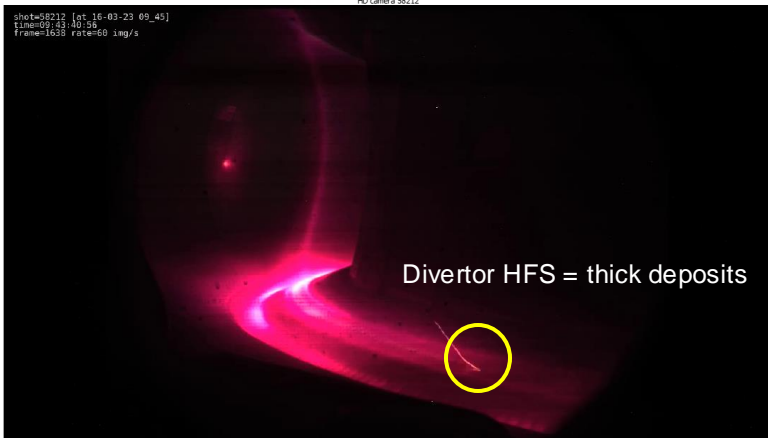
Simulated heat load deposition (PFCflux code)



- ▶ High fluence campaign conditions:

- ~ 380 repetitive shots run for 1 month, cumulating ~3 hours of plasma / 30 GJ of energy
- ITER relevant fluence reached (~2 PFPO shots) : $\sim 5 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ D/m}^2$

TITANS UFO hampered the High Fluence campaign



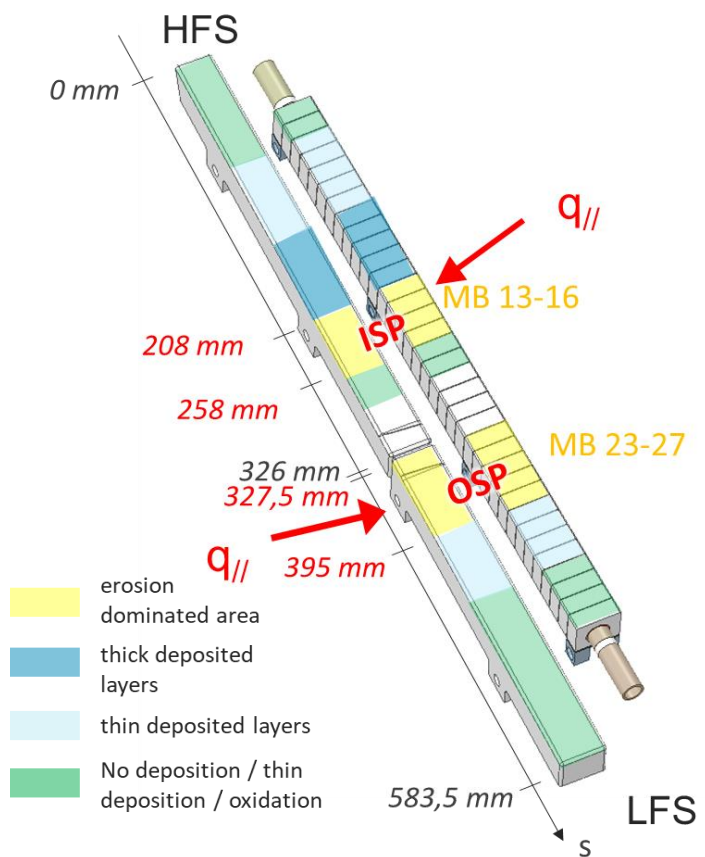
- ▶ UFO analysis : peak > 200 kW on P_{rad} from bolometry (+ distinction from MHD crash) \rightarrow database of ~ 700 UFO
- ▶ 3 classes of UFO defined :
 - small impact ($\sim 80\%$) : plasma survives w/o subsequent issues
 - medium impact ($\sim 17\%$) : drives plasma into “cold branch” regime prone to MHD \rightarrow disruption > 200 ms, up to several seconds later
 - large impact ($< 3\%$) : leads to disruption within ~ 200 ms
- ▶ UFO detected with IR originate mostly from HFS (thick deposits area)

Complex erosion / deposition divertor pattern

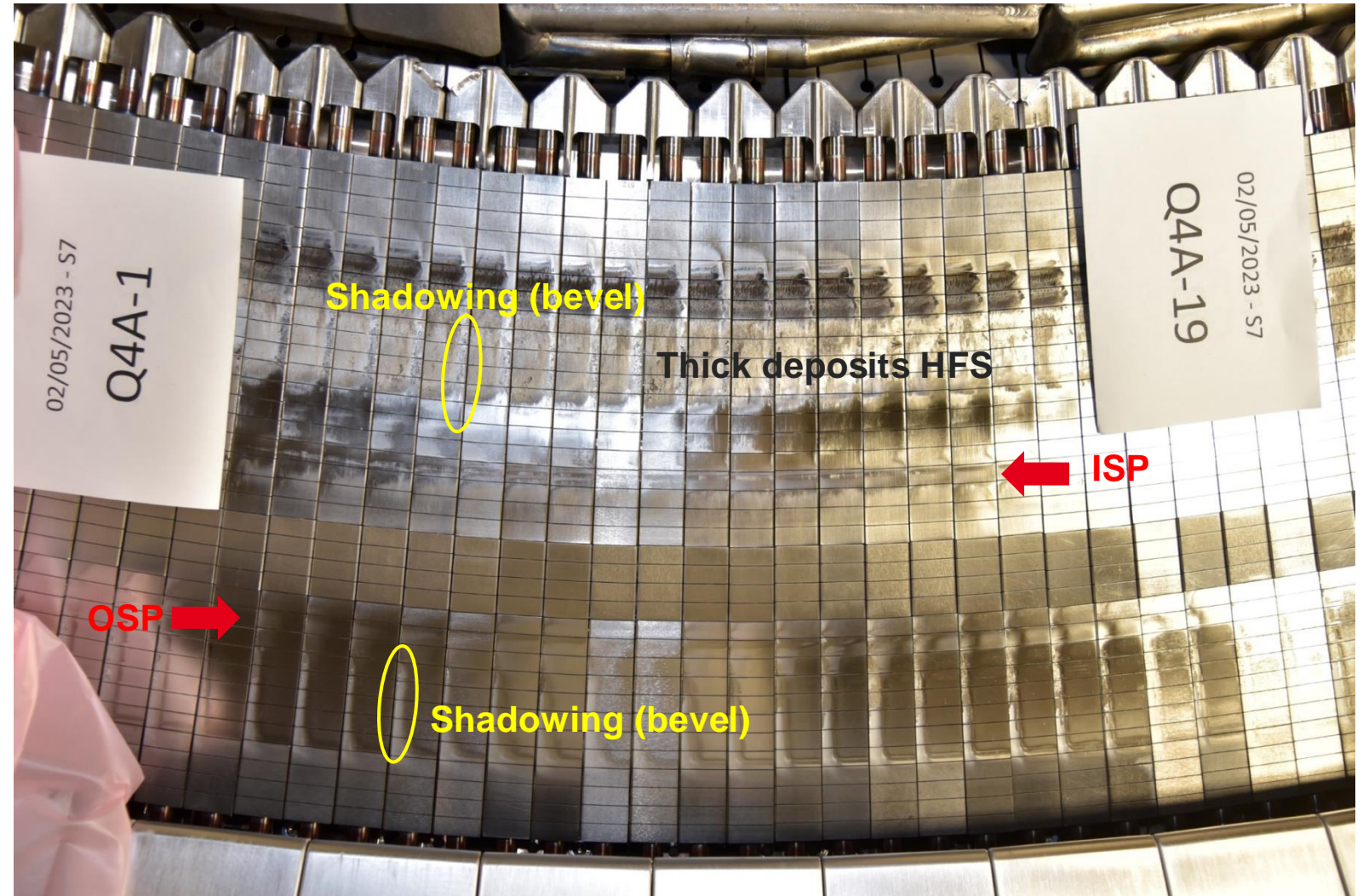


- ▶ Divertor : “usual” complex erosion / deposition pattern, as observed in phase 1
- ▶ New features : impact of toroidal bevel

Phase 1 erosion / deposition pattern

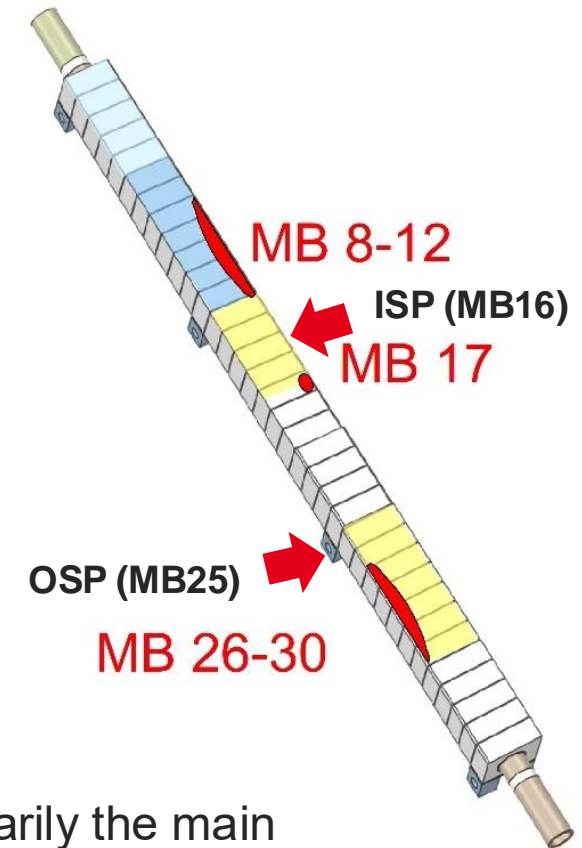
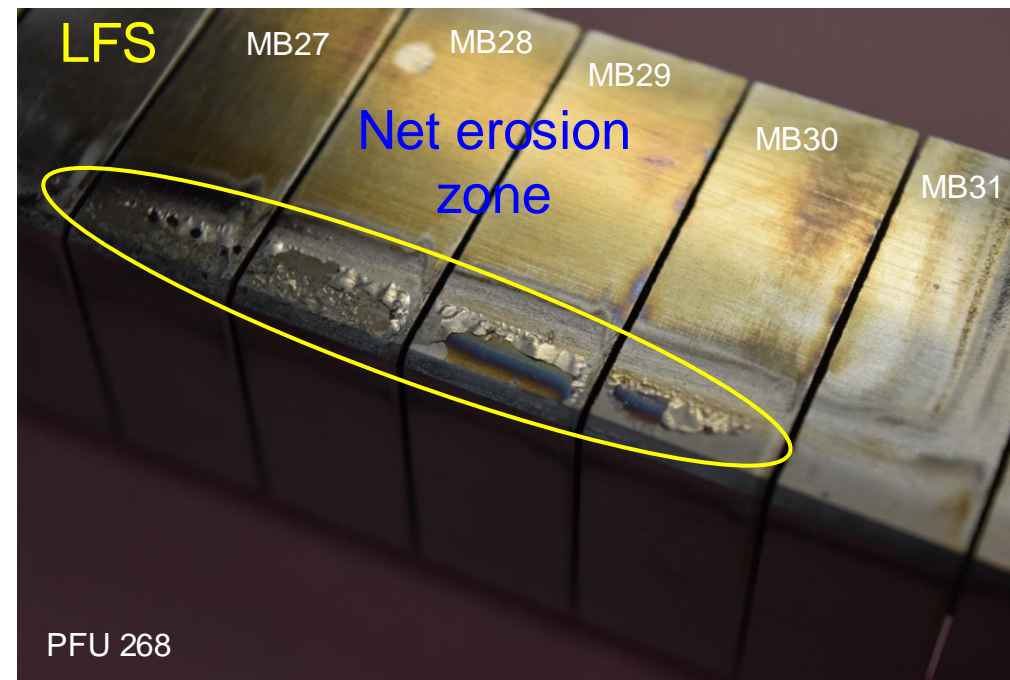
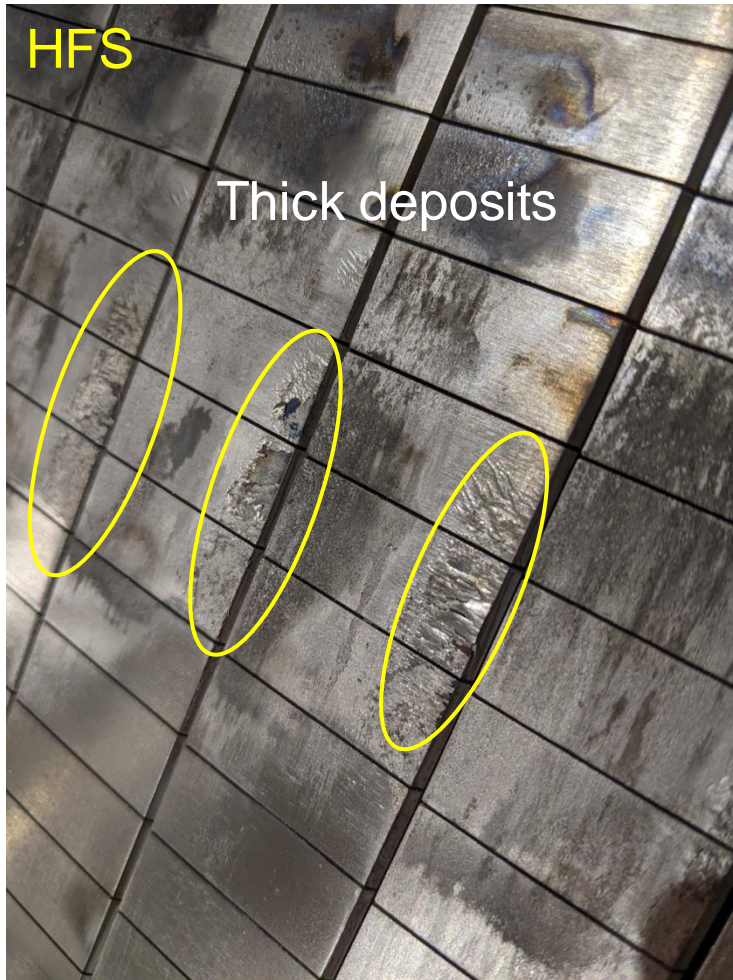


M. Diez, NME 2023



Deposits in shadowed area of beveled monoblocks

- ▶ New : “thin foil like” deposits in area shadowed by the toroidal bevels (and in gaps ?), both on HFS/LFS
- ▶ These deposits tend to delaminate easily (exposure to air ?) ≠ thick adherent deposits on HFS



- ▶ Note that these “bevel deposits” are not necessarily the main cause for UFOs : UFOs detected by IR originate mostly from HFS, while “bevel deposits” are present on both HFS/LFS

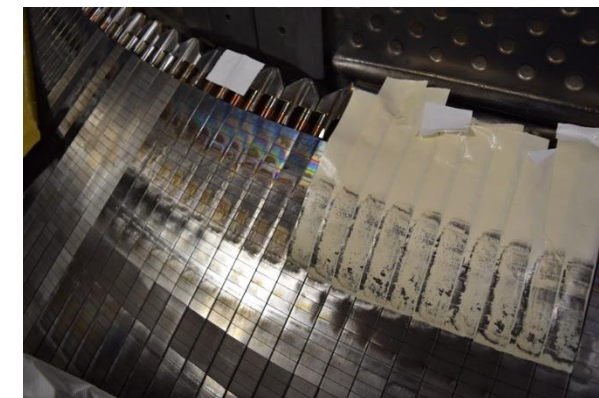
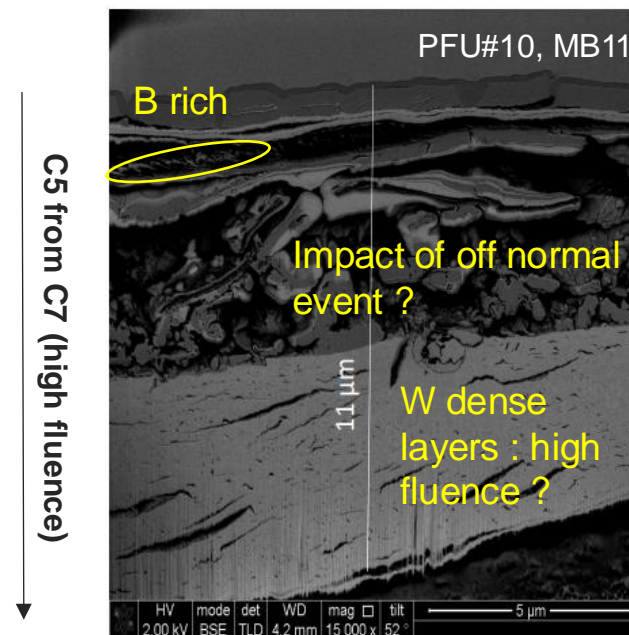
Complex deposited layer structure



- ▶ HFS thick deposited layers collected on PFU exposed to C5-C7
- ▶ Up to 50 μm deposited layers
- ▶ Complex structure : mix of high Z / low Z layers, delamination, impact of off normal events (molten material) ?
- ▶ High fluence : mainly W dense layers ?

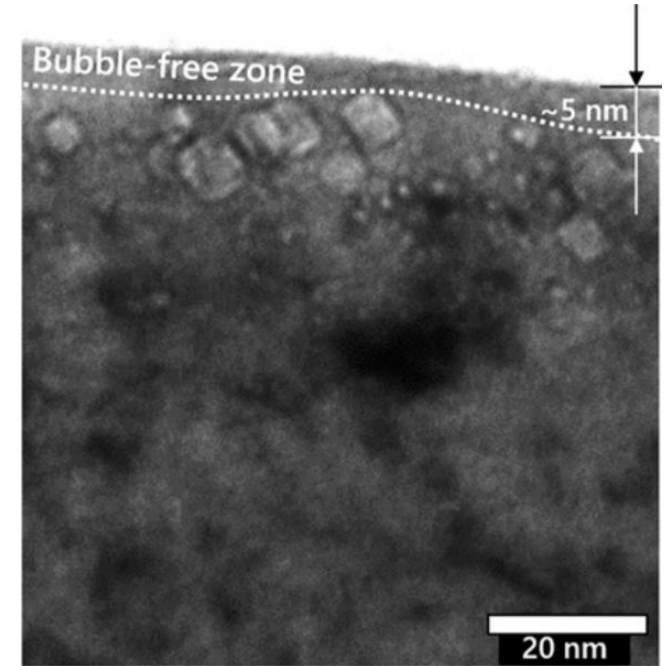
- ▶ Enhanced dust collection after C7 (quantity and dust size > 100 microns)

- ▶ Partial divertor cleaning performed after C7 (HFS deposits) : adhesive tape used
- ▶ R&D ongoing to improve the divertor cleaning method (will be required again after the spring 2024 campaign)

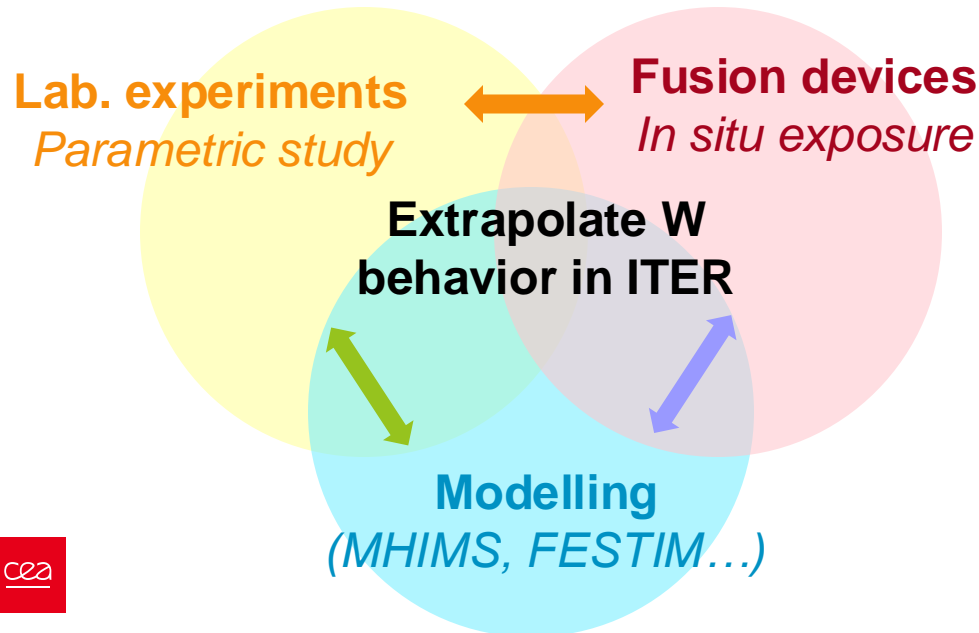


Understanding fundamental mechanisms at stake: the insight of nanoscience techniques

- He bubbles form in W under tokamak-relevant conditions:
 - Post-mortem characterization via Transmission Electron Microscopy (FIB-TEM)
 - Competing simultaneous phenomena
 - Crucial impact temperature
- ➔ Initial stages and kinetics are out of reach



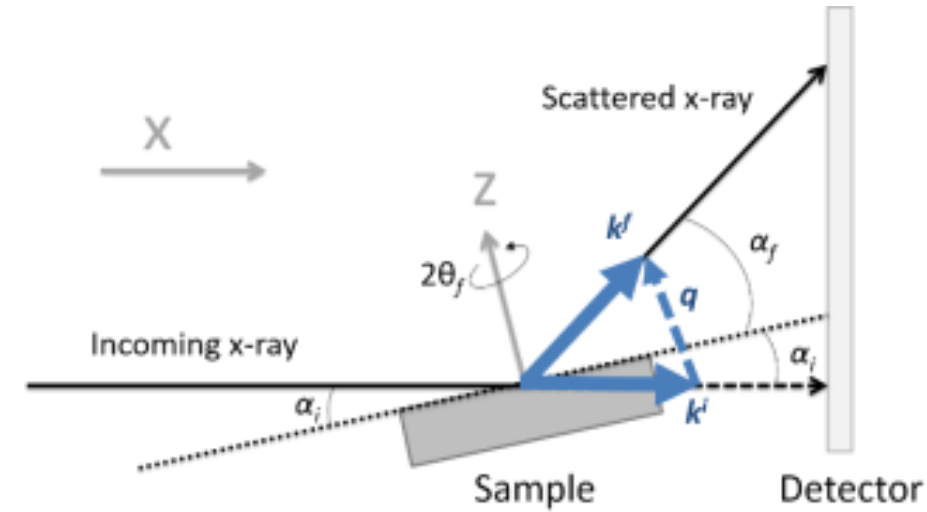
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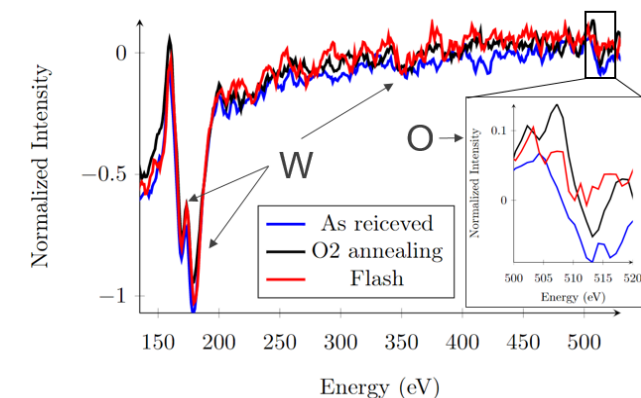
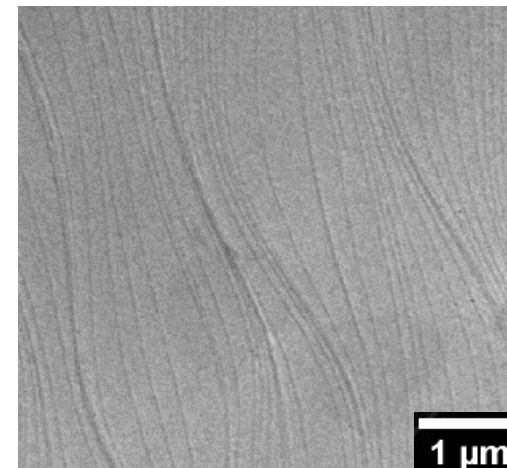
➔ Simplify the system to allow experimental characterization of the fundamental mechanisms for He irradiation of W

Coupling Grazing Incidence Small X-ray Scattering and He implantation in « ideal » W

- Grazing-incidence Small Angle X-ray Scattering (GISAXS): non destructive technique using a **photons probe** to study nanostructure materials, combining the **length scales of small-angle scattering** and **surface sensitivity of grazing incidence diffraction**.
 - ➔ Ideal complement for TEM: determines average particle properties on a larger scale
 - ➔ Simultaneous He irradiation and GISAXS measurement at BM 32 at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF).



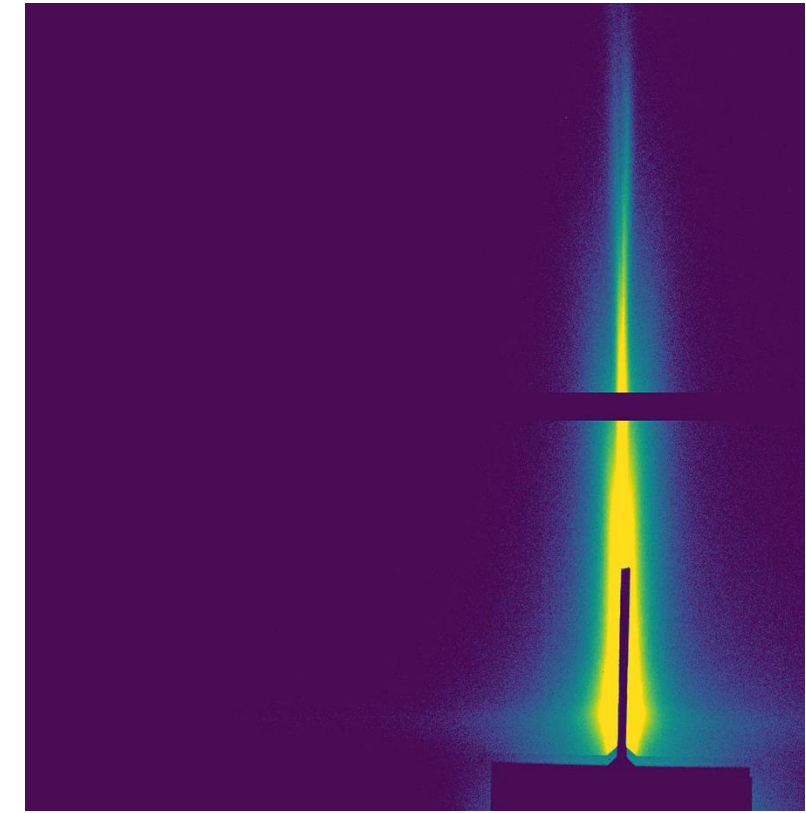
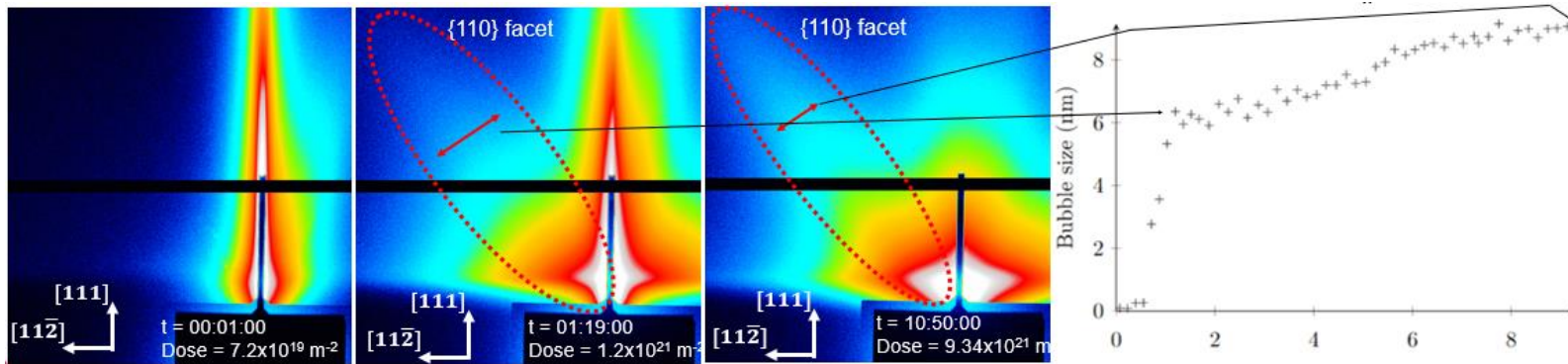
- Cleaning and surface roughness minimization:
 - Single crystalline W
 - 15 min Oxygen annealing 1200 K
 - 40 s high temperature flash (2200 K) under vacuum



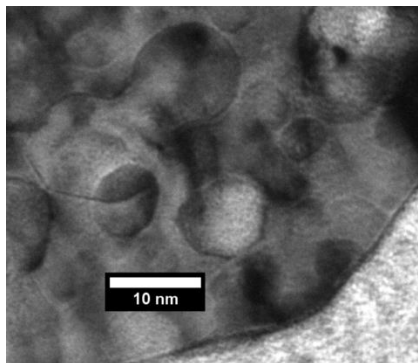


Identification of migration coalescence mechanism for He bubbles

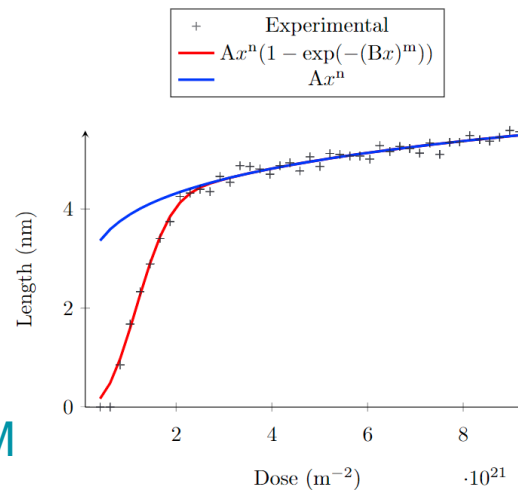
➤ Analysis of GISAXS data allow tracking of the bubble growth



➤ In the literature, several growth mechanisms: static mechanism (Oswald ripening) and dynamic mechanism (Migration and coalescence)



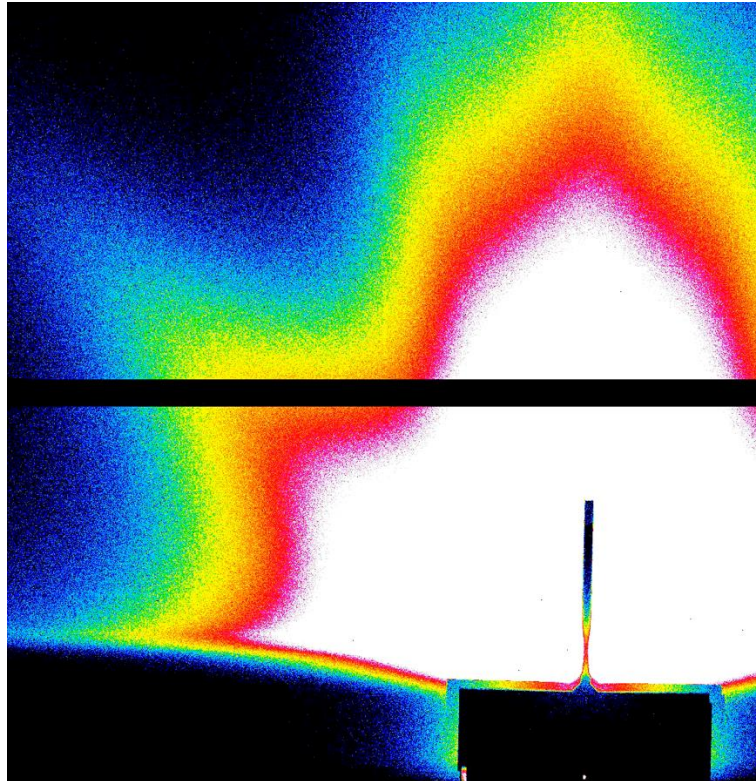
+ Coalesced bubbles seen by post-implantation FIB-TEM



He (2 keV) at 600°C, flux = $2,40 \times 10^{17} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$,
fluence = $1,00 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}^{-2}$



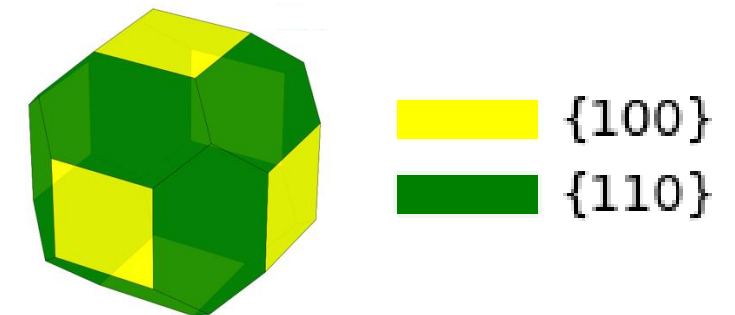
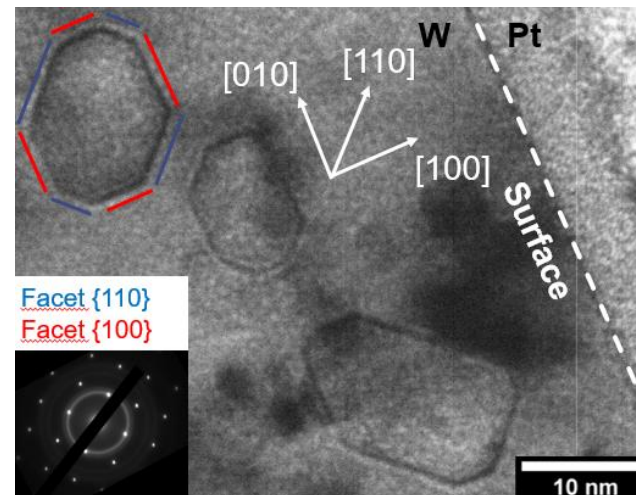
Enhanced preferential faceting at high temperatures



Ultra high vacuum annealing up to 1500°C

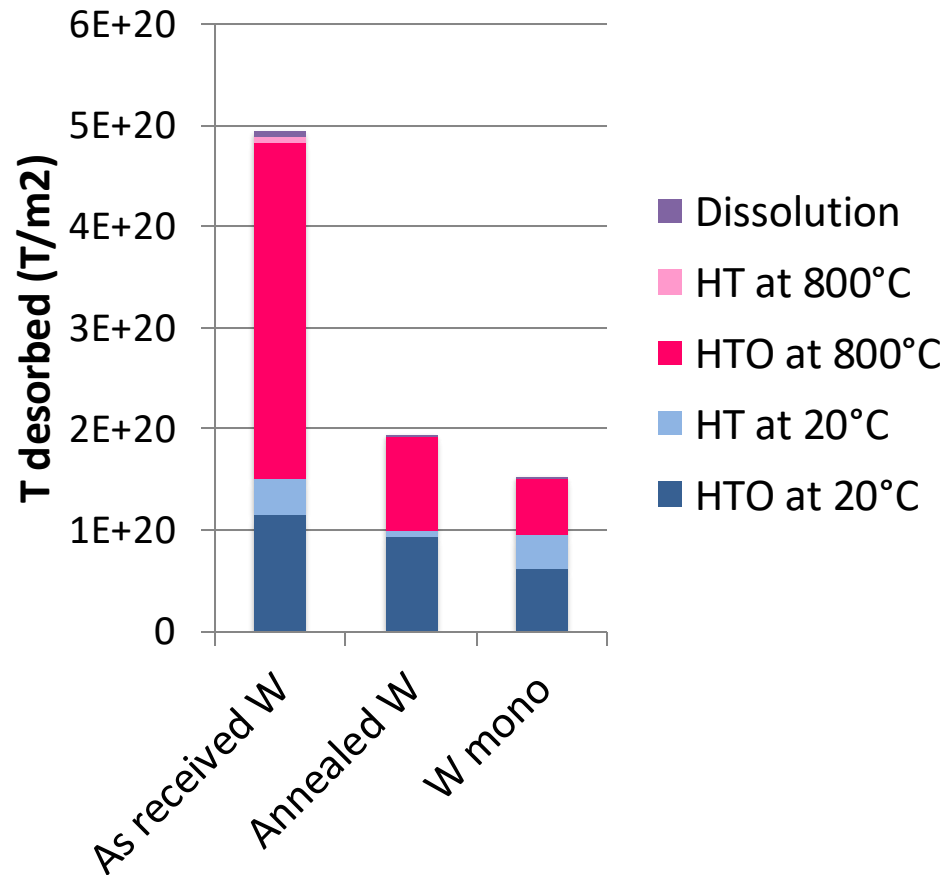
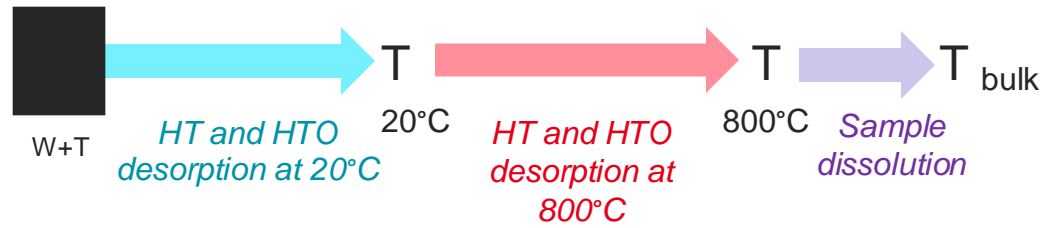
- Preferential faceting appears at high temperatures during or after He irradiation
- Enhanced during annealing up to 1500°C
 - Good agreement with TEM

➔ Minimization of surface energy (Wulf theorem)





PRISTINE W: Major increase of T trapping with PRE EXISTING defects



➔ Major increase of T trapping with defects in W structure, desorbing only at high temperature

What is the impact of He triggered damages to the W microstructure?

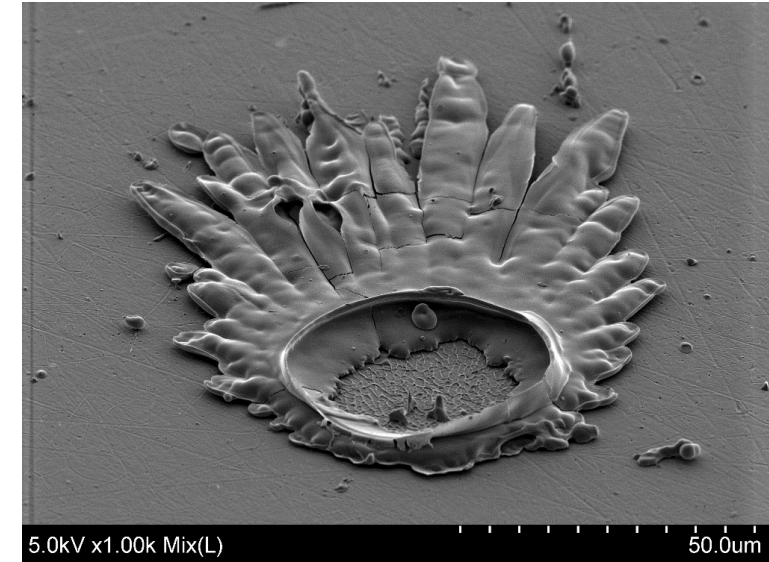


Plasma-facing materials in fusion devices: take-home messages

- Plasma-facing materials (W) are submitted to extreme conditions in tokamaks
 - Strong surface evolution observed after in situ exposure: complex deposit and erosion patterns
 - ❖ **Crucial for T inventory, trapping and permeation**
 - Multi-scale analysis needed to guarantee the materials integrity and properties conservation
 - Simultaneous phenomena integrated over a whole campaign complexifies identification of respective impacts

- Coupling to laboratory studies is crucial to understand fundamental mechanisms at stake
 - Simplified systems to isolate respective contributions
 - Expansion of the experimental range at reach
 - ❖ **Impact of pre existing defects, neutron irradiation, higher fluences...**

- + Modelling efforts on irradiation effects (neutrons) and multi-isotope simulations underway



Outline

1. Reactor technologies and design: required material properties

- Plasma-wall interaction conditions, key functions and properties
- Materials of interest
- The burning issue of tritium behavior

2. Plasma-facing materials in fusion reactors

- Evolution of surface conditions in realistic conditions in the WEST tokamak
- Understanding fundamental mechanisms: impact of He on W microstructure

3. Tritium interaction with materials: the TITANS project

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- Tritium measurement and modelling
- Radiation protection, risk assessment and dosimetry studies following accidental exposure to tritiated dust in support to EU regulators (art. 31)

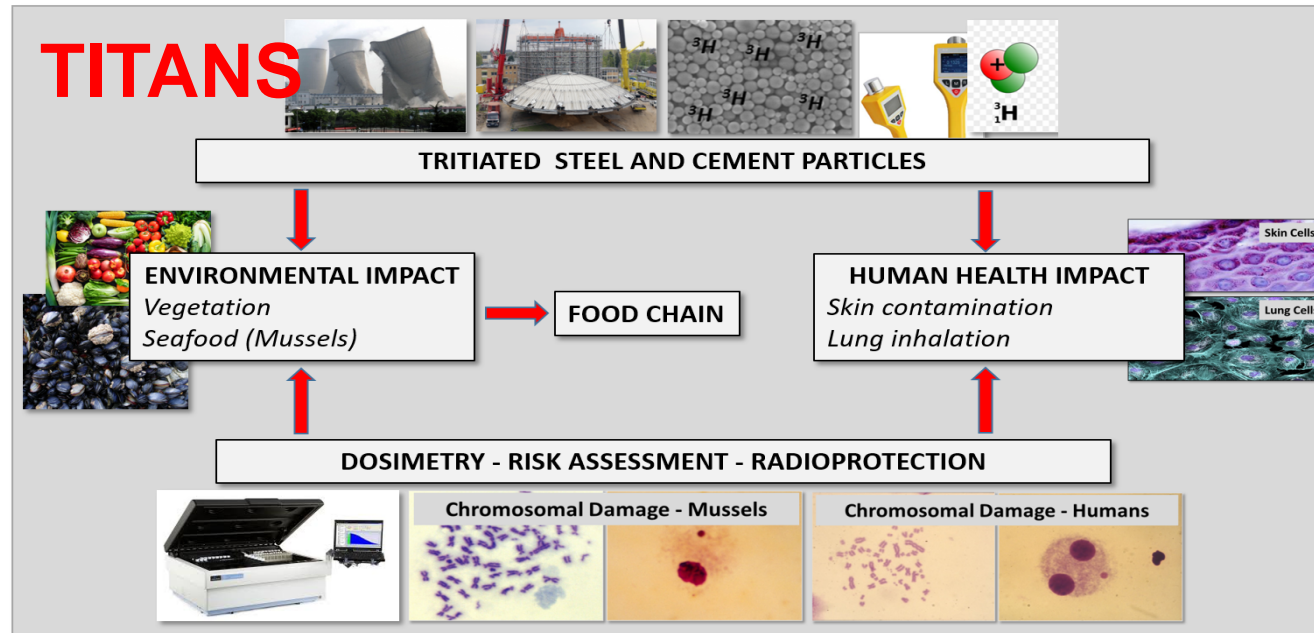


TITANS: Tritium Impact and Transfer in Advanced Nuclear reactors



- 21 partners, 3 years – EU Horizon Europe 2021-2027
- **Goal:** fusion/fission cross cutting multidisciplinary project to provide suitable innovative answers to the major tritium challenges
 - Release mitigation
 - Minimization of sources
- + Improve knowledge on the health effects of T → Support to radiation protection authorities

} Throughout the whole T cycle



➔ Handle, control & protect

TITANS: HANDLE

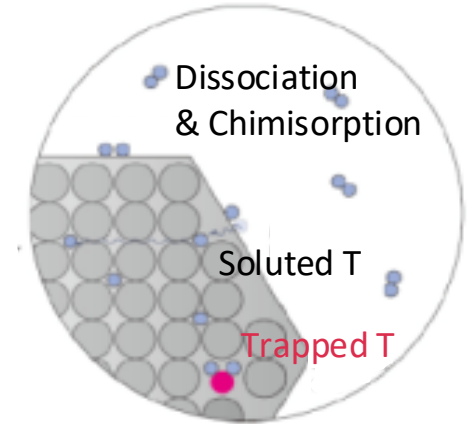
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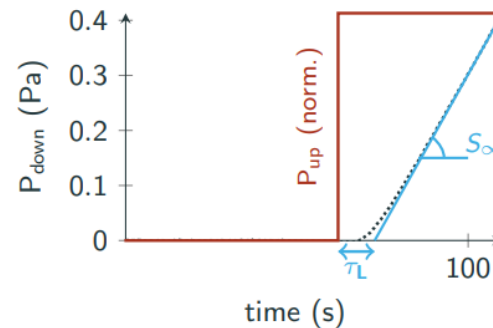
Permeation experimental methods

- **H/D/T exposure:** H_2/D_2 OR T_2 gas loading
 > **no damage creation + trap saturation**
- **Trapping parameters:** TDS, T desorption (t, temperature)
 + NRA (depth profiling)
- **Transport parameters:** measure the permeation timelag and permeation flux



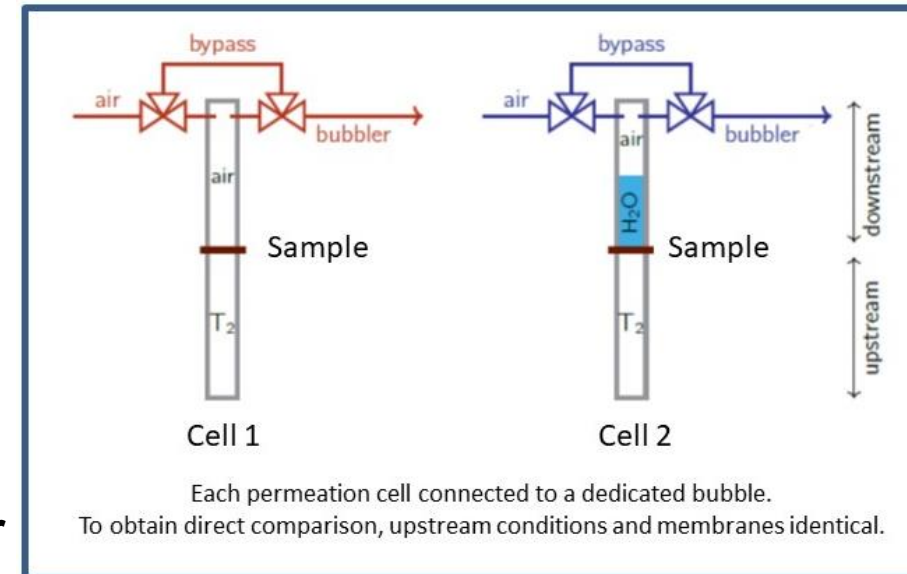
- **H_2/D_2 permeation in Hypertomate:**

- diffusivity, solubility and permeability at temperatures from 100 to 550°C



- **T_2 permeation in WAPITI**

- diffusivity, solubility and permeability at RT with/without **water**
 ➔ Longer permeation time but complementary with Hypertomate conditions

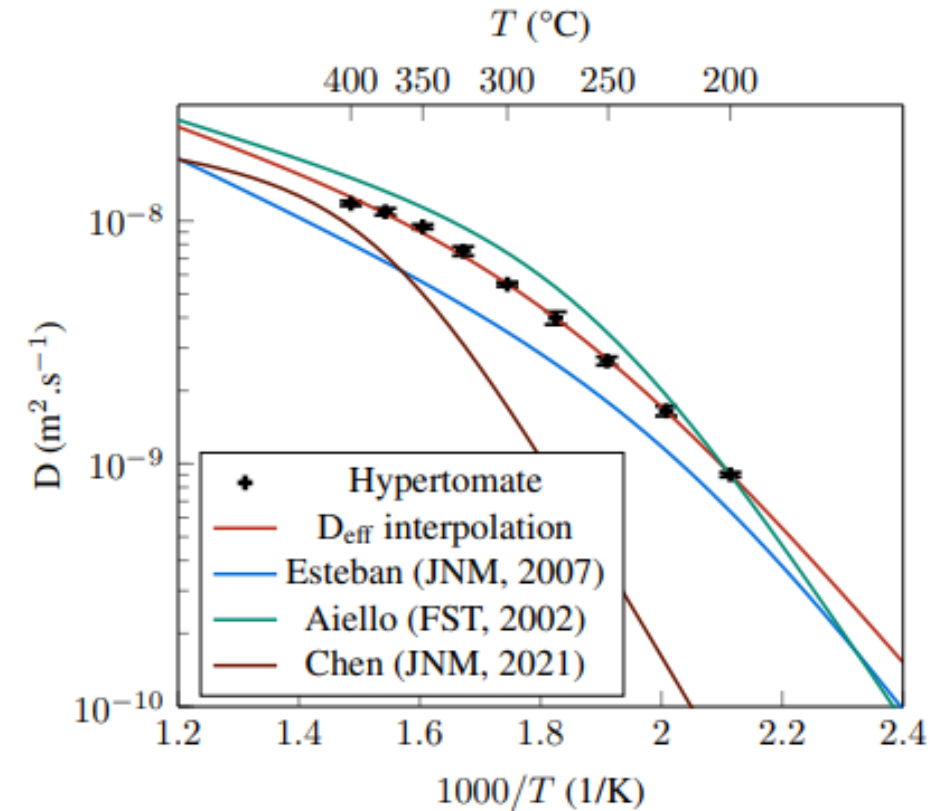


[E. Bernard JNM 2015]
 [F. Montupet-Leblond NME 2021]

Hydrogen isotopes transport & trapping in Eurofer97



- Hydrogen gas-driven permeation experiments were conducted on Eurofer97
- Good agreement with existing studies
- Diffusivity is not purely interstitial
 - **influence of trapping sites on permeation in the 200°C to 400°C temperature range**



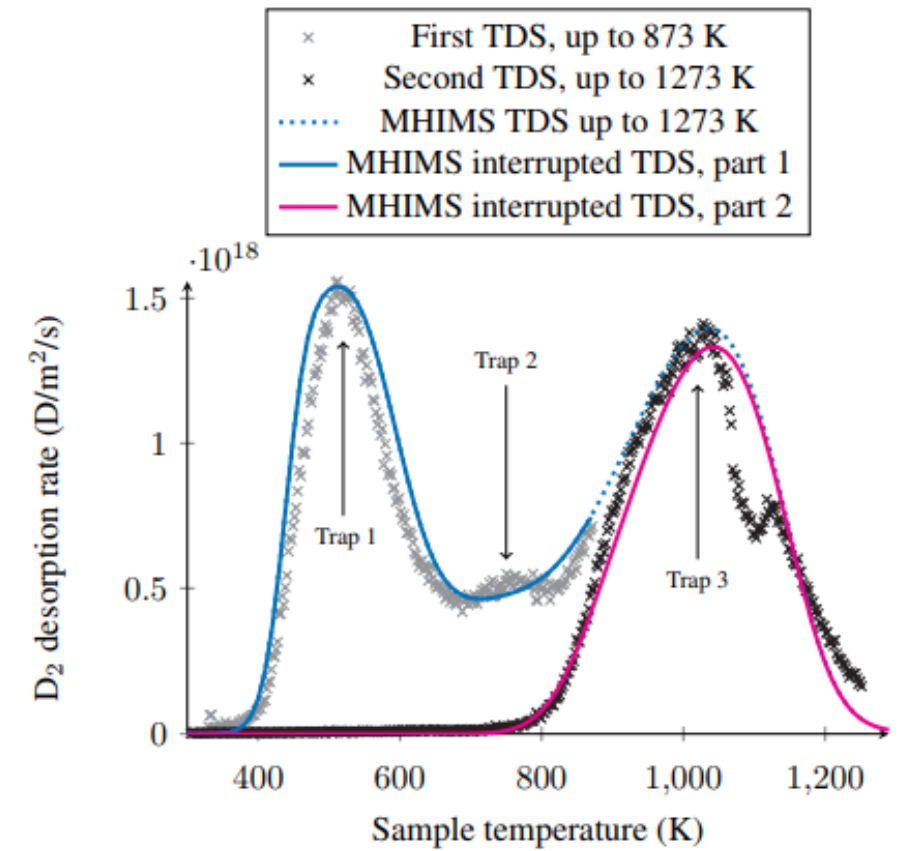
[F. Montupet-Leblond Nuc. Fus. 2022]

Hydrogen isotopes transport & trapping in Eurofer97

- Additional TDS experiments to investigate trapping sites present:
 - 3 trapping sites are needed to adequately model the observed behavior

⚠ more than one trapping site in Eurofer97 invalidates the hypotheses required for the effective diffusivity to be valid.

➔ Underestimation of retention and of the time need for tritium to reach the cooling system



	$E_{dt,i}$ (eV)	n_i (m^{-3})
Trap 1	0.51	$6.01 \cdot 10^{25}$
Trap 2	1.26	$6.44 \cdot 10^{22}$
Trap 3	1.65	$3.88 \cdot 10^{23}$

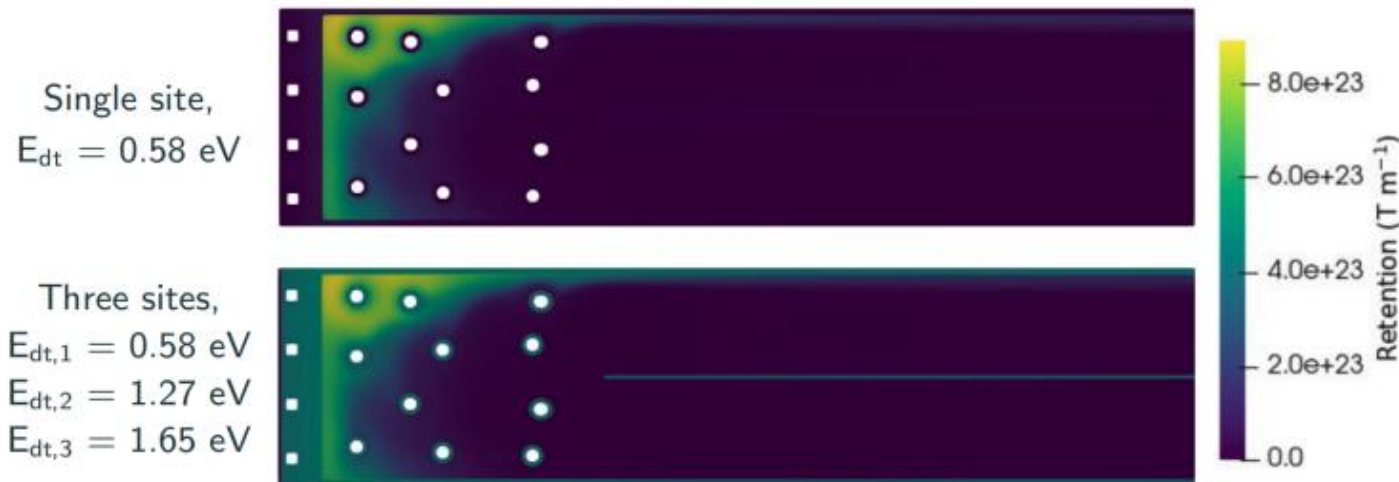
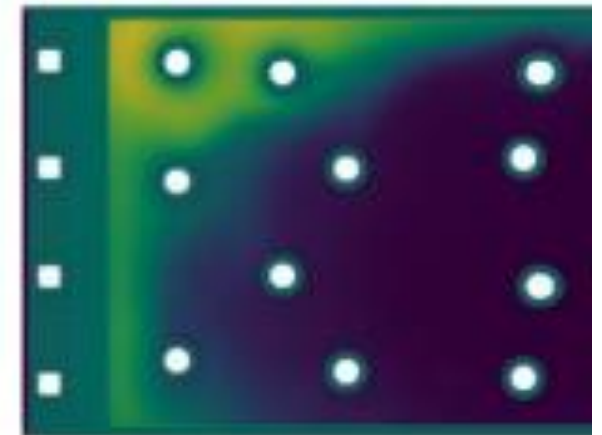
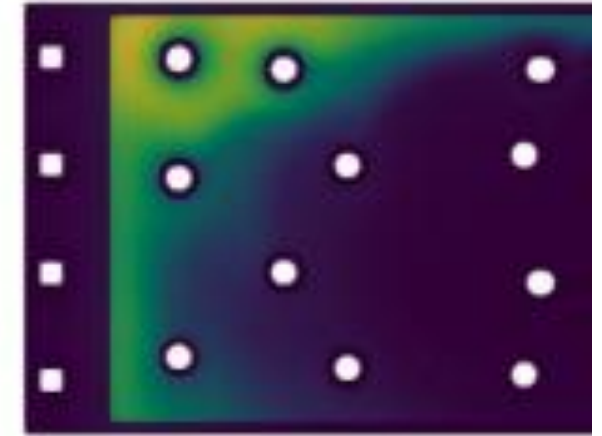
Hydrogen isotopes transport & trapping in Eurofer97



- Simulation of the T retention fields in a 2D section of a WCLL Breeding blanket with FESTIM:
 - Adding the 2 high detrapping energy traps leads to a 18-fold increase of the retention:
 - 1-trap model: $1.72 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ T.m}^{-1}$ (0.86 mg/m of WCLL)
 - 3-traps model: $3.12 \cdot 10^{21} \text{ T.m}^{-1}$ (15.5 mg/m of WCLL)

+ permeation through the pipe is done in 29 s with the 1-trap model vs 3.8 hours with 3-traps model

➔ Considering only the low detrapping energy traps significantly underestimates retention



[J. Dark Nuc. Fus. 2021]

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Decommissioning and treatment of tritiated components

- SCK CEN Tritium laboratory:
 - Commissioned in 1975
 - 30 years operation
 - Max inventory: 37 TBq



- Low T release limit: intensive decontamination labor
 - **Significant impact of the approach**

- Characterisation of tritium contaminated metal:
 - Large range of activity measured: 6 to 180 kBq/dm²
 - Historical data: ~ 4 GBq/kg

➔ 20 times lower than measured

	“Idealistic”	“Pragmatic”
Comp. nucl. Waste	4.0 m ³	5.7 m ³
Free rel. metals	79 % (weight)	27 % (parts)
Free rel. other mat.	75 % (weight)	65 % (parts)
Man hours (h)	4000 h	1300 h
Time span (years)	2.75 y	1 y

Study of ^3H release during various cold cutting techniques

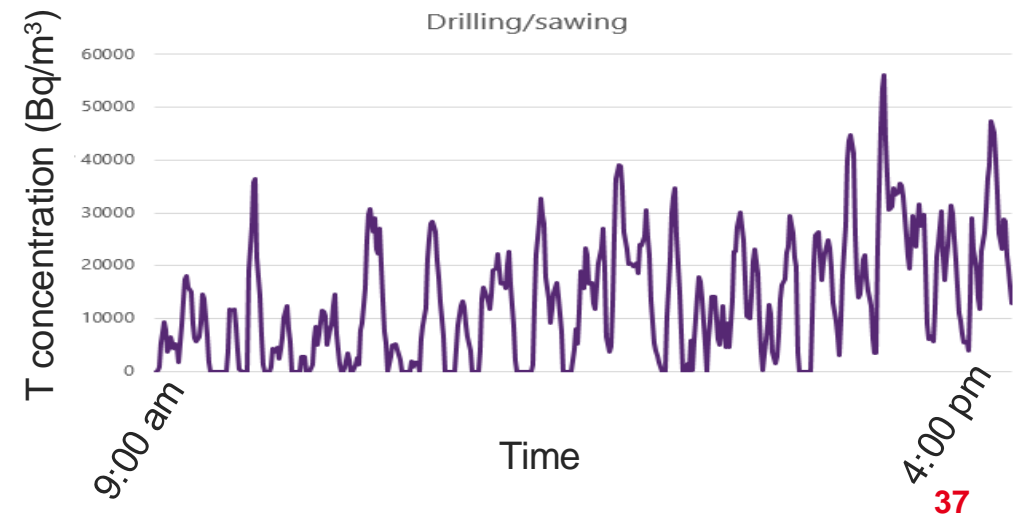
- Pneumatic cutter: up to 240 kBq/m³
- Sawing : up to 70 kBq/m³
- Milling machine: up to 50 kBq/m³
- Drilling: up to 40 kBq/m³
- Background-signal 20 ± 10 kBq/m³

+ Advantages:

- no contaminated oil (dry)
- less tritium emission

- Disadvantages:

- Dry friction heating causes material hardening
 ➔ time consuming + wear of cutting materials



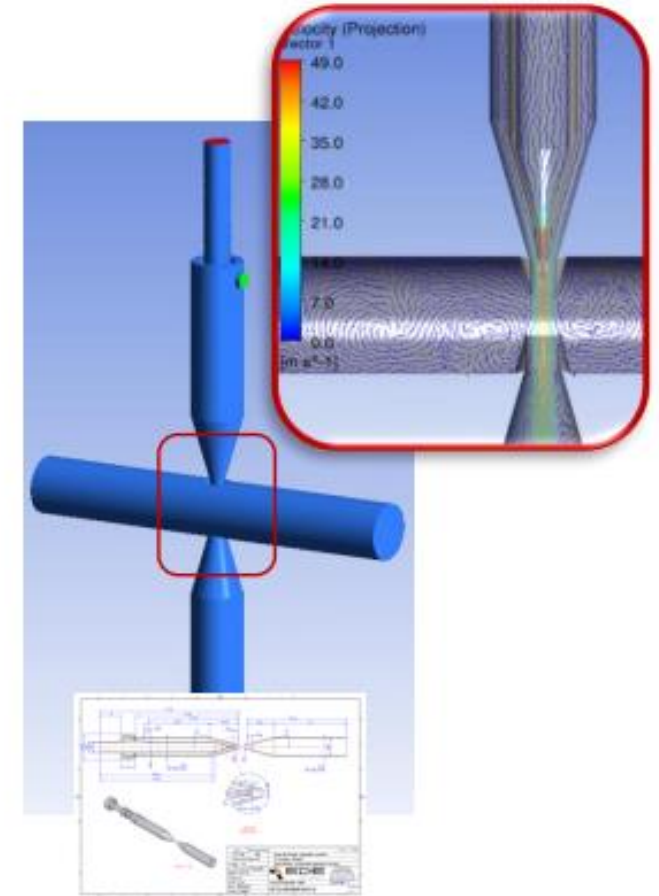
Mobilizable dust created

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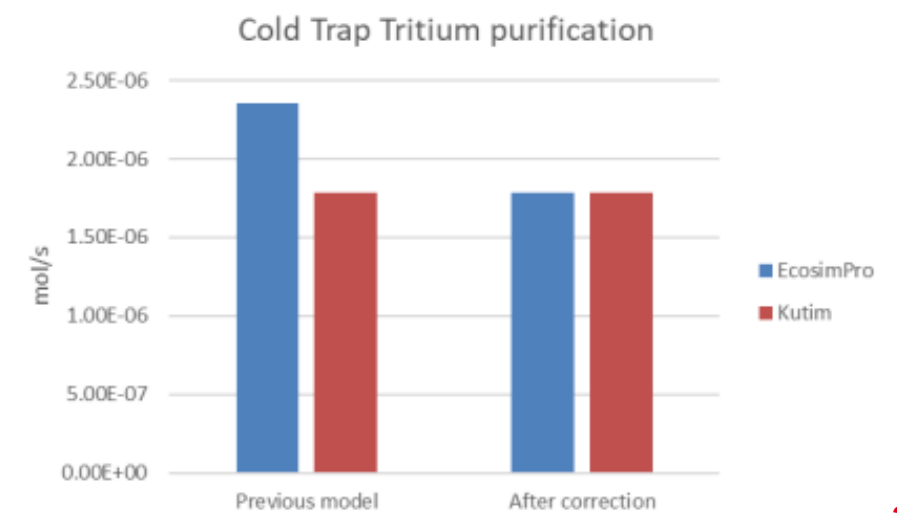
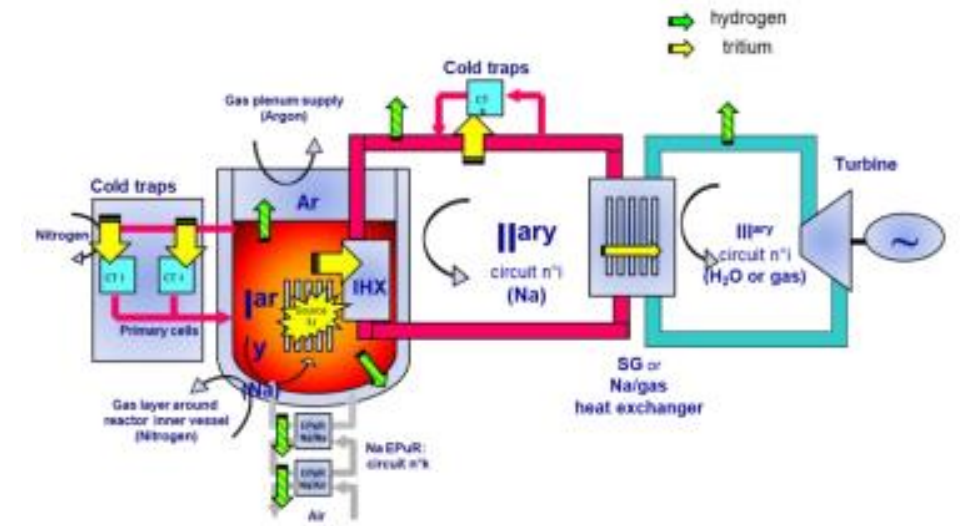
- Tritium measurement in solid, dust and aerosol
 - Autoradiography
 - Nuclear reaction analysis
 - Nuclear Magnetic resonance
 - Tritium inventory in aerosol
- Tritium measurement in liquid metal
- Tritium transport code from system to detail level in fission and fusion devices



Benchmark study and validation of fusion-fission system level codes: KUTIM-EcosimPro

- Benchmarking of 2 system codes:
 - **EcosimPro Tritium Transport Libraries** (fusion)
 - **KUTIM** (fission)
 - ❖ Influence of temperature
 - ❖ Impact of the H source term (secondary circuit)
 - ❖ Impact of Na flowrate in cold traps
 - + **Consequences on overall permeation transfers**

- Transfer fluxes in cold traps
 - Different approaches applying temperature to calculate Na density
 - ▶ Na density equation calculated with corrected temperature
 - Different modelling approaches to simulate the cold trap component in the process material balance



Benchmark study and validation of fusion/fission system level codes: KUTIM vs EcosimPro

→ Permeation:

- EcosimPro: permeability is the product of solubility and diffusivity

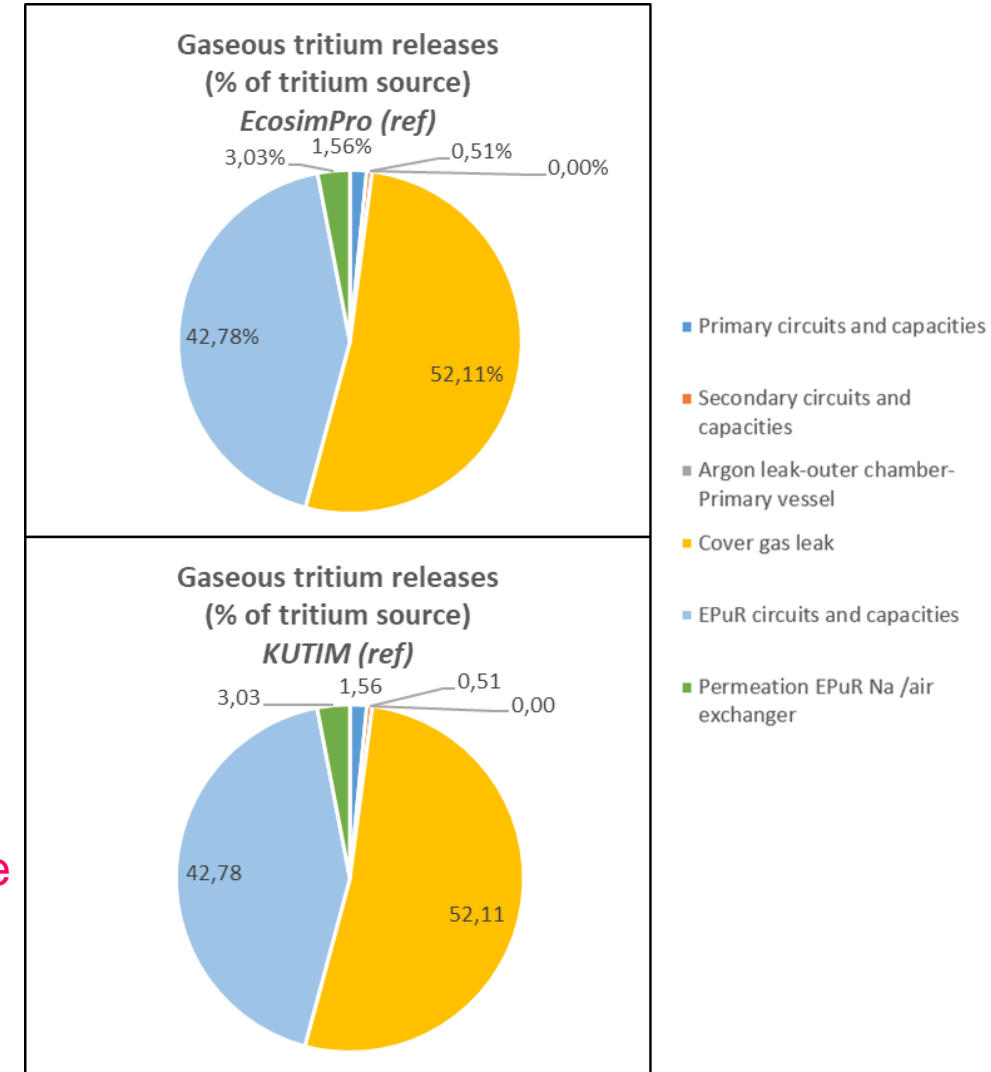
$$P_H = D_H \cdot K_{SH}^{met} = P_o e^{\left(\frac{-E_p}{RT}\right)}$$

- KUTIM: permeation is based on “permeability coefficient” Pe_x ($kg_{Na} \cdot m^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$)

$$Pe_H(T) = D_H \cdot \frac{K_{SH}^{met}}{K_{SH}^{Na}} \cdot \rho^{Na} = e^{\left(\frac{-a}{T}-b\right)}$$

→ 0.05 % difference for the global gaseous release analysis

- Sensitivity analysis (temperature, H source, flow rate to cold Trap)
- Implement validation scenario for liquid sodium loop (Superfennec training loop at CEA)



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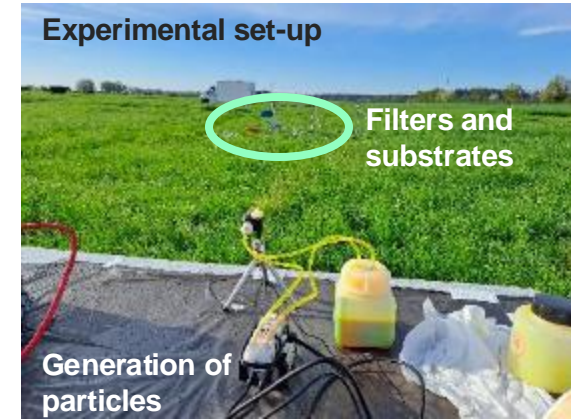


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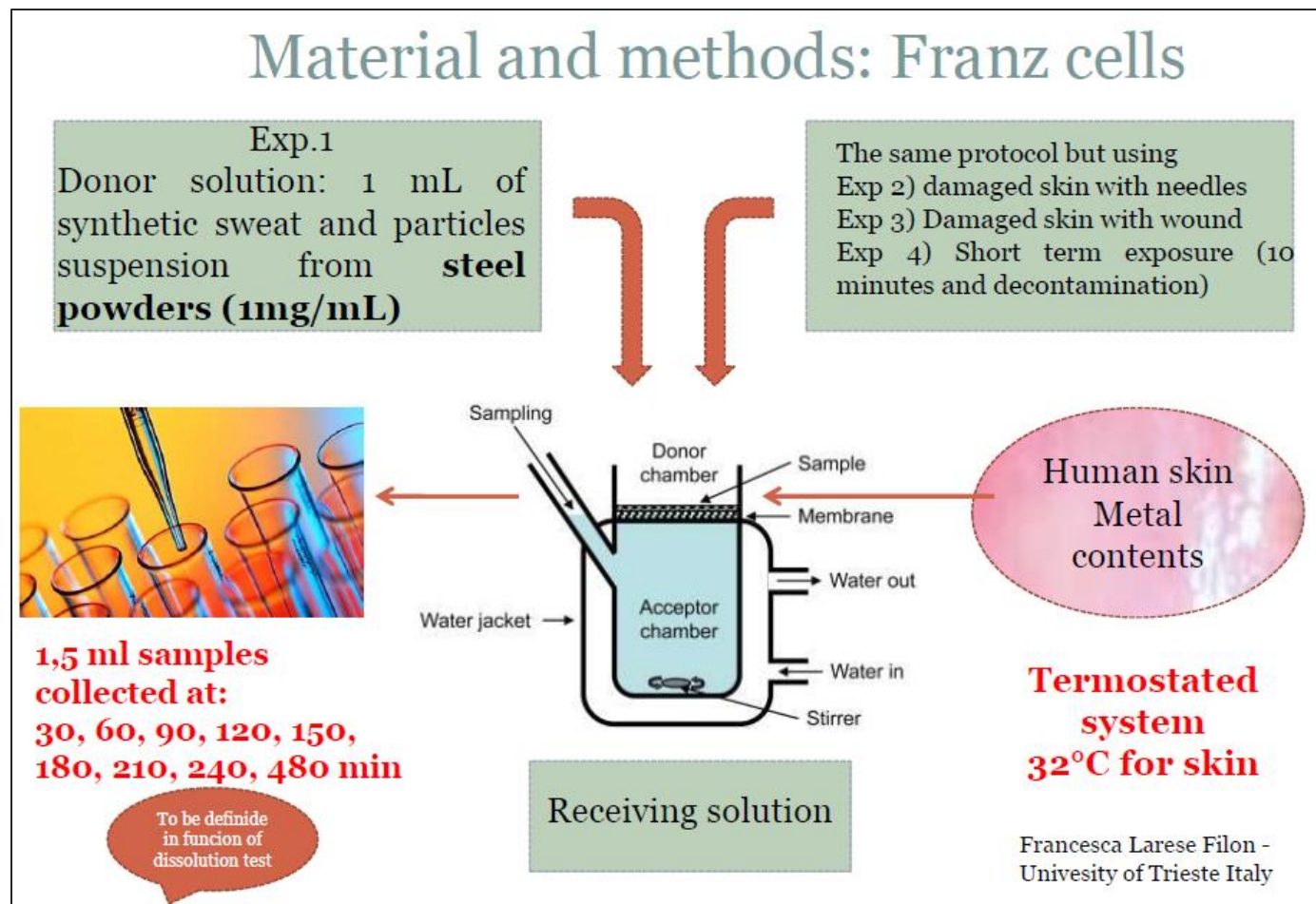
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3. WP3: Radiation protection, risk assessment and dosimetry studies following accidental exposure to tritiated dust (CEA)

- Dispersion and deposition of aerosols on vegetation
- Establish a dose-effect relationship (essential to radiation risk assessment) in the case of:
 - Contamination of skin
 - Contamination of human lung macrophages
 - Contamination of a population of mussels

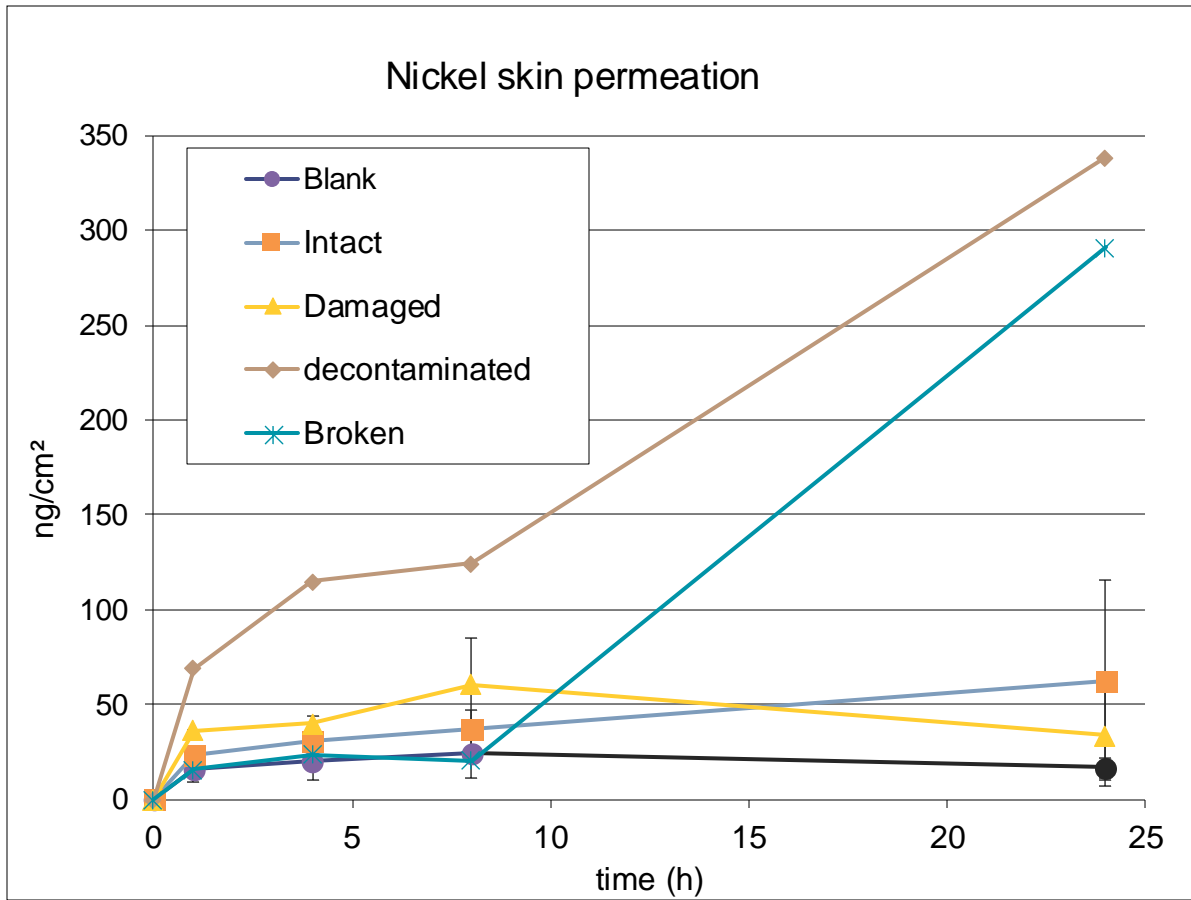


Study of tritium particles biokinetic by the skin route: a fast track to T bio accumulation?



Evaluation of tritium and metals' permeation through intact and damaged human skin following exposure to tritiated particles (OECD Guidelines and Regul Toxicol Pharmacol. 2020 Nov, 117:104752)

Skin decontamination can increase steel particle element permeation through the skin



- Only decontaminated and broken skin present an increase of metal permeation, with different profiles:
 - For **broken skins**: permeation after 8 h
 - **Decontaminated skins using soap**: caused by surfactant action of soaps on stratum corneum integrity?

TITANS project: take-home messages

❖ Develop and test innovative technologies to measure T in materials and mitigate T release in the environment

- Learn from **decommissioning** activities and prepare waste management
- Develop T measurements techniques
- Develop and upgrade experimental benches for T testing
- Validate and **benchmark modelling tools**

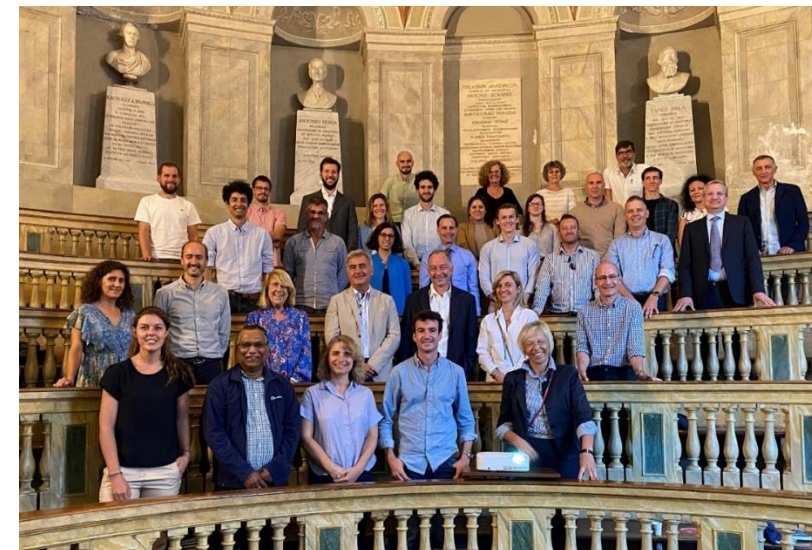
❖ Provide inputs to ICRP biokinetic models and dose coefficients for radioprotection guidelines

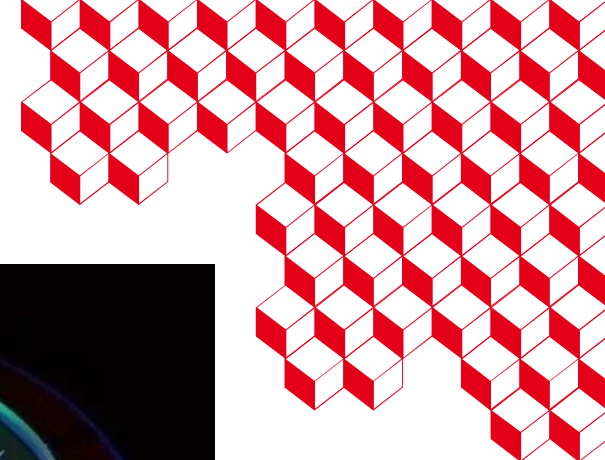
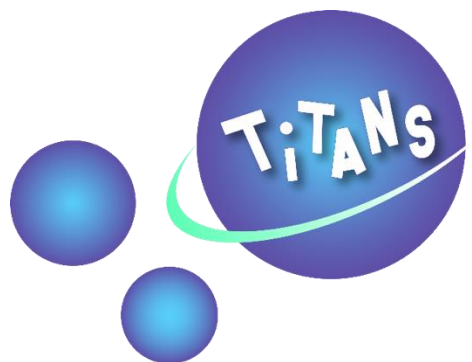
- Understand potential dispersion routes
- **Evaluate T contamination routes** (skin permeation, food chain integration)
- Estimate geno and cyto-toxic impact

➤ TITANS built on strong interaction between fusion/fission experts

- All the major tritium EU experts/institutions involved
- All results, workshop, news accessible: <https://titans-project.eu/>

➔ newsletter available!





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