Deuterium retention and erosion of CLF-1 and CLAM steels exposed to deuterium plasma

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 Irradiation & damage of lubricants in nuclear environment





PMI research in laboratory
Hydrogen isotope retention
Erosion of RAFM steel in fusion relevant plasma

Linear Experimental Plasma System (LEPS)









Parameters of LEPS plasma:

- Magnet field: 0.12-0.15 T
- Plasma beam diameter: 50 mm
- Ion flux: $2-5 \times 10^{21} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
- Ion composition: mainly D_3^+
- Electron density: 10^{16} -- 10^{18} m⁻³
- Floating potential: -15 V

Working pressure: 0.5-1.0 Pa







emission spectroscopy





400 KV Implantation @ Xiamen University



2×1.7MV KV Accelerator **@ Peking University**



3MeV tandem accelerator @ IPP, Garching



Deuterium/helium retention measured by glow discharge optical emission



Yuji Hatano, Fus. Eng. Des, 2012

Chase N. Taylor, Nucl. Mater. Eng, 2018

Deuterium retention measured by GDOES using metal/D coating



Sputtering depth calibration using profile meter







Deuterium depth profile of **tungsten** samples exposed to deuterium plasma up to a fluence of 10^{26} D/m².



- A clear diffusion trend with respect to the implantation fluence
- Total D amount measured by two methods shows similar increase tendency
- ullet GDOES can be used to evaluate the deuterium depth profile up to 20 μ m

Deuterium depth profile of CLAM steel samples exposed to deuterium plasma



- No diffusion process similar with tungsten was found in steel, deuterium concentration decrease slightly with increasing incident fluence
- GDOES shows mismatch with TDS at higher fluence, due to low D concentration in steel

Helium retention measured by GDOES using implanted sample

Sample preparation



Helium depth profile and retention measured by GDOES



- Helium ions implanted tungsten was used to as calibration samples
- GDOES can be used to evaluate the helium depth profile
- the measurement low limitation up to 10⁻³ at.fr



	He ions implantation	D plasma exposure			
1 st sample	400KeV	38eV/D, 400 K, 1×10 ²⁵ D/m ²			
2 nd sample	100KeV, 200KeV, 300KeV, 400KeV	38eV/D, 400 K, 1×10 ²⁵ D/m ²			
3 rd sample	/	38eV/D, 400 K, 1×10 ²⁵ D/m ²			

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- Reduced activation ferritic martensitic (RAFM) steel has been proposed to use as plasma-facing material in remote regions of the first wall.
- Blanket modules blankets are made of RAFM steel
- Technologically it would be much easier and less expensive
- H retention in RAFM steels is low, even lower than in W



Composition of various RAFM steel grades (in wt.%)

RAFM steel	Cr	W	Mn	V	Та	С	N	Р	S	Fe
CLF-1	8.5	1.55	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.12	0.02	0.003		Bal.
CLAM	9.11	1.52	0.41	0.19	0.2	0.12	0.002	0.003	0.003	Bal.



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Sample treatment:

1st: Polishing with increasingly fine-grained SiC grinding paper, 2nd: Polishing with diamond suspension and water on the nap cloth, 3rd: heating in vacuum at 800 K for 1 hour

Morphology changes- fluence dependence



Deuterium plasma exposure: Energy: 150 eV/D, temperature: 450 K

Morphology changes- temperature dependence



 CLF-1 exposed to deuterium plasma: Development of surface topography is strongly affected by the exposure temperature.

• W concentration increased after deuterium plasma exposure but no continuous film formed at the surface, the thickness of the enrichment layer is less than 5 nm, in which W concentration is 4-5 times higher than bulk.



• W concentration increased after deuterium plasma exposure, the thickness of the enrichment layer is about 5-10 nm, in which W concentration is 8-10 times higher than bulk.





Sputtering yield of CLF-1 decreases with increasing of incident fluence, no clear saturation of yield at fluence of 10^{25} D/m². No obvious change of sputtering yield with increase of temperature to 900 K.

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EUROFER	9.0	1.1	0.40	0.20	0.12	0.11	0.03	0.004	0.003	Bal.
RUSFER	11.17	1.15	0.76	0.32	0.11	0.15	0.055	0.001	0.006	Bal.



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Morphology and tungsten enrichment after deuterium plasma exposure



Different RAFM steel grades





Sputtering yield of CLF-1 and EUROPER steels is lower than pure Fe, clear decreases of yield of CLF-1 steels with increasing of incident fluence. No clear saturation of yield at fluence of 10^{25} D/m².

Deuterium releasing of different RAFM steel grades measured by TDS

Deuterium releasing of CLF-1 with different cut direction



Deuterium releasing from 400 to 800 K. Unusual deuterium thermal releasing from same kind of steel sample.

Deuterium retention of CLF-1 exposed at

Deuterium retention in different RAFM

different temperature

steel as function of fluence



Total deuterium retention decrease in CLF-1 with the increasing temperature Total deuterium retention in different RAFM steel exposed to the same batch show a clear decrease trend

- A deuterium and helium depth profile measurement method was developed on GDOES based on codeposited and implanted samples
- He pre-implanted clear increases the deuterium retention by increasing defects and promoting diffusion
- Surface enrichment of W and reduction of sputter yield were experimentally proven, but the reduction possibly strongly influenced by surface morphology development
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Thanks for your attention!