



1st RCM on CRP F43024: Atomic Data for Vapour Shielding in Fusion Devices:

Effects of radiation, ion and electron beams emitted from the dense plasma focus on Tin and its alloys

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•Introduction

•Experimental work

✓ Plasma treatment of the Tin targets under different experimental conditions (power, pressure, gas, number of shots and distances)

✓ Characterization (SEM, EDX, XPS, PIXE, X-ray, OES)

Simulation work

Simulation of the ion and electron beam properties emitted from the plasma focus using Lee model;
 Calculation of the stepping power using SRIM code.
 Conclusion

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•Introduction

Introduction

Plasma focus pinches produce radiation pulses (neutrons and X-rays), shock waves, ions and electron beams, plasma filaments, plasma jets, and plasma bursts, being an interesting plasma to study the effects of fusion-relevant pulses on materials.

Targets of different materials relevant to fusion reactors can be characterized using the plasma focus environment (using single pulses, or several cumulative pulses), which can simulate conditions similar to those that will be encountered in larger fusion facilities.



Plasma Science and Technology for Emerging Economies, DOI 10.1007/978-981-10-4217-1_2

The Dense Plasma Focus

high temperature, high density, short lived plasma



AECS Mather type Plasma Focus Device



Bank parameters:

 $L_0=1430 \text{ nH}, C_0=25 \mu\text{F}, r_0=50 \text{ mOhm}$

Tube parameters:

Outer radius b = 3.2 cm,

- Inner radius a = 0.95 cm
- Anode length $z_0 = 16$ cm

Operating parameters:

 $V_0 = 12-16 \text{ kV},$ Helium, Nitrogen, Neon, Argon, etc... Peak current = 50-60 kA





(a) Different phases of plasma dynamics from (i) breakdown and current sheath formation 1,
(ii) inverse pinch 2, (iii) axial acceleration 3, (iv) radial compression 4, and (v) pinch 5
phase. (b) The oscilloscope trace of the typical voltage probe signal with approximate timing duration marked on it.

Evaporation and deposition by <u>relativistic electron beams</u>



L.Y. Soh, et. al., IEEE Trans. Plasma Sci. 32, 448–455 (2004).

Evaporation and deposition by <u>energetic ion beams</u>



Two frame photos of plasma in its self-luminescence produced by the action of the ion beam and interaction of the fast ions with a solid target (production of the secondary plasma cloud or target vapour)

V A Gribkov, Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 57 (2015) 065010 (8pp)

Previous experimental works at AECS PF Lab.:

✓ Characterization of porous and nano-structures deposited by PF on Silicon substrate:



1 shot, 6.5 cm1 shot, 3.5 cm1 shot, 1.5 cm(Effect of the distance between the top of the anode and the target)

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15 shot, 3.5 cm



12 Shots, 3.5 cm



9 Shots, 3.5 cm

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(Effect of the shot number)

✓ Characterization of bismuth nano-spheres deposited by PF on Si:



SEM images of samples treated by PF with 1 Sh at 6 cm (a), 15 Sh at 6 cm (b), and 40 Sh at 6 cm (c).



SEM images of samples treated by PF with 1Sh at 3 cm in the axis of anode (a), out of the axis of anode (b), and with 5 Sh at 6 cm out of the axis of anode (c).

Chemical composition of the deposited material



High resolution XPS spectra of Bi 4f (a) and O1s (b) realized at different etching times.

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✓ Thermal effect on silicon surface induced by ion beams in plasma focus

MATLAB program is used in the calculation, results are returned in a two-dimensional matrix, which contain data necessary to determine temperature profile within the target after each time interval, the melt duration, and the maximum melt depth.



2D surface temperature evolution at various times, for a target at distance 2 cm from the anode. (a) at 300 ns, (b) at 1µs, (c) at 1ms and (d) at 5ms.

Z. Ahmad, M. Ahmad, Sh. Al-Hawat, M. Akel, Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research B 396 (2017) 61–67

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•Experimental work

Plan for the first year (experimental work):

Preparation and treatment of Tin targets:



Tin electron beams interactionTin ion beams interaction

Electron and ion beams of different filling gases (He, N₂, Ne, Ar, etc..)

Plan for the first year (experimental work):

Treatment of the targets under different experimental conditions: Effect of shot number and distances: ✓ between the anode and targets (electron beam case)



✓ between the primary and secondary targets (ion beam case).

Tin electron beams interaction

Tin ion beams interaction

✓ Characterization of the treated secondary samples using various techniques like X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy technique (XPS).



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Optical emission spectroscopy (OES) measurements of <u>the formed Tin vapour</u> using the <u>FHR1000 spectrometer</u>;



Resolution: 0.008 nm Grating Turret: $(3^{+} \cdot g/mm \& 1200 g/mm)$ Accuracy: ± 0.03 nm **Repeatability:** ±0.015 nm Slits (0-7 mm): automated variable dual entrance and exit ports. Lens-Based Fiber Optic Interface at the entrance of the monochromator. **SYGNATURE-CCD Spectral Range:** 300 nm to 1100 nm **Spectral Acquisition Time** 20 ms per spectrum **Integration Time** 10 ms to 65 s Light sources for calibration **SynerJY software**

Getting and installation of the ICCD and synchronization circuit..?????.

Tin vapour characterization using X-ray emission



λ, mm

X-ray ratio method for Te determination



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X-ray ratio method for Te determination

The radiation emission spectra of hot plasma at various plasma parameters have been computed using the **POPULATE**, **XRAYFIL**, **FLYCHK codes**.

The X-ray ratio curves for various electron temperatures with probable electron and ion densities of the plasma produced have been computed with the assumption of the NLTE model for the distribution of the ionic species.



Sh. Al-Hawat, M. Akel, C. S. Wong, Journal of Fusion Energy 30 (6), 503 - 508 (2011)

X-Ray Radiography by AECS-PF



Sh. Al-Hawat, M. Akel, S. Shaaban, Journal of Fusion Energy, 34 (1), 163-171 (2015)

Optical emission spectroscopy (OES) and X-ray:



Schematic of OES and DXS spectrometers positions

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•Simulation work

Simulation of ion and electron beam properties using Lee model



Corona model:





Dynamics of electron beams, plasma streams and fast ion beams in the plasma focus



The Lee model has been modified based on the virtual plasma diode mechanism for studying of electron and ion beams from plasma focus.

S. Lee, S.H. Saw, Phys. Plasmas 20, 062702 (2013), S. Lee, http://www.plasmafocus.net (2013) M. Akel, S. H. Saw and S. Lee, IEEE T. Plasma Sci. 45(8) (2017) 2303.



Interaction of the high energy ions with the Tin target using SRIM code

The SRIM code could be used for computation of the energy loss (stopping power) for energetic ions due to interactions with the background gas and the Tin target.

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www.srim.org for the stopping and range of ions in matter, M Akel, et., al. PHYSICS OF PLASMAS 21, 072507 (2014)

Conclusion

In our experiment we are planning to use Tin targets (pure and alloys) to simulate the TOKAMAK wall, and to study the efficiency of the sputtering of Tin. One plasma shot or multi-shots can be used to evaporate and sputter the surface of target.

The sputtered Tin particles (atoms and ions) will be deposited on secondary target (stainless steel substrate or silicon for example).

The analysis of this target will give information about the elemental composition of deposited material on the surface of this target according to different experimental conditions.

Conclusion (continued)

The change in the experimental conditions (such as working gas pressure, number of shots and distance from the anode) can play a huge role on the Tin sputtering amount. Also, in such experiments other metals could be mixed with the Tin in the target.

Numerical study of the ions beam properties (ion beam energy, ion beam flux, ion beam fluence, beam ion number, ion beam current, power flow density, and damage factor) emitted from the plasma focus short pulses.

Optical emission spectroscopy measurements of the formed Sn vapour due to interactions of plasma focus (electrons and ions) with the treated targets.





