



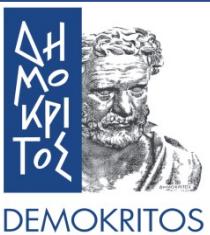
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**NCSRDI: Results from WEST C3 marker PFUs -
correspondence to MPG results**

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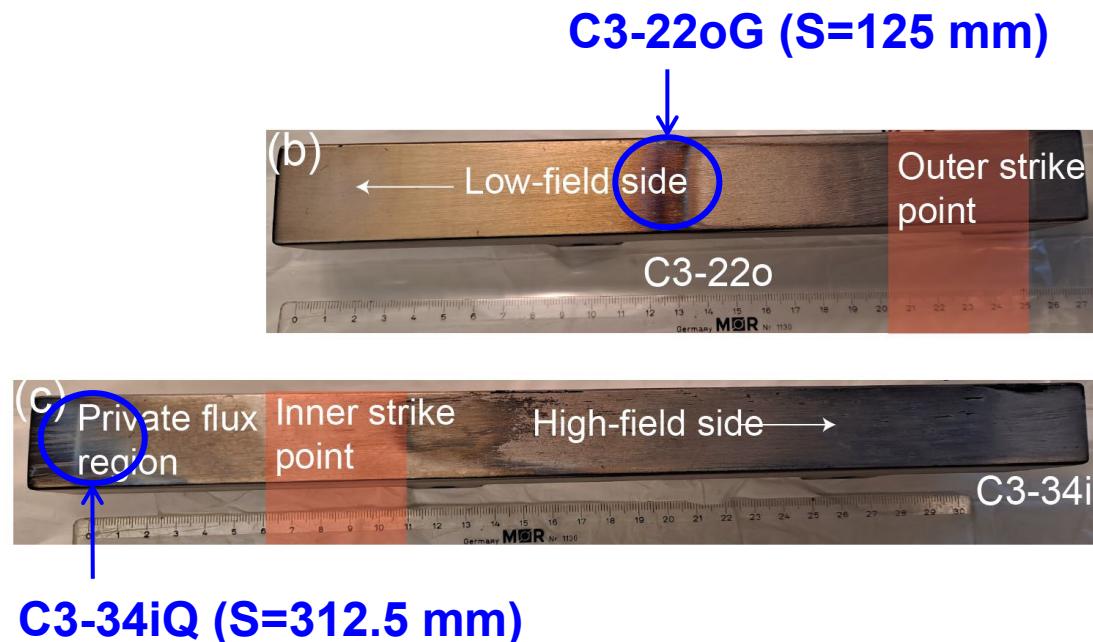
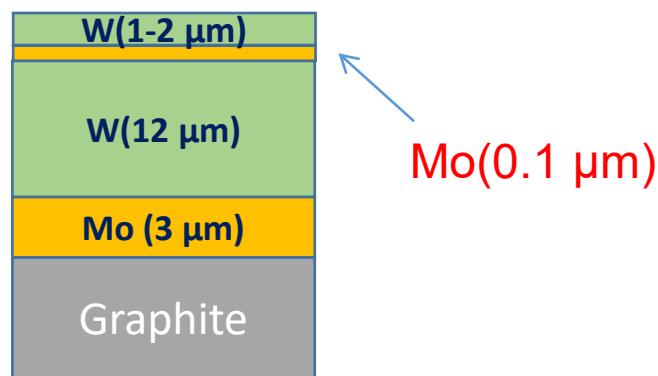
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WEST C3 samples - Methodology

Samples : **C3-22oG** and **C3-34iQ**

Sample composition: Graphite/Mo(3 μm)/W(12 μm)/Mo(0.1 μm)/W(1-2 μm)



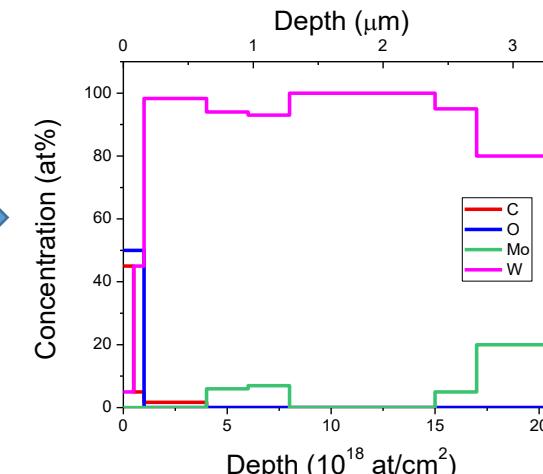
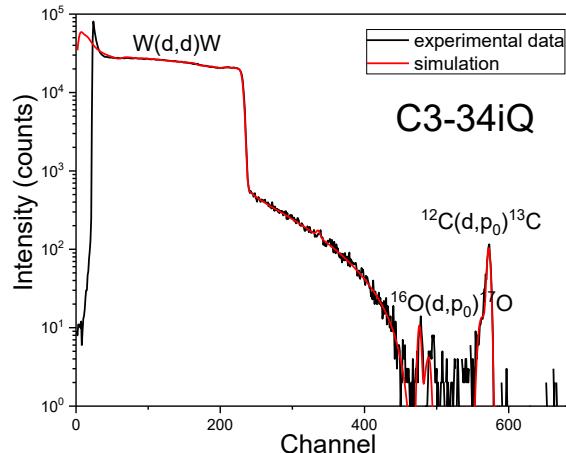
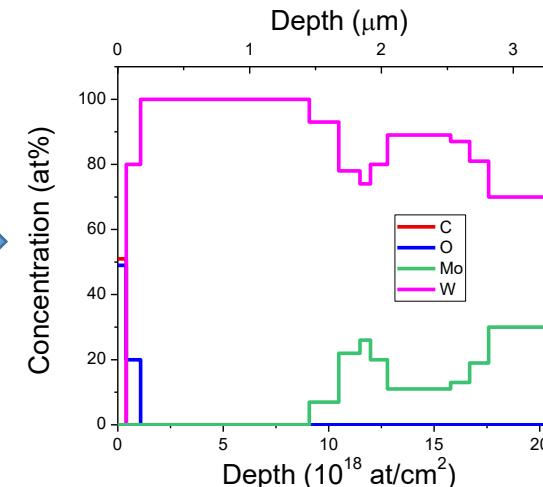
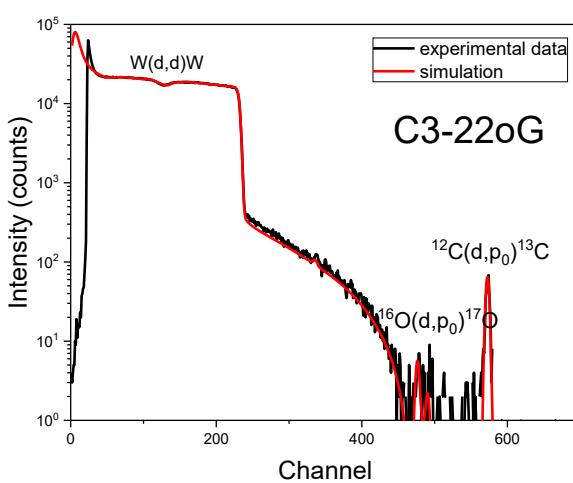
Methodology: RBS/NRA measurements using a deuteron beam (1.35 MeV, detection angle 170°), SEM/EDS, XRF

Aim: Investigation of surface erosion, material migration/deposition



RBS/NRA results

RBS/NRA measurements using a deuteron beam (1.35 MeV, detection angle 170°)



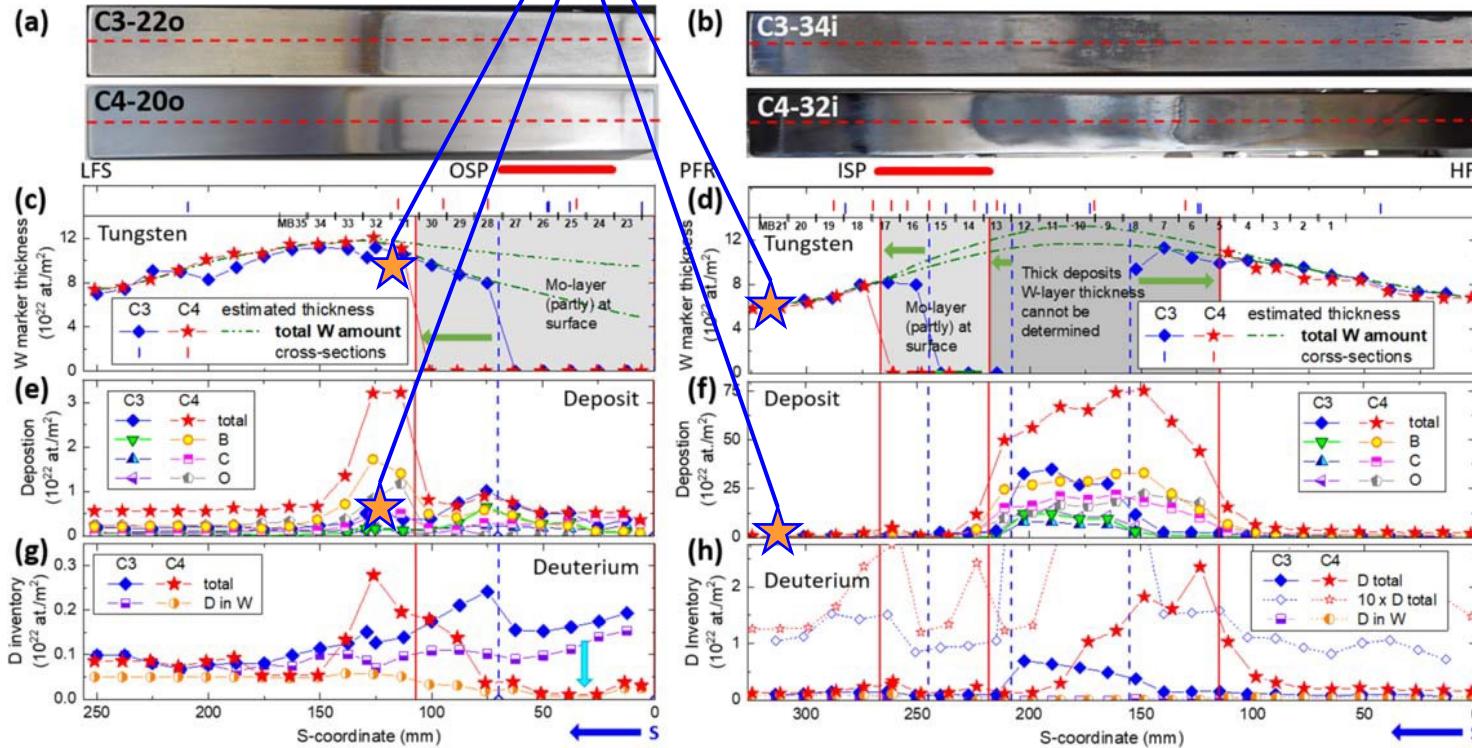
Sample	This study					M Balden et al (2021)
	C content ($10^{17} \text{ at}/\text{cm}^2$)	C layer thickness (nm)	O content ($10^{17} \text{ at}/\text{cm}^2$)	O layer thickness (nm)	W top layer content ($10^{18} \text{ at}/\text{cm}^2$)	W top layer content ($10^{18} \text{ at}/\text{cm}^2$)
C3-22o G	2.00	64	3.36	173	8	10
C3-34i Q	3.01	80	5.00	160	3	6

- Surface layers of about 200 nm thickness rich in C and O (45 - 50 at%)
- No observed erosion for W top layer in C3-22oG, while C3-34iQ has suffered erosion of about 0.5 μm.
- The results in broad agreement with those of M. Balden et al Phys. Scripta (2021)

RBS/NRA results – Comparison with literature



Our results



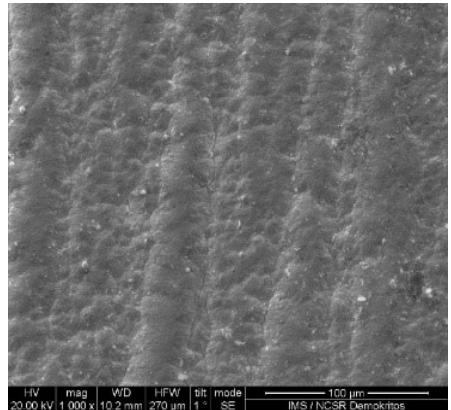
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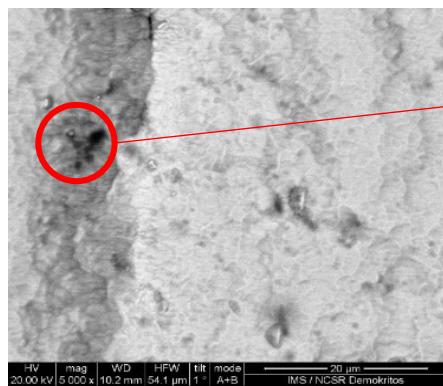
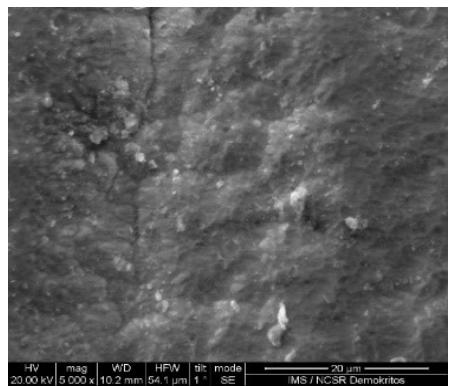
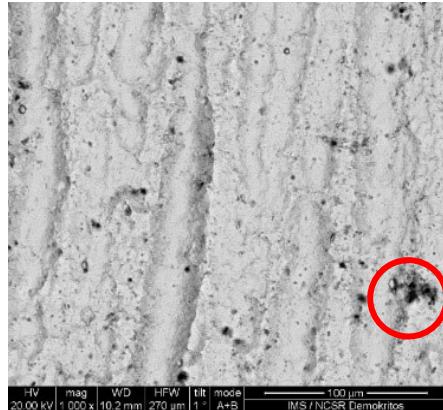
Plasma exposed samples from WEST – SEM/EDS results

C3-22oG

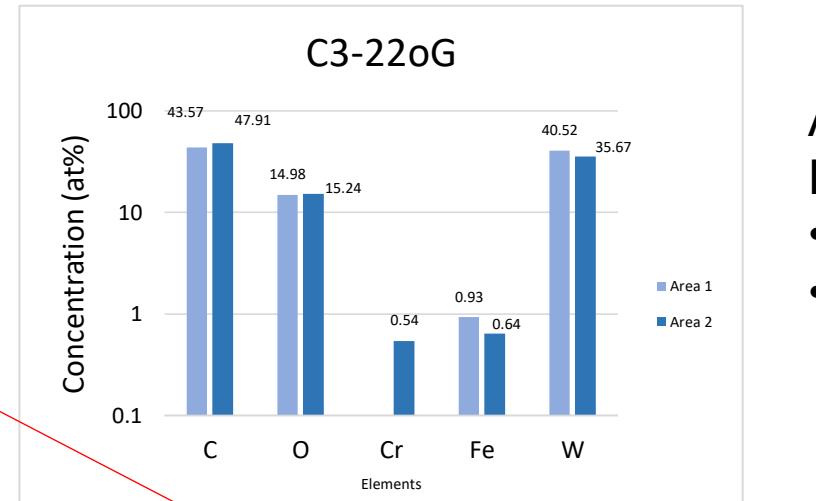
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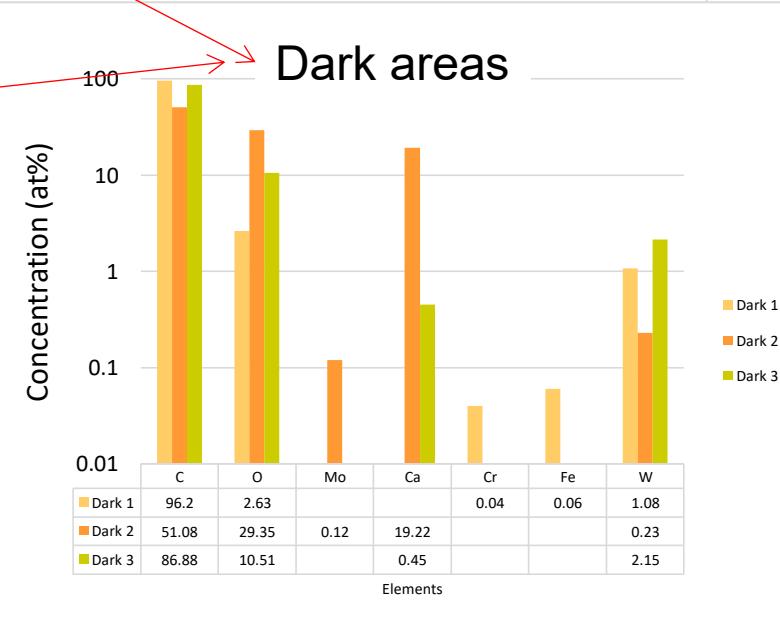


Elemental Composition Averaged over large areas



Apart from C and O,
Fe and Cr are detected

- Fe: 0.6-0.9 at%
- Cr: 0-0.5 at%

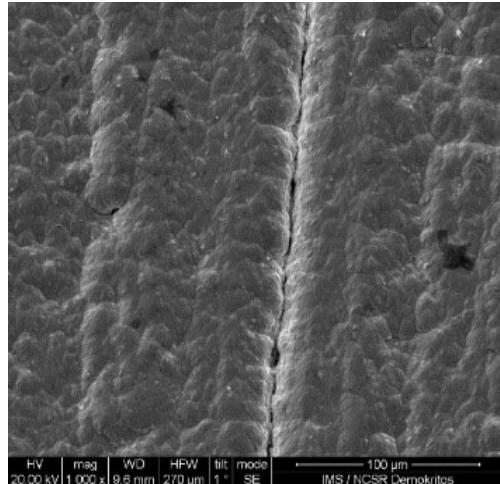


The dark spots in
BSE mode are
areas rich in C

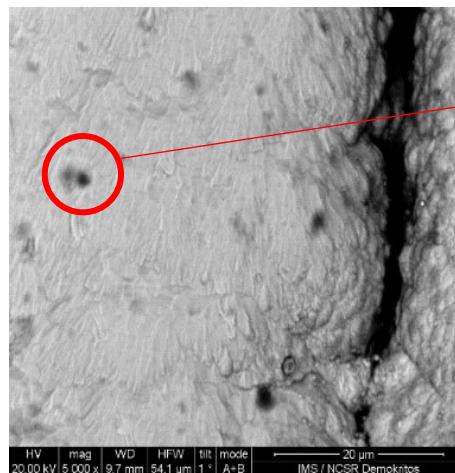
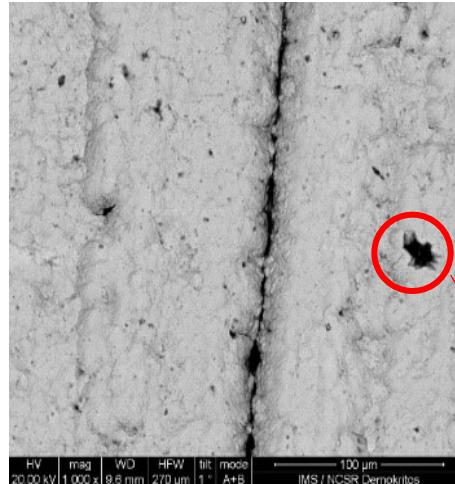


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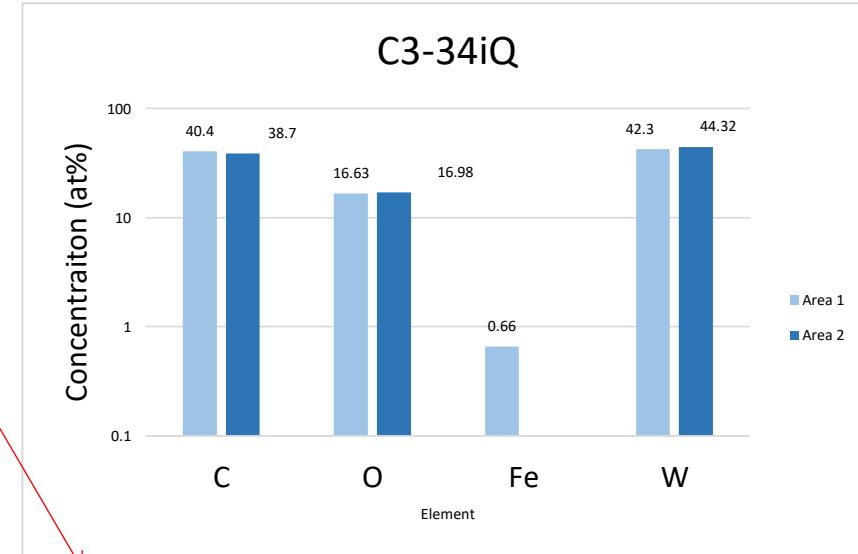


C3-34iQ

Elemental Composition

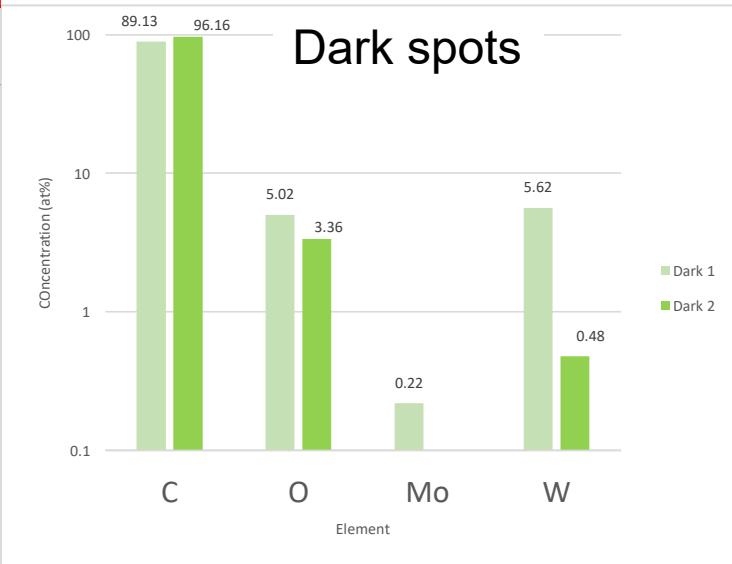
Averaged over large areas

C3-34iQ



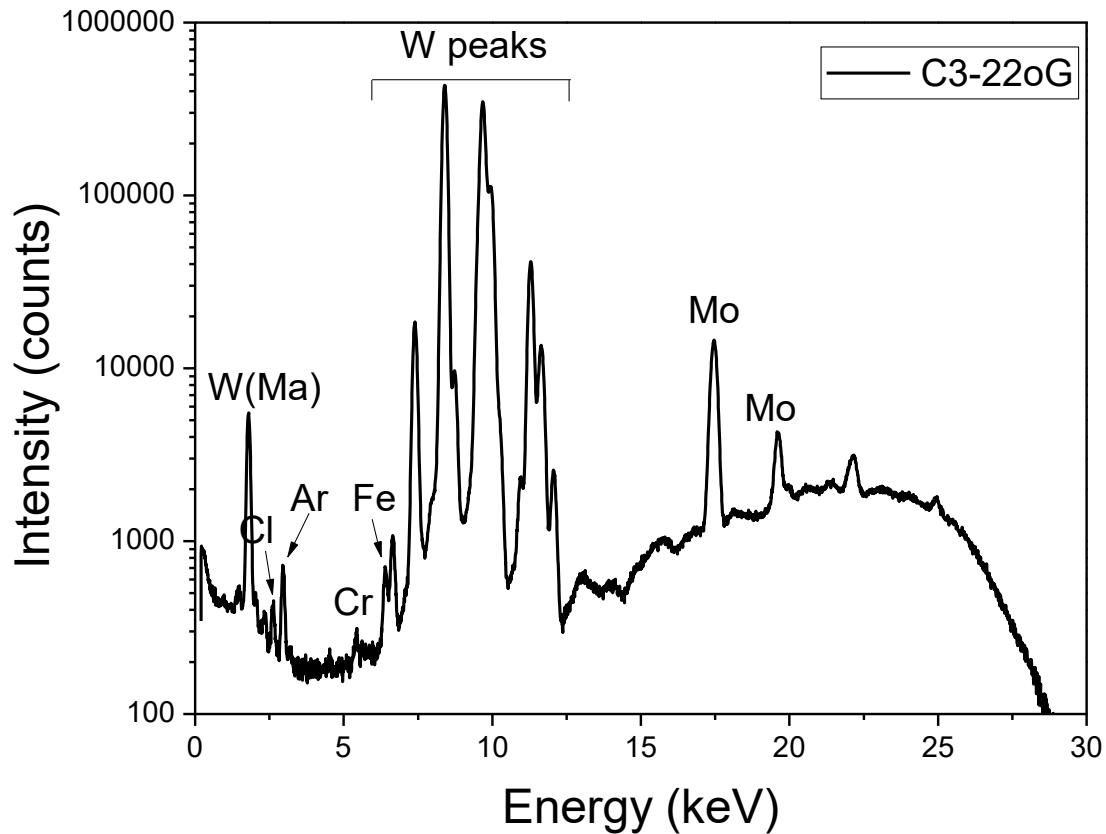
Apart from C and O, Fe is detected up to 0.77 at%

Dark spots



The dark spots in BSE mode are areas rich in C

XRF results



C3-22oG		C3-34iQ	
Element	at%	Element	at%
Cr	0.08	Cr	0.06
Fe	0.25	Fe	0.28
Mo	4.7	Mo	4.7
W	94.97	W	94.96

Fe and Cr deposition of similar concentration is detected on both samples in agreement with EDS analysis.



Summary

WEST C3-22oG and C3-34iQ samples

- No erosion in C3-22oG while C3-34iQ has suffered erosion of about 0.5 µm (in agreement with M. Balden et al Phys. Scripta (2021))
- C, O, Fe and Cr deposition is found on both samples
 - C up to about 80 nm depth
 - O up to about 200 nm depth
 - Fe and Cr less than 1 at%
- Islands rich in carbon are found on both samples