EUROfusion Microscopy measurements of tokamak/stellarator and reference samples. Surface analysis capabilities.

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WUT equipment





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List of microscopes



- HD-2700 STEM (200 kV, C_s corrected) High resolution, analytical, dedicated STEM
- JEM1200 TEM (120 kV) Conventional TEM, in-situ heating, straining
- SPECTRA 200 S/TEM Thermo Fischer Scientific
- S-5500 FE-SEM High-Resolution SEM, Low accelerating voltage S(T)EM
- SU-70 FE-SEM Analytical SEM
- SU-8000 FE-SEM Low accelerating voltage SEM
- S-3500N SEM Low vacuum observations, in-situ tensile test
- TM-1000 SEM Tabletop microscope
- TM-3000 SEM Tabletop microscope
- FB-2100 FIB Single beam scanning ion microscope
- NB 5000 FIB-SEM Dual-beam scanning microscope
- Other equipment for sample preparation etc.

Other equipment

- XRD, Bruker D8 Discover X-ray diffractometer
- Optical profilometer Veeco NT9300 for non-contact 3-D measurements of surface topography
- Hysitron Ti-900 triboindenter (Young's modulus, hardness, in situ SPM)
- Micro-CT (microtomography) Systems

W7X samples - tile HM19TM400hTE2



Unchanged surface



a) SEM image of the morphology of the redeposited zone, b) TEM image of redeposited layer, sample 9a.



SEM image of clear erosion zone morphology, sample 7. Traces of deposit in the shallow cavities (shadowed areas designated as 1). Strongly smoothed surface (area 2).



Changes in surface roughness along the length of the tile.

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The aim of the work: (i) assess surface modification of the material caused by the plasma–wall interactions (erosion/deposition pattern), (ii) study the co-deposits formed and (iii) analyze the dust particles found.

Techniques used: SEM, TEM, STEM, FIB, EDS, and surface profilometry

Main results:

- Erosion zones follow largely the strike lines on the horizontal target (HT). The width of the erosion zone is relatively broad.
- ✓ Net deposition occurs next to the inner HT strike line position.
- ✓ The erosion-deposition pattern observed is in good agreement with the one found on the marker horizontal target element TM2h6,
- ✓ Surface profilometry measurements (at 3 magnifications) completed,

E. Fortuna-Zalesna et al., Erosion and redeposition pattern on the W7-X graphite test divertor unit tile, Fus. Eng. and Des. 191 (2023) 113589

W7X samples - tile HM19TM400hTE1



Note: damaged zone in samples designated as 4, 5 and 6 (result of an overloading experiment)

Work in progress:

- SEM/EDS observations of all samples completed. Description in progress.
- TEM examinations of the material structure in the damaged zone and outside the damaged zone completed (sample 5).
- *Distinct differences in the surface morphology between Tiles 1 and 2.*





Typical surface morphologies present in the damaged zone: (i) granular and (ii) flake-like. Re-deposited material of layered and granular structure present.







TEM image of deposit present in the damaged zone of sample 5. A thick layer of redeposited material was revealed.

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WEST samples









SEM images of the deposit morphology and internal structure, sample J, C4





XRD pattern, sample J, C4.

The main conclusion that can be drawn from the analysis of this spectrum is the presence of intermetallic phases from the W-B system, tungsten borides.

Reference coatings



SEM images of the sample IU 672 morphology in the central spot region (a, c) and outside (b) together with the EDS spectrum from the re-deposited material (d). *Re-deposition from the electrode material found.*



SEM image of the sample IU 672 cross-section (a) together with the EDS spectrum from the surface layer (d), central spot. *Thin layer of re-deposited material found.*

 ✓ Mo re-deposition in the central spot, present at the surface of the samples IU672 and EU2_30_3 after Magnum experiments. Surface morphology described.

B3/4 deliverables and plans for 2023



Deliverables:

- B3: Microscopy investigations of selected AUG, WEST, W7-X, MAGNUM-PSI, PSI-2, and GyM samples
- B4: Microscopy investigations of selected Be and W reference samples

Plans for 2023:

- W7X samples: completion of examinations of the second tile, designated as HM19TM400hTE1
- New samples from WEST monoblocs and C4 and C5 campaigns (new samples to be delivered soon)
- Determine surface changes on selected AUG samples as well as on samples from GyM, PSI-2, and MAGNUM-PSI (no new samples so far)
- Surface analyses for selected Be and W reference samples (no new samples so far)