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Ion beam analysis of ¹³C and deuterium deposition in DIII-D and their removal by in-situ oxygen bake





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Purpose

- Material eroded from the ITER main chamber. wall near the secondary separatrix may redeposit locally along with tritium.
- Codeposited tritium will be more difficult to remove from the main chamber than from the divertor (lower maximum temperature and not designed for replacement).
- This experiment shows where material entering the SOL near the secondary OSP is deposited for an unbalanced double-null plasma configuration as planned for ITER.
- Removal of deposited deuterium/carbon by in-situ baking in oxygen is also examined.





Experiment

- Examine carbon deposition from plasma-wall interaction at the secondary separatrix with biased double null plasmas, with n_e=1x10¹⁹m⁻³and T_e=10eV comparable to conditions projected for the secondary separatrix in ITER.
- \succ Inject ¹³CH₄ (800 Torr-liters) through the lower outer pumping plenum (torroidally symmetric) into 18 ELMy H-mode plasmas in DIII-D.
- \geq Measure ¹³C coverage by ¹³C(³He,p)¹⁵N NRA (±2x10¹⁶ atoms/cm²), and deuterium coverage within 7μ m by D(³He,p)⁴He NRA (2.5 MeV ³He).
- 6 tiles were oxygen baked in DIII-D at 350°C for 2 hours, 10 Torr 20%O₂ 80% He, and re-analyzed











y = 13.3e^{-10.9x}

0.2

10 Distance from inboard tile edge (cm Distance from tile face (cm)

0.1

Distance from tile edge (cm) ¹³C coverage on edge decreases exponentially with distance from plasma-facing surface with e-folding length of 0.9 mm

¹³C & D were also measured on the edges of tiles 1 & 21.

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Quantity of ¹³C in tile gaps is very small compared to plasma-facing surfaces.



NRA Measurements of ¹³C and D before and after oxygen bake

	Measured ¹³ C (10 ²⁰ atoms)	
tile	Before bake	After bake
1	2.96	3.32
21	69.22	54.84
21T	1.28	0.80
22	14.61	10.84
22L	7.66	5.15
23	9.94	7.97
24	5.17	5.03
Total measured	110.8	87.9
Injected	255	
Fraction measured	0.44	
Fraction removed by O-bake		0.21

Distance from tile edge (cm)

Significant ¹³C deposition was found inside the pump duct

on surfaces shadowed from ion flux.

• 44% of injected ¹³C was found (assuming toroidally symmetric deposition) mainly near secondary OSP

• 21% of ¹³C was removed by O-bake

	Average D areal density within	
	4 microns (10 ¹⁷ atoms/cm ²)	
tile	Before bake	After bake
1	60.45	23.17
9	11.76	9.56
21	24.07	10.47
21T	3.09	1.03
22	17.36	8.19
22L	12.23	3.99
23	12.34	7.27
24	18.19	9.80
total	159.49	73.49
Fraction removed by O-bake		0.54

• 54% of D was removed by O-bake consistent with ex situ O-bake experiments

Conclusions

44% of injected ¹³C was found (assuming toroidal symmetry) mainly near secondary OSP close to the point of injection.



Depth (µm) O-bake reduced D concentration throughout the codeposited layer

in Height) (µm) **Tile 21** variation (RMS) Rough Distance from inboard tile edge (cm)

¹³C or D deposition not correlated with surface roughness (contact & optical profilometry)

This shows that most of the CH₄ dissociated & ionized outside the secondary separatrix.

Previous similar experiments with ¹³C injected into the top of lower singlenull plasmas show deposition is mainly in the divertor.

This indicates that material sputtered from the wall in ITER may deposit near the secondary strike points in the upper main chamber. Tritium accumulation by codeposition with Be may occur at this location.

In-situ oxygen bake in DIII-D at 350°C removed 54% of deuterium and 21% of ¹³C, however the efficacy may differ for Be codeposits.

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