



Analysis of Structural Changes and High-Heat-Flux Tests on pre-damaged Tungsten from Tokamak Melt Experiments

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Introduction



Conditions







High Heat Loads











Powerhandling Limits & Melt Damage

Melt Layer Motion and Splashing

Material Structure

Performance of Re-solidified Components

PFC Lifetime Impact on Machine Operation

Transfer Knowledge to Real Conditions





Experimental Setup

Tokamak Exposures



TEXTOR Setup









I. Melting and Melt Layer Motion



Phenomenology





7 melt exposures (3-5s) Significant melting and bridging



Motion due to acting forces





Forces

Pressure, jxB,



Dominant force under TEXTOR conditions is jxB



Velocities



Melt motion is dominated by $F_{j \times B}$

Ratio depends strongly on melt layer thickness

All relevant forces are included in the MEMOS modeling

Bazylev, B. et al. Journal of Nuclear Materials, 2009, 390-391, 810-813 Experimental validation of 3D simulations of tungsten melt erosion under ITER-like transient loads







Topology

Material redistribution



Topology





Multiple exposures lead to bridging and strong hill formation (> 2+3mm)



Shape does not recover into a beneficial state



Modeling









2. Power-handling



Evolution



- SHOT BY SHOT -Plasma Illuminated Plates (r=48cm)

sample W



sample 2L

Strong Shaping - Hill Structures & Edges

Powerhandling









Leading Edges

by Design



Leading Edges





(12x12x15) mm³ Tungsten blocks 2mm leading edges















3. Material Loss and Splashing

Transport and screening of ejected tungsten in controlled melt experiments at ASDEX Upgrade Karl Krieger



Spraying & Splashing







The most promising explanation for splashing seems a Kelvin-Helmholtz instability incorporating linear stability analysis and non linear modeling

Bazylev, B. et al. Fusion Engineering and Design, 2009, 84, 441-445 Experimental and theoretical investigation of droplet emission from tungsten melt layer

Miloshevsky, G. et al, accepted by Nuclear Fusion, 2010

Modelling of Kelvin-Helmholtz instability and splashing of melt layers from plasma facing components in tokamaks under plasma impact







Spraying and Splashing

e.g. Droplets



Plasma Impact



<u>Spraying</u> Does not necessarily lead to a disruption

Feedback between spraying,W accumulation and temperature.

Splashing

Droplet can extinguish the plasma

Clear drop in core temperature

Can induce a disruption







Tungsten source

Limiter source & Core



Droplets emitted from the surface can penetrate deeplydue to their lifetime and thus contribute strongly to the accumulation and radition in the core

Tungsten emission can lead to radiation collapse

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Radiated Power









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4. Re-solidification and Material Structure

Thermal shock response of fine and ultra fine grained tungsten based materials G.Pintsuk





Grain Growth

Re-crystallization











The re-crystallization is directly connected to the amount of impinging heatflux (temperature)





Melt Layers

After Multiple Exposures



Strong re-crystalisation in both molten and un-molten material

Power-handling capability significantly degraded

Melt Layer Structure





Melt layer thickness can reach up to 1.5 mm

Power-handling capability significantly degraded



Bubble-like Structures





Total Bubble / Area Total Area: (2986/ 31643) μm²

Volume fraction~ 10%

Origin and content





5. Transient Heat Flux Tests

Judith I

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E-beam Tests







Cracks





Room Temperature

1.13 GW/m²



A-b



Bad News : Exposed material is much more brittle



Exposed



Crack behavior under transients seems more benevolent IÜLICH







(MI90): test matrix

electron beam test facility JUDITH I: $\Delta t = I \text{ ms; } n = 100 \text{ cycles}$ Boundary conditions: $P_{abs} / P_{inc} = 0.46$







6. Accidental Melting

Alcator C-Mod



Lamellae





Damaged parts prohibits H-Mode operation on Tungsten row





Results

Analysis ongoing





Material





Grain growth and re-crsytallization follow the temperature profile



Strong, deep cracking and layer formation



Material Loss ?





Surface structures are similar to melt experiments

Melt Layer loss mechanisms probable





Summary



Summary



Power handling with a metal wall is a severe issue Resolidified materials decrease tolerable limits

Melt motion significantly worsens the situations Forces include pressure and jxB (melt thickness , timescale)

Material structure departs strongly from design values Additional transient heat flux is less tolerable (brittle)

Material suffers severly and material loss can significantly impact machine and plasma operation

,Real' melt damage and modeling confirm experimental results

Do we need new Concepts when going beyond ITER?

certainly more and new experiments and modeling (ITPA DSOL-25)





Thank You

- Melting and material degradation have to be avoided -A strategy has to be devised for dealing with the degraded components and their power-handling capabilities should the observed effects be present in future devices.

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New Wall concepts ?

Flowing Liquid Wall?

Static Liquid Wall ?

Lithium filled Capillary Pourus System tested in SPRUT-4 up to 25MW/m² steady state











Leading edge can receive up to 40 MW/m^2

Droplets & Ligaments





Retention





4 melt exposures

Total amount released: D:1.33E+19 at/m² H:1.29E+20 at/m²



Melting depleated the sample ? Except for bubbles and voids ?

T > 1000°C

Local W Source



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Energy Impact





The Factor describes the impact of impinging transient heat flux to the surface









Detailed Design of a Solid Tungsten Divertor Row for JET in Relation to the Physics Goals Philippe Mertens