

# *Summary of Erosion, Deposition and Fuel Retention in TFTR*

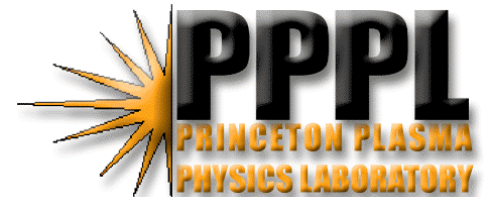
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## *Outline:*

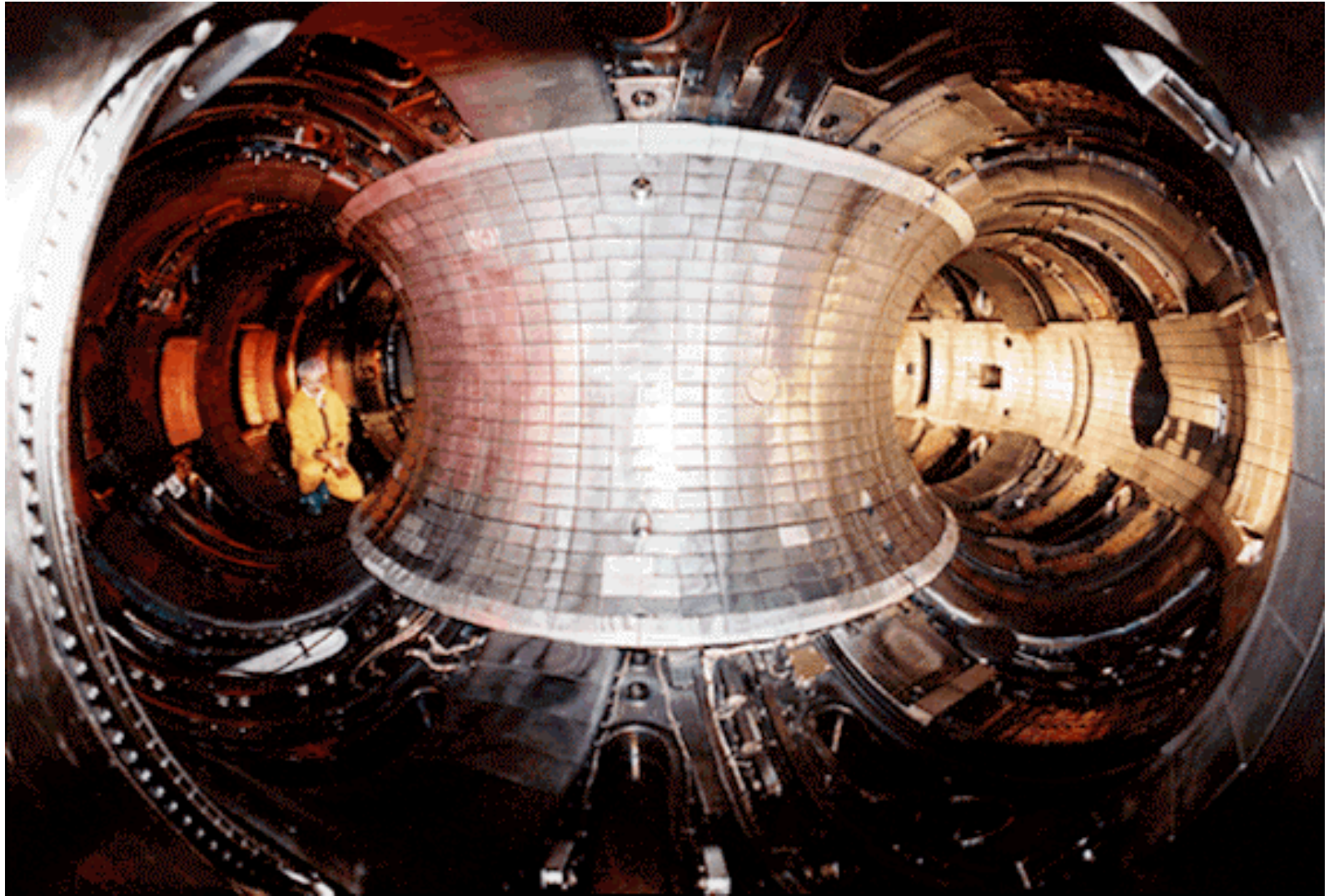
- *Erosion / deposition in DT phase*
- *NRA and XPS analysis of deposits*
- *Erosion / deposition in DD phase*
- *Tritium retention*
- *Modelling (John Hogan)*
- *Summary*

## *With credits to:*

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D Hole, M Paffett, W R Wampler, S Willms, K M Young,  
and the PPPL tritium group.*



# TFTR interior



- *Limiter machine - no divertor.*
- *Walls are deposition areas (not erosion)*
- *Walls heated only by plasma (limiter hotspots reached  $\approx 800$  C).*
- *Different edge conditions to JET*

TFTR SOL  
(TRANSP/DEGAS)

JET divertor  
(EDGE2D)

Ne 0.1 e19 – 1 e19 m-3

$\approx 10$  e19 m-3

Te 200 - 600eV

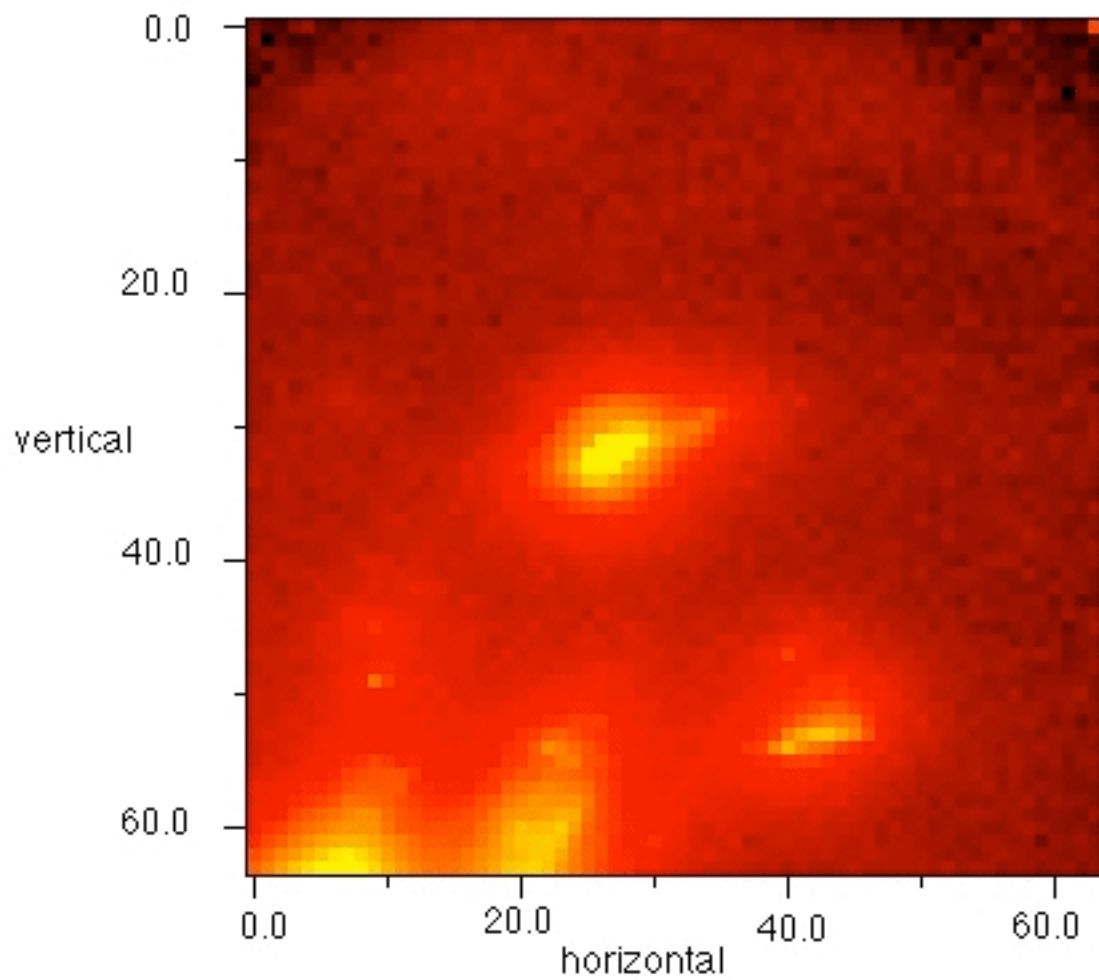
$<30$  eV

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IR TV image of limiter

28MW neutral beams

*TFTR*



Temperature °C



400.0

600.0

800.0

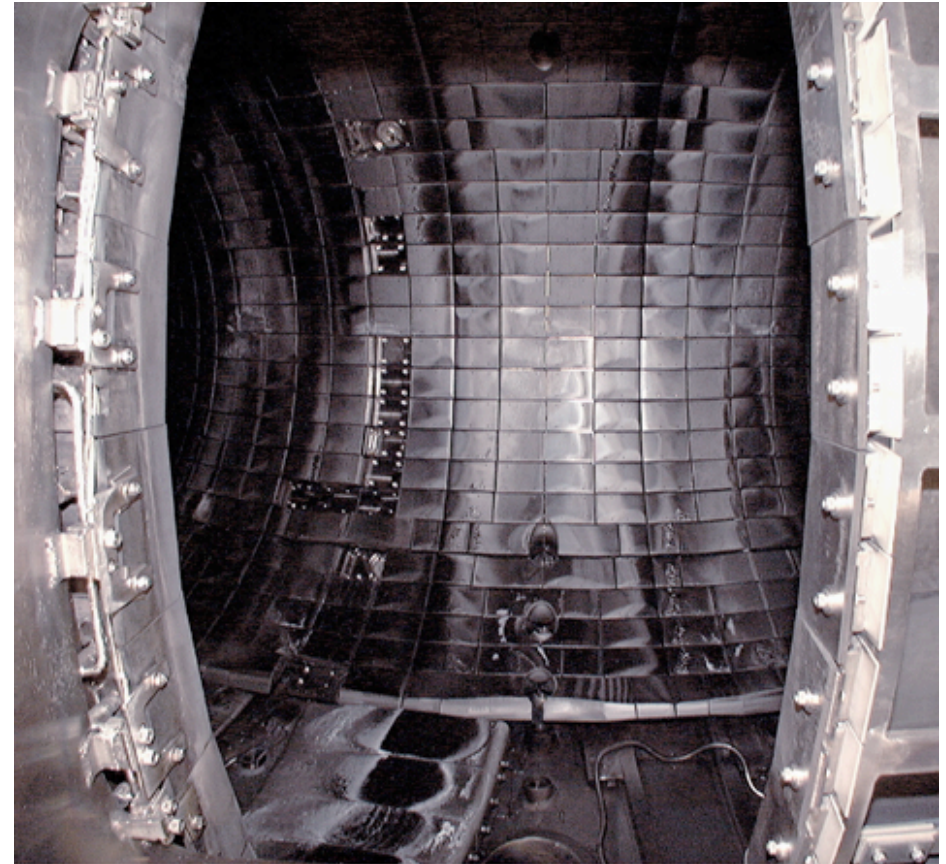
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## *Deposition inside TFTR*

- Codeposition inboard & outboard
- Dust and debris observed
- Tiles, coupons, dust samples retrieved for analysis
- Tritium spatial distribution consistent with modeling...

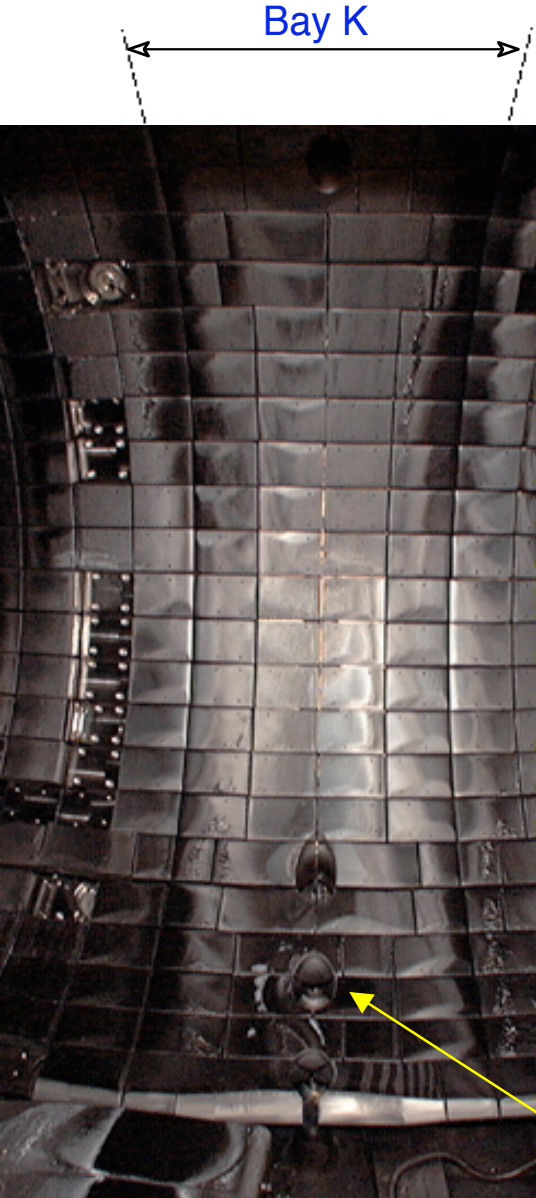


Debris and dust on TFTR vessel floor



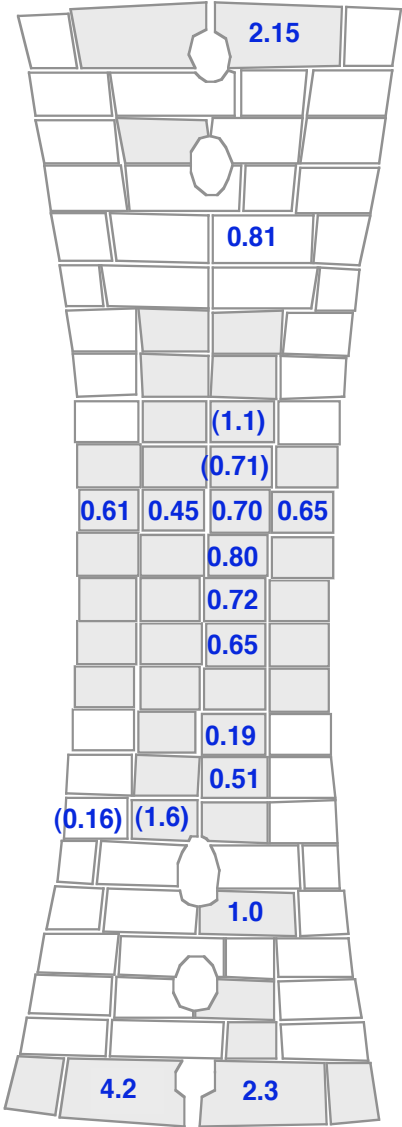
Co-deposition, flaking, deposits inside vessel. Diagonal pattern on inner limiter segments due to geometry of 'scaloped' shape and connection length of field lines (Brooks et al., )

*Tritium co-deposition, on bumper limiter.*



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Bay K



CFC  
 graphite

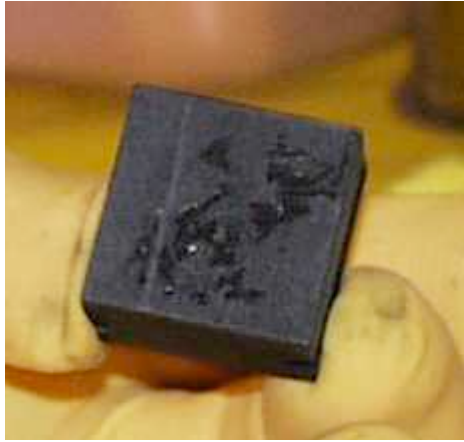
After plasma operations tritium in TFTR was located on inner limiter ( 0.2 g), and outer wall (0.36 g).

Highest concentrations were at top and bottom of limiter.

Diagnostic ports

Numbers represent T (Ci) released by bakeout in air 500 C for 1 hour.

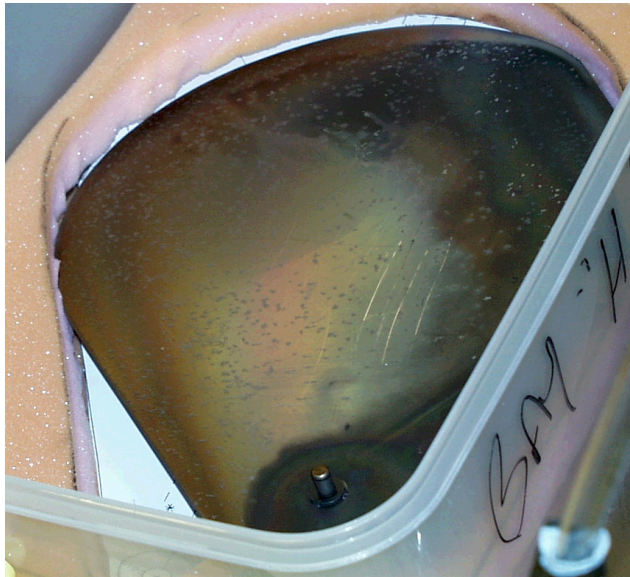
## *Samples from outboard side of vessel*



Bay H midplane graphite coupon: 24 Ci/m<sup>2</sup>  
Bay N bottom graphite coupon: 65 Ci/m<sup>2</sup>  
Bay P midplane graphite coupon: 16 Ci/m<sup>2</sup>



Bay O/N poloidal limiter tile: 31 Ci/m<sup>2</sup>



Bay H shutter (stainless steel) 9 Ci/m<sup>2</sup>

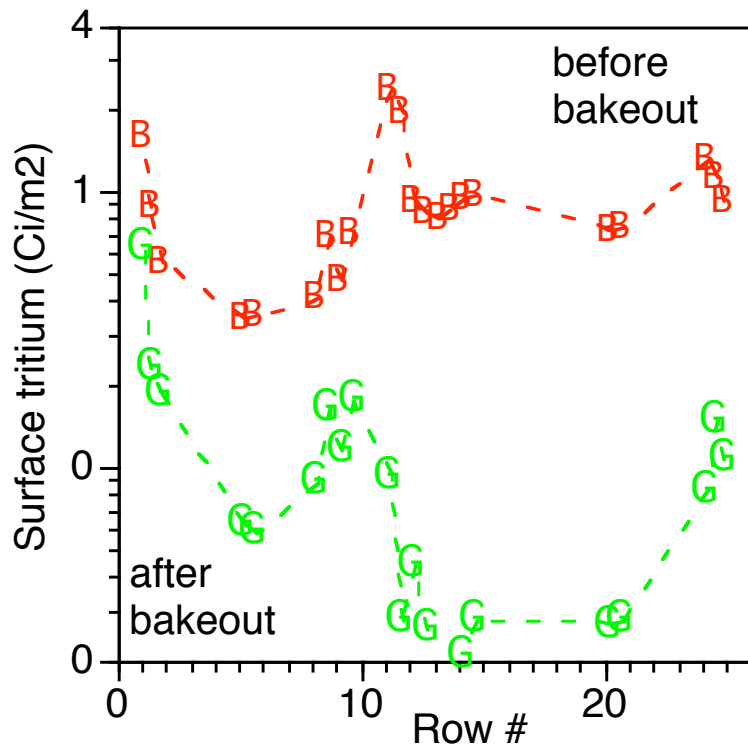
## *Location of TFTR Tritium inventory:*

Location:	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Average Ci/m <sup>2</sup> from bakeout + 10%	Inventory (Ci)	(g)
Bumper limiter	22	87	1,900	0.2
Outboard	110	32	3,500	0.36
Total			<b>5,400</b>	<b>0.56</b>
<i>cf. fueling - exhaust</i>			<b>6,200</b>	<b>0.64</b>

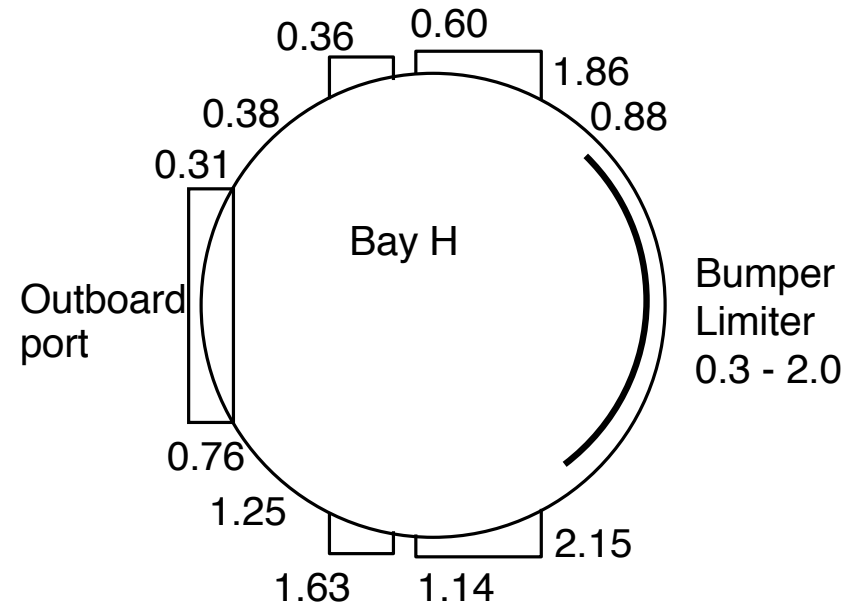
- *1/3 tritium on bumper limiter, 2/3 on outboard wall*
- *Remarkably good agreement between extrapolation from bakeout measurements and difference inventory (fueling less exhaust) and measurements at both PPPL and Savannah River.*

## Surface Tritium Measurements

- *Open wall ion chamber provided fast, convenient measurements of surface tritium (within beta range  $\approx 1$  micron)*
- *Tritium distribution non uniform, some residual after bakeout.*
- *Ratio bulk tritium from bakeout / surface tritium  $\approx 100$*



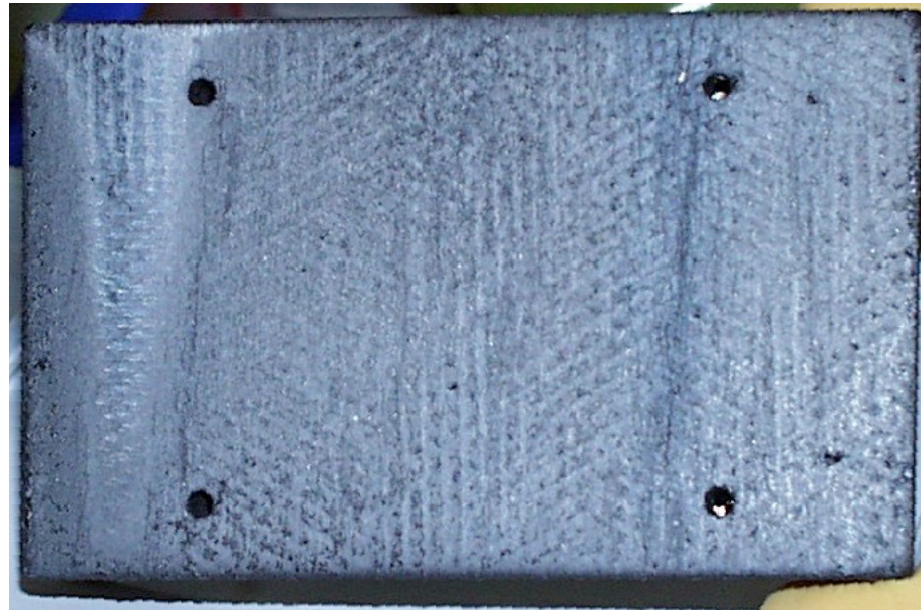
Surface tritium on bumper limiter at Bay K centerline before and after bakeout.



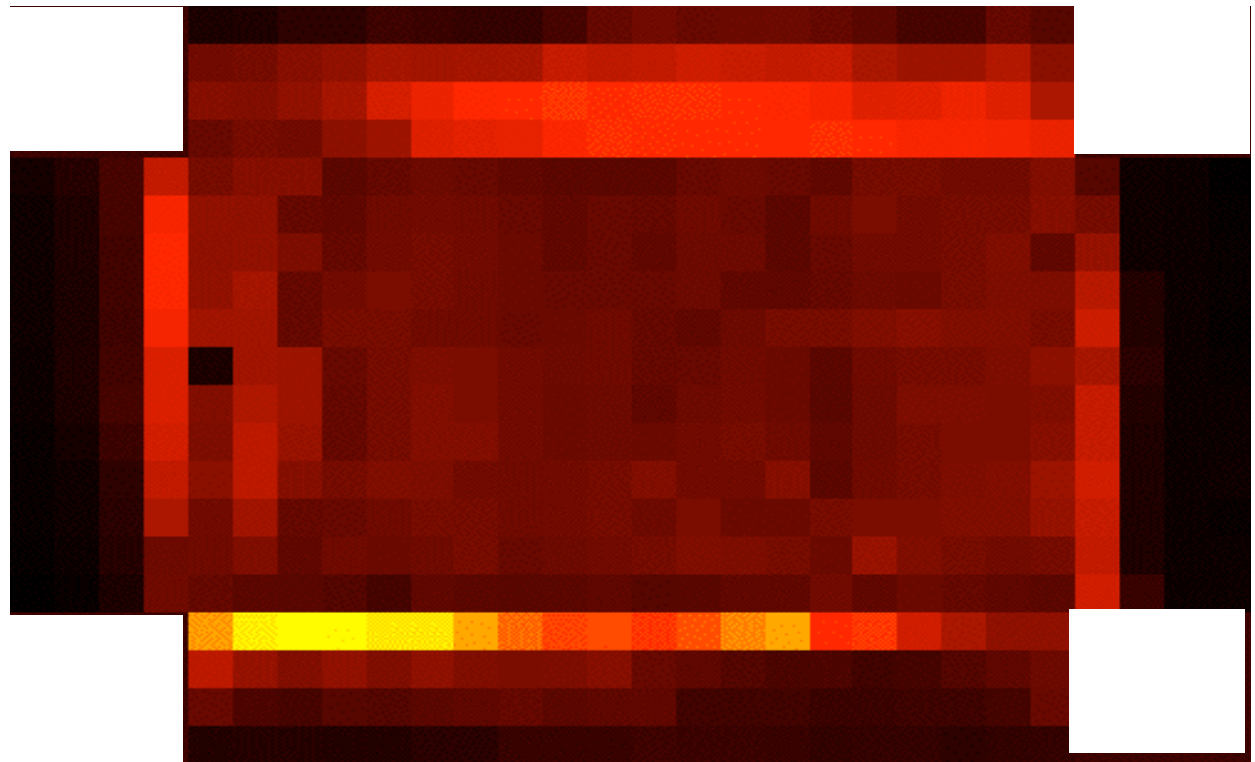
Surface tritium measured on vessel wall at Bay H (Ci/m<sup>2</sup>) maximum closest to limiter and on bottom of vessel.



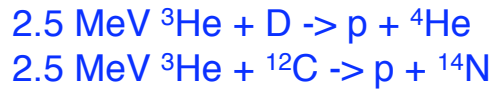
*cm-scale  
variations  
present on  
e.g. tile KC17.*



*Unfolded map of  
surface tritium at  
1/4" resolution  
0.6 - 1.9 Ci/m<sup>2</sup>*



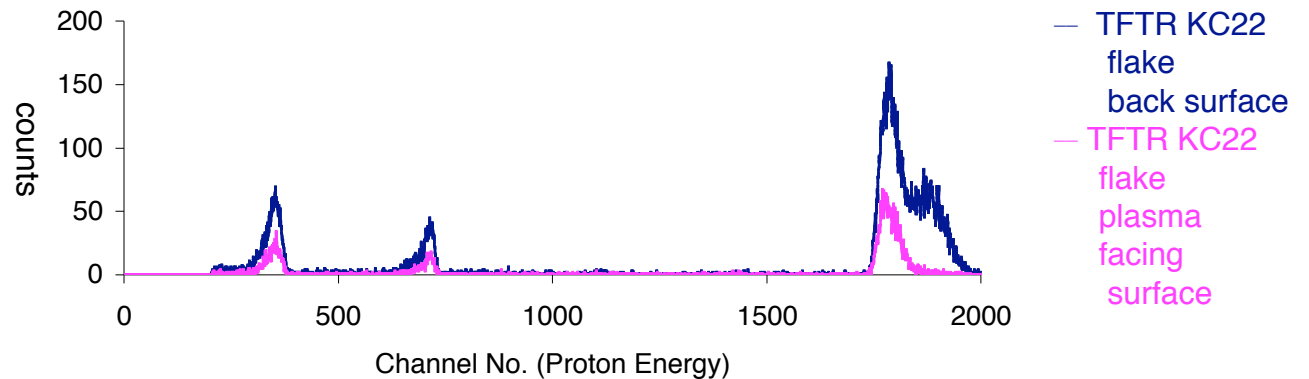
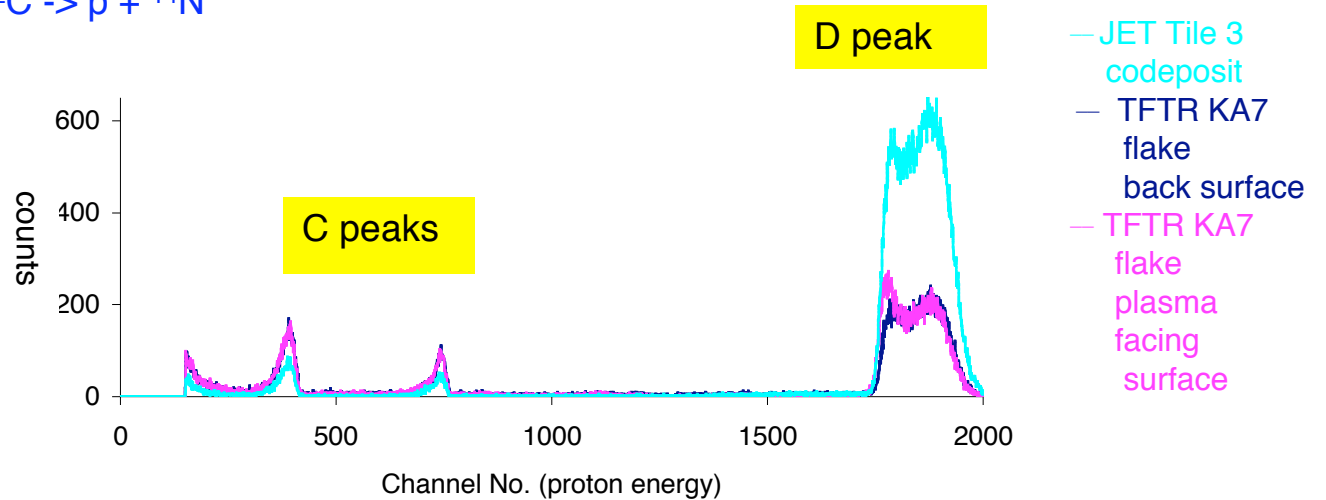
# Nuclear Reaction Analysis of TFTR Flakes (with P. Coad (JET-EFDA) and D Hole (U. Sussex))



Flakes from tile KA7.  
(plasma facing, inner limiter)



Flakes from diagnostic penetration  
on tile KC22 (not plasma facing)



D/C ratio reflects energy of incident ion ( $D/C \leq 0.4$  at  $E > 50\text{eV}$ ,  $D/C$  up to 1 at  $E < 50\text{eV}$ ).

- TFTR flake from tile KA7( plasma facing):  
D/C:0.13 on plasma facing, 0.25 back surface, 0.11 bulk (from RBS)
- TFTR KC22 (not plasma facing) D/C ratio approx. 1.7x higher
- JET  $D/C \approx 0.7$

## *Atomic Concentrations of XPS Detected Elements*

*Tile KC17*

M. T. Paffett et al.,  
T2001 conference  
Fus. Sci. & Technol.  
41 (May, 2002)

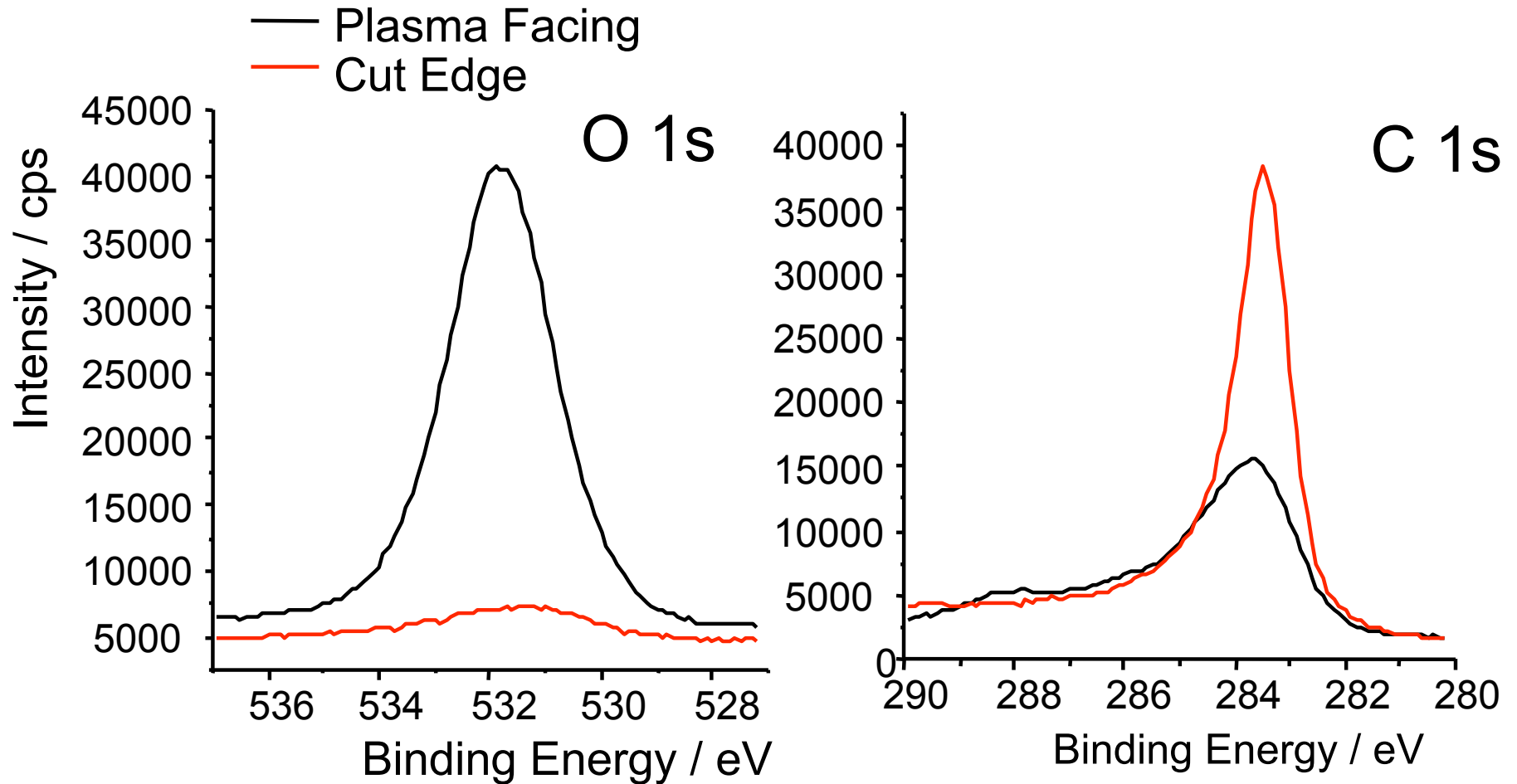
*Tile KB3*

Sample	B	C	O	Si	S	
1G	4.1	51.2	39.5	4.5	0.6	
4F.1	5.2	49.7	40.4	4.1	0.5	
4F.2	4.9	48.5	40.6	5.4	0.6	
4B.1	3.7	51.6	38.8	5.9	-	
4B.2	2.9	51.6	39.2	5.9	0.6	
2C.1	3.1	50.5	39.1	7.2	-	
2C.2	3.4	48.4	40.0	8.1	-	
4A.1	4.8	31.0	52.6	11.6	-	
4A.2	4.4	32.1	50.2	13.3	-	
V1.1	-	76.5	21.1	2.4	-	
V1.2	4.0	73.4	22.3	0.3	-	
V1.3(cut)	-	94.7	3.8	0.2	1.3	
V2(rough)	3.4	30.6	50.4	13.9	1.7	
V2(smooth)	8.1	48.7	42.1	1.2	-	
Sample	Li	B	C	O	Si	S
Crud 1	7.3	7.0	45.6	31.3	6.7	2.1
Crud W	-	2.9	70.1	26.4	0.6	-
Crud X	-	0.9	74.3	23.9	0.8	-
Crud Y	-	3.8	66.5	28.7	0.9	-
Crud Z	-	6.1	55.1	35.5	3.3	-

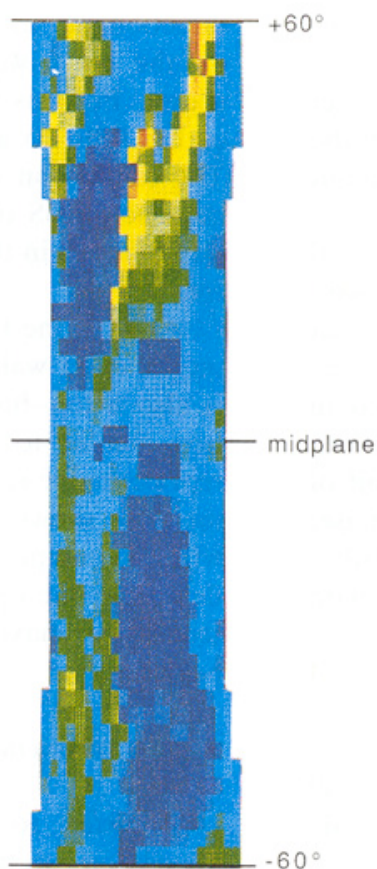
*Crud 1 sample was from poloidal limiter at floor level.*

*Crud W,X,Y,Z was from flaking deposit on diagnostic penetration in bumper limiter tile KB2 (not plasma facing)*

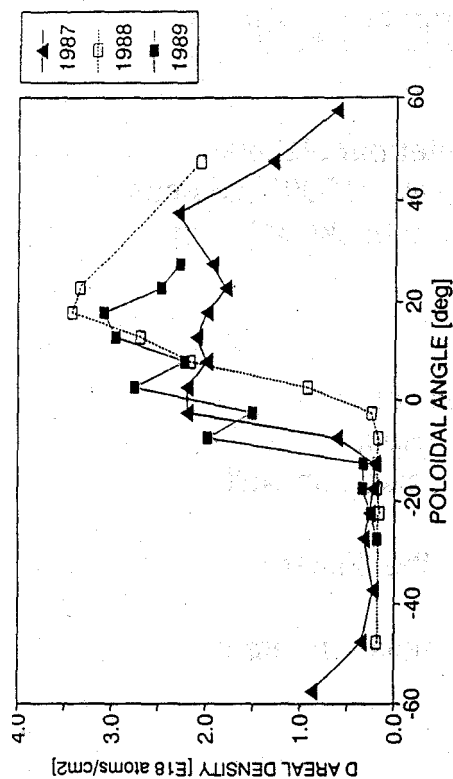
*Direct XPS comparison of cut edge versus plasma facing surface:  
extensive oxidation of carbon surface occurs*



# Deposition on bumper limiter in DD phase

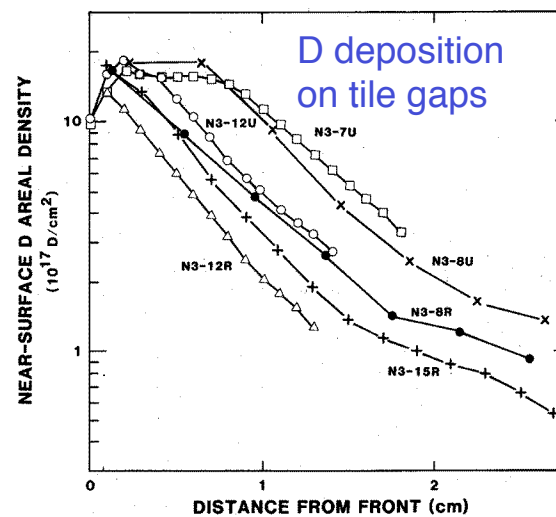
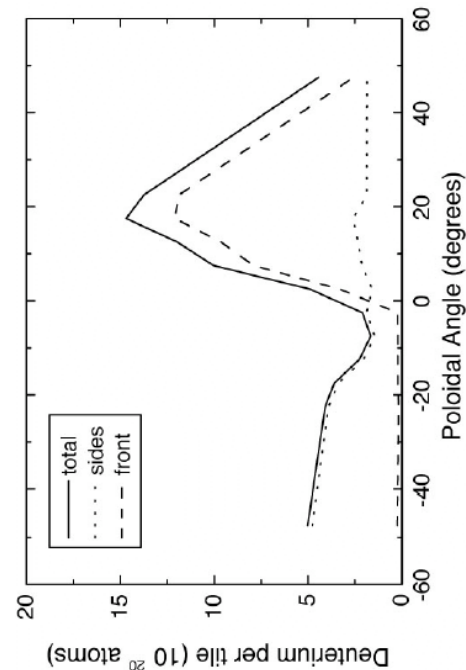


Metals deposition on plasma facing surface of bumper limiter (Beta backscattering)



D deposition plasma facing surface of bumper limiter (NRA)

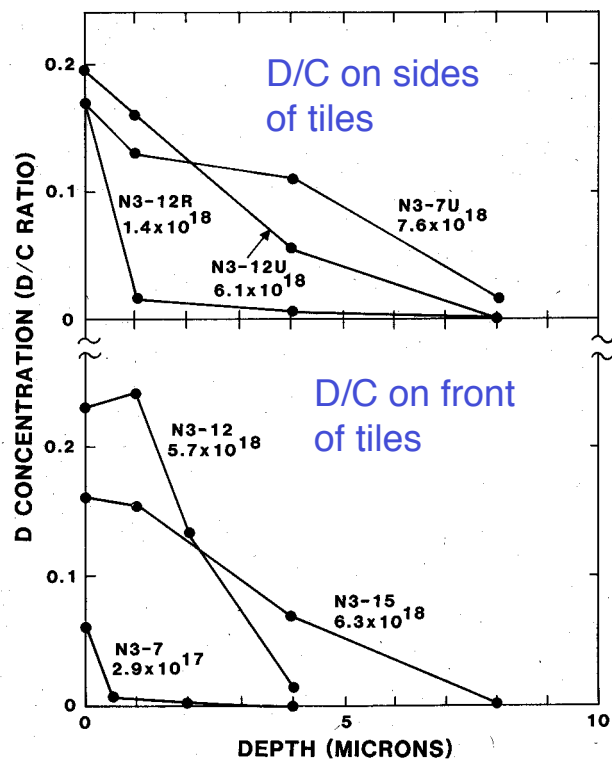
D on front and sides.



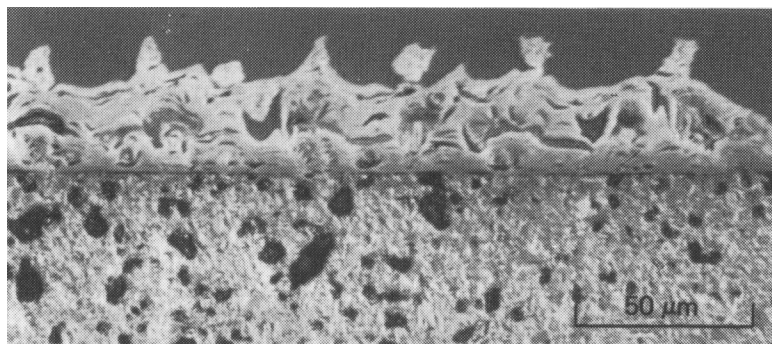
W. Wampler et al., J. Vac. Sci. Technol, A6 (1998) 2111,  
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## Deposition on outer wall in DD phase

### D/C ratios

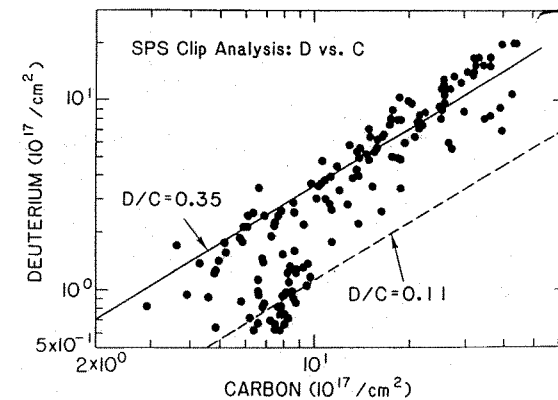
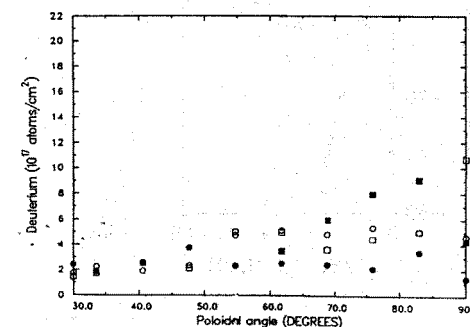
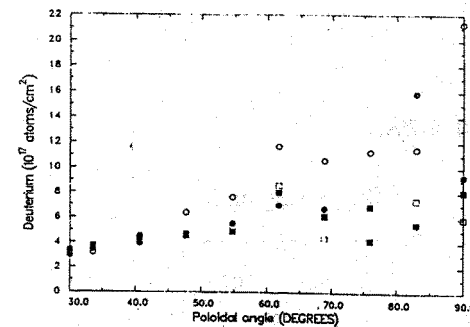


Integrated densities D/cm<sup>2</sup> also indicated



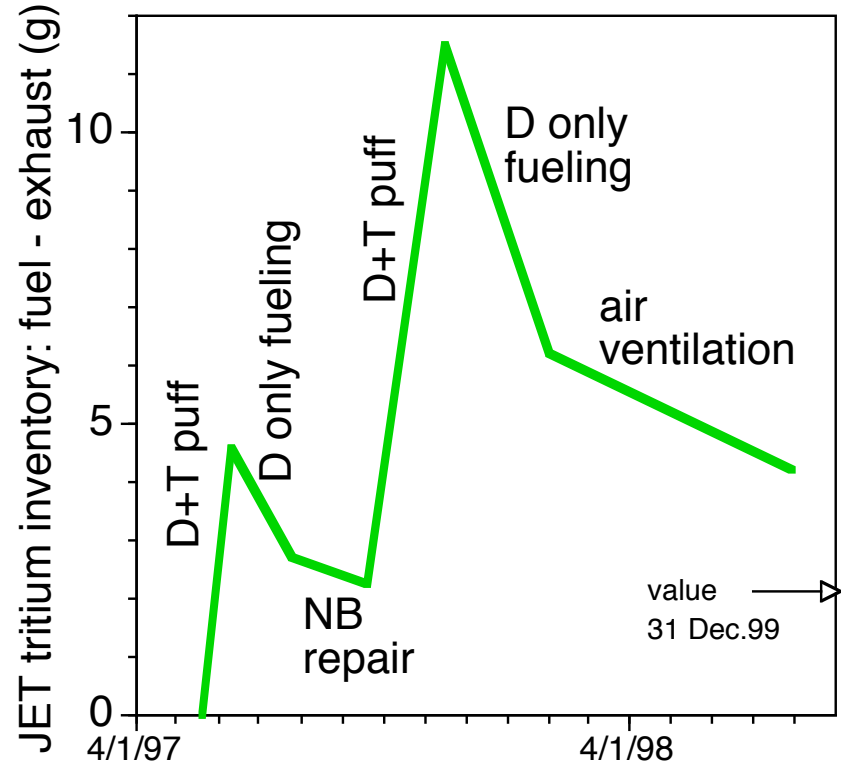
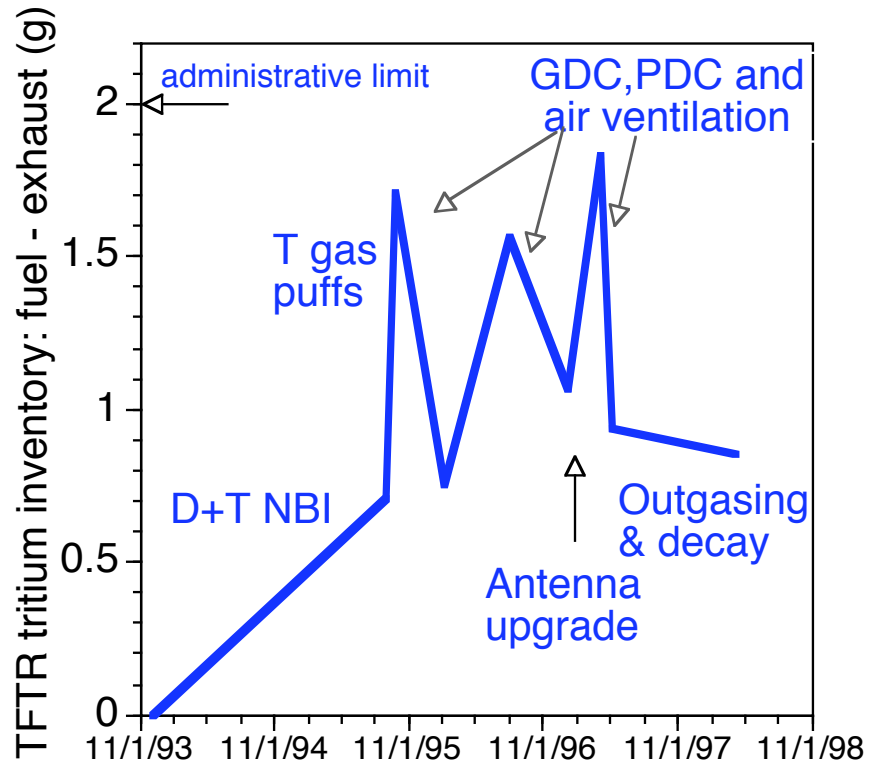
SEM cross section of co-deposit

Deuterium on SPS Clips from the TFTR wall. Close to the limiter more D is retained.



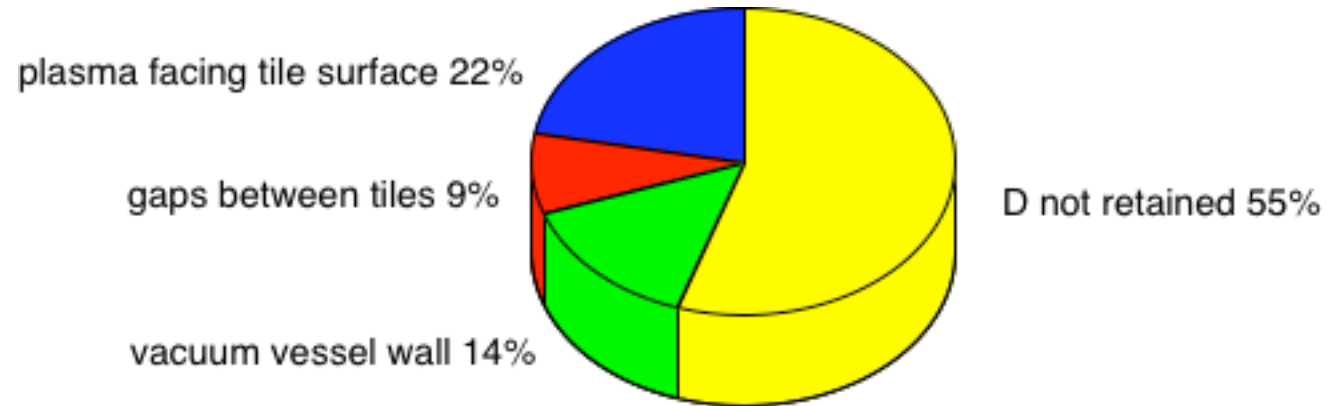
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## Chronology of tritium retention in TFTR & JET

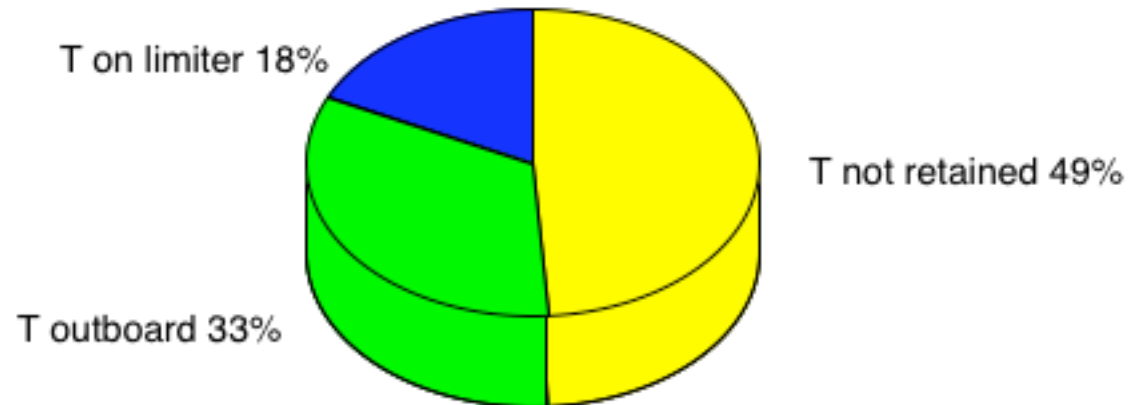


## Fuel Retention

*D retention  
from DD  
phase  
(Wampler)*



*T retention  
from DT  
phase*





# Tritium retention

	TFTR: 3 run periods over 3.5 y	JET: DTE1, over 6 m
Total tritium injected, NBI	3.1 g	0.6 g
gas puff	2.1 g	34.4 g
Total tritium retained during DT operations	2.6 g	11.5 g
Initial % retention during T puff fueling (wall saturation + isotope exchange)	≈ 90%	≈40%
Longer term % retention including D only fueling (mostly co-deposition)	51%	17%
Tritium remaining in torus	0.85 g (4/98)	4.2 g (7/98)
Long term retention	16% (4/98)	12% (7/98)
		6% (12/99)

- *Larger source of carbon (for co-deposition) in TFTR limiter*
  - *TFTR limiter conditioned to low D/C before T gas puffing.*
- *D pulsing removed T from JET dynamic inventory leaving ~1/2 in co-deposits*

# Modeling of C production and Tritium retention in TFTR (John Hogan)

BBQ code describes:

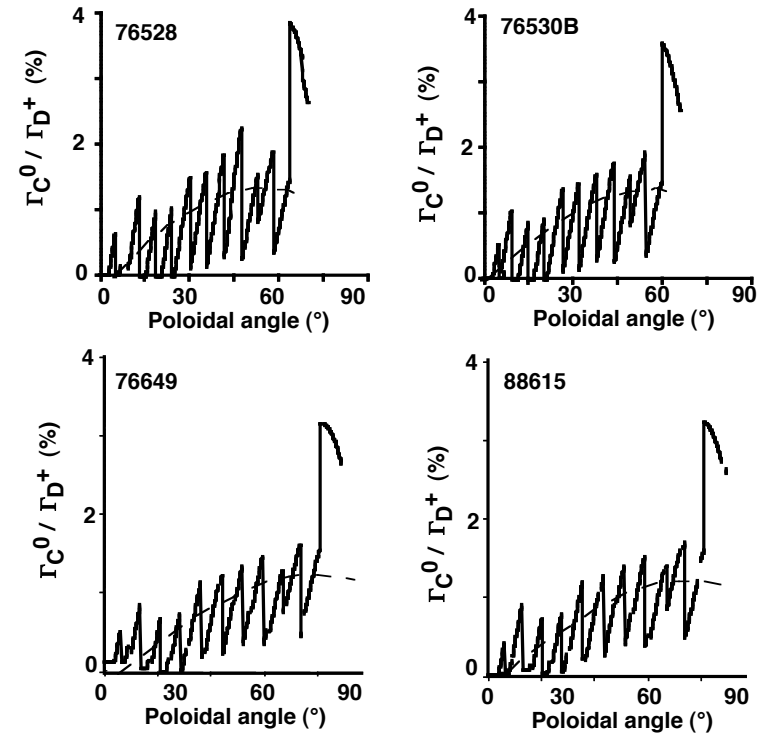
3D space, 3D velocity test particle Monte Carlo code for emitted C impurities from physical, chemical sputtering and radiation-enhanced sublimation (RES)

Parallel, perpendicular diffusion, electrostatic fields, friction with SOL flow, atomic/molecular physics (includes Erhardt-Langer database for CD4 breakup)

Combines detailed TFTR Bumper Limiter geometry (CAD) with impurity SOL transport and redeposition

Extrapolate carbon erosion from selected representative discharges  
H-isotope/C ratio in co-deposits  
approximately 0.2 (NRA) – estimate retention....

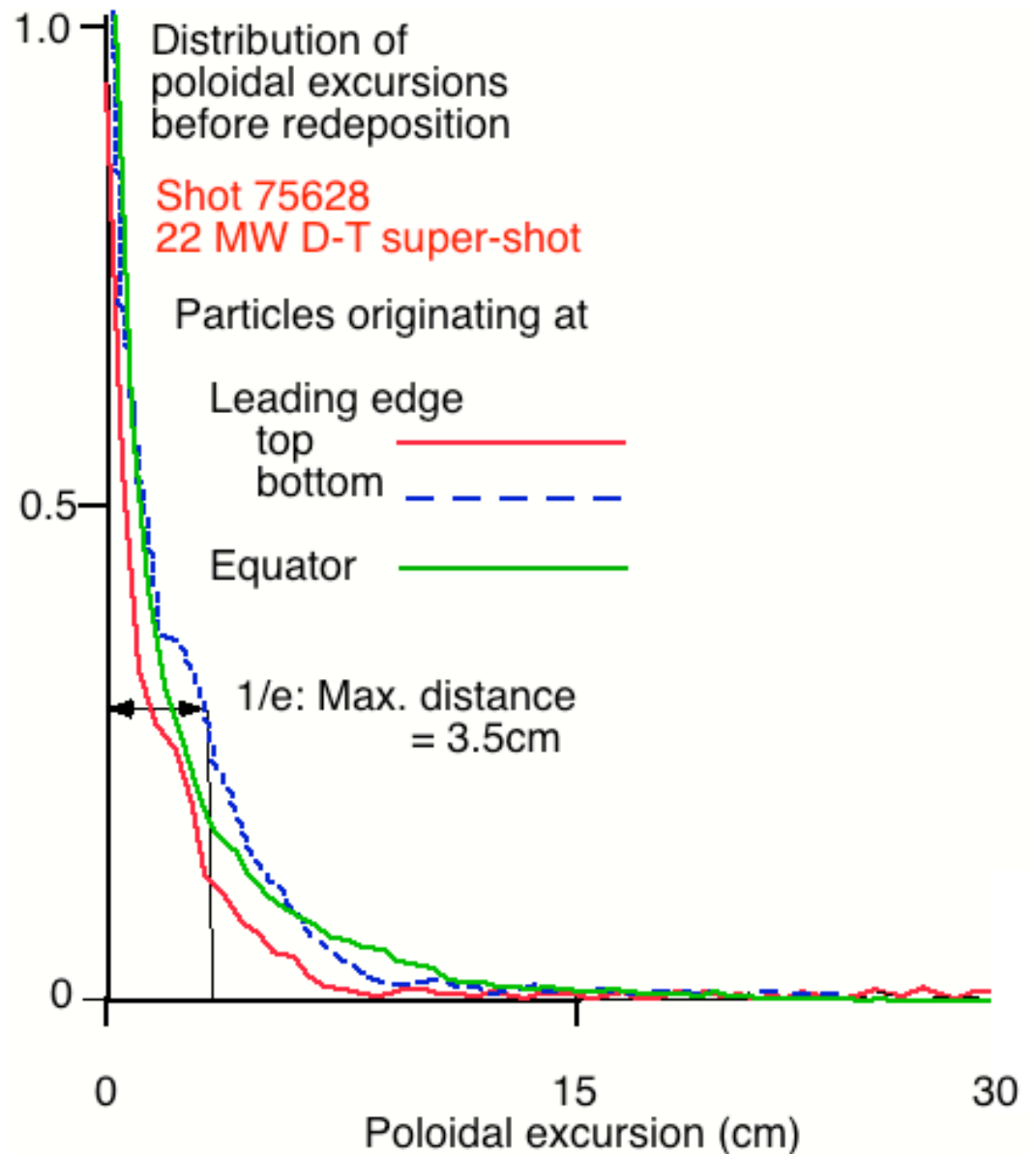
→ **Modeling can account for order of magnitude of retention (Hogan talk Thursday).**



Local effective sputtering yield distribution on bumper limiter (emitted impurity flux / incident D+ flux for 4 representative discharges.

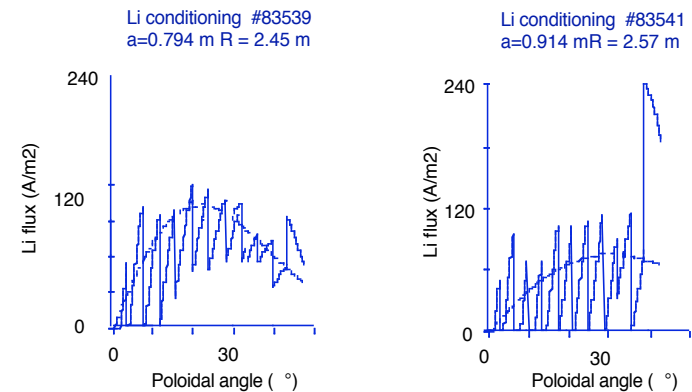
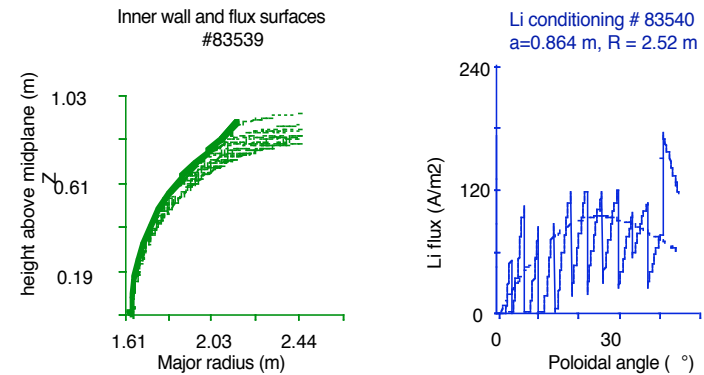
## Carbon + H-isotopes codeposited close to erosion point

- BBQ shows strong localization of D+ flux at top/bottom leading edges of TFTR limiter.
- Data consistent with considerable number of TFTR discharges with large ( $\approx 10\text{cm}$ ) radial decay length of the D+ flux due to inner wall recycling and flux amplification.
- Flight of sputtered carbon tracked in radial, poloidal and toroidal dimensions.
- Higher effective sputtering yield at high latitudes and prompt local redeposition leads to high codeposition in these areas.
- Significant concentrations of T predicted on upper and lower leading edges of limiter.

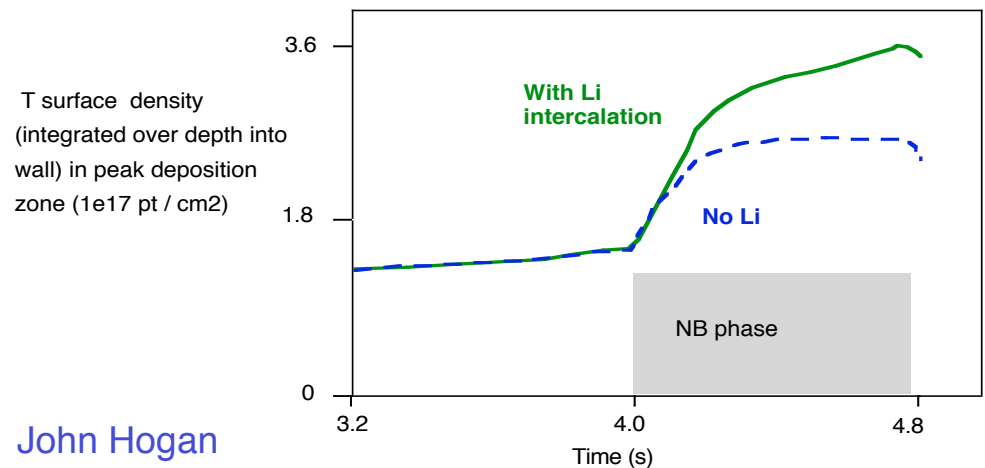


# Lithium Conditioning may play role in TFTR tritium retention

- Deposited Li may be absorbed in graphite and form LiT, increasing tritium retention.
- Previous BBQ modeling gave agreement with observed T retention
- BBQ code now used to predict Li deposition in conditioning shots preceding DT shot
- Modeling shows both Li and T localized at high poloidal angle on inner limiter.
- WDIFFUSE code used to calculate Li intercalation (diffusion).
- Li and T implantation can overlap during the high power phase.
- Increase in predicted T retention by x1.3
- Brings modeling even closer to observed T retention (significant uncertainties in diffusion coefficients, SOL parameters and detailed history).



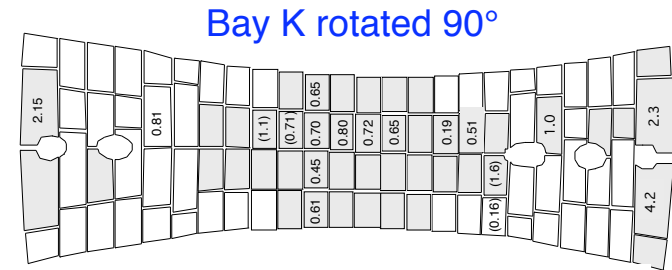
Li deposition pattern on TFTR bumper limiter in a sequence of conditioning ('painting') discharges



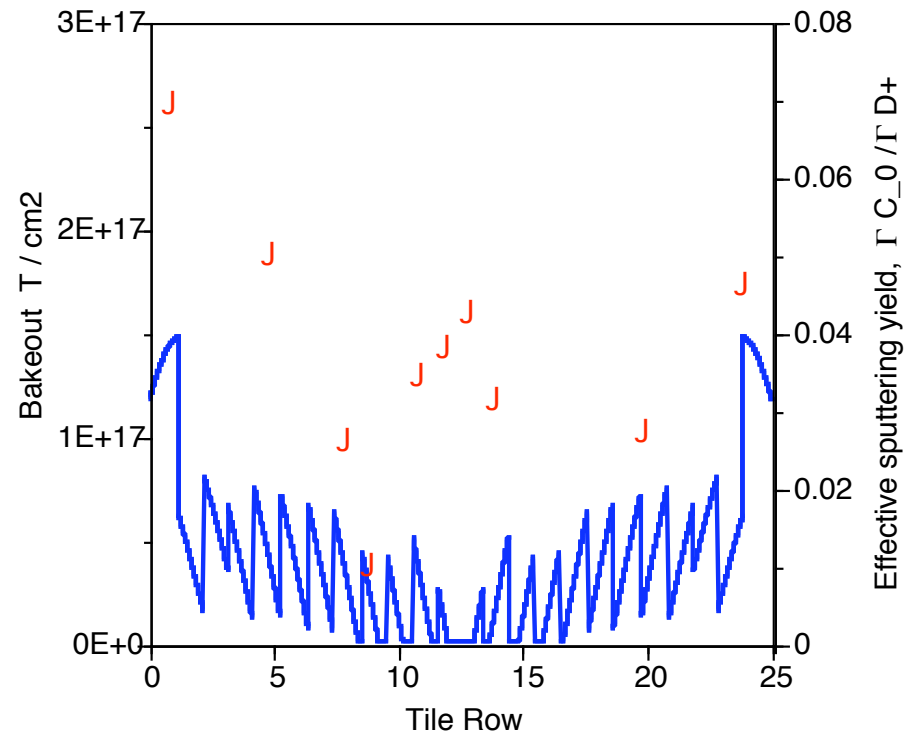
John Hogan

# Modelling appears to be on right track

- Higher effective sputtering yield at high latitudes and prompt local redeposition leads to high codeposition in these areas
- Data consistent with considerable number of TFTR discharges with large ( $\approx 10\text{cm}$ ) radial decay length of the  $\text{D}^+$  flux due to inner wall recycling and flux amplification.
- Li deposition at same locations may enhance retention (Li used for wall conditioning).
- Observed tritium concentrations (measured after modeling predictions) suggest model is on right track.



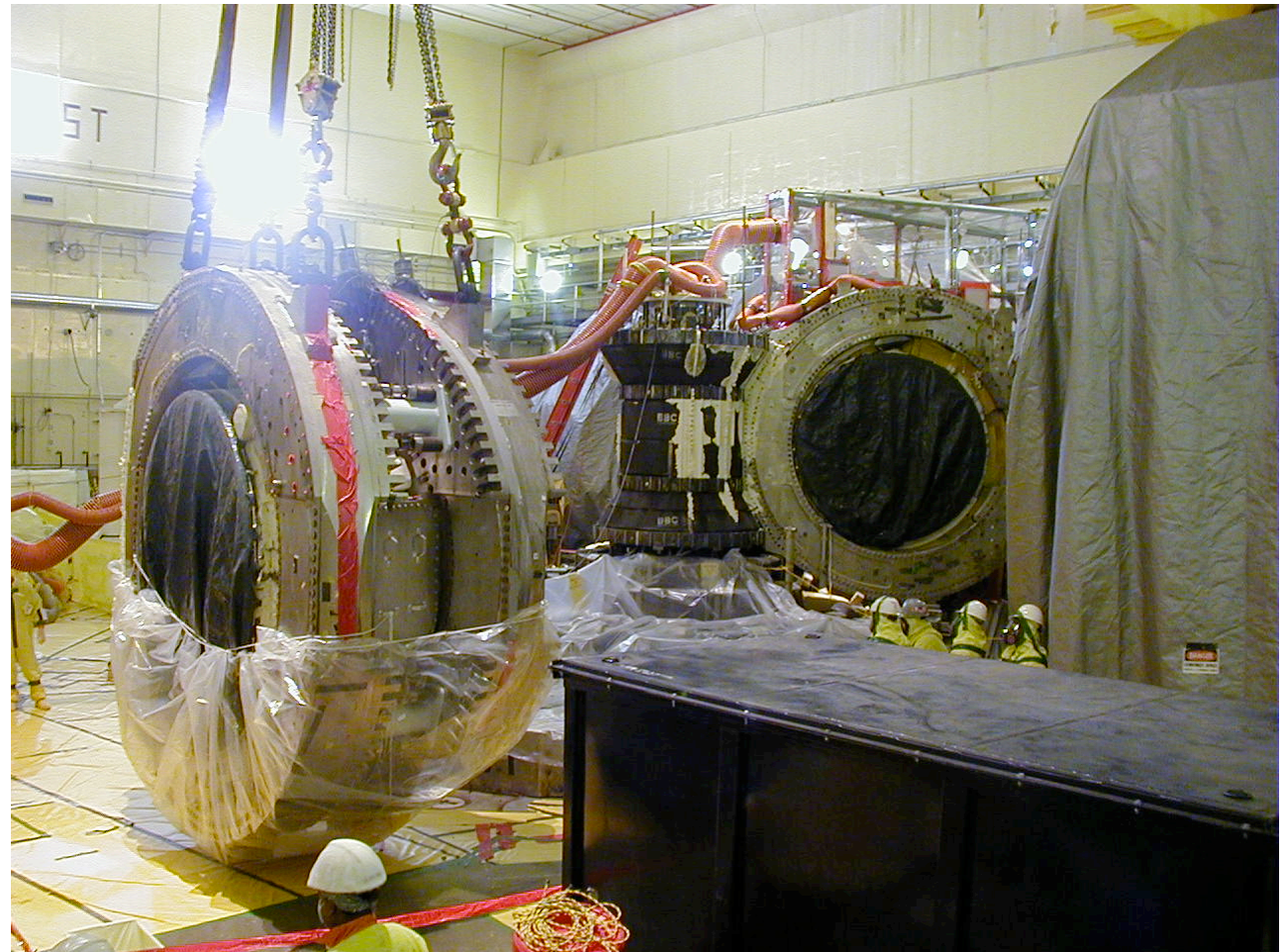
Measure tritium in selected tiles



Row averaged tritium release / plasma facing area ( $\text{cm}^2$ ) compared to effective sputtering yield for # 76528

## Postscript: TFTR D&D:

- The TFTR D&D is proceeding according to plan, on schedule, and will conclude by the summer of '02.
- The radiological liabilities and annual costs associated with “mothballing” are being eliminated.
- A modest amount of hardware has been saved and will be available for re-use in future devices.
- The work has been accomplished **SAFELY**.
- Data and lessons learned will be incorporated into a workshop at PPPL scheduled for later this year.



*S Raftopoulos & D&D team,  
SOFE conference Atlantic City,  
Jan '02*



Diamond wire used to section torus

## *Summary:*

- Rich database of erosion/deposition/fueling from both deuterium and tritium phases
- Significant deposition on outboard wall in contrast to JET
- Short scale (1cm) spatial variations in deposition.
- Exposure to air lead to flaking of deposits, and high O content of film.
- Behaviour in DT and DD phase similar, approx 1/2 fuel retained in TFTR
- Broad agreement of observed retention with BBQ modeling.

Note: pdf version of Nuclear Fusion Review on  
“Plasma Material Interactions in Current Tokamaks and Their  
Implications for Next Step Fusion Reactors.”

is available from: “<http://epub.iaea.org/fusion/>”

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