Status of HHFW antenna inspection for coatings, blobs, dust and particles prior to cleaning

- Clear during operations that lithium was coating surfaces and that extensive dust and particles were being formed
- Views of vessel shows lithium sheeting and particles on surfaces
- From afar antenna looks smooth
- Up close, antenna has blobs and particles deposited on antenna surfaces straps, faraday shields and boron-nitride spacers
 - Undoubtedly contributed to arcing
 - > Arc marks are also apparent on the faraday shield
 - plan to document this prior to removing antenna for cleaning
- Future tasks:
 - Remove antenna first week of January
 - Inspect feedthroughs and clean in place
 - Clean antenna parts and reinstall antenna in March

Lithium deposition affects HHFW antenna with coatings and dust projectiles

Shot 141988 $B_T = 4.5 \text{ kG}, I_P = 0.9 \text{ MA},$ Helium, $P_{RF} = 1.9 \text{ MW}$



 Lithium from top of antenna moving along magnetic field line Lithium projectiles at end of shot
Moving outward

toward antenna





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Vessel picture showing lithium coatings and sheeting

Sheeting here



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Tile current Rogowski measurements hampered by insulating coating on tiles



Antenna looks reasonably smooth from a distance

Note the darkened end BN bumpers, especially in ion direction



Closeup views show more damage to antenna

- Bottom right corner shows some arcing
- BN bumper is blackened
- Microwave reflectometer horn is coated with film



Clear arcing observed at top

• Top left and center Faraday shield top covers show large number of arc tracks



Globs of lithium are seen on structures – BN septa, straps and Faraday shield

- Blob on current strap is especially bad for arcing and such globs could explain the need to vacuum condition extensively
- Blobs on BN septa may be cause of bursts between antenna elements that most of the time did not result in arcs

