



DEMANDS FOR THERMAL SHOCK EXPERIMENTS OF PULSED-MUON-PRODUCTION TARGET MATERIALS

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MUON SCIENCE & PULSED MUON

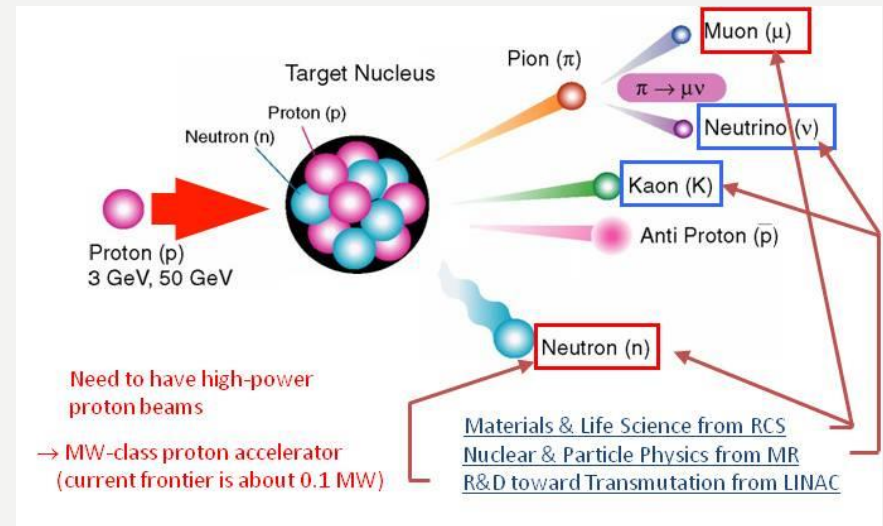


MUON

- Muon is classified with a lepton.
- It is one of the most popular cosmic rays
- A cosmic muon reach on your palm in a second.
- μ^+ : like the isotopes of hydrogen
- μ^- : 200 times larger mass than electron



- A pion decays into a muon and a neutrino.
- The decay of the positive muon into a positron and two neutrinos occurs after a mean lifetime of $2.2 \mu\text{sec}$



TOPICS EXPLORED BY MUON VARIOUS & UNIQUE SCIENCE

Material and Life Science (μ^+)

Superconductor Hydrogen in matter
Ion diffusion Biomaterial etc. etc.

by μ SR

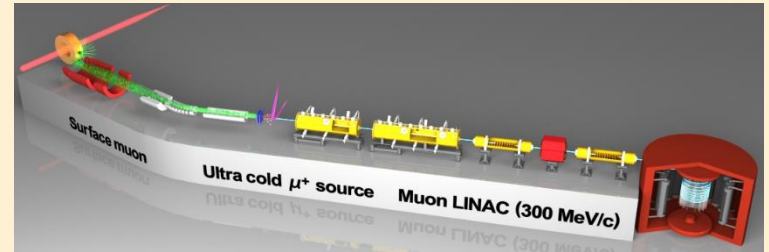


For ex.
Many useful semiconductors (GaN, TiO₂ etc.) exhibit **n type** conductivity. Why?

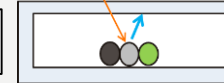
↓ Muonium ~ Hydrogen
Hydrogen impurity plays as a donor.

Fundamental Physics

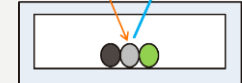
Muon $g-2$, Mu HFS, μ -e conversion etc.



Electron



Muon

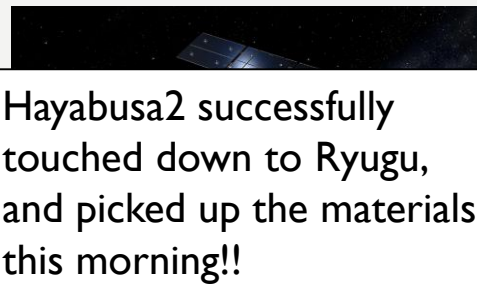


Nondestructive Element Analysis (μ^-)

Sample from Ryugu can be kept in a vacuum



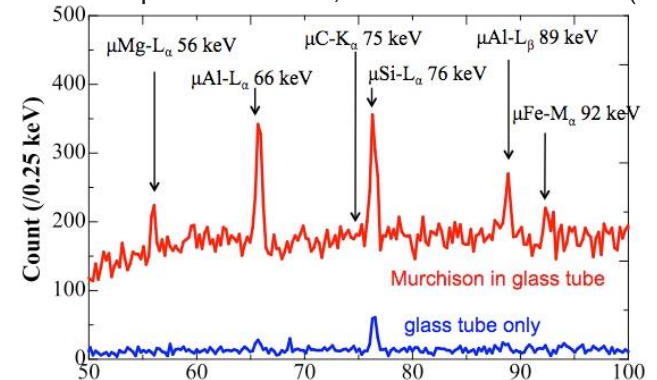
JAXA, University of Tokyo and collaborators



Hayabusa2 successfully touched down to Ryugu, and picked up the materials this morning!!

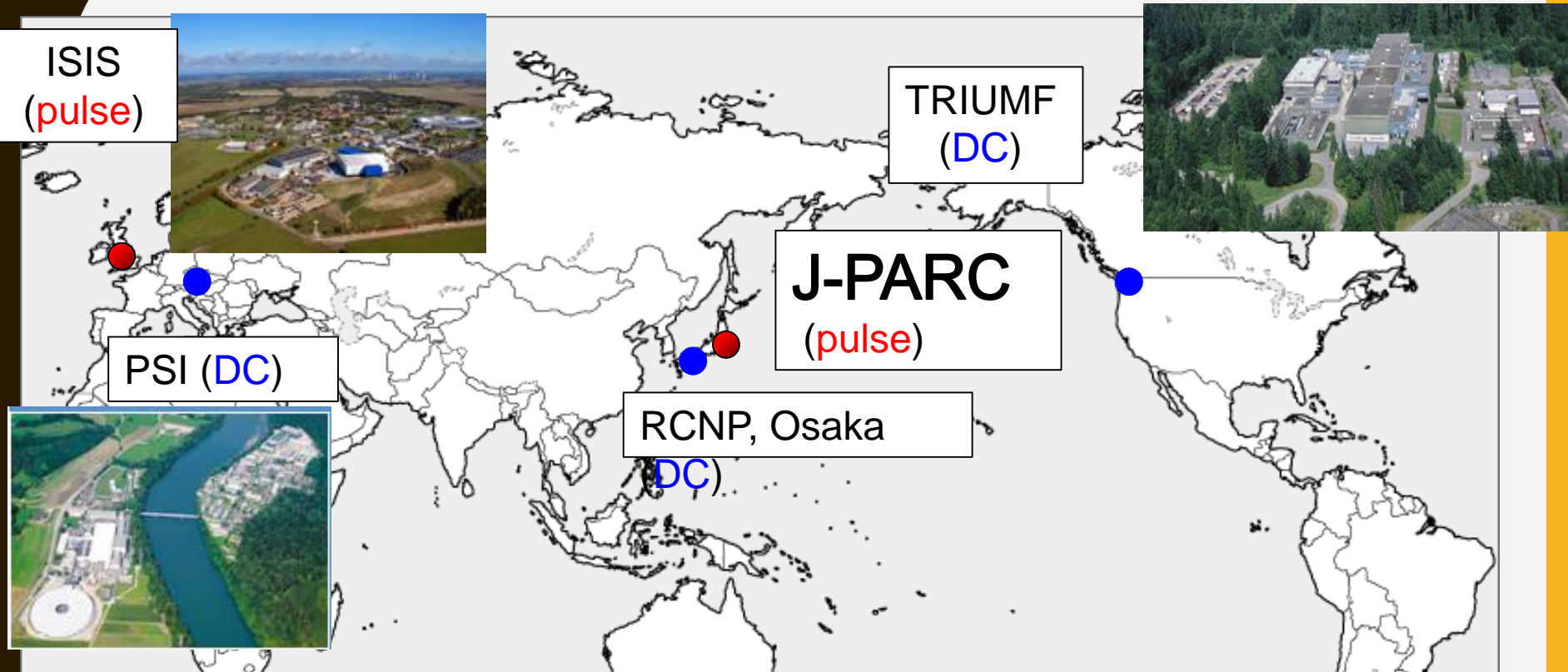
Asteroid explorer~Hayabusa2 (JAXA)

Scientific Reports volume 4, Article number: 5072 (2014)



The scheme was successfully validated at J-PARC MLF

MUON FACILITIES IN THE WORLD



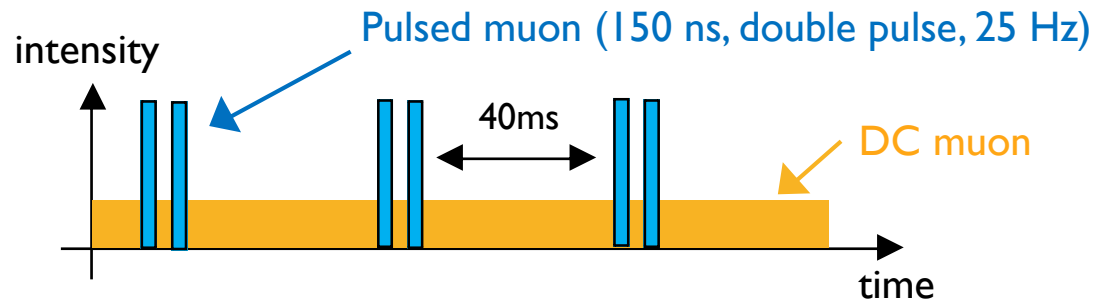
Opportunity of experiments is limited.
Two kinds of muon facility

DC muon beam VS Pulsed muon beam

CONTINUOUS DC MUON VS. PULSED MUON

Continuous DC muon

- Fine time resolution – Sub-ps order
Fast muon spin depolarization
High frequency (field) muon spin rotation is observable.
- Low peak intensity is beneficial to avoid saturation of the positron detectors.



Pulsed muon

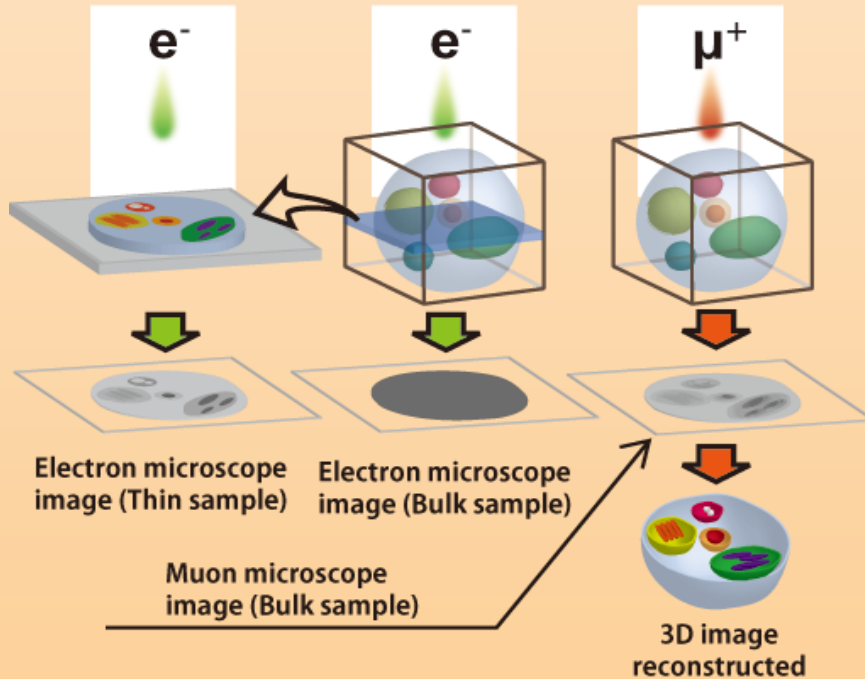
- Pulsed muon can be used with synchronized pulsed devices.
e.g. laser resonant ionization of muonium
- Synchronizing measurement with muon incident can be conducted to reduce background

Pulsed muon and DC muon are complementary.

Demands for further peak intensity of pulsed muon!!

UNIQUE SCIENCE BY PULSED MUON 1

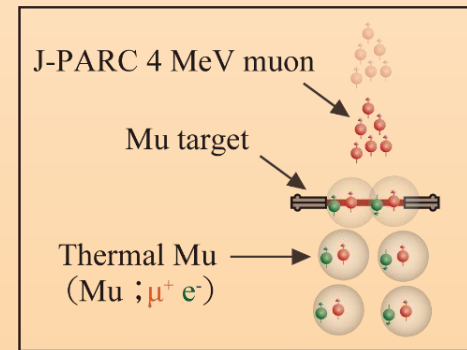
Transmission Muon Microscope (Stage of feasibility study)



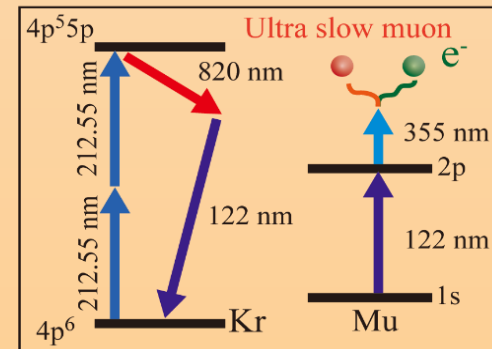
Electron Microscope can observe sample less than $1\mu\text{m}$ thickness.
 Muon Microscope can observe 200 times thicker samples,
 because of 200 times heavier mass,
 enabling us to observe **alive cell** through a window!

8 **Applying re-accelerated high-quality muons
(Narrow time and energy width)**

Ultra slow muon generation laser resonant ionization of Mu



Mu generator



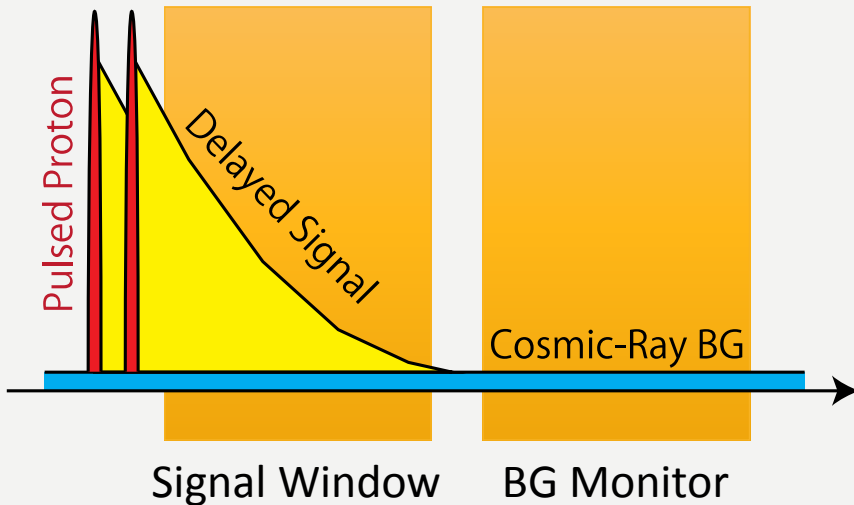
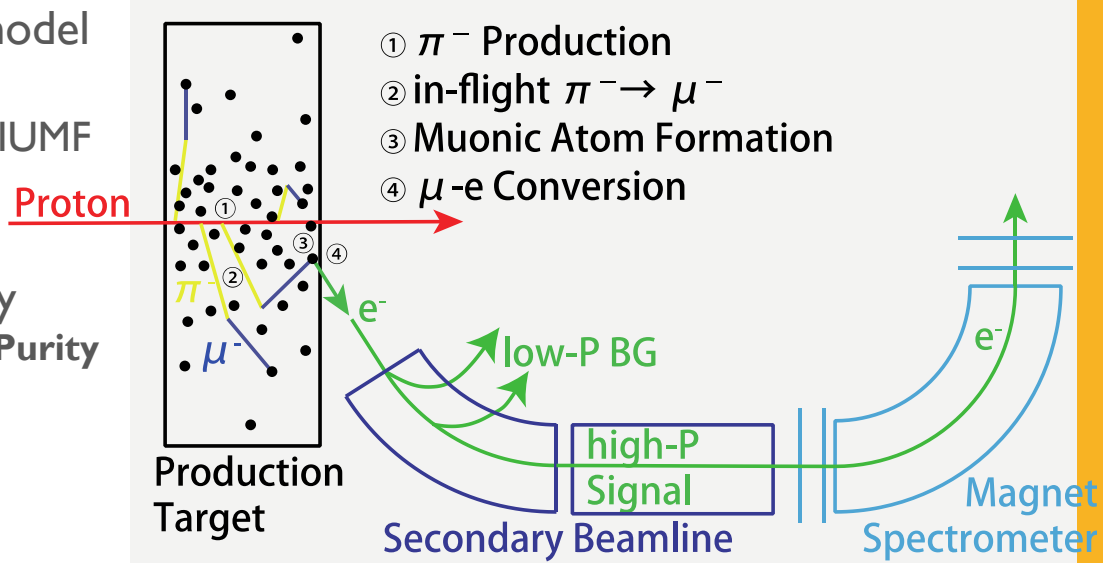
Lyman- α laser generation and Mu dissociation by laser resonant ionization method

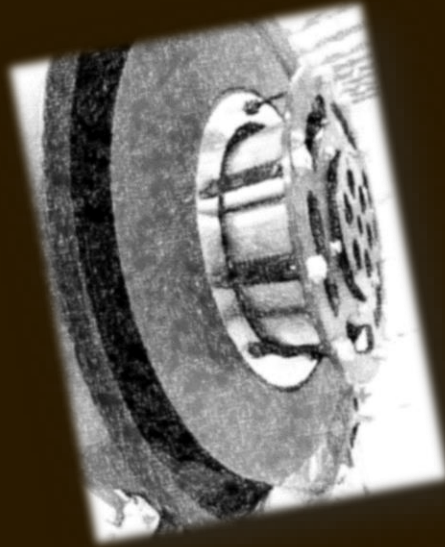
**To obtain higher-quality muon beam,
higher peak intensity of muon
synchronized with laser is essential.**

UNIQUE SCIENCE BY PULSED MUON 2 DEEME: M-E CONVERSION SEARCH

- Prohibited phenomena in standard model
- Current Upper Limits:
 - $BR[\mu^- \text{Ti} \rightarrow e^- \text{Ti}] < 4.6 \times 10^{-12}$ @TRIUMF
 - $BR[\mu^- \text{Au} \rightarrow e^- \text{Au}] < 7 \times 10^{-13}$ @PSI
- DeeMe @ J-PARC MLF Muon Facility
RCS: World-leading High-Power High-Purity Pulsed Proton Beam
 - Novel Idea: μ -e Conversion in the primary production target itself
 - S.E.S: 1×10^{-13} (Graphite Target), 5×10^{-15} (SiC Target)
- Pulsed Proton Beam is a Key:
 - To reduce Prompt Backgrounds
 - To reduce/monitor Cosmic-Ray induced Backgrounds

Pulsed Proton Beam with SiC target realizes high sensitivity.





MUON TARGET AT J-PARC



CURRENT MUON TARGET

- Target material is polycrystalline graphite, IG-430U.
- Fixed target was replaced with rotating target to disperse the radiation damage of graphite.

Mu target

N- target

P-Beam diameter; 14 mm (2σ)
4kW heat @ 1MW proton beam
Thickness of graphite 20 mm

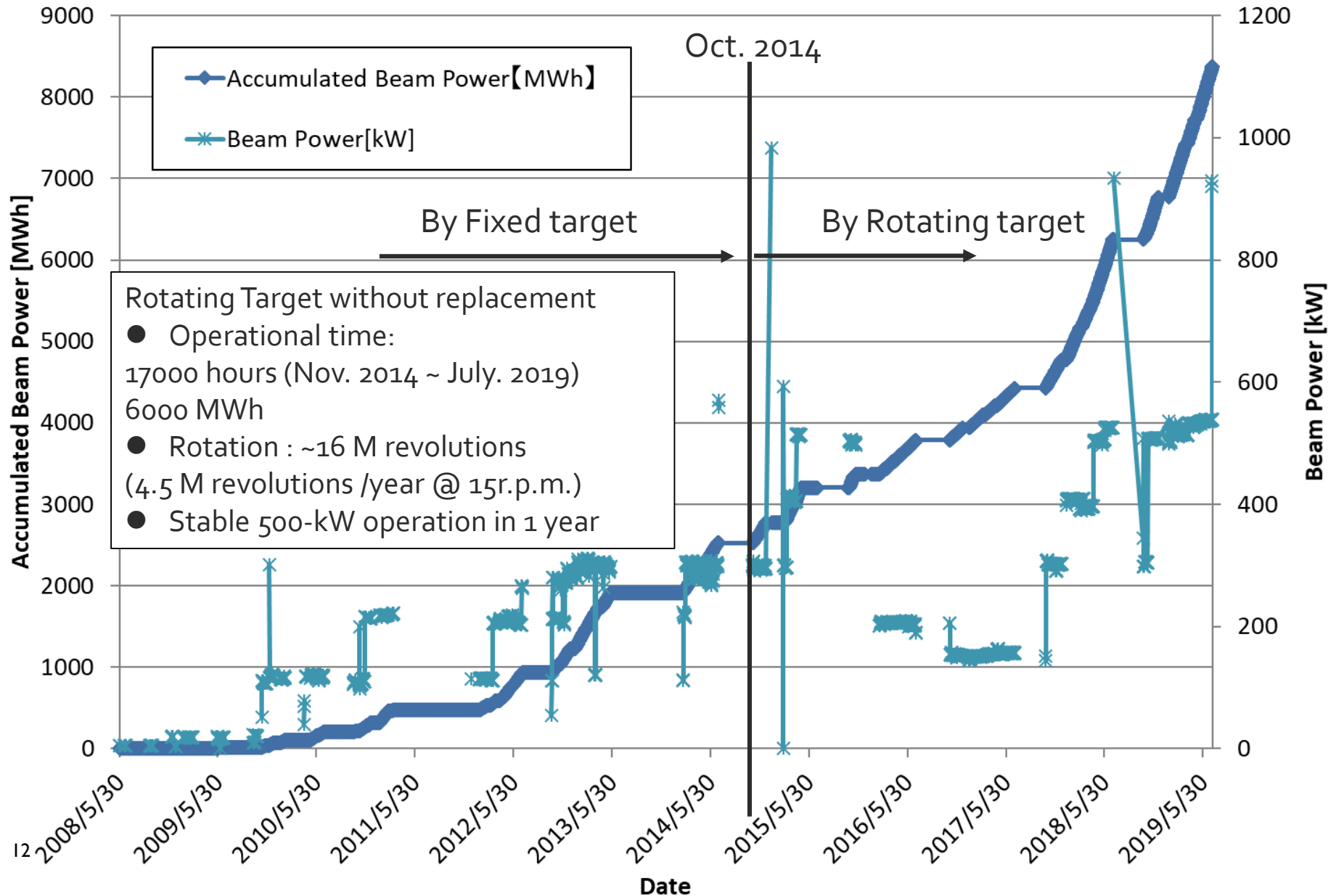
70 mm

340 mm

Fixed target, from 2008 to 2014
Water-cooling by thermal conduction
Lifetime: Irradiation damage of graphite
1 year at 1 MW operation

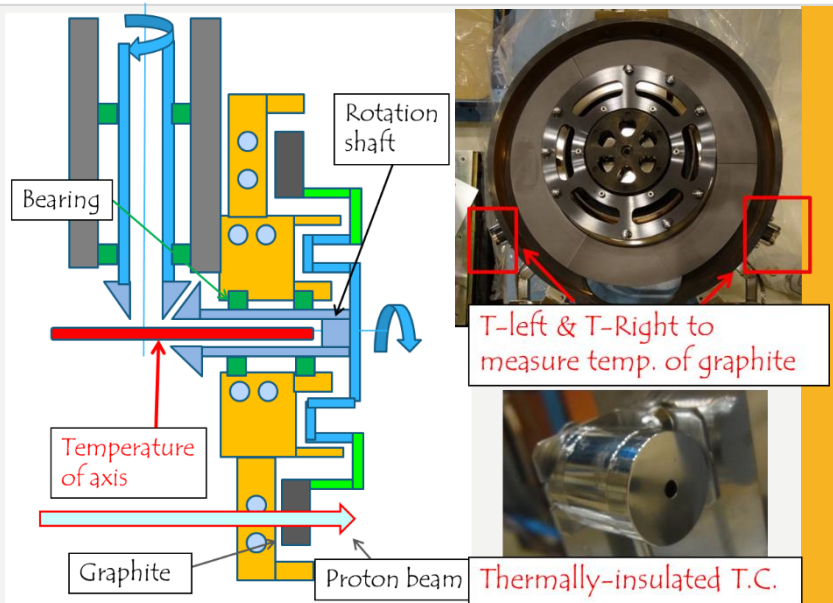
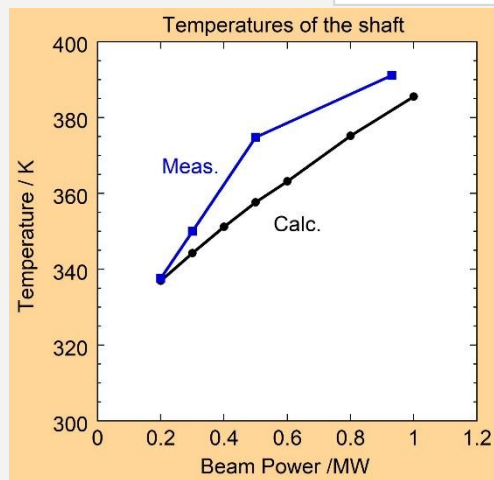
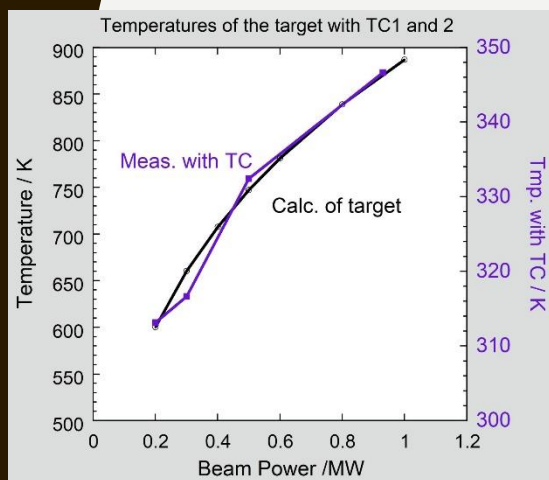
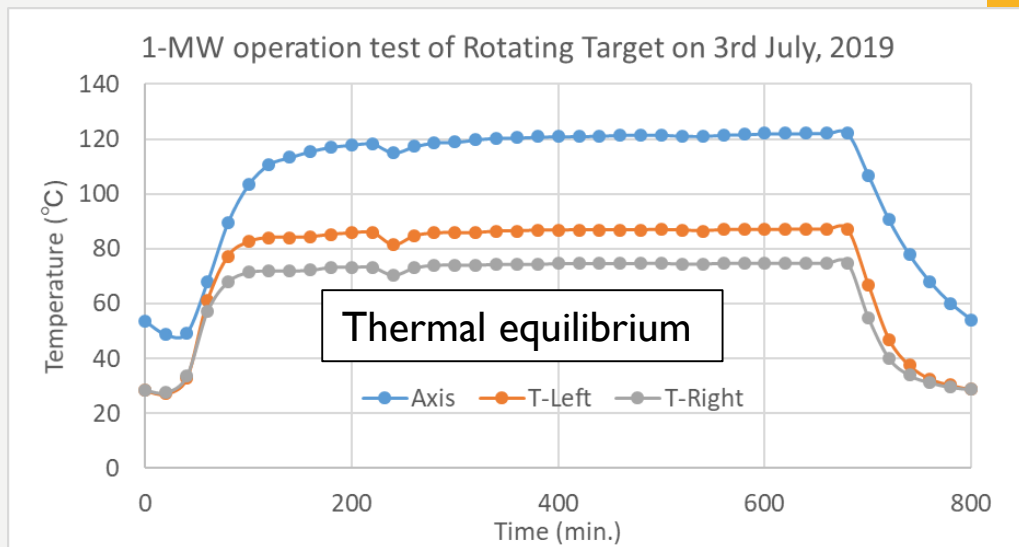
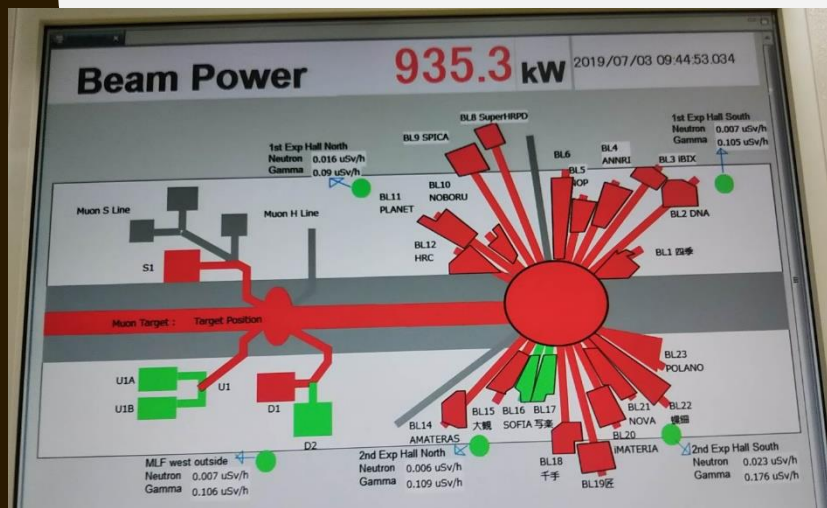
Rotating target, from 2014
Cooling by thermal radiation
Lifetime: Bearings
Aiming Lifetime: 10 years at 1 MW operation

HISTORY OF BEAM OPERATION



ALMOST 1-MW OPERATION TEST

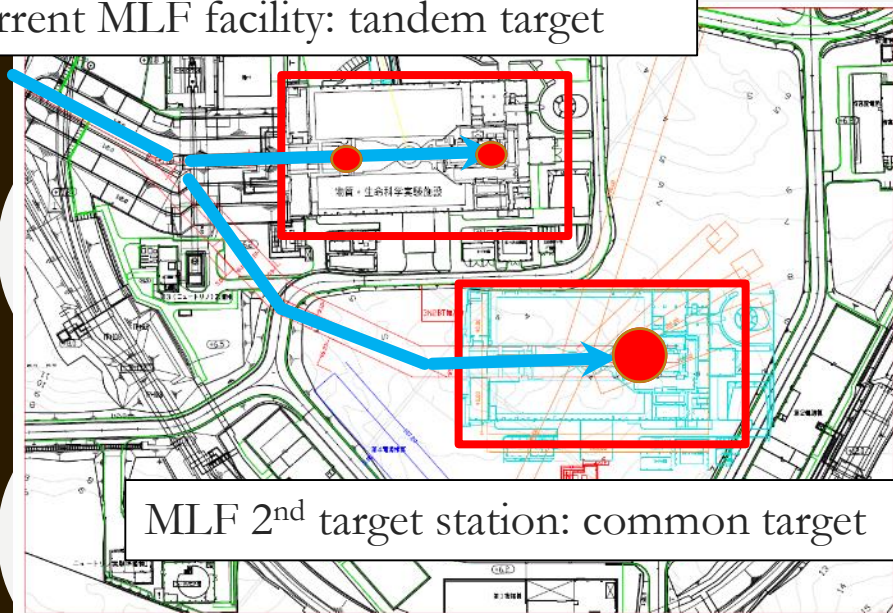
The 1-MW operation for 11 hours was successfully completed on 3rd July, 2019



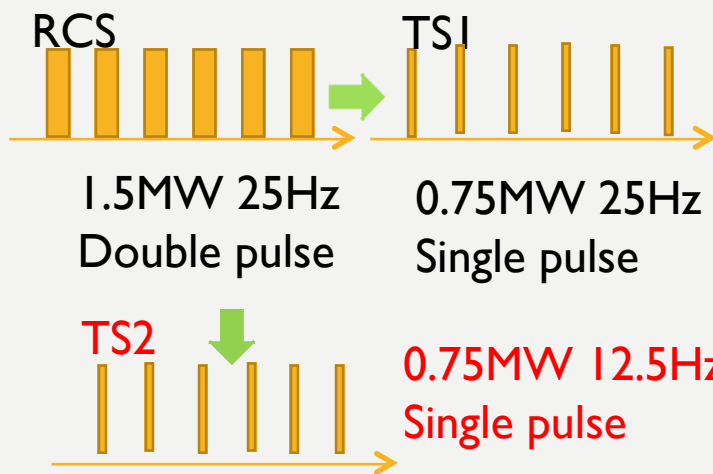
The results were in good agreement with predictions from the simulations.

MLF 2ND TARGET STATION (TS2) PROPOSAL OF FUTURE PROJECT WAS SUBMITTED

Current MLF facility: tandem target



MLF 2nd target station: common target

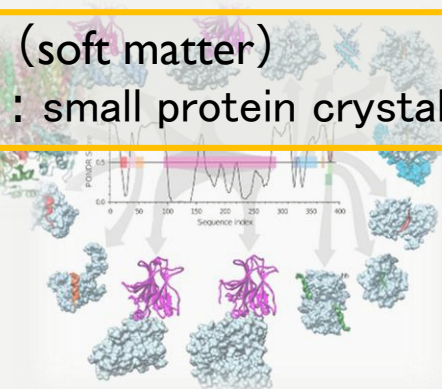


One of the plans for time structure
--Science by higher peak intensity

Extreme Condition
(High pressure, High external field)
Muon Micro Beam : small sample

Bio Science (soft matter)
Muon Micro Beam : small protein crystal

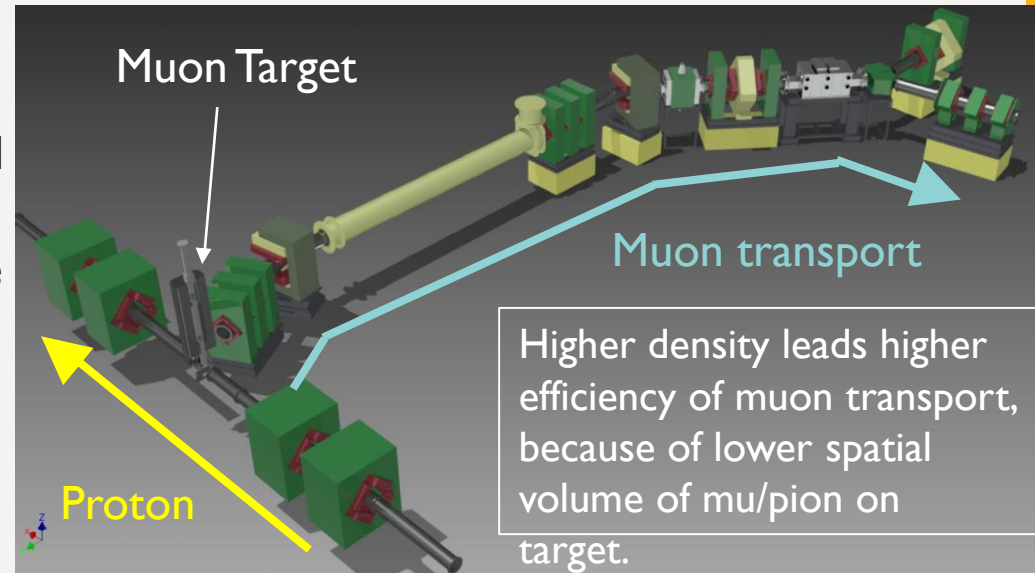
Real Space, Real time (nonuniform system)
Muon Micro Beam, Stroboscopic measurement
Imaging, In situ, Operand, Element analysis
Industrial applications,



DEMANDS FOR NEW TARGET MATERIALS

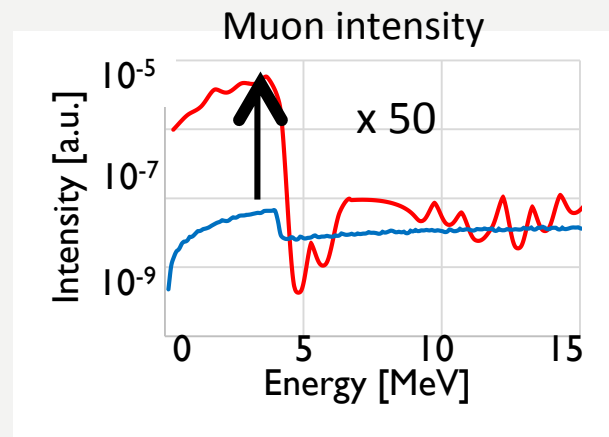
For MLF TS1:

- ❑ Graphite is the most popular and excellent target material.
- ❑ Demands for Graphite-substitute material
 - Higher oxidation resistance: SiC-coated graphite
 - Higher density: NITE SiC/SiC



For MLF TS2:

- ❑ Common target with Neutron target
- ❑ Tungsten is desired for higher efficiency of Muon and Neutron production.
- ❑ TFGR W-TiC tungsten: solution to recrystallize and irradiation embrittlement



TS1 vs TS2

	Density
	g/cc
W	19.3
Hg	13.5
Pb	11.4
PbBi	10.6
Fe	7.87

WHY HIRADMAT?

Rotating Target can disperse total heat density and radiation damage of target material. However,,

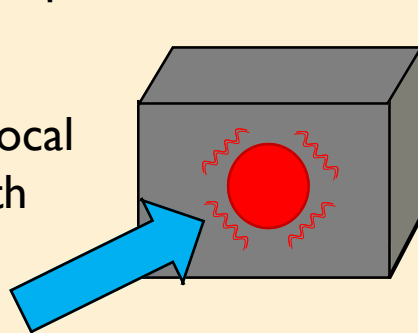
Time width of proton beam for the pulsed muon is about 100 ns.
Too short to disperse the local heat density.

For application of new target materials,

Thermal shock resistance against H.E. proton beam is essential.

Unique aspect of H.E. proton irradiation

Thermal shock on local volume of beam path



Compressive stress P by thermal shock

$$P \propto E\alpha\Delta T$$

E ; Young's modulus
 α ; Th. Expansion

* R.T.	Graphite	SiC	Tungsten
E (GPa)	11	440	411
α (ppm/K)	6	4.3	4.5

Graphite: Excellent thermal resistant material

Combination of proton-irradiation damage of materials must be considered as well.

HiRadMat is an unique facility to investigate thermal shock for higher peak intensity to new target materials.

SiC-coated graphite

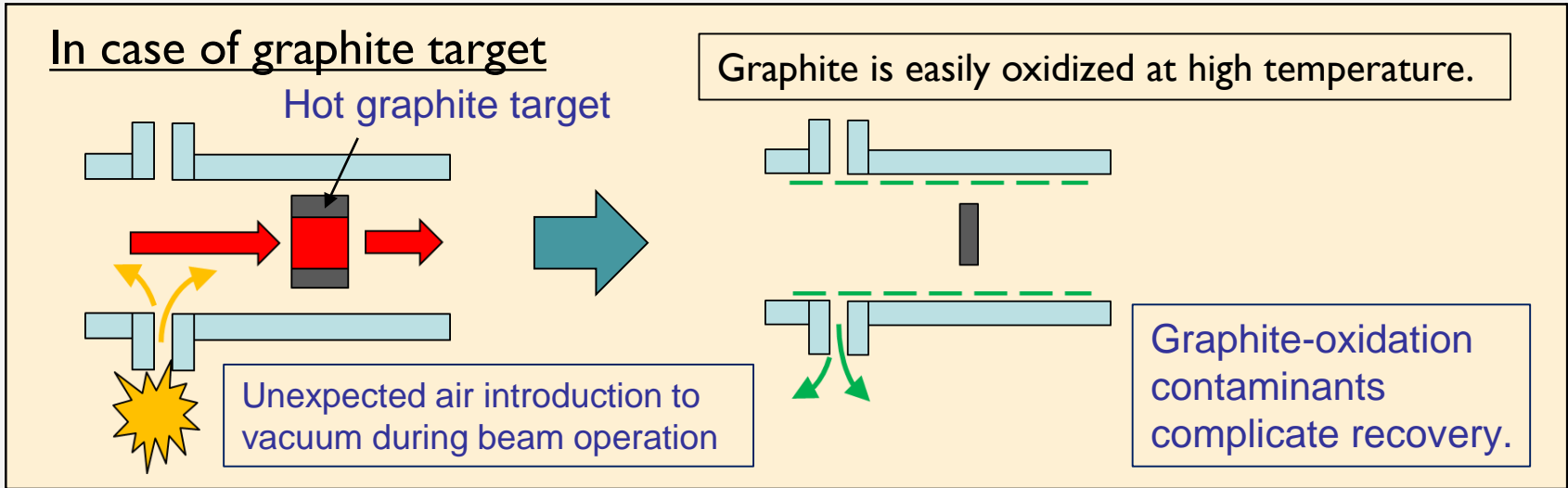
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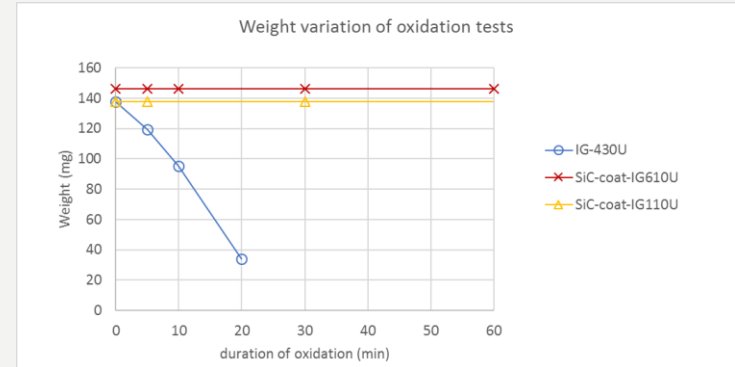
MOTIVATION OF SiC-COATED GRAPHITE

SiC-coating on graphite improves oxidation resistance.

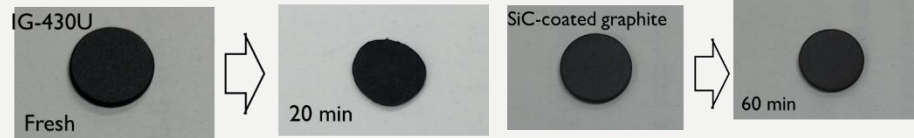


Oxidation tests of SiC-coated graphite

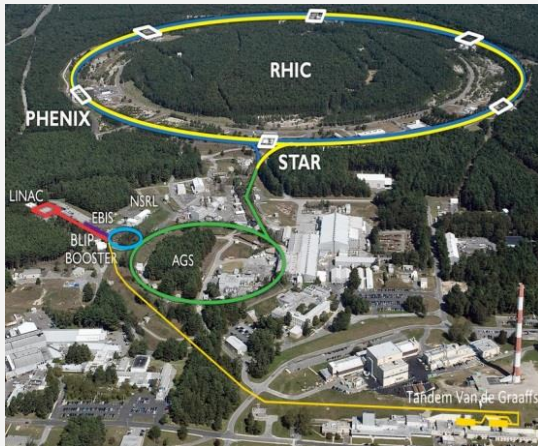
Much higher oxidation resistance



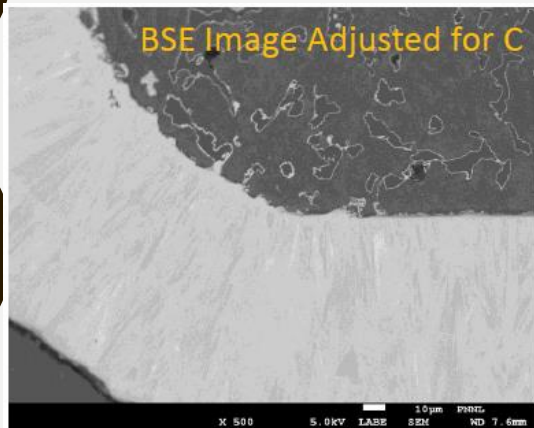
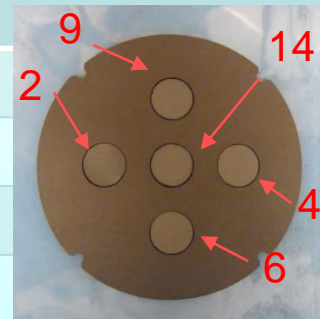
Volume loss was observed on graphite and not observed on SiC coated graphite.



PROTON IRRADIATION AT BLIP, BNL AND PIE TESTS UNDER RADIATE COLLAB.



No.	Substrate Material	Crack	PIE (Newly revised, 14th March)
C-14 (Toyo-t)	IG-110U	Yes	SEM, TEM
C-9 (Toyo-t)	IG-110U	Yes	(TEM)
B-4 (Toyo-t)	IG-610U	No	HiRadMat
B-6 (Toyo-t)	IG-610U	No	SEM
No.2 (Ibiden)	ETU-10	No	SEM after TDS, 1300K TDS,



SiC coated IG-110 were finally broken to pieces

PIE testing at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

SEM microscope analysis of cold specimens
SiC coating deposited by CVD is intact.

Visual check of irradiated specimens

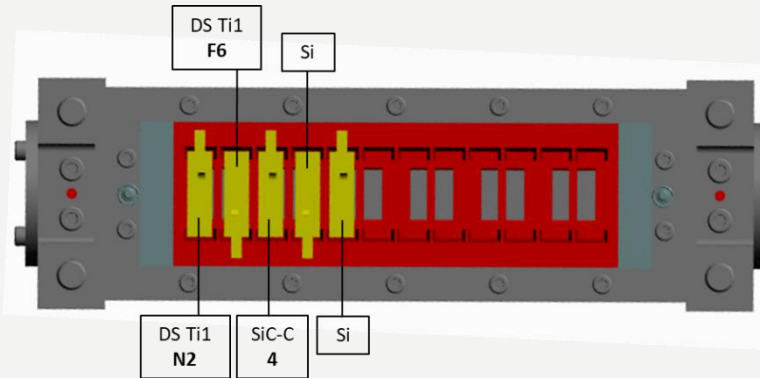
Crack was observed only on IG-110U substrate specimens, that was not designed for SiC coating

THERMAL SHOCK EXPERIMENTS AT HIRADMAT, HRT43

- SiC-coated graphite / Titanium Alloy (cold & irradiated at BLIP) exposed to thermal shock at HiRadMat on 1st Oct, 2018



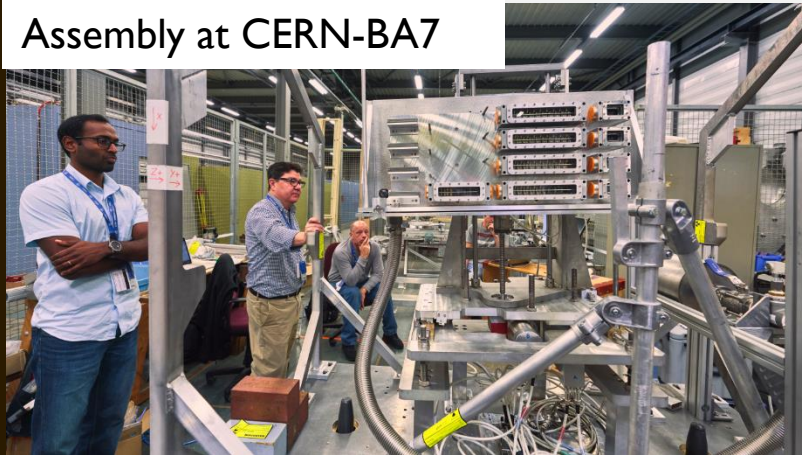
3 boxes with irradiated-specimens assembled at PNNL hot-cell (Exported to CERN)



BOX-3

- Ti-6Al-4V Gr5
- Ti-3Al-2.5V Gr9
- SiC-coated Graphite IG-630U

Assembly at CERN-BA7




Sep.26



Oct. 1 (Mon)-2 (Tue) 4:00am exposure completed !

- How did the SiC-coating on graphite behave ?
- How different between irradiated at BLIP / un-irradiated ?

K.Ammigan, RaDIATE2018



NITE SiC/SiC

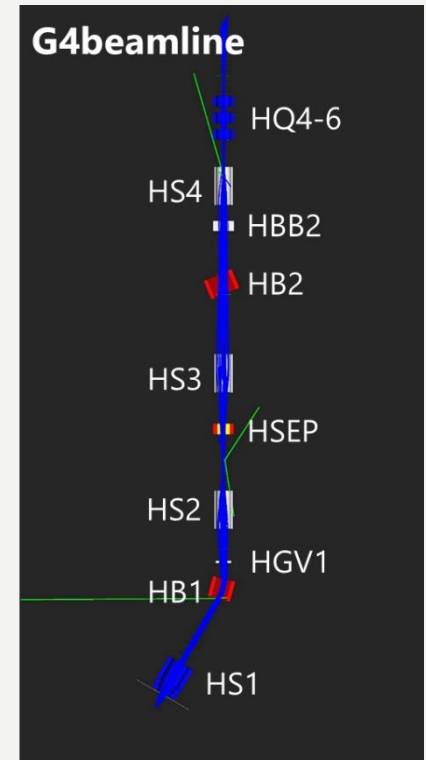
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MOTIVATION OF NITE SiC/SiC

- Higher transport efficiency by SiC target material, which is denser than graphite. (1.8 vs 3.2 g/cc)
- For DeeMe, 6 times larger efficiency can be expected.
- Beamline simulation for H line J-PARC, MLF through G4 beamline by T.Yamazaki
- 1.7 times larger surface-muon-yield at H-line experimental area.



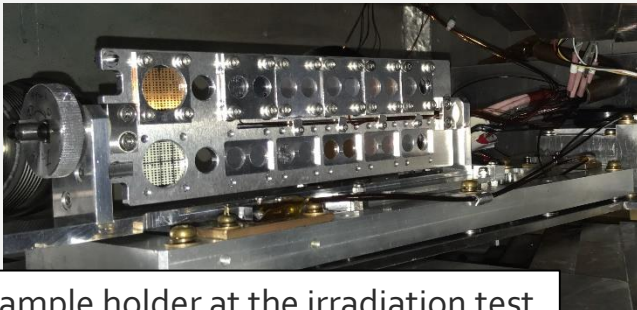
- Monolithic Silicon Carbide cannot be used as target material, because it is brittle.
- NITE-SiC/SiC: developed at Muroran Institute of Technology for fusion material
- Pseudo-ductility to disturb the propagation of crack

Rate [1/s]

	Graphite ABLA	SiC ABLA
Proton 1MW	2e15	2e15
Surface μ (4π)	5.58e10	8.50e10
hs1ent	6.25e8	9.93e8
Focal point	1.62e8	2.75e8

PROGRESS ON NITE SiC/SiC AS TARGET MATERIAL

- 392 MeV, 0.5 μ A, 30 min. Proton-irradiation tests at RCNP, Osaka university
- Higher residual radiation dose (400 times higher dose than that of graphite after 1 year cooling)
- Tritium emission of NITE-SiC/SiC is completely different from CVD-SiC, probably, because of the effect of graphite matrix.



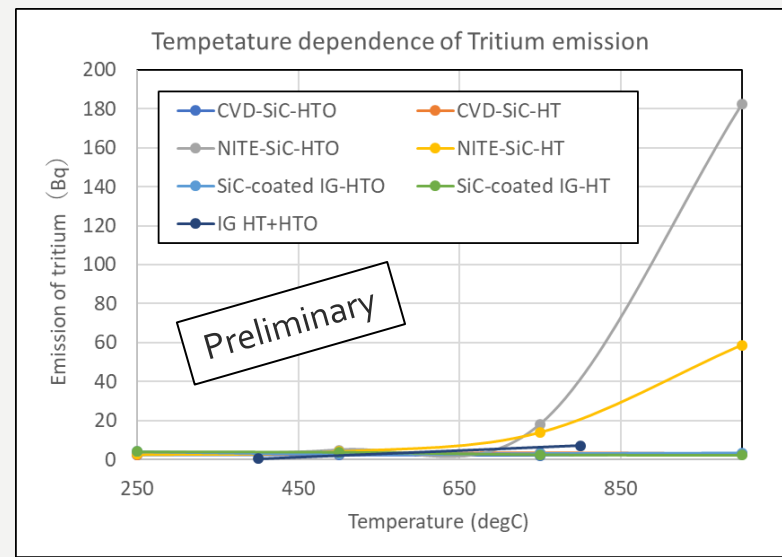
Sample holder at the irradiation test



Measurement of residual radionuclides for validation of simulation

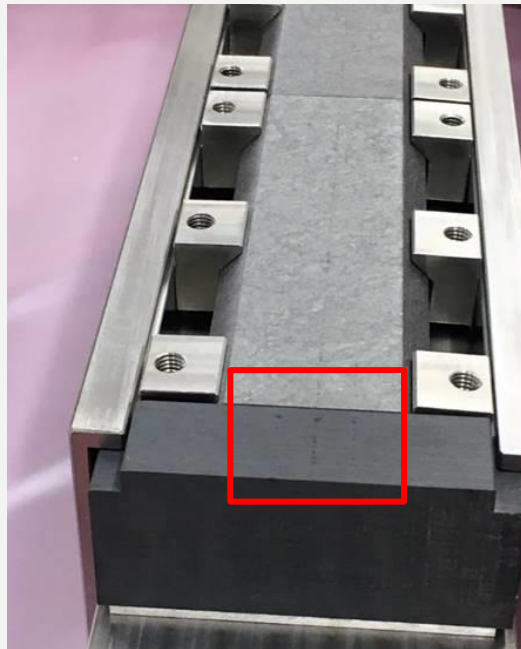


Two tube furnace and 3H traps, which can distinguish HT with HTO.

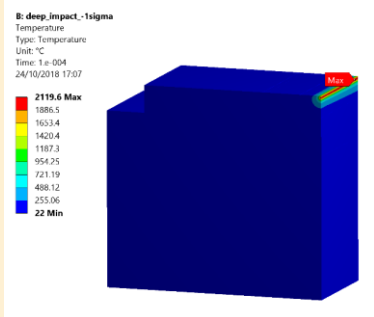


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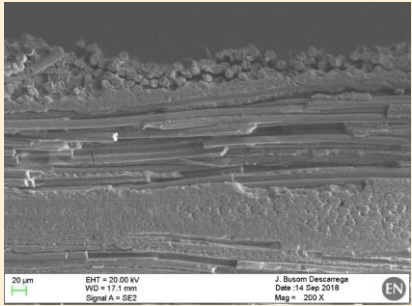
- To confirm the resistance to thermal shock resistance
- NITE SiC/SiC was included in the experiments for coated low-Z absorbing materials for the Target Dump Internal in August 2017.
- PIE testing conducted by **J. Maestre C. Bahamonde** and **I. Lamas** (Results of PIE from Slides of IWSMT14 at Iwaki)



Stripe-like damage was observed.
440 GeV, 1.2E11 protons/pulse,
Gaussian, $\sigma=0.3$ mm.



Temperature rise: 2100 K



Results of SEM observation
(Top view, upstream, Deep impact)
Disturbance of crack propagation
was observed.

TFGR W-TiC, tungsten

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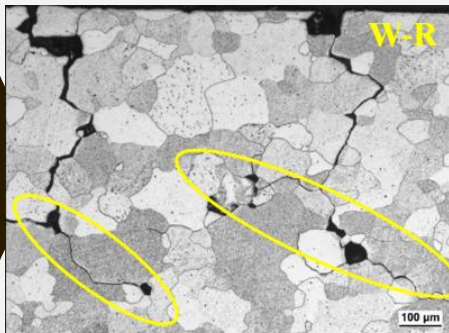
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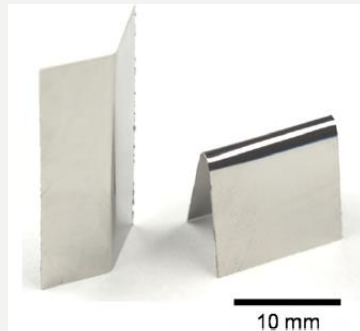
TUNGSTEN AS TARGET MATERIAL

- Tungsten is expected as the target material.
- For use of tungsten as muon production target, the boundary between cooling material and vacuum in beamline disturb transportation of muon. Thermal radiation cooling is desired. It should be used at high temperature. (MLF TS2, COMET, mu2e,,)

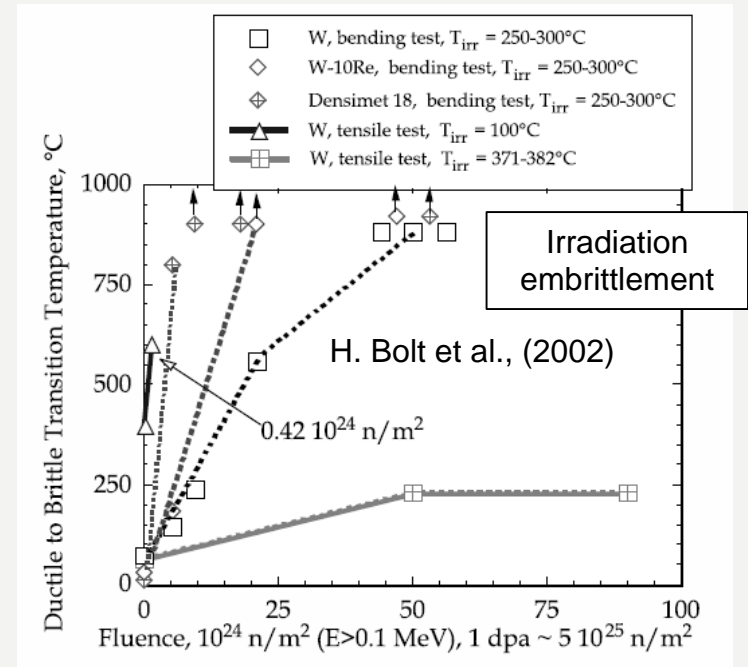
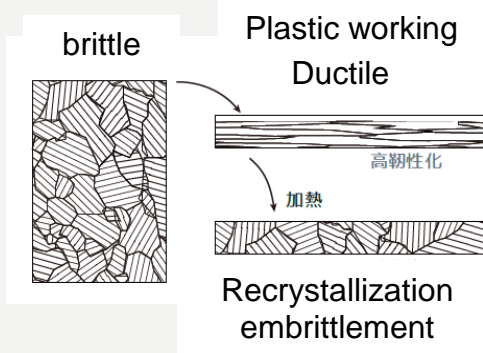
- ✓ Tungsten is brittle.
- ✓ Brittleness is improved by heavy plastic working.



G. Pintsuk et al.



J.Reiser et al. JNM, 423 (2012) 1.



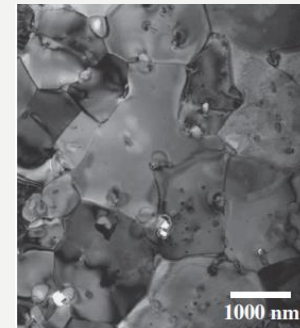
Ductile to Brittle Transition Temperature should be less than room temperature.

- The use of W as target material is limited by “recrystallization embrittlement” and “irradiation embrittlement”.

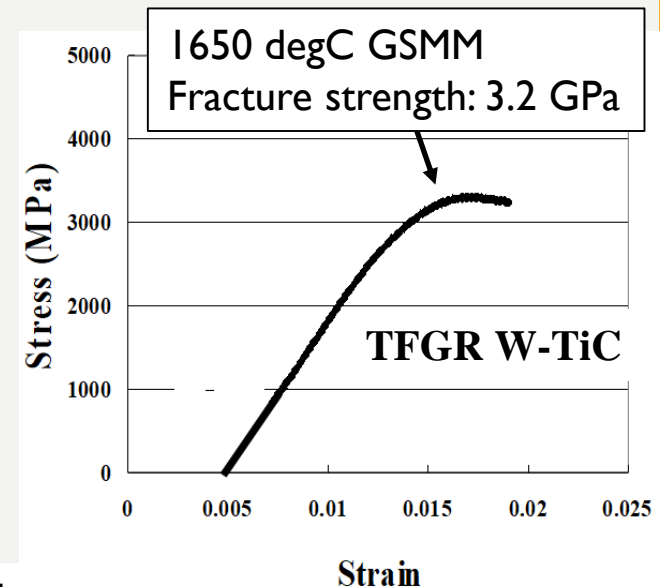
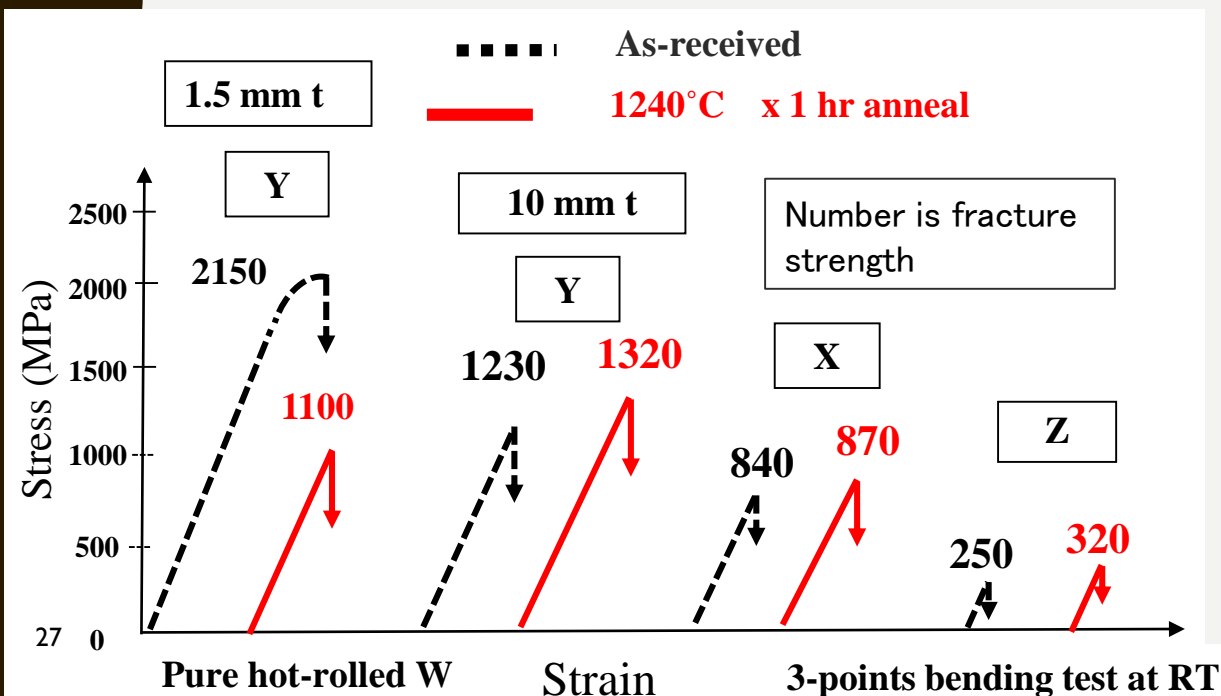
MOTIVATION OF TFGR W-TiC TUNGSTEN

- Toughened Fine-Grained Recrystallized W-TiC, (TFGR W-TiC) is developed by Prof. Kurishita at Tohoku University. Now the activities are transferred to KEK and Metal Technology Co. LTD collaboration.

- ❑ Equiaxed, fine grains with TiC precipitates
- ❑ GB reinforced by TiC enrichment
- ❑ No recrystallization embrittlement
- ❑ High sink density: Resistance to irradiation is anticipated.
- ❑ DBTT (nil-ductility tem.) < RT



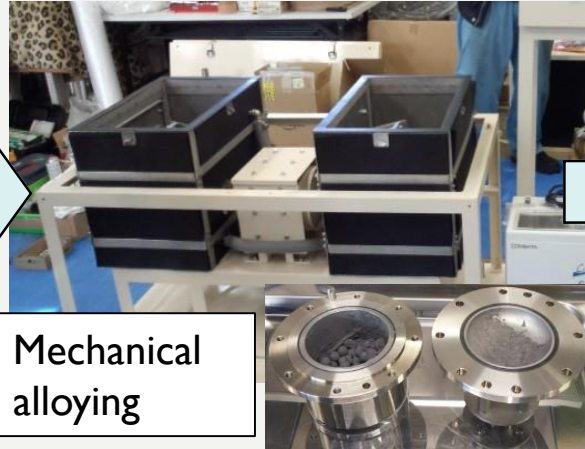
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PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT FOR TFGR W-TiC



Purification of Powder



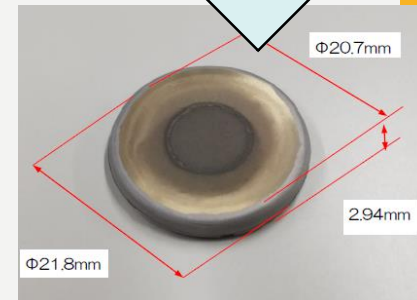
Mechanical alloying



Sintering



GSMM process



New Sintering & GSMM apparatus

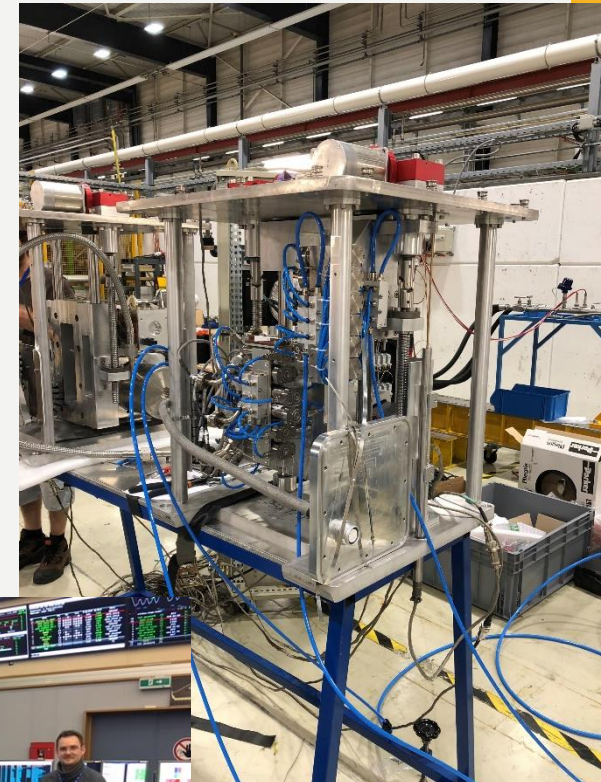
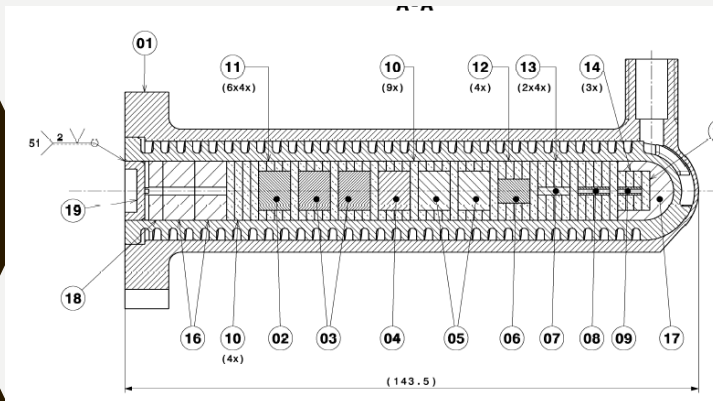
- The apparatuses for fabrication is ready.
- Revival of TFGR W-TiC is almost completed.

Future plans in up-coming three years:

- Economical and Mass production under collaboration with industries
Funding from Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry was approved in June, 2019
- Higher-temperature resistance by W-TaC
Funding, JSPS Kakenhi was approved in April, 2019
- Study for irradiation effect
Ion-irradiation at HIT, Tokyo University in Aug. 2019,
and H.E. proton irradiation under RaDIATE collaboration

THERMAL SHOCK EXPERIMENTS AT HIRADMAT, HRT48 PROTAD, SEP. 28, 2018

- TFGR W-TiC was included in HRT48.
- We are waiting for PIE testing.



Beam Parameters

Beam energy	440 GeV
Max. bunch intensity	1.2×10^{11}
No. of bunches	1 – 288
Max. pulse intensity	3.5×10^{13} ppp
Max. pulse length	7.2 μ s
Gaussian beam size	1σ : 0.1 – 2 mm





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Summary

- Pulsed muon contributes to various, brand-new and unique science in material science, fundamental physics, and industrial use.
- Higher peak intensity is desired in muon community, i.e. MLFTS2.
- Further thermal shock resistance is required to the new target materials.
- Developments of new target material, SiC-coated graphite, NITE SiC/SiC, and TFGR W-TiC are in progress, including thermal shock testing at HiRadMat.

My personal suggestion to HiRadMat as one of the users

- How to connect between the results of HiRadMat and the evaluation of actual long-term operation
- Saving time of PIE testing after irradiation, Upgrade of remote handling replacement?

Expect to HiRadMat Facility

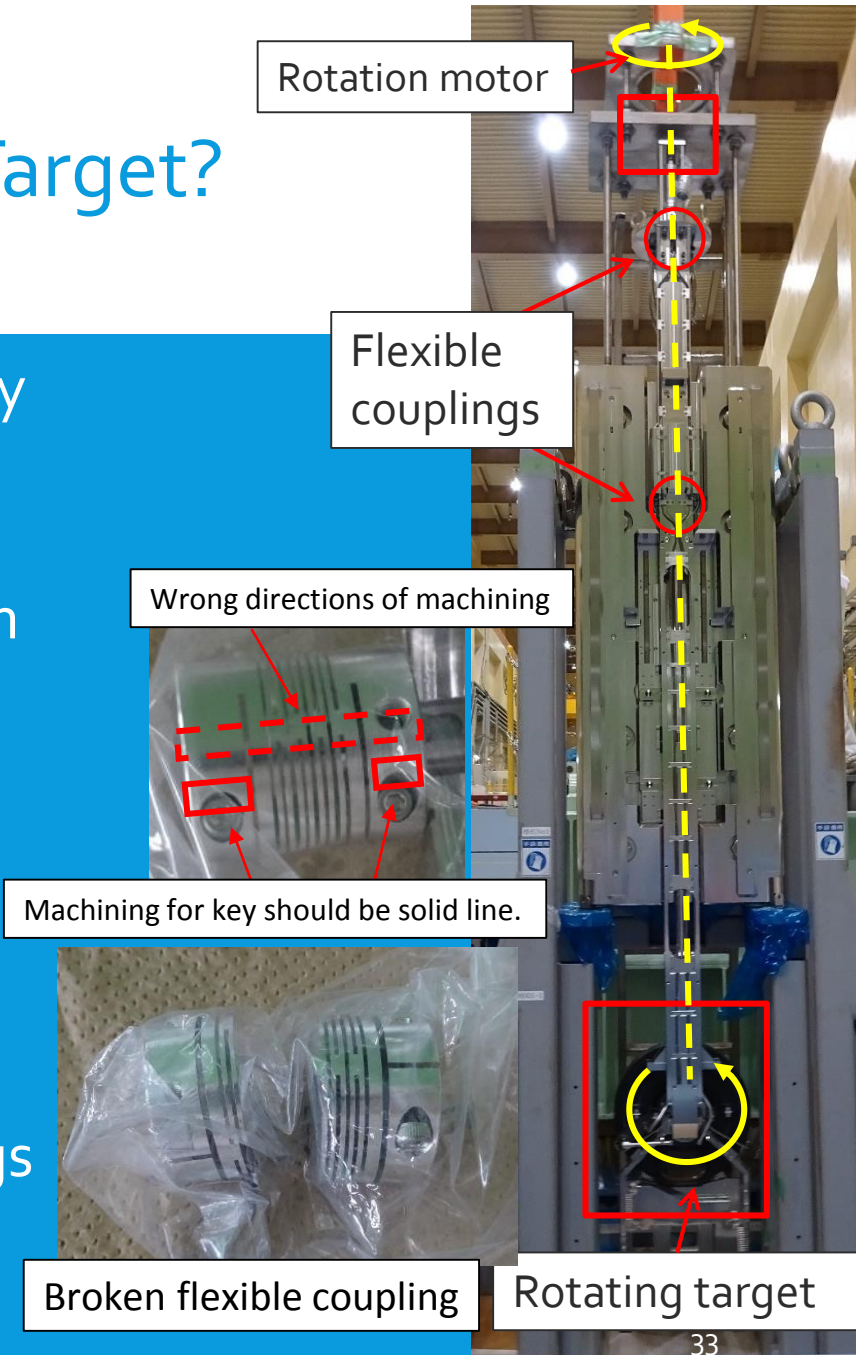
- HiRadMat is an unique facility to investigate thermal shock for higher intensity to new target materials.
- I always appreciate kind collaborations with CERN and RaDIATE.



BACK UP SLIDES

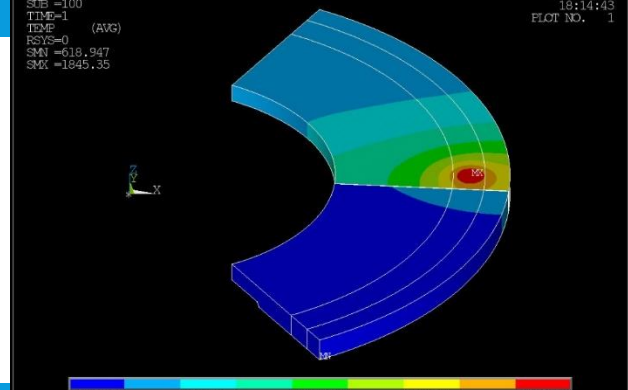
What happened to Muon Target?

- ❑ Rotating target has been successfully operated for 4 years.
- ❑ On this regular maintenance: replacement of rotation feedthrough from air to vacuum, the flexible coupling was broken.
- ❑ During operation, it was intact.
- ❑ We found the mistake of the machining process.
- ❑ We can replace the broken one.
- ❑ But the problem is that two couplings are used in the rotating target. The lower one cannot be replaced easily.



For beam operation, and replacement of target

- ❑ It has been confirmed that the rotating target is not damaged with 500-kW proton beam even without rotation through FEM simulation . Furthermore Monitoring system is upgraded.
- ❑ The main issue is emission of tritium.
- ❑ The exhaust of vacuum pump is temporarily stored in a buffer tank system and is vented after measurement of concentration of RI.
- ❑ 500-kW operation is now going on.
- ❑ The target will be replaced with a new and appropriate one during next new-year maintenance interval.



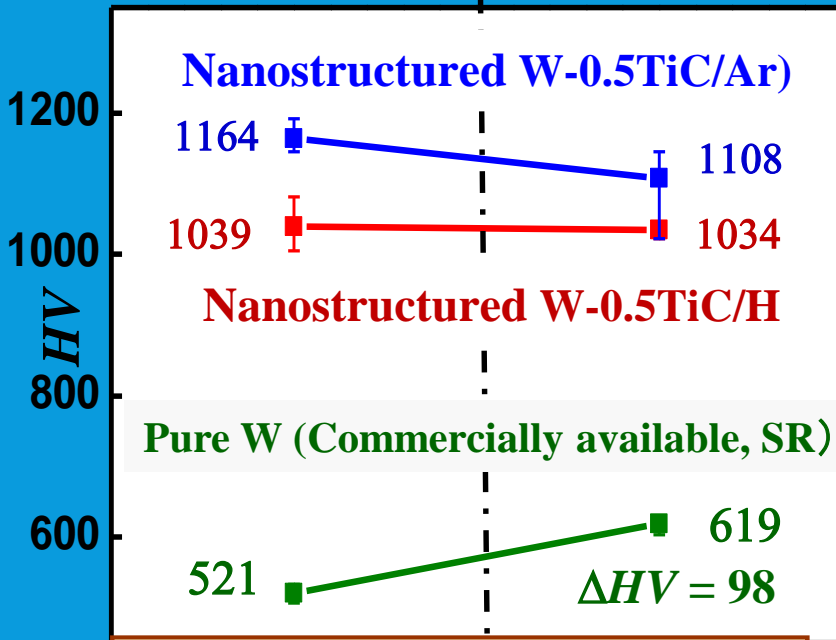
Insufficient research for irradiation effect of W-TiC

$T_{irr} = 873\text{K}$, $2 \times 10^{24}\text{n/m}^2$ ($E_n > 1\text{ MeV}$),
0.08 dpa, JMTR

$T_{irr} = \text{RT}$, $1-2 \times 10^{19}\text{ions/m}^2$ (2.4 MeV Cu²⁺),
2-4 dpa, Tohoku Univ. IMR
 $T_{irr} = \text{RT}$, $1 \times 10^{21}\text{D}^2+\text{/m}^2$ (2.0 keV D²⁺)

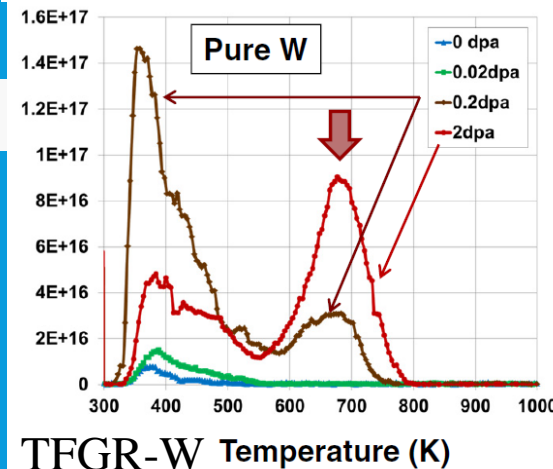
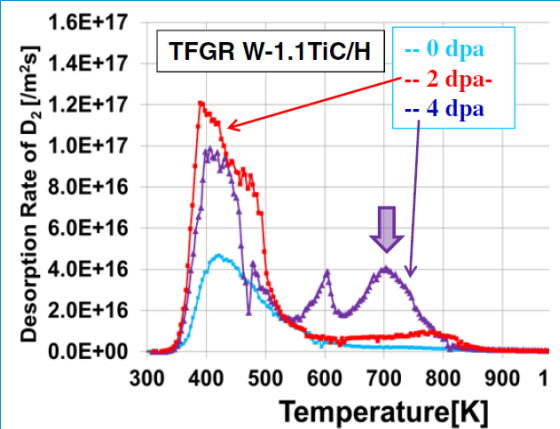
Vickers microhardness

Before irr. | After irr.



▪ No radiation hardening

H.Kurishita et al. JNM 377 (2008) 34.



Thermal Desorption Spectroscopy of D₂

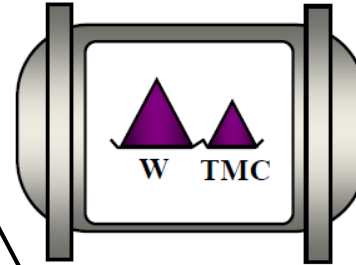
The D retention in pure W is significantly increased by Cu²⁺ irradiation, while that in TFGR is relatively insensitive to the damage level.

Irradiation effect research of TFGR is mainly for D retention.

Current status of W development (1)

Preparation and handling of purified powders

Setup of **High-purity glove box (GB) with vacuum chamber/furnace** for handing highly pure powders without gaseous contaminations



Powders in Ta boat for purification

- Purification and (remote) handling of starting powders (W, TiCx,) and MAed powders (W-Ti-C)
- Fully degassing of MA vessels and balls, HIP capsule etc. before use



Comparison of impurity content in MAed powder

Impurity	High-Purity GB, KEK/MTC			Typical GB, KEK/NIFS		
	O	N	Mo	O	N	Mo
Content (wt%)	0.091	0.009	1.98	1.0	0.18	1.25



Current status of W development (2)

Mechanical Alloying (MA) in *vacuum*

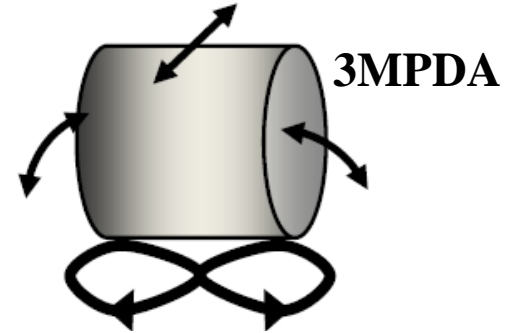
MA: Introduction of ultrafine grains (~20 nm) and alloying by using high energy ball milling

The MA Vessel is filled with

Previous work: Hydrogen, This work: Vacuum

- Setup of **3MPDA high energy ball mill with cooling system (~ -20°C)** to prevent strong adhesion of MAed powder to the vessel inner walls

3MPDA: 3 Mutually Perpendicular Directions Agitation

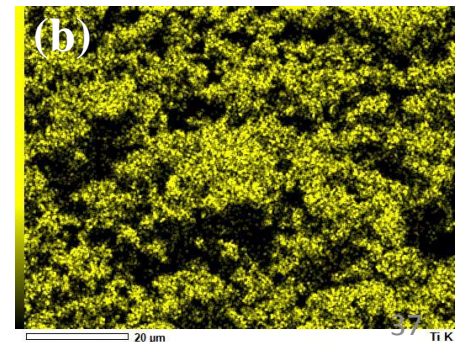
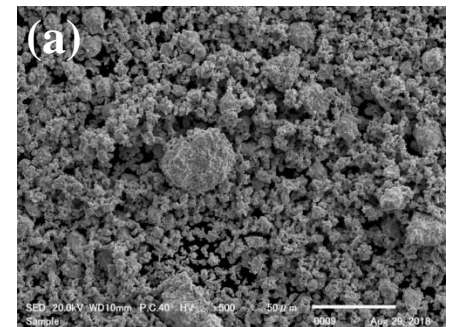


Powder with hard balls in a vessel (TZM)



Mo impurity (~ 2%) coming from TZM balls and vessels

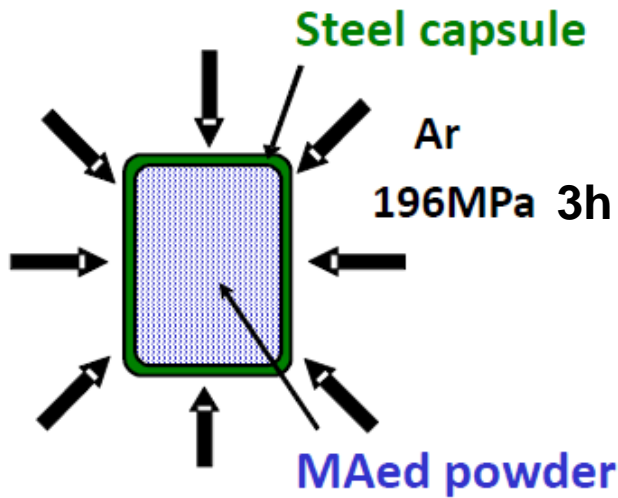
(a) SEM, (b) EDS(Ti) mapping for MAed W-1.2%TiC powder



Current status of W development (3)

HIP (Hot Isostatic Pressing)

HIP: Densification of MAed powder *without exposure to air*
Densified compacts with equiaxed, ultra-fine grains



Steel capsule filled with MAed W-1.2%TiC powder → HIPed W-1.2wt%TiC compact
 Density : 17.92 g/cm³

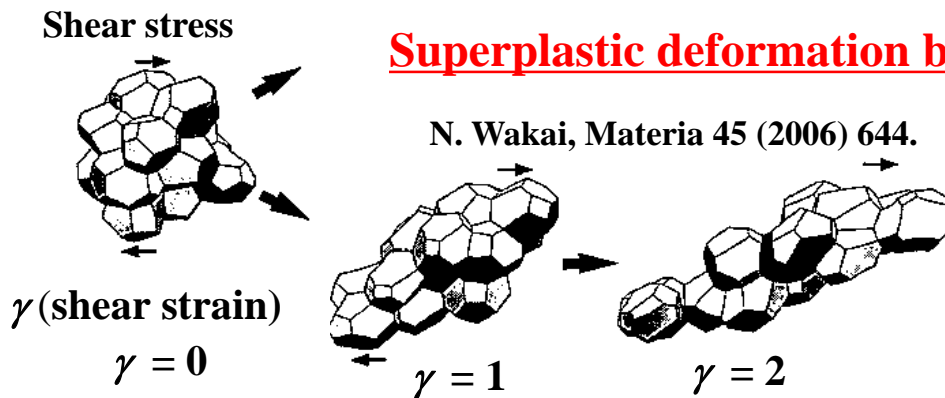
Chemical compositions (wt%) of W-1.2%TiC before and after HIP

	Ti	C	O	N	Mo
HIPed compact	0.88	0.23	0.038	0.010	---
MAed powder	---	---	0.091	0.009	1.98

GSMM (Grain boundary sliding-based microstructural modification) process

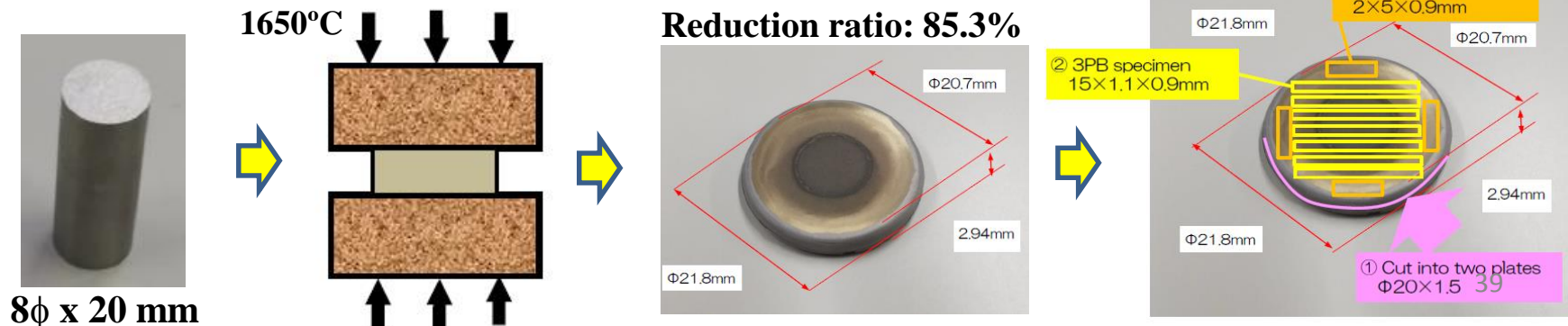
GSMM : **Reinforcement of** intrinsically weak **GBs** in W *by enhancement and optimization of TiC precipitation and their segregation*
Removal of the residual bubbles/pores through GB diffusion

by using superplastic deformation, driven by GB sliding, where the recrystallized, equiaxed grain geometry is maintained and active grain rotation and extensive relative displacement of the adjacent grains are operative.



Superplastic deformation by GB sliding at high temperature

The number of GSMM operations at 1650°C attempted to date is **10 times** with various final loads

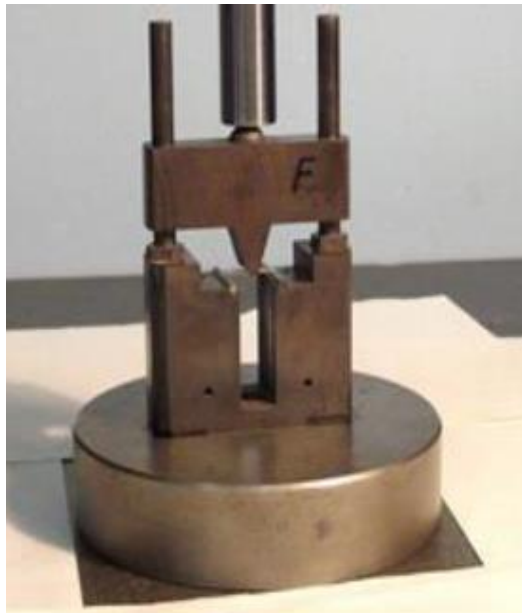


Three point bend (3PB) testing at RT

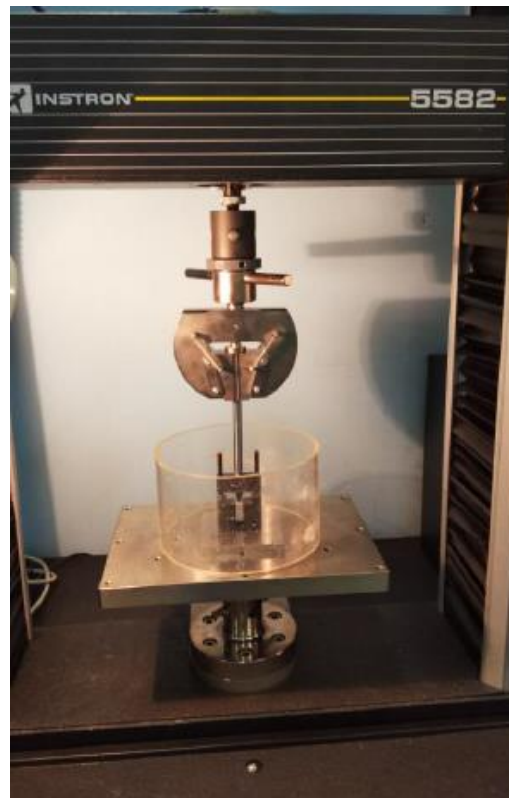
3PB testing : Demonstrate that the fabricated W alloys exhibit very high fracture strength ($> 2\sim 3$ GPa) and appreciable ductility *at RT in the nanostructured, recrystallized state*

3PB specimen

1.1 mm x 0.9 mm x 15 mm



3PB test fixture used



Overview of 3PB testing at RT and 0.3mm/min

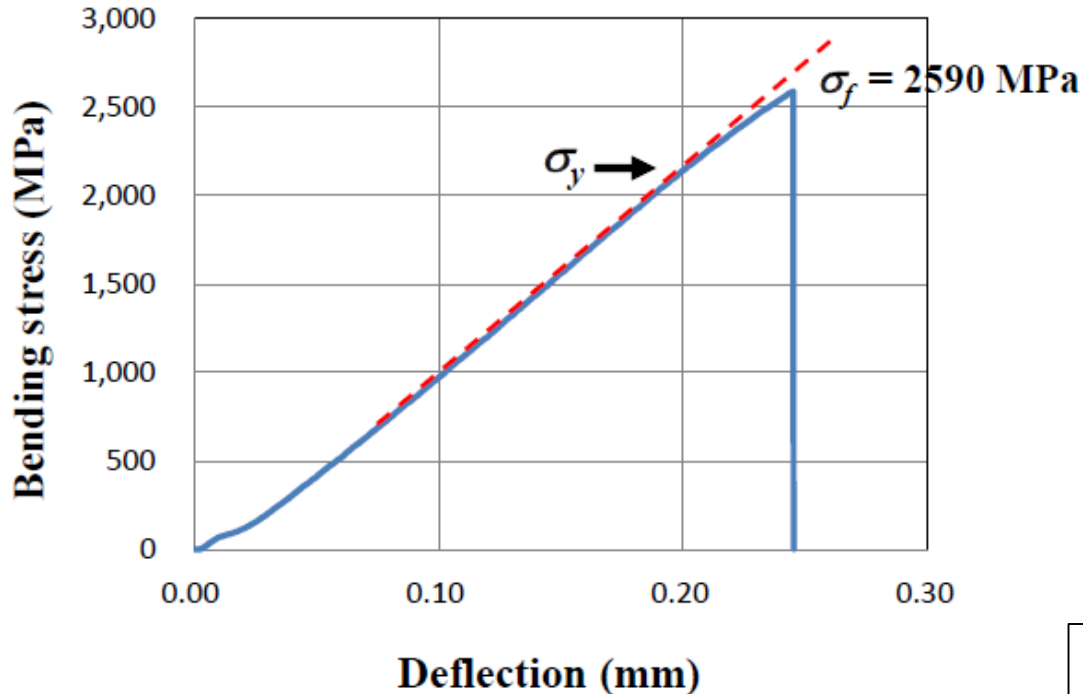


Specimen deflection during 3PB testing⁴⁰

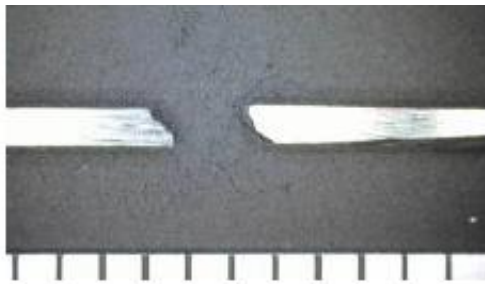
3PB test results at RT

W-1.2wt%TiC in the nanostructured, recrystallized state

#8 specimen: MA-HIP-GSMM (RR : 82.9%)



Very high fracture strength of 2590 MPa and slight ductility at RT
→ **TFGR (Toughened, Fine Grained, Recrystallized) W-1.2%TiC alloy**

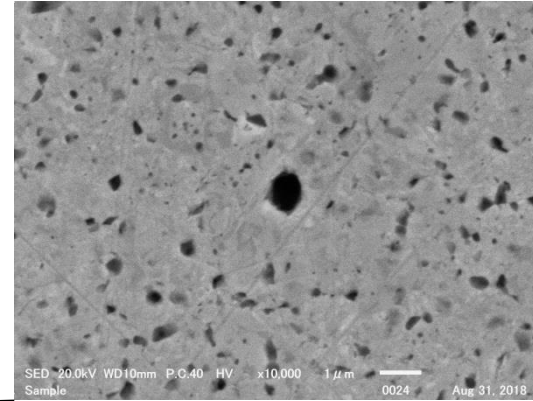
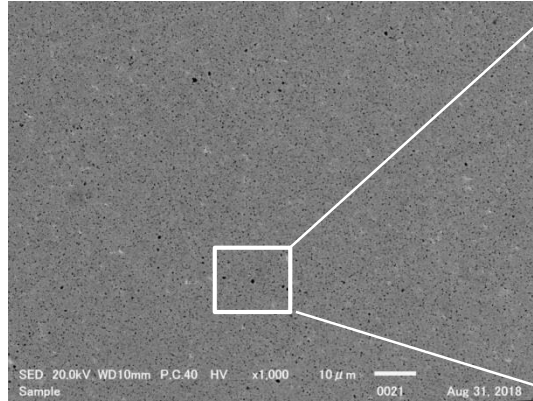


#8 specimen broken in two pieces after testing

In order to manufacture much more ductile W-1.2%TiC alloys, the microstructure of the #8 specimen has thoroughly been examined.

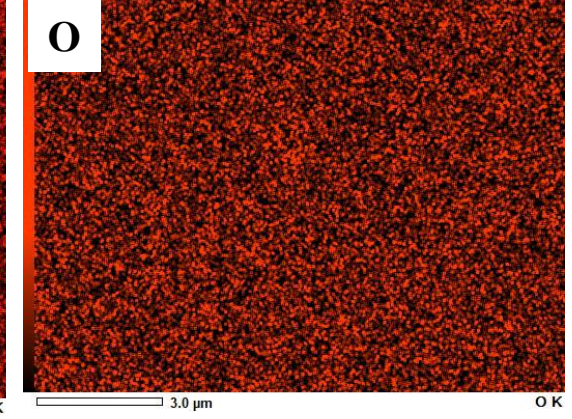
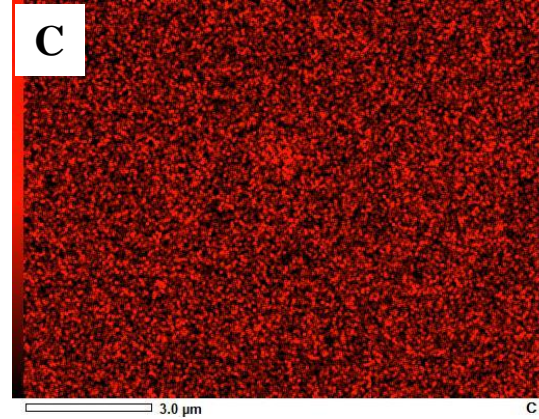
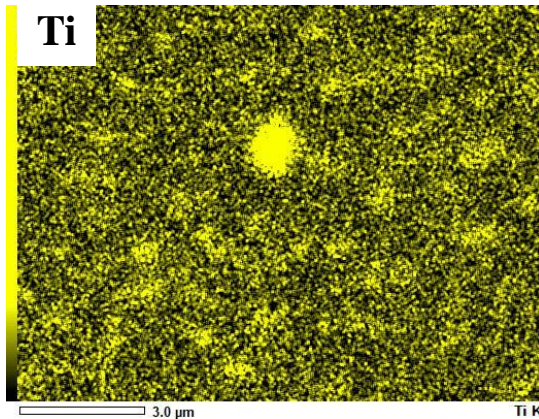
Microstructures of #8 specimen SEM, EDS

SEM



3 μm

EDS



A large precipitate of titanium oxy-carbide with approximately 1 μm diameter observed is attributable to locally insufficient progress of the MA process; the starting TiC phase has not completely been decomposed into Ti and C solutes in the W matrix by MA. The optimization of the MA process is required for ductility enhancement of W-1.2%TiC alloy.

TEM analysis by Prof. Sakamoto at Ehime University will come soon.