# **Tritium**

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## **Overview**



#### Tritium release from iron became an issue

- In NuMI, tritium release from steel wall to the air at high T
- In J-PARC, tritium release from steel wall to the cooling water or He gas at low T

#### Possible measurements of tritium release?

- Tritium mobility inside metal can be known by many useful past measurements
- Any limitation by surface effects?
- There are extensive discussions inside J-PARC on necessity of measurements
  - Kawamura-san leads the discussions
  - He also performs some measurements in Hydrogen Isotope Research Center (HIRC), University of Toyama <a href="http://www.hrc.u-toyama.ac.jp/en/">http://www.hrc.u-toyama.ac.jp/en/</a>
  - Some collaborative work between J-PARC and HIRC will be organized



## **HIRC**

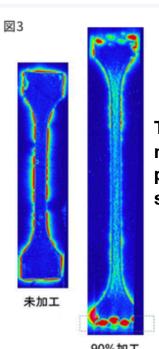


#### Tritium research activities in HIRC

- http://www.hrc.u-toyama.ac.jp/en/research/nuclear\_fusion.html
- Tritium measurement for gas, liquid and solid phases
  - Beta-ray induced X-ray spectrometry: detection of photons induced by tritium beta-rays
  - High sensitivity calorimeter: detection of heat generated by tritium beta-rays
- Interaction of tritium with materials and its control
- Visualization of hydrogen with tritium
- Tritium storage, supply and recovery







Tritium distribution measured by imaging plate for tensile strength test samples



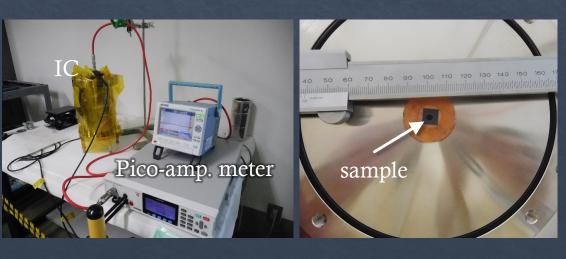
#### **Tritium Measurement**

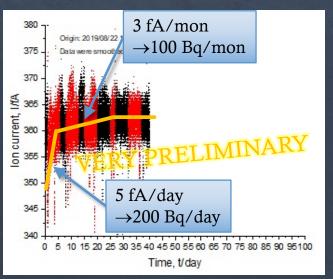


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# Tritium release from the surface

- ♦ Tritium release from the surface of IG-430U is being measured.
  - ♦ <sup>3</sup>H are injected into an IG-430U sample by an ion gun in Toyama U.
     1.3 MBq of <sup>3</sup>H are stopped at <30 nm from the surface.</li>
  - ♦ The sample is stored in the ionization chamber (IC) filled with the air to monitor the long-term evaporation from the surface.
  - The measurement is on going.
    Evaporation rate seems to be slower than our experience in MLF??







## **Tritium Measurement**



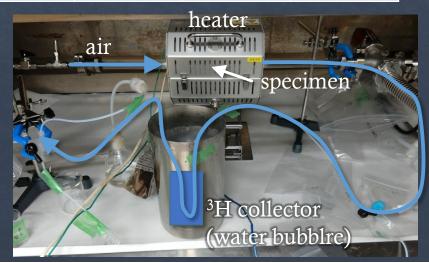
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# Tritium diffusion

\* Tritium release from irrad. IG-430U samples were studied by TDS. proton irradiation by RCNP cyclotron; 392 MeV, 0.5 μA, 30 min

Date	est.	'17/6/14 Sample #3	'17/8/29 Sample #4	'17/12/25 Sample #2A		'17/12/26 Sample #3A	
Storage cond.		Just after irradiation	In vacuum For 2 mon.	In the air For half a year		In the air For half a year	
TDS cond.		oxidation (full recovery)		400 deg C 1 hour	oxidation (full recovery)	800 deg C 1 hour	oxidation (full recovery)
Collected amount of <sup>3</sup> H [Bq]	1700	800	770	0.4	774	7.0	891

- ♦ 7.0 Bq of tritium in #3A specimen may be due to contamination of the line by 2A.
- ♦ Below 800 deg C, tritium is not/hardly diffused in IG-430U, and is not/hardly evaporated out.





## **Possible Researches**



#### Possible measurements?

- Tritium release from iron plate with/without black skin
  - in dry-air/vapor conditions
  - in He/He+vapor conditions
  - in water condition
- Irradiated sample by ion gun or in-situ irradiation (in J-PARC or NuMI)?
- One measurement will take continuous two-three months
- Remote measurements in HIRC is not desired (due to lack of man-power in HIRC)

#### Possibility to make simple measurement setup?

- On-site measurement is desired
- Discussion on making a setup in J-PARC ⇒ HIRC is willing to help
  - Possible in-situ irradiation inside He vessel can be done in JFY2021
- Is it desired if similar setup is made in Fermilab?
  - Many chance to make irradiation sample in NuMI?