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FOREWORD



Institute of Advanced Energy (IAE) was established in 1996 for pursuing research aimed at the development of energy science and the creation of advanced technology that drives it. This work, which is outstanding both in terms of environmental harmony and social acceptance, is conducted by 3 divisions and 14 research sections (including two with guest researchers) that engage in research on energy generation, conversion, and advancement, as well as the Laboratory for Complex Energy Processes, which specializes in highly project-oriented cross-disciplinary R&D. IAE has leveraged its track record and strengths as a research institute to focus on “plasma and quantum energy” and “soft energy” as fields of vital importance. It is devoted to R&D on nuclear fusion and advanced atomic energy, for which these disciplines serve as a scientific foundation, on distributed energy sources, typified by sunlight and biological systems, and on the advanced materials and effective energy utilization systems that support these technologies. IAE also has emphasized international collaborative research on advanced energy to lead the field of energy science and technology as an international pioneer.

Since AY2011, IAE has emphasized operating as a “Joint Usage / Research Center (JURC)” under the title of “Zero-Emission Energy (ZE) System”, applying the energy ideals of the institute to the challenge of “zero emissions”. Under this initiative, the institute employs its broad variety of resources to promote collaboration/cooperation and the formation of communities across multiple academic disciplines. Encouraged by this assessment, we have continued our efforts in the areas of zero-emission energy research and community formation.

In AY2013, IAE was also approved for the development of “innovative strategy for highly efficient utilization of solar energy” (by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology: 2013-2018) with the expectation of advancing energy research based on new bio, optical, and nano-technologies. The project has been aggressively advanced and produced several key results. The bidirectional collaborative research program with the National Institute for Fusion Science and also the promotion program of cooperation between industries and universities/national institutes by using advanced facilities have been progressed in pursuing research on boosting the performance of nuclear fusion plasma and on technology for the recovery and utilization of various advanced energy.

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This annual report summarizes the IAE’s research findings for FY2017 (April 2017-March 2018). Due to the space limitation, only key results including publication and presentation performed in the year in each division and research section, and also in Laboratory for Complex Energy Processes are edited. Please contact to each researcher for more detail information.

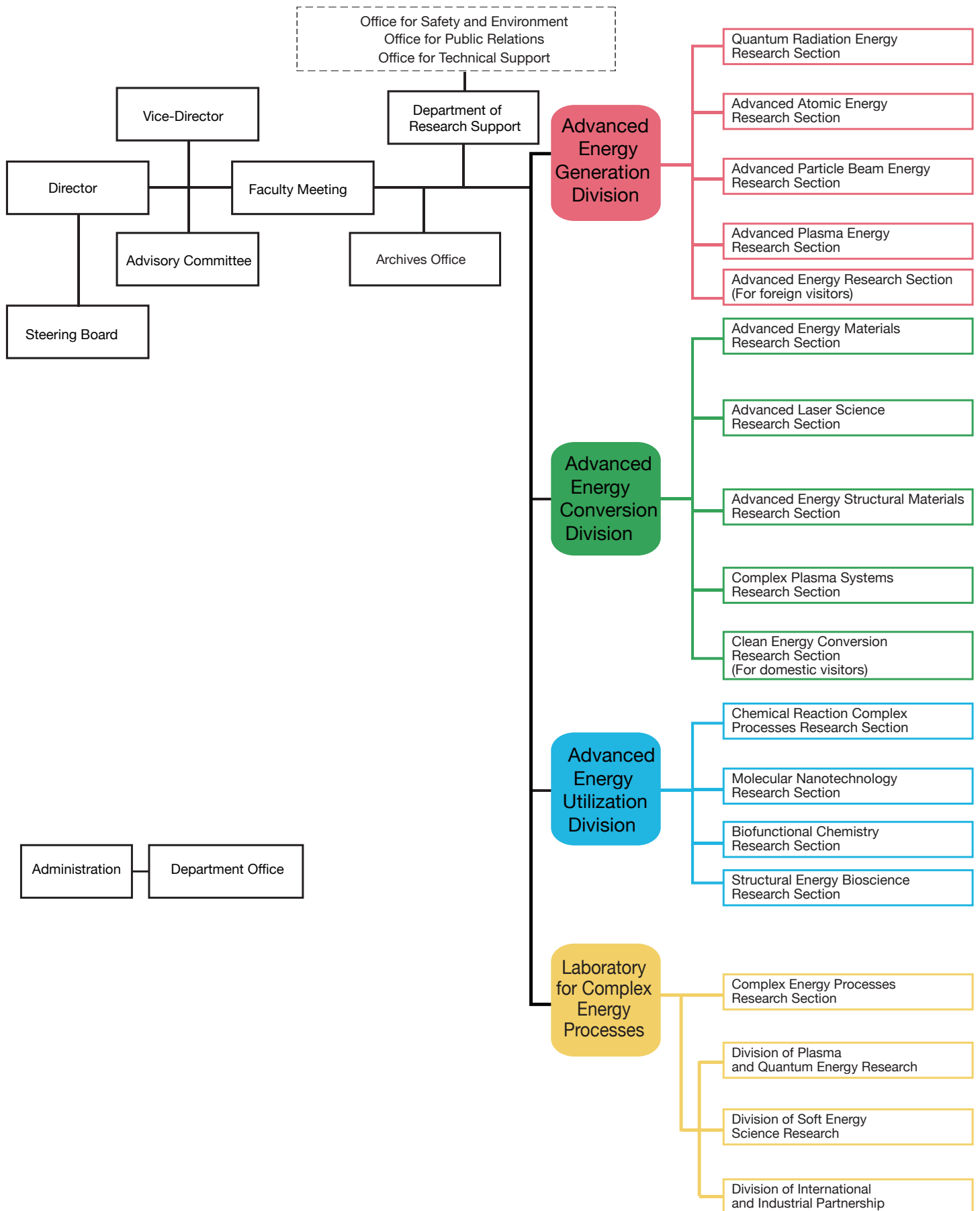
We would appreciate it if we could have your continuous support and encouragement for our institute.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yasuaki Kishimoto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Yasuaki" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Kishimoto".

March 2018

Yasuaki KISHIMOTO
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2. ORGANIZATION CHART



3. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

3-1. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN 2017

Quantum Radiation Energy Research Section

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 H. Zen, Assistant Professor
 H. Farzaneh, Program-Specific Senior Lecturer
 A. J. J. Botelho, Foreign Visiting Professor
 K. Sakaue, Part-time Lecturer
 (K. Miura, Specially Appointed Professor)
 (J. Wannapeera, Researcher)
 (J. Yan, Researcher)

1. Introduction

Coherent-radiation energy with wide wavelength tunability, high power and high efficiency is quite promising in the 21st century that is sometimes called the "era of light". The research in this section aims at developing the technology to generate new quantum-radiation energy and apply the radiation in various fields; atomic energy including plasma heating, energy transportation in the universe, material science, material synthesis, electronic device, medical and biological science, etc. Free-electron laser (FEL) is one of the powerful candidates for the new quantum radiation, and it is sometimes called the light source of next generation.

2. Free-electron Laser

FEL is regarded as a light source of the next generation because of its wide wavelength tunability where the conventional lasers cannot reach, potential high efficiency, and high power. However, the system is usually much larger and the cost is higher than conventional lasers. We are going to overcome these difficulties by exploiting an RF (radio-frequency) gun, an undulator, etc.

2.1 KU-FEL

The target wavelength of KU-FEL is MIR (Mid infra-red) regime, from 5 to 20 μm . The high power tunable IR laser will be used for basic researches on energy materials and systems. Figure 1 shows a schematic drawing of the KU-FEL system. The KU-FEL consists of a 4.5-cell thermionic RF gun, a 3-m travelling wave accelerator tube, a beam transport system, and a 1.8-m undulator and a 5-m optical resonator. The FEL device now can cover the wavelength range from 3.5 to 23 μm . The maximum macro-pulse energy which can provide is around 30 mJ in a 2- μs macro-pulse at the wavelength of 9 μm . The FEL is routinely operated and opened for internal and external users.

Another topic of KU-FEL development is introduction of photo-cathode RF gun, which enables us to generate higher peak power and wider tunable range

MIR-FEL. Development of a UV-laser system for illuminating photo-cathode has been completed under collaboration with Dr. R. Kuroda, Researcher of AIST. In FY2014, we have achieved FEL lasing with photo-electron beam generated from LaB₆ cathode. Further study is undergoing to use this operation mode for user experiments.

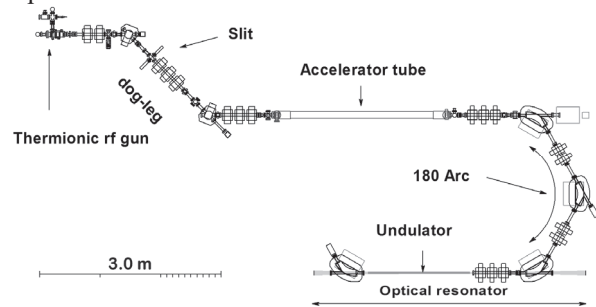


Fig. 1 Schematic drawing of the KU-FEL

2.2 MIR-FEL Application in the Energy Science

Mode-selective phonon excitation (MSPE) is important issue for the bulk solid material to develop the energy saving devices. An MIR-FEL pump, visible pico-second laser probe system has been constructed for measuring the dynamics of phonon vibration which is induced by MIR-FEL irradiation.

High-resolution photoacoustic spectroscopy (PAS) system for solid samples using an MIR-FEL has been also developed and demonstrated.

2.3 THz Coherent Undulator Radiation Source

A new compact terahertz coherent undulator radiation source has been constructed. It consists of a 1.6-cell RF-gun, a solenoid magnet, a magnetic chicane bunch compressor, a triplet quadrupole magnet, a planar undulator, and a laser system for photocathode. Schematic view of the proposed system is shown in Fig 2. In this device, short electron bunches are generated by the photocathode RF gun and the bunch compressor. The electron bunches are injected to the undulator and intense coherent undulator radiation can be generated.

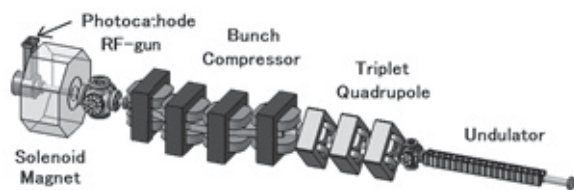


Fig. 2 3D image of THz coherent undulator radiation source.

In order to know the basic performance of the device, detailed experiments have been conducted. As the results, it was confirmed that the device can provide quasi-monochromatic THz radiation from 160 to 650 GHz. Intensity saturation due to space charge effect has been observed. This saturation should be avoided to generate THz radiation with higher peak power.

3. Bulk HTSC Staggered Array Undulator

An undulator with strong magnetic field will play an important role in future synchrotron light sources and free electron lasers. We have developing a new undulator which consists of stacked bulk high critical temperature superconductors array and a solenoid magnet. New scheme to control field distribution at the entrance of the undulator was developed.

4. Isotope Imaging for Nuclear Security

A Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence (NRF) method is a powerful tool for investigation not only of the nuclear physics, but also of isotope imaging inside the nuclear waste canisters. We have been developing an isotope imaging technique by using NRF. The absorption can be measured by sample material and “witness target”.

A demonstration experiment of the NRF-CT imaging by using LCS gamma-ray beam has been carried out at the LCS gamma-ray beamline, BL-1U, at UVSOR-III where 5.4 MeV LCS gamma-rays with a flux of 1×10^7 photons/s can be available.

By using NRF absorption method a NRF-CT image has been taken for a sample target consists of aluminium, stainless steel, and lead rods of 8 mm in diameter which form a 5×5 rod array. X-axis of 1-cm interval and θ -axis of 36 degree interval have been scanned. The NRF signals from the witness target (natural lead) were measured by a Ge detector. At the same time, transmission gamma-rays have been measured by a $\text{LaBr}_3(\text{Ce})$ detector which gives a density distribution of the sample target. The segmented CT reconstruction method has been developed and we obtained clear ^{208}Pb distribution than last year’s one.

5. Assessing the benefits and impacts of clean energy development in Asian mega cities

This research focuses on demonstrating how clean energy policies and programs can help achieve multiple energy, environmental, public health and economic benefits in a cost-effective way in Asian mega cities. To this aim, a robust integrated modeling framework is devel-

oped which tends to be characterized by extensive underlying data and relatively complex formulation that represents the fundamental engineering and economic decision making of the society at a city level. The four mega-cities which will be evaluated in detail in this research are Tokyo, Seoul, Delhi and Shanghai. We have evaluated the existing clean energy policy developments, countermeasures and challenges in selected cities. And we are designing strategic plans that achieve greater or border benefits in selected cities.

6. Japan-Thailand Project for Effective Use of Biomass Wastes as well as Low-rank Coals

Our section has organized a Japan-Thailand joint research project entitled “*Development of clean and efficient utilization of low rank coals and biomass by solvent treatment*” as one of the projects that are supported by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) through the program called Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS). More than 15 Japanese researchers from Kyoto University, Akita University, Central Research Institute for Electric Power Industry (CRIEPI), and Kobe Steel Co. Ltd and 12 Thai researchers from the Joint Graduate School of Energy and Environment at King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi and PTT Public Company Limited are involved in the project.

Through 6 years of cooperation starting from 2013 we are to develop several technologies to convert biomass wastes as well as low rank coals into valuable products such as carbon fiber, biofuel, high quality solid fuel, etc. based on a novel degradative solvent extraction technology developed at Kyoto University.

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1. Introduction

Stable energy supply and recycling of waste within the environmental capacity are the key issues for future life of the humankind. Main purpose of our research section is to pursue advanced energy systems for the sustainable development under global environmental constraints. We propose a Zero-emission energy scenario based on fusion energy with biomass-based recycling system where biomass waste is converted into liquid fuel or stored after a carbonization process. Our research section focuses on development of hydrogen isotope recovery system, fusion material R&D, feasibility study for fusion–biomass hybrid power system, conversion of biomass waste, and fusion neutron generation/measurement. Followings are main research achievements in the fiscal year of 2017.

- Modeling of fuel system and operation scenario analysis in a DEMO fusion reactor.
- Development of liquid lithium lead (LiPb) droplet system for efficient hydrogen isotope recovery.
- Conversion of waste biomass by endothermic reaction into liquid fuel or solid carbon.
- Generation of fusion neutron by the cylindrical discharge fusion device and a two-dimensional neutron measurement by imaging plate.
- Chemical interaction between fusion blanket steel and ceramic breeder at elevated temperatures.

2. Quantitative feasibility analysis of tritium recovery from PbLi droplets

For an efficient tritium recovery system, quantitative feasibility analysis of the tritium recovery efficiency from multiple columns of liquid PbLi droplets with a case study based on the HCLL specification was performed. As a safe side assumption, the tritium once released and reabsorbed on another droplet was considered to be not re-emitted while falling. By the analogy with the thermal radiation theory, the view factor which expresses the intersection ratio of radiation on another surface was applied for the estimation. The dependences on nozzle design parameters, such as nozzle pitch, number of nozzles, chamber wall clearance, and exhaust port design, were investigated. Case study results suggest that, by choosing

well-suited parameters approximately 40% to 60% of the single column recovery efficiency was secured for multiple columns even on the conservative condition. The release chamber exhaust port design had a major influence.

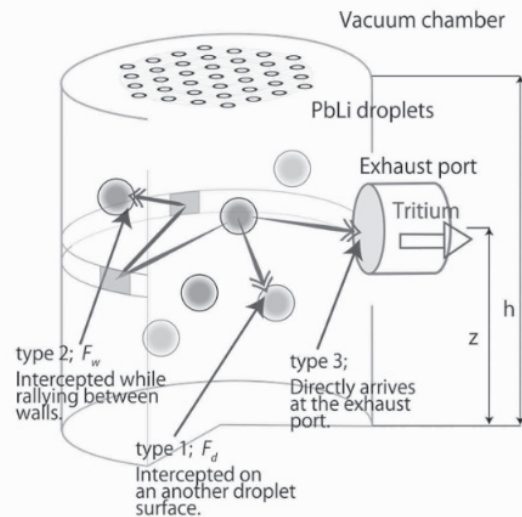


Fig. 1 Behavior of released tritium in an array of PbLi droplets in vacuum. Two released tritium atoms recombine to form T_2 molecule and emitted.

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3. Scenario Analysis of fusion power plant.

Any fusion power reactors such as DEMO that achieves tritium self-sufficiency with breeding blankets can produce tritium by DD reaction followed by exponential breeding in the blanket within reasonable total operation period. The present study further suggests that realistic Power Ascension Tests (PAT) of DEMO can produce its tritium to be needed in the series of tests by its own program until reaching steady state full power operation, with no external supply or additional operation costs. Closed tritium fuel plant was described by a system dynamics model, and analyzed considering realistic PATs of DEMO, that will be mainly pulsed DD and low concentration DT. Typical PATs require years of operation from

zero power criticality to full power, with pulsed power output and long dwell time between them. Output power is gradually increased in PATs to check the functions of reactor systems and components. In the case of fusion DEMO, zero power criticality corresponds to DD operation. While plasma may be fired in pulses, tritium plant is continuously operated to recover all the tritium produced by the DD and low DT burn. Depending on the different time constant of tritium retention in components, tritium is transferred by deuterium purge, and high concentration tritium is finally collected in the storage, to be available for the next tests at virtually no additional cost. Realistic “initial loading tritium” will be 100 g for commissioning of tritium plant far prior to the plasma operation.

To obtain fundamental knowledge on the plasma control requirements for the future commercial fusion power plants, a dynamic simulation model of a nuclear fusion power plant was constructed. The fusion power plant model was designed with a 1500 MW thermal output tokamak reactor with He-cooled Li_2TiO_3 solid breeder blanket (coolant outlet conditions: 8 MPa and 515.8 °C). A superheated Rankine cycle was designed to achieve the electrical output of 485.38 MW with the operating pressure of 20.5 MPa. Two plasma output patterns, a step decrease of power and a single pulse decrease of power, were simulated to assess the response of the power plant. A sudden step decrease in fusion neutron led to an immediate decrease in the blanket temperature and the first coolant temperature. In order to avoid the sharp temperature drop, a need for a turbine bypass mechanism or a He coolant boiler bypass mechanism was indicated. On the other hand, because of the delay in the plant responses, the deviation of the electrical output from steady state could be minimized by recovering the plasma output in few tens of seconds. Based on the findings, a new diagram was presented that illustrates important plasma control requirements for future commercial fusion power plants.

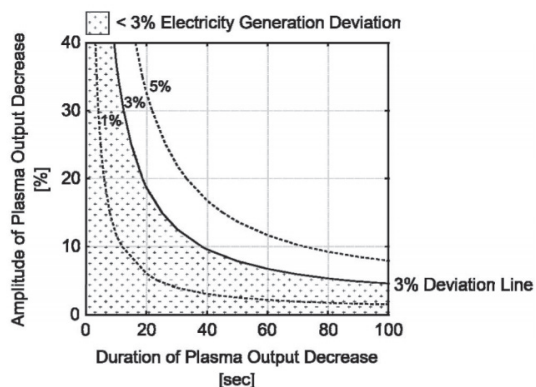


Fig. 2 Plasma control requirements for the future commercial fusion power plants.

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4. Characterization of corrosion layer on reduced-activation steel by Li ceramics under moist atmosphere

By production of tritium from Li-containing ceramic breeder, helium sweep gas contains certain amount of moisture that may have influence on corrosion behavior of blanket structural steel. Thus, this study focuses on effect of moisture in sweep gas on chemical compatibility between ceramic breeder (Li_4SiO_4 with 20 mol% of Li_2TiO_3) and reduced-activation structural steel (EUROFER97). These materials were contacted and heated at 623, 823, and 1073 K for up to 12 weeks where the H_2O concentrations of the outlet gas were 0.13–0.24 vol.%. In the two-phase breeder specimen, Li_4SiO_4 was preferably decomposed into Li_2SiO_3 with a possible formation of Li_2O or LiOH depending on environmental condition. Formation of corrosion layers on the EUROFER specimen was enhanced in the wet condition, especially at the elevated temperatures of 823 and 1073 K. Though these results showed parabolic growth rates, an extrapolation from data of the elevated temperatures to 623 K was not feasible in the wet atmosphere, which could derive from the difference of the chemical form in the breeder specimen. Effective diffusion coefficient of oxygen into EUROFER at 623 K was given to be $4.5 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ and a possible thickness of the corrosion layer after a 2-year use was predicted.

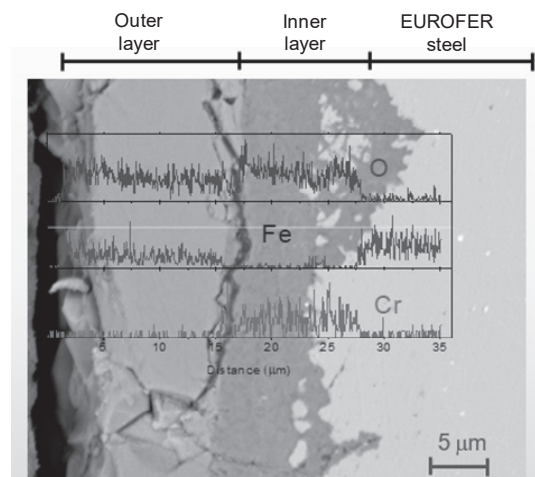


Fig. 3 Double corrosion layer on EUROFER reduced-activation ferritic martensitic steel by two-phase Li ceramics (Li_4SiO_4 and Li_2TiO_3) formed by heating at 800 °C after 72 h.

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1. Introduction

Advanced and innovative control methods for the collective behavior of charged particles are being developed in this research section to bring about enormous contributions to the human beings. Studies of nonlinear interactions between charged particles and electromagnetic fields are particularly emphasized. We focus on the following subjects; improvement and understanding of confinement and transport in fusion plasmas, development of heating and current drive systems using high power millimeter waves, development of advanced diagnostics in high temperature plasmas, development and application of compact and portable neutron/proton sources driven by fusion reaction, and production/diagnostics of highly brilliant relativistic electron beams for advanced light sources such as free electron laser.

2. Development of an ultra-compact DD-IEC Neutron Generator

First and second prototypes of the ultra-compact Inertial electrostatic confinement (IEC) device have been fabricated, assembled and tested. The 1st prototype IEC chamber was fabricated from SUS316L, with 17 cm anode diameter (IEC17), as shown in Fig. 1. Grid cathode concentrically placed at the chamber center is assembled from 6 rings of Molybdenum with 8 cm diameter. Multistage feedthrough technique was employed in this version, by utilizing 3 stages feedthrough junction sinking in oil inside SUS cylinder (22 cm diameter) to enable applying 120 kV to the compact configuration <70 cm height. D-D interaction is used in this system for neutrons production with maximum energy 2.45 MeV. The neutron production rate (NPR) from the SUS chamber was $\sim 2.8 \times 10^7$ n/sec by applying ~ 10.5 kW power, $\sim 30\%$ of the power supply capacity. The 2nd prototype of the DD-IEC was fabricated with the same anode and cathode diameters, 17 and 8 cm, respectively. The anode material was chosen to be Titanium with expectation of lighter system and

higher NPR compared to SUS chamber. The NPR generated from 2nd prototype at 5.6 kW applied power was $\sim 6.8 \times 10^7$ n/sec, it is 2.4 times higher NPR compared to SUS chamber with 50% less applied power.

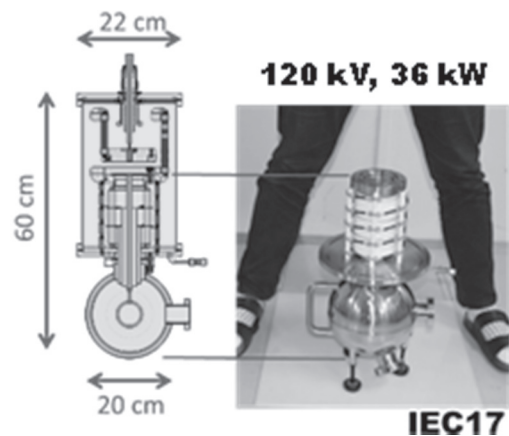


Fig. 1 The first prototype DD-IEC neutron source for special nuclear material (SNM) interrogation system.

3. SNMs Interrogation system using DD-IEC neutron source and TMFDs

Our group has been developing the world's first of its kind, portable active interrogation system for detecting special nuclear materials (SNMs), such as U-235 and Pu-239, based on the threshold energy neutron analysis technique (TENA). The system employs a DD neutron generator based on inertial electrostatic confinement (IEC) for interrogating suspicious objects and tensioned metastable fluid detector (TMFD) for detecting secondary neutrons from the fission reactions induced in SNM. The main challenging in interrogate SNMs is related to distinguish between the secondary neutrons from the SNMs and neutron-induced fission reactions from the neutron source used for interrogation. To cope with this task, we are developing neutron-in neutron-out technique, namely the TENA method. The schematic drawing of the portable neutron interrogation system which will be loaded to a vehicle is arranged as seen in Fig. 2. DD-IEC and

tensioned metastable fluid detector (TMFD) are used as neutrons generator and detectors, respectively, in the method. The method is based on the fact that ~30% of fission neutrons from SNMs is above DD fusion neutron energy of 2.45 MeV. Therefore, thermal and/or epi-thermal neutrons originated from the 2.45 MeV mono-energetic DD neutrons hit SNMs which emits secondary neutrons by induced fission reactions. Then TMFDs system which, has the advantages of scanning the energy is used to detect the secondary neutrons from the SNMs. Results from experiments carried out for detecting 10 g of highly-enriched uranium (HEU) revealed that, the proposed system capable to identify the existence of HEU with 96% confidence level.

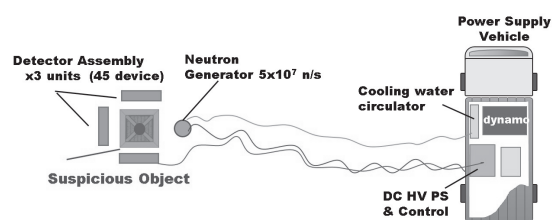


Figure 2. Schematic drawing of the portable neutron interrogation system for detection of shielded SNMs hidden in suspicious objects

4. Development of a 320 GHz Far Infrared Interferometer for High Density Plasma in Heliotron J

Understanding the physics of high-density plasmas is one of the important topics in fusion plasma science. Multi-channel FIR interferometer is a powerful tool to measure electron density profile in such a high density and high temperature plasma. We have been developing a new interferometer system with stable, high-power, 320 GHz semiconductor oscillators in Heliotron J as a replacement of current interferometer system using an HCN laser. We have constructed a test stand of the interferometer system and have checked the characteristics of 320 GHz semiconductor oscillators, a detector, characteristics of beam splitters and a vacuum window.

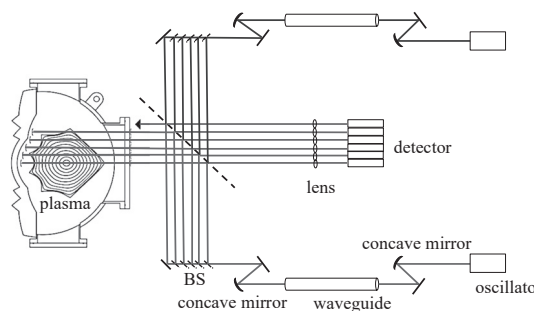


Fig.3 Basic design of a new multi-channel FIR interferometer in Heliotron J

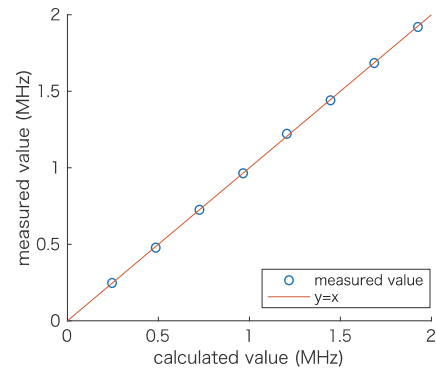


Fig. 4 Beat frequency of detected beat signal. The measured frequency agreed well with the setting value

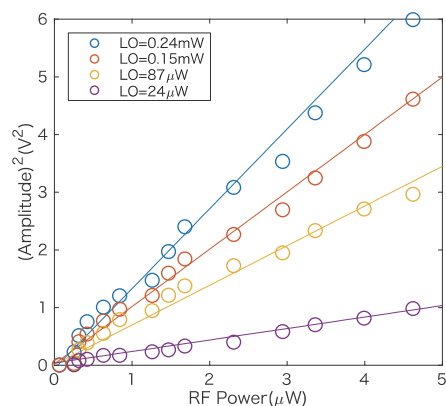


Fig. 5 Response of detector intensity to RF & LO power

Figure 3 shows the basic schematic of multi-channel FIR interferometer design in Heliotron J. The system is a Michelson type heterodyne interferometer where two 320 GHz semiconductor oscillators are employed as light sources. The oscillator for LO produces fixed frequency wave, and the other for RF produces variable frequency wave.

On the test stand of interferometer, we have successfully detected the beat signal which has the beat frequency between two input signals, RF and LO. Here, the LO frequency was fixed at 320.16GHz, and the RF frequency was scanned from 320.16 GHz+0.2MHz to 320.16 GHz+2MHz. Figure 4 shows the relationship between the frequency of detected beat signal and expected beat frequency from the setting value, which shows that observed beat frequency agrees well with the expected one.

The response of the detector has been investigated by scanning the LO and RF power, as shown in Fig.5. The input signal power was set low such that LO power was 24μW and the RF power was less than 1μW. Based on the basic characteristics obtained in this experiment, we will design and construct a new multi-channel FIR interferometer system for Heliotron J.

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1. Introduction

The current subjects of this research section are to study the properties of high temperature plasmas in order to control and improve the plasma energy confinement from the physical viewpoint of nuclear fusion research. The experimental and theoretical investigations for the optimization of the helical-axis heliotron configuration are in progress under the collaboration with other groups of the international/national institutes and also groups of other universities under the auspices of the Collaboration Program of the Lab. Complex Energy Processes, IAE and the Collaborative Research Program of NIFS (National Institute for Fusion Science).

In this report, a remarkable result obtained in the Heliotron J experimental study in FY2017 is reported focusing on radial electric shear formation in high density NBI plasmas based on poloidal flow velocity measurement.

2. Radial electric shear formation in high density NBI plasmas based on poloidal flow velocity measurement [1].

In order to investigate the relation between the confinement improvements and the spatial structure of the radial electric field in the magnetically confined fusion plasmas, a diagnostic system for the poloidal flow velocity measurement has been developed in Heliotron J based on the charge exchange recombination spectroscopy (CXRS). In this study, the poloidal flow velocity was measured in a high density NBI plasmas produced by a novel gas fueling method and the radial electric field and its shear were calculated in the high density plasmas.

The poloidal CXRS system consists of the objective optics, bundle fiber, camera lens monochromator and CCD camera [2]. The system can measure the poloidal flow velocity and the ion temperature of the carbon ion with the observation region of $r/a = 0.2-0.9$. The CCD framing rate is 400Hz at maximum. The time evolution of the high density experiment with the novel gas fueling method is shown in Fig. 1. The plasma was sustained by a balanced-NBI heating with 600 kW total port-through power. A high density plasma was formed after the turned-off of high intensity gas puffing (HIGP) which is applied at $t = 230 -$

240 ms. The line averaged electron density increased from $\bar{n}_e = 1.1 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ to $4.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ by HIGP. After that the electron density kept constant at $t = 260 - 280\text{ms}$, while the plasma stored energy (W_p) increased significantly from 1.1 to 5.2 kJ, which indicates an increase in the temperature and/or a flattening of the pressure profile.

Figure 2 shows the radial profiles of the electron density, the parallel flow velocity (V_{\parallel}) and the poloidal flow velocity (V_{θ}) under the low density ($t = 230$ ms) and the high density ($t = 270$ ms) conditions. The parallel flow velocity is measured with the CXRS system in which the sightline is set to be parallel to the magnetic field line [3]. Here the radial resolution is in the range of $\Delta r/a = 0.02$ to 0.1. The co-directed parallel flow is defined as the direction of plasma current which increases the rotational transform. For the poloidal flow, the positive direction is defined as the ion diamagnetic direction. Since the plasma was heated by the balanced NBI, the external momentum input from NBI was expected to be small. In the case of the low density plasma, the parallel flow is in co-direction and the poloidal flow velocity is almost

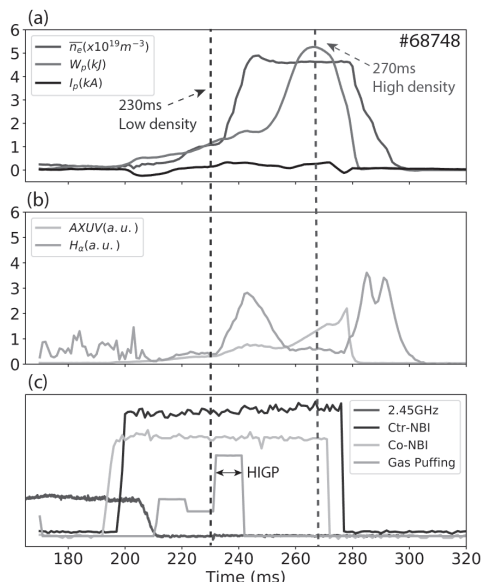


Fig. 1. Time evolution of line-averaged electron density \bar{n}_e , stored energy (W_p), toroidal current (I_p), AXUV intensity, H_{α} intensity, heating and gas puffing obtained in high density NBI plasmas.

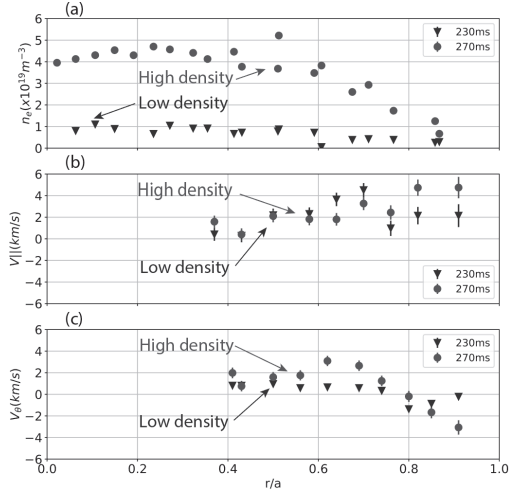


Fig.2 Radial profiles of (a) electron density, (b) parallel flow and (c) poloidal flow velocity in the case of low density (triangle) and high density plasmas (circle).

to be zero at the region of $0.4 < r/a < 0.9$. In the high density case, a poloidal flow velocity shear was observed at the peripheral region ($0.7 < r/a < 0.9$). On the other hand, no significant difference was observed on the parallel flow.

Considering the momentum force balance equation, the radial electric field (E_r) is evaluated with the following equation,

$$E_r = \frac{\nabla P_i}{en_i Z_i} - (V_\theta \times B_\phi - V_\phi \times B_\theta) \quad (1)$$

where ∇P_i is the pressure gradient, e , n_i and Z_i are the electron charge, the ion density and the charge number of the ion, B_θ and B_ϕ are the magnetic field strength in the poloidal and the toroidal direction, respectively. In this case, the fully ionized carbon ion (C^{6+}) is considered as the ion species. To calculate the toroidal flow velocity (V_ϕ), the parallel and the poloidal flow velocity is converted using the formula: $V_\phi = (V_\parallel - V_\theta \sin \alpha) / \cos \alpha$, where α is the pitch angle between the field line and the toroidal direction. Figure 3 shows the radial profile of E_r and the three components ($V_\theta \times B_\phi$, $-V_\phi \times B_\theta$ and $\nabla P_i / en_i Z_i$) in the case of the low density and the high density plasmas, respectively. Under the condition, it is confirmed that the radial electric field is dominated by the poloidal flow component $V_\theta \times B_\phi$, since the toroidal flow $V_\phi \times B_\theta$ and the pressure gradient components $\nabla P_i / en_i Z_i$ are relatively small.

In the case of the low density plasma as shown in Fig. 3(a), E_r at the region of $0.4 < r/a < 0.9$ is almost to be zero. In the case of the high density plasma in Fig. 3(b), on the contrary, a strong negative E_r with large E_r shear is observed at peripheral region ($0.7 < r/a < 0.9$), which is mainly contributed by the poloidal flow shear. The radial electric field in the high density plasma is consistent with the probe data in the previous high density experiment [7]. At the region of $0.4 < r/a < 0.7$ in the high density condition, on the contrary, a positive E_r was observed. Since the

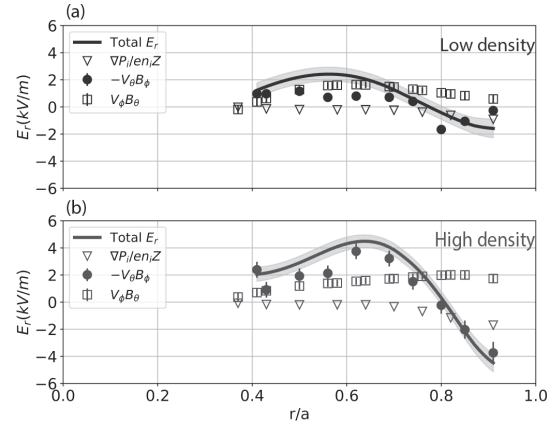


Fig.3 Radial profiles of radial electric field for (a) low density and (b) high density conditions. Each E_r components are plotted: poloidal flow $V_\theta \times B_\phi$ (circle), toroidal flow $V_\phi \times B_\theta$ (square), pressure gradient (triangle) as well as the total E_r .

positive E_r has been usually observed in the low density ECH plasmas of Heliotron devices, we should discuss the neoclassical particle flux condition with comparison to the neoclassical transport analysis. The E_r shear ($\delta E_r / \delta r$) in the high density plasma at $r/a = 0.8$ is calculated to be -650 kV/m^2 , which is much larger than that in the case of the low density plasmas (-210 kV/m^2). In such the case, an improvement in the global energy confinement time was observed. The energy confinement time at the low density condition (8 ms) increased to 17 ms at the high density one. These results indicate that the formation of the E_r shear contributes to the improvement in the energy confinement due to the HIGP method. As shown in Fig. 1, on the contrary, an H-mode transition has not been observed in this discharge. The relation between the formation of the large E_r shear (and position) and the H-mode transition obtained in HIGP method of Heliotron J [4] will be discussed in the near future.

In conclusion, the installation of the new poloidal CXRS systems in Heliotron J enabled us to reveal the spatial structure of the poloidal flow in the high density NBI plasmas. The evaluation of the radial electric field based on the momentum force balance equation shows that the large E_r shear (-650 kV/m^2) is formed at the peripheral region ($r/a = 0.8$) under the high density condition produced by the novel gas fueling method. This indicates that the formation of large E_r shear at the peripheral region is related to the significant improvement in the energy confinement by the HIGP method.

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1. Summary

The author spent three months (Dec. 1, 2017-Feb. 28, 2018) as a visiting professor at the Uji campus of Kyoto University, hosted by the Associate Professor Hooman Farzaneh research group Multiple Benefits Assessment of the Low Emission Development Strategies in Asia Pacific Cities.

During this period the author participated as co-organizer and session commentator in the February, 1-3, 2018 Japan-Brazil Joint Workshop “Towards Sustainable Urban Energy Systems: Experiences from Asia and Latin America” and as a presenter in the February, 3, 2018 3rd International Workshop on Clean Energy Development in Asian Cities with the paper “Governing the Urban Commons: Experimentalist Governance for Resilient Climate Co-Benefits Governance Regime.” Subsequently he made a presentation to Ohgaki-sensei Laboratory, Quantum Radiation Energy Research Section, Advanced Energy Research Division, Institute of Advanced Energy, Kyoto University Uji Campus, on 27 March 2018 entitled “Governing the Urban Commons of Kuala Lumpur: Experimentalist Governance for Resilient Climate Co-Benefits Regime.”

Here the author reports about his investigation on the development of local governance studies for implementation in 6 Asian megacities: Delhi, Kuala Lumpur, Seoul, Shanghai, Sydney and Tokyo.

2. Introduction

The overall project aims to develop and demonstrate a new strategic planning mechanism for achieving multiple benefits of Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) in Asia-Pacific cities, together with a robust analytical framework that can be used to assess those benefits during the development and implementation process. The research: 1) plans to develop a modelling framework in order to quantify the effect of LEDS on four main areas of energy systems, environment, public health and local economy at the city level; 2) create an executive package of policies with an assessment of implementation challenges in each city and 3) develop a strategic plan of the urban multiple benefits of LEDS based on the comparative analysis among the selected cities as the main output of this research.

The six global cities which are evaluated in detail in this research consists of: Tokyo, Sydney, Shanghai, Kuala Lumpur, Seoul and Delhi. The research focus is on 'Buildings', 'Waste' and 'Transport' as the key sectors as they can offer substantial urban climate mitigation potential through the implementation of LEDS in the selected cities.

Project link:

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3. Experimentalist Governance for Resilient Climate Co-Benefits Regime in Asian Mega Cities

A main challenge facing Asian mega cities seeking win-win intervention towards a sustainable maximization of climate co-benefits lies in the complex governance of policy implementation. These urban commons such as Greater Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, are nested within multiple governmental levels (federal, regional, state, metropolitan, province, county and municipal) and have diverse institutional arrangements for the provision of services and infrastructure to their population as well as for the promotion of development and a healthy environment. Further, they also have contrasting arrangements for both aggregating and processing demands (shaping patterns of collective action), delivering results (implementation) and communicating outputs to their different constituencies. Thus, the practical politics of urban climate co-benefits policy implementation is fraught with conflict and misunderstandings. These are further amplified in the urban commons by the long-term, fragmented and uncertain nature of the co-benefits. This paper suggests that the experimentalist governance may contribute to the construction of a resilient governance framework for the implementation of policy towards climate co-benefits. The approach was originally developed to provide a resilient, self-evolving analytic routine for the design of experimentalist governance of sticky, complex, multi-level policy problems under conditions of strategic uncertainty. As it is informed by a pragmatic, practice-oriented experimentalism theory, it promotes deliberation and self-calculation in recursive relations among actors with diverse interests and views, analogously one can suggest that

it may also incorporate the diverse and contradictory relations among urban commons' governmental actors and stakeholders, as well as recipient citizens, the last critical link in the implementation phase. The wide scope of recent applications of experimentalism governance to build alternative frameworks for the promotion of policy regimes in contexts characterized by strategic uncertainty, including global and transnational climate change regimes, seem to indicate the promise of its application to the implementation of climate co-benefits policy in urban commons.

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1. Introduction

The author spent six months (Oct, 2nd, 2017-Mar, 29th, 2018) as a guest associate professor at the Uji campus of Kyoto University, hosted by the Heliotron J group.

Here the author reports about the investigation on an edge localized low-frequency Alfvén eigenmode (LF-AE) in Heliotron J.

In theory, discrete Alfvén eigenmodes (AEs) existing in the gap of Alfvén continuum [1] could be destabilized by tapping the free energy source associated with the energetic particle pressure gradient through wave-particle interaction [2]. An evidence for this theory is the recent experiment which shows that AEs are more destabilized in on-axis beam case than in off-axis case in DIII-D [3]. On the other hand, AE induced lost ions is commonly observed in experiment [4]. The loss of energetic ion could reduce the heating efficiency of alpha particle or beam/RF. AEs has caused up to 70% loss of injected fast beam ions in the DIII-D tokamak [5]. In addition, lost ion could directly hit the first wall, break the surface material and cause damage to the device. AE is one of the most concerned instabilities for ITER [6,7]. Therefore, study of AEs is an important issue for future fusion devices.

2. Experimental results

(1) Plasma conditions for mode observation

The LF-AE is steadily observed in NBI heated, co-current flowing plasmas in standard configuration of Heliotron J. In a dedicated experiment day of FY2017 for LF-AE study, a fix-conditioned discharge series of seven shots was performed for profile measurements. The experimental conditions are as follows: standard configuration, with rotational transform 0.554-0.558 in the vacuum condition; co-NBI power of 180kW and ctr-NBI power of nearly zero; total plasma current up to 1.25kA in co-direction; averaged electron density $n_e = (0.5-1.5) \times 10^{19} m^{-3}$; central electron temperature $T_e(0) \sim 0.2-0.4 keV$.

Figure 1 shows a typical discharge when LF-AE is observed. EPM of 90-80kHz is observed throughout the discharge. Observed frequency of LF-AE is about 40-20kHz in this discharge. Fluctuation power of LF-AE is comparable with EPM. Mode frequency decreases as averaged density ramps up. Sidebands are simultaneously observed sometimes. Plasma

current for the mode emergence is $I_p=0.91kA$ in co-direction.

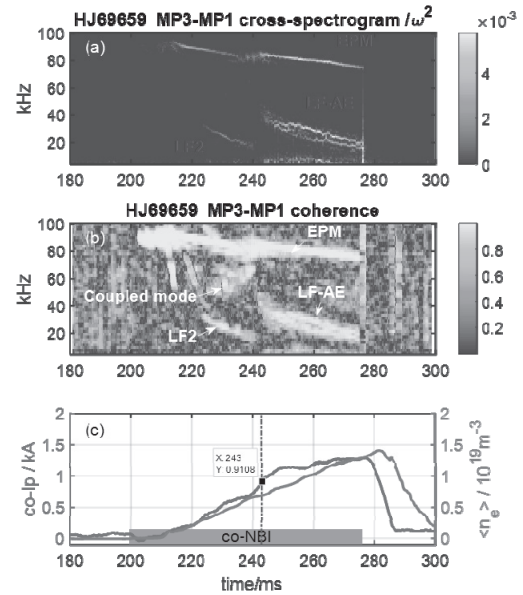


Figure 1. (a) Cross spectrogram of two toroidally separated mirnov coils, MP3 and MP1. (b) Coherence-gram of MP3 and MP1; (c) Plasma current and averaged density.

(2) Mode characteristics

Density fluctuation of LF-AE measured by a beam-emission spectroscopy system locates at $\rho > 0.71$, and peaks at $\rho = 0.86-0.91$. Toroidal mode number is $n=1$ (or -3, 5). Mode rotates in ion diamagnetic direction, and poloidal mode number is quite high, $m \sim 7-8$. High mode number is confirmed by both mirnov coils and fast imaging camera. High m number induced significant Doppler shift from the background poloidal flow. The real frequency is calculated with,

$$f^* = f_{ob} - V_{\theta} k_{\theta} / 2\pi \quad (1)$$

V_{θ} is the background poloidal flow is measured by a Langmuir probe array or a poloidal CXRS system. Doppler corrected frequency, say, real frequency of LF-AE is about 34-46 kHz with the total axis magnetic field $B_0=1.28T$. Figure 2 shows real frequency f^* linearly depends on $B_0 / \langle n_e \rangle^{1/2}$, indicating the mode is an Alfvén eigenmode.

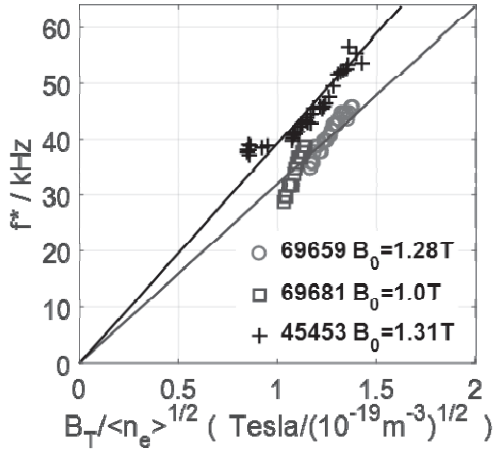


Figure 2. Dependence of real frequency f^* on $B_0/\langle n_e \rangle^{1/2}$. NBI powers for shot 69659 and 69681 are both 180kW. NBI power for shot 45453 is 560kW.

(3) Comparison with Simulation

STELLGAP code calculates the shear Alfvén gap structure for 3D configurations (stellarators, RFPs, 3D tokamaks) [8]. Calculation is done by STELLGAP ver.6, taking into account the effect of coupling between shear Alfvén wave and sound wave. Sound wave spectra is invisible because it is so dense and removed. Calculation is based on low beta approximation [9]. Continua is calculated for $N_f=1$ mode family, which is consisted of, $n=1$: $m=0\sim 4$, $n=3$: $m=3\sim 8$, $n=5$: $m=6\sim 12\dots$ $n=29$: $m=46\sim 60$. Total 150 modes are included. Figure 9 shows the result of STELLGAP. In figure 9 (a), a low-frequency gap is observed under 50 kHz. Expanded view for $f < 50$ kHz is show in In figure 9 (b). The grey bar indicates the experimental mode observation region of real frequency and radial position.

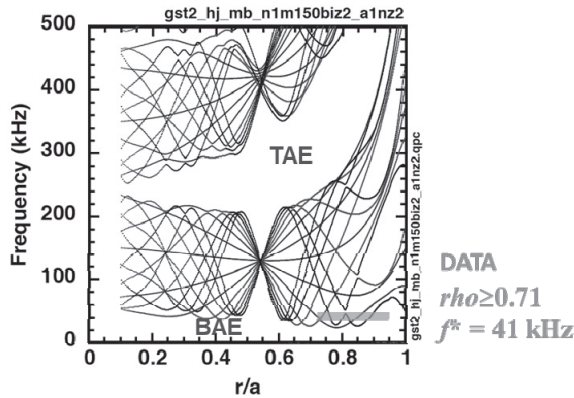


Figure 3. Dependence of real frequency f^* on $B_0/\langle n_e \rangle^{1/2}$. NBI powers for shot 69659 and 69681 are both 180kW. NBI power for shot 45453 is 560kW.

(4) Nonlinear interaction between LF-AE bands and a very-low-frequency (VLF) mode

Sidebands of LF-AE is observed in some circumstances, as shown figure 1. Nonlinear interaction among bands of LF-AE and a very low frequency (<10 kHz) $m=0/n=0$ mode is observed using bicoherence technique, as show in figure 4. This observation might be an evidence for the very recent simulation work on the saturation mechanism of Alfvén eigenmode due to nonlinear interactions between low frequency zonal structure (LFZS) and beta-induced Alfvén eigenmode (BAE) [10].

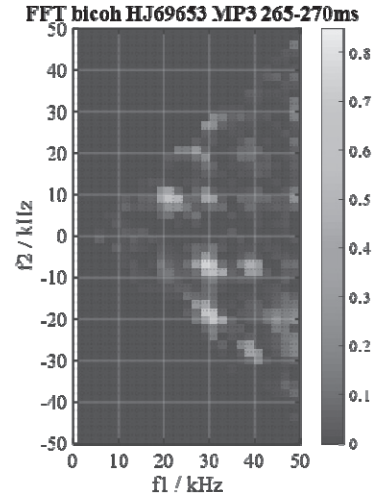


Figure 4. Bicoherence-gram of a mirnov signal. The spot shows high bicoherence among LF-AE bands and a very low frequency (8~9 kHz) mode.

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1. Introduction

We are working on basic and applied research of nano-materials from a viewpoint of optics and material science. Our research aims at exploring new physical and chemical phenomena leading to applications of novel nano-materials including carbon nanotubes, layered transition metal dichalcogenides, perovskite for efficient utilization of light energy and development of future optoelectronic devices with ultra-low energy consumption. The Multi-Scale Testing and Evaluation Research Facility are also used for development of new composite materials. Followings are main research achievements in the year of 2017.

1. Physical Mechanism of Enhanced Photovoltaic Performance of Perovskite Solar Cells via Polymer Interface Engineering

Solar cells based on methylammonium lead halide perovskites ($\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbX}_3$, $\text{X}=\text{I}, \text{Br}, \text{Cl}$) have been attracted much attention in recent several years. Since 2010, the power conversion efficiency of perovskite solar cells has improved drastically through improvements and engineering of solvents, interfaces, and materials. However, some emergent issues in $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbX}_3$ remain to be solved for the future industrial applications. The strategy of interface engineering of the perovskite layer in perovskite solar cells is expected to result in further enhancements of the photovoltaic conversion efficiency (PCE) of perovskite solar cells via minimizing the charge recombination loss.

Here we demonstrate a high current-voltage (stabilized power output) PCE of 20.4% (19.9%) in $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$ PSCs under reverse scanning conditions by incorporating a solution-processed polymer layer of poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) between the perovskite photoactive layer and the hole transport layer (Fig. 1). Moreover, we use steady-state and time-resolved photoluminescence spectroscopy and impedance spectroscopy to reveal the mechanism of the enhancement of the photovoltaic performance and its stability by the PMMA layer in a $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$ perovskite solar cells device. The morphology modification, surface passivation, and protection of the

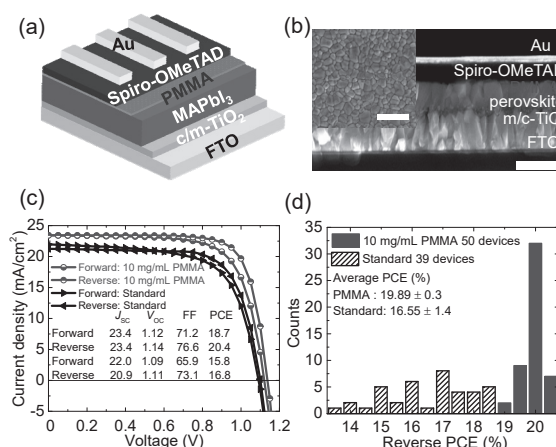


Fig. 1 (a) Schematic of device structure. (b) Cross-sectional SEM image of the device. (c) Photovoltaic performance of perovskite solar cell with and without PMMA layer. (d) Histograms of photovoltaic performance under reverse scanning conditions.

perovskite layer by the insulating PMMA layer substantially contribute to the enhancement of photovoltaic performance and its stability despite a slight reduction of the charge extraction efficiency. The demonstrated high PCEs and insights obtained into the working mechanism of the PMMA layer pave the way for the industrial application of $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$ perovskite solar cells.

2. Polarization-Sensitive and Broadband High Performance GeS Photodetectors

In the past decade, the research on two-dimensional (2D) layered materials, such as graphene and transition metal dichalcogenides, has progressed rapidly, driven by their extraordinary mechanical, electrical, and optical properties. The discovery of new 2D materials with novel physical properties has attracted substantial interest from researchers. The exceptional optical properties of the layered 2D materials, along with ease of integration in conventional optoelectronic device systems, indicate their high potential for use in applications related to photodetection, imaging, and telecommunications. Recently, extensive works on optoelectronic

devices (e.g., photodetectors) based on 2D layered materials have been reported.

We studied highly polarization sensitive, broad-band, and high-temperature-operation photodetectors based on multilayer germanium sulfide (GeS). The GeS photodetector shows a high photoresponsivity of about 6.8×10^3 A/W, an extremely high specific detectivity of 5.6×10^{14} Jones, and broad spectral response in the wavelength range of 300-800 nm with fast response time. More importantly, the GeS photodetector has high polarization sensitivity to incident linearly polarized light, which provides another degree of freedom for photodetectors. Tremendously enhanced photoresponsivity is observed with temperature increase, and high responsivity is achievable at least up to 423 K. These attributes of high photocurrent generation in a wide temperature range, broad spectral response, and polarization sensitivity coupled with environmental stability indicate that the proposed GeS photodetector is very suitable for optoelectronic applications.

3. Novel Carrier Transport and Photoresponse in GeSe/MoS₂ Heterojunction Diodes

Simple stacking of thin van der Waals 2D materials with different physical properties enabled us to create heterojunctions with novel functionalities and new potential applications. We fabricated a new 2D material *p-n* heterojunction of GeSe/MoS₂ and studied its carrier transport and photoresponse properties (Fig. 2). Substantial rectification with a very high contrast ($> 10^4$) through the potential barrier in the vertical-direction tunneling of heterojunctions was observed. The negative differential transconductance with high peak-to-valley ratio ($> 10^5$) due to the series resistance change of GeSe, MoS₂, and HJs at different gate voltages was observed. Moreover, strong and broad-band photoresponse via the photoconductive effect were also demonstrated. We expect the explored multifunctional properties of the GeSe/MoS₂ heterojunctions to be important for understanding the carrier transport and photoresponse of 2D-material heterojunctions for achieving their

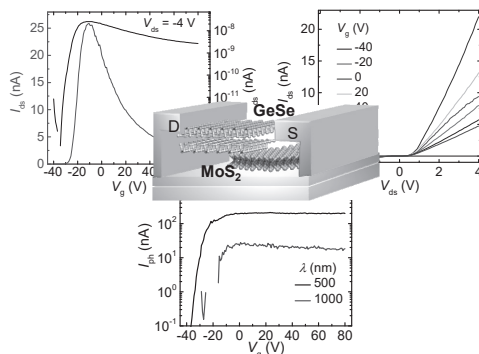


Fig. 2 Device performance in GeSe/MoS₂ heterojunction *p-n* diode.

use in various new applications in the electronics and optoelectronics fields.

4. Novel Silicon Carbide Composites with Particle Dispersion in Matrix

Silicon carbide (SiC) is one of very attractive engineering ceramics in particular for severe environment. Silicon carbide composites basically require weak fiber/matrix interphase like carbon (C) or boron nitride (BN). The interphase material and its thickness are keys to determine mechanical properties. However precise control of the interphase is the critical issue in particular for large scale production and affects material cost significantly. The objective of this work is to develop novel SiC composites without fiber/matrix interphase by applying particle dispersion in SiC matrix.

Silicon carbide composites were fabricated by CVI method and LPS method. Silicon carbide with C matrix was formed by mixture of SiC source gas and C source gas in CVI composites. Silicon carbide with BN matrix was formed by mixture of SiC powder and BN powder in LPS composites as shown in Fig. 3. Mechanical properties were characterized by tensile test and flexural test before and after exposure in air up to 1750C. Microstructures and fracture surfaces were characterized by FE-SEM.

Both SiC composites with C and with BN in matrix have uniform microstructure through thickness. They showed ductile fracture behavior with fiber pullouts. The technique was applied to fabricate 10 mm diameter tube for fuel cladding of light water reactor. Thermal shock test was carried out using the composite tube. The tube was heated to 1200 °C in air, kept 30 min and dropped to ambient temperature water. The composite tube kept original shape without apparent damage, although the monolithic ceramic SiC tube was completely fractured.

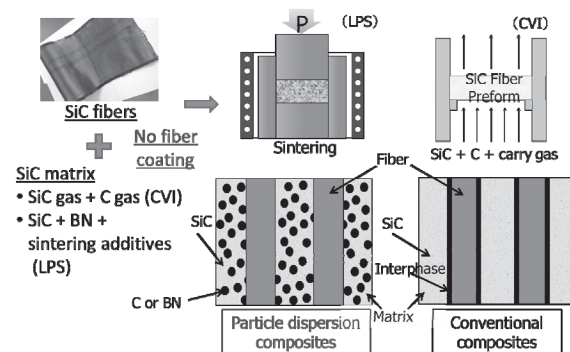


Fig. 3 Development of particle dispersion SiC composites.

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1. Introduction

The main interest of our research group is to investigate not only the fundamental phenomena induced by laser but also the possible application of laser induced phenomena in one way or the other to contribute to the efficient use of laser-based devices in energy science. In this year we focus on the two subjects, i.e., rapid in-situ synthesis of metal-polymer nanocomposite films using a CO₂ laser and the interference through the resonant Auger processes via multiple core-excited states pumped by x-ray pulse.

2. Rapid in-situ synthesis of metal-polymer nanocomposite films using a CO₂ laser

The synthesis of various kinds of nanoparticles (NPs) and their applications are of great interest in recent years. For the efficient and reliable use of NPs a uniform dispersion of NPs is the key. If NPs are dispersed in an inorganic or organic matrices such materials are called nanocomposites, which are of more recent interest, because the introduction of the various kinds of filler into the inorganic or organic matrix can result in the improvement of mechanical, electrical, and optical properties of the matrix itself if the filler is appropriately chosen. In this work we demonstrate a very rapid and scalable synthesis of metal-polymer nanocomposite films with a CO₂ laser at a very modest laser power.

The fabrication procedure of metal-polymer nanocomposite films we newly develop in this work is very simple and quick. Briefly, the mixture of the solution of polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) and the solution of silver nitrate (AgNO₃) is cast on a cover glass and then spin-coated to prepare the AgNO₃-PVA film. After drying the AgNO₃-PVA film in air the film is irradiated by the CO₂ laser for several seconds at the laser power of 1W to obtain the Ag-PVA nanocomposite film. The optical and morphological properties of the fabricated Ag-PVA nanocomposite film are presented in Fig. 1. Although the AgNO₃-PVA film is practically transparent before CO₂ laser irradiation the irradiated are of the film gradually turns to yellow, as we see in Fig. 1(a). Correspondingly, the optical properties change as we see in Fig. 2(b): a broad peak of the surface plasmon (SP) of silver appears as the irradiation time becomes longer from 0 to 10 seconds. Then, up to the irradiation of 20 seconds the height and width of SP stays nearly the same (not shown

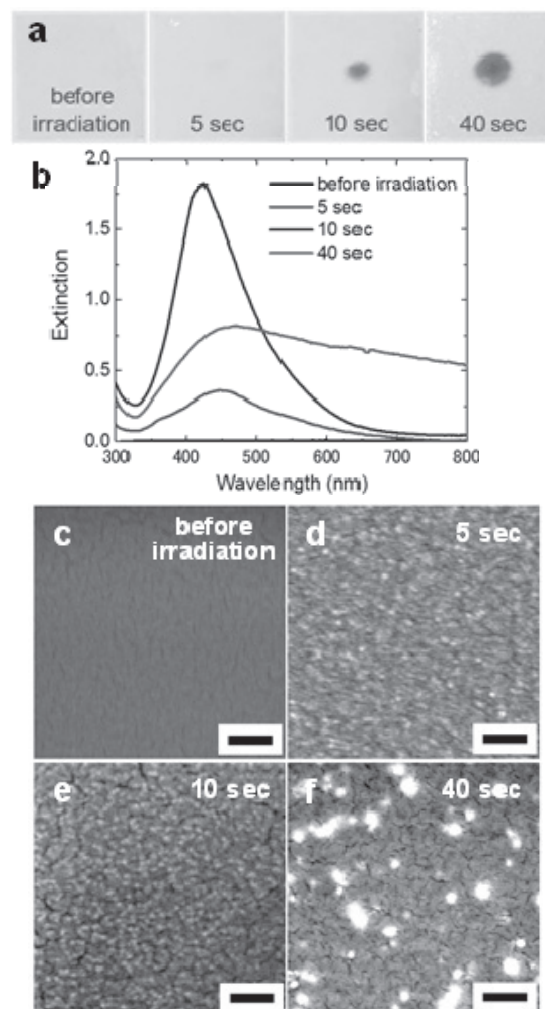


Fig. 1 (a) Photos and (b) optical absorption spectra of the films after the different irradiation times at the CO₂ laser power of 1W. (c)-(f) SEM images of the corresponding Ag-PVA films.

here). After that the height of SP gradually becomes smaller and exhibits a tail on the long wavelength side. This change of the spectra of SP implies that the aggregation of NPs starts to take place if the irradiation time is long. Indeed, this interpretation is confirmed by the SEM analysis shown in Figs. 1(c)-1(f). We also try the fabrication of Ag-PEG (polyethylene glycol) films using the same procedure to find that it works.

Thus, we have successfully demonstrated a rapid in-situ synthesis of metal-polymer nanocomposite films within several seconds using a CO₂ laser. The

new fabrication method we have developed in this work can be useful to quickly synthesize a variety of polymer-metal nanocomposite films for various purposes.

3. Interference through the resonant Auger process via multiple core-excited states

The advent of x-ray free electron lasers (XFELs) has enabled us to study some of the inner-shell processes of atoms and molecules in a time-dependent manner. The decay of a resonantly produced core-excited state into the continuum, which is termed as RA process, is one of the important inner-shell processes, and it has been under the intensive studies using XFELs. Under the intense x-ray pulse the excitation and decay processes are expected to be very different from those by the weak x-ray pulse or synchrotron radiation, and therefore, the RA processes induced by the intense x-ray pulse can lead to the new realm of rich physics. In this work we theoretically investigate the RA processes via multiple (two) core-excited states, and demonstrate that the RA process under such situations can exhibit an interference pattern in the energy-resolved electron spectra.

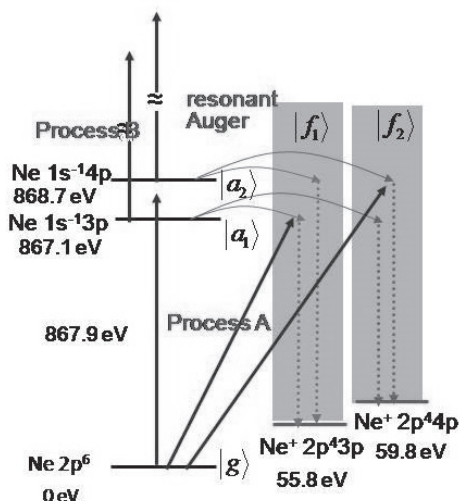


Fig. 3 Level scheme of the model for the resonant Auger processes.

Fig. 3 shows the level scheme of our model to describe the resonant Auger processes induced by the intense and resonant x-ray pulse. To be most specific we choose the Ne atom, and numerically solve the time dependent Schrödinger equation. The calculated energy-resolved electron spectra by including all possible ionization processes (=RA process + Process A + Process B), RA process and Process A, and RA process only are shown in Figs. 4(a)-4(c), respectively. For all three cases (Figs. 4(a)-4(c)) the line shapes turn out to be asymmetric with multiple peak structures. However, the peak positions and the line shape are all different, depending on the ionization processes included for the calculations. The asym-

metric line splitting in Figs. 4(a)-4(c) is attributed to the Rabi oscillations between the ground and core-excited states. The barely visible peak around 811.2 eV in Fig. 4(c) is more significant in Figs. 4(a) and 4(b) when the direct ionization process (process A) is included. This is primarily due to the interference between the two pathways, “ground state \rightarrow core-excited state \rightarrow f_1 continuum” and “ground state \rightarrow f_1 continuum”. After the detailed analysis we con-

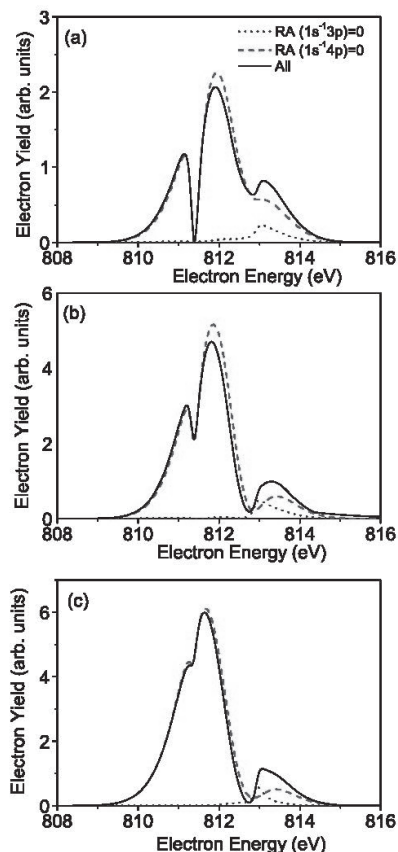


Fig. 4 Energy-resolved electron spectra associated with the f_1 continuum calculated by including (a) all processes, (b) RA process, and Process A, and (c) RA process only. The peak intensity of the x-ray pulse is 5×10^8 W/cm². Processes A and B are those described in Fig. 3.

firm that the shape of the energy-resolved electron spectra labeled as "All" in Figs. 4(a)-4(c) is mainly determined by the two factors, i.e., the Rabi oscillations between the ground and two core-excited states and the interference between the RA process and Process A.

To summarize, we find that the excitation of the multiply core-excited states by the resonant x-ray pulse results in a new kind of interference through the resonant Auger decay, and the energy-resolved electron spectra exhibit the additional structure which originates from interference through the resonant Auger process via the two core-excited states.

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1. Introduction

Materials R&D is essential for safe and efficient operation of advanced nuclear energy systems in the near future. This section takes up a mission of materials R & D for advanced nuclear energy systems such as fusion reactors and Gen-IV nuclear systems. Current main researches are as follows:

(1) ODS steels R&D for ATF claddings: After Fukushima incident accident tolerant fuel (ATF) cladding R&D was proposed by DOE and the issues for materials R&D for ATF application have been discussed including resistance to corrosion/oxidation, strength and radiation tolerance. Among the candidate materials, FeCrAl-ODS steels were selected as most feasible material for ATF claddings and R&D of FeCrAl-ODS steels has been performed in this division as a national program to develop an innovative material with high performance.

(2) Structural materials integrity: Stress corrosion cracking susceptibility of structural materials in nuclear power plants has been examined for SUS316L and 310S by means of slow strain rate test in hydrogenated water (Fig.1). SUS310S is much more resistant to SCC indicating almost no occurrence of SCC, while SUS316L suffers a severe TGSCC in hot water dissolved with 1.4 ppm hydrogen at 340 °C.

(3) Multi-scale modeling: Radiation damage processes in nuclear materials take place at a wide variety of time and length scales. So-called the multiscale viewpoint is required to understand the processes. To do this, modeling effort has been made using several computational techniques complementarily such as molecular dynamics, ab-initio quantum calculations, kinetic Monte-Carlo, rate-equation theory analysis, FEM and CFD.

(4) Radiation damage mechanism of fission nuclear structural materials: For the sake of the highly efficient and safe operation of nuclear fission reactors, the mechanisms of irradiation embrittlement and stress corrosion cracking have been investigated. Small specimen test technique for evaluation of structural integrity has been developed towards extension of operation period of light water reactors.

2. Hydrogen-assisted SCC

The susceptibility to stress corrosion cracking (SCC) was evaluated for solution-annealed 316LSS by slow strain rate test in hot water below 288°C with dissolved-hydrogen (DH) up to 1.4 ppm using a loop shown in Fig.1. SCC was never observed in the specimens tested in water dissolved with oxygen up to 10 ppm at 288°C. In the hydrogenated water, however, SCC occurred in the late stage of deformation accompanied by necking. The oxide film thickness increases with temperature up to 288°C. The SCC susceptibility reduced with test temperature below 288°C. SCC occurred in the water with DH=0.4 and 1.4 ppm at 288°C, while at 220°C the SCC occurred at the highest DH condition only. This indicates a combining effect of DH and test temperature. Test temperature dependence can be interpreted in terms of anodic reaction rate, hydrogen diffusion rate and hydrogen trapping ability. The SCC observed in this study is interpreted in terms of hydrogen-assisted SCC which is accompanied by work hardening, corrosion and hydrogen absorption. The dependence of HASCC on both the test temperature and DH content was reasonably explained by corrosion assisted hydrogen production while suppressing the formation of protective oxide film on the specimen surface and hydrogen-induced reduction of cohesive force of lattice of austenitic stainless steel.

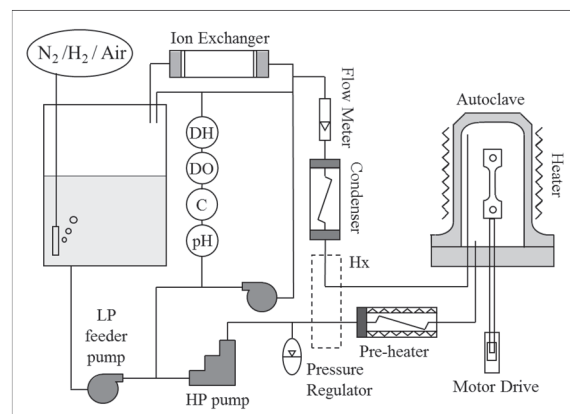


Fig. 1: Schematic view of hot water circulating loop

3. Optimizing maintenance strategy of a reactor pressure vessel using 3D-CFD and FEM based probabilistic pressurized thermal shock analysis

The structural integrity of RPVs is important part of nuclear power plant safety. The RPV contains reactor core and coolant, which is regarded as irreplaceable. In addition, the RPV is known to be exposed to neutron irradiation that makes the RPV steels brittle. When a large amount of coolant water is injected into the reactor at a loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA), the reactor vessel is rapidly cooled down concurrently with the PTS loadings. In this situation, the cold plume may form near the inner surface of the RPV, leading to the RPV walls under high stress conditions. Since the RPV steel usually becomes brittle under the environment of neutron irradiation, the high stress occurred at the PTS events may lead the RPV to fracture. It is therefore necessary to understand the performance of RPVs during the PTS loading for keeping the integrity of RPVs.

In this study, the deterministic and probabilistic integrity evaluations are made to investigate the integrity of entire RPV during PTS loading. For the deterministic integrity evaluation, the 3D-CFD simulation is performed to determine an accurate transient 3D temperature distribution in RPV by considering the cold plume cooling effect. Thermal-elastic-plastic analysis obtained by FEM is also carried out to analyze the residual stress caused by the weld-overlay cladding of RPV (Fig.2). Results of the fracture mechanics analysis obtained by FEM are applied to determine SIF of the assumed cracks in the RPV. Crack tip plastic zone is taken into consideration in the analysis, which clarifies the dependence of SIF on position inside the RPV. For the probabilistic integrity evaluation, the crack size dependence is also introduced into the evaluation. Combined with the distribution of fracture toughness included as part of the master curve, the dependence of the fracture probabilities on the position inside the RPV is obtained. Finally, the spatial distribution of fracture probabilities in RPV is used to optimize the priority of the inspection and maintenance on the RPV.



Fig. 2: Example distributions of temperature and stress on the inner RPV wall after 1200s

4. Irradiation effects on microstructure evolution and properties of materials

High energy particle irradiation leads to the formation of oversaturated interstitials and vacancies. The behavior of the point defects is responsible for the evolution of the microstructure, which may cause degradation, (or development), of the mechanical properties of the material. Hence, the elucidation of the behavior of point defects is essential for understanding the mechanisms responsible for the changes in mechanical properties. In our study, the microstructure evolution under particle irradiation has been investigated experimentally and computationally.

We have investigated the irradiation effect of tungsten (W), which is a candidate material for fusion divertor, using an ion accelerator (DuET: Fig. 3). We found that the microstructure evolution under ion irradiation depends on the crystal orientation using W single crystals with $\{001\}$ and $\{011\}$ surface orientation for ion-irradiation (Fig. 4). Defect zone depth is deeper in $\{001\}$ crystal than in $\{011\}$ crystal. The mechanism has been discussed with DFT, MD, and so on. The knowledge obtained in this study is fruitful for fusion divertor design and integrity.

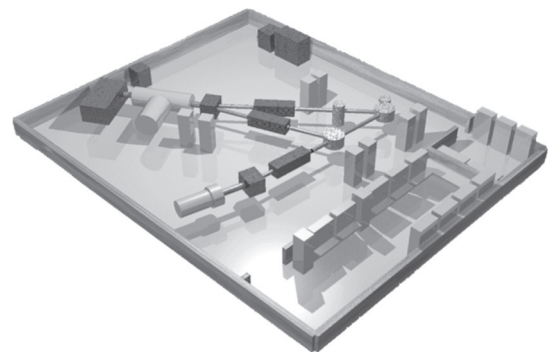


Fig. 3: Ion-accelerator (DuET)

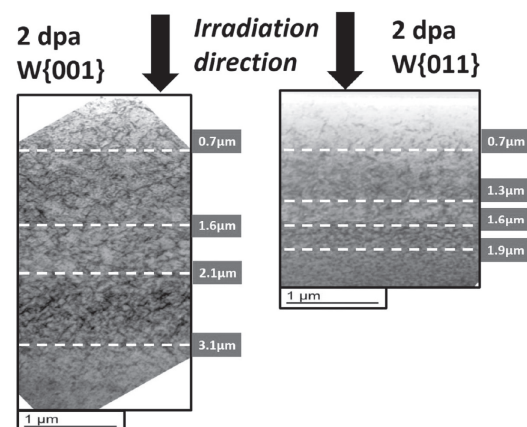


Fig. 4: TEM micrographs of W single crystals after 6.4 MeV Fe^{3+} ions.

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1. Introduction

Magnetic fusion has some key features which make it an attractive option in a future energy mix: (1) inherent safety features; (2) waste which will not be a burden for future generations; (3) no greenhouse gases; and (4) the capacity for large scale energy production. The required raw materials for the fuel are abundantly and widely available in the Earth. The combination of these features provides magnetic fusion the potential to make a substantial contribution to satisfying world energy demand later this century and beyond. The development of magnetic fusion as a commercial reactor of electricity requires the solution to the physics problems of plasma transport and magneto-hydrodynamics. The goal of the fusion plasma research is the discovery of a magnetic configuration that can efficiently confine a high density plasma at a high temperature for a sufficiently long confinement time to produce net thermonuclear power. The point is to deepen the understanding of fusion plasma dynamics and to create key innovative technologies to make magnetic fusion a practical energy source. This research section seeks to investigate the confinement optimization of high-temperature plasmas in the helical-axis heliotron line. For the experimental and theoretical investigation of this theme, the plasma device of Heliotron J has been operated to study the magnetic configuration effects of "hot plasma" confinement in Heliotron J. In particular, heating and fuelling, confinement and diffusion mechanisms and their diagnostics are of great importance. Recent results of this section in FY2017 are as follows:

2. Behavior of Highly Charged Impurity Ion Spectra in Hydrogen Pellet Injection Experiments

Imperfectly ionized impurity atoms of medium to high atomic number enhance a cooling of plasma, since these atoms absorb electron energy by further excitation or ionization, followed by a radiative decay. Many of the line spectra from these atoms/ions are in the vacuum ultraviolet (VUV) region. In order to monitor these impurity spectra in Heliotron J, we use a VUV spectrometer system at 16 - 40 nm.

Last fiscal year, we found that the VUV detector (Hamamatsu: F2224-21PFFX) that consists of a micro-channel plate (MCP) and a phosphor screen(SCR)

was damaged presumably due to aged deterioration (Fig. 1). MCP was replaced with a same type while the SCR was renewed from an aluminium metal-back electrode with type P20 phosphor to that of Indium Tin Oxide (ITO) with type P43. Peak emission wavelength of the phosphor P43 is 545 nm and the decay time is 1 ms. Investigation on VUV intensity using typical heliotron J plasma discharges revealed that the gain of the renewed MCP was slightly lower than that of the previous one. On the other hand, the SCR gives the similar brightness with lower bias. We have thus determined the operational biases for MCP and SCR for the ordinary case to be 1.64 kV and 2.01 kV, respectively – those had been 1.3 kV and 3.0 kV respectively.

Figure 2 shows the temporal evolution of the spectral line intensities in the VUV region for a hydrogen pellet injection experiment (shot #68550). Magnetic configuration was "standard" with the counter clockwise magnetic field viewed from top. The pellet 0.8 mm in diameter was injected at 229 ms of the discharge timer.

It is known that the ionic species emit stronger radiation roughly at the electron temperature of its ionization energy. The ablation of the pellet decreased the electron temperature, which lead to a decrease in the spectra of highly-charged ions. On the other hand, O II (ionization energy of 35.1 eV) was enhanced. As the temperature recovered, the spectra from the higher charge-states started to increase with increasing order of ionization energy; C IV (64.5 eV), O VI(77.4 eV), O V(113.9 eV), and OVI (138.1 eV). After 260 ms, highly charged metal ions such as Fe XVI (489 eV) became dominant.

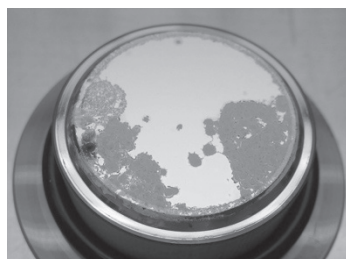


Fig. 1 Damaged phosphor screen. A discharge trace as well as aged deterioration of the surface can be observed.

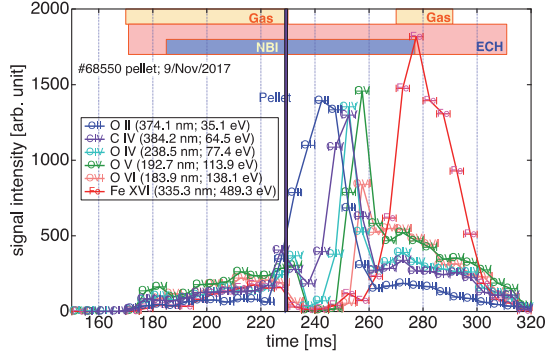


Fig. 2 Temporal evolution of the intensity of the impurely line spectra in VUV region [#66550]. Timings of the electron cyclotron heating (ECH), neutral beam injection (NBI), gas-puff control signal (Gas) and pellet injection were displayed. VUV signal intensity was not calibrated. The wavelength and ionization energy for each line were informed.

This observation suggests the effectiveness of investigating the behaviour of the lower charge-state ions, such as O II, C IV and O VI to monitor the effect of pellet ablation to the plasma parameters that is important in considering the particle fuelling scenario in fusion devices.

3. External Control of Fast-particle-driven MHD Instabilities by ECH/ECCD in Helical Plasmas

To establish some methods of stabilization and/or control of fast-particle (FP) driven magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) instabilities is required for a deuterium-tritium fusion reactor because they could enhance anomalous transport and/or induce loss of alpha particles. FP-driven MHD instabilities such as energetic particle modes (EPMs) and global Alfvén eigenmode (GAEs), are observed in tangential NBI-heated plasmas of stellarator/heliotron (S/H), Heliotron J, TJ-II and LHD. We utilize the ECH and ECCD in order to mitigate and eventually suppress the observed FP-driven MHD instabilities in three devices because both EC power deposition and driven current can be highly localized with a known location and good controllability. Since the stability of FP-driven MHD instabilities depend upon the magnetic configuration, comparative studies among these devices based on similarities and differences in the configuration are useful to investigate the impact of ECH/ECCD on FP-driven MHD instabilities and finally to have a comprehensive understanding of AE physics in S/H. Heliotron J and TJ-II have similar plasma/device parameters, e.g. low toroidal field period ($N_f = 4$) and low magnetic shear but different rotational transform. On the other hand, LHD has high $N_f = 10$ and high magnetic shear.

When magnetic shear is increased by EC-driven

plasma current, the observed FP-driven MHD instabilities are suppressed or mitigated. In Heliotron J with almost zero vacuum magnetic shear, both negative and positive magnetic shear induced by co- and counter-EC driven plasma current suppress the observed EPMs and GAEs, as shown in Fig. 3. The experimental result and numerical calculation of shear Alfvén spectrum indicate that continuum damping whose rate is related to magnetic shear regardless of its sign is a key physical mechanism to mitigate the EPMs. In addition, the change of the shear Alfvén continuum by EC-driven plasma current strongly affects the existence and stability of AEs because the radial gap structure depends on s .

The FP-driven MHD instabilities are also suppressed by both on- and off-axis ECH in the TJ-II plasmas. On the other hand, some FP-driven MHD instabilities are stabilized and the others are destabilized by ECH depending on ECH power and deposition location in the Heliotron J and LHD plasmas. Figure 4 shows the dependence of GAE amplitude on ECH power and deposition location in Heliotron J. Here, the deposition location is controlled by changing the injection angle of EC wave. The GAE amplitude decreases with increasing ECH power for on-axis ECH. When ECH deposition is close to the GAE location $r/a \sim 0.6$, the GAE amplitude is larger than that for on-axis ECH. These dependences indicate that both the change of fast ion profile by ECH through the change of electron density and temperature, and/or the collisional damping due to trapped fast electrons may affect the AE stability.

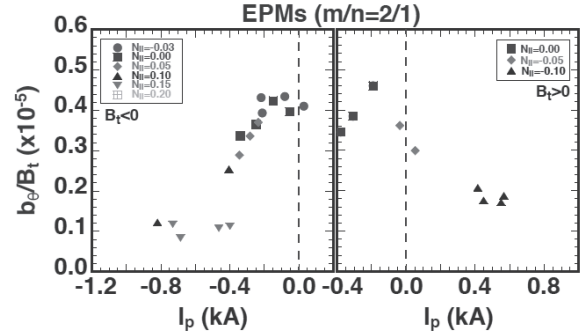


Fig. 3 Dependence of EPM amplitude on EC-driven current, which induces magnetic shear, in Heliotron J.

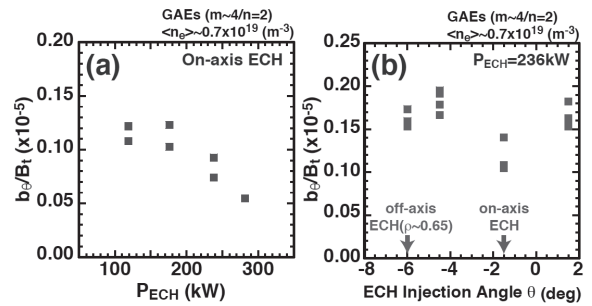


Fig. 4 Dependence of GAE amplitude on (a) ECH power and (b) ECH injection angle in Heliotron J.

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Clean Energy Conversion Research Section

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1. Introduction

Fusion energy is considered as a candidate of the future energy source, which requires zero or low CO₂ emission for a sustainable energy mix. To demonstrate energy production, the experimental reactor ITER is now under construction. The first electric power generation will be planned in a demonstration reactor (DEMO) following ITER. Conceptual design activity of DEMO is progressed among ITER member countries.

In Japan, national-wide DEMO design activity has started in 2015, and Japan's DEMO concept is now being developed to aim at (1) steady power generation over several hundred MW, (2) plant availability toward commercialization, and (3) self-sufficiency of tritium fuels. Japan's DEMO concept of JA DEMO Model 2014 was proposed based on the operational flexibility from pulse to steady-state operations [1]. Even in the steady-state DEMO, pulsed operation is required for commissioning phase and suitable for early demonstration of fusion electricity by moderate plasma performance. The major radius of 8.5 m enables to supply CS flux sufficient for plasma current ramp-up inductively for steady-state operation with fusion power of $P_f=1.5$ GW, and for 2 hours pulsed operation with $P_f=1$ GW.

A commissioning process of Japan's DEMO is also developed. Tritium ratio control enables to increase fusion power step by step with keeping high plasma density required for exhaust heat handling by divertor detachment. Fusion power can be started from about 400 MW with the normalized beta value β_N 2.0 similar to those of ITER. The plasma density $1.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ is also similar to that of ITER. In short, a reliable commissioning operation is found to be possible based on the ITER operation experience. Core plasma performance such as confinement improvement factor (HH) and the ratio of greenwald density limit (f_{NGW}) is found to be kept constant during commissioning. The commissioning process will be applied to the analysis on DD start-up scenario, in which the external tritium supply of fusion fuel is not required.

2. Overall concept of Japan's DEMO

The present Japan's DEMO concept is proposed as JA DEMO 2014 [1]. Major constraints of JA DEMO 2014 are divertor heat-handling and flux supply by the central solenoid (CS) coil. First, divertor heat-handling is the most critical issue to determine the fusion power and the net electric power.

Considering the experimental database, reliable radiation fraction $f_{rad}=0.7$ was applied, and maximum heat load on the divertor target less than 10 MW/m² was found to be foreseeable for fusion power $P_f=1.5$ -2.0 GW by the 2D divertor simulation. The water-cooled tungsten mono-block with Cu-alloy pipes as plasma-facing component similar to ITER divertor design is applied to handle the heat load up to around 10MW/m² in the DEMO divertor concept [1]. Second, for operation flexibility, a medium size major radius around 8 m secures the staged operation by accommodating a CS coil large enough to enable a two-hour pulse discharge. The bird's-view of JA DEMO 2014 is shown in Figure 1.

The plasma operation is based on the H-mode discharge sustained by driven current and bootstrap

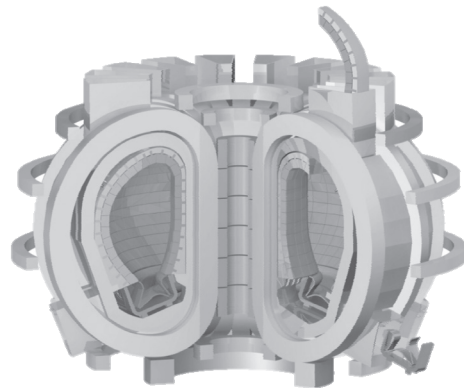


Fig.1: Bird's-view of the present Japan's DEMO concept "JA DEMO 2014"

current. The bootstrap current fraction f_{bs} is expected to be 61%, and the current drive power P_{ADD} results in 83.7MW by the NBI current drive system. The blanket system is a water-cooled ceramic breeder concept, which consists of a mixed bed of Li₂TiO₃ pebbles and Be₁₂Ti pebbles and structure material F82H. The blanket system is replaced through the vertical ports, and the divertor (which consists of W armor and Cu-alloy target) is done through the lower ports, shown in Figure 1. Because of neutron irradiation effect on Cu alloy of the divertor target, the lifetime of divertor is shorter than that of blanket. Hence, considering difference of each lifetime of blanket and divertor, the blanket and the divertor can be independently replaced through each port. The toroidal field (TF) coil concept is based on the Ni₃Sn conductor and the radial-plate system like the ITER TF coil concept.

3. Role of commissioning process in operation plan for Japan's DEMO

An operation plan for Japan's DEMO is defined as a critical task, because it shows how to demonstrate respective mission of DEMO. In this fiscal year, core plasma commissioning process, which is a part of the operation plan, has been investigated. The commissioning process of core plasma contains a series of the initial H/DD discharge, a pulsed DT discharge, and a steady state DT discharge. The key point as for commissioning process of core plasma is compatibility between fusion output control and divertor detachment control. In other words, plasma density has to be kept high during control of fusion output for keeping detachment condition in the divertor. We investigate such commissioning process by using tritium ratio control with systems code.

4. Development of commissioning process by tritium ratio control

In order to keep compatibility between fusion output control and divertor detachment one, tritium ratio control is applied to control the fusion power output [2]. The systems code TPC [3] is improved to install the function of tritium ratio control.

It is preferable that plasma operation starts with the similar parameter range like ITER standard operation, because the operation control is supposed to be well-established.

Fig. 2 shows the commissioning process starting with the operation parameter similar to the ITER standard operation. The operation point OP1 with tritium ratio f_{nT} 0.05 shows the fusion power P_f 400MW, safety factor q_s 3.0, normalized beta β_N 2.0. Those parameters are consistent with the ITER standard operation point. However, confinement improvement factor HH and the ratio of greenwald density limit f_{nGW} are 1.3 and 1.2, respectively, which are advanced than of ITER. Hence, development of plasma performance as for HH and f_{nGW} is a key issue to demonstrate this commissioning process.

In this commissioning process, plasma performance such as β_N is improved with increase of tritium ratio f_{nT} , then the fusion power is increased under the constant plasma performance parameters (HH and f_{nGW}) and current drive power $P_{NBI} \sim 100$ MW. From the operation point OP3, the gross electric power become larger than the internal consumed power, then the net electric power is produced. That means that grid connection will be possible from the operation point OP3.

During increase of tritium ratio f_{nT} , the current drive fraction f_{CD} is also increased step by step. In the initial operation point OP1, the current drive fraction f_{CD} is about 45%, and it increase step by step with increase of the tritium ratio f_{nT} . Finally, the current drive fraction will be achieved to 100%, which

means the full current drive condition (steady state operation condition).

In the final operation point OP5, all parameters such P_f , β_N , HH and f_{nGW} are the rating operation parameters with tritium ratio $f_{nT}=0.5$. The net electric power will be about 200MWe.

5. Summary

The present concept of Japan's DEMO is introduced, and its overall characteristics are explained. Then, as this fiscal year progress, the operation plan and the commissioning process are investigated. By applying the tritium ratio control, the commissioning process starting with parameter range similar to ITER standard operation is developed under the condition of constant plasma performance of HH and f_{nGW} . This result is also applicable to DD start-up scenario, which is investigated in Kyoto Univ. [4].

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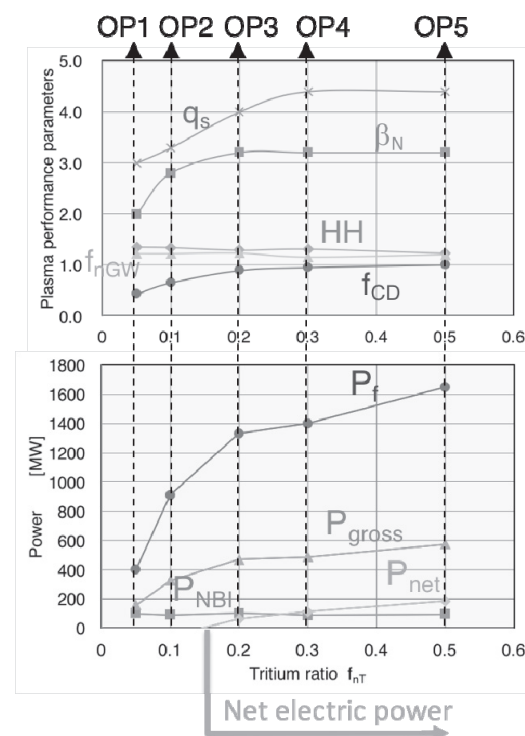


Fig.2: Commissioning process of Japan's DEMO. The tritium ratio is applied to control the fusion power with keeping high plasma density compatible with divertor detachment control. Current drive fraction is also increased step by step, and finally it achieved to the steady state condition (full current drive condition).

Clean Energy Conversion Research Section

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1. Introduction

The atomically thin layered materials have attracted intense attention because of its superior electrical and optical features. In this project, we focused on two of layered materials; (i) single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs), which is a tube structure made from the graphene sheet and (ii) transition metal dichalcogenide (TMD) having layered structures with transition metal and chalcogen atoms. Although, both of them include huge potential for fabrication of various energy harvesting devices, there remains several crucial issues for their practical use. Then, we attempted to solve some important issues relating with these materials through this project.

2. Chirality controlled synthesis of SWNTs

SWNTs are promising candidate for high performance optoelectrical devices due to the unique 1-dimension structure. Since the physical properties of SWNTs strongly depend on the chirality, obtaining SWNTs with particular chirality remains as a critical issue in this scientific community. Based on the previous studies, the catalyst size, component, and crystal structures are proven to be contributed to decide SWNTs chirality. However, effect of catalyst surface state on chirality control is seldom being studied.

The surface state of catalyst is controlled by our newly established catalyst pretreatment process. The annealing of catalyst nanoparticles under the high vacuum condition with slightly adding small amount of reactive gas species can control the oxidation degree of catalyst surface.

Based on the systematic investigations, it is found that the catalyst surface state can be very sensitive to nucleate specific type of chirality species. The significant change of chirality from (6,5) to (6,4) SWNTs are observed by controlling the surface state of catalyst (Fig. 1) [1]. Through the adjustment of catalyst surface state, high purity (57%) (6,4) SWNTs are grown for the first time (Fig. 1(b)).

To elucidate the mechanism of chirality selective nucleation by changing the surface state of catalyst, systematic investigations have been carried out. The detailed measurements with X-ray absorption fine structure (XAFS) shows about 50 % of oxidized Co catalyst (CoOx) were reduced by the pretreatment. The activation energy of SWNTs growth near the

lower threshold of growth temperature increases with the catalyst pretreatment, which is consistent with the results of first-principle calculations, where the binding energy between cap structure of SWNTs and CoOx catalyst increase by reducing catalyst surface. Theoretical calculation also reveals that the most preferred chiral angle shifts to a lower direction through the reduction of Co catalyst. This is also in good accordance with the experimental results. Based on these results, it is revealed that the combination of diameter (to small diameter) and chiral angle (to small angle) shift through the change of catalyst surface state can cause the drastic shift of chirality species from (6,5) to (6,4) SWNTs (Fig. 1(a)(b)).

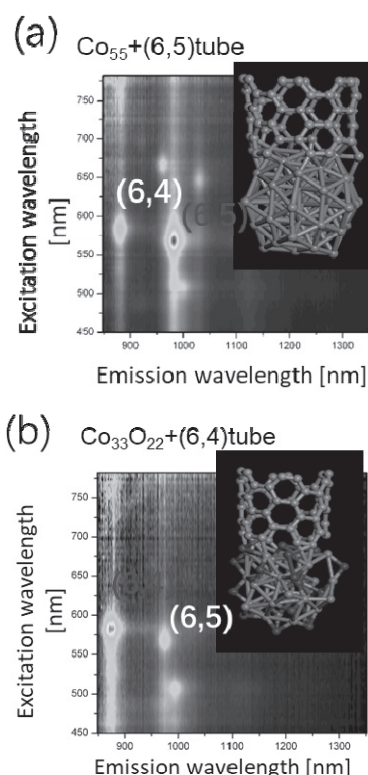


Fig. 1: Photoluminescence-excitation (PLE) map and corresponding first principle calculation model of (a) (6,5) and (b) (6,4) dominant SWNTs grown from catalyst (a) without and (b) with pretreatment.

3. Transparent and flexible solar cell

Atomic scale 2D sheets attract intense attention due to their superior electrical, mechanical, and

optical features. TMD is known as a true 2D material with excellent semiconducting properties. TMD is one of the most attractive materials for future high performance transparent and flexible solar cells due to their atomically thin structure, band gap in visible light range, and high optical transparency. Although the solar cell of TMD has been widely investigated by many groups, those are based on the pn junction type solar cell. Since complicated structures are required to form pn junction structures in TMD such as dual gate electrodes or position selective doping, the device size of pn junction solar cell with TMD is limited within very small region (few μm). The Schottky type solar cell is known as another type of solar cell and it is possible to scale up the device up to the practical size because of the simple device structures. However, the detailed study of Schottky type solar cell with TMD has not been reported. Because the Schottky barrier is formed at the contact region between electrode and TMD, it is important to select appropriate electrode pairs for end of electrodes (Fig. 2(a)). In this study, we have investigated the combination of end electrodes and the distance of each electrode to obtain the better performance.

We used tungsten diselenide (WSe_2) and tungsten disulfide (WS_2) as a TMD materials. A Schottky-type solar cell was fabricated via mechanical exfoliation from bulk WSe_2 and WS_2 crystal. First, we attempted to find a suitable electrode pair for Schottky-type solar cells with WSe_2 and WS_2 . Since the contact structure between the electrode and TMD is basically governed by the work function difference of each material, we systematically measured the work function (WF) of various metals used as electrodes by photoelectron yield spectroscopy. Since “as exfoliated few-layered WSe_2 ” is naturally p-doped by some impurities, the Fermi energy of our WSe_2 can be assumed to be around 5 eV. Thus, Ti (WF = 4.9 eV) or Pd (WF = 5.08 eV) can work as an Ohmic contact for few-layered WSe_2 , whereas Ni (WF = 4.52 eV), which has the lowest work function in this measurement, can form a large Schottky barrier at the contact region with WSe_2 . A Schottky-type solar cell with an asymmetric electrode pair was fabricated with various electrodes. A clear difference in source-drain current (I_{DS})-source-drain voltage (V_{DS}) could be observed depending on the electrode pair under light illumination with a solar simulator. The efficiency clearly depended on the work function difference between two electrodes (ΔWF), and a higher efficiency could be obtained with higher ΔWF (Pd-Ni), which is consistent with our concept, where Ni and Pd can form large and small Schottky barriers to operate as power-generation and carrier-collect regions, respectively (Fig. 2(b)).

The electrode distance is also important factor to decide the dynamics of optically-generated carriers. Then the distance of both electrodes was

systematically adjusted between 0.5 to 14 μm . It is found that the highest efficiency can be given with 2.2 μm distance. The photocurrent mapping measurements revealed that the suitable distance should be decided by the balance of exciton diffusion length and momentum transfer distance of separated carriers. Based on these optimizations of electrodes

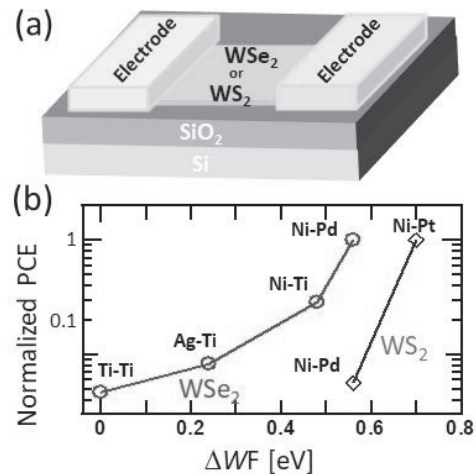


Fig. 2: Schematic illustration of our device structures of Schottky solar cell with few-layered TMD. (b) Plot of normalized PCE as a function of ΔWF .

and distance, the power conversion efficiency (PCE) can be reached up to 0.7 %, which is over 3000 times higher than that before the optimization (symmetric electrodes with long distance). This power conversion efficiency is the highest value for solar cell with similar TMD thickness.

4. Summary

In this project, we have realized two distinguished results. For chirality controlled synthesis of SWNTs, an innovative chirality-control method has been developed based on surface state control of Co catalyst. High purity (6,4) SWNTs growth is realized for the first time. For the case of TMD study, scalable method for fabricating transparent and flexible solar cell is developed by using Schottky type device configuration. Through the optimization of device structures such as combination of electrode pairs, distance of electrode, and TMD geometry, PCE of 0.7% is achieved, which is the highest value within TMD-based solar cell.

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Chemical Reaction Complex Processes Research Section

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1. Introduction

In this research section, we studies on electrochemistry, materials science, genetic engineering and protein engineering. We also apply them to the development of efficient solar silicon production process and the efficient utilization of bioenergy.

In this fiscal year, we have researched the development of a novel production process of solar silicon and the highly efficient production of bioethanol.

2. Development of a Novel Production Process of Solar Silicon Using Molten Salt Electrodeposition

In the conventional industrial production process of crystalline Si solar cells, ingots of solar-grade Si (SOG-Si) are once prepared, and then they are sliced into wafers by diamond wire saws. However, this process has several problems such as the large kerf loss and the complex process of cell production. If high-quality crystalline Si films are prepared directly on desired substrates at a low cost, a new production process of crystalline Si solar cells will be realized.

From this background, we proposed a new electro-deposition process of crystalline silicon, as shown in Fig. 1 [1]. Here, molten KF–KCl is used as an electrolyte and SiCl₄ as a silicon source. We especially selected the molten KF–KCl because both KF and KCl are highly soluble to water. Thus, the adhered salt is easily removed by water washing. Moreover, high purity SiCl₄, which is commercially available at a low cost, is able to be used as a

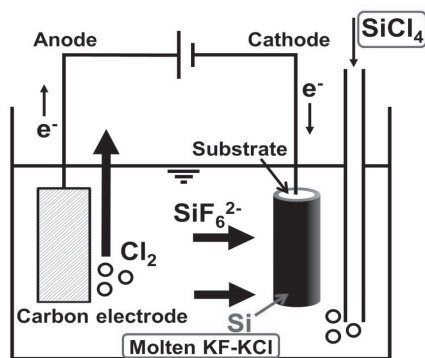


Fig. 1. Principle of the electro-deposition process of crystalline Si films in KF–KCl molten salt using SiCl₄ as a silicon source [1].

silicon source. When gaseous SiCl₄ is introduced into the molten KF–KCl, the following reaction occurs:



Thus, when the concentration of F[−] ion is adjusted beforehand, the resultant molten salt after the introduction of SiCl₄ gas is the same as the molten KF–KCl containing K₂SiF₆. Another advantage of the use of KF–KCl molten salt is the elimination of chlorine in SiCl₄ by Cl₂ gas evolution on the carbon anode, which realizes the fixed composition of molten salt as well as the reuse of recovered Cl₂ for the production of SiCl₄.

We first explored the optimized conditions, i.e., K₂SiF₆ concentration and current density, for electro-depositing compact and smooth Si films in molten KF–KCl at 923 K. Secondly, we investigated the feasibility of SiCl₄ gas as a silicon source. Finally, we examined the effect of the experiment temperature elevated from 923 K to 1023 K on the crystallinity of Si films.

Fig. 2 shows a cross-sectional SEM image of the sample electrodeposited at 100 mA cm^{−2} for 50 minutes in the melt containing 2.0 mol% K₂SiF₆ at 923 K. Compact and smooth Si layers with 70–80 μm thickness were obtained on the both side of a silver plate. EDX analysis revealed that the composition was 100 at.-%-Si within the detection limit. Fig. 3 show an XRD pattern of the deposit prepared at 70.4 mA cm^{−2} for 30 minutes, which confirms that the obtained film was crystalline Si. Raman spectroscopy also indicated that the obtained deposit was crystalline Si. From the various experiments, the optimum condition for

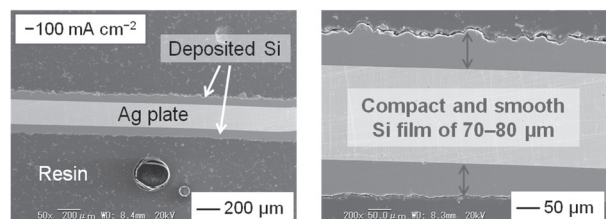


Fig. 2. Cross-sectional SEM images of silicon films electrodeposited on a silver plate in molten KF–KCl–K₂SiF₆ (2.0 mol%) at 923 K. Current density: 100 mA cm^{−2}.

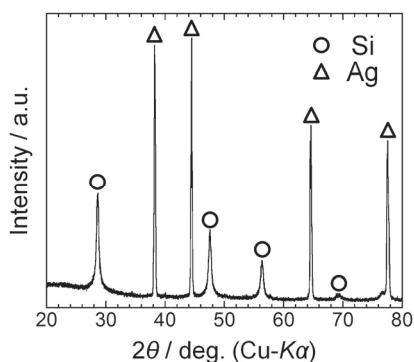


Fig. 3. An XRD pattern of a silicon film electrodeposited on a silver plate in molten $\text{KF-KCl-K}_2\text{SiF}_6$ (2.0 mol%) at 923 K. Current density: 70.4 mA cm^{-2} .

obtaining compact and smooth Si films has been found to be the K_2SiF_6 concentration range of 2.0–3.5 mol% and the current density range of $50\text{--}200 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$.

In order to investigate the feasibility of SiCl_4 as a silicon source, 2.88 mol% of SiCl_4 gas was introduced into a blank KF-KCl molten salt. After the introduction, cyclic voltammetry was performed on a silver electrode to check the existence of Si(IV) ions. The obtained cyclic voltammogram showed a couple of redox peaks which is indicative for Si(IV) ions. The concentration of Si(IV) ions was estimated to be 2.30 mol% from the height of peak current density. Galvanostatic electrolysis was conducted on a silver wire at 155 mA cm^{-2} for 30 minutes. From a cross-sectional SEM image of the sample, the formation of silicon film was confirmed.

The crystallinity of Si films electrodeposited at 923 K was analyzed by electron backscattering diffraction (EBSD). The results showed that the average crystallite size was below $1 \mu\text{m}$. In order to enhance the crystal growth during the electrodeposition, the experiment temperature was raised to 1023 K. In an SEM image of the sample, the columnar Si crystallites were observed. The EBSD analysis revealed that the largest crystallite size was ca. $10 \mu\text{m}$ in width and $35 \mu\text{m}$ in length. Thus, it was confirmed that the crystallite size significantly increased when the electrodeposition temperature was raised to 1023 K.

3. Efficient Bioethanol Production from Cellulose using Ionic Liquid

Cellulose is the most abundant natural compound among woody biomass and expected to be a source for biofuel such as bioethanol. However, rigid crystal structure of cellulose makes it difficult to hydrolyze to glucose. Recently, pretreatment with ionic liquid was found to be effective for hydrolysis of cellulose by cellulase [2].

In this fiscal year, effects of various ionic liquids including 1-Allyl-3-methylimidazolium Chloride ([Amim]Cl), 1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium Chloride

([Bmim]Cl), 1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium Acetate ([Bmim][OAc]), and 1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium Acetate ([Emim][OAc]) on ethanol fermentation were examined extensively.

At first, the effects of concentrations of [Bmim]Cl on ethanol fermentation from glucose were examined (Fig. 4). Ethanol was produced sufficiently under the conditions of less than 200 mM [Bmim]Cl. Then, ethanol fermentation was examined in the presence of 200 mM of [Amim]Cl, [Bmim]Cl, [Bmim][OAc] or [Emim][OAc] (Fig. 5). Ethanol was shown to be fermented with these four ionic liquids, although amount of ethanol was different between each of the ionic liquids.

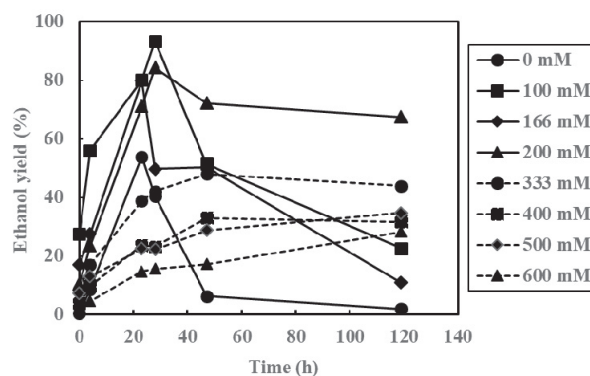


Fig. 4. Ethanol fermentation in the presence of various concentrations of [Bmim]Cl.

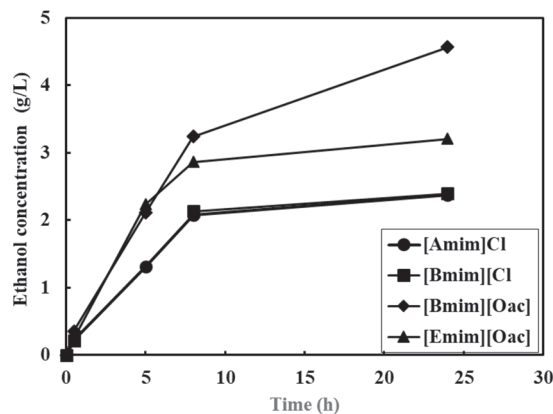


Fig. 5. Ethanol fermentation in the presence of [Amim]Cl, [Bmim]Cl, [Bmim][OAc] or [Emim][OAc].

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1. Introduction

Nanotechnology is essential for highly efficient energy use. Our group studies the basics of assembling small molecules into the advanced materials and devices in energy sector with high efficiency. We have already developed several unique techniques which are totally new molecular assembling methodology such as ‘electro-chemical Epitaxial Polymerization’ and ‘Two-Zone Chemical Vapor Deposition (2Z-CVD)’ which enable to produce molecular wires on metal surface from small molecules. By using these techniques, organic electronic devices such as field-effect transistors and organic solar cells will be developed. Main research achievements in Molecular Nanotechnology Research Section in 2017 are described below.

2. Strain-induced skeletal rearrangement of a polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon on a copper surface

Strain-induced rearrangements of aromatic carbon rings have been observed in graphene structures. As a typical example, a mechanical stress in graphene triggers a Stone-Wales rearrangement, a typical reaction of carbon allotropes that yields a defect composed of two heptagonal and two pentagonal rings fused together. Such defects play an important role in the formation of curved graphene and fullerenes. Therefore, it is crucial to control the rearrangements of sp^2 -carbon skeletal structures in order to synthesize nanocarbon materials. For macromolecules such as graphene intramolecular rearrangements feasibly occur because such local reactions do not strictly affect the total energy of the huge systems. For small polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), on the other hand, it has been difficult to induce skeletal rearrangements in conventional organic synthesis. The preceding mechanochemical procedures for aromatic compounds cannot induce unimolecular reactions but can induce sp^3 -hybridized polymerizations because of the enormous increase in intermolecular interactions. Other synthetic methods under severe conditions, such as flash vacuum pyrolysis, are required to undermine the aromaticity in the transition states and to obtain intramolecularly rearranged PAHs. Therefore, the exploration

of PAH reaction schemes will be a significant step towards understanding the mechanisms underlying the reaction and repair of defects in carbon allotropes, and towards designing and fabricating further functional nanocarbon materials.

Recently, we demonstrate a reaction scheme for the skeletal rearrangement of PAHs on a metal surface using high-resolution noncontact atomic force microscopy (AFM) (Figure 1). We produced a well-designed PAH-diazuleno[1,2,3-cd:10,20,30-fg] pyrene (DAPH)-adsorbed flatly onto Cu(001), in which two azuleno moieties are highly strained by their mutual proximity by a combination of organic synthesis and on-surface cyclodehydrogenation. This local strain drives the rearrangement of one of the azuleno moieties into a fulvaleno moiety, which has never been reported so far. Our proposed thermally driven, strain-induced synthesis on surfaces will pave the way for the production of a new class of nanocarbon materials that conventional synthetic techniques cannot attain.

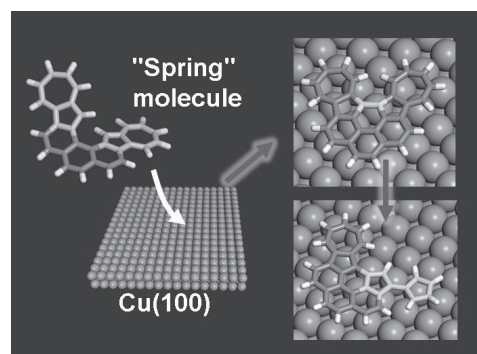


Figure 1. Schematic illustrations of strain-induced skeletal rearrangement of a poly-cyclic aromatic hydrocarbon on a copper surface.

3. Wide graphene nanoribbons produced by inter chain fusion of poly(*p*-phenylene) via 2-Zone CVD

Graphene nanoribbons (GNRs), quasi-one-dimensional graphene strips, have shown great potential for electronics, optoelectronics, and photonics. These properties strongly depend on width and edge structure of them. Therefore, precisely controlled width

and edge structure are required for desired properties. Bottom-up synthesis of GNRs is a one of suitable method to satisfy these requirements because of definition of their edge structures and widths by the shape of precursors. Atomically precise synthesis of armchair-edged GNRs have already been achieved under ultra-high vacuum (UHV) condition. However, given GNRs in this method were low yield and density was still low. Therefore, it was difficult to develop organic electronic devices with them. To develop devices, high-yield fabrication of assembled GNR films, isolation, and device fabrication are required.

We have developed 2Z-CVD to produce densely-packed, parallelly-aligned self-assembled GNRs on Au(111) under low vacuum condition from halogenated polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) precursors. This technique successfully produced a series of armchair-edged GNRs in high yield. Attractive features of this method originate from an independent temperature-control of radical-generation process (zone 1) and the growth process (zone 2) (Figure 2), which afforded GNRs in high yield without using UHV conditions. The precursor was sublimated to the Au(111) substrate in zone 2 by passing through zone 1 in a quartz tube. The mechanism is supposed to involve radical generation in zone 1, polymerization of the radicals on the Au(111) substrate in zone 2, and subsequent dehydrogenation to form GNRs.

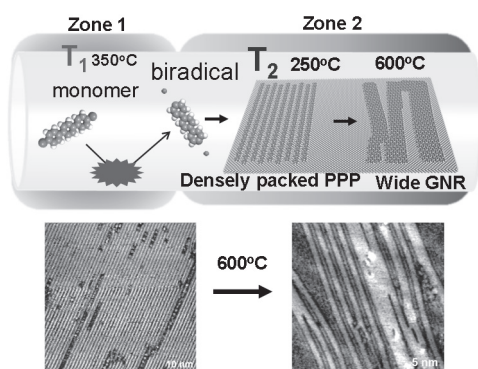


Figure 2. Schematic illustrations of 2Z-CVD instrument and STM images of transformation of PPP into wide GNR with interchain fusion.

On the other hand, according to theoretical calculations, armchair-edged GNRs (AGNRs) with widths less than 10 nm should have a suitable bandgap for semiconducting devices due to quantum confinement. However, most GNRs prepared by bottom-up synthesis reach widths less than 2 nm, because in general, the fabrication of wide GNRs using a bottom-up method requires high-molecular weight precursors which have disadvantages such as high sublimation temperature and low solubility. Moreover, it is difficult to produce GNRs with width less than 10 nm via top-down method because of limitation of electron beam focusing in lithography process.

Recently, we succeeded in producing wide graphene nanoribbons (GNRs) with the width of up to 7.2 nm fabricated via 2Z-CVD using 4,4-dibromo-*p*-terphenyl as the precursor. Densely packed arrays of poly(*p*-phenylene) produced on Au(111) using this method could be converted into wide GNRs via interchain fusion by thermal annealing. The GNRs thus produced exhibited good semiconducting properties in FET devices.

4. Orientation and electro structures of multi-layered GNRs produced by 2Z-CVD

The orientation and electronic structure of multi-layered graphene nanoribbons with an armchair-edge (AGNRs) were determined by low-temperature scanning tunneling microscopy in this study. The orientation of AGNRs was found to be an edge-on structure when positioned as a top layer, while previous reports showed a face-on structure for monolayered AGNRs on Au(111). According to density functional theory calculations, AGNRs in a top layer preferentially form as edge-on structures rather than face-on structures due to the balance of CH- π and π - π interactions between AGNRs. Scanning tunneling spectroscopy (STM) and DFT calculations revealed that the electronic structures of multilayered AGNRs are similar to those in a gas-phase due to the lack of interaction between AGNRs and the Au(111) substrate. The observation of AGNRs in multilayers might suggest the conformation-assisted mechanism of dehydrogenation when there is no contact with the Au(111) substrate. This result implies that GNRs can be produced not only on metal but also on other substrates such as insulators. Our investigations of the dehydrogenation reaction of prepolymers in a multilayer system show that it is possible to carry out efficient on-surface synthesis without a metal substrate. We believe our findings can be applied to future electronic and optoelectronic devices made of GNRs.

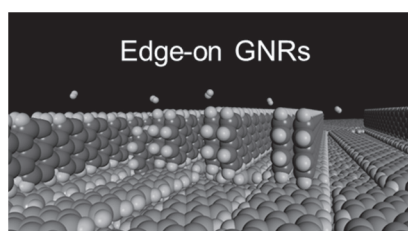


Figure 3. Schematic illustrations of Edge-on GNRs on multilayered GNRs.

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1. Introduction

A transition to renewable energy technologies requires new chemistry to learn from nature. Nature has found fantastic solutions to convert solar energy to produce chemicals and to utilize them in the exceptionally efficient manners for almost 3 billion years. It is our challenge to understand the efficient bioenergetic processes of nature and to construct bio-inspired energy utilization systems. The research interests in our group focus on the design of biomacromolecules and their assemblies for molecular recognition, catalysis and signal transduction in water, the solvent of life. We take synthetic, organic chemical, biochemical and biophysical approaches to understand the biological molecular recognition and chemical reactions. Proteins and protein/nucleic acids assemblies are explored to realize biomimetic function of biological systems, such as visualization of cellular signals by fluorescent biosensors, directed self-assembly of peptides and proteins to build up nanobiomaterials, tailoring artificial receptors and enzymes based on the complex of RNA and a peptide or a protein, and reconstitution of the functional assemblies of receptors and enzymes on the nanoarchitectures. Followings are main research achievements in fiscal year 2017.

2. Design of modular protein tags for orthogonal covalent bond formation at specific DNA sequences

Simultaneous formation of specific covalent linkages at nucleotides in given DNA sequences demand distinct orthogonal reactivity of DNA modification agents. Such highly specific reactions require well-balanced reactivity and affinity of the DNA modification agents. Conjugation of a sequence-specific DNA binding zinc finger protein and a self-ligating protein tag provides a modular adaptor that expedites formation of a covalent bond between the protein tag and a substrate-modified nucleotide at a specific DNA sequence. The modular adaptor stably locates a protein of interest fused to it at the target position on DNA scaffold in its functional form. Modular adaptors with orthogonal selectivity and fast reaction kinetics to given specific DNA sequences

enable site-specific location of different protein molecules simultaneously. Three different modular adaptors consisting of zinc finger proteins with distinct DNA sequence specificities and self-ligating protein tags with different substrate specificities achieved orthogonal covalent bond formation at respective sequences on the same DNA scaffold with an overall coassembly yield over 90%. Application of this unique set of orthogonal modular adaptors enabled construction of a cascade reaction of three enzymes from xylose metabolic pathway on DNA scaffold.

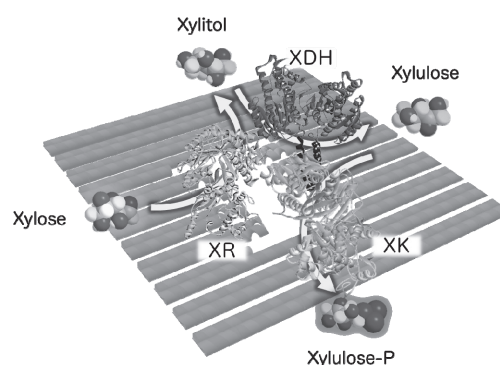


Figure 1. A schematic illustration of a cascade reaction of three enzymes from xylose metabolic pathways (XR, XDH and XK) constructed on the DNA scaffold.

3. DNA origami scaffolds as templates for functional tetrameric Kir K⁺ Channels

In native systems, scaffolding proteins play important roles in assembling proteins into complexes to transduce signals. This concept is yet to be applied to the assembly of functional transmembrane protein complexes in artificial systems. To address this issue, DNA origami has the potential to serve as scaffolds that arrange proteins at specific positions in complexes. Herein, we report that Kir3 K⁺ channel proteins are assembled through zinc finger protein (ZFP) adaptors at specific locations on DNA origami scaffolds. Specific binding of the ZFP fused Kir3 channels and ZFP based adaptors on DNA origami were confirmed by atomic force microscopy and gel electrophoresis. Furthermore, the DNA origami with ZFP binding sites nearly tripled the K⁺ channel current ac-

tivity elicited by heterotetrameric Kir3 channels in HEK293T cells. Thus, our method provides a useful template to control the oligomerization states of membrane protein complexes in vitro and in living cells.



Figure 2. A schematic illustration for the regulation of the function of DNA binding adaptor fused Kir K⁺ channel by adding DNA origami scaffold.

4. A diversity-oriented library of fluorophore-modified receptors constructed from a chemical library of synthetic fluorophores

Fluorescent biosensors are important tools for the specific detection and quantification of a wide range of target molecules in the fields of therapeutics and diagnostics. We have developed a method for construction of ribonucleopeptide (RNP) receptor-based fluorescent sensors. Rev peptide-RRE RNA complex was utilized as a scaffold of RNA-oriented RNP library constructed by introducing randomized RNA sequences into the RNA subunit. RNP receptors that specifically binds to the given target molecule can be selected from the RNP library by applying in vitro selection method. The variation in the nucleotide sequence of the selected RNA subunit generally confers the RNP receptors with various affinities to the given target and overall structures. Such a group of RNA receptor library gives a fluorophore-modified RNP (F-RNP) library by complexing with fluorophore-modified Rev peptide. Fluorescent RNP sensors can be screened from the F-RNP library.

In order to establish a new method for the construction of diverse-oriented F-RNP library (DOFRL), a diverse-oriented fluorophore-modified Rev peptide library (DOFPL) was prepared by using a diverse-oriented fluorophore library (DOFL). This method enabled to screen the F-RNP sensors constructed from the specific RNP receptor of interest. DOFLs that contains four types of fluorescent scaffolds with chemically diverse building blocks and chloroacetyl (CA) group, CXCA, TPGCA, CORCA, and CyRCA, were utilized. DOFLs were introduced to cysteine-modified Rev (CRev) peptide through the alkylation of thiol group after conversion of CA group into iodoacetyl group. The yields of F-CRev ranged from 10% to 75%.

The F-RNP library was constructed by complexing with a RNA subunit of adenosine-binding RNP receptors, An16, after removing unreacted fluorophores by ether extraction. F-RNP library was

screened to select F-RNPs that showed apparent fluorescence intensity changes in response to the addition of 500 μ M Ado. In total, 263 F-RNPs were constructed by complexation of An16 RNA and the F-CRev peptides. Totally, 18 F-RNPs showed I/I_0 values over 1.3 in the preliminary screening. After purification of each F-CRev peptide by HPLC, 9 of 13 F-RNPs showed similar or higher relative fluorescence intensity changes compared to those observed in the preliminary screening. One of selected F-RNP, An16/CXCA1 complex, showed binding ability for the substrate adenosine with slightly lower affinity than that of the parent RNP receptor.

This strategy effectively converted an Ado-binding RNP receptor with a given ligand-binding property to a fluorescent Ado sensor. Thus, a novel method was developed for the construction of a library of fluorophore-modified RNP receptors converted from a DOFL.

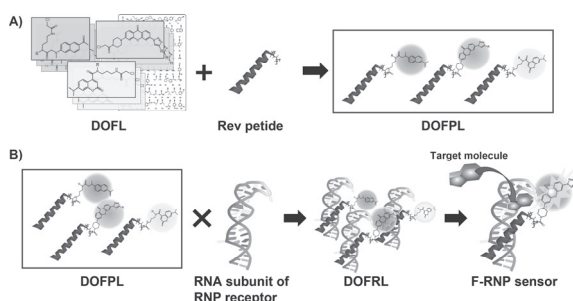


Figure 3. A schematic illustration for the screening of fluorophore-modified RNPs (F-RNP). (A) A diversity-oriented fluorophore library (DOFL) was converted to a diversity-oriented fluorophore-modified Rev (F-Rev) peptides library (DOFPL). (B) A diversity-oriented F-RNP library (DOFRL) was constructed by complexation of an RNA subunit of an Ado-binding RNP receptor and the DOFPL. The DOFRL was then screened by evaluation of the relative fluorescence intensity in the absence and presence of the target (Ado) to allow for the selection of F-RNP sensors for Ado with high relative fluorescence intensity changes.

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1. Introduction

We explore the way how biomolecules such as proteins (involving enzymes) and functional nucleic acids (DNA and RNA) work at atomic resolution based on structural biology with NMR. We determine both static and dynamical structures with the aid of our own development of the new methodology and elucidate the underlying mechanism of functions of these biomolecules. Structural biological approach is also applied to analyze enzymes involved in degradation of wood biomass at atomic resolution. The analysis is useful to develop the way to extract energy and valuable materials that can be used as starting materials of various products from the wood biomass. Thus, we pursue to contribute to the paradigm shift from oil refinery to biorefinery. Followings are main research achievements in the year of 2017.

2. Toward better utilization of woody biomass: Structural and functional analysis of wood degrading enzymes

Glutathione-S transferases (GSTs) of wood degrading fungi are involved in cellular detoxification and metabolism. Here, we chose GSTs of lignin selective fungi (selective white-rot fungi) *Ceriporiopsis subvermispora*, CsGST63524 and CsGST83044, and characterized their activities. Firstly, we developed high-yield *E. coli* expression systems for each of them. For both CsGSTs, GSH-conjugation activity toward 1-chloro-2,4-dinitrobenzene and GSH-peroxidase activity toward cumene hydroperoxide were found. pH and temperature preferences for GSH-conjugation activity of both CsGSTs were identified to be pH 8.0 – 9.0 and 40°C, respectively. Furthermore, fluorescent compounds, methylumbelliferyl acetovanillone was used for esterase activity monitoring, while 5-chloromethylfluorescein diacetate and 4-methylumbelliferyl acetate were used for esterase activity monitoring. Interestingly, CsGST83044 had both esterase and esterase activities. CsGST63524 showed only esterase activity, which was much higher than that of CsGST83044. Structural analyses for both CsGSTs are currently in progress to elucidate the origin of the functional diversity.

3. Functional characterization of human deaminases, APOBEC3G, -3F, and -3B

APOBEC3G (A3G), which is an anti-HIV1 factor, is a cytidine deaminase. We previously showed that the C-terminal domain (CTD) of A3G has capabilities of sliding along single-stranded DNA (ssDNA) and deaminating the target CCC (C being deaminated). A3G CTD exhibits higher activity toward CCC in long ssDNAs than short ones and CCC located close to the 5'-end than to the 3'-end. Here, we used real-time NMR method to examine the deamination of two CCCs located separately on substrate ssDNA. We observed a loss of the deamination preference between the two CCCs when either the substrate or non-substrate ssDNA concentration was increased. Increasing of the nonsubstrate ssDNA concentration resulted in the elevation of the deamination activity first, but the reduction next. These findings indicate that A3G CTD undergoes intersegmental transfer for a target search.

APOBEC3F (A3F) is another anti-HIV1 factor, which deaminates the cytidine of TC in ssDNA. Here, we comprehensively characterized the deaminase activity and ssDNA binding of A3F CTD. The deaminase activity of A3F-CTD was shown to be affected by the nucleic acid residues adjacent to TC, and that TTCA/G are the most preferred sequence. The amino acid residues in the loops surrounding the catalytic center were identified to be responsible for the deaminase activity and ssDNA binding by mutational analysis. The functions of these residues were rationally interpreted by inspecting the co-crystal structure of A3A-ssDNA and the known roles of the equivalent amino acid residues found in other APOBEC3 proteins. A3F CTD was shown to be active in a wide pH range, 5.5 - 9.5, with similar activity. Furthermore, the N214H mutant exhibited a dramatically increased activity at pH 5.5.

Human APOBEC3B (A3B) is also an ssDNA-specific cytidine deaminase, which is causally related to human cancers. We applied a real-time NMR method to elucidate the deamination properties of A3B CTD. A3B CTD showed higher activity toward its target sequence in short ssDNA and a target sequence located near the center of ssDNA; these properties are quite different from those of A3G, which is described above. A rational interpretation of the unique properties of A3B CTD is as follows: After nonspecific binding to

ssDNA, A3B CTD slides only for a relatively short distance and tends to dissociate from the ssDNA before reaching the target sequence.

4. In-cell NMR studies of DNA and RNA in human living cells for better understanding of biological events

In living cells, DNA and RNA function under extremely crowded conditions. Therefore, the structure and interaction of DNA and RNA in living cells are supposed to be different from those under dilute *in vitro* conditions. In-cell NMR is a promising method to obtain such information. Here, we introduced DNA and RNA, both of which are known to form the hairpin structure *in vitro*, into human cells by means of pores formed by bacterial toxin streptolysin O and subsequent resealing by calcium ions. It was revealed by analysis with confocal laser scanning fluorescence microscopy that introduced DNA and RNA are distributed throughout the nuclei without the formation of foci. The amounts distributed throughout the cytoplasm were much less. Then, we succeeded in observing NMR signals of DNA and RNA in living human cells for the first time (Figure 1). Observed imino proton signals directly indicated that DNA and RNA form the similar hairpin structures in cells as were seen *in vitro*. Our method is applicable for the direct observation of NMR signals of other DNAs and RNAs in living human cells to explore their structure and interaction, providing information for understanding intracellular biological events.

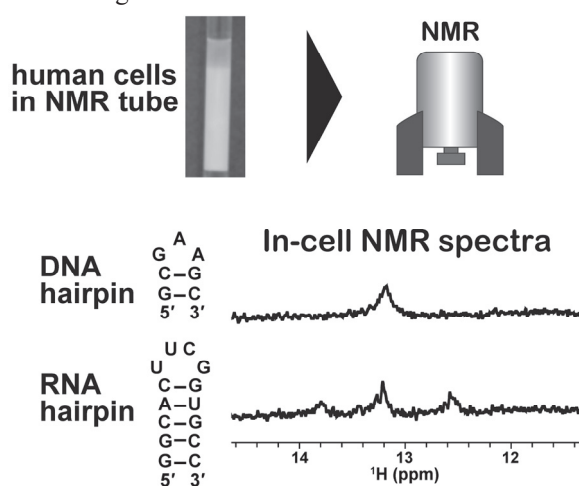


Figure 1. Observation of in-cell NMR signals of DNA and RNA in living human cells.

5. Observation of conformational change of TLS upon binding to various nucleic acids

Translocated in liposarcoma (TLS) protein, also known as fused in sarcoma (FUS), is a multifunctional RNA/DNA-binding protein. Its interactions with RNA and DNA are involved in various regulatory processes, such as gene expression, miRNA processing, genomic integrity, etc. Recent studies reportedly showed that

the C-terminal region of TLS binds to a promoter-associated non-coding RNA (pncRNA) that is transcribed from the 5' upstream region of *cyclin D1* (*CCND1*). This interaction may induce the N-terminal region of TLS to inhibit histone acetyltransferase activity of CBP/p300 on *CCND1* through its allosteric regulation, but the regulation has been little understood. This year, we have investigated the conformational change of TLS in response to many RNAs/DNAs by fluorescence-based assays. Fluorescence anisotropy experiments showed that some RNAs/DNAs bind to TLS with the same affinity as pncRNA. However, the extent of structural change of TLS depends on RNAs/DNAs. These findings implied that TLS could change its structure by factors other than the degree of affinity with RNAs/DNAs.

6. Structure determination of T:T mismatch-specific alkylation compound in complex with DNA for its therapeutic application

The myotonic dystrophy type 1 (DM1) is caused by an abnormal expansion of the CTG trinucleotide repeats. The CTG repeats form a hairpin structure with T (thymine):T mismatches. The alkylation of the T:T mismatch could hinder the transcription of the CTG repeat DNA and thus prevent DM1 from occurring. Prof. Nagatsugi (Tohoku Univ.) invented a compound that specifically alkylates the T:T mismatch. We determined the structure of the compound in complex with DNA after alkylation by NMR. Combination of HSQC and HMBC spectra identified that a T is alkylated at the N3 position by this compound (Figure 2). The elucidated complex structure helps further development of the compound for its therapeutic application to DM1.

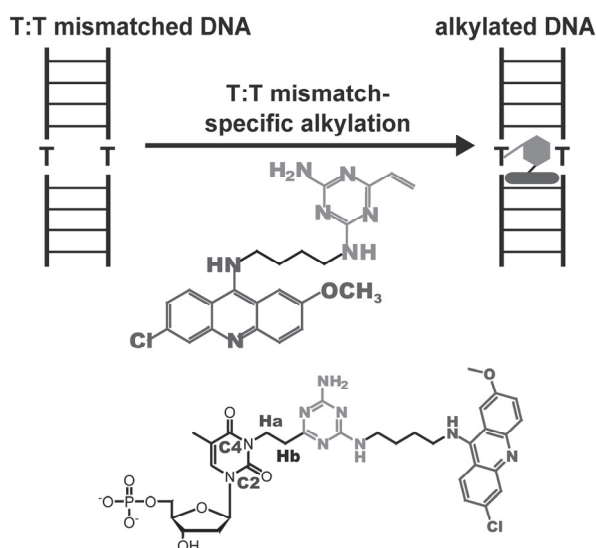


Figure 2. Structure of a T:T mismatch-specific alkylation compound in complex with DNA.

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1. Introduction

DNA topoisomerases (Topos) regulate the DNA topology such as overwinding or underwinding that arises due to the intertwined nature of the DNA double helices.^[1] These enzymes also play important roles in various biological processes such as replication, transcription, recombination, and chromosome condensation and segregation. During the DNA replication and transcription, overwinding of the DNA duplex occurs. If it is not relaxed, it eventually stops the functions of the enzymes involved in replication process. Topos control these topological conditions by transiently cleaving the phosphodiester bond, which generates a Topo-DNA cleavage complex. Once the winding stress is resolved, the enzyme-mediated DNA break is resealed. This process is critical for the healthy cells to survive and function normally, and failure to resealed the DNA break can ultimately lead to cell death. Topos involve in step-by-step processes such as binding of Topo to DNA, ATP driven strand passage, strand cleavage by Topo, formation of Topo-DNA cleavage complex, religation of cleaved DNA, and catalytic cycle after DNA cleavage/enzyme turnover. All these steps are of great interest as potential targets for the development of anticancer drugs.^[2] Despite the development of various Topo-inhibitors, the mechanisms of action of these anticancer drug molecules are not well known. For instance, it is not well understood at which step of the enzyme reaction is inhibited by a particular drug molecule. Also, typical methods such as ethidium bromide assay, to measure the topoisomerase inhibitory activity are not suitable for real-time observation of the reaction. Thus, to understand the Topos reaction and the mechanisms of the inhibitors, it is necessary to develop a versatile method.

2. Supramolecular assemblies of the mechanically interlocked components inside a DNA origami frame

As the Topo enzymes target the topologically constrained DNAs, the mechanically interlocked supramolecular DNA assemblies can be considered to

be the potential targets to investigate the Topo functions and their inhibitors.^[3] Topologically interesting structures such as Borromean rings, catenanes, and knots have already been prepared by using DNA.^[4] Also, the complexity of the catenane^[5] and rotaxane^[6] structures were increased by constructing them by the DNA origami method.^[7-9] However, the fabrication of the duplex DNA catenanes and rotaxanes to the relatively larger and complex DNA nanostructures such as DNA origami has not yet been realized. These molecular assemblies have potential applications such as the functional components for molecular switches and motors, novel platforms for the investigation of the function of proteins, analysis of protein inhibitors, and so on. Recently, I have been collaborating with the research groups of Prof. Takashi Morii (IAE, Kyoto University) and Prof. Youngjoo Kwon (Ewha Womans University) for the nanofabrication of the topologically interlocked supramolecular assemblies.

In this work, we have developed a novel method by the combination of scaffolded DNA origami – a method to fold DNA into the arbitrary 2D and 3D structures as templates,^[7-9] and high-speed atomic force microscopy (HS-AFM)^[10-15] for the screening of Topo-inhibitors. As for the target structures for the Topo reactions, we have constructed topologically interlocked DNA catenane- and rotaxane-like structures inside a DNA origami frame (Figure 1a). The formation of the DNA origami frame and the insertion of the catenane- and rotaxane-like structures were successfully characterized by agarose gel electrophoresis (Figure 1b) and HS-AFM (Figure 1c). To increase the stability of these functional structures, the nicks in these structures were sealed by using T4 DNA ligase. The ligation was also confirmed by the thermal treatment of these structures, where the ligated samples were stable at high temperature incubation while the unligated samples failed to keep the folded structures. The experimental conditions such as the amount of salt, annealing temperatures, concentration of the DNA strands were optimized. The purification and quantification methods to get rid of

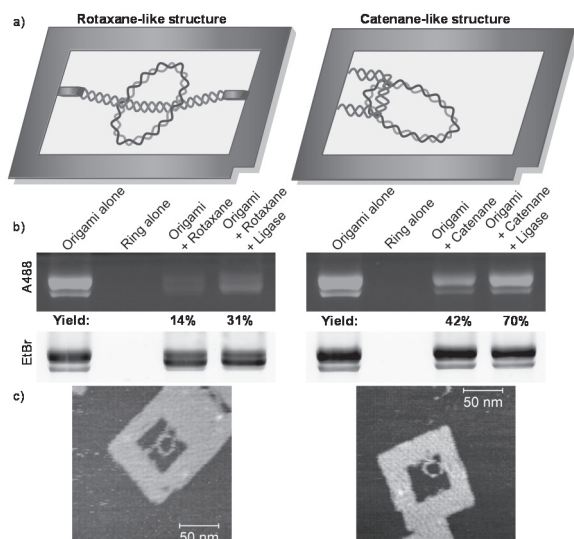


Figure 1. (a) Schematic illustration of the DNA rotaxane (left) and catenane (right) inside a DNA origami frame, (b) confirmation of the formation of topologically interlocked structures inside the origami by agarose gel electrophoresis, and (c) AFM images of the respective structures.

the excessive staples and unbound catenane/rotaxane rings were also established. Further, we have investigated the stability of the DNA origami frame and the catenane/rotaxane ring structures in the presence of various kinds of Topo inhibitors. Both the origami and the DNA ring are stable against the Topo inhibitors for several hours at room temperature. This indicated that the DNA origami based analysis of Topo inhibitors could be successfully carried out. We are now investigating the Topo reactions on these functional structures. After successful investigation of the Topo reactions, these structures will be used for the screening of Topo inhibitors. Such a screening will be carried out by the direct and real-time characterization methods such as HS-AFM and fluorescence imaging. Apart from the Topo reactions and inhibitor screening, the fabrication of the topologically interlocked structures within a DNA origami nanostructure is also promising in the fields of molecular switches, motors, sensors, and logic devices.^[4]

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1. Introduction

A. Theoretical Biophysics

A variety of self-assembling and ordering processes in biological systems, which occur at molecular levels, are sustaining life. Biopolymers, a great diversity of molecular and ionic species, or water is simply *material* when each of them is separately present. However, the complicated correlations among these material constituents can lead to *life*. We are elucidating those correlations, uncovering the mechanism of the biological self-assembly, and clarifying the roles of water by developing special theories based on statistical mechanics and morphometric thermodynamics. The achievements will provide important bases of nanobiotechnology. The current subjects are hydrophobic and hydrophilic hydrations, behavior of confined liquids, folding/unfolding mechanisms of proteins, molecular recognition, prediction of the native structure of a protein, enhancement of the thermal stability of membrane proteins, and functioning of ATP-driven proteins.

B. Plasma Physics

The major subjects are to study fast-ion confinement in plasma confinement devices and to investigate interactions between fast-ions and materials, such as a first wall and a vacuum vessel. The fast-ion confinement is a critical issue for the fusion reactor since the alpha particles produced in the D-T reaction should be utilized to heat plasma efficiently. Fast-ion profile and velocity distribution are investigated using ion cyclotron range of frequency (ICRF) minority heating in Heliotron J with special emphasis on the effect of the toroidal ripple of magnetic field strength ('bumpiness'). In fusion reactors, fuel must be supplied since fuel particles decrease in the fusion reactions and escape continuously from the core plasma. Fueling using hydrogen-ice pellet is also our subject to generate high-density plasmas. This method is considered to have an advantage for core-plasma fueling. A small-size and slow-speed injector has been developed for plasmas in Heliotron J and the operation for fueling begins.

(A-1) Unified elucidation of the entropy-driven and -opposed hydrophobic effects [1]

Association of nonpolar solutes is generally believed to be entropy driven, which was shown to

be true for the contact of small molecules, ellipsoids, and plates. However, it was reported with surprise that a model cavity-ligand binding is entropy opposed. How can these apparently conflicting behaviors be elucidated? Here we calculate the potential of mean force between hard-sphere solutes with various diameters in water and its entropic and enthalpic components using a statistical-mechanical theory for molecular liquids. It is shown that there is a very wide region where both of the two components are negative and large with the entropy-enthalpy compensation. Even for spheres, their contact is weakly entropy opposed when they are medium-sized. The entropic component (EC) is decomposed into physically insightful constituents by the aid of our morphometric approach. They provide us with useful information on the signs and magnitudes of contributions from the structural difference between the water near a single solute surface and that within the space confined between two solute surfaces and from the total volume available to the translational displacement of water molecules in the system. The decomposition enables us to identify the essential factors in discussing the EC: hydrogen-bonding properties and density structure of the water within the confined space and the degree of water crowding in the bulk. These are largely dependent on geometric characteristics of the solute pair such as solute shapes, sizes, and intersolute distance. Both of the entropy-driven and -opposed hydrophobic effects can be explained within the same theoretical framework.

(A-2) Hot-Spot Residues to be Mutated Common in G Protein-Coupled Receptors of Class A: Identification of Thermostabilizing Mutations Followed by Determination of Three-Dimensional Structures for Two Example Receptors [2]

G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs), which are indispensable to life and also implicated in a number of diseases, construct important drug targets. For the efficient structure-guided drug design, however, their structural stabilities must be enhanced. An amino-acid mutation is known to possibly lead to the enhancement, but currently available experimental and theoretical methods for identifying stabilizing mutations suffer such drawbacks as the incapability of exploring the whole mutational space with minor effort and the unambiguous physical origin of the enhanced or lowered stability. In general, after the identification is successfully made for a GPCR, the

whole procedure must be followed all over again for the identification for another GPCR. Here we report a theoretical strategy by which many different GPCRs can be considered at the same time. The strategy is illustrated for three GPCRs of Class A in the inactive state. We argue that a mutation of the residue at a position of $N_{BW}=3.39$ (N_{BW} is the Ballesteros-Weinstein number), a hot-spot residue, leads to substantially higher stability for significantly many GPCRs of Class A in the inactive state. The most stabilizing mutations of the residues with $N_{BW}=3.39$ are then identified for two of the three GPCRs, using the improved version of our free-energy function. These identifications are experimentally corroborated, which is followed by the determination of new three-dimensional (3D) structures for the two GPCRs. We expect that on the basis of the strategy, the 3D structures of many GPCRs of Class A can be solved for the first time in succession.

(B-1) Study of Fast-ion Generation by Combination Heating of ICRF and NBI in Heliotron J

Main purpose of this study is to optimize fast ion confinement by using ICRF heating in a helical-axis heliotron device, Heliotron J on the basis of results of several helical devices. For the research of the fast ion confinement in a three dimensional magnetic field, fast ions are generated by ICRF minority heating in combination with NBI heating in Heliotron J ($R_0 = 1.2$ m, $a = 0.1-0.2$ m, $B_0 \leq 1.5$ T). The energy range is extended from the injection energy of the NBI beam E_0 , 25 keV, to 60 keV during the ICRF pulse in the newly attempted low- ε_t configuration and medium density operation (1×10^{19} m⁻³). This configuration is better in the fast ion generation and confinement than the high bumpiness configuration which is the best among the bumpiness scan. Here, the toroidicity and the bumpiness normalized by the helicity for the low- ε_t and the high bumpiness configurations are (0.77, -1.04) and (0.86, -1.16) in Boozer coordinates, respectively. They are key parameters in $1/\nu$ regime of helical devices. The low- ε_t configuration is expected to have good confinement from the neo-classical theory. The Monte-Carlo calculation shows the advantage of the low- ε_t configuration for the generation and confinement of fast ions.

Using Monte-Carlo method with the experimental magnetic field and plasma parameters, the numerical calculation including orbit tracing, Coulomb collisions and ICRF acceleration has been performed in order to estimate the averaged behavior in whole torus for various configurations. The test ions (protons) in the calculation, which represent the NBI particles, start at the middle point of the NB path in a plasma with the NB energy of E_0 , $E_0/2$ and $E_0/3$. The ratio of the ions of three energy values, is assumed to be 0.90, 0.07 and 0.03, respectively. The magnetic

field configuration is the high bumpiness. Injected ions are lost in energy in colliding with bulk particles in a plasma and are accelerated or decelerated by the ICRF wave, then, ions spread in velocity space from the initial energy and pitch angle. The peak of the energy spectrum appears at just below E_0 and other injection energy peaks are very small. This result is different from the experiment one. The peak of E_0 does not appear and the population decreases gradually around E_0 , and the peaks are clearly observed. One possible cause of this difference is the ratio of beam components. The spectrum will be changed if $E_0/2$ and $E_0/3$ components should be larger.

(B-2) Study of Density Control Using Hydrogen Ice-Pellet Injection

The ice-pellet injection system has been developed for the new particle supply method following the supersonic molecular beam injection (SMBI) under the bilateral collaboration program in Heliotron J. This method is considered to be effective specially to supply particles into the plasma core region. The conditions of the pellet injector are; injection speed is less than 300 m/s, and the diameter is less than 1 mm for the plasma parameters of Heliotron J. The pellet injection method is pneumatic propulsion using high-pressure helium gas. The injection test has been successfully done, then, the injection experiment to NBI and ECH+NBI plasmas is planned in this campaign. The density increase after pellet injection is very rapid and exceeds 5×10^{19} m⁻³ for NBI plasmas for the standard magnetic configuration of Heliotron J. Plasma stored energy decreases just after the injection since the energy is once lost partially in the ionization process of substantial particle source, then, increases up to 3.4 kJ from 1 kJ. The penetration length of pellet is investigated using H α detector array for ECH+NBI plasmas. This parameter is important for the effectiveness of the particle supply in the plasma core. The increase of the H α line is recognized from the edge sight-line (pellet injector side) to central line crossing the magnetic axis in a plasma. However, in some shots, the pellet penetrates through the plasma diameter, then; the optimization of the injection conditions is needed. The target plasma density and magnetic field configuration dependence are next subjects for the pellet injection experiment.

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3-2. AWARD

Rice husk biochar filter application for air quality improvement.

Advanced Atomic Energy Research Section
Hoseok Nam (D2)

Korea Environment Institute (KEI) was established in 1992 as Korea Environmental Technology Research Institute (KETRI) concern with a broad range of the future environmental issues such as climate change, environmental health, resource circulation, water environment, and environmental impact assessment, etc.

In 2017 International Paper & Idea Competition, I submitted a work on biochar filter derived from rice husk for the removal of toxic pollutant gas, trimethylamine (TMA) and H₂S. An activated rice husk (ARH) filter with copper impregnation shows the best performance which carbonized at 450°C as it eliminated the 400 ppm of TMA in 30 min and H₂S in 15 min. For economic analysis, production cost for biochar filter based on experimental equipment and material is calculated \$6.5 per one filter and sensitivity analysis results in from \$5.5 per one filter to \$7.4 per one filter. It is assumed that production cost can make substantial reduction under the condition of mass production.

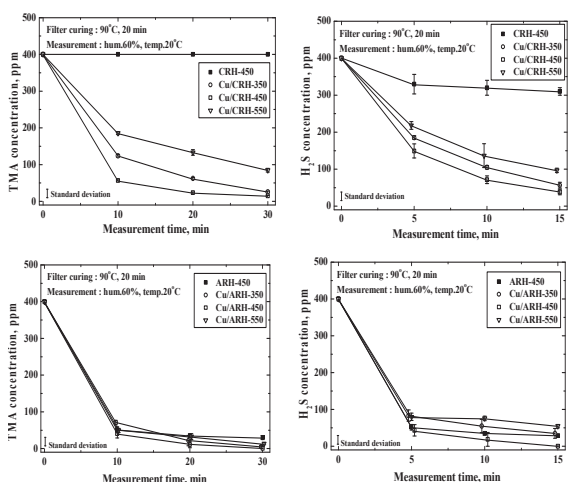


Fig. 1 Performances of biochar filter derived from rice husk.

Oral presentation award in 2017 fall meeting of The Atomic Energy Society of Japan.

Advanced Particle Beam Energy Research Section
Hiroki Yamashita (M2)

The Atomic Energy Society of Japan is the organization in Japan that aims to contribute towards progress in the development of atomic energy by seeking academic and technological advances pertaining to the peaceful use of atomic energy. Biannual meetings have been held every year, and 2017 fall meeting was held in Hokkaido University.

In 2017 fall meeting, I presented a work on the influence of the current density distribution on the cathode surface on the beam emittance evolution. Generation of electron beam with extremely small transverse emittance is decisive for accelerators being used in Free Electron Laser facilities. In recent studies, the mechanism of emittance evolution and the possibility for the emittance reduction by self-induced space charge forces were reported. According to these studies, emittance takes maximal value in the vicinity of cathode surface and then decreases to its minimal value which tends to be extremely low. There is thus possibility of generating electron beams with extremely low emittance according to the design of the injector system utilizing this phenomenon.

In this study, we have investigated the influence of initial electron beam profile on the beam emittance evolution. The emittance evolution with different current density distribution (flat-top, peak and hollow distribution) have been compared. The calculation in this study is performed by the two dimensional axial symmetric code KUAD2, which is a code for calculating trajectories in static fields. The SCSS thermionic gun was taken as the model for this study. The current density distribution on the cathode surface is modified, and the extracted current from the cathode is set to 1.0A and the beam energy at the gun exit is set to 500 keV.

As a result of calculations, the emittance evolutions change by varying initial current density distributions. The axial distance at the point of minimal emittance can be varied over wide range by changing the current density distribution on the cathode surface. The shortest axial distance of emittance minimum was obtained for peak profile. The hollow profile allows extending the axial distance of the point of the minimal emittance. The value of emittance minimum also depends strongly on initial current density distribution. To consider the effects of the initial beam profile could contribute to new approach for designing the low emittance electron injectors.

Student award at 19th US-Japan Workshop in Fusion Neutron Sources for Nuclear Assay and Ultimate Applications

**Advanced Particle Beam Energy Research Section
Masaya Yoshida (M2)**

The US-Japan workshop on Fusion Neutron Source has been held since 1998 alternately between United States and Japan. This workshop brought together expertise researchers in experiment, theory, modeling and applications in Inertial-electrostatic confinement (IEC) fusion neutron source related topics. The 19th workshop was held in Kansai University, Japan in October 2017. In this workshop, I received the best student presentation award.

The presentation title was “Development of Portable DD-IEC Neutron Source for the SNM Interrogation system at Kyoto University”. In this study, we introduced the design, fabrications, assembly and test operation of the ultra-compact DD-IEC neutron source with 17 and 8 cm anode and cathode diameters, respectively. The effect of the anode material in the neutron production rate was discussed, based on the experimental results using SUS and Titanium chambers. The results revealed that absorption of deuterium gas on Ti anode surface was saturated much more quickly than that on SUS anode surface. This factor increases neutron production rate of IEC neutron source by 2~3 times. Moreover, analysis of anode’s surface melting due to the electron jet after the 10 kW power was applied.

Poster Session Outstanding Achievement Award in the Irradiation Materials Meeting 2018

**Advanced Energy Structural Materials Research Section
Toshiki Nakasuji (D3)**

Irradiation Materials Meeting is an appropriate meeting at which irradiation materials researchers in Japan may discuss the fundamental questions and concerns in radiation effects on nuclear materials. This meeting was supported by the "Joint Usage/Research Program on Zero-Emission Energy Research, Institute of Advanced Energy, Kyoto University" and held at January, 2018.

Mr. Nakasuji made a good presentation on their effort on “Multiscale Modeling of Irradiation Embrittlement of RPV steels”. He received the Poster Session Award for their valuable unique ideas using Bayesian method. His future success is greatly anticipated.



Student Session Outstanding Achievement Award in the Japan Society of Maintenology

Advanced Energy Structural Materials Research Section
Norihiko Murayoshi (D3)

The Japan Society of Maintenology was founded in 2003 to establish “Maintenology” of nuclear power plants, other complex artifacts, and the natural environments, emerged by collecting a wide variety of information and knowledge of engineering, technology, natural science, sociology, and so on.

Mr. Murayoshi made an oral and poster presentations at the 2017 Annual Meeting. He was given the Student Session Award for their excellent social analysis and his research activities was largely encouraged.

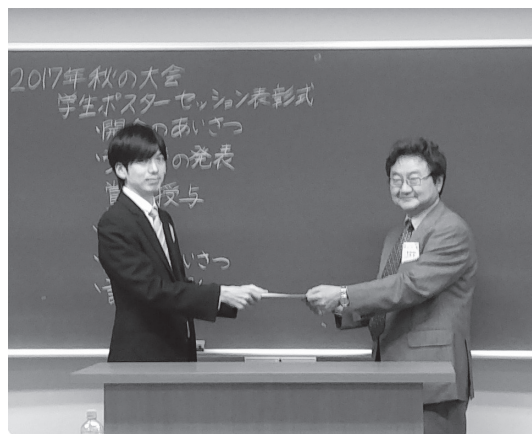


AESJ 2017 Fall Meeting Student Poster Session: The Student Poster Session Award for their valuable unique ideas

Advanced Energy Structural Materials Research Section
Norihiko Murayoshi (D3)

The Atomic Energy Society of Japan was founded in 1959 as the only organization in Japan that aims to contribute towards progress in the development of atomic energy by seeking academic and technological advances pertaining to the peaceful use of atomic energy.

In the 2017 Fall Meeting held at Hokkaido University, Mr. Murayoshi made a good presentation on their effort on “Structurizing Public Understanding on Nuclear Energy”, and received the Student Poster Session Award for their valuable unique ideas using the graph theory. His research activities was encouraged to be more enhanced.



2016 Annual Student Outstanding Lecture Award in the Atomic Energy Society of Japan

**Advanced Energy Structural Materials Research Section
Xiaoyong Ruan (D2)**

The Atomic Energy Society of Japan (AESJ) was founded in 1959 as the only organization in Japan that aims to contribute towards progress in the development of atomic energy by seeking academic and technological advances pertaining to the peaceful use of atomic energy.

Mr. Xiaoyong Ruan is a Ph.D. student in Kyoto university, Kyoto, Japan. He used to be a CAE Engineer in China. His current research interest lies in the deterministic and probabilistic fracture analysis of nuclear components and structures using finite element method.

He made oral presentation at the 2016 Annual Autumn Meeting of AESJ. He was given the 2016 Annual Student Outstanding Lecture Award at the 2016 Annual Spring Meeting of AESJ because he made an excellent presentation, and his research be applicable to engineering practice.



Best Student Presentation Award in 2017 International Congress on Advances in Nuclear Power Plants (ICAPP)

**Advanced Energy Structural Materials Research Section
Xiaoyong Ruan (D3)**

The International Congress on Advances in Nuclear Power Plants (ICAPP) provides a forum for leaders of the nuclear industry to exchange information, present results from their work, review the state of the industry, and discuss future directions and needs for the deployment of new nuclear power plant systems around the world. ICAPP will gather industry leaders in several invited lectures in plenary sessions.

Mr. Xiaoyong Ruan made oral presentation at the 2017 International Congress on Advances in Nuclear Power Plants (ICAPP) Meeting. He was given the Best Student Presentation Award because his research is useful in the nuclear power engineering, and he made an excellent presentation.



Honorable Mention (Ph.D. Category) Award in the 2017 ASME Pressure Vessels & Piping Conference (PVP)

**Advanced Energy Structural Materials Research Section
Xiaoyong Ruan (D3)**

The ASME PVP Conference promises to be the outstanding international technical forum for participants to further their knowledge-base by being exposed to diverse topics, and exchange opinions and ideas both from industry and academia in a variety of topics related to Pressure Vessel and Piping technologies for the Power and Process Industries. The PVP Conference is a great place to exchange ideas and to meet colleagues as we all work to create and advance Pressure Vessels and Piping technologies for our global community of practice. The PVP Conference is a recognized forum for fruitful exchange of ideas with participants from over 40 countries in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, the Americas, and the Oceania islands.

Mr. Xiaoyong Ruan made oral and poster presentation at the 2017 ASME PVP Meeting. He was given the Honorable Mention (Ph.D. Category) Award because his research fits engineering practice.



The 13th Encouragement Prize of Kansai Section Award of Atomic Energy Society of Japan

**Advanced Energy Structural Materials Research Section
Xiaoyong Ruan (D3)**

The Atomic Energy Society of Japan was founded in 1959 as the only organization in Japan that aims to contribute towards progress in the development of atomic energy by seeking academic and technological advances pertaining to the peaceful use of atomic energy.

Mr. Xiaoyong Ruan made oral presentation at the 2017 Kansai Section of Atomic Energy Society of Japan Meeting. He was given the 13th Encouragement Prize of Kansai Section Award because his research suitable for engineering practice, and also he made a good presentation.

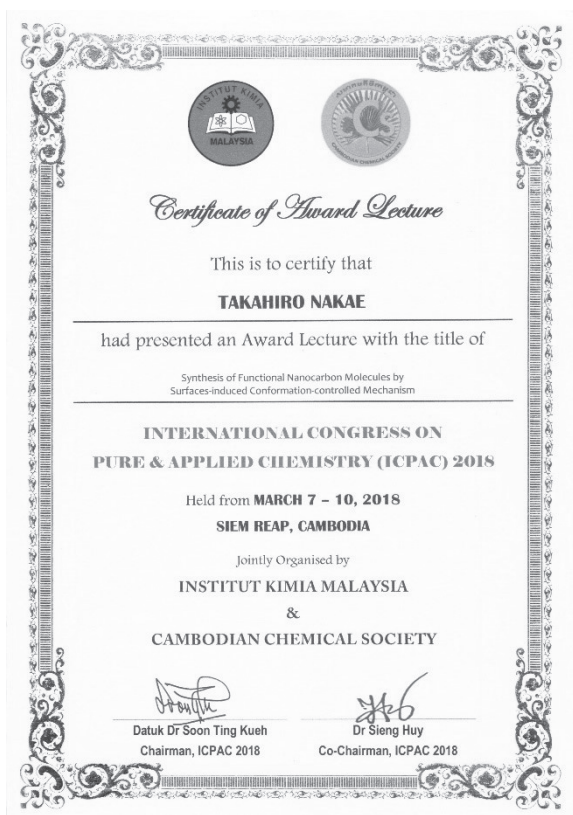


Symposium award of the international congress on pure and applied chemistry 2018 (Selected as a keynote lecture).

Molecular Nanotechnology Research Section Takahiro Nakae (Assistant Professor)

The International Congress on Pure & Applied Chemistry (ICPAC) 2018 was organized by Cambodian Chemical Society (CCS) and Institut Kimia Malaysia (IKM), together with the Foundation for Interaction between Science and Technology (FIST) and Asia Chem Corporation (ACC) Japan. ICPAC is a major international scientific meeting covering all major areas of pure and applied chemistry. Over 200 attractive presentations provide professionals in Chemistry with opportunities for meaningful discussions and deep insights for future research.

In this symposium, I presented our recent work titled on “Synthesis of functional nanocarbon molecules by surface-induced conformation-controlled mechanism” as an award lecture. Surface-induced conformation-controlled mechanism can create new functional nanocarbon molecules. Additionally, this lecture was selected as a keynote lecture.

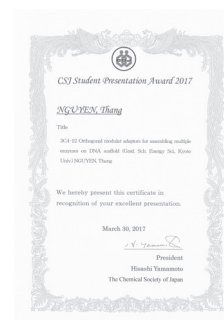


CSJ Student Presentation Award 2017

Biofunctional Chemistry Research Section Nguyen Minh Thang (D3)

The chemical society of Japan (CSJ) was founded in 1878 to advance research in chemistry, has a history encompassing 130 years with a current membership exceeding 34,000 and is one of the most affluent academic societies in Japan, covering area on pure and applied chemistry. The Chemical Society of Japan holds the national meeting annually in spring, which covers all academic fields in Chemistry. Over 6,000 attractive presentations provide professionals in Chemistry with opportunities for meaningful discussion and deep insight for future research.

In the 97th Annual Meeting at Hiyoshi Campus, Keio University, Mr Nguyen Minh Thang won the CSJ student presentation award for his presentation entitled: “Orthogonal modular adaptors for assembling multiple enzymes on DNA scaffold”. His talk presented the study aimed to develop a method to orthogonally locate multiple enzymes through covalent linkages at designed addresses on a DNA scaffold. The research was succeeded to develop three orthogonal modular adaptors that quickly and efficiently co-assembled on DNA origami scaffold. Three enzymes from the xylose pathway were successfully assembled at the designed positions on a DNA scaffold with precise distance control to enhance the efficiency of cascade reaction. The study contributed to understanding multi-enzyme cascades reaction and constructing an effective material conversion system in vitro.



4. JOINT USAGE/RESEARCH PROGRAM



Joint Usage/Research Center Program “Zero Emission Energy Research”

It is an urgent task to find out the best solutions against the energy and environmental problem for ensuring the sustainable society on the earth. The new energy system for this purpose has to be an environmentally friendly or ecological one. Here, we should consider not only the energy sources but also the efficiency in the each phase of energy usage. The former should have good quality and enough quantity. The latter should be considered including the so-called “three Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)” in the energy system;

- Reduce of energy consumption, environmental pollutant such as greenhouse gas, waste-heat, hazardous waste, etc.
- Reuse of waste heat/energy, etc.
- Recycle of fuel, etc.

In order to realize them, only the extension of the present technology is not enough. Interdisciplinary studies with innovative ideas are indispensable to realize the energy system for next generation.

We propose a new concept of Zero Emission Energy as a typical model of Advanced Energy. IAE Zero Emission Energy Research aims at the realization of environmentally friendly energy system for sustainable society with minimum emission of environmental pollutants and with maximum utilization of energy and resources. Since FY2011, we had operated a project, “Joint Usage/Research Program on Zero Emission Energy”, which is the program authorized by the MEXT. We have started the second term of the Program from FY2016. Here, we aim to (1) promote interdisciplinary joint usage/research studies for

Zero Emission Energy Science & Technology, (2) promote education & practical training for young researchers and (3) explore future horizon of Advanced Energy System for sustainable development. IAE provides many unique & attractive facilities for the Joint Usage/Research not only in the field of advanced plasma & quantum energy but also in the field of soft energy.

Many researchers have participated in this program. In FY2017 Joint Usage/Research collaborations of total 100 subjects (including one workshop) on Zero Emission Energy were performed with more than 264 visiting participants from 42 all-Japan Universities and Institutions including graduate/undergraduate students. The results of these collaborations are summarized in a report “IAE Joint Usage/Research Program on Zero Emission Energy 2017. Some of them were reported and discussed in a Research Summary Meeting of FY2017 held at Uji Campus on March 7, 2018. If you have interest to this collection, please contact to the Office of Zero Emission Energy Research.

In addition to the Joint Usage/Research collaborations, we organized "The 8th International Symposium of Advanced Energy Science

~ Interdisciplinary Approach to Zero Emission Energy ~" on September 5 – 7, 2017 at Uji Obaku Plaza, Kyoto University. This symposium consists of oral and poster sessions, panel discussion, parallel seminars and satellite meeting. About 350 scientists and students including four foreign and five domestic invited speakers were participated in the symposium. In addition, several informal seminars and/or internship on Zero Emission Energy were also organized. (http://www.iae.kyoto-u.ac.jp/zero_emission/calendar/)

We are also operating “Zero Emission Energy Network” to share the knowledge of Advanced Energy and Zero Emission Energy with researchers in the fields of energy science and technology, since world-wide activities for Zero Emission Energy Research are indispensable for the realization of sustainable society.

The 8th International Symposium of Advanced Energy Science
— Interdisciplinary Approach to Zero-Emission Energy —

Date 5-7 Sept. 2017
Venue Kibudo Yuki Obaku Plaza, Kyoto University Uji Campus, Kyoto, Japan

Plenary Speaker
Kenrya KUSANO (Plasma Astrophysics) Nagoya University

Invited Speakers
Dhruv WANG (Solar Energy Materials) Wihart University
Claus FELBY (Renewable Energy) University of Copenhagen
Shannon M. Bragg-Sittler (Nuclear Energy) Idaho National Laboratory
Deliang YU (Plasma Physics) Southwestern Institute of Physics
Sourghyoun BAK (Nuclear Science) Hanyang University
Takashi SAKAWA (Solar Energy Materials) Kyoto University
Kenji TAKAHASHI (Nuclear Energy) Kansai University
Ryoji HIWATARI (Fusion Energy) National Institute for Quantum and Ecological Science and Technology
Akihito FUJISAWA (Plasma Physics) Kyoto University
Masahiro KAWASAKI (Atmospheric Chemistry) Nagoya University
Kouji YASUDA (Solar Energy Materials) Kyoto University
Masahiro FURUKA (Bionergy) Fukuoka University
Nobuki SONEDA (Nuclear Energy)
Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry
Tatsuya KOBAYASHI (Nuclear Energy) National Institute for Fusion Science
Akinori IRIZAWA (Nuclear Energy) Osaka University

Program
5th Sept. 2017 Oral Session I
Panel Discussion
6th Sept. 2017 Oral Session II
Poster Session
7th Sept. 2017 Parallel Seminar I (Biomass)
Carbon neutral — the missing link in green degradation —
Parallel Seminar II (Solar)
Optimization on surface light absorber for highly efficient utilization of solar energy 2017

Contact Joint Usage/Research Center for Zero-Emission Energy Research
http://www.iae.kyoto-u.ac.jp/zero_emission/

Poster of the 8th International Symposium

List of Zero Emission Energy Joint Usage/Research Subjects in FY 2017

(Subject, Principal Researcher, IAE Key Person)

Production of Silicon Ingot for Solar Cells Utilizing Volatile Metal Flux and Solidification Refining
K. Yasuda, T. Nohira

Characterization and application of biomass originated from indigenous bacteria of activated sludge
M. Takeda, M. Katahira

Study of interaction between dislocation and irradiation defects for evaluation of material degradation in nuclear structural materials
K. Fukumoto, A. Kimura

Photoinduced electron-transfer reactions of metal complexes as photosensitizers bound to the active site of enzyme
H. Takashima, E. Nakata

Effects of Magnetic Field and Metal Nanoparticles on Photocurrents of Dye-Metal Nanoparticle Composite Films
H. Yonemura, H. Sakaguchi

Design and development of functional organic materials for energy conservation-directed light-emitting devices
M. Shimizu, H. Sakaguchi

Mechanism Elucidation of Hydronium Solvate Ionic Liquids Using NMR
A. Kitada, M. Katahira

He and Heavy ion synergism on hydrogen isotope behavior in tungsten at higher temperature
Y. Oya, T. Hinoki

Analysis of condensed lignin structure for advanced biomass utilization
K. Fukushima, M. Katahira

Detoxification of endocrine disruptors by microbial enzymes
T. Hara, T. Morii

Development of thermal diffusivity and PALS measurement method aiming at an evaluation of neutron irradiated TEM-disk-size small specimen
M. Akiyoshi, S. Konishi

Chemical state analysis of light elements in advanced neutron multiplier for fusion reactor blanket
M. Nakamichi, K. Mukai

Development of photo-functional atomic layer heterostructures
Y. Miyata, Y. Miyauchi

Development of anode/electrolyte interface for advanced Na-ion battery
H. Sakaguchi, T. Nohira

Hydrogen isotope permeation behavior of ceramic coatings irradiated by heavy ions under higher temperature
T. Chikada, K. Yabuuchi

Micro-scale elastic property characterization of Tungsten fiber-reinforced tungsten composites (Wf/W) by nano-indentation and laser ultrasonics
H. Lee, S. Konishi

Theoretical design of the nanoscale materials
S. Okada, K. Matsuda

Influence of high temperature irradiation on hydrogen isotope retention and permeation in first wall and divertor materials for fusion reactors
Y. Hatano, T. Hinoki

Synergistic effects of electronic excitation and displacement damage in oxide/nitride ceramics
K. Yasuda, A. Kimura

Selective phonon-mode excitation in functional semiconductor materials for energy conversion by mid-infrared free-electron laser
K. Hachiya, H. Ohgaki

Study on energy state analysis of valence electrons of Li in advanced tritium breeding materials by EPMA-SXES
K. Sasaki, K. Mukai

Development of Organic-Inorganic Hybrid Film toward High-Performance Organic Thin-Film Solar Cells
T. Akiyama, H. Sakaguchi

Evaluation of compatibility of Ni-ODS superalloys with nuclear reactors
S. Ukai, A. Kimura

Modeling and Experimental Study on Damage Rate Effects on Bubbles/Voids Formation in Fusion Reactor Structural Materials
T. Yamamoto, A. Kimura

Mechanism of Radiation Resistance of Advanced Tungsten Alloys

A. Hasegawa, A. Kimura

Development of advanced soft-X ray tomographic diagnostic for dynamics study of self-organization to helical axis reversed field pinch and its modelling

S. Masamune, T. Mizuuchi

A study of potential distribution formed inside the cathode region in IEC device

M. Utsumi, K. Masuda

Investigation of hydrogen isotope retention mechanism in tungsten based materials under divertor plasma exposure in fusion reactors

Y. Ueda, A. Kimura

Effects of chromium and titanium concentration on low-temperature ductility of high-purity low-activation vanadium alloys

T. Nagasaka, A. Kimura

Photoenergy conversion System Based on Hybrid DNA/Inorganic Nanomaterials

K. Yamana, T. Morii

Evaluation of the stability of irradiation induced point defect clusters during annealing

S. Jitsukawa, A. Kimura

Dynamic Precipitation Behavior of Oxide Particles in Al-Added ODS Steel Model Alloy Powders

N. Iwata, A. Kimura

Mechanical Property of Ion-irradiated RAFMs by Ultra Micro-tensile Test

M. Ando, A. Kimura

High-Fluence Irradiation Behavior of Reduced Activation Fusion Reactor Materials

H. Tanigawa, T. Hinoki

Damage Formation Mechanism of Tungsten under Repetitive and Pulsed High-Heat Load Conditions (Part 6)

K. Ezato, A. Kimura

Structural analysis of lignin and lignin-carbohydrate complex by ultra-high sensitivity NMR for biorefinery

T. Watanabe, M. Katahira

On the wall erosion of tungsten materials by transient phenomena-like loads of fusion reactors

K. Ibano, S. Konishi

Clarification on formation mechanism of ion radiation-induced defects for silicon carbide materials

B. Tsuchiya, T. Hinoki

Development of the site-directed RNA mutagenesis for regulating an energy production in the cell

M. Fukuda, T. Morii

Highly efficient photochemical reactions induced by optimal laser pulses

Y. Ohtsuki, T. Nakajima

Development of innovative energy conversion devices based on the synergy between layered material and nitride semiconductor

S. Mouri, K. Matsuda

Change in thermal conductivity of heavy ion-irradiated Fe-based composite materials

N. Hashimoto, A. Kimura

Simulation of the interaction between plasma and hydrogen gas shock

N. Nishino, T. Mizuuchi

Local measurement of the recycling flux in the Heliotron J plasma using high wavelength-resolution spectroscopy of a helium atom near-infrared emission line

T. Shikama, S. Kado

Development of RNA binding peptides based on tertiary structural information

T. Sakamoto, T. Nagata

Theoretical Analysis on Natural Convection Heat Transfer from Vertical Rod Bundles in Liquid Sodium (Part 3)

K. Hata, T. Mizuuchi

Nonradiative annihilation process in garnet scintillators studied by infrared light pulses from free electron laser

M. Kitaura, H. Zen

Suppression of MOX fuel used in LWR swelling caused by development of gas bubble resulted from He accumulated during long-term storage

H. Serizawa, T. Hinoki

Digital Imaging Spectrometry for Atomic Line Spectra in Fusion Plasma

M. Irie, S. Kado

A study on economic and technical impacts of mass integration of solar home system on power distribution system

B. Long, H. Ohgaki

Study of electron bunch length by measuring coherent synchrotron radiation with narrow-band detectors

N. Sei, H. Ohgaki

Structural studies on hierarchical molecular architectures created in microfluidic device

M. Numata, E. Nakata

A small-molecule-based technology for live-cell imaging of energy metabolism

S. Sato, T. Morii

Analysis of reaction mechanism of haloacid dehalogenase

T. Nakamura, T. Morii

Application of atmospheric pressure plasma jet in food industry

H. Matsuura, S. Kado

Interface structure between dielectric substrates and metal nanoparticles induced by ion irradiation ion irradiation and SPR measurements by STEM/EELS

T. Shibayama, T. Hinoki

Controlling the structural strain and force response of helicene molecules with high energy-conversion efficiency at the single-molecule level

A. Shiotari, H. Sakaguchi

Development of a program for tomographic reconstruction of HeI radiation distribution in Heliotron J

H. Kawazome, T. Mizuuchi

Effect of Hydrogen on Mechanical Properties in Tungsten

K. Sato, A. Kimura

Highly-efficient reduction of CO₂ using porous electrodes controlled by the formation of surface-induced hydration structure of dissolved gasses

K. Fukami, M. Kinoshita

Nanoindentation of polymer monolith materials

K. Sakakibara, S. Konishi

Study of ballooning mode using high-speed camera in Heliotron J

Y. Takemura, S. Yamamoto

Computational study of irradiation condition dependence on microstructural evolution of RAFM steel under irradiation

Y. Watanabe, K. Morishita

Phase measurement of vacuum-ultraviolet pulse and control of electronic states

R. Itakura, T. Nakajima

A Study on Mechanical Property Evaluation of Silicon for MEMS by Nanoindentation

T. Nakata, S. Konishi

Structure-function relationship of Epstein-Barr Virus EBNA3C NLS and transport receptor

G. Matsuda, T. Nagata

Development of the artificial multi-domain enzymes immobilized on the curdlan sheet at low cost

M. Horiuchi, T. Nagata

Development of single-electron irradiation technique for microscopic track structure study

Y. Uozumi, H. Ohgaki

Supramolecular assembling regulation of bacterial cell division protein FtsZ and complexation with nucleic acid nanostructures

A. Onoda, E. Nakata

Analysis of radiation induced nano-clusters in RPV steels

H. Watanabe, A. Kimura

Development of nucleic-acids-based sensors for protein detection

M. Hagihara, T. Morii

Confirmation of the process of internalization by using ultrasound-enhanced cell-internalization

T. Otsuki, E. Nakata

Creation of structured target in the order of sub-micro meter for the generation of high-energy density state by high power laser

Y. Kishimoto, H. Sakaguchi

Development of breakdown method of malignant tumor by using mid-infrared free-electron laser

T. Kawasaki, H. Zen

Development of the zero emission energy oriented hypoxia-selective boron neutron capture agents

Y. Uto, E. Nakata

Impact of high energy ion irradiation on thermal and particle loading properties of plasma facing materials

K. Tokunaga, A. Kimura

Observation of fine temperature structure by using digital ECE

S. Inagaki, K. Nagasaki

High temperature corrosion of SiC/SiC composites

K. Shimoda, T. Hinoki

Molecular mechanism on uORF13p-mediated maintenance of mitochondrial membrane potential

Y. Aizawa, T. Morii

Development of multi-channel spectroscopic system for turbulence measurement

A. Fujisawa, S. Ohshima

Study on Rural Electrification by Renewable Energy in Sarawak and its Impact on QOL

A.R. Nasrudin, H. Ohgaki

Study of plasma flow based on external momentum control using high energy neutral beam injection

Y. Nakashima, S. Kobayashi

Correlation measurements of electron cyclotron emission signals at two toroidal and poloidal positions in torus plasmas

Y. Yoshimura, K. Nagasaki

Soft matter iontronic devices driven by heat and electromagnetic fluctuations

N. Yonekura, T. Nakajima

Electrodeposition of Si thin films in molten salts for low-cost manufacturing of solar cells

X. Yang, T. Nohira

Biodegradability of Dissolved Organic Matter (DOM) in the Hypolimnion of Lake Biwa

Y. Shimizu, M. Katahira

One-dimensional migration of interstitial clusters under cascade damage condition

Y. Satoh, A. Kimura

Effect of external stress on radiation damage in explosion bonded Cu/steel joint

S. Ohnuki, A. Kimura

Development of material nanoprocessing with femtosecond-laser-induced plasmonic near-fields

G. Miyaji, K. Matsuda

Evaluation of mechanical properties of electrodeposited W alloy films

M. Miyake, S. Konishi

Studies on bio-photoreactions triggered by FEL irradiation

Y. Hayakawa, H. Ohgaki

Control of a phosphorescence emission from totally-organic compound by mode-selective molecular vibration with MIR-FEL

K. Yoshida, H. Ohgaki

Statistical analysis on edge turbulence fluctuation data in a toroidal plasma

Y. Nagashima, S. Ohshima

Boundary diagnostics using field corresponding double probe and rf heating in Heliotron J III

K. Uehara, T. Mizuuchi

Li-Site Migration of Li-Inserted Gamma-Fe₂O₃ during the Relaxation Process

S. Takai, T. Morii

Nonlinear effects on solids by KUFEL

A. Irizawa, H. Zen

Study of Deuterium Retention Property of Heavy Ions Beam Irradiated Tungsten Using Compact Divertor Plasma Simulator for Hot Laboratory

M. Yajima, T. Hinoki

Establishment of the method that explore the RNA G-quadruplex in cells

Y. Katsuda, T. Morii

Physical property analysis of the late blooming phase governing the engineering lifetime of pressure vessel steels of light water reactor

Y. Matsukawa, A. Kimura

A new era of high energy particle irradiation research towards development of radiation tolerant nuclear structural materials (Zero emission energy workshop)

Y. Nagai, A. Kimura

5. COLLABORATION WORKS IN THE LABORATORY FOR COMPLEX ENERGY PROCESSES

Collaboration Works in The Laboratory for Complex Energy Processes

1. Introduction

The laboratory was established for research on advanced processes of energy production, conversion and application. Resource and energy problems as well as global warming problems become very serious in recent years. We have to concentrate all our knowledge and wisdom to find solutions to these problems. From such a viewpoint, the research targets of the laboratory should be focused on two specific fields, (i) "advanced studies of science and technology on plasma energy and quantum energy" and (ii) "innovative studies of nano-bio functional materials for power generation". Therefore, two sections (A2 and A3 mentioned below) are founded. In addition, a section of promotion for international collaborative research arranges and promotes international and domestic research collaborations.

In order to perform the research objectives of the Institute of Advanced Energy, it is essentially necessary to organize the cooperative research program with much close connection between related research fields in the institute. The laboratory takes charge of organizing and promoting the cooperative research project as a center of research activity in the Institute. The research staffs in the institute participate in specific projects to carry out their subjects. The scientists of other faculties in Kyoto University can also participate in the cooperative project to enhance the progress of research and educational activities. The laboratory also manages various functions such as symposium and seminar for related topics on energy field. The cooperative research activities will be published in a publication edited in the laboratory at the end of the year.

A1 Division of International and Industrial Partnership

This division promotes international collaborative research on advanced energy to lead the field of energy science and technology as a worldwide pioneer. For this purpose, the symposium and the workshop organized by institution member are supported. This section also promotes young researcher/student exchange, cooperative research activities and multi-lateral collaborative research with industries. Establishment of infrastructure and human resource development are also supported.

A2 Division of Plasma and Quantum Energy Research

This section promotes studies on advanced plasmas and quantum energy for realizing future energy systems, integrating plasma energy science and advanced energy material research. In particular, based on the results obtained in our related group, we aim at extending the research fields and contributing to human society by utilizing the existing key devices such as Heliotron J, DuET, MUSTER and inertial electrostatic confinement (IEC) device, which have been developed in IAE.

A3 Division of Soft Energy Science Research

This division promotes studies on emergent materials and systems for realizing next generation soft energy system. In particular, functional nano- and bio-materials to efficiently utilize solar energy and bio-energy are studied by integrating laser science, nanotechnology, and bio-technology. We aim at extending our research fields by utilizing the existing devices such as System for Creation and Functional Analysis of Catalytic Materials, SEMs, SPM, Solar Simulator, KU-FEL and various laser systems.

B Cooperative use of facilities and equipment

Facilities and equipment of the laboratory are provided to researches cooperated for the scientists in the university.

2. The cooperative research program

A brief summary of the cooperative research subjects carried out in FY2017 are shown next pages, which were proposed by researchers of IAE and selected by the program committee of the Laboratory.

The collaboration works in the Laboratory for Complex Energy Processes are consist of two categories of “Kiban (基盤)” and “Shorei, Kikaku-Chosa (奨励, 企画・調査)” cooperative researches. The former means a program to promote leading research themes of the institute projects, which are proposed by the each chair of the research sections of the Laboratory. The latter means a program to promote seeds research with respect to the institute projects and to promote the organization of seminar or symposium. Every researcher of IAE can make proposal to this category.

As a result, the research themes of 24 were applied and applications of 24 were accepted. The number of research subjects is listed in Table 1 according to the project categories.

Table 1 Number of the accepted research subjects according to the standard project theme
The whole sum 24

		category A			B	total
		A1	A2	A3		
Kiban	inside	1	1	1	0	3
	outside	0	0	0	0	0
Shorei/KikakuChosa	inside	4	9	8	0	21
	outside	0	0	0	0	0

“inside” or “outside” : Number

The individual research subjects are as follows

Kiban A1

“Supporting Activities on International and Industri-al Collaborative Research”

- H. Ohgaki and Staff Researcher of IAE (Kyoto Univ.)
- J. Qika (Univ. Sci. Tech. China)
- N. Sirilertworakul (National Science and Technology Development Agency)
- C. Settakorn (Chiang mai University)
- L.C. Hiep (Vietnam National Univ. Ho CHI Mln)
- P. Kaung (Univ. Yangon)
- Y.U. Jeong (Korea Atom. Energy Res. Inst.)
- D. Wang (Shanghai Inst. App. Phy.)
- M. Abdrahim (Univ. Malaya)
- B. Funtamasan (King Mongkuts Univ. Tech. Thanburi)
- P. Pinpathomrat (Rajamangala Univ. Tech. Thanyaburi)
- I.K.Reksowardojo (Institute Technology Bandung)
- H. Saptadi (Univ. Gaja Mada)
- L. Bun (Institute Technology of Cambodia)
- W. Kyat (Yangon Technological University)
- K. Nathavong (National University of Laos)

Kiban A2

“Development of Advanced Plasma and Quantum Energy Studies”

- H. Okada, T. Mizuuchi,, S. Konishi, A. Kimura, K. Nagasaki, T. Minami, K. Morishita, K. Masuda, T. Hinoki,R. Kasada, S. Kado, S. Kobayashi, S. Yamamoto, S. Ohshima, K. Jinbo, K. Yabuuchi, ,K. Mukai, S. Konoshima (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)
- Y. Nakamura, (Grad. Sch. of Energy Sci., Kyoto Univ.)
- G. Motojima, T. Masuzaki, T. Oishi (National Inst. Fusion Sci.)
- Y. Nakajima (Univ. Tsukuba)
- N. Nishino (Hiroshima Univ.)

Kiban A3

“Research on establishment of Photo-Energy Nano Science”

- T. Nakajima and Researchers of Photo-Energy Nano-Science (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)

Shorei/Kikaku-Chosa A1

“International Collaboration Research on Plasma Diagnostics Using”

- K. Nagasaki, S. Yamamoto, K. Masuda, S. Ohshima, K. Sakamoto, T. Mizuuchi, T. Minami, H. Okada, S. Kado, S. Kobayashi, S. Konoshima (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)
- Y. Nakamura, A. Ishizawa (Grad. Sch. of Energy Sci., Kyoto Univ.)
- Y. Yoshimura (National Inst. Fusion Sci.)
- G.M. Weir, N. Marushchenko, H. Laqua (Max Plank Inst., Germany)
- T. Estrada, A. Cappa (CIEMAT, Spain)
- F. Volpe (Columbia University, USA)

“Visualizing the discussion points of is sues on utilization of nuclear energy systems in the world —Structure analysis of the information and knowledge on nuclear energy using system engineering methodology —”

- K. Morishita, (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)
- N. Murayoshi, R. Xiaoyong (Grad. Sch. Energy Sci., Kyoto Univ.)
- H. Iwakiri (Dep. Education, Univ. Ryukyu)
- S. Jitsukawa (Fukushima Col. Natl. Inst. Tech)

“International collaboration research on novel plasma initiation method using non-resonant microwave injection and its application to extended operational regime for high-temperature plasma experiments”

- S. Kobayashi, S. Ohshima, S. Yamamoto, H. Okada, K. Nagasaki, S. Kado, S. Konoshima, K. Sakamoto, K. Toshi (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)
- Y. Nakamura, X. Lu, A. Panith, S. Tanohira (Grad. Sch. Energy Sci., Kyoto Univ.)
- S. Murakami (Dep. Nucl. Eng., Kyoto Univ.)
- S. Okamura, Y. Takeiri, Y. Suzuki, K. Nagaoka, K. Mukai (National Inst. Fusion Sci.)
- Y. Nakashima (Univ. Tsukuba)
- S. Torsten, H. Laqua (Max-Planck Institute for Plasma Physics)
- L. Hyunyong (Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne)
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“US-Japan Collaborative Research on “Ion-irradiation Effects on Materials”

- A. Kimura, K. Morishita, T. Hinoki, R. Kasada, K. Yabuuchi, W. Han, S. Kondo (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)
- T. Shibayama, N. Hashimoto (Hokkaido Univ.)
- A. Hasegawa, K. Nagai (Tohoku Univ.)
- N. Sekimura (Univ. Tokyo)
- T. Muroga (National Inst. Fusion Sci.)
- H. Watanabe (Res. Inst. App. Mech. Kyushu Univ.)
- H. Tanigawa (JAEA)
- G. Was, G. Jiao, S. Taller (Univ. Michigan, USA)
- S. Maloy (LANL, USA)
- B. Weber (Univ. Tennessee, USA)
- S. Tumey (LLNL, USA)
- M. Toloczko (PNNL, USA)

Shorei/Kikaku-Chosa A2

“Evaluation of tritium breeding ratio (TBR) in fusion blanket mock-up using compact neutron source”

- K. Mukai, S. Konishi, F. Okino (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)

“Increasing neutron yield of discharge type fusion device by materials science approach”

- R. Kasada (Institute For Material Research Tohoku Univ.)
- S. Konishi, K. Mukai, F. Okino. (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)

“Effects of irradiation-induced defects on the SiC corrosion”

- S. Kondo, T. Hinoki, (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)
- K. Fukami (Department of Materials Science and Engineering)

“Utilization of data science technology for establishment of high resilient energy system”

- K. Morishita, S. Kondo (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)
- T. Nakasuji, R. Xiaoyong (Grad. Sch. Energy Sci., Kyoto Univ.)
- H. Nakamura, D. Kato (National Inst. Fusion Sci.)
- Y. Kaneta (Akita National Coll. Tech.)
- Y. Watanabe, R. Hiwatari (JAEA)
- T. Narabayashi, Y. Yamamoto (Hokkaido Univ.)

“Development of scintillator type lost ion probe with high time resolution”

- S. Yamamoto, K. Nagasaki, S. Kobayashi, H. Okada, S. Kado, (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)

“Development of plasma diagnostic method using near-infrared Thomson scattered background light”

- T. Minami, T. Mizuuchi, S. Kado, H. Okada, S. Kobayashi, S. Yamamoto, S. Ohshima, S. Konoshima (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)
- N. Kenmochi (University of Tokyo)
- C. Takahashi ((National Inst. Fusion Sci.)

“Measurement of the impurity line spectra in Heliotron J for the plasma diagnostics”

- S. Kado, H. Okada, S. Yamamoto, T. Mizuuchi, K. Nagasaki, T. Minami, S. Ohshima, S. Kobayashi, S. Konoshima (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)
- Y. Nakamura (Grad. Sch. Energy Sci., Kyoto Univ.)

“Development of reduced activation ferritic/martensitic steels to improve irradiation damage tolerance.”

- K. Yabuuchi, A. Kimura (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)

“Development of velocity fluctuation evaluation technique based on time delay estimation with analytic signal”

- S. Ohshima, T. Mizuuchi, S. Kobayashi, H. Okada, K. Nagasaki, S. Yamamoto, S. Kado, S. Konoshima, (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)

Shorei/Kikaku-Chosa A3

“Development of a highly efficient bioethanol production yeast by protein”

- T. Kodaki (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)
- S.M.R. Khattab (Microbial Biotech. at Botany and Microbiology Dep., Al Azhar Univ., Assiut Branch)

“Study of structure-function relationships on wood degrading enzymes ~To utilize the woody biomass efficiently~”

- T. Nagata, M. Katahira, T. Morii, T. Kodaki, E. Nakata (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)

“Comprehensive understanding of structural transition of protein induced by binding of non-coding RNA by means of multiple analytical tools”

- M. Katahira, T. Morii, T. Nagata, E. Nakata, T. Mashima, K. Kondo (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)

“Direct and real-time analysis of the function of protein inhibitors by using DNA origami”

- A. Rajendran, T. Morii, E. Nakata, S. Nakano, M. Saimura (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)

“Sequence selective covalent bond formation between DNA and Protein”

- E. Nakata, T. Morii, T. Kodaki, M. Saimura, S. Nakano, A. Rajendran (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)

“In-situ synthesis of conductive cellulose nanocomposites using a mid-IR laser”

- T. Nakajima, T. Morii, E. Nakata, S. Nakano (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)
- K. Kashihara, H. Nishikawa (Grad. Sch. Energy Sci., Kyoto Univ.)

“Evaluation of the clustering effect for kinetic parameters of receptors by using DNA nanostructure scaffold”

- S. Nakano, T. Morii, E. Nakata, A. Rajendran, M. Saimura (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)

“Timing Jitter Measurement of Pump-Probe Measurement System Using MIR-FEL and Visible Picosecond Laser”

- H. Zen, T. Nakajima, H. Ohgaki, K. Masuda, T. Kii (Inst. Adv. Energy, Kyoto Univ.)

THE LABORATORY SEMINARS

Laboratory Seminars

The Laboratory promotes topical academic seminars in order to strengthen the research activities in each research section and to enhance the mutual cooperation among a lot of academic fields. The Laboratory also had a symposium on April 6, 2018 for discussions of the cooperative research results in FY2017.

In FY2017 seminars were held with following themes.

1. Topical Seminars

(1) April 20, 2017

H. Azechi

“Draw Dragon Dot Eyes: Laser Fusion Science”.

Osaka University

(2) Jun 15, 2017

S. Okamura

“Research of magnetically confined plasma in ITER Era : taking sideway for a fresh view”.

National Institute for Fusion Science

(3) October 5, 2017

Y. Sakawa

“Exploring Universe with large-scale lasers: Laser astrophysics”.

Institute of Laser Engineering, Osaka University

(4) October 13, 2017

H. Hayashi

“Precursor-based synthesis of acenes and graphene nanoribbons”.

Nara Institute of Science and Technology

(5) November 2, 2017

R. Hiwatari

“Status of DEMO Design and Fusion Energy R&D Strategy in Japan”.

National Institute for Quantum and Radiological Science and Technology

(6) November 11, 2017

(7) December 4, 2017

(8) January 5, 2018

“Towards Promotion of Collaboration among Researchers in the IAE”

(9) January 30, 2018

S. Matsushita

“Chiral carbon materials produced by pyrolysis of conjugated polymers”.

National Institute for Materials Science

(10) March 5, 2018

S. Nobusue

“Exotic conjugated hydrocarbons for functional soft matters”.

Osaka University

(11) March 6, 2018

R. Oomachi

“1D carbon materials in CNT templates for FET applications”.

Research Center for Materials Science, Nagoya University

(12) March 9, 2018

M. Nakano

“Novel Electron-Deficient Thienoacenes: Synthesis and Application for Organic Electronic Devices”.

RIKEN Center for Emergent Matter Science

6. PROJECTS WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Innovative strategy for highly efficient utilization of solar energy

"Exploring novel principles for highly efficient utilization of solar energy"

The MEXT special budget project in its second year pursued three main research topics including efficient conversion of solar energy to electricity, production of solar fuels, and efficient conversion of biomasses to useful chemicals.

Efficient conversion of solar energy to electricity

Nanoporous electrodes play an important role in recent development of electrochemical devices such as batteries, super capacitors, sensors and photoelectrodes. Prof. Fukami has developed a theory to elicit the highest performance of nanoporous electrodes by an interdisciplinary approach between electrochemistry and biological physics. This approach enables to control the liquid state within confined nanopores, and thus it results in a high controllability of electrochemical reactions in nanopores. His group showed how the pH of the liquid in confined nanopores was locally tuned. This tuning was of importance in precise control of electrochemical reactions in nanopores.

Sodium secondary batteries are promising as low-cost and large-scaled electrical energy storage devices due to abundant sodium resources and large energy densities. However, most of the previous studies on sodium secondary batteries utilize flammable organic solvent-based electrolytes, which may lead to safety issues. Based on these backgrounds, Prof. Nohira's group has developed nonflammable ionic liquid electrolytes for sodium secondary batteries. Charge-discharge mechanism of a tin negative electrode for a sodium secondary battery was investigated at 363 K utilizing a Na[FSA]-K[FSA] (FSA = bis(fluorosulfonyl)amide) ionic liquid electrolyte. According to the results of galvanostatic intermittent titration technique (GITT) and ex situ X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis, the formation potentials of Na-Sn alloy phases were clarified.

Prof. Sagawa's group studied the principle of polymer solar cells by his research entitled "Improvement of photovoltaic performance of polythiophene/antimony sulfide planar solar cells." Planar solar cells composed of glass/F-doped SnO₂/TiO₂/La-decorated or Zn-doped Sb₂S₃/ poly[(3-hexylthiophene)-2,5-diyl]/poly[3-(3-carboxypropyl)thiophene-2,5-diyl]/Au have been prepared and evaluated their photovoltaic performance. La- and Zn-introduction to Sb₂S₃ resulted in 33% and 57% improvement of power conversion efficiency as compared to pristine Sb₂S₃.

Prof. Ohgaki's group carried out a research on "Present Status and Applications of KU-FEL on Energy Ma-

terials" at Institute of Advanced Energy, Kyoto University. KU-FEL can generate a wide range tunable laser from 3.5 to 23 micro-m wavelength (MIR) with high power (~30 mJ@5 micro-m). Present status and a few applications of KU-FEL will be presented. In addition, the newly developed THz light source (0.15-0.6 THz) will be introduced.

Production of solar fuels

The sequential metabolic reactions of the multiple enzymes confined in a compartment result in an extraordinary efficiency and specific production of target molecules. Understanding the effect of the spatial organization of the multiple enzymes is useful for the construction of in vitro sequential reaction systems. DNA nanostructures have been applied as scaffolds for the spatial organization of enzymes. Prof. Morii's group has developed methods that use sequence-specific DNA binding proteins as adaptors to stably locate the enzymes at specific positions on DNA scaffold. An artificial enzyme cascade of xylose reductase (XR) and xylitol dehydrogenase (XDH) based on the D-xylose metabolic pathway has been constructed by coassembling the enzymes on DNA origami. The XR/XDH cascade was further extended to xylulose kinase (XK) by using the orthogonal modular adaptors.

Prof. Sakaguchi's group demonstrates a synthesis of graphene nanoribbons (GNRs) by a new concept of "biomimetic heterogeneous catalysis" similar to the enzymatic reactions in biology like a "soft" manner, which is featured by homo chirality, transformation, self-assembly and adaptation, directing an optimized chemical reaction pathway to efficiently produce the product. Our developed two-zone chemical vapor deposition of the "Z-bar-linkage" precursors designed herein, exhibiting flexible as well as rigid geometry that allows them to adopt chiral (asymmetrical) conformations on a Au(111) surface, results in the efficient formation of acene-type graphene nanoribbons with a width of 1.45 nm through optimized cascade reactions.

Efficient conversion of biomasses to useful chemicals

Toward utilization of all three major components of wood biomass, cellulose, hemicellulose and lignin, enzymes involved in degradation of each component, GST, MnP, LPMO and GE, were expressed, purified and characterized enzymatically in Prof. Katahira's group. Some of them exhibited unique enzymatic activities. Structural analysis of these enzymes gave a hint for the origin of the unique activities. Integration of these enzymes for utilization of all components is in progress.

NIFS Bilateral Collaboration Research Program on Heliotron J

Since FY2004, the Heliotron J group at IAE, Kyoto University has joined the Bilateral Collaboration Research Program by National Institute for Fusion Science (NIFS), an Inter-University Research Institute. This unique collaboration program promotes joint researches bilaterally between NIFS and research institutes or research centers of universities that have unique facilities for nuclear fusion research. Under this collaboration scheme, the facilities operated in the different universities are open to all fusion researchers just as joint-use facilities of NIFS.

The main objective of the research in our Heliotron J group under this joint research program is to investigate experimentally/theoretically the transport and stability of fusion plasma in advanced helical-field, and to improve the plasma performance through advanced helical-field control in Heliotron J. Picked up in FY2017 are the following seven key-topics; (1) experimental observation of rational-surface effect on e-ITB formation, (2) relationship of density fluctuations to H-mode transition in high density plasmas, (3) Comprehensive study of fast ion behavior in ICRF+NBI heating, (4) long-rang correlation and hydrogen-isotope effect in edge turbulence, (5) suppression of fast-ion driven MHD instabilities using ECH/ECCD, (6) measurement of fast-ion loss accompanied with MHD fluctuations, (7) development of ice-pellet injector for stable operation.

Only some results from this collaboration in FY2017 are shortly reported below. An annual report for all of the collaboration subjects in this program will be published by NIFS.

Poloidal flow measurement by using Charge-exchange Recombination Spectroscopy (CXRS) [1]:

The radial electric field, E_r , in helical devices is a key parameter for the transport in low collisional plasmas. For the accurate estimation of E_r , improvement of the CXRS system for poloidal-flow velocity measurement was required, although the parallel-flow velocity has been measured successfully in Heliotron J. The key points for improvement are to enhance the S/N ratio for spectrum measurement and to increase the stability of the calibration of the absolute wave length. The spectrometer and the CCD camera are replaced new ones and the signal strength of 4 times is provided in comparison with the previous system. The wavelength calibration method is changed to use the line spectra from a Sm ramp. The resultant error of wave length becomes 9.1×10^{-4} nm from 2.8×10^{-3} nm. The corresponding errors in the velocity are to 0.51 km/s and 1.7 km/s, respectively. This is considered to be sufficient for the determination of poloidal velocity.

Interaction of fast ions and MHD instabilities [2]:

The confinement of alpha particles from fusion reactions is important since alpha particles are utilized as heat source to sustain the burning plasma. MHD instabilities sometimes affect fast-ion confinement via resonant or non-resonant interactions. In Heliotron J, fast-ion-driven MHD instabilities, such as GAE, EPM, are observed. A lost-ion probe of Faraday-cup type was used for the measurement of fast-ion confinement, however, the high noise level prevents from the correct calibration of the detector. As a low-noise system, a scintillator type detector is introduced. The fluorescent light on the scintillator are divided into two detection systems, a set of PMTs and a CCD camera. For the fluctuation measurement with high time resolution, 9-channel PMT signals are used, of which frequency response is up to 200 kHz. EPM instability is observed in counter-NBI plasma by this detector in Heliotron J.

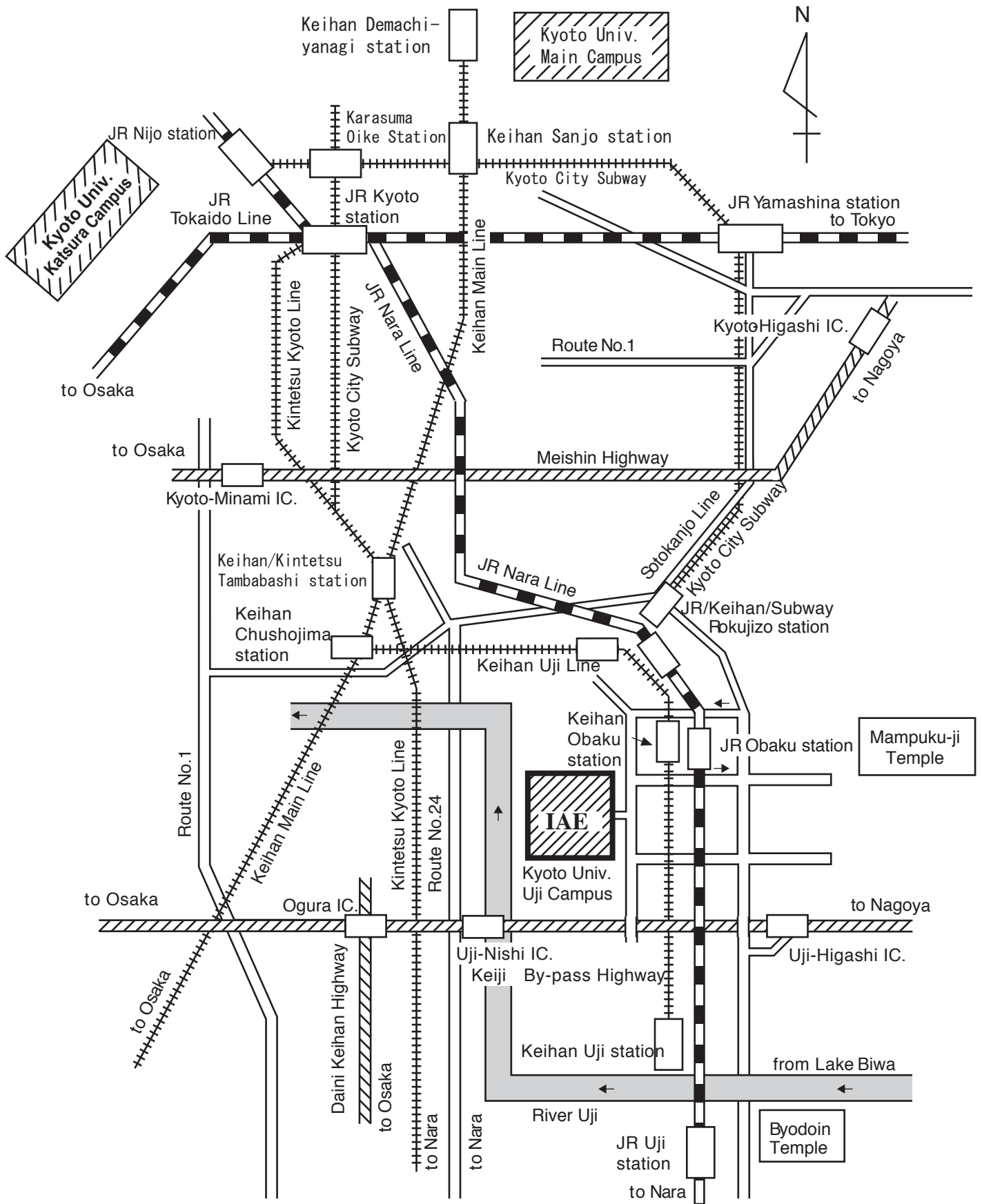
Suppression of fast-ion-driven MHD instabilities by using ECH/ECCD [3]:

ECH and ECCD are utilized to control MHD instabilities in torus plasma confinement devices. When magnetic shear is increased by using EC-driven plasma current, the observed FP-driven MHD instabilities are suppressed or stabilized in Heliotron J and LHD and modified in TJ-II. Especially for Heliotron J having almost zero magnetic shear in a whole plasma region in vacuum, both negative and positive magnetic shear induced by co- and counter- EC-driven plasma current suppress the observed EPMs and GAEs. Regarding the ECCD effect on FP-driven MHD instabilities, continuum damping whose rate is related to the magnetic shear regardless of its sign is a key physical mechanism to suppress the observed FP-driven MHD instabilities according to experimental results of Heliotron J and TJ-II. The change of shear Alfvén spectrum induced by EC-driven plasma current affects the position and stability of TAEs in LHD with high magnetic shear.

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