Data on sputtering and hydrogen retention of Be and Be alloy

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SPUTY
sputtering yields for monoatomic solids
(amorphous target, normal incidence only)

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Experimental data are scattered for light element projectiles. It is mainly due to surface oxidation. Roth et al., Fusion Eng. Design 37 (1997).
ENERGY DEPENDENCE OF ION-INDUCED SPATTERING YIELDS
FROM MONOATOMIC SOLIDS AT NORMAL INCIDENCE

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Abstract

The yields of the ion-induced sputtering from monoatomic solids at normal incidence for various ion-target combinations are presented graphically as a function of the incident ion energy. In order to fill the lack of the experimental data, the sputtering yields are also calculated by the Monte Carlo simulation code ACAT for some ion-target combinations. Each graph shows available experimental data points and the ACAT data, together with the sputtering yields calculated by the present empirical formula, whose parameters are determined by the best-fit to available data.
DB-Sputtering, Reflection and Range Values

Numerical data on sputtering yield, reflection coefficients and mean range calculated by Dr. Wolfgang Eckstein using the Monte Carlo program code (TRIM.SP[1,2]).


UPDATE

4 Mar, 2003
Numerical data for mono-atomic targets of Cu – U, compound targets and layered targets have been up.

28 Feb, 2003
Numerical data for mono-atomic targets of V, Fe and Ni have been up. Contents and Representation of Data has been revised.

26 Feb, 2003
Numerical data for mono-atomic targets of Al, Si and Ti have been up.

25 Feb, 2003
Numerical data for mono-atomic target of C have been up.

http://dpc.nifs.ac.jp/DB/Eckstein/
Ion-target combinations in the database:

Monoatomic target (H,D,T,He,Be,N,O,Ne,Ar – Be)

Compound target (O – BeO)

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Eckstein, *Sputtering by Particle Bombardment* (Springer, 2007)

![Graphs showing energy dependence of sputtering yields of Be for bombardment at normal incidence](image)

Fig. 5. Energy dependence of sputtering yields of Be for bombardment at normal incidence [47] with H [27, 48–51], D [16, 27, 48, 50–53], *He [16, 17, 48, 50, 51, 54–57], Be [58–62], Ne [55, 63] and Ar [55, 63]. Several authors in one line mean the same data in different publications.
Fig. 6. Energy dependence of sputtering yields of Be for bombardment at normal incidence with Kr [54, 55], Xe [18, 54, 55], T and $^3$He and N, and O [64].
Material mixing effect is significant in cases that incident particles make compound with target.

Wu et al., JNM176-177 (1990)

Weight loss method

 Partial sputtering yield of BeO

Fig. 1 The measured erosion yields of beryllium exposed to oxygen, as a function of energy: dashed line $O \rightarrow Be$, solid line $O \rightarrow BeO$ TRIM-SP code.
Erosion of Be wall in ITER affected by co-deposition of C and W

Be\(^+\) → Be, Be-C, Be-W

Korshunov et al., JAERI-Conf. 98-001 (1998)

Weight loss method

Mixed layers co-deposited on Si substrate by simultaneous sputtering of pair targets (Be+C and Be+W).

Figure 6. Experimental sputtering yield data for Be-C, Be-W mixed layers and for Be deposited films in comparison with experimental energy dependences of the self-sputtering yields for carbon (curve 1) and beryllium (curve 2).

Figure 3. The depth distribution of elements in the Be-C mixed layer deposited on Si collector.
Sputtering yield may depend on fluence. Oscillatory variations of yield with fluence were predicted for light element targets bombarded by heavy projectiles, e.g. W $\rightarrow$ Be. Eckstein, NIMB171 (2000).

Exp. SIMS measurement of partial sputtering yield of Cs$^+$ ion implanted on Be. Sielanko et al., Vacuum 70 (2003).

Fig. 1. Partial sputtering yields versus incident W fluence. Be is bombarded with 1, 1.2, 1.5, 3 and 10 keV W at normal incidence. (a) W partial sputtering yield, (b) Be partial sputtering yield.
Temperature dependence of sputtering yield of Be

Radiation induced sublimation is observed. In the Figure, incident ion flux is $6 \times 10^{19}$ /m$^2$/s. For low energy bombardment, yield enhancement is attributed to surface transition from oxide to clean Be.


Fig. 14. Sputtering yield vs. the Be target temperature for 0.1, 0.3, 1 and 3 keV D and 1 keV Be bombardment at normal incidence [6,16,17,39].
Sputtering by multi-species impact

Besides plasma ions, impurities, e.g. C, O, metals, and coolant inert gas atoms, would affect sputtering properties.

It was found that non-recycling impurity, e.g. C, reduced erosion of Be substantially, called as “carbon poisoning”.


Fig. 19. Sputtering yield vs. the (electron) plasma temperature for a Maxwellian distribution of D and C projectiles bombarding Be. Experimental data for 400 eV D [25,53]. Calculated values for several impurity levels of C [38].
Available data and knowledge-base

- Monoatomic and some mixed-materials targets, e.g. Be-W, Be-C, Be-O.
- Incident energy dependence (> 10 eV).
- Incident angle dependence.
- Target temperature dependence, with emphasis on surface composition change.
- Multi species-impact, with emphasis on plasma impurity effects.
- Energy-angular distribution of sputtered particles. Data can be obtained by MC simulation and Thompson formula for energy distribution for normal incidence.
Not clear, further investigation is necessary

• Low energy (< 10 eV) data.
• Energy-angular distribution of sputtered particles.
• Identification of sputtered species: atoms, molecules, clusters.
• Ro-vibration states of molecular species, electronic excited states.
Molecular dynamics simulation of erosion of a-C:H layer co-deposited with Be
Kaoru Ohya (Tokushima Univ., Japan), private communication

Erosion mitigation is attributed to formation of strong Be-C and Be-H compound at surface layers. The erosion mitigation has been observed in C targets exposed to Be-seeded plasma in PISCES-B experiment.

percentage of coverage. The target temperatures are 300 K (a and c) and 800 K (b and d).
Hydrogen isotope retention in Be

• Since experimental studies have been performed intensively, data are available in literatures.
• Identification of trap sites may need further investigation.
• Database development has been undertaken at NIFS, but not updated.
8 keV $D_2^+$ (4 keV $D^+$), flux $1e+18$ D/m$^2$/s, temperature 300K
Sintered Be (Nilaco)
TDS (1K/s, 2-3 hours after implantation)
Yoshida et al., JNM233-237 (1996)

$y = A_1 \tanh(x/A_2)$

$A_1 = 2.6676 \times 10^{21}$

$A_2 = 2.8210 \times 10^{21}$

($x = 2 \times 10^{19} - 2 \times 10^{22}$ D/m$^2$)
9 keV $D^+$, flux $1 \times 10^{19} \text{D/m}^2/\text{s}$, temperature 300K
Sintered Be (1 wt% BeO)
SIMS
Alimov et al., JNM241-243 (1997)

$y = A_1 \tanh\left(\frac{x}{A_2}\right)$
$A_1 = 3.1282 \times 10^{21}$
$A_2 = 3.1735 \times 10^{21}$
$(x = 1 \times 10^{20} - 1 \times 10^{23} \text{D/m}^2)$

3 keV D$_3^+$ (1 keV D$^+$), flux 1e+20 D/m$^2$/s, temperature 300K
Sintered Be (Brush Wellman)
TDS (7K/s)
Haasz et al., JNM241-243 (1997)

\[ y = A_1 \tanh\left(\frac{x}{A_2}\right)^p \]

\begin{align*}
A_1 &= 2.948 \times 10^{21} \\
A_2 &= 1.5085 \times 10^{23} \\
p &= 0.19387
\end{align*}

\( (x = 1 \times 10^{21} - 3 \times 10^{24} \text{ D/m}^2) \)
Typical thermal desorption spectra from Be samples bombarded by D ions at RT

Lower temperature (500-600 K) peaks are responsible for bulk of hydrogen retention at higher fluences. These peaks (disappear in high temperature above 373 K irradiations) were attributed to amorphous hydride formation in surface layers by Wilson, and to radiation damage traps or bubbles by Haasz.

Haasz et al. (1997)
Thermal desorption spectra variation with irradiation temperature

Ha and Hb: loosely bounded to bubbles
Hc: trapped in mono-vacancy and small vacancy clusters
Hd: trapped in bubbles

Yoshida et al., JNM233-237 (1996)
Hydrogen retention of Be alloy developed as neutron multiplier materials

Beryllium metal has some disadvantages for high temperature (600-900 C) DEMO reactor applications, such as low melting temperature, high chemical reactivity at high temperatures. Candidates are Be$_{12}$Ti, Be$_{12}$V and Be$_{12}$Mo. Ti, V, and Mo give lower radio activation and high melting temperatures. Be12X structure gives good oxidation resistance and high beryllium content for the neutron multiplier.

Low hydrogen retention and desorption at lower temperature in Be$_{12}$Ti


Trapping sites in Be$_{12}$Ti may be small (< a few nm size) vacancy clusters and impurities.

Mishima et al., JNM367-370 (2007).

Neutron irradiation (4x10$^{24}$ n/m$^2$, > 1MeV, 500 C) on the Be$_{12}$Ti specimens has been performed at Japan Materials Testing Reactor (JMTR). Tritium inventory in n-irradiated Be$_{12}$Ti specimen was smaller than that in n-irradiated Be.
Hydrogen isotope retention data research activities in Japan

• Be alloy for blanket materials development will be studied intensively in ITER-BA (centered at IFERC, Rokkasho, Aomori).

• Neutron irradiation effects (knock-on defect, helium transmutation) are key issues in future studies.

• Simulation studies on radiation induced microstructure development and hydrogen trapping are encouraged.