

Thermal H-content evolution of a-C:H characterized by *in situ* Raman microspectroscopy: Application to Tore Supra deposits

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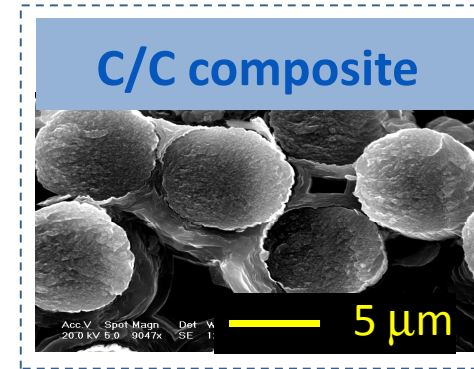
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I - Introduction

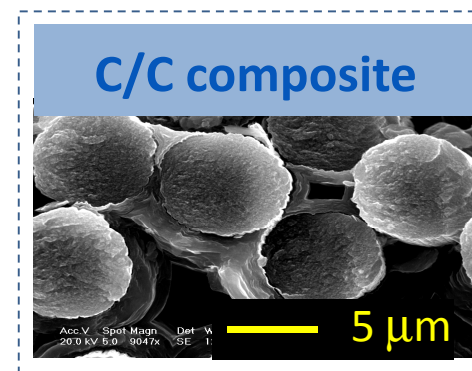
→ Plasma wall interactions

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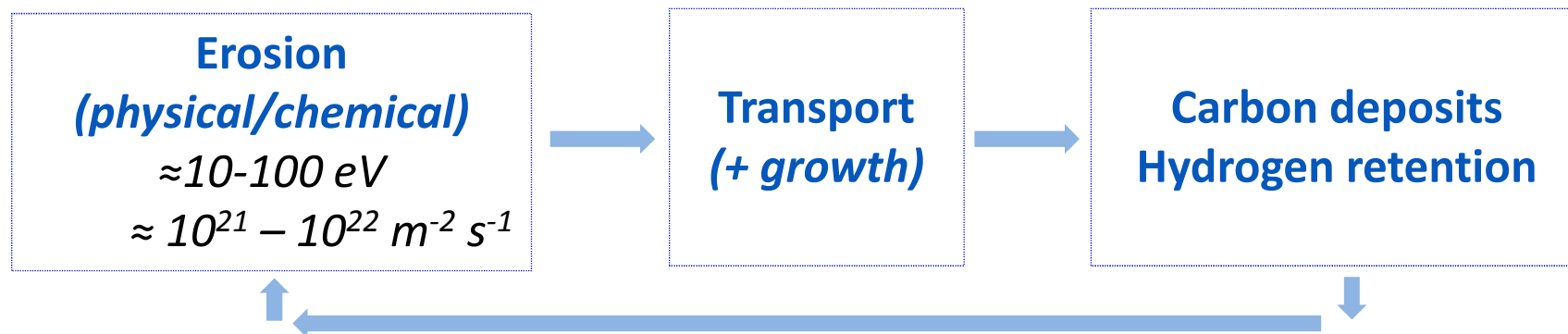


Actively cooled \rightarrow longer plasma shots

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→ For ITER: Safety issue

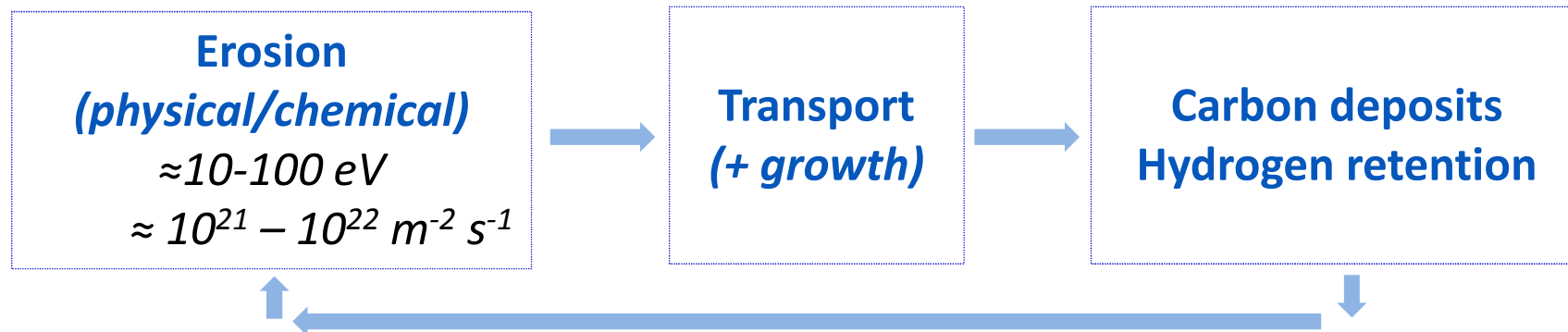
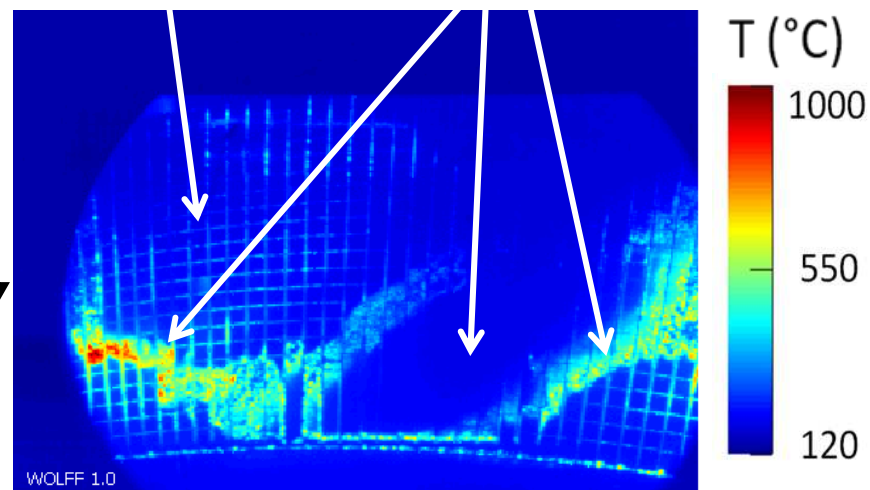
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Erosion zone

Deposition zone



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II - Context

→ The D.I.T.S. campaign

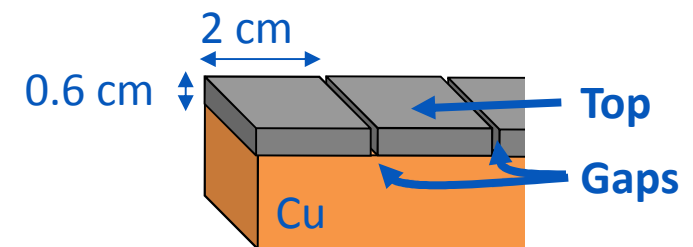
The D.I.T.S. campaign

Aim:

- **Load** Plasma Facing Components in Deuterium
- **D-inventory**

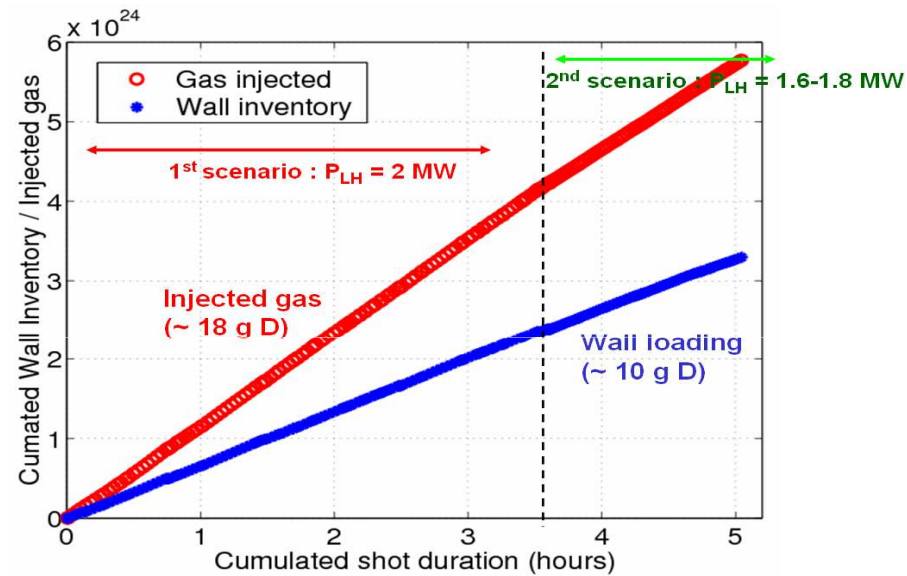
How:

- *In-situ* gas balance
- One section of the Limiter dismantled for *post-mortem* analysis
- **Compare** *post-mortem* analysis and *in-situ* gas balance



In-situ gas balance

>160 plasma shot
(1 min each)



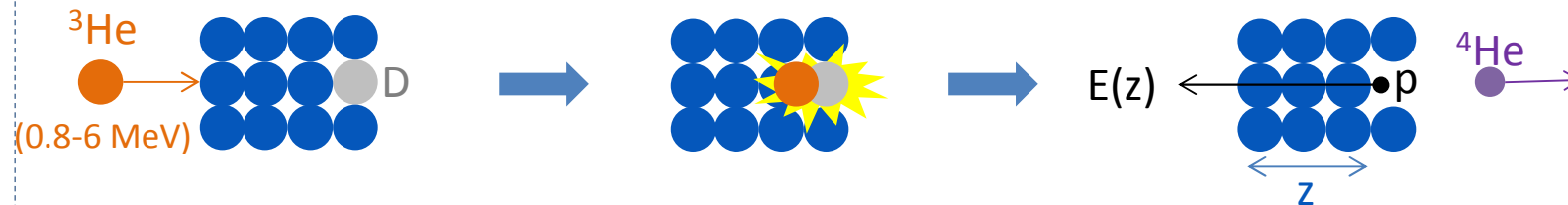
- No saturation
- 10 g of D trapped in the walls during the DITS campaign

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Post-mortem analysis

Aim: find the 10 g

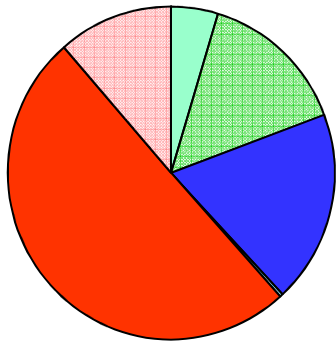
One example: Nuclear Reaction Analysis



- Absolute measurement of D
- D/C in function of z
(down to $\approx 35\text{-}40\ \mu\text{m}$)

Post-mortem analysis

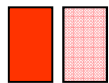
D-content / surface unit



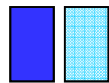
*Extrapolation
to the limiter*

D-content total

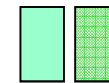
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Thick deposits
tiles / gaps



Thin deposits
tiles / gaps

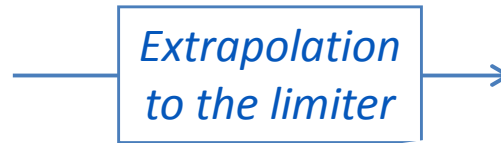


Erosion zones
tiles / gaps

Post-mortem analysis

Methodology:

1) Identifying zones

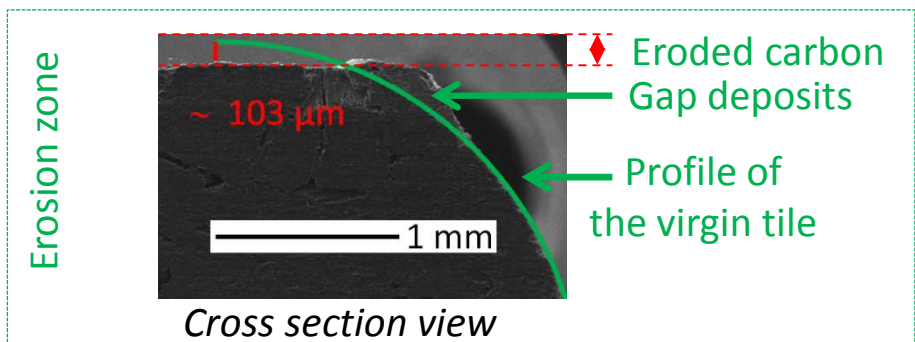
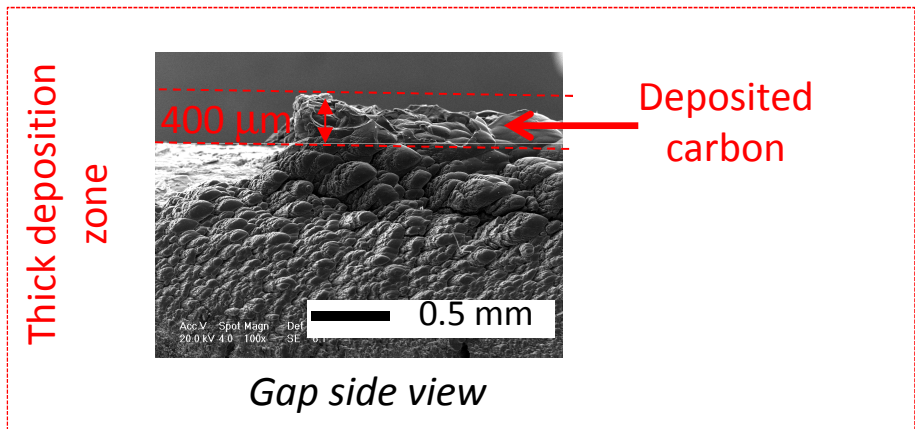


Post-mortem analysis

Methodology:

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- 2) Measuring thickness of relevant tiles

Extrapolation
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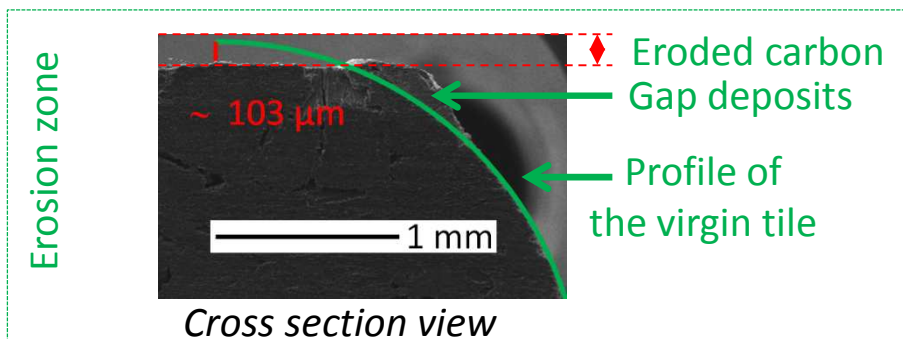
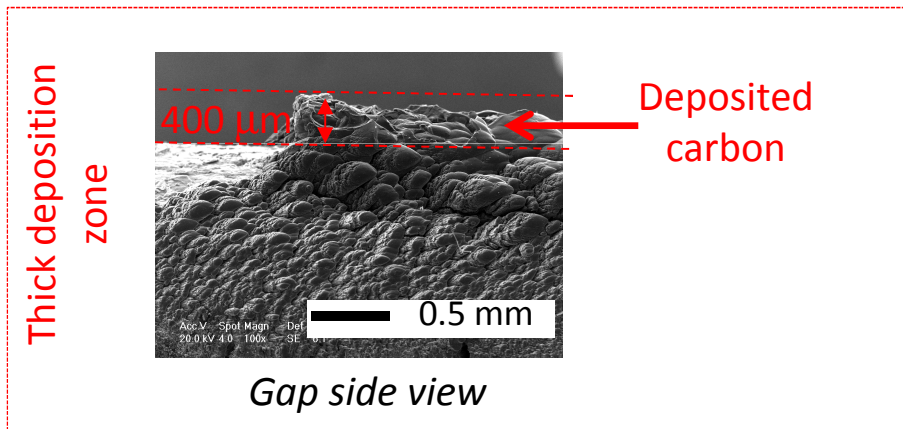
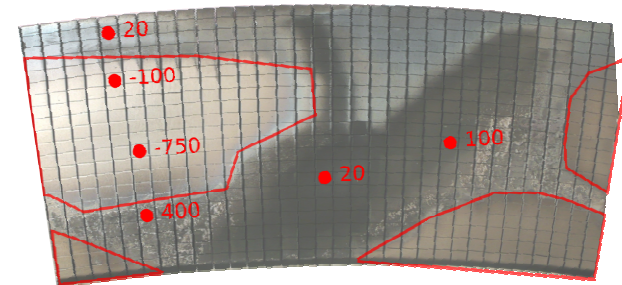


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Methodology:

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- 2) Measuring thickness of relevant tiles
- 3) Identifying frontier of zones

Extrapolation
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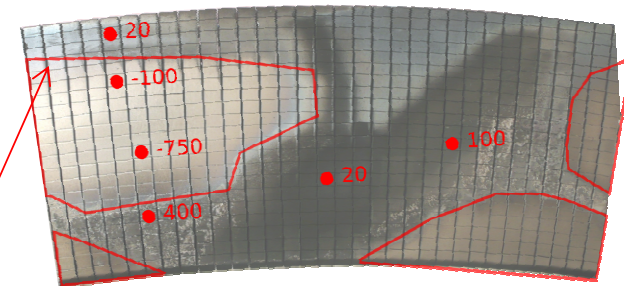


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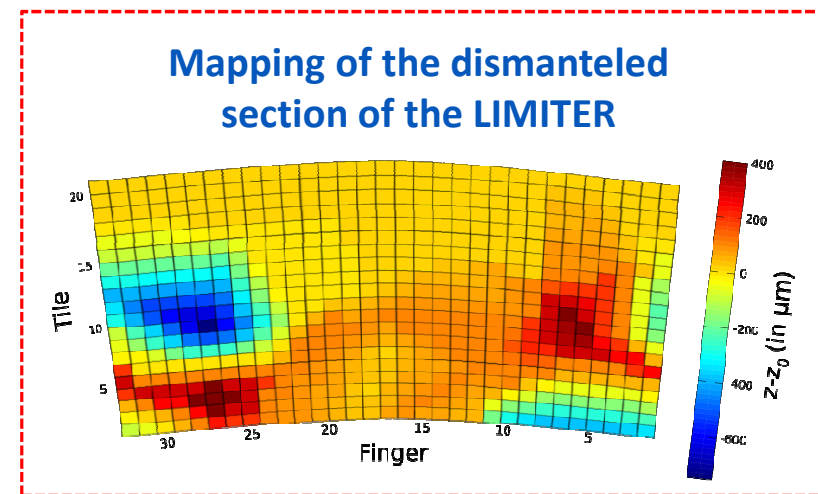
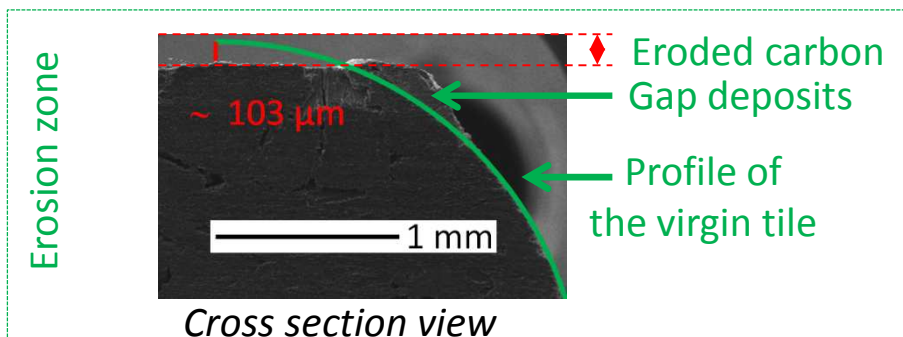
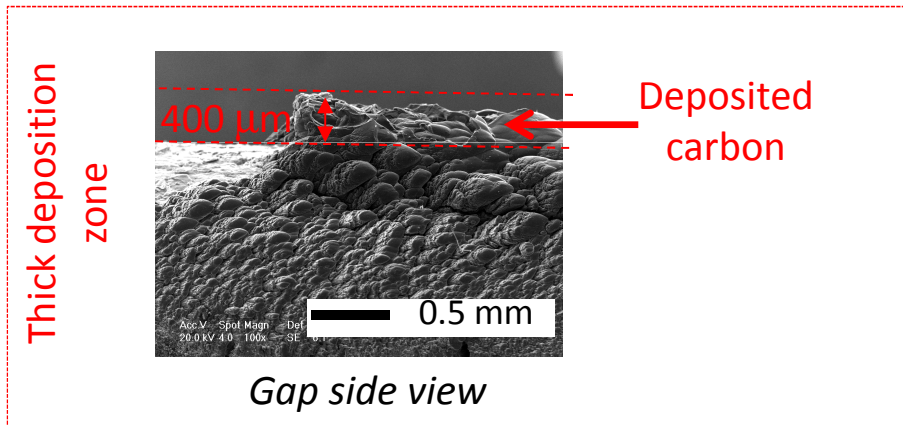
Methodology:

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- 2) Measuring thickness of relevant tiles
- 3) Identifying frontier of zones
- 4) Linear interpolation

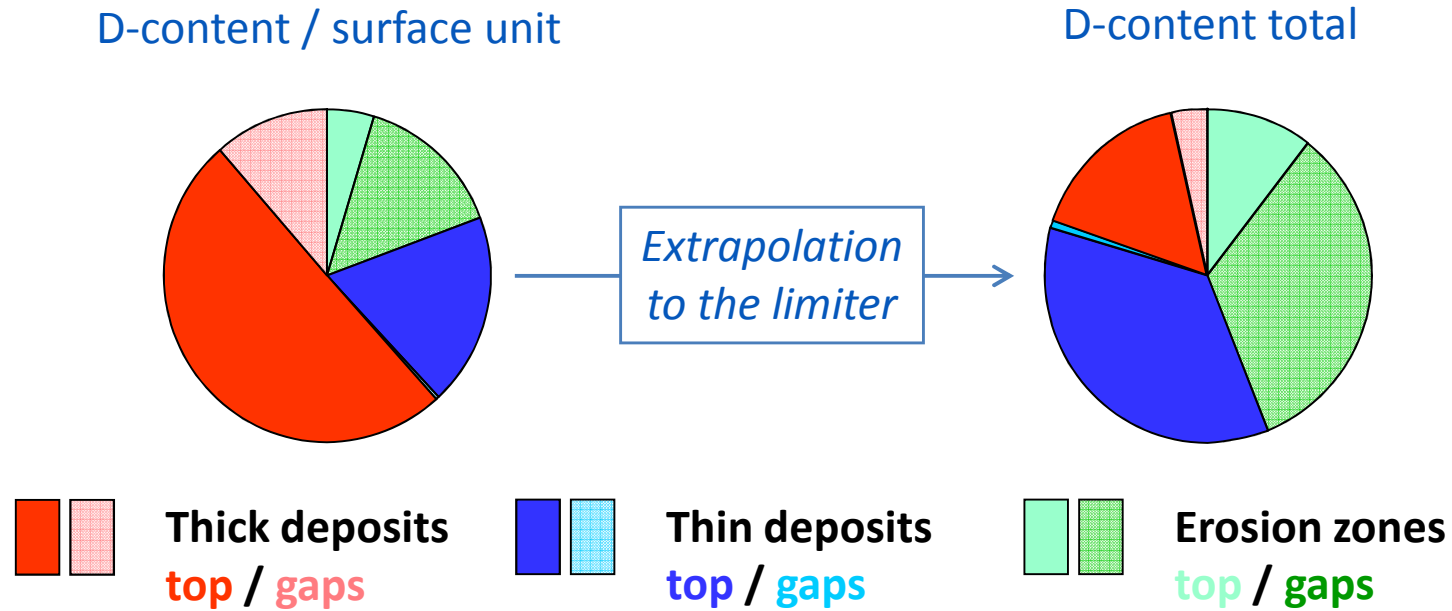
Extrapolation
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z_0 : at the edge of erosion zone



Post-mortem analysis

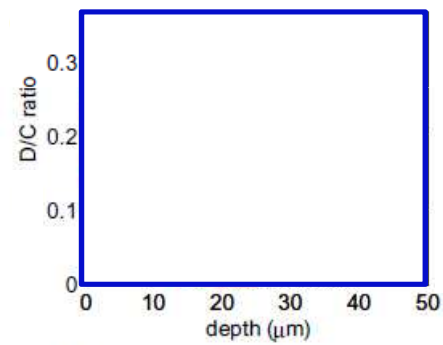
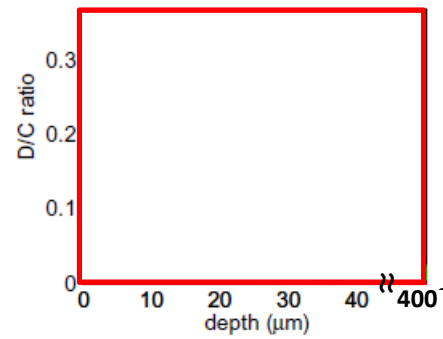


2-3 g of D retained in all the limiter
Where is the missing D ?

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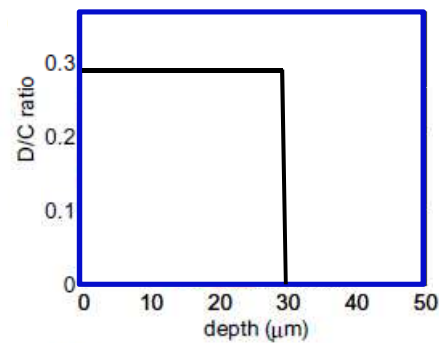
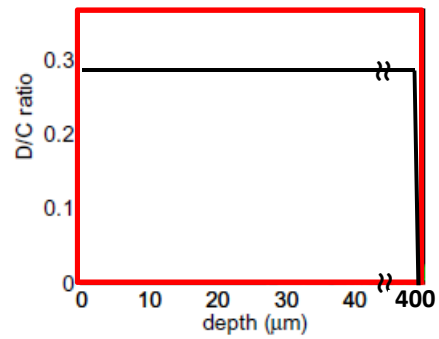
In-depth profiles



-Deposition rate is \approx constant with time

Post-mortem analysis

In-depth profiles



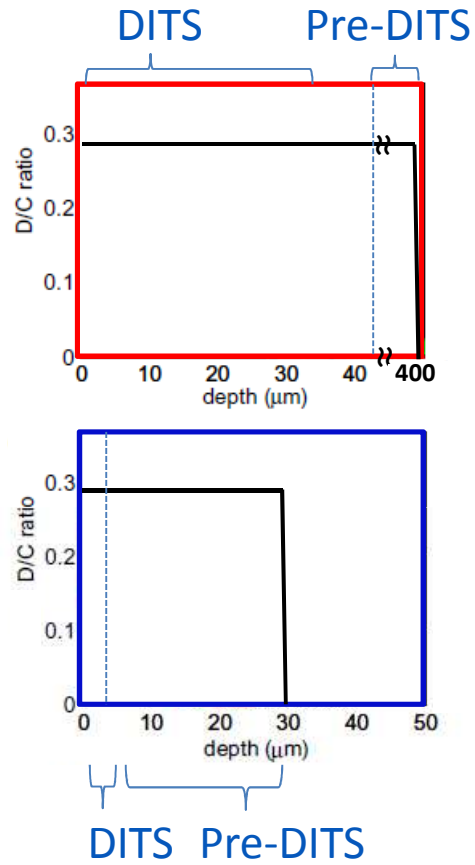
-Deposition rate is \approx constant with time



\approx Constant in-depth profiles

Post-mortem analysis

In-depth profiles



-Fuelling: DITS $\leftrightarrow 1.8 \cdot 10^4$ s
pre-DITS $\leftrightarrow 1.4 \cdot 10^5$ s } $\approx 13 \%$

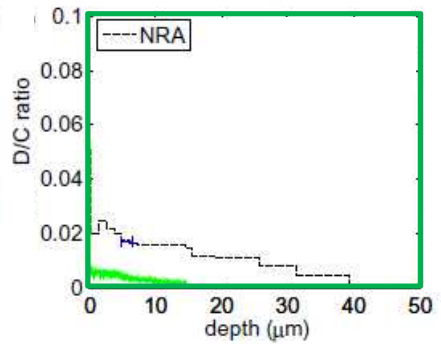
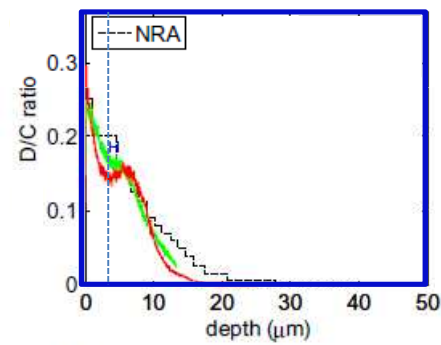
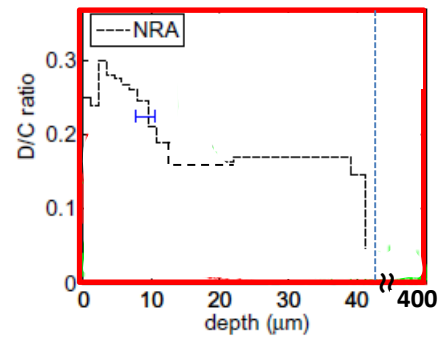
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Post-mortem analysis

In-depth profiles



Decreasing profiles



Slow D-release !

Aim:

→ Characterizing this slow D-release

Technique:

→ Raman spectroscopy

Methodology:

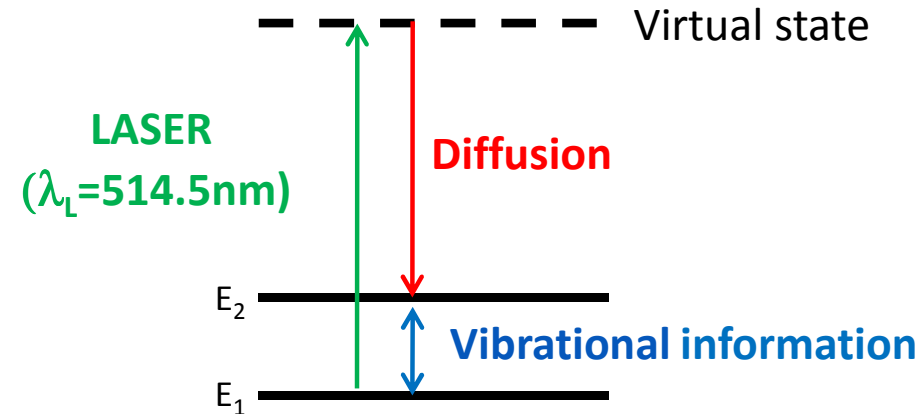
- Refined understanding of Raman spectroscopy on
« well-known » samples
- Comparative study with Tore Supra samples

III – Raman spectroscopy as a tool

→ *Structural characterization*

→ *H-content estimator*

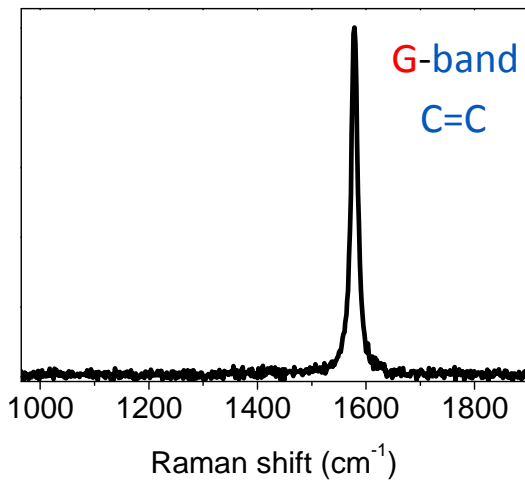
Raman spectroscopy



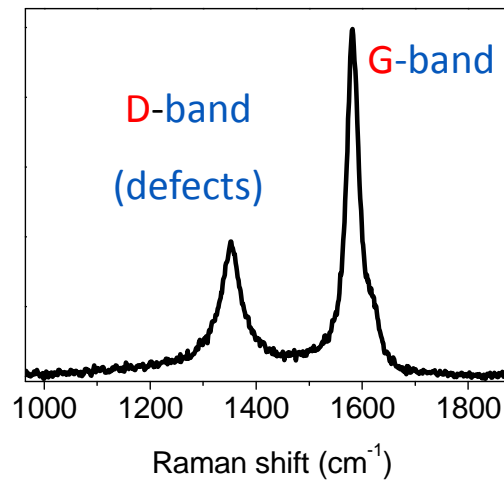
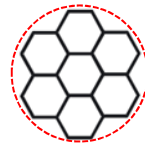
- **Local probe** (surface $\approx 1\mu\text{m}^2$, depth $\approx 10\text{-}500\text{ nm}$)
- **Fast technique** (1 spectrum in $\approx 100\text{ s}$ or less)
- « **Non destructive** » technique

Raman spectroscopy of carbons

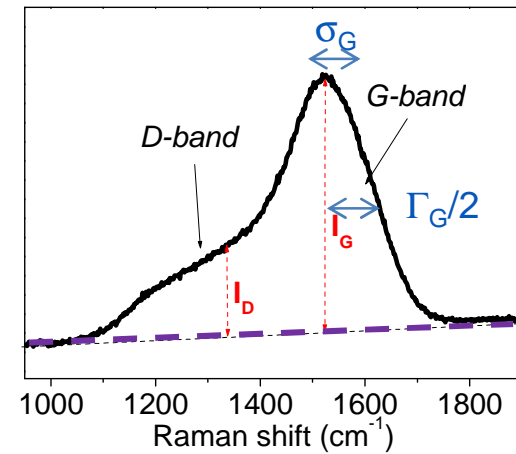
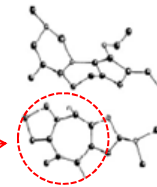
Graphite



Nanocrystalline graphite



Amorphous carbon



L_a

- Spectrum dominated by sp² C
- Influence of sp³ C
- **D band: probe of aromatic domains**



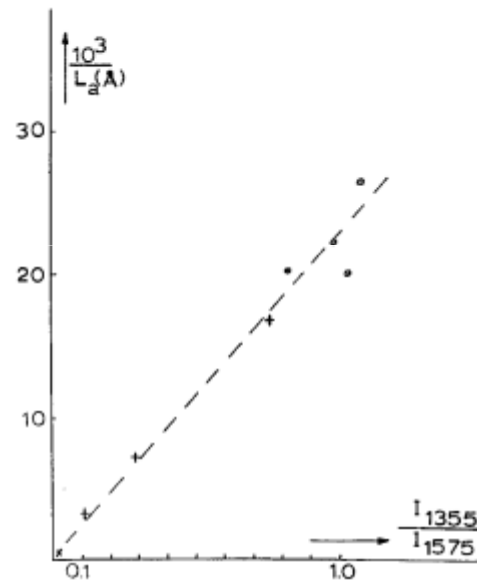
Local ordering

Local ordering in nc-G

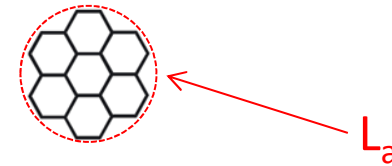
Experimental evidence

X-ray data →

L_a → obtained by
the width
diffraction peaks



↑
Raman data



$$\frac{I_D}{I_G} \propto \frac{1}{L_a}$$

Tuinstra and Koenig
J. Chem. Phys. 53, 1126 (1970)

Local ordering in a-C

Experimental evidence

$$\frac{I_D}{I_G} \propto \frac{1}{E_g^2}$$

Chhowalla and co.
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In aromatic clusters:

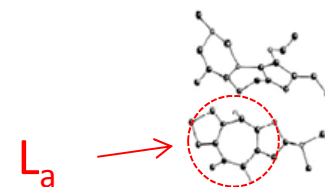
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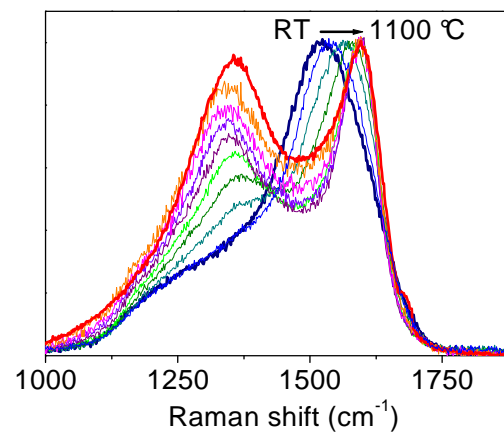
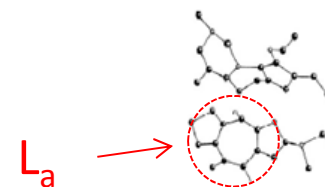
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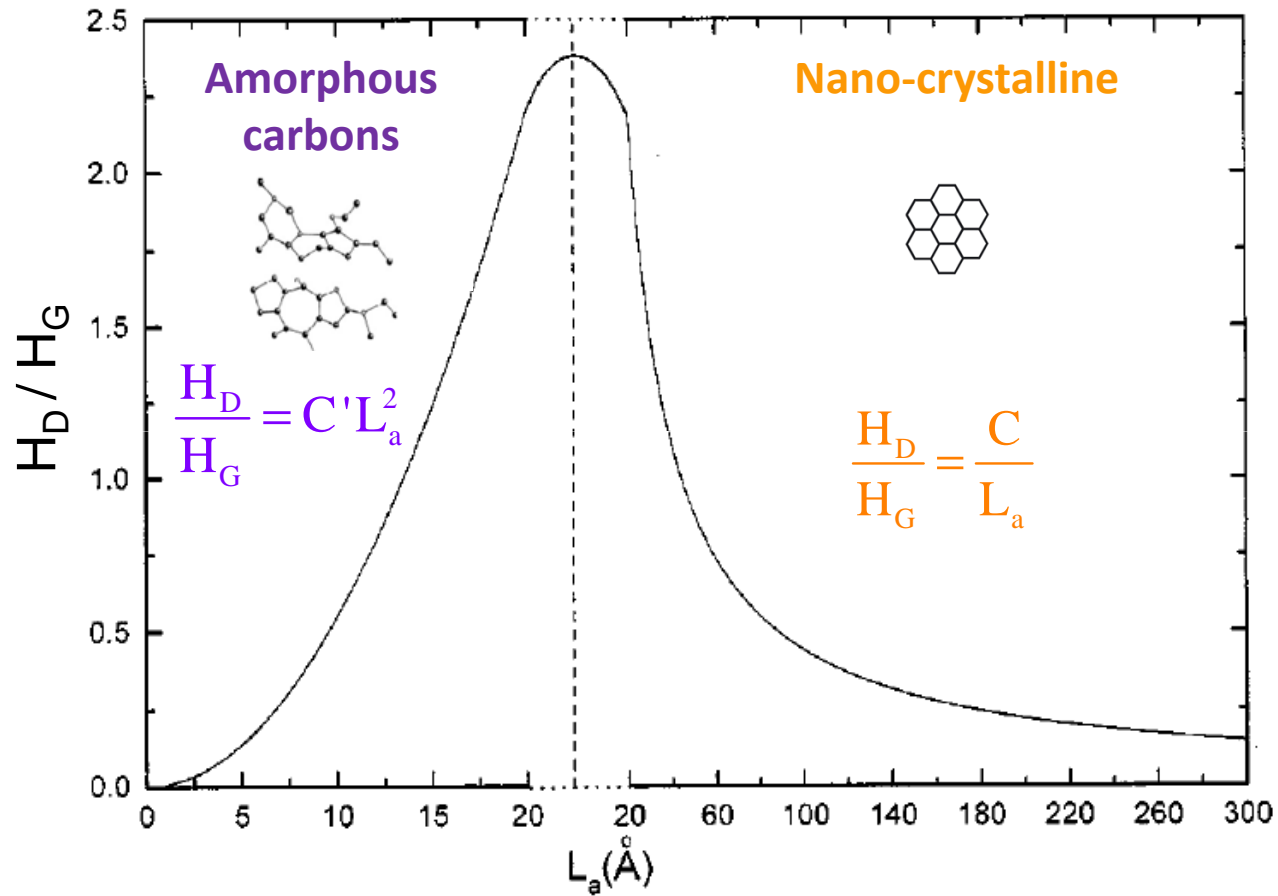
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UHV conditions

$\frac{I_D}{I_G}$ increases
 $\frac{\sigma_G}{\Gamma_G}$ shifts
 Γ_G narrowing
 } organization increases

Raman spectroscopy of carbons



Transition ≈ 2 nm

Ferrari and Robertson
Phys. Rev. B **61**, 14095(2000)



Quantifying ion-induced defects and Raman relaxation length in graphene

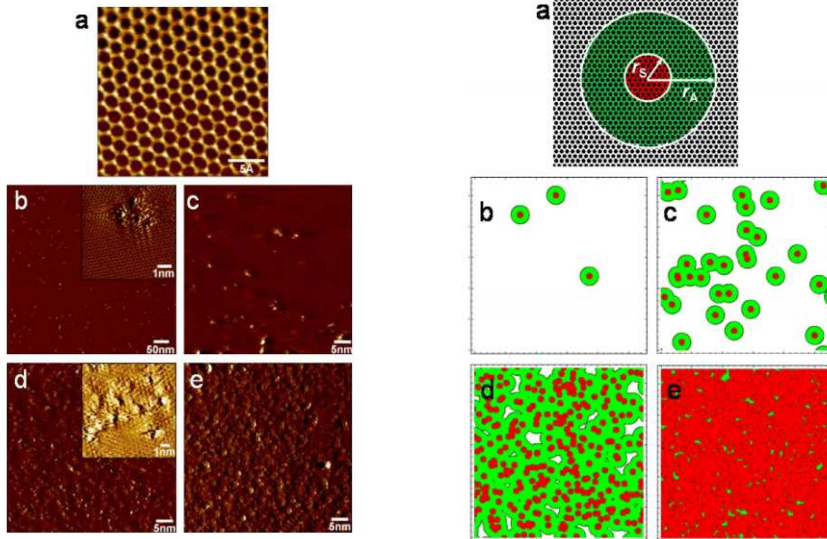
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STM/Raman on exfoliated Graphene

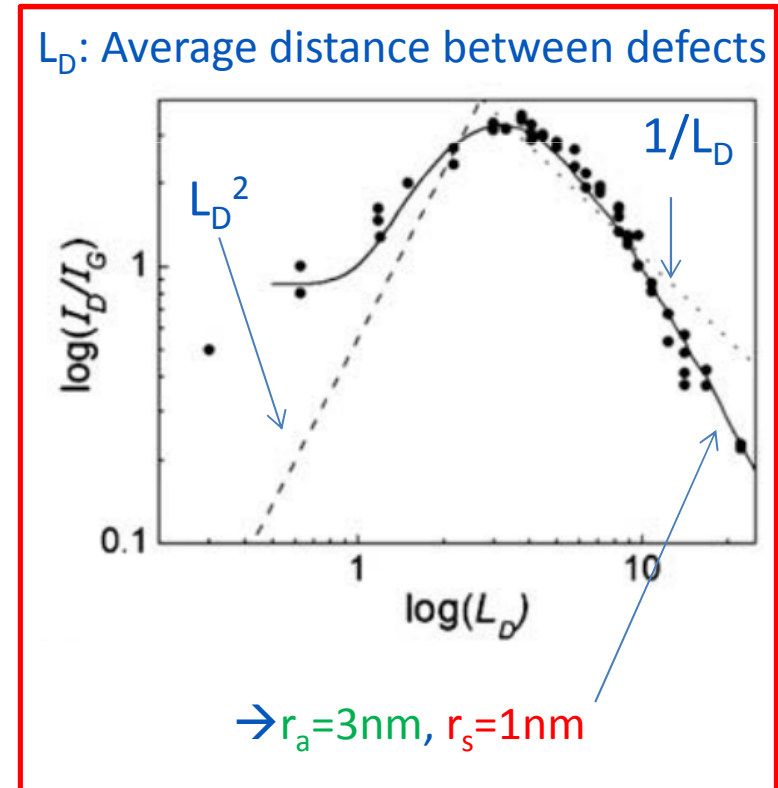
Modelisation of the defects: 2 zones

→ *Structural disorder occurring after ion impact*

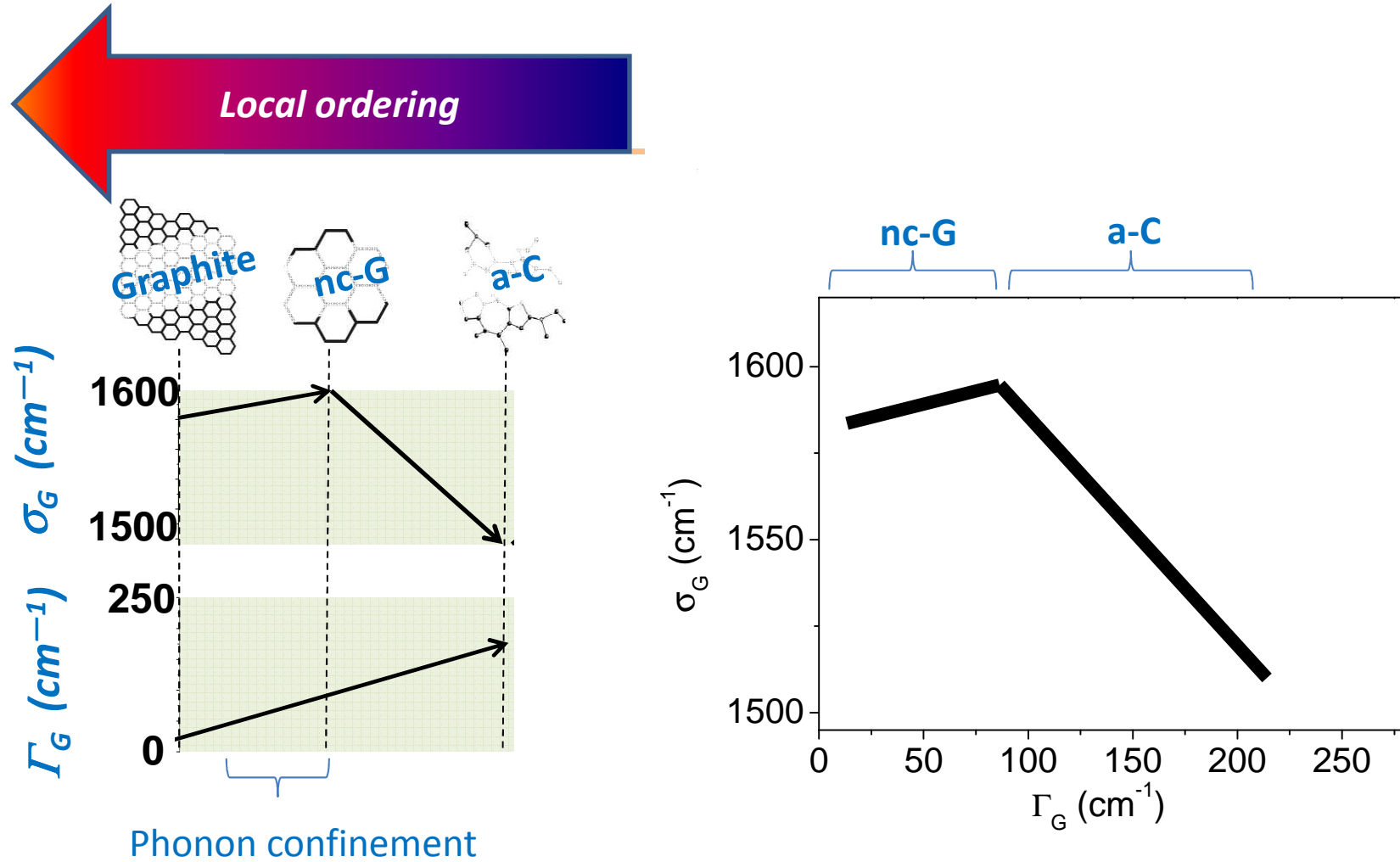
→ *Selection rules relaxation (activated region)*



From b to e: $10^{11} \rightarrow 10^{14} \text{ Ar}^+ (90 \text{ eV}) \text{ cm}^{-2}$



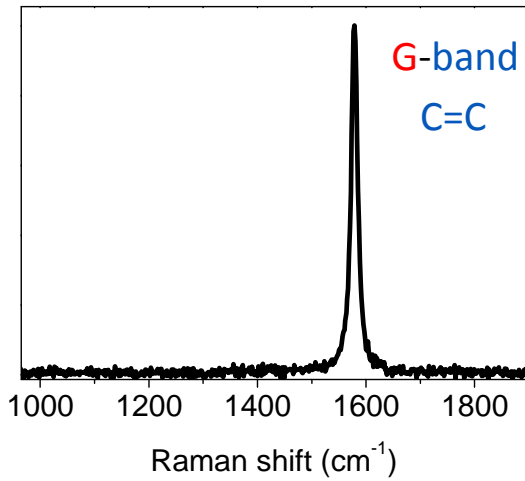
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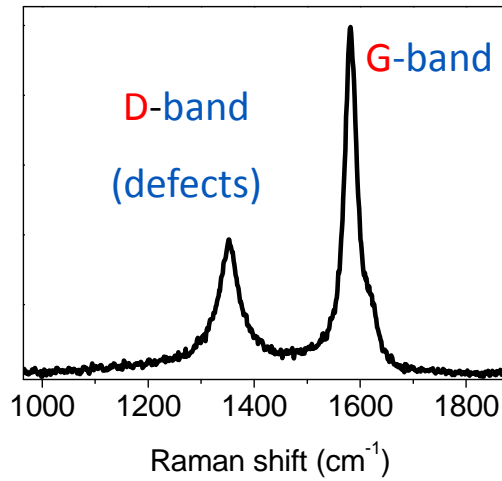
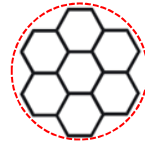
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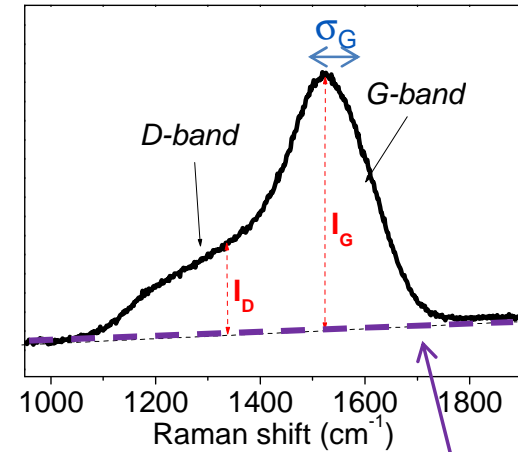
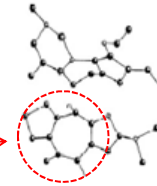
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L_a

Photoluminescence background

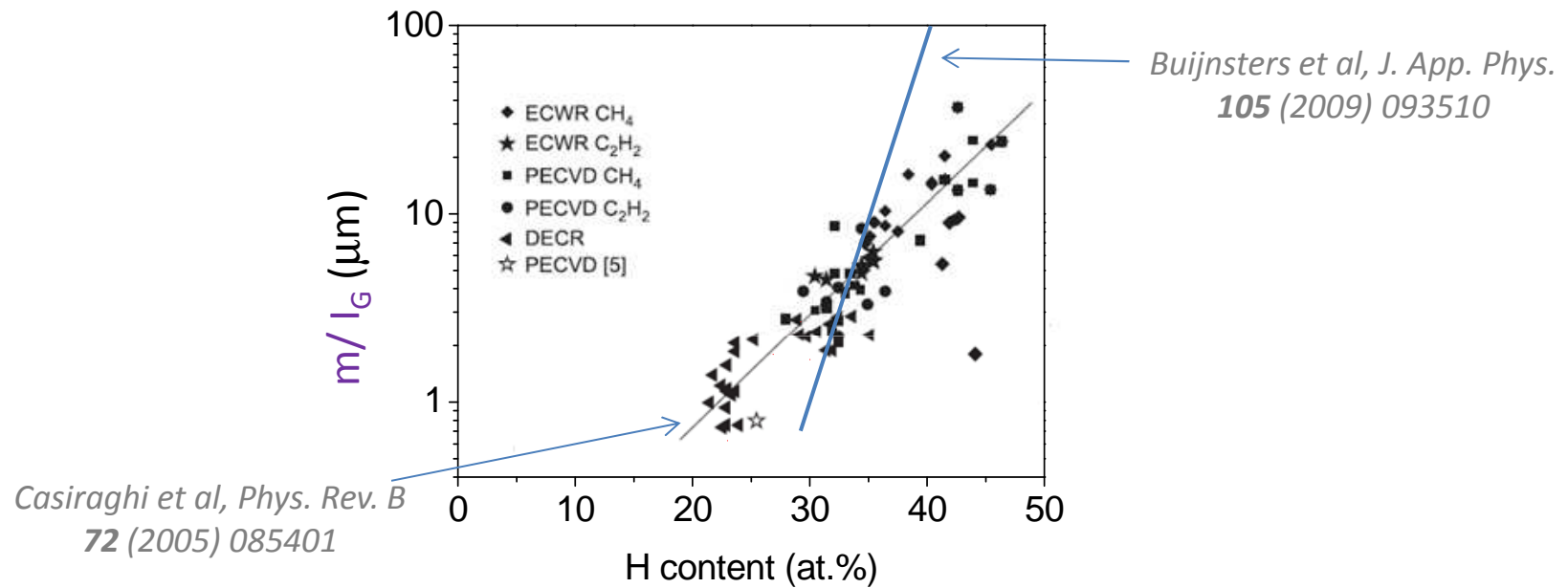


Hydrogen content

Slope: m

Hydrogen content

For as-deposited a-C



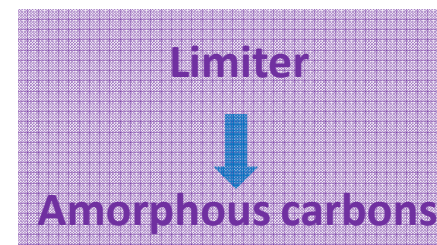
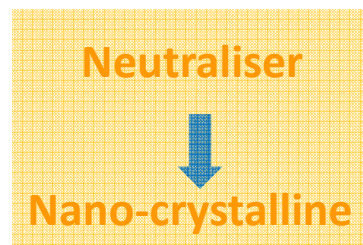
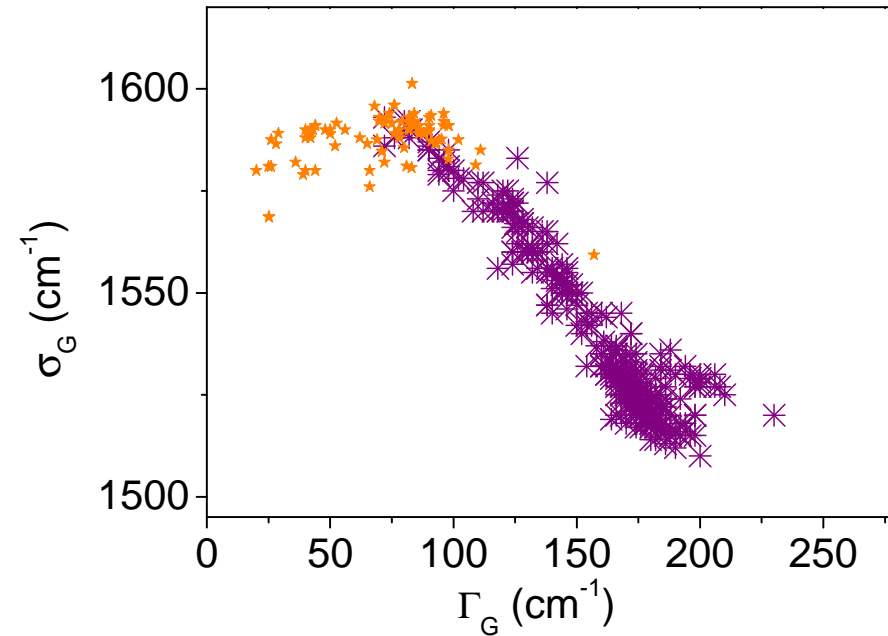
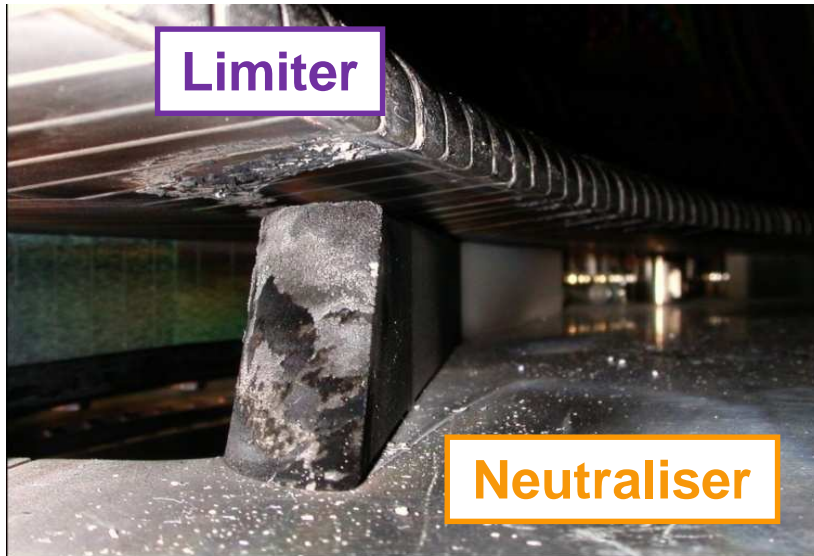
- Modification of the band tail luminescence model of a-Si:H**
- Radiative recombination occurs in sp^2 clusters
 - Non radiative recombination centers are paramagnetic defects

Robertson, Phys. Rev. B 53 (1996) 16302

IV - Results

→ Raman spectroscopy of TS samples

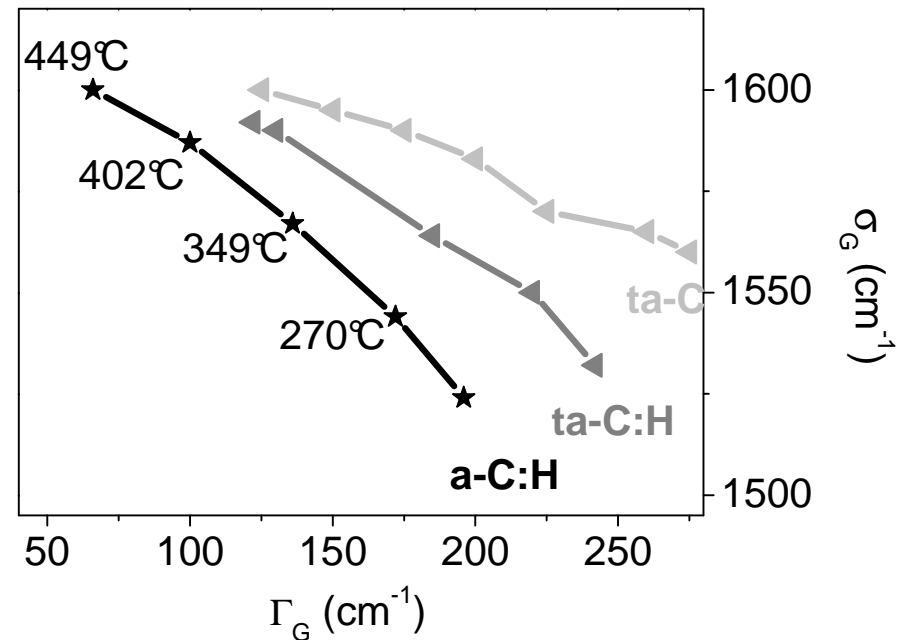
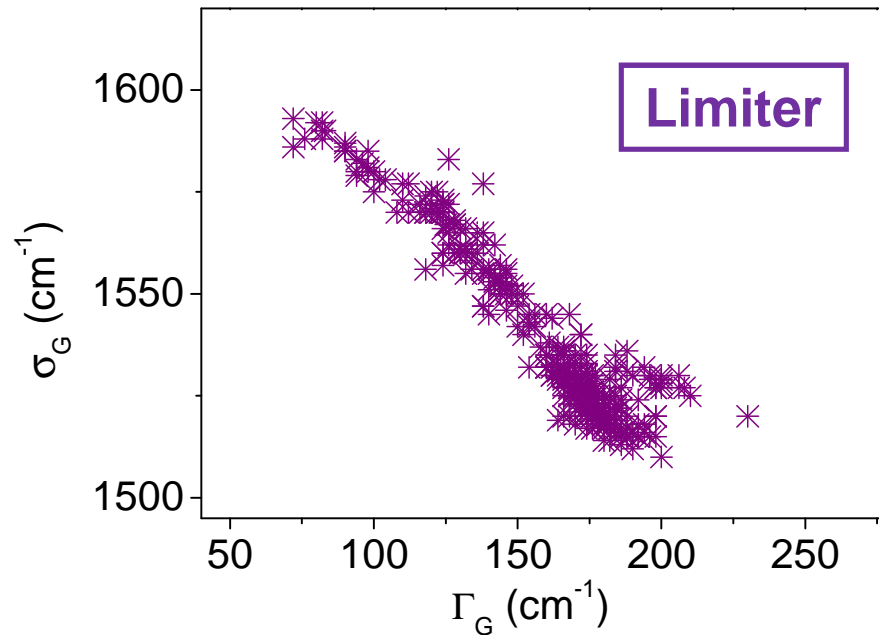
Raman spectroscopy of Tore supra deposits



Heterogeneity on both Neutraliser and Limiter → Statistical treatment

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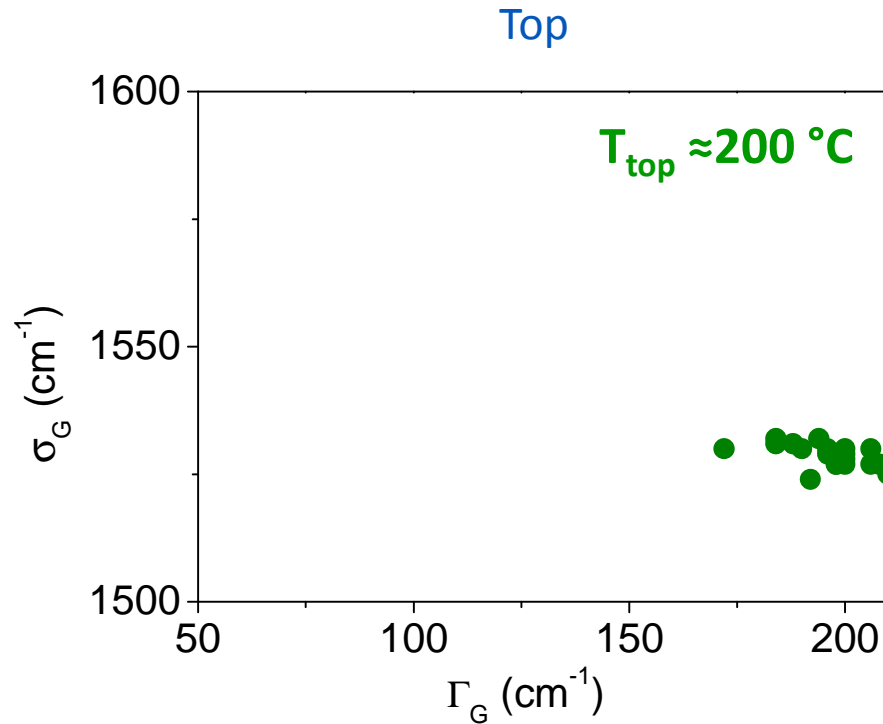
→ Focus on the limiter



On the limiter : of « a-C:H type »
Local organization → **Role of surface T ?**

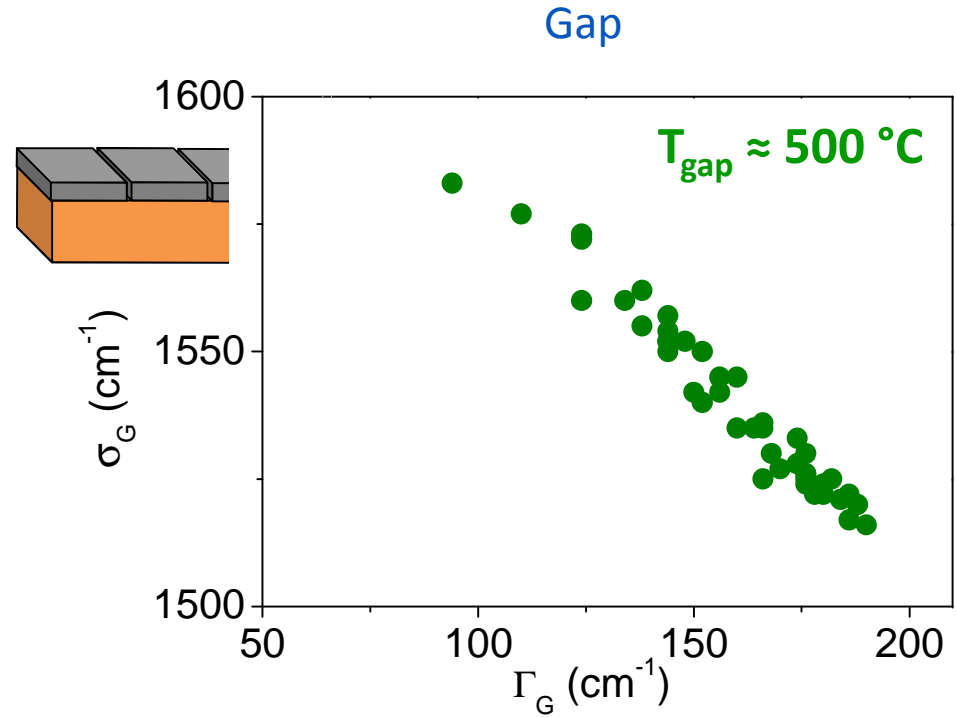
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Erosion zone



Homogeneous structure
Amorphous

Top bombarded
→ C/C amorphised

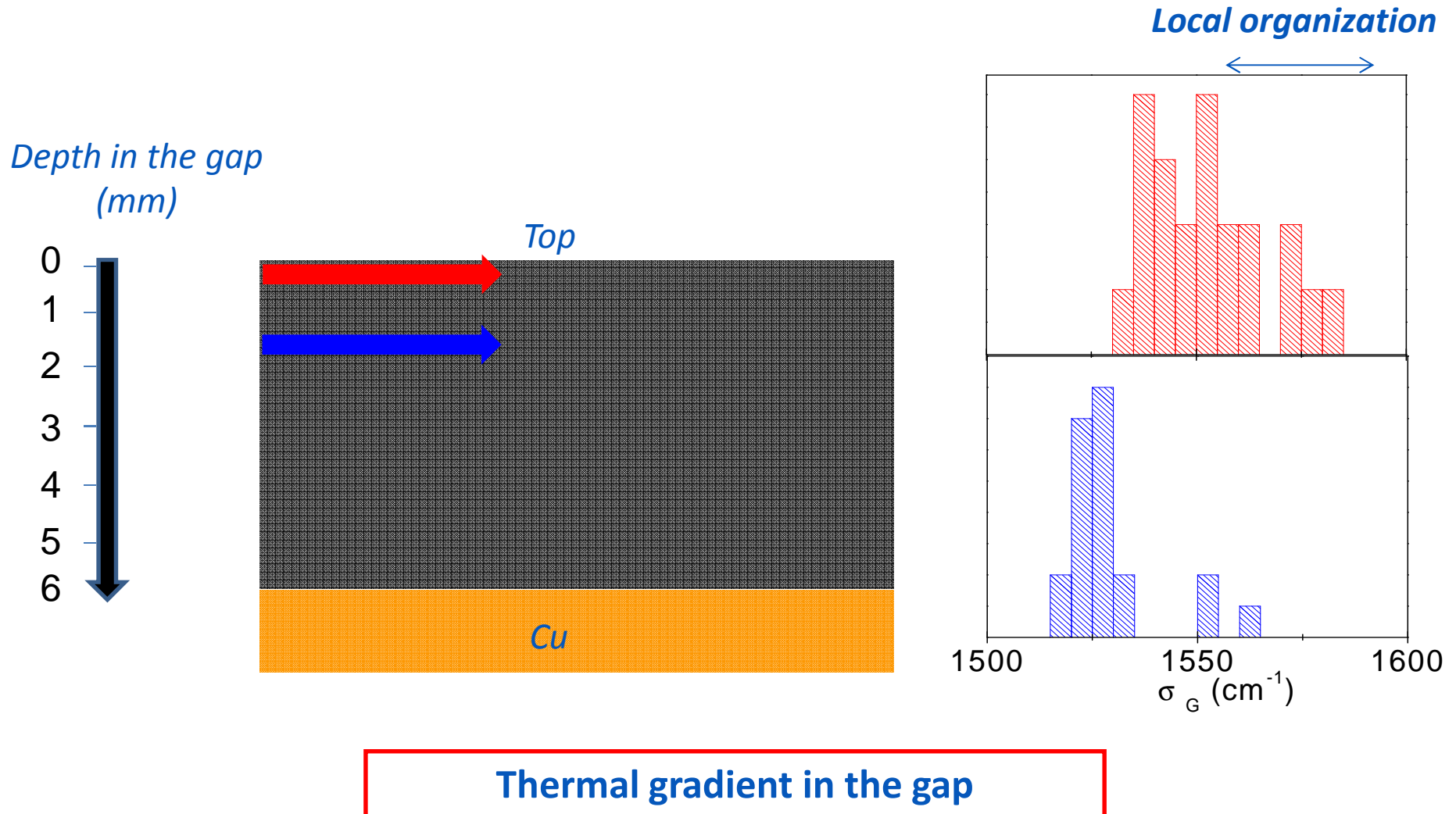


Inhomogeneous structure
Local organization

Deposit

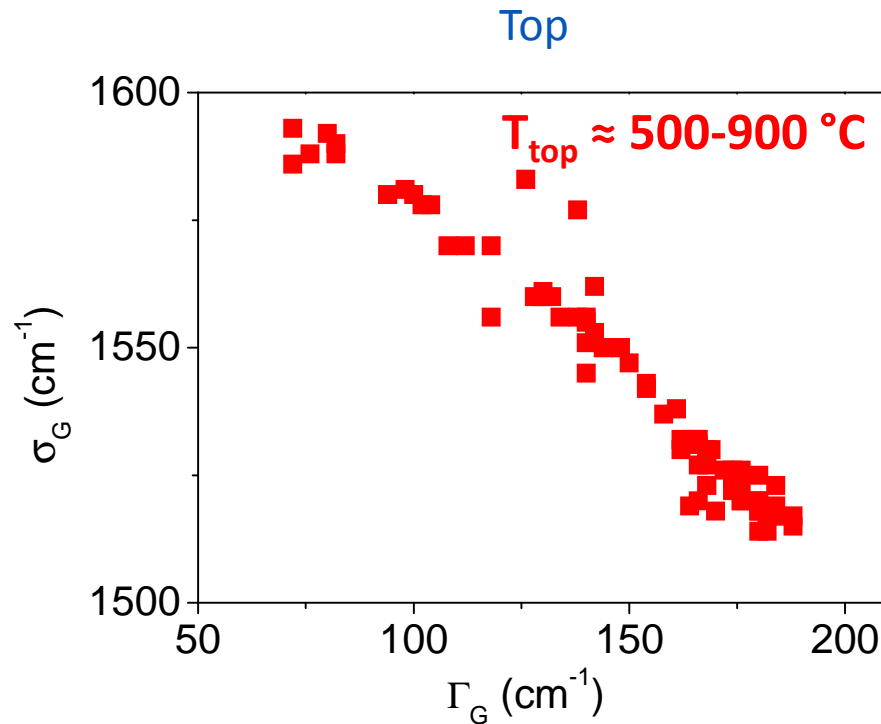
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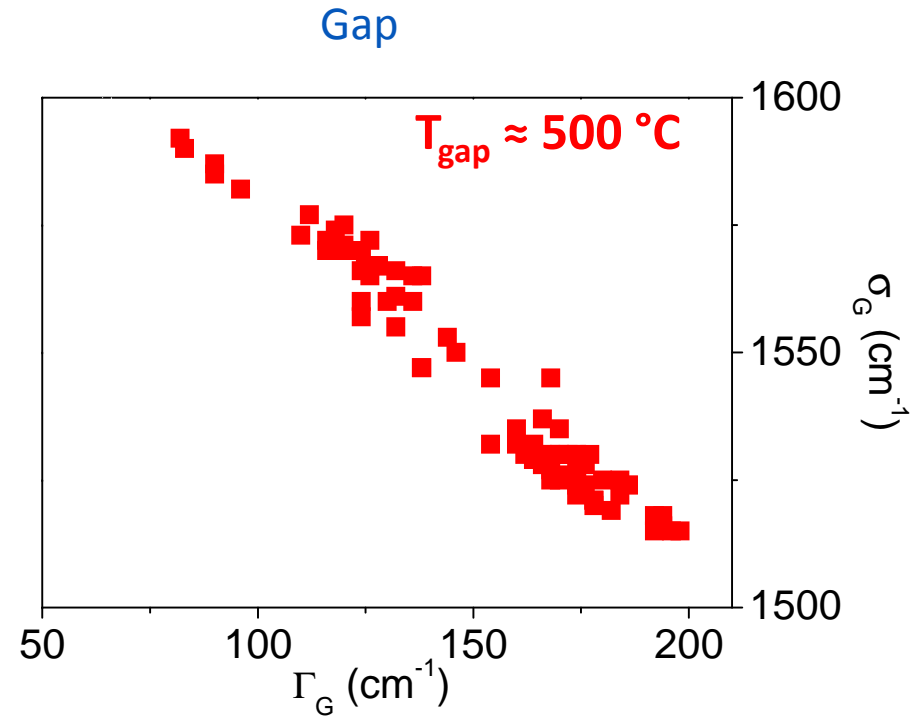


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Thick deposit zone



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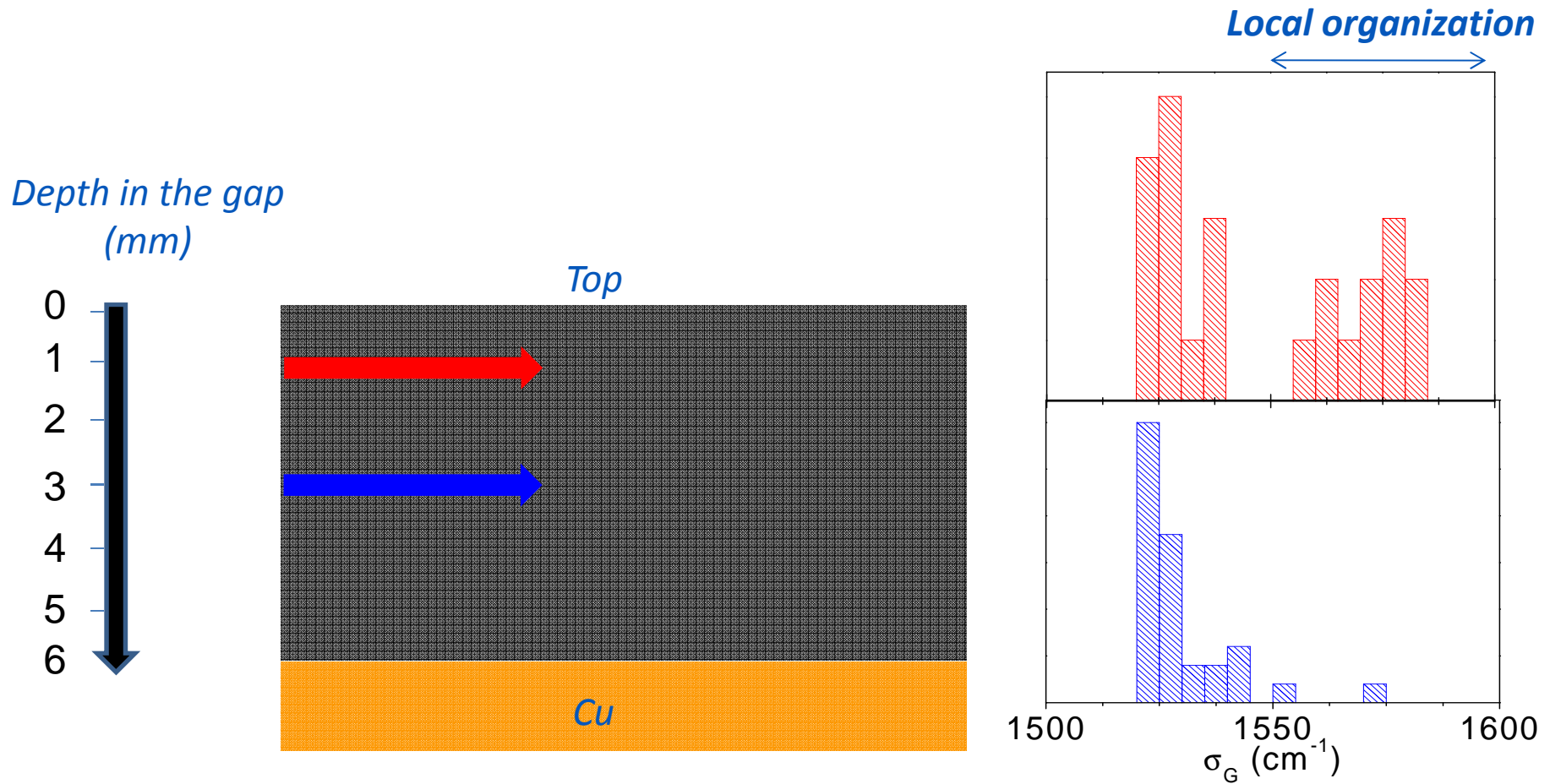


Inhomogeneous structure
Local organization

Caused by: → Surface temperature inhomogeneity?
 → Precursor and/or ion energy?

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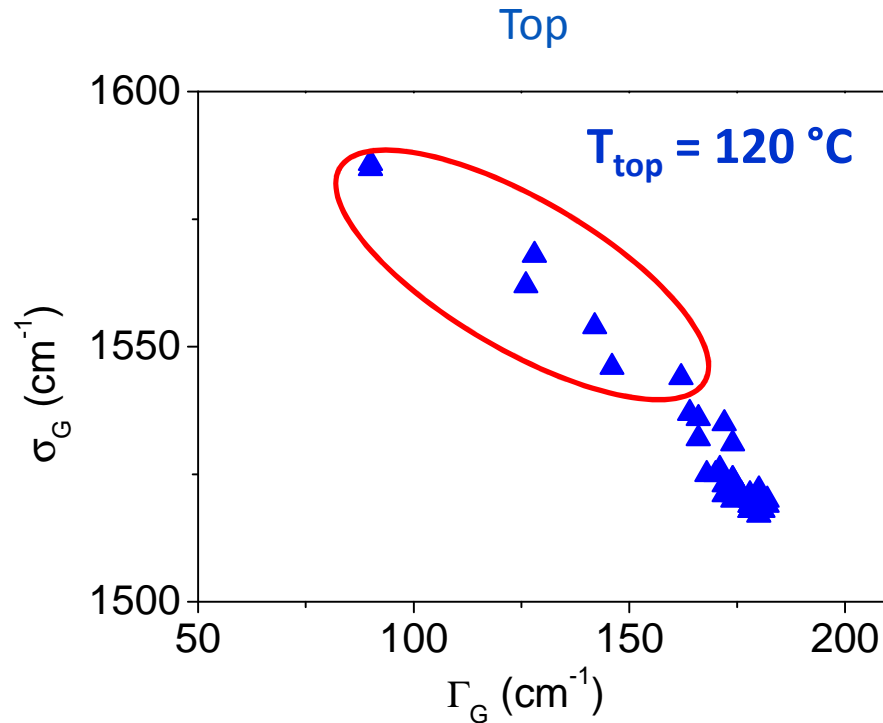
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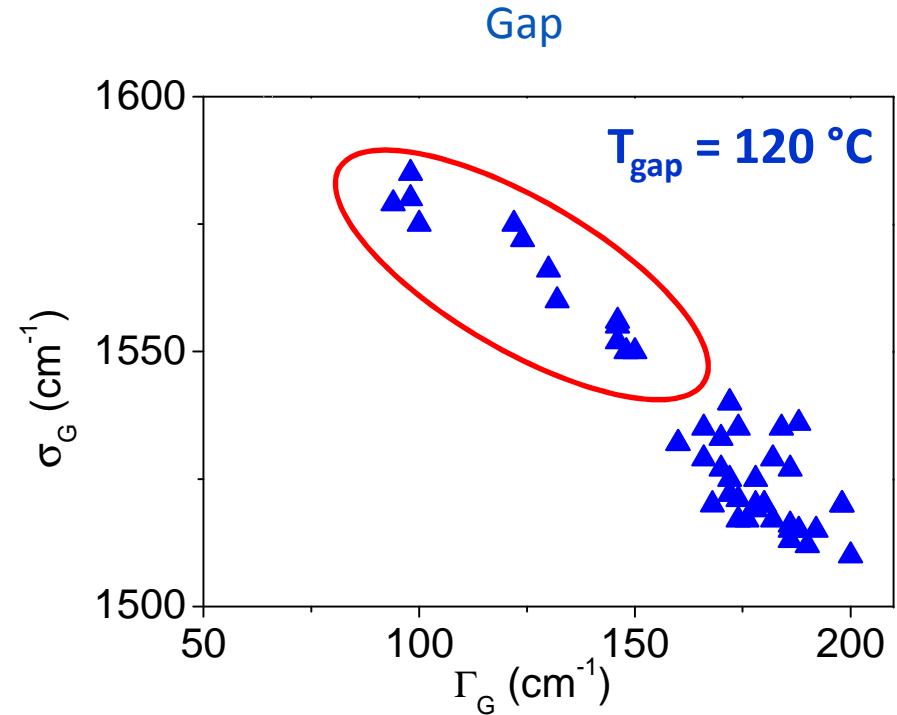
Thermal gradient in the gap

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Thin deposit zone



Inhomogeneous structure



Inhomogeneous structure

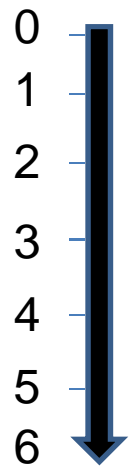
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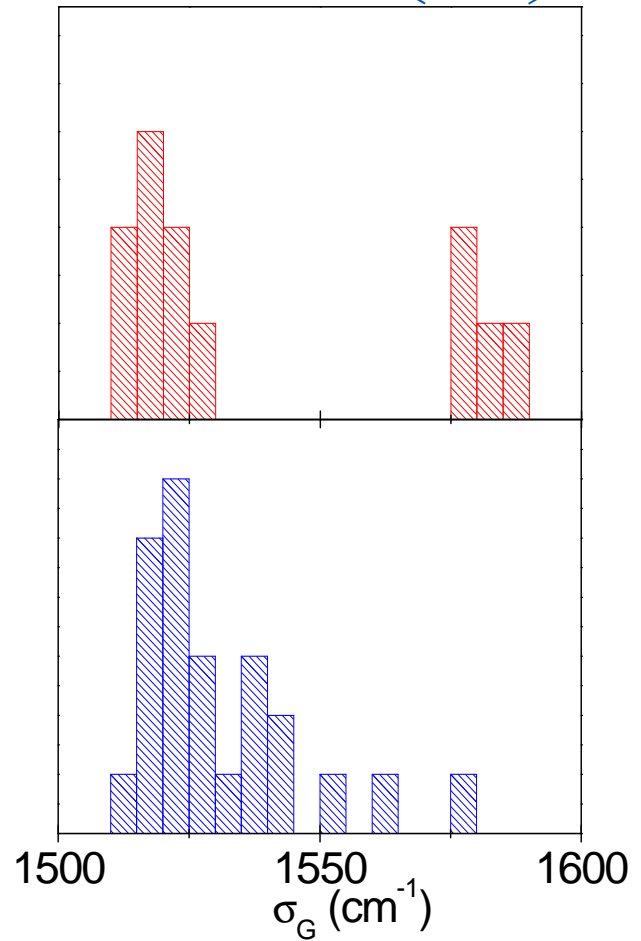
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Thin deposit zone

Depth in the gap
(mm)



Local organization



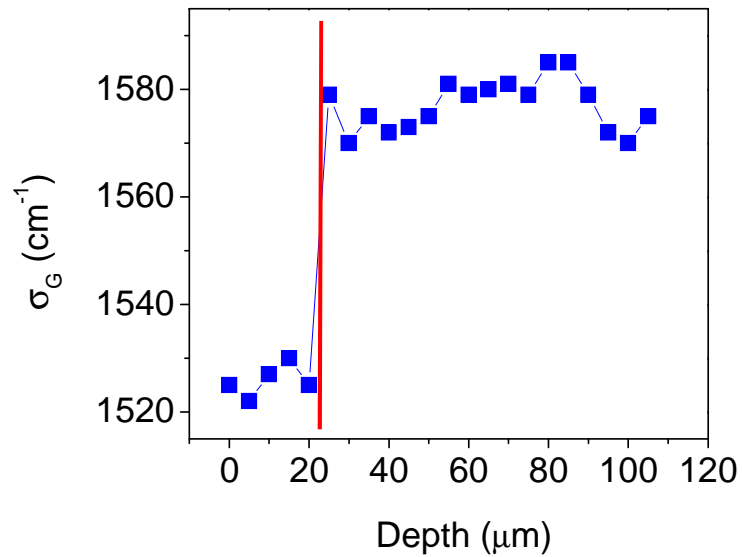
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Thin deposit zone: In-depth profile



20 $\mu\text{m} \approx 1$ hour of plasma



→ Structural changes

Consistent with NRA
Showing a D-diminution in depth

Dittmar *et al.*, Physica Scripta (2009)
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Even at $T=120^\circ\text{C}$
→ Slow processes leading to H-loss

IV - Results

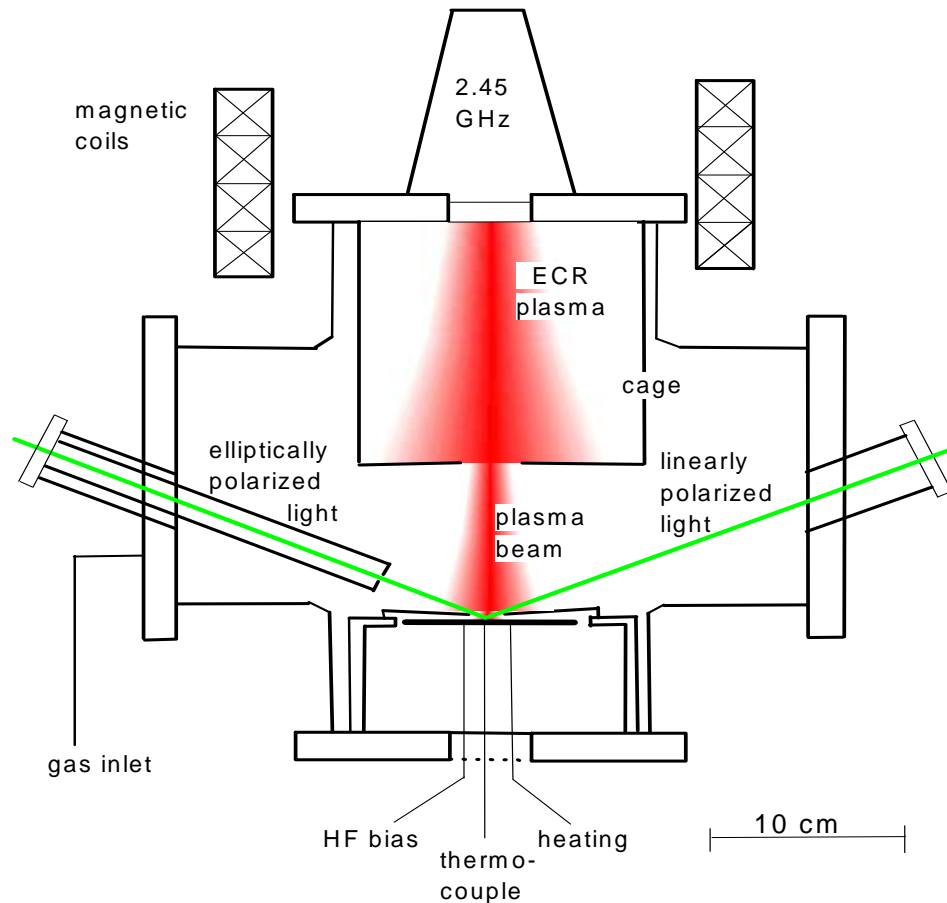
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Hydrogenated amorphous carbons



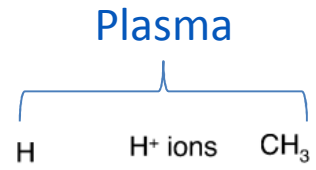
Plasma deposited

- Precursor: CH_4
- On silicon wafer
- $e \approx 200 \text{ nm}$
- $1.7\text{-}1.9 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$
- $E_{\text{ions}} \approx 100\text{-}300 \text{ eV}$
- $\text{H}/\text{H}+\text{C} \approx 30\text{-}40\% \text{ (NRA)}$

A. von Keudell and W. Jacob, Journal of Applied Physics 79, 1092–1098 (1996)

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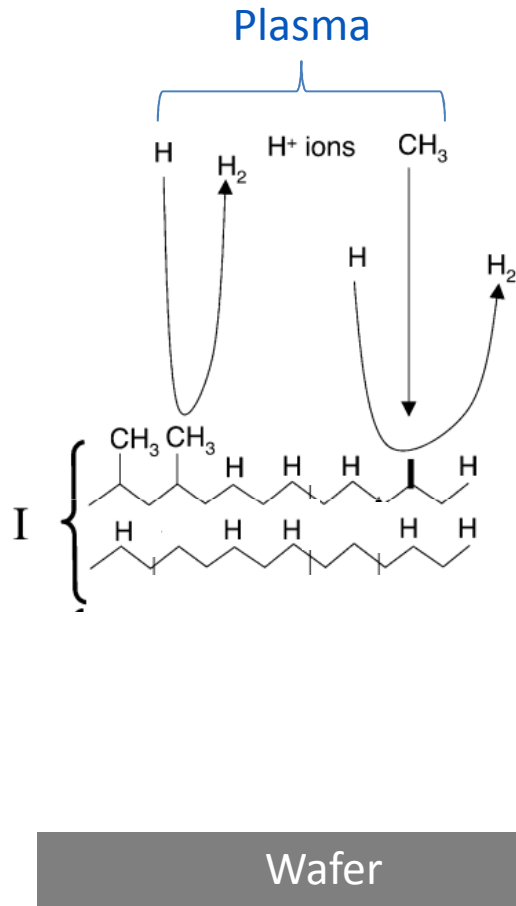
a-C:H growth



Wafer

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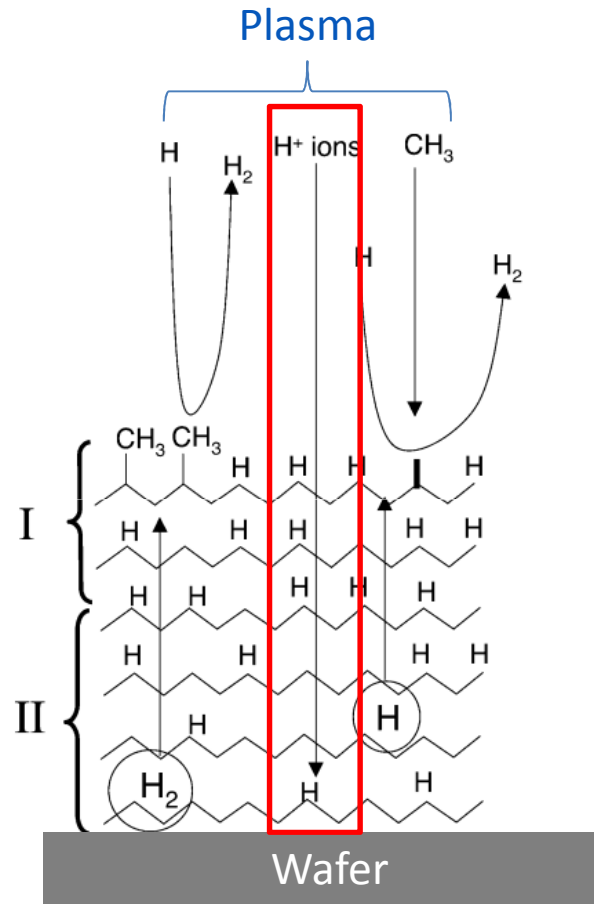
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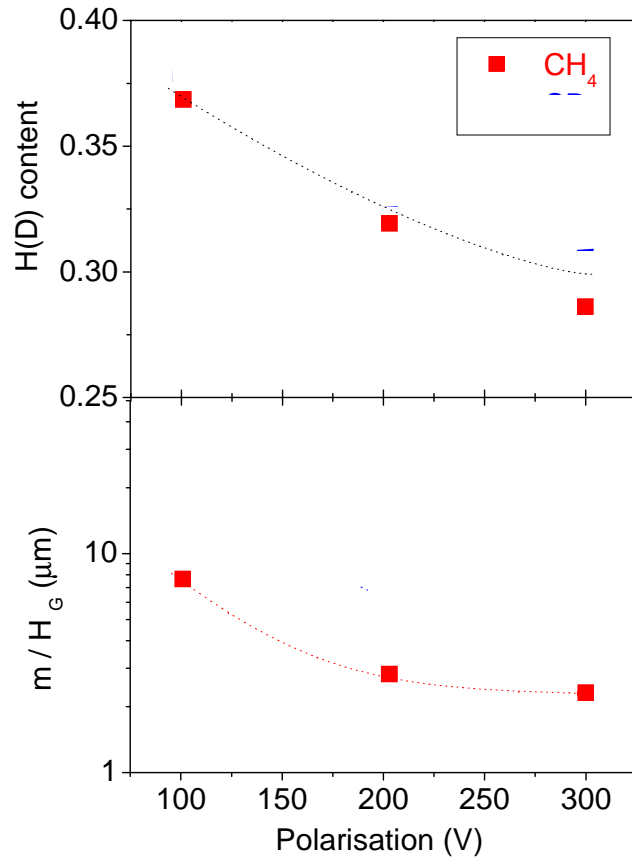
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Ion-dominated zone

-H⁺ implantation → bonding in the film

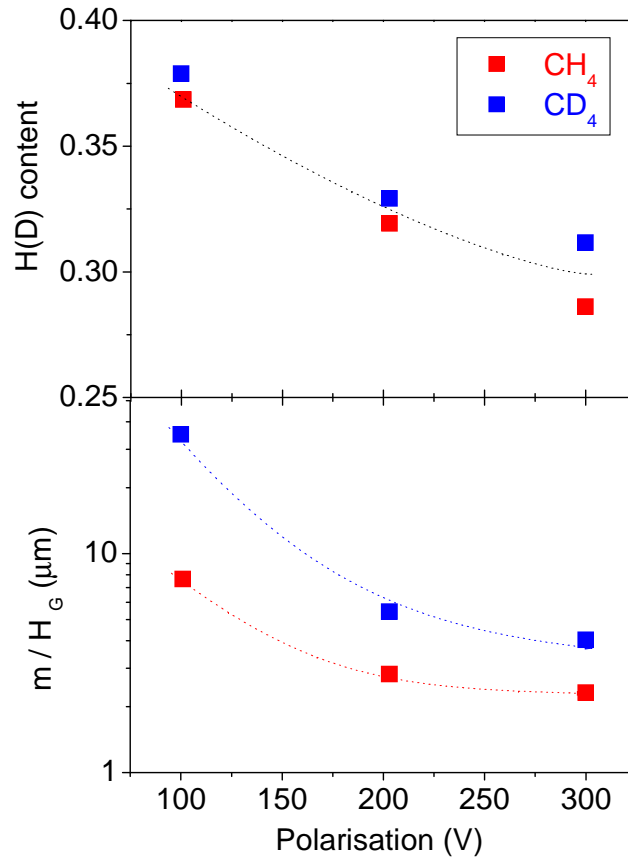
-Displaced H atoms can recombine to form H₂

Defect density in the layer: isotopic effect



→ -H content decreases with polarisation

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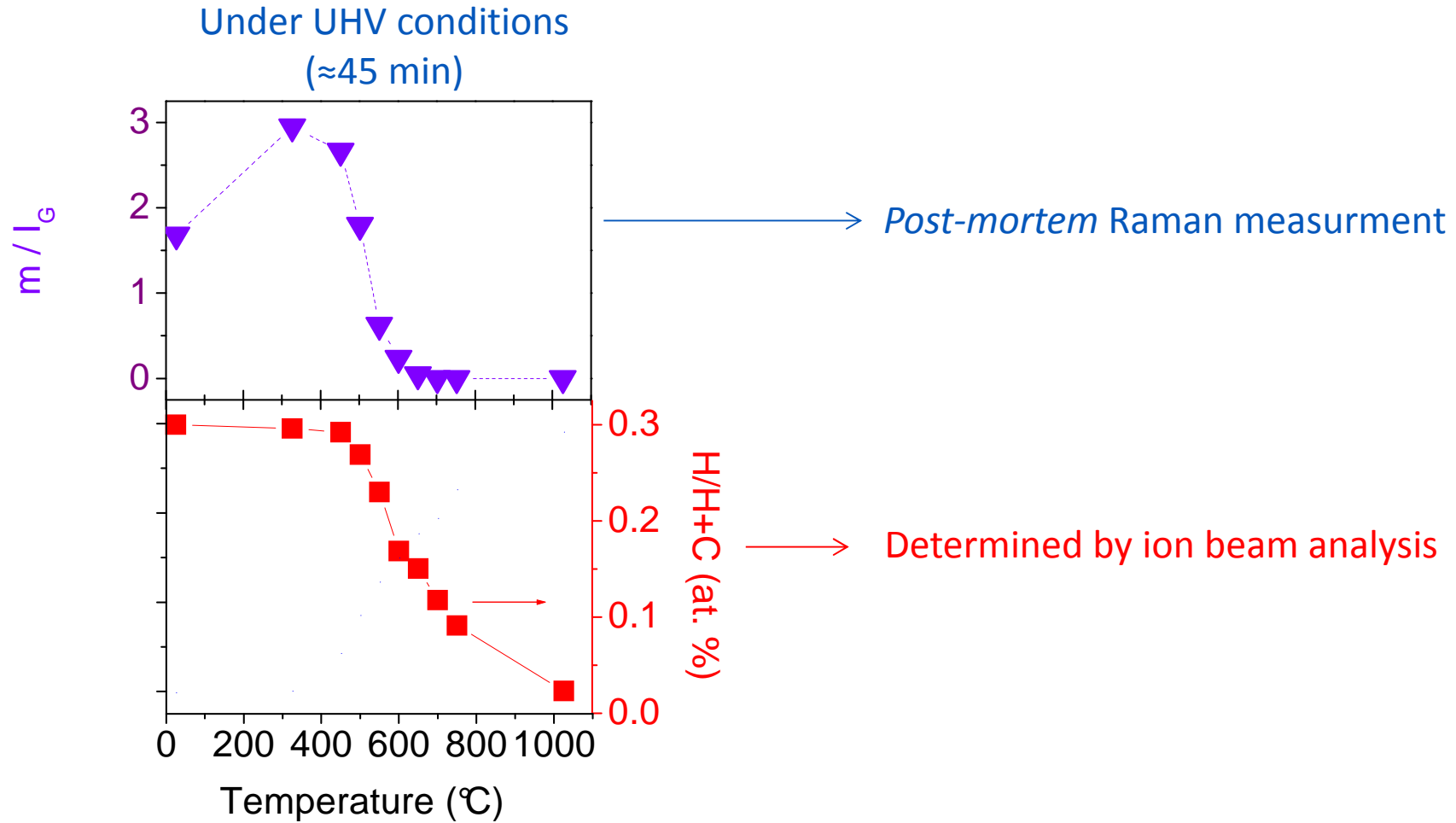
→ -H(D) content decreases with polarisation
 - For a given polarisation: H and D content ≈

→ $-m/H_G(D) > m/H_G(H)$

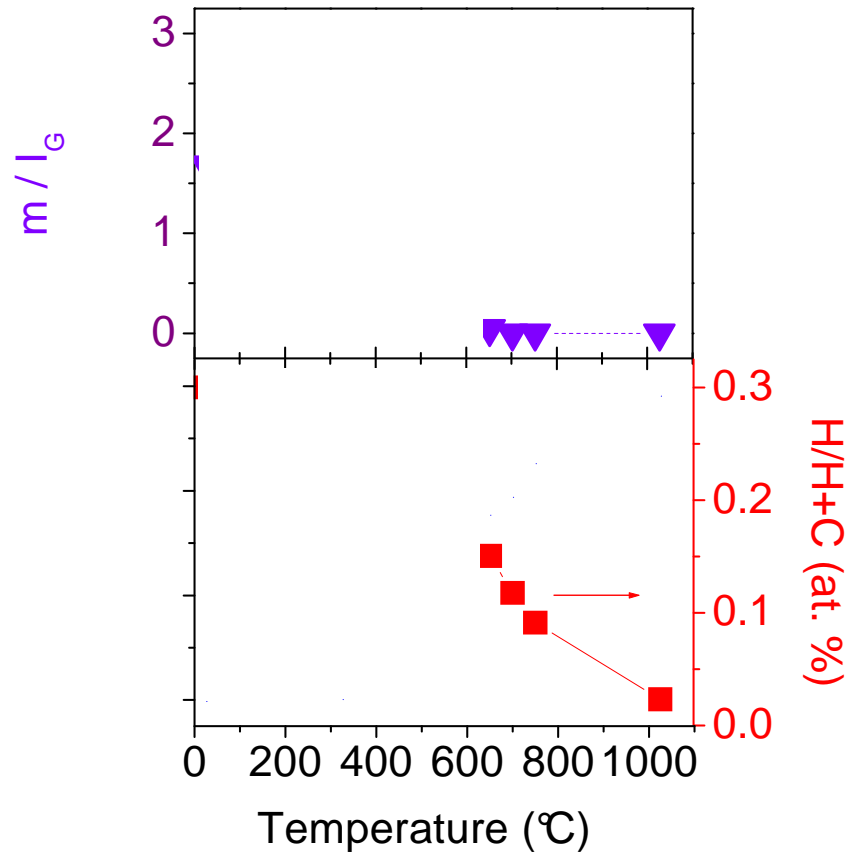
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_H = m_H V_H \\ P_D = m_D V_D \\ E_H = E_D \end{array} \right\} \frac{P_D}{P_H} = \sqrt{\frac{m_D}{m_H}} > 1$$

For the same ion kinetic energy, D produces more defects than H
 → m/H_G also depends on the number of defects

Heat treated a-C:H

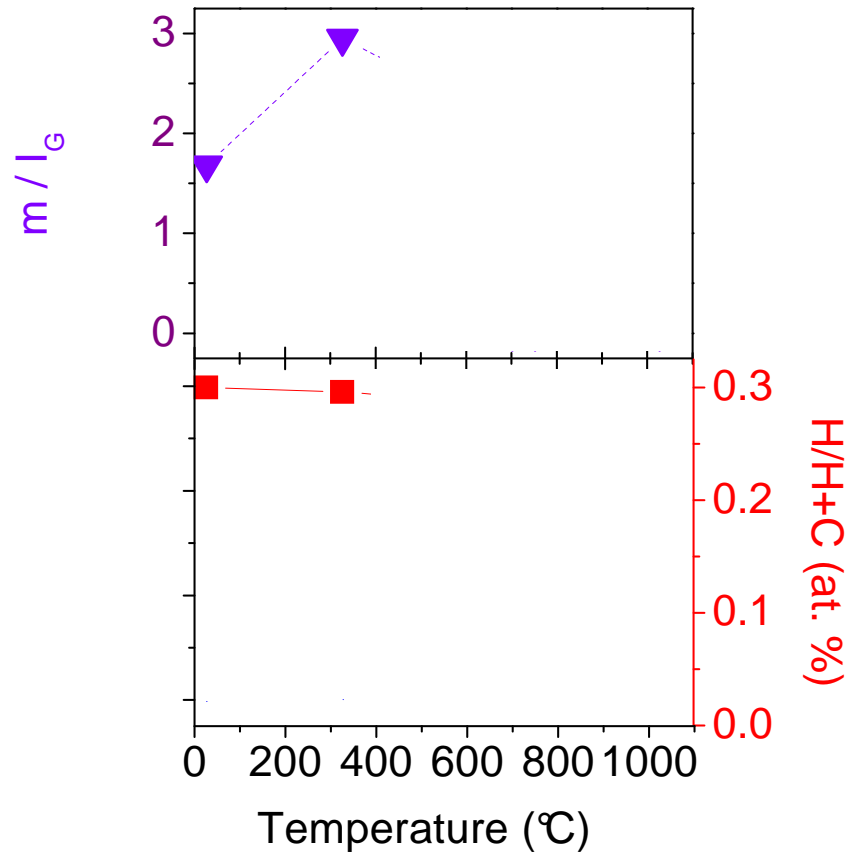


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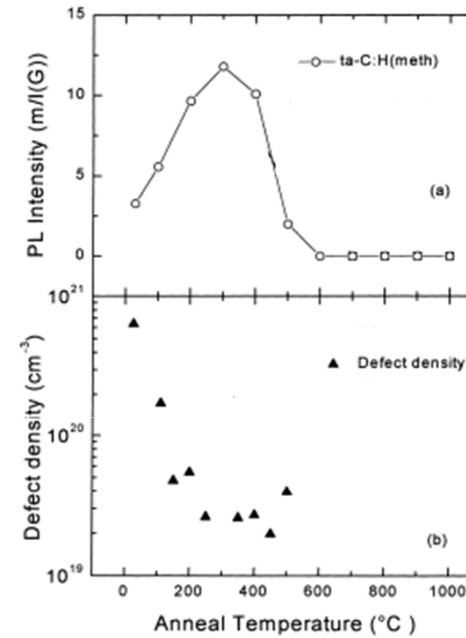
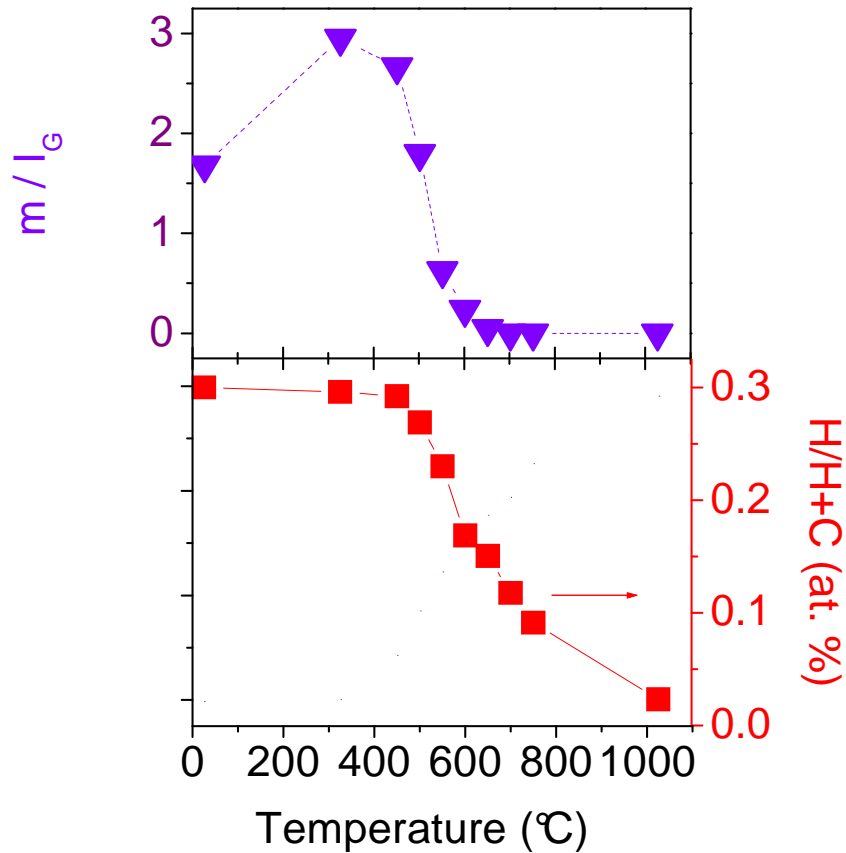
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- m/I_G vary whereas $H/(H+C)$ is constant

Is m/I_G still relevant ?

Heat treated a-C:H

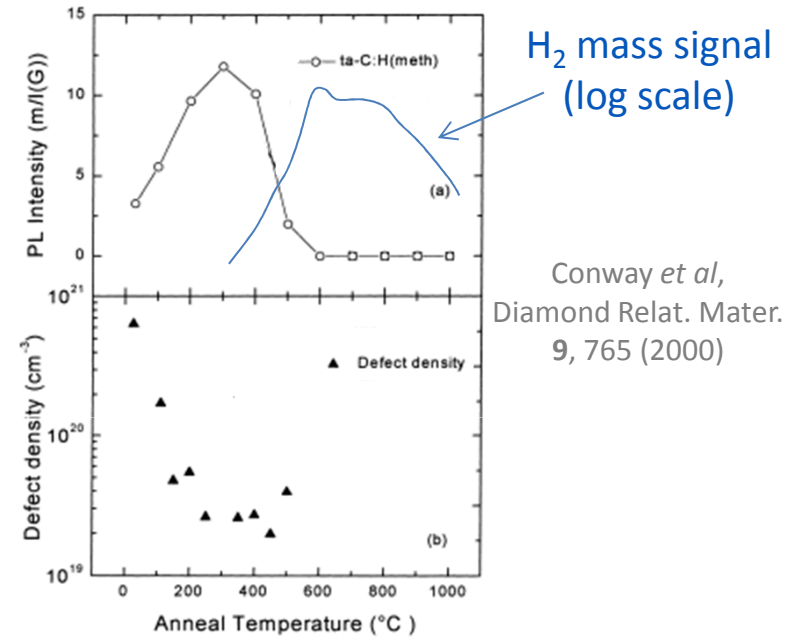
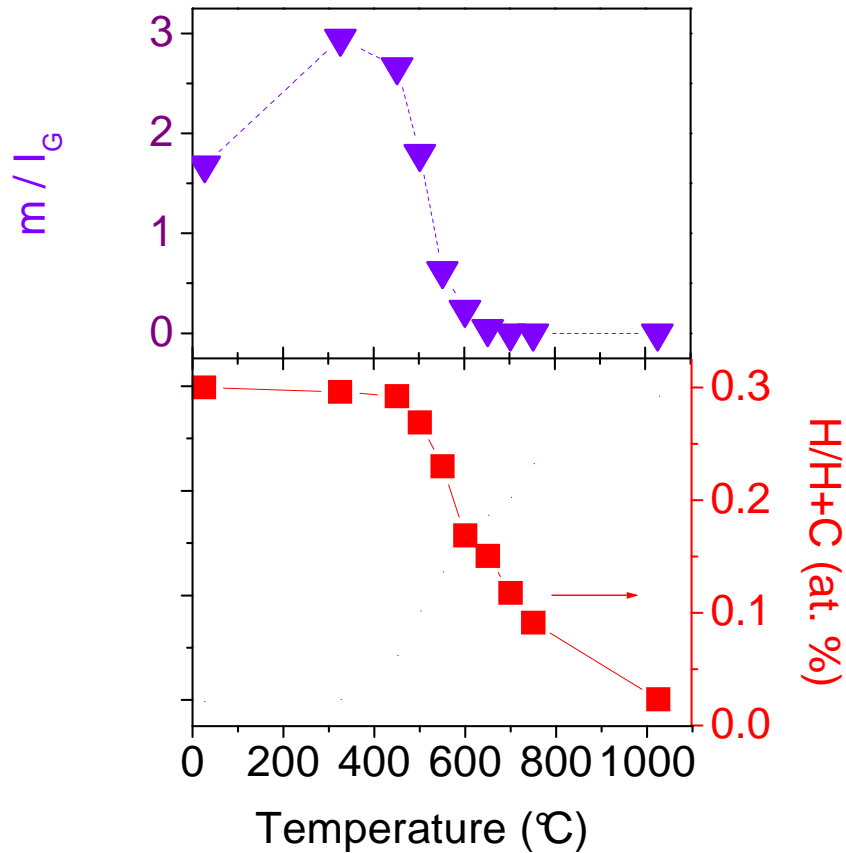


Conway *et al*,
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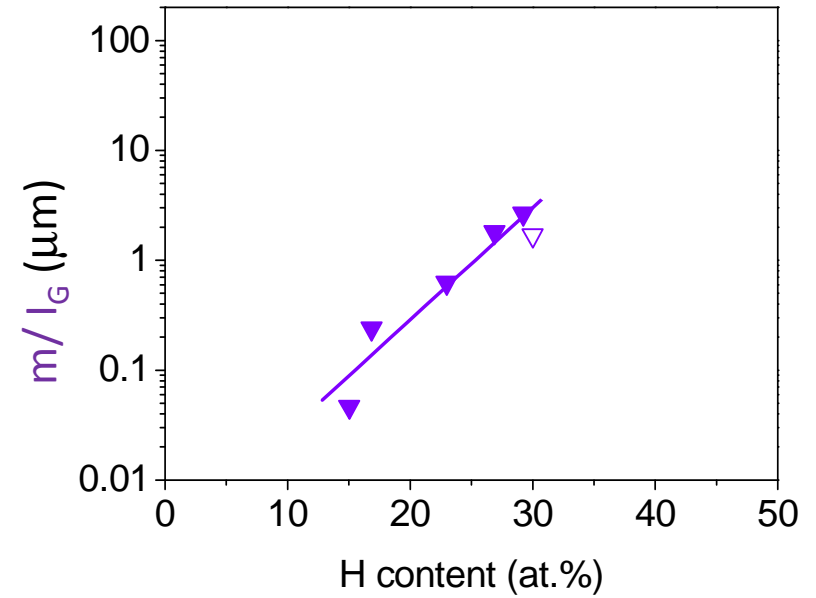
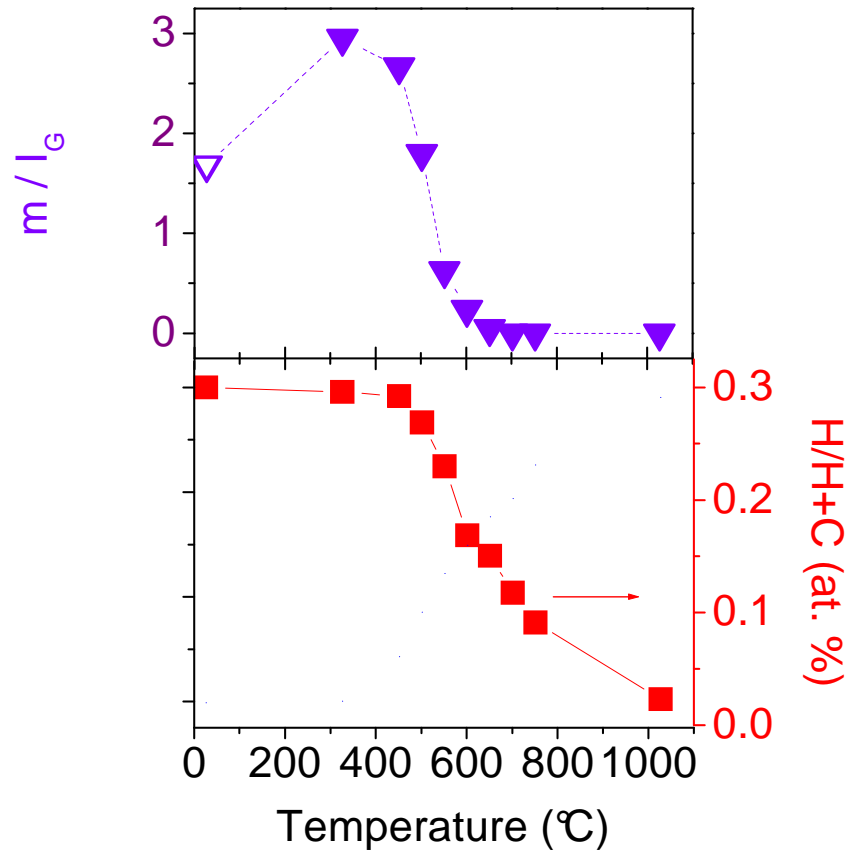
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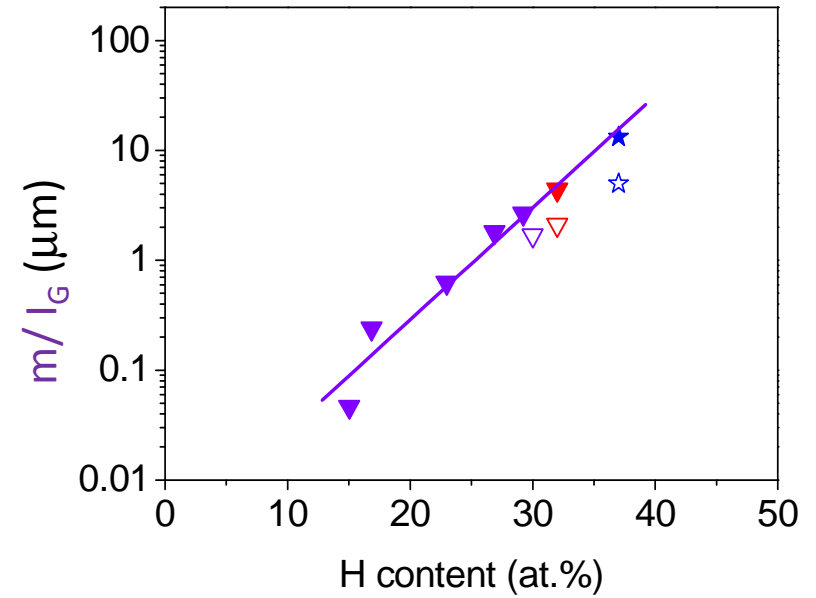
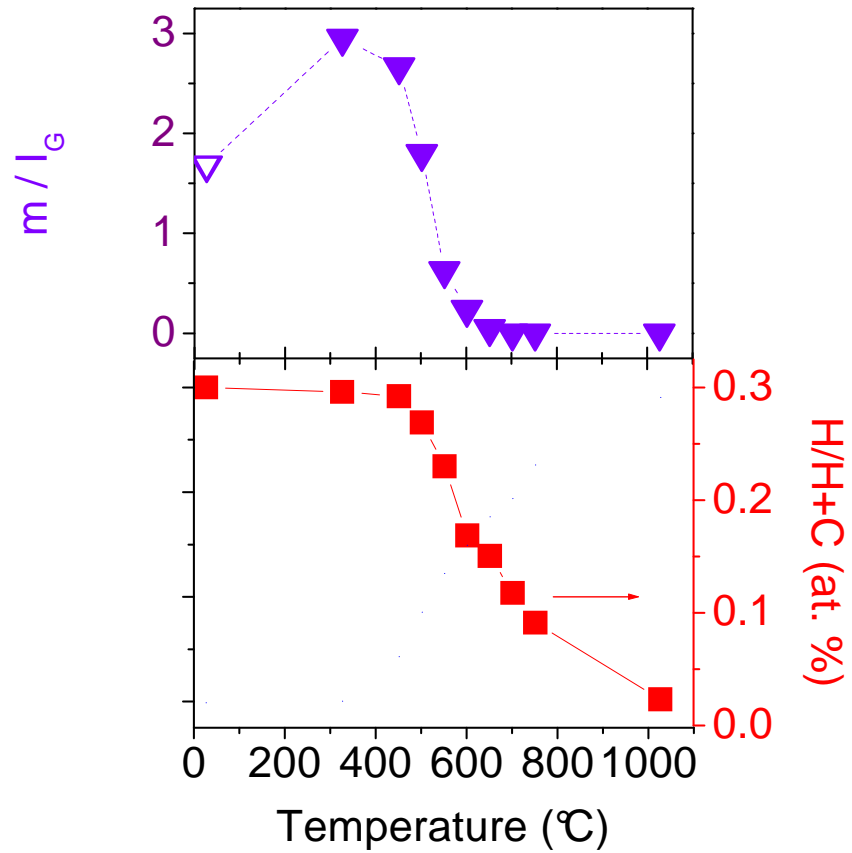
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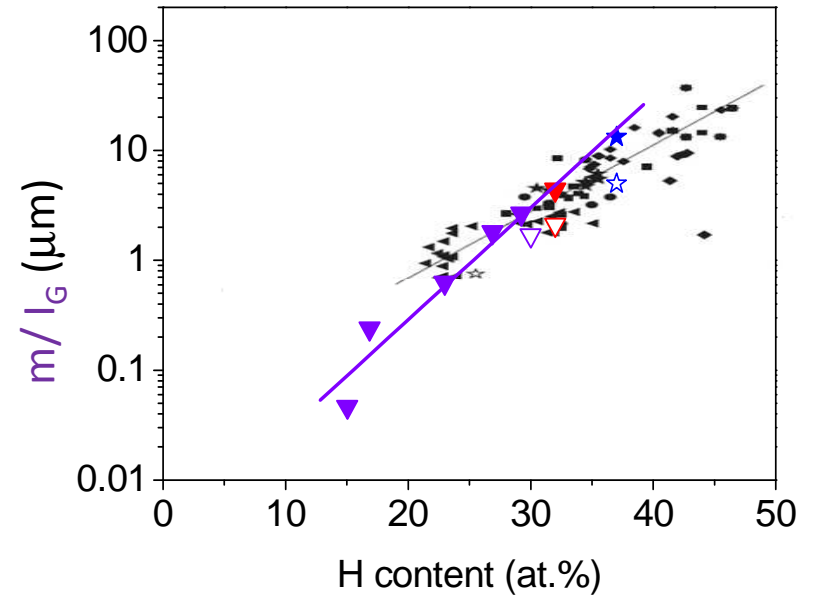
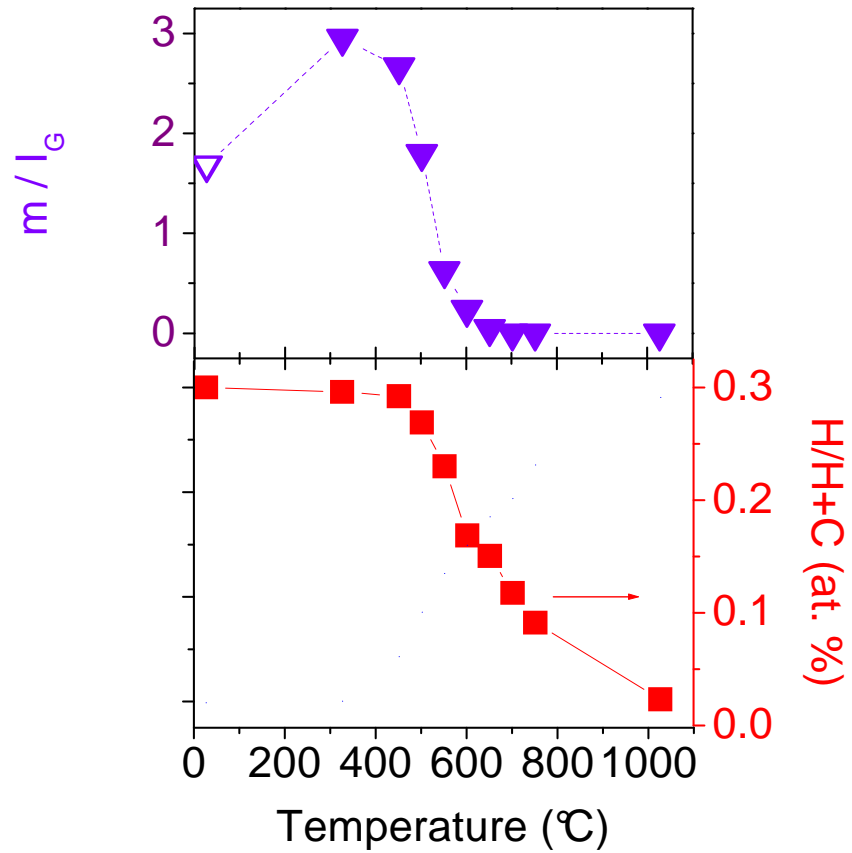
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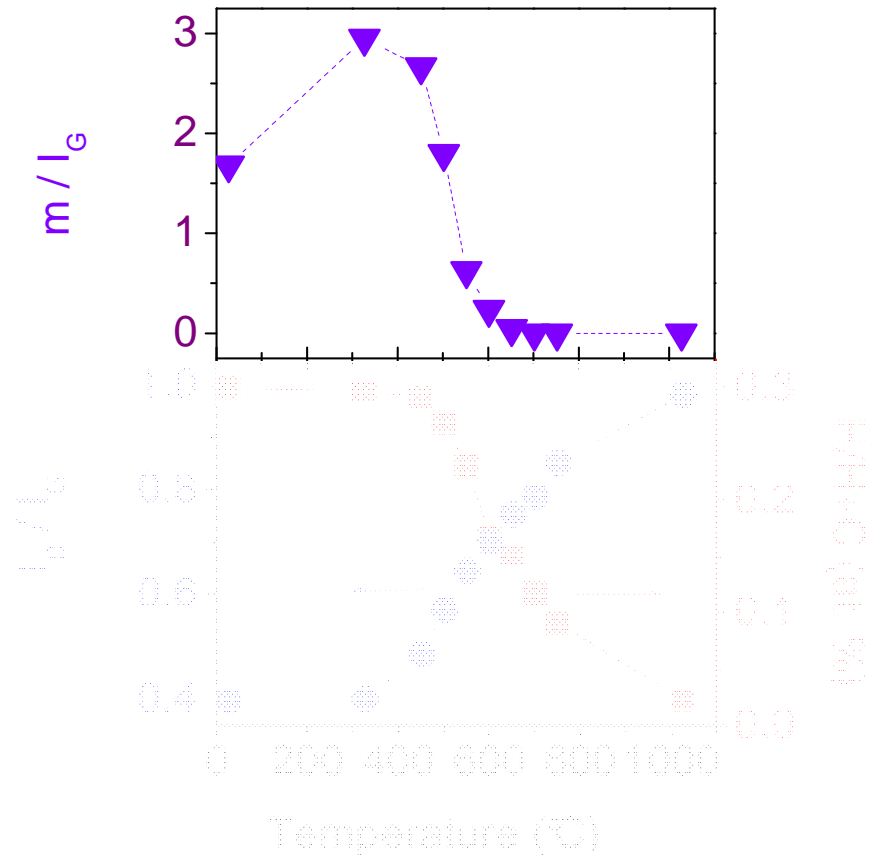
Linear dependency

Heat treated a-C:H



Linear dependency even with HT a-C:H
Less dispersed relation

Heat treated a-C:H



- I_D/I_G vary linearly with $H/H+C$
- I_D/I_G sensitive even if $H/H+C \approx 2\%$

→ I_D/I_G as an H content estimator

But...

→ Was known to give information on local order

IV - Results

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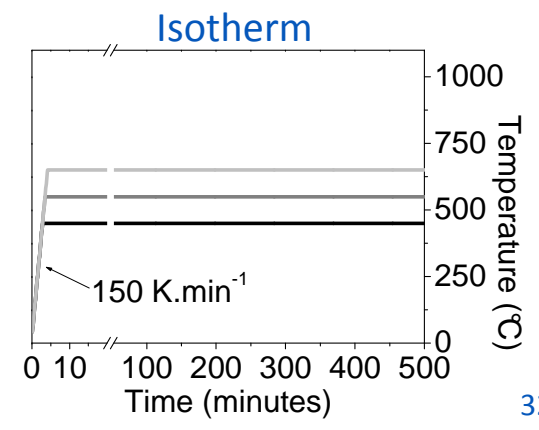
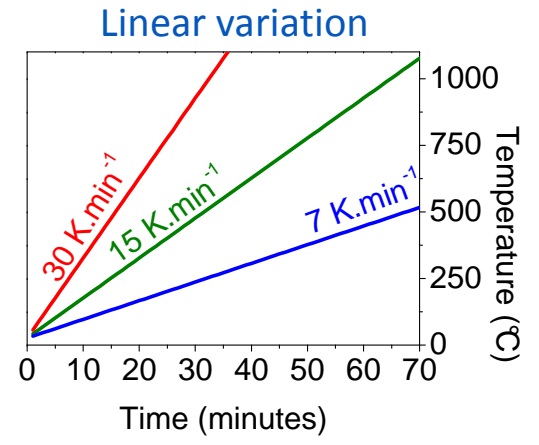
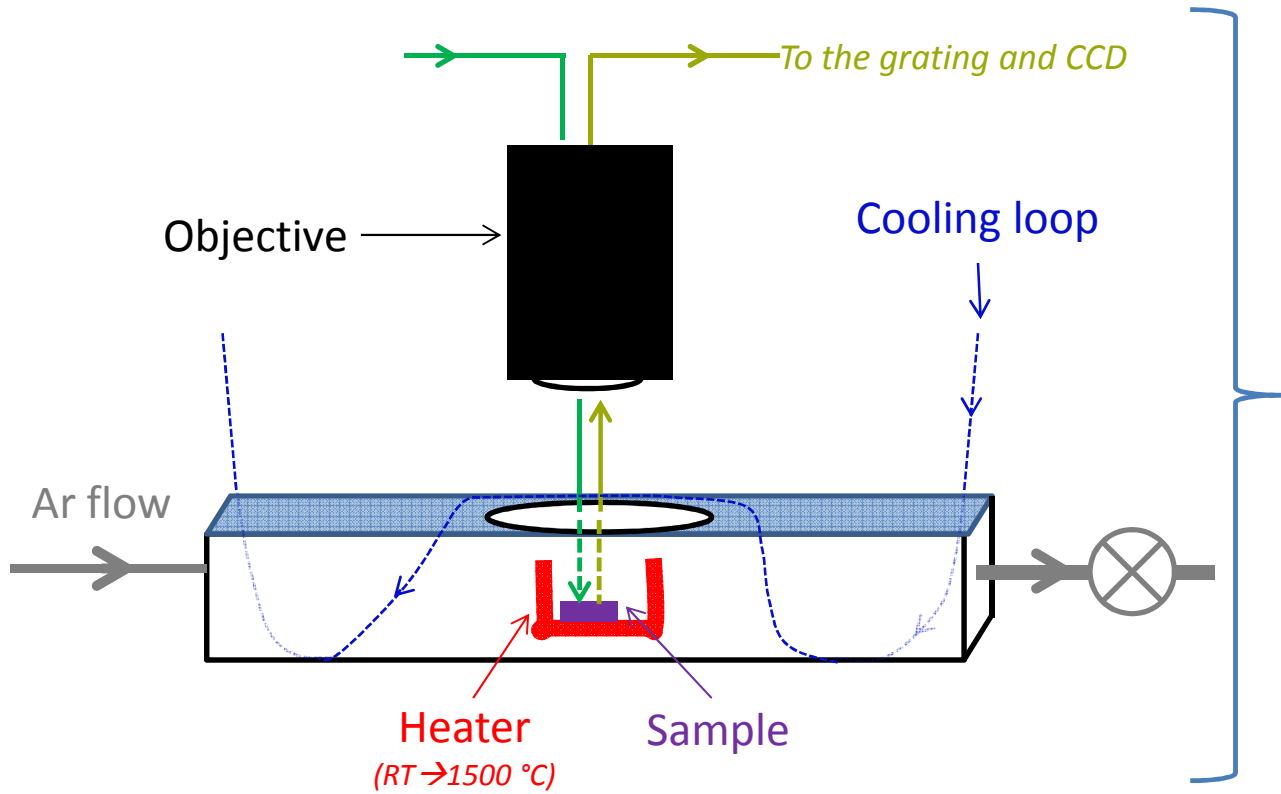
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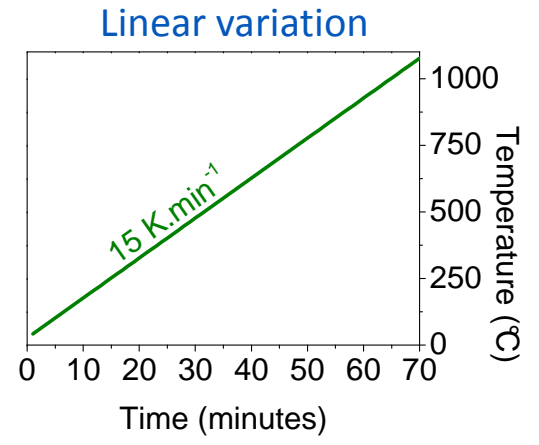
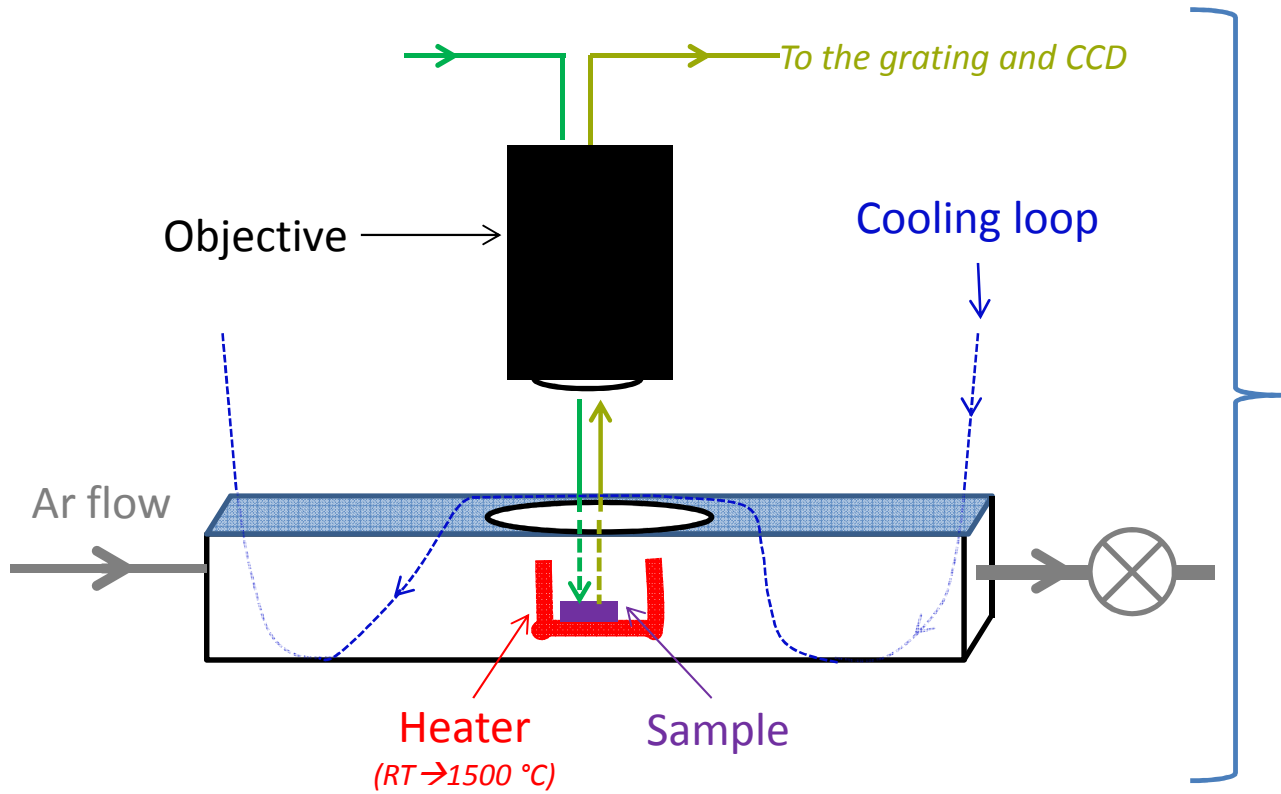
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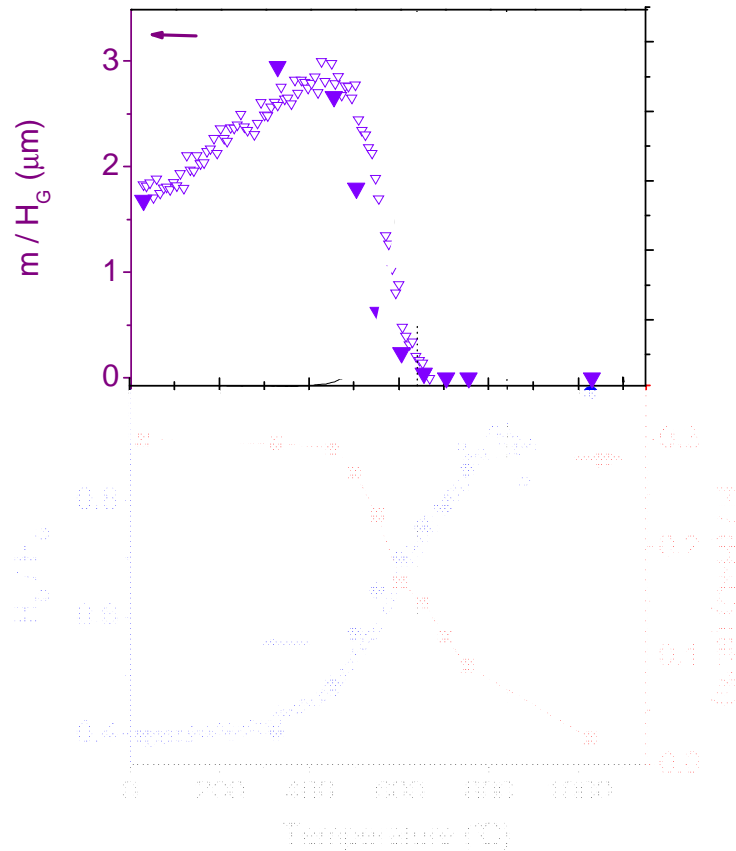


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Kinetic effects



- Full symbol:

→ *post-mortem* measurement in UHV condition

- Empty symbols:

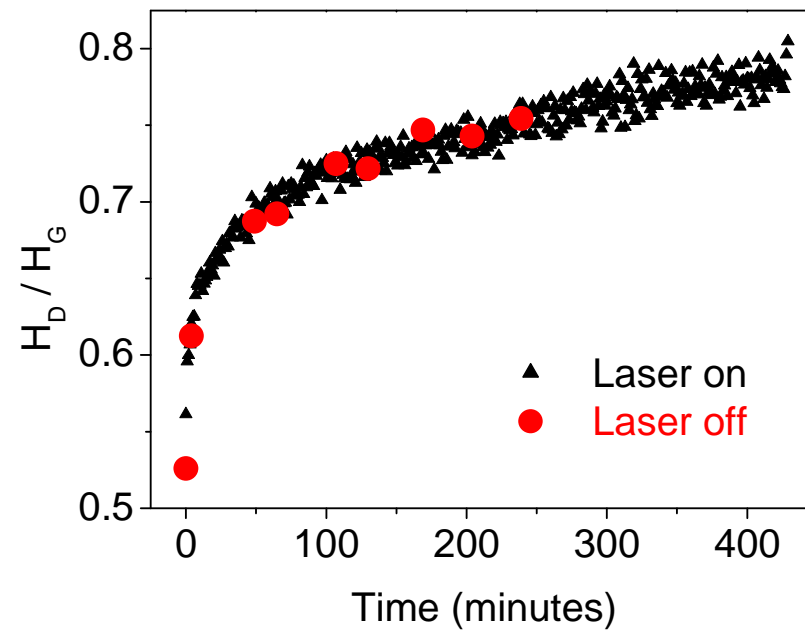
→ *in-situ* measurements in Ar flow

-UHV and Ar flow measurements give similar thermal evolution

Kinetic effects

Kinetic: isotherm

In-situ Raman measurement
under Ar atmosphere
At 550°C



No effect of the power LASER on slow H-loss
As H_D/H_G proportional to the H content: → Linear H-loss observed!

**As most of the results in this presentation have
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