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基礎研究開発に係る課題  
『放射線誘起表面活性効果(RISA)』



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## What is Radiation Induced Surface Activation?

### 1. Background and motivation

Road map

UV-light catalysis

### 2. Present studies of Radiation Induced Surface Activation

-- Thermo-hydraulic incidents caused by RISA --

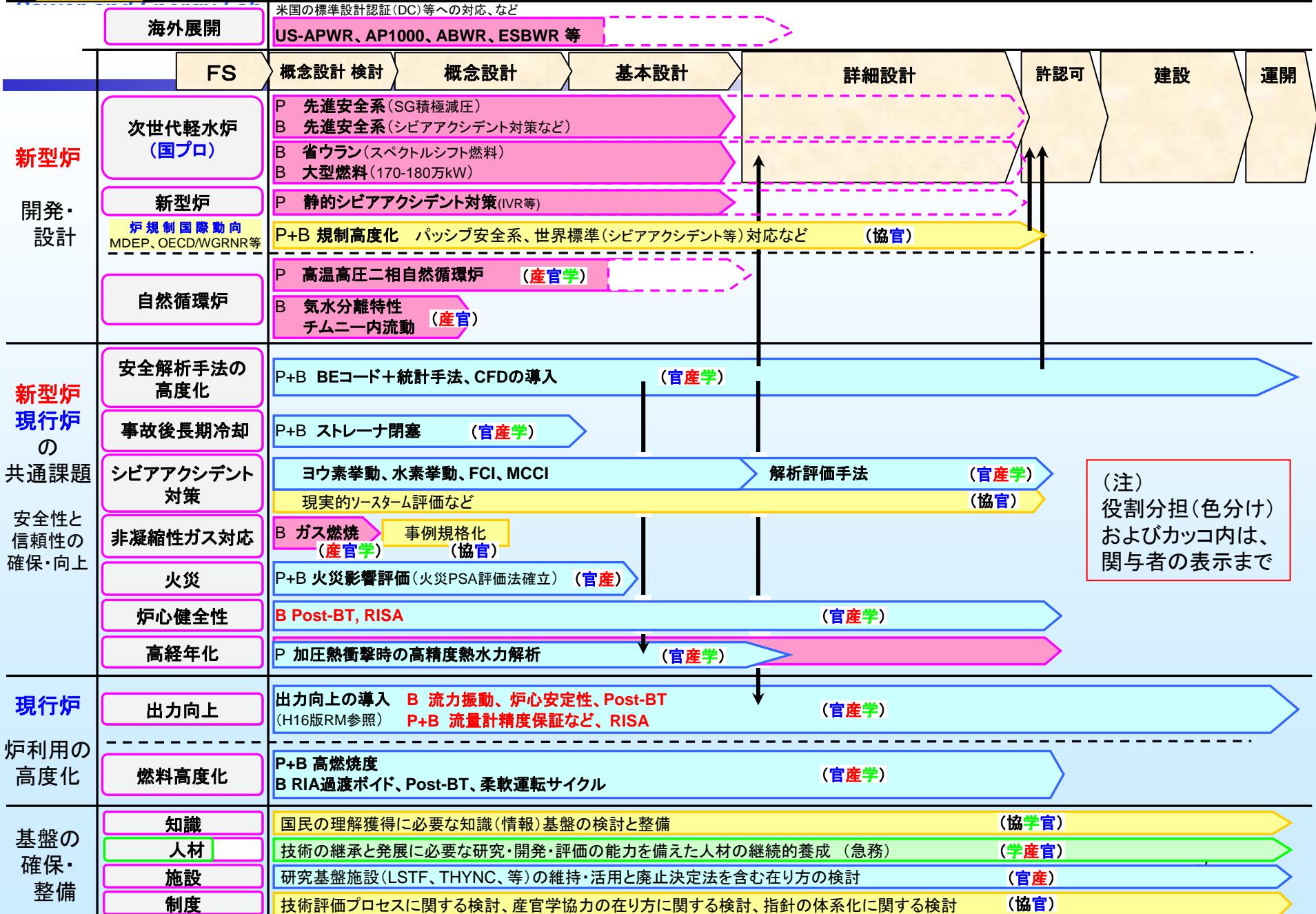
1) Surface wettability in room temperature

2) Leidenfrost temperature

3) CHF in pool

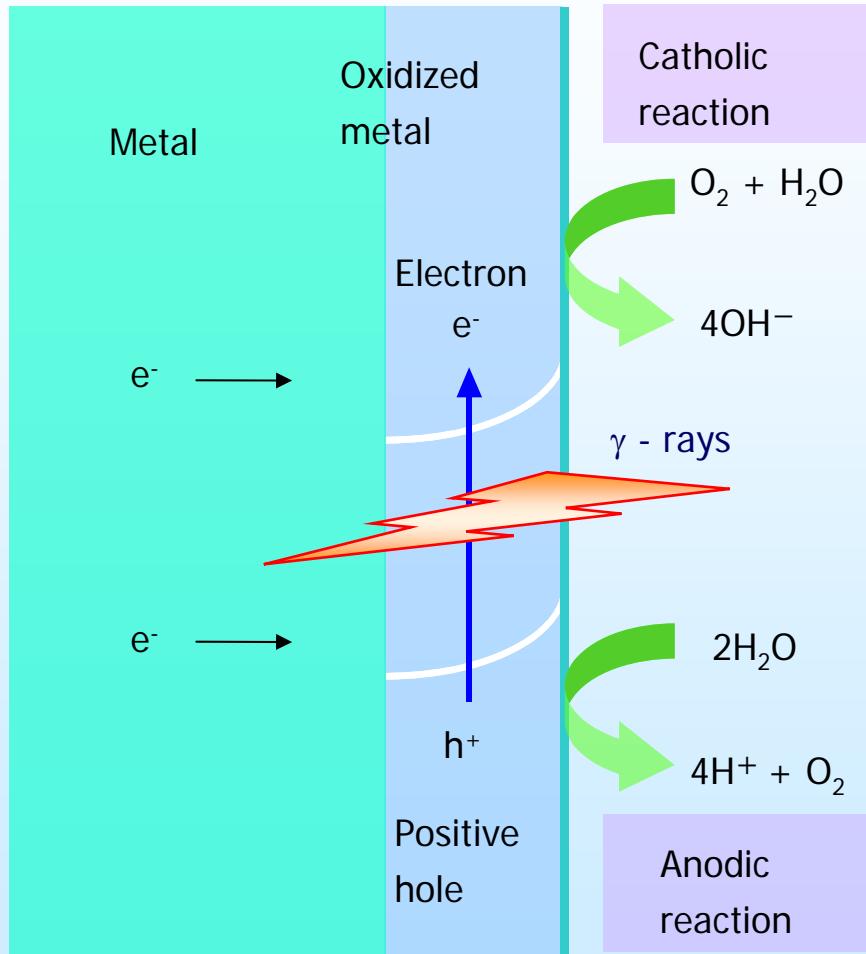
4) Reactor experiments for CHF/RISA

### 3. Mechanism behind RISA



# Radiation-induced surface activation (RISA)

## 放射線誘起表面活性



Assumed mechanism behind RISA

Cathodic and anodic reactions by surface irradiation of oxidized metal with radioactive rays.

Activating the surface and increasing surface wettability

Improving heat transfer

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RISA reaction  
→Corrosion control  
Radiation measurement

# Superhydrophilicity caused by $\gamma$ -ray irradiation

Improvement of the critical heat flux (CHF) requires that the cooling liquid can contact the heating surface, or a high-wettability, highly hydrophilic heating surface, even if a vapor bubble layer is generated on the surface.

To solve these problems why don't we use  $\gamma$ -ray irradiation?

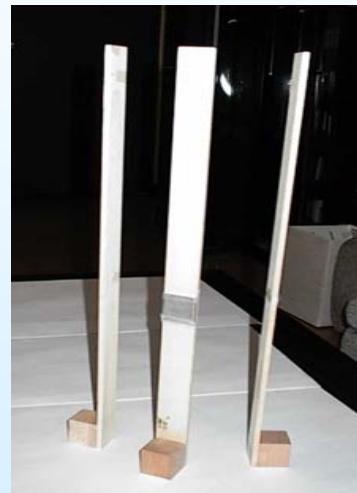
- > Very low efficiency for surface activity
- > discrepancy between its wave energy and the valence electron band for  $\text{TiO}_2$  and other metal oxides

## First RISA study (2000-2002)

Takamasa, Hazuku, Mishima, Okamoto, Furuya

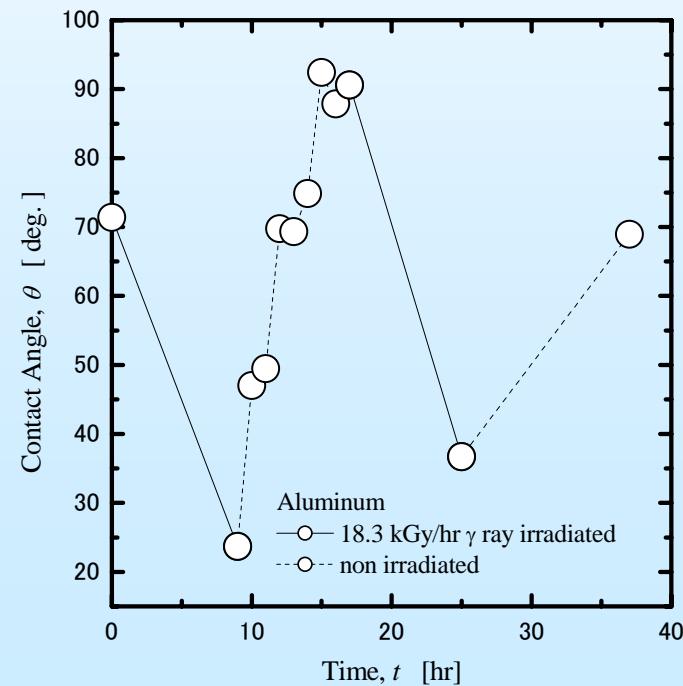
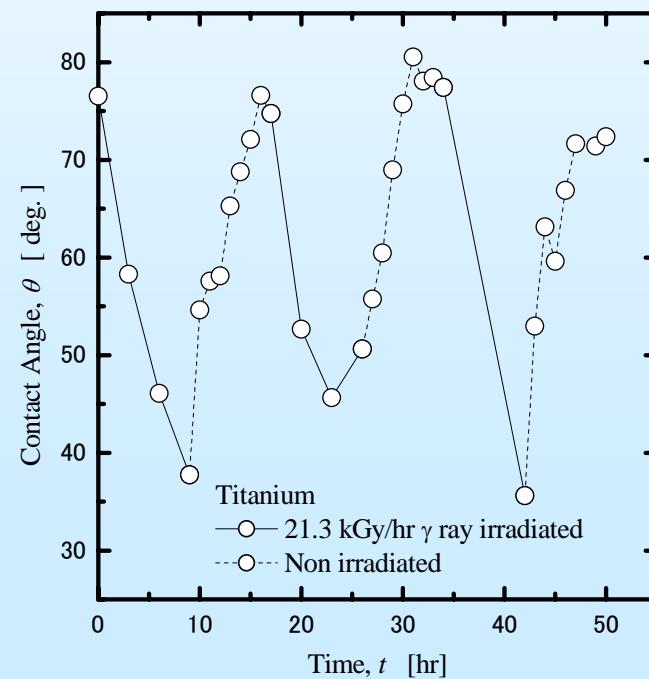
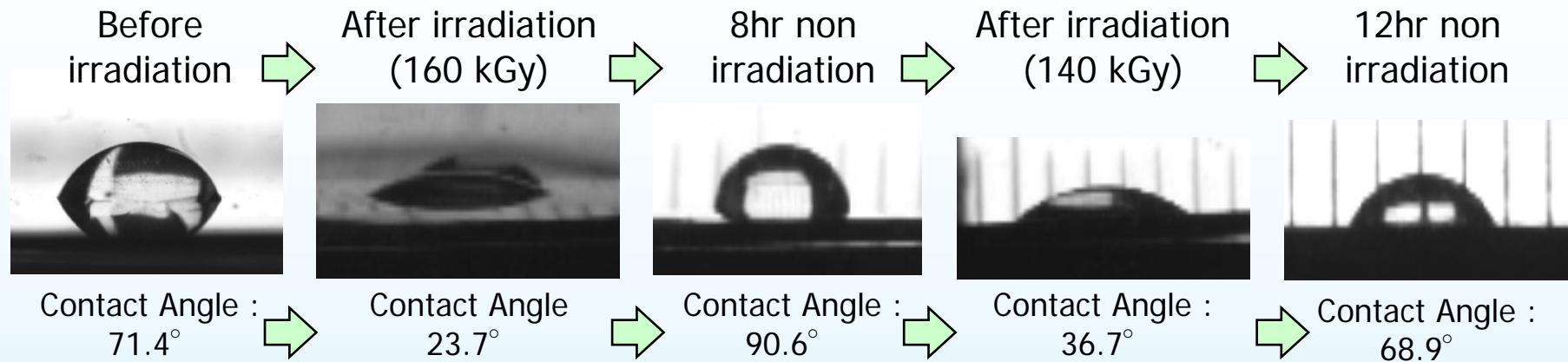
1. Improvement of surface wettability by use of an oxide-coated material under a radiation environment.
2. Improvement of thermodynamic properties.

# 1) Surface Wettability in Room-Temperature (2000)

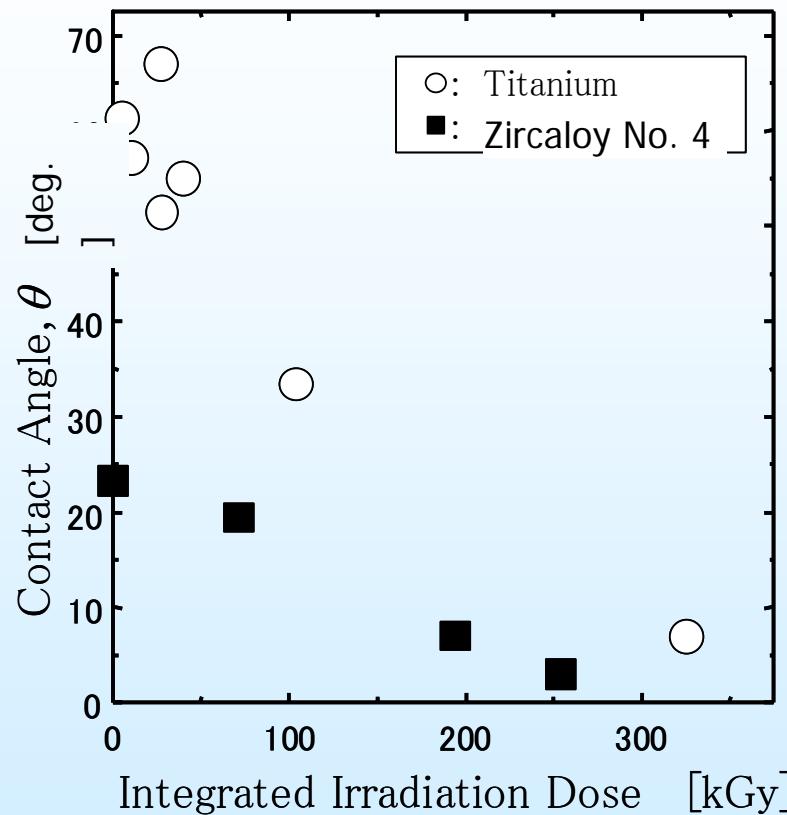


Two  $^{60}\text{Co}$   $\gamma$ -ray facilities at the University of Tokyo and Kyoto University (Radiation ray intensity: 0.1 – 20 kGy/hr)

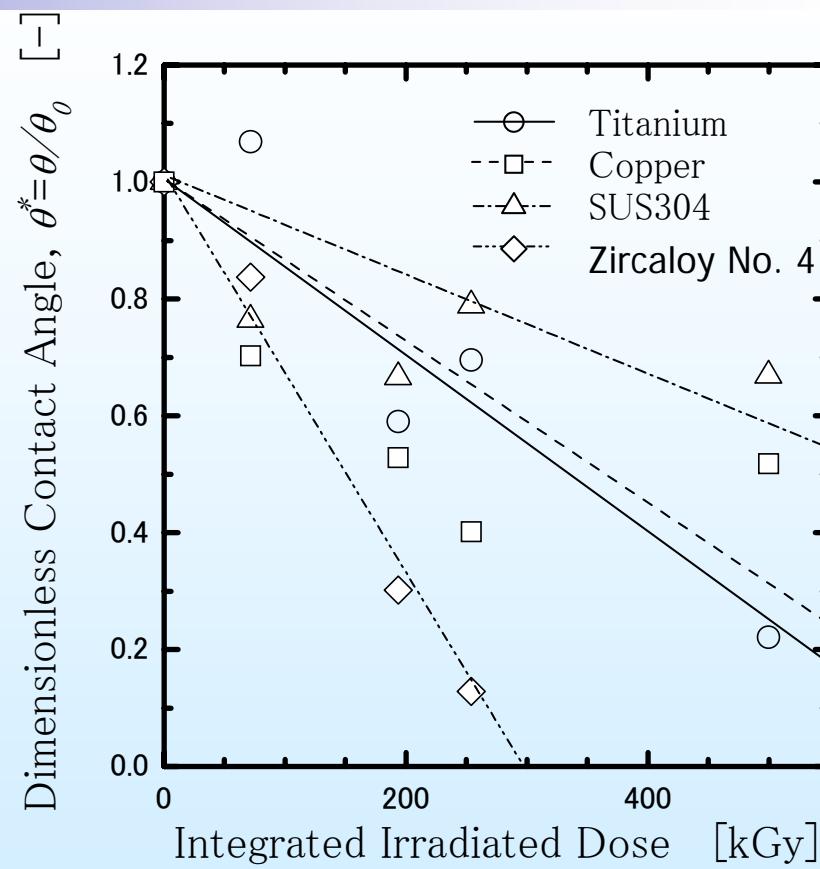
# Cyclic change of contact angle



# Changes of contact angle by $\gamma$ -ray irradiation



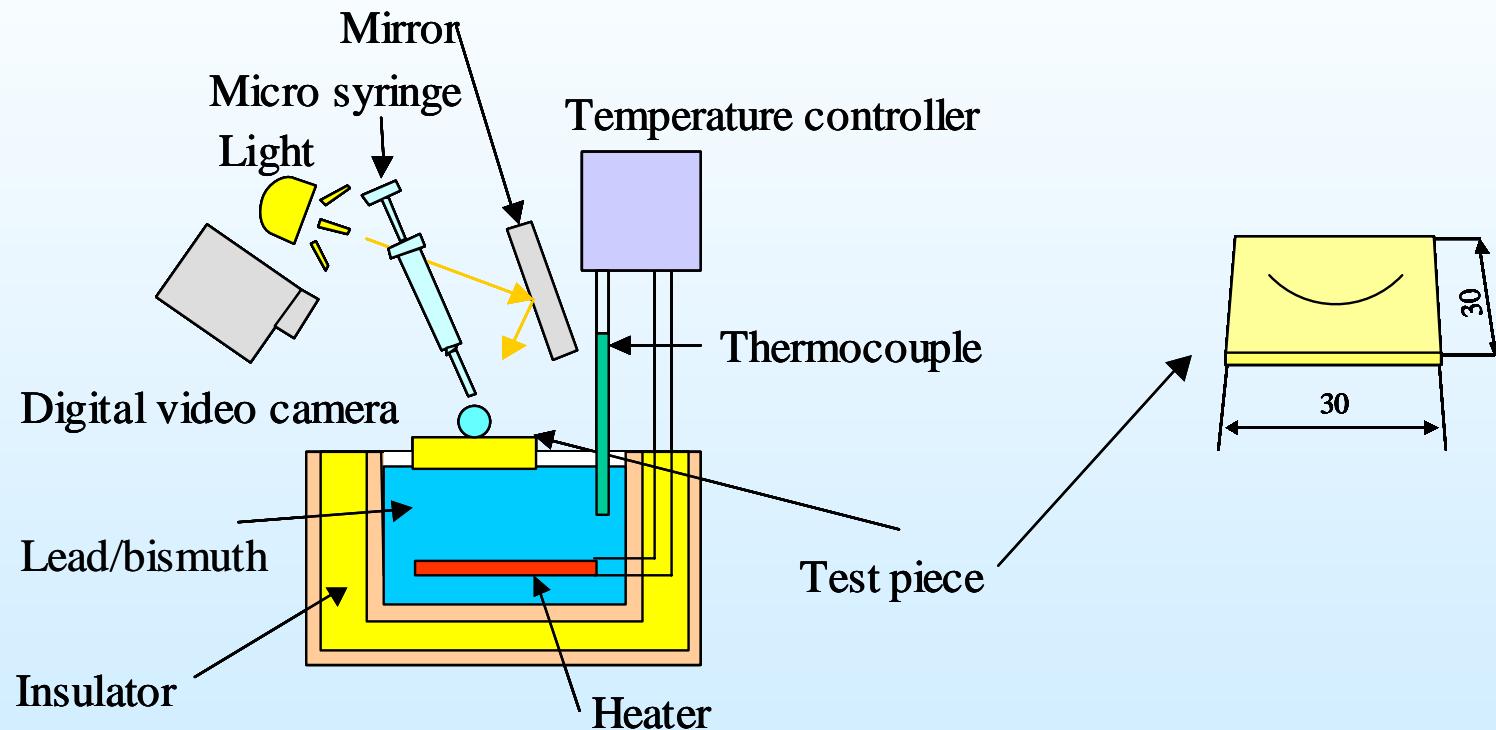
Change of contact angle by  $\gamma$ -ray irradiation



Dimensionless contact angle of test pieces

Radiation Induced Surface Activation (RISA) exists when  $\gamma$ -rays irradiate the surface of metal oxides.

## 2) Leidenfrost Temperature



Apparatus for Leidenfrost temperature measurement

# Droplet Behavior near Leidenfrost Condition

Titanium (300°C)

Before  $\gamma$ -ray irradiation



After 260KGy  $\gamma$ -ray irradiation



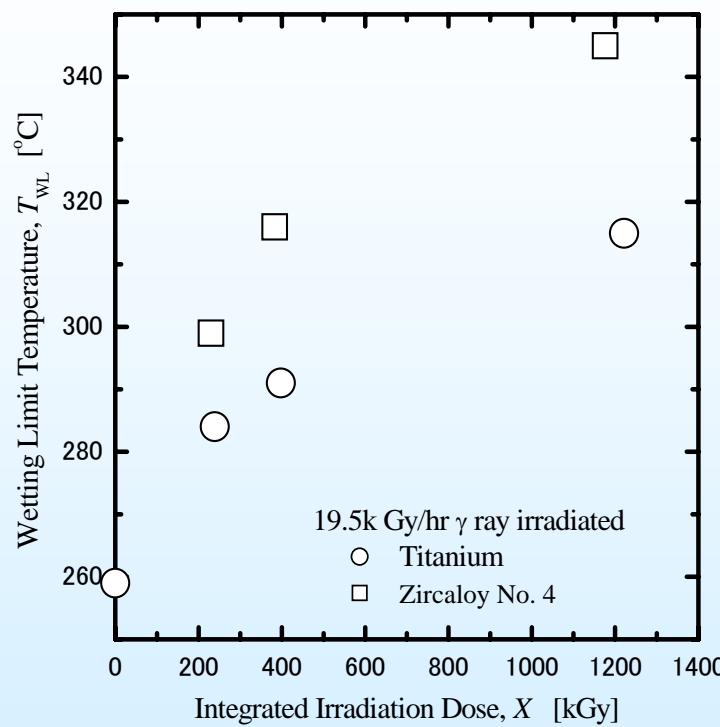
Over wetting limit temperature

Under wetting limit temperature

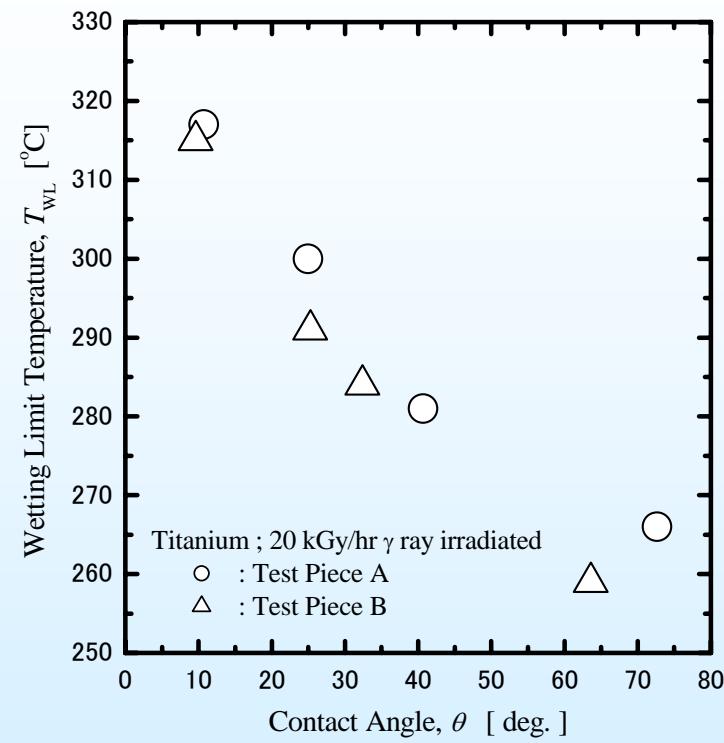
Leidenfrost condition from the observation of wetting limit temperature.

Wetting limit temperature was defined as the maximum temperature of heating surface when splashed droplets contact again with heating surface.

Takata et al., (1990)



Effect of integrated irradiation dose on wetting limit temperature (19.5 kGy/hr)



The wetting limit temperature against contact angle

Enhancement of surface wettability contribute to the improvement of Leidenfrost condition.

The aim of this project is to get corrosion protection of structural materials in BWR by lowering their corrosion potential and to increase critical power of BWR fuel bundle and reflooding velocity under LOCA events, resulting in excellent BWR with higher cost performance and safety.

This project investigates basic technologies of the RISA such as film forming, electrochemical dynamics, film durability in the reactor and improvement of heat transfer performance in reactor core in order to apply them to BWR.



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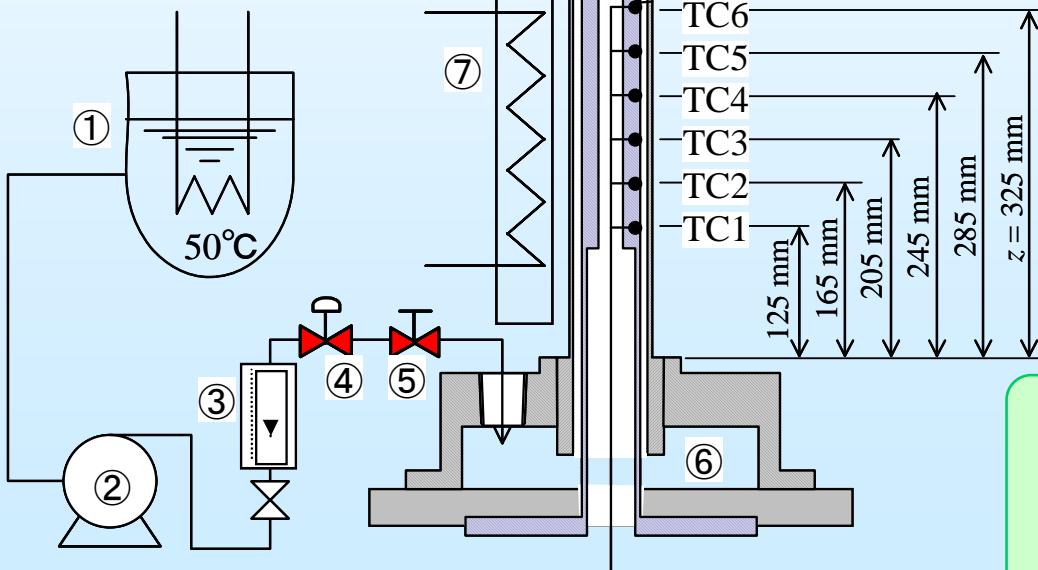
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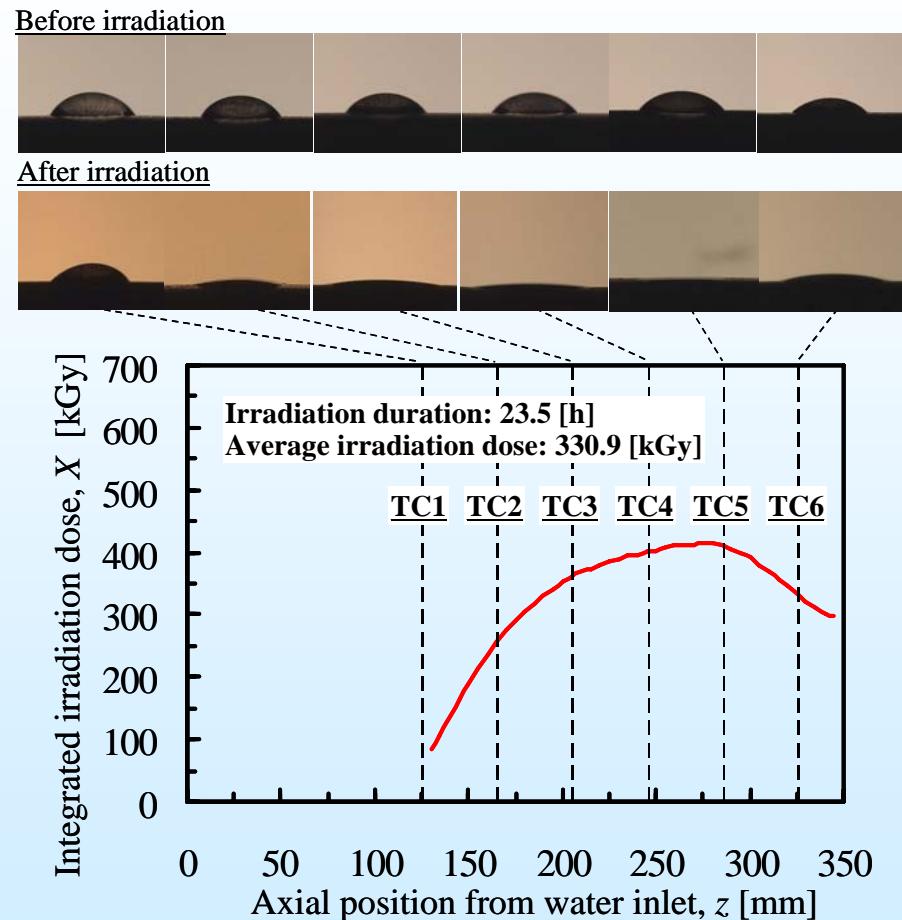
## b. Quenching Experiment

- ① Service tank
- ② Feed water pump
- ③ Flow meter
- ④ Control valve
- ⑤ Stop valve
- ⑥ Water inlet chamber
- ⑦ Heater
- ⑧ Stainless rod (OD=24  $\phi$ )
- ⑨ Quartz glass (ID=32  $\phi$ )
- ⑩ Thermocouple
- ⑪ Separate tank



Apparatus for reflooding experiment

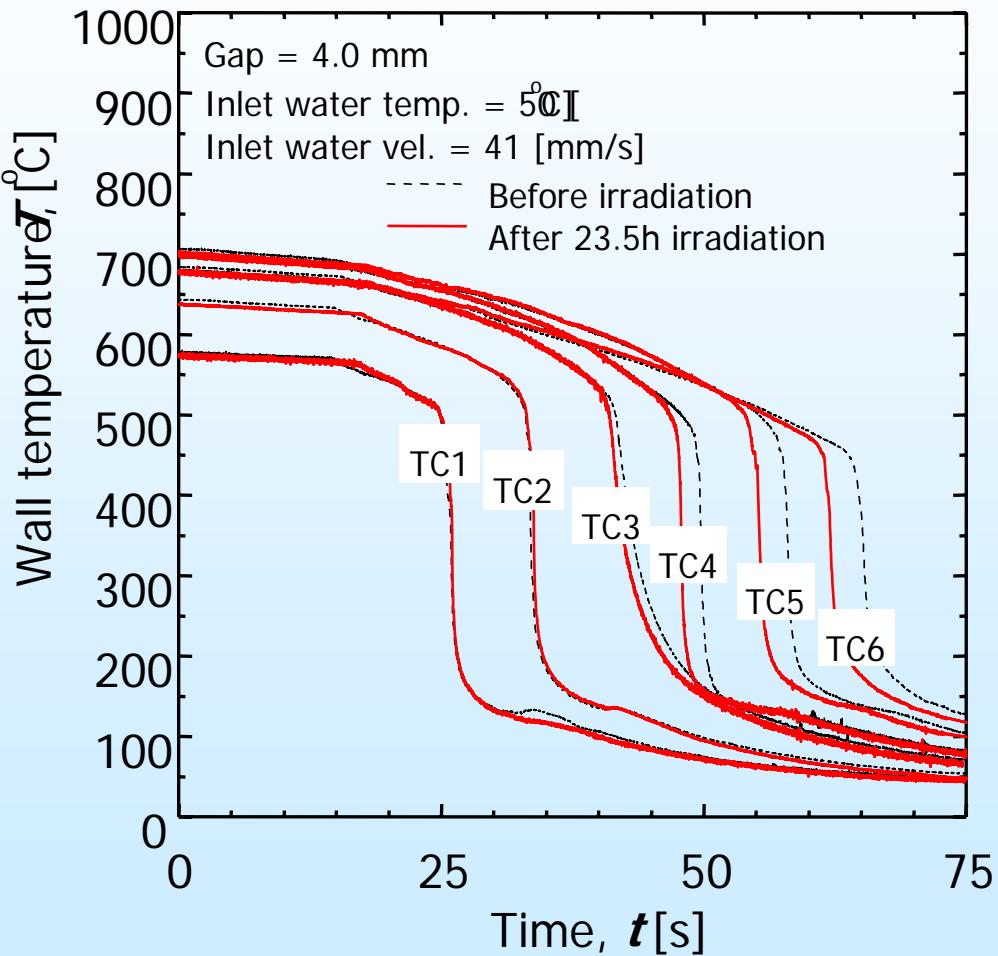
# Rod Surface Wettability Change due to $\gamma$ -ray Irradiation



- Profile of integrated-irradiation dose on the rod forms centered peaked along the rod axis.
- Superhydrophilic condition of oxidized metal surface can be achieved after integrated irradiation dose of 300-500 kGy, located at the rod center,  $z = 248$  mm (TC4) and 285 mm (TC5).
- Surface wettability of rod end is consistent before and after irradiation.

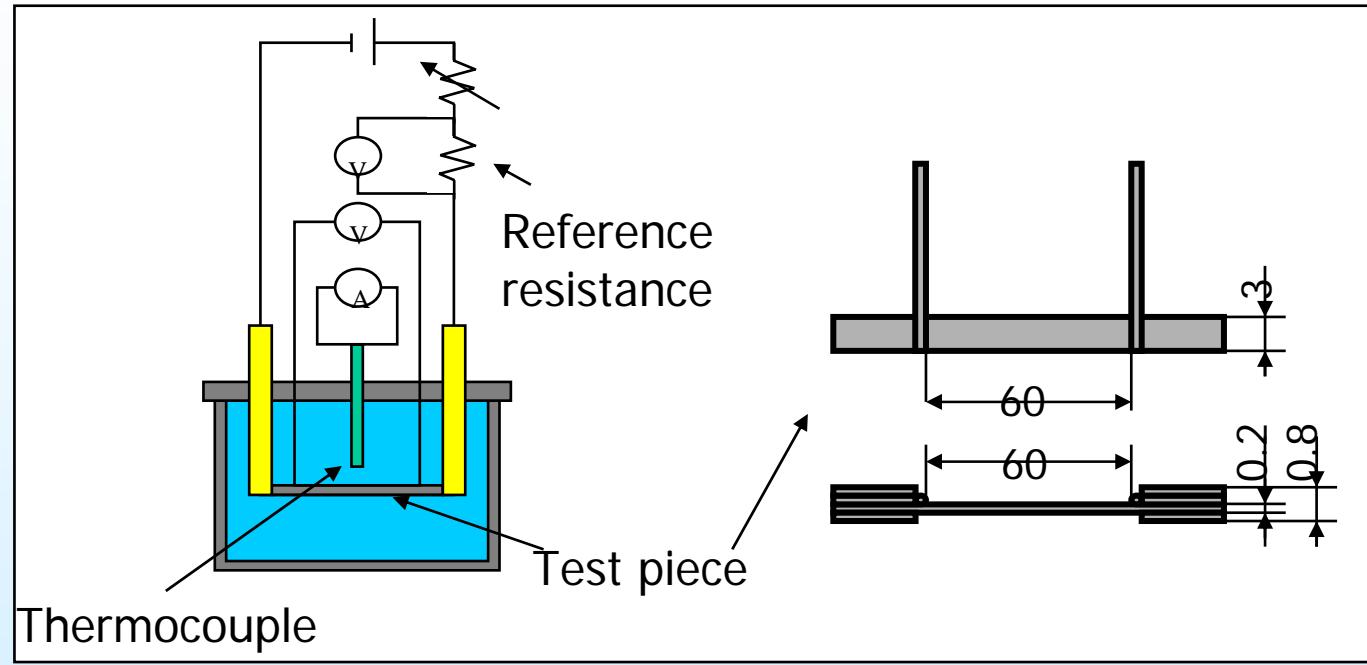
Contact condition of a water droplet on stainless rod before and after  $\gamma$ -ray irradiation

# Typical Result of the Surface Temperature Record



- No discrepancy exists in temperature records between before and after irradiation at TC1 and TC2 where no changed wettability was observed.  
⇒ Reproducibility of the test
- Large increased quenching velocity, 7.1 mm/s, was observed at the middle elevation of rod (TC3 and TC4) after  $\gamma$ -ray irradiation.
- The quenching velocities were increased up to 20-30 % after 300kGy  $^{60}\text{Co}$   $\gamma$ -ray irradiation.

### 3) CHF in pool



CHF experiment: the pool boiling condition

The pressure: atmospheric pressure

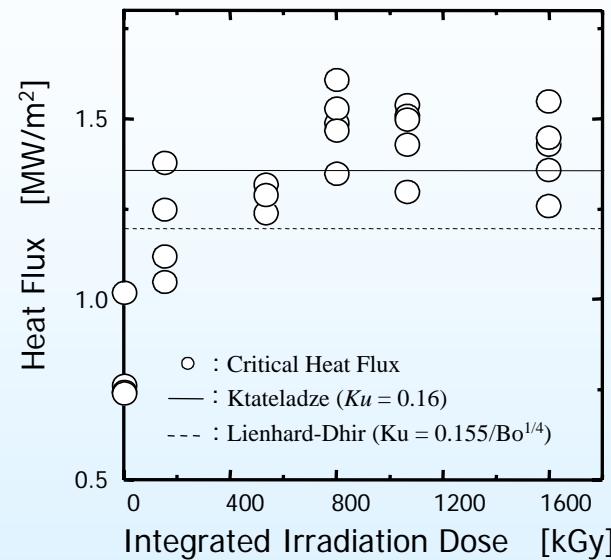
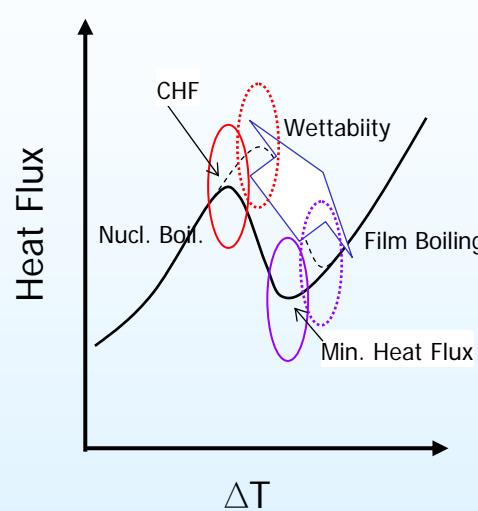
(resulting in the boiling point to be 100 degree C)

The heating: conducted using the Joule heating by DC supply

The test piece: hold horizontally on the electrode

To generate the oxidized surface, the test pieces<sup>16</sup> were oxidized using plasma jetting for 40 seconds.

- Boiling heat transfer improved with surface wettability
- (Takmasa et.al. 2003)



### Change in Boiling Curve

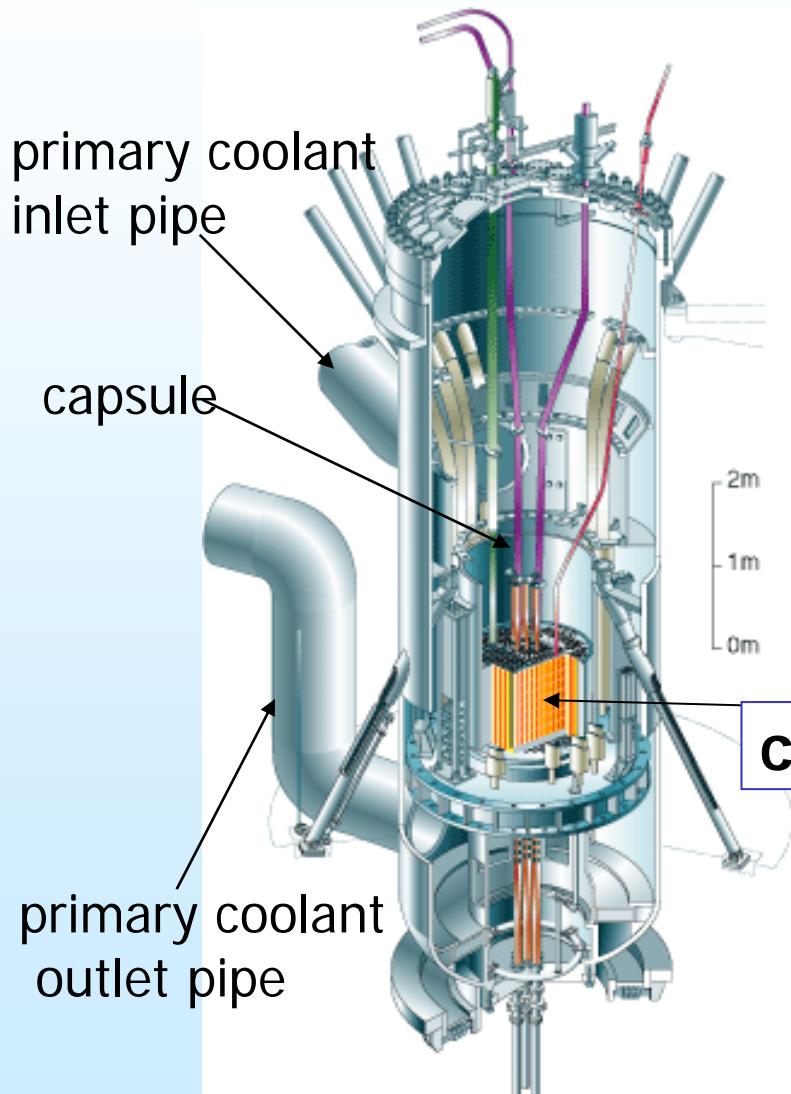
### CHF in Pool Boiling

### Increase in WLT

- ✓ Critical Power Improved
- ✓ Quench (front) speed increased
- ✓ Past experiments in NSRR & Halden suggest the possibility

Increase in Safety Margin  
Natural characteristics to confirm

## 4) Reactor experiments for CHF/RISA 2005

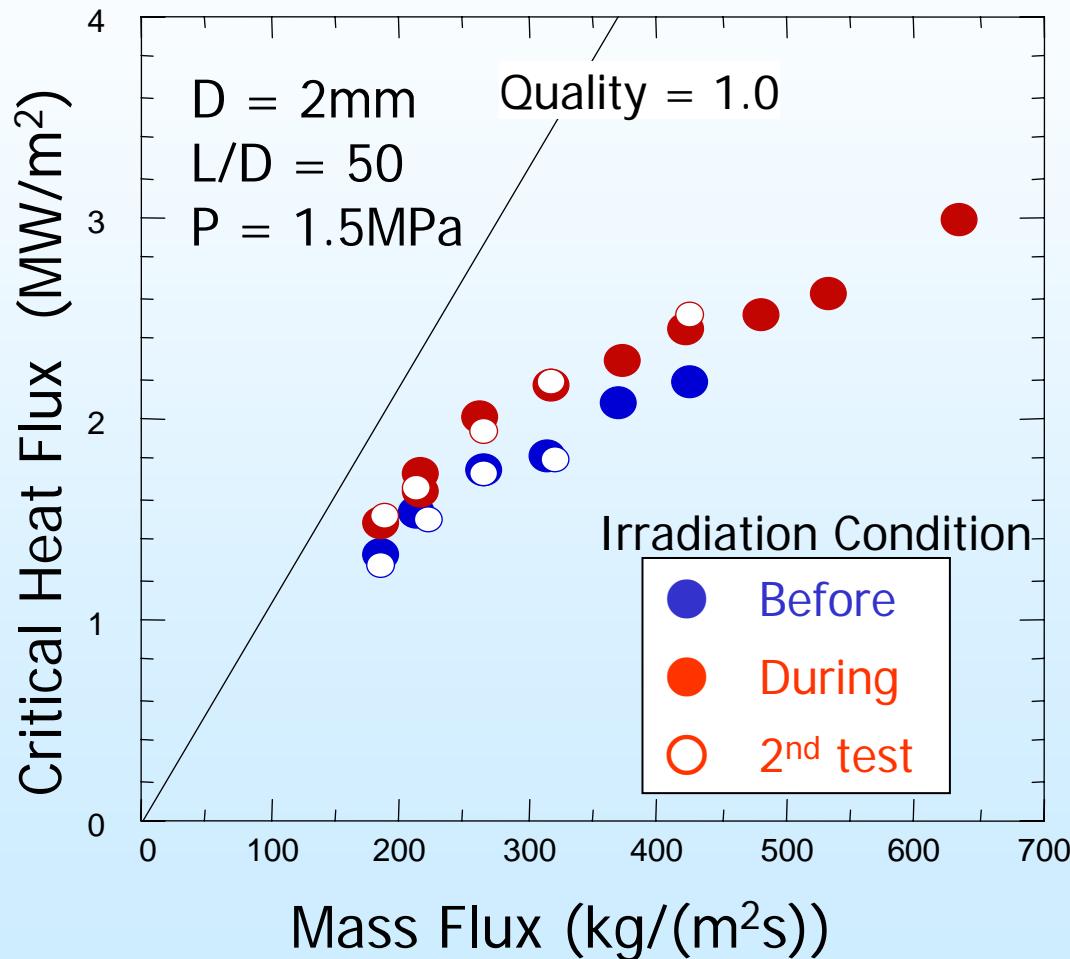


### Japan Materials Testing Reactor (JMTR)

JAEA

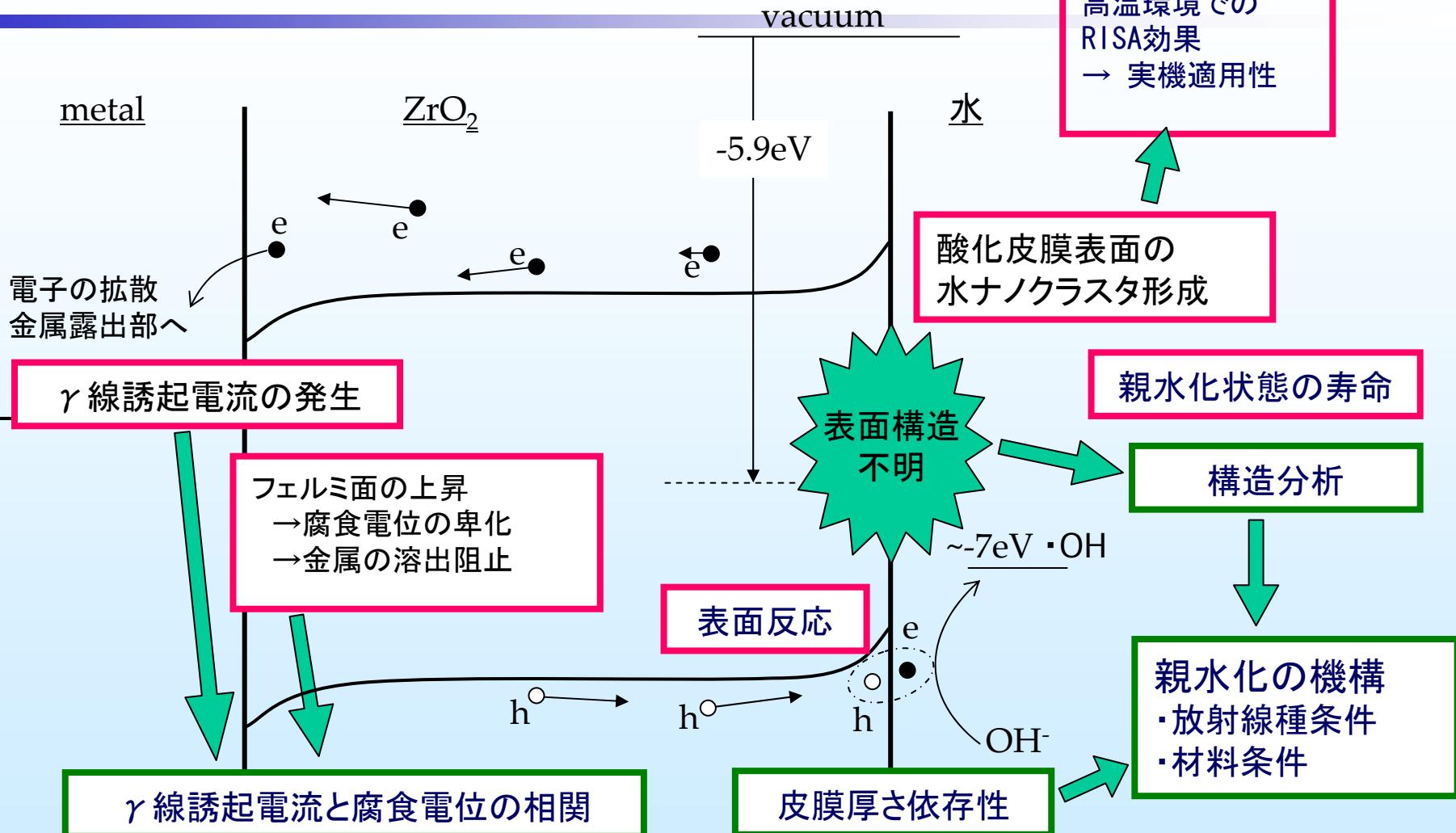
Reactor type	: Light water moderation
Thermal power	: 50 MW
Primary coolant	
Inlet temp.	: 322 K
Outlet temp.	: 329 K
Flow rate	: 6000 m <sup>3</sup> /h
Pressure	: 1.5 MPa
Neutron flux	: max.; $4.0 \times 10^{18} / \text{m}^2/\text{s}$
RISA exp.	: $1.0 \times 10^{17} / \text{m}^2/\text{s}$

- An outermost irradiation hole will be used in the core to minimize gamma-ray heating ratio.
- Absorbed dose is 100 times larger than that in the previous experiments.



- ✓ CHF increased by 17% due to irradiation in JMTR
- ✓ CHF appeared at high quality conditions
- ✓ CHF mechanism would be dryout-type similar to that in BWR core

### 3. Mechanism behind RISA



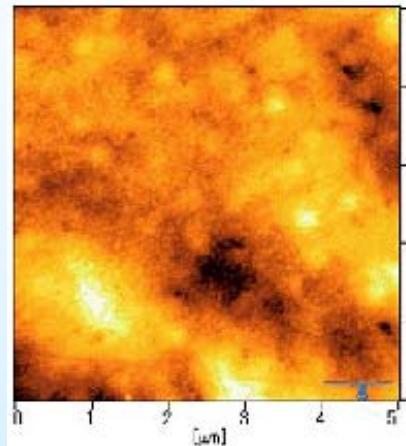
- (A)放射線照射による励起過程に及ぼす皮膜・基板及び水の効果
- (B)放射線種の効果
- (C)表面反応電荷
- (D)放射線照射によって励起し親水化に寄与する物質とその形態
- (E)高温におけるRISA

# Analysis by AFM (Atomic Force Microscope) and FFM (Friction FM)

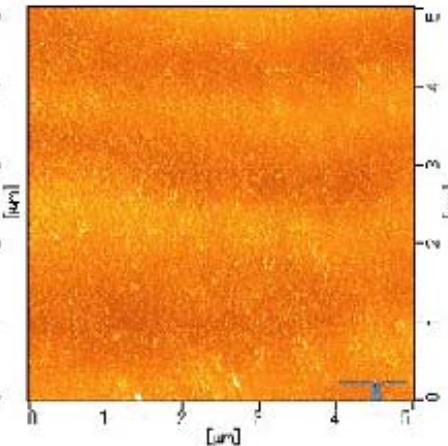
(D) 放射線照射によって励起し親水化に寄与する物質とその形態

Substrate; Zircaloy-4  
Oxide layer; by autoclave  
Irradiation; No irradiation  
Measurement; at r.t. in air  
Contact angle; 77 deg.

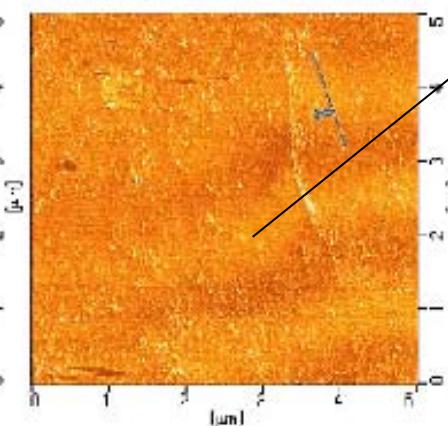
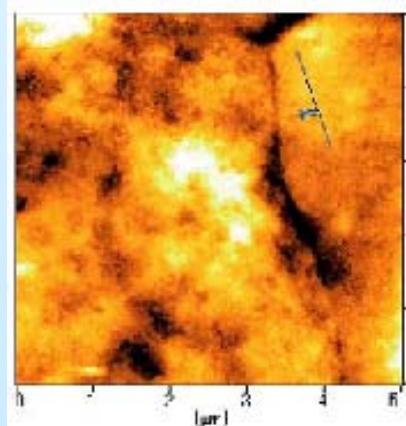
AFM image



FFM image

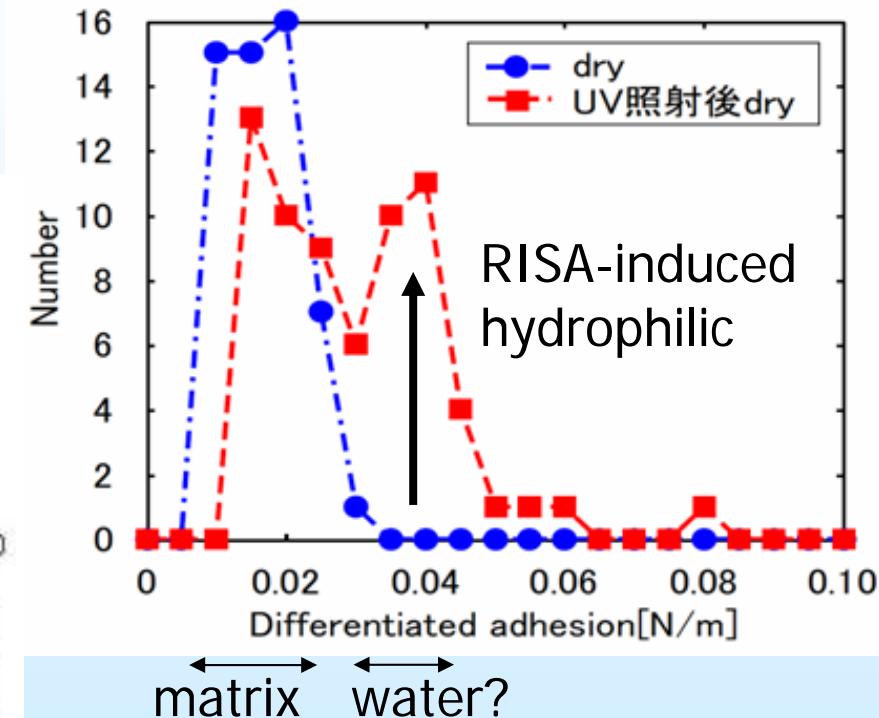
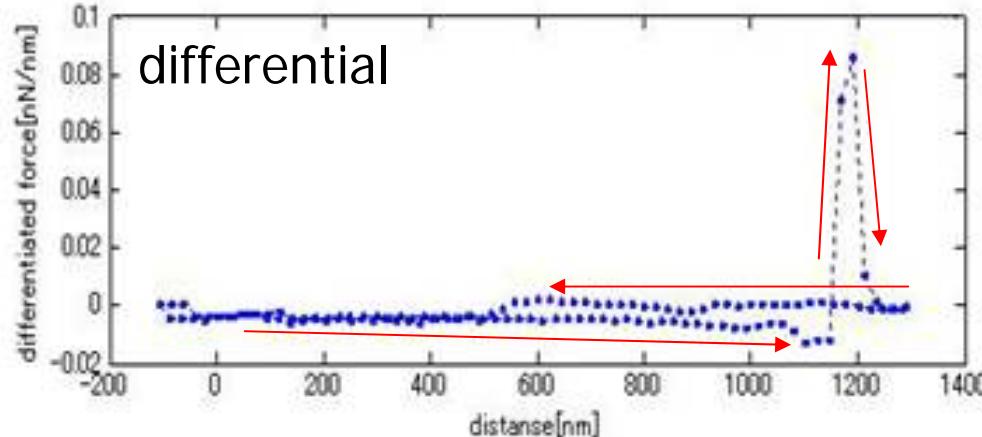
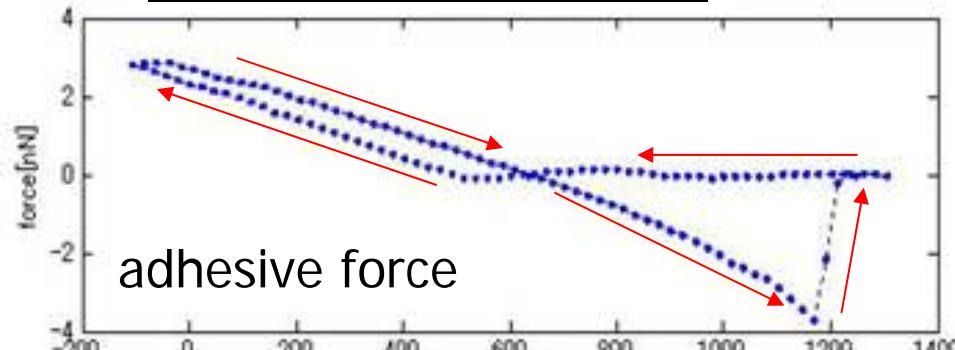
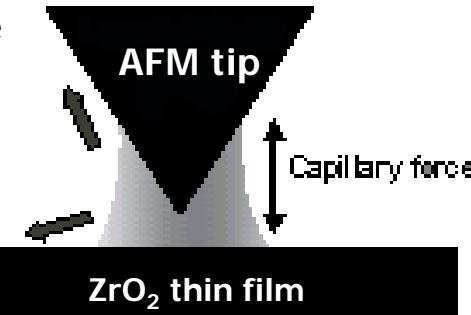


Substrate; Zircaloy-4  
Oxide layer; by autoclave  
Irradiation; 340 kGy  
Measurement; at r.t. in air  
Contact angle; 12 deg.



# Wettability of $\text{ZrO}_2$ surface at AFM scale

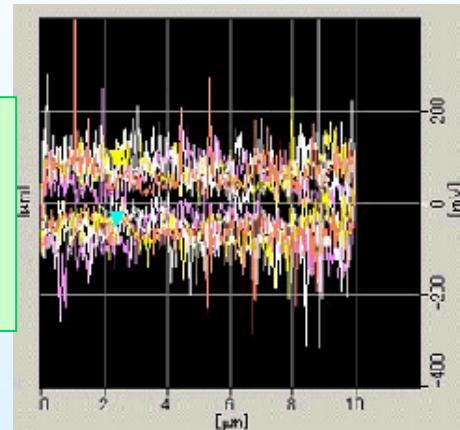
Force curve



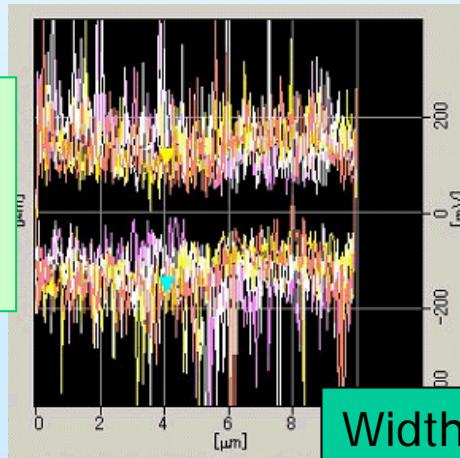
hydrophilic clusters

- Surface friction force of the Zircaloy samples increases by gamma ray irradiation.

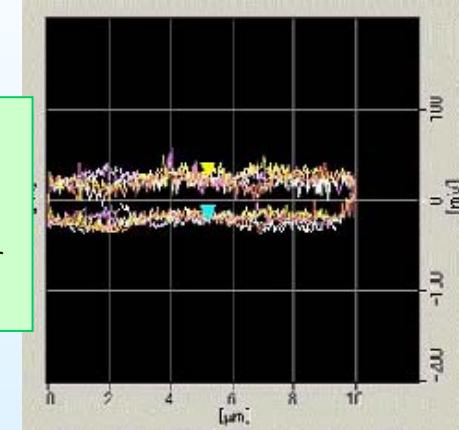
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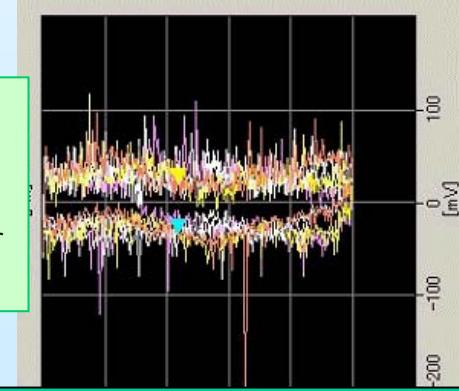
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 Irradiation; 340 kGy  
 Measurement; at r.t. in air  
 Contact angle; 12 deg.



Substrate; SUS304  
 Oxide layer; heated in air  
 Irradiation; No irradiation  
 Measurement; at r.t. in air  
 Contact angle; 95 deg.



Substrate; SUS304  
 Oxide layer; heated in air  
 Irradiation; No irradiation  
 Measurement; at r.t. in air  
 Contact angle; 39 deg.

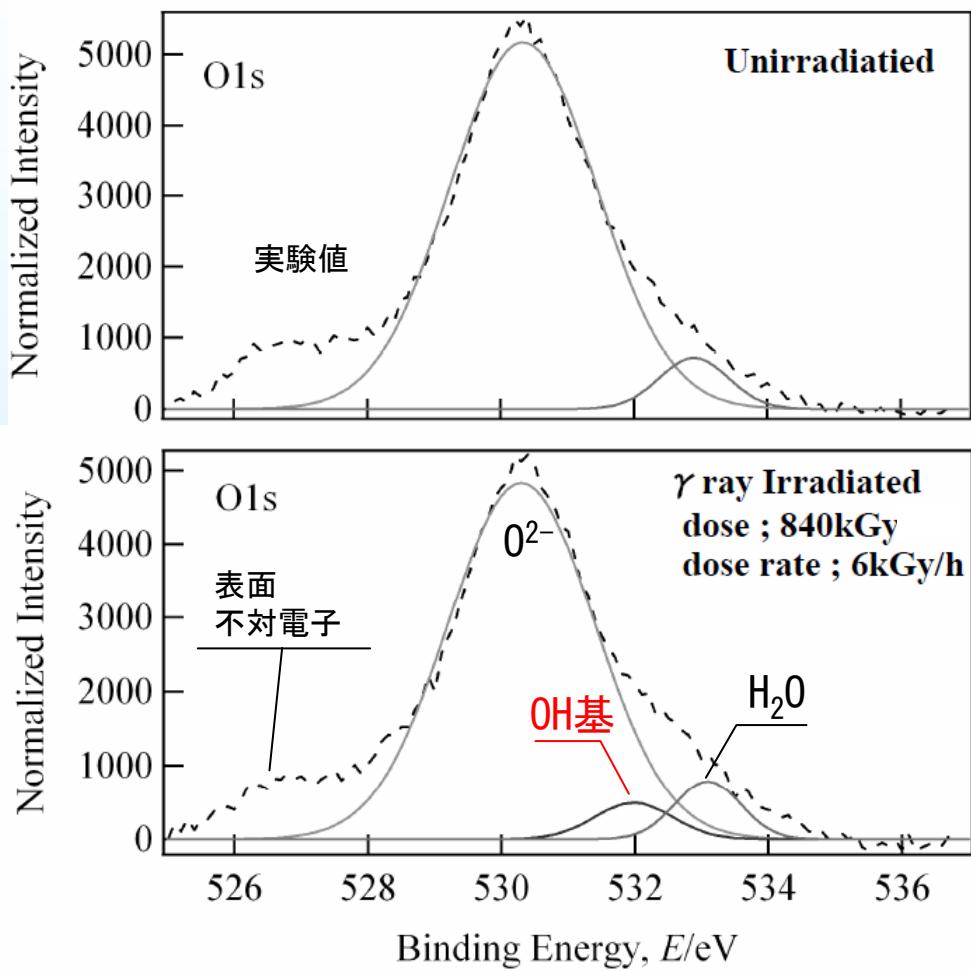


Width between upper line and lower line corresponds to magnitude of surface friction force. <sup>24</sup>

放射線照射によって形成された正孔は酸化被膜表面に拡散し溶液中の電子と再結合消滅し、適切な不純物準位や欠陥準位が存在すると励起効率は向上する。この時の電気化学反応は酸化ジルコニウムの荷電子帯上端の水素基準電位 (Standard Hydrogen Electrode (SHE)) に対する電位 (-3.9eV vs. SHE) と表面におけるバンドの褶曲を考えると



であると考えられ、形成されたOH基によって表面の水ナノクラスタが励起され、これが親水化に寄与する。



### 実験方法

材料 : m- $\text{ZrO}_2$ 粉末予焼鈍材

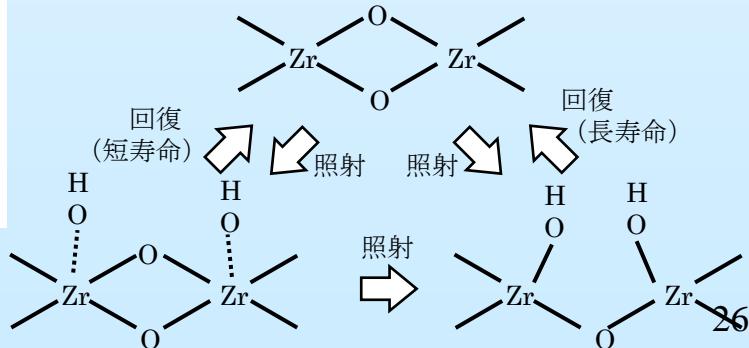
照射 :  $\gamma$ 線840kGy、室温、大気中

分析 : XPS

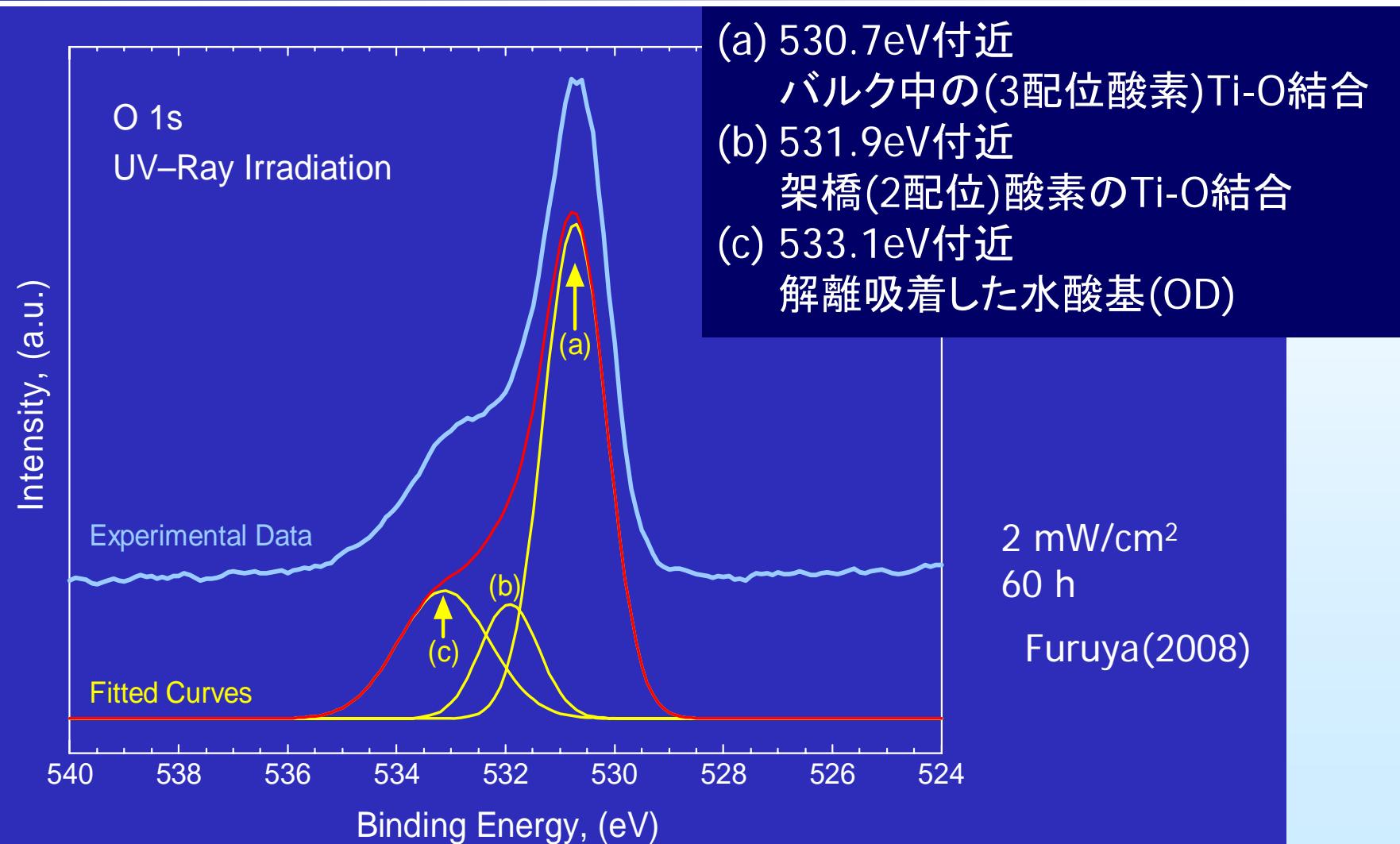
### 考察

$\gamma$ 線照射により $\text{ZrO}_2$ 表面にOH基が形成されることがわかった。また $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ の割合も相対的に增加了。

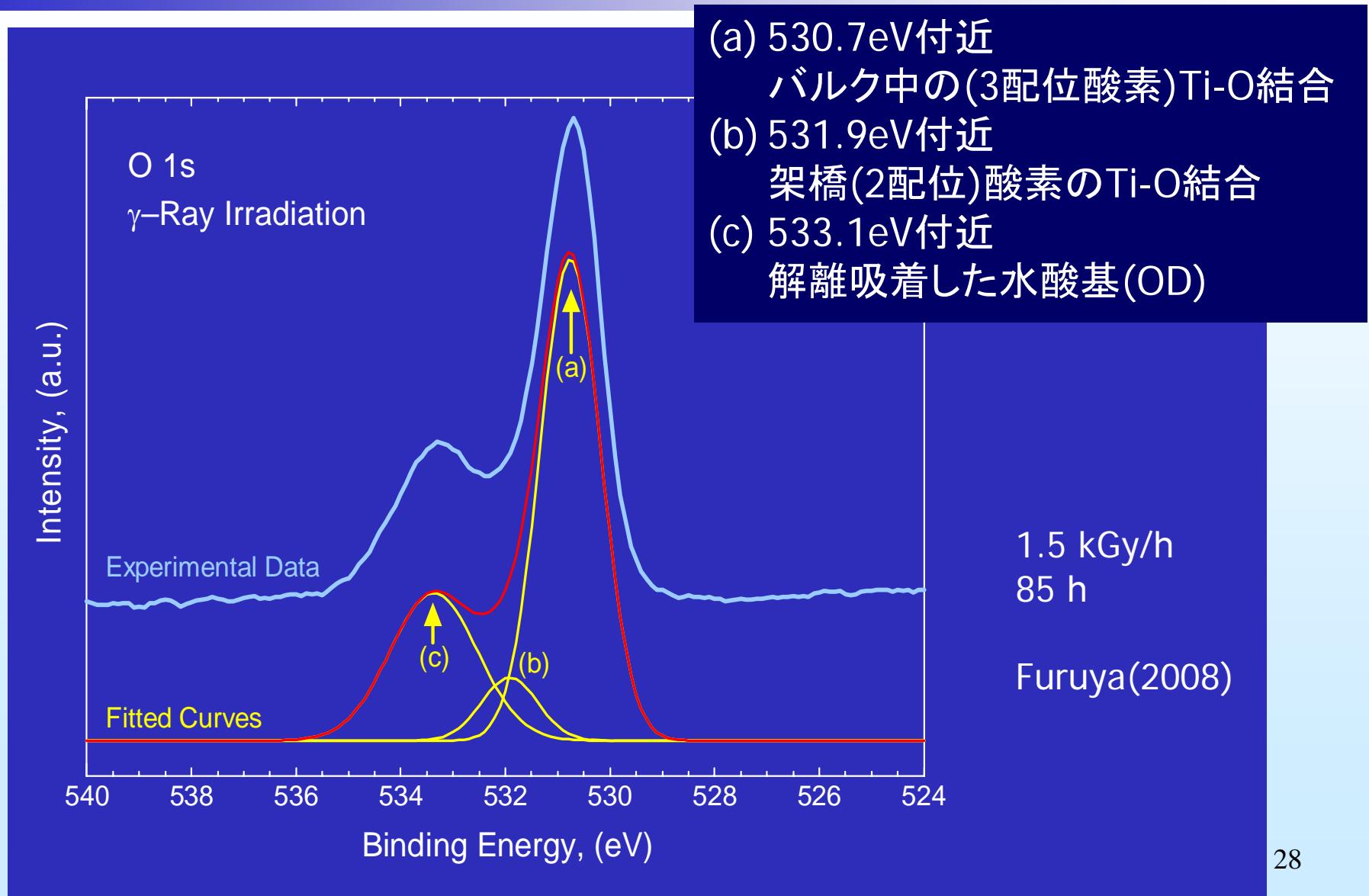
親水化因子として表面OH基 ( $\text{Zr}-\text{OH}$ ) に由來した水クラスタを提唱してきたが、これを支持する結果である。



# XPS分析結果 紫外線照射



# XPS分析結果 $\gamma$ 線照射



# 冷却材喪失事故に関する安全解析 V&V (Verification and Validation) 越塚

RISAの影響は考えなくてOK?

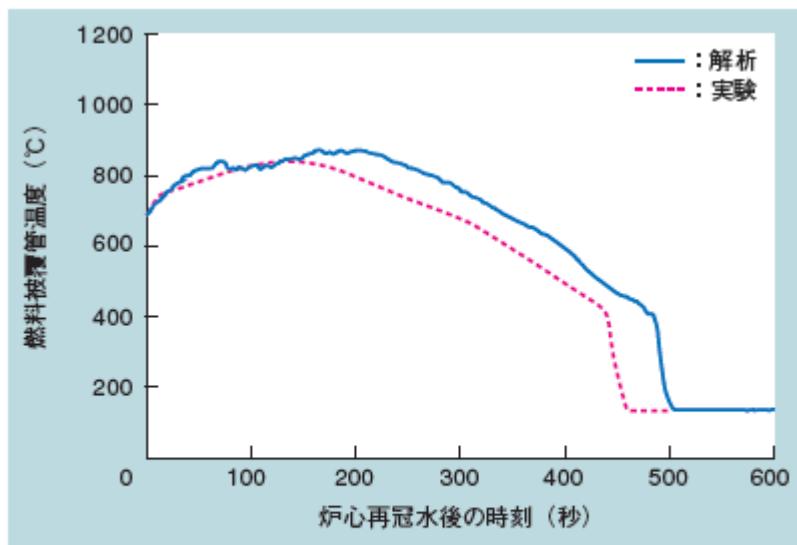


図3 MCOBRA/TRAC コードによる CCTF 試験解析例  
炉心の最高出力領域において燃料被覆管最高温度は、  
解析結果が試験結果を上回っている。

モデル実験との比較によるvalidation

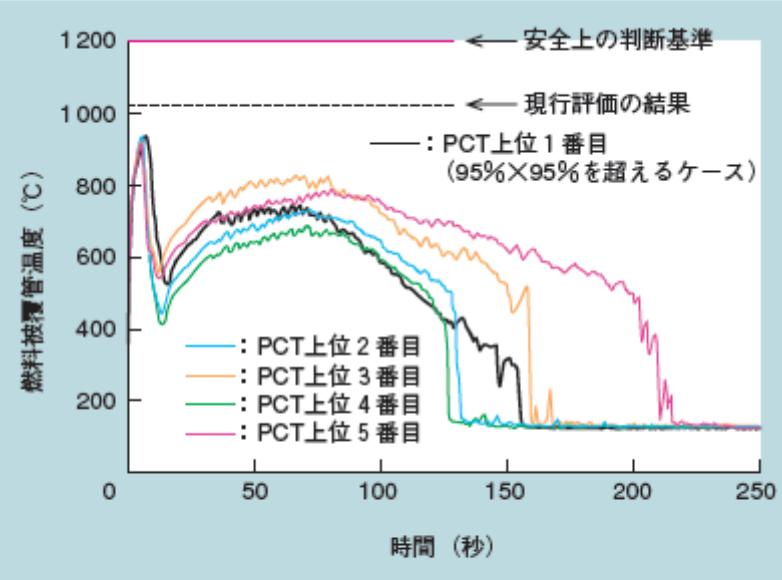


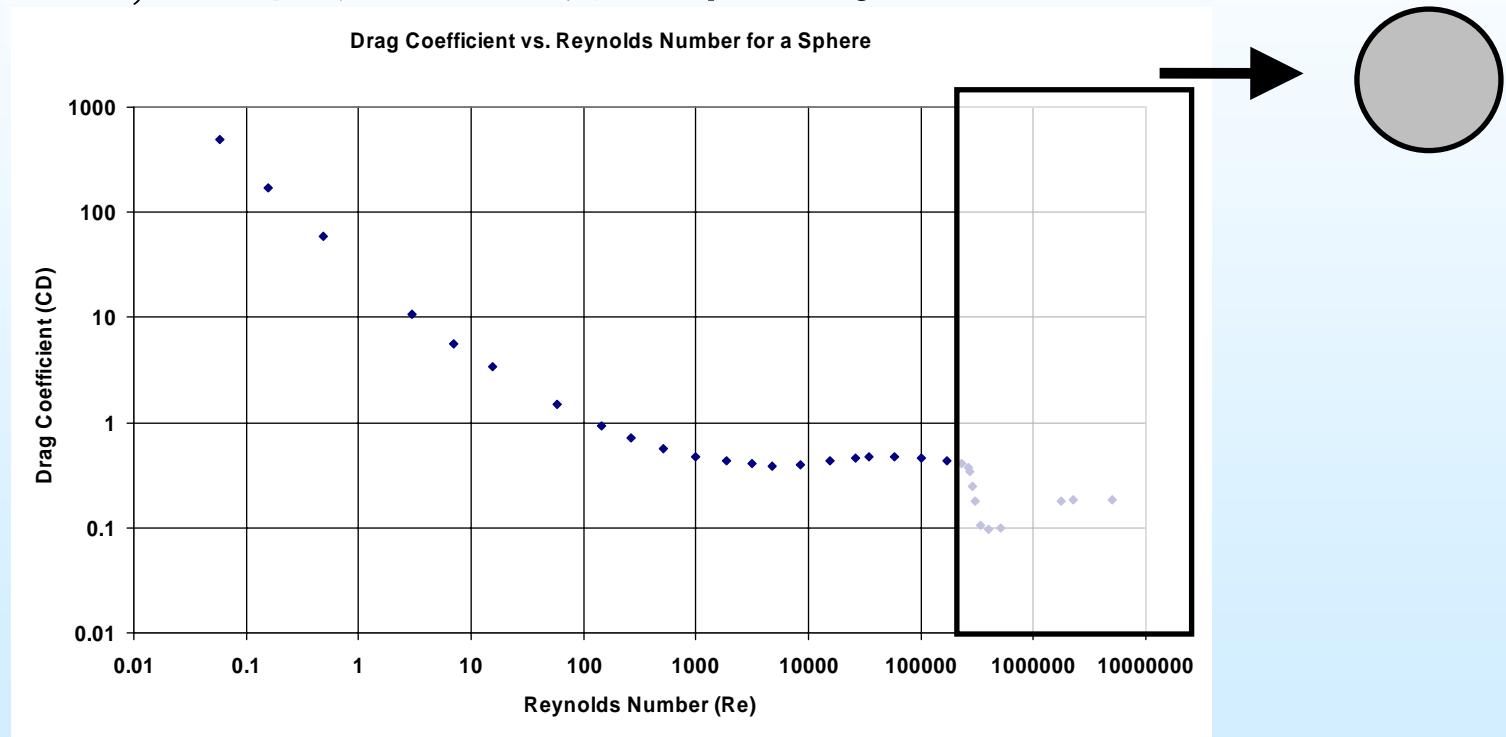
図4 順序統計法による計算結果例  
燃料被覆管温度（最高値が上位 1 番目から 5 番目までのケース）の時間変化である。

実炉の解析

寺前ら, 三菱重工技報 43(4), 25-31 (2006)

# 外挿に対する懷疑 越塚

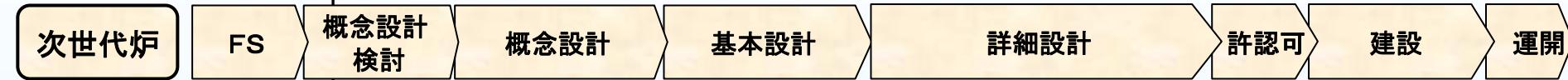
- 球の抗力係数は、 $1,000 < \text{Re} < 100,000$ でほぼ一定。
- $\text{Re}=200,000$ 付近で急激に低下。



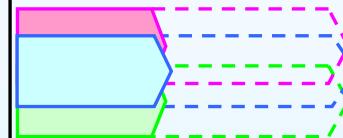
$\text{Re} < 100,000$ の妥当性確認では、 $\text{Re} > 100,000$ の値を予測できない。  
 → 弱い放射線環境( $1\text{kGy/h}$ )下の実験結果では、強放射線環境下( $1\text{MGy/h}$ )の熱流動現象を予測することができない？

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### BWR異常過渡変化時の炉心健全性(Post-BT 熱伝達)



- 解析モデルやコードの高度化と検証に活用可能な実機条件データベースの拡充
- 最適解析手法の予測性能評価と精度向上

### 放射線照射表面活性(RISA)による沸騰熱伝達の向上



- 伝熱面表面性状とドライアウト熱流束の系統的調査
- 照射下濡れの計測など
- 実機炉心条件(照射下、高圧、高流量)でのCHF試験
- 最適解析手法の予測性能評価

### 技術の検証、規格規準・規制への反映



- 学会標準の策定・改訂
- 炉心の限界出力評価と燃料設計への反映
- 最適評価手法、解析手法の精度向上
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- 安全余裕の正確な評価(クロスチェック解析)

### 基盤の確保・整備

#### 施設基盤

研究基盤施設(JMTR、THYNCなど)の維持・活用

#### 制度基盤

学会標準や指針の策定・改訂に関する検討

特記事項のみ