

Studies of lithiumization and boronization of ATJ graphite PFCs in NSTX-u

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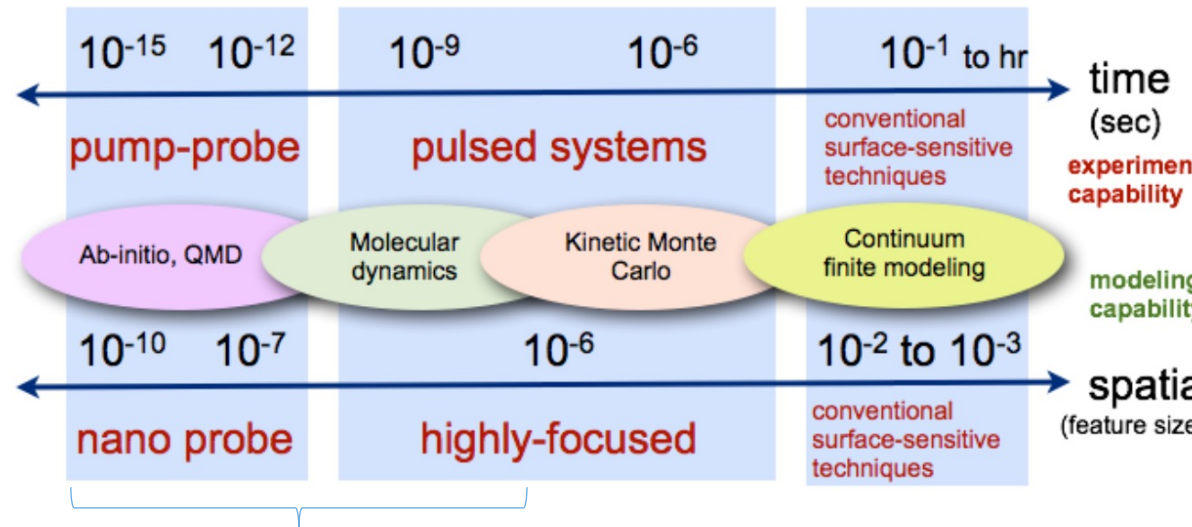
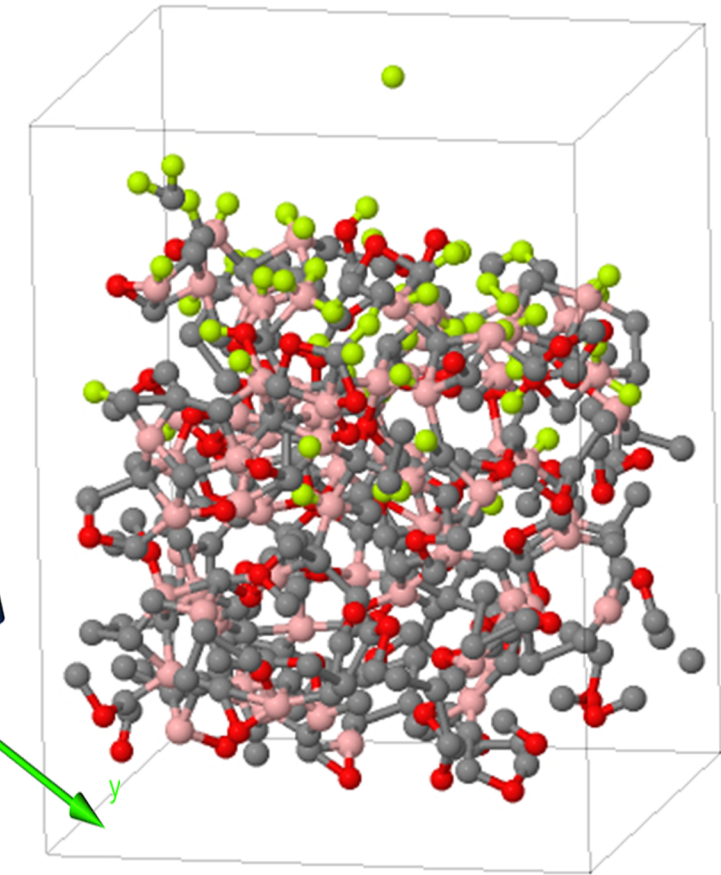
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What are we doing?

simulate chemistry, retention of D, chemical sputtering of a B-C-O-D, Li-C-O-D and B-Li-C-O-D surface.
To understand the fundamental processes in the windows of time&space when these actually happen.



Here we are: atomistic approaches

Most processes end in less than 100 ps . Cumulative processes require longer time.

Flux: $10^{25} \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ means 1 D atom at 10nm^2 each 10 ns. How impact atom changes the target surface – the dynamical surface

How do we do it?

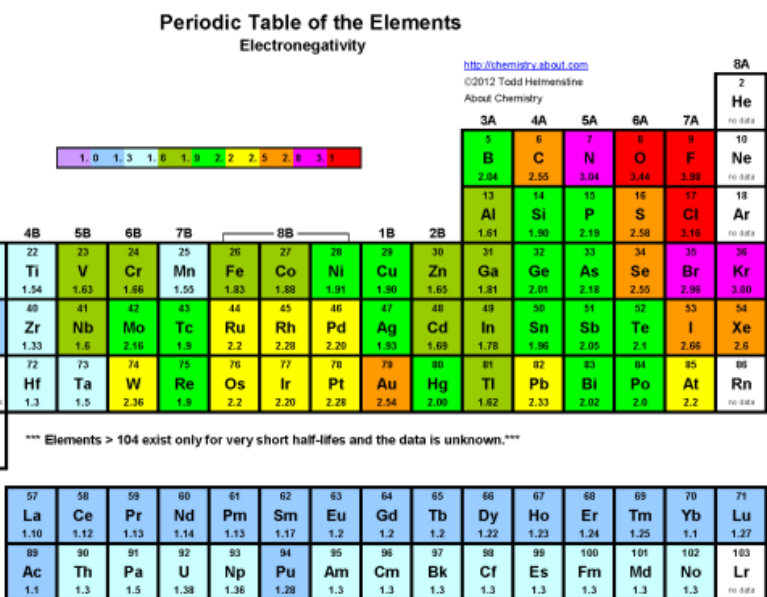
Classical molecular dynamics with REAXFF

Verified by quantum-classical molecular dynamics (need exo computing resources)

Validated by NSTX-U and lab experiments whenever available

Classical mechanics not good for the problems with B-Li-C-O-D? Good for W-D or C-D problems.

The answer lays in different electronegativity of the atoms in B-Li-C-O-D mixture



This means polarization and charges of the atoms in mixture dynamically change with change of the coordinates of atoms, in particular during the D impact cascade. Changes in electronic cloud can be handled only by quantum mechanics.

We use **SCC-DFTB approximation to DFT** which is nominally about 1000 times faster than DFT, still 1000 times slower than classical mechanics.

REAXFF: Intermediate solution: combination of classical mechanics and semi-empirical QM calibrated method (**Electronegativity Equalization**) which recalculate charges each time step of classical mechanics. This is about 100 times slower than classical mechanics.

Uncertainty propagates through scales?

These computational codes have limits, so do the experimental and metrology tools. Key is to fill the gaps between the other and identify regions of validation in combination with the data uncertainty and more importantly

Identify appropriate and strategic problems to solve

Examples of the problems for NSTX-U that can be answered by atom.theory validated by experiments

Effects of B and Li deposited onto the carbon tiles. In particular:

Effects of deuterium accumulation

Effects of varying concentration of B and Li

DO

deuterium retention and chemical sputtering of the surface.

Compare with experimental data from MAPP and lab.

Effects of impurities, in particular of O and its derivate (O_2 , H_2O) at D recycling and e

liquid Li on carbon and high-Z substrates. Compare with experimental data. IN W

Determine intermolecular interactions of liquid metals (Li, Sn, Ga) with high-Z subst

model the wetting.

Effects of temperature and impurities on the wetting of the liquid metals, as well as

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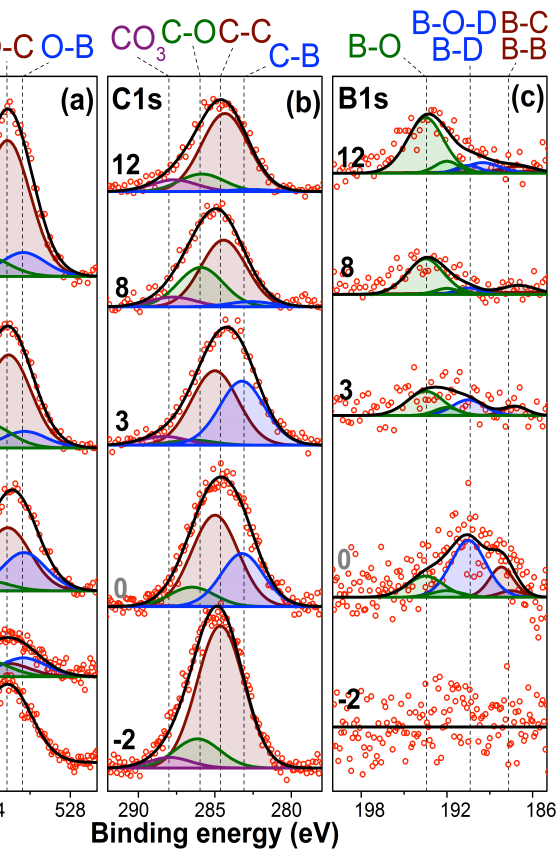
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to feed the mesoscopic dynamics (KMC) with the obtained atomistic data and to

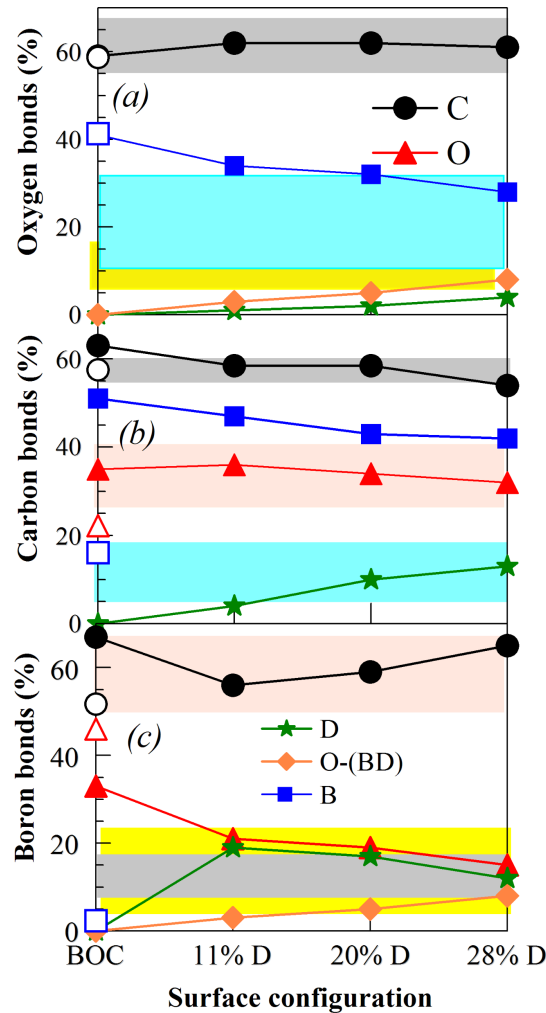
num dynamics through XGC-DEGASII.

Some achieved results

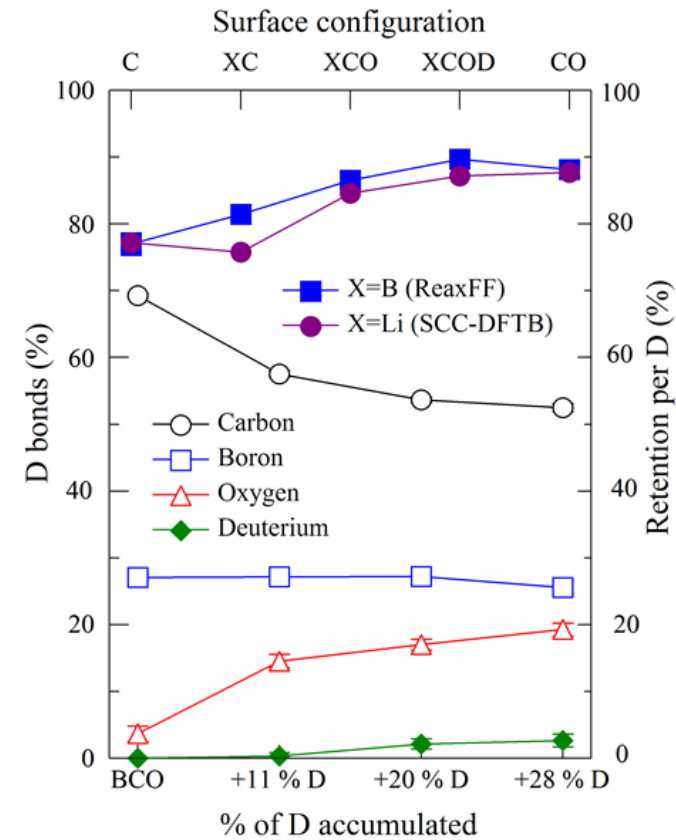
Binding and retention chemistry in boronized and oxidized surfaces



(b) C1s, and (c) B1s XPS spectra after 10 days of deuterium plasma exposure on boronized ATJ graphite.

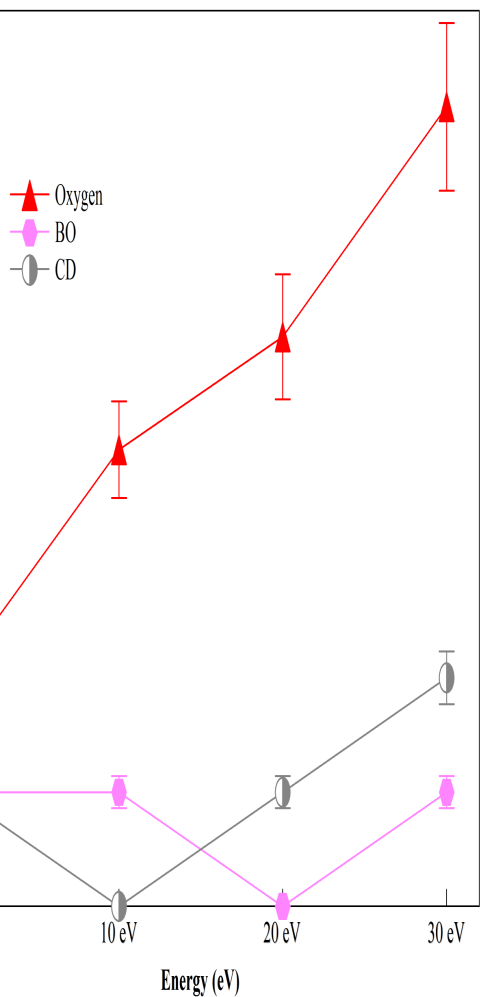


Bonds of (a) O, (b) C, and (c) B to other constituents in the BCOD as a function of D concentration.

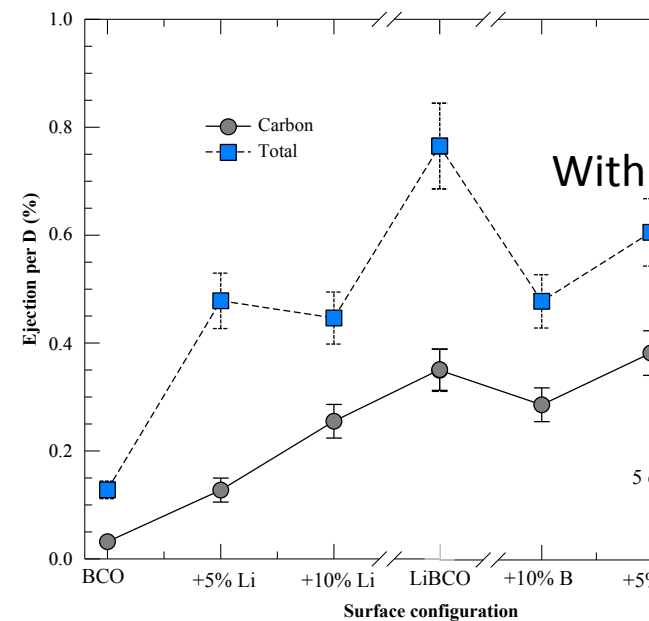
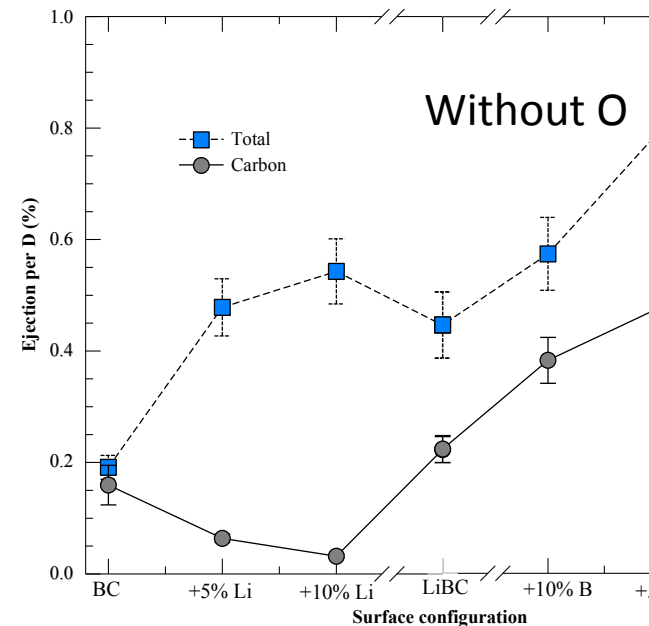
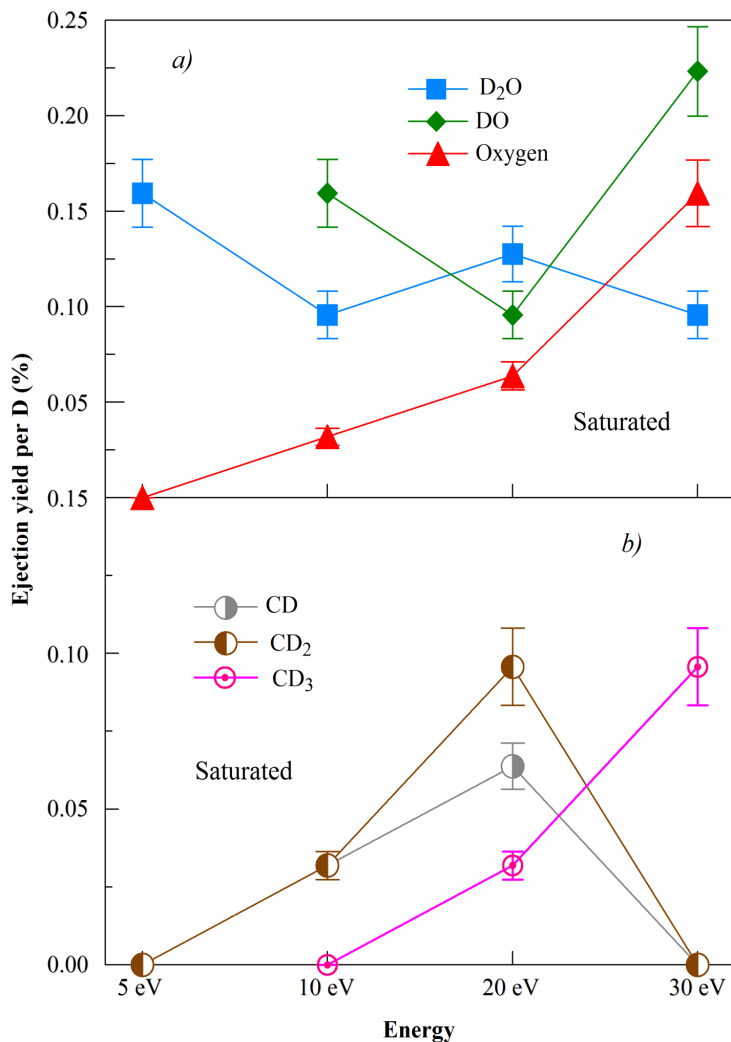


Percentage of D bonds with constituent elements of the deuterated BCO surface as a function of D accumulated concentration (left axis). Total retention per impact of D (right axis).

Sputtering of BCO as function of D impact energy

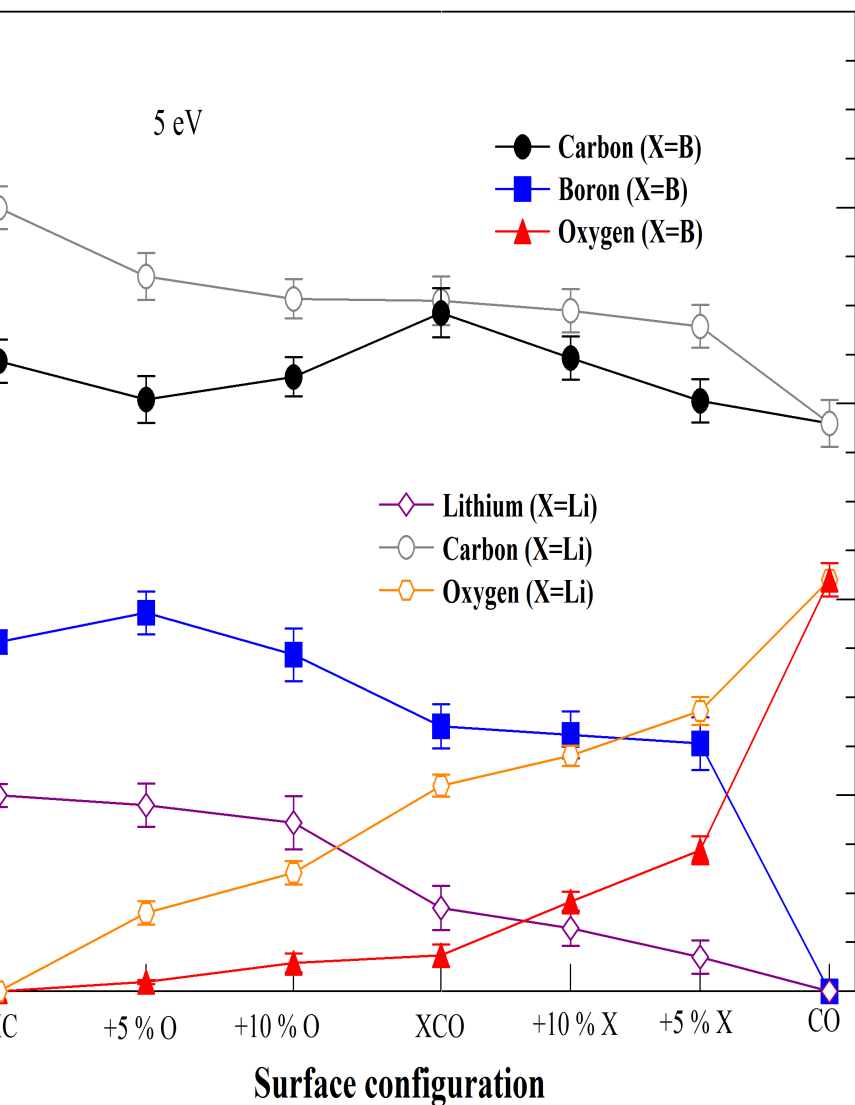


Sputtered molecules, upon D saturation

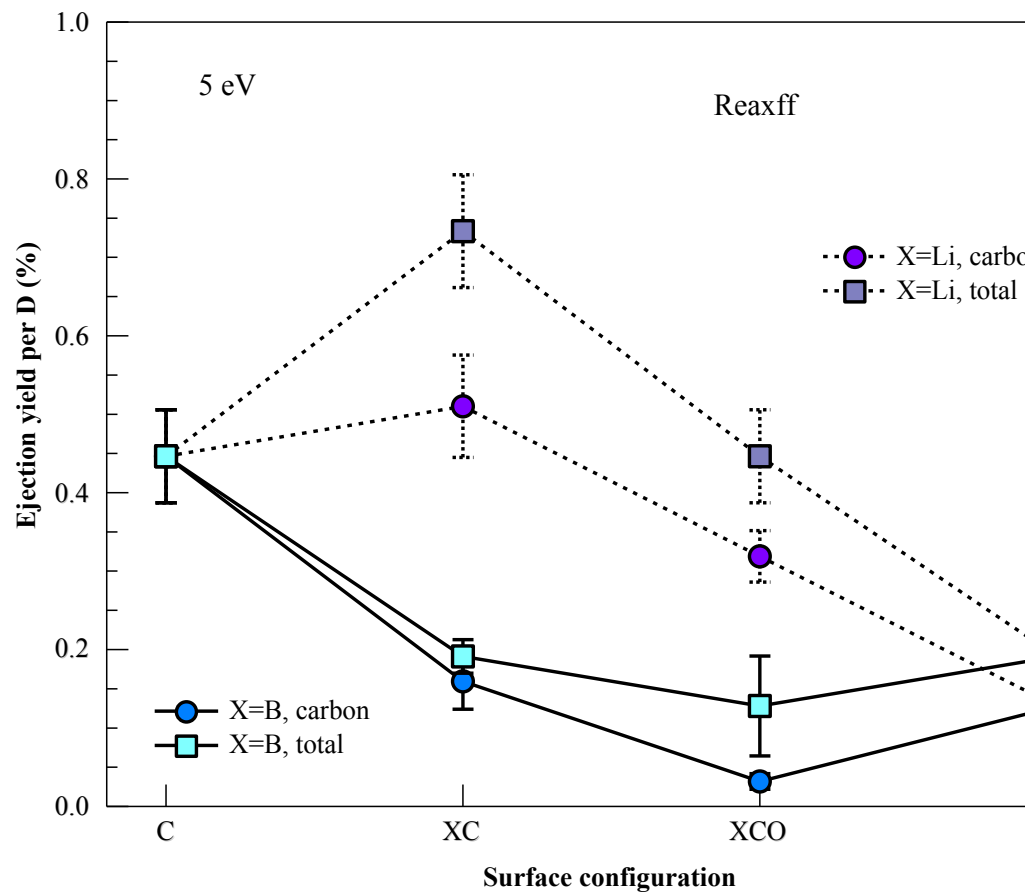


Sputtering in various configurations

Comparison of retention chemistry and sputtering in lithiated and boronized surfaces



Retention of D to various constituents of the surface.
cumulative case at 5 eV D.



Total and C ejection yield per D for various surface configurations

CONCLUSIONS: Outlook forward

Chemistry in NSTX-U requires QM in form of QCMD or advanced CMD+QM combinations to describe correct hydrogen retention and erosion in PMI.

Approximate QM is adequate, however this has to be evaluated to tens of thousands of trajectories for reducing statistical error and even for correct phenomenology.

Switching from DFT to QM for PMI systems might be not feasible in next 10 years systems.

Improved classical potentials, based on multiple neighbor QM calculations are the key for next phase of the NSTX-U atomistic modeling research, especially for metals. Checking DFT-fitted potentials by the methods of quantum computational chemistry beyond DFT is doable with current computational power, leading to acceptable results, with experimental verification = Quality control.

Increasing processing speed for extension of atomistic MD to longer times, meeting mesoscale. Algorithmic development.

Integrating together the various scales of PMI and plasma is the fundamental multidisciplinary question involving plasma science, surface science, atomic physics, computer science and applied mathematics.

The main weight in the science of integration of fusion plasma and its interfacial surface boundaries is in PMI because 1) the basic PMI phenomenology evolves much faster than the plasma time scale, and

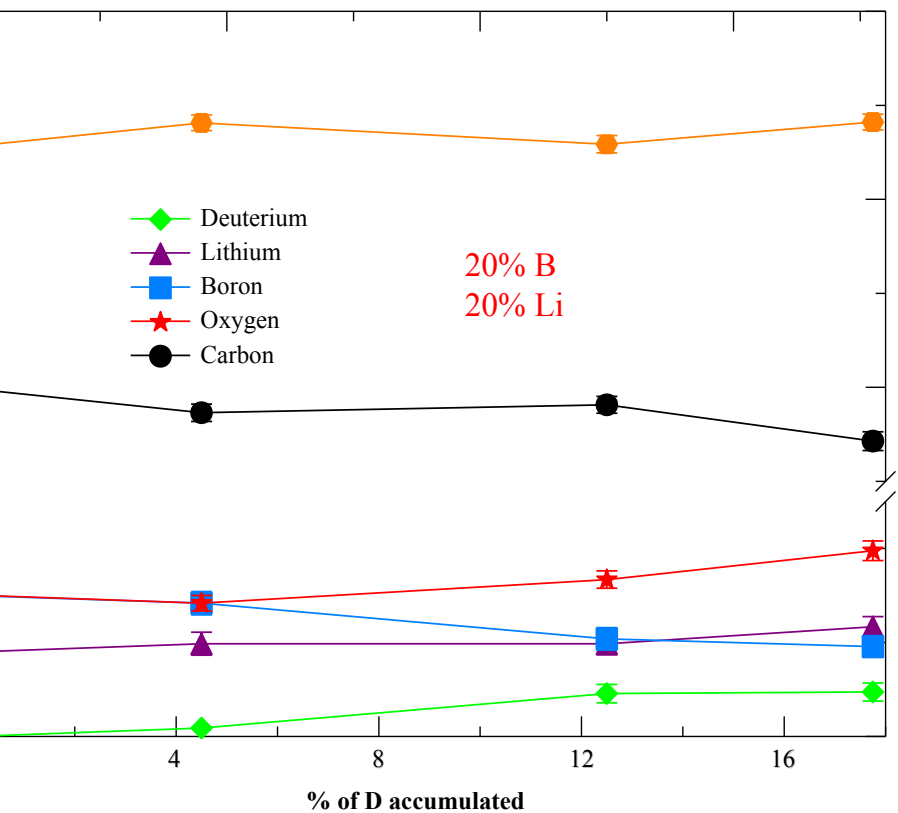
2) PMI involves through wider range of the scales, which partially overlap with the scale of plasmas.

PMI has to be understood and parameterized at nanoscale before integrating it with plasma at the "ground footing" at micro-scale.

Thank you!

SUPPLEMENTAL

Retention chemistry and sputtering for Li-B-C-O-D



This is material mix of 5 constituents
 5 eV impact of D
 Oxygen gets dominant in retention chemistry
 (over B) once there is D accumulated

