What do we know at present about lithium and NSTX ?

• About 10 - 30 mg of Li put down by pellets injected into Ohmic discharges before the shot of interest reduces the density - at least transiently - during the next discharge.

• The density reduction introduced in this manner (pellets) is completely gone after only one discharge. Hence at least 10 - 30 mg of Li is "passivated" during the shot of interest.

• Macroscopic amounts of Li introduced by LITER between discharges and during HGDC has beneficial effects on plasma performance but does not reduce the density.

• The amount of Li introduced during the shot of interest by LITER is equivalent 0.1 - 1 pellet, which is less than is being "passivated" during the same shot (3 - 10 pellets).

 \bullet The plasma cannot tolerate the "insult" of pellet injection (3mg @ 120 m/s) during the shot of interest.

NSTX Trajectories from LPI



Determination of "Best" Sabot Design



Mass Ratio (Mass Long sabot / Mass Standard Sabot)

Telescope Steps Help Prevent Bunching <u>and</u> Add Correct Amount of Mass to Slow Sabots to ~ 10 m/s (Mass = 1.7 gm)



Shot Sequence

Shot No.	Nom. Mass Injected (mg)	Oven Btwn Shot (mg)	# Barrels Employed	Arrival Time (secs)	Sum Lithium Mass (mg)	
1	0	0	-	-	0]
2	0	0	-	-	0]
3	5	0	1	0.2	5]
4	5	0	1	0.2	10	
5	10	0	1	0.2	5	
6	10	0	1	0.2	10	1
7	20	0	2	0.2, 0.4	50]
8	20	0	2	0.2, 0.4	70]
9	30	0	3	0.2, 0.4, 0.6	100	1
10	30	0	3	0.2, 0.4, 0.6	130	
11	0	150	-	-	380	
12	0	150	-	-	530	1
13	5	150	1	0.2	685]
14	5	150	1	0.2	840	1
15	10	150	1	0.2	1000]
16	10	150	1	0.2	1160]
17	20	150	2	0.2, 0.4	1330	1
18	20	150	2	0.2, 0.4	1500]
19	30	150	3	0.2, 0.4, 0.6	1680]
20	30	150	3	0.2, 0.4, 0.6	1860]_↓

Start LITER to ~450 C ~1 hr, No Li

> LITER: 15 mg / min

Shot No.	Nom. Mass Injected (mg)	Oven Btwn Shot (mg)	# Barrels Employed	Arrival Time (secs)	Sum Lithium Mass (mg)	
1	0	0	-	-	0	-
2	0	0	-	-	0	-
3	5	0	1	0.2	5	
4	5	0	1	0.2	10	Start LITER
5	10	0	1	0.2	20	to ~ 450 C
6	10	0	1	0.2	30	$\sim 1 \text{ hr, No L1}$
7	20	0	1	0.2	50	
8	20	0	1	0.2	70	
9	30	0	1	0.2	100	
10	30	0	1	0.2	130	LITER:
11	0	150	-	-	380	15 mg / min
12	0	150	-	-	530	
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Powder Timing :Shot 123848



Fire Sabots: V = 7 m/s

Deployment of Sabots in LPI



Position

Barrel





Sabot Design Uses Commercially Available Stainless Tube

