





Hydrogen reactivity on a graphite surface

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Motivations

- ITER Plasma surface interactions (PSI)
- Experimental modeling of PSI by simple systems:
 - Walls: HOPG,

carbon first wall

boundary plasma central plasma

- Plasma : atoms & ions.
- Discrimination of effects due to neutrals and ions
- Variations of incident energy and fluxes



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wall flux

H neutrals

5 ev II 50 ev

energy

Outlines

- Motivations
- Experimental setup
- Graphite background
- Adsorption of atomic hydrogen:
 - HREELS study
 - STM study
- Bombardment with hydrogen ions:
 - HREELS study
 - STM study
- Abstraction of H(D) by D(H) on clean surface and bombarded surface
- Plasma-surface interaction
- Conclusion and prospects



Experimental set-up



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 $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{I}^M$

Band structure of graphite



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pointe

pointe

Adsorption model of atomic hydrogen



LDOS pertubation

Exposure : 3 Langmuir atomic hydrogen



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Standing Charge Density Waves



15 nm x 15 nm, $V_{bias} = 50$ mV, $I_t = 0.35$ nA. Exposure : 12 Langmuir atomic hydrogen



3.5 nm x 2.5 nm



3.6 nm x 2.7 nm







2.6 nm x 2.6 nm



3.5 nm x 3.5 nm



Desorption

3 Langmuir atomic hydrogen

V_{bias}=100 mV I=0.35 nA, 120 nm x 120 nm















Mechanical interaction between tip and graphene sheet



FIG. 2. (a) Contour of constant local density of states (dashed line), and contour of total charge density (solid line). Filled circles indicate the positions of carbon atoms of the top two layers. (b) Potential used for the interaction of tip and surface. Schematic (c) compression and (d) expansion of graphite for the tip at points A and C, respectively, of (a).

Soler et al., Phys. Rev. Letters, 57, 444, (1986)



FIG. 2. Measurement of the relative tip movement and $d \ln I/dS$, as a function of the tip bias at a constant tunneling current of 1 nA. In this measurement, the relative tip movement was directly recorded from the z-piezovoltage. $d \ln I/dS$ was measured by a lock-in amplifier with a z-modulation amplitude of 0.08 Å at a frequency of 1 kHz.

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« Low » ion flux







4.2 nm x 4.2 nm



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2.2 nm x 2.2 nm



3.8 nm x 3.6 nm



Summary $H(D) \& H_2^+(D_2^+)$

• Atomic H(D) sur HOPG

C-H « weak » bond
weak sp³ character

Atomic H(D) on bombarded HOPG

numerous C-H bonds strong sp³ character



Abstraction of H(D) by D(H)



• Bombarded surface



Utility: abstraction can discriminate sp² & sp³

RF source

- « home made »
- $P \sim 20 \text{ mbar (Ar, H}_{2'}, D_{2})$
- $100 \text{ W} < P_{inj} < 300 \text{ W}$
- Inductively coupled – $V_p - V_f \sim 20 V$
 - $n_e^{-10^{9}} \text{ cm}^{-3}, T_e^{-5} \text{ eV}$
 - $n_0 \sim 10^{-14} 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- Fluxes:
 - Ions : $\Gamma_{i} \sim 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$
 - Neutrals: $\Gamma_n \sim 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$
- Energy:
 - Ions: ~ 20 eV
 - Neutrals: RT => 26 meV







Preliminary results



1µm x 1µm

42nm x 42nm

Conclusion and prospects

Conclusions

- Vibrational study (HREELS) :
 - proposition of adsorption model
 - abstraction of H(D) by D(H)
- Microscopic study (STM):
 - LDOS perturbations,
 - Standing waves patterns,
 - STM-tip induced hydrogen desorption
- Comparison between neutrals, ions & plasmas.
- Prospects
 - Plasma studies,
 - Hydrogen manipulation,
 - Studies of hydrogen/tungsten, hydrogen/B (or O) doped graphite...



Thank you for your attention

