



# Development of a Detailed Surface Chemistry Framework in SPARTA

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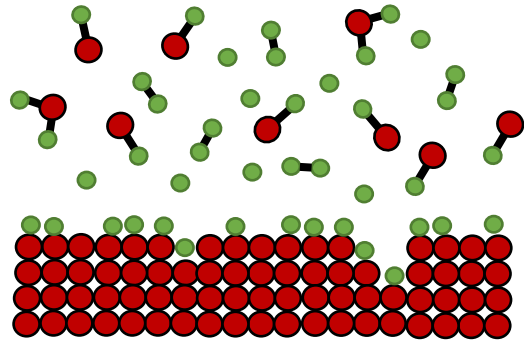
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# Outline



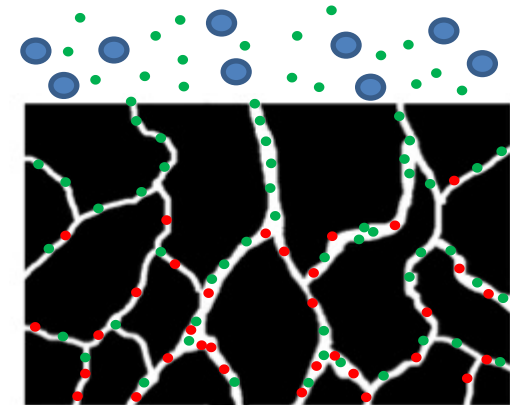
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- Pure-Surface (PS) Reactions
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- Parallelization strategies
- Summary and Future Work



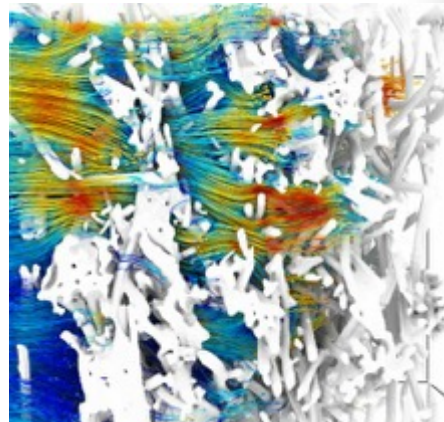
Adsorption and reactive surface chemistry



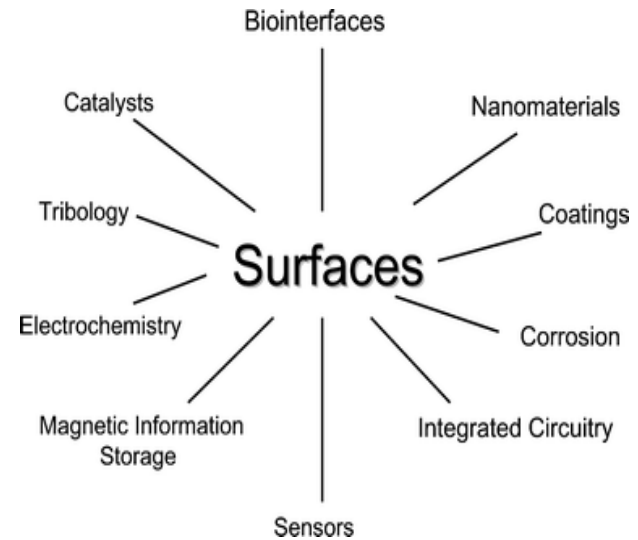
**Ablative TPS**  
Image credit: NASA



Surface chemistry at microporous catalysts.



Flow through porous preform carbon TPS using SPARTA. Image credit: Sandstorm



Somorjai and Li [1]

**Objective:**  
To construct a general, detailed physics-based surface chemistry framework in DSMC.

<sup>1</sup> Somorjai, G. A., & Li, Y. (2010). Introduction to surface chemistry and catalysis. John Wiley & Sons.

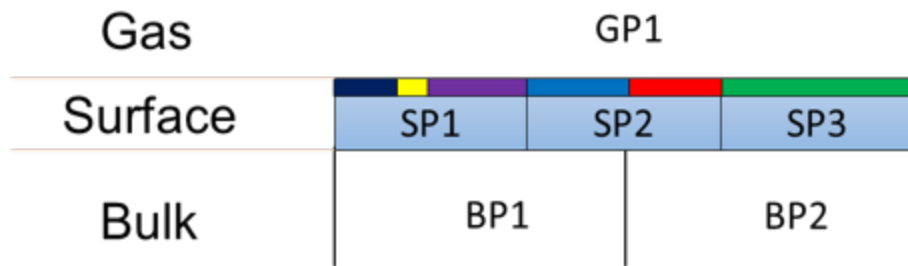


# Computational framework



- Finite-rate surface chemistry module with adsorption.
- Includes gas-surface (GS) and pure-surface (PS) reactions.
- Both catalytic and surface altering (oxidation/nitridation) reactions.
- Computational framework similar to Marschall, Maclean and Driver [2,3] for CFD.
- Langmuir model for surface sites.
- Diverse VDF and angular distributions of scattered products.

## Environments



## Phases

$$N_{SP} = 3$$

$$N_{BP} = 2$$

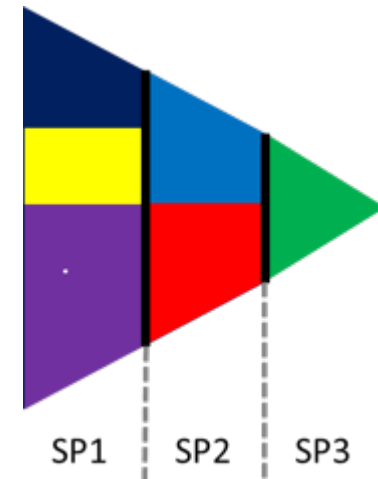
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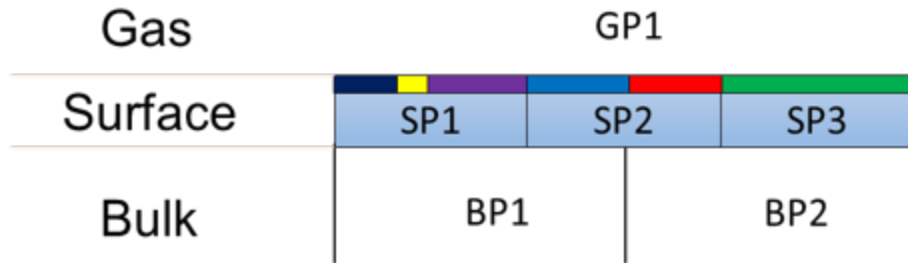


# Computational framework



- Particles adsorbed (deleted) and desorbed (created), surface element stores adsorbed particle concentration.
- Surface reactions based on concentration within surface element.
- Multiple triangulated elements (like cells) on surfaces
- Surface treated as infinite sink and source.

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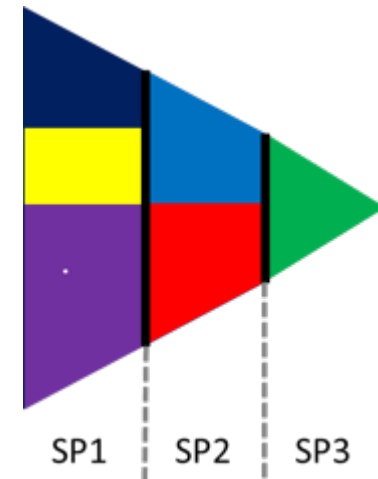
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# List of gas-surface (GS) reactions



- Reactants include both gas-phase and surface species.
- Comprehensive set of reactions – Includes reaction types from thermal regime and hyperthermal energy regime.

Symbol	Reaction type	Examples
1: AA	Associative Adsorption	$O(g) + (s) \longrightarrow O(s)$ $O_2(g) + (s) \longrightarrow O_2(s)$
2: DA	Dissociative Adsorption	$O_2(g) + (s) \longrightarrow O(s) + O(g)$ $O_2(g) + 2(s) \longrightarrow 2O(s)$
3: DIS	Dissociation	$O_2(g) + (s) \longrightarrow 2O(g) + (s)$ $CO_2(g) + (s) \longrightarrow 2O(g) + (s) + C(b)$
4: LH1	Langmuir-Hinshelwood type 1	$O(g) + (s) + O(s) \longrightarrow O_2(g) + 2(s)$ $O(g) + (s) + C(b) \longrightarrow CO(g) + (s)$
5: LH3	Langmuir-Hinshelwood type 3	$O(g) + (s) + O(s) \longrightarrow O_2(s) + 2(s)$ $O(g) + (s) + C(b) \longrightarrow CO(s) + (s)$
6: CD	Condensation	$C_3(g) + 3(s) \longrightarrow 3C(b) + 3(s)$
7: ER	Eley-Rideal	$CO(g) + O(s) \longrightarrow CO_2(g) + (s)$
8: CI	Collision Induced	$O(g) + CO(s) \longrightarrow CO(g) + O(s)$ $Ar(g) + O(s) \longrightarrow Ar(g) + O(g) + (s)$



# Modeling of gas-surface (GS) reactions



- GS reaction probability computed when gas-phase species hits surface.
- Reaction probability function of:
  - rate constant
  - gas-phase particle properties (energy, angle, etc.)
  - surface conditions (temperature, surface coverage, etc.)

Reaction type	Sample	Probability
Adsorption	$A(g) + (s) \longrightarrow A(s)$ $A_2(g) + (s) \longrightarrow 2A(s)$	$P = S^\alpha(\theta) = f(S_0, \theta, \alpha)$
Adsorption mediated reactions: Dissociation, LH1, LH3, Condensation	$A_2(g) + (s) \longrightarrow 2A(g) + (s)$ $A(g) + (s) + B(s) \longrightarrow AB(g) + 2(s)$	$P = P_{ad} * k_{reac}$ $P = P_{ad} * k_{reac} * \frac{N_{B(s)} F_N}{S_p}$
Eley-Rideal	$A(g) + B(s) \longrightarrow AB(g) + (s)$	$P = 2k_{reac} \frac{N_{B(s)} F_N}{S_p} \frac{1}{v_n}$
Collision Induced	$A(g) + B(s) \longrightarrow A(g) + B(g) + (s)$	$P = k_{reac} \frac{N_{B(s)} F_N}{S_p} (E_{in})^m \cos^n(\theta)$



# List of pure-surface (PS) reactions



- Pure-surface (PS) reactants include only surface species (adsorbed and bulk).
- Comprehensive set of reactions

Symbol	Reaction type	Examples
1: DS	Desorption	$O(s) \longrightarrow O(g) + (s)$ $O_2(s) \longrightarrow O_2(g) + (s)$
2: LH2	Langmuir-Hinshelwood type 2	$N(s) + O(s) \longrightarrow NO(g) + 2(s)$ $O(s) + C(b) \longrightarrow CO(g) + (s)$
3: LH4	Langmuir-Hinshelwood type 4	$N(s) + O(s) \longrightarrow NO(s) + (s)$ $O(s) + C(b) \longrightarrow CO(s) + (s)$
4: SB	Sublimation	$3C(b) + 3(s) \longrightarrow C_3(g) + 3(s)$





# Modeling of pure-surface (PS) reactions



- Characteristic time computed between two reactions: Time counter method [5].
- Characteristic time function of
  - reaction rate constant
  - surface conditions (temperature, surface coverage, etc.).

$$\tau_{\text{reac}} = \frac{-\log(Rn)}{\nu_{\text{reac}}}$$

- Time counter algorithms developed to be independent of dt.

Reaction type	Sample	Frequency
Desorption Sublimation	$A(s) \longrightarrow A(g) + (s)$	$\frac{dn_{A(s)}}{dt} = -k_{\text{reac}}n_{A(s)}$ $\nu_{\text{reac}} = k_{\text{reac}}N_{A(s)}$
LH-2, LH-4	$A(s) + B(s) \longrightarrow AB(g) + 2(s)$	$\frac{dn_{A(s)}}{dt} = \frac{dn_{B(s)}}{dt} = -k_{\text{reac}}n_{A(s)}n_{B(s)}$ $\nu_{\text{reac}} = k_{\text{reac}}N_{A(s)}N_{B(s)}\frac{F_N}{S_p}$

<sup>5</sup> Molchanova, A. N., A. V. Kashkovsky, and Ye A. Bondar. "A detailed DSMC surface chemistry model." In AIP Conference Proceedings, vol. 1628, no. 1, pp. 131-138. AIP, 2014.



# Scattering models



## Current models in SPARTA

- Specular
- Diffuse – Maxwell's model

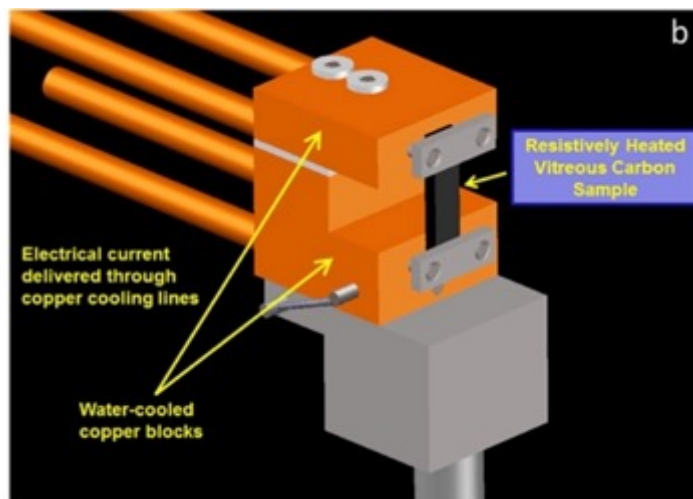
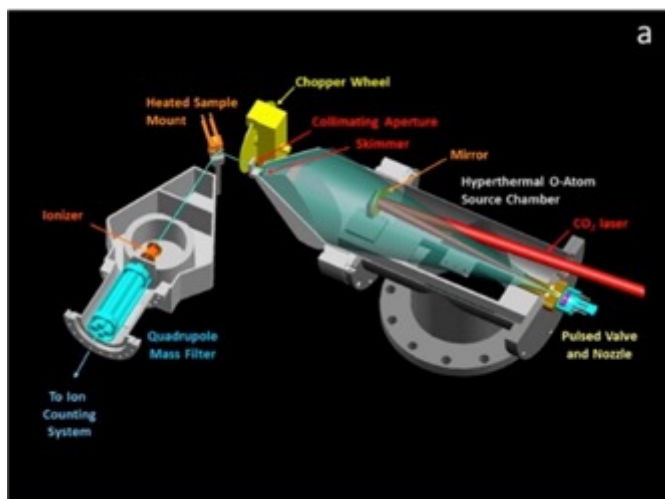
## Additional models

- CLL model – Thermal regime scattering. Can capture full and partial energy and angular accommodation [6,7].
- Thermal – Thermally desorbing particles with options such as desorption barrier, additional energy transfer due to local hot-spots, etc.
- Impulsive – Structural regime scattering at hyperthermal energies.
- Non-thermal – Transition regime scattering at superthermal energies without full accommodation

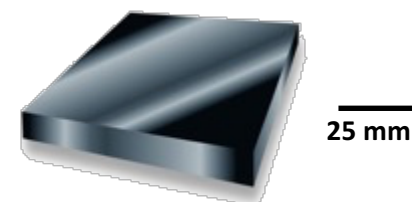
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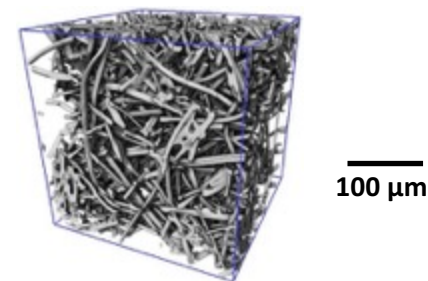
- Perform DSMC simulations of the molecular beam experiments of oxygen beam on Vitreous Carbon and Fiberform – Murray *et al* [8].
- Used to construct a finite rate surface oxidation model for carbon.



Murray *et al* [1]



Vitreous carbon  
SPI Supplies

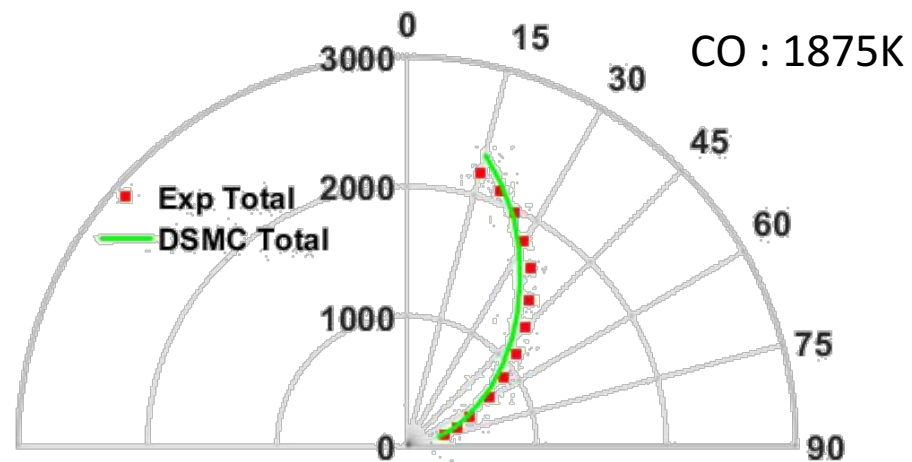
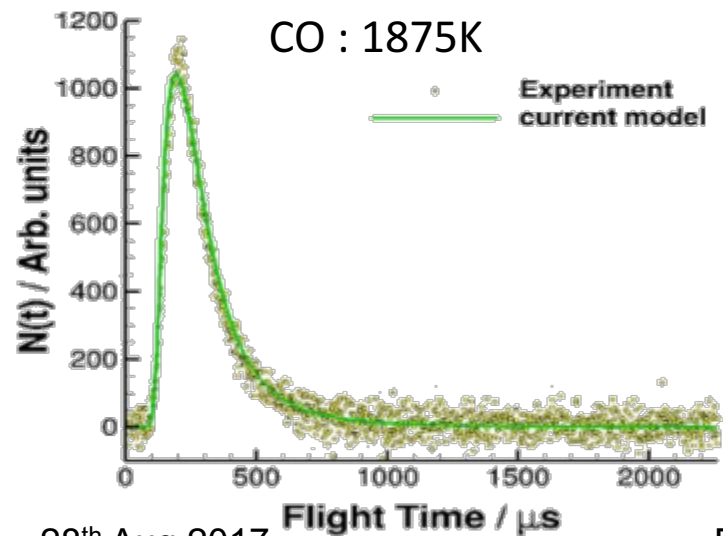
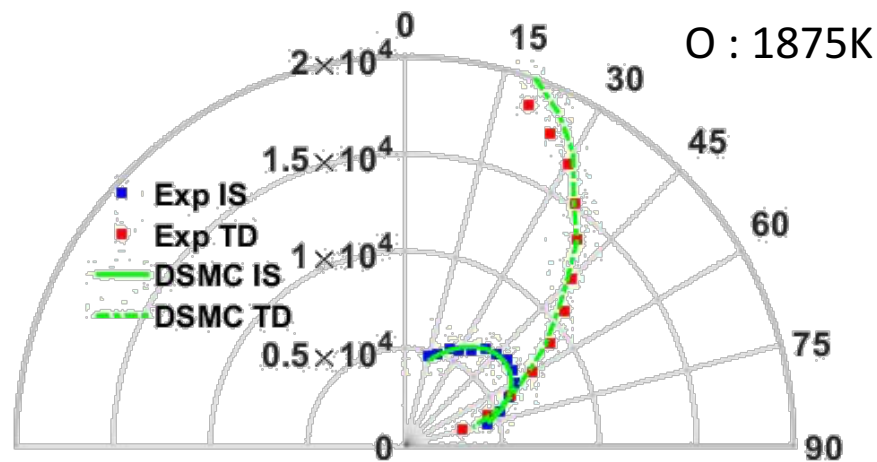
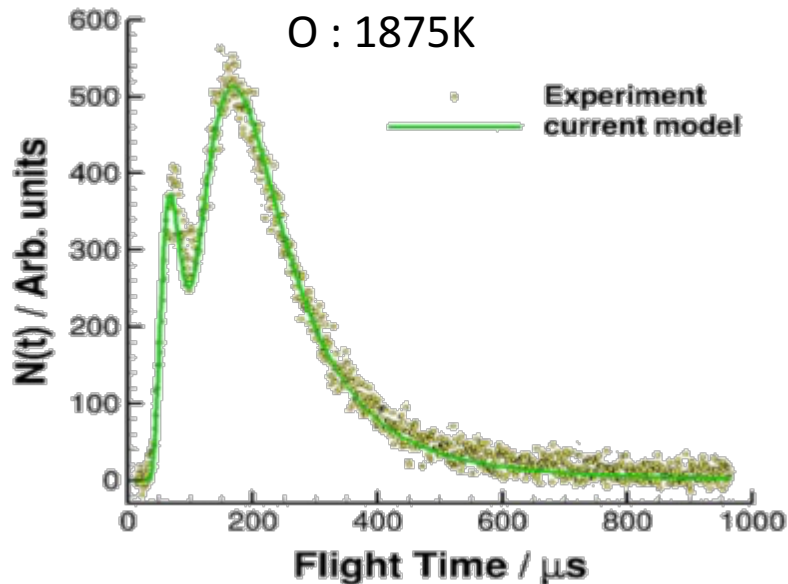


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<sup>8</sup> Murray, V J., et al. "Inelastic and Reactive Scattering Dynamics of Hyperthermal O and O<sub>2</sub> on Hot Vitreous Carbon Surfaces." *The Journal of Physical Chemistry C* 119.26 (2015): 14780-14796.



# Application: Vitreous Carbon Oxidation Model





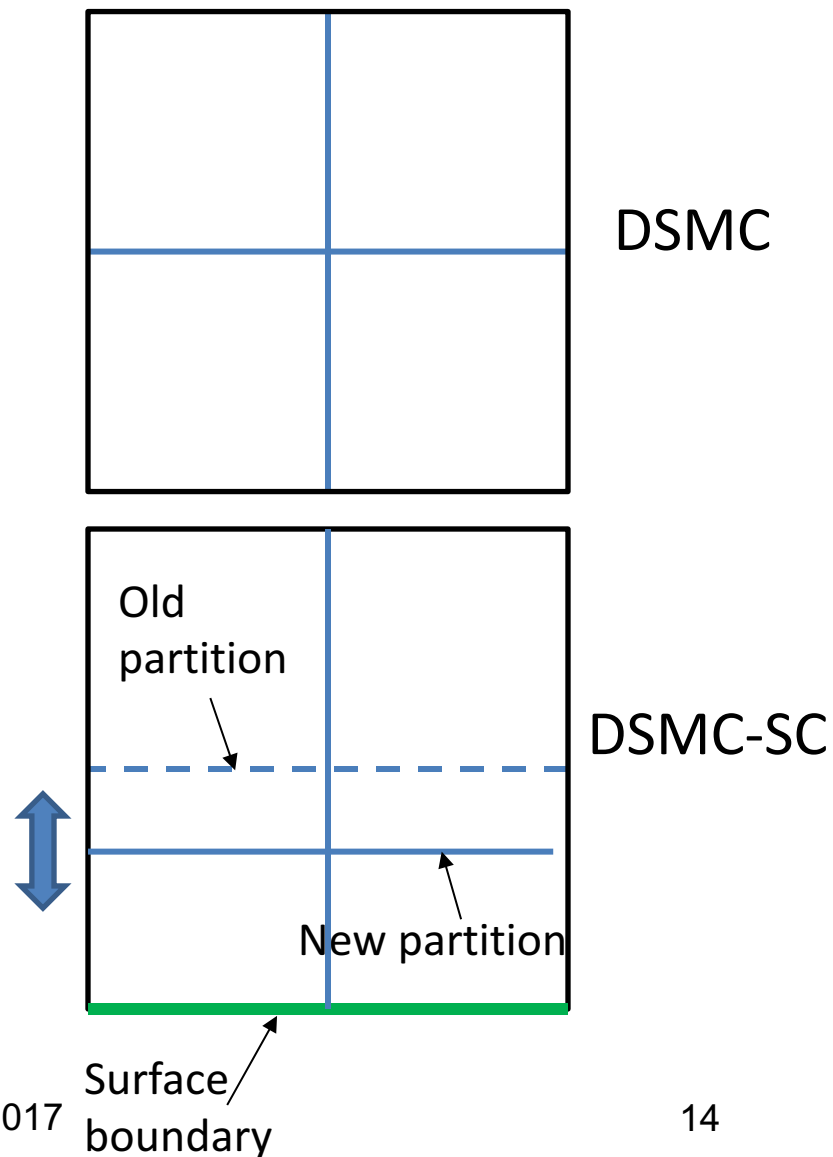
# Application: Vitreous Carbon Oxidation Model



Mechanisms	Reaction	Rate constant (k)
Adsorption	$O + (s) \longrightarrow O(s)$	$\frac{1}{4\Phi} \sqrt{\frac{8k_b T_g}{\pi m}} * 0.87$
LH3 CO{a} formation	$O + (s) + O'(s) + C(b) \longrightarrow CO\{a\}(s) + O'(s)$	$\frac{1}{4\Phi} \sqrt{\frac{8k_b T_g}{\pi m}} * 3.8027 \exp(-\frac{4243.3}{T_s})$
LH3 CO{b} formation	$O + (s) + O'(s) + C(b) \longrightarrow CO\{b\}(s) + O'(s)$	$\frac{1}{4\Phi} \sqrt{\frac{8k_b T_g}{\pi m}} * 8.7351 \exp(-\frac{1468.2}{T_s})$
LH1 O formation	$O(IS) + (s) \longrightarrow O(TD) + (s)$	$\frac{1}{4\Phi} \sqrt{\frac{8k_b T_g}{\pi m}} * 3.0237 \exp(-\frac{3034.5}{T_s})$
LH1 CO formation	$O + (s) + O'(s) + C(b) \longrightarrow CO + (s) + O'(s)$	$\frac{1}{4\Phi} \sqrt{\frac{8k_b T_g}{\pi m}} * 73.006 \exp(-\frac{5978.8}{T_s})$
LH1 CO <sub>2</sub> formation	$O + O(s) + 4O'(s) + C(b) \longrightarrow CO_2 + (s) + 4O'(s)$	$\frac{1}{4\Phi} \sqrt{\frac{8k_b T_g}{\pi m}} * 53.097 \exp(-\frac{231.41}{T_s})$
Desorption	$O(s) \longrightarrow O + (s)$	$270567.8 \exp\left(-\frac{5275.6}{T_s}\right)$
LH3 CO{a} desorption	$CO\{a\}(s) \longrightarrow CO\{a\} + (s)$	$8573.7 \exp\left(-\frac{2375.8}{T_s}\right)$
LH3 CO{b} desorption	$CO\{b\}(s) \longrightarrow CO\{b\} + (s)$	$0.70598 \exp\left(-\frac{1743.1}{T_s}\right)$

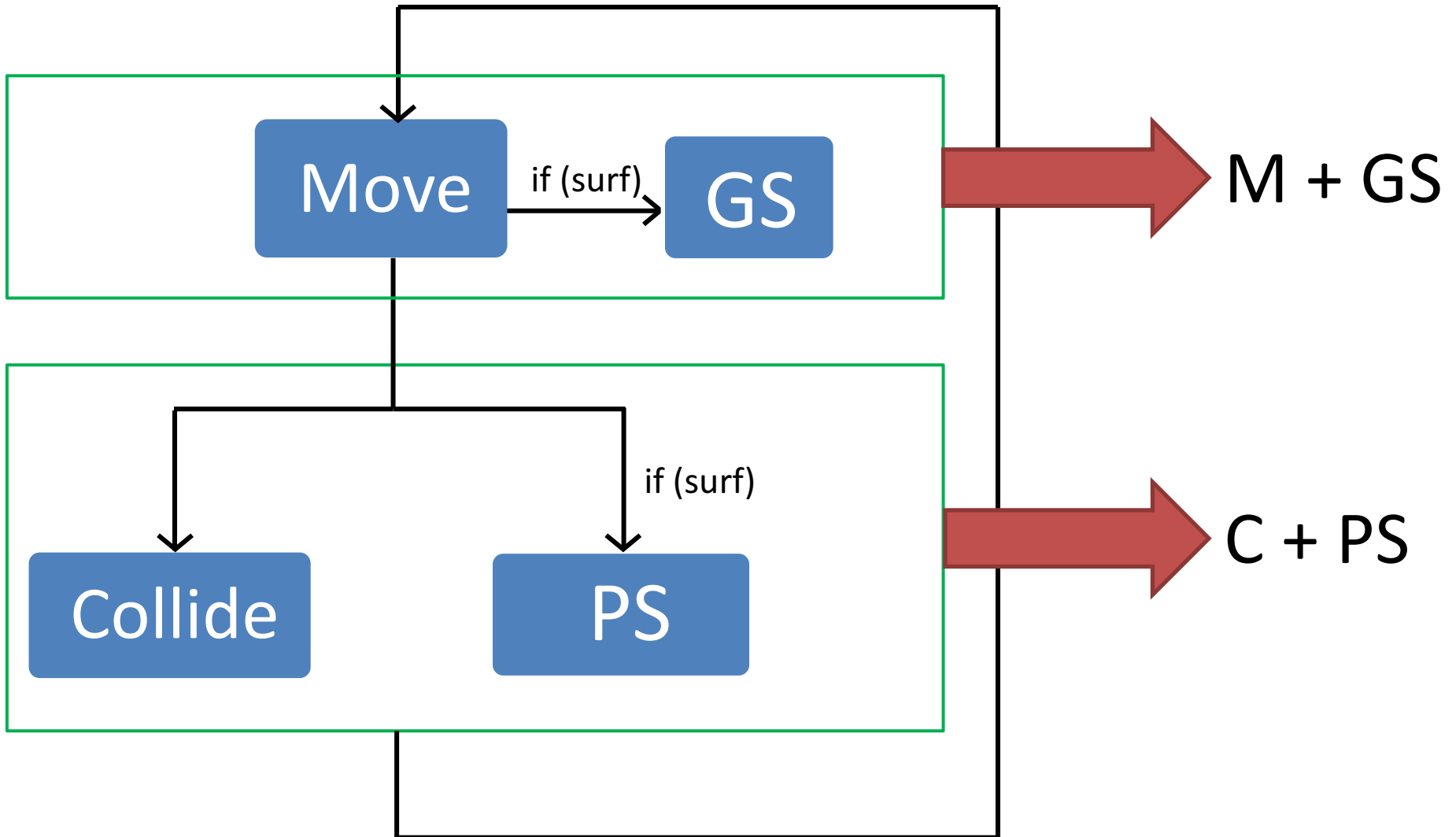


- Particle on the surface is not stored anymore (only its information).
- Parallelization based on the number of (gas-phase) particles will not work in DSMC-SC
- Two additional kernels in DSMC-SC – GS and PS reactions.
  
- **Move**
- **Collide**
- **GS (Gas-Surface) reactions**
- **PS (Pure-Surface) reactions**





# Flowchart for DSMC-SC





## Two strategies

1. Keep track of the computer time taken for each cell for a length of time. Use this information to partition the domain.
  - Works well for steady flows
2. Do approximate calculation of the computer time based on the information and the algorithms used.





- $t_{\text{move}} = O(n_p * n_{\text{steps}}) \{\text{moving}\} + O(n_p * n_{\text{steps}}) \{\text{boundary/surface/cell exit check}\}$
- $t_{\text{GS}} = O(n_{\text{surf-elem}} * n_{\text{surf-coll}} * n_{\text{GS-rxns}})$
- $t_{\text{collide}} = O\left(\frac{0.5 * n_p^2}{V_c}\right) \{\text{assuming temperature and cross sections are constant}\}$
- $t_{\text{PS}} = O(n_{\text{surf-elem}} * n_{\text{PS-rxns-occur}} * n_{\text{PS-rxns}})$        $n_{\text{PS-rxns-occur}} = \frac{dt}{-\log(0.5)} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{rxn}}} \nu_i$ 
  - $\nu_i \propto \text{Rate}(k, n_{\text{ad}}, \text{order})$

$$t_{\text{C+PS}} = t_{\text{collide}} + t_{\text{PS}}$$

$$t_{\text{M+GS}} = t_{\text{move}} + t_{\text{GS}}$$



# Summary and Future Work



## Summary

- A general, detailed, physics-based surface chemistry framework implemented in SPARTA.
- Includes physical models with wide range of options and parameters to capture all/several experimental details.
- Capability to model various types of surface reactions accommodating user specified reaction rates, surface properties and parameters.

## Future Work

- Further develop and implement parallelization strategies.
- Extension to ionization and plasma chemistry.
- Inclusion of internal energy scattering details.



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# Backup Slides



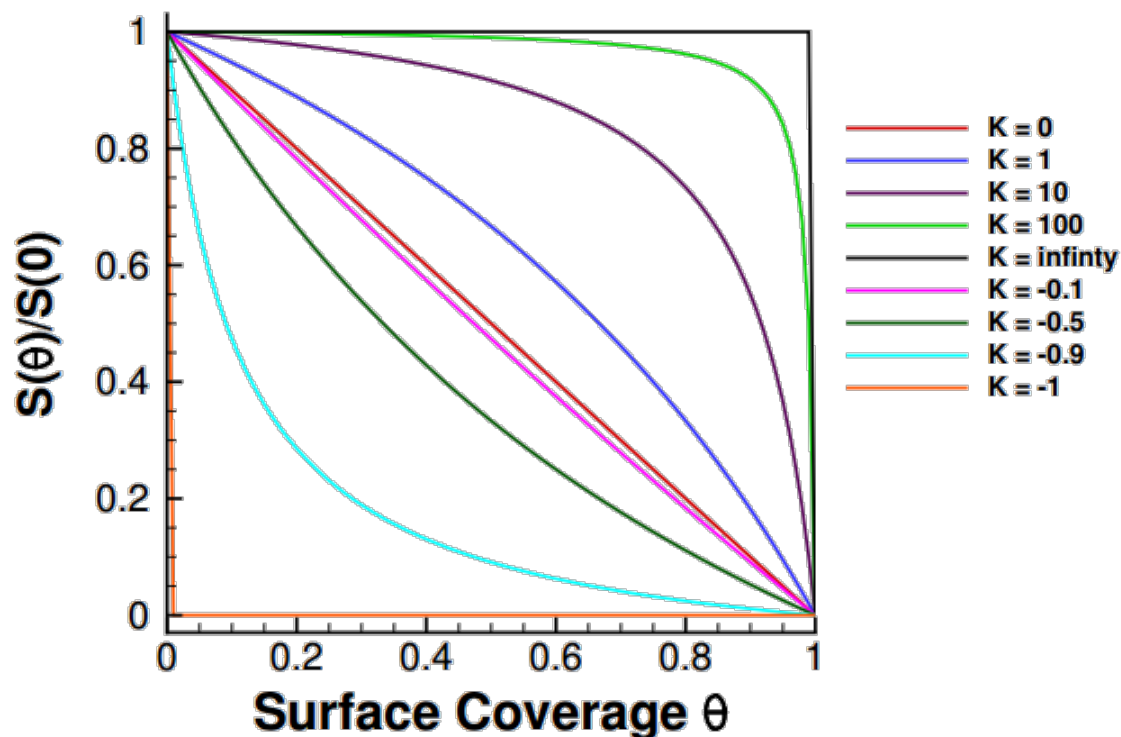
# Adsorption modeling



- Adsorption: direct and indirect pathways.
- Direct adsorption captured using the Langmuir model.
- Kisliuk model[4] used to capture the indirect adsorption pathway.
- $K_{eq}$  is an additional parameter –  $K_{eq}=0$  gives the Langmuir model.

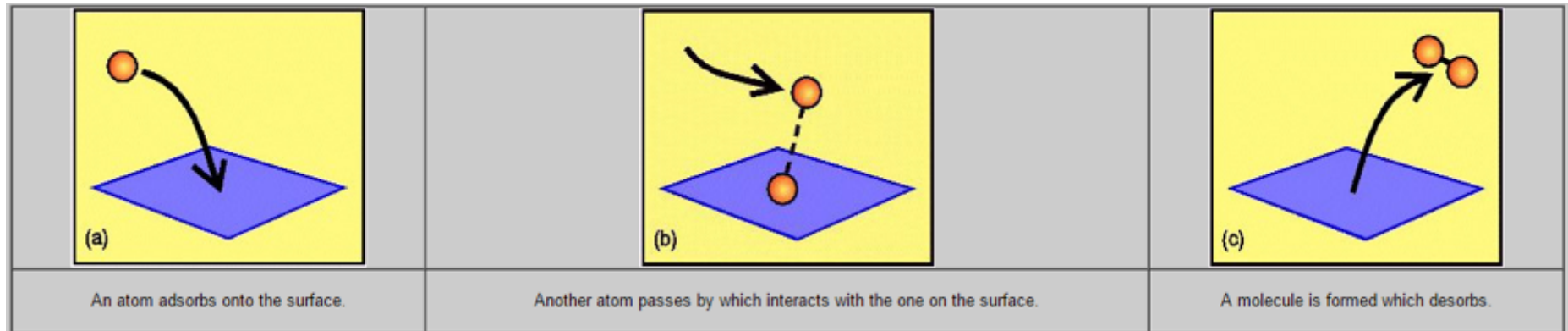
$$\frac{S(\theta)}{S(0)} = \frac{(1 + K_{eq})(1 - \theta)^\alpha}{1 + K_{eq}(1 - \theta)^\alpha}$$

$$K_{eq} = \frac{k_{ads}^*}{k_{des}^*}$$

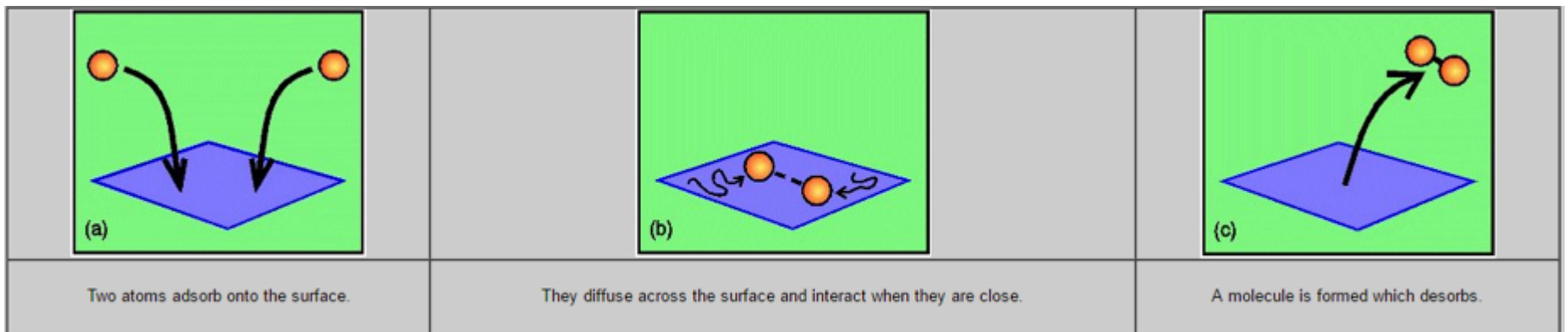


<sup>4</sup> Kisliuk, P. "The sticking probabilities of gases chemisorbed on the surfaces of solids." Journal of Physics and Chemistry of Solids 3, no. 1-2 (1957): 95-101.

Eley-Rideal (ER) mechanism :  $A(s) + B \rightarrow AB + (s)$



Langmuir-Hinshelwood (LH) mechanism :  $A(s) + B(s) \rightarrow AB + 2(s)$

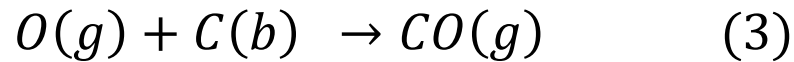
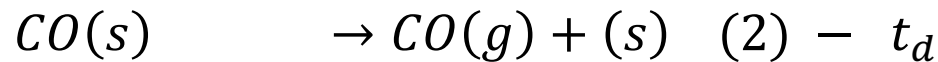
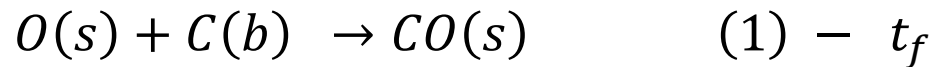
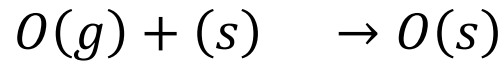




# Different Types of LH Mechanisms



The Langmuir-Hinshelwood mechanism has two steps – Formation  
Desorption



$O(s)$  – Reactant  
 $CO(s)$  – Intermediate  
 $CO(g)$  – Product

Time scale of interest =  $\tau$

Based on time scale arguments 4 types of LH mechanisms can be defined

1.  $t_f \ll \tau \quad t_d \ll \tau$  - Prompt thermal mechanism
2.  $t_f \sim \tau \quad t_d \ll \tau$  - LH limited by formation
3.  $t_f \ll \tau \quad t_d \sim \tau$  - LH limited by desorption
4.  $t_f \sim \tau \quad t_d \sim \tau$  - LH limited by both desorption and formation