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Is it really hot?



$\Delta Q = \text{Mass} \times \text{specific heat} \times \text{Temperature difference}$







Plasma Chemistry I

Dissociation of feedstock gas into active neutral free radicals: $e^- + CF_4 \rightarrow CF_3 + F + e^-$

> $e^- + CF_4 \rightarrow CF_2 + 2F + e^$ $e^- + CF_4 \rightarrow CF + F_2 + F + e^-$

Dissociation of the free radicals $e^- + CF_3 \rightarrow CF_2 + F + e^$ $e^- + CF_2 \rightarrow CF + F + e^-$







Plasma Chemistry II

Dissociative ionization and attachment:

$$e^{-} + CF_{4} \rightarrow CF_{3}^{+} + F + 2e^{-}$$
$$e^{-} + CF_{4} \rightarrow CF_{3}^{-} + F$$
$$e^{-} + CF_{4} \rightarrow CF_{3} + F^{-}$$

Chlorine discharge

$$e^- + Cl_2 \rightarrow Cl_2^+ + 2e^-$$

 $e^- + Cl_2 \rightarrow Cl^+ + Cl + 2e^-$







Plasma Chemistry III

Chemical reactions between neutrals in the presence of a third bCF₃ + F + M \rightarrow CF₄ + M CF₂ + F + M \rightarrow CF₃ + M CF + F + M \rightarrow CF₃ + M

- At the substrate
- Removin $\operatorname{Cl}(g) + \operatorname{Cl}(ads) \to \operatorname{Cl}_2(g)$
- Etching $\operatorname{Cl}(g) + \operatorname{SiCl}_3(s) \to \operatorname{SiCl}_4(g) \uparrow$
- Deposition or growth $SiH(g) \rightarrow Si(s) \downarrow +H(g) \uparrow$







Plasma Sheaths

 $\omega_{\rm pe} \gg \omega_{\rm RF} \gg \omega_{\rm pi}$







Ion Dynamics





 $\omega_{\rm RF} \approx \omega_{\rm pi}$







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Plasma Etching

- An etched profile with
 - 0.5 micrometer (500 Nanometer) wide
 - 4 micrometer (4000 nanometer)
- Such profiles are used for device isolation and charge storage capacitores.
- Human hair is 50-100 micrometer in diameter.











- Process Selectivity:
 - Depends on the plasma species
 - Energy threshold & energy activation







Wet and Dry etching

Carbon Floride (CF4) does not react with Silicin (Si).

- Dissociative ionization and attachment: $e^- + CF_4 \rightarrow CF_3^+ + F + 2e^$ $e^- + CF_4 \rightarrow CF_3^- + F$

$$e^- + CF_3 \rightarrow CF_3 + F^-$$

Wet etching

$$\operatorname{Si}(s) + 4\operatorname{F}(g) \to \operatorname{SiF}_4(g) \uparrow$$

Dry etching: Accelerate CF₃⁺ toward the Silicon substrate







Ion enhanced plasma etching









Plasma electronics, Applications in Microelectronic Device Fabrication

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Integrated circuits



















The ion flux and the ion energies increase (decreases) by increasing (decreasing) the deriving frequency.





Geometrically Asymmetric

- The RF current is constant.
- But the ground electroge
 Area is greater then the powered electrode area.

$$J_{\rm g} = I_{\rm rf}/A_g$$

 $J_{\rm p} = I_{\rm rf}/A_p$

$$J_{\rm p} \gg J_{\rm g}$$

 The blocking capacitor blocks DC currents:

$$\frac{V_{\rm p}}{V_{\rm g}} = (\frac{A_{\rm g}}{A_{\rm p}})^4$$

















Electrically Asymmetric

- The high frequency controls the ion plasma bulk (ion flux).
- The lower frequency controls the plasma sheath.
- The phase shift between the two sources controls also the sheath potential.
- The independent control is not always perfect.















Magnetic Asymmetry













Inductive







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Typical CCP parameters $V_{\rm E} = 250V$ $P_{\rm g} = 10 {\rm mTorr}$ $\Gamma_{\rm i} = 1A/m^2$ $T_e = 4eV$ $\omega_{\rm rf} = 2 {\rm MHz}$

What are optimum plasma etching parameters?







The anistropy of the etching profile

- The etching profile is mainly determined by the ion flux, the ion energy, and the ion angular distribution.
- High aspect ratio could be achieved employing narrower ion angular distribution.
- Assuming an etching profile as a hole, the aspect ratio is the ratio of the height of the hole to the diameter of the hole;

AR=H/D.

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The direct ion heat flux hits the bottom of the contact is given by

Direct ion flux = $\frac{\Gamma_{\rm i}}{\Delta\theta} \int_{\theta - \Delta\theta/2}^{\theta + \Delta\theta/2} IAD(\theta')d\theta'$

 The direct ion heat flux which a combination of the angular distribution and the ion energy distribution is given as

Direct ion heat flux = $\frac{\Gamma_{\rm i}}{\Delta\theta} \int_{\theta-\Delta\theta/2}^{\theta+\Delta\theta/2} \int_{\varepsilon_{\rm min}}^{\varepsilon_{\rm max}} IAED(\theta',\varepsilon) \ d\varepsilon \ d\theta'$



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Aluminum Oxide Deposition I













Graphene It is a single layer of Carbon atoms arranged i a hexagonal lattice





- Zero band gap material
- The strongest material: 200 times steel
- Conducts heat and electricity effeciently
- Transparent



Nonlinear diamagnetism










Devices in our Lab

X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS)









Devices in our Lab

X-ray diffraction









Devices









Devices

































Shunt resistor for DC: V=IR





Typical accuracy ~1% Range V: mV to kV Range A: mA to A



Typical accuracy ~0.01% Range V: mV to kV Range A: microA to A

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For AC, replace the resistance with capacitor

 $I = C \frac{dV}{dt}$ V = Q/C





Typical accuracy ~1% Range V: mV to kV Range A: mA to A



Typical accuracy ~0.01% Range V: mV to kV Range A: microA to A 34465A





A current sensor is a dvice that detects and converts current to an easily measure output voltage

Current transducer









A current sensor is a dvice that detects and converts current to an easily measure output voltage

Zero-flux type (AC)











A Rogowski coil is an 'air-cored' toroidal coil placed round the conductor. The alternating magnetic field produced by the current induces a voltage in the coil which is proportional to the rate of change of current.

$$V = M \frac{dI}{dt}$$









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The electron temperature T_{e} for any plasma is well defined if the EEDF is Maxwellian





Challenges of plasma simulation

The most accurate method is to solve the equation of motion of each particle in the plasma.

$$m\frac{d\vec{v}_k}{dt} = e\vec{E}_k + e\vec{v}_k \times \vec{B}_k$$

- No. of particles is very very large $n = 10^9 10^{13} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$
- Maxwell equations
 $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_v$ $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$
- The collective behaviour and the huge number of particles make the solution impossible in such way.







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The distribution function

The distribution function gives the number of particles per unit volume (particles density) with speed v as a function of time. v_y

$$n = \int f(r, v, t) d^3 v$$

 The kinetic equation is an integro- deffrential equations in 7 parameters

$$\frac{Df}{Dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_r f + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_v f = \text{collision terms}$$

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Macroscopic description

- Instead of known the physical parameters of each particle, one can calculate the average values for the whole plasma system.
- Average plasma density

$$\bar{n} = \int f(r, v, t) d^3 v$$

Average speed

Kinetic energy

$$\bar{v} = \int v f(r, v, t) d^3 v / \bar{n}$$

$$\bar{E}_k = \int \frac{1}{2} m v^2 f(r, v, t) d^3 v / \bar{n}$$

• Avergaes over Boltzman equation

$$mv^{q}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{r}f + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{v}f\right) = \text{collision terms}$$
$$q = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$



Kinetic Description

- Kinetic means "of or relating to motion".
 - It is impractical to solve the equation of motion of all plasma particles.
 - Boltzman equation is an integro-differential equation.
- Particle-in-Cell : Super particle⁶ 10^9 real particles.







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Monte-Carlo Scheme is required for collisions





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Monte Carlo: null collision method

- Many collisions take place: impact ionization, charge exchange hard-shere, ...
- Let the probability of them P1,P2,P3,P4, ...
- Claculate the total probabilities PT
- Calculate relative probabilities
 P1/PT, P2/PT, P3/PT, P4/PT,



- Generate a random number between [0,1]
- if P1/PT = < The randum number < (P1+P2)/PT</p>
- Event 1 takes place
- If not



(P1+ P2)/PT= < The randum number<(P1+P2+P3)/PT



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Challenges of PIC simulation

- Numerical instabilities:
 - Accuracy criterion $\omega_p \Delta t \leq 0.2$
 - Courant criterion $v_{\max}\Delta t \leq \Delta x$
 - The computational grid has to resolve the Debye lenge $\lambda x \leq \lambda_D$
- In order to have a good statistics, a resonable high number of particles per Debye lenght must be used $\underline{1}$
- Keep the probability for collisions small

$$P_{\rm coll} = 1 - e^{-\nu t} \le 0.1$$

- Alternatives:
 - Implicit schems
 - Parrallilization







Fluid Models

 Continuity, momentum, and energy equations are closed with Poisson's equation



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial n_{\rm e,i,m}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\Gamma}_{\rm e,i,m} &= G_{\rm e,i,m} - L_{\rm e,i,m}, \\ \vec{\Gamma}_{\rm e,i,m} &= \operatorname{sign}(q_{\rm e,i,m}) \ n_{\rm e,i,m} \ \mu_{\rm e,i,m} \ \vec{E} - D_{\rm e,i,m} \vec{\nabla} n_{\rm e,i,m}, \\ \\ \frac{\partial n_{\rm e} T_{\rm e}}{\partial t} &= -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{5}{3} T_{\rm e} \vec{\Gamma}_{\rm e} - \frac{5}{3} n_{\rm e} D_{\rm e} \vec{\nabla} T_{\rm e}\right) - e\vec{\Gamma}_{\rm e} \cdot \vec{E} - n_{\rm e} n_{\rm G} k_{\rm loss}, \end{aligned}$$

and









Fluid Models

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Ar atomic processes considered in the .

simulation		
Equation of Reaction	Rate of Reaction Coefficient	
$e + Ar \rightarrow Ar^+ + 2e$	impact- ionization	$K_{ei} = 1.253 \times 10^{-7} \exp(-18.618/T_{e}) \text{ cm}^{3}/\text{s}$
$e + Ar \rightarrow Ar^* + e$	collisional- excitation	Kex = 3.712 × 10 ⁻⁸ exp(-15.06/T _e) cm ³ /s
e + Ar [*] → Ar+ + 2e	impact- ionization	K _{mi} = 2.05 × 10 ⁻⁷ exp(-4.95/T _e) cm³/s
e + Ar [*] → Ar + e	collisional- deexcitation	K _{em} = 1.818 × 10 ⁻⁹ exp(-2.14/T _e) cm³/s
e + Ar [*] → Ar ^r + e	radiative- deexcitation	K _r = 2 × 10 ⁻⁷ cm³/s
Ar* + Ar* → Ar+ + Ar + e	collisional- ionization	K _{mm} = 6.2 × 10 ⁻¹⁰ cm ³ /s
Ar* + Ar → 2Ar	collisional- deexcitation	K _{2q} = 3.0 × 10 ⁻¹⁵ cm ³ /s
$Ar^* + 2Ar \rightarrow Ar + Ar_2$	attachment	K _{3q} = 1.1 × 10 ⁻³¹ cm ⁶ /s





Main reactions and the corresponding rate coefficients in the Ar/CF₄ discharge plasma.

Reaction equation	Reaction rate coefficient
$CF_3^- + Ar^+ \to CF_3 + Ar$	$1 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{cm^3 s^{-1}}$
$F^- + Ar^+ \rightarrow F + Ar$	$1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$
$CF_4 + Ar^+ \rightarrow CF_3^+ + F +$	Ar $9.58 \times 10^{-10} \mathrm{cm^3 s^{-1}}$
$\mathrm{Ar} + \mathrm{CF}_3^+ \to \mathrm{CF}_3 + \mathrm{Ar}^+$	$1 \times 10^{-9} \mathrm{cm^3 s^{-1}}$

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Main reactions and the corresponding reaction rate coefficients in the CF₄ discharge plasma.

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Reaction equation	Reaction rate coefficient	
$CF_4 + e \rightarrow CF_4^+ + 2e$	Calculated by BOLSIG+	
$CF_3 + e \rightarrow CF_2^+ + 2e$	$1.4 \times 10^{-11} (11605 \times T_e)^{0.6481} \exp(-9.8/T_e) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$F + e \rightarrow F^+ + 2e$	$7.489 \times 10^{-13} (11605 \times T_c)^{0.8595} \exp(-17.6/T_c) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_4 + e \rightarrow CF_4^*(12.5 \text{ eV}) + e$	Calculated by BOLSIG+	
$CF_4 + e \rightarrow CF_4^*(8eV) + e$	Calculated by BOLSIG+	
$CF_4 + e \rightarrow CF_4(V13) + e$	Calculated by BOLSIG+	
$CF_4 + e \rightarrow CF_4(V24) + e$	Calculated by BOLSIG+	
$CF_4 + e \rightarrow CF_2^+ + F + 2e$	$1.159 \times 10^{-11} (11605 \times T_e)^{0.7645} \exp(-17.2/T_e) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_4 + e \rightarrow CF_7^+ + F_2 + 2e$	$2.886 \times 10^{-11} (11605 \times T_c)^{0.5108} \exp(-22.8/T_c) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_4 + e \rightarrow CF^+ + F_2 + F + 2e$	$2.296 \times 10^{-14} (11605 \times T_e)^{1.09} \exp(-27.0/T_e) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_4 + e \rightarrow CF_3 + F^+ + 2e$	$1.482 \times 10^{-13} (11605 \times T_c)^{0.9375} \exp(-34.7/T_c) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_4 + e \rightarrow CF_3 + F + e$	$2 \times 10^{-9} \exp(-13/T_c) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_4 + e \rightarrow CF_2 + 2F + e$	$5 \times 10^{-9} \exp(-13/T_c) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_3 + F^- \rightarrow CF_4 + e$	$5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_2 + F^- \rightarrow CF_3 + e$	$5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF + F^- \rightarrow CF_2 + e$	$5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_3 + F \rightarrow CF_4$	$2 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_2 + F \rightarrow CF_3$	$1.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF + F \rightarrow CF_2$	$5.2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_3^- + CF_3^+ \rightarrow 2CF_3$	$4 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{cm^3 s^{-1}}$	
$F^- + CF_3^+ \rightarrow F + CF_3$	$4 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{cm^3 s^{-1}}$	
$F^- + CF_2^+ \rightarrow F + CF_2$	$1 \times 10^{-7} T_{\sigma}^{-0.5} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$F^- + CF^+ \rightarrow F + CF$	$1 \times 10^{-7} T_{-0.5}^{*} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$F^- + F^+ \rightarrow F_2$	$4 \times 10^{-7} T^{-0.5} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF^+_+ + e \rightarrow CF + F$	$4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF^+ + e \rightarrow C + F$	$4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_{+}^{+} + e \rightarrow CF_{2}$	$9.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$F^+ + e \rightarrow F$	$4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_{+}^{+} \rightarrow CF_{-}^{+} + F$	$3.3 \times 10^5 \mathrm{s}^{-1}$	
$CF_4 + e \rightarrow CF_3 + F^-$	$4.8 \times 10^{-12} \mathrm{cm}^3 \mathrm{s}^{-1}$	
$CF_4 + e \rightarrow CF_2^- + F$	$3.28 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$CF_2 + F_2 \rightarrow CF_3 + F$	$4.56 \times 10^{-13} \mathrm{cm}^3 \mathrm{s}^{-1}$	
$CF_3 + F_2 \rightarrow CF_4 + F$	$1.88 \times 10^{-14} \mathrm{cm^3 s^{-1}}$	
$CF_3^- + F \rightarrow CF_3 + F^-$	$5 \times 10^{-8} \mathrm{cm}^3 \mathrm{s}^{-1}$	11
$2CF_4^*(12.5 \text{ eV}) \rightarrow 2CF_4$	$4.9 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{cm^3 s^{-1}}$	
$2CF_4^*(8 \text{ eV}) \rightarrow 2CF_4$	$4.9 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{cm^3 s^{-1}}$	
$2CF_4(V13) \rightarrow 2CF_4$	$4.9 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{cm^3 s^{-1}}$	جامعـة السـلام
$2CF_4(V24) \rightarrow 2CF_4$	$4.9 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{cm^3 s^{-1}}$	AL SALAM UNIVERSITY





The electron temperature Fundamental frequency=13.56MHz







Kinetic Confirmation-Symmetric discharge



Kinetic Confirmation-Asymmetric discharge









Thanks!



