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SEMION SYSTEM - Retarding Field Energy Analyser

The Semion RFEA is in use worldwide for substrate-level measurements in many different types of plasma conditions. Below is a list of publications with their plasma sources, process gases, pressures and applications.



| Plasma Source | Frequency | Gases | Pressure | Published Paper |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------|--|
| Cascaded Arc | 100 kHz | Ar/H ₂ /SiH ₄ | 100 mTorr | Hydrogenated amorphous silicon deposited under accurately controlled ion bombardment using pulse-shaped substrate biasing |
| Cascading Arc | 195 kHz | Ar/H ₂ | 130 mTorr | Accurate control of ion bombardment in remote plasmas using pulse-shaped biasing |
| Cathodic Arc Thruster | 30 Hz DC | Titanium | 0.15 mTorr | Life Time Characterization of the Inline-Screw-Feeding Vacuum-Arc-Thruster |
| Cathodic Arc Thruster | 30 Hz DC | Titanium | 0.15 mTorr | Experimental Characterization of the Inline-Screw-Feeding Vacuum-Arc-Thruster Operation |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz and 250kHz Pulsed-DC | CH ₂ | 7 to 70 mTorr | Ion energy distributions in bipolar pulsed-dc discharges of methane measured at the biased cathode |
| CCP | 15 MHz, 30 MHz and 60 MHz | Ar + CF ₄ + O ₂ | 5 to 40 mTorr | Control of ion energy distributions using phase shifting in multi-frequency capacitively coupled plasmas |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 20 mTorr | A spatially resolved retarding field energy analyzer design suitable for uniformity analysis across the surface of a semiconductor wafer |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz 27.12 MHz | Ar | 30 mTorr | The electrical asymmetry effect in geometrically asymmetric capacitive radio frequency plasmas |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz 27.12 MHz | Ar | 20 mTorr | Ion Energy Distribution Skew Control Using Phase-Locked Harmonic RF Bias Drive |
| CCP | 400 kHz 100 MHz | Ar | 20 mTorr | Monitoring Ion Energy Distribution in Capacitively Coupled Plasmas Using Non-invasive Radio-Frequency Voltage Measurements |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz | CO ₂ /C ₂ H ₄ | 75 mTorr | Deposition of Functional Plasma Polymers Influenced by Reactor Geometry in Capacitively Coupled Discharges |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz | H ₂ | 200 to 300 mTorr | Direct ion flux measurements at high-pressure-depletion conditions for microcrystalline silicon deposition |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz | H ₂ | 10 mTorr | Nouvelle technologie utilisant les plasmas H ₂ et He pour contrôler la gravure de couches ultramince à l'échelle nanométrique |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz 27.12 MHz | Ar/N ₂ | 4 mTorr | Ion energy control via the electrical asymmetry effect to tune coating properties in reactive radio frequency sputtering |
| CCP | 30 MHz to 60 MHz | He/Ne | 37 to 150 mTorr | UWAVS first mirror plasma cleaning technology using 30–60 MHz RF discharges |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz | CO ₂ /C ₂ H ₄ | 75 mTorr | Stable, nanometer-thick oxygen-containing plasma polymer films suited for enhanced biosensing |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz | NH ₃ | 50 mTorr | Amino functionalization of carbon nanotube surfaces with NH ₃ plasma treatment |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 1 Pa | Experimental and numerical characterisation of a radio frequency plasma source with a DC grounded electrode using a |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz | Ar/O ₂ | 7.5 mTorr | The Magnetic asymmetry effect in geometrically asymmetric capacitively coupled radio frequency discharges operated in |
| CCP | 45, 51, 54, 57 and 60 MHz | H ₂ | 37.5 mTorr | ITER visible spectroscopy reference system first mirror plasma cleaning in radio-frequency gas discharge - circuit design and |

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| CCP Magnetron Sputtering | 13.56 MHz 350kHz Pulsed-DC | Ar, Titanium | 2 mTorr | Ion energy distribution measurements in rf and pulsed dc plasma discharges |
| CCP (200 mm TEL DRM) | 13.56 MHz 60 MHz | Ar/O ₂ ,CF ₄ | 5 to 40 mTorr | High Voltage RFEA Design, Optimization, and Operation in the Cathode of a Dual Frequency Capacitively Coupled Plasma |
| CCP (GEC Reference Cell) | 13.56 MHz 27.12 MHz 40.68 MHz | Ar | 40 mTorr | Power supply and impedance matching to drive technological radio-frequency plasmas with customized voltage waveforms |
| CCP (GEC Reference Cell) | 13.56 MHz 27.12 MHz 40.48 MHz | Ar/Ne | 20 mTorr | Experimental investigations of electron heating dynamics and ion energy distributions in capacitive discharges driven by customized voltage waveforms |
| CCP (GEC Reference Cell) | 13.56 MHz 27.12 MHz 40.48 MHz | Ar | 40 mTorr | A Simple Model for Ion Flux Energy Distribution Functions in Capacitively Coupled Radio Frequency Plasmas Driven by Arbitrary Voltage Waveforms |
| CCP (GEC Reference Cell) | 13.56 MHz 67.8 MHz | Ar | 26 mTorr | Plasma Sources Science and Technology Dual frequency capacitive plasmas in Fe and Ni sputter applications: correlation of discharge properties on thin film |
| CCP and ICP | 13.56 MHz | Ar/O ₂ | 20 mTorr | Generation of carbon nanowhiskers, nanotips, and nanodots by controlling plasma environment: Ion energy and radical effects |
| CCP for PECVD | 13.56 MHz | C2H4/CO2 | 75 mTorr | Studium mechanism plazmové polymerace |
| CCP for PECVD | 13.56 MHz | H ₂ , SiH ₄ | 450 mTorr | Plasma–surface interaction during low pressure microcrystalline silicon thin film growth |
| ECR Ion Gun | Microwave | Ar | 0.4 mTorr | Particle beam experiments for the investigation of plasma–surface interactions: application to magnetron sputtering and polymer treatment |
| ECWR -HiPIMS | 13.56 MHz and 100 Hz Pulsed-DC | Ar, Titanium | 0.1 to 10 mTorr | Plasma diagnostics of low pressure high power impulse magnetron sputtering assisted by electron cyclotron wave resonance plasma |
| ECWR -HiPIMS | 13.56 MHz and 100 Hz Pulsed-DC | Ar/O ₂ | 0.6 to 70 mTorr | Deposition of rutile (TiO ₂) with preferred orientation by assisted high power impulse magnetron sputtering |
| EUV | 500 Hz | Xe | 0.75 to 75 mTorr | Ion fluxes towards surfaces exposed to EUV-induced plasmas |
| Hall Thruster | DC | Xe | 0.2 mTorr | Experimental characterization of the narrow channel Hall thruster |
| Hall Thruster | DC | Xe | 2 sccm | Far-Field Plume Characterisation of a 100-W Class Hall Thruster |
| Helicon | 500 kHz 1 MHz | Ar/He | 10 mTorr | Tailored ion energy distributions at an rf-biased plasma electrode |
| High Magnetic field Helicon eXperiment | 13.56 MHz | Ar/N ₂ | 2.5-30 sccm | Sputter deposition of WN _x thin films by helicon-wave-excited argon plasma with N ₂ seeding |
| Helicon Thruster | 13.56 MHz and 27.12 MHz | Ar | 15 mTorr | Ion ejection from a permanent-magnet mini-helicon thruster |
| Helicon Thruster | 27.12 MHz | Ar | 5 mTorr | A Compact Permanent-Magnet Helicon Thruster |
| HiPIMS | 94 kHz + 100 Hz Pulsed DC | Ar, Titanium, Copper | 2 to 20 mTorr | Ionized vapor deposition of antimicrobial Ti–Cu films with controlled copper release |
| HiPIMS | 100 Hz to 500 Hz Pulsed-DC | Ar/N ₂ | 4 to 15 mTorr | Entwicklung und Anwendung von kombinatorischen Methoden und Mikrosensoren zur Messung mechanischer Schichtspannungen und der Schichttemperatur bei reaktiven |
| HiPIMS | 100 Hz Pulsed-DC | Ar | 3 to 7 mTorr | A modified Katsumata probe—Ion sensitive probe for measurement in non-magnetized plasmas |
| HiPIMS | 100 Hz, 200 Hz, 400 Hz Pulsed-DC | Al, Cr, Ar, N ₂ | 4 to 15 mTorr | Effects of the Ion to Growth Flux Ratio on the Constitution and Mechanical Properties of Cr _{1-x} Al _x -N Thin Films |
| HiPIMS | 100 Hz | Ar, Cu | 22 mTorr | Growth and properties of Ti-Cu films with respect to plasma parameters in dual-magnetron sputtering discharges |
| HiPIMS | 13.56 MHz 27.12 MHz 60 MHz | Ar | 37 mTorr | Effect of Frequency and Power of Bias Applied to Substrate on Plasma Property of Very-High-Frequency Magnetron Sputtering |
| HiPIMS | 40.68 MHz | Ar | 37 mTorr | Growth and structural properties of silicon on Ag films prepared by 40.68 MHz very-high-frequency magnetron sputtering |
| HiPIMS | 2 MHz, 13.56 MHz, 2712 MHz, 40.68 | Ar | 37 mTorr | Control of growth and structure of Ag films by the driving frequency of magnetron sputtering |

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| HiPIMS | 13.56 MHz, 27.12 MHz, 60 MHz | Ar | 37 mTorr | Initial growth and microstructure feature of Ag films prepared by very-high-frequency magnetron sputtering |
| HiPIMS | 2 MHz, 13.56 MHz, 27.12 MHz | Ar | 37 mTorr | Structural properties and preparation of Si-rich thin films by radio-frequency magnetron sputtering |
| HiPIMS | 13.56 MHz 27.12 MHz 60 MHz | Ar | 37 mTorr | Effect of Driving Frequency on Growth and Structure of Silicon Films Deposited by Radio-Frequency and Very-High-Frequency Magnetron Sputtering |
| HiPIMS | 13.56 MHz 60 MHz | Ar | 37 mTorr | Preparation and structural properties of thin carbon films by very high-frequency magnetron sputtering |
| HiPIMS | 40.68 MHz 60 MHz | Ar | 37 mTorr | Effect of driving frequency on the structure of silicon grown on Ag (111) films by very-high-frequency magnetron sputtering |
| HiPIMS + DC Magnetron Sputtering | 500 Hz Pulsed-DC | Ar/N ₂ | 3 mTorr | Space-resolved plasma diagnostics in a hybrid (Cr,Al)N process |
| HiPIMS + MF | 350 kHz Pulsed-DC | Ar + O ₂ + N ₂ , TiO ₂ target | 10 mTorr | Investigation of reactive HiPIMS + MF sputtering of TiO ₂ crystalline thin films |
| HiPIMS + MF | 94 kHz + 100 Hz Pulsed DC | Ar, Titanium, Copper | 2 to 20 mTorr | Effect of mid-frequency discharge assistance on dual-high power impulse magnetron sputtering |
| HiPIMS and DC Cathode | 500 Hz Pulsed-DC | Ar/Kr | 4 mTorr | Analysis of ion energy distribution at the substrate during a HiPIMS (Cr,Al)N process using retarding field energy analyzer and energy resolved mass spectrometer |
| HiPIMS and DC Cathode | 500 Hz Pulsed-DC | Ar/Kr/N ₂ | 4 mTorr | Influence of HiPIMS pulse parameters on the reactive gas N ₂ and on the properties of (Cr, Al)N coatings |
| HiPIMS and DC Magnetron Sputtering | 500 Hz to 1000 Hz Pulsed-DC | Ar | 4 mTorr | Influence of dcMS and HiPIMS in a dcMS/HiPIMS hybrid process on plasma and coating properties |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz Pulsed RF | He, Ar, Cl ₂ /SiCl ₄ | 10 mTorr | Ion flux and ion distribution function measurements in synchronously pulsed inductively coupled plasmas |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 20 mTorr | Experimental Study of SiO ₂ Sputter Etching Process in 13.56 MHz rf-Biased Inductively Coupled Plasma |
| ICP | 3.39 MHz 13.56 MHz 27.12 MHz | Ar, O ₂ | 10 to 30 mTorr | Ion energy and angular distributions in planar Ar/O ₂ inductively coupled plasmas: hybrid simulation and experimental validation |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 20 mTorr | Surface structurization and control of CuS particle size by discharge mode of inductively coupled plasma and vapor-phase sulfurization |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz | H ₂ | 10 mTorr | Validation of an atomic hydrogen etching sensor for plasma diagnostics |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz | Cl ₂ | 10 mTorr | Study of a Radical Doping Method for Large-area Two-dimensional Materials |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz CW/Pulsed | Ar/O ₂ | 75 mTorr | Plasma dynamics at the surface interface in radio frequency discharges |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz | He, Ar, O ₂ | 2 to 10 mTorr | Generation and Characterization of Energetic Neutral Beams for Surface Modification |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz Pulsed | SF ₆ /C ₄ F ₈ /Ar | 7 mTorr | Etch Characteristics of Si and TiO ₂ Nanostructures Using Pulse Biased Inductively Coupled Plasmas |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 7 to 40 mTorr | Enhanced metastable population through evaporation cooling and recombination in the argon afterglow |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz | Ar, HBr | 10 mTorr | Ion Energy Distribution Functions and Ion Flux in pulsed ICP plasmas |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz Pulsed | Ar | 7 mTorr | Recombination and enhanced metastable repopulation in the argon afterglow |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz | Ar, Xe, Cl ₂ | 5 to 20 mTorr | Towards a nanometric precision etching in reactive plasmas: molecular dynamics simulations of Si-Cl interactions |
| ICP (300 mm AMAT AdvantEdge) | 13.56 MHz, CW and Pulsed | Cl ₂ | 20 mTorr | Roughness generation during Si etching in Cl ₂ pulsed plasma |
| ICP (300 mm AMAT AdvantEdge) | 13.56 MHz | He | 10 mTorr | Helium plasma modification of Si and Si ₃ N ₄ thin films for advanced etch processes |
| ICP (300 mm AMAT AdvantEdge) | 13.56 MHz, CW and Pulsed | HBr/O ₂ | 10 mTorr | Silicon etching in a pulsed HBr/O ₂ plasma. I. Ion flux and energy analysis |
| ICP (300 mm AMAT AdvantEdge) | 13.56 MHz | Cl ₂ | 20 mTorr | Etching mechanisms of thin SiO ₂ exposed to Cl ₂ plasma |
| ICP (300 mm AMAT AdvantEdge) | 13.56 MHz | Cl ₂ | 20 mTorr | Développement de procédés de gravure à base de plasmas réactifs pulsés Pulsed plasmas for etch applications |
| ICP (300 mm SEMES RIE) | 13.56 MHz | HBr/O ₂ | 5 mTorr | Characteristics of reactive ion etching lag in HBr/O ₂ plasma etching of silicon trench for nanoscale device |

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| ICP (AMAT Centura 300 DPS) | 13.56 MHz | Ar/H ₂ /N ₂ | 20 to 40 mTorr | Development of innovating plasma etching processes for sub 14nm nodes by coupling conventional lithography with auto aligned approach based on block copolymer |
| ICP (Plasmalab 100 etcher) | 13.56 MHz | CHF ₃ /Ar | 10 to 40 mTorr | Balancing ion parameters and fluorocarbon chemical reactants for SiO ₂ pattern transfer control using fluorocarbon-based atomic layer etching |
| ICP (Plasmalab 100 Etcher) | 13.56 MHz | CF ₃ + Ar | 5 to 40 mTorr | Balancing ion parameters and fluorocarbon chemical reactants for SiO ₂ pattern transfer control using fluorocarbon-based atomic layer etching |
| ICP (Plasmalab 100 etcher) | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 10 mTorr | Atomic layer etching of SiO ₂ with Ar and CHF ₃ plasmas: A self-limiting process for aspect ratio independent etching |
| ICP (PlasmaLab 80) | 13.56 MHz CW and Pulsed | SF ₆ | 7.5 to 30 mTorr | Extraction and neutralization of positive and negative ions from a pulsed electronegative inductively coupled plasma |
| ICP (SEMES Michelan) | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 10 to 100 mTorr | A Study on customized plasma dry etching suited to various application processes |
| ICP Array | 13.56 MHz | Ar/Ne | 7 mTorr | Inductively coupled array (INCA) discharge |
| ICP for ALD | 13.56 MHz | O ₂ | 7.5 mTorr | Substrate-biasing during plasma-assisted atomic layer deposition to tailor metal-oxide thin film growth |
| ICP for ALD | 13.56 MHz | H ₂ /O ₂ , Ar, N ₂ | 7.5 to 30 mTorr | Functional analysis of retarding field energy analyzers for ion energy distribution measurements in plasma enhanced atomic layer deposition |
| ICP for ALD (Oxford Instruments FlexAL) | 13.56 MHz | Ar, H ₂ | 6-30 mTorr | Plasma-Assisted ALD of Highly Conductive HfNx: On the Effect of Energetic Ions on Film Microstructure |
| ICP for ALD (Oxford Instruments FlexAL) | 13.56 MHz | O ₂ | 4 to 22 mTorr | The Influence of Ions and Photons during Plasma-Assisted ALD of Metal Oxides |
| ICP for ALE (PlasmaPro 100 ALE) | - | Ar/Cl ₂ | - | A route towards the fabrication of 2D heterostructures using atomic layer etching combined with selective conversion |
| ICP Ion Beam | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 0.5 to 50 mTorr | Retarding field energy analyser ion current calibration and transmission |
| Ion Beam | DC | Ar/O ₂ | 1.6 mTorr | Ar and O ₂ linear ion beam PET treatments using an anode layer ion source |
| Ion Beam (Boxer Pro) | DC | O ₂ | 0.3 mTorr | Distribution of ion current density on a rotating spherical cap substrate during ion-assisted deposition |
| Ion Beam (DC Plasma) | DC | Kr | 7.5 to 75 mTorr | Unbalanced Cylindrical Magnetron for Accelerating Cavities Coating |
| Ion Beam (Multiple Sources) | Grounded | Ar, O, N, N ₂ , O ₂ , H ₂ , CHxPolymers | 0.1 mTorr | Particle beam experiments for the analysis of reactive sputtering processes in metals and polymer surfaces |
| ICP for Magnetron Sputtering | 13.56 MHz 27.12 MHz, 60 MHz | Ar | 40 mTorr | Plasma property of inductively coupled discharge and substrate bias co-assisted very-high-frequency magnetron sputtering |
| ICP for Magnetron Sputtering | 13.56 MHz 27.12 MHz, 60 MHz | Ar | 40 mTorr | Effect of driving frequency on plasma property in radio frequency and very high frequency magnetron sputtering discharges |
| ICP Magnetron Sputtering | 13.56 MHz 60 MHz | Ar | 7 to 37 mTorr | Ion property and electrical characteristics of 60 MHz very-high-frequency magnetron discharge at low pressure |
| ICP Thruster | 4 MHz + DC | Ar | 1 mTorr | Hysteresis effects in the formation of a neutralizing beam plasma at low ion energy |
| ICP Thruster | 13.56 MHz | Ar, SF ₆ | 1 to 12 mTorr | Response of an ion–ion plasma to dc biased electrodes |
| ICP Thruster | 13.56 MHz | Ar, SF ₆ | 1 to 12 mTorr | Extraction and Acceleration of Ions from an Ion Plasma |
| Magnetron Sputtering | 2 MHz 13.56 MHz | Ar | 7 to 40 mTorr | Effect of radio-frequency substrate bias on ion properties and sputtering behavior of 2 MHz magnetron sputtering |
| Magnetron Sputtering | DC | Ar, N ₂ | 4 mTorr | Influence of the magnetic field configuration on the reactive sputter deposition of TiN |
| Magnetron Sputtering | Pulsed-DC | Ar/O ₂ /CF ₄ Sn Sputter | 4 mTorr | Transparent Conductive Oxides by Magnetron Sputtering for Solar Energy Applications |
| Magnetron Sputtering (Remote) | DC | Ar/N ₂ | 1 mTorr | TiN Deposition and Process Diagnostics using Remote Plasma Sputtering |
| Plasma Jet | 13.56 MHz | Ar/O ₂ , N ₂ | 26 mTorr | The low temperature plasma jet sputtering systems applied for the deposition of thin films |
| RIE CCP (Nanomaster NRE 3500) | 13.56 MHz | Ar/O ₂ /SF ₆ | 30 to 300 mTorr | Excitation of Ar, O ₂ , and SF ₆ /O ₂ plasma discharges using tailored voltage waveforms: control of surface ion bombardment energy and determination of the dominant |

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| RPS | 60 MHz | Ar, H ₂ , N ₂ | 300 mTorr | Downstream Plasma Delivery From a Remote VHF Source |
| ICP | 13.56MHz Pulsed | Ar | 20 mTorr | Factors influencing ion energy distributions in pulsed inductively coupled argon plasmas |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz | C ₅ F ₈ ,C ₅ F ₈ /Ar | 5-15 mTorr | Study on plasma characteristics and gas analysis before and after recovery using liquid-fluorocarbon precursor |
| ICP for ALD (Oxford Instruments FlexAL) | 13.56 MHz | Ar/H ₂ , H ₂ | 6-30 mTorr | Plasma-Assisted ALD of Highly Conductive HfNx: On the Effect of energetic Ions on Film Microstructure |
| ICP Thruster | | Xenon, Iodine | < 0.01 mTorr | Ion beam diagnostic for the assessment of miniaturized electric propulsion systems |
| Dual CCP | 13.56MHz, 60 MHz | Ar/N ₂ | 20mTorr | Focus ring geometry influence on wafer edge voltage distribution for plasma processes |
| ICP (Oxford Instruments FlexAL) | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 25 sccm | Precise ion energy control with tailored waveform biasing for atomic scale processing |
| Helicon | 13.56 MHz | Ar/N ₂ | 0-30 sccm | Sputter deposition of WNx thin films by helicon-wave-excited argon plasma with N ₂ seeding |
| Miniaturised ICP | 135-175 MHz | H ₂ , Ar | 3-17 Pa | Miniature Plasma Source for In-Situ Scanner Cleaning |
| CCP (Oxford Instruments Atomfab) | 13.56 MHz | Ar, O ₂ | 375 mTorr | Innovative remote plasma source for atomic layer deposition for GaN devices |
| Hydrogen radical generator (HRG), ICP | 13.56 MHz | H ₂ | 1-10Pa | An atomic hydrogen etching sensor for H ₂ plasma diagnostics |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 1-10 Pa | Multi-diagnostic experimental validation of 1d3v PIC/MCC simulations of low pressure capacitive RF plasmas operated in |
| CCP | 60 MHz | He | 1 Pa | Study of wall re-deposition on DC-grounded ITER-relevant mirrors with RF plasma in a first mirror unit |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 0.5 Pa | Lock-in technique for precise measurement of ion distribution functions |
| Dual CCP | 13.56 MHz, 60 MHz | Ar | | Focus ring geometry influence on wafer edge voltage distribution for plasma processes |
| ICP (Oxford Instruments) | 13.56 MHz | Ar, O ₂ | 100 sccm O ₂ | Impact of Ions on Film Conformality and Crystallinity during Plasma- |
| FlexAL ALD) | 13.56 MHz | O ₂ /Ar | flow, 50 sccm Ar flow, 50 mTorr | Assisted Atomic Layer Deposition of TiO ₂ |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 2.66 Pa | Directly grown Te nanowire electrodes and soft plasma etching for high-performance MoTe ₂ field-effect transistors |
| Pulsed Laser-Produced Plasma (LPP) | 50 kHz | H ₂ | 5 Pa | EUV-induced Hydrogen Plasma: Pulsed Mode Operation and Confinement in Scanner |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 1 Pa | Experimental and numerical characterization of a radio-frequency plasma source with a DC-grounded electrode |
| CCP | 20-80 MHz | Ar, H ₂ | 0.1 - 10 Pa | Low-Energy Plasma Source for Clean Vacuum Environments: EUV Lithography and Optical Mirrors Cleaning |
| ICP | 13.56MHz (Source), 12.56MHz (Bias) | Ar/C ₄ F ₆ | 10 mTorr | Discharge physics and atomic layer etching in Ar/C ₄ F ₆ inductively coupled plasmas with a radio frequency bias |
| Dual Frequency CCD | 13.56 MHz, 27.12 MHz | Ar | 0.5 Pa | Relative calibration of a retarding field energy analyzer sensor array for spatially resolved measurements of the ion flux and ion |
| High power pulsed magnet | 1000Hz | Ar/N ₂ | 500mPa | Pulse synchronized substrate bias for the High Power Pulsed Magnetron Sputtering deposition of CrAlN |
| Magnetron Sputtering | 13.56 MHz, 27.12MHz, 60MHz | Ar | 1 - 10 Pa | Effect of gas pressure on ion energy at substrate side of Ag target radio-frequency and very-high-frequency magnetron |
| ICP | 13.56MHz | H ₂ | 3-17 Pa | Miniature plasma source for in situ extreme ultraviolet lithographic scanner cleaning |
| CCP | 13.56MHz | He | 0.5-3 pa | Ion flux-energy distributions acrossgrounded grids in an RF plasma sourcewith DC-grounded electrodes |
| ICP | 13.56MHz, 2-10 kHz pulse frequency | Ar | 20-80mTorr | Time-resolved ion energy distribution in pulsedinductively coupled argon plasma with/withoutDC bias |
| Magnetron sputtering | 13.56, 27.12, 60 MHz | Ar | 1-10 Pa | Effect of gas pressure on ion energy at substrateside of Ag target radio-frequency and very-high-frequency magnetron sputtering |
| CCP | 27.12 MHz, 25-400kHz | Ar | 1 Pa | Control of ion flux-energy distributions by lowfrequency square-shaped tailored voltagewaveforms in capacitively coupled |
| Helicon Thruster | 13.56 MHz | Xe | 20 sccm | Magnetic Nozzle and RPA Simulations vs. Experiments for a Helicon Plasma Thruster Plume |

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| Hall Thruster | DC | Kr | 0.8-1 mg/s | Experimental Optimization of Small Krypton Hall Thruster for Operation at High Voltage |
| ECR Thruster | 5.8 GHz | Xe | 2-4 sccm | Direct Thrust Measurements of a circular waveguide Electron Cyclotron Resonance Thruster |
| Oxford Instruments Plasma | 13.56 MHz | O ₂ | 50-200 mTorr | Use of plasma oxidation for conversion of metal salt infiltrated thin polymer films to metal oxide |
| CCP | 13.56 MHz | Ar+O ₂ | 2 Pa | Experimental investigations of plasma dynamics in the hysteresis regime of reactive RF sputter processes |
| HiPIMS | DC, 250-500 Hz | Ar | 0.67-2 Pa | Time-resolved ion energy distribution functions during a HiPIMS discharge with cathode voltage reversal |
| EUV induce plasma in Ele | EUV | H ₂ | 1-50 Pa | Measurements of ion fluxes in extreme ultraviolet-induced plasma of new EUVbeam-line 2 nanolithography research |
| Dual frequency CCP | 60 MHz, 2 MHz | Ar/SF ₆ | NA | Investigation of ion-induced etch damages on trench surface of Ge2Sb2Te5 in high density Ar/SF6 plasma |
| HiPIMS | DC, 200-500Hz | Ar | 5-15 mTorr | Time-resolved ion energy distribution functions during a HiPIMS discharge with cathode voltage reversal |
| ITER Edge Thomson scatter | 40, 50 MHz | Ar, He | 1-10 Pa | Radio-frequency plasma to clean ITER front-end diagnostic mirrors in geometry of Edge Thomson Scattering system |
| Oxford instrument The Fle | 13.56 MHz | Ar | 2.2 mTorr | Equivalent electric circuit model of accurate ion energy control with tailored waveform biasing |
| Gridded ion thruster | DC, 13.56 MHz | Ar | 0.5-10 Pa | Experimental study of a neutralizer-free gridded ion thruster using radio-frequency self-bias effect |
| EH100 ion source, magnetron sputtering | DC, 5kHz | He | 0.85 Pa | Enhanced formation of nanometric titanium cones by incorporation of titanium, tungsten and/or iron in a helium ion |
| ALE | 13.56 MHz, 2 MHz | Ar, Cl ₂ | 20 sccm | GaN damage-free cyclic etching by sequential exposure to Cl2 plasma and Ar plasma with low Ar+ -ion energy at substrate |
| EUV plasma, CCP | 13.56 MHz | H ₂ | 50-150 Pa | In-situ non-destructive removal of tin particles by low-energy plasma for imitation of EUV optical mirrors self-cleaning |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz | Ar, N ₂ , C ₄ F ₈ | 2.7Pa | The role of nitrogen addition in C4F8/Ar plasma to modulate the plasma process from polymerization to etching |
| PhD thesis | | | | Power Electronics for Plasma Processing: Enabling Energy-Efficient and Accurate Ion Energy Control for Semiconductor |
| ICP, PECVD | 13.56 MHz | Ar, H ₂ , CH ₄ | 35-240 mTorr | Plasma low-energy ion flux induced vertical graphene synthesis |
| ICP/ALE | 13.56 MHz | Cl ₂ , Ar | 0.5 to 1.5 Pa | Measuring Ion Energy Distributions by Retarding Field Energy Analyzer and Using Low-Energy Ions for Si-ALE by Cl2 |
| TOMAS device | 13.56 MHz | H ₂ | | First studies of local ion fluxes in radio frequency plasmas for ion cyclotron wall conditioning applications in the TOMAS |
| ICP | 13.56 MHz, 12.56 MHz | Cl ₂ , Ar, CF ₄ , C ₄ F ₈ | 5 mTorr | AsynchronouslyPulsedPlasmaforHighAspectRatioNanoscaleSiTrenchEtchProcess |
| ICP/ ALE (Alcatel A601-E) | 13.56 MHz | SF ₆ ,Ar | 3 Pa | Atomic layer etching of gallium nitride using fluorine-based chemistry |
| Gridded Ion thruster (NPT 30-I2) | DC | Iodine | 38-99 ug/s | Iodine Electric Propulsion System Thrust Validation: From Numerical Modeling to In-Space Testing |
| Helicon plasma thruster Thesis | 13.56 MHz | Ar, Xe | 5-50 sccm | Diagnostic Methods for the Characterization of a Helicon Plasma Thruster |
| Focused Ring CCP-Thesis | 13.56, 60 MHz | Ar | 10-50 mTorr | Effects of Focus Ring and External Circuit on Ion Energy and Sheath Dynamics in Electropositive Capacitively Coupled |
| CCP | 27.12 MHz and 271.2 kHz | O ₂ | 0.3-2.6 Pa | Numerical and experimental study of ion energy distribution function in a dual-frequency capacitively coupled oxygen discharge |

*When making an order, please alert us if you will be using CO gas (Carbon Monoxide), since this gas requires non-standard grids in the RFEA probe.

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QUANTUM SYSTEM - Retarding Field Energy Analyser

The Quantum system is comprised of a RFEA with integrated quartz crystal microbalance (QCM), used to measure the ion energy distribution (IED) and the ion-neutral deposition ratio at a surface inside a plasma reactor. Below is a list of publications with their plasma sources, process gases, pressures and applications.



| Plasma Source | Frequency | Gases | Pressure | Published Paper |
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| HiPIMS | | Ar, Cr-Al-C films | 4 mTorr | Effects of HiPIMS discharges and annealing on Cr-Al-C thin films |
| HiPIMS | | Ar, CuAgZr films | 0.6 Pa | Influence of HiPIMS pulse widths on the deposition behaviour and properties of CuAgZr compositionally graded films |
| HiPIMS | | Ar/ Cr plasma Cr-Al-C films | 0.35-0.5 Pa | Effects of HiPIMS discharges and annealing on Cr-Al-C thin films - ScienceDirect |
| HiPIMS | 300kHz, 200 Hz | O ₂ | 5 mTorr | Impact of high-power impulse magnetron sputtering pulse width on the nucleation, crystallization, microstructure, and ferroelectric properties of hafnium oxide thin films |
| ICP (Ox. Insts. FlexAL ALD) | 13.56 MHz | Ar/O ₂ , SiH ₄ /NO ₂ | 50 mTorr | Evidence for low-energy ions influencing plasma-assisted atomic layer deposition of SiO ₂ : Impact on the growth per cycle and wet etch rate |
| MA-HiPIMS | | Ar/N ₂ plasma, AlScN films | 0.6 Pa | Deposition and characterisation of c-axis oriented AlScN thin films via microwave plasma-assisted reactive HiPIMS |
| Magnetron Sputtering | 150 kHz pulsed-DC | Ar, Cu Sputtering | 3 to 5 mTorr | Measurement of deposition rate and ion energy distribution in a pulsed dc magnetron sputtering system using a retarding field analyzer with embedded quartz crystal microbalance |
| Oxford Instruments FlexAL ALD reactor, equipped with a remote ICP | 13.56 MHz | Ar/Cl ₂ | 50 mTorr | Impact of Ions on Film Conformality and Crystallinity during PlasmaAssisted Atomic Layer Deposition of TiO ₂ |

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