

Poster-Session

Ion energy distributions in dual frequency RF plasmas

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Ion energy distributions (IEDs) for both positive and negative ions have been measured, using a mass/energy spectrometer system, for two plasma reactors which can be operated using a combination of two RF power sources. One reactor uses capacitatively-coupled inputs and the other includes an inductively-coupled input. Typical data for 2.26, 13.56 and 27.1 MHz inputs are presented for a range of phase relationships. The IEDs clearly show significant differences between the data for different species of ions. The differences result, in part, from the ion-molecule collisions occurring particularly in the plasma/surface sheath regions.