

NUMERICAL STUDY ON THE EFFECT OF SECONDARY ELECTRON EMISSION PROCESS CONSIDERING THE SURFACE CHARGES ON THE ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE DIELECTRIC BARRIER DISCHARGE*

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The ion-induced secondary electron emission (SEE) process is the fundamental physical process for low temperature plasmas[1, 2]. The surface charge on the dielectric plays an important role in the SEE process, thus influencing the dynamics of the plasma discharge[3]. In this work, compared to the previous model which simplifies the electronic structure and the parameter of surface charges, a more accurate method based on Auger neutralization and the density functional theory (DFT) model is applied to calculate the secondary electron emission coefficient (SEEC) of MgO with accumulated surface charge in the atmospheric pressure helium dielectric barrier discharge (DBD) with nitrogen impurities[4]. Based on it, we explore the change of DBD spatiotemporal characteristics when the SEE is affected by the dielectric surface charges. The simulation results indicate that, the phase of discharge moment is advanced and the current amplitude illustrates the obvious reduction when the secondary electron emission process considering the dielectric surface charges. Furthermore, the result in the fluid model based on the accurate SEEC calculation method is compared with using the simplified SEEC calculation method[5]. It turns out that the model based on the simplified SEEC calculation method and the based on our accurate calculation of SEEC all illustrate the uniform discharge, our model shows the more uniform state and the lower electron density. Further analysis reveals that the surface charge influences the secondary electron emission rate on the dielectric surface, thus having an impact on the electron distribution and discharge uniformity. Enhancing the acknowledgment that the dielectric surface charge influences the dynamics of the plasma discharge, this study explores the relationship between the SEE on the surface charge and the evolution of the plasma characteristics with a more accurate theoretical method, and elucidate the impact of the SEE caused by the specific material on the plasma characteristics. It lays a theoretical foundation for further study about the physical process of DBD discharge in the future.

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