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Simulation of Ion Energy and Angular Distribution Functions using a Multidimensional RF Sheath Model KAZUKI DENPOH, Technology Development Center, Tokyo Electron Yamanashi Ltd. — We have developed a novel numerical tool to rapidly and precisely predict the ion energy and angular distribution functions (IEDF and IADF) for an rf sheath formed around an arbitrary surface geometry in a single- or dual-frequency capacitively coupled plasma (CCP). A Monte Carlo method coupled with our multidimensional rf sheath model [1] is utilized to simulate ion trajectories and collisions with neutrals in an oscillating sheath. The IEDF calculated for a one-dimensional sheath in a dual-frequency CCP agreed very well with data measured using the In-wafer Ion Energy Analyzer [2]. We also present the IEDF and IADF obtained for a two-dimensional sheath around a wafer edge and an adjacent focus ring in another dual-frequency CCP to demonstrate the multidimensional capability of the present model. The model should be of practical use for the research and development of semiconductor device manufacturing equipment.

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