



# **Gridded Ion Beam Sources**





Ion Beam **Assisted Deposition** 

In-situ Substrate Precleaning

Ion Beam Sputter Deposition

Surface Modification

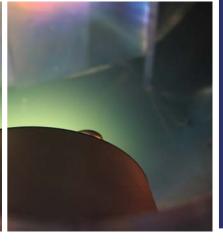
Ion Beam Etching

Ion Beam Figuring

Surface Polishing & Smoothing

Ion Beam Trimming and Tuning





Mean free path,  $T_{target} = T_{incident}$ 

 $\lambda = 1/\sqrt{2} nQ$ 

Mean free path,  $T_{target} = 0$ 

 $\lambda = 1/nQ$ 

Distribution of path lengths

 $I = I_0 exp(-x/\lambda)$ 

Debye length

 $\lambda_D = \sqrt{\varepsilon_o k T_e / n_e e^2}$ 

Boltzmann equation

 $n_e = n_{eo} exp(V_p/kT_e)$ 

Child's law

 $j = (4\varepsilon_0/9)\sqrt{2e/m}(V^{3/2}/x^2)$ 

Bohm conductivity  $\perp$  B

 $\sigma_B \approx e n_e / 16$ 

Temperature-energy equivalence

1 ev = 11.600 K

Mean Maxwellian speed

 $\bar{v} = \sqrt{8kT/\pi m}$ 

#### **KRI Gridded Products**

RFICP40

RFICP100

RFICP140

RFICP200

KDC 10

KDC 40

**KDC 75** 

**KDC 100** 

**KDC 160** 



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- Credibility
- Innovative
- Quality

#### **Applications**

- Adhesion
- Film Densification
- Chemical Conversion
- Texturing
- Pinhole Free Films
- Ultra Thin Film Precision
- Microstructure Control
- Nanostructured Surface
- Anisotropic Etching

# **Gridded Beam Sources**

- Low Cost
- Industrial
- Remote Plasma
- Directed Beam
- Beam Shaping
- Precision Control
  - Ion Current
  - Ion Energy

#### **Design Features**

- Self-aligned Ion Optics
- Inert & Reactive Gases
- Large Ion Energy Range
- High Ion Current Densities
- Collimated, Divergent and Focused Beams

# KDC

## The Ion Beam Authority

Kaufman & Robinson offers gridded Ion Beam Products. Our products include broad-beam Gridded Ion Sources and automated power supplies controllers. All designs are straightforward which easily retrofit into existing vacuum systems, or easily integrate into new OEM systems.

Since 1978, Kaufman & Robinson (KRI), Inc. has designed and built broad-beam ion sources for the vacuum processing community including both manufacturers and researchers. The designs of the gridded ion beam products were developed with our world-recognized expertise in plasma physics, ion source design, and power control engineering.

Currently, KRI holds more than 20 active patents in ion beam and plasma technology, including its innovative designs in multi-aperture ion optics technology.



## **Meeting Your Application Needs**

KRI's knowledge in material applications is captured in our product relevence. Our products are proven process tools which are connected to real results. For example: These products output a stable regulated beam ideally suited for dry plasma etching, surface treatment and thin film growth applications which include:

- Ion Beam Assisted Deposition
- In-situ Substrate Precleaning
- Ion Beam Figuring
- Ion Beam Etching
- Surface Modification
- Ion Beam Sputter Deposition

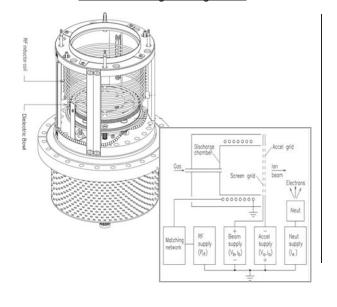


#### **Gridded Series of Broad Beam Ion Sources**

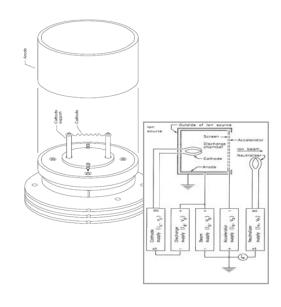
The versatile gridded series of broad beam ion sources are available in different sizes which covers both R&D and high yield production requirements. Large ion beam sources meet critical output performance for uniform coverage over wide process zones. The large ion energy range permits low energy operation to minimize bombardment damage and heat on sensitive substrates while high energy operation enables high rate sputtering processes.

All gridded models feature patented self-aligned ion optices, electron source neutralizer and either a DC or RF discharge chamber. Our gridded products are fit into two catagories: Kaufman DC (KDC) Style or RF Inductive Coupled Plasma (RFICP) Style.

**RFICP Discharge Configuration** 



#### **KDC Discharge Configuration**



#### **Electron Source Neutralizers**



tralizer options include simple filaments or non-immersed electron sources. These neutralizers allow stable processing on dielectric materials, eliminating charge buildup effects.

All electron sources tightly control the electron emission current whether it is inexpensive filament designs or non-immersed models used for extended run time and low temperature requirements.

The gridded source can be configured with different neutralizers. The available neu-



Neutralize

LFN2000 SHC1000

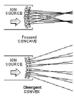
for up to 2 A emission current for up to 5 A emission current

MHC1000 for up to 10 A emission current



Electron Source Neutralizers

# OptiBeam™ Ion Optics



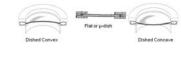


Our ion optics assemblies come in a variety of configurations, sizes and outputs. The multi-aperture grids which seat in the ion optics assemblies are made from thermally stable materials such as Molybdenum and Pyrolytic Graphite. The grid sizes range from 1cm to 38cm diameters and they can be fabricated into flat or dished shapes. The ion optics designs can produce beams which diverge, focus or collimate from the ion source. Two grid ion optic assemblies are standard, while three grid ion optic assemblies are employed in specialized applications.

One of the core benefits in our gridded ion beam products is self-aligning ion optics technology. This technology eliminates the traditional grid alignment procedure. Consequently, the result is consistent and precise aperture position which ensures repeatable and optimized beam characteristics.









# **Product Options**

All models can be equipped with optional hardware to tailor the product to the customer's process and installation.



- Mounting Options **Extended Mount Vacuum Feedthrough** Remote Vacuum Feedthrough **Direct Mount Vacuum Feedthrough**
- Angular Mounting Bracket

- Mass Flow Controllers
- In-vacuum Cables
- Ion Source Switchbox









KDC 75 w/ O<sub>2</sub> Beam

#### **Electron Sources**

- Neutralization
- Beam Divergence
- Plasma Stabilization
- Low Energy
- ESD Control
- Dielectric Substrates

#### **Ion Optics**

- 1 to 38cm Φ size
- No Alignment Procedure
- Extended Grid Lifetime
- Optimize Divergence
- Minimizes Maintenance - Maximizes Beam Current
- Reproducible Beam

#### **Optional Accessories**

- Lower MTBM
- Low Voltage Operation
- Installation Flexibility
- Process Optimization
- Long Filament Lifetime





RFICP

#### **Features**

- Switch Mode
- Digital Control
- Low Stored Energy
- MFC Gas Control
- Single Botton Enable
- Integrated Control
- Remote Interfaces
- Recipe Storage
- RF Automatching

#### **Ion Beam Sources**

- Standard configurations
- Optimized configurations
- Application specific
- Controlled ion energy
- Controlled current density
- Controlled beam shape

### **Power Supplies**

All KRI power supplies feature advanced primary switched power modules with output control to protect power supply and load. Upgrades from basic configurations to advanced configuration are easily achieved by replacing or adding modules. Depending upon the model, the power supplies deliver either AC, DC or RF signals with output powers ranging from 100 to 2000W.

- Powers and controls plasma discharge, ion beam and neutralizer parameters
- Feedback control stabilizes beam output for precision process control
- Short and arc management through protection circuits
- Constant and stable ion beam parameter control over complete operating range
- Selection of operational modes to fit application



LFN Neutralizer Controller



RFICP Source Power Supply Controller (RF Auto Matching)

Auto Controller: Gas Control, Recipe Storage, Operational Modes

# **Nominal Specifications**

Product	RFICP40	RFICP100	RFICP140	RFICP200			
Discharge	RFICP	RFICP	RFICP	RFICP			
Ion Beam Current (I <sub>B</sub> )*	>100mA	>350mA	>600mA	>800mA			
Ion Beam Energy (V <sub>B</sub> )	100-1200V	100-1200V	100-1200V	100-1200V			
Beam Size @ grid	4cm Φ	10cm Φ	14cm Φ	20cm Φ			
Beam Type	Collimated, Convergent, Divergent						
Typical flow	3-10sccm	5-30sccm	5-30sccm	10-40sccm			
Gases	Ar, Kr, Xe, O <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> , others						
Typical Pressure	<0.5mTorr	<0.5mTorr	<0.5mTorr	<0.5mTorr			
Length	5.0" (12.7cm)	9.25" (23.5cm)	9.7" (24.6cm)	11.8" (30cm)			
Diameter	5.3" (13.5cm)	7.52" (19.1cm)	9.7" (24.6cm)	16.1" (41cm)			
Neutralizer**	LFN 2000						

Product	KDC 10	KDC 40	KDC 75	KDC 100	KDC 160			
Discharge	DC Thermionic	DC Thermionic	DC Thermionic	DC Thermionic	DC Thermionic			
Ion Beam Current (I <sub>B</sub> )*	>10mA	>100mA	>250mA	>400mA	>650mA			
Ion Beam Energy (V <sub>B</sub> )	100-1200V	100-1200V	100-1200V	100-1200V	100-1200V			
Beam Size @ grid	1cm Ф	4cm Ф	7.5cm Ф	12cm Ф	16cm Ф			
Beam Type		Collimated, Convergent, Divergent						
Typical flow	1-5sccm	2-10sccm	2-15sccm	2-20sccm	2-30sccm			
Gases		Ar, Kr, Xe, O <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> , others						
Typical Pressure	<0.5mTorr	<0.5mTorr	<0.5mTorr	<0.5mTorr	<0.5mTorr			
Length	4.5" (11.5cm)	6.75" (17.1cm)	7.9" (20.1cm)	9.25" (23.5cm)	9.92" (25.2cm)			
Diameter	1.52" (4cm)	3.5" (9cm)	5.5" (14cm)	7.6" (19.4cm)	9.1" (23.2cm)			
Neutralizer**		All Sources offer Immersed Filament						

<sup>\*</sup> Can Depend On Ion Optics





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<sup>\*\*</sup> Other Neutralizers are Availble