A surface science approach to SEY studies.

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Photoelectron spectroscopy (UPS-XPS)





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SEY vs. graphitization for a-C films



ultra high vacuum RF magnetron sputtering 50W p(Ar) $6x10^{-2}$ mbar a-C (~ 20 nm)/poly Cu A-C film thickness ~ 30 nm

Cu: δ_{max} =1.36 a-C: δ_{max} =1.25

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Aromatic clusters of a few nanometers are sufficient to lower the macroscopic SEY to the level of graphitic carbon with much higher structural ordering.

It is likely that the enhanced scattering at the grain boundaries provides an additional contribution to reduce the number of secondary electrons emerging from the surface.

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Highly oriented polycrystalline graphite (HOPG)



Effect of structural defects in graphite



SEY vs. surface process



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Ar ion penetration depth ~1.9 nm Raman sampling depth ~500 nm

SEY of defected graphite



electron penetration depth in graphite

~2nm @ 200 eV ~30 nm @ 1000 eV



SEY of defected graphite



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Conclusions



A few nm layer of amorphous C deposited at RT is capable of lowering the δ_{max} value of a clean copper surface, hinting to a more dramatic effect on technical surfaces, which exhibit a much higher SEY.



A moderate structural quality of the C layer is sufficient for a considerable SEY decrease as aromatic clusters of limited size approach the secondary emission properties of graphite.



The amorphization of HOPG changes the SEY curve, but the SEYmax values remain relatively stable and low (<1.1). SEY at high primary electron energies (<500 eV) decreases with increasing crystalline disorder.

These results indicate the importance of studying the stability and aging of carbon based coatings and suggest that these effect should be considered in simulations where SEYcurves are parametrized.

Thanks for your attention!