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Model number(s): ES-SL1 / ES-DL1 / ES-TL1 / ES-MP / ES-CP

Descriptive name: Electrostatic Probes - Langmuir



2.75" CF Flange

#### Features:

- Single tip, double, triple tip Langmuir probes, Mach probes, and combination Langmuir/Mach probes available all built to ultra-high vacuum standards with an emphasis on miniaturization to reduce plasma disturbance
- Fast bias sweeping electronics reveal the time evolution of the plasma
- Low noise current and voltage monitors with optional filtering insure accuracy
- All probes are custom made with full translation capability designed to your specifications and can made rotateable upon request
- A wide range of tip and insulator materials are available
- Custom designed tip collection area and spacing to diagnose a wide range plasma parameters: typical  $T_e \sim 0$  70 eV and  $n_e \sim 10^{14}$  m<sup>-3</sup>  $10^{20}$  m<sup>-3</sup>

#### **Options:**

Probe	Te	ne	Vf	Vp	EEDF	Mach	Ion	Plasma	Accuracy in
						#	velocity	Disturbance	turbulent plasma
Single tip	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			High	Low
Double tip	Υ	Υ						Low	High
Triple tip	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ				Med	Med
Mach						Υ	Y w/T <sub>e</sub> ,T <sub>i</sub>	Low	High



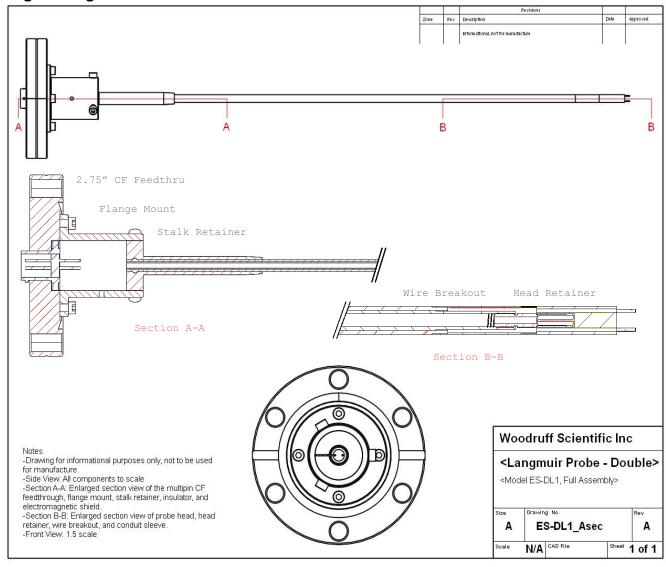
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### **Engineering:**





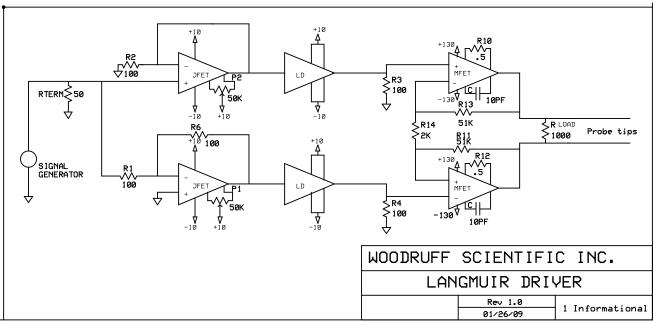
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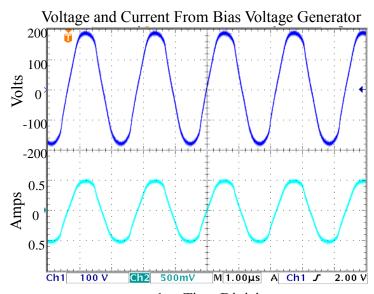
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#### **Electronics:**



- A 130 Vdc bipolar power supply drive Mosfet amplifiers in a push-pull configuration.
- Any input signal from a waveform generator is amplified to nearly 400 V peak-to-peak at any frequency up to 1.2 MHz.
- Accurate measurements of the tip voltage and current are made with current transformers resulting in an analog output signal of +/-1 V.



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### **Highest Quality Probe Design and Construction:**

- An 8 tip combination Langmuir/Mach probe used in a highly turbulent plasma
- Miniaturized for the lowest possible disturbance to the bulk plasma.
- .020" diameter tungsten tips housed in a .250" diameter boron nitride insulator.
- Electrical connections to the tungsten tips were made with polyimide coated Cu wires within 3/8" of tip exposure.
- Wires were twisted and shielded in stainless steel to minimize noise due to electromagnetic pickup.



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### Sample Data and Post Processing:

- A Langmuir probe draws a small current from the plasma when a bias voltage is applied to the exposed tips.
- The probe current and bias voltage are independently measured and plotted as an I-V characteristic. A sample characteristic for a double probe is shown.
- The electron temperature is calculated from the ion saturation current and the slope of the I-V trace at the floating point.
- By sweeping the applied bias potential with a sine or triangle wave an I-V characteristic can be generated for every wave period. In this way the time-history of the electron temperature is calculated.
- Once the electron temperature is known the electron density can be calculated from one of the theories of ion collection often Bohm or ABR.

