

# Numerical study of the effect of secondary electron emission on the dynamics of electron clouds in gyrotron guns

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## **EPFL** Problem description

- Code espic2D does not take account (yet) for secondary electron emissions, induced by ions collected at the electrodes. Let us denote these ion-induced electron emissions by IIEE from now on.
- Goal: Implement a module to add those IIEE to espic2D

#### **EPFL** Model to be used

- We seek an expression for the **electron yield**  $\gamma$
- It is expected that  $\gamma$  depends on the **incident particle energy**, the target density i.e a **material parameter** including cross sections for particle interactions, as well as **transport phenomena** occurring for produced electrons.
- Semi-empirical model: Schou (1988) [Hassel92]

$$\gamma = \Lambda \cdot \beta \cdot \frac{dE}{dx} \bigg|_{e} \tag{1}$$

• In the above Eq.(1),  $\Lambda$  includes the cross sections for collisions with energy deposition,  $\beta$  accounts for energy transport by recoil electrons, and dE/dx corresponds to the energy deposed in the solid by the ion colliding with electrons (subscript e).

#### **EPFL** Empirical values for model parameters

- Research of tabulated values (semi-empirical model) for the physical parameters:
  - dE/dx from [Janni]
  - $\beta$  and  $\Lambda = \Lambda_{exp}$  from [Hassel92]

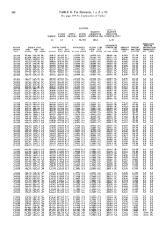


Figure: Energy loss values from [Janni82]

# **EPFL** Appropriate fit for the data

- In order to implement the energy loss of deposed ions, we need to find the appropriate fit:
  - To do so, one has to determine the energy distribution of ions collected at the electrode, and match it with the energy loss curve.
- In Fig.(2), the energy loss of protons in Aluminum has been plotted on the expected energy range of 20 keV to 1 GeV (see red curve).
  - E.g if the protons are mainly distributed in parabolic region (green)  $\rightarrow$  quadratic fit Else a linear fit may be more appropriate.

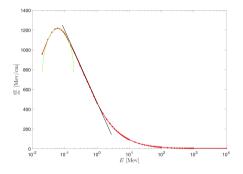


Figure: Energy loss for protons in aluminum (red) - possible fits for the data in interesting regions (green - black)

#### **EPFL** Initial configuration

- Initial configuration: generation of ions with maxwelian velocity profile
- Cylindrical symmetry and ions generated at different  $r=R_0$
- Potential bias of 20kV radial E

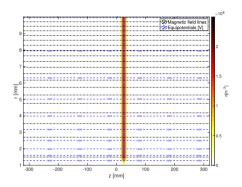


Figure: Initial ion density profile

# **EPFL** Energy collected at the electrode

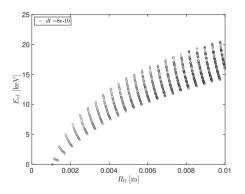


Figure: Energy collected at the electrode -  $dt = 8e^{-10}$ 

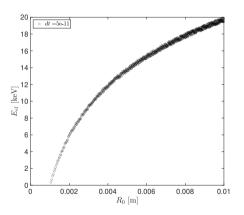


Figure: Energy collected at the electrode -  $dt = 1e^{-11}$ 

# **EPFL** Kinetic energy and energy loss dE/dx

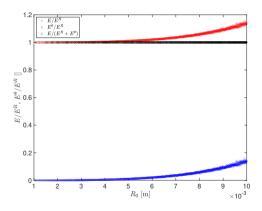


Figure: Ratio of the different components of kinetic energy

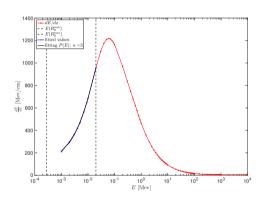


Figure: Energy loss and energy range of interest with polynomial fit

## **EPFL** Electron yield - Kinetic theory

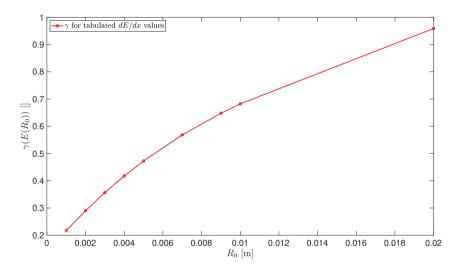


Figure: Yield over the fitted energy interval, given as a function of the energy through  $R_0$