

Decomposition of CO₂ in a glow discharge (analytical review)

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An analytical review of the results of experimental and theoretical studies of carbon dioxide decomposition in glow discharges is given. From a comparative analysis of the literature data, an attempt is made to determine the discharge parameters at which the maximum values of decomposition degree of carbon dioxide and energy efficiency for a particular device are provided. The maximum values of the decomposition degree of dry carbon dioxide of 40 % and energy efficiency of 32 % are achieved in discharge devices at a current of 10 to 100 mA, a specific power of 0.2 to 3.6 W/cm per unit length of the positive column, at average (50–60 Torr) and atmospheric pressures in the subsonic gas flow with a volumetric flow rate of 300 cm³/s. Discharge devices in which a pulse–periodic (in the range from a few tenths to several tens of kHz) glow discharge of atmospheric pressure is used for the utilization of carbon dioxide can be promising.

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