

LOW-PRESSURE GLOW DISCHARGE IN PLASMA LENSES ON PERMANENT MAGNETS

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The results of investigations of the static and dynamic characteristics of self-sustained low-pressure glow discharge (GD) which arises in the crossed $E \times B$ field in electrostatic plasma lenses (PL) on permanent magnets are presented. We evaluated parameters of the gas-discharge medium. Instabilities inherent to this kind of the discharge and its influence on the plasma lens focusing properties are discussed.