

Search for new RPC gases

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Present RPC gas mixtures are all based on the $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{F}_4$ molecule (tetrafluoro ethane, commercially known as Suva 134a) as the main component. This is characterized by a $\text{GWP}=1400$, which makes it potentially dangerous for the atmosphere. We study here new mixtures based on the $\text{H}_2\text{C}_3\text{F}_4$ molecule (tetrafluoro propene, commercially known as HFO) which is expected to substitute the tetra-fluorine-ethane for industrial uses. Our study is mainly focused in the efficiency and the avalanche-to-streamer transition measurements. It starts from the binary mixture $\text{H}_2\text{C}_3\text{F}_4/\text{CO}_2$, with a CO_2 content ranging from 50% to zero, to which a further quenching molecule is added. The results obtained with different quenchers are presented.

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