

SPECIFICATION

A bipolar ionizer for air purification and
a diffuser using the bipolar ionizer

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to an ionizer, in particular to an alternating bipolar ionizer, and in particular to an alternating bipolar ionizer for air purification.

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BACKGROUD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] In the prior art, the following structures are mainly used to purify air by gas ionization.

[0003] 1. Needle tip discharge device (unipolar). Needle
15 tip discharge device is the most familiar gas discharge device. Because the top of the needle tip has a small area and a large curvature change, it is the easiest to discharge among the same kind of materials, and therefore it is the mostly and earliest used in the field of electrostatic
20 precipitation. The needle tip was placed in a hexagonal honeycomb array structure in an early stage. Later, it is changed into a round hole structure with a tip, which has obvious effects on dust collection. Because it is unipolar and does not have redox capability, it does not have the
25 function of eliminating odor. As a unipolar generator, whether it is a positive or negative one, it cannot meet

the needs of improving air quality. In recent years, carbon fiber bundles have also been used as discharge electrodes. In terms of consistency, they are superior to needle tips, but bundle effects would cause gelation and failure. So is it possible to achieve positive and negative ion excitation on a single needle tip? Experiments have shown that due to the high voltage of AC, a sharp oxidation phenomenon occurs at the needle tip, which quickly blunts the needle tip, making it impossible to continue to discharge and thus causing failure. Therefore, it is difficult to generate bipolar ions in a single needle tip device under normal conditions.

[0004] 2. A device using a wire to discharge (unipolar). A device that uses a wire (generally a tungsten wire) to discharge generally includes a pair of high voltage (typical power supply configuration is +8150V) tungsten wires, a separator which is located between the high voltage wires and is grounded, and a dust collecting plate (-3650V). This configuration is a unipolar, air-purifying module with electrostatic dust collection as the main function. Due to the uniformity of the diameter of the tungsten wire used, it is impossible to result in rapid passivation by concentrated discharging point. Particles contained in air flow passing through a high voltage generator will be positively charged. It is easy for the particles to be retained in a surface of negatively polarized dust collecting plate when reaching the same plate. This

structure is effective. However, it does not have the mechanism for degradation and oxidation of the odor generated by indoor organic volatiles. Therefore, in this type of device, a negative ionizer (generating a small amount of ozone) is often added to a back end to make up for its deficiency.

[0005] The above two forms of discharge have a very effective function, which is the visual effect of crushing the aerosol in an instant. Many manufacturers use it as a demonstrator to allow the soot to flow through the generator naturally when thermodynamic expansion rises and then be crushed, letting the observer feel magical and be told that the air has been purified. In fact, the crushed aerosol becomes small particles that the human eye may not be able to observe. In fact, the molecules of any nature have not changed, and the odor has not been eliminated. Therefore, people have been looking for other ways to satisfy the deodorizing effect. For example, add an M-type filter with activated carbon at the back end of an airflow path.

[0006] 3. Bipolar ionizer with double needle tip (carbon fiber bundle). The generator has two high-voltage ends, DC positive and negative high voltages are applied to the each ends respectively to generate positive and negative ions, respectively. Sharp's purification ion mode would be a typical implementation. Two adjacent emitters each excite their own polar ionic air. Gas molecules or particles with the charge of the same polarity repel each other (formation

of ion wind). If there are gas molecules or particles with the charge of opposite polarity in the vicinity, they will attract and annihilate each other, becoming neutral molecules or particles. This process has an effect on the degradation of organic volatiles, and the energy of the gas and particles with the charge of the opposite polarity colliding with each other participate in the process of oxidative decomposition. For the floating bacteria in the air obtained during the process of mutual attraction and annihilation the electrolytes in their cell membranes are electrified and subsequently killed. A large number of ionic gas molecules that do not have the opportunity to annihilate with the charge of the opposite polarity encounter the particles, charging and converting them from floating dust to falling dust. Therefore, the performance of bipolar ionizers with opposite polarity is much better than that of mono-polar ionizers, which is determined by its own mechanism.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0007] An object of the present invention is to overcome the above-mentioned drawbacks of the prior art, and to provide a bipolar ion alternative generator of a porous or multi-row wire array to inject a bipolar ion gas flow in a living environment, thereby improving indoor air quality.

[0008] The technical scheme of the present invention is

as follows: a bipolar ionizer for air purification, which is a plate-type structure consisting of a substrate with a thermally conductive sheet, a porous emitter plate, a dielectric barrier plate, and a porous ground plate with
5 ion extraction mechanism, all of which are stacked together in sequence.

[0009] In the above mentioned bipolar ionizer for air purification, the emitter plate includes a first emitter plate disposed above a top surface of the substrate and a
10 second emitter plate disposed under a bottom surface of the substrate; the dielectric barrier plate includes a first dielectric barrier plate disposed above the first emitter plate, and a second dielectric barrier plate disposed under the second emitter plate; the porous ground plate includes
15 a first ground plate disposed above the first dielectric barrier plate and a second ground plate disposed under the second dielectric barrier plate; the first emitter plate and the second emitter plate are both porous metal sheets; the first ground plate and the second ground plate are both
20 porous metal sheets; an electric field gradient formed between the thermally conductive sheet and the first emitter plate is smaller than an electric field gradient formed between the first emitter plate and the first ground plate, and an electric field gradient formed between the thermally
25 conductive sheet and the second emitter plate is smaller than an electric field gradient formed between the second emitter plate and the second ground plate.

[0010] In the bipolar ionizer for air purification, thermally conductive sheet is located at the center of the substrate, and it uniformly divides the substrate into two upper and lower pieces; and the first dielectric barrier plate and the second dielectric barrier plate are of the same material and have the same thickness.

[0011] In the bipolar ionizer for air purification, the first ground plate and the second ground plate are porous metal sheets of the same structure, and they have meshes regularly distributed in arrays.

[0012] In the bipolar ionizer for air purification, the first dielectric barrier plate and the second dielectric barrier plate are made of either high silica glass plates or modified ceramic plates.

[0013] In the bipolar ionizer for air purification, thermally conductive sheet is an electric heating sheet.

[0014] In the bipolar ionizer for air purification, the periphery of the plate-type structure is provided with a sealing ring.

[0015] A diffuser using a bipolar ionizer has a plurality of blades, on which a plurality of the above-described bipolar ionizers are disposed in the same direction.

[0016] According to the above technical solution, the ground plate and the emitter plate with the ion extraction structure form an electric field with a precise size, and the electrons of the emitter plate are led out of the dielectric barrier plate on a grounding side of the electric

field. A part of the electrons meets the ground plate and flows into the ground plate to form a current, and a part of the electrons escapes and meets the indoor air molecules. When the emitted electrons reach a certain rate, the oxygen molecules can be excited, converting them to ionic state, and the air quality is improved. When AC high-voltage current is input, the bipolar ions are generated alternately, so that a bipolar ion gas flow can be injected into the air to effectively improve the air quality.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0017] Figure 1 is a front view of a bipolar ionizer for air purification of the present invention;

[0018] Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of a portion A-A shown in Figure 1;

[0019] Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view of a portion B-B shown in Figure 2; and

[0020] Figure 4 is a schematic diagram of a diffuser using a bipolar ionizer.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0021] The present invention will be further described in detail below with reference to the embodiments and the accompanying drawings.

25 [0022] Figures 1, 2, and 3 illustrate an embodiment of a bipolar ionizer for air purification of the present

invention. A thermally conductive sheet 6 is located at a center of a substrate, and the thermally conductive sheet 6 uniformly divides the substrate into an upper substrate 31 and a lower substrate 32; an emitter plate includes a first emitter plate 41 disposed on a top surface of the upper substrate 31 and a second emitter plate 42 disposed under a bottom surface of the lower substrate 32; a first dielectric barrier plate 21 is disposed above the first emitter plate 41; a second dielectric barrier plate 22 is disposed under the second emitter plate 42; a first ground plate 51 is disposed above the first dielectric barrier plate 21, and a second ground plate 52 is disposed under the second dielectric barrier plate 22; and the first dielectric barrier plate 21 and the second dielectric barrier plate 22 are of the same material and preferably have the same thickness. The bipolar ionizer for air purification is a plate-type structure consisting of a substrate with a thermally conductive sheet 6, a porous emitter plate, a dielectric barrier plate, and a porous ground plate with an ion extraction mechanism, all of which are stacked together in sequence. The first emitter plate 41 and the second emitter plate 42 are both porous metal sheets; and the first ground plate 51 and the second ground plate 52 are both porous metal sheets; when the substrate and the first dielectric barrier plate 21 and the second dielectric barrier plate 22 are of the same material, the thickness of the substrate is greater than that of the first

dielectric barrier plate 21 and the second dielectric barrier plate 22, so that the electric field gradient formed between the thermally conductive sheet 6 and the first emitter plate 41 is smaller than that formed between the first emitter plate 41 and the first ground plate 51, and the electric field gradient formed between the thermally conductive sheet 6 and the second emitter plate 42 is smaller than that formed between the second emitter plate 42 and the second ground plate 52. It is ensured that the direction of electron extraction is at a side of the first ground plate 51 and the second ground plate 52, so as to ensure that when the air conditioning system refrigerates, when possible condensation formed when its airflow passes through it, the heat conducting plate 6 in the substrate can ensure that electrons escaping from the dielectric barrier material are less disturbed by water molecules and can excite oxygen molecules in the air in their proper energy states.

[0023] In this embodiment, the first ground plate 51 and the second ground plate 52 are porous metal sheets having the same structure, and the meshes thereof are regularly arranged in arrays.

[0024] In this embodiment, the first dielectric barrier plate 21 and the second dielectric barrier plate 22 are made of either high silica glass plates or modified ceramic plates.

[0025] In this embodiment, the thermally conductive sheet 6 is an electric heating sheet.

[0026] In this embodiment, the periphery of the plate-type structure is provided with a sealing ring 1.

[0027] In the bipolar ionizer of the present invention, since the airflow flowing out from the ionization regions of opposite polarities attract each other, the effect of capturing smaller inhalable particles in the air is better than that of the mono-polar ionized gas, and the effect of capturing inhalable particles of smaller size is more obvious. In the present invention, an ion flow that flows out by the alternating excitation function of the bipolar ions itself has an expansion effect, and the mutual attraction mechanism of the opposite polarity ions causes the ions of opposite polarities to collide sharply outside the outlet. If no gaseous molecules of organic volatiles are encountered in the process, the two are mutually annihilated and returned to the original neutral oxygen molecule state. If it encounters the gaseous molecules of the treated organic volatiles, it is higher than the momentum of the oxygen molecules and the momentum of the two ions, effectively degrades the gaseous molecules of the organic volatiles, thereby changing its chemical properties. Usually these gaseous molecules will eventually change to gaseous molecules of water and carbon dioxide. Experiments have shown that NS-DBD with bipolar ion alternating excitation function has obvious degradation effect on formaldehyde without any filter and dust collector, and it is also easier to solve the degradation of ammonia/benzene

gaseous molecules. The bipolar ionizer of the present invention is effective in killing bacteria in a very short time.

[0028] Figure 4 shows a diffuser using a bipolar ionizer. 5 A plurality of bipolar ionizers 8 are arranged in a same direction on a number of blades 71 of the diffuser 7 and inside an air outlet. The material of the air outlet is preferably made of non-metal material, so that more airflow with positive and negative ions can be injected into the 10 indoor space. Bipolar ions have a higher chance of encountering inhalable particles/ gaseous molecules of organic volatiles/ floating bacteria in indoor space than net influent air flux. In this sense, the bipolar ionizer is an active purification device.

15 [0029] Though various embodiments of the present invention have been illustrated above, a person of the art will understand that, variations and improvements made upon the illustrative embodiments fall within the scope of the present invention, and the scope of the present invention 20 is only limited by the accompanying claims and their equivalents.

CLAIMS

1. A bipolar ionizer for air purification, wherein the bipolar ionizer is a plate-type structure comprising a substrate with a thermally conductive sheet, a porous emitter plate, a dielectric barrier plate, and a porous ground plate with ion extraction mechanism, all of which are stacked together in sequence.

2. The bipolar ionizer for air purification as recited in claim 1, wherein the porous emitter plate includes a first emitter plate disposed above a top surface of the substrate and a second emitter plate disposed under a bottom surface of the substrate; the dielectric barrier plate includes a first dielectric barrier plate disposed above the first emitter plate, and a second dielectric barrier plate disposed under the second emitter plate; the porous ground plate includes a first ground plate disposed above the first dielectric barrier plate and a second ground plate disposed under the second dielectric barrier plate; the first emitter plate and the second emitter plate are both porous metal sheets; the first ground plate and the second ground plate are both porous metal sheets; an electric field gradient formed between the thermally conductive sheet and the first emitter plate is smaller than an electric field gradient formed between the first emitter plate and the first ground plate, and an electric

field gradient formed between the thermally conductive sheet and the second emitter plate is smaller than an electric field gradient formed between the second emitter plate and the second ground plate.

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3. The bipolar ionizer for air purification as recited in claim 2, wherein the thermally conductive sheet is located at the center of the substrate, and it uniformly divides the substrate into two upper and lower pieces; and
10 the first dielectric barrier plate and the second dielectric barrier plate are of the same material and have the same thickness.

4. The bipolar ionizer for air purification as recited
15 in claim 3, wherein both the first ground plate and the second ground plate have meshes regularly distributed in arrays.

5. The bipolar ionizer for air purification as recited
20 in claim 3, wherein the first dielectric barrier plate and the second dielectric barrier plate are made of either high silica glass plates or modified ceramic plates.

6. The bipolar ionizer for air purification as recited
25 in claim 4, wherein the first dielectric barrier plate and the second dielectric barrier plate are made of either high silica glass plates or modified ceramic plates.

7. The bipolar ionizer for air purification as recited in claim 3, wherein the thermally conductive sheet is an electric heating sheet.

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8. The bipolar ionizer for air purification as recited in claim 4, wherein the thermally conductive sheet is an electric heating sheet.

10 9. The bipolar ionizer for air purification as recited in claim 8, wherein the periphery of the plate-type structure is provided with a sealing ring.

10. A diffuser, comprising a plurality of blades and
15 a plurality of bipolar ionizers as recited in claim 4, wherein the plurality of the bipolar ionizers are respectively arranged in the same direction on the plurality of blades.