Surface charging when the water droplet dropped with a charge (Second report)

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Abstract:
This report examined charging characteristics of the surface in dropping water droplet which was charged on super-water-repellent agent (HIREC1100). In the previous report, it was shown the surface was charged negatively, when +200pC water droplet was dropped in the water-repellent surface. Is this report, the similar experiment was carried out in water droplet which electric charge which in bigger then +200pC. The surface was charged positively in case of the +300pC water droplet. And, the surface was charged negatively in case of +220pC. Surface density of charge in which the surface in not charge see to be 24~30μC / m2.
Current waveform and electric charge in electrostatic spraying (second report)

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Abstract:
In this study, current waveform detected in the electrostatic atomization by the nozzle was made to synchronize with the image of high-speed camera. The change of the process according to the resistivity and the nozzle gauge of the electrostatic atomization phenomenon is observed from the synchronization, and the electrification process is revealed. The electric charge was calculated from pulse current form in dependent on the value of applied voltage and the nozzle gauge. The electric charge when the nozzle 23G has changed irregularly. After the droplets from the liquid thread breakup, the electric charge is increased by the liquid surface or thread vibrates greatly.
Flow Electrification between Pure Water and PFA with Intermittent Flow

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Abstract:
Flow electrification phenomenon between pure water and PFA (PerFluoroAlkoxyethylene) tube was described in this paper. Essentially, pure water flowing in a PFA tube is positively electrified, but negative charges on the head of the intermittent flow are observed in high Reynolds number conditions. The amount of the negative charges depends on flow velocity, tube length, and initial residual charges on the PFA tube. These results indicate that initial residual charges on the PFA tube are collected by the head of water flow. In spite of the relatively high conductivity of pure water, the collected negative charges are not diffused because the two-phase flow condition is mixed and atomized, which means insulated condition.
Thermal Endurance of Multi-doped Nanocomposite Polymeric Insulating Material Using Azo-benzoic Compound

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Abstract:
Thermal endurance evaluation according to IEC 60216 series was carried out on the multi-doped nano-composite polymeric insulating material which we newly designed for high resistance to the electrical tree degradation. The base material was LDPE, which was added with nano-particle of Al2O3 and azobenzoic compound. The size of the particle is about 50 nm in average. The aging test was carried out using 3 chambers controlled at 85 °C, 90 °C and 95 °C, individually. The results indicated that RTE of the test sample was almost 40 % higher than that of LDPE, which indicates very high performance against the thermal degradation.
Observation of Ultra-short Pulsed Discharge in Supercritical Carbon Dioxide

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Abstract:
This paper deals with pre-breakdown phenomena in supercritical carbon dioxide (SC-CO2) with ultra-short positive pulsed voltages. Previously, we studied a cylindrical shock wave propagated from a filament-like positive streamer channel with a rise time of 90 ns, peak voltage of 60 kV and half-width of 170 ns. For this study, we developed an ultra-short nanosecond pulse generator with a rise time of 6.6 ns, peak voltage of 9 kV and half-width of 15 ns. The voltage was applied to a needle-to-plane electrode in SC-CO2. The gap length was set at approximately 320 µm. A filament-like streamer was observed using the shadowgraph method as with our previous study.

Furthermore, unique images of shock waves were observed in which the shock wave appeared to propagate from the vicinity of the needle tip. In addition, a relatively weak shock waves along the streamer channel were also observed. This data allowed us to infer that heating of the streamer vicinity of the needle tip was enhanced compared with the streamer tip.
Measurement of infrared emission spectrometry of O2(\(a_1\Delta g\)) in atmospheric-pressure helium plasma jet

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Abstract:
The atmospheric-pressure helium plasma jet is an important device for plasma biomedical applications. We measured the density of singlet delta oxygen O2(\(a_1\Delta g\)) in the plasma jet. O2(\(a_1\Delta g\)) is effective in the treatment of blood sterilization and cancer. The measurement result shows the O2(\(a_1\Delta g\)) density under the high voltage electrode is approximately 2-8 ppm. The O2(\(a_1\Delta g\)) density become maximum when the oxygen concentration is 0.2% and the peak-to-peak voltage is 11kV.
DEVELOPMENT OF LOW IMPEDANCE HIGH VOLTAGE NANOSECOND PULSED POWER GENERATOR

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Abstract:

This study focuses on improving our nanosecond pulse generator by changing insulation and dielectric medium and improving the configuration of the spark gap switch (SGS). The insulation and dielectric medium were changed from silicone oil to ethylene glycol, with $\varepsilon_r$ referring to the dielectric constant. The dielectric constant of silicone oil and ethylene glycol are 2.7 and 44. Therefore, characteristic impedance of silicone oil and ethylene glycol become about 50 $\Omega$ and 12.5 $\Omega$. The pulse width of silicone oil was extended from 5.0 ns to 20 ns in ethylene glycol. Therefore, pulse width can be varied by changing the length of the triaxial Blumlein line, with the length of the line 500 mm under the previous configuration but 125 mm using the reconfigured generator. The previous SGS path was longer than the one we have currently. Therefore, due to inductance inside the switch, we developed a low inductance new SGS. It is developed five generators by combining the three previous factors. The output current of Generator 5 is about 2.6 times that of Generator 1. Generator 5 has the highest power, making it the best generator.
Effect of Discharge Conditions on Inception Electric Field Strength of Streamer in Water

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Abstract:

Effects of gap distance, capacitance, and water conductivity on the inception electric field strength of a primary streamer and a secondary streamer in water were investigated in the case of a single-shot pulsed positive voltage with a duration of 10 ?s. It was clarified that the inception electric field strength was not effected by discharge conditions, and threshold electric field strength for the inceptions of a primary streamer is greater than 23 MV/cm and for that of a secondary streamer is greater than 34 MV/cm.
Influence of Conductivity on DC Negative Corona Discharge from a Water Droplet

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Abstract:
DC corona discharge from a water droplet formed at a capillary electrode is accompanied with periodical formation and disruption of a Taylor cone. Thus, corona discharge from a water droplet occurs intermittently with regular interval. Formation of a cone and charge transfer in a droplet might be related to ion mobility in a droplet. In this study, to confirm the influence of the conductivity of a water droplet on the negative corona discharge, the magnitude of corona current and the time variation of the droplet height were investigated. Conductivity of a water droplet was adjusted by a concentration of HNO3 from 0.48 to 48mS/cm. The higher conductivity of a droplet, the larger corona current flows. However, the conductivity affects little the cone formation of a water droplet. It takes more time for a larger water droplet to return to the lower position of droplet. As a result, pulse trains corona discharge continues with a relatively longer duration.
Basic Experiment of Rod-to-Water Electrode Discharge Using Inverter Neon Transformer

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Abstract:

There are nitrate ions as nutrients necessary for the growth of plants. Nitrate ions can be generated in water by discharge. In this study, rod-to-water discharge experiment that places the ground electrode in the water was presented using an inverter neon transformer.

Unstable discharge appeared immediately at the beginning of discharge. After the discharge for 30 s, discharge was stable. The pH and nitrate ion concentration in water after discharge was increased with increasing of discharge duration.
Analysis of compositions of the ions generated by atmospheric pressure helium plasma

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Abstract:
Chemical compositions of the ions generated by atmospheric pressure helium plasma were investigated using an atmospheric pressure ionization mass spectrometry (API-MS). The plasma generator used in this experiment was composed by a union-tee, a quartz glass tube and a stainless steel rod. In the negative ion mass spectrum with a distance between the glass tube tip and the sampling orifice being 5 mm, several ion species were observed. The observed ions include O\(^{-}\), OH\(^{-}\), O\(_2\)\(^{-}\), O\(_3\)\(^{-}\), CO\(_3\)\(^{-}\), HCO\(_3\)\(^{-}\) and HCO\(_4\)\(^{-}\). Most of these ions formed hydrated cluster ions and the ions of O\(_2\)\(^{-}\)(H\(_2\)O\(_n\)) were the most abundant in the spectrum. The spectrum changed significantly by changing the distance between the glass tube tip and the sampling orifice to 10 mm. The peak of CO\(_3\)\(^{-}\) became the most intense peak and the ions of O\(_2\)\(^{-}\) and HCO\(_4\)\(^{-}\) decline, which was probably due to the ion-molecule reactions with surrounding molecules.
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September 24th (Thu.), <15:45-17:45>
Room 1

Observation of streamer discharge under high temperatures

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Abstract:
Observation of streamer discharge under high temperatures Department of Advanced Energy, The University of Tokyo Kamakura Taku Pulsed positive streamer discharge in a point-to-plane gap is observed under high temperatures (300-1200 K) and compared with various applied voltages (12-30 kV). An ICCD camera is used for the optical measurements of streamer. The rises in temperature and applied voltage increase the reduced electric field E/n. The results show that the rises in temperature and applied voltage increase the propagation velocity of primary streamer and the length of secondary streamer in similar ways, while they lead to different shape of streamer (thickness, branching, etc.).
Generation and Characterization of Mist-Plasma Using Atmospheric Pressure Glow Discharge

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Abstract:
In this study we constructed mist-plasma experimental system using the atmospheric pressure DC glow discharge. We carried out the characterization of the mist-plasma by the measurements of optical emission spectroscopy and droplet diameter.
Study on the discharge electrode of an electrostatic precipitator

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Abstract:

By adopting ISO14000 series etc., improvement of the working environment in the factory has become an important issue. The authors have verified the effectiveness of the discharge electrode against sedimentation of the oil mist at its tip. The electrodes used in the experiment are; A) needle-plate, B) needle-circular hole, C) protruding needle-circular hole.

In order to confirm the influence of the sediment attached on the needle tip, we performed simplified measurement of ionic wind, verification of the charging efficiency and the field experiment. From the results of ionic wind measurement and the field experiment, it was found to be effective to direct the needle tips in the same direction as the main gas flow. From the verification of the charging efficiency and the field experiment, the shape C), newly invented by us, of the protruding needle-circular hole was the most effective as a discharge electrode for an electrostatic precipitator to collect fine suspended particles.
Electrostatic Precipitator using the weak Corona Discharge generated by Carbon Fiber Flocking Electrodes

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Abstract:

The authors have been studying the electrostatic precipitator (ESP) which can charge particles without using corona discharge to collect particles with Coulomb’s force in strong electric field. In this method, we have tried to use “induction charging”. DC high-voltage lower than corona-start-voltage is applied to electrostatic-flocked electrodes with carbon fibers. Particles are attracted to the fibers due to gradient force. Then, particles are induction-charged just as particles that have attached to the fibers are re-entrained. Because of the strengthened electric field by converged electric-force-lines, the particles should acquire larger induction charge compared to the case of plate electrodes without flocked fibers. After these particles detach from the fibers, they are collected by the following parallel plate electrode assembly. Even without corona discharge, the experimental results in the last study showed that a certain value of particle collection efficiency was observed. The observed collection efficiency was stable for smaller particles (from 0.3 to 1.0 μm), however, was unstable for larger particles (from 1.0 to 5.0 μm). In this study, when a weak corona discharge was generated in the flocked electrodes with carbon fibers, the collection efficiency of 80% or higher, equivalent to conventional ESPs, was obtained in all the diameter range using only 10% of the electric power consumption compared with conventional ESPs.
Basic Characteristics of Ionic Wind Devices Prepared by a 3D Printer


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Abstract:

The corona discharges are widely used in many industrial applications such as gas cleaning, particle precipitation, and gas flow control. Essentially, the corona discharge apparatus consists of the metallic electrodes and those supporting insulators. The insulating parts are usually made of plastic, ceramics or glass. Therefore there is a limit for the design and fabrication of the apparatus. We have introduced 3D printing technology into the development of non-thermal plasma reactors. In this study, ionic wind devices based on the dc corona discharge is studied. Except for the electrodes, the ionic wind devices were prepared by using a 3D printer. The electrode of corona discharge is a needle-to-mesh configuration. The performance of the ionic wind devices was evaluated with respect to the gas flow velocity and its spatial distribution. Moreover, we examined the effect of the array by the multi-devices. As the advantage of the array, it is possible to increase the ionic win! velocity and to control the air flow distribution widely.
Development of an ion wind use humidification system

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Abstract:

We examined vaporization-type humidification performance control characteristics, and we paid our attention about the humidification method that used an ion style together with a filter. As a result, the wind velocity to water absorptive porous metal increased by injection electric discharge electricity and understood that the humidification performance improved. In this way understood that control of the quantity of humidification was possible.
Abstract: This presentation describes the bench scale experiments of decomposition of the water insoluble odor (the flow rate of odor gas about 1 m3/min) using corona discharge. The odor concentration was adjusted by the bubbling of ethyl mercaptan solution diluted the excess ethanol into cooling container. The concentration of ethyl mercaptan was successfully controlled by the flow rate of bubbling gas (N2) and it enabled a stable experiment for a long period of time. The decomposition of ethyl mercaptan was accomplished by the corona discharge reactor consisted of four stainless wires and achieved the 50% conversion at an initial concentration of 79ppb and electric power of 15W. Furthermore, the experimental results suggested that the most of ethyl mercaptan directly was due to decomposition into corona plasma not oxidation of the ozone produced by corona discharge.
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September 24th (Thu.), <10:00-12:00>
Room 2

Removal of High Concentration N2O Anesthetic Gas Using Nonthermal Plasma and Adsorbent

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Abstract:

The high concentration of N2O removal system was investigated using nonthermal plasma combined with adsorbent. N2O gas that simulates the waste gas from anesthetic equipment used for operation rooms was decomposed using the surface discharge plasma reactor. When N2O was decomposed, NOx was generated. The generated NOx was adsorbed by NOx adsorbent. As a result, 66% of N2O decomposition efficiency was achieved with 12.8% of N2O, the flow rate of 1.1 L/min, and the input power to the plasma reactor of 375 W. Furthermore, 0.4% of NO and 1.0% of NO2 were generated upon N2O decomposition; both of them were removed using adsorbent. The adsorbed NOx was able to be decomposed with nitrogen plasma. It was demonstrated that high concentration of N2O removal system can be accomplished using nonthermal plasma combined with adsorbent process.
Abstract:
In recent years, the deterioration of IAQ (Indoor Air Quality) became a big concern. Because indoors is the place where we spend most of our life, IAQ is an important factor to be considered for a comfortable and healthy living. In this study, we evaluated by-product and deodorization process of hexadecane in small and large capacity box by using microplasma electrode. Both small and large capacity deodorization process could reduce hexadecane each of 90 % and 70 %, while CO and N2O were generated as byproduct.
Importance of Liquid Flow Induced by Plasma on Water Treatment

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Abstract:
The effect of liquid flow on water treatment using a plasma generated over a solution was investigated using a two-dimensional numerical simulation of pulsed argon plasma that was generated between a needle electrode and a solution surface. The behavior of the reactive species generated by the plasma was calculated by considering electron-impact reactions, gas- and liquid-phase reactions, liquid flow, and mass transfer, assuming a gas–liquid equilibrium on the interface and flux continuity through the interface. The numerical results indicated that even a weak liquid flow could drastically change the liquid-phase chemistry.
Pilot-scale Experiment of Semi-dry type Exhaust Gas Treatment for Glass Manufacturing System Using a Plasma-chemical Hybrid Process

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Abstract:

A pilot-scale experiment of semi-dry type simultaneous removal of NOx and SOx using a plasma-chemical hybrid process (PCHP) is carried out on an exhaust gas in a glass manufacturing system. The exhaust gas is produced by the combustion of fuel for raw glass materials and contains both NOx and SOx. NO is oxidized to water-soluble NO2 with the plasma induced ozone gas. Na2SO3 is produced as a by-product of the de-SOx process using NaOH solution at gas cooling area of 150°C or less. NO2 is reduced to N2 using Na2SO3. After the semi-dry state, the Na2SO3 is dried by the heat of exhaust gas, and produces Na2SO4. NO oxidation efficiency of more than 75% is achieved. NO and SOx removal efficiencies are 28% and 63%, respectively. Furthermore, de-NOx in bag filter is discussed for the injection of NaHCO3. Due to the synergistic effect of ozone and NaHCO3, and NOx removal efficiency of 45% is obtained. Through this experiment, it is confirmed that this simultaneous de-NOx and de-SOx technology using semi-dry type PCHP is highly effective and promising for exhaust gas treatment in glass manufacturing system.
Basic Treatment Property of Persistent Organic Pollutants in Wastewater Splay by Nanoseconds Pulsed Discharge in Air

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Abstract:

Persistent organic pollutants (POPs) are bioaccumulative and environmentally persistent substances. POPs cannot be decomposed by conventional water treatments. For this reason, a new treatment method is required. Nano-seconds (ns) pulsed discharges enable higher energy efficiencies of plasma processing. Its advantages have been already performed at gas phase treatment such as NOx treatment and ozone generation. On the other hand, there are few reports on the water treatment using ns discharge plasmas. In this study, we tried to decompose the organic pollutants using ns discharge method by spraying wastewater into gas phase plasma region. The discharge reactor was coaxial cylindrical geometry, and the treated wastewater was circulated and continuously treated in the reactor. The time course of pH and concentration of Non-Purgeable Organic Carbon (NPOC) in the wastewater were evaluated at several treatments.
Plasma assisted catalytic oxidation of low concentration carbon monoxide in air

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Abstract:
Oxidation of low concentration carbon monoxide (CO) using a plasma-catalyst hybrid reactor at low temperature was carried out. A packed bed discharge reactor was constructed with three types of dielectric pellets, γ-Al2O3, Ru-Al2O3 and Ag-ZSM5. As a result, the reactor with γ-Al2O3 could not remove CO with or without using the discharge plasma. On the other hand, the reactor with Ru-Al2O3 showed 75% of CO removal at room temperature. In addition, 90% of CO was removed under the condition of 60°C and 0% relative humidity with both of Ru-Al2O3 and Ag-ZSM5. Furthermore, in the case of Ag-ZSM5, NO2 production was smaller.
Development of Ultra High Density Ozone Generation Technology

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Abstract:
The maximum ozone density of existing ozone generator is about 400 g/Nm3, while further improvement in the ozone generation density can develop various applications in the fields of semiconductor manufacturing and water treatment. Mitsubishi Electric has developed the highly-efficient ozone generator by producing precise narrow discharge gap. Applying the highly-efficient ozone generator to the pressure-swing ozone concentration system enables the large supply rate of the ultrahigh density concentrated ozone at low running cost.
Ammonia generation using discharge plasma and catalyst from diesel exhaust gas

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Abstract:

Ammonia (NH3) generation from N2, H2O, CO, NO2 was experimentally studied using a simple plasma-catalyst hybrid reactor. This is intended to be an alternative to urea hydrolysis used in urea-SCR deNOx system for diesel engines. A packed bed type plasma reactor was used to generate intense discharge plasma on the catalyst pellet. Pellets of Pt, Rh, Pt-Rh, and Pd supported by Al2O3 were examined as catalyst for NH3 generation.

Effect of carbon monoxide (CO) addition was examined to improve energy efficiency. Ammonia was generated from NO2 and H2O by plasma-catalytic reaction with CO and NO2 addition. Pt-Rh resulted in very high NH3 generation compared with other catalysts. Maximum energy efficiency for NH3 generation in this method was 4.0 g/kWh.
Pulsed Dry Methane Reforming in DBD-Catalyst Hybrid Reaction and Reaction Mechanisms

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Abstract:
Dry methane reforming in dielectric barrier discharge and catalyst hybrid reactor was investigated. Optical emission spectroscopy was employed for better understanding of reaction mechanism for enhanced CH4 and CO2 conversion as well as carbon removal reaction. Strong emission from C2 molecules, which is known as C2 high pressure Swan system, was observed when $\text{CO} + \text{C(ads)} = \text{CO}_2$ becomes dominant reaction. Excited C2 molecules were produced selectively via vibrationally excited CO. Because CO is produced from adsorbed carbon or nickel carbide, emission from C2 high pressure Swan system becomes a good indication of surface reaction enhancement by DBD. Time dependent change of gas composition and emission profiles of CO and C2 were correlated and detailed reaction pathways is discussed.
Analysis of bacterium isolated from used soluble cutting oil and it’s tolerance toward pulsed-discharge plasma treatment

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Abstract:
In this study, we focused on a bacterium that was isolated from used soluble cutting oil after pulsed-discharge plasma treatment. A bacteria identification analysis based on the 16s rRNA coding sequence region concluded that the bacterium is Bacillus barbaricus with 98.30% homology. Isolated B. barbaricus was cultivated both in liquid medium for 4, 22 h and on agar plate for 1 week. The former condition could allow B. barbaricus to be vegetative cell form and the later condition could allow it to form spore. All cells showed tolerance toward pulsed-discharge plasma inactivation treatment in distilled water. We also investigated tolerances of B. barbaricus toward heat and ozone inactivation treatments. Contrary to our expectations, it didn’t show significant tolerances toward heat and ozone. From these results, B. barbaricus possesses only significant tolerance toward pulsed-discharge plasma inactivation treatment.
The effect of gas flow rate and composition in nanosecond pulsed plasma irradiation on mouse melanoma cell

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Abstract:

The relation between survival rate of mouse melanoma cell treated with nanosecond pulsed streamer discharge and gas flow rate and composition are investigated. Using N2, low gas flow rate induces more cell death. Using N2/O2 mixed gas, O2 concentration has little effect on cell survival rate. The results imply that in our experiment condition some reactive species derived from water vapor such as OH are more effective for mouse melanoma cell death than reactive species derived from O2 such as O and NO.
Fundamental study of a novel gene transfection of mammalian cells by water-in-oil droplet manipulation in an electric field

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Abstract:
We developed a novel gene transfection method, water-in-oil (W/O) droplet electroporation, using dielectric oil and a liquid droplet containing living cells and transgene DNA. This method is based on water-in-oil droplet manipulation by using electrostatic force. When a water droplet is placed between a pair of electrodes, a reciprocal motion is made by applying a DC electric field. This droplet motion is brought about as follows. First, a droplet is carried to one electrode by Coulomb force, possibly due to electrostatic induction. When the droplet makes contact with the electrode, droplet is charged with the same polarity as the electrode. The droplet then moves to the other electrode and the same process occurs repeatedly. Furthermore, more intense electric field can induce droplet deformation and it leads instantaneous short circuit via the droplet. Small holes could be made in the cell membrane during the short circuit, and genes could be introduced into the cells. We have investigated a gene transfection using the droplet containing mammalian culture cells (HEK293 cell) and foreign plasmid DNA. Viability and transfection level measured 24 hours after the voltage application under various applied condition were investigated.
Plasma Irradiation to Subcutaneous Cancer Tumor on Mice and Verification of Immune System

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Abstract:
Cancer treatment using plasma has intensively studied these days. In this study, mouse melanoma cells were injected subcutaneously on mice and treated using nanosecond pulsed streamer discharge. Two types of mice were used, CD2F1 and Balb/c nu/nu.

The former has immunity and the latter lacks immunity. It was shown that the treatment of CD2F1 is effective, while that of Balb/c nu/nu is not effective. It suggests that the plasma treatment might stimulate the immune system in mice that is effective for cancer treatment.
Verification of Sterilization Effect by OH radicals Using Vacuum Ultraviolet Light Method

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Abstract:

Recently, plasma medicine is one of the most attracting fields because radicals in plasma have the therapeutic and sterilization effects. However, the mechanism is not revealed so plasma medicine is not yet to use. In this study, sterilization experiment of bacillus atrophaeus (ATCC9372) was performed using VUV method which is developed in our previous work. As a result, sterilization effect was observed when wet He and He/O2 was used as the working gas. This result indicates that OH radical kills bacteria.
Examination of Cell Separation Condition Using the Inclined Comb-shaped Dielectrophoretic Electrodes

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Abstract:
The importance of cell separation techniques are increasing with development of biopharmaceutical and regenerative medicine. Dielectrophoresis (DEP) is a noninvasive method for cell separation without labeling the cells. We had developed the DEP devices with the inclined comb-shaped electrodes for cell separation, and examined the effect of micro-gap size between electrodes, flow rate and AC voltage on cell separation efficiency. Furthermore, the viable and the non-viable cells were separated, and also one cell line was separated from mixture of two cell lines by the DEP device.
Study of dielectrophoretic property of DNA-labeled dielectric microbeads for DNA detection

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Abstract:

New DNA detection method using dielectrophoresis (DEP) of dielectric microbeads was proposed. The method is based on dynamic change of microbeads DEP by attaching DNA. Dielectric microbeads having natively negative DEP property become behaving positive DEP when they are labeled with DNA. The DNA-labeled microbeads can be collected on a microelectrode by positive DEP. DEP collection of the DNA-labeled microbeads causes the impedance change of the microelectrode. By measuring the impedance change, DNA-labeled microbeads are detected. The aim of this study is to investigate influence of DNA on the dielectrophoretic property of the dielectric microbeads. The crossover frequency of DEP and zeta potential of the microbeads were investigated. Three kinds of DNA and two kinds of microbeads were used. From the results, it was suggested that not only the conductance of DNA but also permittivity of DNA could affect DEP of the microbeads. Moreover, it is demonstrated that quantitative detection of DNA.
A study on Verification of Impurity Density Spatial Distribution in Silicon Wafer through Surface Potential Measurement with Electrostatic Force Microscope


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Abstract:
Electrostatic force microscope (EFM) we developed can measure voltage on surface (VS) up to 1 kV in air with extremely high sensitivity (~20 mV) as well as high spatial resolution (~10 μm). We applied the EFM to measure impurity distribution. It is revealed that the measured VS showed opposite voltage polarity depending on n- or p-type dopant. The VS should correspond work function difference between sensor metal and Si substrate to keep flat-band condition of Si substrate. We observed density distribution of impurities with EFM by this method, and discussed the results.
Study on N2 plasma processing to TiO$_2$ Photocatalyst

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Abstract:
A photocatalyst is attracting widespread attention because it works semipermanently under light irradiation. A photocatalyst has useful characteristics such as an oxidative decomposition and a super-hydrophilicity. However, TiO$_2$ photocatalysts which are often used can be activated only by ultraviolet rays. The ultraviolet rays for photoactivation of TiO$_2$ are included nearly zero in indoor lights. If a photocatalyst can be activated with visible light as well as ultraviolet light, a photocatalyst can be used not only outdoors but also indoors. N-doped TiO$_2$ is one of visible light responsible photocatalysts. We tried to produce N-doped TiO$_2$ with N2-plasma processing. We have focused on the sample temperature under an N2-plasma processing. In this study, the N2 plasma processing time to TiO$_2$ was changed.
Improvements of 150 °C annealing technique for dye-sensitized solar cells

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Abstract:
Dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSCs) require annealing of TiO2 photoelectrodes at 450C to 550C. However, high-temperature annealing is unfavorable because it limits the use of materials that cannot withstand high temperatures. In previous papers, we proposed a 150C annealing technique of TiO2 photoelectrodes to reduce the annealing temperature from 450C to 150C using a conventional TiO2 paste that contains organic binders. Using our technique, $\eta$ of 4-μm-thick TiO2 film is achieved approximately 110% compared with that of 500C annealing and $\eta$ of 11-μm-thick TiO2 film DSSCs is lower than that of 500C annealed.

In this paper, we improve the 150C annealing technique by heating Dielectric Barrier Discharge (DBD) treatment device.
Synthesis and Shear Piezoelectricity of Optically Active Polysuccinimide.

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Abstract:
Optically active crystalline polymers show shear piezoelectricity due to their asymmetric crystal structure. Polysuccinimide (PSI) is minimum structure of an optically active polyimide and we reported that optically active PSI shows shear piezoelectricity. In this study, we synthesized optically active polysuccinimides (PSI) and evaluated their shear piezoelectricity. As a result, the maximum value of shear piezoelectric d constant was 1.56 pC/N. This value is higher than many biopolymers and polypeptides.
Numerical Analysis on Body Force Characteristic of Dual-Grounded Tri-Electrode Plasma Actuator

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Abstract:
In this research, we focus on dielectric barrier discharge plasma actuator (DBDPA).

DBDPA is an active flow control device and when high frequency AC voltage is applied to it, it generates body force brings in inducted flow. However, this induced flow is too weak to install on aerodynamic bodies in a high-speed flow so we have suggested Dual-Grounded Tri-Electrode plasma actuator (DGTEPA) which makes stronger thrust with higher efficiency. In this study, we compare the body force of DBDPA and DGTEPA for different applied voltage by a plasma simulation. First it is confirmed that the simulation results are in qualitatively agreement with the experiments from the viewpoint of plasma distribution. Next we discuss the voltage characteristics of the body force and body force - power ratio. As a result of simulation, we found DGTEPA has smaller time averaged body force with worse efficiency than DBDPA. Although the quantitative discrepancy exists, it is expected that the simulation can reproduce the qualitative trends.
Production of a shock wave by a nanosecond-pulse discharge and the effects on the flow control

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Abstract:

Flow control technique driven by the nanoseconds-pulse discharge was investigated. As a fundamental experiment, we observed a shock wave generated by the nanoseconds-pulse discharge by the schlieren visualization. A complex pattern of quasi-planar and spherical compression waves was observed. From the schlieren imaging, shock wave intensity was evaluated with its contrast. The results showed that shock wave intensity increases as a pulse peak voltage increases and a rising time is lengthened.
Experimental Estimation of Electrohydrodynamic Force onDBD Plasma Actuator and Its Validation

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Abstract:
To experimentally estimate the EHD force field generated by a DBD plasma actuator (DBDPA) using PIV measurement, some techniques have been proposed by several researchers. In those methods, the EHD force is estimated based on the Navier-Stokes equations under some assumptions.

Because of the assumptions, it is important to validate the result. In this study, the EHD force field is estimated by three different methods, and the comparison of these results is conducted. From the viewpoint of the time-averaged body force field, the result with the assumption of quasi-steady body force is different from other results with neglecting the pressure gradient or the vertical EHD force. From the viewpoint of the time-varying body force, the results under the assumption of no-pressure gradient and no-vertical EHD force are similar. However both results have some estimation errors; a negative body force appears during no-discharge period.
Minimally-Invasive Electrically-induced Bubble Injector for Patterning to Variety of Biological Materials

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Abstract:
We have successfully developed minimally-invasive bubble injector which is applicable for variety of biological materials with various hardness. The novelty is that the minimally-invasiveness of injection whose resolution is in the range of 10 - 200 μm, and hence cellular-scale injection and two-dimensional patterning injection can be fulfilled. The novelty of the present techniques are (1) unique perforation techniques by means of cavitation phenomena using high-speed bubbles cavitation, (2) powerful but minimally invasive precise perforation to wide range of biological materials, (3) high versatility that bubble-injector can be used under water and in the air. The developed injector can be used for wide range of biomedical study, especially in gene engineering. This technique has advantages over the conventional electroporation or ultrasound operation in terms of localization of injection and ability of transportation of material.
A Study of Mechanism of High Piezoelectric Performance Poly (lactic acid) Film Manufactured by Solid-State Extrusion

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Abstract:
A piezoelectric film of poly (L-lactic acid) (PLLA) has no pyroelectricity and has a high voltage output coefficient g; thus, recently, it has become a key material for realizing pressure sensors with high sensitivity.

For realizing small sensors with high sensitivity, the piezoelectric performance of PLLA films should be improved. Previously, we investigated solid-state extrusion (SSE) to improve the piezoelectric performance of poly (D-lactic acid) (PDLA), which showed that piezoelectric constant d14 reached 18.9 pCN-1. In this paper, we conducted quantitative crystal structural analysis by X-ray diffraction (XRD) and geometric structural analysis of a helical chiral polymer to investigate the mechanism of the high piezoelectric performance of SSE films.
Abstract:
We were using a battery to power in this study. We have to control the voltage by the switch. And the positive DC voltage is applied to the needle electrodes in the Cockcroft-Walton circuit through the DC-AC inverter. The experiment of the basic properties of corona discharge in the closed-type needle-to-plane electrode system reactor we went. Atmospheric pressure non-thermal equilibrium plasma is utilized in the removal of air pollutants. The Cockcroft-Walton circuit is used in the accelerator. It was applied to the needle electrode by raising the voltage at the Cockcroft-Walton circuit. It was discharged in a dark room. Bluish white light was generated at the tip of the needle electrode If you confirm with the naked eye. DC discharge current pulsations appear to be affected by the DC-AC inverter. It is measured by the oscilloscope.
Low ozone emission characteristics of a carbon brush ionizer

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Abstract:
The concentration of ozone produced as a by-product of ESP usage was measured by changing the voltage to an ionizer with thin carbon fiber brushes, and it was compared to those from general ionizers which were made of different materials for high voltage electrode or were made of carbon electrodes with different diameters and numbers. This was done in order to understand the reason why carbon brush ionizer emits low ozone, which has not been researched until now. The experimental results showed that the low ozone emission from a carbon brush ionizer was possible not by material but by sharpness of the high voltage electrode and by multi electrode effect.
Abstract:

A novel two-stage ESP for IT manufacturing industries was developed that uses indirect type carbon brush charger which is located outside of a main gas flow duct to achieve perfect separation from contact of polluted gases, and imposes additional electric field between upper and bottom plates of the charging stage to enhance collisions between ions and particles thus increase particle charges. The performance of the ESP was evaluated experimentally for ultrafine particles with a mean diameter of 100 nm based on number by varying the voltages for chargers and for additional electric field imposing, and number of the chargers. The total air flow rate for the test were approximate 110 L/min with 10 : 1 ratio of main and mixing flows in the ESP, and applied voltages for chargers and additional electric field were from -10 to -22 kV, and from -5 to -10 kV, respectively. Collection efficiencies in the ESP were linearly proportional to increase in number of chargers and applied voltage to chargers, while those were inversely proportional to increase in applied voltage for additional electric field. The collection efficiency of the ESP was reached to over 90% based on total particle number at the applied voltage to triple chargers of -15 kV and additional electric field between upper and bottom plates in charging stage of -6 kV/ 100 mm
Study on influence of exhaust gas temperature in the electrostatic precipitator

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Abstract:

A diesel engine is one of the most fuel efficient engines and expected to save energy even it is necessary to remove particulate matter (PM) contained in the exhaust gas. Diesel particulate filter (DPF) has been established as a key technology in reducing diesel PM, however, technological improvements to pressure drop is still required.

Therefore, we focused on an electrostatic precipitation by taking advantage of its small pressure drop and efficient collection of nano-sized particles. However, one of the problems with an electrostatic precipitator (ESP) is abnormal dust re-entrainment. To cope with this problem, we studied the effect of gas temperature and surface roughness of collecting electrode on electrostatic precipitation of diesel PM. As a result, lower gas temperature showed stable collection and high collection efficiency of particles. In addition, varying the surface roughness of collecting electrode was effective for improving the collection efficiency by installing a mesh on it.
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Water purification using a packed bed reactor with pulsed electric field

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Abstract:
In previous study, we have developed a novel water treatment technique to remove and inactivate bacteria such as Escherichia coli (E. coli) utilizing dielectrophoresis (DEP) induced by pulsed high voltage application. The result showed that E. coli was successfully trapped by DEP force and at the same time, inactivated by pulsed electric field (PEF). However, the effect of electrical properties of sample water on the collection and sterilization characteristics was not studied. In this study, influence of the conductivity of the samples on the collection and sterilization of E. coli was investigated. The conductivity of the samples was adjusted by NaCl and mannitol addition as well as bacteria concentration. As a result, removal and inactivation rate of E. coli decreased with conductivity of the sample. But around 50% inactivation rate was observed even for highly conductive sample.

Comparison between E. coli and PS beads having nearly the same size showed that E. coli was collected much more effectively than PS beads probably because of its agglomerative nature. High inactivation efficiency by PEF can be resulted from the agglomeration on the pellet surface, through which it is more likely for the cell membrane to be broken when the pulsed electrostatic field is induced.
Charging methods to create uniform surface charge distributions with wide potential range

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Abstract:
We have investigated corona charging methods using corona needle arrays or a corona triode for the creation of a uniform surface charge distributions with wide potential range on insulating films in contact with a grounded plate. Two types of corona needle arrays were used. In the triode charger, we sought optimum conditions of the separation between the grid and the film, the way of the electrical treatment of the grid, such as isolated, grounded with a resistor from 30 MΩ to 1000 MΩ, with voltage application and the corona discharge of 7 wires of 0.1 mm or 0.05 mm driving at constant voltage or current modes. Consequently, it was found that a triode charging system with corona wires of 0.05 mm in diameter and a grid electrode at a wanted surface potential with a grounded resistor can create the uniform charge distributions on the films.
Numerical Simulation of Behavior of Tumor Cell in Three Dimensional Dielectrophoretic Device

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Abstract:
Effective separation and condensation processes are essential for precise detection of circulating tumor cells in early diagnosis of cancer. In this study, we proposed a dielectrophoretic device with micro pillar electrodes as cell separator. Also, we simulated the spatio-temporal behavior of model cells on the basis of microfluidics and electrokinetics. The particle trajectory in a flow direction was changed by negative dielectrophoretic force generated between the pillars. This result suggests the tumor cells can be purified from real blood under adequate electrical condition.
Control of Dc Partial Discharge Development Creeping on Charged Insulating Film Surface in Air

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Abstract:

The development of surface discharge on charged insulating film in air (one kind of ESD) was controlled by superimposing the normal component of electric field on the charged film surface. The film used was PET of 50 mm thick. The surface was charged up to ±1 kV in maximum with corona discharges. The longest air gap between HV electrode tip of metal and the charged film surface was 1.5 mm. The results suggest that the control of discharge development on charged surface may be possible if the additional HV electrode is applied to increase the normal electric field component on the film surface.
A new method for measuring electric field in air by a charged droplet

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Abstract:
A quadrapole electrode which is constitute with two pair of wire electrode was used. Charged droplet is held in the central area of quadrapole electrode by high frequency electric field. If additional electric field is applied this system charged droplet is affected by it and will move or vibrate by external field. We tried to measure the electric field strength in air from the movement of droplet by D.C. electric field and the vibration amplitude by A.C. electric field.
Effect of Corona Discharge on EHD Spray

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Abstract:

The effect of corona discharge on the electrohydrodynamic (EHD) spray was studied for both polarities of negative and positive DC voltage. Various spray modes were visualized using a high-speed camera. The time-resolved images provided some information on the different elongation pattern according to the polarity. Typical onset streamers in air under positive polarity had minimal influence on the spray mode because they were found to be separated in time and space from the water meniscus. In contrast to the stable glow under positive polarity, many current pulses (Trichel pulse) were observed in the negative EHD spray. From the combined analysis of the corona discharges, one may conclude that the different properties of the coronas were associated with the spray patterns in both air and pure CO2 environment.
Abstract:

Chemical compositions of the ions generated by atmospheric pressure helium plasma were investigated using an atmospheric pressure ionization mass spectrometry (API-MS).

The plasma generator used in this experiment was composed by a union-tee, a quartz glass tube and a stainless steel rod. In the negative ion mass spectrum with a distance between the glass tube tip and the sampling orifice being 5 mm, several ion species were observed. The observed ions include O\(^-\), OH\(^-\), O\(_2\)^-, O\(_3\)^-, CO\(_3\)^-, HCO\(_3\)^- and HCO\(_4\)^-. Most of these ions formed hydrated cluster ions and the ions of O\(_2\)^-(H\(_2\)O\(_n\)) were the most abundant in the spectrum. The spectrum changed significantly by changing the distance between the glass tube tip and the sampling orifice to 10 mm. The peak of CO\(_3\)^- became the most intense peak and the ions of O\(_2\)^- and HCO\(_4\)^- decline, which was probably due to the ion-molecule reactions with surrounding molecules.
Charge neutralisation from the side surface of an insulating plate -- Use of grounded planes to control ion flows

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Abstract:
This paper presents the effect of the placement of grounded planes to control ion flows on charge neutralisation from the side surface of an insulating plate. We investigated the phenomena of this charge neutralisation using 2-D electrohydrodynamic simulations with an insulating plate with 1 cm or 1 mm thick and with different initial charge distributions at 1 μC/m². Consequently, we found that the grounded planes can modify the charge neutralisation; however, it is not easy to neutralise the surface charges uniformly, so that charge neutralisation from the side surface of an insulating plate is improper for practical applications; as concluded previously, we can suggest again that simultaneous charge neutralisation from both larger surfaces would be proper.
Minimisation of offset voltage for pulse-DC corona ionisers

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Abstract:
We present an experimental demonstration of a prospective idea obtained from 2-D electrohydrodynamic simulations of positive and negative ions where continuously emission of quasi-neutralised positive and negative ions from corona ionisers can yield zero offset voltage. We developed a continuous balanced pulse-DC ioniser using FET push-pull circuits and demonstrated this theory.
Discharge Current from two-terminal devices measured by the discharge-current probe

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Abstract:
Contact discharge from two-terminal devices was investigated using the discharge-current probe, which was newly developed current-probe for measuring the contact discharge. A contact-pin and a discharge-resistance can be connected by SMA-connector. A single stripe applied 20V on a bakelite-stage discharged with 60mA peak-current, whereas that on a metal-stage increased to 100mA. The capacitance estimated by integrating the current-waveform increased with the material of the stage rather than the size of the pattern. Two terminal devices of a resistance, an inductance and a capacitance were measured the discharge-current. The peak-values were almost equivalent, however the decay-waveforms were different as the current delayed across the element.
Investigation of a Fire that Occurred while Transferring Gasoline from a Drum to a Tank of a Fixed Oiling Equipment

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Abstract:
At a fixed oiling equipment in a plant, ignition happened while transferring gasoline from a drum to a tank of a fixed oiling equipment, and worker's protective wear was damaged by a fire. The possibility of the ignition by static discharge was examined as a fire cause. Because antistatic measures were not taken, it seemed that the worker was electrified. The induction charging happened in an aspirator pipe when the electrified worker gripped the aspirator pipe. It has been understood that the electrical discharge by the electrification has energy that exceeds the minimum ignition energy of gasoline.
Electric Field Strength at the Surface of a Grounded Electrode by a Charged Particle Cloud Simulated by Line charges and Condition for Discharge Inception

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Abstract:
To cause a large scale electrical discharge from a space charge cloud, a charged particle cloud was formed by ejecting from a corona charger consisting of a wire to cylinder electrode. The potential distribution around the cloud and the electric field strength for streamer discharge inception from a grounded sphere electrode was investigated by field calculation using a charge simulation method. Based on the experimental data, a model of charged particle cloud was constructed. The space charge of the cloud was simulated by line charge with a charge density of around 8uC/m estimated from a discharge current. The potential in the center of the cloud reached at 350kV/m for a 4 m long and 1 m diameter cloud. Although the electric field strength at the surface of a spherical electrode with a smaller diameter becomes higher for the same charged cloud, under the condition when a brush discharge was observed, the electric field strength was almost the same value regardless of diameter and location of a sphere electrode. Furthermore, the ionization distance obtained by calculation was consistent with a length of a streamer discharge extending from a grounded electrode.
Dust-proof performance of bi-polar electrostatic ionizer

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Abstract:
In this paper, we investigated the dust-proof performance of the bi-polar electrostatic ionizer experimentally. Circulating type dust testing apparatus and talcum powders 6 µm were used in this study. Compressed air supplied to the bi-polar electrostatic ionizer was in the range of 0.01 - 0.05 MPa. Each test time was 1800 s. As the result, in the inner parts of the ionizer, talcum powders did not enter under all test conditions. It was also confirmed that the ion generating ability was the same before and after the dust-proof testing.
Study of Plasma-assisted Combustion for Low Emission

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Abstract:
This paper proposes using a dielectric barrier discharge (DBD) instead of catalyst of catalytic combustion. The catalytic combustion is used for a stable combustion of a lean mixture, but it has some disadvantages. The DBD is expected to reduce the disadvantages of the catalyst. A lean premixed methane-air mixture flows in a DBD, then the emission gas is measured. It is shown that the DBD can cause combustion below the lean flammable limit. When the discharge energy increases, the combustion rate of methane increases, while NOx emission increases. It means that radicals in plasma promote chemical reaction different from the usual combustion reaction.
Production of Au Nanoparticle Films Using Electron-Beam Induced Non-Thermal Plasma on the Surface of Aqueous Solutions

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Abstract:
Aqueous solutions containing 1 mmol/L AuCl4- ions and 0.5-20v% alcohol (2-propanol or ethanol) were irradiated with a few tens keV electron beams (EBs). Gold (Au) films were produced on the surface of the irradiated solution. The production rate of the Au films was high at concentrations of 0.5-1v% for 2-propanol and became lower at higher concentrations. At an alcohol concentration of 0.5v%, the Au particles of the films were 5-20 nm and 5-100 nm in diameter for 2-propanol and ethanol, respectively. The XPS analysis demonstrated that the films consisted of about 85wt% of metal Au(0), 10wt% of Au(I), and a few w% of Au(III) for 2-propanol. A Fourier transform infrared diffusion reflectance (FTIR-DR) measurement showed that CO was oxidized into CO2 over the Au films loaded to TiO2 substrates at a temperature of 200°C, enabling us to confirm a catalytic activity.
Abstract:
ZnO particle has a high UV shielding property and transparency. So ZnO particle is widely applicable, for example cosmetics, medicines and plastics. But, usual creating method is difficult control and complicated equipment. In this study, ZnO particle was created using pulse arc discharge plasma. This method is easier control and complicated than usual. And, we investigated influences of component of the product, diameter of the product and shape of the product by charging energy and gas pressure.
Atmospheric Plasma Hybrid Surface Treatment for Fluoropolymer Plastics (Toward Applications for Medical Devices, Biocompatible Materials, and Electronic Devices)

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Abstract:
A surface modification technique that improves the adhesion of fluorocarbon polymer films such as polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) is developed using argon at atmospheric pressure and acrylic acid vapor nonthermal plasma. From results of peeling tests, XPS analyses, and SEM photograph, it is confirmed that chemical bonds with F atoms decrease greatly on the surface and that a hydrophilic layer is formed due to the process. Using the present surface treatment apparatus, it is possible to bond A4-sized sheets of PTFE and metals or rubbers without losing the excellent physical properties of PTFE.
Effect of ozone applying method on removing floating weeds

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Abstract:
Colonies of floating weeds are grown over at the stagnant water area of a lake and a river. These often cause environmental issue. Therefore, it is needed for maintain water environment to prevent growth for the floating weeds. The aim of this study is to control growth and death of floating weeds with ozone. The applying method of ozone to floating weeds is investigated. As results, when ozone is applied to the gas around floating weeds, floating weeds are dead effectively. To apply the water with ozone to the floating weeds is less effective than to apply to air around floating weeds. In case that the ozone generator is driven by solar array, the floating weeds having the leaves of approximately 5 times area as large as that of solar array could be dead.
Effect of Swirling Liquid Flow on Plasma-based Water Treatment

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Abstract:

Three-dimensional (3D) printing technology is now essential in making things, and we have introduced this technology into the design and fabrication of non-thermal plasma reactors. In this study, water injection part of the plasma reactor was prepared by a 3D printer. To produce swirling liquid flow in the running water along an inner wall of a cylindrical tube, a specific design was added into the injector. Three types of the injectors were prepared by the 3D printer and those performances were evaluated by the comparison of the decolorization rate of indigo carmine solution. As a result, the swirling liquid jet type injection was most effective method under our experiments for water treatment.
Influence of Pulse Width on Decomposition of Dichloromethane by Discharge Inside Bubbles in Water

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Abstract:
Influence of pulse width on decomposition of dichloromethane by discharge inside bubbles in water has been investigated. The discharge reactor consists of a glass tube and a tungsten wire inserted into the glass tube, which is immersed in the water. Argon gas is injected into the glass tube to generate bubbles in the water.

Two types of pulsed generator, a magnetic pulse compression circuit and an inductive-energy storage system using semiconductor opening switch, are used to generate high voltage pulse with various pulse widths.

Dichloromethane (DCM) which is a volatile organic compound is employed as a specimen to evaluate decomposition efficiency. The DCM is decomposed successfully by discharge inside bubbles in water. TOC removal efficiency and DCM decomposition efficiency are similar in each pulse width. Energy efficiency for decomposition increases by decreasing the pulse width.
Development and evaluation of pencil type solution plasma reactor

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Abstract:

Solution plasma (SP) is defined as; one type non-equilibrium, cold plasma in liquid. SP is different from other systems by avoiding inert gas usage, and generating inside solution environment. SP has been used for metal nanoparticles synthesis, surface modifications, organic-compound decompositions, and carbon materials synthesis. There are application limitations because of small plasma area inside solution. It is necessary to increase the plasma area in order to obtain higher efficiency from the process. In this study, we have developed a new reactor for continuous processing and continuous synthesis of the material. Non-equilibrium plasma was generated with two type of reactors (attached needle electrode and coil electrode or mesh electrode). Despite of two reactor usage, solution temperature didn't increase even after 30 min of discharge. It is observed that by decreasing electrodes distance, plasma is shifting from the end of needle electrode and generating between mesh and needle electrodes with a higher energy. We have succeeded in developing a new reactor, which can generate plasma continuously.
Effect of irradiation distance of plasma jet on ROS supply to liquid bottom.

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Abstract:

The supply of reactive oxygen species (ROS) to a target through liquid by plasma jet should be clarified. However, the detailed mechanisms are not clear now. Therefore, the ROS generation in liquid by the plasma jet has been studied by various measurement methods. In this study, the use of a gel reagent with iodine-starch reactions has been focused as a plasma-generated ROS detection method. The gel reagent can work even in water. In this paper, a plasma jet was irradiated onto the water surface, and the ROS reaching the water bottom were detected using the gel reagent set in the water. The plasma jet generator was made of a glass tube with wrapped powered and grounded electrodes. Helium gas with 1% oxygen was supplied into the glass tube at a flow rate of 3 L/min. The water layer with a thickness of 1 mm was placed onto the gel reagent. The irradiation distance was varied from 5 to 30 mm. As a result, the ROS supply to the water bottom by plasma jet was significantly influenced by the irradiation distance. The results obtained in this study also indicated that the ROS supply mechanisms were markedly different from the ozone exposure.
Decomposition characteristic of olive oil and various fatty acids in oil-water mixture by pulsed discharge plasma and ozone treatments

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Abstract:
Decomposition characteristic of olive oil in oil-water mixture by pulsed discharge plasma and ozone treatment was investigated. The decomposition profile of olive oil showed liner decrease for the initial 10 min treatment and became slower after that in the pulsed discharge plasma treatment. In ozone treatment, rapid decrease was observed for initial 5 min treatment. Solid substance was produced by both pulsed electric discharge and ozone treatment. Decomposition characteristics of several chain length fatty acids by both treatments were also investigated. As short and middle chain fatty acids, butyric and caprylic acids were used, respectively. These short and middle chain fatty acids were successfully decomposed by the pulsed discharge plasma treatment. On the other hand, ozone treatment could not decompose these fatty acids.
Effect of Organic Acids on Cesium Removal from Contaminated Soil by the Electrokinetic Remediation

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Abstract:
Radioactive materials were scattered on the vast area near Fukushima, Japan after the Fukushima Atomic Power Plant accident after the earthquake occurred on the 11th March, 2011. Among the radioactive materials, especially Cesium (Cs) caused a severe contamination of soil and due to its longer half-life (30.0 years), the removal of Cesium is urgently needed. However, the removal of Cesium from soil especially in the mountainous area is not so easy. We have proposed a method of Cesium removal which can also be applied in the slope area. Non-radioactive Cesium was used in our experiments. During the Electrokinetic process of the contaminated soil, acetic acid and citric acid were applied in purpose of more Cesium removal. These acids are easily decomposable in nature. Without any electric field, a small range of Cesium removal was possible with tap water, and the two organic acids. Performing the experiment with Electrokinetic process, using acetic acid as electrolyte, showed a better result considering the amount of removal of Cesium. Thus, our Electrokinetic process has showed good results to remove Cesium from contaminated soil.
Development of volume resistivity sensor using corona charging

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Abstract:
Although there is a pencil scratch hardness test to check cure degree of painted film, the painted surface will be destructed by the measurement. A noncontact type cure degree sensor has been developed using noncontact surface resistivity measurement method. The cure degree sensor can principally only apply for the paint on the insulating material. In this paper, the system was improved by changing corona charger so that the electrostatic potential at the charging spot can be measured. It was found that the surface potential of the painted layer on the grounded material was increased with the curing time.
Fundamental characteristics of sheet stapler using are electrostatic force

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Abstract:

Although there are many sheet products stuck by glue or adhesive material, it is very difficult to control mechanically adherence and removal. In this study, we proposed an electrostatic sheet stapler that can adhere and remove the sheet material by an electrostatic force. The sheet material is charged by the positive and negative corona charging using two needle and grid electrodes. It was found that the electrostatic sheet stapler can control adherence and removal force by the corona charging and charge elimination and that the withstanding weight is over than 30g.
Internal Observation of a Levitated Microdroplet Using Electrodynamic Balance

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Abstract:

The electrodynamic balance (EDB), where single charged particle or droplet can be levitated in space over periods of hours, provides the opportunity for in situ observation of aerosol morphologies. Nevertheless, the previously developed EDB has not been able to image with high-resolution from the side view. Hence, we developed a novel EDB optimized for the visual access of an optical microscope. Using this EDB, the deliquescence and solidification behaviors of the inorganic salt droplet (NaBr) was clearly observed.
MEA Fabrication using Cone-jet Mode of Electrostatic Spray

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Abstract:
A direct methanol fuel cell (DMFC) is paid attention which is new generation portable power source. It is high cost. Because, DMFC requires a platinum to generate the power. Performance of DMFC is progress by increasing surface area of membrane electrode assembly (MEA). We have been studying about fabrication method of MEA by electrostatic spray. In this study, MEA of DMFC was fabricated by cone-jet mode of electrostatic spray.
Evaluation of charge elimination property of EFD ionizer

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Abstract:

Ionizers are typically used for eliminating the static charge on targets. We have proposed an Electric Field Driven (EFD) ionizer which can supply ions by an electric field in order to eliminate target charge faster than typical air ionizer. In this paper, the charge elimination characteristic of EFD ionizer was investigated. The charge elimination speed was significantly increased with increasing needle voltage and decreasing the distance h between the ionizer and the target. Converted charge eliminate rate Y is linearly increased with time for smaller h.