
Study of transient spark discharge in atmospheric pressure Ar plasma

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Currently, Atmospheric Pressure Plasma Jets (APPJ) are expanded to the industrial and medical industrial, low temperature plasma application became important. Therefore, measurement of plasma is also important works and widely studied all around world. Previously study, APPJ which used high voltage DC power was observed Transient Spark (TS) discharge, self-pulsing dc TS discharge. Although, TS discharge make relatively high current (1 ~ 10 A), their discharge current sustained for a short time (10 ~ 100 ns). [1] Therefore, ambient temperature of plasma could remain a low temperature. In this experiment, we use home made High voltage DC power supply (6 ~ 9 kV). And used Ar gas to 2 lpm. Typically, electrons play an important role in transporting external energy and carrying it to the plasma. and the experimental result of this report showed that TS discharge electron density tendency by interferometry is close to electron density by Stark broadening. Measured rotational temperature with operating voltage, also compared with electron density tendency.