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Chemically reactive species in liquids generated by atmospheric-pressure plasmas and their roles in plasma medicine

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### "Handbook of Atomic and Molecular Processes in Plasmas"



ed. by S. Hamaguchi, I. Murakami, and D. Kato (Osaka University Press, 2011)

The list of authors also includes Alex M Imai Fumihiro Koike

### No Data in this "Handbook"

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Chap 1 – 10: physics background for data Chap 11-17: applications

# Outline

- 1. Motivation and background: plasma technologies for medicine
- 2. Model system: ROS/RON generation in water exposed to low-temperature atmospheric-pressure plasma
- 3. Sample simulations

## Low-temperature atmospheric-pressure plasmas



# Argon Plasma Coagulator (APC)

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### cauterization by thermal plasma



Plasma Surgical PlasmaJet System (from Plasma Surgical Limited)G. Lloyd, et al., Plasma Process. Polym.7 (2010) 194.





APC basic principles A. Postgate *et al.*, Endoscopy **39** (2007) 361

## APC



ERBE (Germany) power consumption:(50-100 W) frequency: 350 kHz plasma temperature : 100°C (current flows in the tissue)



High-frequency Argon Plasma Coagulation unit; left – schematic view, right – interaction with tissue .

E. Stoffels, Contrib. Plasma Phys. **47**, 40 – 48 (2007)

low-temperature atmospheric-pressure plasmas



hand-held plasma jet device

### **High-speed camera observation**





# Cross Jet

#### Cross jet

#### High speed ICCD camera

Exposure time 50ns Time step 50ns





The ionization front travels along the crossing gas flows



**Medical Tools** 

# Plasma medicine

traditional surgical devices

scalpels • electrical scalpels mechanical force/ heat



radiations X-ray, heavy ions

ionization

low-temperature plasma

new generation of plasma device

free radicals, ROS, RON

blood coagulation, would healing, local sterilization, cell proliferation etc.



laser

laser scalpels heat



### thermal plasma

argon plasma coagulator heat







**Application Method** 



1 min plasma application each in Day 0 and Day 1 (twice)

## Day 0 (before plasma application)



Before Plasma Application area = 89 units (arb) Control

area = 111 units

## Day 6



plasma treated: area = 25 units (28%)

untreated: area 87 (78%)

## Day 10



plasma treated: area = 12 units (14%)

# Day 12



#### plasma treated

**Cell Proliferation** 

# Plasma System









Cell count : WST kit CCK-8 or typan blue & Beckman Coalter Counter

N=3 with a Bonferroni-Dunn test

# Human primary culture



90 sec



human synoviocytes (HS) 36hr

![](_page_24_Figure_4.jpeg)

## HS 36hr

![](_page_25_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### No treat (0 sec)

#### **Exposure 30sec**

**Exposure 60sec** 

**Exposure 90sec** 

model system to study

# physics questions What reactive species in the gas phase? What reactive species in the liquid? How the reactive pla<mark>sm</mark>a species interact gas with the tissue or cell membranes? liquid tissue

Chemically reactive species generated in liquid have some strong biological effects

ROS (Reactive Oxygen Species) OH (hydroxyl radical),  $O_2^-$ (superoxide anion radical),  $HO_2$  (hydroperoxyl radical) etc

RNS (Reactive Nitrogen Species) NO (nitric oxide), NO<sub>2</sub> (nitrogen dioxide), ONOOH (peroxynitrite), ONOOH <sup>-</sup>

## Goal

To understand their generation and reaction processes in liquids by numerical simulations

![](_page_28_Picture_6.jpeg)

# gas-phase simulation

with rate equations

0 D (i.e., global) simulation for He &  $H_2O$ 

![](_page_29_Figure_3.jpeg)

D. X. Liu, P. Bruggeman, F. Iza, M. Z. Rong and M.G. Kong, Plasma Sources Sci. Technol. 19 (2010) 025018

### Reactive species generated in atmospheric-pressure plasmas (simulation : in gas phase)

Eliasson B and Kogelschatz U 1991 IEEE Trans. Plasma Sci.19 309

![](_page_30_Figure_2.jpeg)

Zero-dimensional numerical simulation of chemical species generated by a microdischarge in a dielectric barrier discharge in air (80% of N2 + 20% of O2, p = 1 atm, T = 300 K).

# gas-phase simulation

Rate equations with transport

![](_page_31_Figure_2.jpeg)

D. B. Graves, J. Phys. D: 48 (2012) 263001

If all gas-phase species – electrons, ions, and neutral (reactive) species – are known, can we predict what species are generated in liquid exposed to the plasma?

## System

- Low temp. Atmospheric
   Pressure Plasma (APP)
  - $\rightarrow$ provide reactive species
- Pure water (pH=7)

![](_page_33_Figure_5.jpeg)

## Computation

- Rate equations 
   0 D simulation
- No transport (no flow or diffusion) in each phase

transport of species between the gas and liquid phases

Henry's law: transport of matters through the gas-liquid interface in equilibrium Henry's law  $[OH]_{liq} = k_H P_{OH}$  $= k_H [OH]_{gas} RT_g$ 

## *Chemical Reactions (Global Model)* 35 chemical species & 98 rate equations

Rate eqn.: 
$$\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = \dots + k_1 [e_{aq}^-][e_{aq}^-] + k_3 [e_{aq}^-][H] + \dots$$

change of density in time = rate const. × product of densities + ···

Reaction Scheme	Rate Constant(at 298K) [M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]
$e_{aq}^{-}$ + $e_{aq}^{-}$ $\rightarrow$ $H_2^{-}$ + $2OH^{-}$	$k_1 = 5.1 \times 10^9$
$e_{aq}^{-}$ + H <sup>+</sup> $\rightarrow$ H	$k_2 = 2.4  imes 10^{10}$
$e_{aq}^{-}$ + H $\rightarrow$ H <sub>2</sub> + OH <sup>-</sup>	${ m k}_3$ = $2.5  imes 10^{10}$
$e_{aq}^{-}$ + OH $\rightarrow$ OH <sup>-</sup>	$k_4 = 3.0  imes 10^{10}$

\*NDRL/NIST Solution Kinetics Database on the Web

To understand what reactive species are generated in liquid by *each* gaseous species

Cases

- 1. Only OH (hydroxyl) radicals are provided [from the plasma].
- 2. Only NO (nitric oxide) is provided.
- 3. Both OH and NO are provides (with nothing else).
- 4. After OH and NO are provided for 10 sec. and the plasma is turned off.

 $\rightarrow$  How the reactive species get lost in liquid

![](_page_35_Figure_8.jpeg)

## Fluxes of OH and NO (typical values from a plasma)

#### TABLE 1. Typical relative concentrations of various charged and neutral species generated by non-thermal DBD plasma in gas phase.

Plasma-generated species	Density (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	Density (mol L <sup>-1</sup> )
Superoxide (O <sub>2</sub> <sup>•-</sup> )	10 <sup>10</sup> to 10 <sup>12</sup>	
Hydroxyl (OH <sup>•</sup> )	10 <sup>15</sup> to 10 <sup>17</sup>	$1.66 \times 10^{-6}$ to $1.66 \times 10^{-4}$
Hydrogen peroxide (H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	10 <sup>14</sup> to 10 <sup>16</sup>	
Singlet oxygen ( <sup>1</sup> O <sub>2</sub> _)	10 <sup>14</sup> to 10 <sup>16</sup>	
Ozone $(O_3)$	10 <sup>15</sup> to 10 <sup>17</sup>	
Nitric oxide (NO)	10 <sup>13</sup> to 10 <sup>14</sup>	$1.66 \times 10^{-8}$ to $1.66 \times 10^{-7}$
Electrons (e <sup>-</sup> )	10 <sup>9</sup> to 10 <sup>11</sup>	
Positive ions (M <sup>+</sup> )	10 <sup>10</sup> to 10 <sup>12</sup>	

\*R.Sensenig et al. Annals of Biomedical Engineering 39 (2011) 674-687

![](_page_36_Figure_4.jpeg)

fluxes  

$$\frac{S}{V} \cdot \bar{v}_{OH} \cdot [OH]_{gas} = 1.0 \times 10^{-1} \, mol \cdot L^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$$

$$\frac{S}{V} \cdot \bar{v}_{NO} \cdot [NO]_{gas} = 7.6 \times 10^{-4} \, mol \cdot L^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$$

Case1 : OH only from the gas phase

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### NO only from the gas phase

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OH & NO supplied simultaneously for 10s

![](_page_39_Figure_1.jpeg)

OH & NO supply for 10 s (linear time scale)

![](_page_40_Figure_1.jpeg)

OH&NO supplied for 10s and stopped

![](_page_41_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_42_Figure_0.jpeg)