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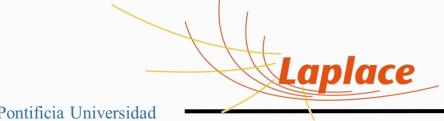
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Dielectric Barrier Discharges for Gas Treatment



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Treatment of NOx pollutants in the gas outlet of various industrial processes employing non-thermal plasma has interesting prospects. Recently, the reactor design and plasma/catalyst mixed systems have been the main directions investigated for performances enhancement. Improvements in the control of the electrical energy injection by means of the power supply are still required to achieve efficient and practical applications.

In order to carry out parametric investigations (DBD reactors and power supplies), an automated test bench has been set up. The test bench controls the gas conditions, acquires real-time measurement of the electrical variables and gas analysis through a data acquisition interface, and fully controls the power supply (square current pulses).



DIESEL engines: Low carbon monoxide (CO) and hydrocarbon (HC) emissions High particulate matter (PM) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions.



After treatments technologies

Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC) Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) Selective Catalytic Reduction Lean NOx Trap (LNP)

NOx Removal CO HC Removal

PM Reduction

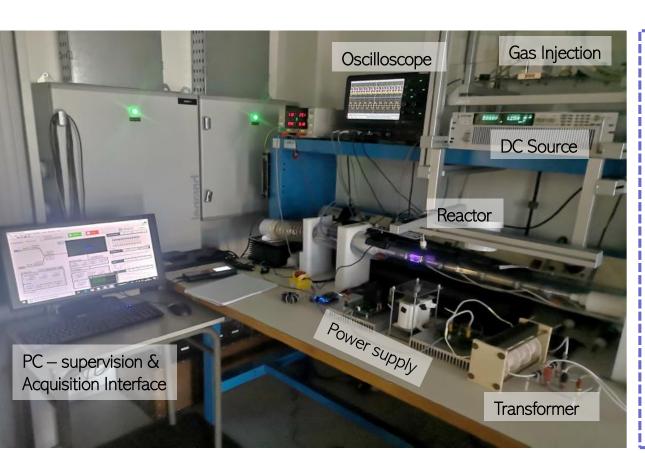
Non-thermal Plasma



NON-THERMAL PLASMA

Formation of free radicals, molecular dissociations and different reactions capable of destructing pollutants in exhaust emissions at low temperature without harmful waste

TEST-BENCH Gas Mixture Conditions similar to Diesel exhaust. NO = 800ppmGas Flow G ≥ 3 lpm Camera MFC Pictures of the Mixing discharge analyzed MFC Chamber based on image processing algorithm. N_2 Supply IR Sensor monitors the outer electrode temperature Interface Gas Ozone Meter Analyzer Control Interface **Power Supply** Gas Analysis Square Current Pulses of Measurements of NO, NO2, O2, O3 variable frequency, pulse and gas temperature. duration and amplitude. Gas Analysis Outlet Composition NO [ppm] 0 NO [ppm] 0 NO2 [ppm] NO2 [ppm] 0 T[°C] 0 T[°C] 0 Vpeak [V] Power [W NO NO2 MARAMANA BARAA Operating Point PulsesON PulsesOFF f [kHz]

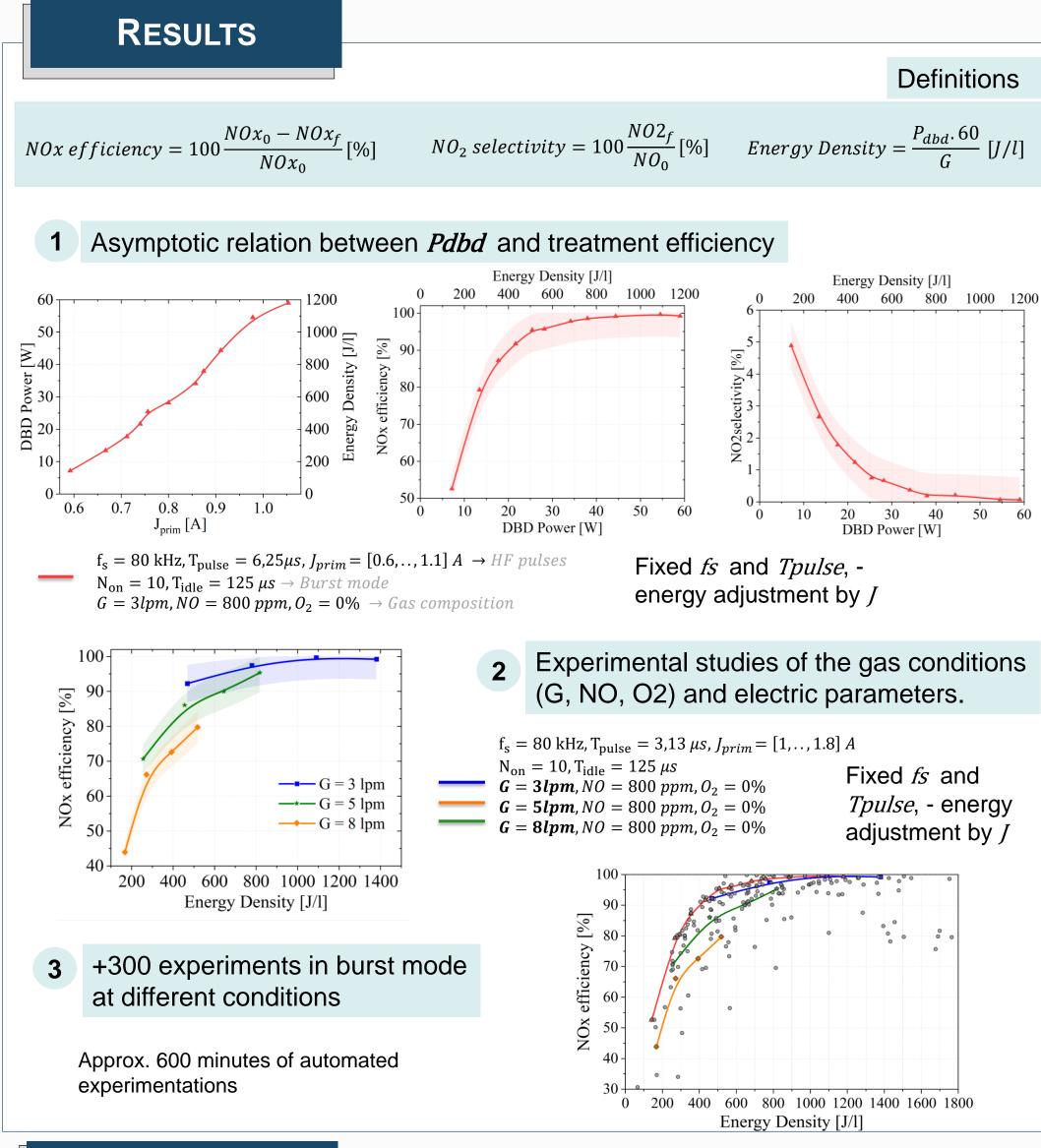


Supervision program:

- + Standardizes experiment (storage, equipment's setup)
- + Defines & controls schedule + Controls operating conditions
- (gas mixture & flow, elec. DOF) + Runs scripts – matlab, python
- (parameters identification, waveforms analysis)
- + Automatizes results acquisition
- + Updates a database for all operating points & experiments

POWER SUPPLY I controlled current source Current 1:11 HV DBD model (v_{die}) inverter f_s transformer (Manley) $E_{dbd} = JdV_{th}T_s - 4C_qV_{th}^2$ $\widehat{V}_{dbd} = V_{th} \left(1 + \frac{C_g}{C_d} \right) + \frac{P_{dbd}}{4f_s V_{th} C_d}$ t_{br} $dT_s/2$ $T_s/2$ + current amplitude *J*, DOF: SPECS & REACTOR + frequency f_s (period T_s), LIMITATIONS **PARAMETERS** + pulse duration T_{pulse} $V_{th} = 6490 V$ Jmax=14A $C_q=347pF$ 50 kHz<fs<200 kHz \rightarrow pulse energy control E_{dbd} , hence P_{dbd} $C_d = 123pF$ P_{dbd}<1kW (timescale: $T_s = 1/f_s$) T_{Burst} **BURST MODE** $\nabla^{n=N_{ON}} E_{abdn}$ Disable Enable Enable Lower frequency (F_{Burst}) power adjustment

burst ratio $M_{Burst} = N_{ON} \times T_s / T_{Burst}$ and T_{Burst} : additional DOFs



CONCLUSIONS

System / process level:

For a gas mixture of N2/NO

- + Very promising NOx removal (up to 99%)
- + Low NO2 selectivity (up to 0 %)
- + Prominent importance of reactor temperature
- + Very strong impact of step-up transformer parasitic elements (Lk, Lm, Cp)

Current best performances:

Efficiency higher than 97% at $ED \approx 530 \text{ J/J}$ **Results obtained at:**

 $f_s = 80 \text{ kHz}, T_{pulse} = 6,25 \mu s, J_{prim} = 1.2 A$ $N_{on} = 10, T_{idle} = 125 \, \mu s,$ $G = 3lpm, NO = 800 ppm, O_2 = 0\%$