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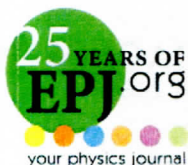


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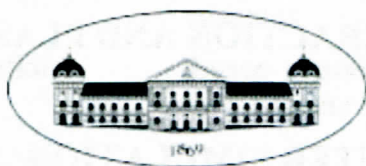
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**LIQUID TREATMENTS BY ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE PLASMA PIN-JET**

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Numerous designs of atmospheric pressure plasma jets (APPJs) that function in contact with liquid samples have been developed in the last decade. When aqueous solutions are exposed to non-thermal plasma, reactive oxygen and nitrogen species (RONS), such as OH, O, O<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, formed in several reactions in the gaseous phase are introduced into the aqueous phase. These reactive species are physiologically significant chemicals that are involved in metabolic activities of the plant cells. Consequently, plasma-treated water (PTW) can be used as a complex chemical reactant in the treatment of numerous biological systems.

A plasma system was investigated with an APPJ with sharpened-end powered electrode that generates a streamer discharge above the liquid sample. The plasma source was powered by a continuous kHz signal. As working gases, we used He, Ar, and Ar/air admixtures. We conducted electrical characterization and discharge power measurements to acquire additional information about the treatment stability and plasma properties. Spectrally resolved imaging and optical emission spectroscopy were used to determine the type and the spatial distribution of the excited species created in the plasma-liquid interaction. In order to create PTW, liquid samples placed below the APPJ were treated for different duration times and in different sample volumes. The device was used for treating both clean and contaminated water. Detailed physico-chemical analysis of the treated liquid samples, including reactive oxygen and nitrogen species detection, pH, temperature, and electrical conductivity measurements, was performed after treatments. The treated samples were further used in experiments with biological materials.

The results showed significant differences in the properties of Ar and He plasma and enabled us to link the effects of the treatments with the liquid samples properties. Hence, we were able to produce PTW with particular properties suitable for different applications in the fields of biotechnology and plasma agriculture.

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