

# Mean electric field and total near-electrode voltage drops measurements for discharge in hydrogen at initial pressures of 5 MPa with current amplitude of 1.3 MA

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Research results for discharge initiated by wire explosion in hydrogen at initial pressures of  $\approx 5$  MPa and current amplitudes of  $\approx 1.3$  MA are presented. The new data enlarge the results of researches on this topic continuing from [1]. Mean electric field in discharge channel and mean near electrode voltage drops were determined in an experimental series with steel electrodes for different interelectrode gaps from 1 to 2 cm at the time of current maximum. The electric field strength in the discharge channel was of  $\approx 0.6$  kV/cm. The near electrode voltage drop was of  $\approx 2.4$  kV.

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