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# Experimental Study on Medical Ozone Generation in Double Dielectric Barrier Discharge (DDBD) with Spiral-Spiral Electrodes

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**Abstract.** Double Dielectric Barrier Discharge (DDBD) generator is a reactor that is considered more qualified as an ozone reactor for medical applications because there is space between two barriers that function as a place for the flow of pure oxygen. Research on optimization of medical ozone production with Double Dielectric Barrier Discharge (DDBD) technology with spiral-spiral electrode configuration has been carried out. The purpose of this study is to obtain the optimum dose of ozone for applications in the medical field. Variations in the number of coils on electrodes (N), namely 30, 40, 50 and high voltage AC used with voltage variations from 0.5 to 2.3 kV and flowrate variations between 0.2 to 1 L/min with 0.2 intervals. The frequency used is 30 Hz. The results showed that the higher the voltage with a constant flow rate, the higher the current produced so that the ozone concentration obtained was also higher. However, the more the number of turns with a constant voltage, the smaller the resulting concentration. In the configuration of the number of coils, the ozone dosage produced is between 67.2 to 537.6 mg.

## INTRODUCTION

Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) is an inorganic molecule that dissolves in water consisting of three oxygen molecules<sup>1</sup>. Ozone is easily broken down by exothermic reactions on pure oxygen, with short survival (40 minutes at 20 °C)<sup>2</sup>. When decomposed, O<sub>3</sub> acts as an oxidant by releasing free radicals<sup>3</sup>. Ozone can be generated using ultraviolet radiation, a photochemical reaction, and Dielectric Barrier Discharge (DBD). DBD is the technique most often used to generate ozone, both on a laboratory and industrial scale<sup>4,5</sup>.

Double Dielectric Barrier Discharge (DDBD) reactor is a reactor that is considered more qualified as a medical reactor because there is space between two barriers that function as a place for the flow of pure oxygen<sup>6</sup>. The Double Dielectric Barrier Discharge (DDBD) reactor that configured is more suitable because it isolates the two electrodes from the plasma reaction chamber and to protect the inner electrode from carbon deposits and by-products during chemical reactions<sup>7</sup>. In non-equilibrium DDBD processing chemical species are produced, including radicals, electrons, and ions in the plasma reaction chamber<sup>8</sup>.

Medical ozone is a mixture of ozone or oxygen given at low concentrations<sup>9</sup>. Ozone can destroy viruses and bacteria and to disinfect or destroy pathogenic bacteria, sterilize, and destroy malignant cells<sup>10</sup>. Ozone is useful for tissue repair and provides strong antimicrobial effects<sup>2</sup>. The right dose of ozone therapy for medical use is not only useful in a variety of pathological conditions; it can also be a powerful therapeutic resource for the human body without damaging effects<sup>11</sup>.

Experimental studies of ozone production using DDBD with cylinder-cylinder has already been done to improve the concentration of ozone with voltage variations, gas flow rate variations, dielectric material, and input gas <sup>6,11,12,18</sup>. In this study using DDBD with the spiral-spiral electrode to know its effects on ozone concentrations and get a dose for application in medical ozone therapy with variations of voltage, gas flow rate and the number of coils.

### EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

This study uses DDBD reactor with a spiral-spiral electrode configuration (Figure 1). DDBD reactor length is 18 cm, with an outer diameter of 4 cm; inner diameter of 2.3 cm; pyrex thickness 0,275 cm and the distance between pyrex 0,3 cm. Spiral variations include windings 30, 40, and 50.

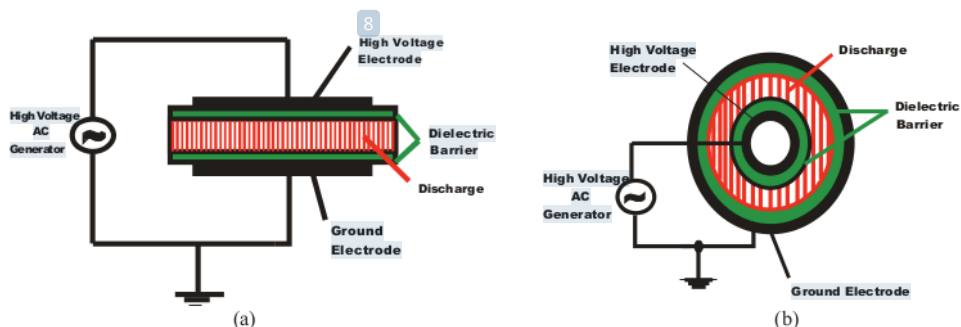


FIGURE 1. Form of the electrode [12] (a) Geometry of the electrode side view (b) Geometry of the electrode front view

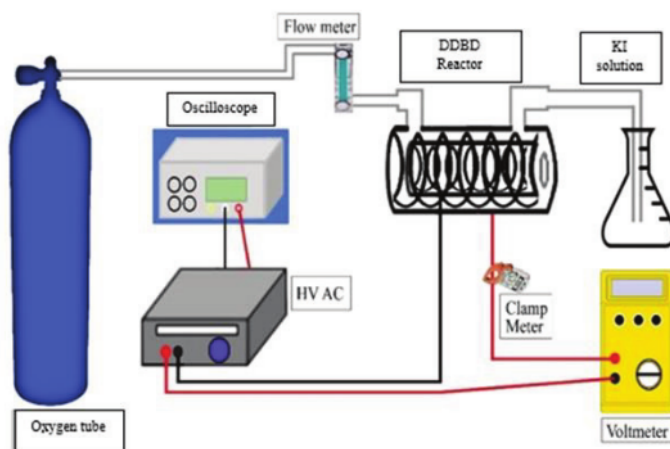


FIGURE 2. Experimental Set-Up

Ozone concentrations can be calculated using the formula [13]:

$$C_{\text{ozone}} = \frac{R \times Vt \times Nt}{V_{\text{gas}}} \quad (1)$$

with  $C_{\text{Ozone}}$  is the ozone concentration (ppm),  $R$  is the analytic mole ratio of 24,000,  $V_t$  is the volume of titrant (L),  $N_t$  is the normality of  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  (mol/L), and  $V_{\text{gas}}$  is the volume of air (L).  
As for the calculation of the dose, namely:

$$\text{Capacity} = C_{\text{Ozone}} \text{ (mg/L)} \times \text{oxygen flow rate (L/min)} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Dosage} = \text{Capacity (mg/min)} \times \text{expose time (min)} \quad (3)$$

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### Current-Voltage Characteristics

This study uses DDBD reactor with a high voltage AC frequency of 30 Hz. The voltage variations used are 0.5 to 2.3 kV. Figure 3 shows that the electric current will increase due to the intensification of the active electrode in the reactor so that when the voltage is increased, the current also generated increases. When the DDBD reactor is at a certain voltage, there is potential energy between the electrodes. A strong electric field will accelerate the movement of particles, ions, and electrons, resulting in collisions between particles. The collision between particles triggers the process of ionization, excitation, deexcitation, and recombination. When oxygen begins to be ionized, free electrons move in the ionization flow region. The electric field accelerates the movement of free electrons and collides with other gas molecules between the two electrodes, resulting in chain ionization and electron multiplication [11,14,15]. Based on Figure 3 also shows that at a constant voltage, for variations in the number of turns that are getting bigger, the resulting current is also getting bigger.

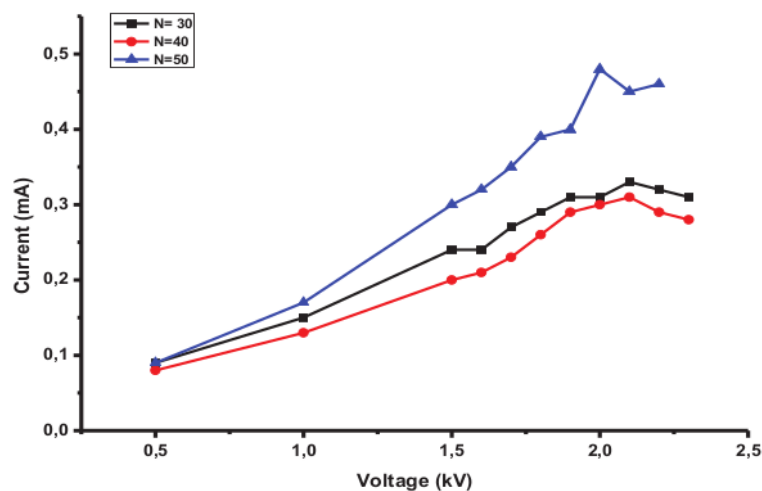


FIGURE 3. Characteristics of currents as a function of the voltage of spiral-spiral DDBD reactors with different number of coils

### Effect of the Number of Coils on Ozone Concentration

Figure 4 shows the change in the number of coils given to influence the value of the ozone concentration produced. At constant voltage, the resulting concentration is smaller in the number of coils that are increasing. There related to the electric field distribution and ozone decomposition. In the DDBD reactor, the ozone produced does not interact

directly with the electrode so that when the number of coils increases, the electric field between the two electrodes is unable to achieve uniformity resulting in intense and uniform particles, ions or electrons.

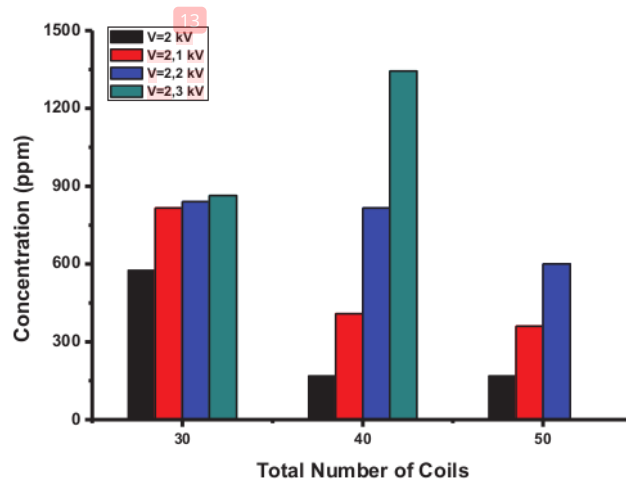


FIGURE 4. Effect of the number of coils on ozone concentration for several voltage values

At the number of coils 50, the resulting concentration only reaches a voltage of 2.2 kV because the more the number of coils, the voltage used to produce ozone is not able to reach the maximum voltage of 2.3 kV. At the number of coils 50, there is an electrical breakdown so that the maximum voltage for ozone formation is only able to reach a voltage of 2.2 kV. Proven by the number of turns 50, the resulting concentration is lower than the number of turns 30 and 40. So that at the number of coils 50, the voltage used to produce ozone begins to experience instability.

### Effect of Flow Rate on Ozone Concentration

Figure 5 shows the effect of flow rate variations on ozone concentration values. At greater voltages and lower flow rates, the higher the concentration value. The greater the flow rate will encourage the release of oxygen molecules quickly, so the molecular oxygen residence time in the reactor is shorter, very short molecular state will cause oxygen molecules not to experience a longer collision process and oxygen gas molecules that have ionization, dissociation or recombination less to form ozone, which will produce relatively small ozone [11,12].

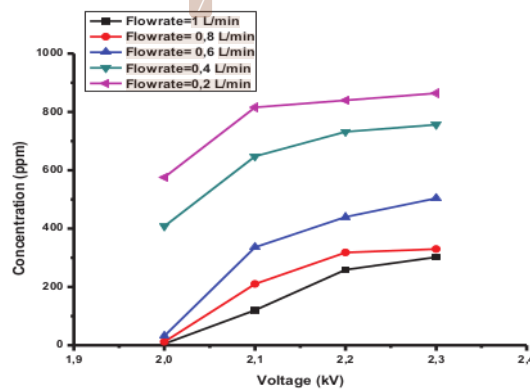


FIGURE 5. Effect of variation of flowrate on ozone concentration for several voltage values

## Application for Medical Therapy

Ozone has unique biological abilities for use in the medical field. The use of pure oxygen for medical ozone applications is more recommended than using air, because the original material from the air consists of 78% nitrogen, while nitrogen can be toxic and there is a significant reduction in ozonation efficiency [17]. The ozone used has been validated in pathological conditions such as ischemic syndrome, diabetes, diabetic feet, disc hernias, and other diseases. The effect of ozone on wound healing can be seen from a decrease in bacterial infections, repair of wounds to the skin, or increase in oxygen levels resulting from ozone exposure to wounds [1,2,9]. The following are the results of ozone doses for several voltage values with different coils.

**TABLE 1.** Ozone dosage values in several voltage values with different coils

Voltage (kV)	Dosage (mg)		
	N = 30	N = 40	N = 50
2	230,4	67,2	67,2
2,1	326,4	163,2	144
2,2	336	326,4	240
2,3	345,6	537,6	-

Medical ozone can be useful because it can dissolve in blood or other body fluids. Although ozone toxicity in the respiratory system is locked in inhalation, it can be recognized as an intermediary useful for oxidative stress-related diseases. The following is a table of dose data that can be applied to several therapies.

**TABLE 2.** Empirical data from concentrations and ozone dosage for several therapies [16]

Application	Ozone concentration range	Ozone volume	Dosage/ozone amount per treatment
<b>Systemic treatment</b>			
Major autohemotherapy (MAH)	10-30 µg/ml (max. 40 µg/ml)	50 ml	500-1500 µg (max. 2000)
Rectal insufflation	10-25 µg/ml	max. 300 ml	3000-7500 µg
Minor autohemotherapy	10-20 µg/ml	10 ml	100-200 µg
<b>Topical treatment</b>			
Wound cleansing	80-100 µg/ml		
Wound healing	10-25 µg/ml		
Injection in pain syndrome	1-10 µg/ml	1-20 ml	1-200 µg
In combination with local anesthetic	10-20 µg/ml	1-20 ml	10-400 µg

Based on Table 2, it can be found that for the ozone dosage range from 67.2 to 163.2 mg it can be used for injection in pain syndrome or the range 67.2 to 345.6 mg it can be used in combination with a local anesthetic, and for dosage 537.6 mg can be used for major autohemotherapy.

## CONCLUSION

The DDBD reactor can be used as a reactor that produces medical ozone where the higher the voltage with a constant flow rate, the higher the current produced so that the ozone concentration obtained is also higher. However, the more the number of coils with a constant voltage, the smaller the resulting concentration. In the configuration of

the number of coils, the ozone dosage produced is between 67.2 to 537.6 mg, which can be used for injection in pain syndrome, in combination with a local anesthetic, and major autohemotherapy.

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