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Biogas, which is commonly produced from anaerobic decomposition of organic-containing wastewaters, generally consists of 70% CH4 and 30% CO2. It is of interest to use biogas to produce hydrogen. Methane reforming with carbon dioxide using conventional catalytic methods often has two serious drawbacks: high reaction temperatures and catalytic deactivity resulting from coke deposition. In contrast, non-thermal plasma technology is considered to be promising for biogas reforming since it can be operated in ambient conditions. A multi-stage gliding arc discharge system was employed in this study to investigate the effects of feed flow rate, frequency, applied voltage, gap distance, and stage number on CH4 and CO2 conversion and product distribution. The results showed that increasing stage number, voltage and gap distance enhanced both CH4 and CO2 conversion in contrast with the effects of increasing frequency and feed flow rate. The detected products were H2, CO, C2H2, C2H4 and C2H6. The optimum conditions for maximum hydrogen production were found at a feed flow rate of 150 cm3/min, a frequency of 300 Hz, an applied voltage of 17 kV and a gap distance of 0.6 cm. At the minimum energy consumption of 20.6 eV/molecule of reactants converted, the CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> conversions were 21.5 and 5.7 %, respectively. In addition, biogas reforming with air was studied by varying air concentration. The best concentration was found at O2 concentration in air equal to 30% of CH<sub>4</sub> concentration in biogas for CH<sub>4</sub> conversion of 81.4 %, CO<sub>2</sub> conversion of 49.3%, O<sub>2</sub> conversion of 92.4% and power consumption of 12.7 eV/molecule of reactants converted.

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