



Toward predictive modeling of plasma flows in lowtemperature magnetized plasmas and arc discharge

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Low-temperature plasmas often refer to ionized gases where the heavy species temperature is low (in comparison to fusion-type plasmas; e.g. ~1 eV) while the electron temperature can range from a few eV to a few tens of eV. In this flow regime, nonequilibrium physics plays an important role in the development of instabilities and oscillations, e.g. self-organization. It is therefore critical to advance the predictive modeling capabilities that can capture such dynamic phenomena. In this talk, I will present recent advancements in the plasma models for low-temperature magnetized plasmas, e.g. Hall-effect thrusters, and discharge arc plasmas.



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