On the estimation of the parameters of spark discharges and the ignition ability of a capacitive ignition system with unipolar discharge pulses

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A toolkit has been developed for a comparative theoretical assessment of the main indicator of the efficiency of promising capacitive ignition systems with unipolar discharge pulses – igniting ability according to given fixed parameters of designed and evaluated ignition systems based on the igniting ability criteria in relation to stationary and moving air-fuel mixtures in the combustion chambers of gas turbine engines. Calculation expressions are obtained for the parameters of unipolar spark discharges in semiconductor candles – energy, duration and discharge current, which can be used to analyze discharge processes at the design stages and study the efficiency of ignition systems.

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