

In the experimental studies of possibilities of the use of the process of third-harmonic generation as a method of diagnostics of plasma in the air that occurs when filamentation of high-power femtosecond laser radiation in near IR range ($\lambda=1,24 \mu\text{m}$, $\tau=140\text{fs}$), with high spatial resolution ($\sim\lambda/\text{NA}$) . A numerical model of the process of third-harmonic generation with focused femtosecond laser radiation in the regime of plasma formation in the air. Analyzing the obtained results, it is concluded that the process of third-harmonic generation can be used as a method of 3D microscopy to characterize the position and size of a region of plasma in the air generated by the filament. The obtained values of the diameter and length of the plasma channel of the filament: $100\pm 20 \mu\text{m}$ and $5.5\pm 0.5 \text{ mm}$ respectively. The potentialities of the method are illustrated by the results of the experiments on 3D-microscopy of an optical breakdown plasma in the air that occurs during the generation of the filament.