

# Introduction à la physique des décharges impulsionnelles (Partie 1)

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# La première décharge impulsionnelle ?

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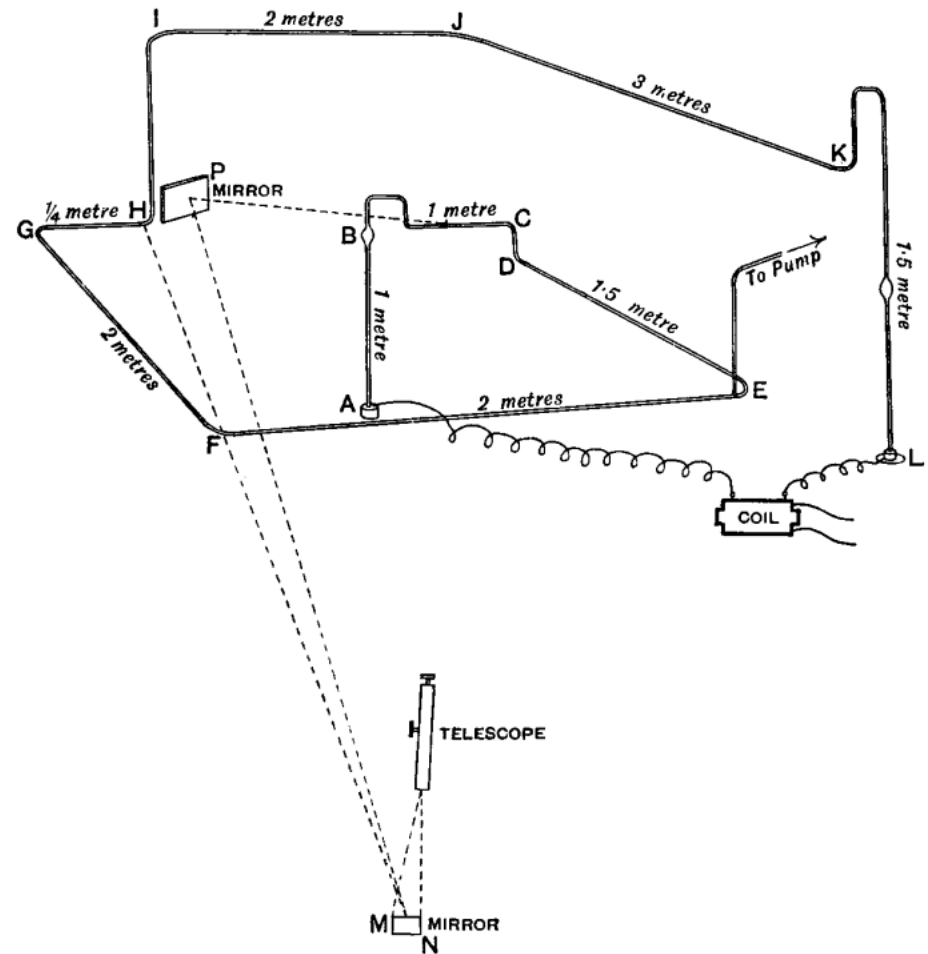
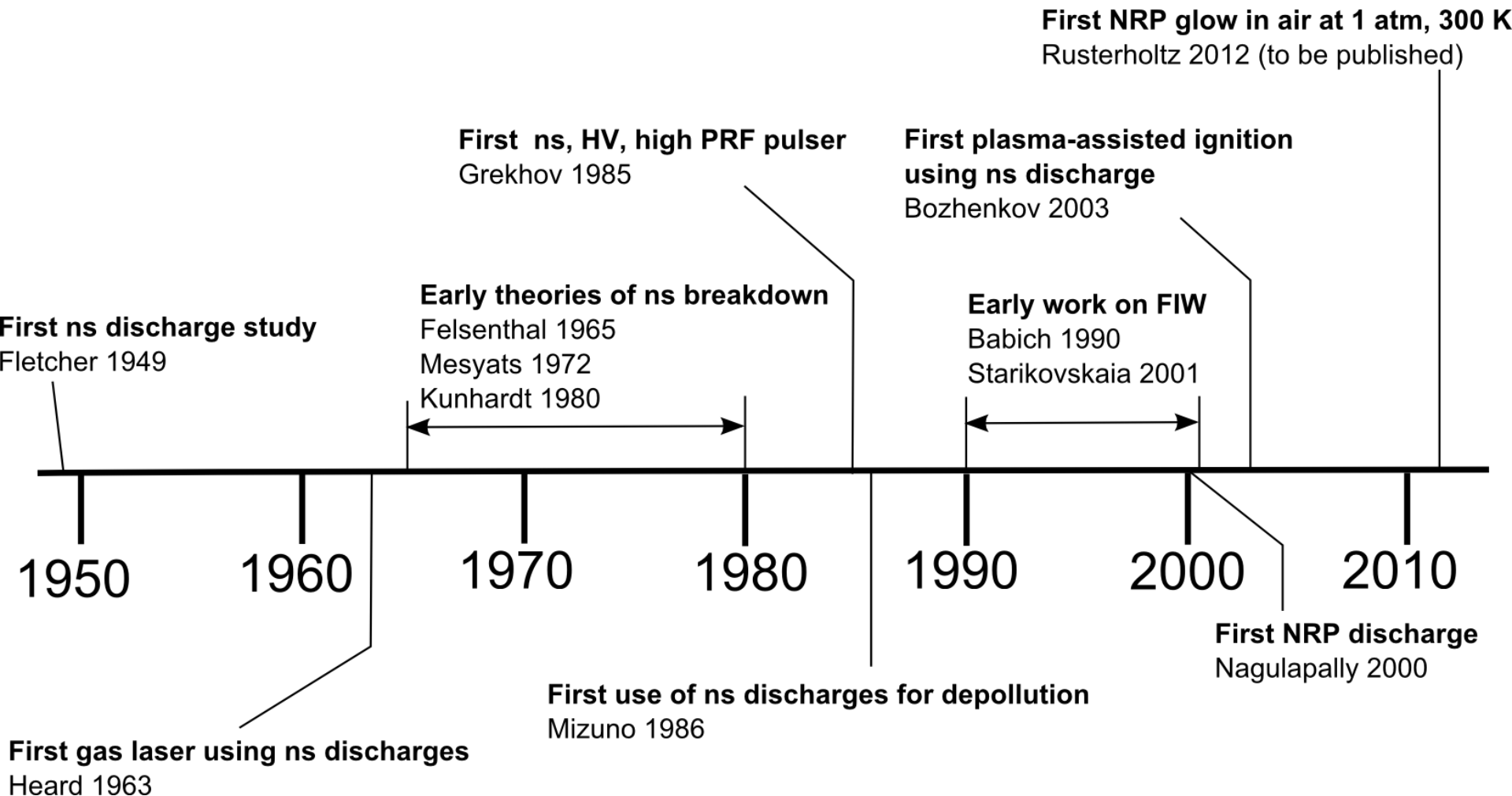


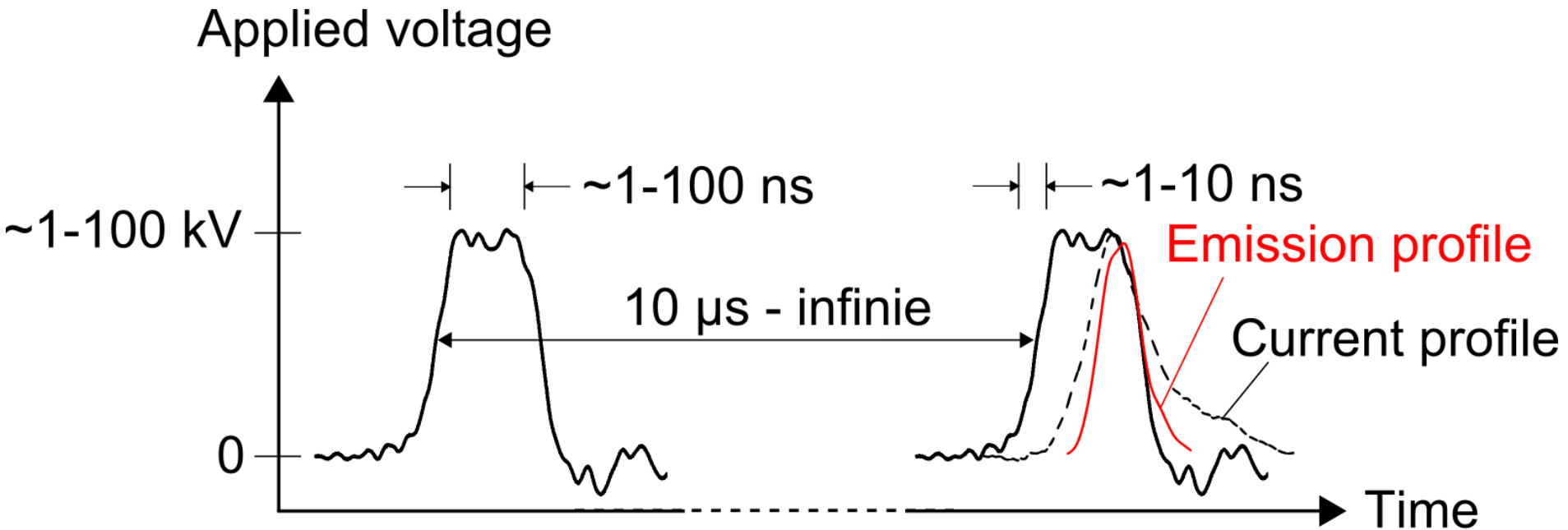
Fig. 42.

# Historique de la recherche en décharges nanosecondes



- Motivation pour l'utilisation des décharges impulsionnelles
- Propriétés plasmas : densité des électrons, température des électrons, champ électrique
- Dynamique des décharges : streamers, uniformité, région cathodique
- Régimes des décharges impulsionnelles

# Conditions générales



- Par défaut :
  - 1 atm
  - Air
  - Géométrie pointe-pointe ou pointe-plan (~1 – 10 mm)

# POURQUOI UTILISER LES DÉCHARGES IMPULSIONNELLES

Denis Packan, PhD Thesis, Stanford University, 2003

## DC discharge



Gas temperature at nozzle exit: 2000 K  
Nozzle diameter: 1.5 cm  
Gas velocity:  $\sim 450$  m/s  
Discharge current: 150 mA  
Discharge electric field: 1600 V/cm  
Electrode gap: 3.5 cm (cathode at bottom)  
Discharge diameter:  $\sim 3$  mm  
Electron density in discharge:  $\sim 10^{12}$  cm $^{-3}$   
Power dissipated in discharge: **3000 W/cm $^3$**

## Repetitively pulsed discharge



Temperature at nozzle exit: 2000 K  
Nozzle diameter: 7 cm  
Gas velocity:  $\sim 10$  m/s  
Electrode gap: 1 cm (cathode at bottom)  
Discharge diameter:  $\sim 3$  mm  
Pulsed electric field: 5300 V/cm  
Pulsed current:  $\sim 850$  mA  
Pulse duration: 10 ns  
Repetition rate: 30 kHz  
Electron density (time average):  $\sim 10^{12}$  cm $^{-3}$   
Power dissipated in discharge: **10 W/cm $^3$**

# Durée de l'impulsion

Hackam & Akiyama, IEEE DEI 2000

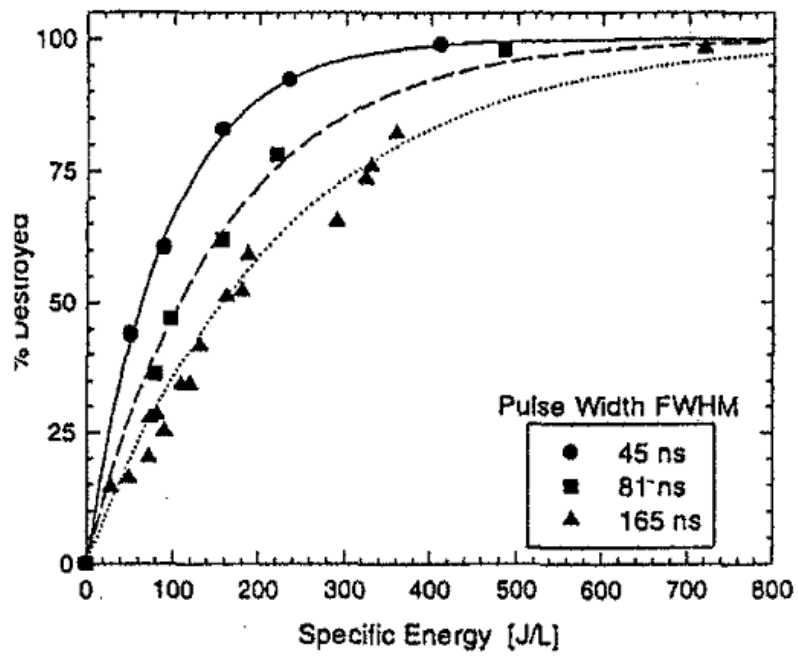


Figure 41. Destruction of toluene in air using different positive pulse widths in a coaxial corona discharge reactor. Pulse rise time and corresponding FWHM: 9 ns and 45 ns; 15 ns (81 ns); 25 ns (165 ns); concentration of toluene 200 ppm [94].

Ono et al, J Phys D 2011

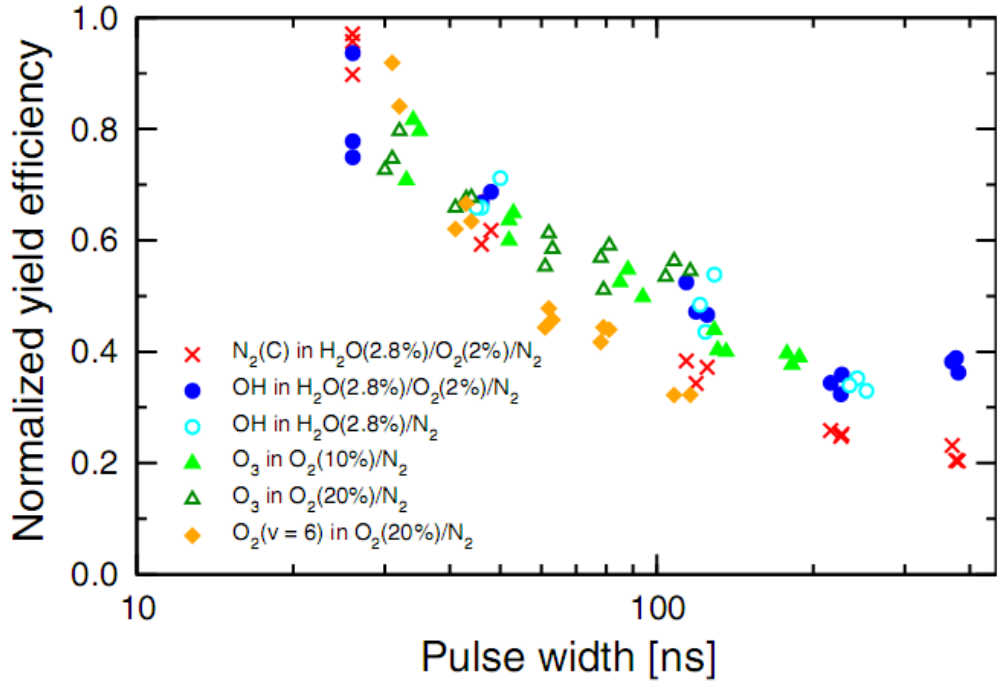
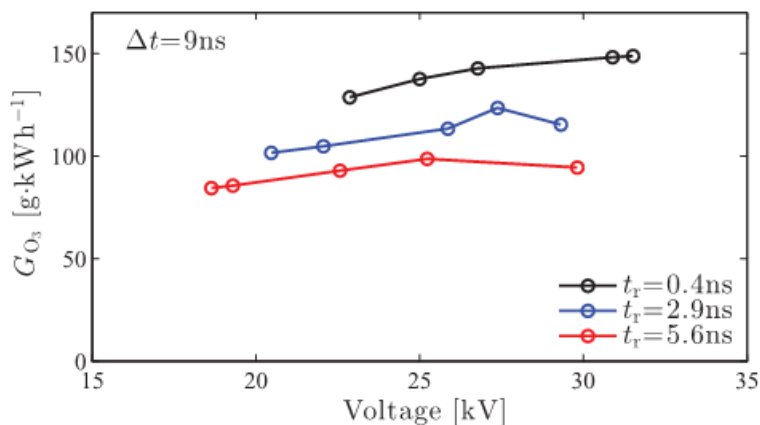
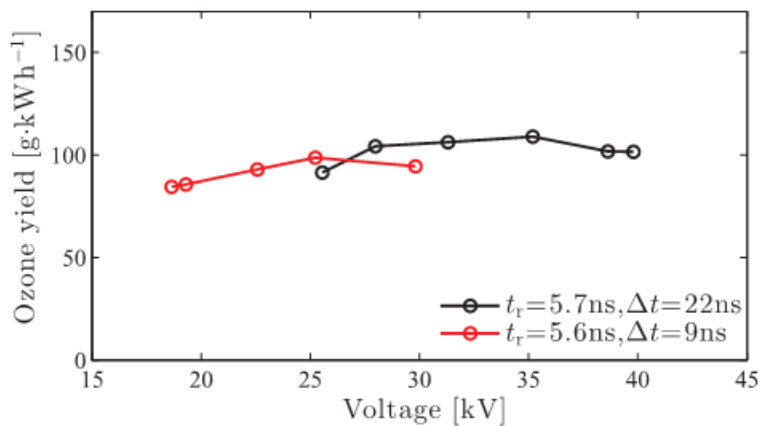


Figure 15. Normalized yield efficiency of various species as a function of discharge pulse width. O<sub>3</sub> is measured in 25 gaps and others are measured in single gap.



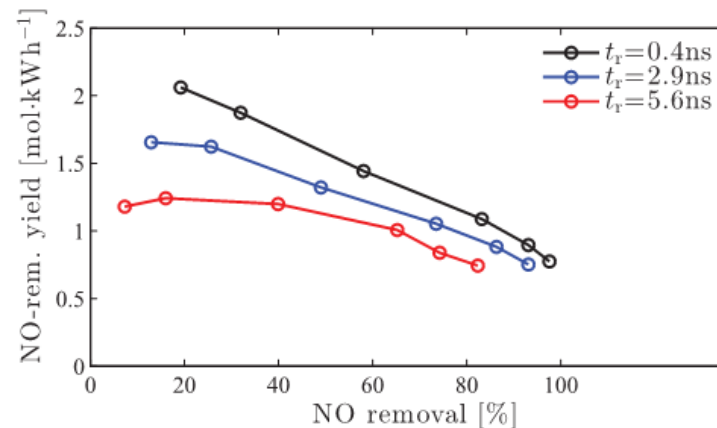


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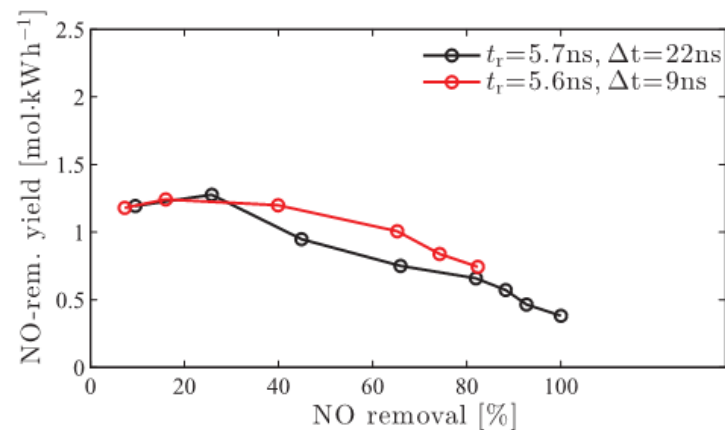


(b)

**Figure 10.** Ozone yields for pulses with different rise times. In (a) we used the pulses from the nanosecond pulse source with 9 ns pulse duration with three different rise times for  $f_r = 20$  Hz and  $F = 2$  slm. In (b) we compared the ozone yield of the 5.6 ns rise time pulse of the nanosecond pulse source of (a) with the yield of the conventional pulse source. The experimental settings for the measurements with the conventional pulse source were the same as for (a).



(a)



(b)

**Figure 17.** NO-removal yields for different rise-time pulses. In (a) all pulses were the 9 ns pulses from the nanosecond pulse source with a 30 kV amplitude and different rise times. The gas flow was 2 slm of synthetic air with 220 ppm NO. In (b) the NO-removal yields for the 5.6 ns rise time pulses from the nanosecond pulse source (same experimental conditions as (a)) are compared with NO-removal yields for the 5.7 ns rise time pulse from the conventional pulse source (38 kV pulses at  $F = 2$  slm).

ns pulse

HVNPD 500 ms

Zhang et al, JAP 2013

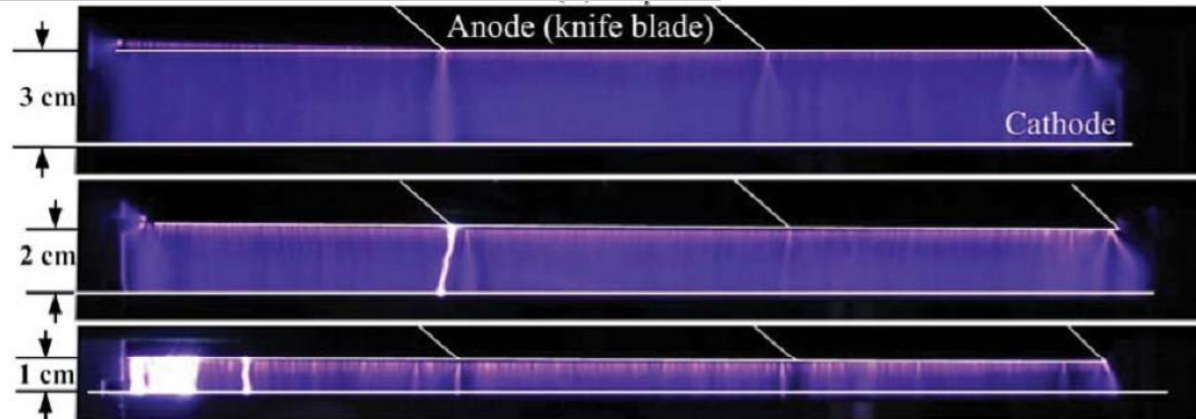
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SACD 5 ms

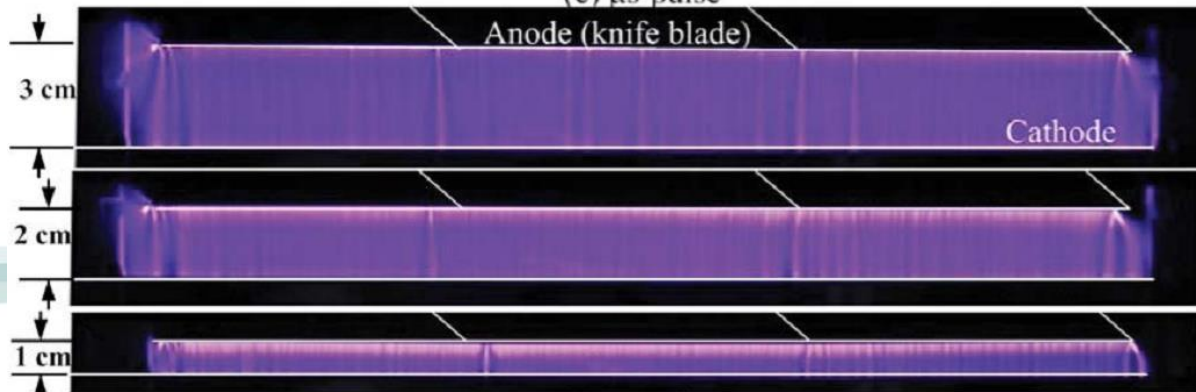
$\mu$ s pulse

Shao et al, IEEE TPS 2014

ns pulse



(c)  $\mu$ s-pulse

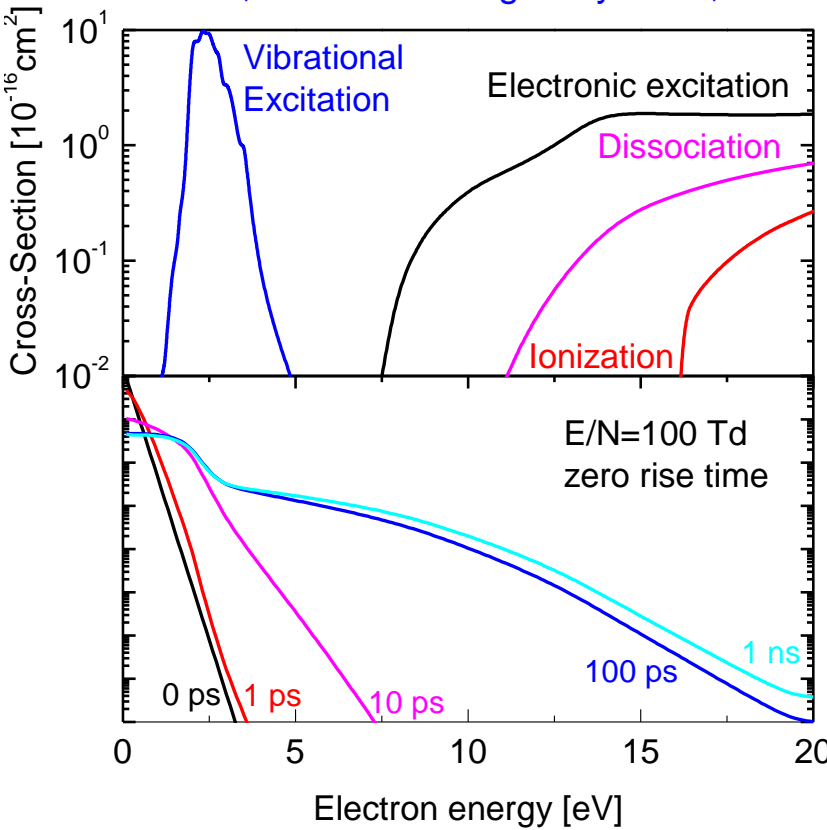


(d) ns-pulse

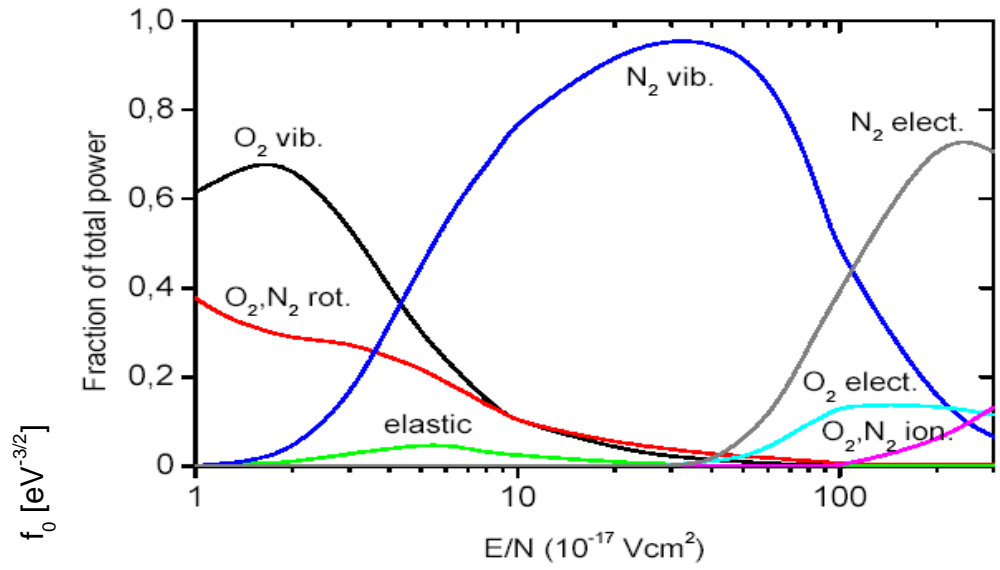
- Canaliser l'énergie de manière efficace
  - Augmenter la densité des espèces d'intérêt (ex. électrons, radicaux)
  - Eviter le réchauffement du gaz ou d'une surface
- Permettre un régime diffus/homogène
  - Eviter la transition vers l'arc ou les filaments
- Induire des effets thermiques, hydrodynamiques (Partie 2)

# Efficacité énergétique à fort champ électrique

Raizer, « Gas Discharge Physics », 1991



Aleksandrov et al, High Temp 1991  
Nighan, Phys Rev A 1970



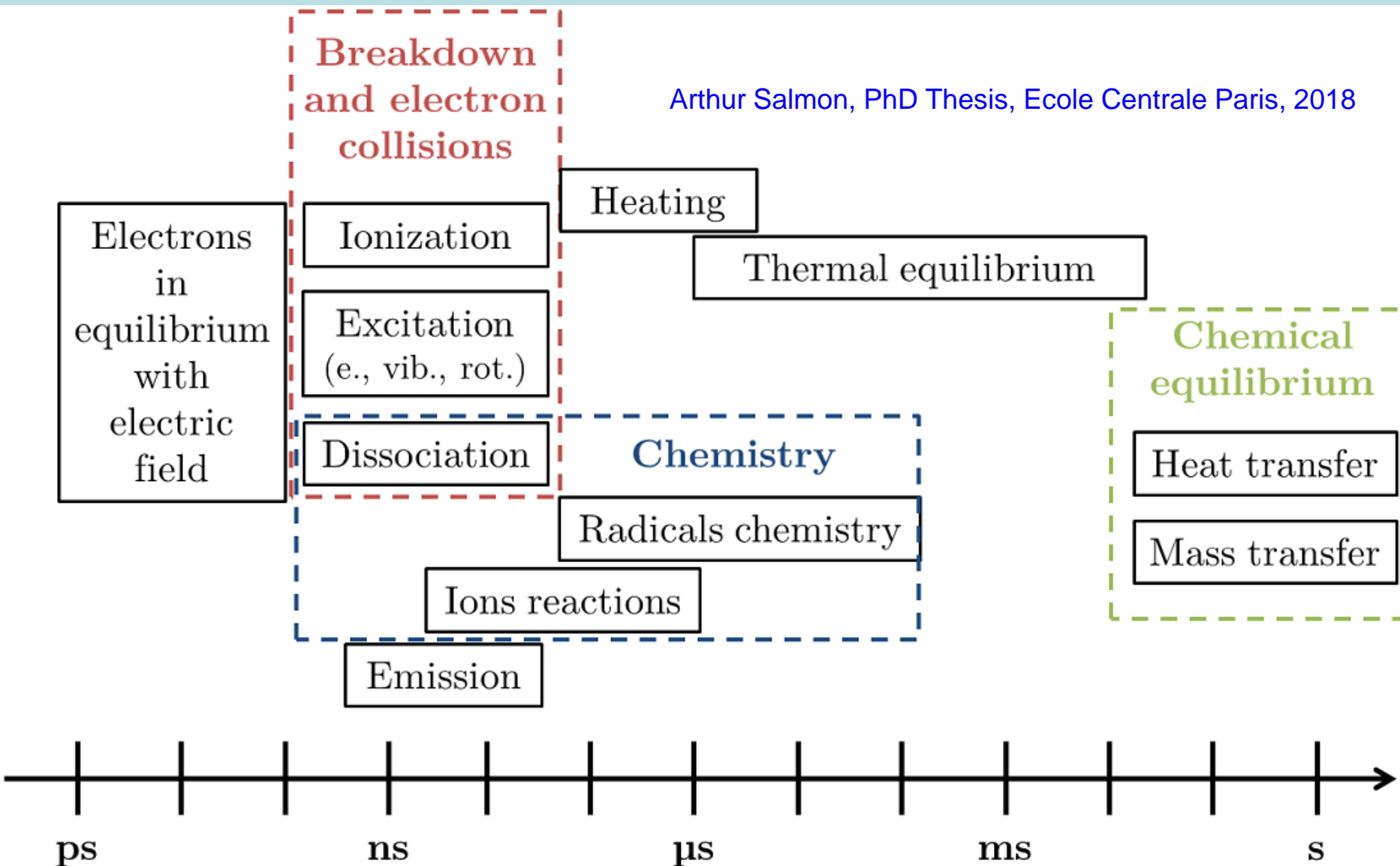
Fort champ électrique appliqué rapidement :

- Electrons à haute énergie favorisent excitation électronique, ionisation, dissociation
- Pertes minimisées
- Energie dirigée vers la chimie au lieu de la thermique



# Echelles de temps

Arthur Salmon, PhD Thesis, Ecole Centrale Paris, 2018



# PROPRIETES PLASMAS : TRAITEMENT 0-D

# Temps caractéristiques

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| Process                             | Characteristic time                 | Duration, s                |
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| 1. Space-charge relaxation          | $\tau_\sigma = 1/4\pi\sigma$        | $10^{-10}\text{--}10^{-9}$ |
| 2. Collisional energy transfer      |                                     |                            |
| (1) electron temperature relaxation | $\tau_u = 1/\nu_m\delta_1$          | $10^{-9}\text{--}10^{-8}$  |
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| (4) vibrational relaxation          | $\tau_{VT}$                         | $10^{-4}\text{--}10^{-2}$  |
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| (3) detachment                      | $\tau_d = (k_d N)^{-1}$             | $10^{-6}\text{--}10^{-5}$  |
| (4) electron excitation             | $\tau^* = (k^* N)^{-1}$             | $10^{-6}\text{--}10^{-4}$  |
| (5) electron-ion recombination      | $\tau_{rec}^e = (\beta_e n_+)^{-1}$ | $10^{-4}\text{--}10^{-3}$  |
| (6) ion-ion recombination           | $\tau_{rec}^- = (\beta_- n_+)^{-1}$ | $10^{-4}\text{--}10^{-3}$  |
| 4. Transport processes              |                                     |                            |
| (1) pressure levelling (sound)      | $\tau_s = \Lambda / c_s$            | $10^{-5}\text{--}10^{-4}$  |
| (2) heat conduction of the gas      | $\tau_\chi = \Lambda^2 / \chi$      | $10^{-2}$                  |
| (3) ambipolar diffusion             | $\tau_{da} = \Lambda^2 / D_a$       | $10^{-2}$                  |
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Raizer, « Gas Discharge Physics », 1991

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Deux exemples :  
 1) Faiblement ionisé  
 2) Fortement ionisé



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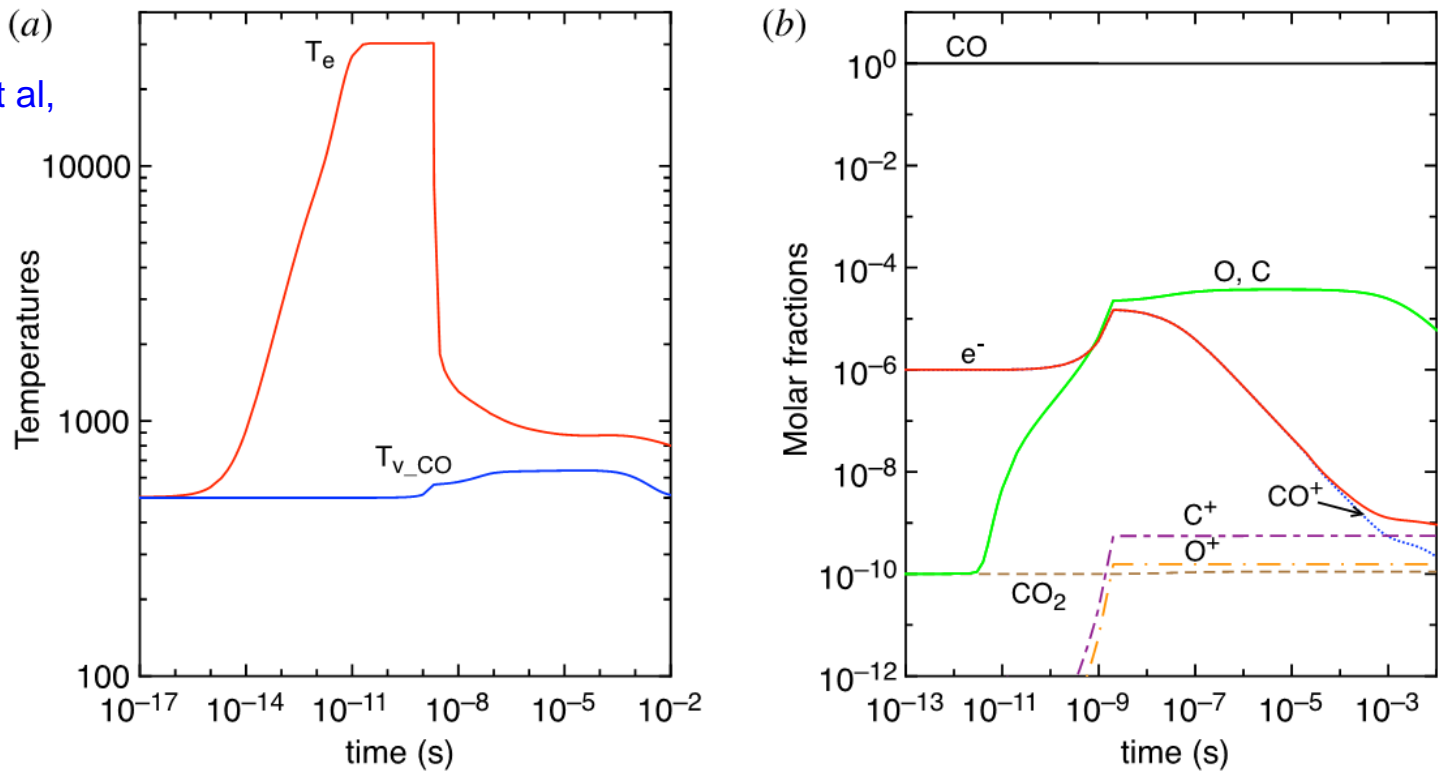


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# Coefficient de perte par collision électronique

Bilan de l'énergie gagnée par le champ et perdue par collisions :

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = eE v_d - \delta_l \varepsilon v_m$$

Électron-atome neutre (M & K p. 51) :

$$\Delta\varepsilon = \delta_l \varepsilon = (2m_e/m_h) \varepsilon$$

Electron-ion (M & K p. 51):

$$\Delta\varepsilon = \delta_l \varepsilon = (2m_e/m_h) \underbrace{\left(2 \sin^2 \frac{\chi}{2}\right)}_{\approx 1} \varepsilon$$

Electron-molécule (M & K p. 61)

$$\Delta\varepsilon = \delta_l \varepsilon = (2m_e/m_h) \delta_h \varepsilon$$

Mitchner & Kruger, "Partially Ionized Gases", 1973

52 Collisional and Radiative Processes

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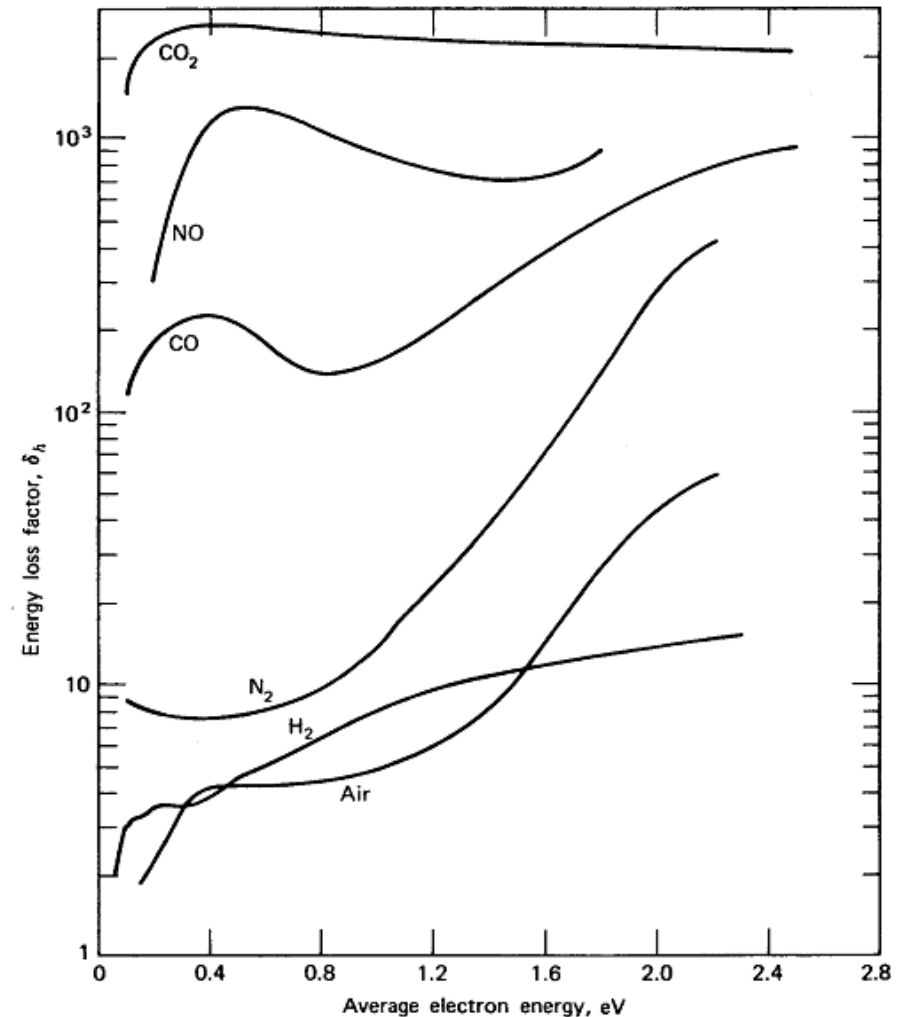
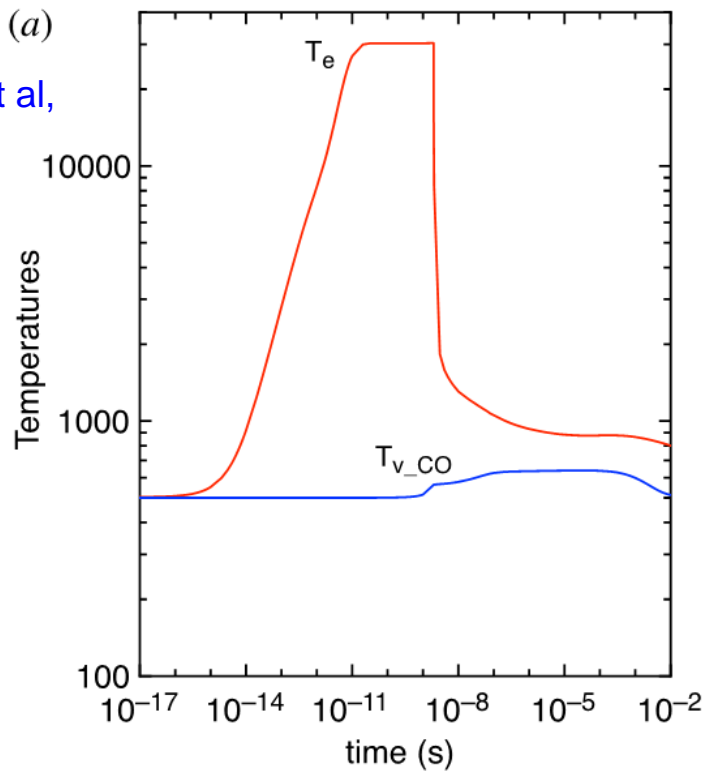


Figure 10. Energy loss of electrons in collisions with various molecular species (after Sutton and Sherman, 1965, p. 148).

# Exemple faiblement ionisé dans le CO

Pietanza et al,  
JPP 2017



$$v_m = N\sigma_m \sqrt{8k_B T_e / \pi m_e} = 1.74 \text{ THz}$$

$$\delta_l = (2m_e / m_0) \delta_h = (2/1836/28) \cdot 1000 = 0.039$$

$$\tau_u = 1/v_m \delta_l = 1.5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ s}$$

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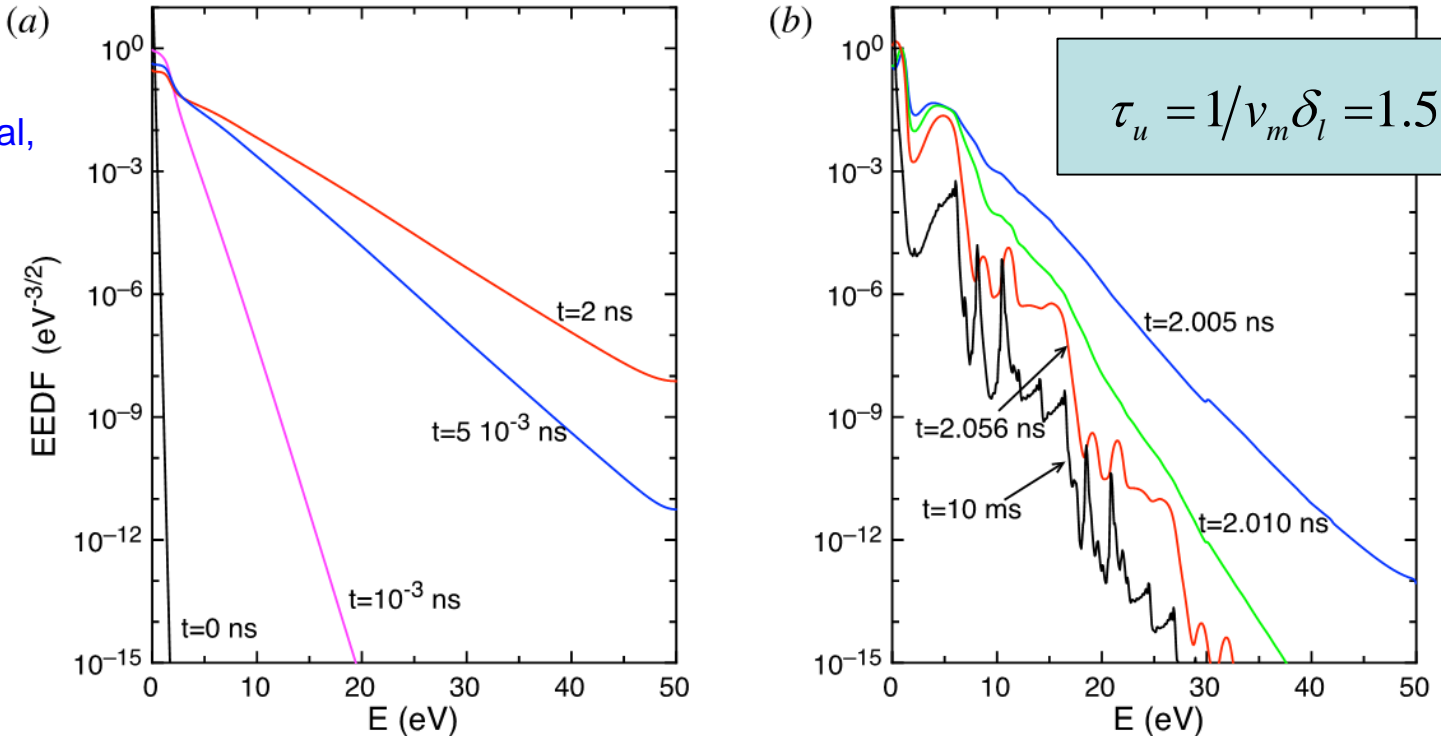


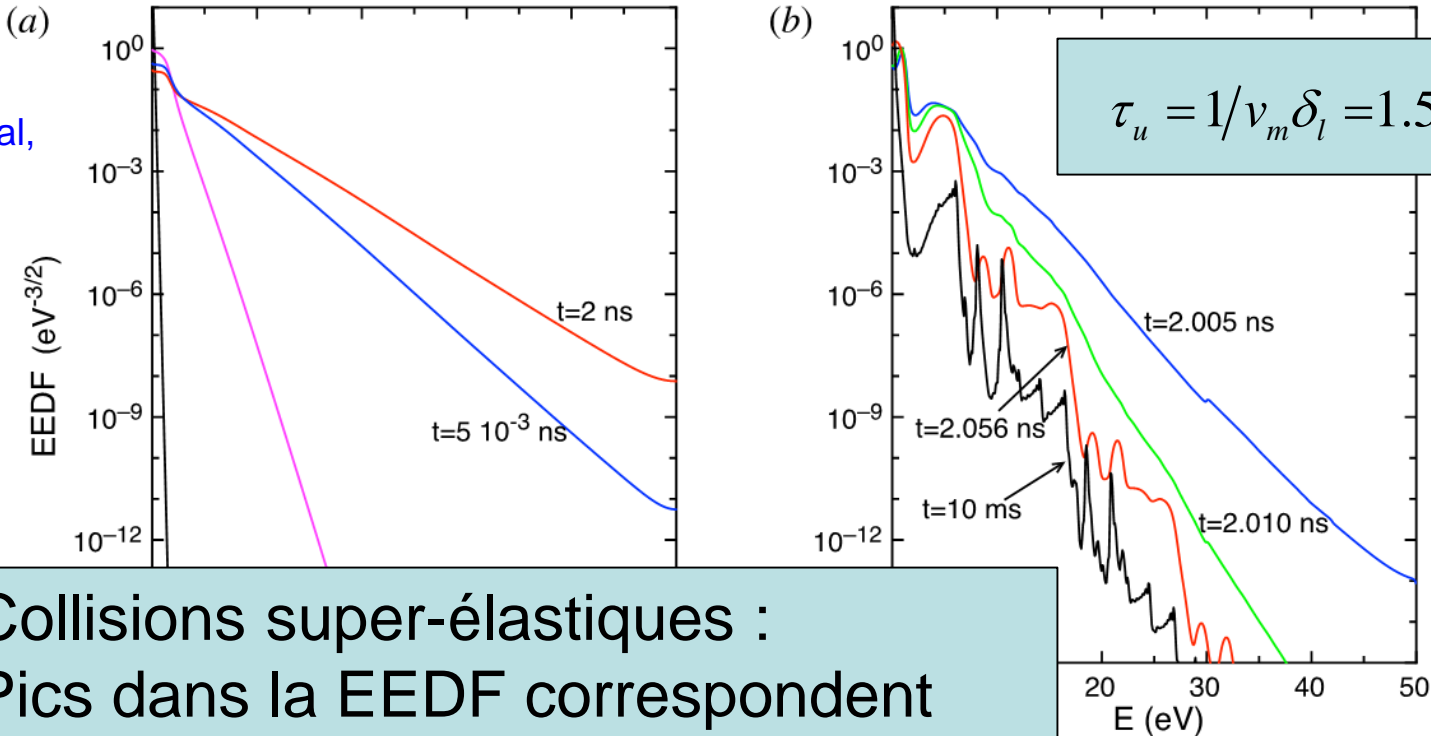
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**Collisions super-élastiques : Pics dans la EEDF correspondent aux énergies des états excités de CO**

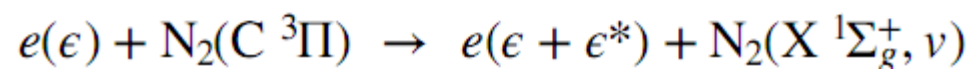
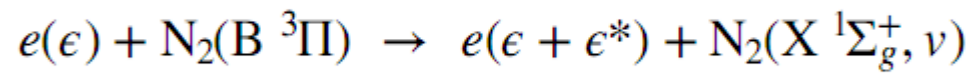
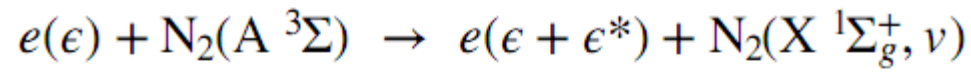
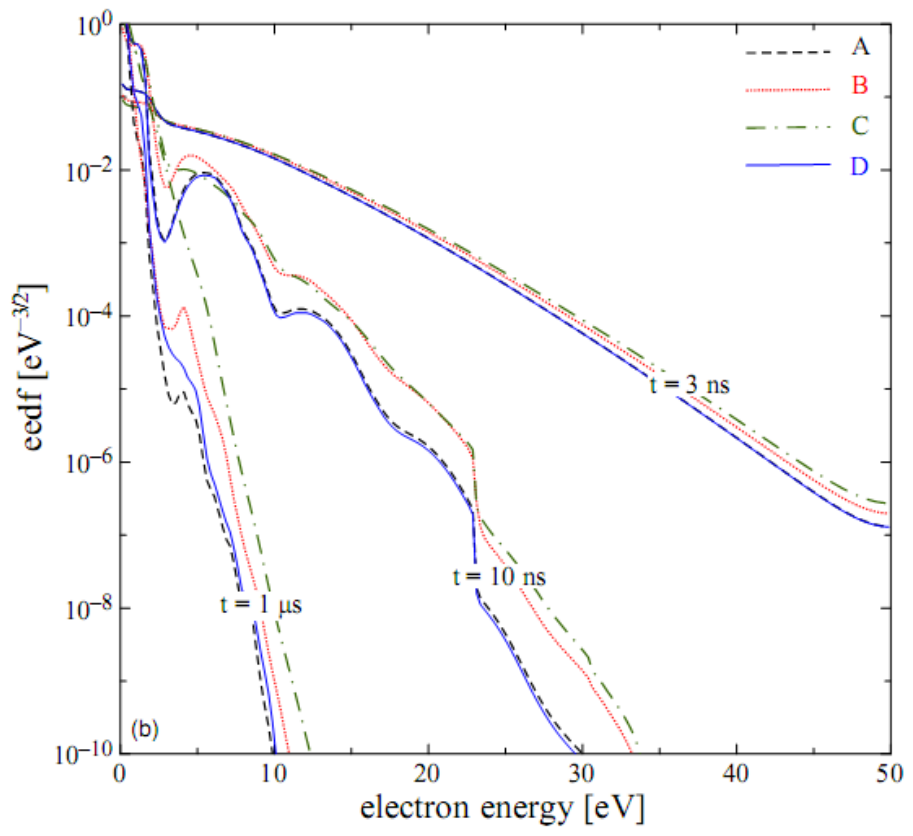
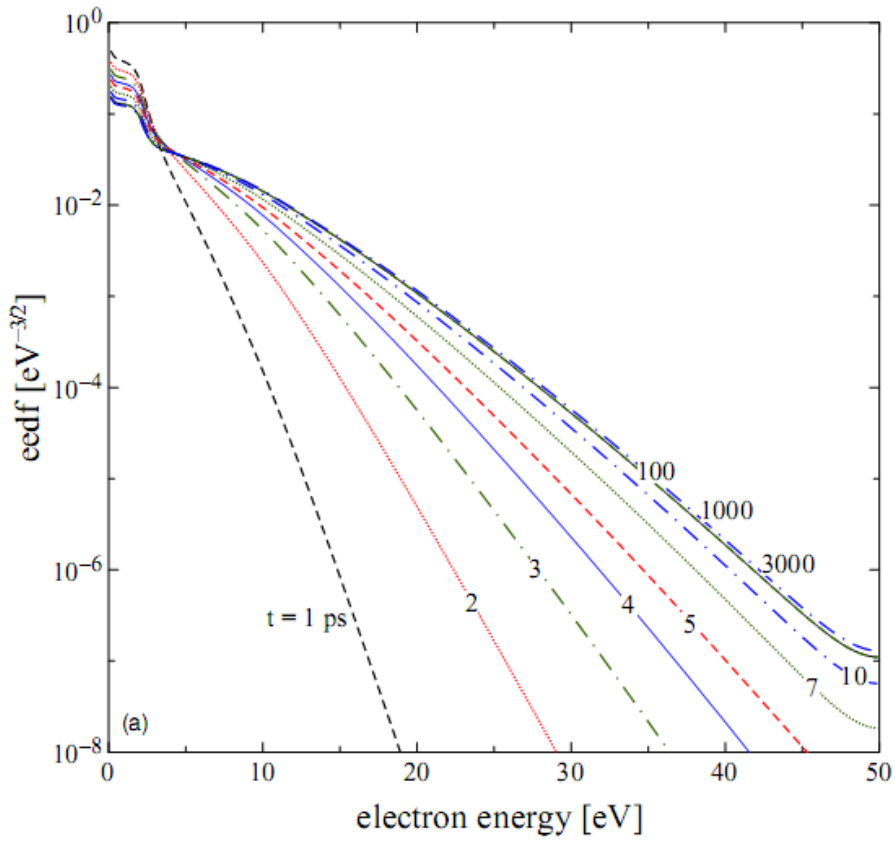
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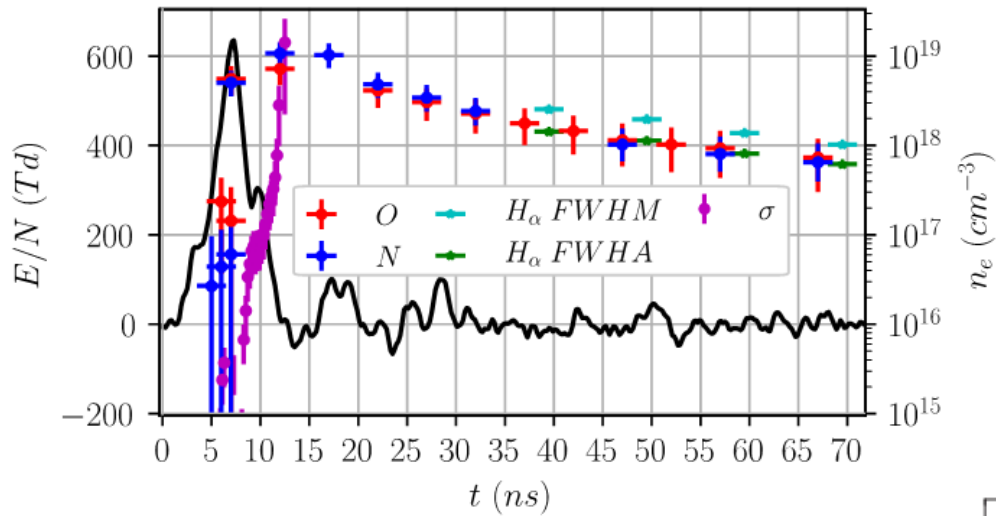
# Exemple faiblement ionisé dans le N<sub>2</sub>

Colonna et al, PSST 2015

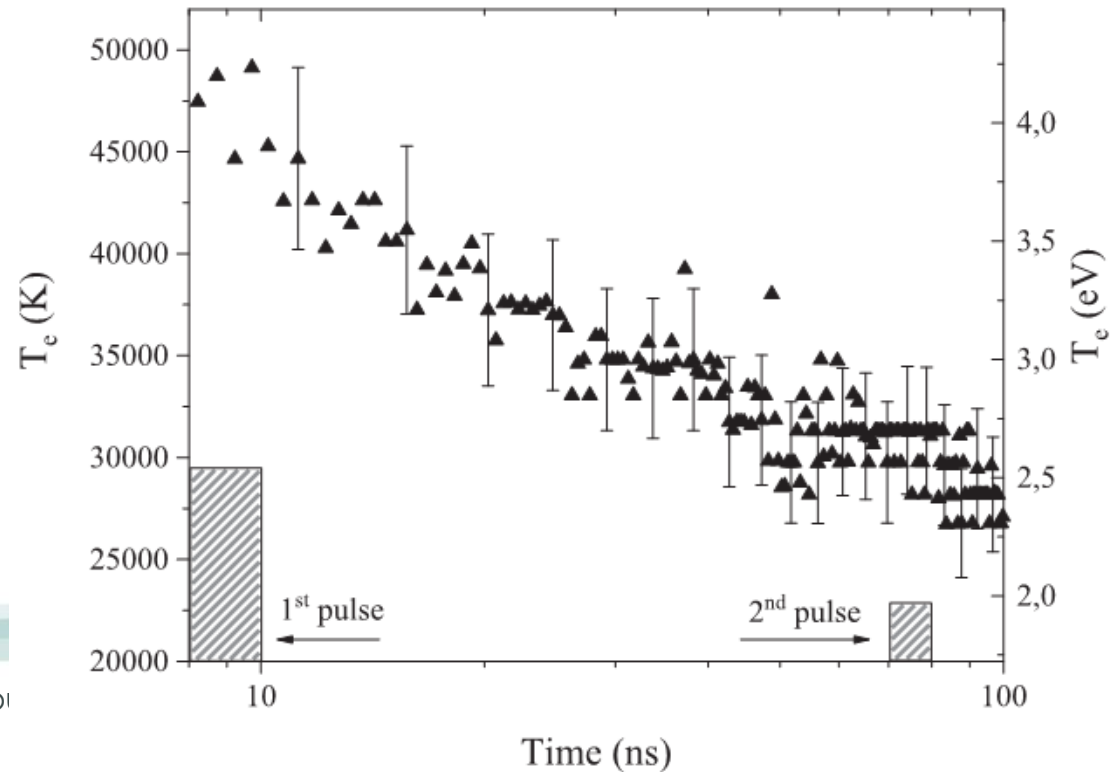


# Exemple fortement ionisé dans l'air

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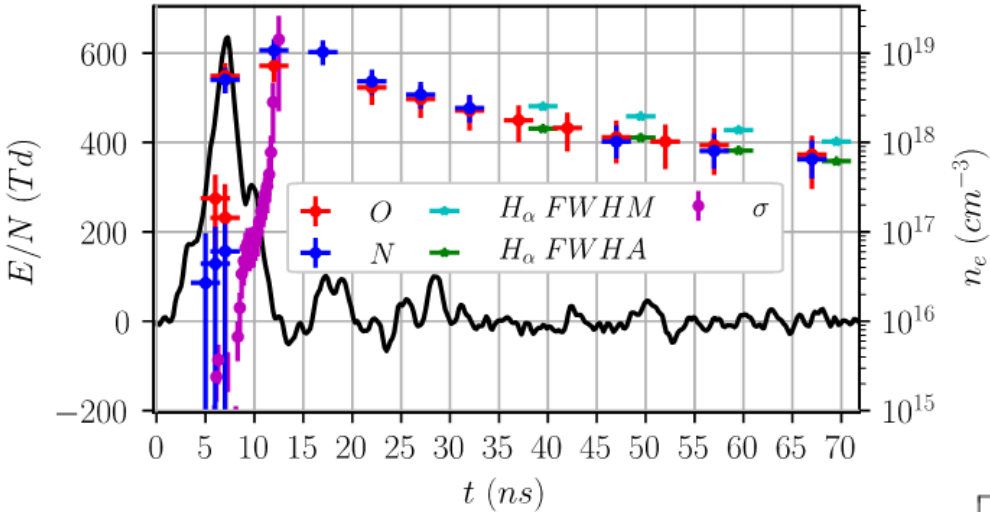


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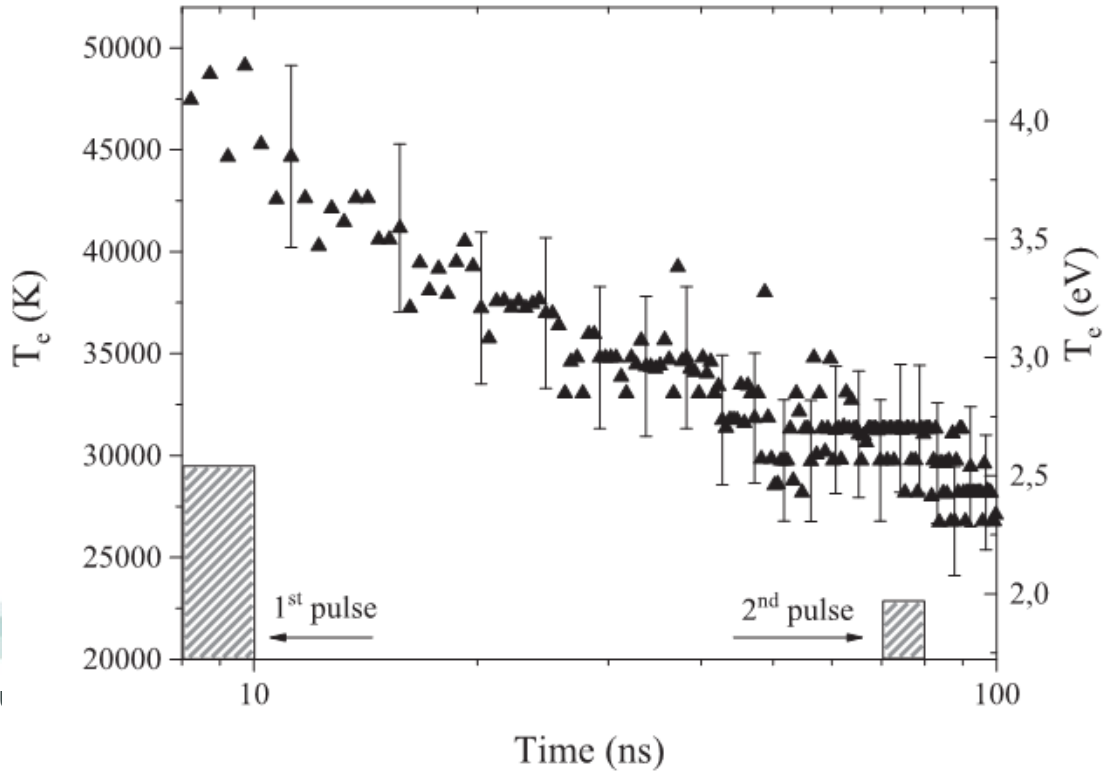


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Densité de gaz  $N$ :  
 $T_g = 350$  K initialement  
 $\times 2$  à cause de  $\sim 100\%$  ionisation  
 $\div 2^3$  à cause d'expansion sphérique

$$v_m = N\sigma_m \sqrt{8k_B T_e / \pi m_e} = 0.22 \text{ THz}$$

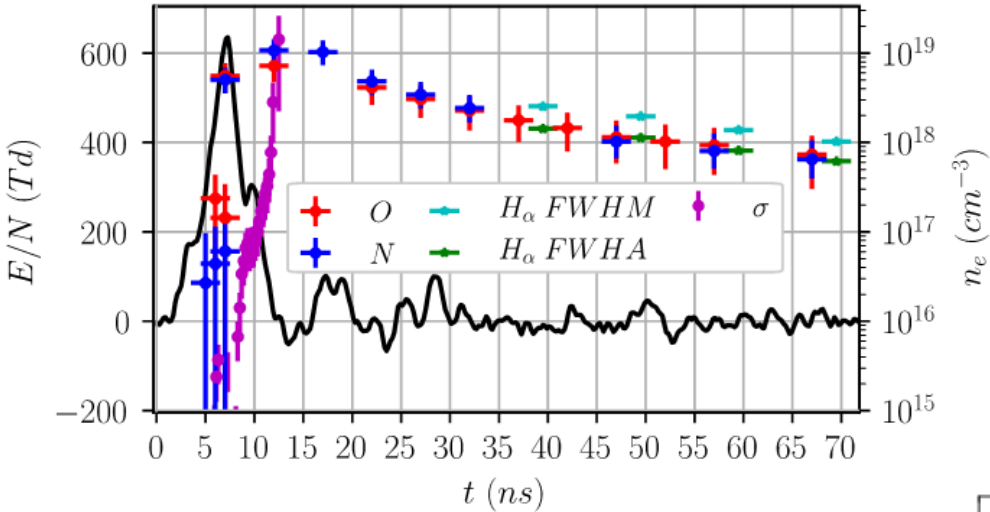
$$\delta_l = 2m_e / m_0 = 7.8 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\tau_u = 1/v_m \delta_l = 58 \text{ ns}$$



# Exemple fortement ionisé dans l'air

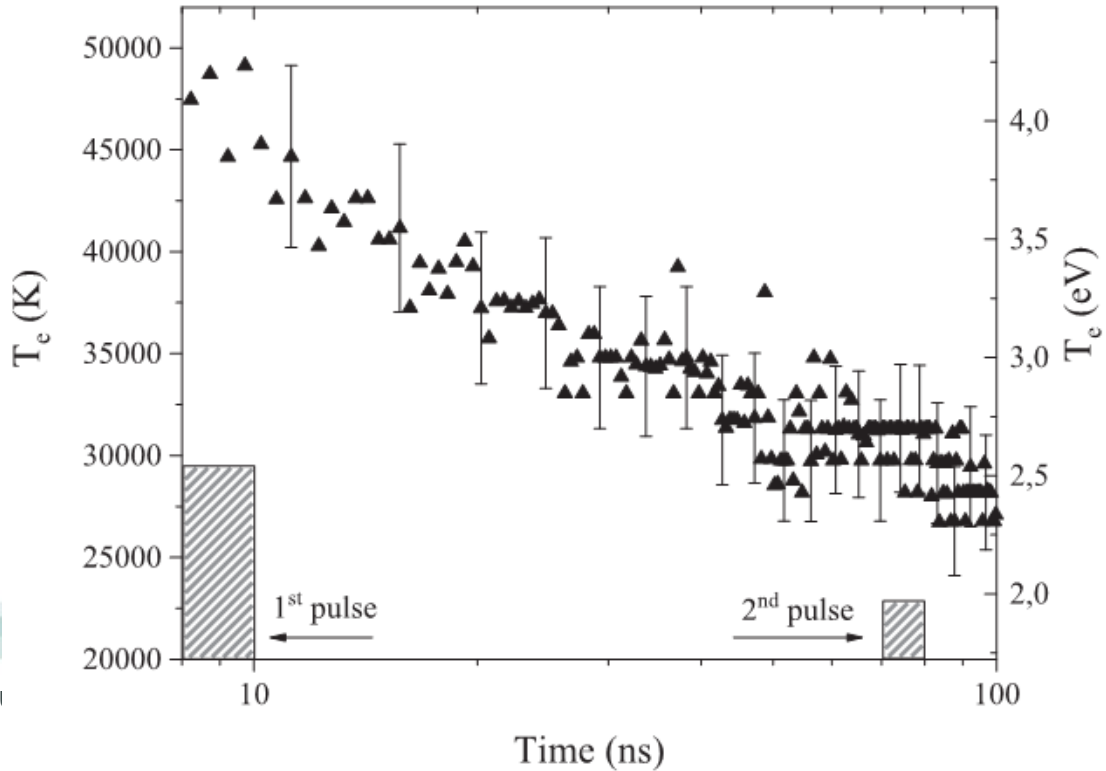
Orrière et al, J Phys D 2018



Attention : collisions électrons-ions

$$v_m = Nv_d Q_N + n_e v_d Q_{coul}$$

Minesi et al, PSST 2020



Densité de gaz  $N$  :  
 $T_g = 350$  K initialement  
 $\times 2$  à cause de  $\sim 100\%$  ionisation  
 $\div 2^3$  à cause d'expansion sphérique

Avec collisions électrons-ions :

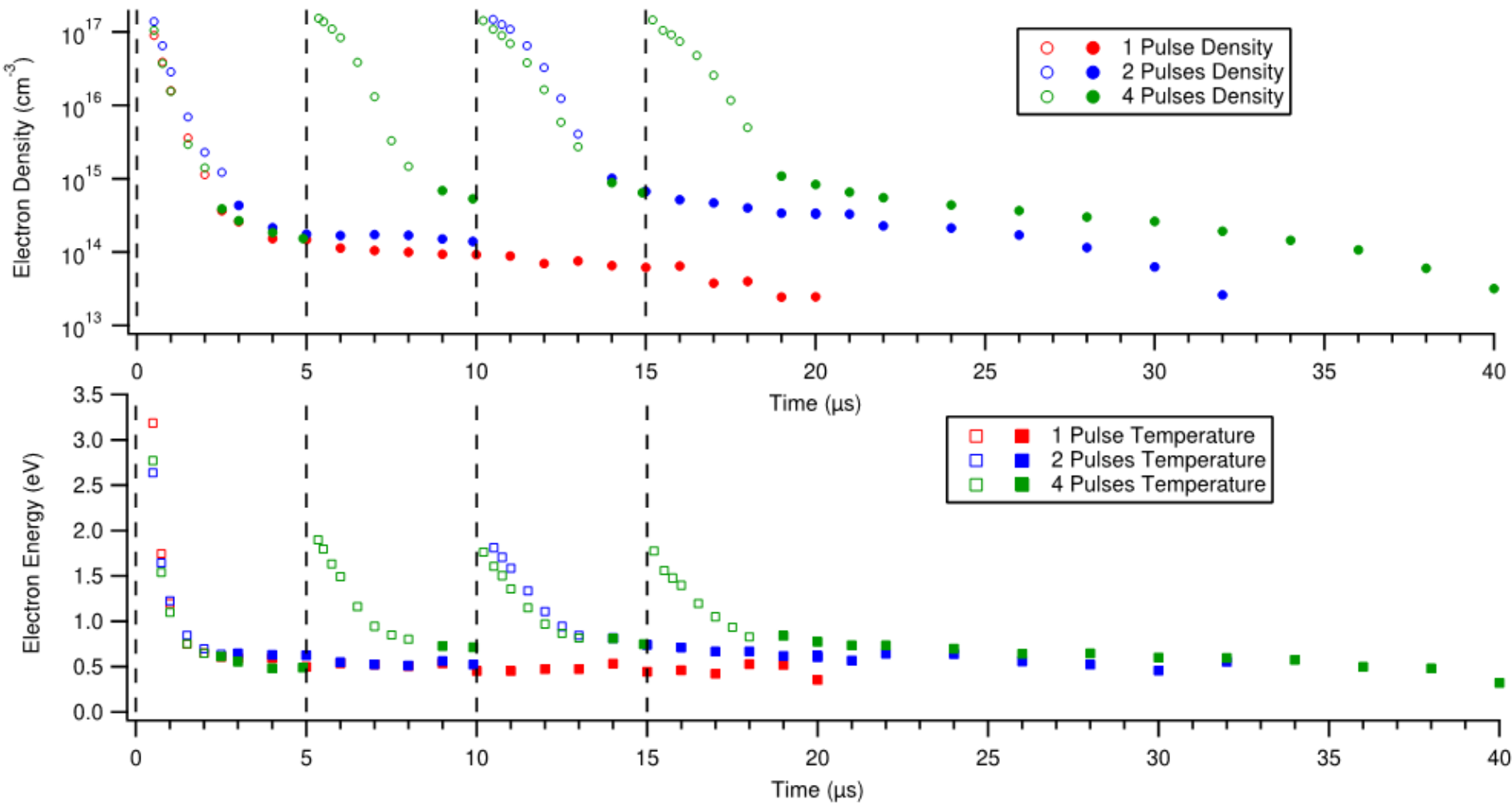
$$v_m = 0.22 - 2.2 \text{ THz}$$

$$\delta_l = 2m_e / m_0 = 7.8 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\tau_u = 1/v_m \delta_l = 5.8 - 58 \text{ ns}$$

# Refroidissement longue des électrons

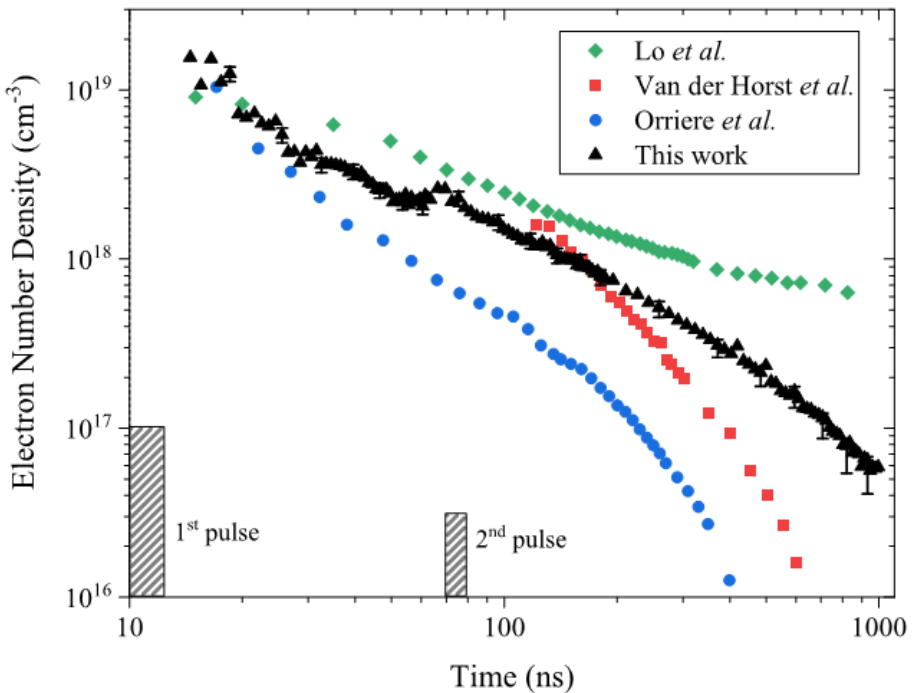
Miles et al, PSST 2020



**Figure 4.** *Top:* Electron densities for three different conditions; 1 pulse, 2 pulses at 100 kHz and 4 pulses at 200 kHz. *Bottom:* electron temperatures for the three conditions. Open and closed symbols indicate whether electron parameters were measured with collective or non-collective Thomson scattering, respectively. The black dashed vertical lines indicate when an additional electrical pulse was applied in the 2 and 4 pulse data sets. Uncertainties for collective data points are approximately 5%, while non-collective data points are 10%.

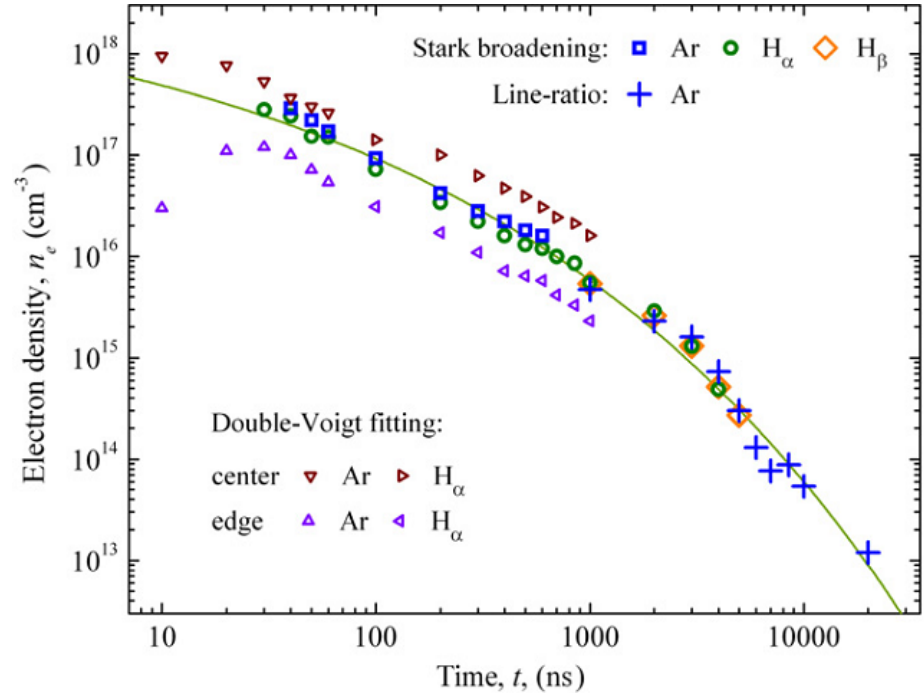
# Gaz moléculaire dissocié versus gaz atomique

Minesi et al, PSST 2020



**Figure 13.** Decay of the electron number density, measured from the Stark broadening of  $H_\alpha$  (black triangles). The increase of  $n_e$  at  $t \approx 70$  ns is caused by the reflected pulse. The measurements performed by van der Horst *et al* in  $N_2 + 0.9\% H_2O$  [12] (red squares), Orrière *et al* in air [13] (blue circles), and Lo *et al* in air [9] (green diamonds) are shown for comparison.

Zhu et al, J Phys D 2012



**Figure 11.** Experimentally measured electron densities in a high-pressure nanosecond pulsed microplasma ( $Ar/Ne = 700/30$  Torr, discharge current lasts for about 100 ns, pulse period 1 ms). In the legend on the right top, ‘line ratio’ refers to the line-ratio method and ‘Stark broadening’ refers to the Stark broadening method using Ar 696.5 nm,  $H_\alpha$  and  $H_\beta$  lines with a single-Voigt fitting procedure. In the legend on the left bottom, ‘centre’ and ‘edge’ denote  $n_{e,centre}$  and  $n_{e,edge}$  obtained with double-Voigt fitting. The solid line shows a function,  $n_e = 6 \times 10^{18} \times \exp(-(t/0.15)^{0.22})$ , where  $n_e$  and  $t$  are in units of  $cm^{-3}$  and ns, respectively.



# Champ électrique

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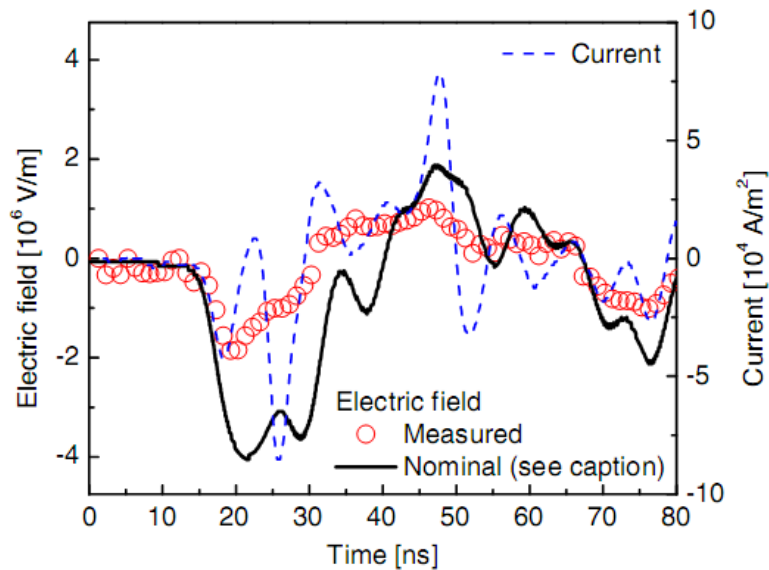


FIG. 1 (color online). Temporal evolution of the nominal electric field (the electric field expected without any space charge: solid curve), electric field at the center of the gap measured by E-CRS (empty circle), and the current (dashed curve).

Ito et al, Phys Rev Lett 2011

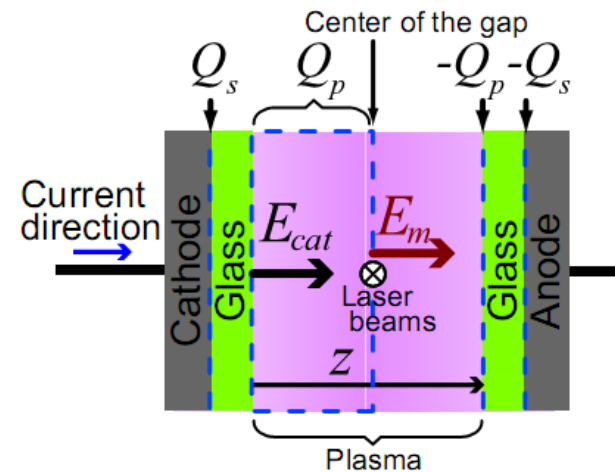


FIG. 2 (color online). A schematic diagram of the discharge system. The arrows illustrate the sign convention of current and electric-field directions employed in this study. The electric field was measured by E-CRS at the center of the electrode gap, and its value is denoted by  $E_m$ . The electric field at the cathode is denoted by  $E_{\text{cat}}$ .

**Table 9.1.** Time scales of various discharge processes under conditions typical of discharge in cw CO<sub>2</sub> lasers (CO<sub>2</sub> + N<sub>2</sub> + He);  $p \sim 10\text{--}100$  Torr,  $N \sim 10^{18}\text{--}10^{19}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $T \sim 300\text{--}500$  K,  $E/p \sim 10$  V/(cm·Torr),  $T_e \approx 1$  eV,  $T_V \approx 2000\text{--}5000$  K,  $n_e \sim 10^{10}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\Lambda \sim 1$  cm<sup>a)</sup>

| Process                             | Characteristic time                 | Duration, s                |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Space-charge relaxation          | $\tau_\sigma = 1/4\pi\sigma$        | $10^{-10}\text{--}10^{-9}$ |
| 2. Collisional energy transfer      |                                     |                            |
| (1) electron temperature relaxation | $\tau_u = 1/\nu_m\delta_1$          | $10^{-9}\text{--}10^{-8}$  |
| (2) gas heating                     | $\tau_T = Nc_{p1}T/\sigma E^2$      | $10^{-3}\text{--}10^{-2}$  |
| (3) pumping of molecular vibrations | $\tau_V = N_Mc_V T_V/\sigma E^2$    | $10^{-3}\text{--}10^{-2}$  |
| (4) vibrational relaxation          | $\tau_{VT}$                         | $10^{-4}\text{--}10^{-2}$  |
| 3. Collision kinetics               |                                     |                            |
| (1) ionization                      | $\tau_i = (k_i N)^{-1}$             | $10^{-5}\text{--}10^{-4}$  |
| (2) attachment                      | $\tau_a = (k_a N)^{-1}$             | $10^{-6}\text{--}10^{-5}$  |
| (3) detachment                      | $\tau_d = (k_d N)^{-1}$             | $10^{-6}\text{--}10^{-5}$  |
| (4) electron excitation             | $\tau^* = (k^* N)^{-1}$             | $10^{-6}\text{--}10^{-4}$  |
| (5) electron-ion recombination      | $\tau_{rec}^e = (\beta_e n_+)^{-1}$ | $10^{-4}\text{--}10^{-3}$  |
| (6) ion-ion recombination           | $\tau_{rec}^- = (\beta_- n_+)^{-1}$ | $10^{-4}\text{--}10^{-3}$  |
| 4. Transport processes              |                                     |                            |
| (1) pressure levelling (sound)      | $\tau_s = \Lambda/c_s$              | $10^{-5}\text{--}10^{-4}$  |
| (2) heat conduction of the gas      | $\tau_\chi = \Lambda^2/\chi$        | $10^{-2}$                  |
| (3) ambipolar diffusion             | $\tau_{da} = \Lambda^2/D_a$         | $10^{-2}$                  |
| (4) electron heat conduction        | $\tau_\chi^e = \Lambda^2/\chi_e$    | $10^{-5}$                  |

Temps de Maxwell

En unités SI :

$$\tau_\sigma = \epsilon_0 / \sigma$$

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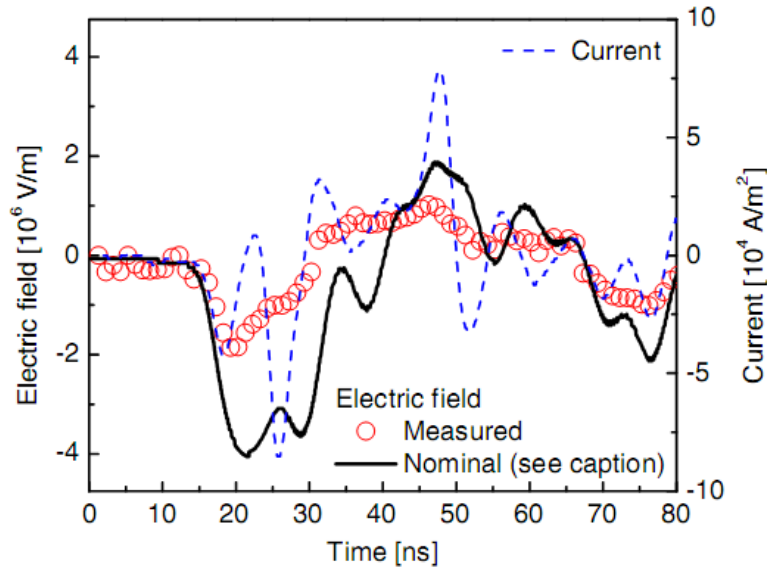


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$$n_e \approx 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$v_m \approx 3 \text{ THz}$$

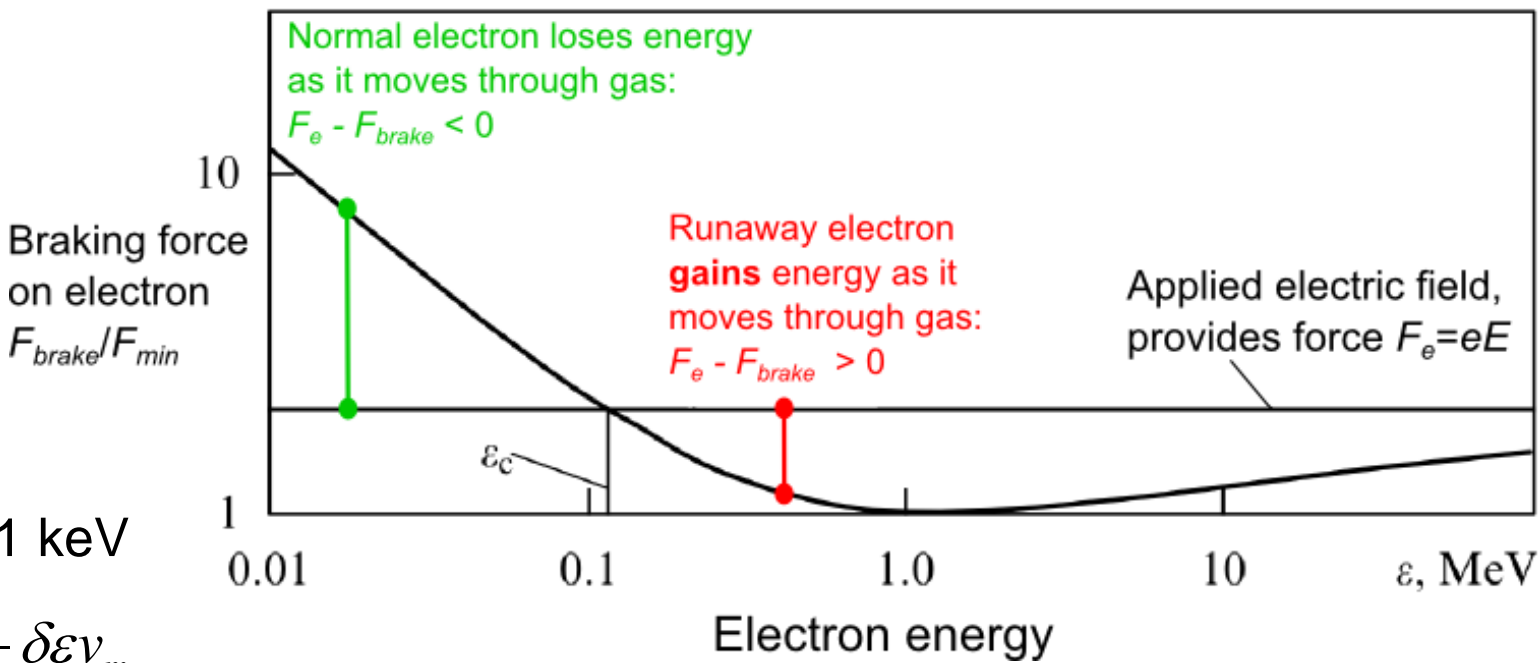
$$\sigma = e^2 n_e / m_e v_m \approx 0.01 \text{ } \Omega^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$\tau_\sigma = \varepsilon_0 / \sigma \approx 1 \text{ ns}$$

Déjà une première idée de l'échelle du temps, à détailler après...

# Electrons « runaway »

Gurevich & Zybin, Physics Uspekhi 2001



- électrons  $\varepsilon < 1$  keV

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = eE v_d - \delta\varepsilon v_m$$

- électrons  $\varepsilon \gg 1$  keV  $\rightarrow$  collisions de Coulomb (électron-ion)

$$\frac{1}{v_d} \frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = eE - F_{brake}$$

$$Q_{coul} \propto 1 / \varepsilon^2$$

$$F_{brake} \propto \varepsilon Q_{coul} N \propto 1 / \varepsilon$$

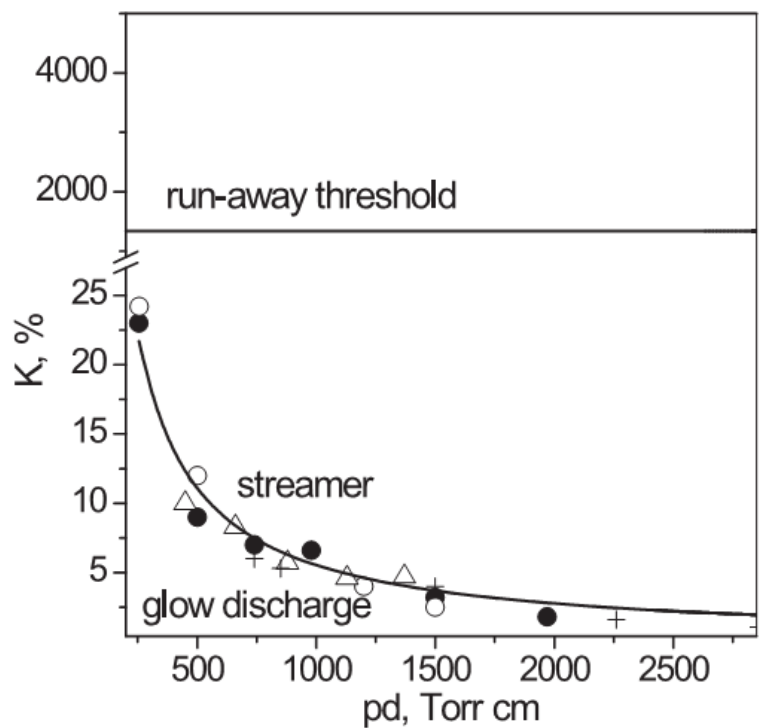
Lieberman & Lichtenberg p. 56  
Mitchner & Kruger p. 58





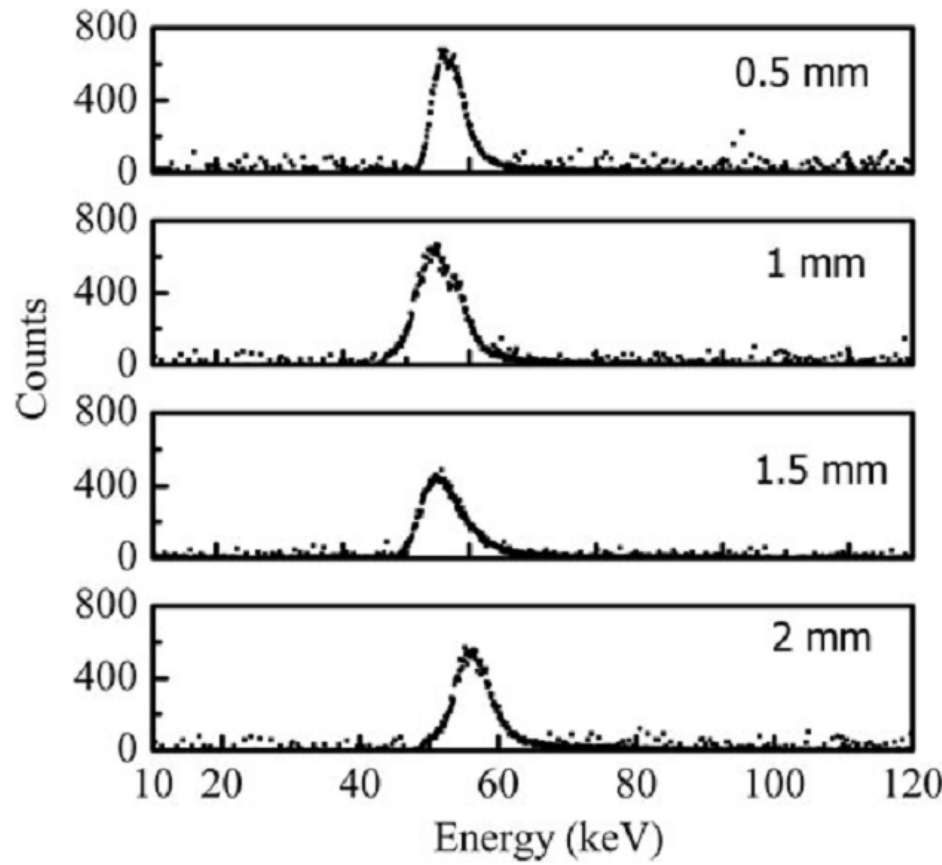
# Electrons « runaway »

Starikovskaia et al, PSST 2001



**Figure 1.** Regions of breakdown development for various mechanisms depending upon the overvoltage in air. The curve which separates the glow discharge and the streamer is taken from [2]. In various points designate different experimental data. The horizontal line represents the runaway threshold for a uniform stationary electric field.

Shao et al, Lasers & Particle Beams 2012



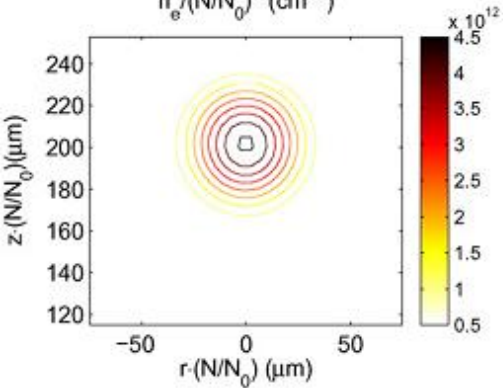
**Fig. 7.** Energy distribution of X-ray radiation with the cathodes of different curvature radiuses (0.5 mm, 1 mm, 1.5 mm, and 2 mm). Pulser #1. Gap spacing: 8 cm.

# DYNAMIQUE DES DECHARGES: TRAITEMENT 1D À 3D

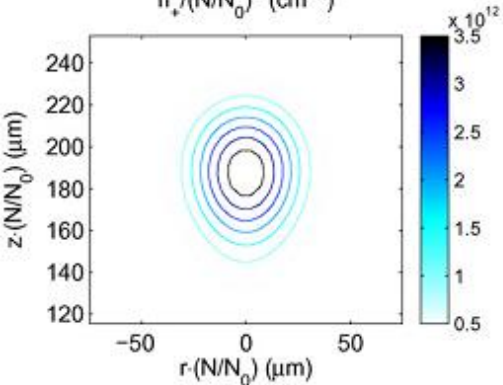
# Transition avalanche-streamer

avalanche

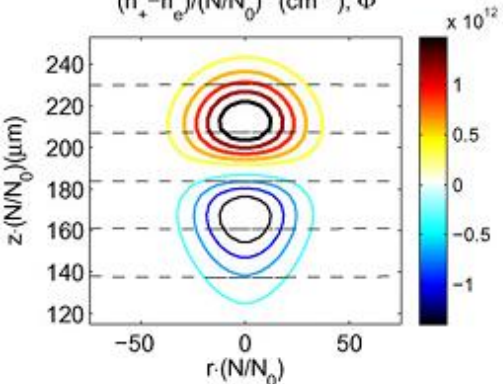
$n_e/(N/N_0)^2$  (cm<sup>-3</sup>)



$n_+/(N/N_0)^2$  (cm<sup>-3</sup>)



$(n_+ - n_e)/(N/N_0)^2$  (cm<sup>-3</sup>),  $\Phi$



Au départ, l'expansion du nuage des électrons est pilotée par la diffusion:

$$R = \sqrt{2Dt}$$

$$dR/dt = \sqrt{D/2t} \propto t^{-1/2}$$

Mais la diffusion est dépassée par la répulsion une fois la densité de charge devient important:

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \mu_e E' \propto \exp(v_{i0}t)$$

Parce que :

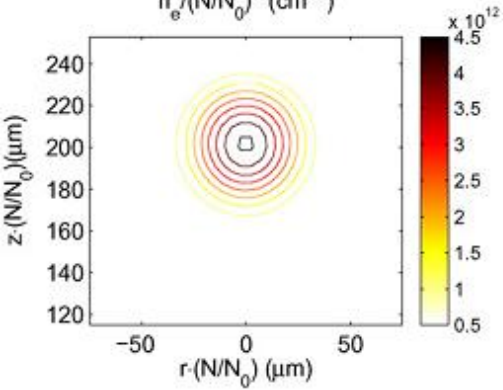
$$E' = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{eN_e}{R^2}$$

$$N_e = n_{e0} \exp(v_{i0}t)$$

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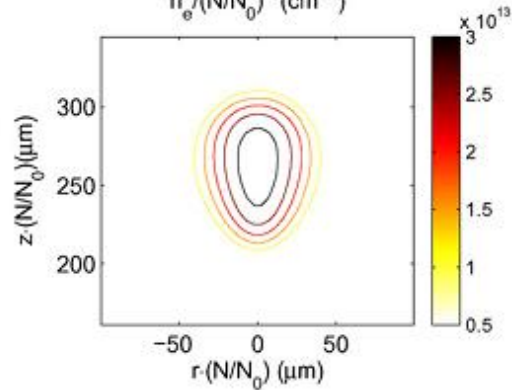
avalanche

$n_e/(N/N_0)^2$  (cm<sup>-3</sup>)

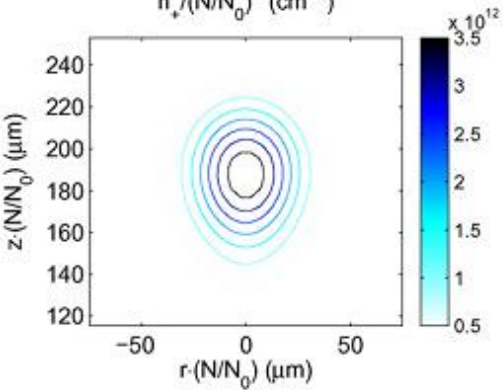


transition

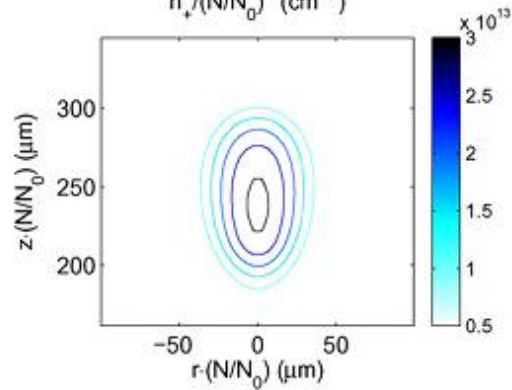
$n_e/(N/N_0)^2$  (cm<sup>-3</sup>)



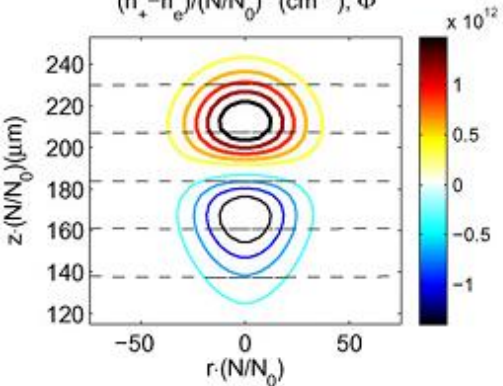
$n_+/(N/N_0)^2$  (cm<sup>-3</sup>)



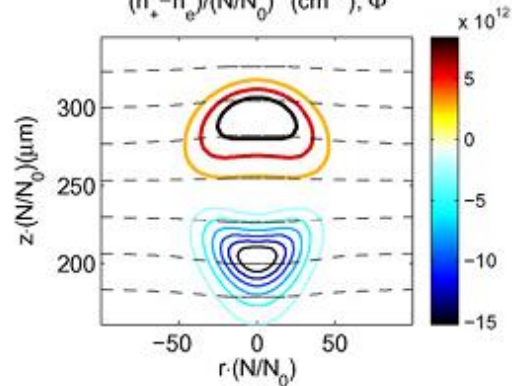
$n_+/(N/N_0)^2$  (cm<sup>-3</sup>)



$(n_+ - n_e)/(N/N_0)^2$  (cm<sup>-3</sup>),  $\Phi$



$(n_+ - n_e)/(N/N_0)^2$  (cm<sup>-3</sup>),  $\Phi$



Le temps caractéristique de l'expansion du nuage est déterminé par le temps de Maxwell

$$E' = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{eN_e}{R^2}$$

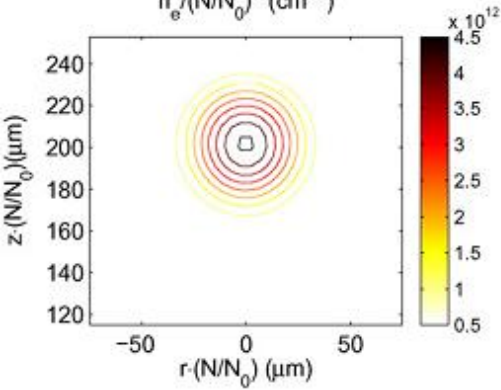
$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \mu_e E' = \frac{R}{3\epsilon_0} \underbrace{\left( \frac{3N_e}{4\pi R^3} \cdot e\mu_e \right)}_{\sigma}$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{R}{\tau_\sigma}$$

# Transition avalanche-streamer

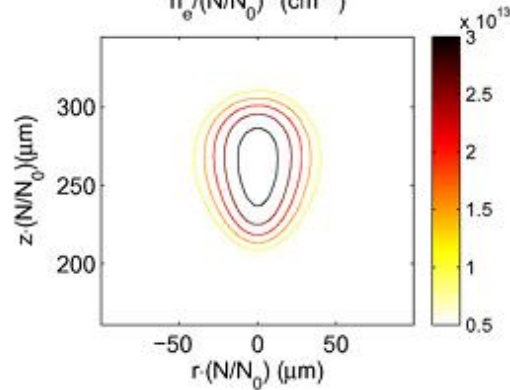
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$n_e/(N/N_0)^2$  (cm<sup>-3</sup>)



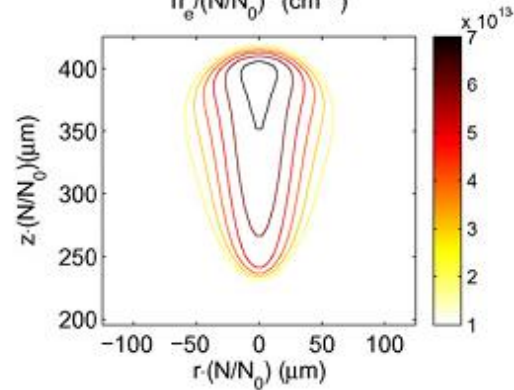
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$n_e/(N/N_0)^2$  (cm<sup>-3</sup>)



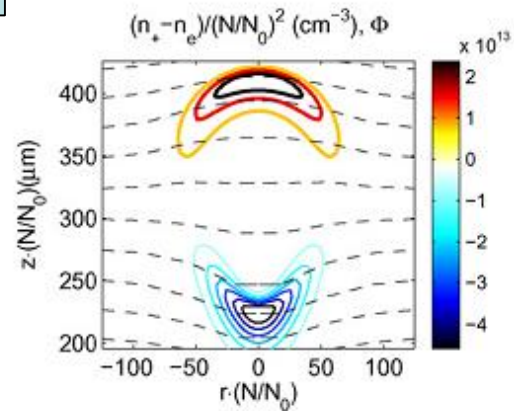
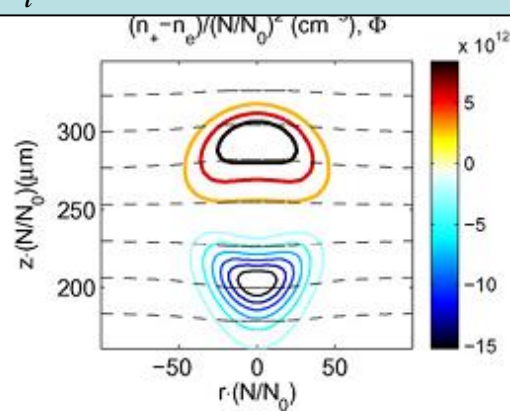
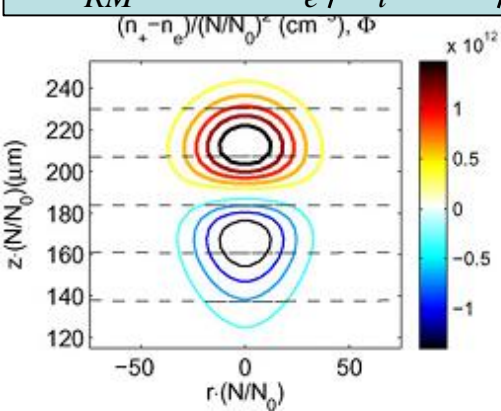
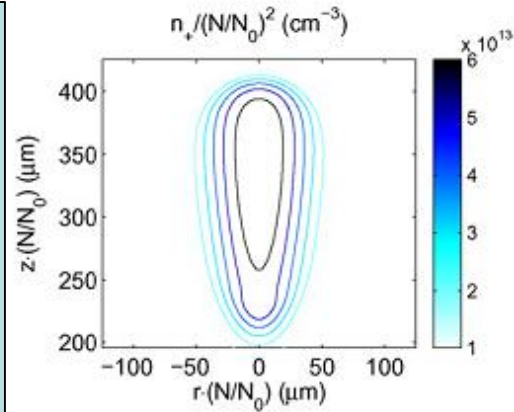
streamer

$n_e/(N/N_0)^2$  (cm<sup>-3</sup>)



Montijn & Ebert,  
J Phys D 2006

Critère de Raether-Meek pour la transition:  
 $E' \approx E_a$   
 $N_e = \exp(\alpha d) = \exp(v_i \tau_{RM})$   
 $\tau_{RM} = \ln N_e / v_i \approx 18 / v_i$



# Propagation du streamer

Sébastien Célestin, PhD Thesis, Ecole Centrale Paris, 2008

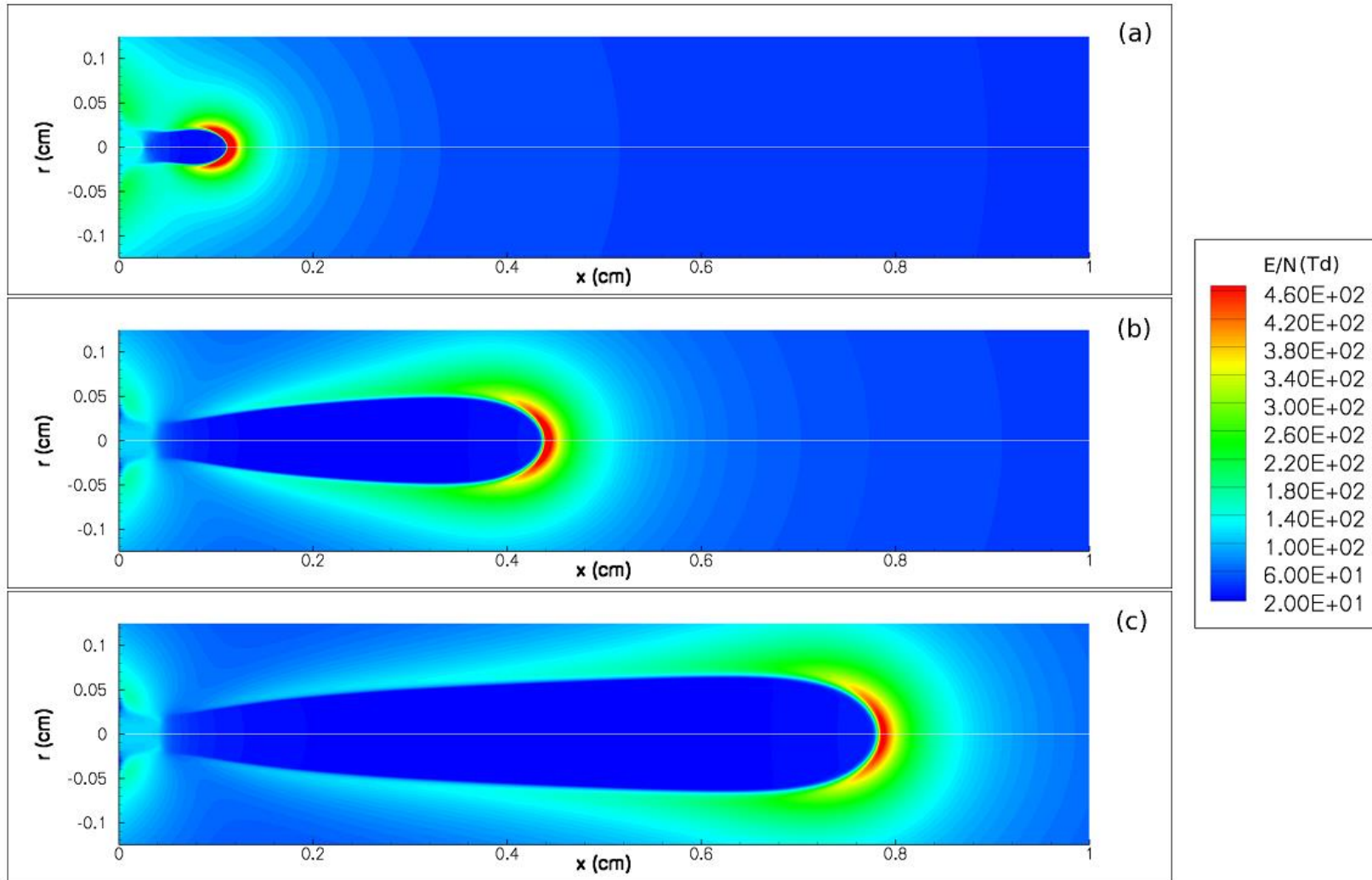


Figure II.8: Cross-sectional view of the distribution of the electric field at different times, computed using the upwind scheme. (a)  $t = 2.5$  ns. (b)  $t = 8.5$  ns. (c)  $t = 14.5$  ns. ( $1 \text{ Td} = 10^{-17} \text{ V cm}^2$ ).

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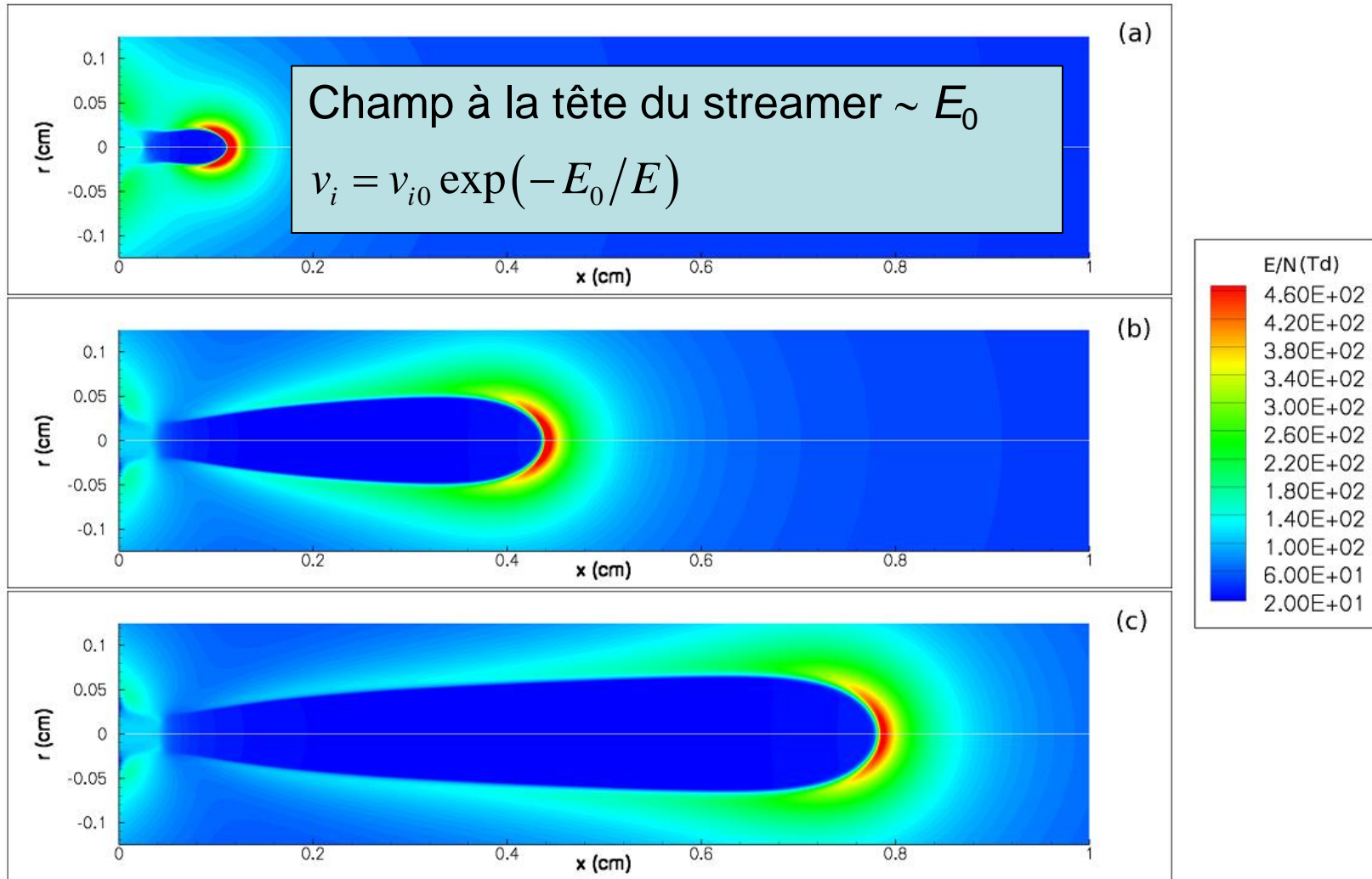


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D'yakonov & Kachorovskii, Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. (Soviet JETP), 1988

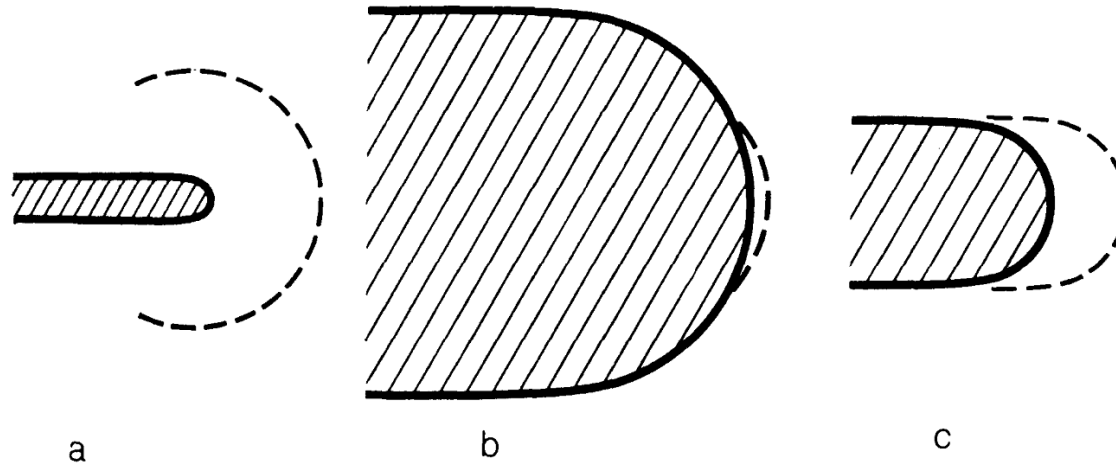


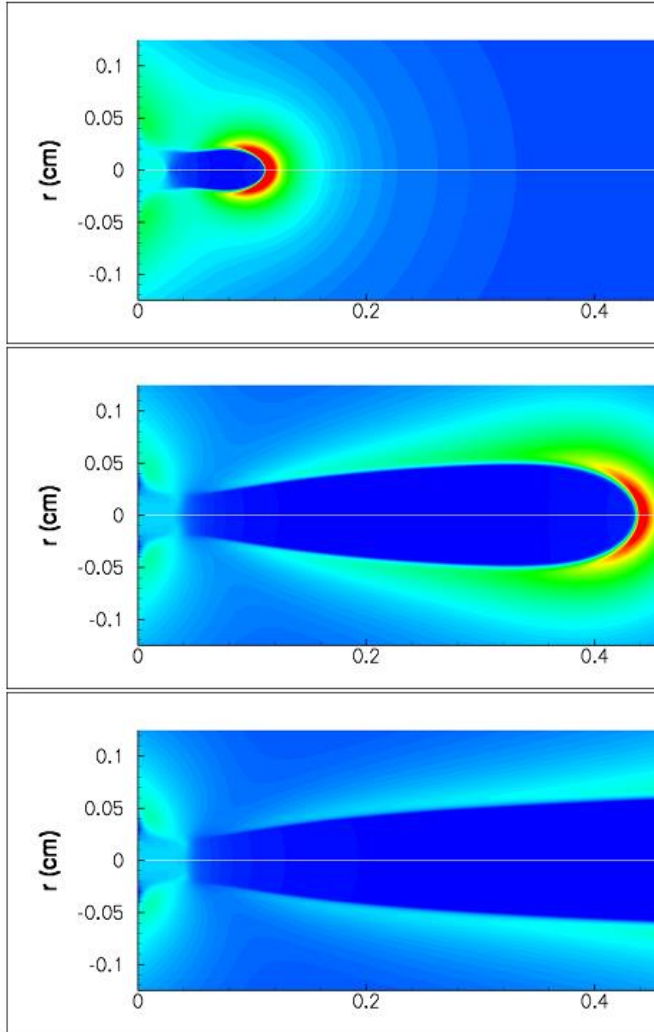
FIG. 1. Diagram explaining the relation  $E_m \sim E_0$ . The shaded region is the streamer head. The impact-ionization region is bounded by the dashed line: a— $E_m \gg E_0$ , b— $E_m \ll E_0$ , c— $E_m \sim E_0$ .

$$v_i = v_{i0} \exp(-E_0/E)$$



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D'yakonov & Kachorovskii, Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. (Soviet JETP), 1988  
 Bazelyan & Raizer, "Spark Discharge", 1998  
 Kulikovskiy, Phys Rev E, 1998

Ionisation peut progresser tant que le champ n'est pas écranté :

$$1/\tau_\sigma = \varepsilon_0/\sigma \approx v_{i0}$$

Le temps nécessaire pour l'écrantage :

$$e\mu_e n_{e0} \exp(v_{i0}\tau) \approx \varepsilon_0 v_{i0}$$

$$\tau \approx \frac{\ln(\varepsilon_0 v_{i0}/e\mu_e n_{e0})}{v_{i0}} = \frac{\ln(n_e/n_{e0})}{v_{i0}}$$

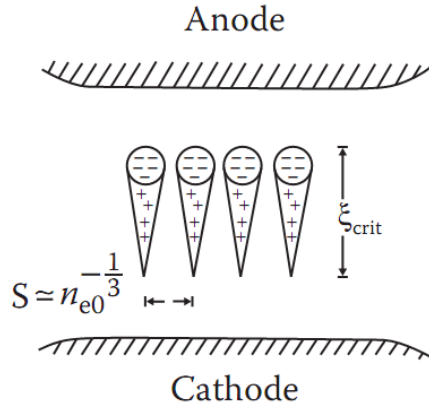
L'écrantage a lieu dans la tête du streamer :

$$v_s \approx \frac{R}{\tau} = \frac{v_{i0}R}{\ln(N/n_{e0})}$$

Figure II.8: Cross-sectional view of computed using the upwind scheme. (a)  $t = 2.5$  ns. (b)  $t = 8.5$  ns. (c)  $t = 14.5$  ns. ( $T_d = 10^{-17}$  V cm<sup>2</sup>).

# Préionisation

Palmer, APL 1974  
Levatter et Lin, JAP 1980



Lorsque les nuages sont toujours diffusifs :

$$t = \xi_{crit} / v_d$$

$$R_{crit} = \sqrt{2Dt} = \sqrt{\frac{2D\xi_{crit}}{\mu_e E}}$$

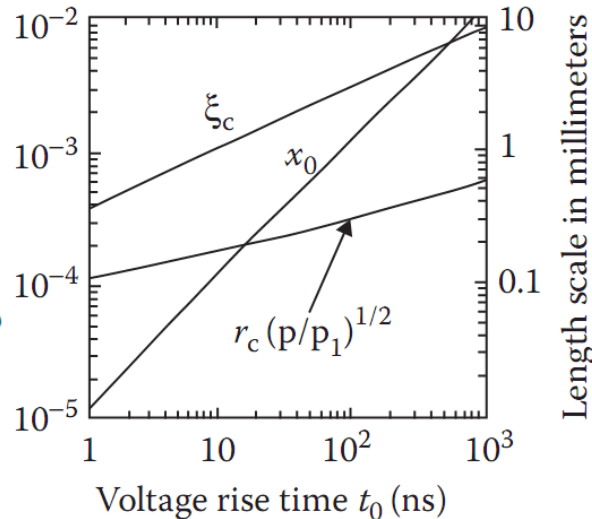
Empêchement de la transition avalanche-streamer par chevauchement des nuages :

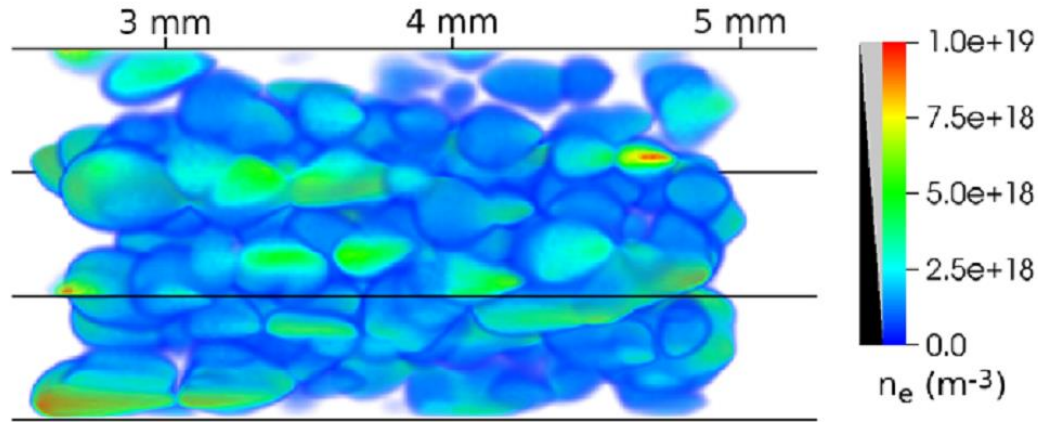
$$\alpha \xi_{crit} \approx 18 \quad (\text{critère Raether-Meek})$$

$$n_{e0} > 1/R_{crit}^3$$

Dans l'air à 1 atm:

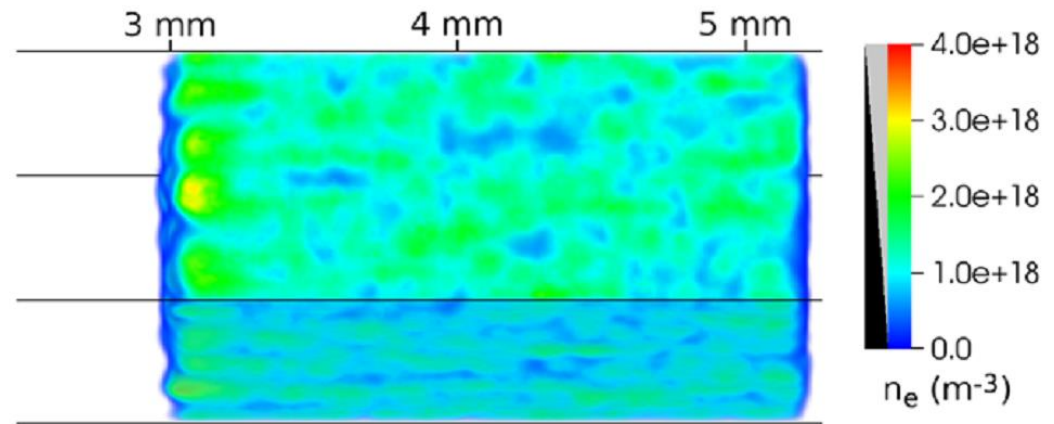
$$\alpha = 1000 \text{ cm}^{-1}, D/\mu_e = 15 \text{ V}, E = 100 \text{ kV/cm} \rightarrow \xi_{crit} = 160 \text{ }\mu\text{m}, R_{crit} = 24 \text{ }\mu\text{m}, n_{e0} > 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$





Teunissen et al, J Phys D, 2014

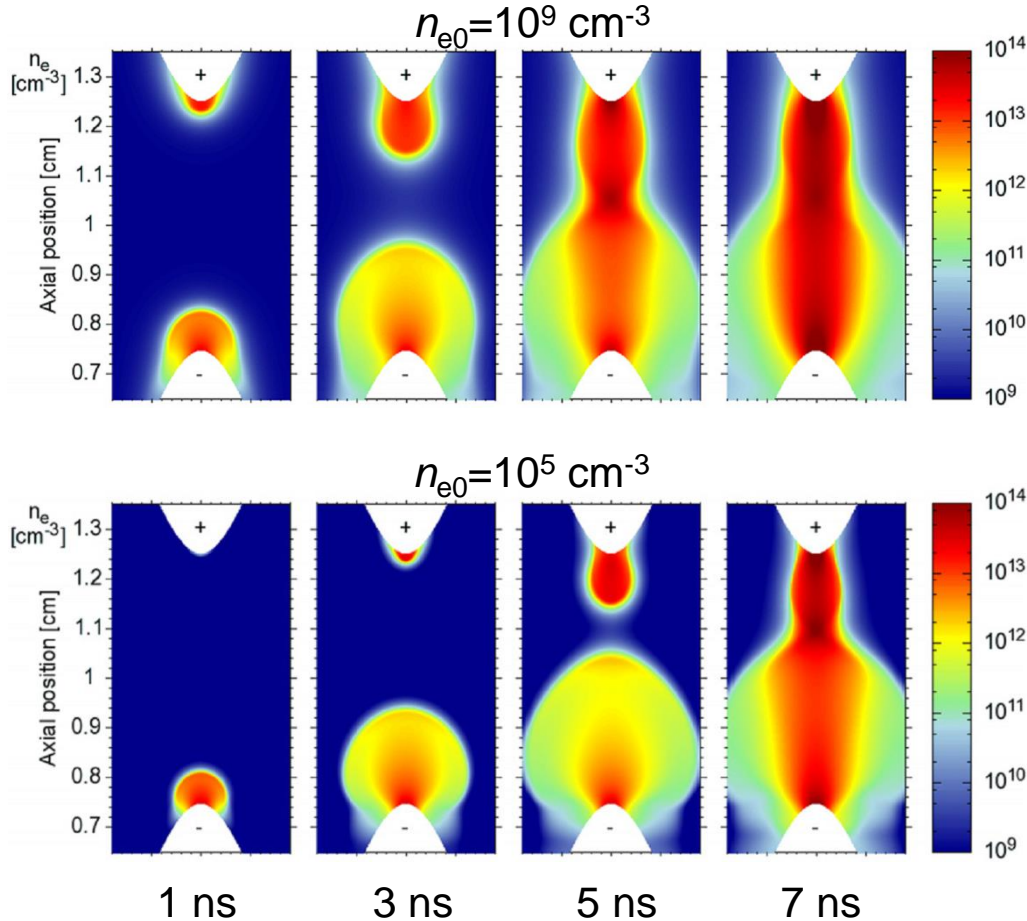
**Figure 7.** The electron density in the 3D particle model at 5.25 ns, for an initial density of  $n_0 = 10^{11} \text{ m}^{-3}$ .



**Figure 5.** The electron density in the 3D particle model at 4.05 ns, for an initial density of  $n_0 = 10^{13} \text{ m}^{-3}$ . (This figure is made using volume rendering; transparency is indicated in the legend.)

# Préionisation

Tholin et Bourdon, J Phys D 2011

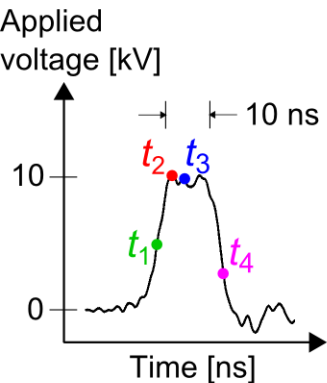


À  $T_g = 300 \text{ K}$  dans l'air à 1 atm :

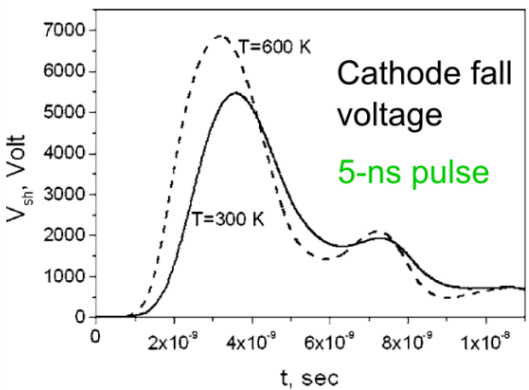
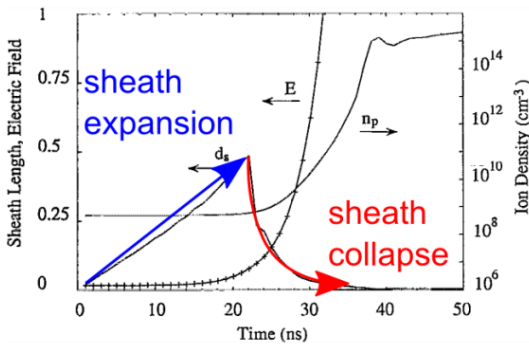
- la préionisation est portée par les ions négatifs/positifs
- photo-ionisation n'est plus nécessaire pour la propagation des streamers

Changement de la vitesse de propagation des streamers

# Région cathodique



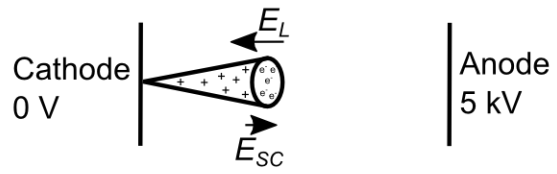
$E_L = \text{Laplacian field}$   
 $E_{SC} = \text{space-charge field}$   
 $E = E_L + E_{SC}$



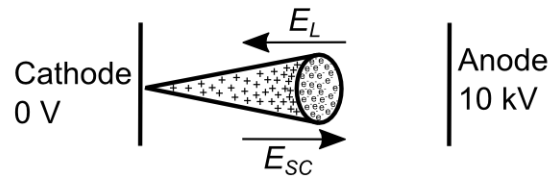
Belasri et al, JAP 1993

Macheret et al, Phys Plasmas 2006

$t_1$   
Avalanche

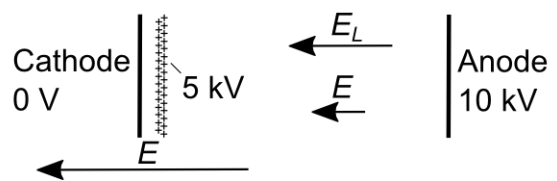


$t_2$   
Cathode sheath expansion



- Electrons "swept out", leaving ion layer
- Continues until  $E_L = E_{SC}$

$t_3$   
Cathode sheath collapse

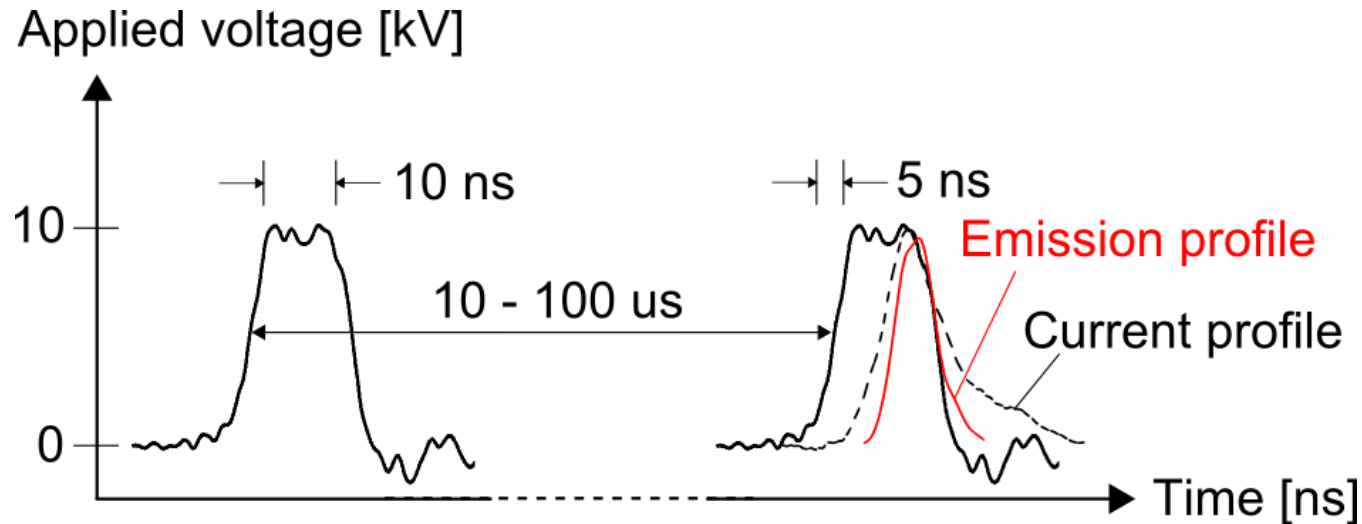


- Streamer-like ionization front moves plasma-sheath boundary



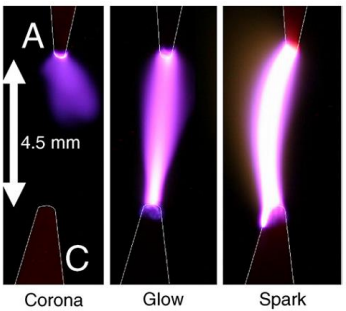
# REGIMES DES DECHARGES

# Nanosecond Repetitively Pulsed (NRP) discharges

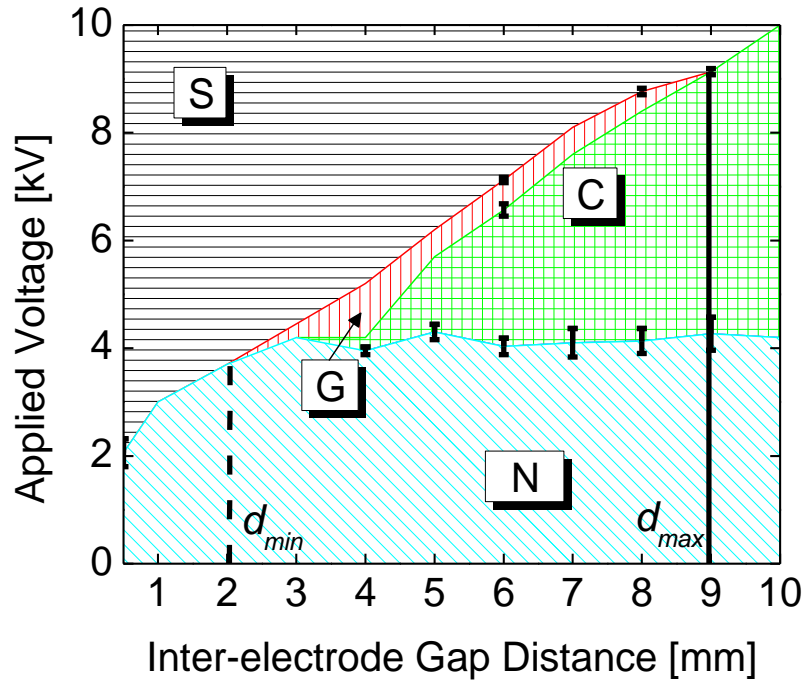
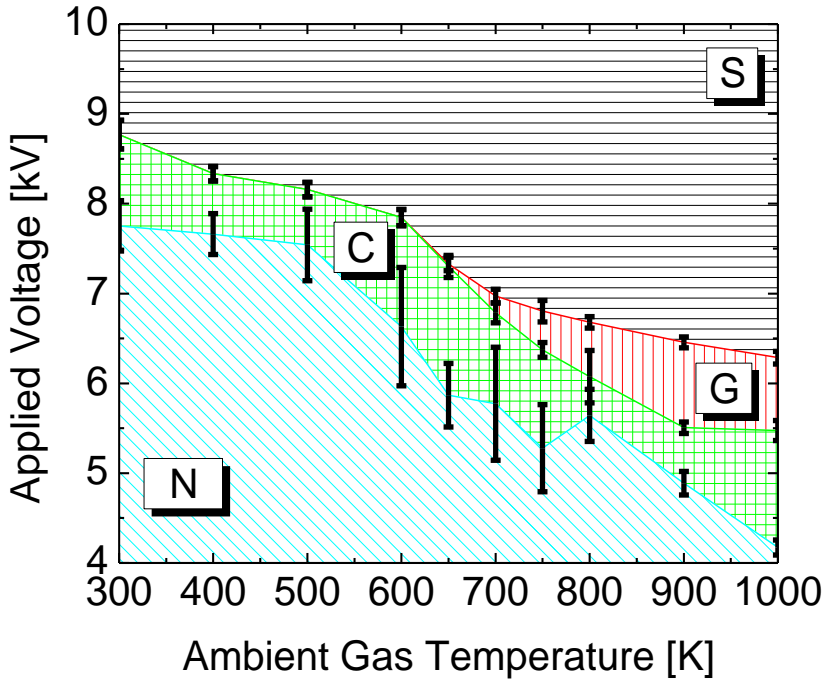


- Utiliser une Pulse Repetition Frequency (PRF) élevée
  - $1/PRF < \text{temps de recombinaison du plasma (électrons, espèces radicaux, métastables)}$
  - Accumulation des espèces
  - Augmentation du niveau de préionisation

# Régimes des décharges NRP



Pai et al, JAP 2010



Carte des régimes selon la tension appliquée en fonction de la température du gaz ambiant.

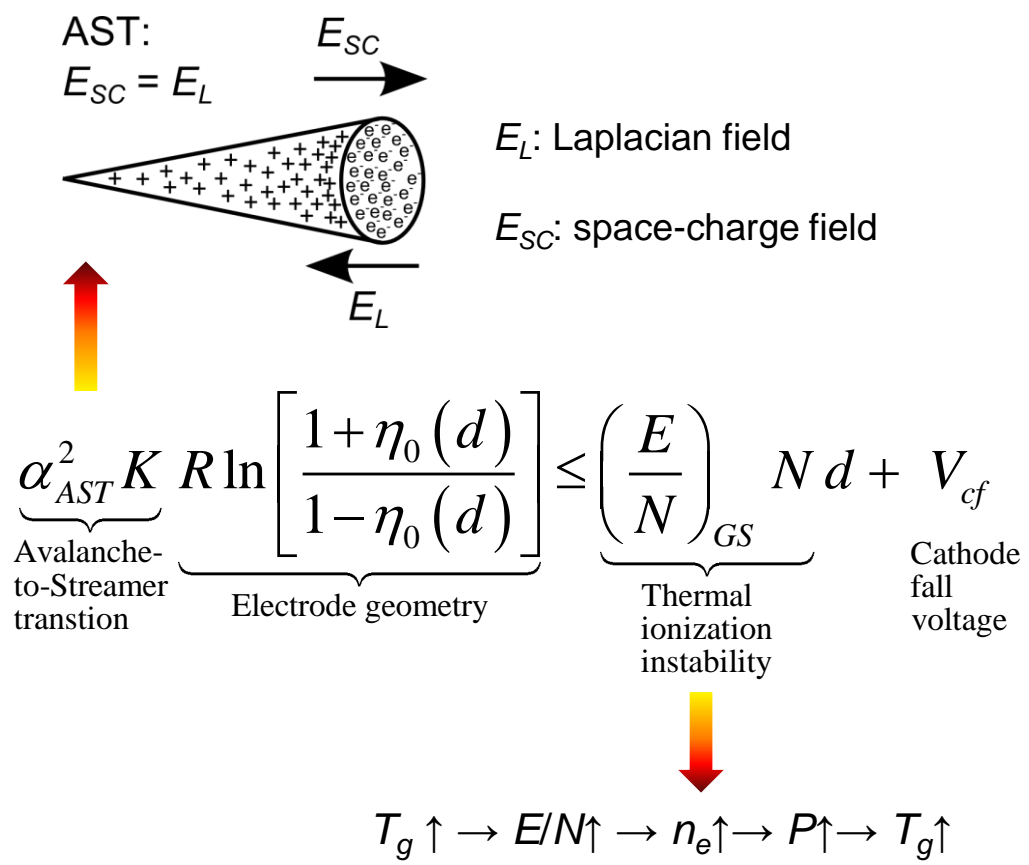
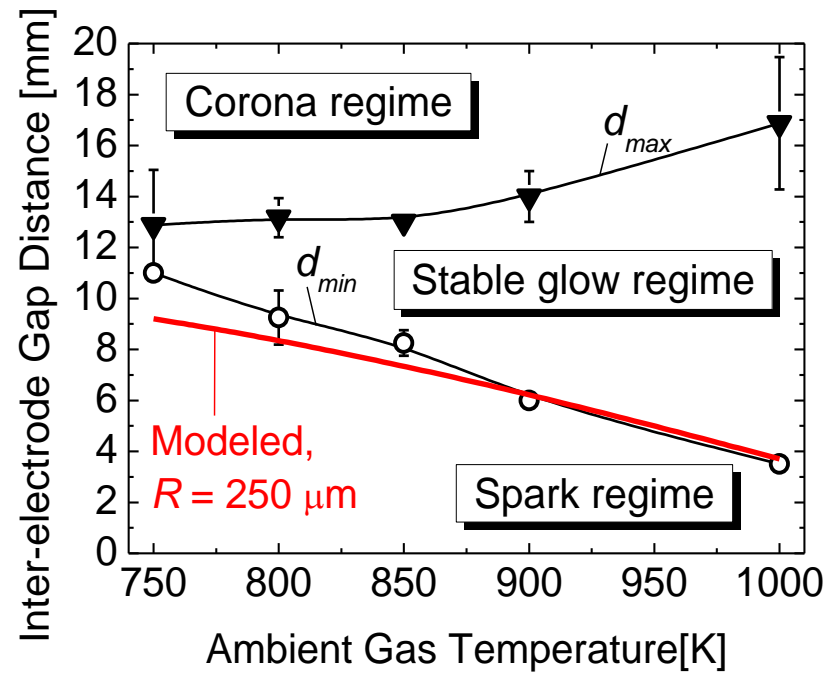
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$f = 30 \text{ kHz}$ ,  $d = 5 \text{ mm}$ ,  $u = 1.6 \text{ m/s}$ .

$T_0 = 1000 \text{ K}$ ,  $f = 30 \text{ kHz}$ ,  $u = 1.6 \text{ m/s}$ .  
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# Transition entre les régimes glow et spark NRP



Domaine de la distance inter-électrode  $d$  permettant le régime NRP glow, et  $d_{min}$  modélisé

Pai et al, JAP 2010

Choisir tension appliquée et géométrie des électrodes :

- $E_L$  au point suffisant pour l'AST
- $E_{SC}$  dans le gap inférieure à  $(E/N)_{GS}$



# Régimes des décharges à champ « moyenne »

| Gas                                   | $T_g$ [K] | Pulse width [ns] | PRF [kHz] | Discharge     | $n_e$ [cm <sup>-3</sup> ]                              | Method                   | Reference                  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Air<br>1 atm                          | 200<br>0  | 10               | 100       | Glow          | $1.7 \times 10^{12}$ max.<br>$7 \times 10^{11}$ min.   | Current-voltage          | Kruger <i>et al.</i> 2002  |
| H <sub>2</sub><br>0.2 – 0.4 atm       | 300       | 10               | 12        | Glow          | $2.5 \times 10^{12}$ max.<br>$4.5 \times 10^{10}$ min. | CARS, current            | Muller <i>et al.</i> 2011  |
| Air<br>1 atm                          | 300       | 10               | 5         | DBD           | $1.4 \times 10^{13}$ av.                               | Current-voltage          | Walsh <i>et al.</i> 2007   |
| Air<br>1 atm                          | 300       | 12 – 13          | 1         | DBD           | $2.3 \times 10^{12}$ av.                               | Current-voltage          | Shao <i>et al.</i> 2008    |
| He<br>1 atm                           | 300       | 90               | 1         | DBD           | $8 \times 10^{12}$ max.                                | mm-wave interferometry   | Lu <i>et al.</i> 2008      |
| Air<br>1 atm                          | 100<br>0  | 10               | 30        | Spark         | $3 \times 10^{15}$ max.                                | Current-voltage          | Pai <i>et al.</i> 2010a    |
| Air<br>1 atm                          | 300       | 75               | 0.1       | Spark         | $10^{15}$ max.   | Laser Thomson scattering | Grisch <i>et al.</i> 2009  |
| Ar-Ne<br>1 atm                        | 300       | 30               | 10        | Microplasma   | $6 \times 10^{18}$ max.                                | Stark/atomic line ratios | Zhu <i>et al.</i> 2012     |
| Air<br>1 atm                          | 350       | 10               | 8         | Microplasma   | $1 \times 10^{19}$ max                                 | Stark                    | Orrière <i>et al.</i> 2018 |
| Air + 1,6%<br>H <sub>2</sub><br>1 atm | 300       | 10               | 0,05      | Thermal spark | $4 \times 10^{19}$ max                                 | Stark                    | Minesi <i>et al.</i> 2020  |
| Air                                   | 300       | 20               | 0,01      | Thermal spark | $9 \times 10^{18}$ max                                 | Stark                    | Lo <i>et al.</i> 2017      |

Diane Rusterholtz, PhD Thesis, Ecole Centrale Paris, 2012

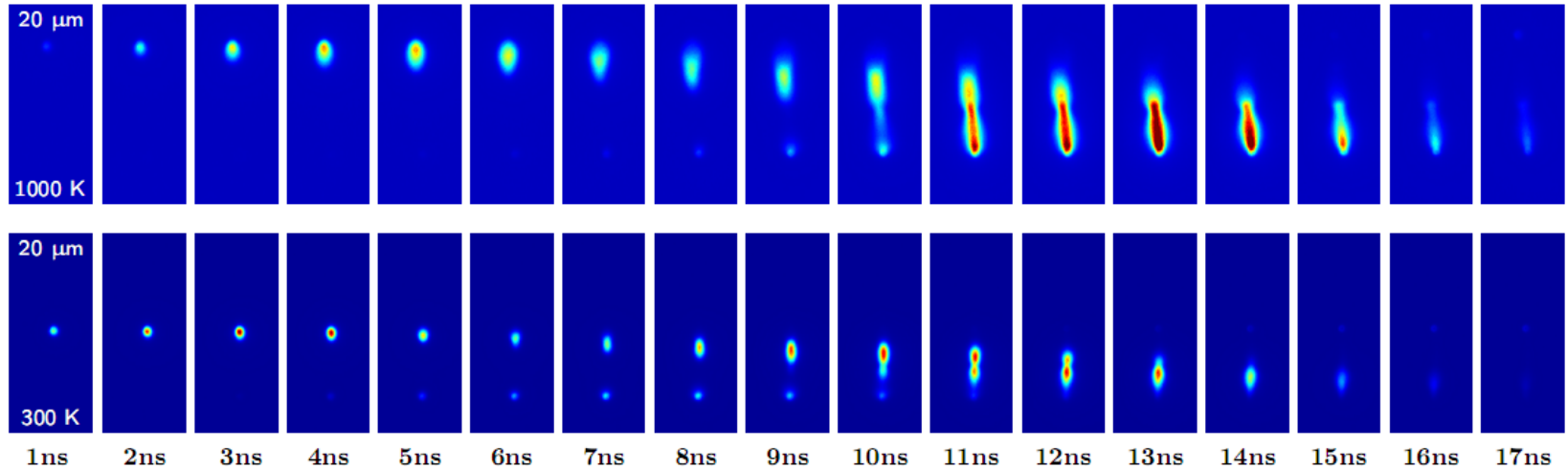
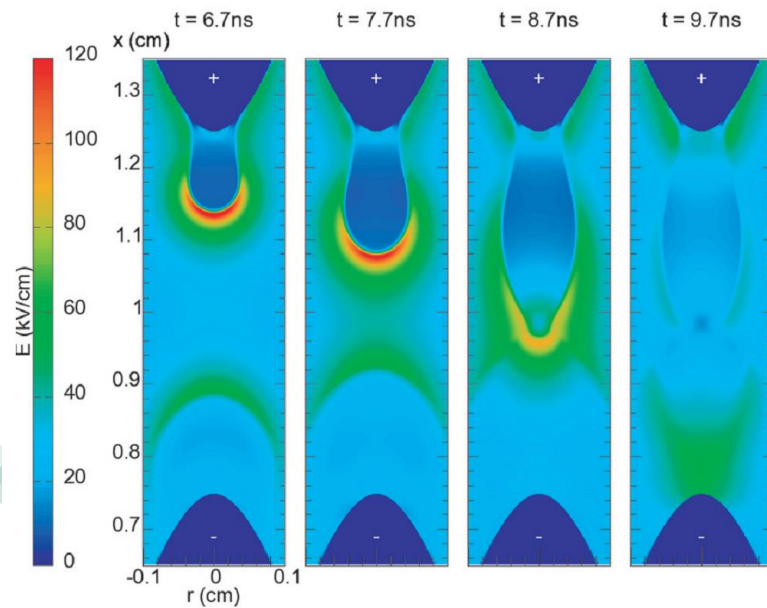


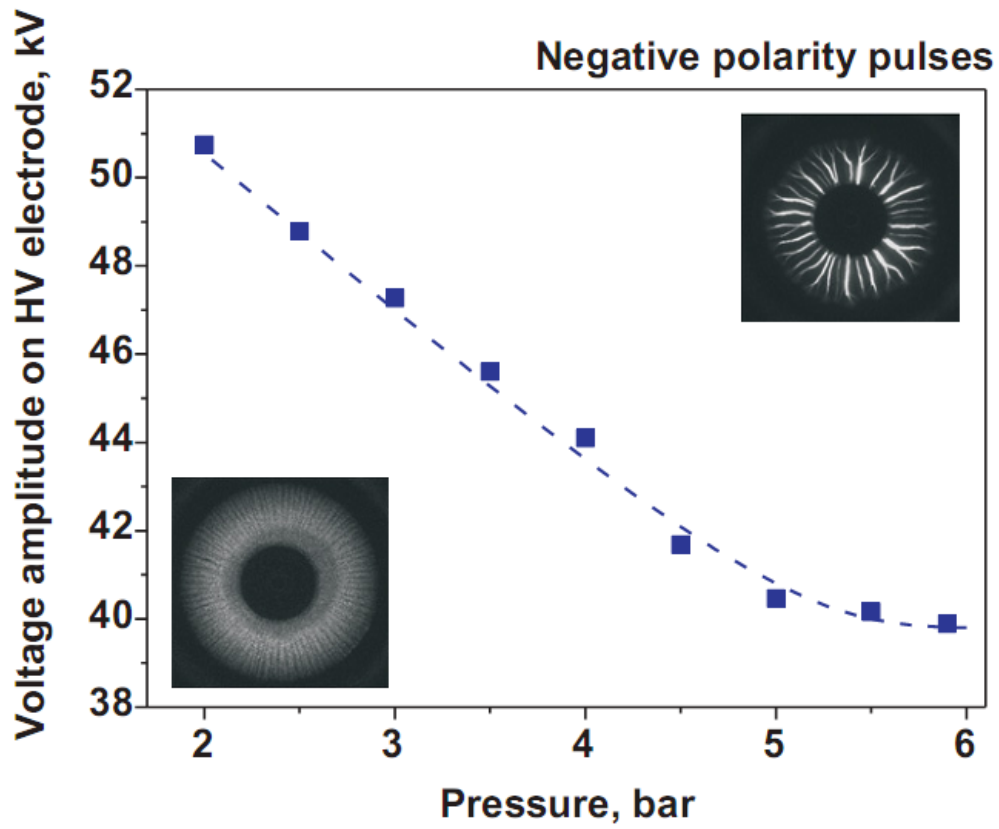
Figure 5.24: Images integrated during 2 ns of a glow discharge for (top)  $T_g = 1000$  K,  $d = 4.0$  mm, and  $V_p = 4.0$  kV and (bottom)  $T_g = 300$  K,  $d = 2.5$  mm, and  $V_p = 4.7$  kV (bottom). Images are averaged over several discharges.  $R = 20$   $\mu\text{m}$ ,  $l = 3.5$  mm,  $PRF = 10$  kHz, and  $v \approx 1.5$  m.s<sup>-1</sup>. Intensity  $I = 150$  (top) and  $I = 250$  (bottom).



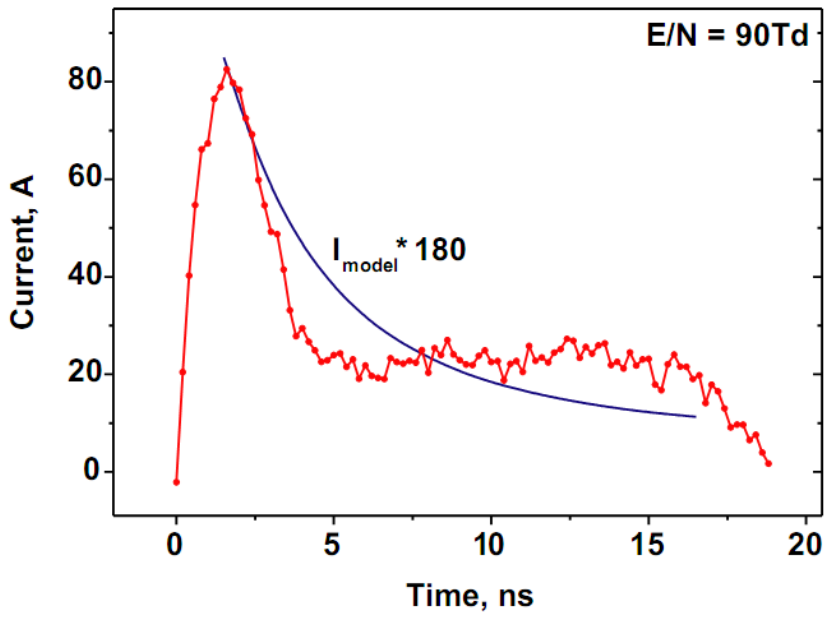
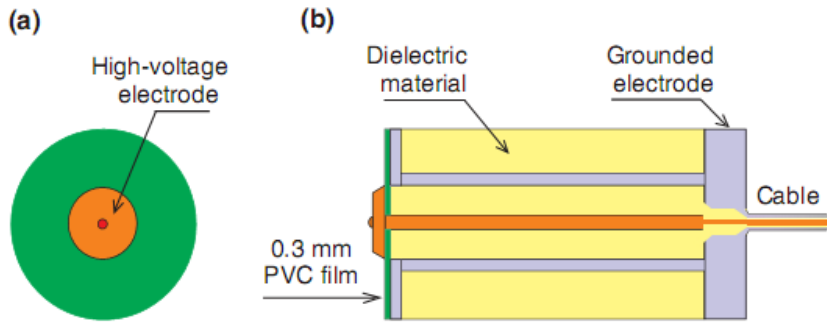
Tholin & Bourdon, PSST 2013

# Décharge de surface

Stepanyan et al, PSST 2014



**Figure 6.** Curve separating regions of quasi-uniform diffusive (under the curve) and filamentary (above the curve) discharges as a function of pressure and applied voltage; negative polarity of the applied pulses; synthetic air.

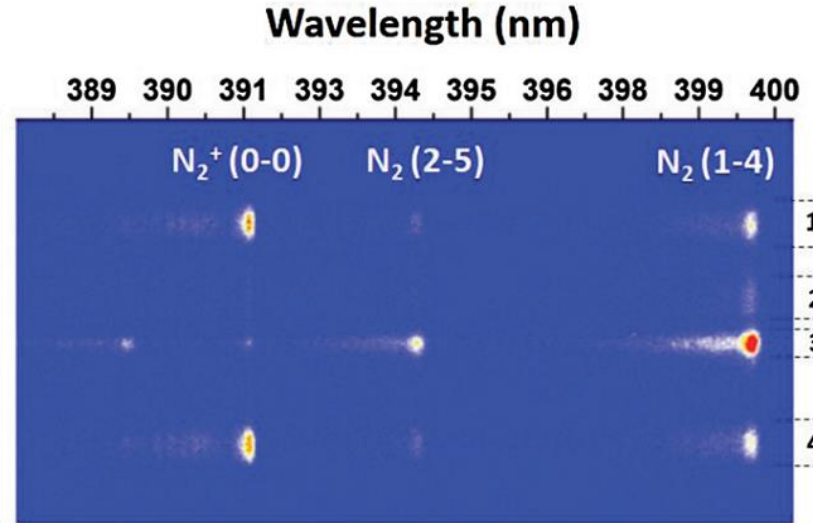
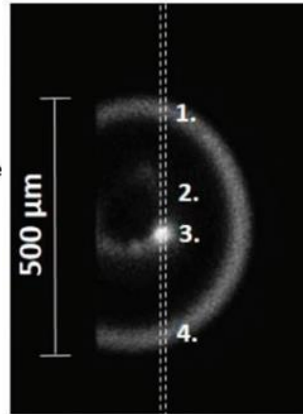
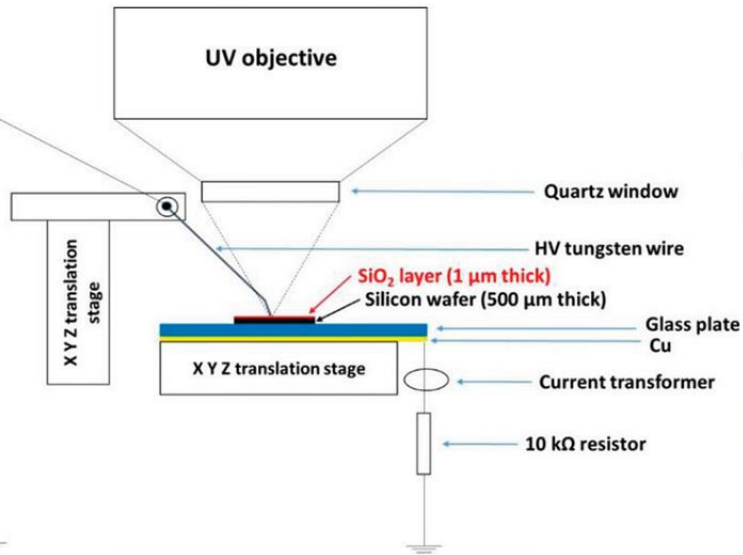


**Figure 14.** Discharge current as a function of time. The curve with points corresponds to the experimental curve, the solid curve corresponds to calculations at  $E/N = 90$  Td,  $N_e^0 = 2.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $R_0 = 0.1 \text{ mm}$ ; air,  $P = 3 \text{ bar}$ ,  $T = 300 \text{ K}$ . The number of streamers was taken equal to  $Z = 180$ .

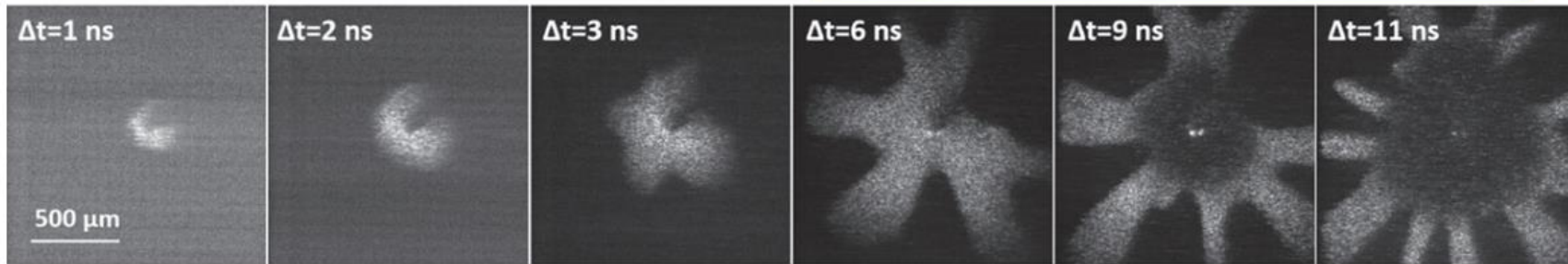


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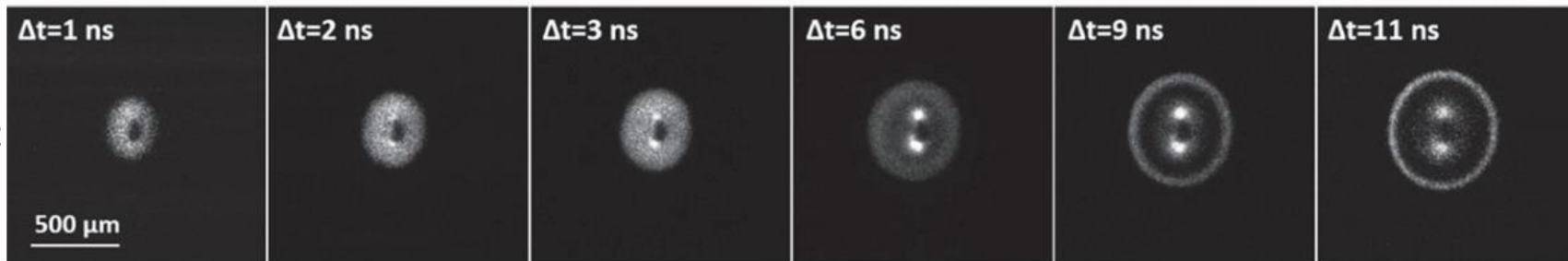
Darny et al, PSST 2020



Verre



Si-SiO<sub>2</sub>



# NRP Microplasma (cousin du NRP spark)

Thomas Orrière, PhD Thesis, Université de Poitiers, 2018

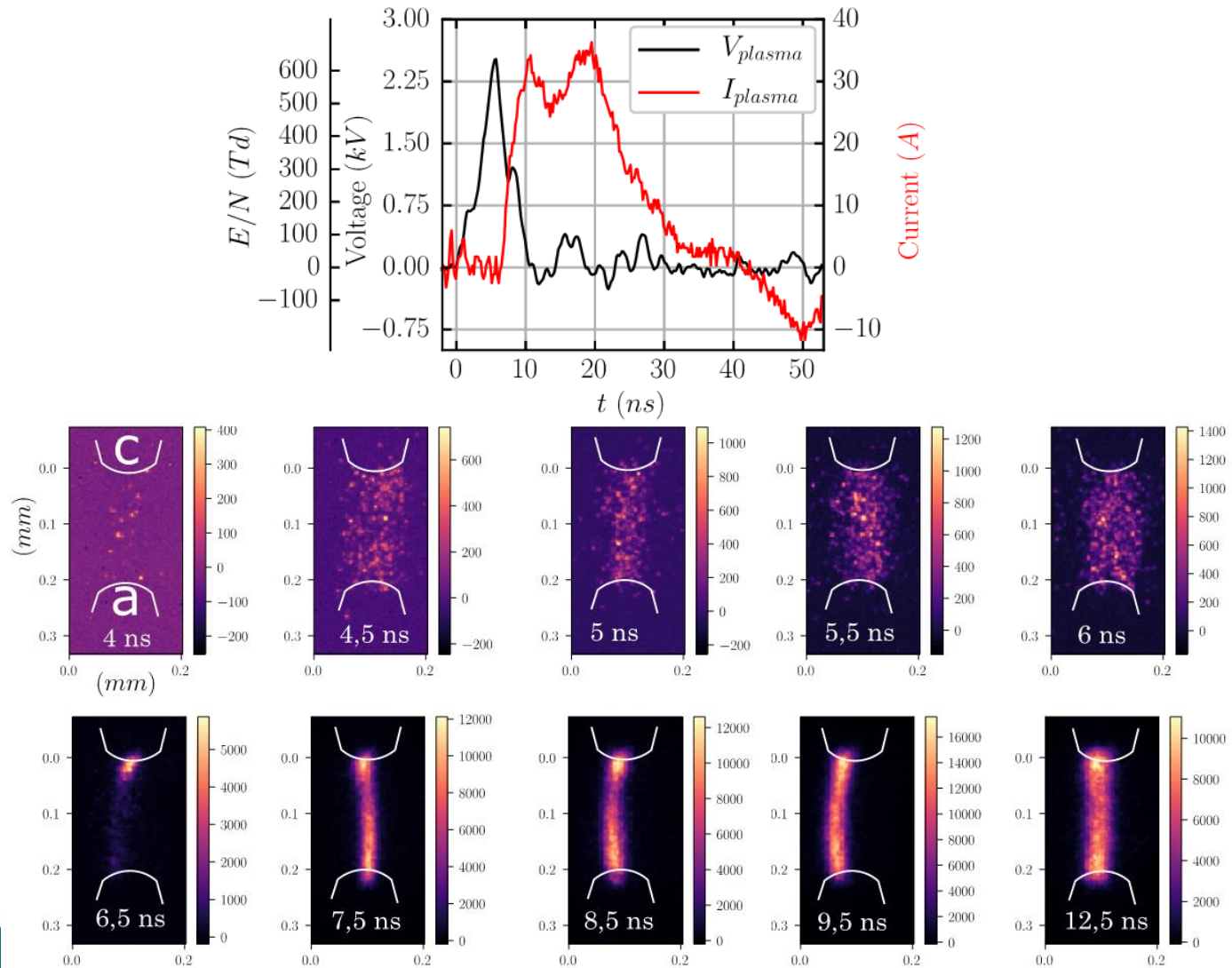
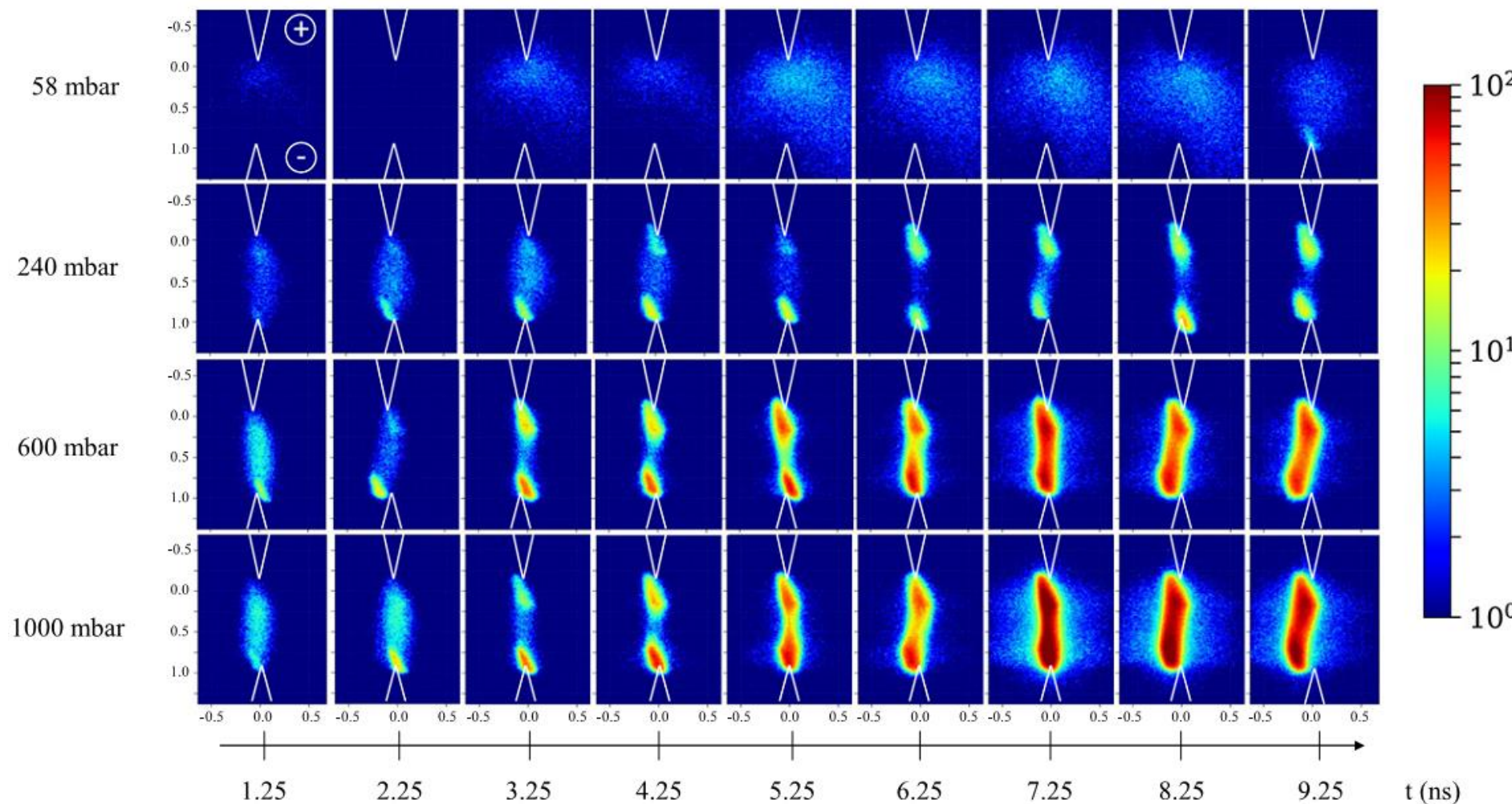


Figure 41: Imagerie instantanée de plusieurs décharges pour  $4 \text{ ns} \leq t \leq 12,5 \text{ ns}$  avec les conditions expérimentales de la figure 39 ( $d_{gap} = 200 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $F_{NRP} = 8 \text{ kHz}$ ). Le gain est resté constant et  $t_{exp} = 3 \text{ ns}$  sur tous les pas de temps. Aucune émission n'est observée à  $t = 3,5 \text{ ns}$ .

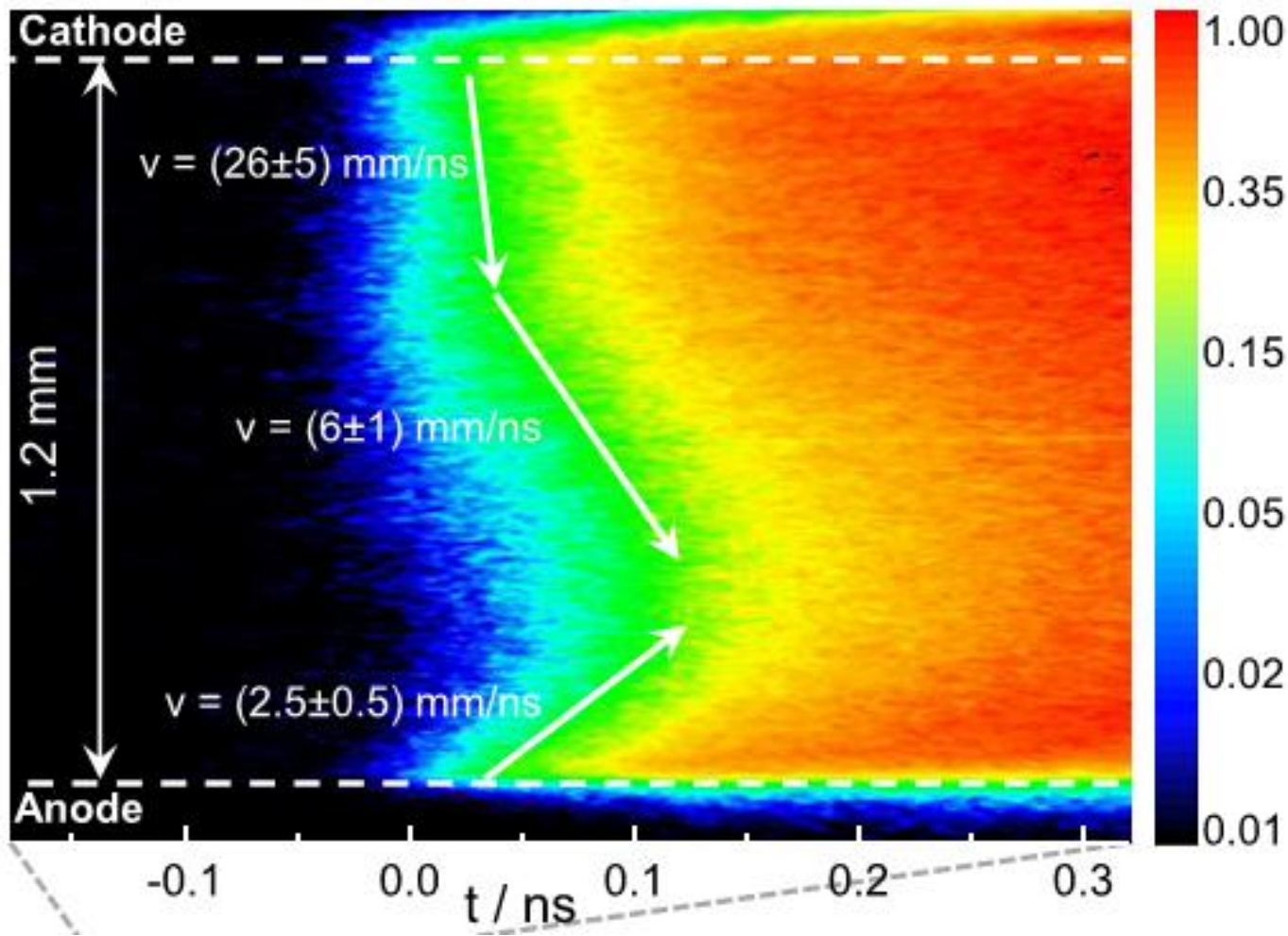
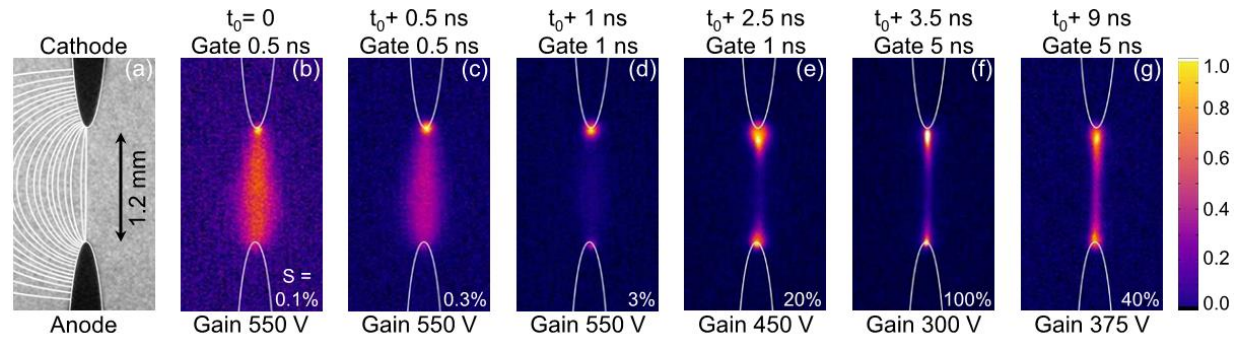
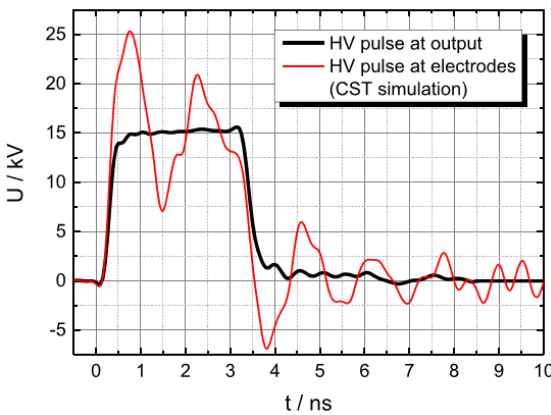
# Thermal spark

Electrode polarities Cathode–anode  
Interelectrode gap 0.9 mm  
Deposited energy 2.5–3.5 mJ per pulse  
Amplitude of incident pulse Cathode: –5 kV  
Anode: +3.5 kV  
Pressure 58 mbar–1 bar  
Gas Ambient air

Minesi et al, PSST 2020



# Thermal spark ?



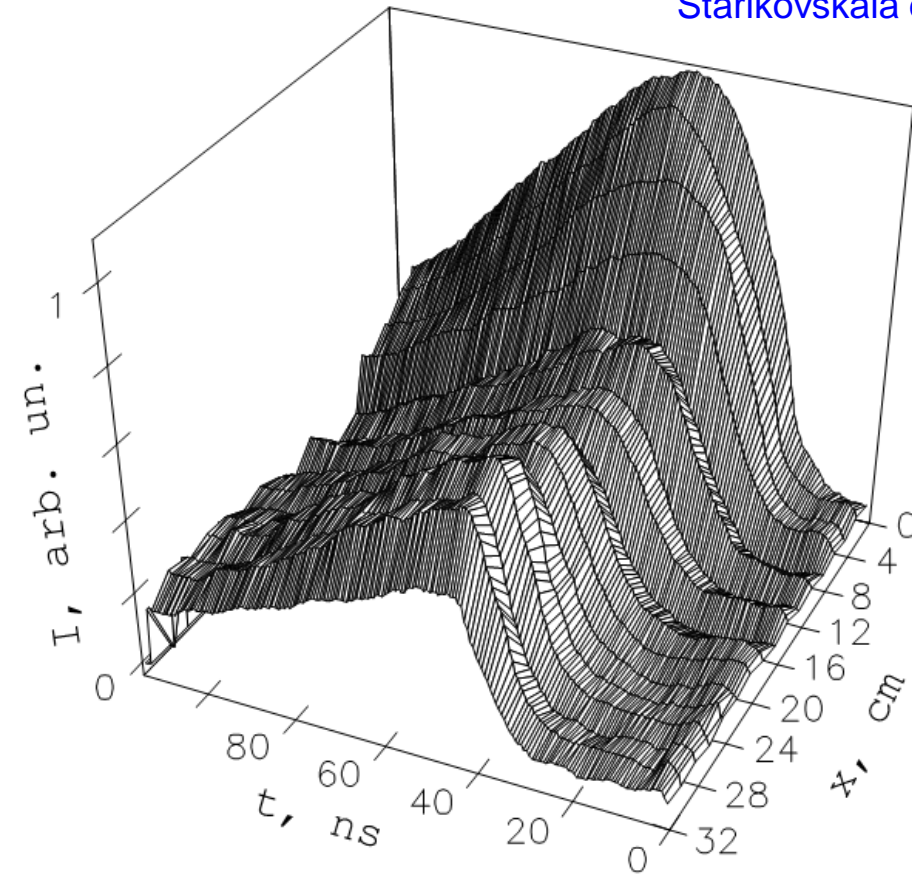
Hoft et al, PSST 2020



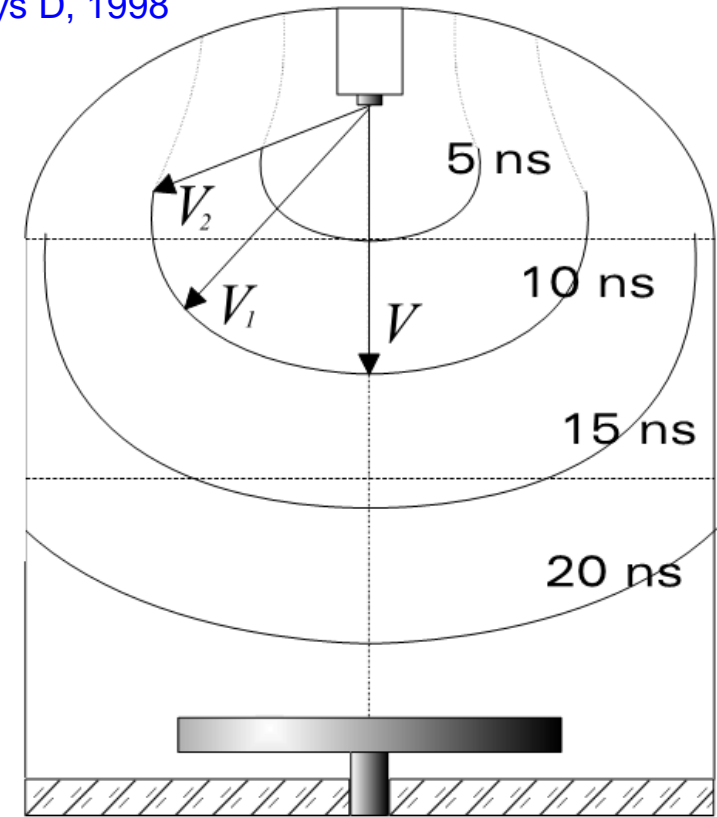
# Fast Ionization Waves

Préionisation par électrons « runaway » → Décharge diffuse

Starikovskaia et al, J Phys D, 1998



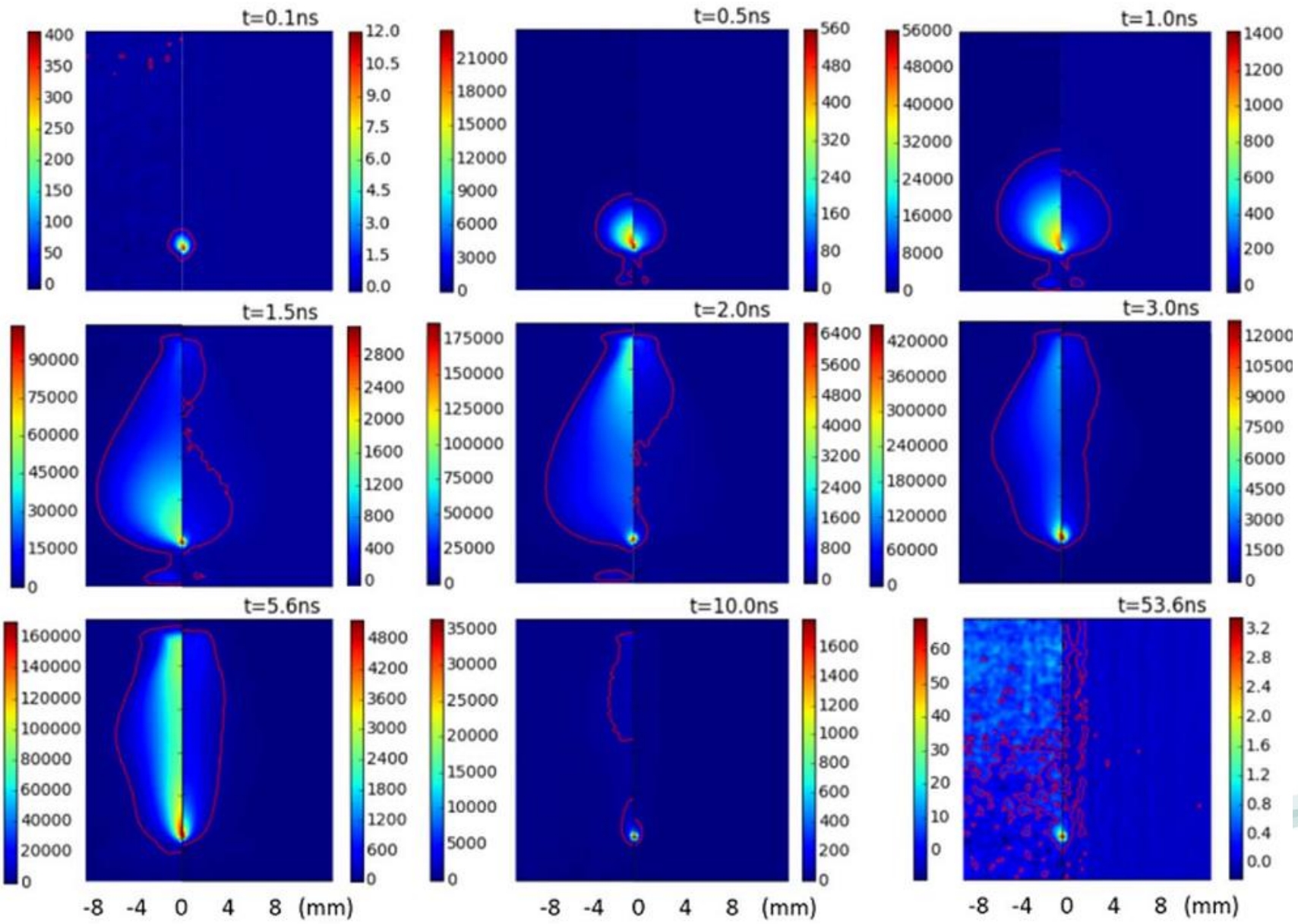
**Figure 2.** The time dependence of the emission intensity  $I$  for various distances from the low-voltage electrode along the vertical discharge cell axis.  $U = -14.8$  kV and  $P = 8.3$  Torr.



**Figure 3.** A schematic image of the propagation of the FIW front.  $U = -14.4$  kV,  $P = 0.4$  Torr,  $|V| = 1.4$  cm s<sup>-1</sup>,  $|V_1| = 1.4$  cm s<sup>-1</sup> and  $|V_2| = 1.2$  cm s<sup>-1</sup>. The figures near the curves denote the time elapsed from the start of the ionization wave.

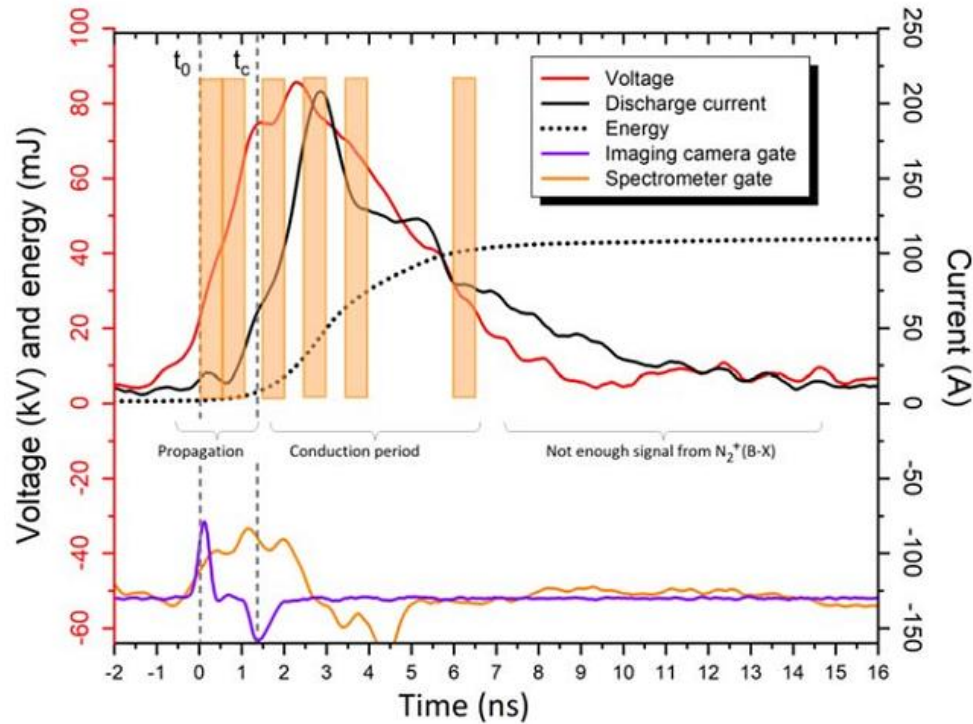
# Fast Ionization Waves à 1 atm

Brisset et al, PSST 2019

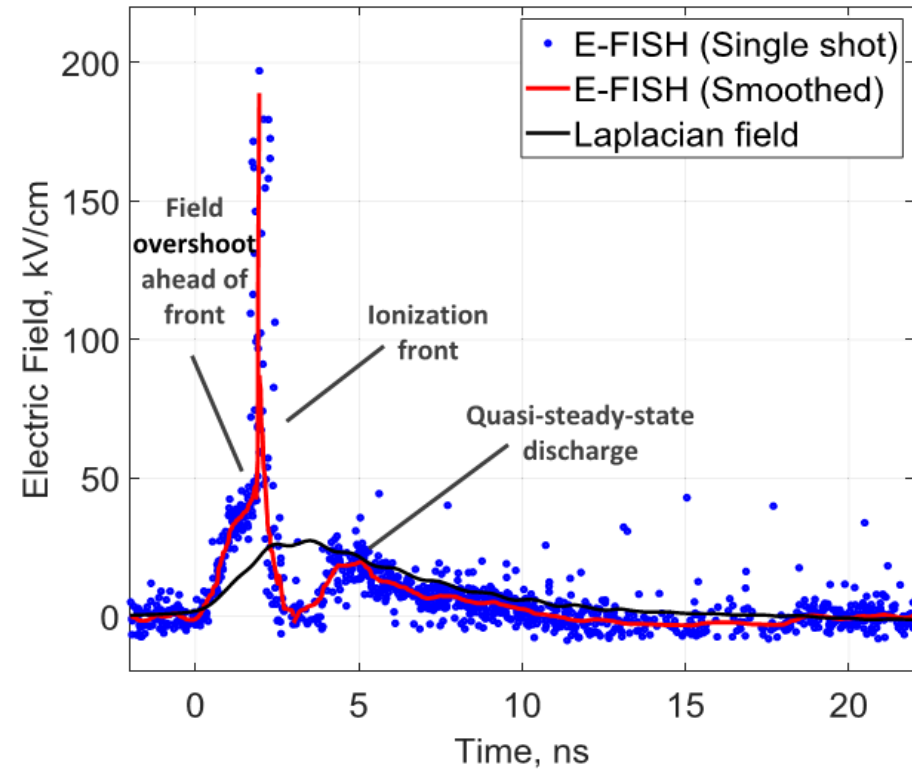


# Fast Ionization Waves à 1 atm

Brisset et al, PSST 2019



Chng et al, PSST 2019



E/N jusqu'à 3000 Td par OES

- Décharges impulsionnelles comme réponse impulsive du gaz à un champ électrique → Analyse par temps caractéristiques

$$\tau_\sigma = \varepsilon_0 / \sigma$$

$$\tau_u = 1 / \nu_m \delta_l$$

$$\tau = 1 / kN$$

- Traitement simplifié des streamers comme nuages de charge

$$E' = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{eN_e}{R^2}$$

$$dR/dt = \sqrt{D / 2t}$$

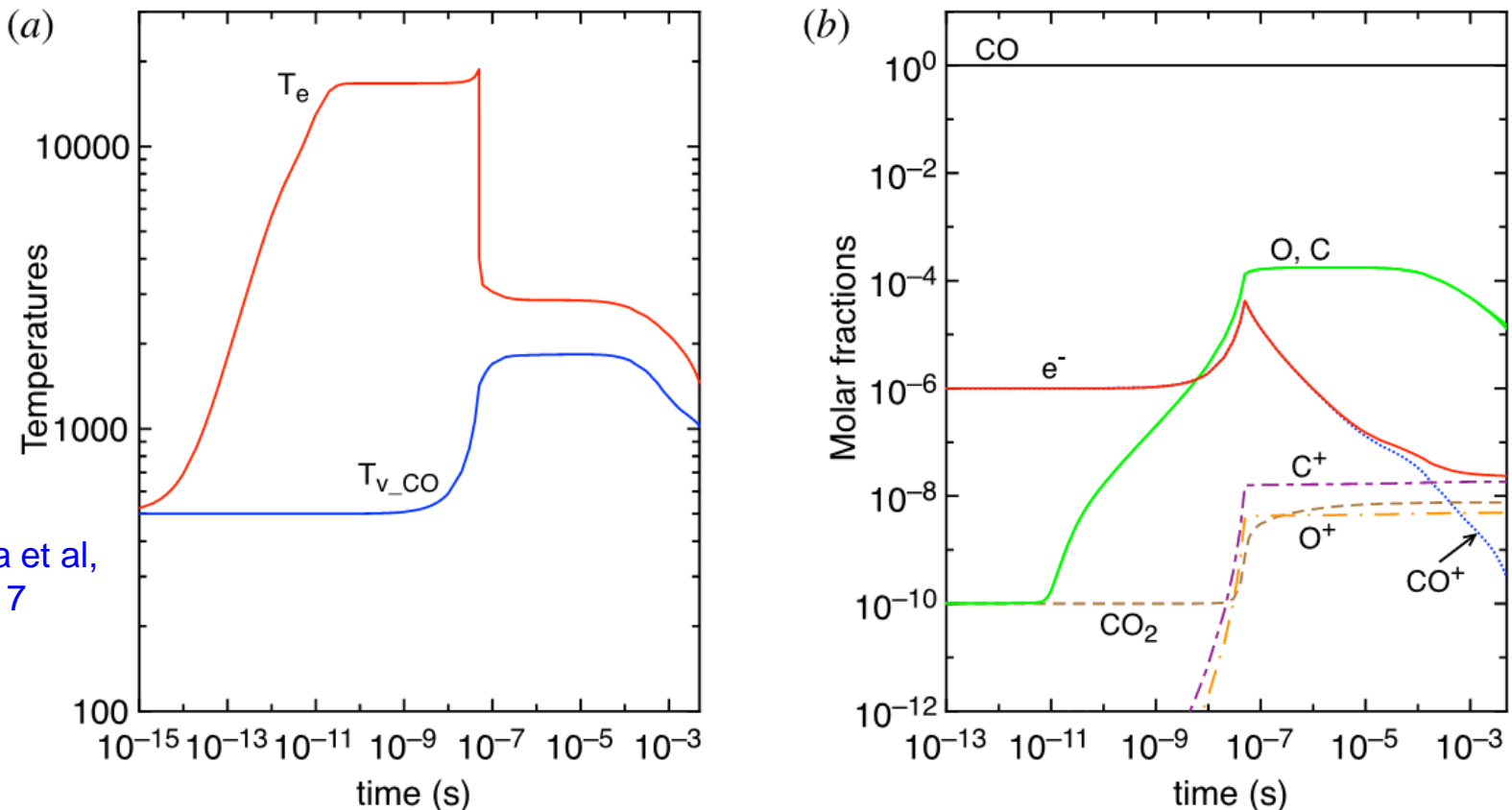
$$dR/dt = \mu_e E'$$

- Critère de Raether-Meek

$$\alpha x_{crit} \approx 18$$

Merci de votre attention !

# Exemple faiblement ionisé dans le CO



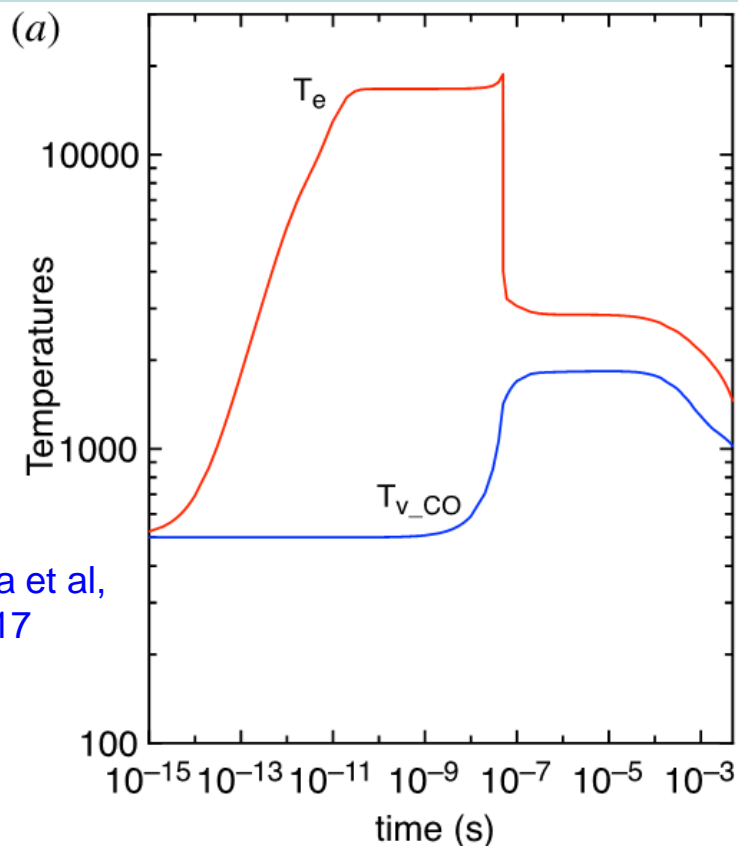
Pietanza et al,  
JPP 2017

FIGURE 6. (a) Temperature and (b) molar fraction time evolution in case study 2 ( $T_{gas} = 500$  K,  $p = 1$  atm,  $E/N = 130$  Td,  $\tau_{pulse} = 50$  ns,  $\tau_{afterglow} = 4$  ms).

| $\tau_{EEDF}$            | $\tau_{e-V}$            | $\tau_{V-V}$            | $\tau_{V-T(CO)}$        | $\tau_{V-T(C,O)}$       |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| $5.57 \times 10^{-12}$ s | $1.30 \times 10^{-7}$ s | $4.37 \times 10^{-8}$ s | $5.56 \times 10^{-2}$ s | $3.50 \times 10^{-7}$ s |

TABLE 3. Characteristic times evaluated at the end of the pulse ( $\tau_{pulse} = 50$  ns) when the electron density is approximately  $2 \times 10^{15}$   $cm^{-3}$ .

# Exemple faiblement ionisé dans le CO



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$$\nu_m = N\sigma_m \sqrt{8k_B T_e / \pi m_e} = 1.42 \text{ THz}$$

$$\delta_l = 0.039$$

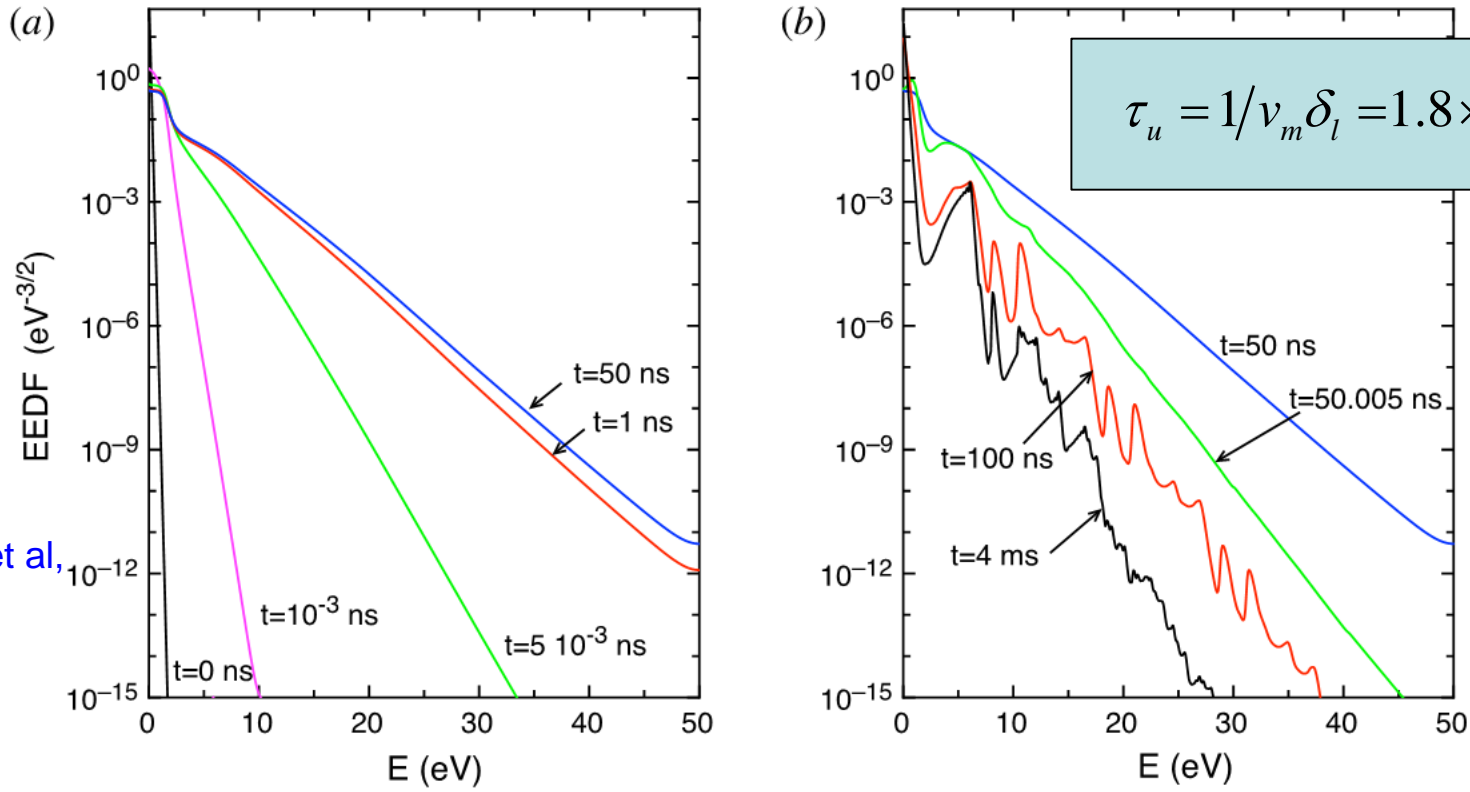
$$\tau_u = 1/\nu_m \delta_l = 1.8 \times 10^{-11} \text{ s}$$

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# Exemple faiblement ionisé dans le CO



Pietanza et al, JPP 2017

FIGURE 8. Electron energy distribution function in (a) discharge and (b) post-discharge conditions for case study 1 ( $T_{\text{gas}} = 500 \text{ K}$ ,  $p = 1 \text{ atm}$ ,  $E/N = 130 \text{ Td}$ ,  $\tau_{\text{pulse}} = 50 \text{ ns}$ ,  $\tau_{\text{afterglow}} = 4 \text{ ms}$ ).

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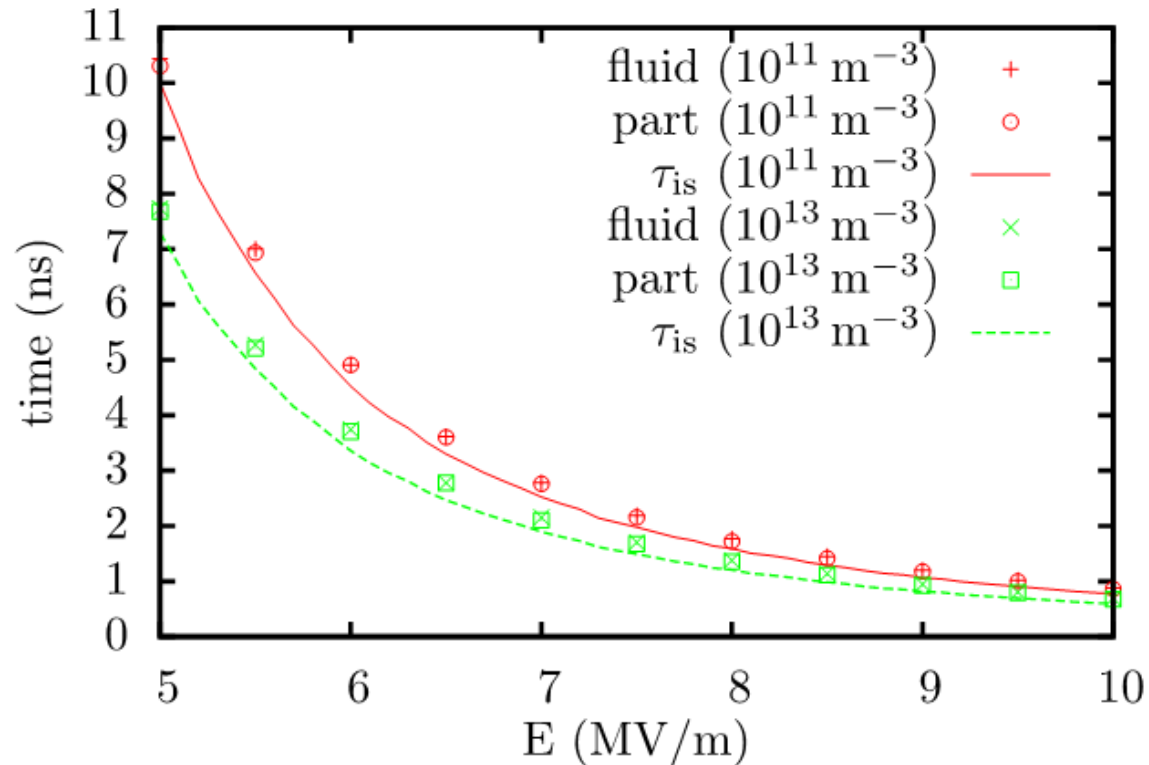
# Champ électrique

Temps de Maxwell est pour une valeur de  $n_e$  donnée

Temps d'écrantage tenant compte l'ionisation :

$$\tau_{is} = \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{\alpha\epsilon_0 E_0}{en_0}\right)}{\alpha\mu_0 E_0}$$

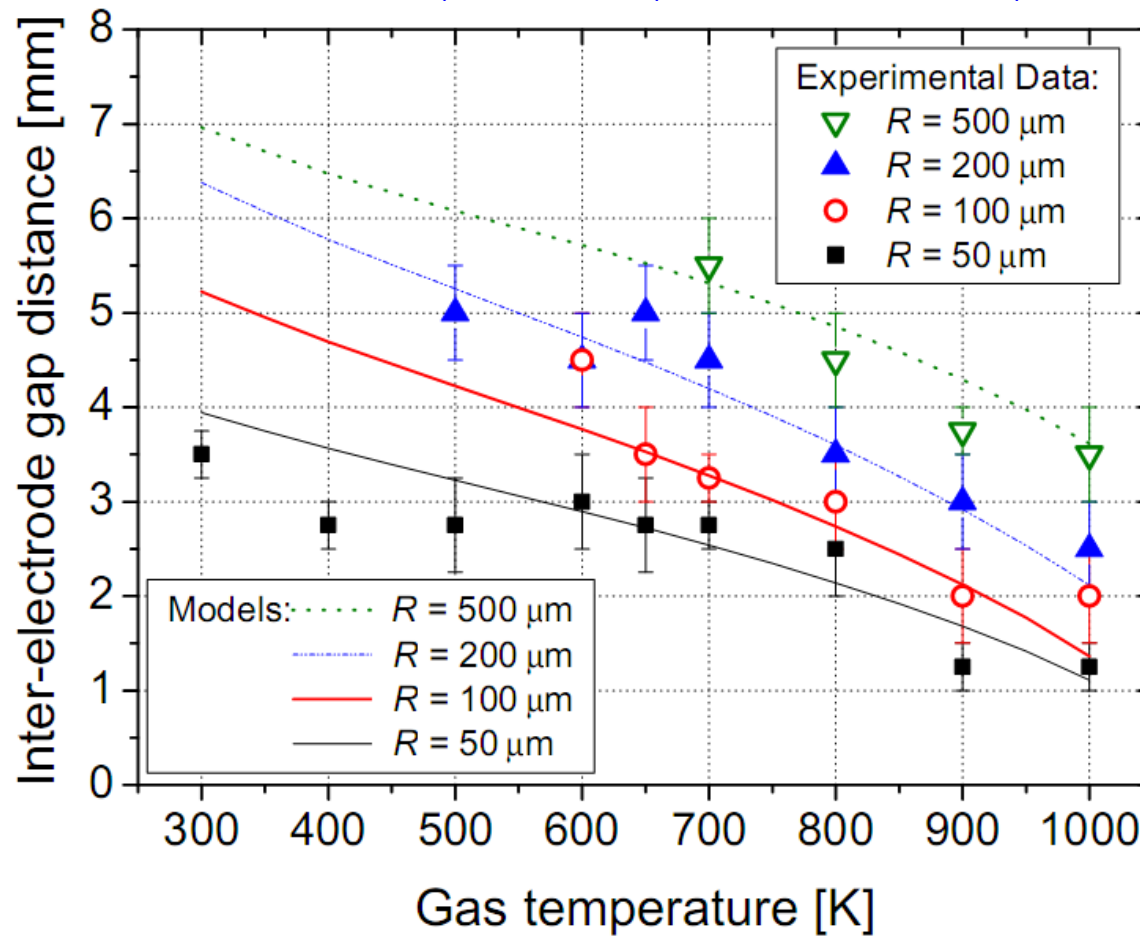
Teunissen et al, J Phys D 2014



**Figure 2.** The ionization screening time versus the applied electric field, for two initial plasma densities ( $10^{11}$  and  $10^{13}$ ). Results are shown for a 1D fluid model, a 1D particle model and equation (6), for  $\text{N}_2$  at 1 bar.

# Transition entre les régimes glow et spark NRP

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(a) Minimum distance  $d_{min}$