

Atmospheric pressure gas plasmas for biomedical applications

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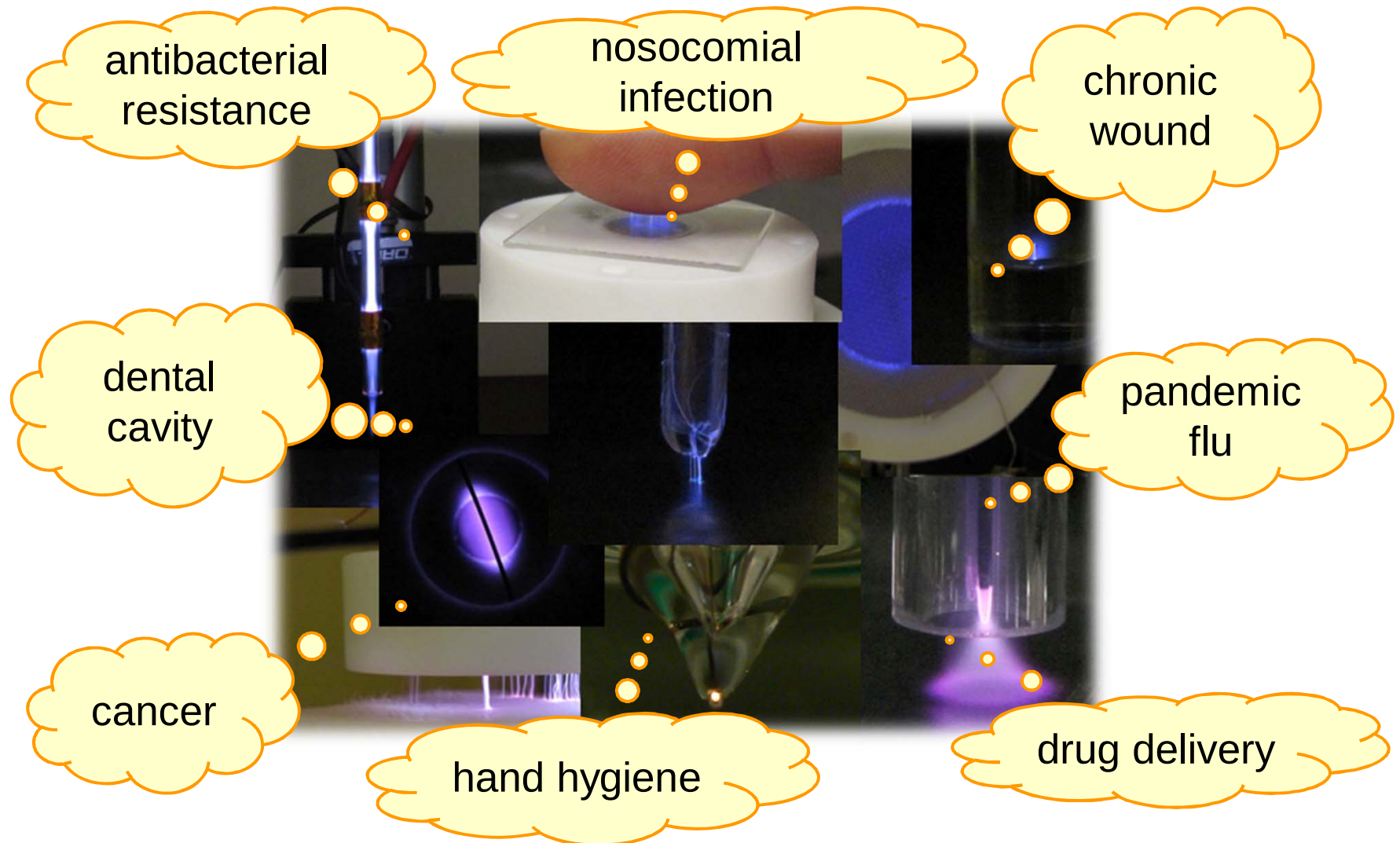
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A brief history of gas plasmas in biomedicine

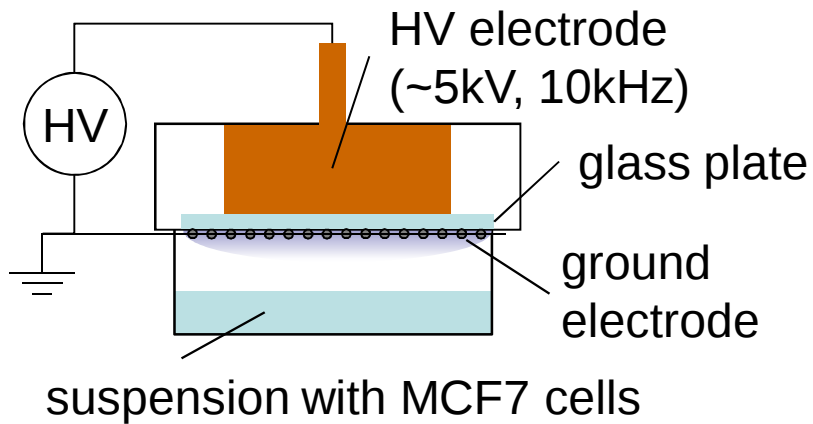
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- 2010 G. Isbary: clinical trial for wound healing (MW Ar plasma)
 - 2007 G. Fridman: *in vitro* cancer cell treatment (Air DBD)
 - 2003 E. Stoffles: non-destructive cell handling (He plasma needle)
 - 1999 M. Laroussi: E. coli sterilization (He DBD)
 - 1995 APC (ERBE GmbH): Ar plasma for endoscopic surgery
Coblation (Arthrocare Co): discharge in saline solution
 - 1940 Hyfrecator (Birtcher Co): low power and no ground pad
 - 1926 Bovie knife: the first clinical use of a electrosurgical device
 - 1893 A. d'Arsonval: compatibility of HF with nerve and muscle

Potential applications

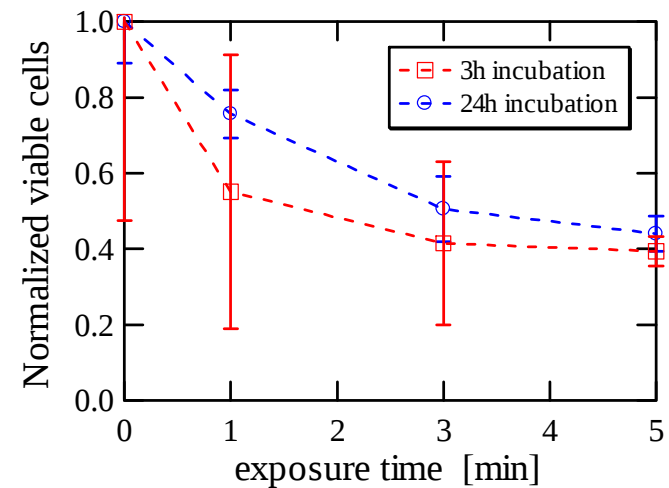


Cancer cell treatment

indirect-mode air DBD (*in vitro*)

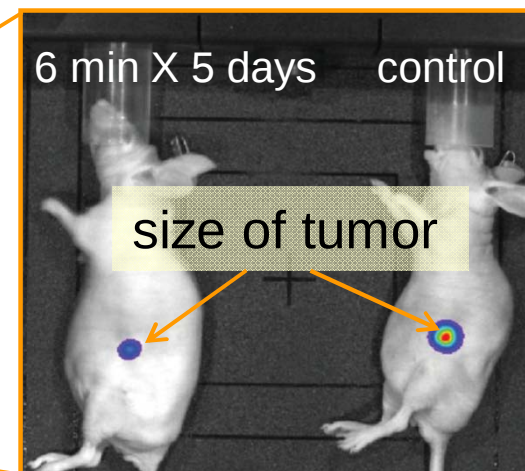
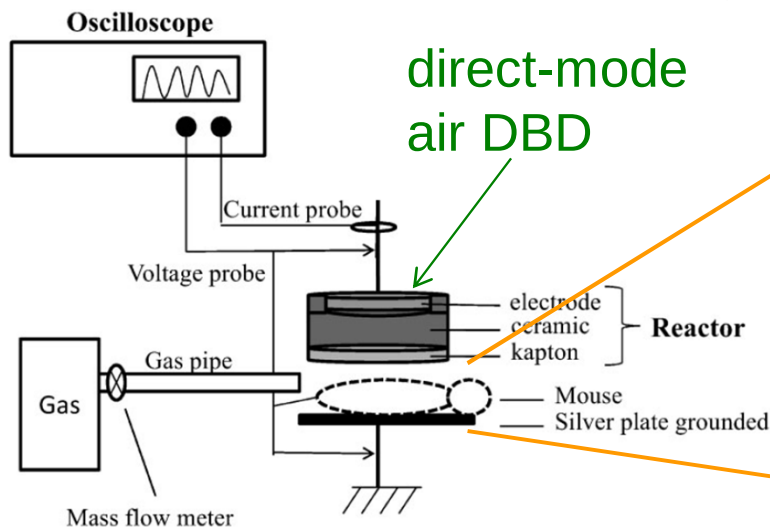


Trypan blue viability assay



direct-mode air DBD (*in vivo*)

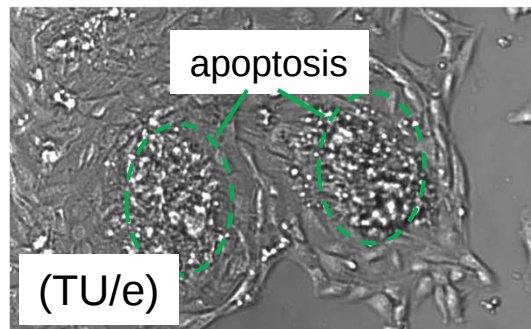
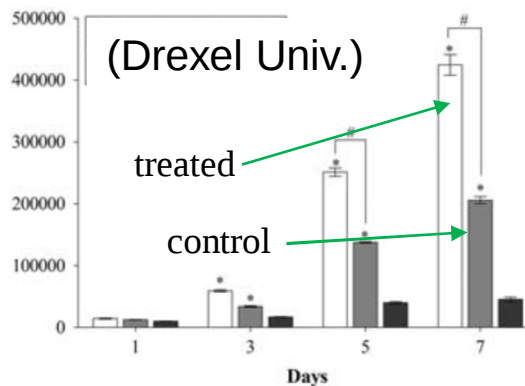
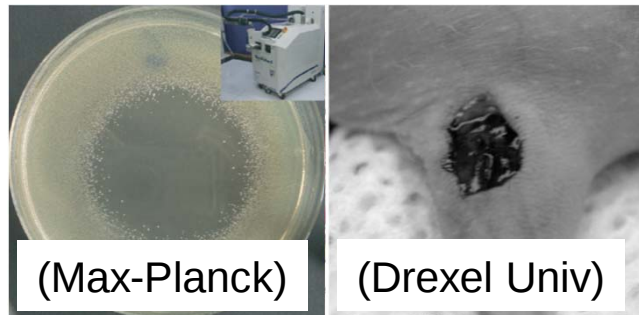
(M. Vandamme, *Plasma Process. Polym.* 7 (2010) 264)



Wound healing: *in vitro* study

R. A. Bryant, et al., *Acute and Chronic Wounds* (Mosby, Missouri, 2006).

G. C. Gurtner., *Nature* **453** (2008) 314.



Inflammatory phase

- ~48 hours
- **bacteria sterilization**/debris removal
- **blood coagulation**

Proliferative phase

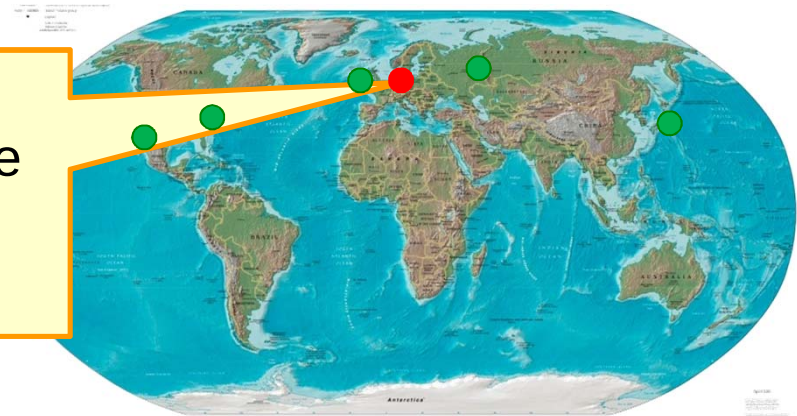
- 2~10 days
- blood vessels generation
- **collagen deposition from fibroblasts**

Remodeling phase

- 1 year
- tissue reorganization/realignment
- **apoptosis of unnecessary cells**

Wound healing: clinical study

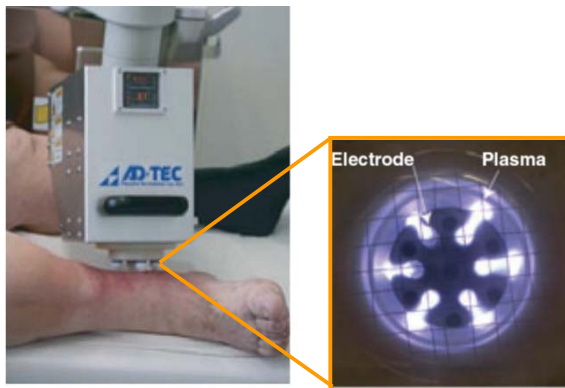
- *Plasma health care* project
- lead by G. Morfill at Max-Planck Institute
- 19 PhDs, 11 MDs
- Germany, UK, Russia, Japan, USA



Phase-I clinical study

J. Heinlin, *JDDG* 8 (2010) 968, G. Isbary, *Br. J. Dermatol.* 163 (2010) 78

Microwave Ar plasma torch



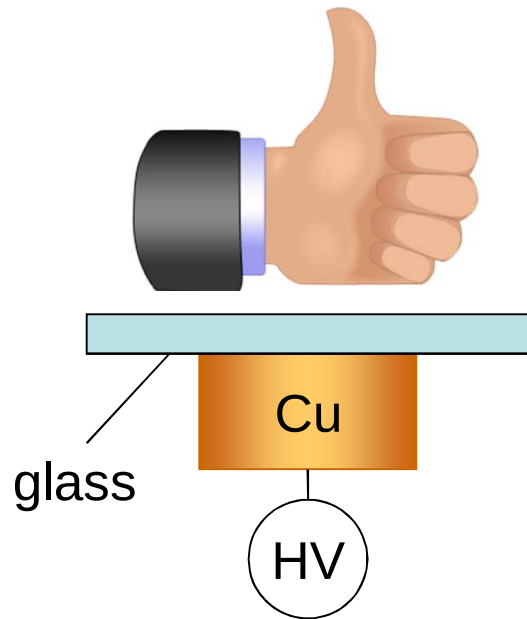
Before treatment



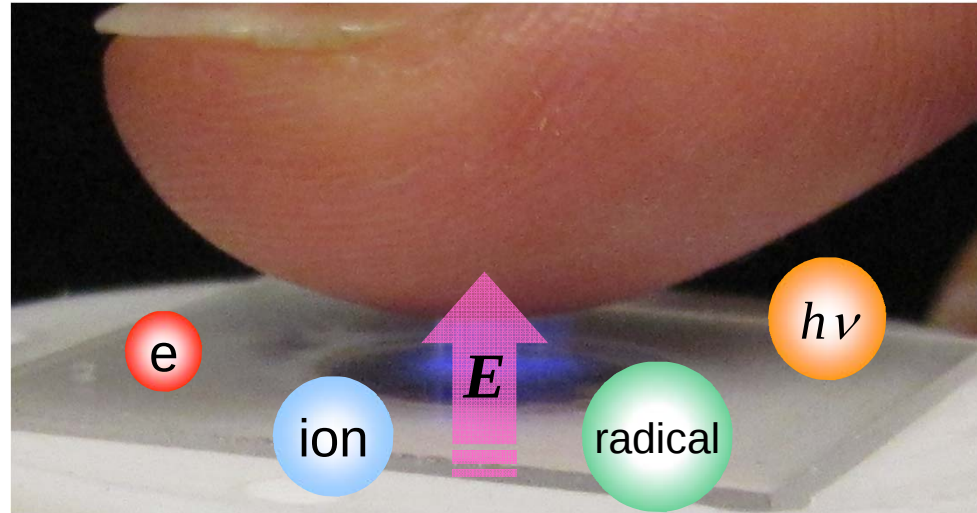
After 11 treatments



Plasma-biomaterial interaction: possible agents (1)



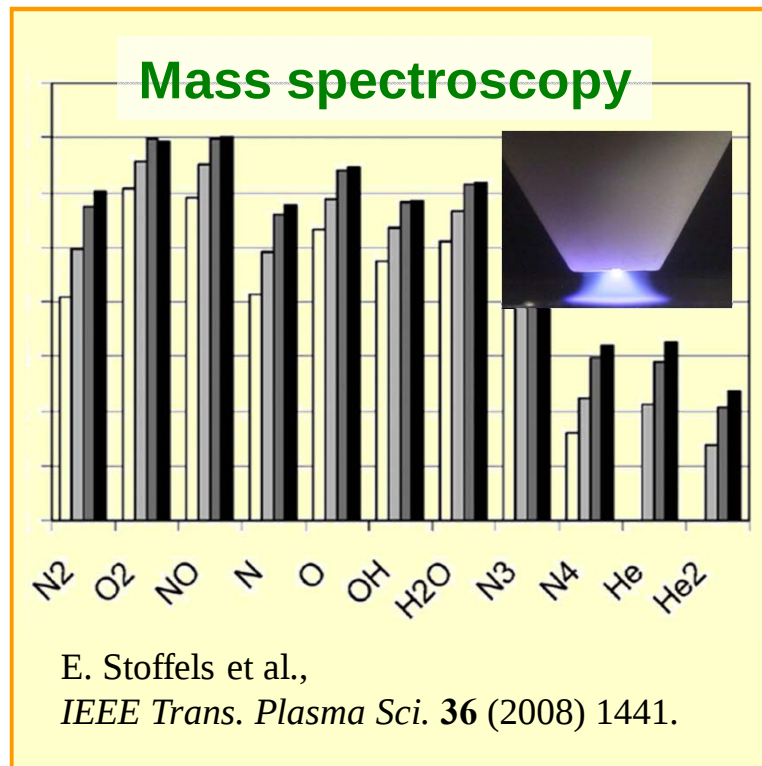
Plasmas in ambient air at room temperature



	physics	chemistry	electrostatic
effects	• DNA damage • etching • sputtering	• oxidation • signaling	• membrane disruption ($\sim 10^9$ V/m) • stimulation

Plasma-biomaterial interaction: ROS/RNS

- **ROS** (reactive oxygen species): O , O_2^* , O_3 , O_2^- , OH , H_2O_2
- **RNS** (reactive nitrogen species): NO , NO_2 , $ONOO^-$



**ROS
RNS**



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M.A. Kohanski, *Cell* 130 (2007) 797.
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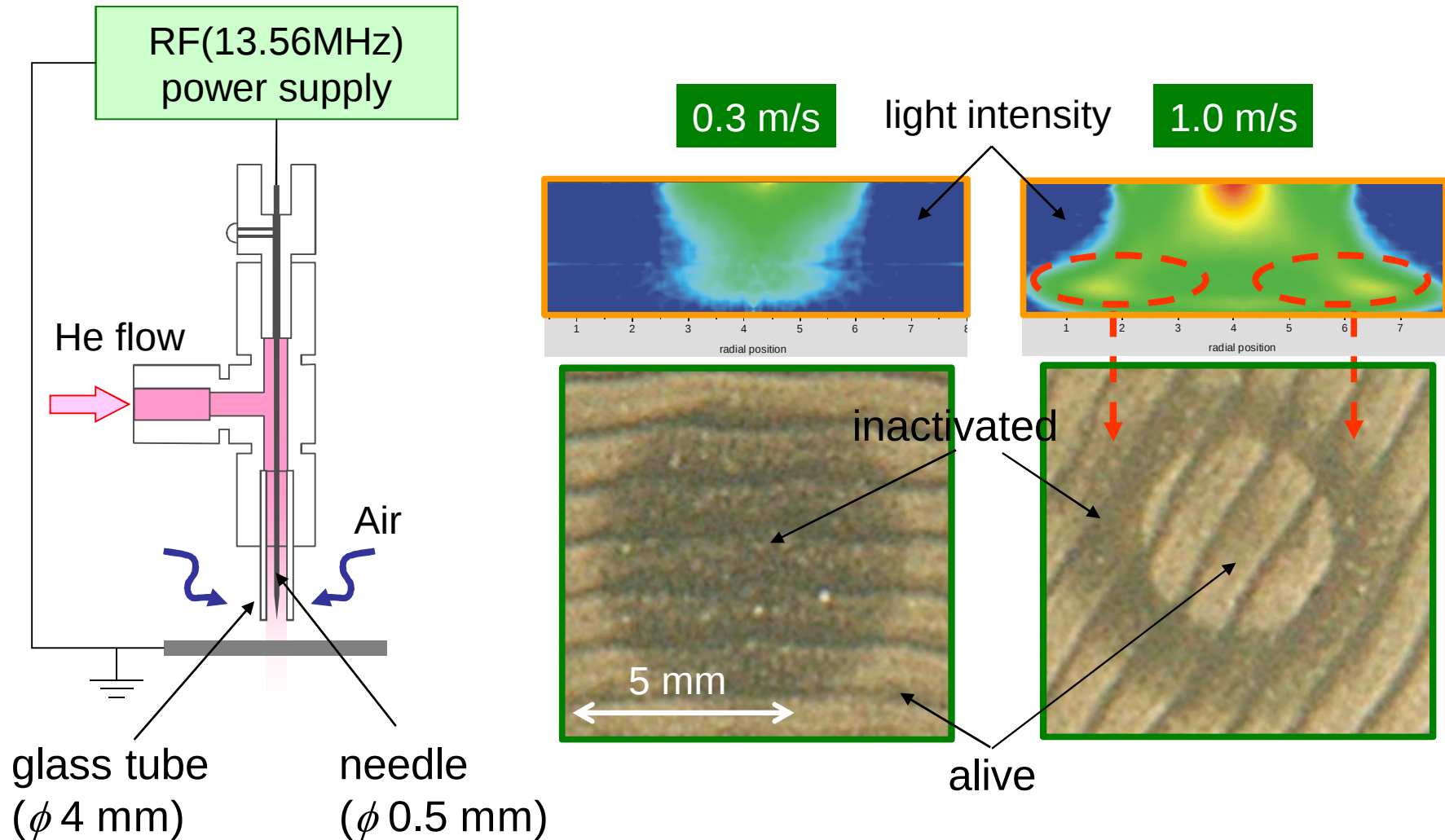
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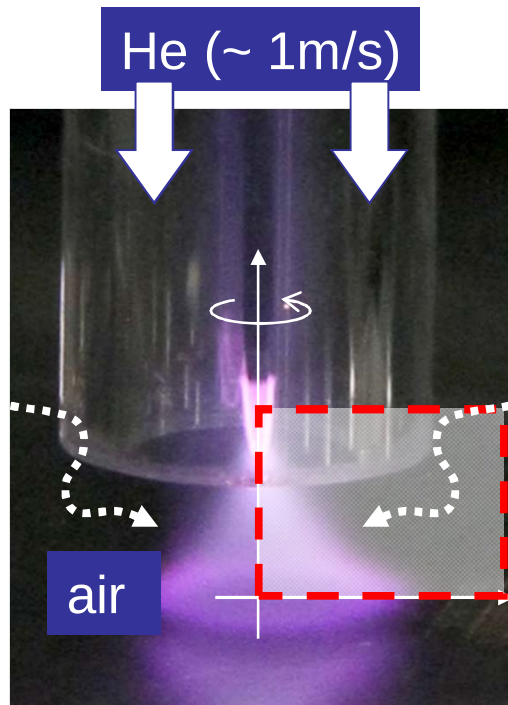
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Plasma needle: observed killing pattern

J.Goree, et al, *J.Phys.D.* **39** 3479 (2006) and *IEEE Trans.Plasma Sci.* **34**, 1317 (2006)



Plasma needle: fluid model



Neutral Gas flow (He, Air)

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \nabla \cdot (\rho \omega_{\text{air}} \mathbf{u} - \rho D \nabla \omega_{\text{air}}) = 0 \quad (\text{mass conservation})$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} u_i) = -\nabla p - \nabla \cdot \overline{\boldsymbol{\tau}} + \sum q_i n_i \mathbf{E} \quad (\text{momentum conservation})$$

$$\nabla \cdot (-\lambda \nabla T + \mathbf{u} c_p T) = \Phi + \sum q_i \Gamma_i \mathbf{E} + Q_{el} \quad (\text{energy conservation})$$

ion momentum
collisional heating

temperature
velocity
species density

Plasma dynamics

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \Gamma_i = S_i \quad (\text{mass conservation})$$

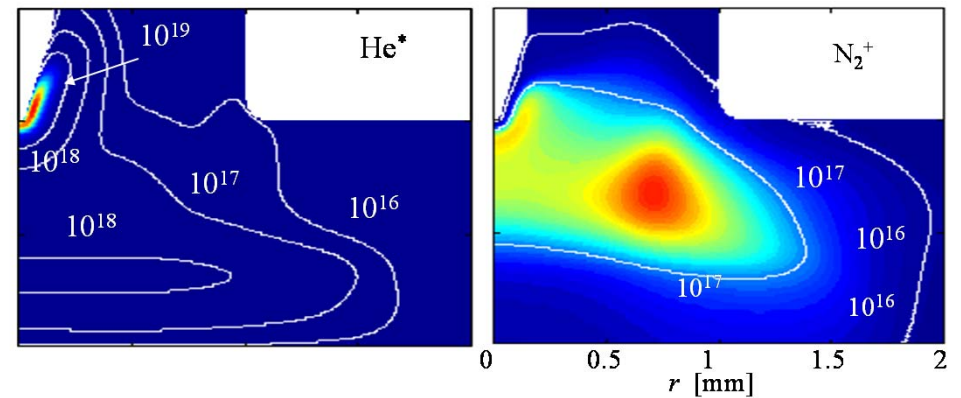
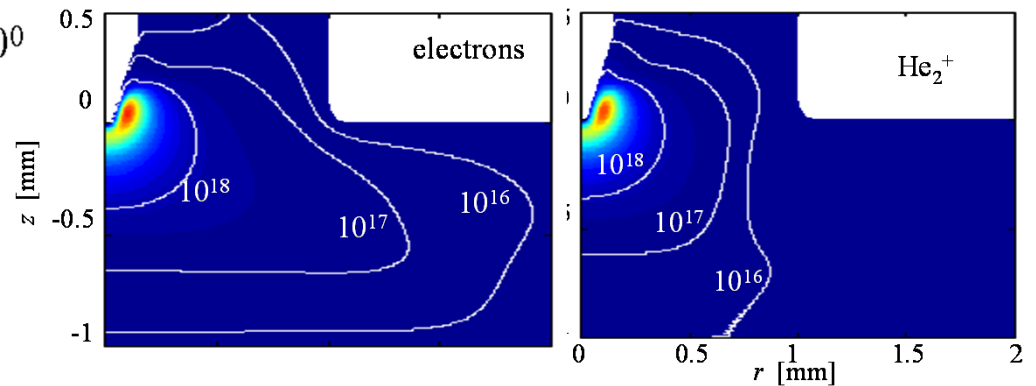
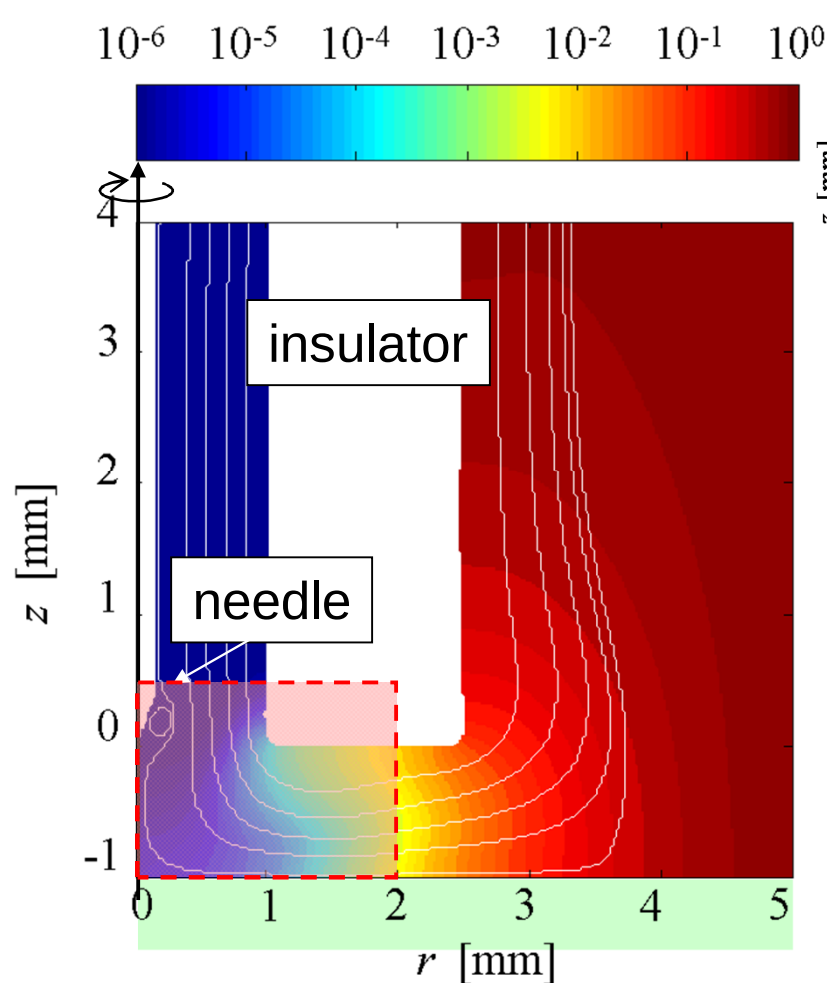
$$\Gamma_i = \text{sgn}(q_i) n_i \mu_i \mathbf{E} - D_i \nabla n_i + n_i \mathbf{u} \quad (\text{drift-diffusion})$$

$$\frac{\partial (n_e \varepsilon)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{5}{3} \varepsilon \Gamma_e - \frac{5}{3} n_e D_e \nabla \varepsilon \right) = -\Gamma_e \cdot \mathbf{E} - Q \quad (\text{electron energy})$$

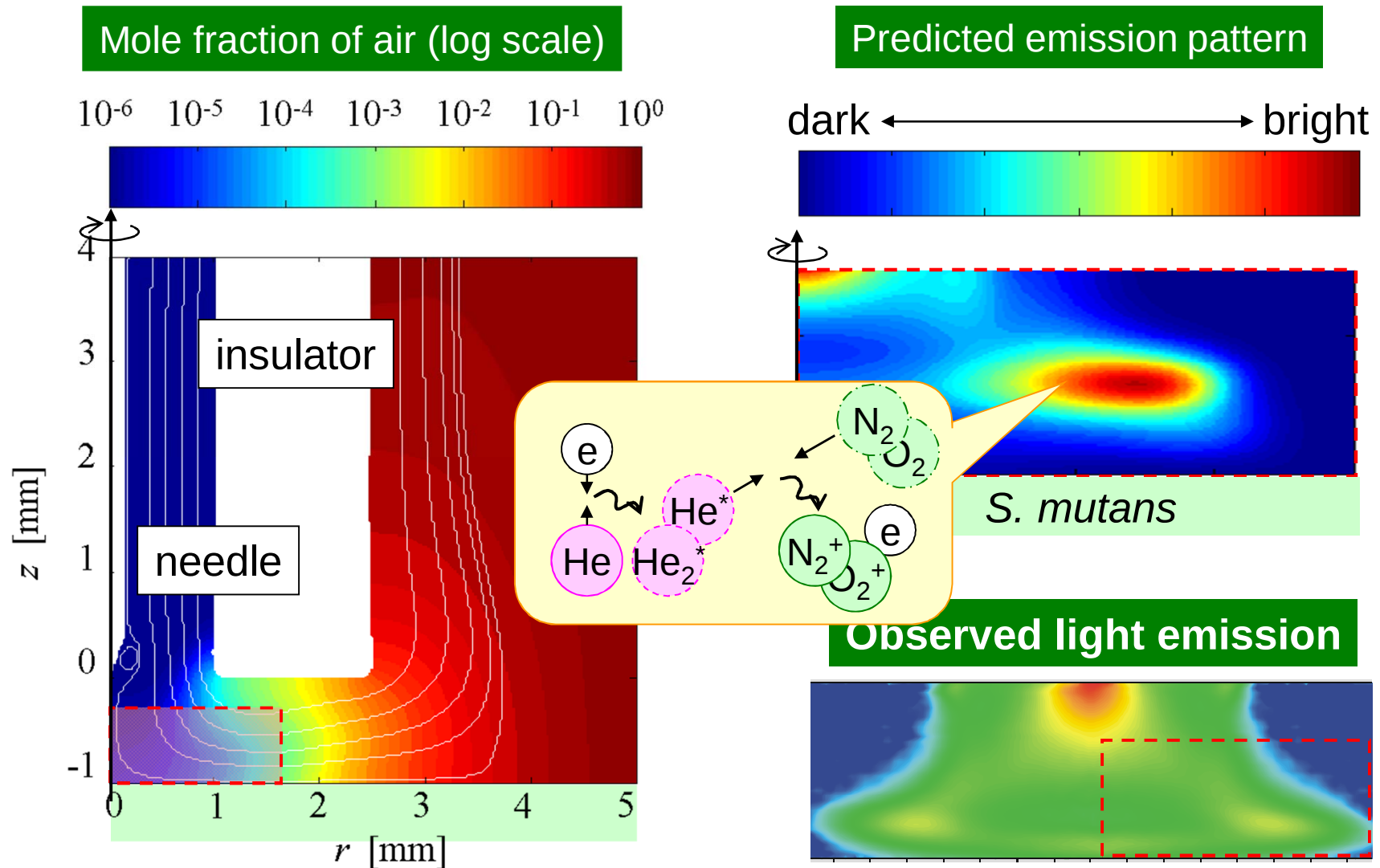
$$\varepsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \sum q_i n_i \quad (\text{Poisson's equation})$$

Plasma needle: phase-averaged species density

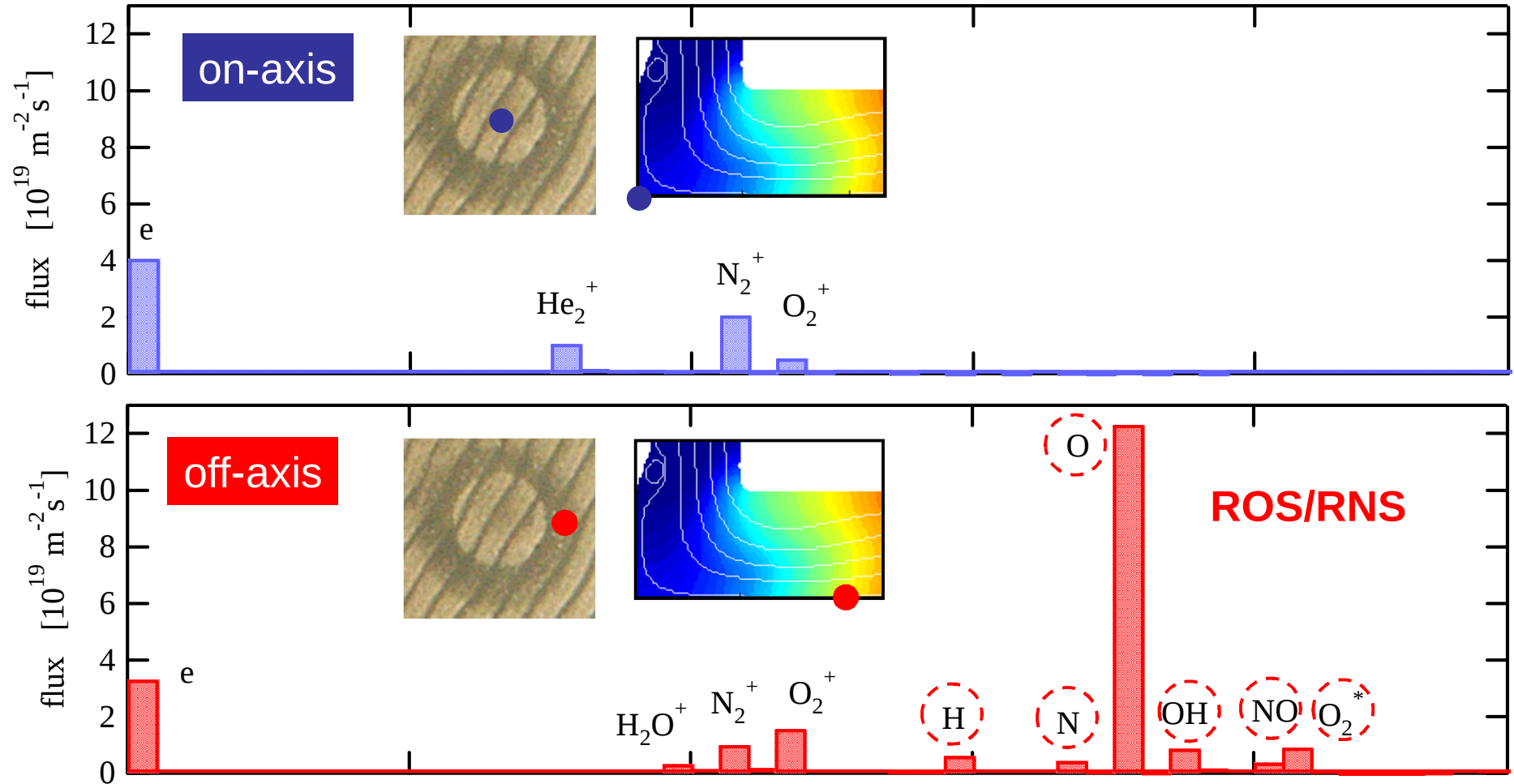
Mole fraction of air (log scale)



Plasma needle: reproduced ring-shaped emission

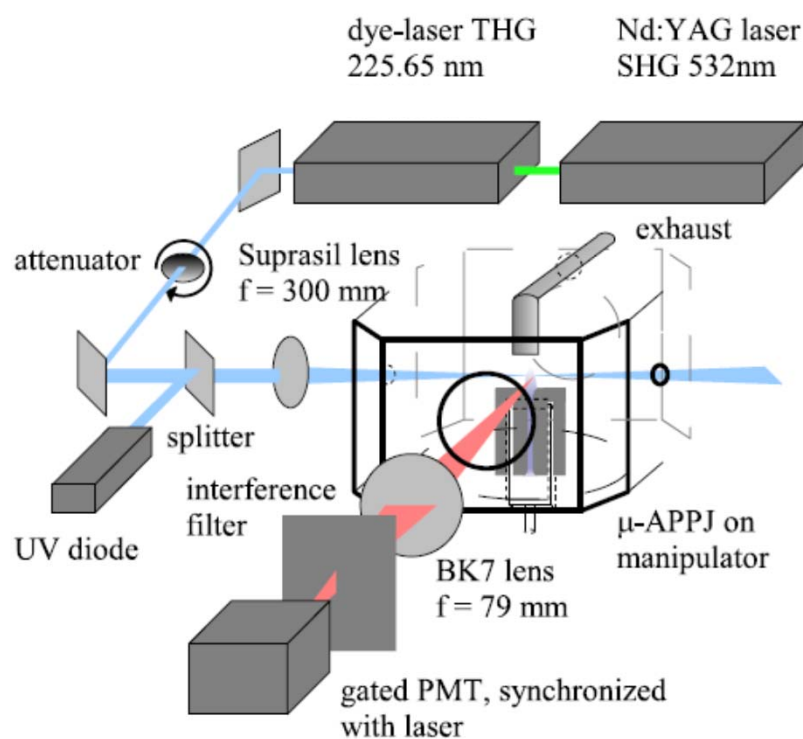


Plasma needle: flux onto bacteria

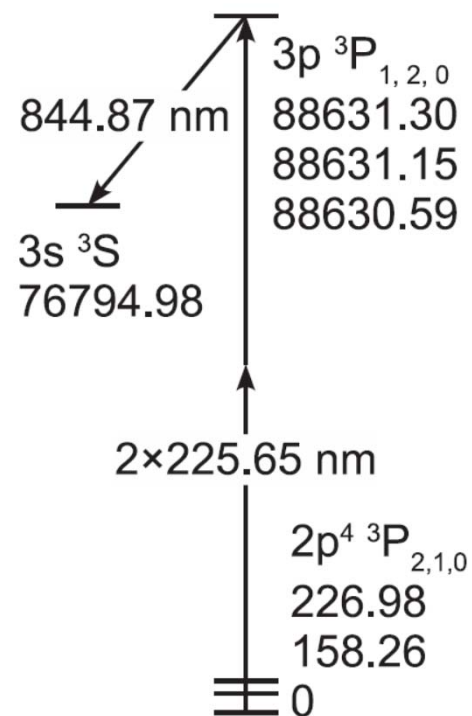


Model validation: O atom measurement

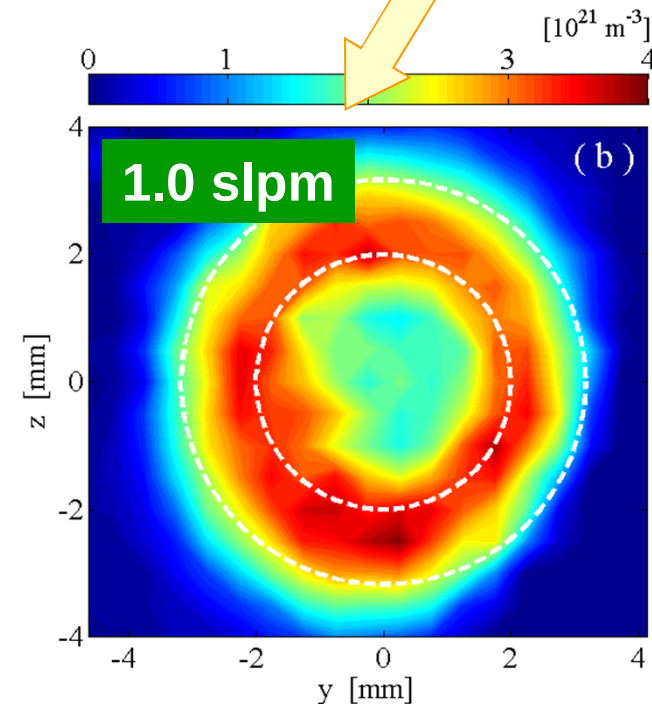
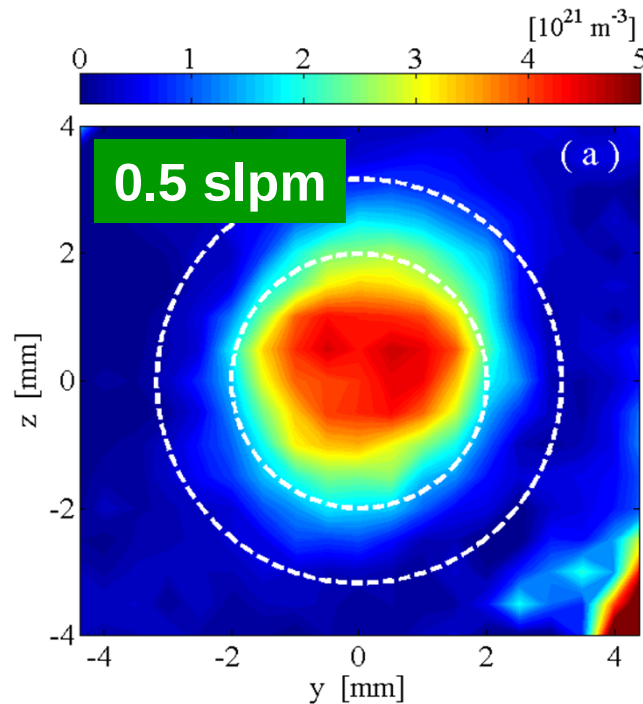
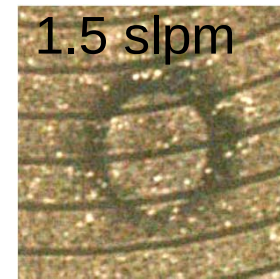
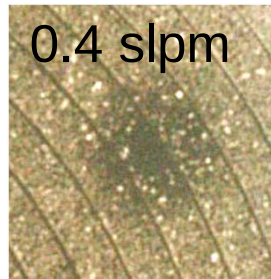
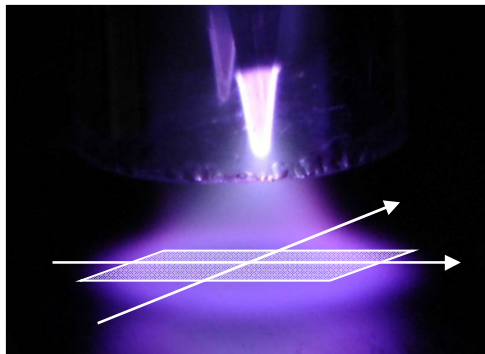
- **TALIF**: two photon absorbed laser induced fluorescence
- collaboration with Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Germany)



Atomic oxygen



Model validation: measured O atom density



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1. Plasma-generated ROS/RNS has enormous potential to open up a new field in biomedicine.
2. Neutral gas flow and air chemistry play significant roles in plasma medicine at atmospheric pressure.
3. Numerical modeling is a powerful tool to investigate plasma-biomaterial interaction and to understand the basic mechanisms of the interaction.

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