Application of Plasma Phenomena



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Materials:

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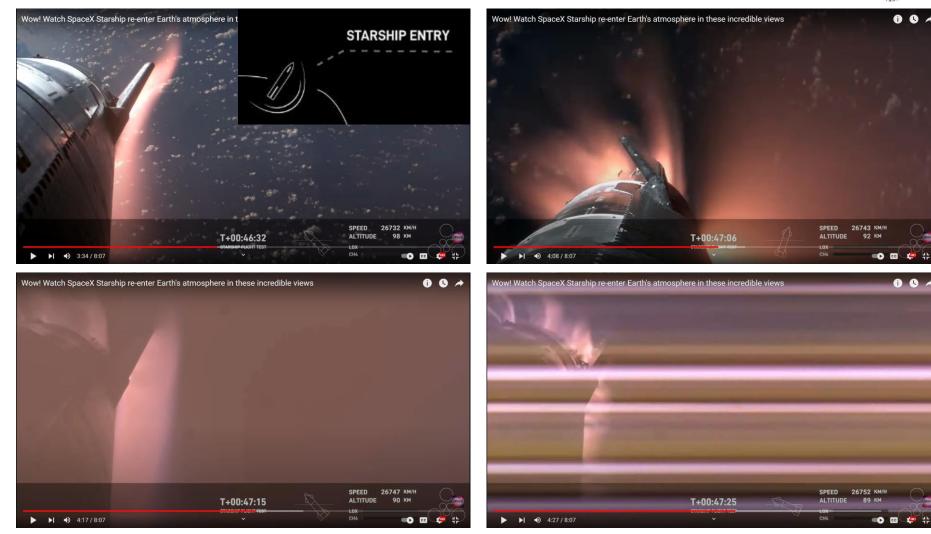
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Plasma was generated during the starship re-entry





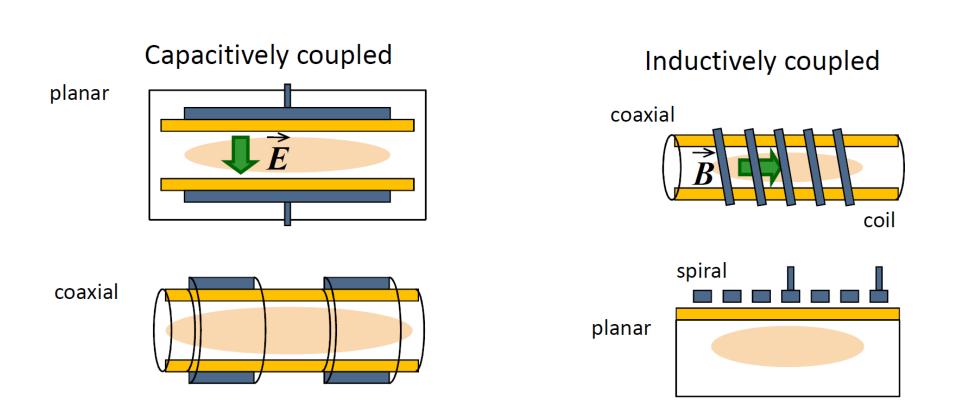
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 - Pulsed-power generated plasma it will be introduced later.

RF can interact with plasma inductively or capacitively





The plasma is generated by the induced electric field from the oscillating magnetic field

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\int (\nabla \times \vec{E}) d\vec{A} = \int \left(-\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}\right) d\vec{A}$$

$$2\pi r E = -\pi r^2 \frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$$

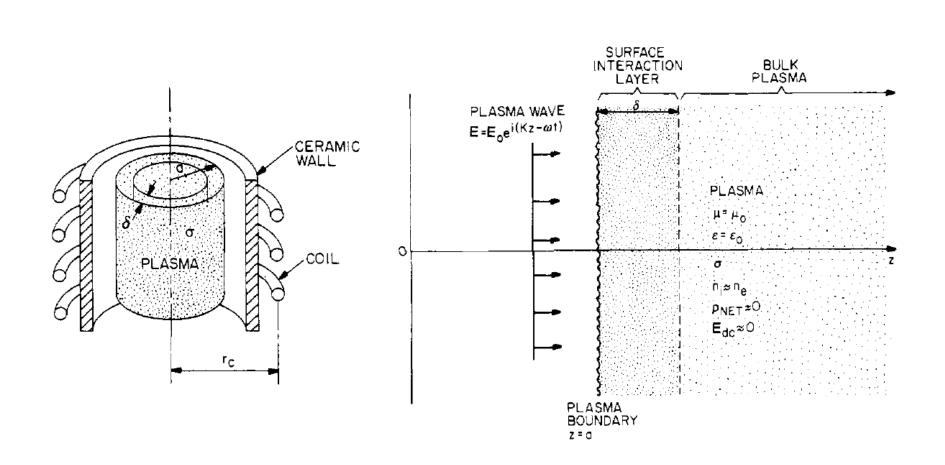
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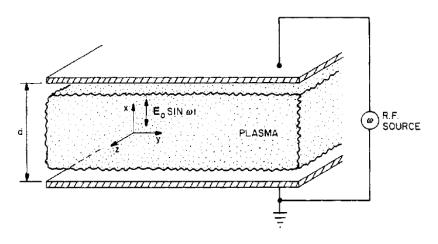
$$E = -\frac{r}{2} \mu_0 \frac{N}{l} \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

$$|E| = \frac{r}{2} \mu_0 \frac{N}{l} \omega I$$

RF energy is strongly absorbed within the skin depth if the frequency is below the electron plasma frequency



Capacitive RF coupling plasma without magnetic fields



$$\overrightarrow{F} = m \, \overrightarrow{a} = -\nu_c m \, \overrightarrow{v} - e \, \overrightarrow{E}$$

$$m\frac{\mathrm{d}v_y}{\mathrm{d}t} + mv_c v_y = 0$$
$$v_y(t) = v_{y0} \exp(-v_c t)$$

$$m\frac{d^{2}x}{dt^{2}} + mv_{c}\frac{dx}{dt} = eE_{0}\sin(\omega t)$$

$$x = C_{1}\sin(\omega t) + C_{2}\cos(\omega t)$$

$$C_{1} = -\frac{eE_{0}}{m}\frac{1}{\omega^{2} + v_{c}^{2}}$$

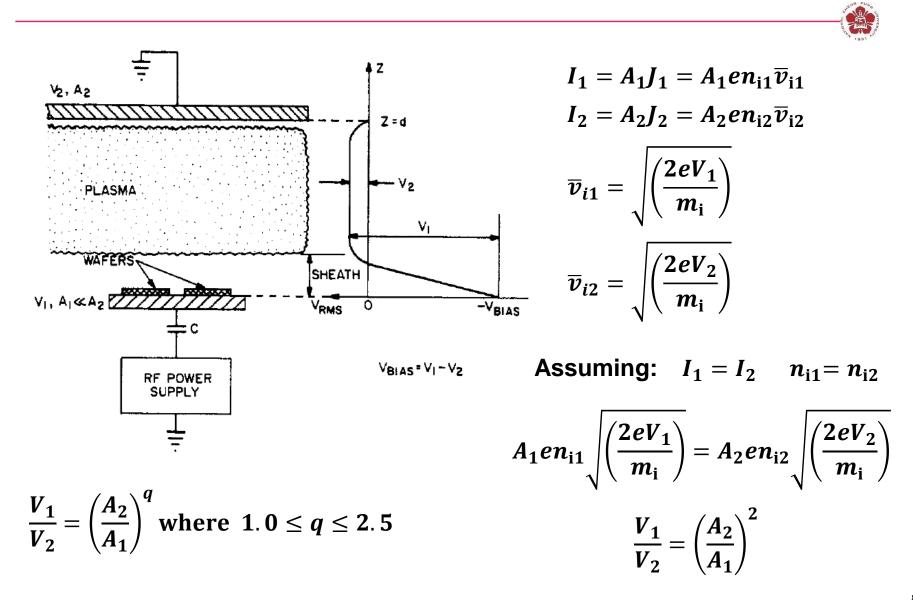
$$C_{2} = -\frac{v_{c}eE_{0}}{\omega m}\frac{1}{\omega^{2} + v_{c}^{2}}$$

$$v_{x}(t) = -\frac{eE_{0}\omega}{m(\omega^{2} + v_{c}^{2})}\left[\cos(\omega t) - \frac{v_{c}}{\omega}\sin(\omega t)\right]$$

$$P = \frac{dW}{dt} = eE_{0}\sin(\omega t)v_{x}$$

$$\bar{P}_{tot} = n_{e}\bar{P} = \frac{1}{4}\epsilon_{0}E_{0}^{2}\frac{2n_{e}e^{2}}{m\epsilon_{0}}\frac{v_{c}}{\omega^{2} + v_{c}^{2}}$$

Empirical scaling of electrode voltage drop

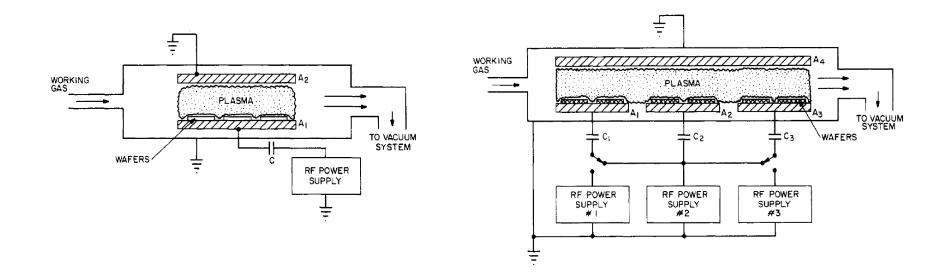


Example of capacitively coupled RF plasma source 2



Plane parallel reactor

Multiple electrode system



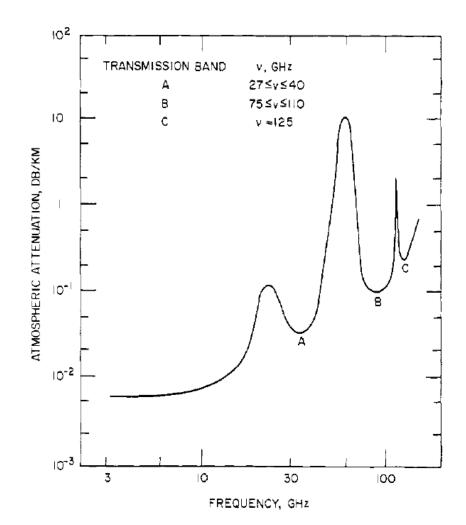
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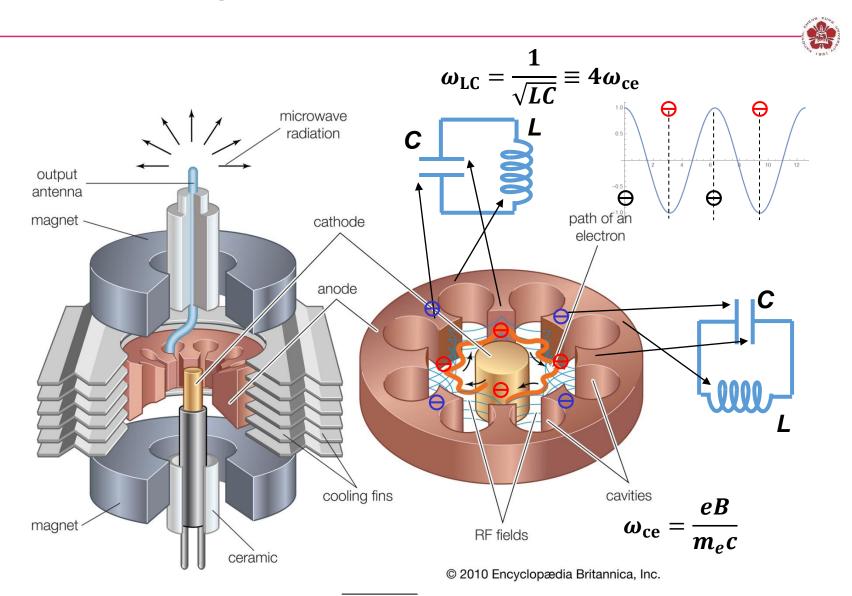
Advantage of using microwave electrical discharges

- The wavelength of the microwave is in centimeters range. In contract, the wavelength is 22 m for RF frequency f = 13.6 MHz.
- The electron number density can approach the critical number density. (7x10¹⁶ m⁻³) at a frequency of 2.45 GHz.
- The plasma in microwave discharges is quasi-optical to microwave.
- Microwave-generated plasmas have a higher electron kinetic temperature (5 ~ 15 eV) than DC or low frequency RF-generated plasmas (1 or 2 eV).
- Capable of providing a higher fraction of ionization.
- Do not have a high voltage sheath.
- No internal electrodes.

Microwave frequency is determined for those used in communications and radar purposes

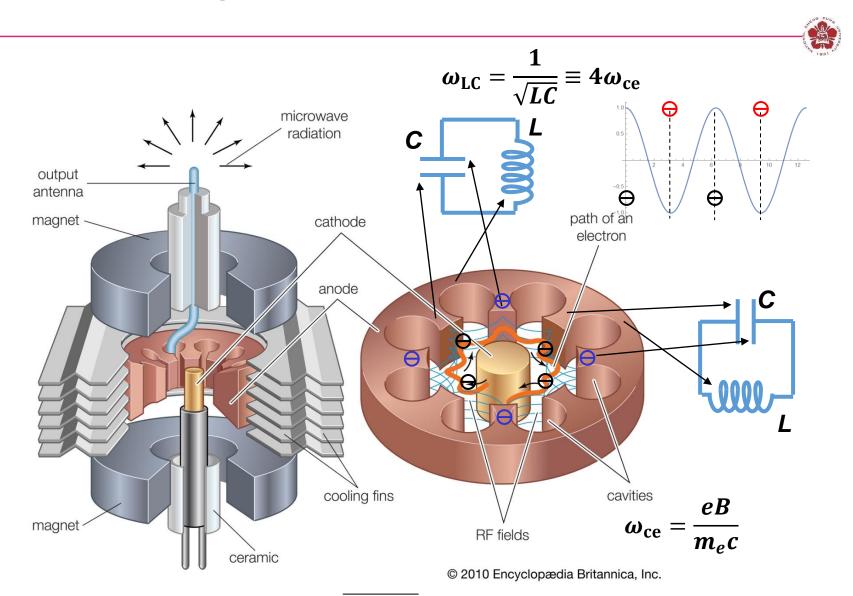


Internal of a magnetron



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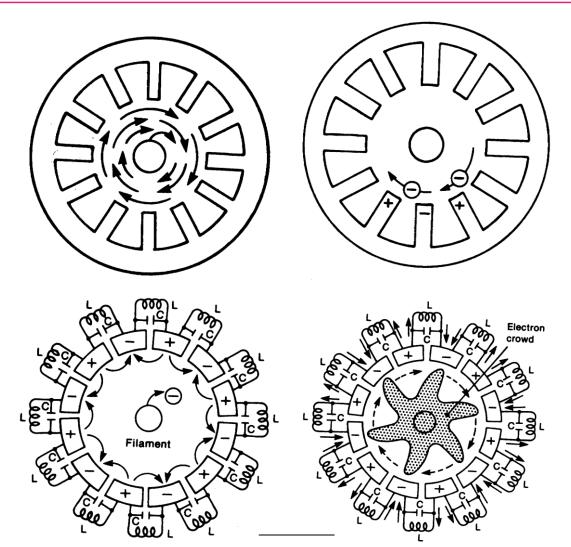
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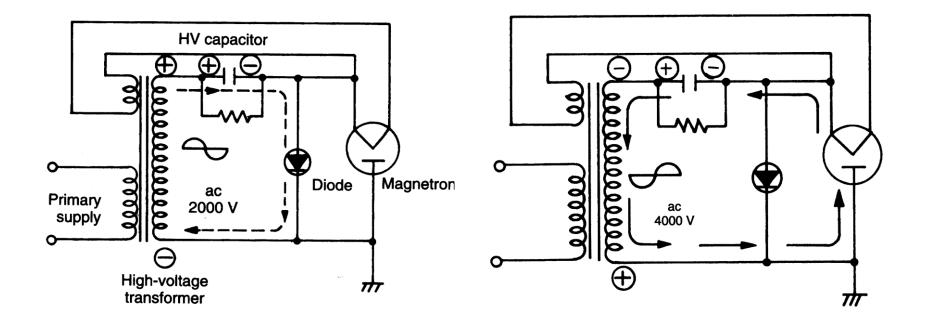
Resonance in a magnetron





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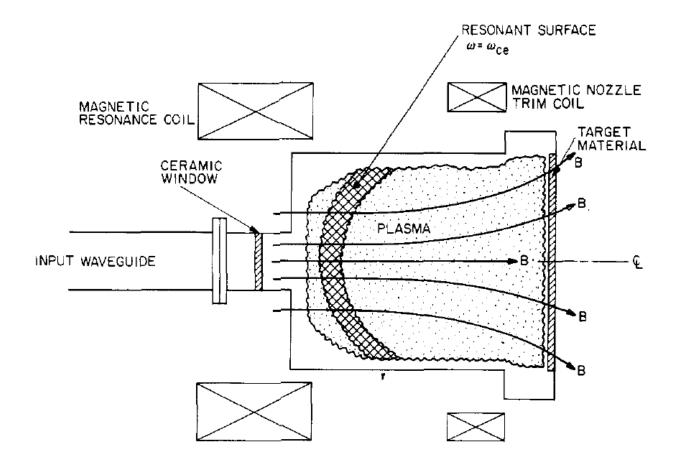
Magnetron schematic diagram



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Strong absorption occurs when the frequency matches the electron cyclotron frequency

• Electron cyclotron resonance (ECR) plasma reactor



Electron cyclotron frequency depends on magnetic field only

$$m_e \frac{d \, \vec{v}}{dt} = -\frac{e}{c} \, \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

• Assuming $\overrightarrow{B} = B\widehat{z}$ and the electron oscillates in x-y plane

$$m_e v_x = -\frac{e}{c} B v_y$$

$$m_e v_z = 0$$

$$m_e v_y = \frac{e}{c} B v_x$$

$$\ddot{v}_x = -\frac{eB}{m_e c} v_y = -\left(\frac{eB}{m_e c}\right)^2 v_x$$

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• Therefore

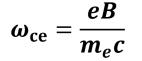
$$\omega_{\rm ce} = \frac{eB}{m_e c}$$

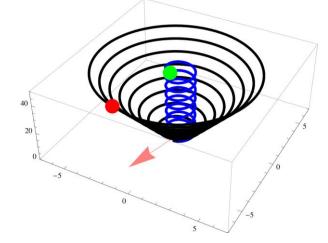
Electrons keep getting accelerated when a electric field rotates in electron's gyrofrequency

$$m_e \frac{d \vec{v}}{dt} = -\frac{e}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B} - e \vec{E} \qquad \vec{B} = B_0 \hat{z} \qquad \vec{E} = E_0 [\hat{x} \cos(\omega t) + \hat{y} \sin(\omega t)]$$

$$m_e \dot{v}_x = -\frac{e}{c} B v_y + E_0 \cos(\omega t) \qquad m_e \dot{v}_y = \frac{e}{c} B v_x + E_0 \cos(\omega t) \qquad m_e \dot{v}_z = 0$$

$$\ddot{v}_x = -\frac{eB}{m_e c} \dot{v}_y - \frac{E_0}{m_e} \omega \cos(\omega t) = -\omega_{ce}^2 v_x - \frac{E_0}{m_e} (\omega_{ce} + \omega) \cos(\omega t)$$
$$\ddot{v}_y = -\frac{eB}{m_e c} \dot{v}_x + \frac{E_0}{m_e} \omega \sin(\omega t) = -\omega_{ce}^2 v_y + \frac{E_0}{m_e} (\omega_{ce} + \omega) \sin(\omega t)$$

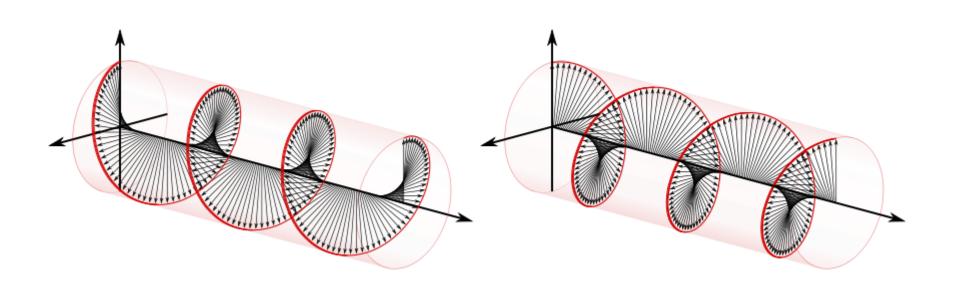




Electric field in a circular polarized electromagnetic wave keeps rotating as the wave propagates

Right-handed polarization

Left-handed polarization



Only right-handed polarization can resonance with electron's gyromotion

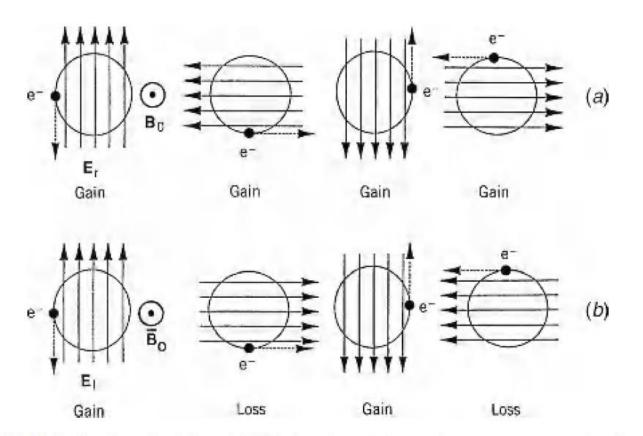
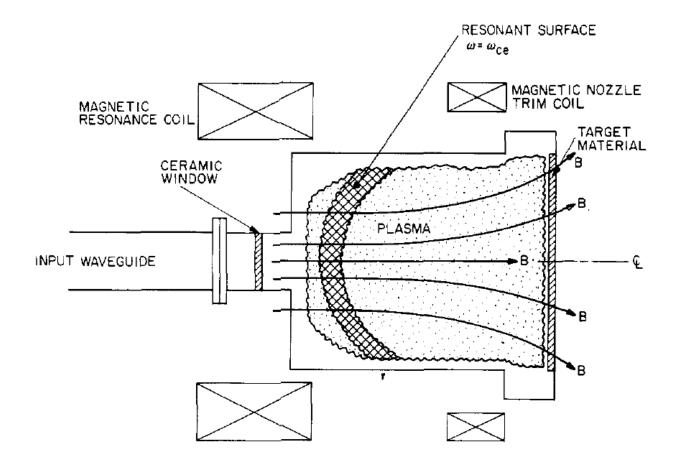


FIGURE 13.5. Basic principle of ECR heating: (*a*) continuous energy gain for righthand polarization; (*b*) oscillating energy for left-hand polarization (after Lieberman and Gottscho, 1994).

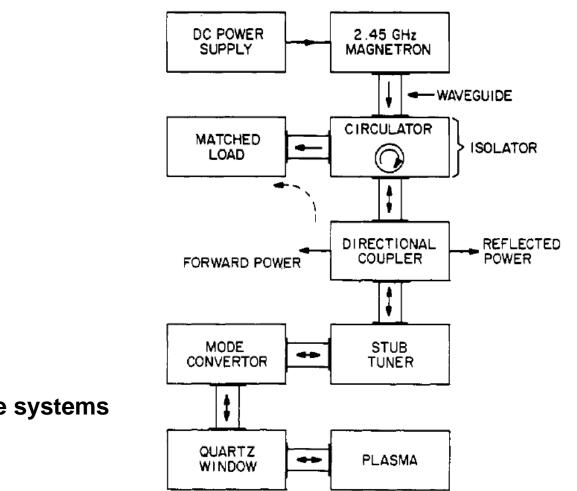
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Electron cyclotron resonance (ECR) microwave systems

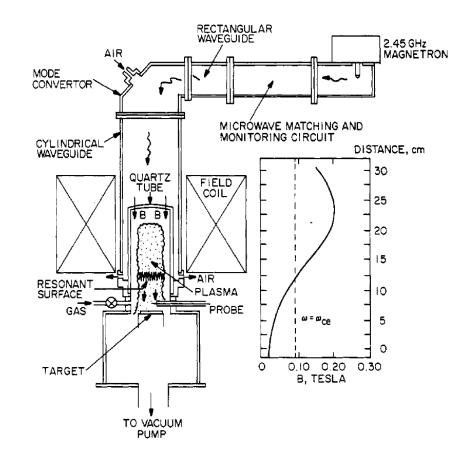




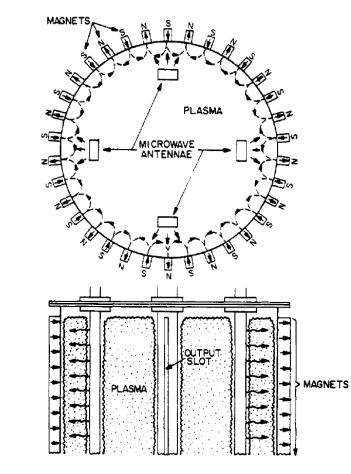
microwave systems

Immersed ECR plasma source

- High particle fluxes on targets for diamond or other thin film deposition
- The ions in the plasma flux can be used for etching.

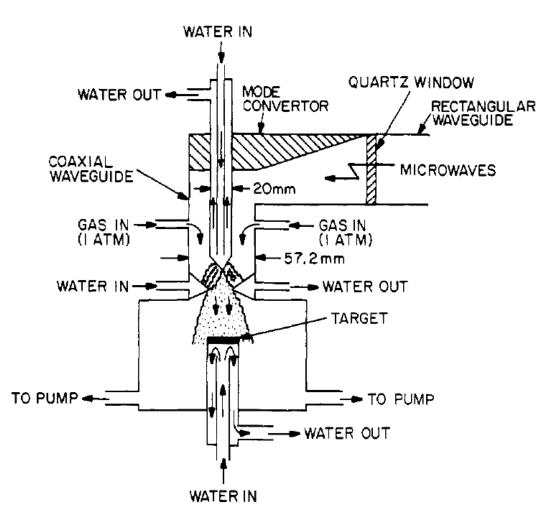


Distributed ECR system



- Function of the multipolar magnetic field at the tank boundary:
 - Provide a resonant surface for ECR absorption
 - Improve the confinement of the plasma

Microwave plasma torch deposit a much faster rate than other types of plasma source for diamond film deposition



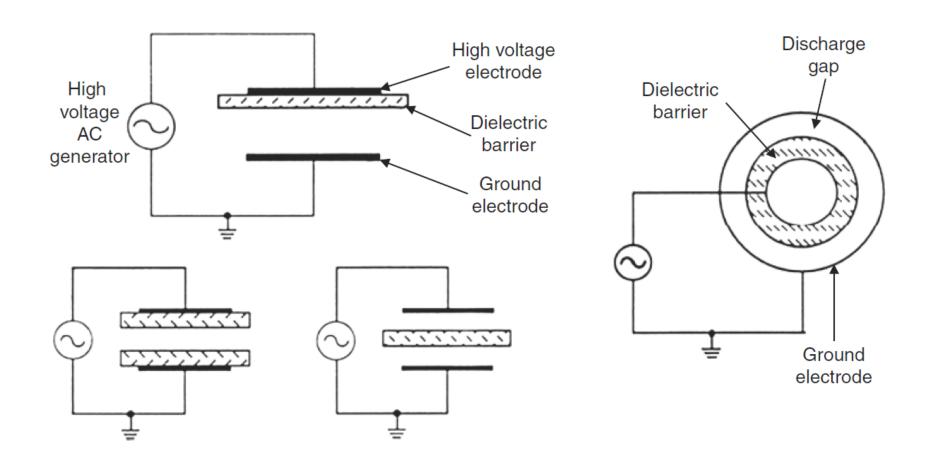
Microwave-generated plasmas have the capability of filling very large volumes with moderately high density

- Advantages
 - Lower neutral gas pressure, i.e., longer ion and neutral mean free paths.
 - Higher fraction ionize.
 - Higher electron density.
- Disadvantages
 - Lower ion bombardment energies.
 - Less control of the bombarding ion energy.
 - Difficult in tuning up and achieving efficient coupling.
 - Much more difficult and expensive to make uniform over a large area.
 - More expensive.

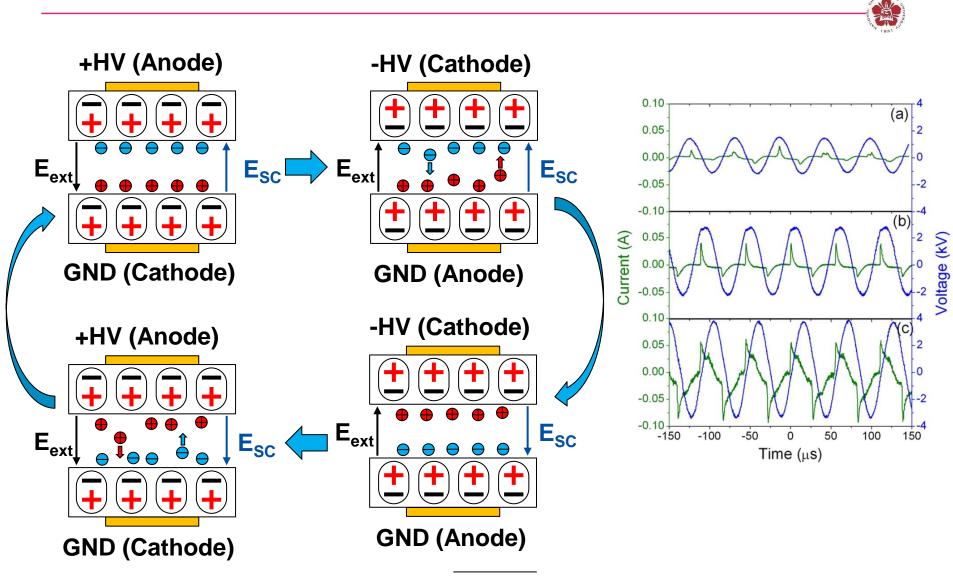
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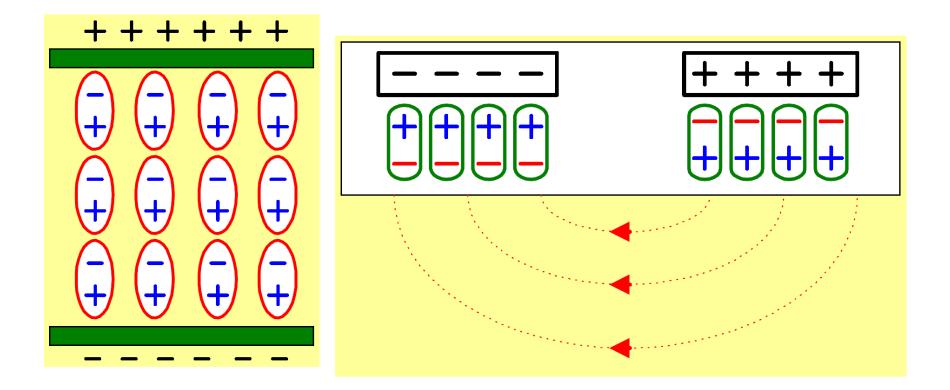


Space charge effect enhance the electric field

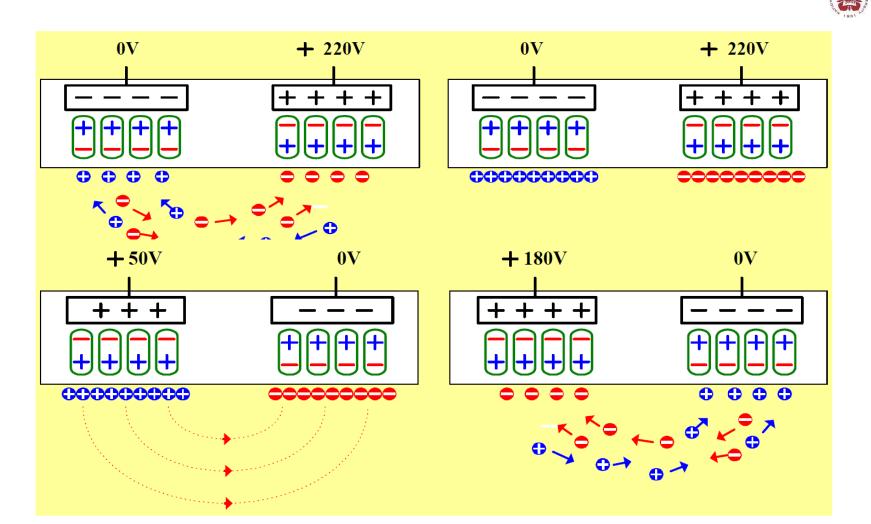


The foundation of AC discharge in plasma display panel





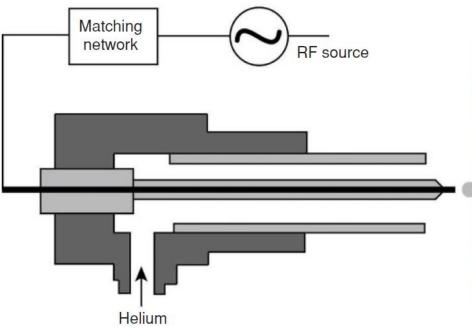
The plasma can be sustained using ac discharged in plasma display panel

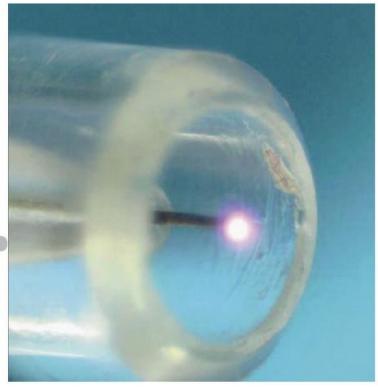


• Wall discharge reduced the required discharge volta Slides from Prof. Heung-Sik Tae, School of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Kyungpook National University 32

Plasma-needle discharge

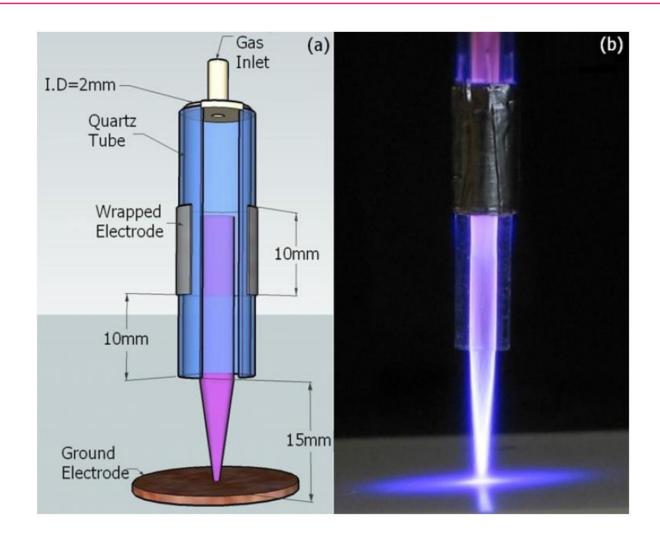




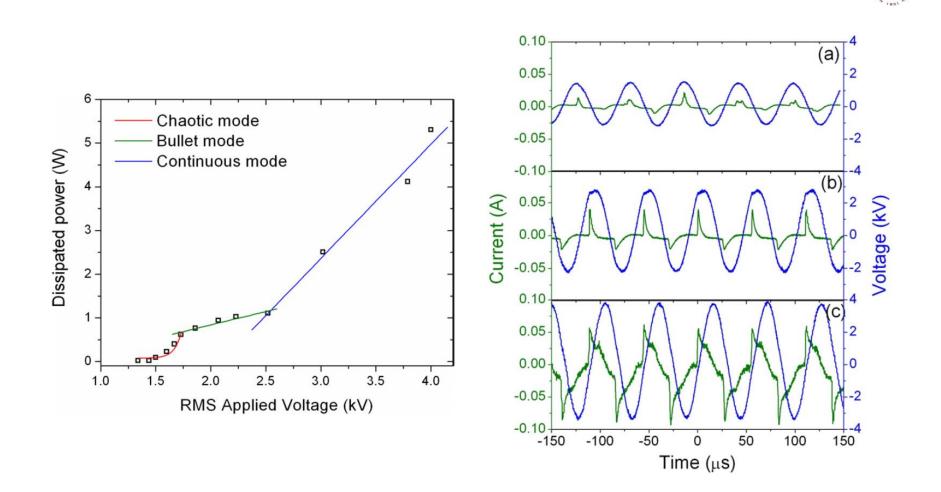


Atmospheric-pressure cold helium microplasma jets





There are three different modes: chaotic, bullet, and continuous mode



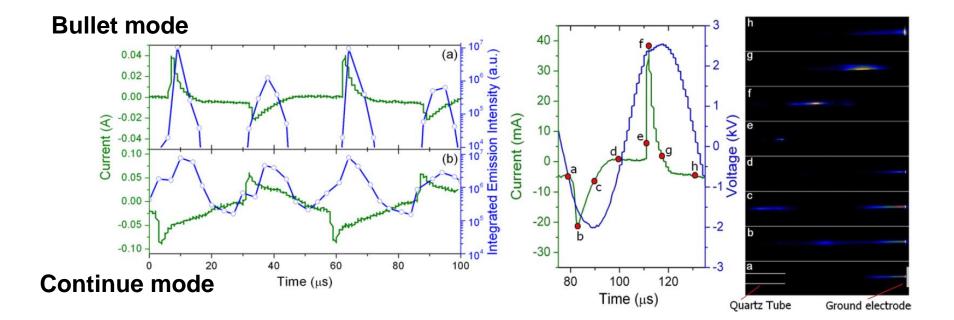
J. L. Walsh, et al., J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys., 43, 075201 (2010) 35

In bullet mode, the plasma jet comes out as a pulse

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wavelength-integrated optical
 Images of bullet mode
 emission signal (350–800 nm)



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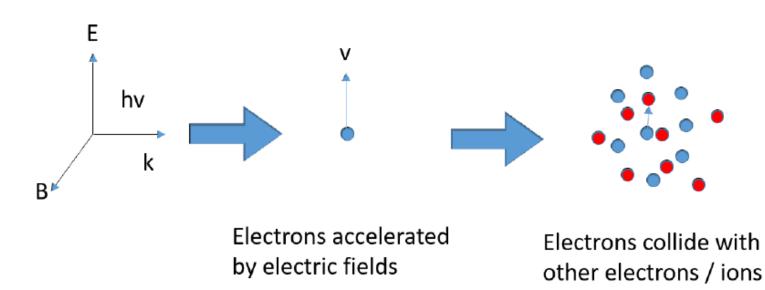
Laser is absorbed in underdense plasma through collisional process called inverse bremsstrahlung

h-f=E1-E2

• Inverse bremsstrahlung (For I < 10¹⁸ w/cm²)

Bremsstrahlung

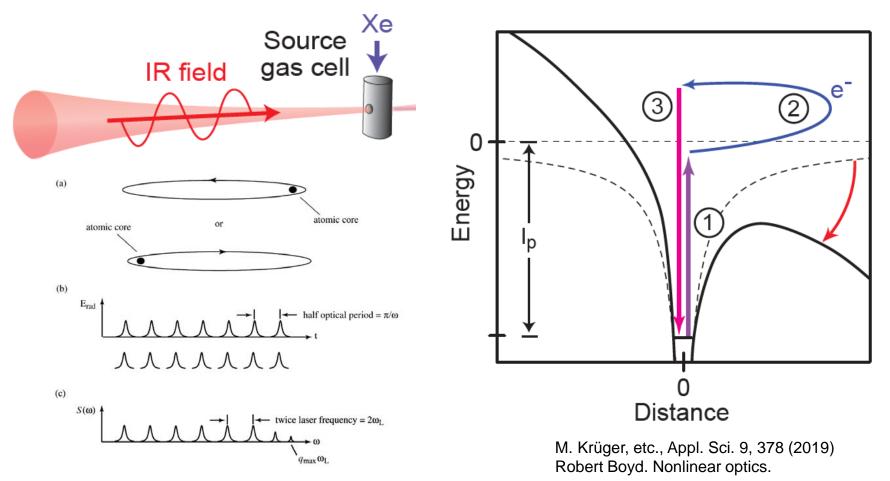
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Electric field of a high-power laser can perturb the potential of a nuclear and thus ionize the atom directly

• For I ~ 10¹⁴ ~ 10¹⁶ w/cm²

 $E_{\text{cutoff}} \approx I_{\text{p}} + 3.17U_{\text{p}}$ I_{p} : ionization potential U_{p} : ponderomotive energy



Diagnostics

- Single/double Langmuir probe n_e, T_e
- Interferometer n_e
- Schlieren dn_e/dx
- Faraday rotator B
- Bdot probe B
- Charged particle B
- Spectroscopy T_e, n_e
- Thomson scattering T_e, n_e, T_i, n_i
- Faraday cup dn_i/dt
- Retarding Potential Analyzer v_i

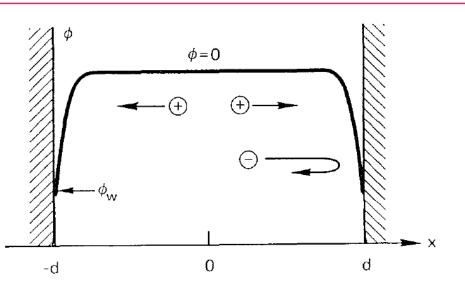
- Intensified CCD 2D image
- Framing camera 2D image
- Streak camera 1D image
- VISAR shock velocity
- Neutron time of fligh (NToF)

- Neutron yield, T_i

- Thomson parabola e/m
- Stimulated brillouin scattering
 - Laser pulse compression

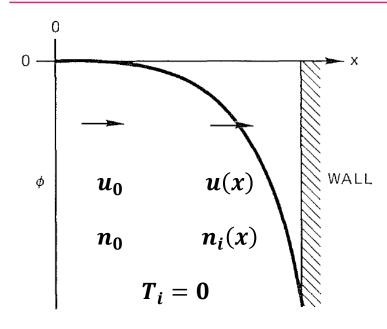
Sheath

All plasmas are separated from the walls surrounding them by a sheath



- When ions and electrons hit the wall, they recombine and are lost.
- Since electrons have much higher thermal velocities than ions, they are lost faster and leave the plasma with a net positive charge.
- Debye shielding will confine the potential variation to a layer of the order of several Debye lengths in thickness.
- A potential barrier is formed to confine electrons electrostatically.
- The flux of electrons is just equal to the flux of ions reaching the wall.

The planar sheath equation



$$\frac{1}{2}mu^{2} = \frac{1}{2}mu_{0}^{2} - e\phi(x)$$
$$u = \left(u_{0}^{2} - \frac{2e\phi}{m}\right)^{1/2}$$
$$n_{0}u_{0} = n_{i}(x)u(x)$$
$$n_{i}(x) = n_{0}\left(1 - \frac{2e\phi}{mu_{0}^{2}}\right)^{-1/2}$$

• Boltzmann relation:

$$n_e(x) = n_0 \exp\left(\frac{e\phi}{KT_e}\right)$$

• Poisson's equation:

$$\epsilon_0 \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} = e(n_e - n_i)$$
$$= en_0 \left[exp\left(\frac{e\phi}{KT_e}\right) - \left(1 - \frac{2e\phi}{mu_0^2}\right)^{-1/2} \right]$$

$$\chi \equiv -\frac{e\phi}{KT_e}, \xi \equiv \frac{x}{\lambda_D}, M \equiv \frac{u_0}{(KT_e/m)^{1/2}}$$
$$\lambda_D = \left(\frac{KT_e}{4\pi ne^2}\right)^{1/2}$$
$$\chi'' = \left(1 + \frac{2\chi}{M^2}\right)^{-1/2} - e^{-\chi}$$

The Bohm sheath criterion

$$\chi'' = \left(1 + \frac{2\chi}{M^2}\right)^{-1/2} - e^{-\chi} \qquad \qquad \chi'\chi'' = \chi'\left(1 + \frac{2\chi}{M^2}\right)^{-1/2} - \chi'e^{-\chi}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\xi}\left(\frac{\chi'^2}{2}\right) = \frac{d\chi}{d\xi}\left(1 + \frac{2\chi}{M^2}\right)^{-1/2} - \frac{d\chi}{d\xi}e^{-\chi}$$

$$\chi_0=0$$
 , $\chi_0'=0$, @ $\xi=0$

$$\int_{\chi_{0'}}^{\chi'} d\left(\frac{\chi'^2}{2}\right) = \int_0^{\chi} \left(1 + \frac{2\chi}{M^2}\right)^{-1/2} d\chi - \int_0^{\chi} e^{-\chi} d\chi$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\chi'^2 - \chi_0'^2) = M^2 \left[\left(1 + \frac{2\chi}{M^2} \right)^{1/2} - 1 \right] + e^{-\chi} - 1$$

- Needs to be solved numerically
- The right-hand side must be positive for all $\boldsymbol{\chi}$.

The Bohm sheath criterion - continued

$$\frac{1}{2}(\chi'^{2}-\chi_{0}'^{2}) = M^{2}\left[\left(1+\frac{2\chi}{M^{2}}\right)^{1/2}-1\right]+e^{-\chi}-1$$

• for $|\chi| \ll 1$
 $\left(1+\frac{2\chi}{M^{2}}\right)^{1/2}-1=1+\frac{\chi}{M^{2}}-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\chi}{M^{2}}\right)^{2}+\dots-1\approx\frac{\chi}{M^{2}}-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\chi}{M^{2}}\right)^{2}$
 $e^{-\chi}-1=1-\chi+\frac{1}{2}\chi^{2}+\dots-1\approx-\chi+\frac{1}{2}\chi^{2}$
 $M^{2}\left[\left(1+\frac{2\chi}{M^{2}}\right)^{1/2}-1\right]+e^{\chi}-1\approx M^{2}\left[\frac{\chi}{M^{2}}-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\chi}{M^{2}}\right)^{2}\right]-\chi+\frac{1}{2}\chi^{2}=\frac{1}{2}\chi^{2}\left(-\frac{1}{M^{2}}+1\right)>0$
 $M^{2}>1 \text{ or } mu_{0}^{2}>KT_{e}$

- lons must enter the sheath region with a velocity greater than the acoustic velocity v_s.
- There must be a finite electric field in the plasma.
- The scale of the sheath region is usually much smaller than the scale of the main plasma region in which the ions are accelerated.

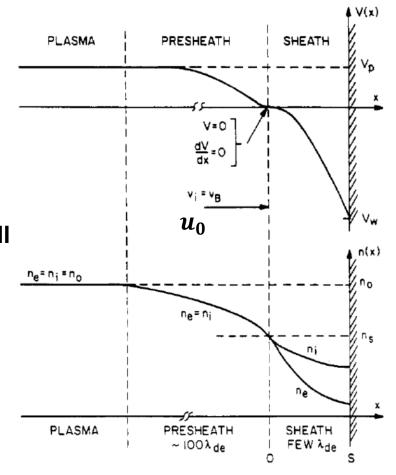
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The potential variation in a plasma-wall system can be divided into three parts

- Sheath:
 - ~Debye length, n_e is appreciable.
 - A dark layers where no electrons were present to excite atoms to emission.
 - It has been measured by the electrostatic deflection of a thin electron beam shot parallel to a wall
- Presheath: ions are accelerated to the required velocity u₀ by a potential drop

$$|\phi| \geq \frac{1}{2} \frac{KT_e}{e}$$
.

$$\frac{1}{2}mu_0^2 = |e\phi|, \ mu_0^2 > KT_e$$



The Child-Langmuir law

 The electron density can be neglected in the region of large χ next to the wall.

$$\chi'' = \left(1 + \frac{2\chi}{M^2}\right)^{-1/2} - e^{-\chi} \approx \left(1 + \frac{2\chi}{M^2}\right)^{-1/2} \approx \frac{M}{(2\chi)^{1/2}}$$
$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\chi'^2 - \chi_s'^2\right) = \int_{\chi_s}^{\chi} \frac{M}{(2\chi)^{1/2}} \, \mathrm{d}\chi = \sqrt{2}M \left(\chi^{1/2} - \chi_s^{-1/2}\right)$$

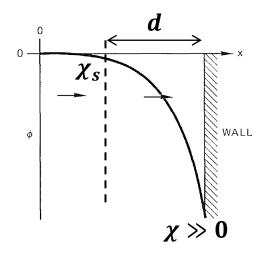
$$n_e \approx 0 @\xi = \xi_s, \ \chi_s << \chi \ \text{and} \ \ \chi'_s << \chi', \ \ \chi'^2 = 2^{3/2} M \chi^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{d\chi}{\chi^{1/4}} = 2^{3/4} M^{1/2} \mathrm{d}\xi$$

• Integrating from $\xi = \xi_s$ to $\xi_s + \frac{d}{\lambda_D} = \xi_{wall}$

$$\frac{4}{3}\chi_w^{3/4} = 2^{3/4}M^{1/2}\frac{d}{\lambda_D} \qquad M = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{9}\frac{\chi_w^{3/2}}{d^2}\lambda_D$$

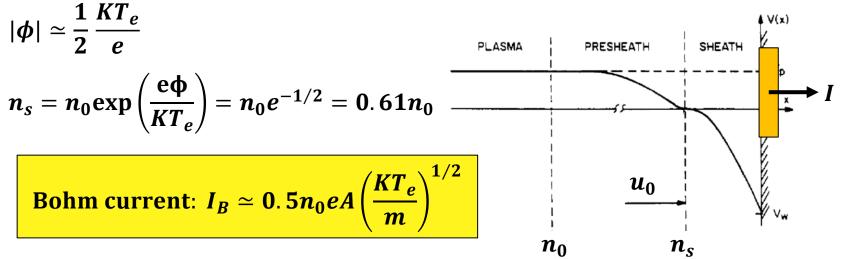
$$\chi \equiv -\frac{e\phi}{KT_e}, M \equiv \frac{u_0}{(KT_e/m)^{1/2}}$$
$$J = \frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{2e}{m}\right)^{1/2} \frac{\epsilon_0 |\phi_w|^{3/2}}{d^2}$$



Electrostatic probes

 The electron current can be neglected if the probe is sufficiently negative relative to the plasma to repel most electrons.

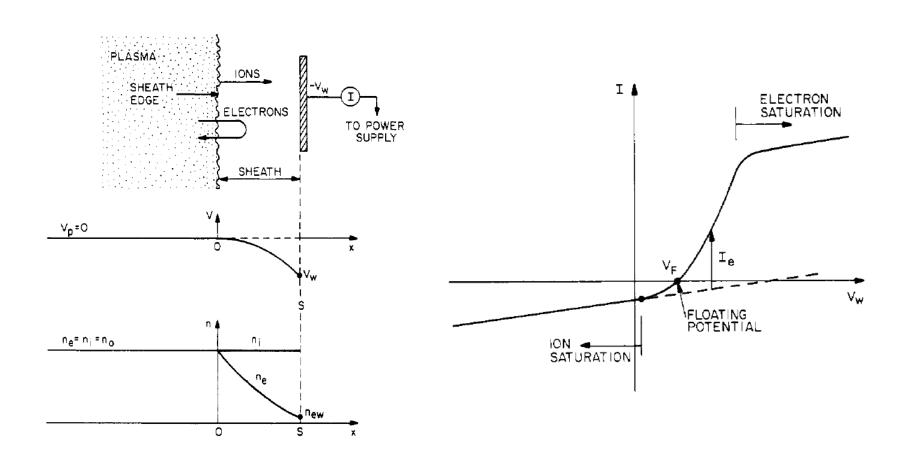
$$mu_0^2 > KT_e$$
 $J = enu$ $I = n_s eA\left(\frac{KT_e}{m}\right)^{1/2}$



• The plasma density can be obtained once the temperature is known.

Langmuir probe

A plasma sheaths is formed when plasma is contact to a surface



Floating voltage is determined when ion flux is balanced by electron flux



• Wall flux of ions:

$$\Gamma_i = \frac{1}{4} n_0 \bar{v}_i = n_0 \sqrt{\frac{8KT_i}{\pi m_i}}$$

• Wall flux of electrons due to random motion:

$$n_{ew} = n_0 \exp\left(\frac{e\Phi_w}{KT_e}\right) \qquad \text{(Boltzman equation)}$$
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• Balance between electron and ion flux (current)

$$I = eA(\Gamma_i - \Gamma_e) = 0$$

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ight)$$

Floating voltage can also be calculated using Bohm's velocity

V(x)

Wall flux of ions using Bohm's velocity:

$$u_0 = \sqrt{\frac{KT_e}{m_i}} \qquad \Gamma_i = n_s u_0$$

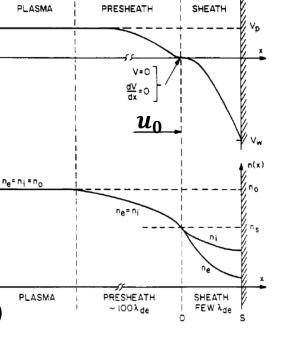
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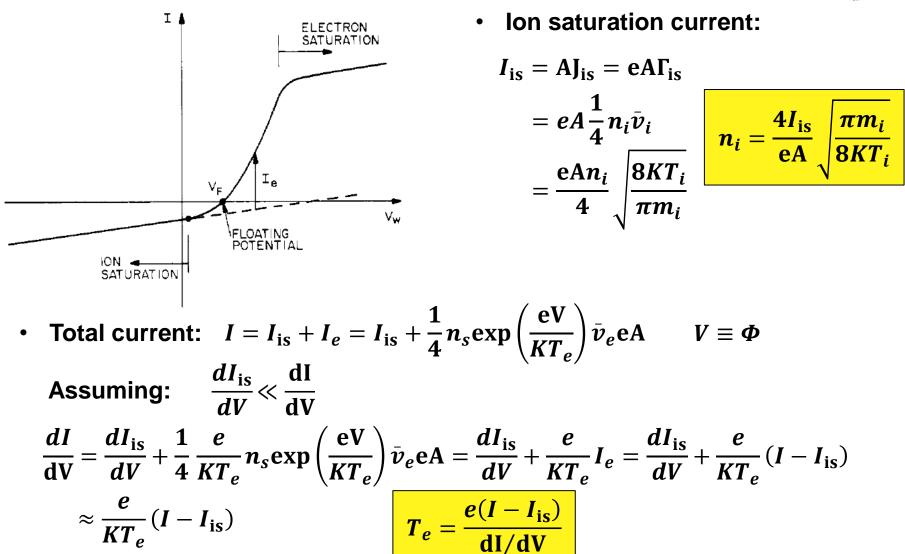
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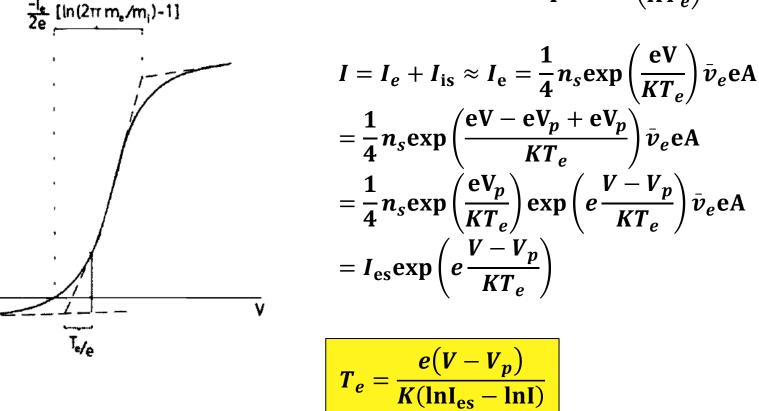
Electron temperature can be determined by the slope of the I-V curve between ion and electron saturation



Electron temperature can be obtained alternatively by finding the slope of I-V curve in Log-Linear plot



$$V = V_p$$
 $I_{es} = \frac{1}{4} n_s \exp\left(\frac{eV_p}{KT_e}\right) \bar{v}_e eA$

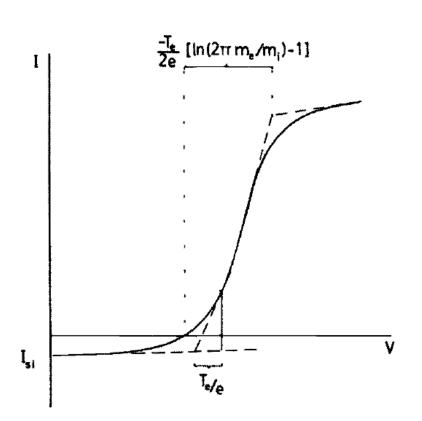


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Plasma density can be obtained by finding the electron saturation current



Electron saturation current:

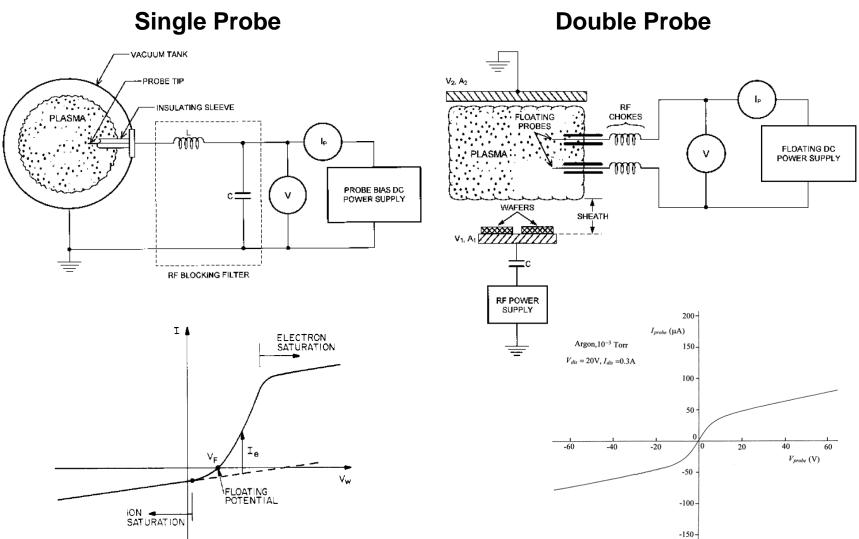


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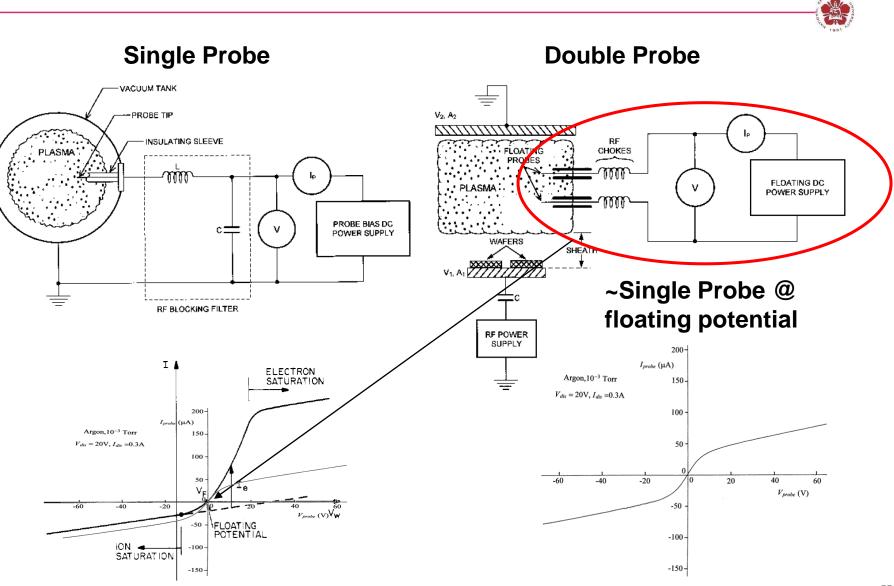
$$n_0 = \frac{4I_{\rm es}}{{\rm eA}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi m_e}{8T_e}}$$

Two Langmuir probes can be operated simultaneously

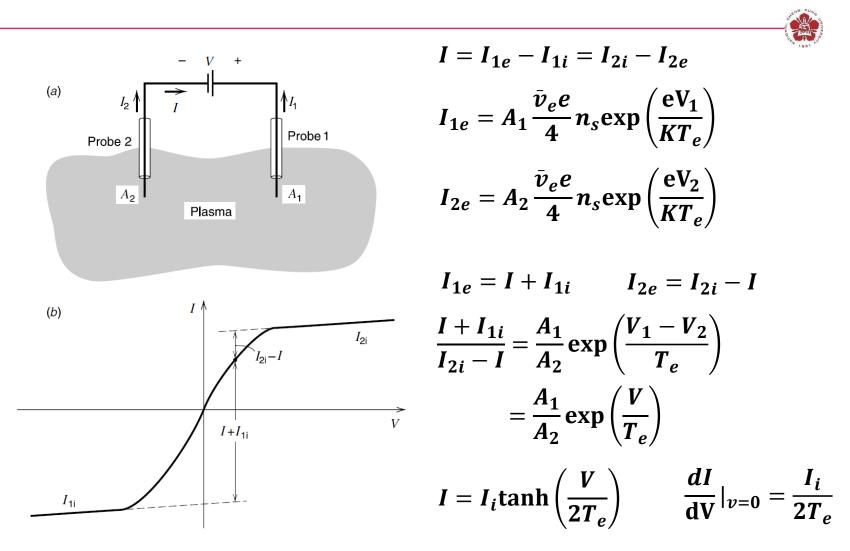




Two Langmuir probes can be operated simultaneously



Double Langmuir probe is not disturbed by the discharge



 The net current never exceeds the ion saturation current, minimizing the disturbance to the discharge.

Interferometer

An electromagnetic wave is described using Maxwell's equation



$$\begin{cases} \nabla \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \vec{B} &= \mu_0 \vec{j} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \left(\nabla \times \vec{E} \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\nabla \times \vec{B} \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\mu_0 \vec{j} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \end{cases}$$

Conductivity: $\vec{j} = \overleftarrow{\sigma} \cdot \vec{E}$

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$$\nabla \times \left(\nabla \times \vec{E} \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\nabla \times \vec{B} \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\mu_0 \overleftrightarrow{\sigma} \cdot \vec{E} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

Plane wave: $\vec{E} = \vec{E} \exp \left[i \left(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t \right) \right]$

$$i\vec{k} \times \left(i\vec{k} \times \vec{E}\right) = i\omega \left(\mu_0 \overleftrightarrow{\sigma} \cdot \vec{E} - i\omega\epsilon_0 \mu_0 \vec{E}\right)$$

Dispersion relation is determined by the determinant of the matrix of coefficient

$$-\vec{k} \times \left(\vec{k} \times \vec{E}\right) = -\left[\left(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}\right)\vec{k} - \left(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}\right)\vec{E}\right] = -\left(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}\right)\vec{E} + k^{2}\vec{E}$$

$$i\omega\left(\mu_{0}\overleftarrow{\sigma}\cdot\vec{E}-i\omega\epsilon_{0}\mu_{0}\vec{E}\right) = i\omega\left(\mu_{0}\overleftarrow{\sigma}\cdot\vec{E}-\frac{i\omega}{c^{2}}\vec{E}\right) = \frac{\omega^{2}}{c^{2}}\left[-\frac{c^{2}}{i\omega}\mu_{0}\overleftarrow{\sigma}\cdot\vec{E}+\vec{E}\right]$$
$$= \frac{\omega^{2}}{c^{2}}\left(\overleftarrow{1}+\frac{i}{\omega\epsilon_{0}}\overleftarrow{\sigma}\right)\vec{E} \equiv \frac{\omega^{2}}{c^{2}}\overleftarrow{c}\vec{E}$$

Dielectric tensor: $\overleftarrow{\varepsilon} \equiv \overleftarrow{1} + \frac{i}{\omega \epsilon_0} \overleftarrow{\sigma}$

$$i\vec{k} \times \left(i\vec{k} \times \vec{E}\right) = i\omega \left(\mu_0 \overleftarrow{\sigma} \cdot \vec{E} - i\omega\epsilon_0 \mu_0 \vec{E}\right)$$
$$(\vec{k}: \vec{k} - k^2 \overleftarrow{1} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \overleftarrow{\varepsilon}) \vec{E} = 0$$
$$\det \left(\vec{k}: \vec{k} - k^2 \overleftarrow{1} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \overleftarrow{\varepsilon}\right) = 0$$

Two mode can propagate in the plasma

$$\det\left(\vec{k} \colon \vec{k} - k^2 \overleftarrow{1} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \overleftarrow{\varepsilon}\right) = 0$$

Assuming the wave propagates along the z direction and isotropic medium:

$$\vec{k} = k\hat{z} \qquad \left(\begin{array}{c} -k^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon & 0 & 0\\ 0 & -k^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon \end{array} \right) = 0$$

$$\left(-k^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon \right)^2 \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon = 0 \qquad \left(-k^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon \right)^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon = 0 \qquad \left(-k^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon \right)^2 = 0$$

Longitudinal wave

Transverse wave

The reflective index is determined by the dielectric

• Longitudinal wave: $\frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -k^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon & 0 & 0\\ 0 & -k^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_{\mathbf{x}} \\ E_{\mathbf{y}} \\ E_{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} = 0 = \begin{pmatrix} \left(-k^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon\right)E_{\mathbf{x}} \\ \left(-k^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon\right)E_{\mathbf{y}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{\mathbf{x}} = E_{\mathbf{y}} = 0$$

Transverse wave:

$$\left(-k^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\varepsilon\right)^2 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \varepsilon \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_{\mathbf{x}} \\ E_{\mathbf{y}} \\ E_{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

 $E_{\rm z}=0$ Reflective index: $n\equiv \frac{kc}{\omega}=\varepsilon^{1/2}$

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Conductivity tensor can be determined from equation of motion for electron

$$m_{e} \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} = -e\left(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}\right) \qquad \vec{v} = \vec{v} \exp\left[i\left(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t\right)\right]$$

$$\begin{cases} -i\omega m_{e} v_{x} = -eE_{x} - eB_{0}v_{y} \\ -i\omega m_{e} v_{y} = -eE_{y} + eB_{0}v_{x} \qquad \Omega \equiv \frac{eB_{0}}{m_{e}} \qquad \vec{x} \\ -i\omega m_{e} v_{z} = -eE_{z} \end{cases} \qquad \Omega \equiv \frac{eB_{0}}{m_{e}} \qquad \vec{y} \qquad \vec{z} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} v_{x} = -\frac{ie}{\omega m_{e}} \frac{1}{1 - \Omega^{2}/\omega^{2}} \left(E_{x} - i\frac{\Omega}{\omega}E_{y}\right) \qquad \vec{y} \qquad \vec{z} \end{cases}$$

$$v_{y} = -\frac{ie}{\omega m_{e}} \frac{1}{1 - \Omega^{2}/\omega^{2}} \left(i\frac{\Omega}{\omega}E_{x} + E_{y}\right) \qquad \vec{j} = -en_{e}\vec{v}_{e} \equiv \vec{\sigma}\vec{E} \end{cases}$$

$$v_{z} = -\frac{ie}{\omega m_{e}}E_{z}$$

$$\vec{\sigma} = -en_{e} \left(\frac{-ie}{\omega m_{e}}\right) \frac{1}{1 - \Omega^{2}/\omega^{2}} \left(\frac{1}{i\frac{\Omega}{\omega}} \frac{-i\frac{\Omega}{\omega}}{1 - 0} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 - \frac{\Omega^{2}}{\omega^{2}}\right)$$

$$= i\frac{n_{e}e^{2}}{\omega m_{e}}\frac{1}{1 - \Omega^{2}/\omega^{2}} \left(\frac{1}{i\frac{\Omega}{\omega}} \frac{-i\frac{\Omega}{\omega}}{1 - 0} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 - \frac{\Omega^{2}}{\omega^{2}}\right)$$

Dielectric tensor is obtained from conductivity tensor

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{i}{\omega\epsilon_{0}} \overleftrightarrow{\sigma} &= -\frac{n_{e}e^{2}}{\epsilon_{0}m_{e}} \frac{1}{\omega^{2}} \frac{1}{1-\Omega^{2}/\omega^{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i\frac{\Omega}{\omega} & 0\\ i\frac{\Omega}{\omega} & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1-\frac{\Omega^{2}}{\omega^{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{\omega_{p}^{2}}{\omega^{2}-\Omega^{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i\frac{\Omega}{\omega} & 0\\ i\frac{\Omega}{\omega} & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1-\frac{\Omega^{2}}{\omega^{2}} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \omega_{p}^{2} = \frac{n_{e}e^{2}}{\epsilon_{0}m_{e}} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\omega_{p}^{2}}{\omega^{2}-\Omega^{2}} & i\frac{\Omega}{\omega}\frac{\omega_{p}^{2}}{\omega^{2}-\Omega^{2}} & 0\\ -i\frac{\Omega}{\omega}\frac{\omega_{p}^{2}}{\omega^{2}-\Omega^{2}} & -\frac{\omega_{p}^{2}}{\omega^{2}-\Omega^{2}} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{\omega_{p}^{2}}{\omega^{2}} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} \overleftrightarrow{\varepsilon} &= & \overleftrightarrow{1} + \frac{i}{\omega\epsilon_0} \overleftrightarrow{\sigma} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 - \frac{\omega_{\rm p}^2}{\omega^2 - \Omega^2} & i\frac{\Omega}{\omega}\frac{\omega_{\rm p}^2}{\omega^2 - \Omega^2} & 0\\ -i\frac{\Omega}{\omega}\frac{\omega_{\rm p}^2}{\omega^2 - \Omega^2} & 1 - \frac{\omega_{\rm p}^2}{\omega^2 - \Omega^2} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 - \frac{\omega_{\rm p}^2}{\omega^2} \end{array} \right) \end{split}$$

Assuming the wave is on the yz plane

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Reflective index

$$\begin{vmatrix} -k^{2} + \frac{k^{2}}{n^{2}} \left(1 - \frac{X}{1 - Y^{2}}\right) & i\frac{k^{2}}{n^{2}} \frac{XY}{1 - Y^{2}} & 0 \\ -i\frac{k^{2}}{n^{2}} \frac{XY}{1 - Y^{2}} & k^{2} \sin^{2} \theta - k^{2} + \frac{k^{2}}{n^{2}} \left(1 - \frac{X}{1 - Y^{2}}\right) & k^{2} \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ 0 & k^{2} \sin \theta \cos \theta & k^{2} \cos^{2} \theta - k^{2} + \frac{k^{2}}{n^{2}} \left(1 - X\right) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -n^{2} + 1 - \frac{X}{1 - Y^{2}} & i\frac{XY}{1 - Y^{2}} & 0\\ -i\frac{XY}{1 - Y^{2}} & -n^{2}\cos^{2}\theta + 1 - \frac{X}{1 - Y^{2}} & n^{2}\sin\theta\cos\theta\\ 0 & n^{2}\sin\theta\cos\theta & -n^{2}\sin^{2}\theta + 1 - X \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$n^{2} = 1 - \frac{X(1-X)}{1-X - \frac{1}{2}Y^{2}\sin^{2}\theta \pm \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}Y^{2}\sin^{2}\theta\right)^{2} + (1-X)^{2}Y^{2}\cos^{2}\theta\right]^{1/2}}$$

Wave is circular polarized propagating along the magnetic field

Parallel to B_0 ($\theta = 0$) ٠

 $\xrightarrow{B_0}$ \overrightarrow{k} z

$$n^{2} = 1 - \frac{X (1 - X)}{1 - X \pm \left[(1 - X)^{2} Y^{2} \right]^{1/2}} = 1 - \frac{X}{1 \pm Y} = 1 - \frac{\omega_{p}^{2} / \omega^{2}}{1 \pm \Omega / \omega} = 1 - \frac{\omega_{p}^{2}}{\omega (\omega \pm \Omega)}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -n^2 + 1 - \frac{X}{1 - Y^2} & i\frac{XY}{1 - Y^2} & 0\\ -i\frac{XY}{1 - Y^2} & -n^2\cos^2\theta + 1 - \frac{X}{1 - Y^2} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 - X \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_{\rm x} \\ E_{\rm y} \\ E_{\rm z} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\left(-n^2 + 1 - \frac{X}{1 - Y^2}\right)E_{\mathbf{x}} + i\frac{XY}{1 - Y^2}E_{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mp XY}{1 - Y^2}E_{\mathbf{x}} + i\frac{XY}{1 - Y^2}E_{\mathbf{y}} = 0$$

 $\frac{E_x}{E_y} = \pm i$ Left hang circular (LHC) or right hang circular (RHC) polarized.

Electric field is not necessary parallel to the propagating direction which is perpendicular to B_0

• Perpendicular to $B_0 \left(\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

 $n^{2} = 1 - \frac{X(1-X)}{1-X - \frac{1}{2}Y^{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}Y^{2}} = 1 - X \text{ or } 1 - \frac{X(1-X)}{1-X - Y^{2}}$ $\begin{pmatrix} -n^{2} + 1 - \frac{X}{1 - Y^{2}} & i\frac{XY}{1 - Y^{2}} & 0 \\ -i\frac{XY}{1 - Y^{2}} & 1 - \frac{X}{1 - Y^{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -n^{2} + 1 - X \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_{x} \\ E_{y} \\ E_{z} \end{pmatrix} = 0$

 $n^2 = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$ $E_x = E_y = 0$ Ordinary wave (O

$$n^{2} = 1 - \frac{\omega_{\rm p}^{2} \left(1 - \omega_{\rm p}^{2} / \omega^{2}\right)}{\omega^{2} - \omega_{\rm p}^{2} - \Omega^{2}} \quad \frac{E_{\rm x}}{E_{\rm y}} = -i\omega \left(\frac{\omega^{2} - \omega_{\rm p}^{2} - \Omega^{2}}{\omega_{\rm p}^{2}\Omega}\right) \qquad E_{\rm z} = 0$$

Extraordinary wave (E-wave)

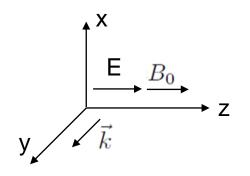
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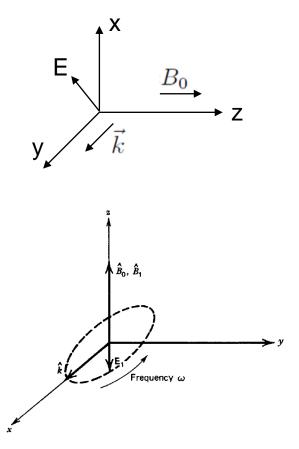
The electric field of an extraordinary wave rotates elliptically



Ordinary wave (O-wave)

Extraordinary wave (E-wave)





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$$= 1 - X = 1 - \frac{\omega_{p}^{2}}{\omega^{2}} = 1 - \frac{n_{e}}{n_{cr}} \qquad \left(Y \equiv \frac{\Omega}{\omega} \equiv 0\right)$$
Note:
$$\omega_{p}^{2} = \frac{n_{e}e^{2}}{\epsilon_{0}m_{e}} \qquad n_{cr} = \frac{\epsilon_{0}m_{e}\omega^{2}}{e^{2}}$$

• Magnetized isotropic plasma (Polarization detected needed):

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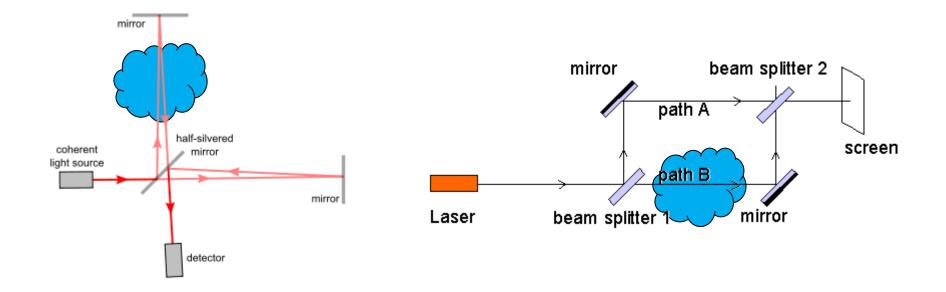
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There are two main style of interferometer

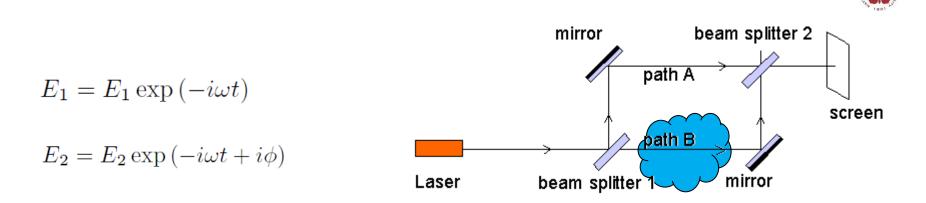


Michelson interferometer

Mach-zehnder interferometer



Interference pattern are due to the phase difference between two different path



$$E = E_1 + E_2 = [E_1 + E_2 \exp(i\phi)] \exp(-i\omega t)$$

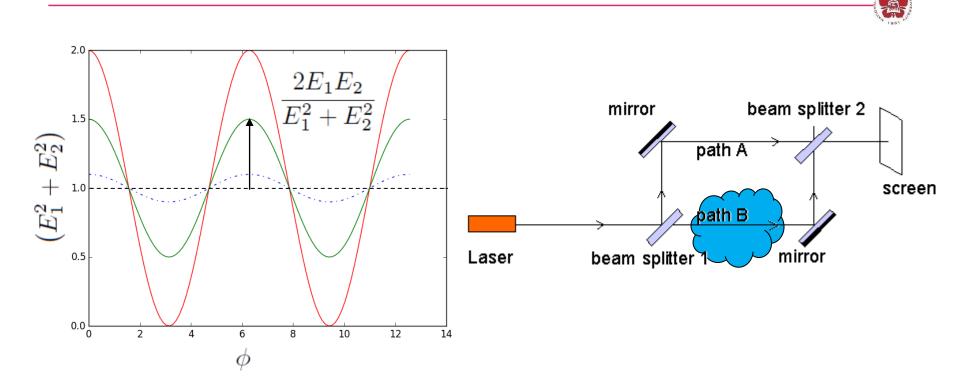
$$I = |E|^{2} = E^{*}E = [E_{1} + E_{2}\exp(-i\phi)]\exp(i\omega t) [E_{1} + E_{2}\exp(i\phi)]\exp(-i\omega t)$$

$$= E_{1}^{2} + E_{2}^{2} + E_{1}E_{2}\exp(i\phi) + E_{1}E_{2}\exp(-i\phi)$$

$$= E_{1}^{2} + E_{2}^{2} + 2E_{1}E_{2}\cos\phi$$

$$= (E_{1}^{2} + E_{2}^{2})\left(1 + \frac{2E_{1}E_{2}}{E_{1}^{2} + E_{2}^{2}}\cos\phi\right)$$

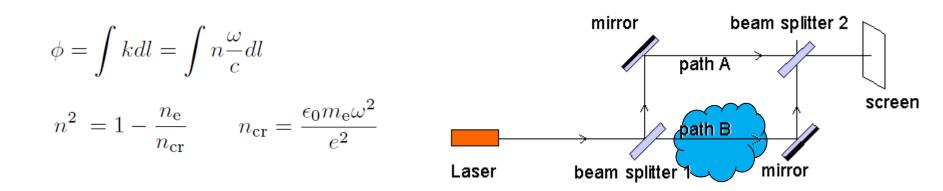
The intensity on screen depends on the phase different between two paths



$$I = \left(E_1^2 + E_2^2\right) \left(1 + \frac{2E_1E_2}{E_1^2 + E_2^2}\cos\phi\right)$$

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The phase different depends on the line integral of the electron density along the path

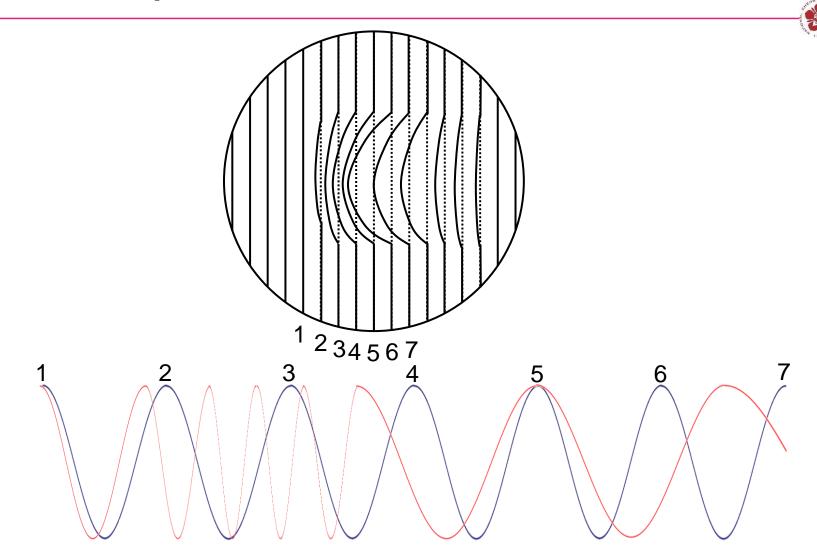


$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \phi &= \int \left(k_{\text{plasma}} - k_0 \right) dl = \frac{\omega}{c} \int \left(n - 1 \right) dl \\ &= \frac{\omega}{c} \int \left(\sqrt{1 - \frac{n_e}{n_c}} - 1 \right) dl \approx \frac{\omega}{c} \int \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{n_e}{n_c} - 1 \right) dl \\ &= -\frac{\omega}{2cn_c} \int n_e dl \end{aligned}$$

Note that $n_{\rm e} << n_{\rm cr}$ is assumed,

$$\sqrt{1 - \frac{n_{\rm e}}{n_{\rm cr}}} \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{n_{\rm e}}{n_{\rm cr}}$$

The phase is determined by comparing to the pattern without the phase shift



Fourier transform can be used to retrieve the data from the interferometer image

$$I(x,y) = I_0(x,y) + m(x,y)\cos[2\pi\nu_0 x + \phi(x,y)] \qquad \cos(x) = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}$$

$$= I_0(x,y) + \frac{1}{2}m(x,y)\left(e^{i[2\pi\nu_0 x + \phi(x,y)]} + e^{-i[2\pi\nu_0 x + \phi(x,y)]}\right)$$

$$= I_0(x,y) + \frac{1}{2}m(x,y)e^{i\phi(x,y)}e^{i2\pi\nu_0 x} + \frac{1}{2}m(x,y)e^{-i\phi(x,y)}e^{-i2\pi\nu_0 x}$$

$$= I_0(x,y) + c(x,y)e^{i2\pi\nu_0 x} + c^*(x,y)e^{-i2\pi\nu_0 x}$$

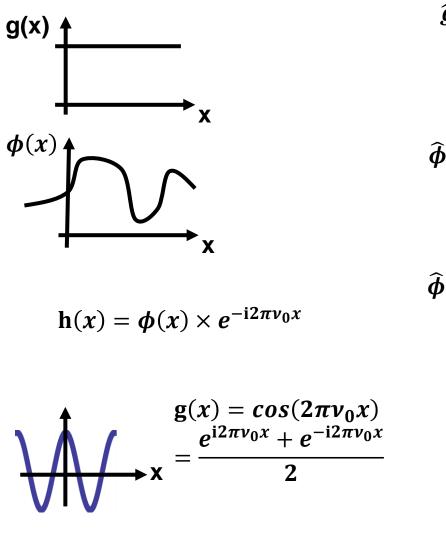
$$c(x,y) = \frac{1}{2}m(x,y)e^{i\phi(x,y)} \quad \phi(x,y) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\operatorname{Im}[c(x,y)]}{\operatorname{Re}[c(x,y)]}\right)$$

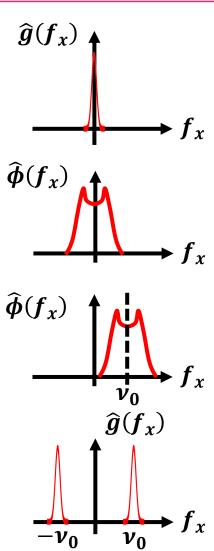
$$\hat{g}(f_x,y) = \operatorname{FT}[g(x,y)]$$

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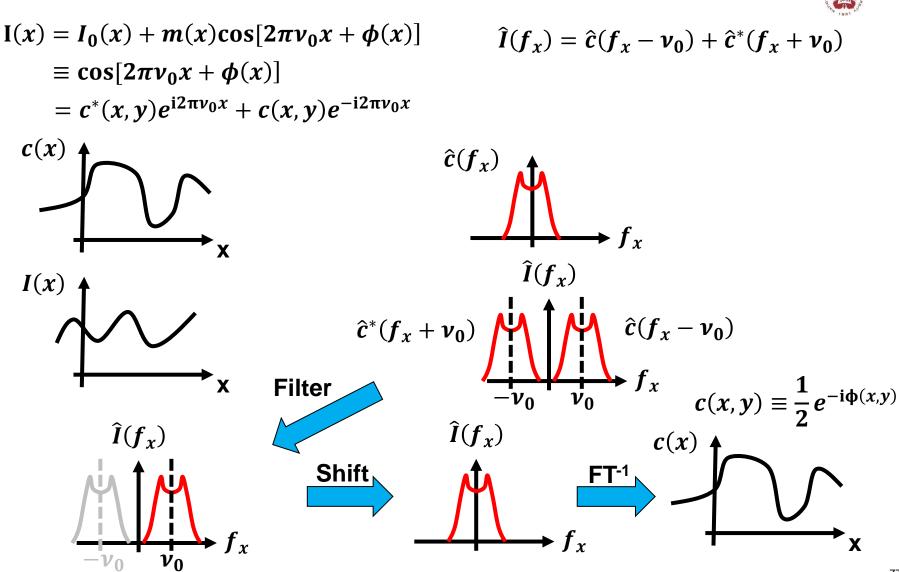
$$\hat{I}(f_x,y) = \hat{I}_0(f_x,y) + \hat{c}(f_x - \nu_0, y) + \hat{c}^*(f_x + \nu_0, y)$$

Basic knowledge of Fourier transform

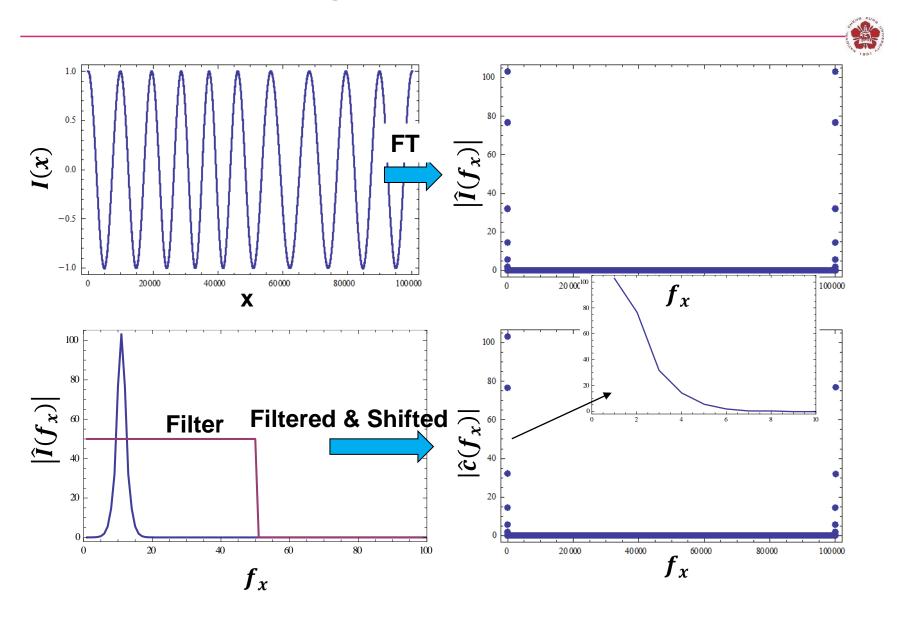




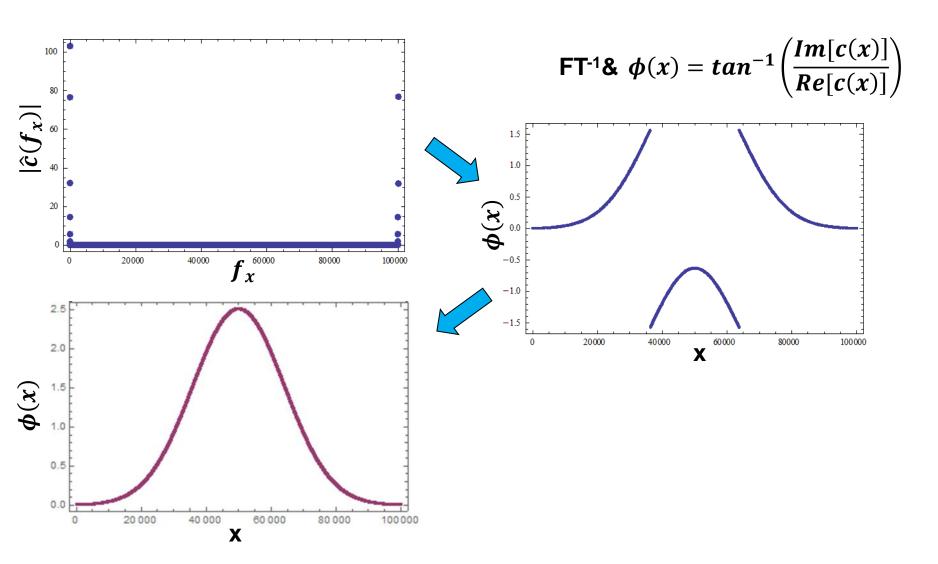
Procedure of retrieving data



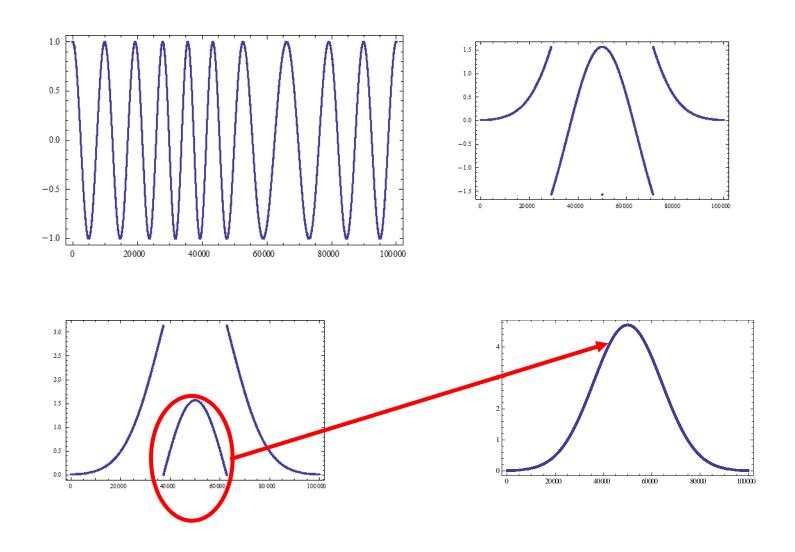
Example of retrieving data from 1D interferometer



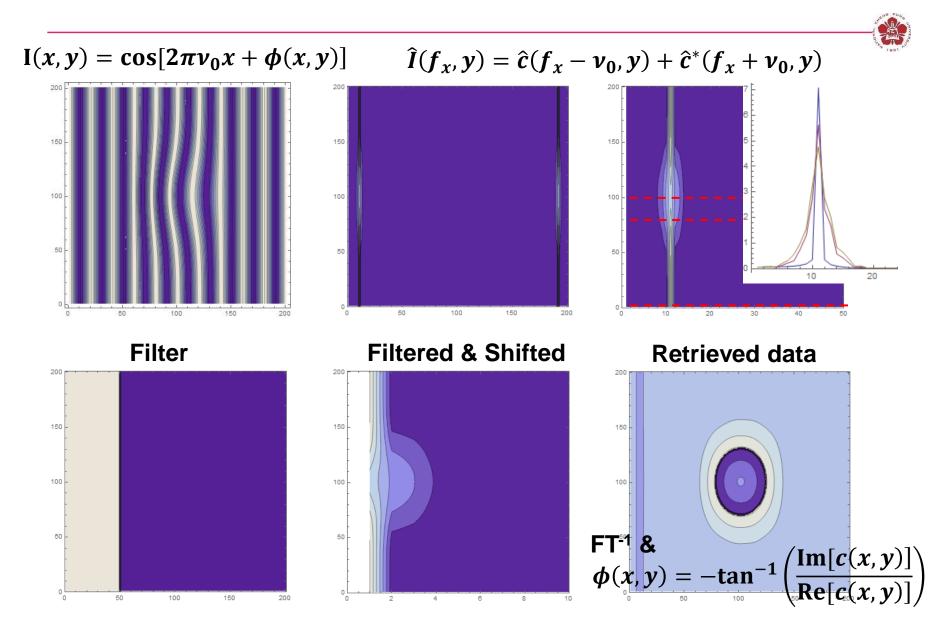
The retrieved data need to be modified if the phase change is too much



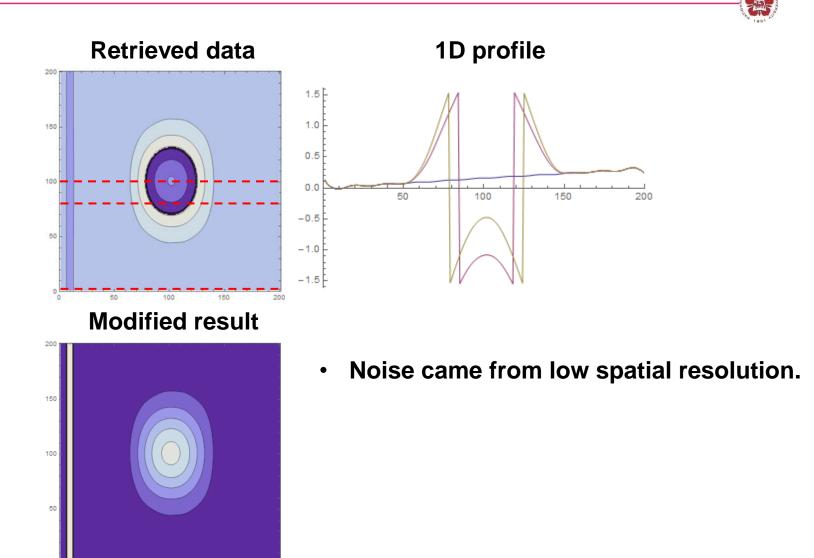
The final phase difference needs to be determined manually since it may exceeds 2π



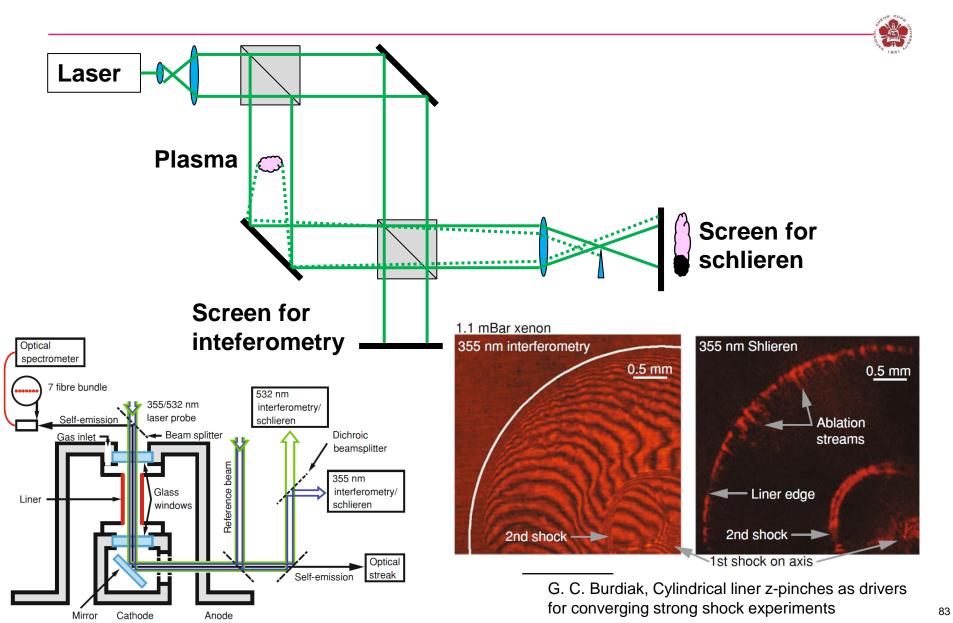
Example of retrieving data from 2D interferometer



The retrieved data may need to be modified if the phase change is too large

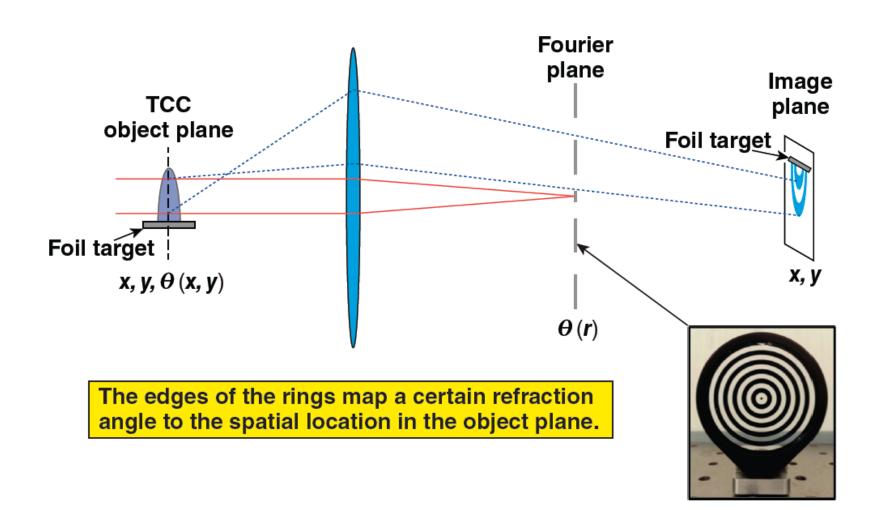


Schlieren imaging system can detect density gradient



Angular filter refractometry

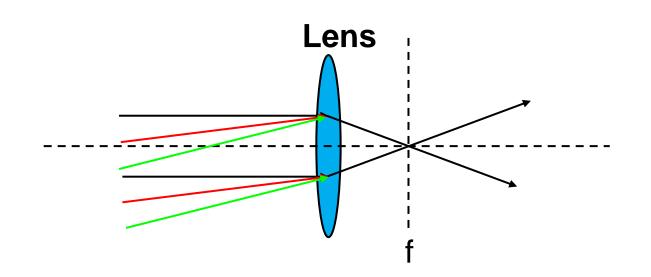
Angular filter refractometry (AFR) maps the refraction of the probe beam at TCC to contours in the image plane



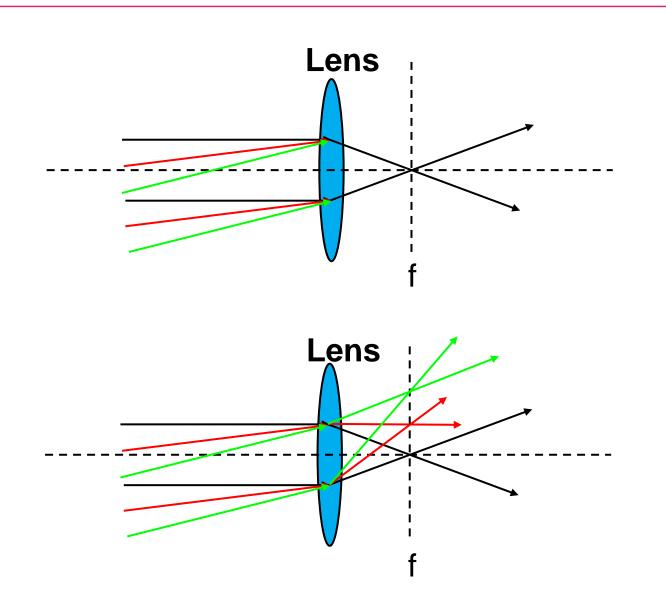
Interferometer

Angular spectrum of plane waves can be used for diagnostic

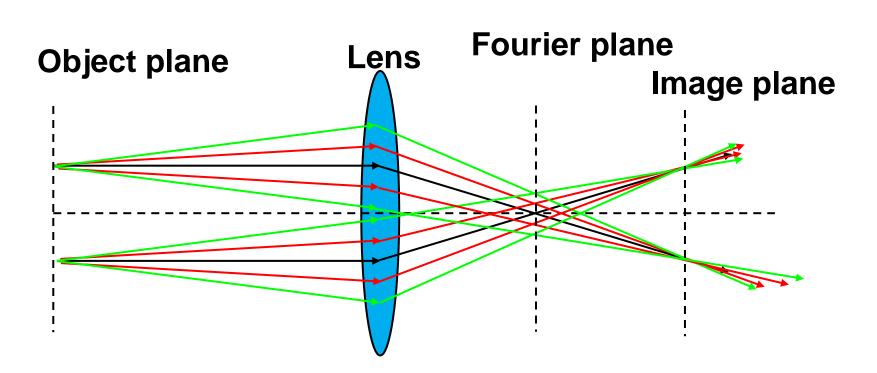




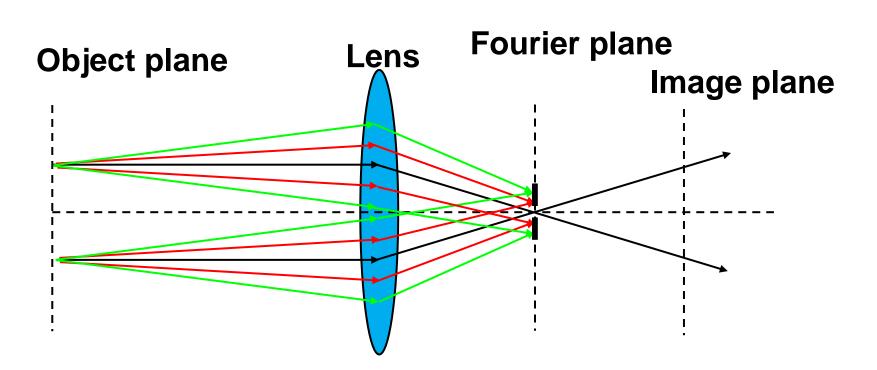
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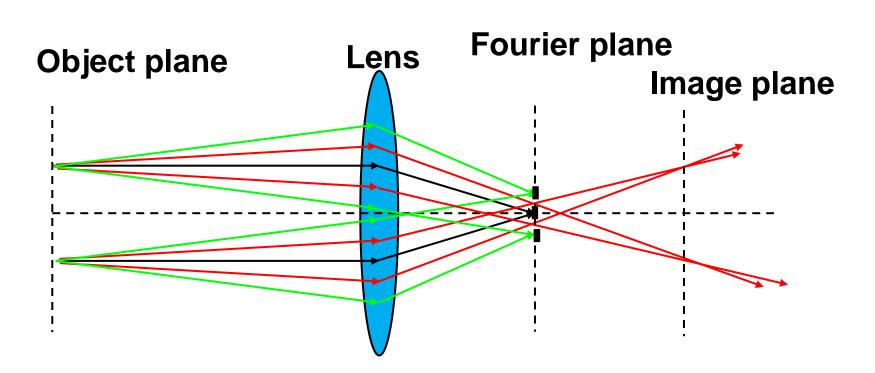
Rays with different angles go through different focal points on the focal points



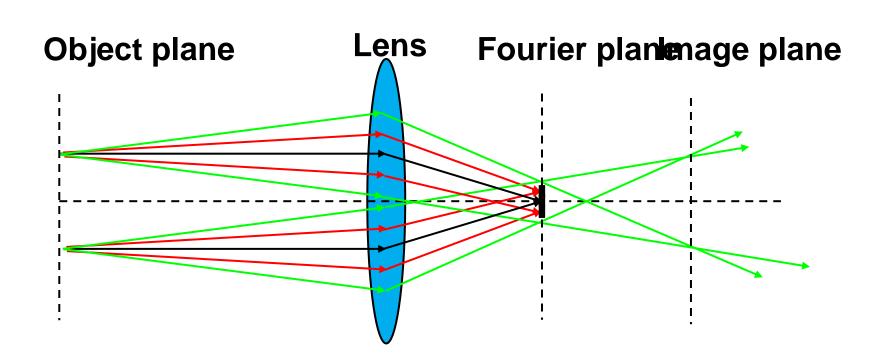
Rays with different angles can be selected by blocking different focal points



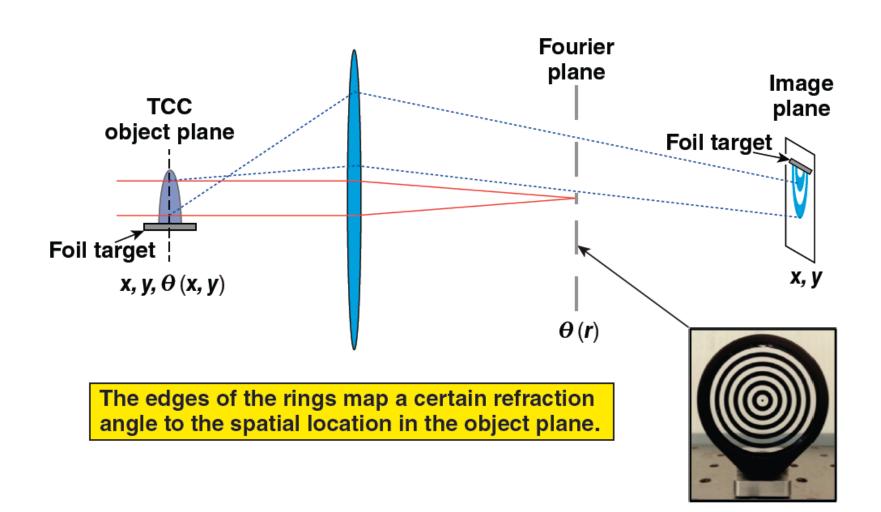
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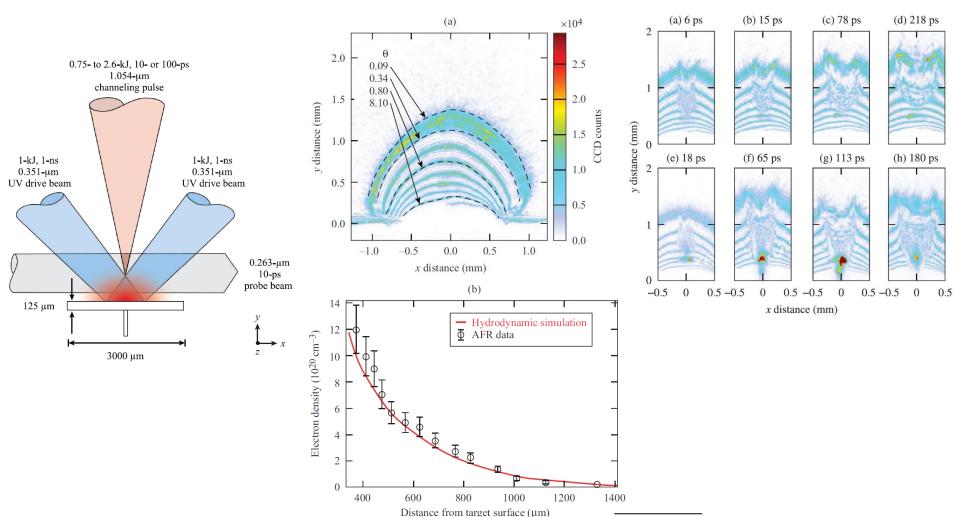
Rays with different angles go through different focal points on the focal points



Angular filter refractometry (AFR) maps the refraction of the probe beam at TCC to contours in the image plane



Channeling of multi-kilojoule high-intensity laser beams in an inhomogeneous plasma was observed using AFR



S. Ivancic et al., Phys. Rev. E 91, 051101 (2015) 92

Electromagnetic wave can be used to measure the density or the magnetic field in the plasma

• Nonmagnetized isotropic plasma (interferometer needed):

$$m^{2} = 1 - \frac{X(1-X)}{1-X - \frac{1}{2}Y^{2}\sin^{2}\theta \pm \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}Y^{2}\sin^{2}\theta\right)^{2} + (1-X)^{2}Y^{2}\cos^{2}\theta\right]^{1/2}}$$
$$= 1 - X = 1 - \frac{\omega_{p}^{2}}{\omega^{2}} = 1 - \frac{n_{e}}{n_{cr}} \qquad \left(Y \equiv \frac{\Omega}{\omega} \equiv 0\right)$$
Note:
$$\omega_{p}^{2} = \frac{n_{e}e^{2}}{\epsilon_{0}m_{e}} \qquad n_{cr} = \frac{\epsilon_{0}m_{e}\omega^{2}}{e^{2}}$$

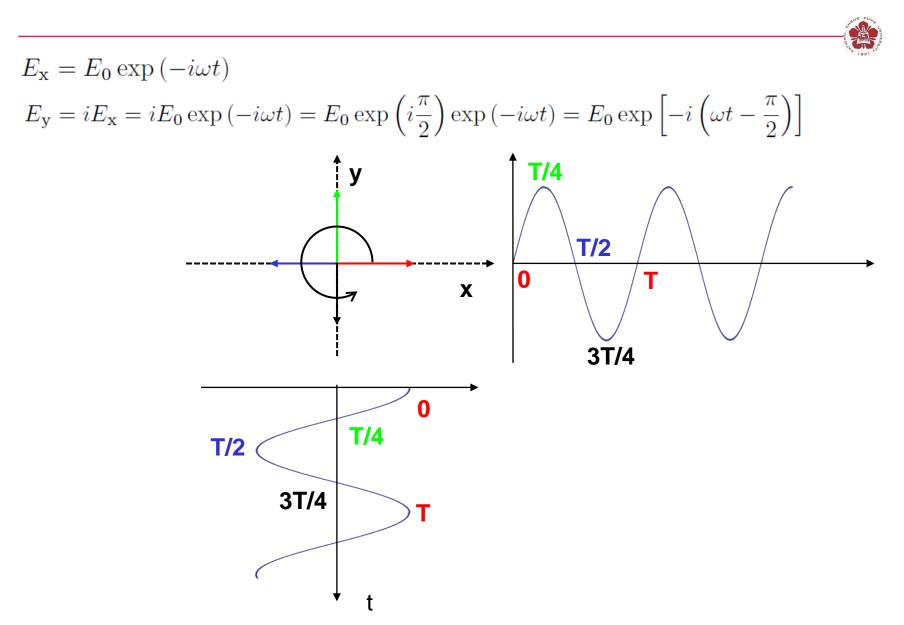
Magnetized isotropic plasma (Polarization detected needed):

Parallel to B_0 $n^2 = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega (\omega \pm \Omega)}$ $\frac{E_x}{E_y} = \pm i$ $\Omega \equiv \frac{eB_0}{m_e}$

Faraday rotation: linear polarization rotation caused by the difference between the speed of LHC and RHC polarized wave.

Faraday rotator

Circular polarization



Linear polarization rotates as the wave propagates with different speed in LHC and RHC polarization

$$\vec{E} = E_{0}\hat{x} = \frac{E_{0}}{2} [(\hat{x} + i\hat{y}) + (\hat{x} - i\hat{y})] \qquad \vec{E}(z) = \vec{E} \exp(i\phi) \qquad \phi_{R} \neq \phi_{L}$$

$$\vec{E}(z) = \frac{E_{0}}{2} [(\hat{x} + i\hat{y})e^{i\phi_{R}} + (\hat{x} - i\hat{y})e^{i\phi_{L}}] \qquad \phi_{R} \neq \phi_{L} \qquad \Delta \phi = \frac{\phi_{R} - \phi_{L}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{E_{0}}{2} [\hat{x}(e^{i\phi_{R}} + e^{i\phi_{L}}) + \hat{y}i(e^{i\phi_{R}} - e^{i\phi_{L}})]$$

$$= \frac{E_{0}}{2} [\hat{x}(e^{i(\phi + \frac{\Delta \phi}{2})} + e^{i(\phi - \frac{\Delta \phi}{2})}) + \hat{y}i(e^{i(\phi + \frac{\Delta \phi}{2})} - e^{i(\phi - \frac{\Delta \phi}{2})})]$$

$$= E_{0}e^{i\phi} \left[\hat{x}\left(\frac{e^{i\frac{\Delta \phi}{2}} + e^{-i\frac{\Delta \phi}{2}}}{2}\right) + \hat{y}i\left(\frac{e^{i\frac{\Delta \phi}{2}} - e^{-i\frac{\Delta \phi}{2}}}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= E_{0}e^{i\phi} \left[\hat{x}\cos\left(\frac{\Delta \phi}{2}\right)\cos+\hat{y}\sin\left(\frac{\Delta \phi}{2}\right)\right]$$

The rotation angle of the polarization depends on the linear integral of magnetic field and electron density

$$\phi = \int k dl = \int n \frac{\omega}{c} dl \qquad \alpha = \frac{\Delta \phi}{2} = \frac{\omega}{2c} \int (n_{\rm R} - n_{\rm L}) dl$$

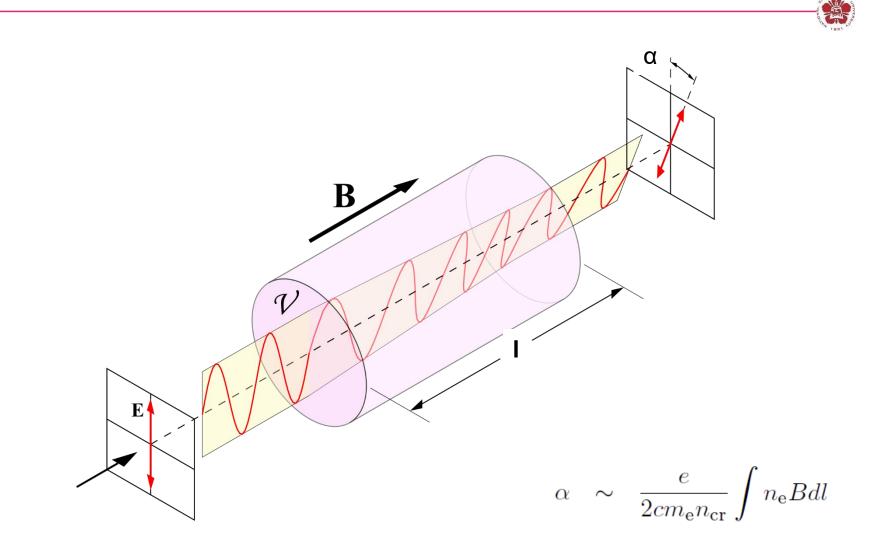
$$n_{\rm R} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{X}{1 + Y}} \sim 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{X}{1 + Y} \qquad X, Y \ll 1$$

$$n_{\rm L} \sim 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{X}{1 - Y} \qquad \frac{X}{1 \pm Y} \ll 1$$

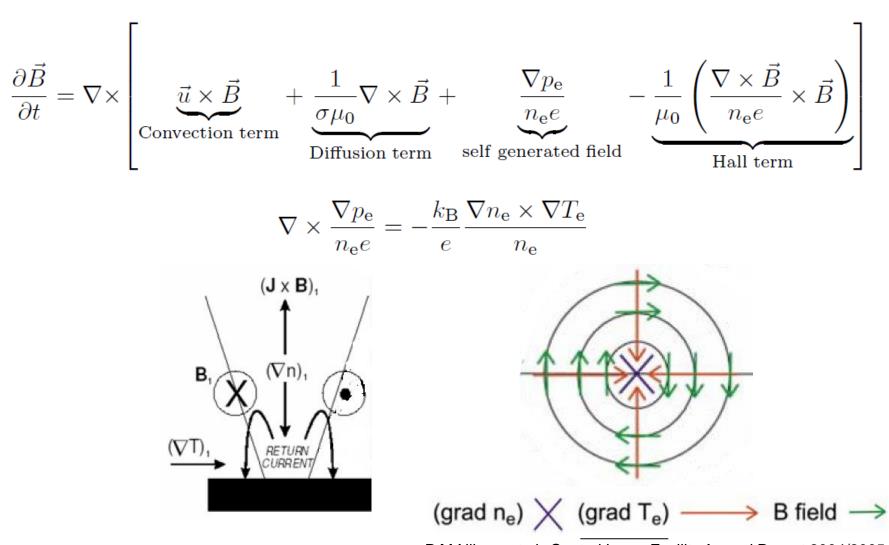
$$n_{\rm R} - n_{\rm L} \sim \frac{X}{2} \left(\frac{1}{1 - Y} - \frac{1}{1 + Y} \right) = \frac{XY}{1 - Y^2} \sim XY$$

$$\alpha \sim \frac{\omega}{2c} \int XY dl = \frac{\omega}{2c} \int \frac{\omega_{\rm p}^2}{\omega^2} \frac{\Omega}{\omega} dl = \frac{1}{2c} \int \frac{n_{\rm e}}{n_{\rm cr}} \frac{eB}{m_{\rm e}} dl$$
$$= \frac{e}{2cm_{\rm e}n_{\rm cr}} \int n_{\rm e} B dl$$

The rotation angle of the polarization depends on the linear integral of magnetic field and electron density

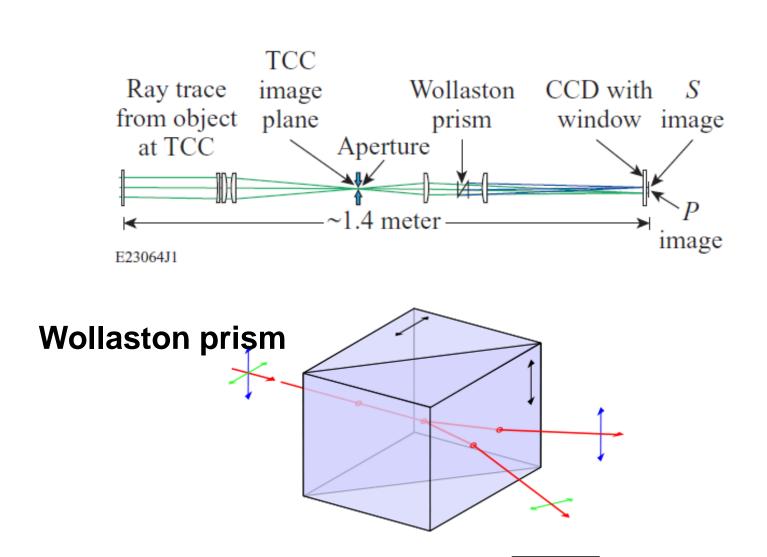


Magnetic field can be generated when the temperature and density gradients are not parallel to each other



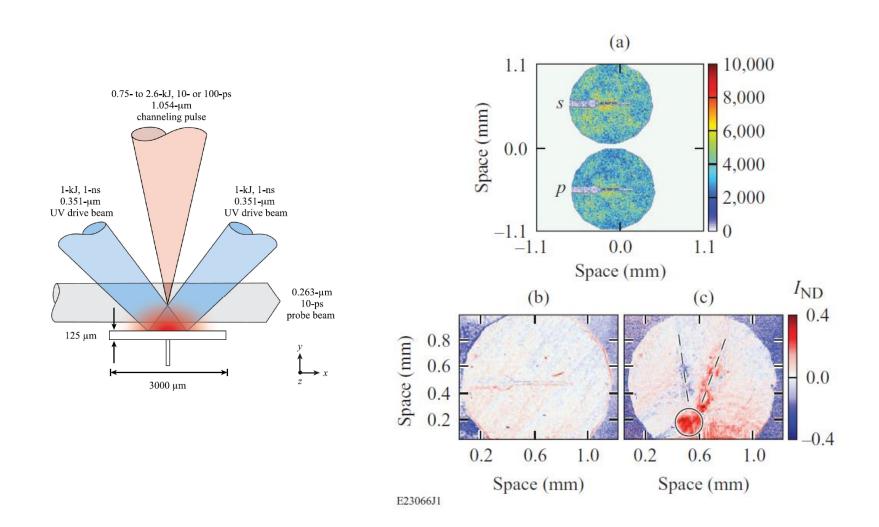
P M Nilson *et al.*, Central Laser Facility Annual Report 2004/2005 98

Polarimetry diagnostic can be used to measure the magnetic field

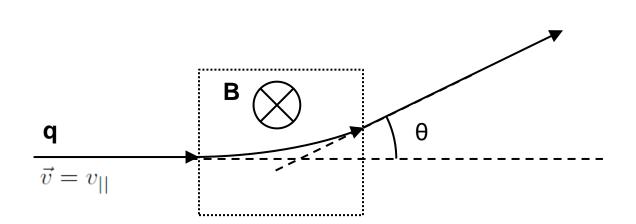


A. Davies et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 85, 11E611 (2014) 99

Self-generated field was suggested when multi-kilojoule high-intensity laser beams illuminated on an inhomogeneous plasma



The magnetic field can be measured by measuring the deflected angle of charged particles

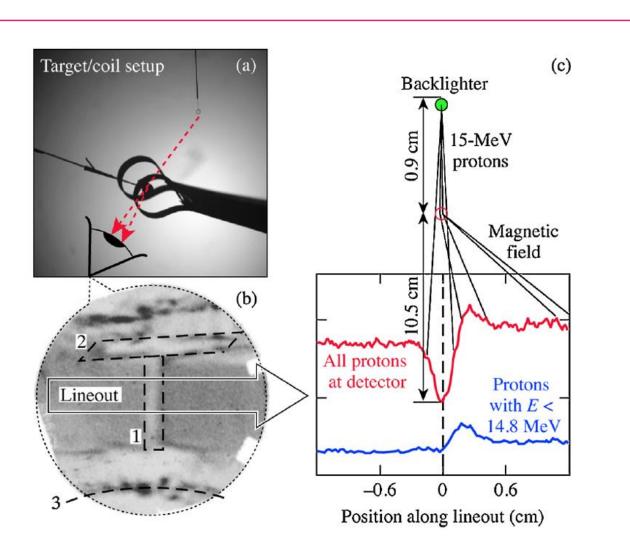


$$F_{\perp} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B} = qv_{||}B = m\frac{dv_{\perp}}{dt}$$

$$v_{\perp} = \int \frac{qv_{||}B}{m} dt = \frac{qv_{||}}{m} \int Bdt \frac{dx}{dx} = \frac{qv_{||}}{m} \int \frac{B}{v_{||}} dx = \frac{q}{m} \int Bdx$$

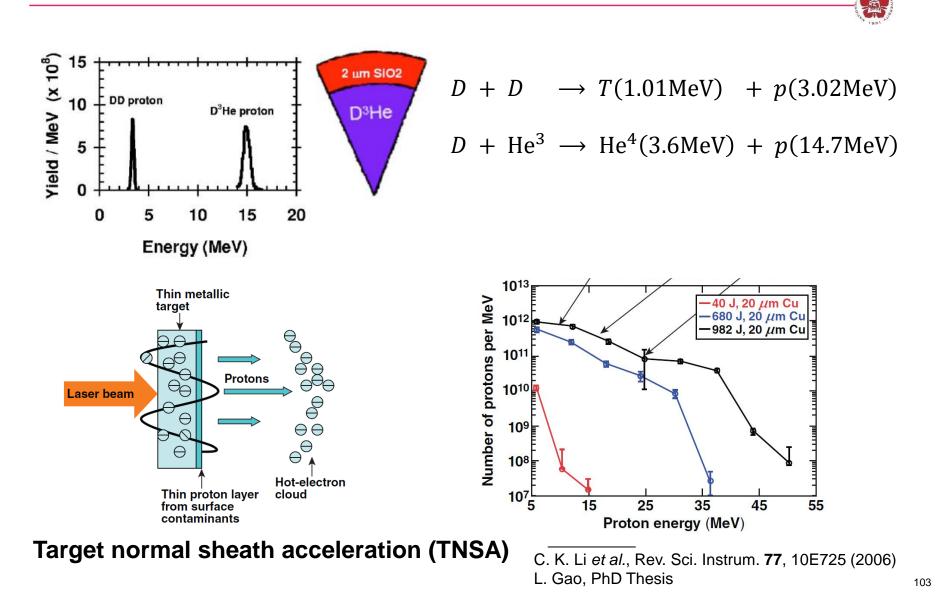
$$\tan \theta = \frac{v_{\perp}}{v_{||}} = \frac{q}{mv_{||}} \int Bdx = \frac{q}{\sqrt{2mE}} \int Bdx \qquad \qquad \int Bdx = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{q} \tan \theta$$

Magnetic field was measured using protons

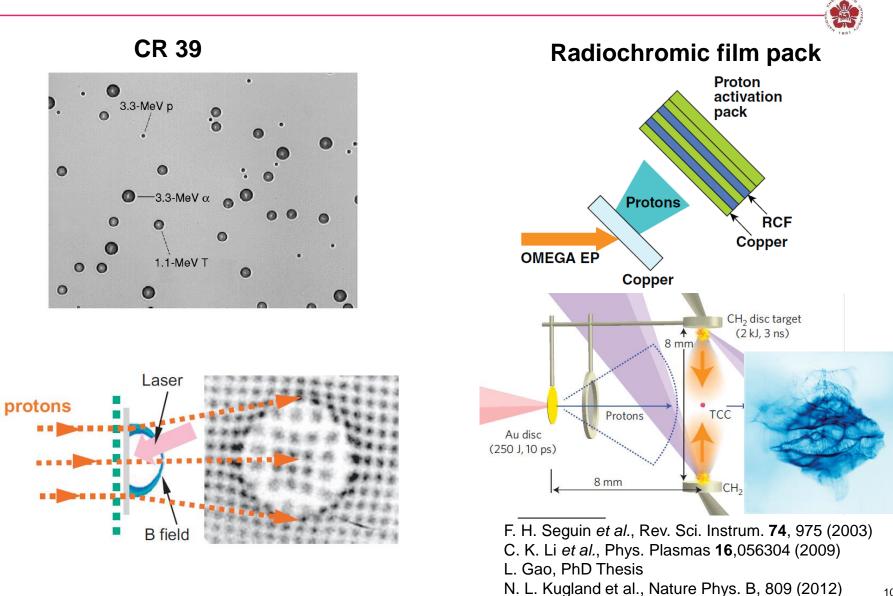


O. V. Gotchev et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 215004 (2009) 102

Protons can be generated from fusion product or copper foil illuminated by short pulse laser



Protons can leave tracks on CR39 or film



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Time dependent magnetic field can be measured using B-dot probe

$$B = B(t)$$

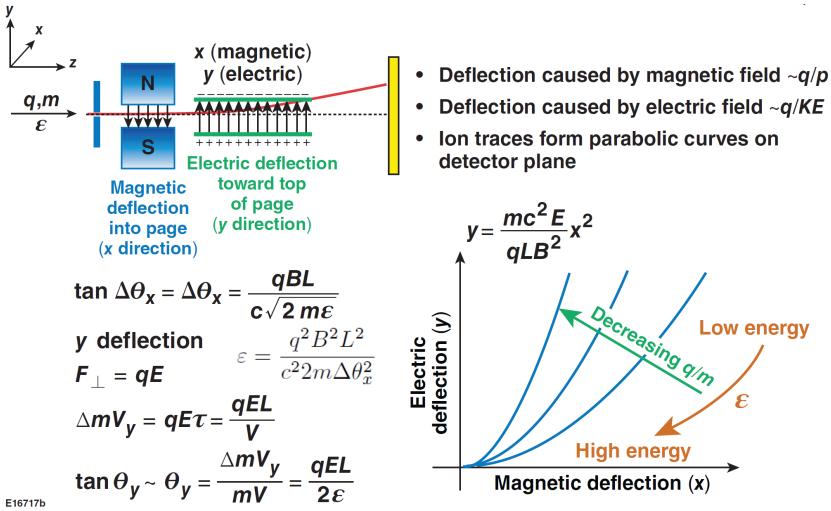
$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\int d\vec{A} \nabla \times \vec{E} = \oint \vec{E} d\vec{l} = V = -\int d\vec{A} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{B}$$

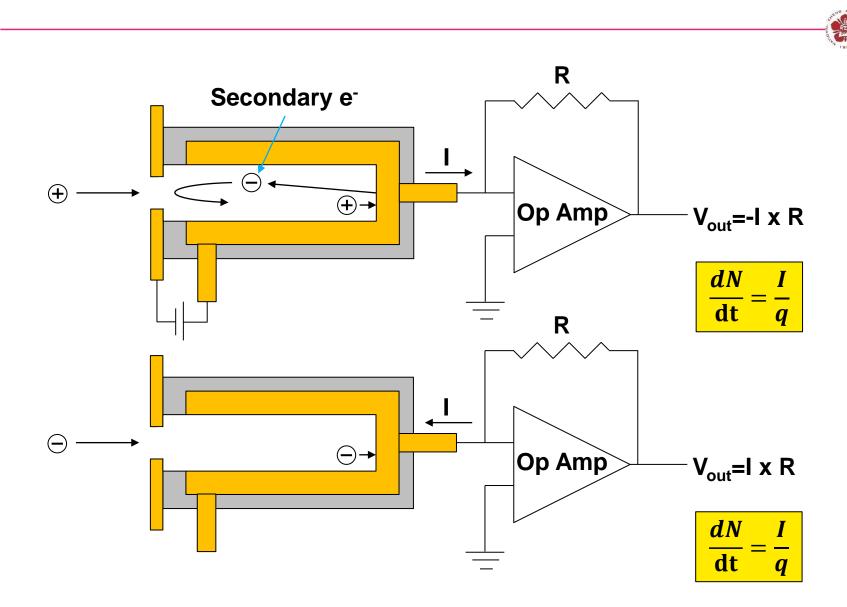
$$V \sim -A \frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$$

$$B = -\int \frac{V}{A} dt \sim -\frac{1}{A} \int V dt$$

A Thomson parabola uses parallel electric and magnetic fields to deflect particles onto parabolic curves that resolve q/m

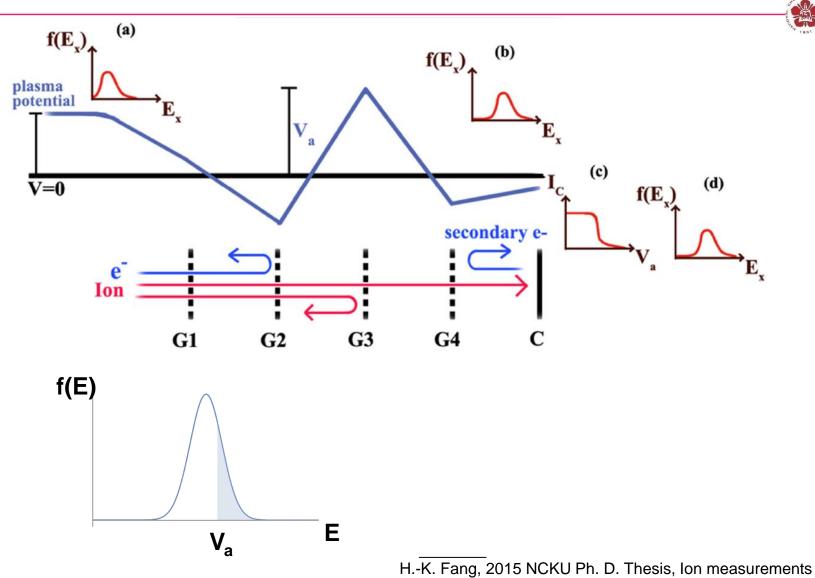


A faraday cup measures the flux of charge particles



Retarding Potential Analyzer

Retarding potential analyzer measures the energy / velocity distribution function



of ionosphere plasma in space plasma operation chamber

The photon energy spectrum provides valuable information

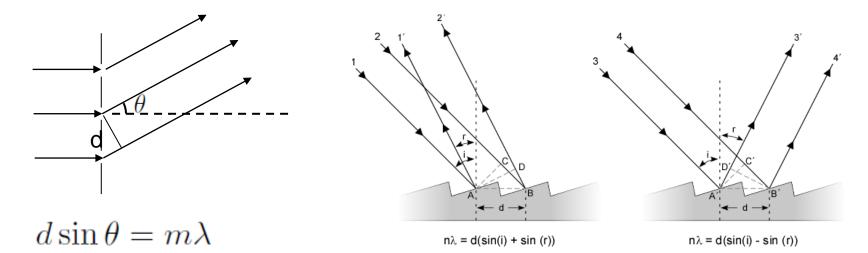


- Plasma conditions can be determined from the photon spectrum
 - visible light: absorption and laser-plasma interactions
 - x rays: electron temperature, density, plasma flow, material mixing
- There are three basic tools for determining the spectrum detected
 - filtering
 - grating spectrometer
 - Bragg spectrometer

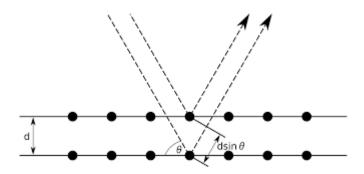
Spectrum can be obtained using grating



Grating is used to disperse the light

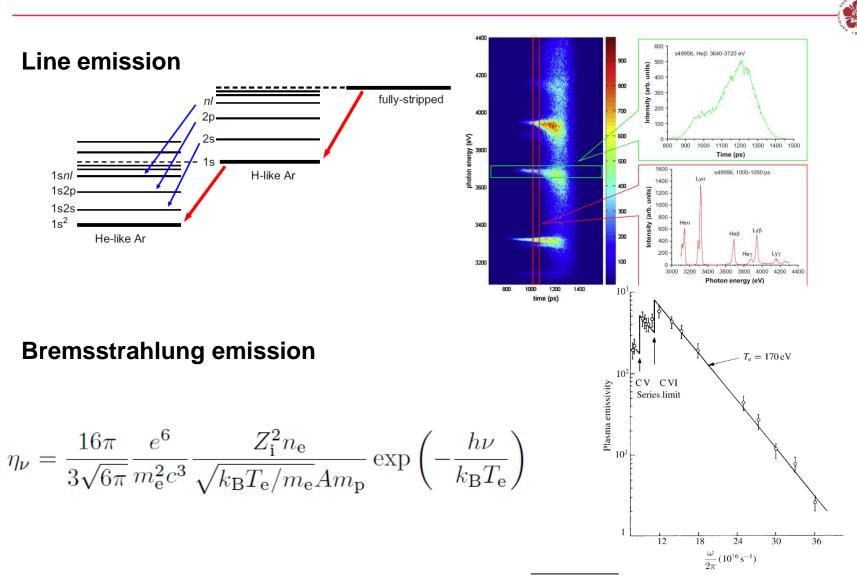


• Bragg condition in the crystal is used for X-ray.



 $2d\sin\theta = m\lambda$

Temperature and density can be obtained from the emission



R. Florido et al., High Energy Dens. Phys. 6, 70 (2010) 111

Information of x-ray transmission or reflectivity over a surface can be obtained from the Center for X-Ray Optics

http://henke.lbl.gov/optical_constants/

THE CENTER FOR X-RAY OPTICS	
X-Ray Database	Ø
Nanomagnetism	Ø
X-Ray Microscopy	Ø
EUV Lithography	Ø
EUV Mask Imaging	Ø
Reflectometry	Ø
Zoneplate Lenses	Ø
Coherent Optics	Ø
Nanofabrication	Ø
Optical Coatings	Ø
Engineering	Ø
Education	Ø
Publications	Ø
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The Center for X-Ray Optics is a multi-disciplined research group within Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's (LBNL)

X-Ray Interactions With Matter

Introduction

Access the atomic scattering factor files.
Look up x-ray properties of the elements.
The index of refraction for a compound material.
The x-ray attenuation length of a solid.
X-ray transmission

Of a solid.
Of a gas.

X-ray reflectivity

Of a thick mirror.
Of a single layer.
Of a bilayer.
Of a multilayer.

The diffraction efficiency of a transmission grating.
Related calculations:

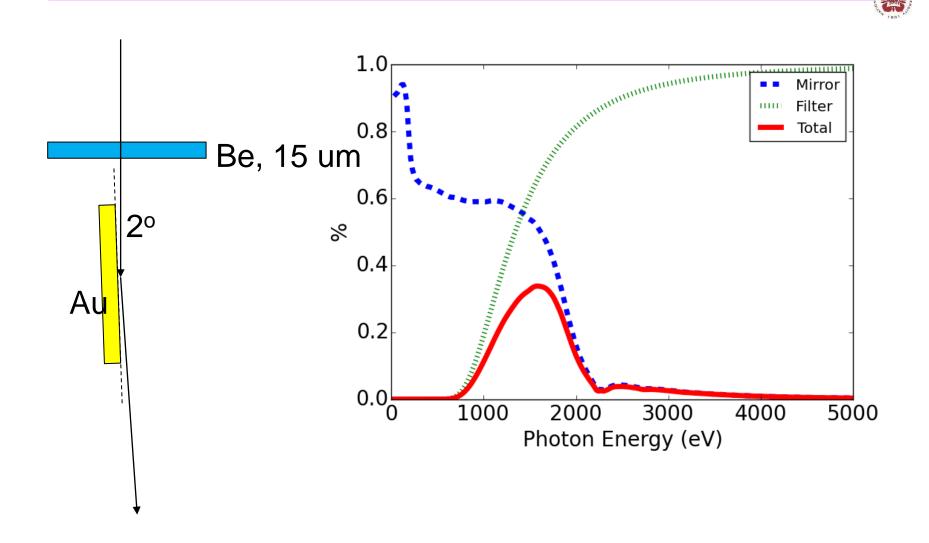
Synchrotron bend magnet radiation.

Other x-ray web resources. X-ray Data Booklet

Reference

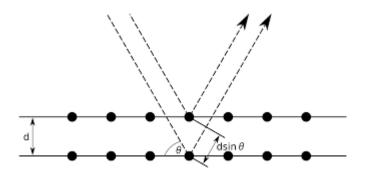
B.L. Henke, E.M. Gullikson, and J.C. Davis. X-ray interactions: photoabsorption, scattering, transmission, and reflection at E=50-30000 eV, Z=1-92, Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables Vol. 54 (no.2), 181-342 (July 1993).

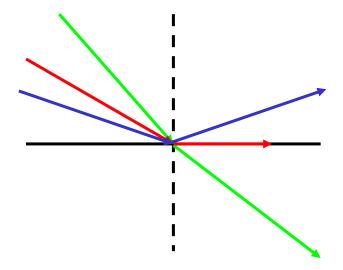
A band pass filter is obtained by combing a filter and a mirror



X rays can not be concentrated by lenses

- X-ray refractive indices are less than unity,
- For those with lower refractive indices, the absorption is also strong
- X-ray mirrors can be made through
 - Bragg reflection
 - External total reflection with a small grazing angle





The simplest imaging device is a pinhole camera



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• Magnification =
$$\frac{d_2}{d_1}$$

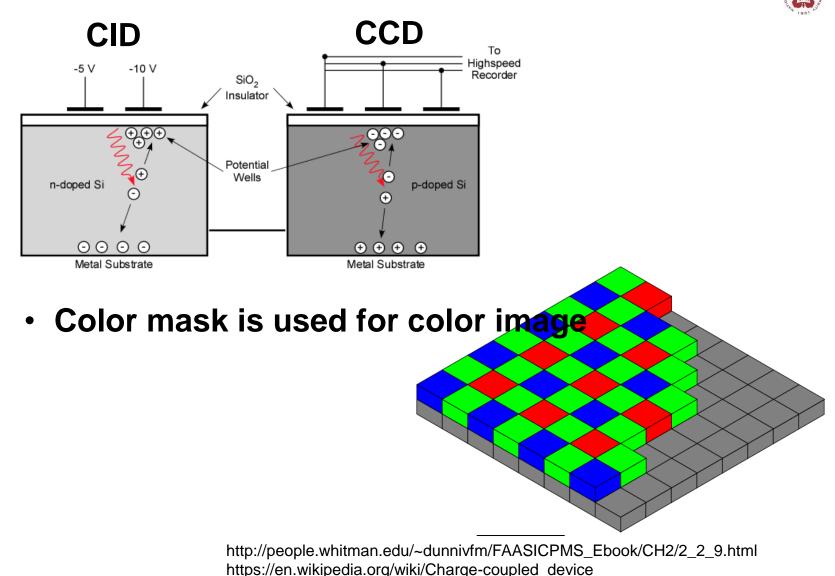
- Infinite depth of field (variable magnification)
- Pinhole diameter determines
 - resolution ~a

- light collection:
$$\Delta \Omega = \frac{\pi}{4} \frac{a^2}{d_1^2}$$

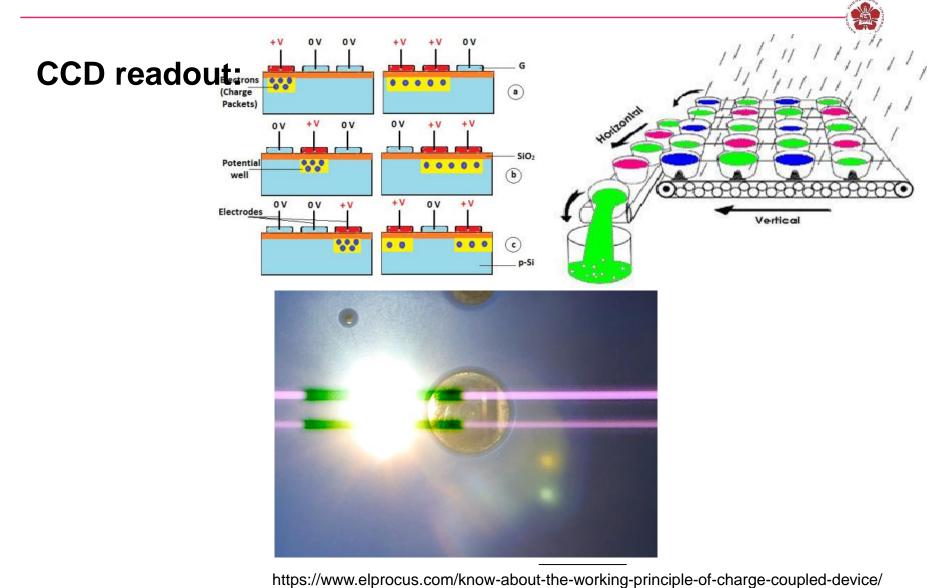
Imaging optics (e.g., lenses) can be used for higher resolutions with larger solid angles.

Kodak Brownie camera

2D images can be taken using charge injection device (CID) or charge coupled device (CCD)



Charges are transferred along the array for readout in CCD

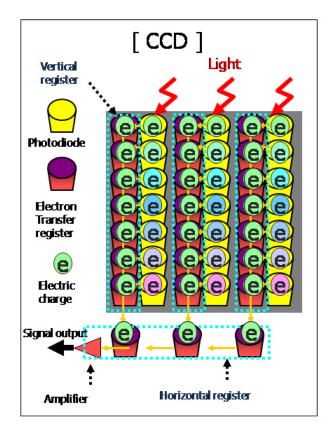


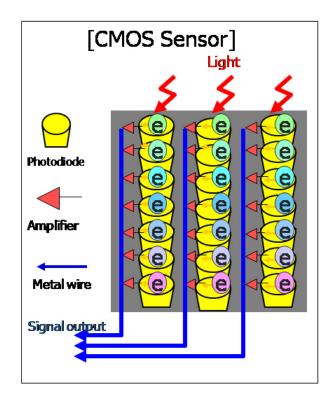
http://www.siliconimaging.com/ARTICLES/CMOS%20PRIMER.htm

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Signal is readout individually in CMOS sensor

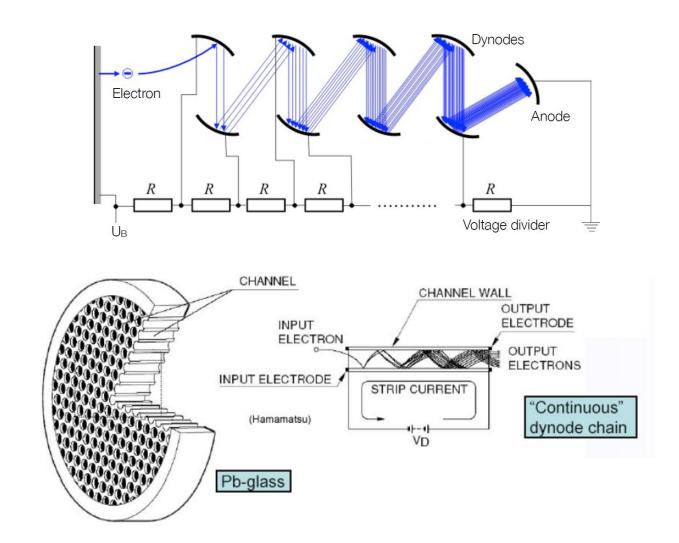






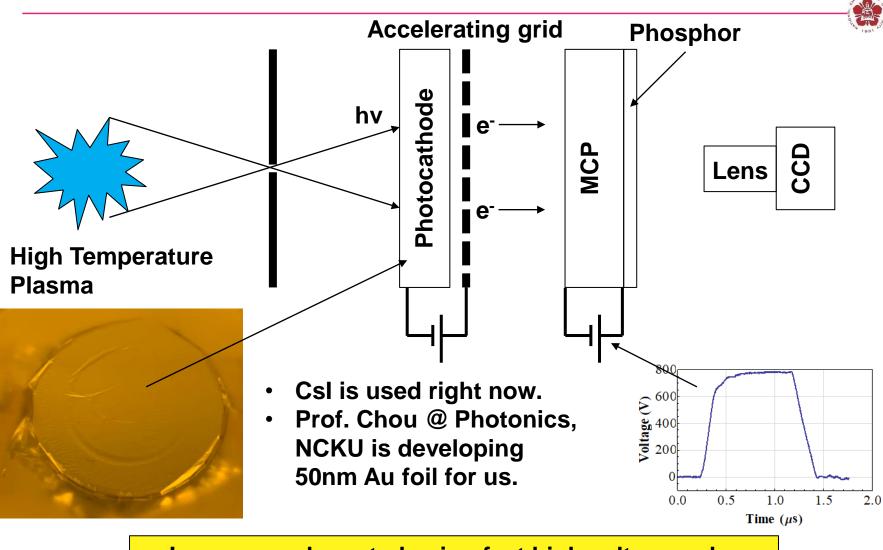
http://www.digitalbolex.com/global-shutter/ 118

The number of electrons can be increased through photomultipliers or microchannel plate (MCP)



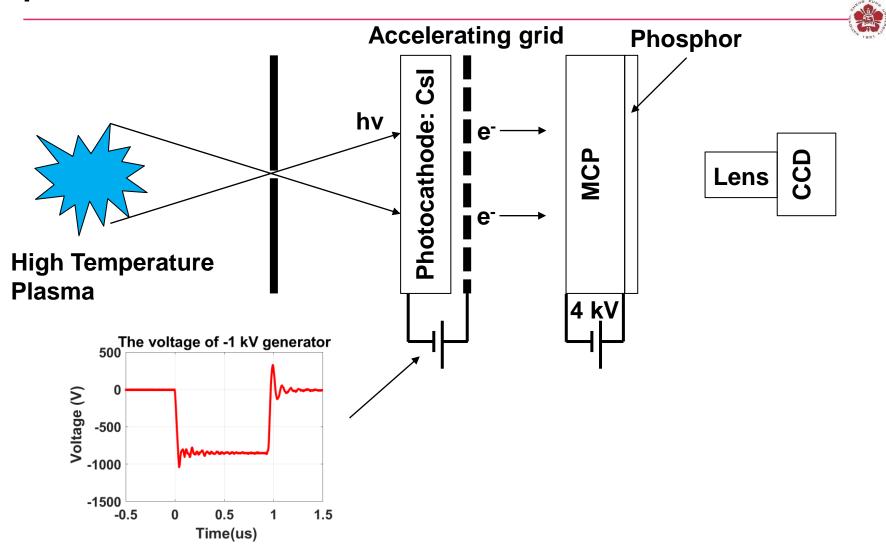
http://www.kip.uni-heidelberg.de/~coulon/Lectures/DetectorsSoSe10/ 119

X-rays are imaged using photocathode, MCP, phosphor, and CCD



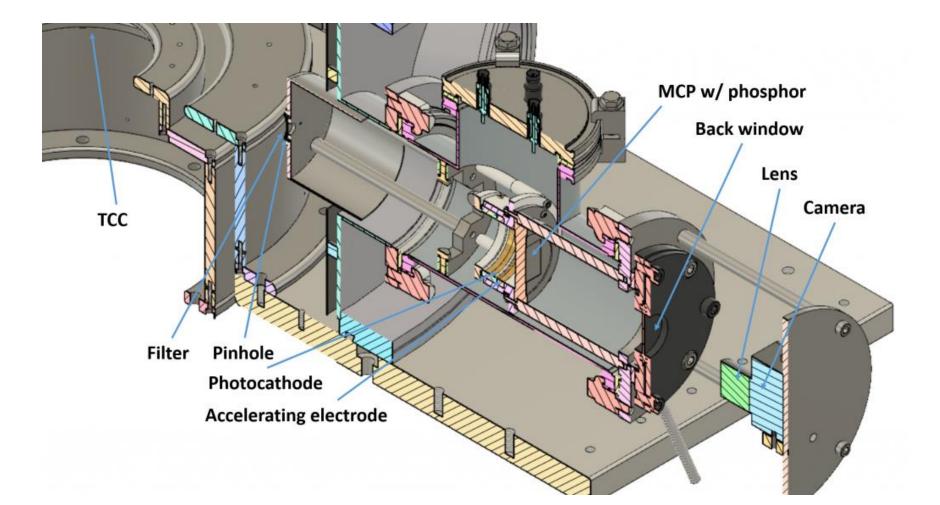
Images can be gated using fast high voltage pulses.

A negative high-voltage pulse is used in our x-ray pinhole camera

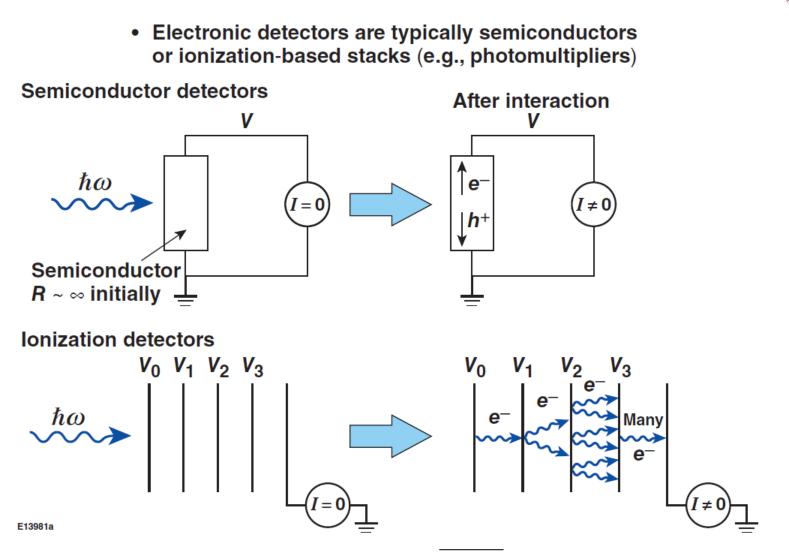


• The x-ray camera with a shutter opening time of \leq 10 ns will be built.

A pinhole camera was designed and was built

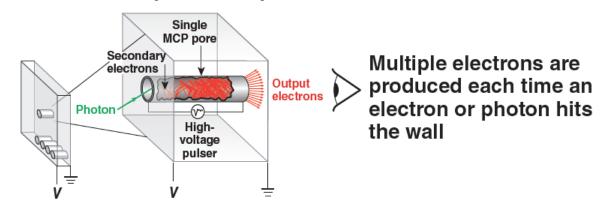


Electronic detectors provide rapid readout

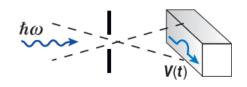


A framing camera provides a series of time-gated 2-D images, similar to a movie camera

- The building block of a framing camera is a gated microchannel-plate (MCP) detector
- An MCP is a plate covered with small holes, each acts as a photomultiplier

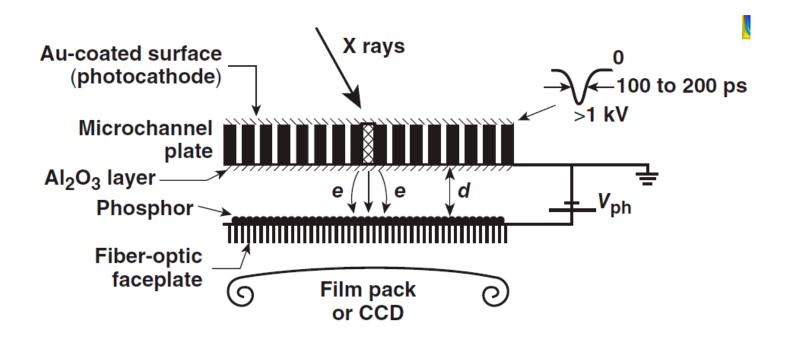


• A voltage pulse is sent down the plate, gating the detector



The detector is only on when the voltage pulse is present

A framing camera detector consists of a microchannel plate (MCP) in front of a phosphor screen

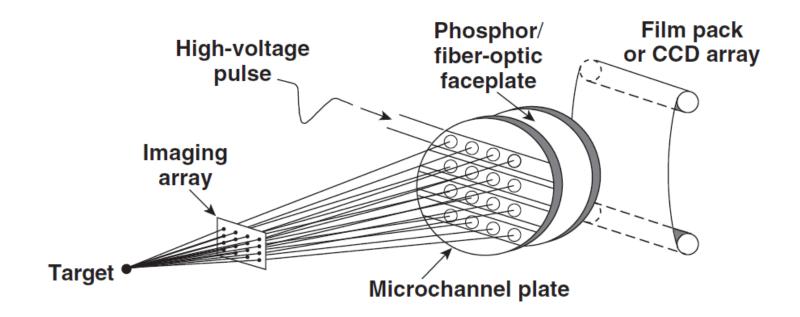


- Electrons are multiplied through MCP by voltage V_c
- Images are recorded on film behind phosphor
- Insulating Al₂O₃ layer allows for V_{ph} to be increased, thereby improving the spatial resolution of phosphor

http://hedpschool.lle.rochester.edu/1000_proc2013.php 125

Two-dimensional time-resolved images are recorded using x-ray framing cameras

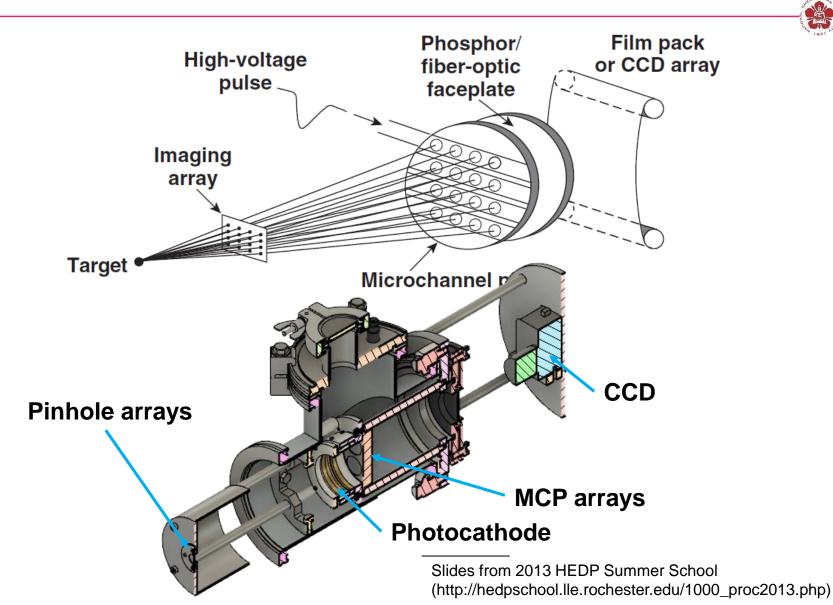




- Temporal resolution = 35 to 40 ps
- Imaging array: Pinholes: 10- to 12- μ m resolution, 1 to 4 keV
- Space-resolved x-ray spectra can be obtained by using Bragg crystals and imaging slits

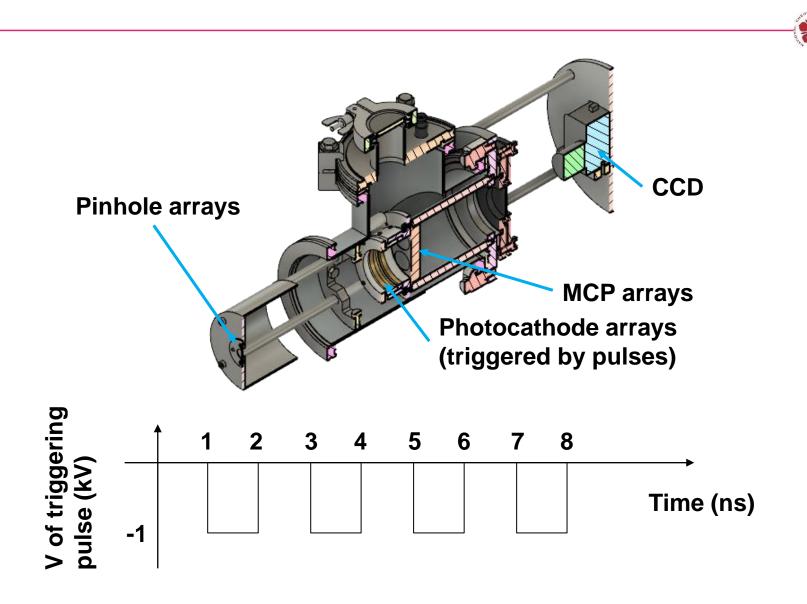
Framing camera

X-ray framing cameras for recording two-dimensional time-resolved images will be built by the end of 2021



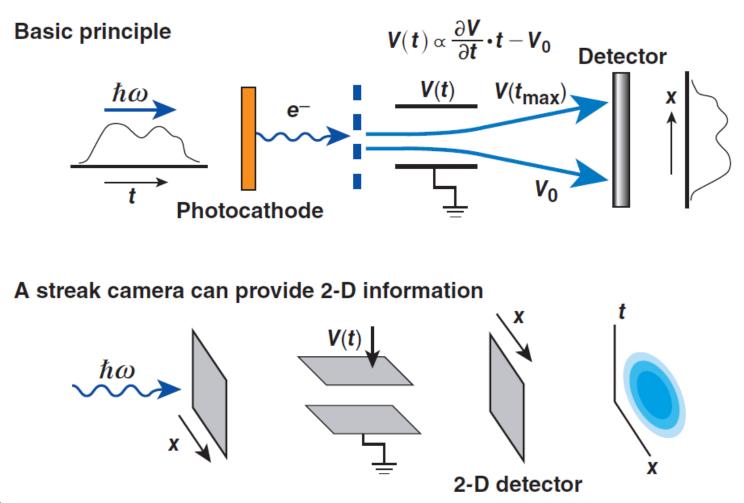
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Each pinhole camera will be triggered separately

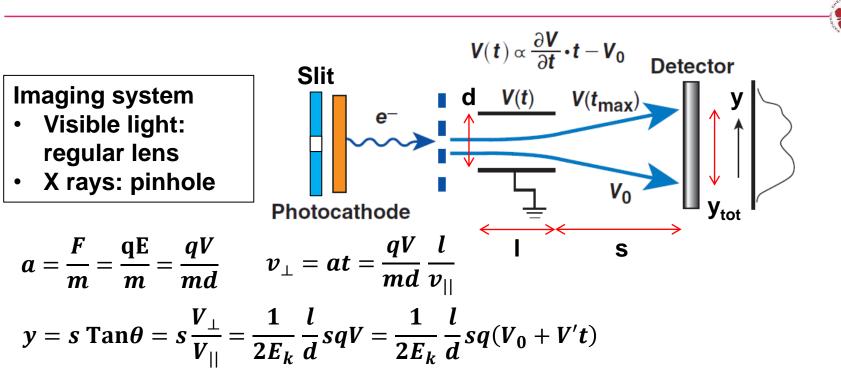


A streak camera provides temporal resolution of 1-D data





A temporal resolution higher than 15 ps is expected



- Let d=10 mm, l=20 mm, s=50 mm, E_k =1 keV, V=-200 ~ 200 V

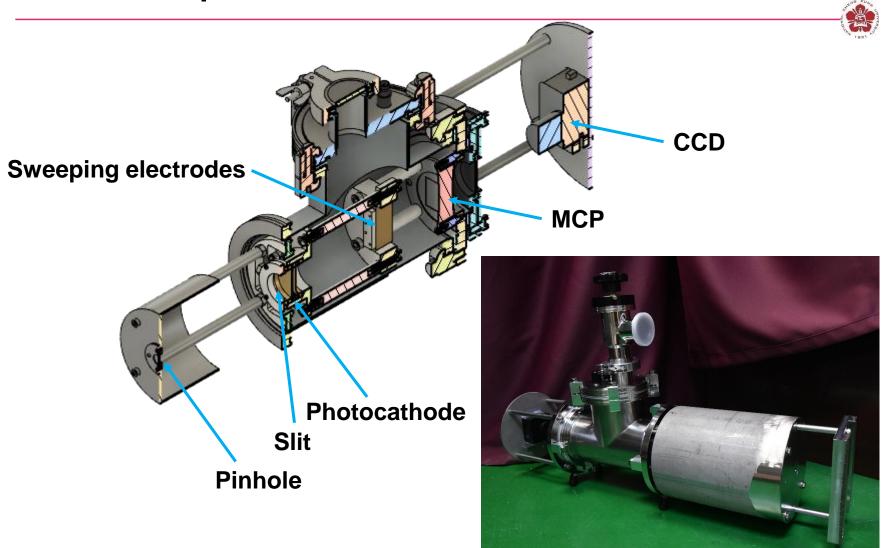
$$V' \equiv rac{V_{ ext{tot}}}{t_{ ext{tot}}} = 0.06 \, ext{kV/ns} \qquad y_{ ext{tot}} = 15 ext{mm} \qquad y_{ ext{tot}} = 15 ext{mm}$$

• Temporal resolution:

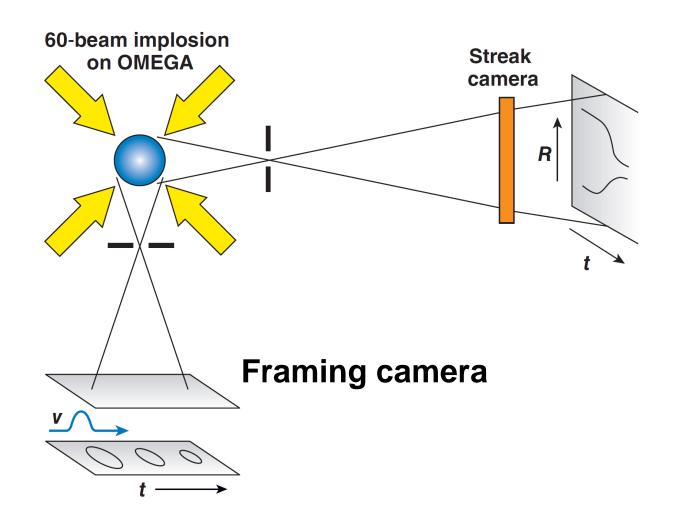
$$\delta t = \delta y \frac{2E_k d}{lsqV'} = 15 \text{ ps for } \delta y = 45 \mu m$$

• δt will be adjusted by changing E_k .

A streak camera with temporal resolution of 15 ps has been developed

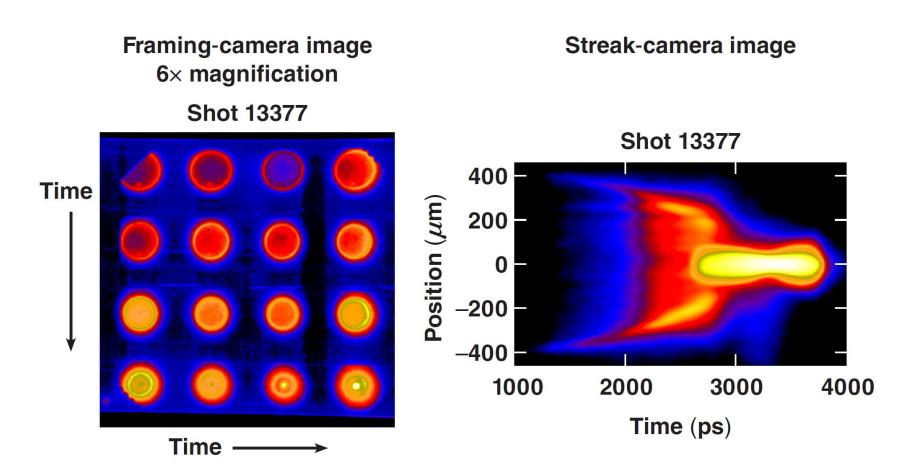


Shell trajectories can be measured using framing camera or streak camera

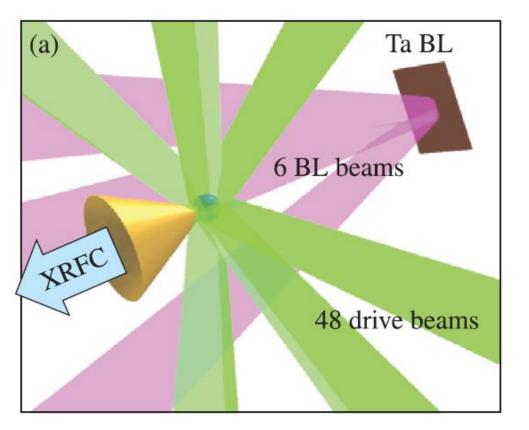


Comparison of images from framing camera versus streak camera





The optical density can be measured using the absorption of a backlighter



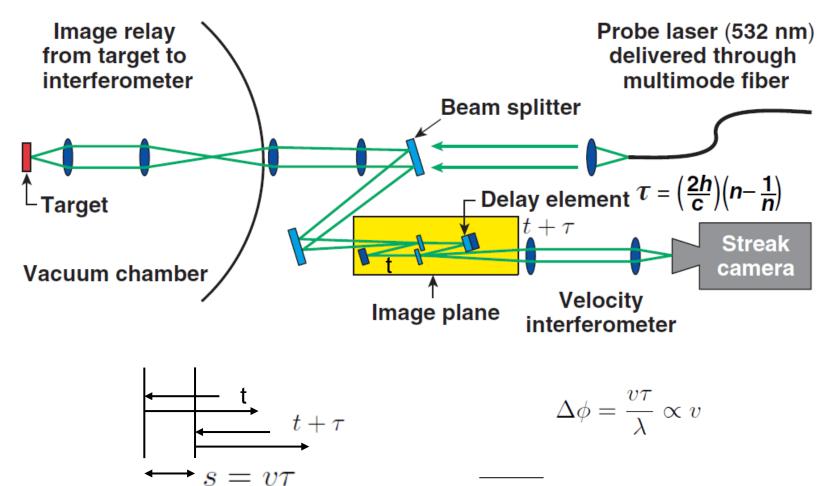
$$I = \int I(\varepsilon) \exp(-\mu(\varepsilon)\rho\delta) d\varepsilon$$

$$I = I_{\rm BL} \exp(-\bar{\mu}\rho\delta)$$

 $\ln I = \ln I_{BL} - \mu \rho r$

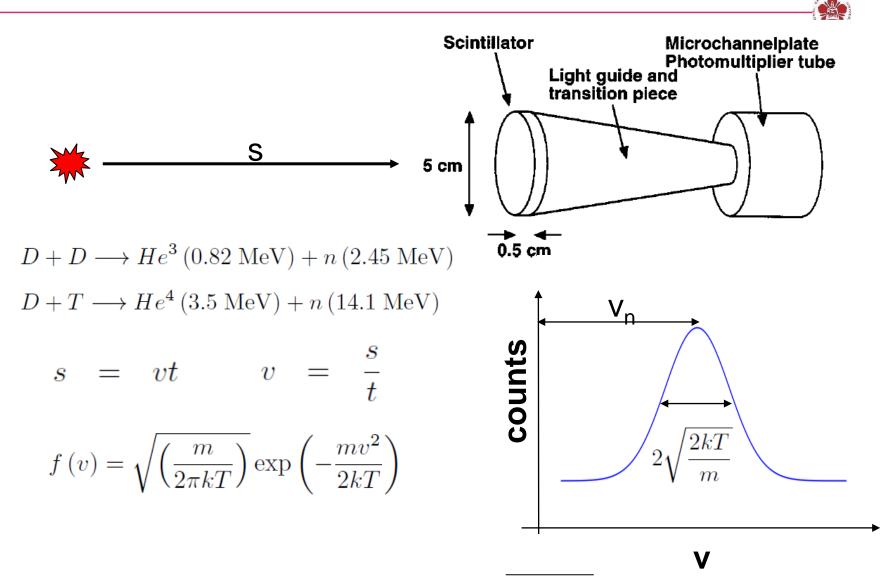
G. Fiksel *et al.*, Phys. Plasmas **19**, 062704 (2012) ₁₃₄

Shock velocities are measured using time-resolved Velocity Interferometer System for Any Reflector (VISAR)



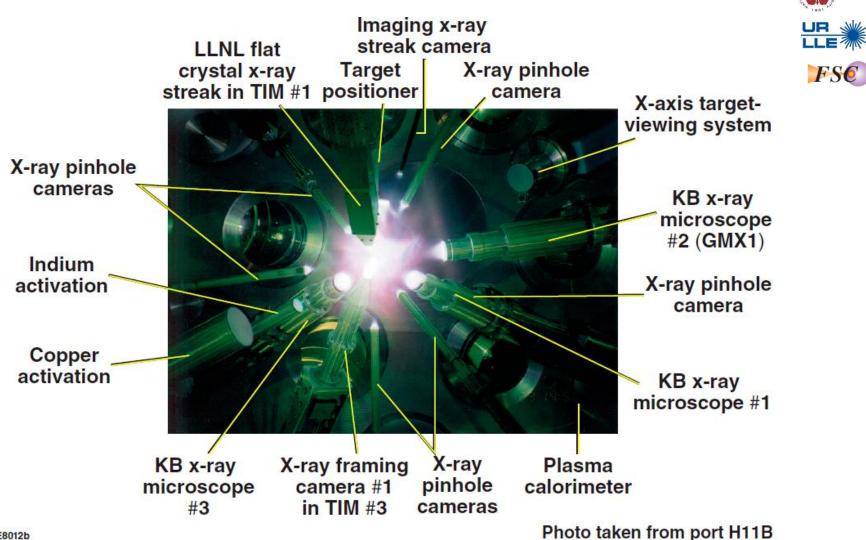
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Neutron average temperature is obtained using Neutron Time of Flight (NToF)

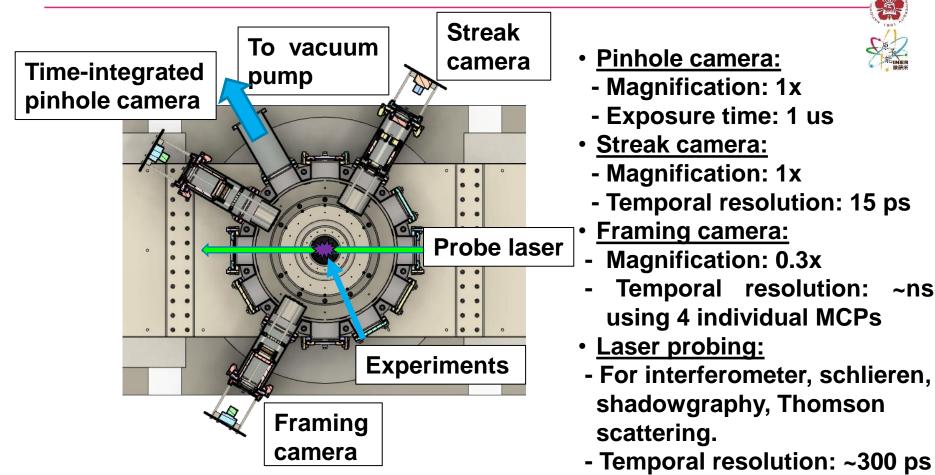


T. J. Murphy et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 72, 773 (2001) 136

The OMEGA Facility is carrying out ICF experiments using a full suite of target diagnostics



A suit of diagnostics in the range of (soft) x-ray are being built



- CsI are used as the photocathode for all xray imaging system.
- Au photocathode may be used in the future.

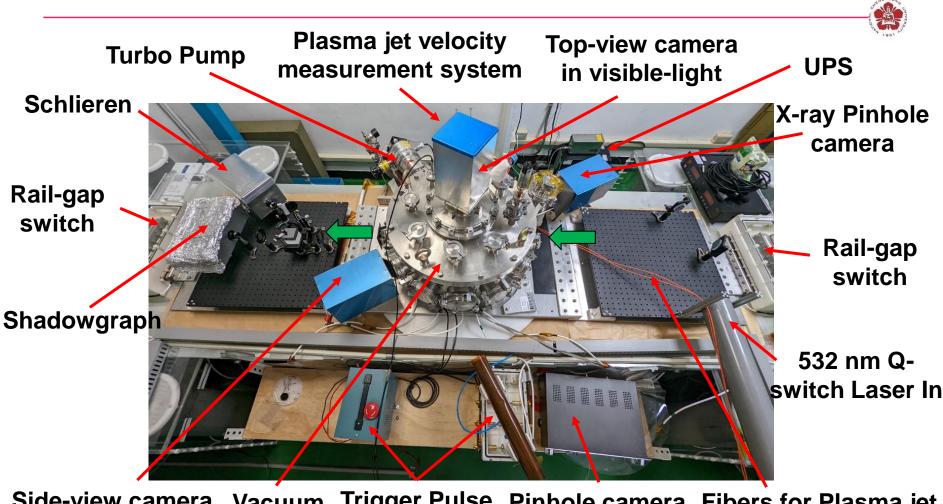
using stimulated brillouin

scattering (SBS) pulse

compression in water

~ns

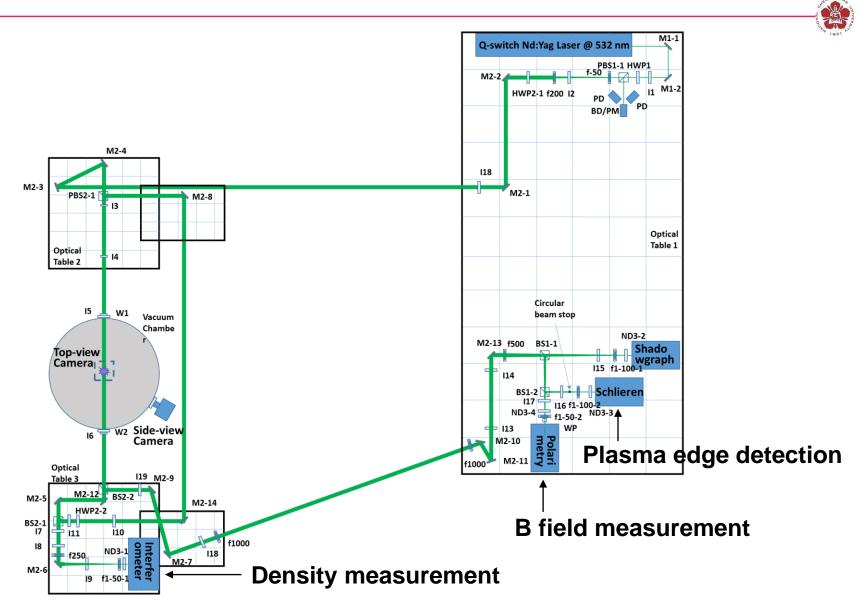
Varies diagnostics were integrated to the system



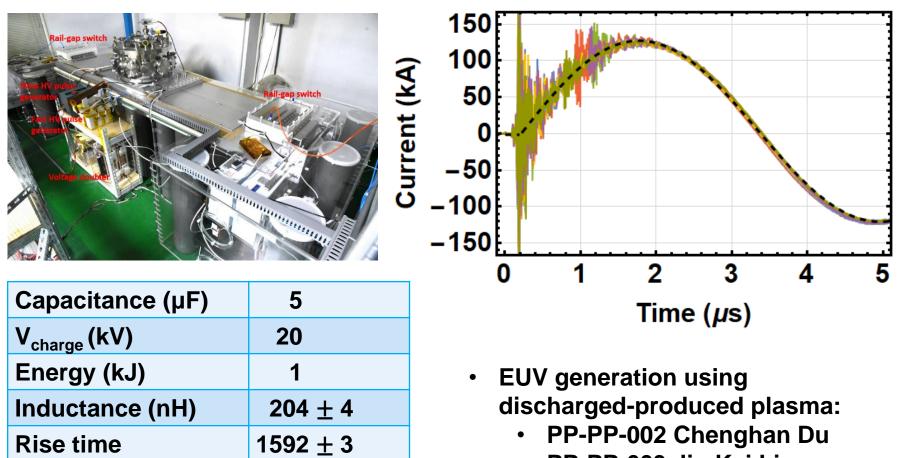
Side-view camera Vacuum Trigger Pulse Pinhole camera Fibers for Plasma jet in visible-light chamber System control box velocity measurement

system

Time-resolved imaging system with temporal resolution in the order of nanoseconds was implemented



A peak current of ~135 kA with a rise time of ~1.6 us is provided by the pulsed-power system



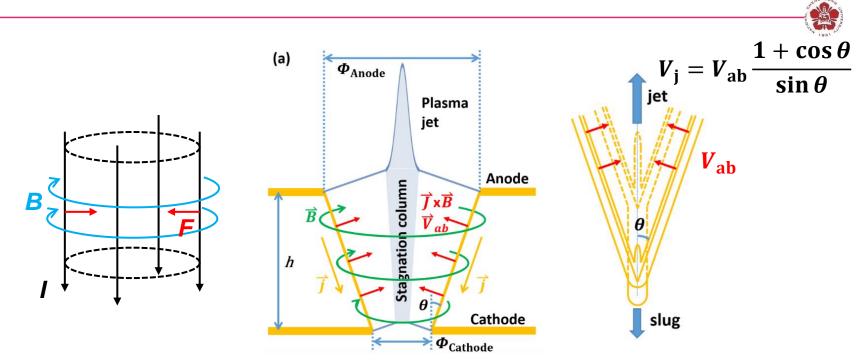
(quarter period, ns)

135 <u>+</u> 1

I_{peak} (kA)

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A plasma jet can be generated by a conical-wire array due to the nonuniform z-pinch effect

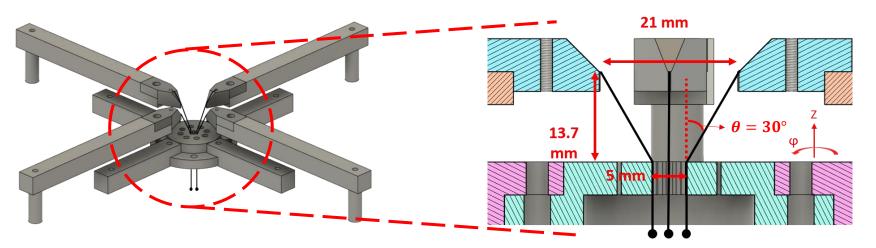


- 1. Wire ablation : corona plasma is generated by wire ablations.
- 2. Precursor : corona plasma is pushed by the $\vec{J} \times \vec{B}$ force and accumulated on the axis forming a precursor.
- 3. Plasma jet is formed by the nonuniform z-pinch effect due to the radius difference between the top and the bottom of the array.

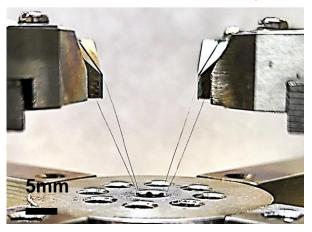
D. J. Ampleforda, et al., Phys. Plasmas 14, 102704 (2007)

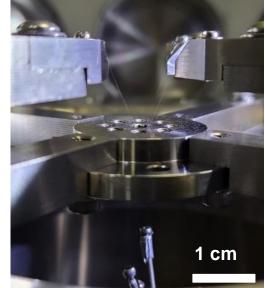
G. Birkhoff, et al., J. Applied Physics 19, 563 (1948)

Our conical-wire array consists of 4 tungsten wires with an inclination angle of 30° with respect to the axis



Conical-wire array





- Material : Tungsten.
- Number of wires : 4.
- Diameter : 20 μm.

Self-emission of the plasma jet in the UV to soft x-ray regions was captured by the pinhole camera

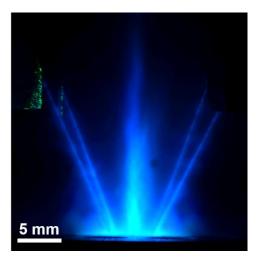


• Image in UV/soft x ray



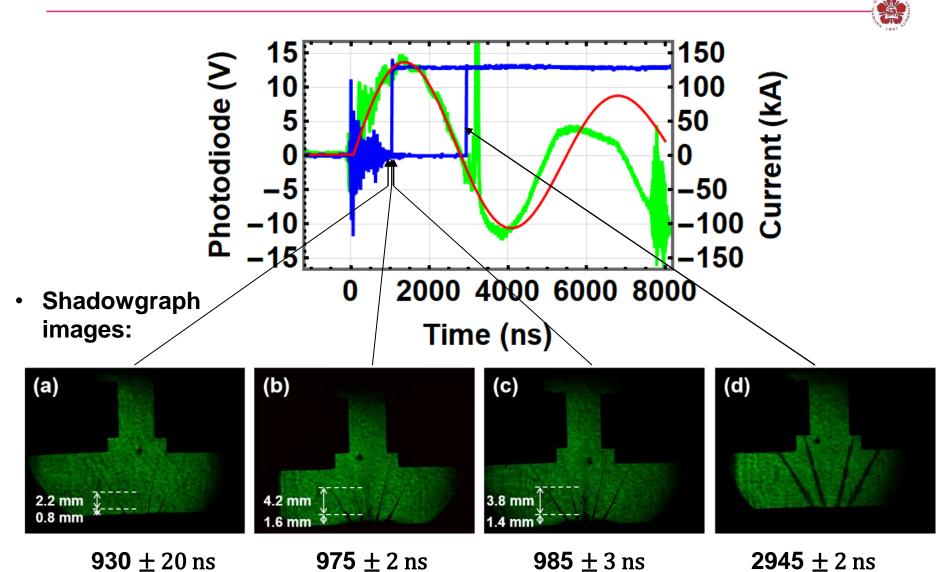
(Brightness is increased by 40 %.)

 Pinhole diameter:
 0.5 mm, i.e., spatial resolution: 1 mm. Image in visible light



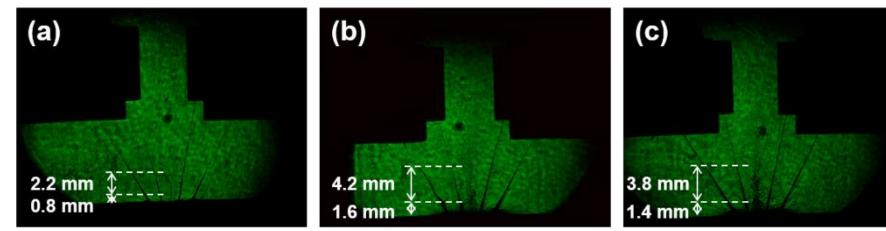
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Plasma jet propagation was observed using laser diagnostics

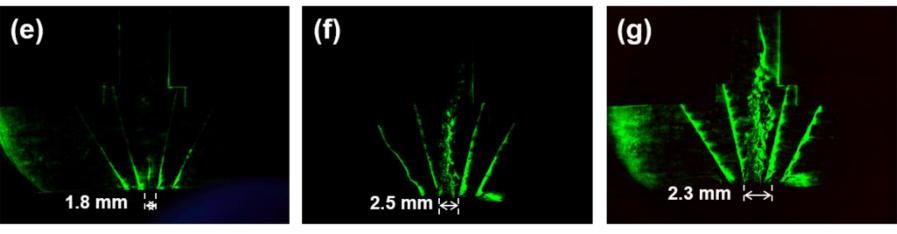


Length of the plasma jet at different time was obtained by the Schlieren images at different times

• Shadowgraph images:



Schlieren images:

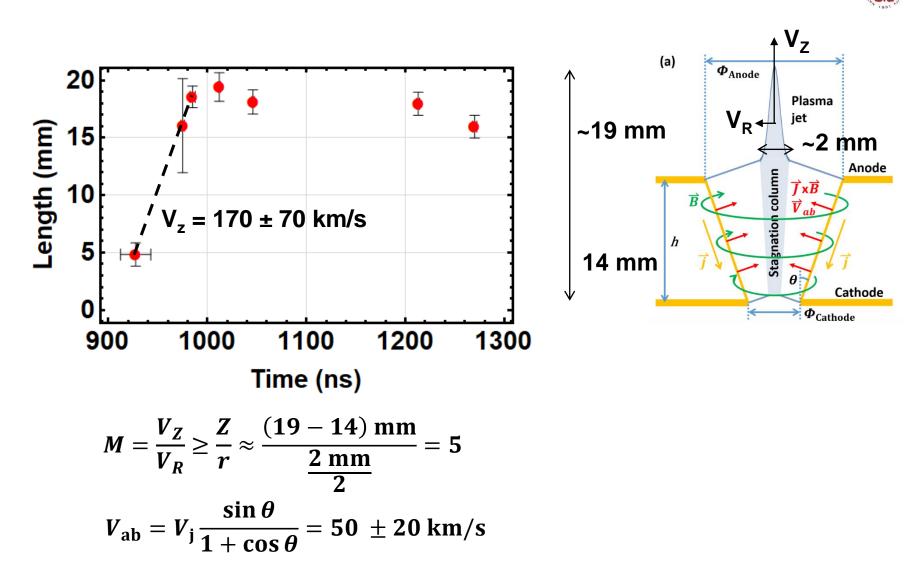


930 ± 20 ns

975 ± 2 ns

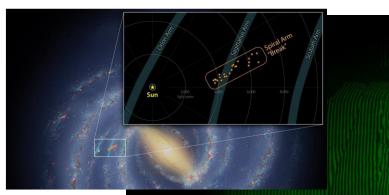
985 ± 3 ns

The measured plasma jet speed is 170 ± 70 km/s with the corresponding Mach number greater than 5



Plasma disk can be formed when two head-on plasma jets collide with each other

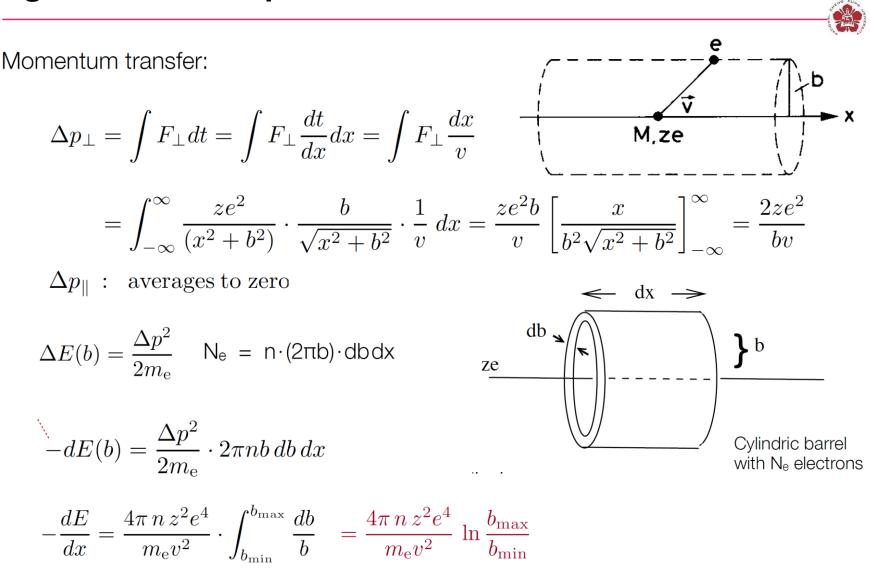






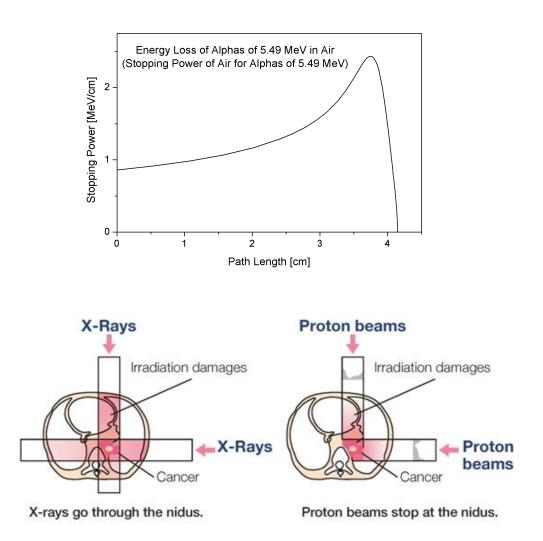


Energetic charged particles losses most of its energy right before it stops



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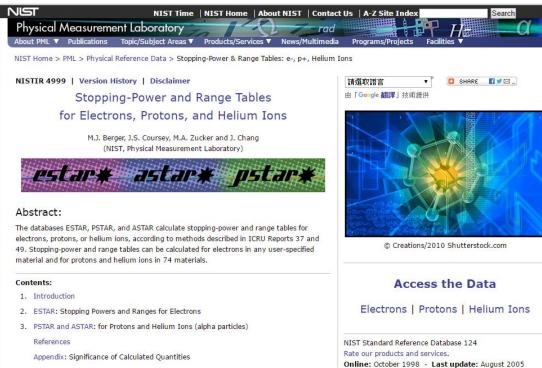
Proton therapy takes the advantage of using Bragg peak



http://www.shi.co.jp/quantum/eng/product/proton/proton.html

There are two suggested website for getting the information of proton stopping power in different materials

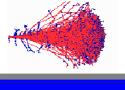
http://www.nist.gov/pml/data/star/



Access the Data:

- 1. Electrons
- 2. Protons

http://www.srim.org/

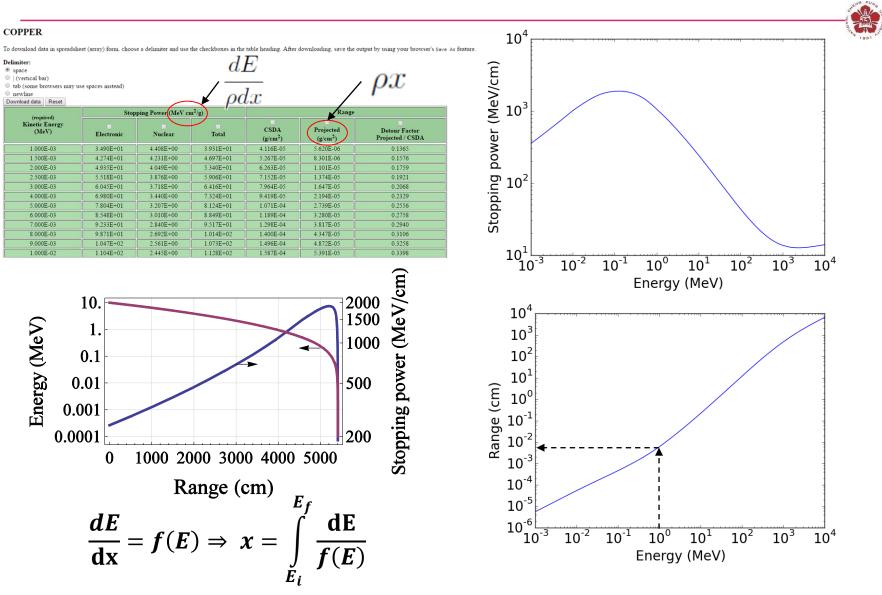


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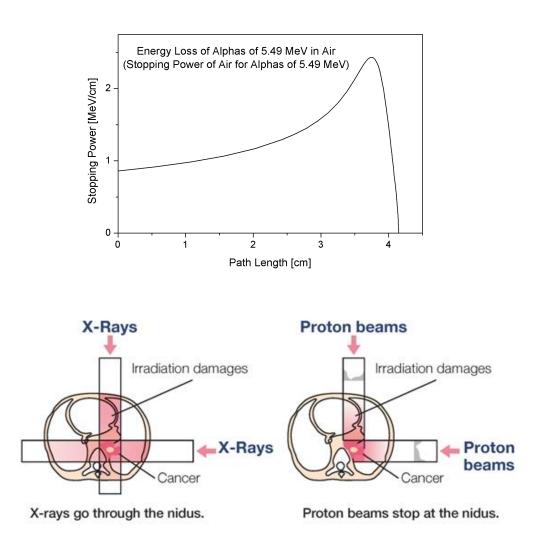
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The thickness of a filter can be decided from the range data from NIST website



Proton therapy takes the advantage of using Bragg peak



Saha equation gives the relative proportions of atoms of a certain species that are in two different states of ionization in thermal equilibrium

$$\frac{n_{r+1}n_e}{n_r} = \frac{G_{r+1}g_e}{G_r} \frac{(2\pi m_e KT)^{3/2}}{h^3} \exp\left(-\frac{\chi_r}{KT}\right)$$

- n_{r+1}, n_r: Density of atoms in ionization state r+1, r (m⁻³)
- n_e: Density of electrons (m⁻³)
- G_{r+1}, G_r: Partition function of ionization state r+1, r
- g_e=2: Statistical weight of the electron
- m_e: Mass of the electron
- χ_r: Ionization potential of ground level of state r to reach to the ground level of state r+1
- T: Temperature
- h: Planck's constant
- K: Boltzmann constant

Supplement to Ch. 6 of Astrophysics Processes by Hale Bradt (http://homepages.spa.umn.edu/~kd/Ast4001-2015/NOTES/n052-saha-bradt.pdf) 154

Some backgrounds of quantum mechanics

Planck blackbody function:

$$u(\nu,T) = \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/KT}-1} \left(W/m^3 \text{ Hz} \right)$$

- Boltzmann formula:
 - g_i, g_i: statistical weight

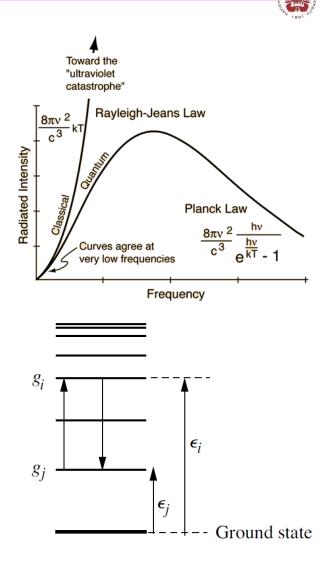
$$\frac{n_i}{n_j} = \frac{g_i e^{-\epsilon_i/\mathrm{KT}}}{g_j e^{-\epsilon_j/\mathrm{KT}}} = \frac{g_i}{g_j} e^{-h\nu_{ij}/\mathrm{KT}} \qquad \frac{g_i}{g_j} = \frac{2J_i + 1}{2J_j + 1}$$

(J: angular momenta quantum number)

- Number in the ith state to the total atom:

$$\frac{n_i}{n} = \frac{n_i}{\Sigma n_j} \equiv \frac{g_i e^{-\epsilon_i/\mathrm{KT}}}{G} \qquad G \equiv \Sigma g_j e^{-\epsilon_j/\mathrm{KT}}$$

G: partition function of statistical weight for the atom, taking into account all its excited states.



Einstein coefficient



- Excitation (\uparrow): $P_{ji} = B_{ji}u(\nu, T)$
- **De-excitation (** \downarrow **):** $P_{ij} = A_{ij} + B_{ij}u(\nu, T)$
- In thermal equilibrium:

$$n_{i}(A_{ij} + B_{ij}u) = n_{j}B_{ji}u$$

$$\frac{g_{i}}{g_{j}}e^{-x}(A_{ij} + B_{ij}u) = B_{ji}u$$

$$x \equiv \frac{h\nu}{KT}$$

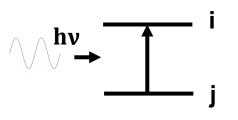
$$u = a(e^{x} - 1)^{-1}$$

$$a \equiv \frac{8\pi h\nu^{3}}{c^{3}}$$

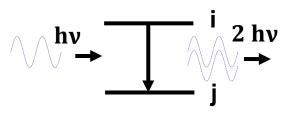
$$a\left(e^{x}B_{ji} - \frac{g_{i}}{g_{j}}B_{ij}\right) = (e^{x} - 1)\frac{g_{i}}{g_{j}}A_{ij}$$

- The Einstein coefficients are independent of T or v.
 - $x \to 0, e^{x} \to 1 \qquad \qquad x \to \infty, e^{x} \to \infty$ $\frac{B_{ij}}{B_{ij}} = \frac{g_{j}}{g_{i}} \qquad \qquad aB_{ji} = \frac{g_{i}}{g_{j}}A_{ij} \quad \frac{A_{ij}}{B_{ij}} = \frac{8\pi h\nu^{3}}{c^{3}}$

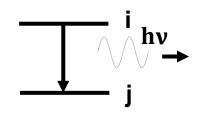
Photoexcitation:



Induced radiation:



Spontaneous radiation:





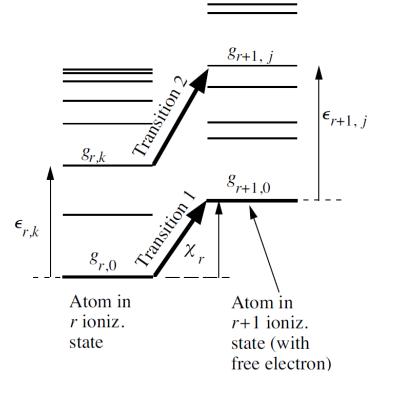
Saha equation is derived using the transition between different ionization states

 Required photon energy for transition (1) from the ground state of r ionization state to the ground state of r+1 ionization state:

 $hv = \chi_r + \frac{p^2}{2m}$ Energy of the free electron

 Required photon energy for transition (1) from the energy level k of r ionization state to the energy level j of r+1 ionization state:

$$\mathbf{h}\mathbf{v} = \boldsymbol{\chi}_r + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{r+1,j} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{r,k} + \frac{p^2}{2m}$$



Saha equation is derived using the transition between different ionization states

- Photoionization:
 - $R_{\rm pi} = n_{r,k} u(\nu) B_{r,k \to r+1,j}$
- Induced radiation: $R_{ir} = n_{r+1,i}n_{e,p}(p)u(v)B_{r+1,i\rightarrow r,k}$
- Spontaneous emission:

$$R_{\rm sr} = n_{r+1,j} n_{e,p}(p) A_{r+1,j \to r,k}$$

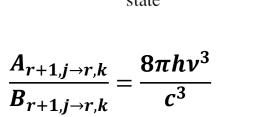
• In thermal equilibrium:

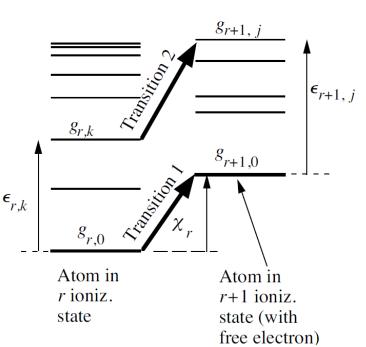
$$n_{r+1,j}n_{e,p}A_{r+1,j
ightarrow r,k} + n_{r+1,j}n_{e,p}uB_{r+1,j
ightarrow r,k}$$

= $n_{r,k}uB_{r,k
ightarrow r+1,j}$

• Einstein coefficients:

$$\frac{B_{r,k\to r+1,j}}{B_{r+1,j\to r,k}} = \frac{g_{r+1,j}}{g_{r,k}} \frac{g_e 4\pi p^2}{h^3}$$





Saha equation - continued

$$n_{r+1,j}n_{e,p}A_{r+1,j\to r,k} + n_{r+1,j}n_{e,p}uB_{r+1,j\to r,k} = n_{r,k}uB_{r,k\to r+1,j}$$

$$n_{r+1,j}n_{e,p}\frac{A_{r+1,j\to r,k}}{B_{r+1,j\to r,k}} + n_{r+1,j}n_{e,p}u = n_{r,k}u\frac{B_{r,k\to r+1,j}}{B_{r+1,j\to r,k}}$$

$$\frac{n_{r+1,j}n_{e,p}}{n_{r,k}} = \left(\frac{A_{r+1,j\to r,k}}{uB_{r+1,j\to r,k}} + 1\right)^{-1} \frac{B_{r,k\to r+1,j}}{B_{r+1,j\to r,k}} \qquad \qquad \frac{B_{r,k\to r+1,j}}{B_{r+1,j\to r,k}} = \frac{g_{r+1,j}}{g_{r,k}} \frac{g_e 4\pi p^2}{h^3}$$

$$n_{e,p}(p) = \frac{n_e 4\pi p^2}{(2\pi m KT)^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{p^2}{2m KT}\right) \qquad \frac{A_{r+1,j\to r,k}}{B_{r+1,j\to r,k}} = \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3}$$

$$\frac{n_{r+1,j}n_e}{n_{r,k}} = \frac{(2\pi \mathrm{mKT})^{3/2}}{4\pi p^2} \exp\left(\frac{p^2}{2\mathrm{mKT}}\right) \left[\frac{c^3}{8\pi h\nu^3} \left(e^{\mathrm{h}\nu/\mathrm{KT}} - 1\right)\frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} + 1\right]^{-1} \frac{g_{r+1,j}}{g_{r,k}} \frac{g_e 4\pi p^2}{h^3}$$

$$\frac{n_{r+1,j}n_e}{n_{r,k}} = \frac{(2\pi m KT)^{3/2}}{h^3} \frac{g_{r+1,j}g_e}{g_{r,k}} \exp\left[\frac{1}{KT}\left(\frac{p^2}{2m} - h\nu\right)\right]$$





$$\frac{n_{r+1,j}n_e}{n_{r,k}} = \frac{(2\pi m KT)^{3/2}}{h^3} \frac{g_{r+1,j}g_e}{g_{r,k}} \exp\left[\frac{1}{KT}\left(\frac{p^2}{2m} - h\nu\right)\right]$$

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$$\frac{n_{r+1,j}n_e}{n_{r,k}} = \frac{(2\pi m KT)^{3/2}}{h^3} \frac{g_{r+1,j}\exp\left(\frac{\epsilon_{r+1,j}}{KT}\right)g_e}{g_{r,k}\exp\left(\frac{\epsilon_{r,k}}{KT}\right)} \exp\left(-\frac{\chi_r}{KT}\right)$$

$$\frac{n_{r,k}}{n_r} = \frac{g_{r,k}e^{-\epsilon_{r,k}/KT}}{G_r} \qquad G_r = \Sigma g_{r,k}e^{-\epsilon_{r,k}/KT}$$

$$\frac{n_{r+1,j}}{n_{r+1}} = \frac{g_{r+1,j}e^{-\epsilon_{r+1,j}/KT}}{G_{r+1}} \qquad G_{r+1} = \Sigma g_{r+1,j}e^{-\epsilon_{r+1,j}/KT}$$

$$\frac{n_{r+1}n_e}{n_r} = \frac{G_{r+1}g_e}{G_r} \frac{(2\pi m_e KT)^{3/2}}{h^3} \exp\left(-\frac{\chi_r}{KT}\right)$$

Saha equation – example: hydrogen plasma of the sun



- Photosphere of the sun hydrogen atoms in an optically thick gas in thermal equilibrium at temperature T=6400 K.
 - Neutral hydrogen (r state / ground state)

$$G_r = \Sigma g_{r,k} = g_{r,0} + g_{r,1} \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon_{r,1}}{\mathrm{KT}}\right) + \dots = 2 + 8\exp\left(-\frac{10.2\mathrm{eV}}{0.56\mathrm{eV}}\right) + \dots$$
$$= 2 + 9.8 \times 10^{-8} + \dots \approx 2$$

- Ionized state (r+1 state)

$$G_{r+1} = \Sigma g_{r+1,j} = g_{r+1,0} + g_{r+1,1} \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon_{r+1,1}}{\mathrm{KT}}\right) + \cdots \approx 1$$

- Other information: $g_e = 2$ $\chi_r = 13.6 \text{eV}$; KT = 0.56 eV $n_{r+1} = n_e$

$$\frac{n_{r+1}^2}{n_r} = 2.41 \times 10^{21} \frac{1 \times 2}{2} (6400)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{13.6}{0.56}\right) = 3.5 \times 10^{16} m^{-3}$$

It is mostly neutral in the photosphere of the sun



• Assuming 50 % ionization:

 $n_{r+1} = n_r = 3.5 \times 10^{16} m^{-3}$ $n = n_{r+1} + n_r = 7 \times 10^{16} m^{-3}$

- At lower densities n at the same temperature, there should be fewer collisions leading to recombination and thus the plasma to be more than 50 % ionization.
- In the photosphere of the sun:

 $ho \sim 3 imes 10^{-4} \, {
m kg}/m^3 o n = 2 imes 10^{23} m^{-3} \gg 7 imes 10^{16} m^{-3}$

 \Rightarrow Less than 50 % ionization

• Use the total number density to estimate the ionization percentage:

$$n_{r+1} + n_r = 2 imes 10^{23}$$
 $rac{n_{r+1}}{n_r} = 4 imes 10^{-4} @ 6400 K$