



The Cutting Edge of Plasma Physics

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Outlines

- **Introduction**
- **Significance of plasma technologies for the world economy**
- **Challenges of plasma physics**
- **How to overcome and benefit from facing these challenges**





Plasma

Wind turbine: protective wear coating

Plasma

Architectural glass: thermal insulation, self-cleaning, mirror coating

Plasma

Aircraft turbine: protective wear resistant coating

Plasma

Car: xenon headlights, wear protection, friction reduction

Plasma

Functional clothing: thermal insulation, breathability, flexible sensors, water-repellant

Plasma

Notebook: LED backlight, reflective coating on CD

Plasma

implants: biocompatibility, antimicrobial features

Plasma

Tools: polishing, hardening, decoupling, hard layer coating

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Food packaging: barrier layers, antimicrobial features

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Smartphone: adhesion, battery, semiconductor technology, display

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PET bottle: barrier layer for product preservation

Plasma

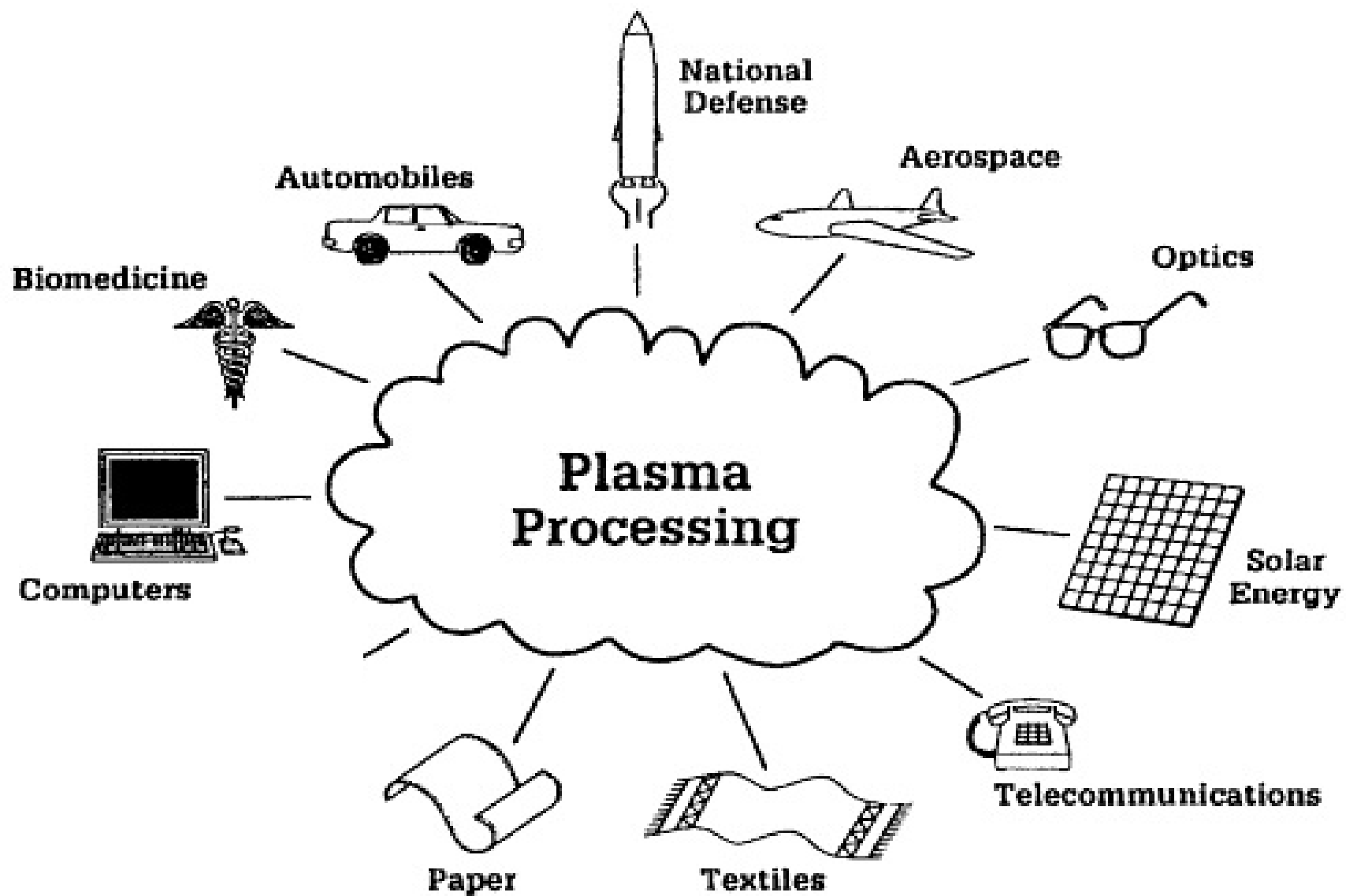
Mug: printability of polymers

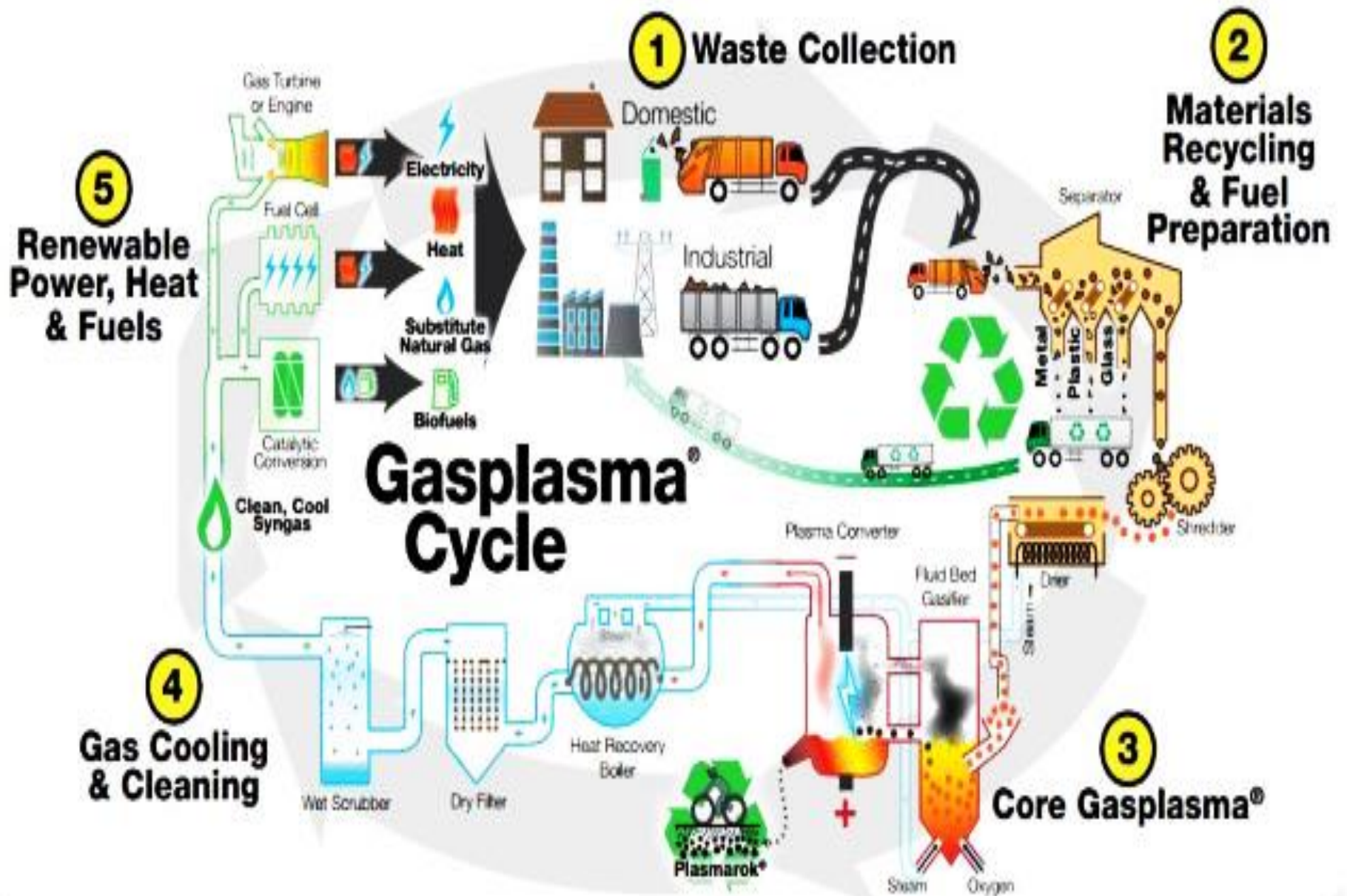
Plasma

Lenses: anti-reflection coating, lotus effect, scratch protection

Plasma

Camera lens: optical coatings







In 2004, the German government **45 000-60 000** people are directly working on building and maintaining plasma technologies.

Up to half a million employees were working in manufacturing chains that require a plasma treatment step along the production line.

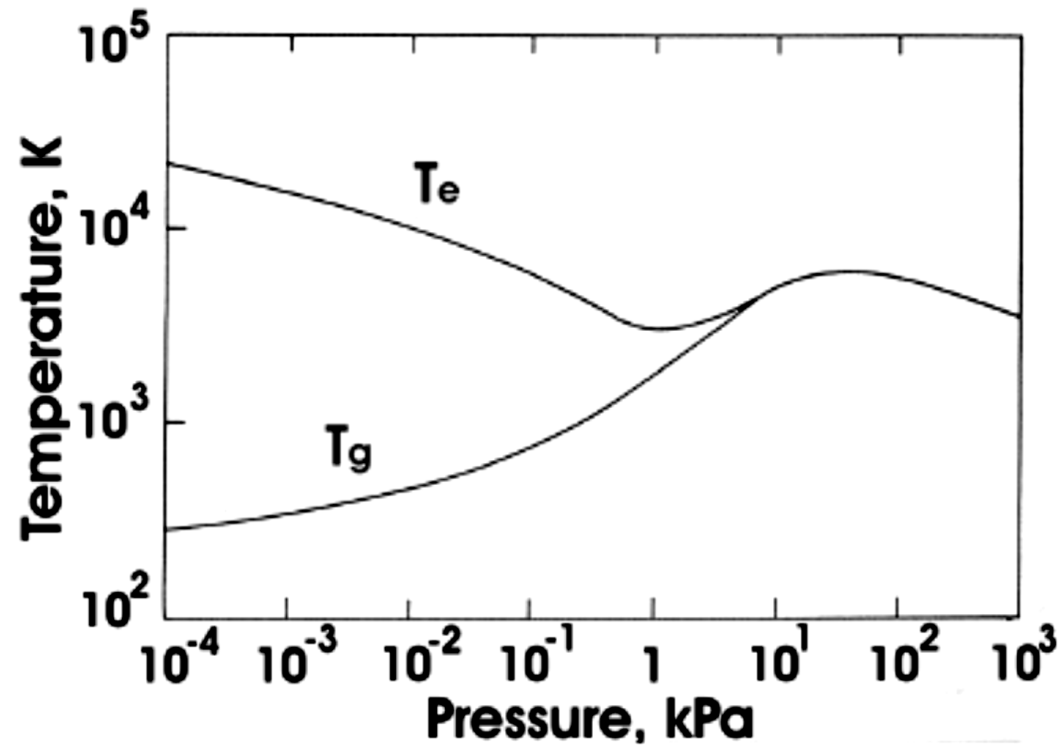
In 2004, this amounted **to 6-7% of all jobs in the** German economy or a contribution to the GDP of almost 160 billion Euros.

Similar estimates and shares can certainly be assumed for other highly industrialized countries **in Europe, in Asia, the Americas, and for Australia.**

For a growth of the German **GDP by 28% from 2004 to 2014**, it is safe to assume that the contribution of plasma technologies has proportionally increased.

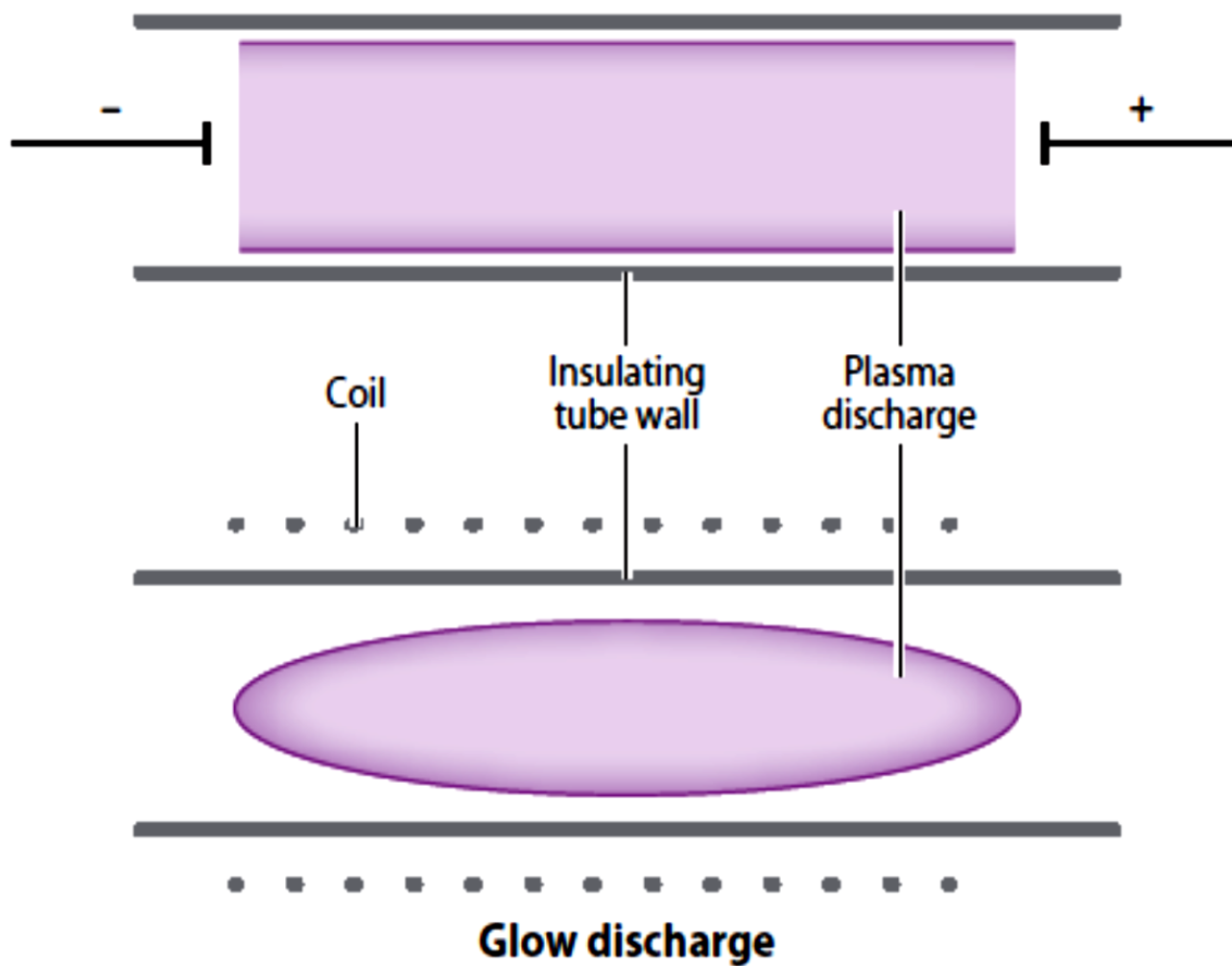


Cold Plasma



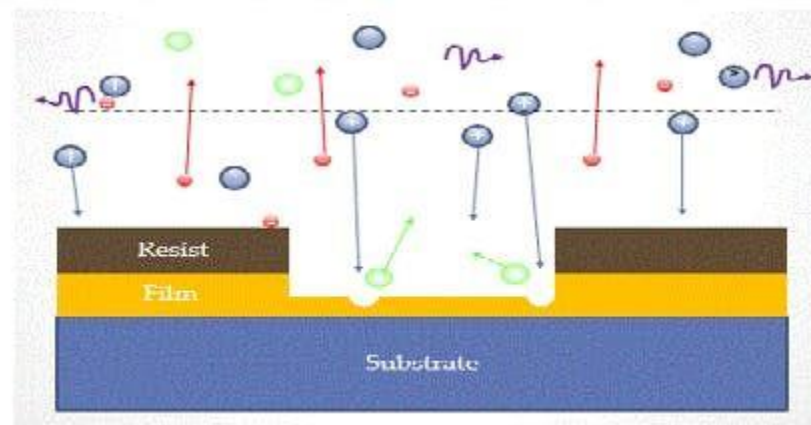
$$(T_e \gg T_h)$$

Radio-frequency (RF) discharge



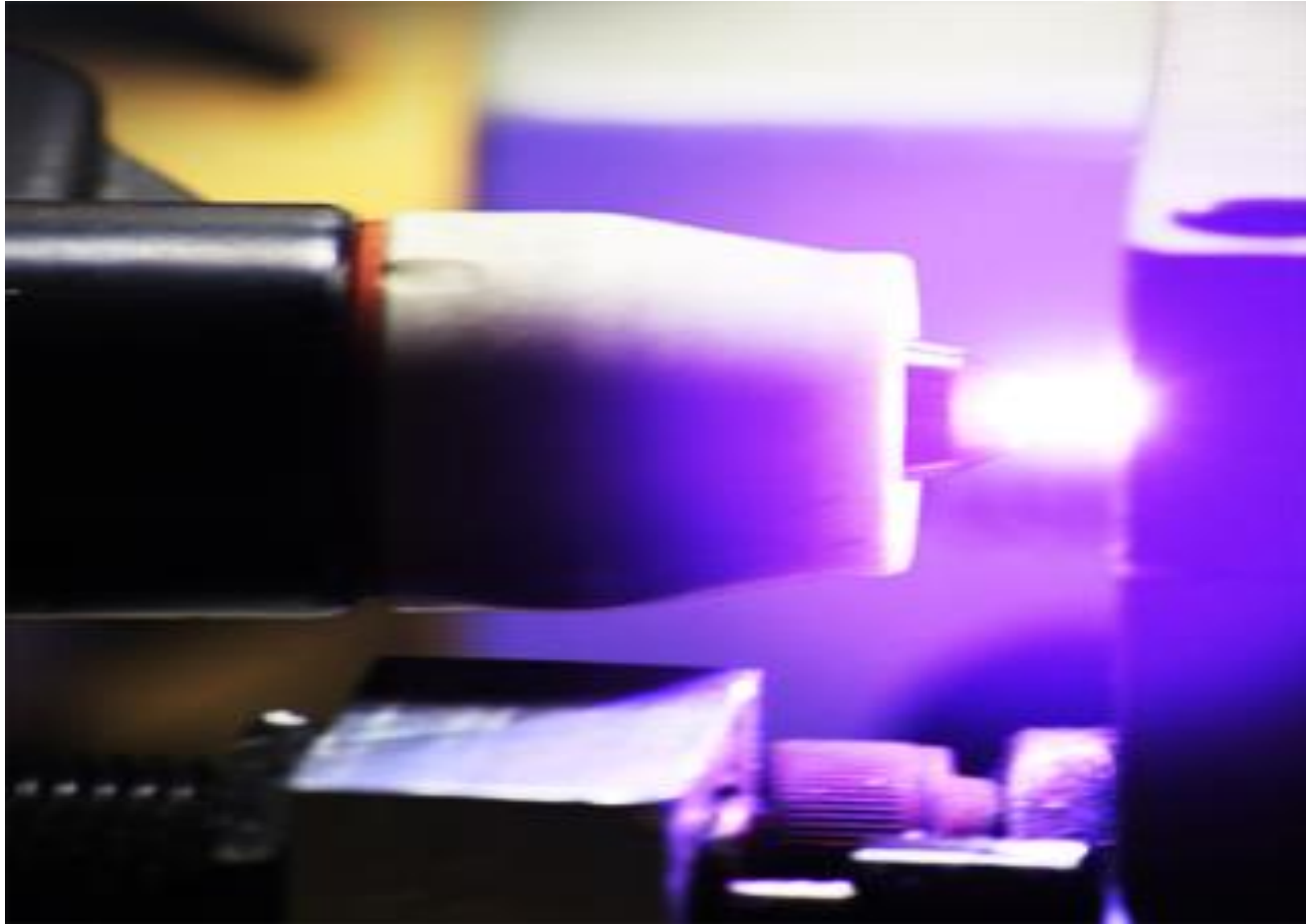
For cold plasma methods, their economic potential was evaluated in a recent Market Research Report, predicting a commercial volume of **2.91 billion USD by 2021**.

Plasma Etching for Semiconductors



The **US** currently dominates about **50%** of the global semiconductor market.

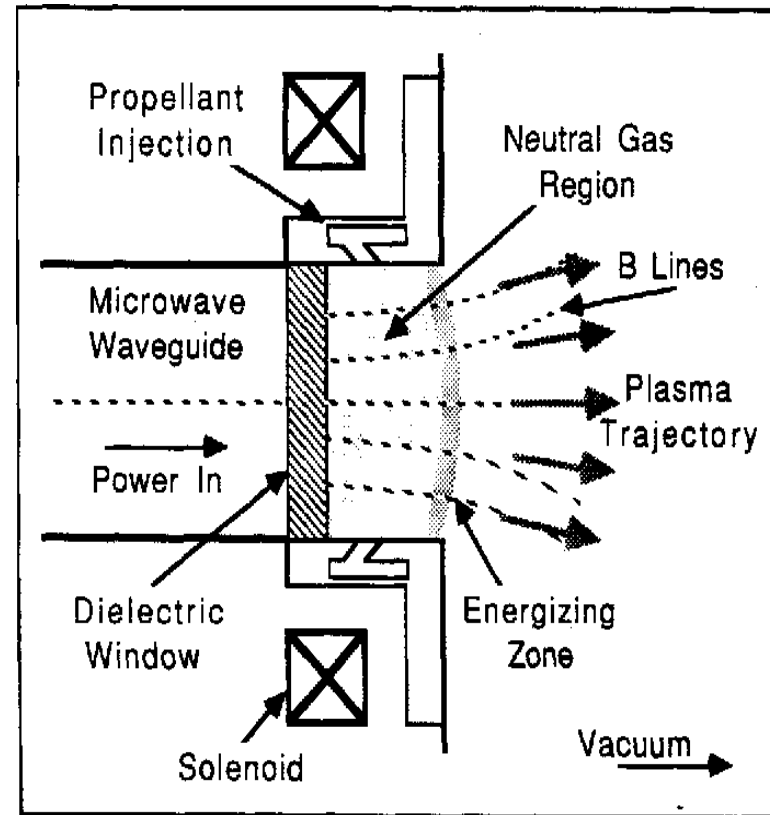
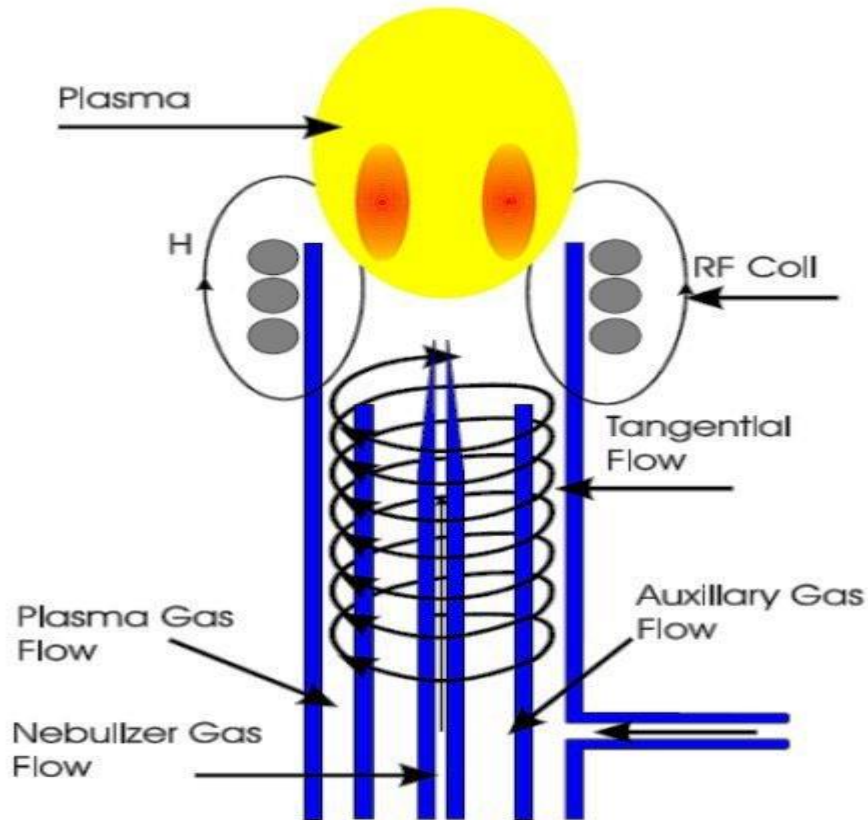
In 2015 the **global market for welding products** reached **23 billion USD** and is expected to exceed **31 billion USD in 2021**.



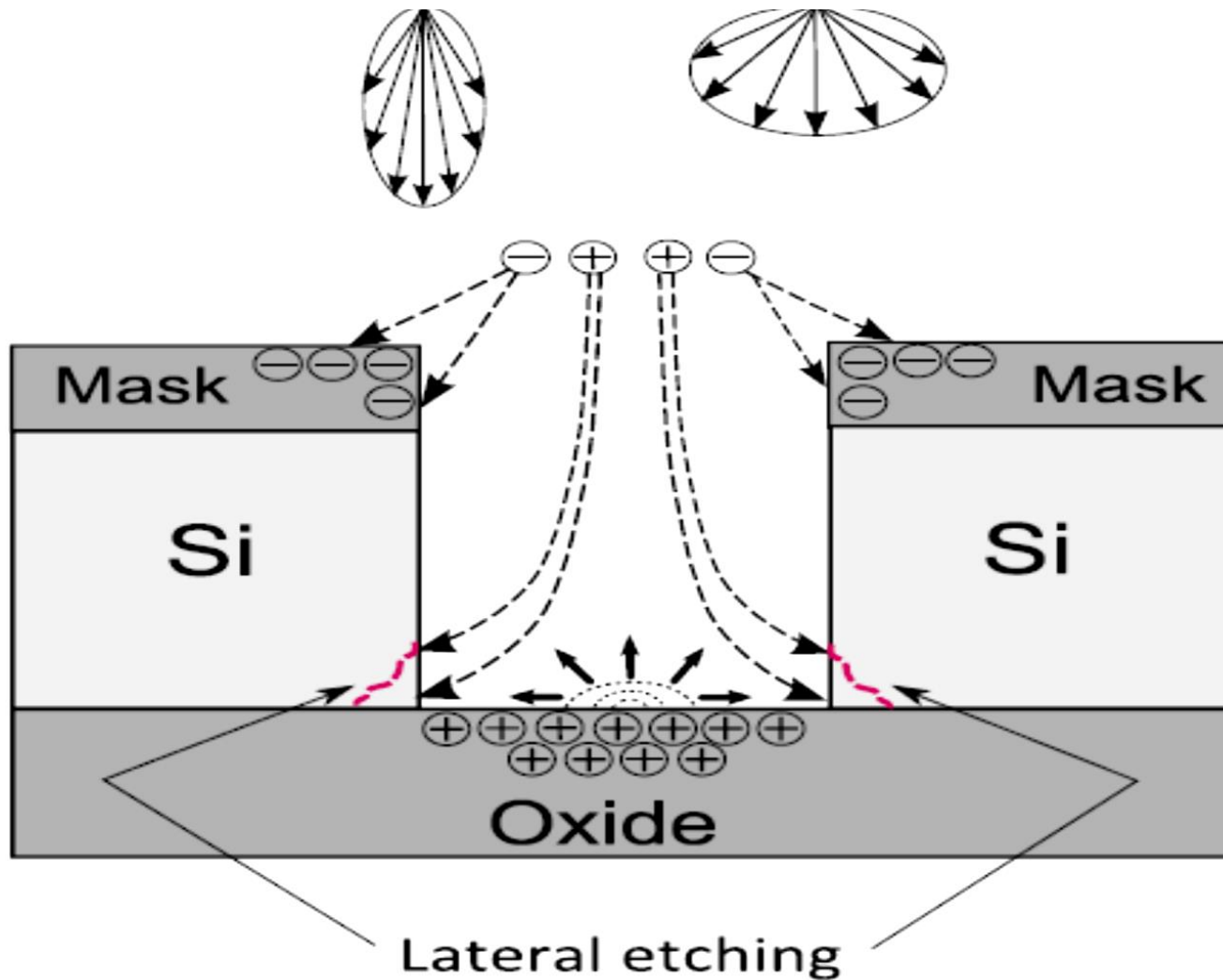
Challenges of Plasma Physics

Plasma-etching

For nanosized sample **High-density plasma sources**, such as **inductively coupled plasma (ICP)** and **electron-cyclotron resonance (ECR) plasma**.



charge build-up and UV photon radiation



The defect generation due to charge build-up and UV photons were found to occur at a time constant of 10^{-3} s during plasma etchings.

In the future we can use tens-of-microsecond pulse-time modulated plasma etching and neutral-beam etching processes have been proposed.

However, there is UV radiation and the rate of etching is low.

Pumping process of semiconductors

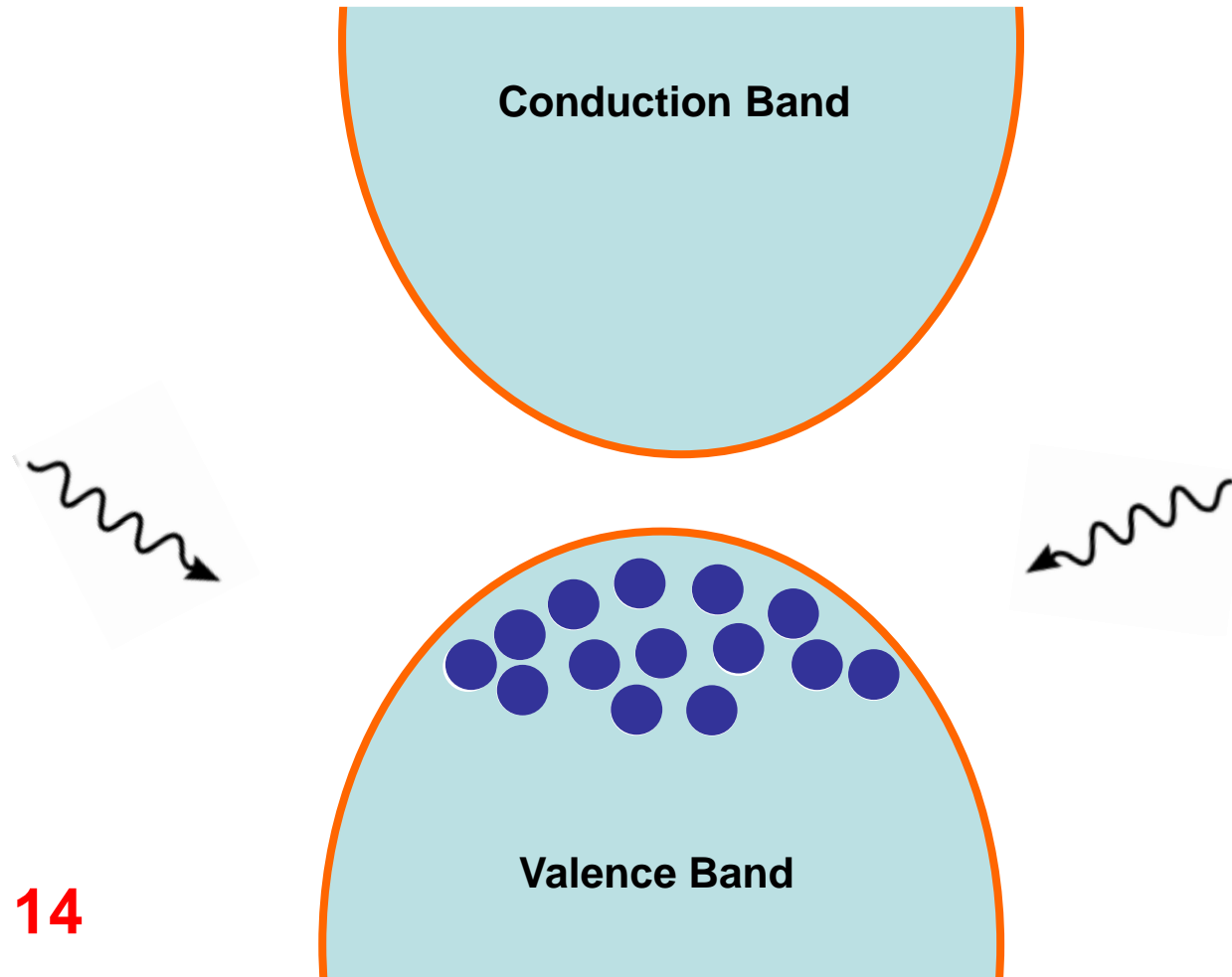


Fig. 14



Nonlinear ultrafast acoustics at the nano scale



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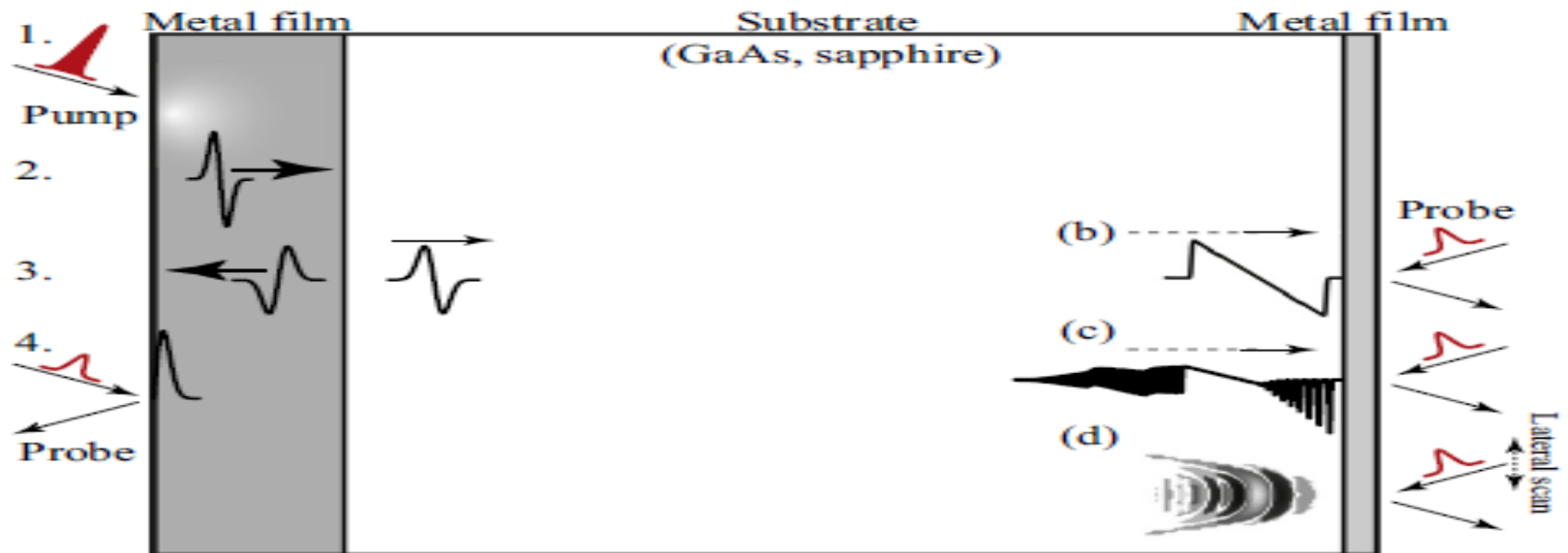


Fig. 11



Electrical characterization of defects induced by electron beam exposure in low doped n -GaAs

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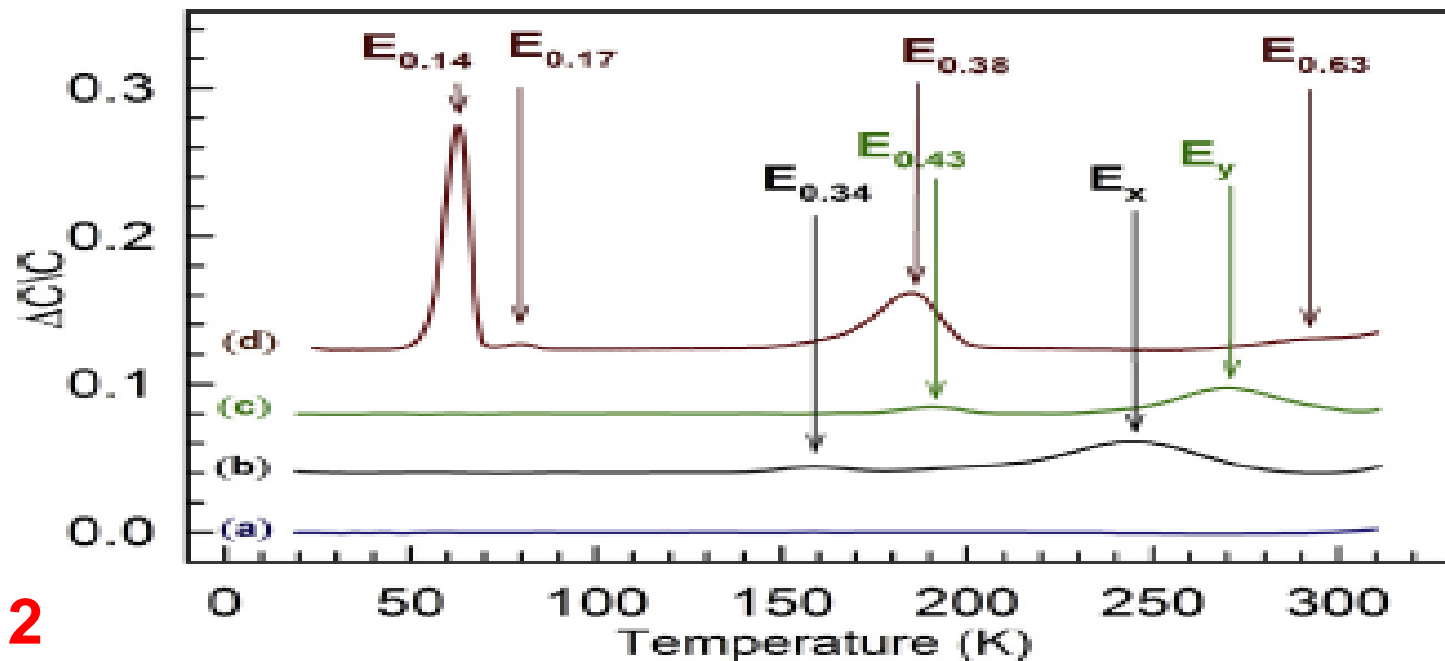


Fig. 12

Special tips and tricks

1- The quantum fluid model had a limit chance in order to employed in electron/hole plasma owing to the electron/hole lifetime should be greater than the plasma oscillation time.

$$T_{\text{osc}} \sim 2\pi/\omega_{\text{osc}} \quad \tau_{\text{rec}} \sim 1 \text{ ps}$$

$$\tau_{\text{rec}} \ll T_{\text{osc}}$$

V. NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS AND DISCUSSION

We now present numerical results. Here, the plasma model is that of semiconductor plasmas. Therefore, we apply our results to four cases of semiconductors: (1) GaAs with typical parameters^{37,38,43} $n_0 = 4.7 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $m_e^* = 0.067m_e$ g, $m_h^* = 0.5m_e$ g, and $\epsilon = 12.8$, (2) GaSb with typical parameters,^{39,40,43} $n_0 = 1.6 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $m_e^* = 0.047m_e$ g, $m_h^* = 0.4m_e$ g, and $\epsilon = 15.69$, $\epsilon = 11.3$, (3) GaN with typical parameters,⁴¹⁻⁴³ $n_0 = 10^{17} - 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $m_e^* = 0.13m_e$ g, $m_h^* = 1.3m_e$ g, and $\epsilon = 11.3$, (4) InP with typical parameters,⁴¹⁻⁴³ $n_0 = 5.7 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $m_e^* = 0.077m_e$ g, $m_h^* = 0.6m_e$ g, and $\epsilon = 12.6$.

$$\text{Ne} = 10^{16}$$

$$W_{\text{pe}} = 1.3 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\text{Ne} = 10^{17}$$

$$W_{\text{pe}} = 4 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$\text{Ne} = 10^{20}$$

$$W_{\text{pe}} = 1.3 \times 10^{-12}$$

Quantum Fluid Equations

For electrons

$$\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (n_e u_e) = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial u_e}{\partial t} + u_e \frac{\partial u_e}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V_{xce}}{\partial x} + \beta n_e \frac{\partial n_e}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{3} H_e^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \sqrt{n_e}}{\partial x^2}}{\sqrt{n_e}} = 0, \quad (6)$$

For holes

$$\frac{\partial n_h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (n_h u_h) = 0, \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial u_h}{\partial t} + u_h \frac{\partial u_h}{\partial x} + M \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + M \frac{\partial V_{xch}}{\partial x} + \beta n_h \frac{\partial n_h}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{3} H_h^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \sqrt{n_h}}{\partial x^2}}{\sqrt{n_h}} = 0, \quad (8)$$

**For electron
beam**

$$\frac{\partial n_b}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (n_b u_b) = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial u_b}{\partial t} + u_b \frac{\partial u_b}{\partial x} - \mu \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + \mu \beta n_b \frac{\partial n_b}{\partial x} = 0. \quad (10)$$

**Poisson's
Equation**

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} = n_e + \nu n_b - \rho n_h. \quad (11)$$

Technique



Exact

t

Perturbation
Techniques



Numerical
Solution

Stretching

$$\xi = \varepsilon^{1/2}(x - \lambda t) \quad \text{and} \quad \tau = \varepsilon^{3/2}t, \quad (12)$$

Expansion

$$\begin{pmatrix} n_e \\ u_e \\ n_h \\ u_h \\ \varphi \\ n_b \\ u_b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ u_{b0} \end{pmatrix} + \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} n_{e1} \\ u_{e1} \\ n_{h1} \\ u_{h1} \\ \varphi_1 \\ n_{b1} \\ u_{b1} \end{pmatrix} + \varepsilon^2 \begin{pmatrix} n_{e2} \\ u_{e2} \\ n_{h2} \\ u_{h2} \\ \varphi_2 \\ n_{b2} \\ u_{b2} \end{pmatrix} + \varepsilon^3 \begin{pmatrix} n_{e3} \\ u_{e3} \\ n_{h3} \\ u_{h3} \\ \varphi_3 \\ n_{b3} \\ u_{b3} \end{pmatrix} + \dots \quad (13)$$

K-dV Equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \varphi_1 + AB \varphi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \varphi_1 + AD \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \xi^3} \varphi_1 = 0, \quad (14)$$

Non-linear
term

Dispersion
term

Soliton
solution

$$\varphi_1 = \varphi_0 \operatorname{sech}^2 \left(\frac{X}{w_1} \right), \quad (15)$$

$$X = \xi - U\tau \quad w_1 = \left(\frac{4AD}{U} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \varphi_0 = \frac{3U}{AB}$$

Travelling
parameter

Width

Amplitude

Soliton Wave

Shock-Like Wave



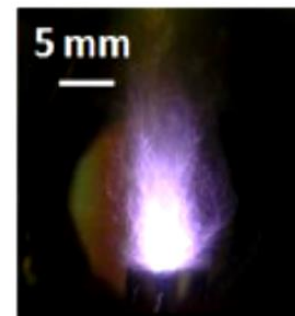
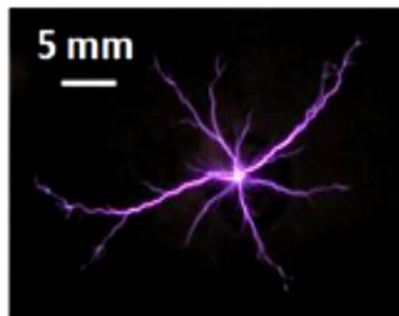
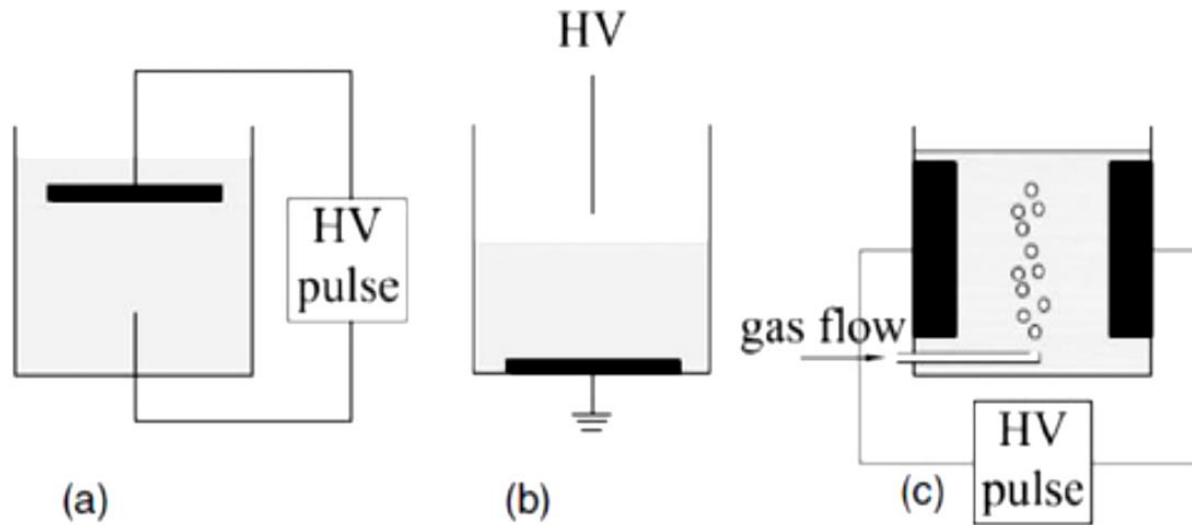
Rogue Wave



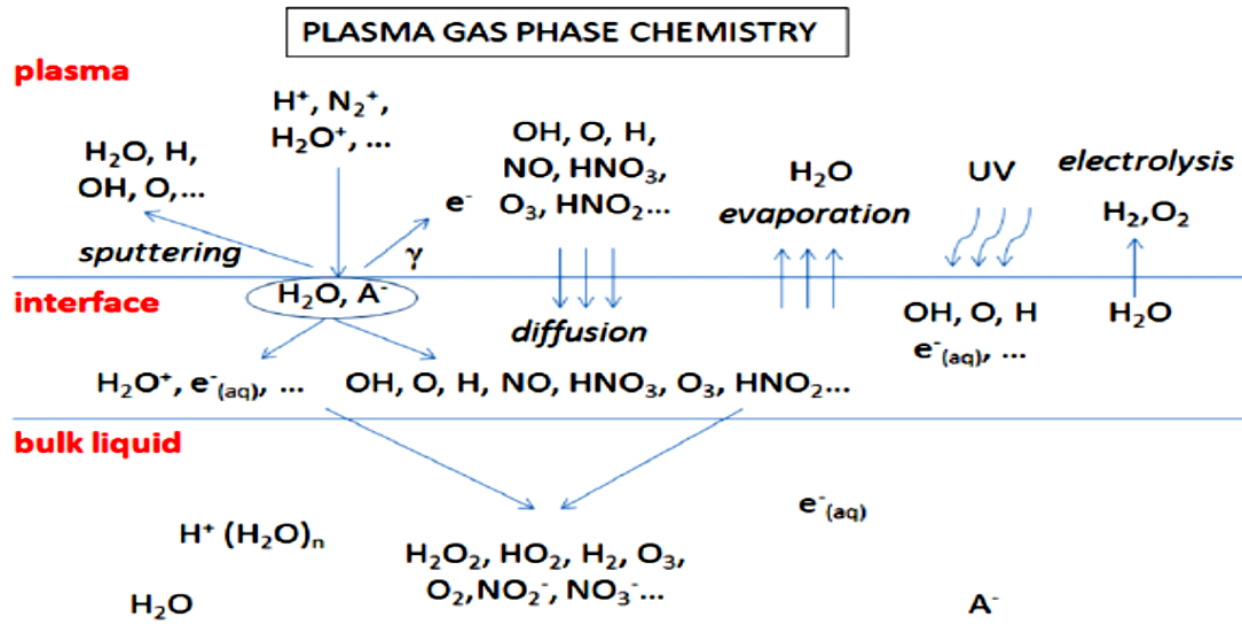
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Plasma-Liquid Interaction

Biological, Chemical, Material and Environmental Applications.

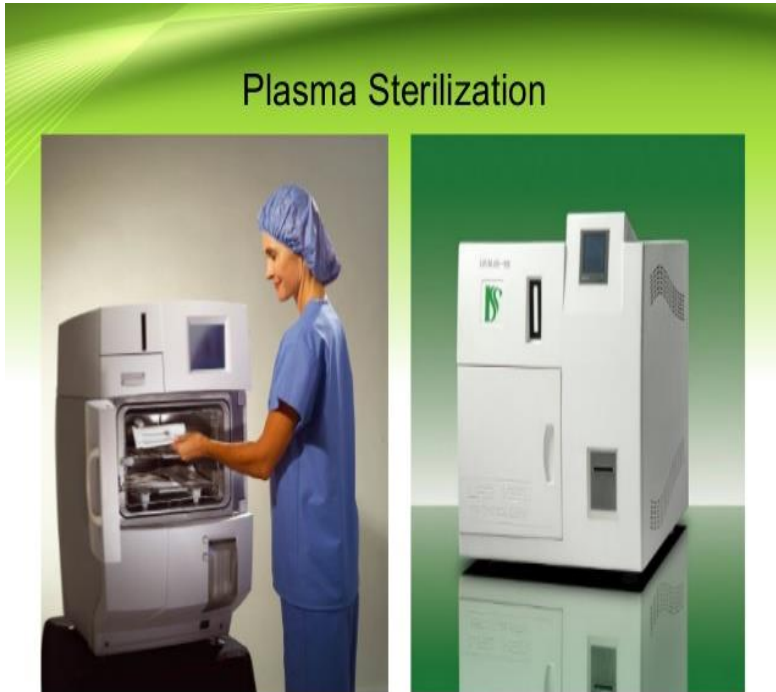


- **The first challenge deals with the breakdown processes and mechanisms in liquids.**
- **The second main challenge is the understanding of the physical and chemical processes occurring at the plasma– liquid interface.**

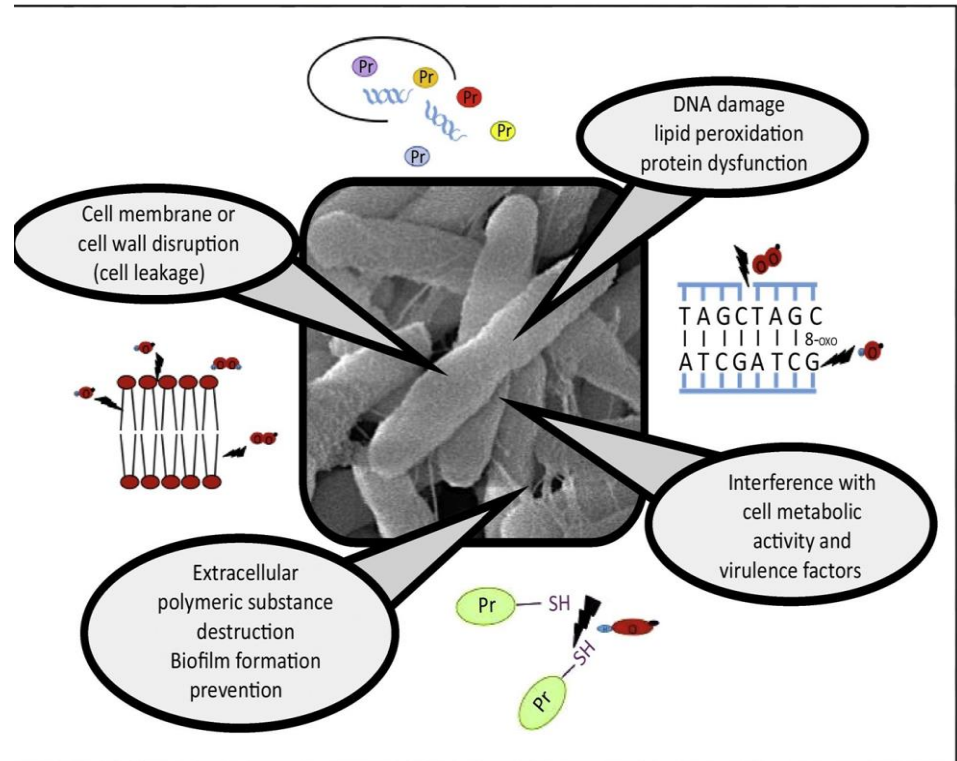


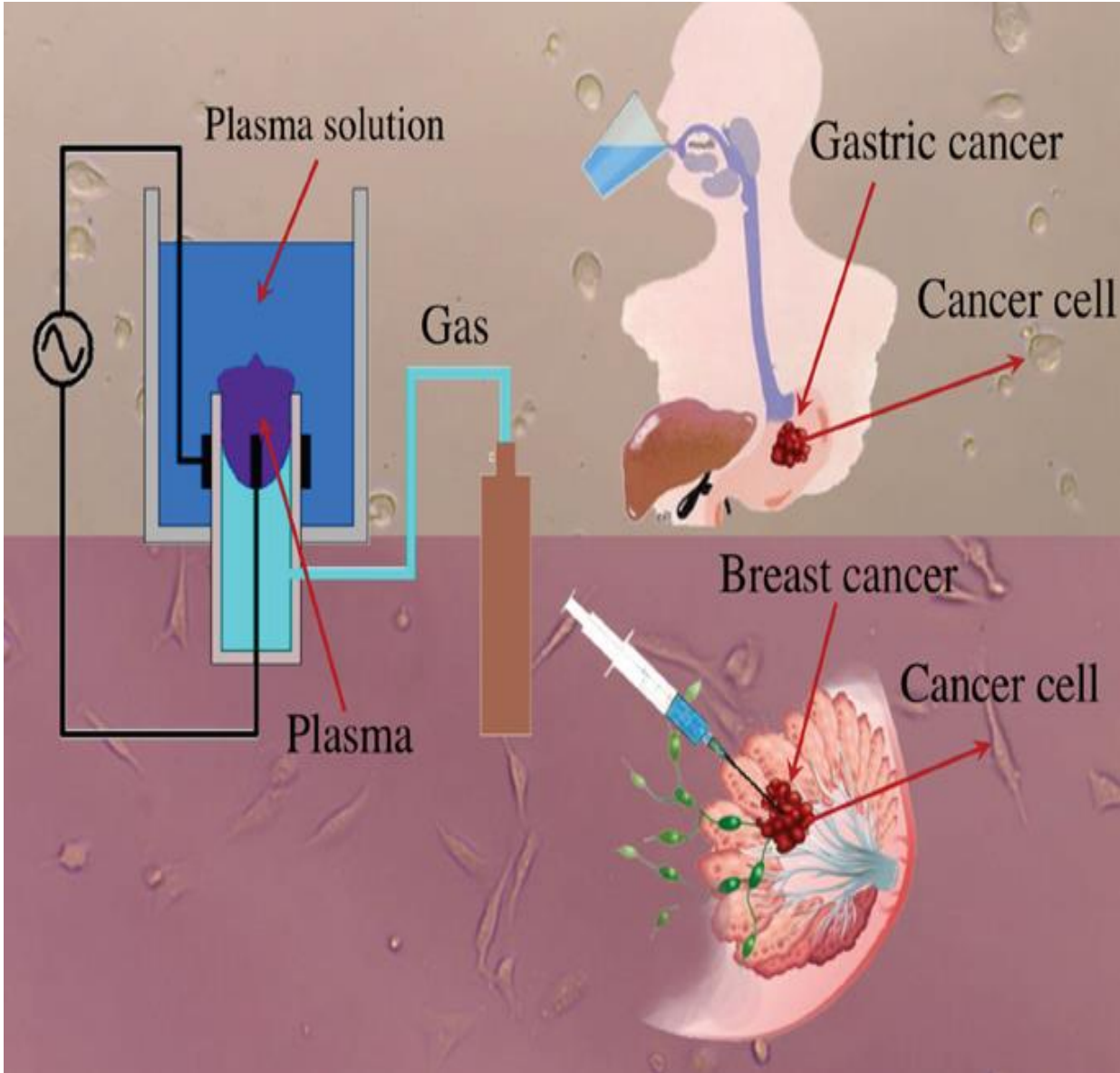
Plasma Medicine

Plasma Sterilization



Effect on bacterial cells







- **What are the fluxes and energies of the various species that the plasma delivers to the cells and tissues?**

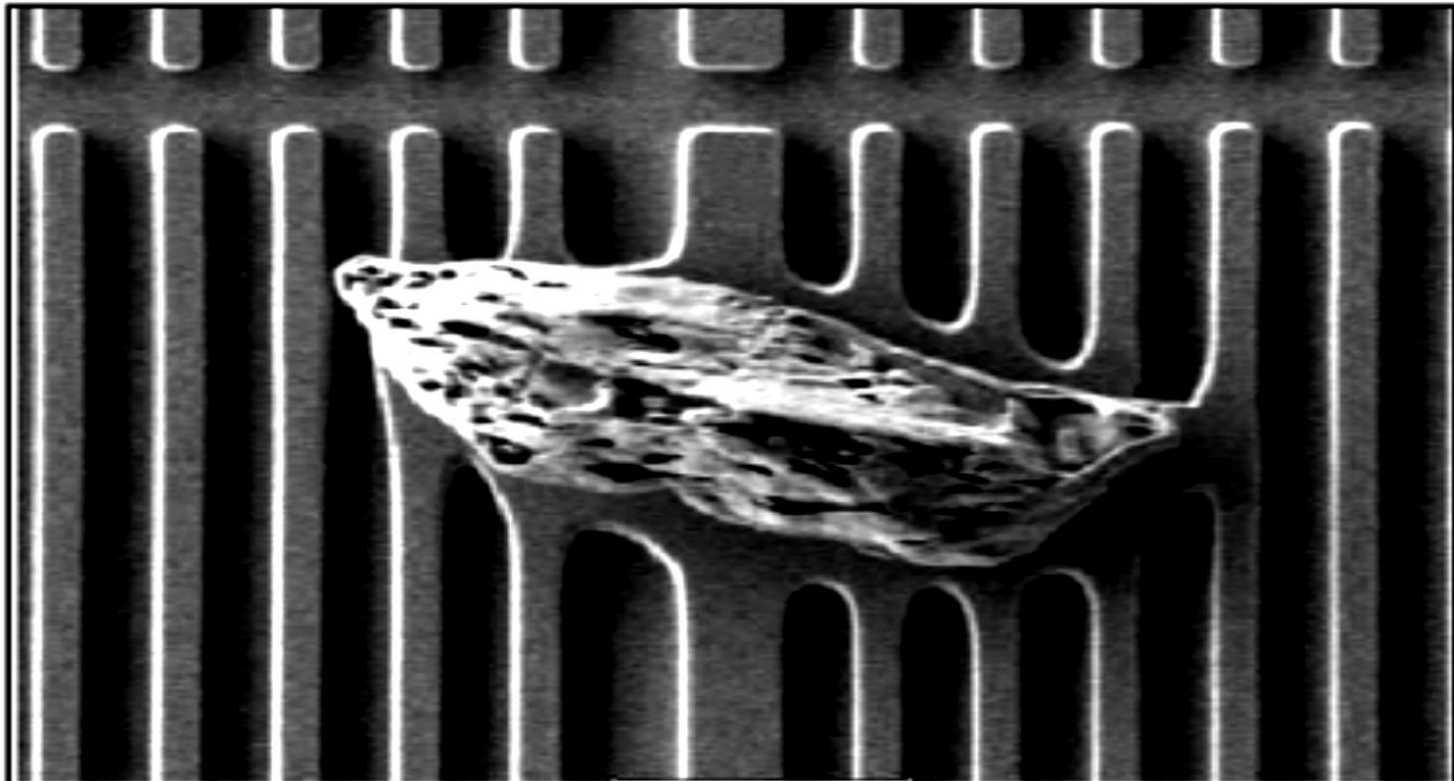
- **How do human tissues and human beings react when subjected to plasma treatment?**

(Micro)biology and medicine

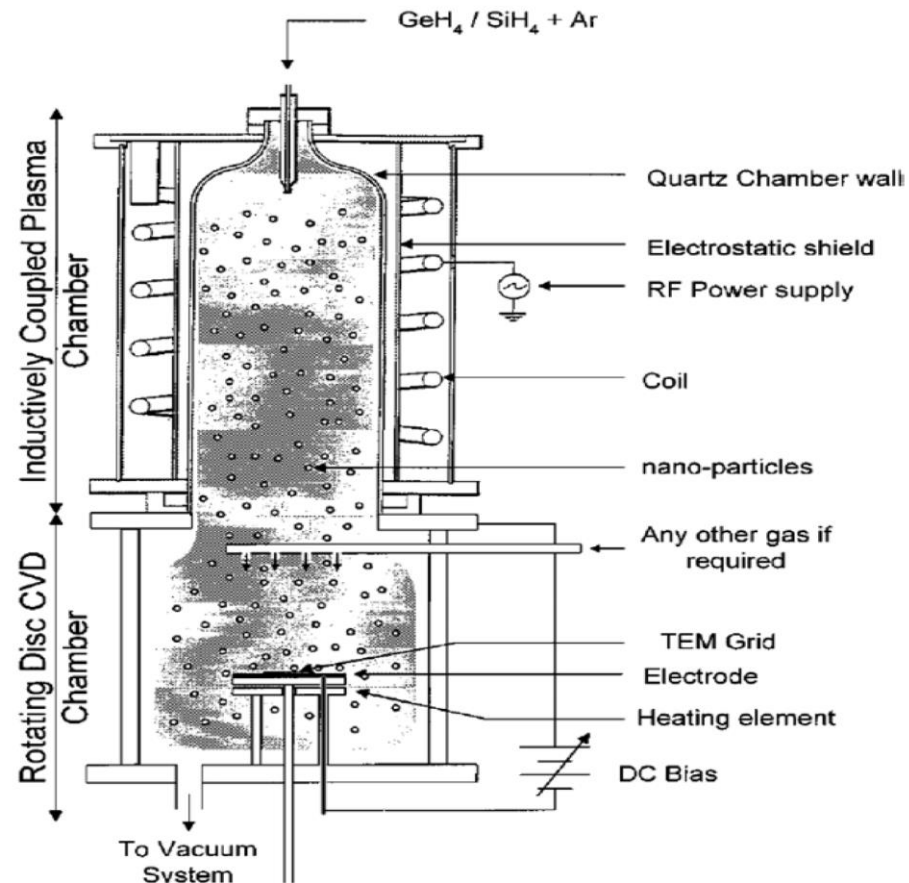
- **How do bacteria and their signalling, spores, fungi and prions behave under plasma exposure?**
- **How do animal or human cells behave under plasma exposure? How cytotoxic is the plasma?**
- **How do human tissues and human beings react when subjected to plasma treatment?**

Dust Plasma

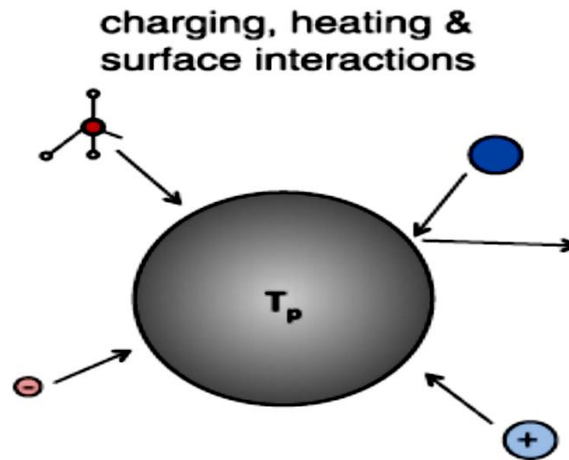
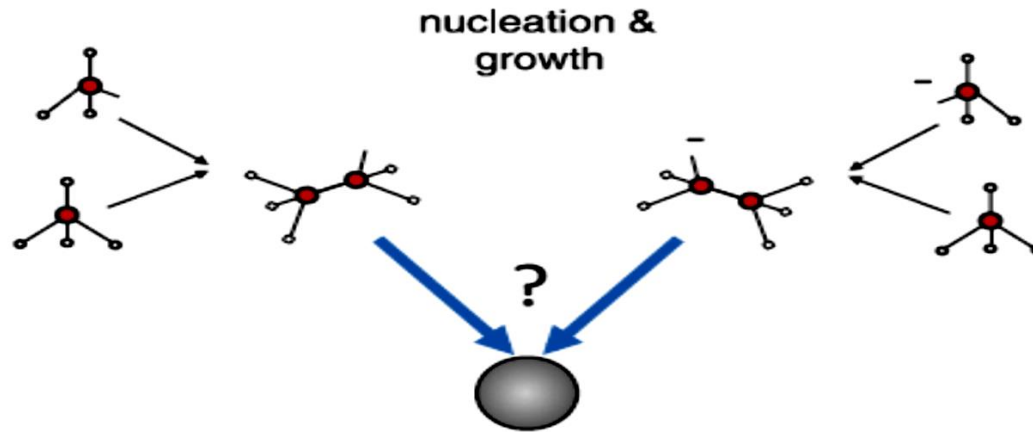
It was initially viewed as a contamination problem in semiconductor processing.



Using plasmas as sources of new nanomaterials.

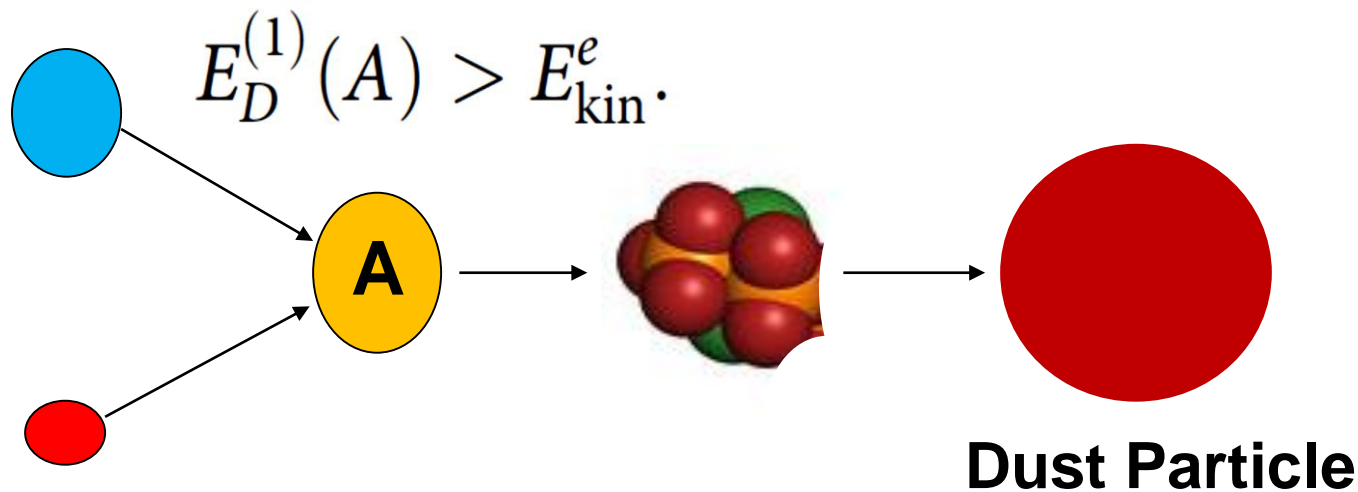


Challenges in understanding nanodusty plasmas: nucleation, growth, charging, heating and surface interactions.



4- The concept of quantum dusty plasma

objects as white dwarf stars and the outer envelope of neutron stars, as well as metals and micro- and nanoelectromechanical devices.

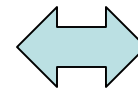


$$E_D^{(N_A)}(A) \sim 1 \dots 5 \text{ eV (where } N_A \geq 100),$$

$$T_e \sim 11\,500 - 60\,000 \text{ K}, \quad T_m \lesssim 5000 \text{ K}$$

$$E_D^{(1)}(A) > \frac{3}{5} E_{Fe}.$$

The heat flux to the grain surface due to energy deposition of collected ions and electrons and their recombination.



The energy loss flux due to radiation.

$$T_s > \left(n_e T_e^{3/2} + T_e^4 \right)^{1/4}$$

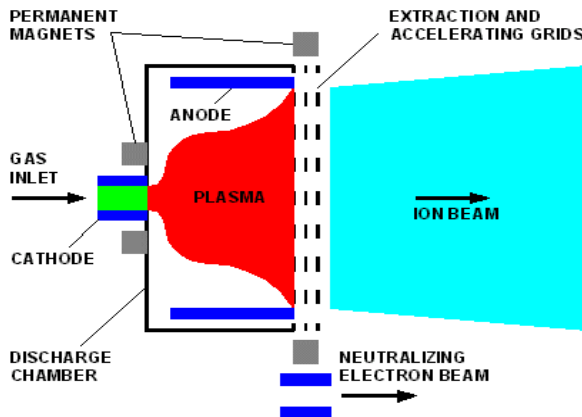
$$n_e \gtrsim 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$T_s > 10^5 \text{ K}$$

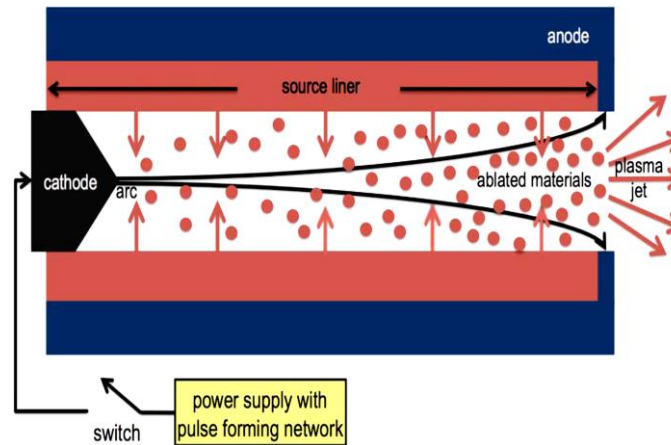
**Sputtering of the dust
material.**

Plasma Thrusters

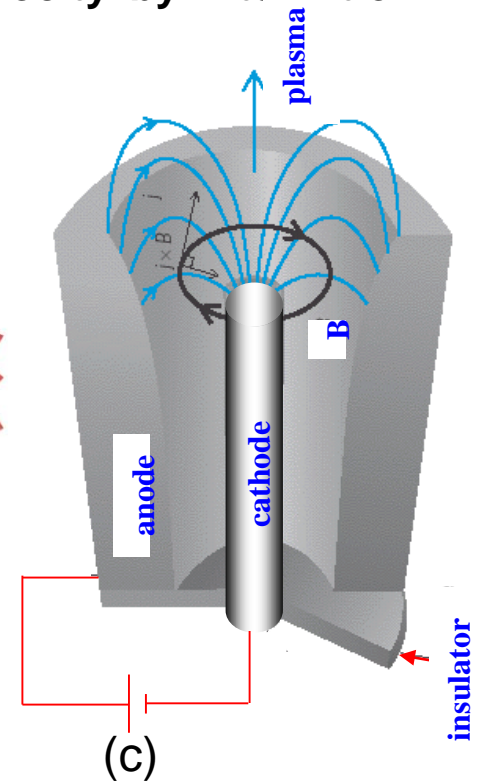
- i) **Electro static propulsion** uses a high voltage electrostatic field to accelerate ions to large velocities.
- ii) **Electro thermal propulsion** relies on thermal heating of the wall of the tube increasing the exhaust velocity.
- iii) **Electro magnetic propulsion** is accelerated to exhaust velocity by interaction with electromagnetic fields .



(a)



(b)



(c)

- (1) Performance improvement: efficiency, lifetime and cost effectiveness.**
- (2) Design of more versatile thrusters, i.e. able to operate at different combinations of thrust/propellant velocity.**
- (3) Extension of domain of operation to lower power (μN to 10mN thrust range) for **micro-satellites** or very precise attitude control.**
- (4) Extension to higher power for orbit raising of telecommunication satellites (several tens of kW) and interplanetary missions (100kW and more).**

Solar Wind

the Solar wind originates from the Solar Corona, expands into the universe and impacts the Earth's magnetosphere and ionosphere, the two plasma layers surrounding Earth's gaseous atmosphere.

Solar energetic particle events are important, as they can **arise suddenly and lead to space weather conditions near Earth that can be potentially harmful to astronauts**. Unraveling the sources, acceleration and transport of solar energetic particles will help us better protect humans in space in the future.





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