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Soliton waves in Radio frequency discharges

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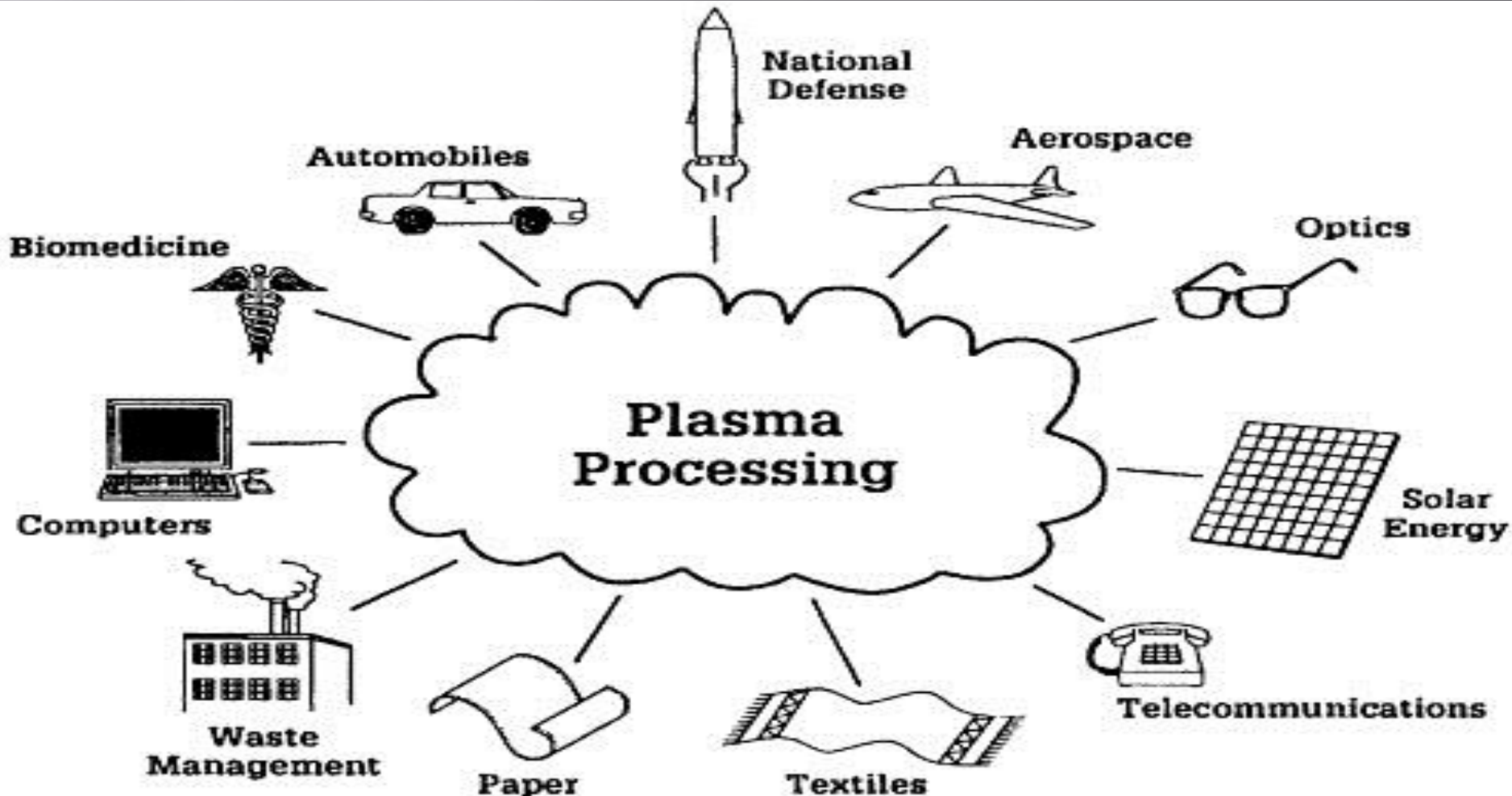
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Application of plasma





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**Inductive
coupled
plasma (ICP)**

**Capacitive
coupled plasma
(CCP)**

PLASMA DEVICES

Magnetron

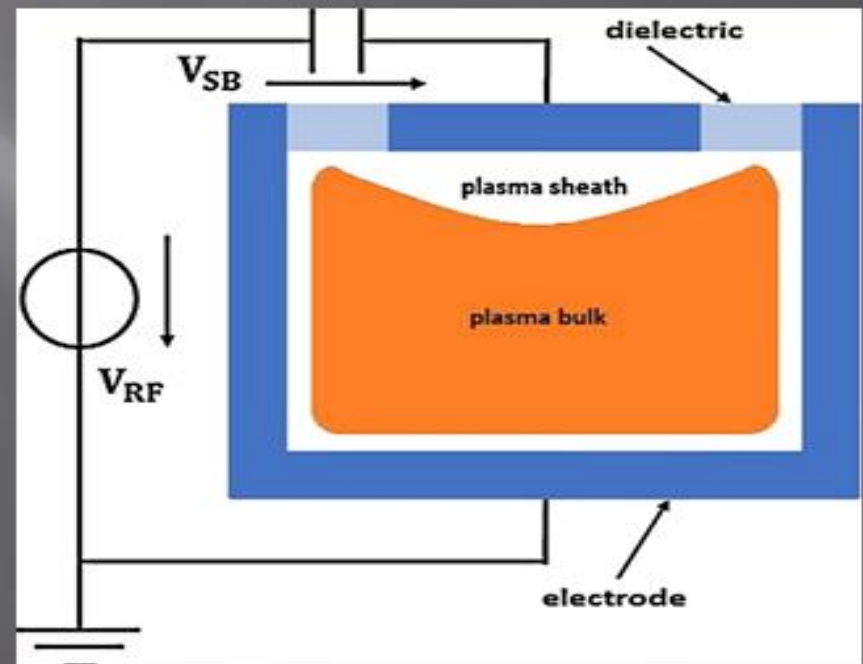


Capacitive Coupled plasma [CCP]

Between the two electrodes, which are connected to an alternating current, there are two regions ;
Dark regions, depletion layer of e^- or even called **plasma sheath** which is near to the electrodes $n_e \ll n_i$

Bright region or Bulk Plasma, where there is gas discharge, is in the Middle between the electrodes $n_e = n_i$ rich in e^-

The bright region is due to being rich in e^-





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Uses of (CCP):-



Plasma etching ❖

Plasma deposition ❖

Sputtering ❖

PARTICLE IN CELL SIMULATION

- An RF capacitively coupled plasma in Cartesian coordinates is simulated using a 1d3v Particle-in-Cell code.
- The code solves the equation of motion of the plasma superparticles in a self-consistent way with Poisson's equations assuming electrostatic approximation.
- The distance between the two planar electrodes is 15 cm and the gap size is discretized into 129 grids.
- The driven frequencies are 60 MHz and 1 MHz.

$$V_{RF} = V_{60} \sin(2\pi 60\text{MHz } t) + V_1 \sin(2\pi \text{MHz } t).$$

The voltages of the frequencies change,

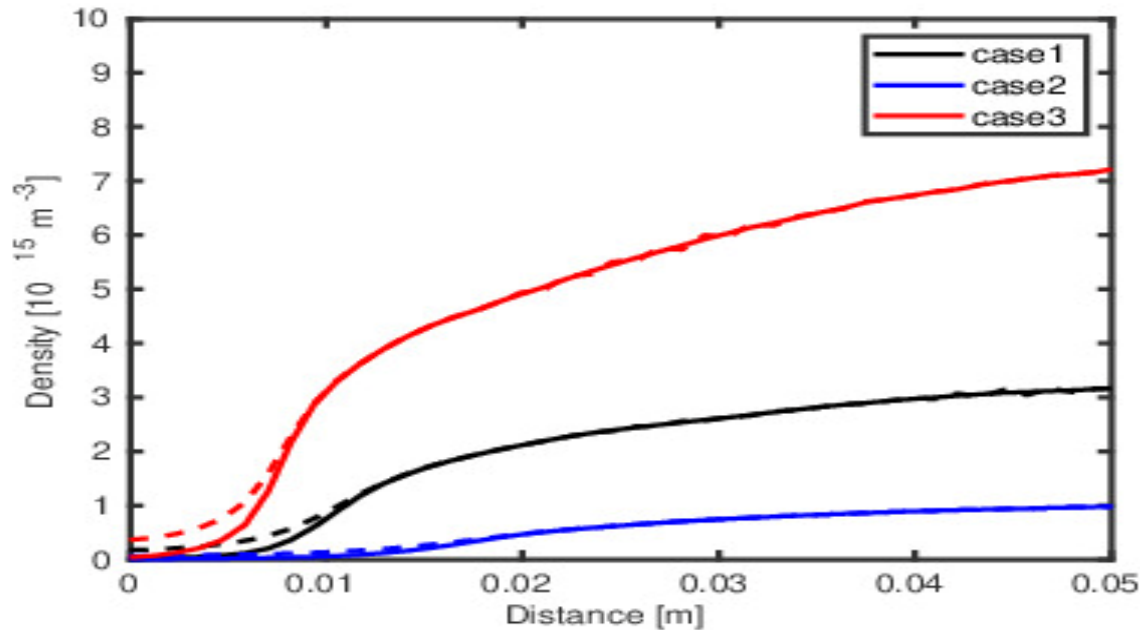
where the total is constant, . i.e, $V_{60} + V_1 = 500V$.

The simulation runs for 5000 RF periods of the 60 MHz cycles.

The time step is 1/600 from the periodic time of the 60 MHz cycle. The simulation stops when there is no variation in the number of superparticles in the entire discharge, i.e., steady state.



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The density profile corresponding to the steady-state solution.

In case (1) the voltages are $V_{60} = 250 \text{ V}$ and $V_1 = 250 \text{ V}$.

In case (2) the voltages are $V_{60} = 100 \text{ V}$ and $V_1 = 400 \text{ V}$.

In case (3) the voltages are $V_{60} = 400 \text{ V}$ and $V_1 = 100 \text{ V}$.



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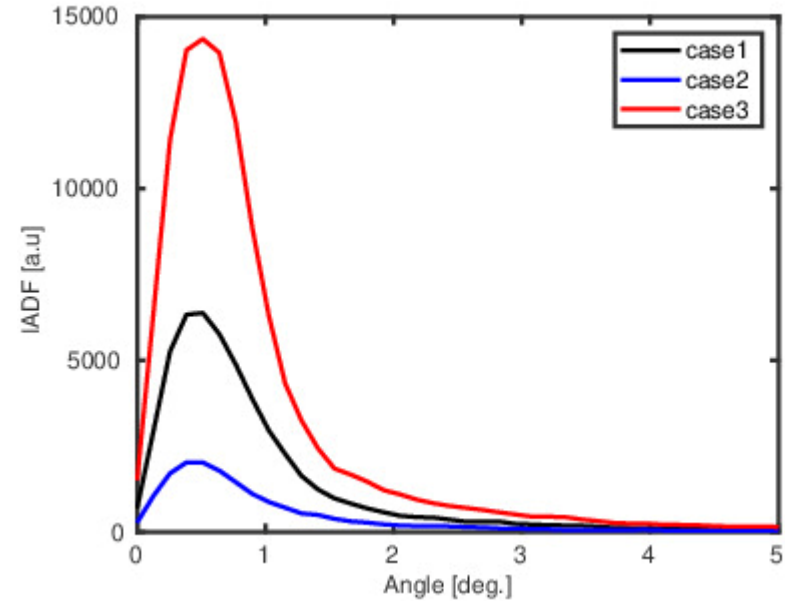
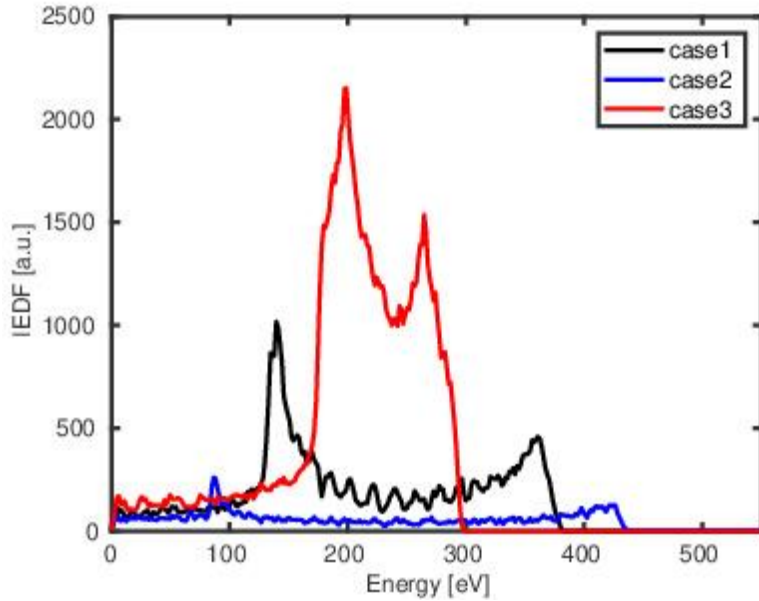


By increasing the voltage of the 60 MHz signal, the bulk density increases, and a narrower sheath is achieved.

On contrary, increasing the amplitude of the 1 MHz frequency, the sheath extends significantly.



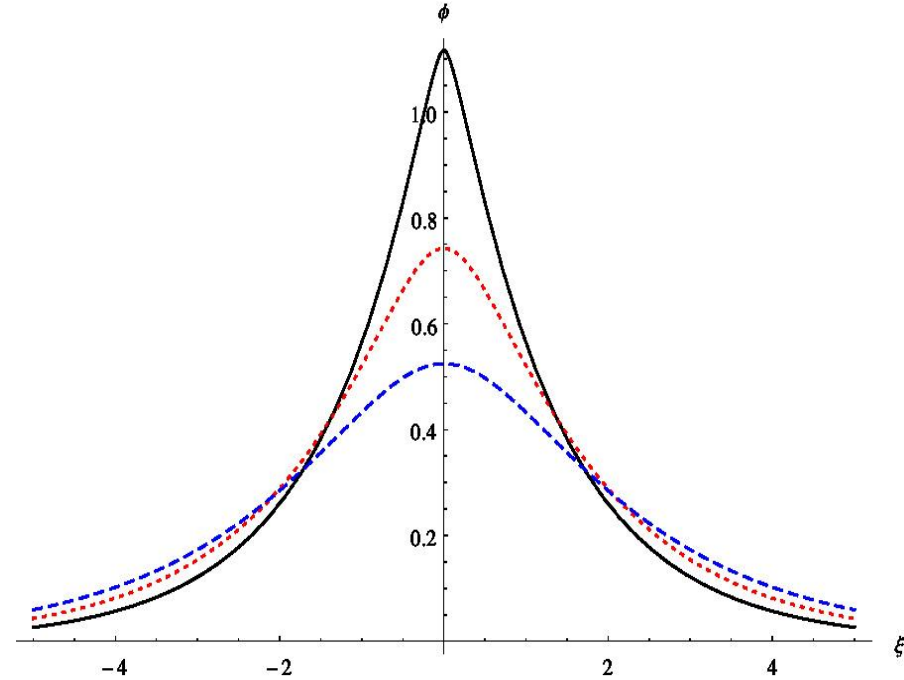
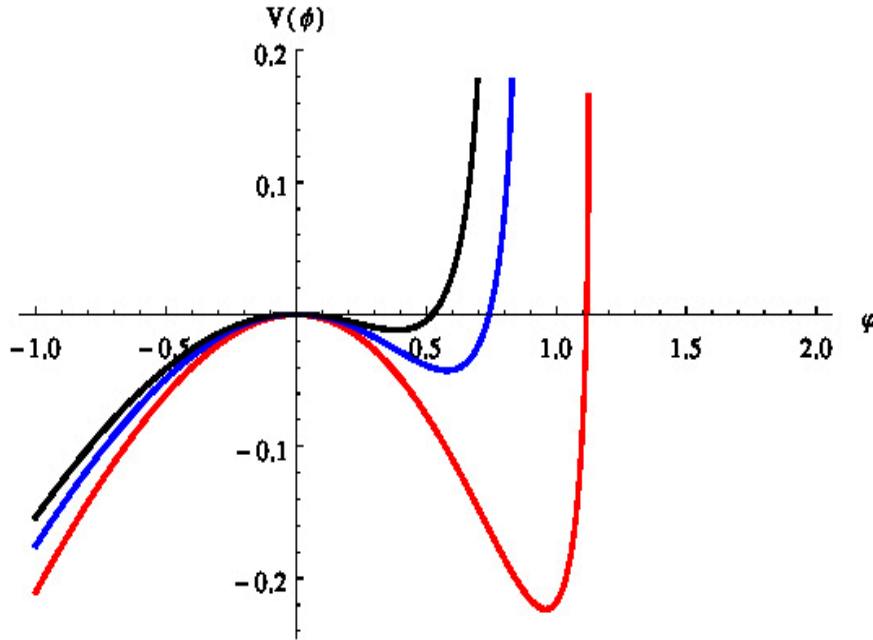
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When the voltage of the 1MHz is larger:

- A broadening of the Ion energy distribution occurs.
- The Ion angular distribution may allow anisotropic etching.

ION ACOUSTIC MODES AND SOLITONS



Solitons are present when

$$\omega_{pe} \gg \omega_{RF} \approx \omega_{pi}.$$



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