

## **Top sector Energy has 7 TKI's:**

- Gas
- Bio-energie
- Wind-op-zee
- Smart grids
- Zonne-energie
- Energiebesparing Gebouwde Omgeving
- Energiebesparing in de Industrie

Less TKI's expected in the future

*TKI = Topconsortium voor Kennis en Innovatie*

# **CWI theme Energy**

Multiscale Dynamics:

**Ebert**, Hundsorfer, Camporeale

Scientific Computing:

Crommelin, **Witteveen**, Batenburg, Oosterlee

Stochastics:

Zwart, **Nair**, **Nunez**

Intelligent Systems:

La Poutre, Kaisers, **Pauwels**, Bosman

Life Sciences:

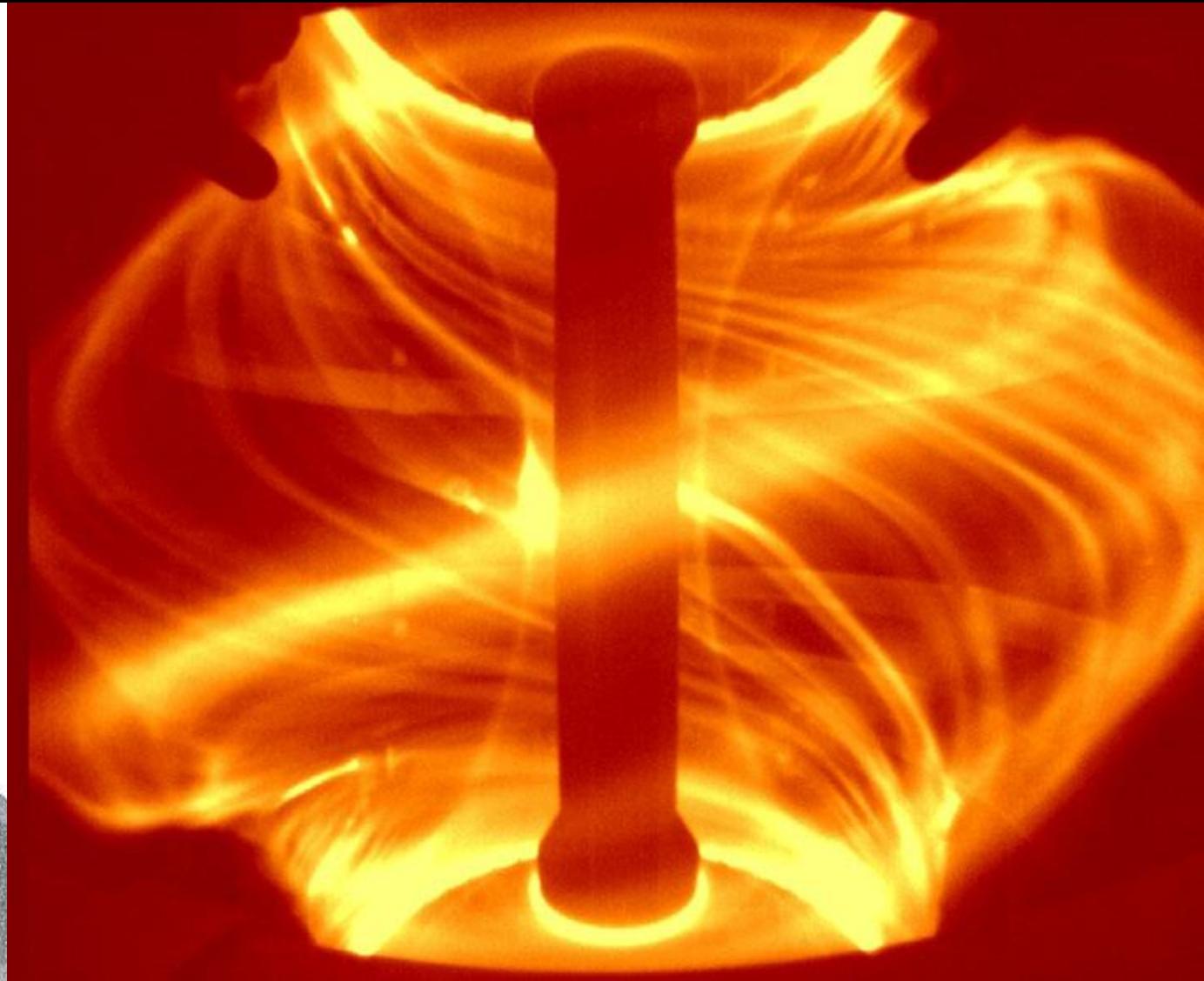
Merks

# Fusion energy

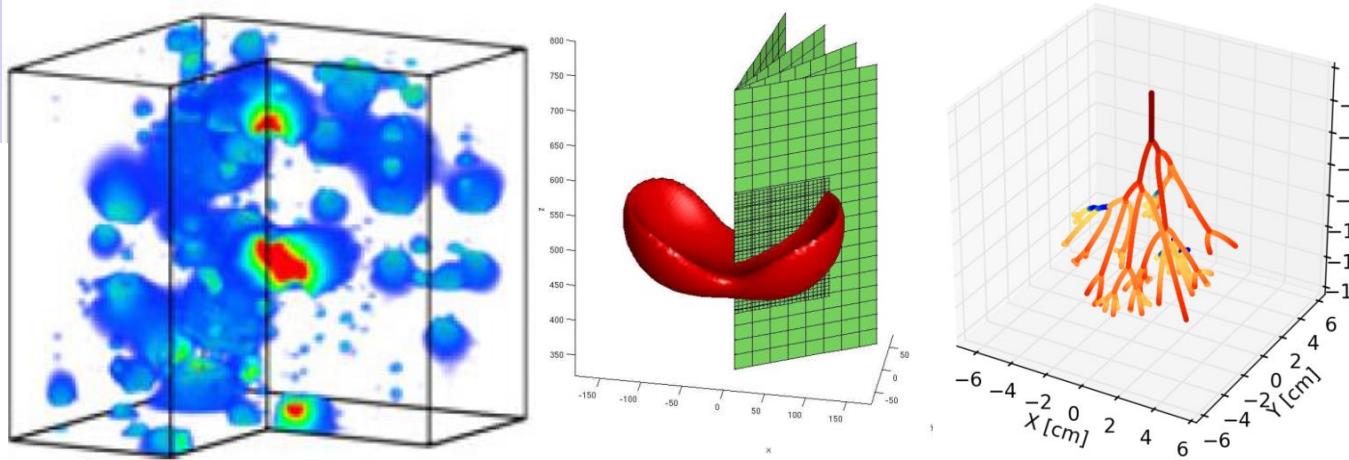
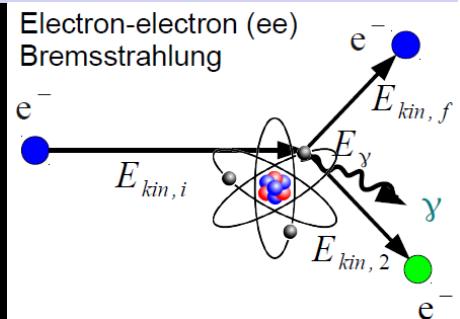
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**plasma dynamics**



Modeling, analysis,  
computing:



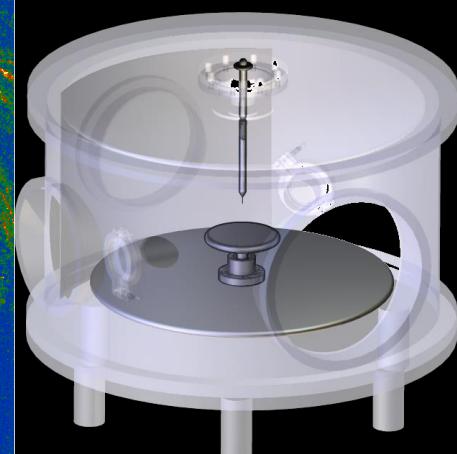
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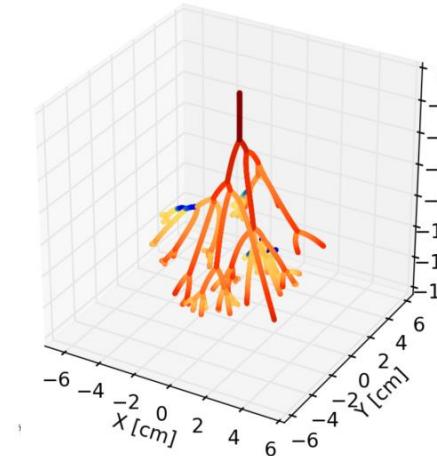
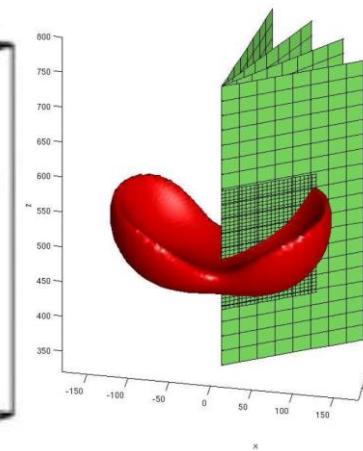
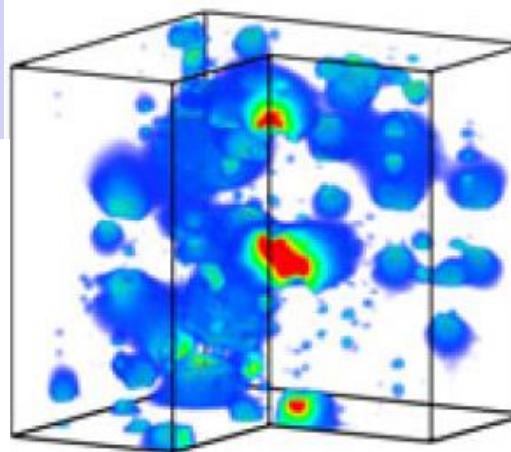
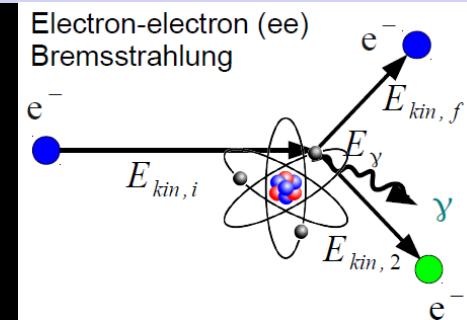
Plasma  
technology



High voltage engineering



# Modeling, analysis, computing:



## Projects on high voltage engineering for energy transport:

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STW-12119: preventing electric flashover

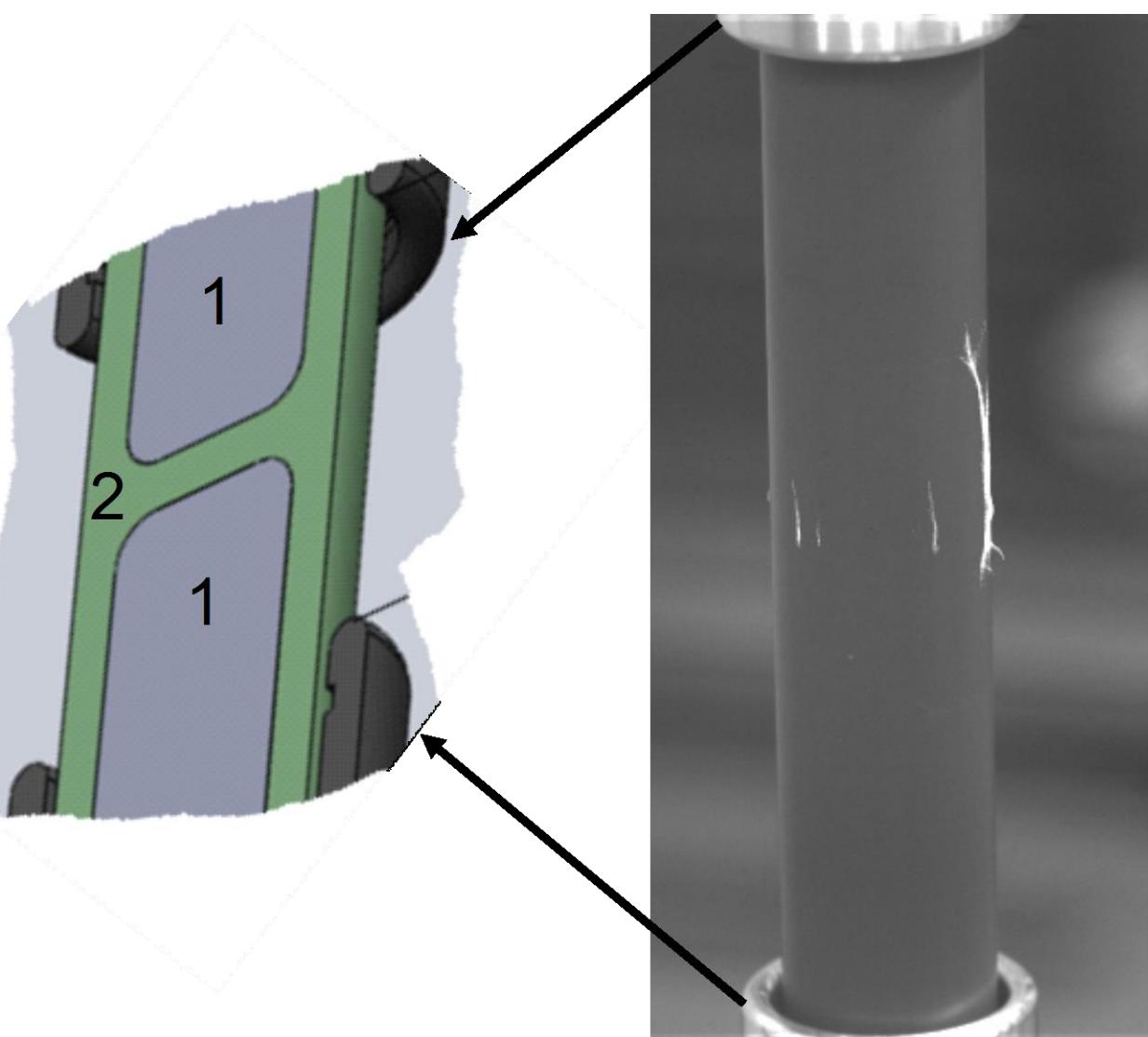
Shell-NWO: electric switching for DC nets

Industrial partners: ABB Corp. Res.,  
Siemens, KEMA ...

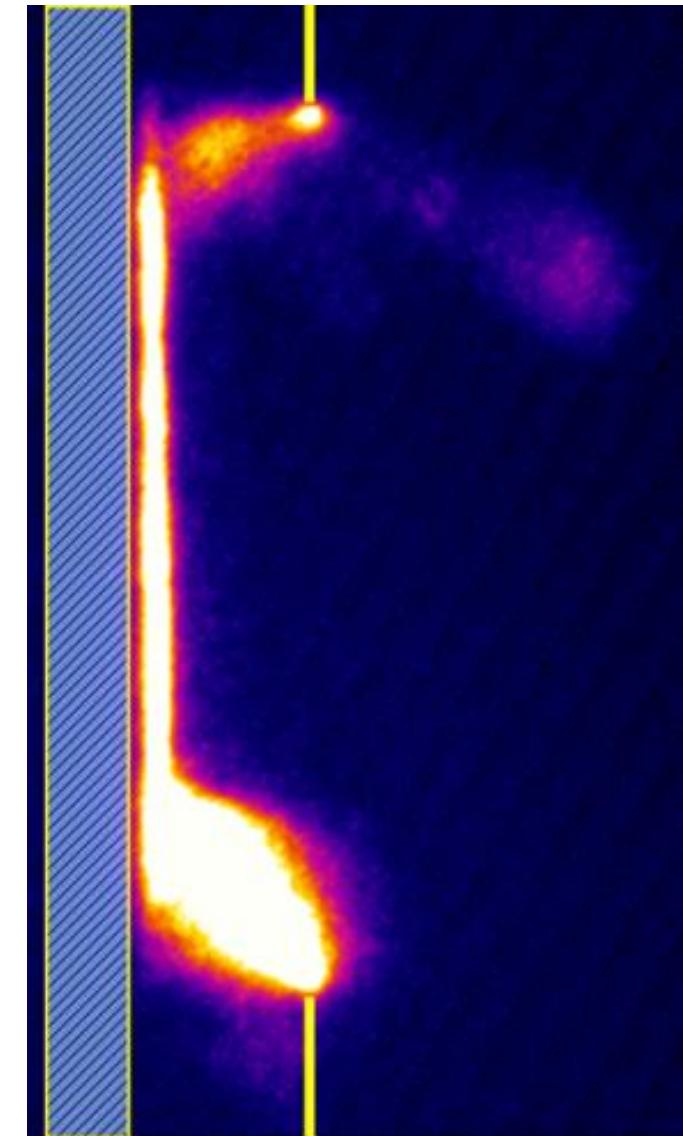


We have 3 more projects on multiscale plasma modeling.

# **Failure in high voltage technology**

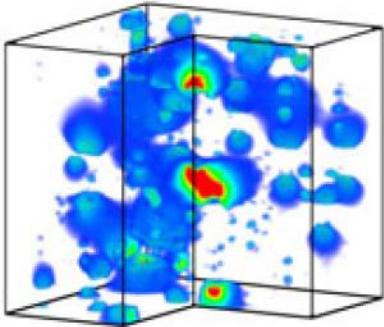


**When do discharges start “out of nothing”?**

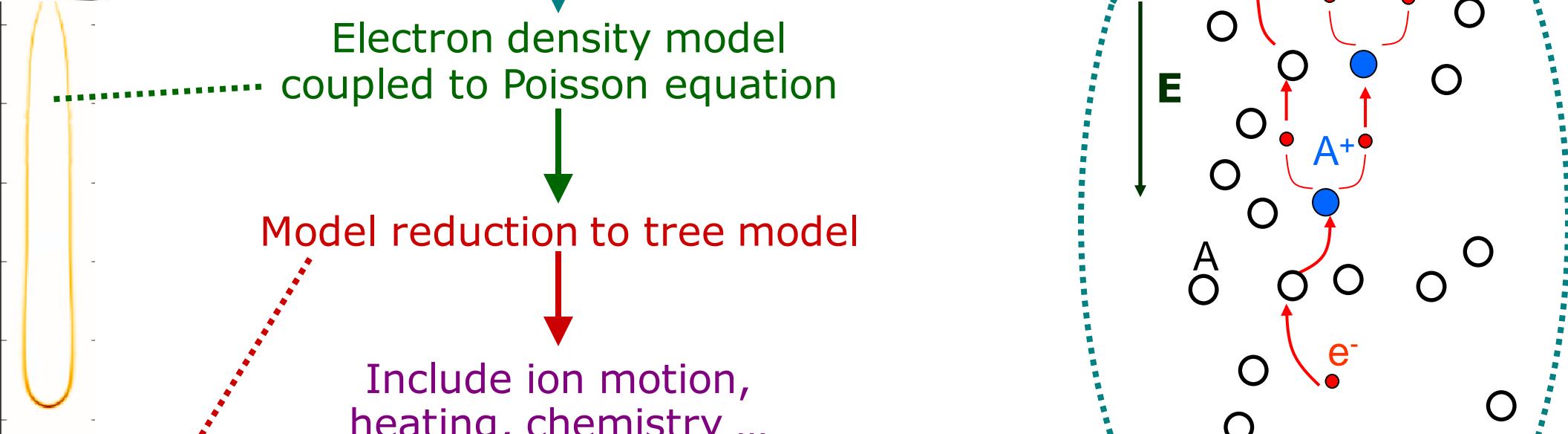


**Why and when are they attracted to insulators?**

## Collision cross-sections for different gases



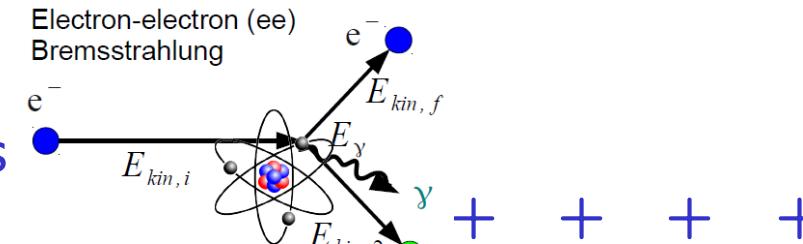
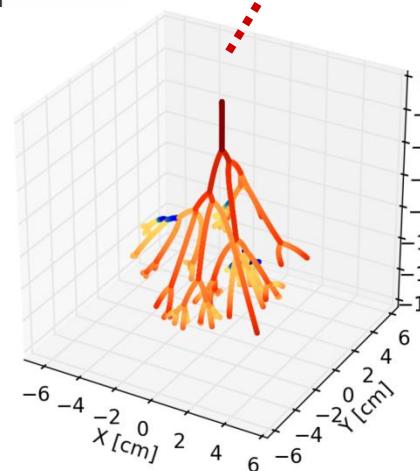
Stochastic electron motion  
(Monte Carlo or Boltzmann)



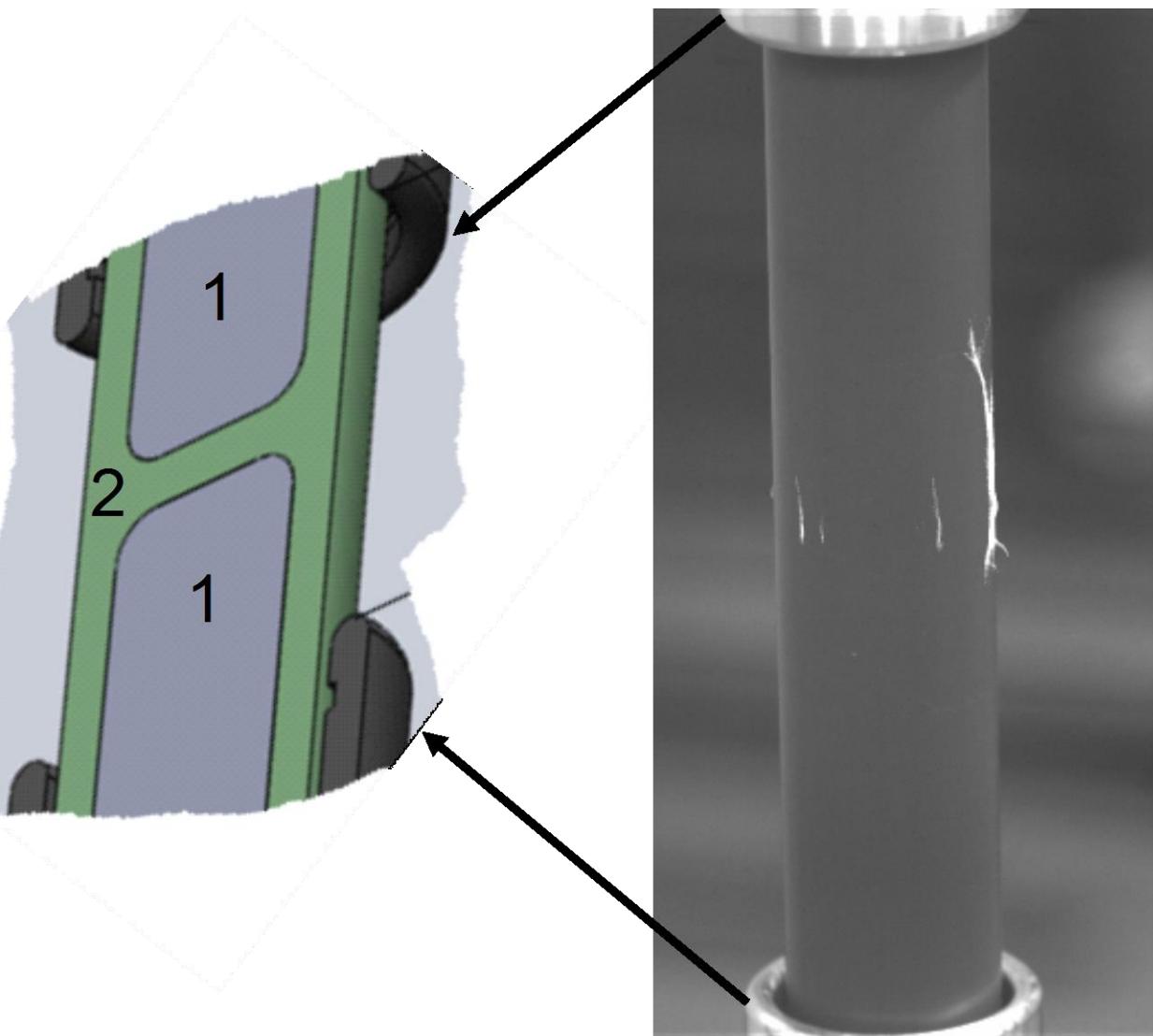
Electron density model  
coupled to Poisson equation

Model reduction to tree model

Include ion motion,  
heating, chemistry ...

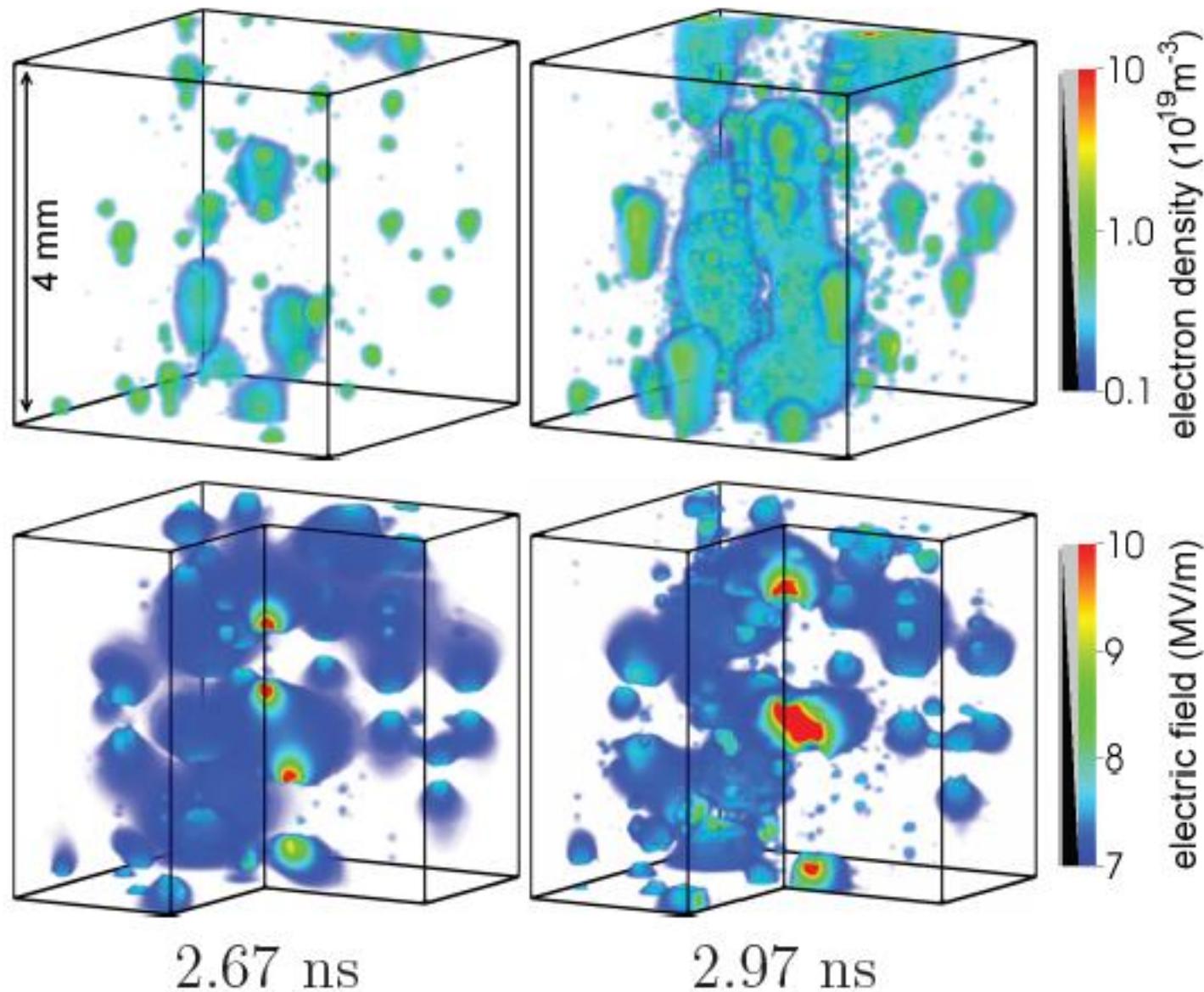


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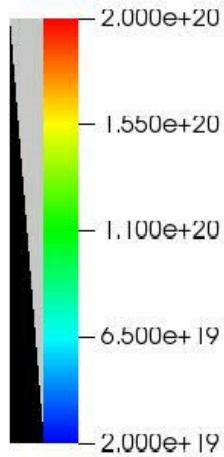
# **Electric breakdown of overvolted air (7 MV/m) with natural background ion density of $10^3$ O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>**



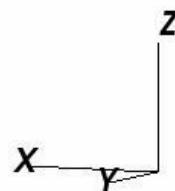
**Ionization screening time in overvolted air gaps  
is similar to streamer formation time.**

[Sun, Teunissen, Ebert, Geophys. Res. Lett. 2013]

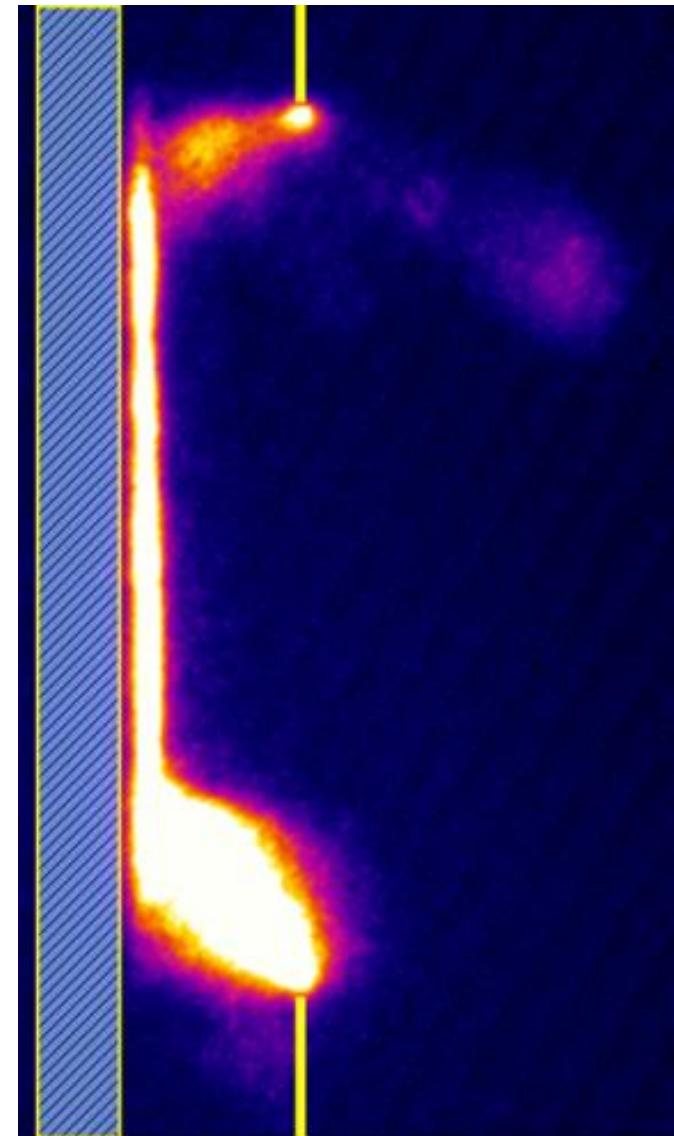
**8 kV**



[Teunissen,  
in prep.]



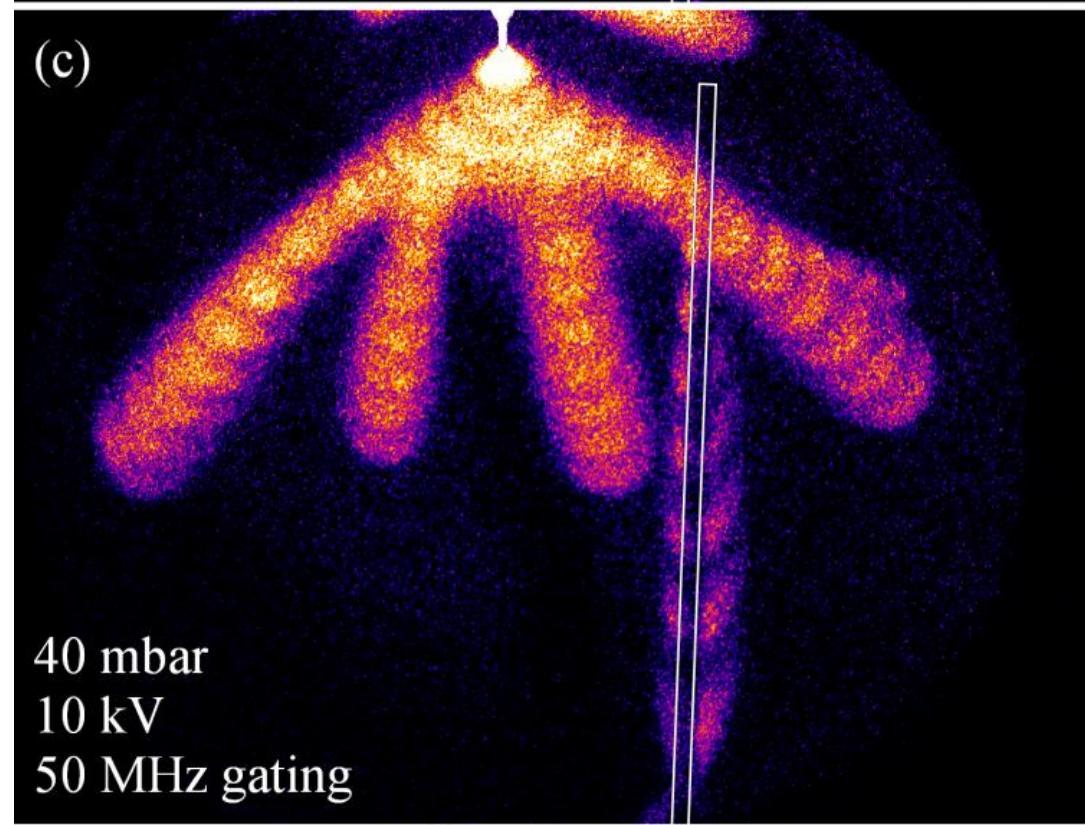
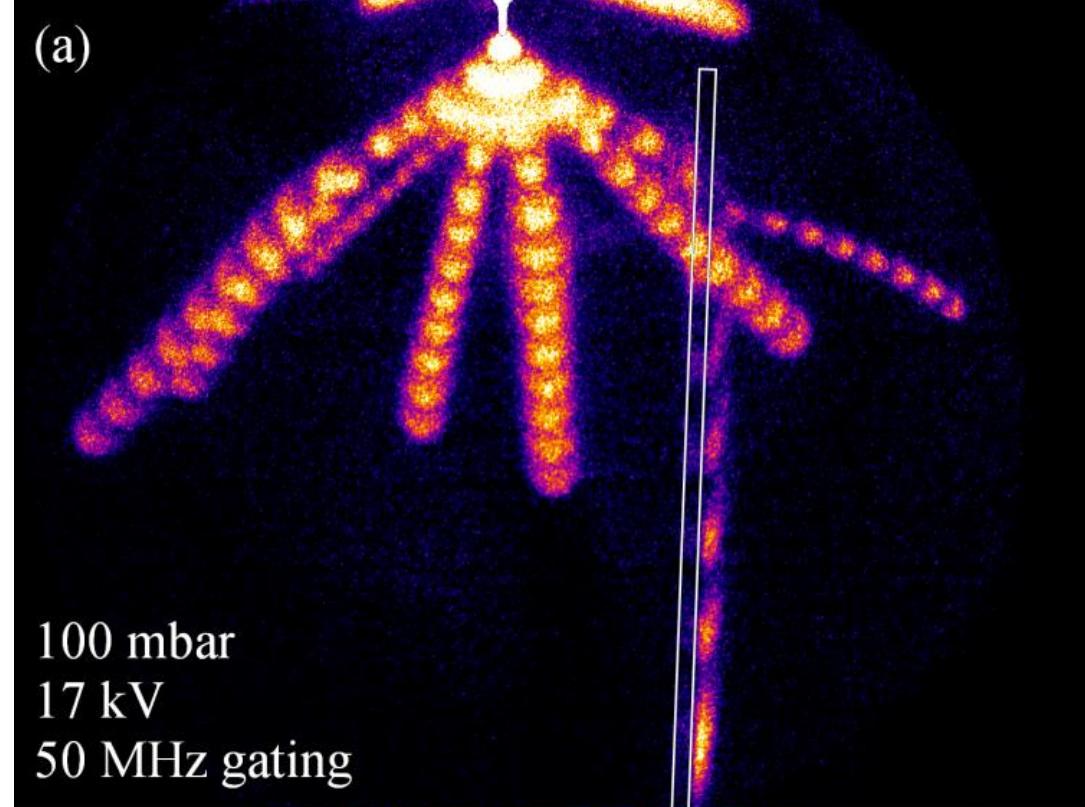
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# Interaction of discharge with insulating rod

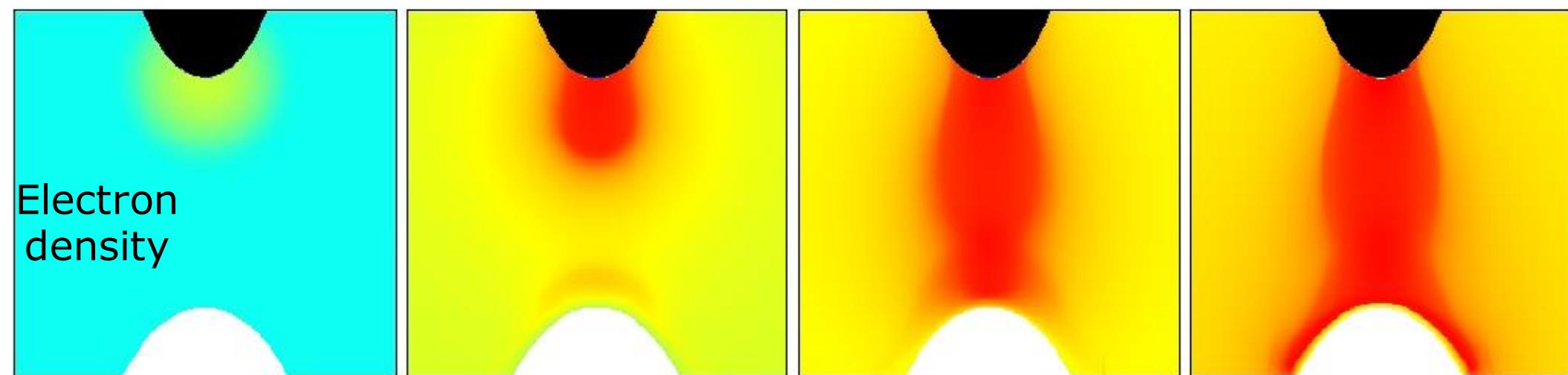
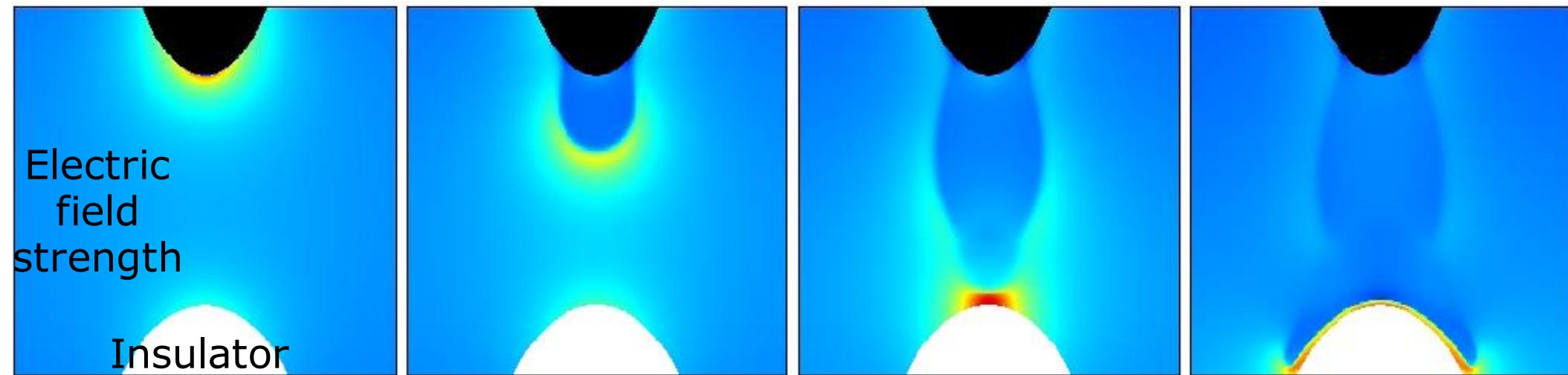
Stroboscopic imaging,  
1 max/5 ns



[Trienekens, Nijdam, Ebert, submitted]

## Discharge in air

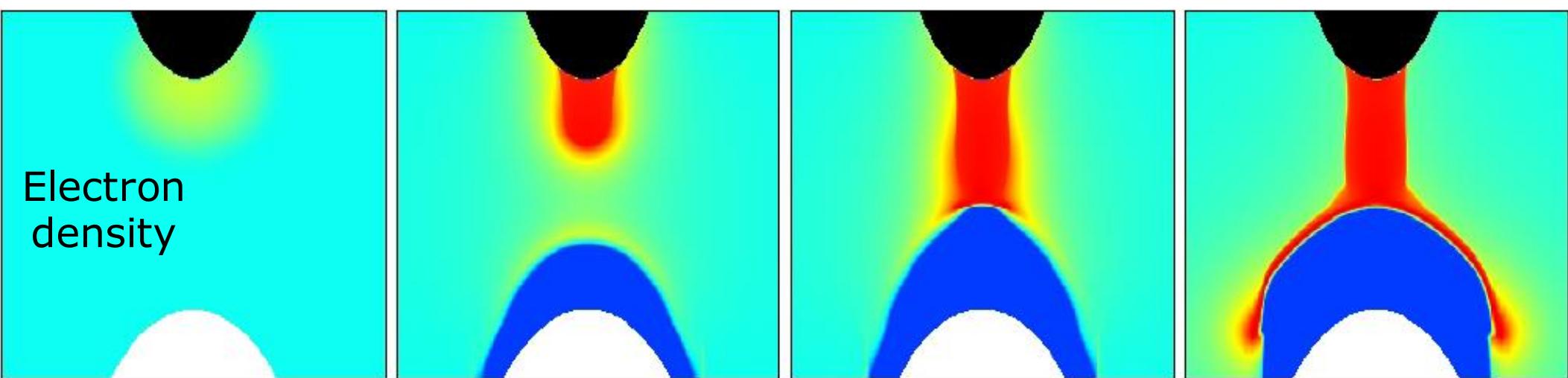
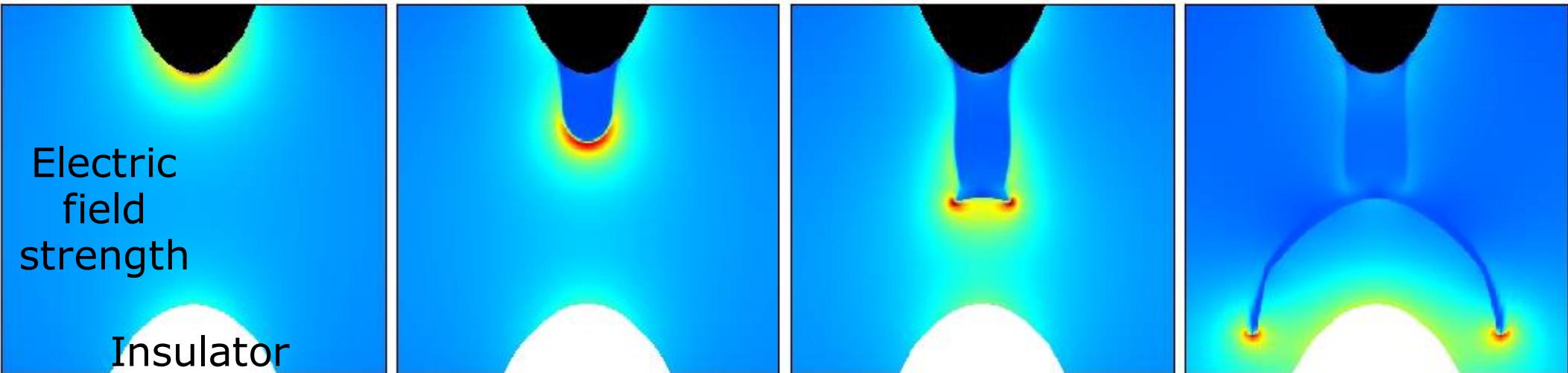
Positive electrode



time

## Discharge in pure nitrogen

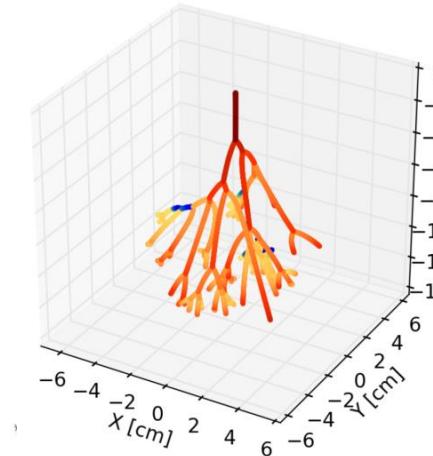
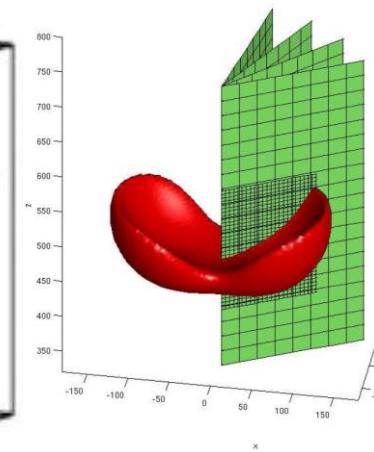
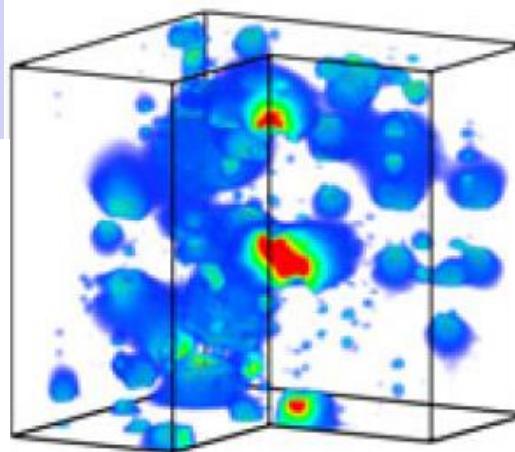
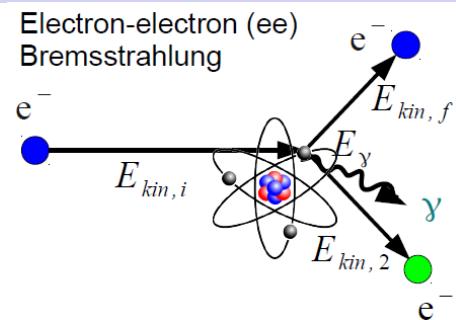
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time

[Dubinova, Teunissen, Ebert, submitted]

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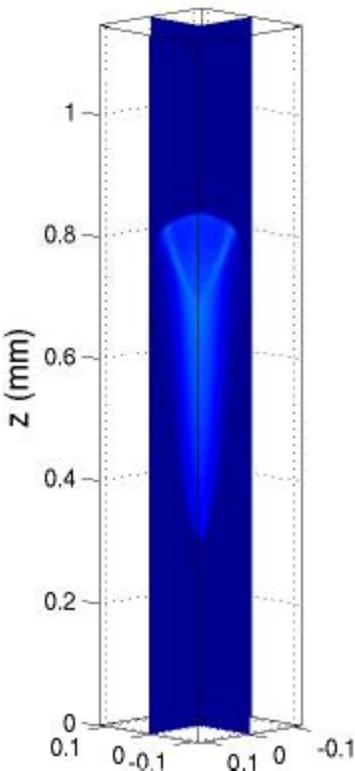
***We can contribute based on our expertise***

***and continuous method development.***

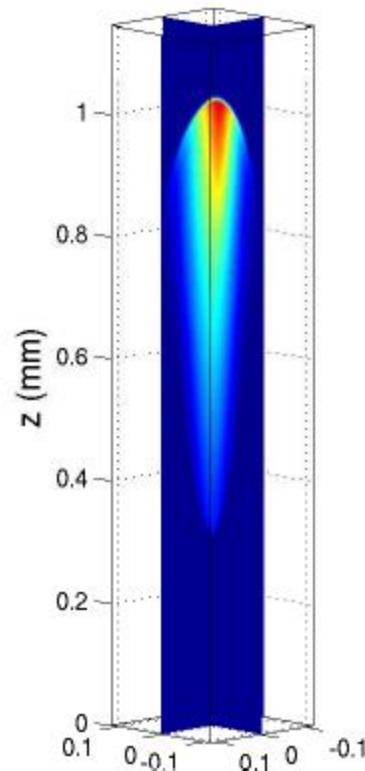
# Streamer in nitrogen at 10 MV/m

Comparison of 3D models

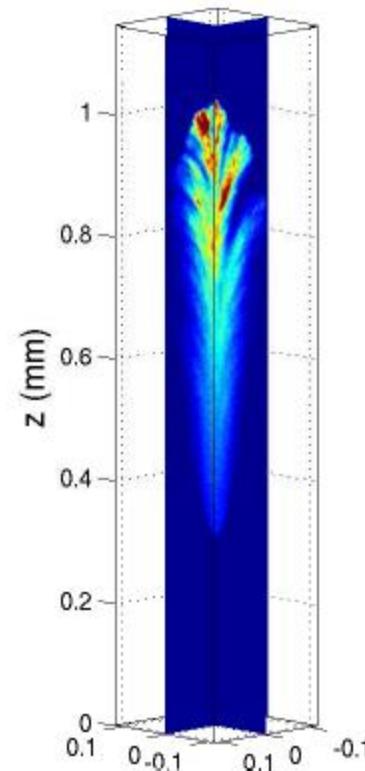
Classical fluid



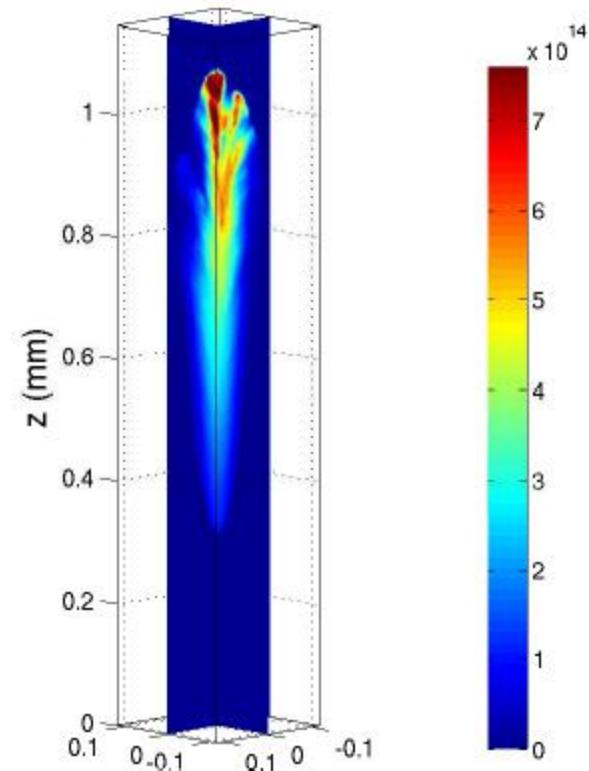
Extended fluid



Super-particle



Hybrid



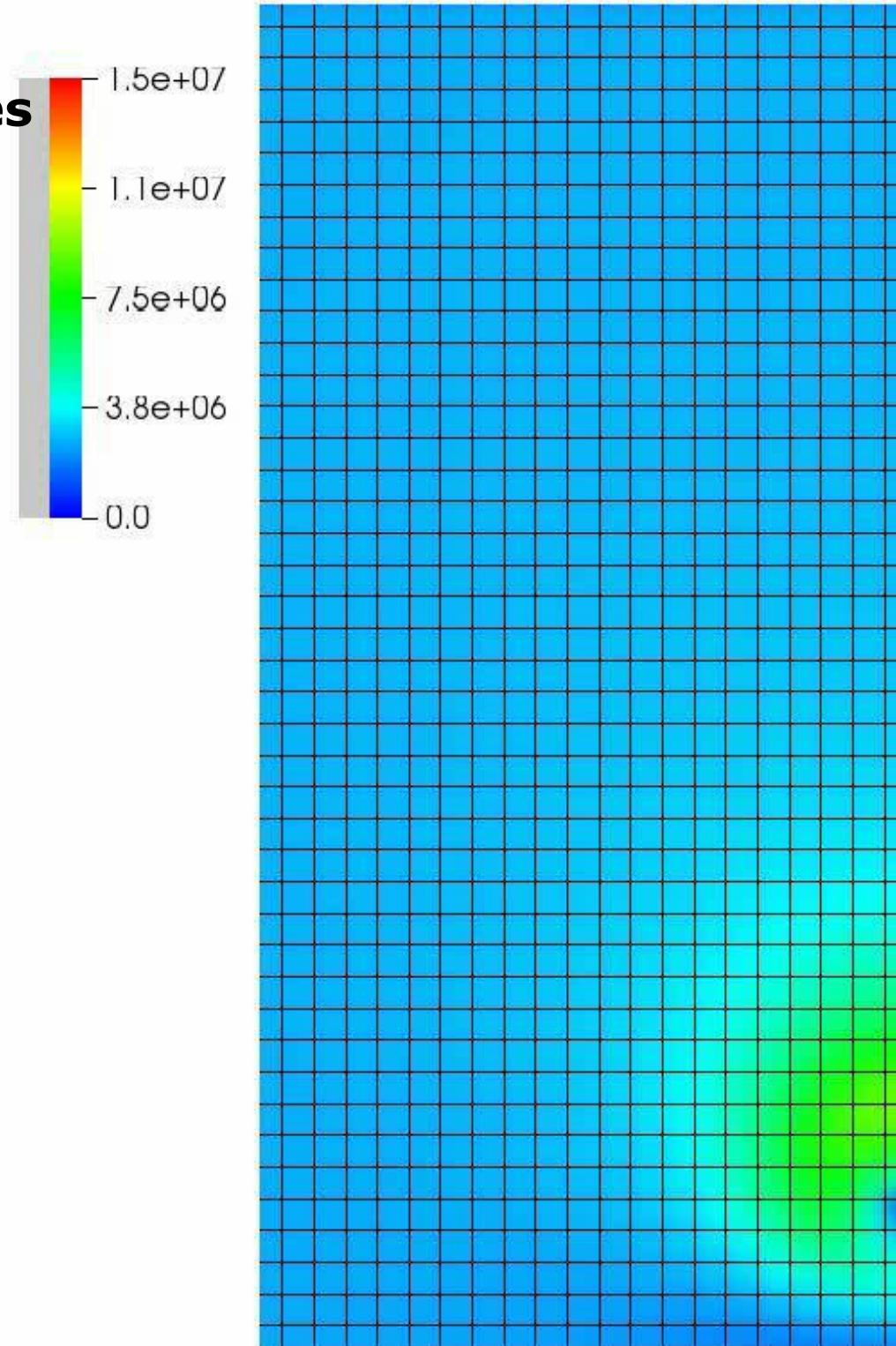
A vertical color bar indicating the intensity of the streamer core. The scale ranges from 0 (dark blue) to  $10^{14}$  (dark red). The values are marked at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and  $10^{14}$ .

[Li, Teunissen, Nool, Hundsorfer, Ebert, Plasma Sources Sci. Techn. 2012]

High order fluid model derived from Boltzmann equation:  
Dujko, Markosyan, White, Ebert, two articles in J Phys D in 2013

## 3D particle model with refined meshes

Positive streamer  
in 10 mm STP air,  
slightly undervolted,  
 $n_e = 50/\text{mm}^3$



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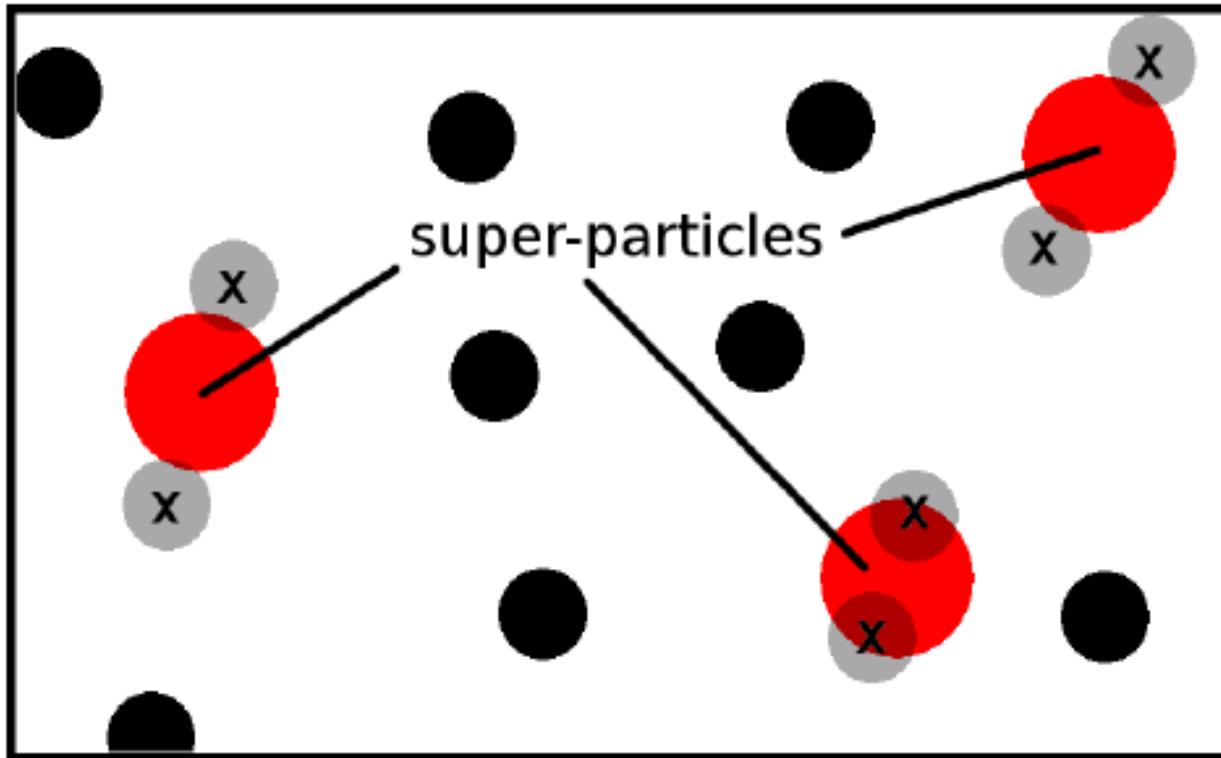
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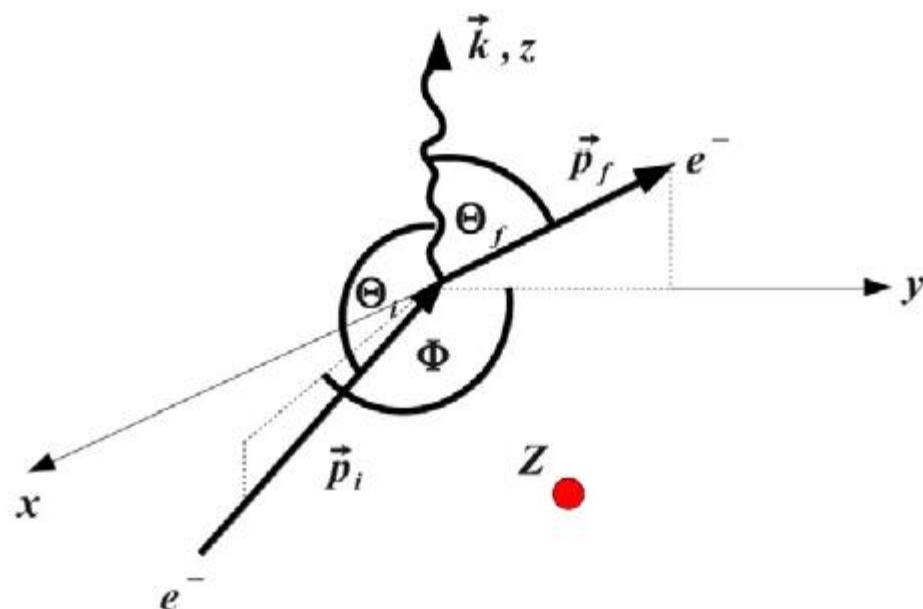
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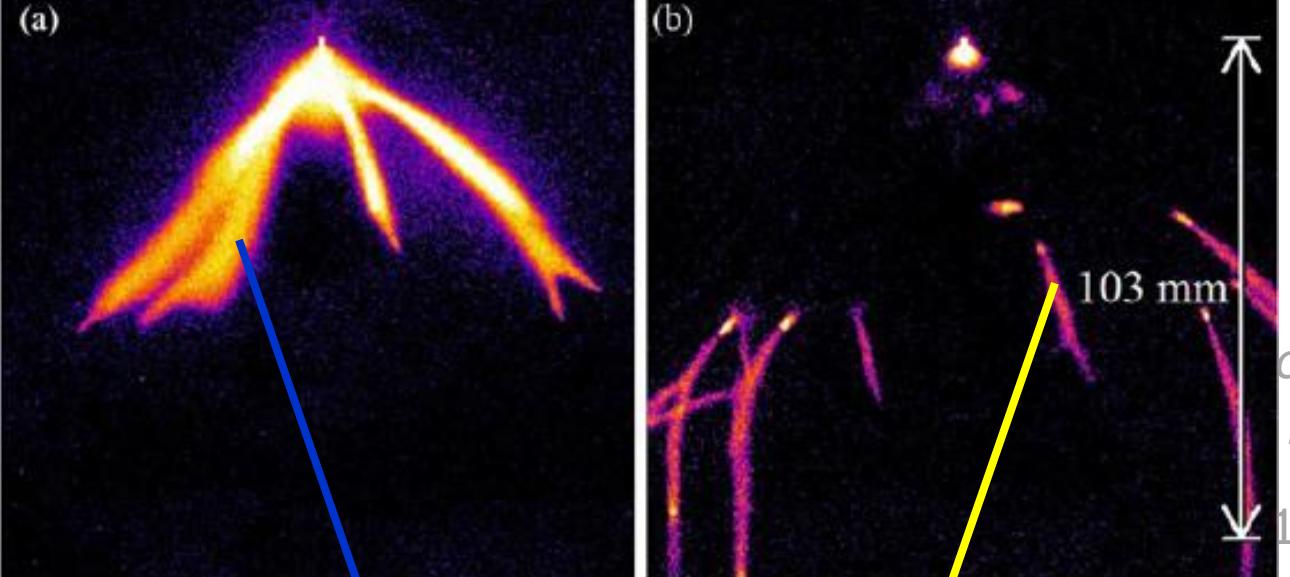
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 & \quad \times \left[ -\frac{2(\Delta_2 p_f c + \Delta_1 E_f)}{(-\Delta_2^2 + \Delta_1^2 - 4p_i^2 p_f^2 \sin^2\theta_i)((\Delta_2 E_f + \Delta_1 p_f c)^2 + 4m^2 c^4 p_i^2 p_f^2 \sin^2\theta_i)} \right. \\
 & + \frac{m^2 c^4}{\sqrt{((\Delta_2 E_f + \Delta_1 p_f c)^2 + 4m^2 c^4 p_i^2 p_f^2 \sin^2\theta_i)^3}} \times \\
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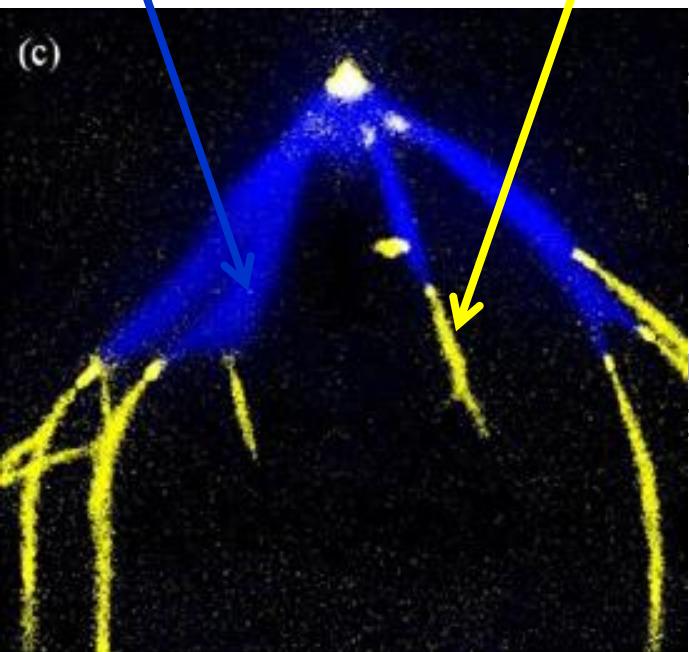
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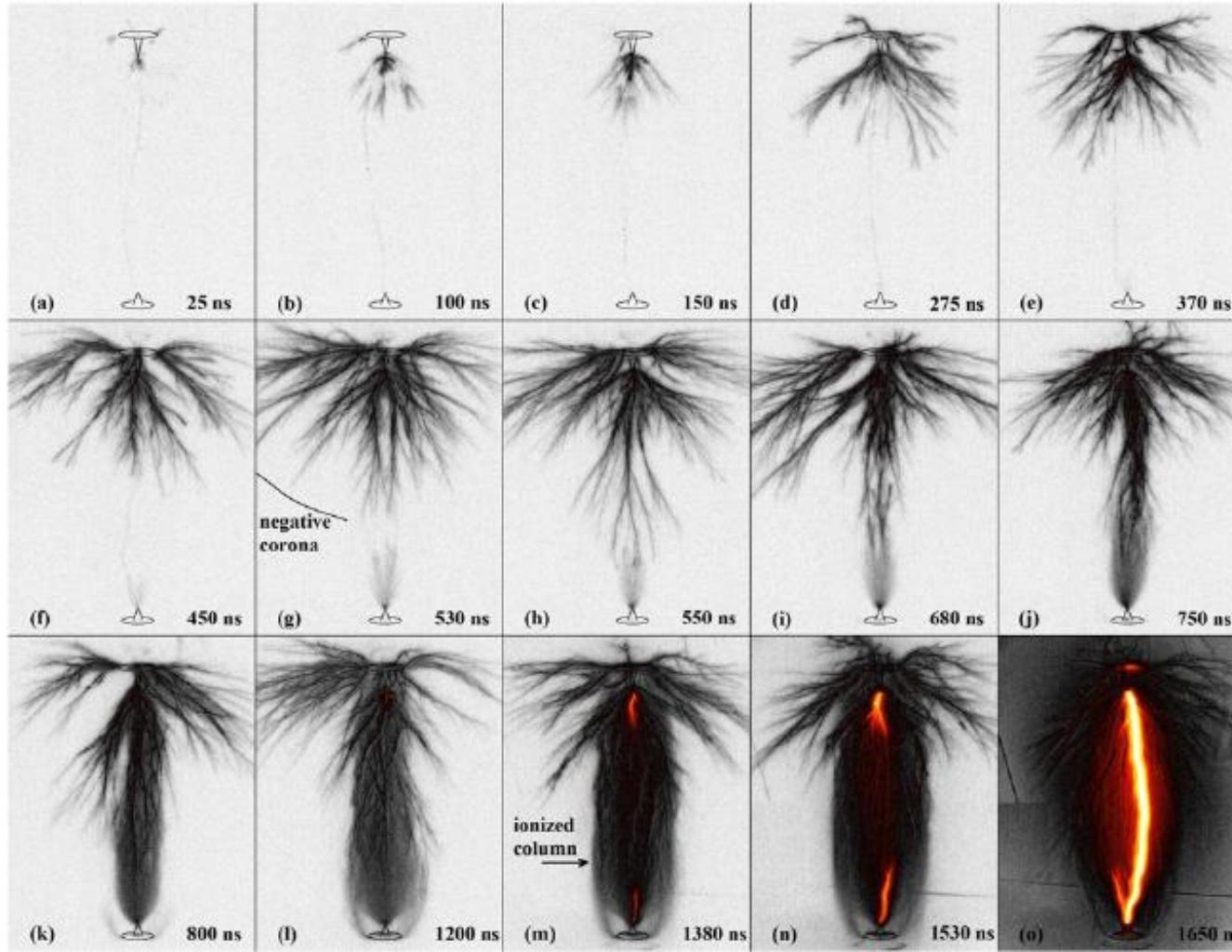
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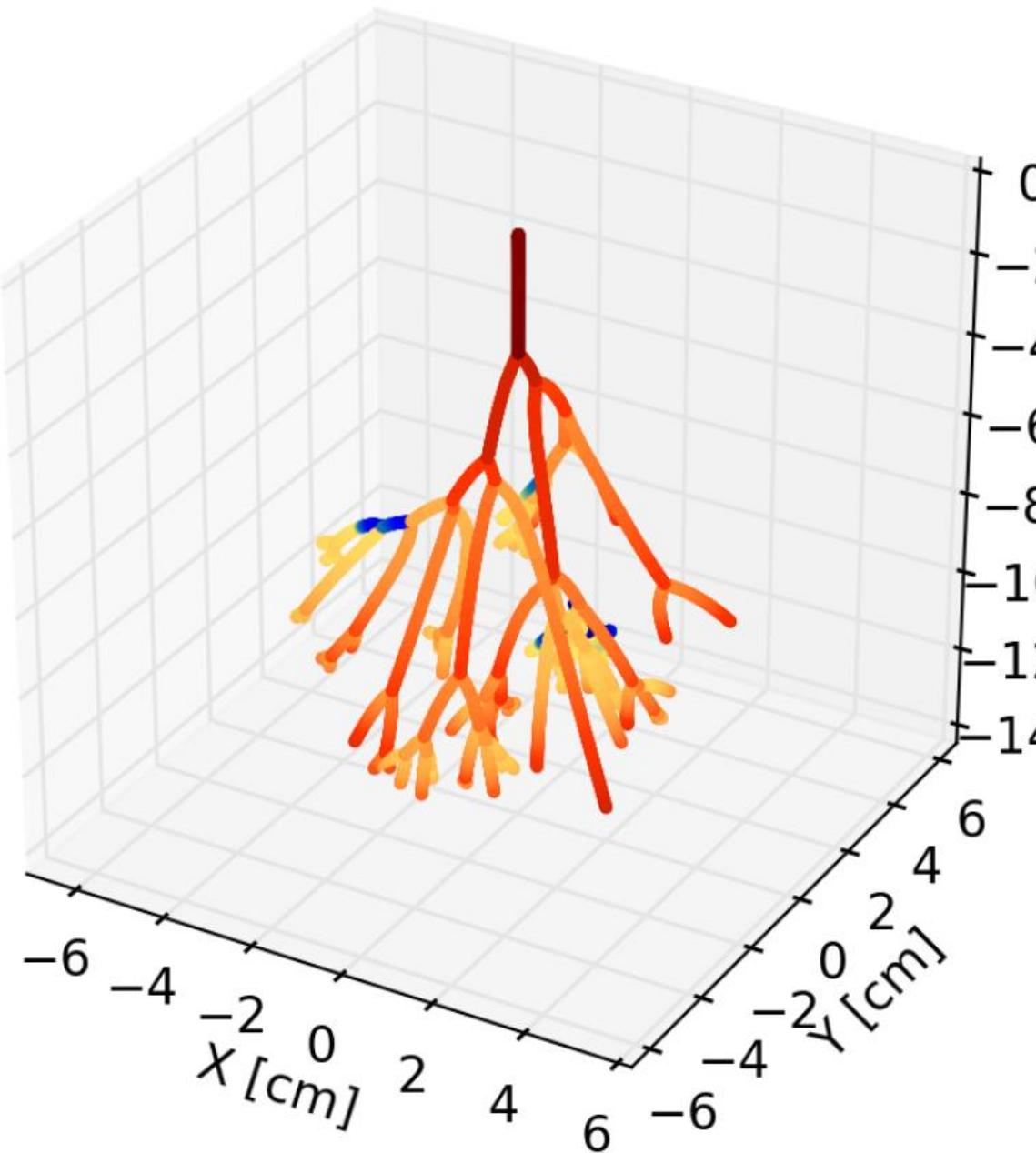
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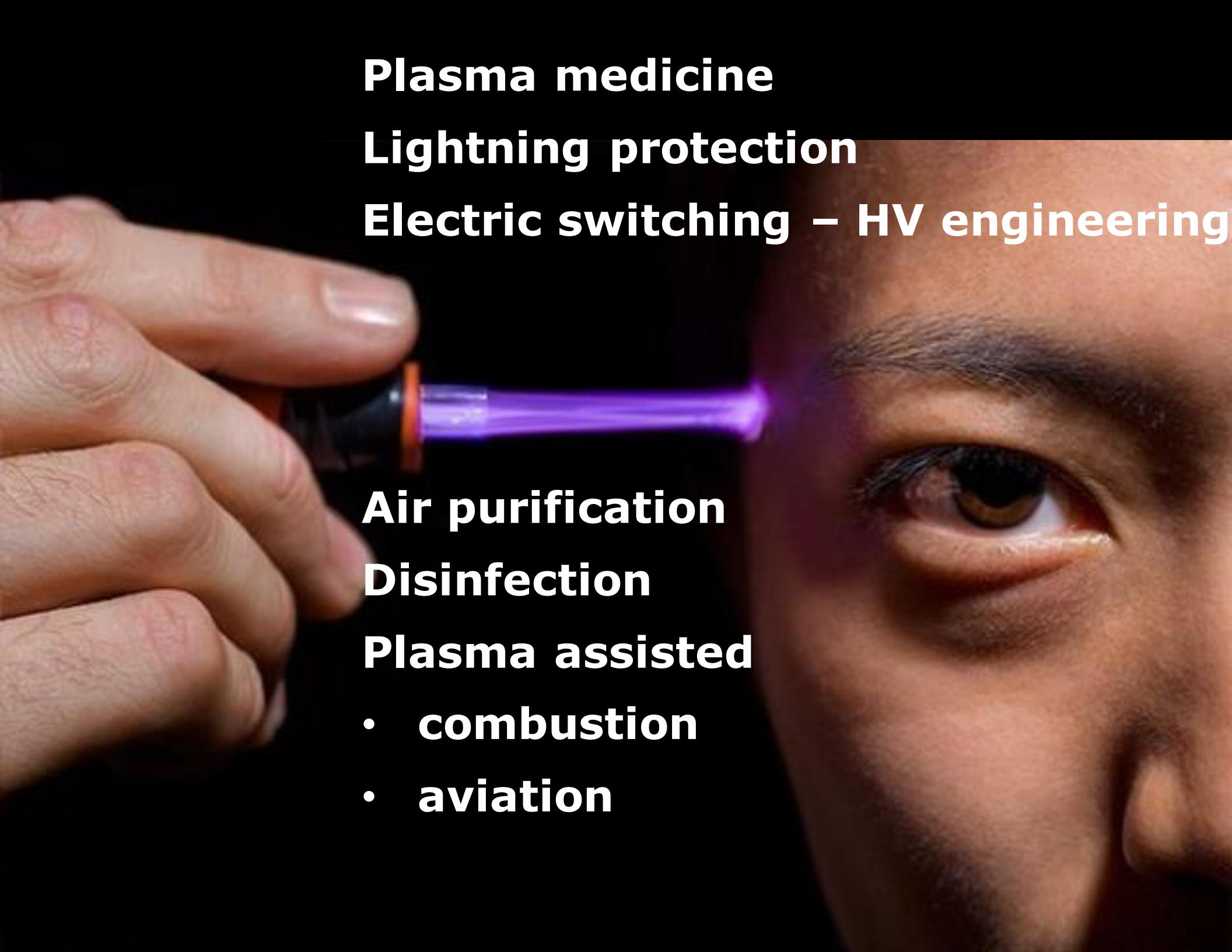
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A close-up photograph showing a person's fingers holding a plasma torch. The torch has a black handle and a cylindrical nozzle at the end from which a bright purple plasma flame is emanating. The background is dark.

**Plasma medicine**

**Lightning protection**

**Electric switching – HV engineering**

**Air purification**

**Disinfection**

**Plasma assisted**

- **combustion**
- **aviation**