



Production et optimisation de microplasmas pour la génération de l'azote atomique

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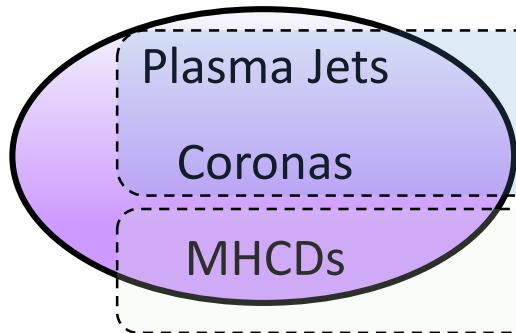


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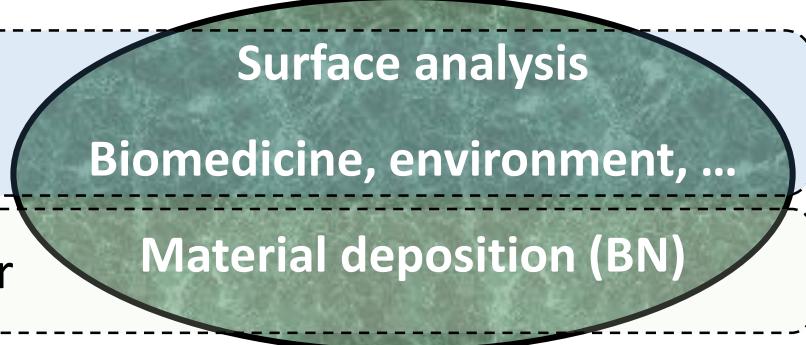
Scientific Background in Plasma Physics/Applications

Plasma Physics

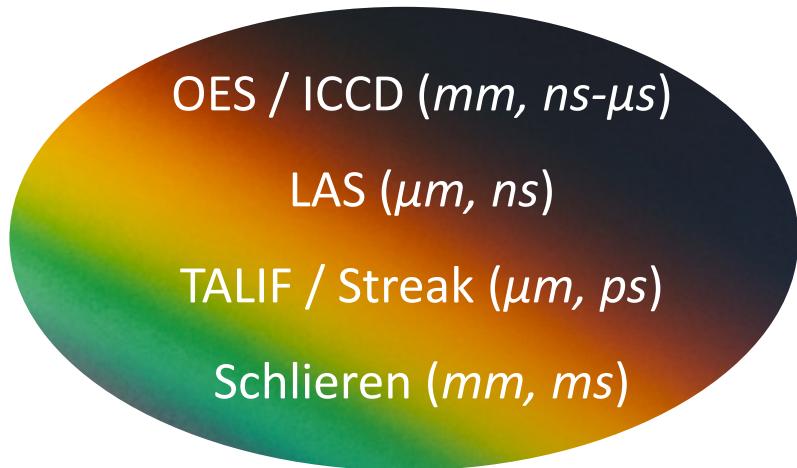


P=1 bar
P=5 – 100 mbar

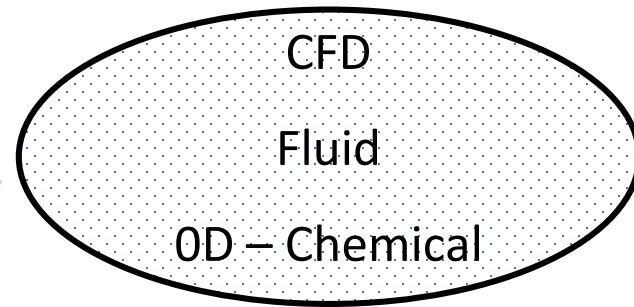
Applications



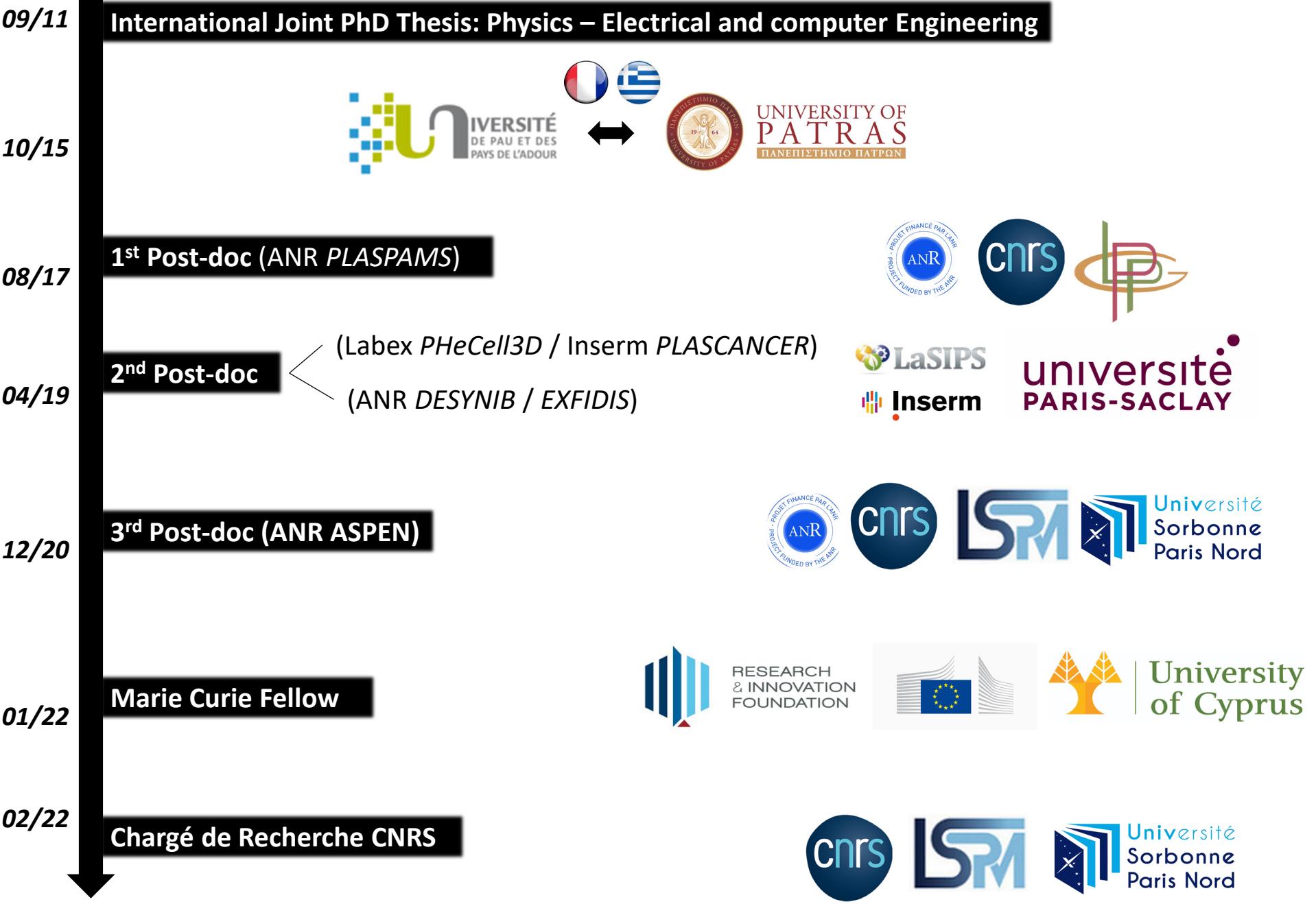
Cutting-edge Diagnostics



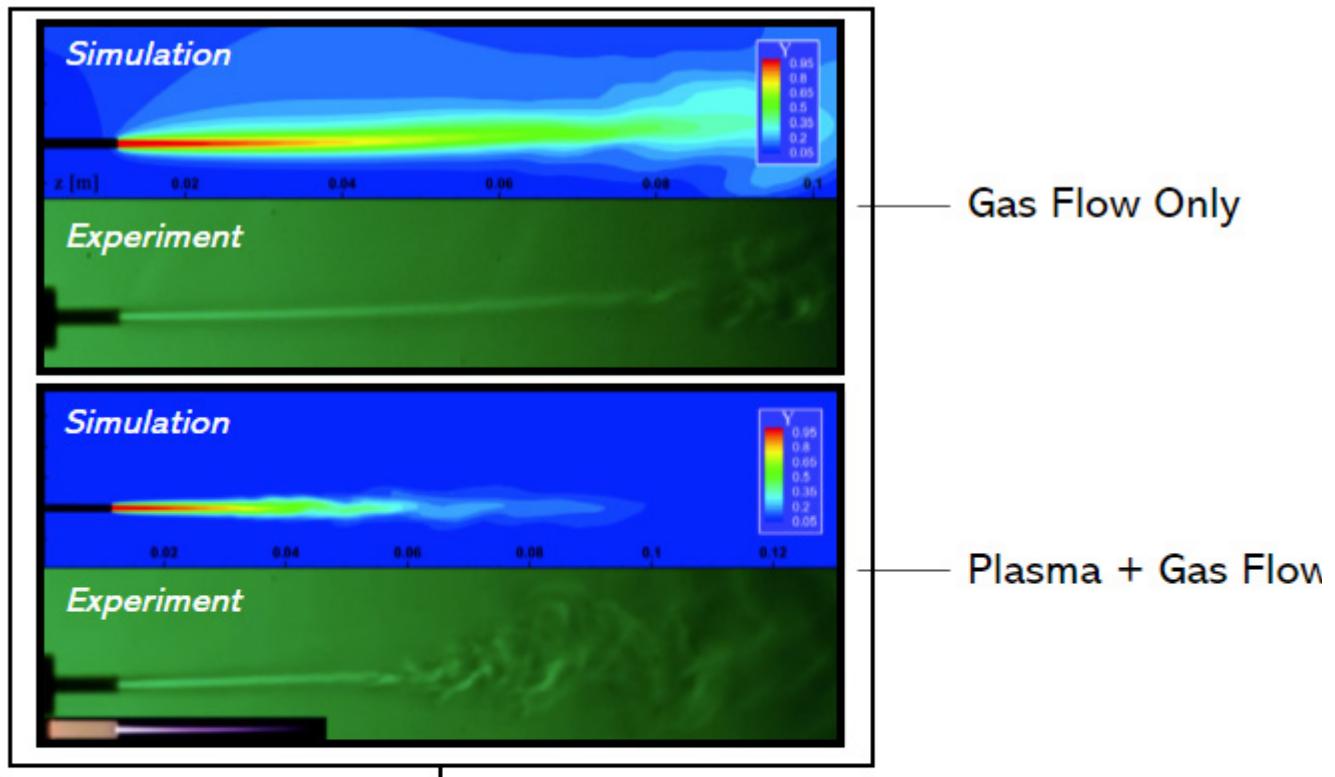
Computer Models



Academic posts



Ex. 1: Propagation Mechanism of μ s Plasma Jets



Physical Aspects

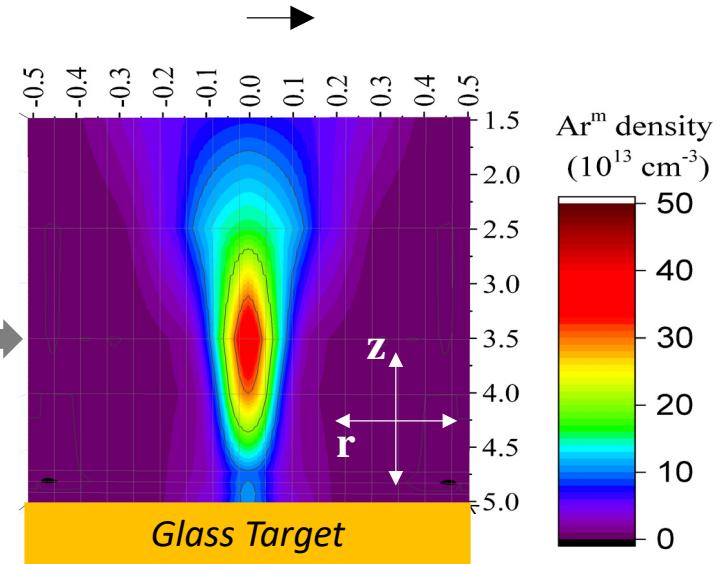
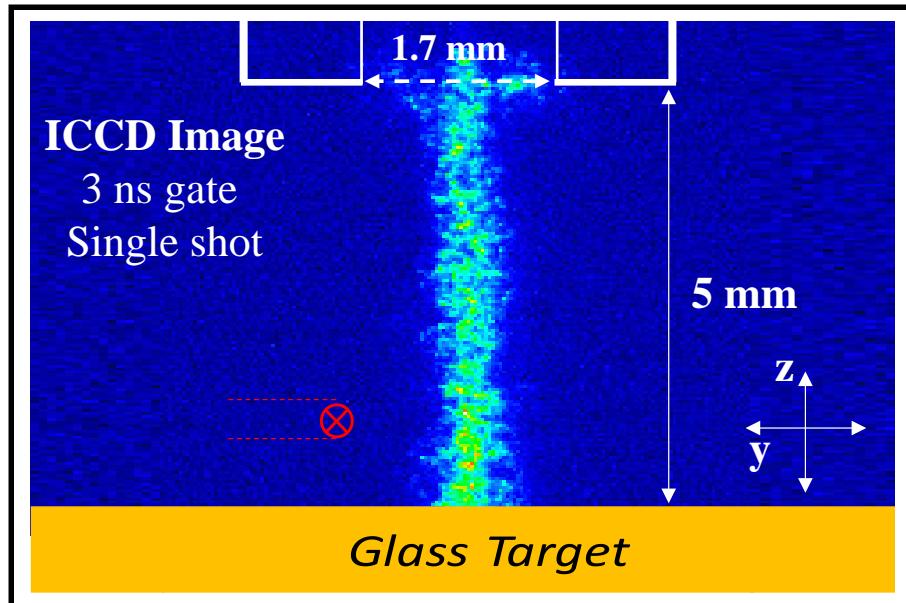
- Insights on the Physicochemical Features of Plasma Jets
- Modification of the Gas Dynamics by the Plasma
- Low Gas Temperature



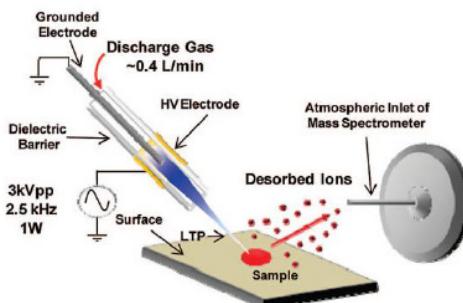
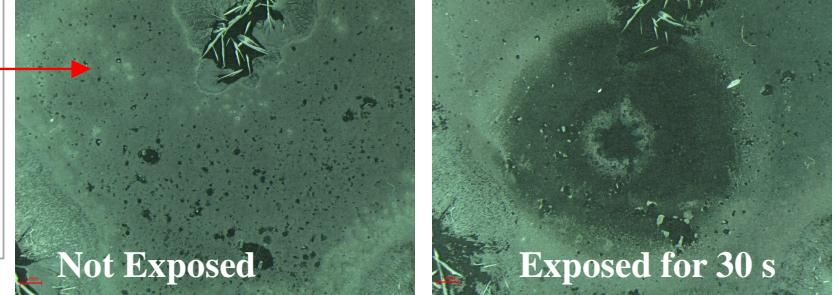
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Ex. 2: ns-Pulsed Plasma Jet-Surface Interaction Dynamics



- Effect of the Targets: Diffuse Discharge
- Radial/Temporal Mappings of $\text{Ar}(1s_5)$
- High $\text{Ar}(1s_5)$ Densities Close to the Target



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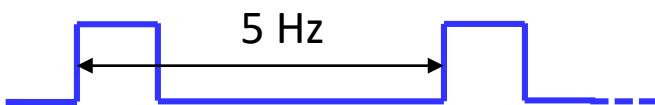


Ex. 3: Development of ps-TALIF Diagnostic in Reactive Plasmas



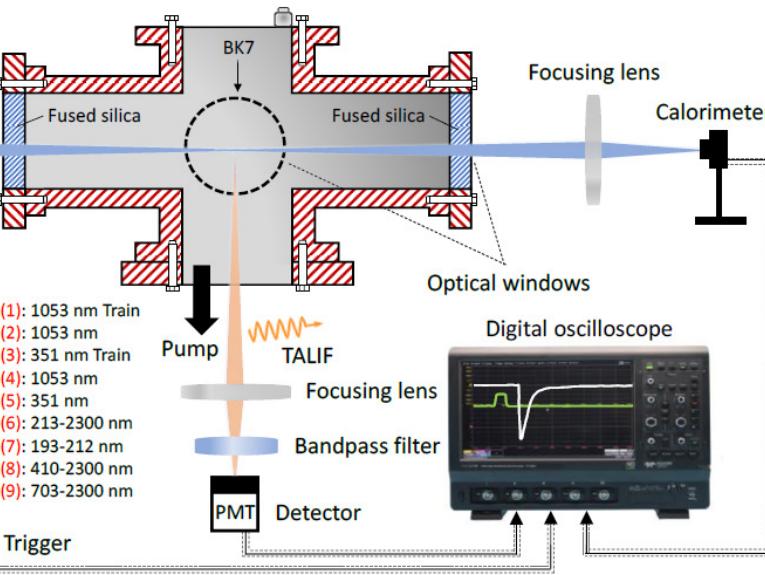
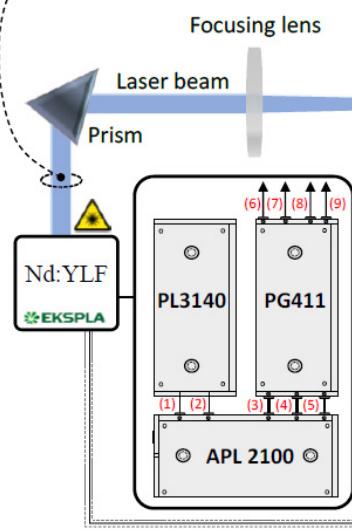
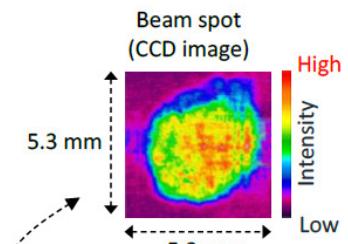
ps-TALIF: ideal for atomic density measurements in collisional plasmas
 (quenching (Q) → **effective lifetime** \sim ns down to 200 ps)

10 ps / 50 μ J

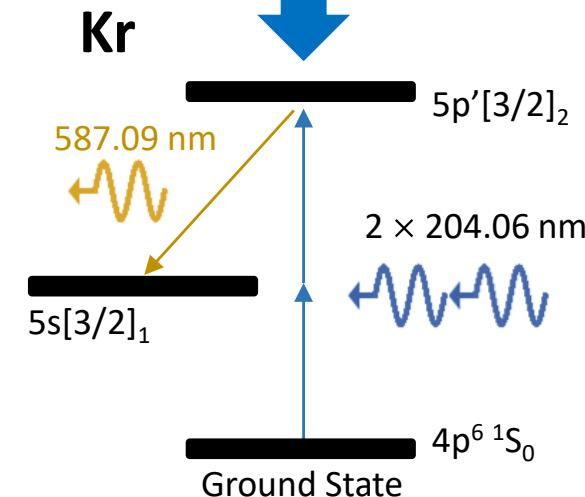


$$\tau = \frac{1}{A + Q}$$

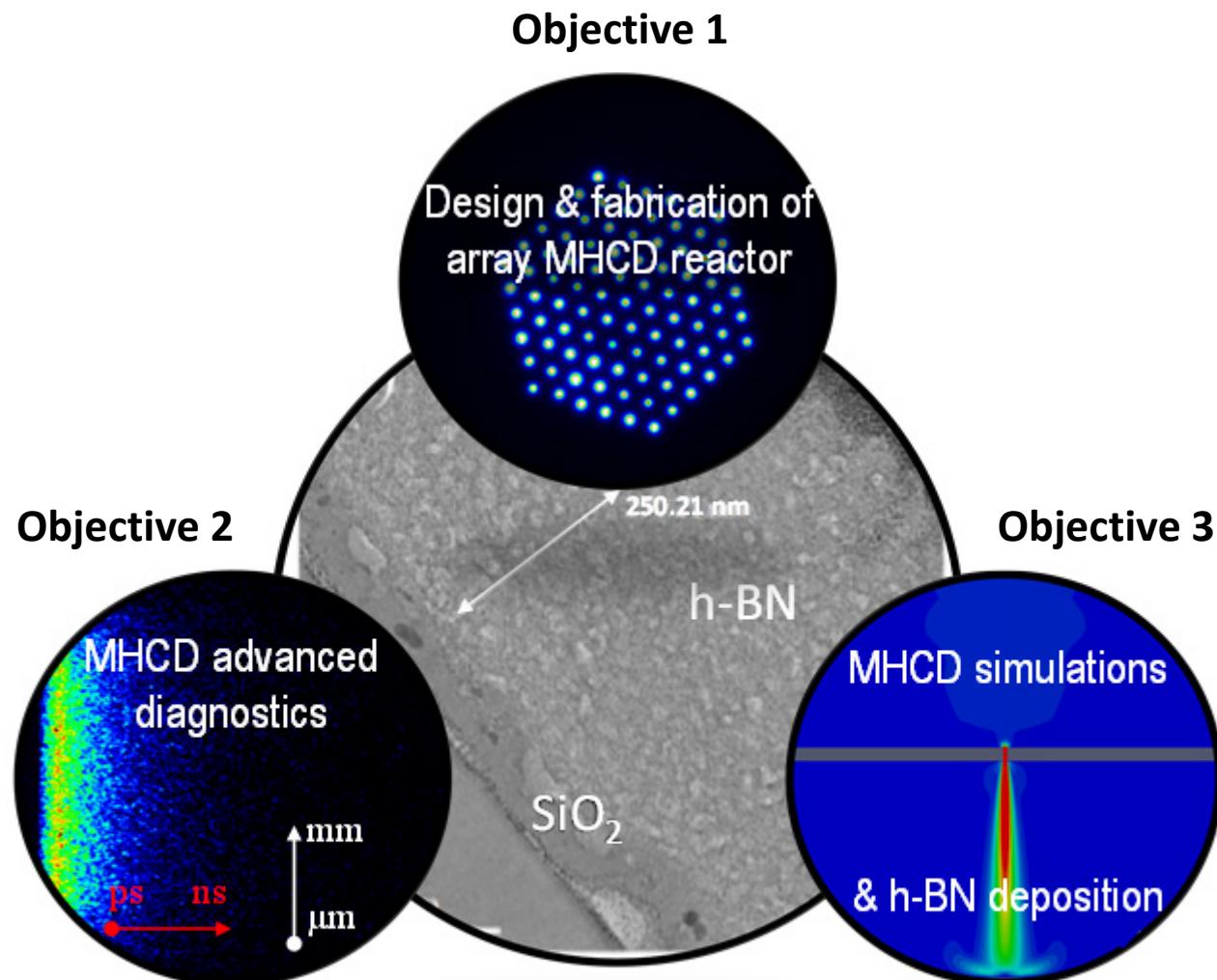
Einstein coeff. for spontaneous emission



Fluorescing state



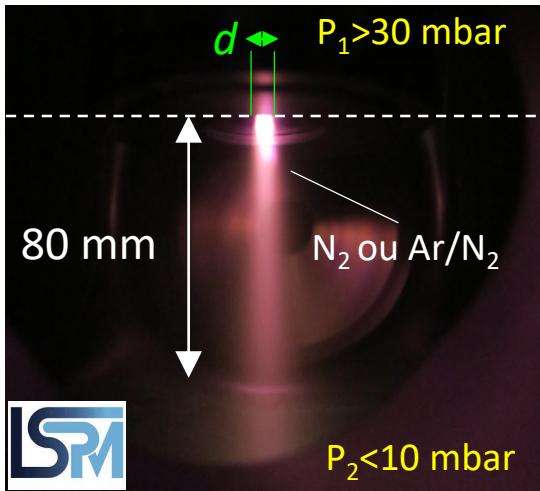
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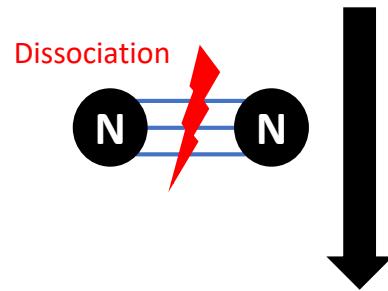
$d < 1 \text{ mm}$

Micro-hollow Cathode Discharges

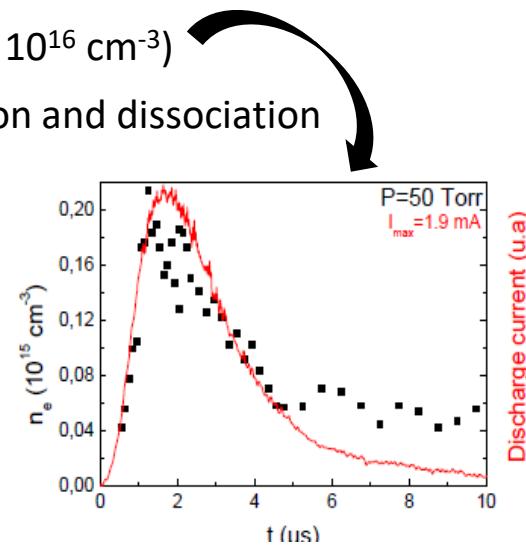


Generated using DC and pulsed voltages

- Very low injected power ($< 1 \text{ W}$)
- Small dimensions
- Large power densities (up to 100 kW.cm^{-3})
- Relatively low gas temperatures
- High electron densities (up to 10^{16} cm^{-3})
- Strong gas excitation, ionization and dissociation

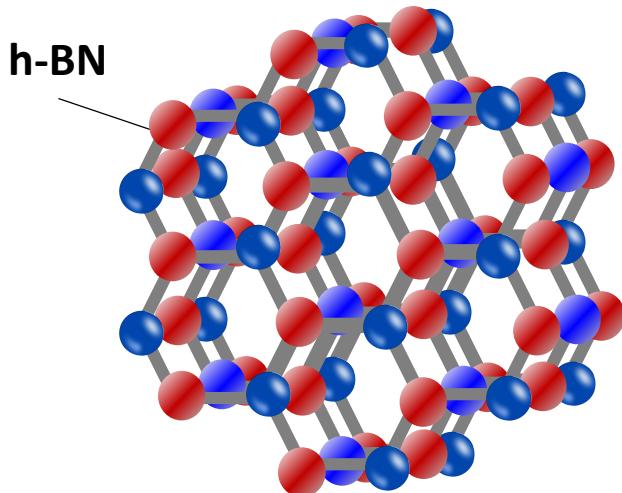


**Promising as sources
of atomic nitrogen**



C. Lazzaroni PhD Thesis

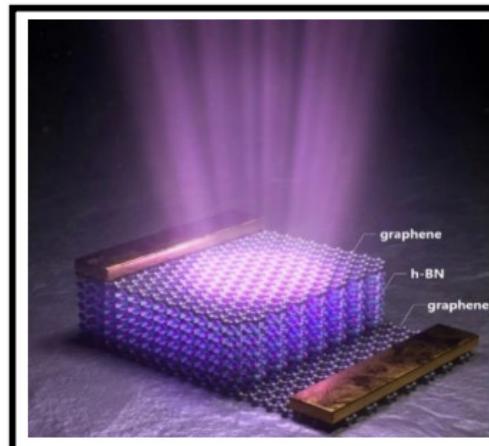
Research Project @ CNRS: MHCDs for h-BN synthesis



Hexagonal Boron-Nitride (h-BN)

- **Large band gap semiconductor** (similar to diamond, 5.9 eV)
- **Dielectric** (breakdown voltage > 0.8 V/nm)
- **Graphene-like** structure, very smooth ($r < 0.1$ nm)
- **High fusion temperature** (2600 °C)
- **Low thermal expansion, high thermal conductivity**
- **Applications** in photonics, electronics, ...

Example : Graphene/h-BN/Graphene Van der Walls heterostructures

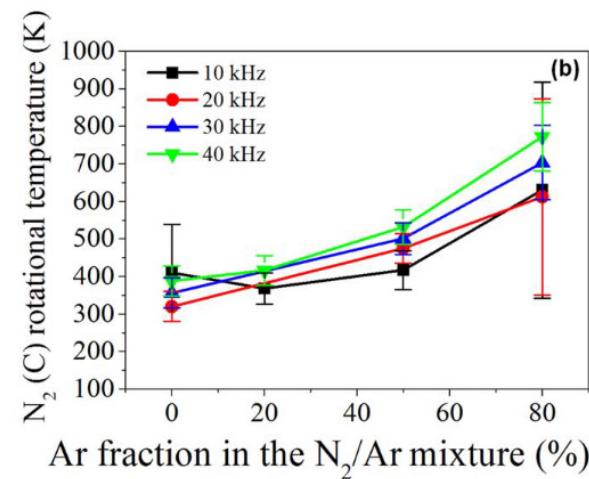
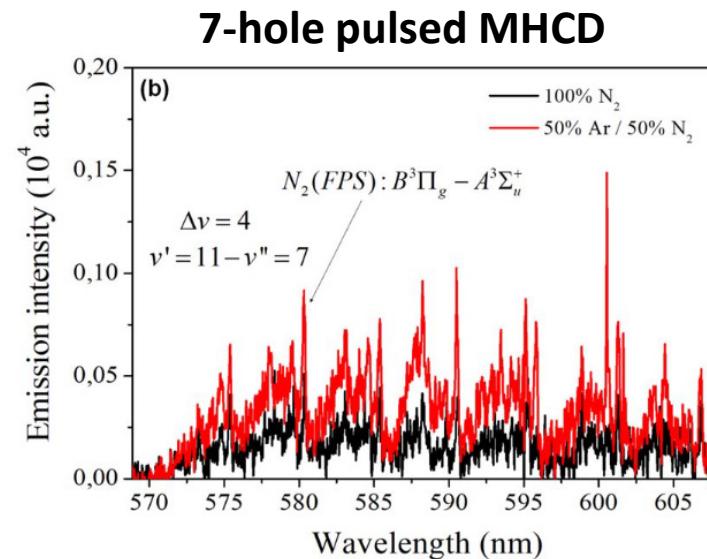
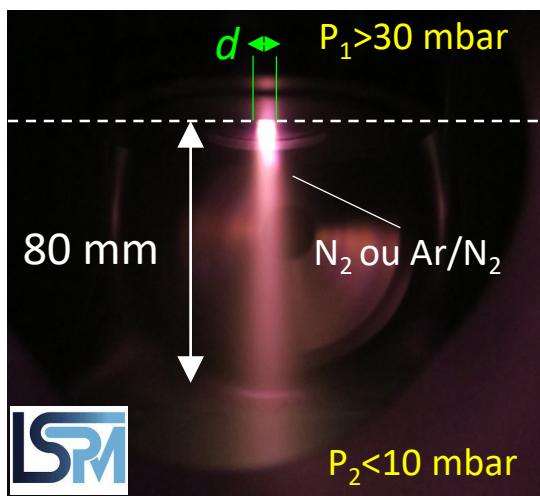


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LED émettant sur le profond UV

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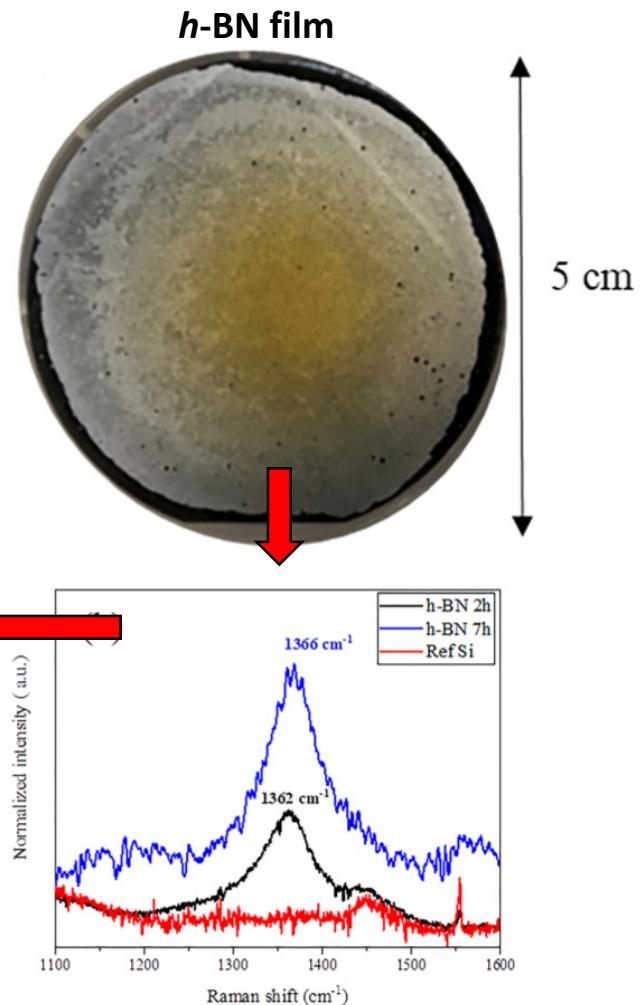
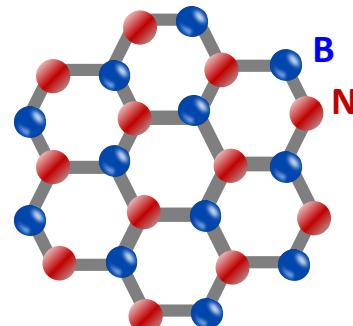
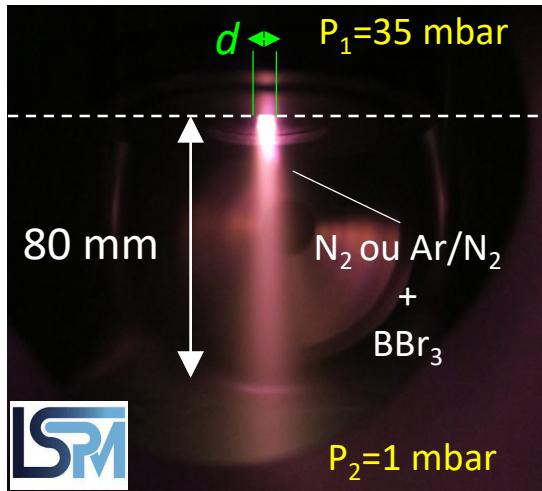


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1-hole pulsed MHCD (50%Ar – 50%N₂)

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Raman spectrum

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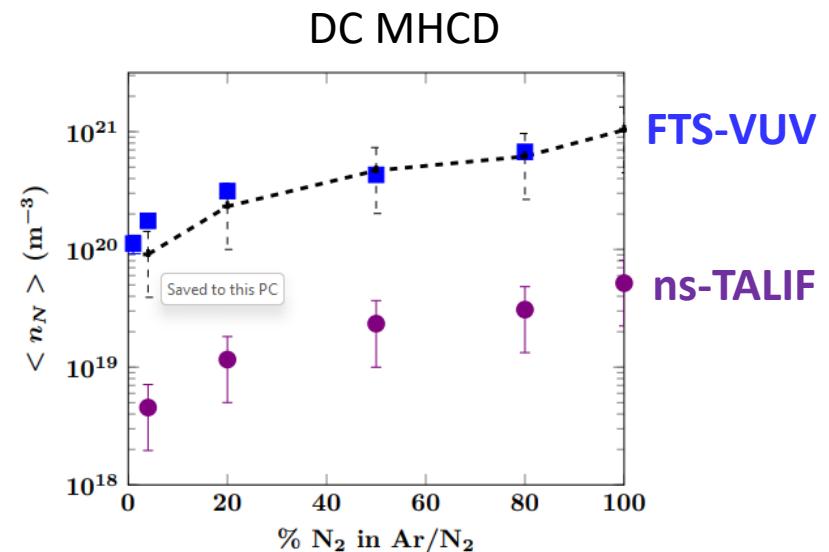
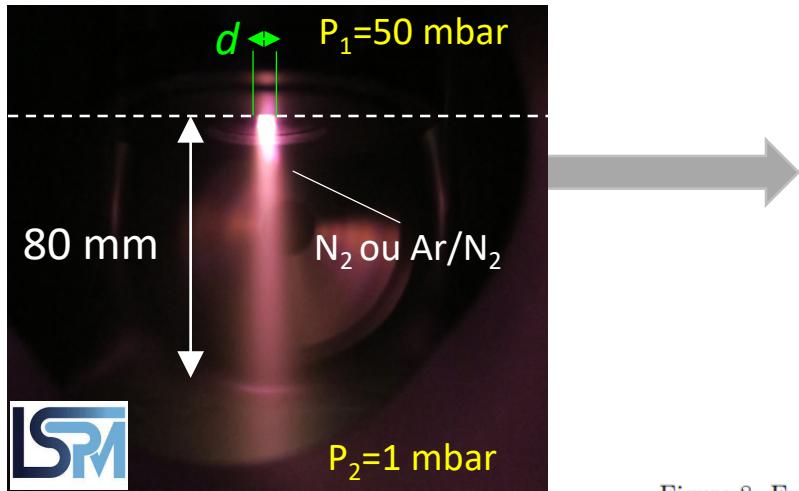
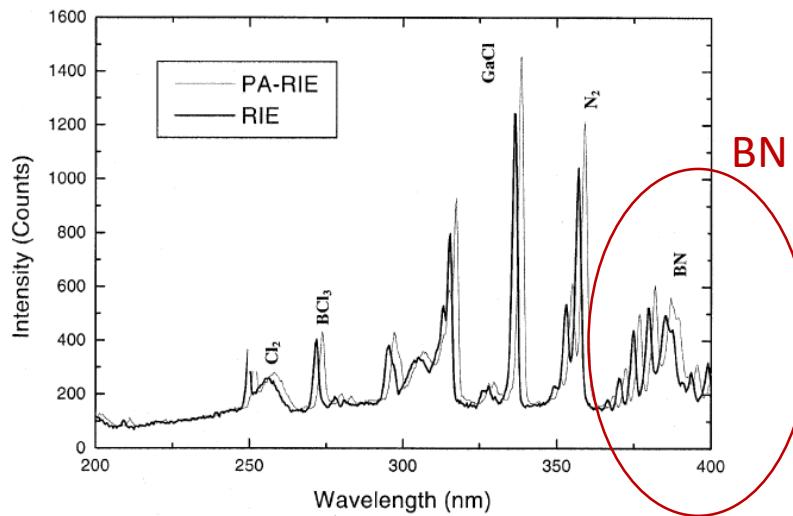


Figure 8: Experimental densities of N atoms measured by FTS VUV (blue squares) [19] and TALIF (purple circles; this work) as a function of the percentage of N_2 in the Ar/N_2 gas mixture. The black dashed line represents the TALIF measurements corrected to take into account the fact that the two techniques are performed at different locations. Conditions: $P = 50 \text{ mbar}$ in both chambers, $I_d = 1 \text{ mA}$. TALIF measurements are plotted with the total uncertainty.

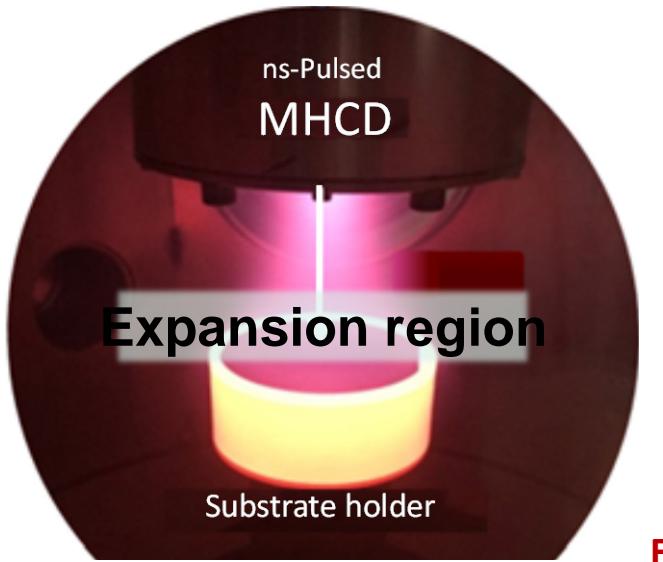
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- Generate and investigate pulsed matrix MHCDs (plasma dynamics and chemistry?)
- Improve the quality of the h-BN deposits (control/optimization of N production)
- Improve the accuracy of the N-atom measurements (spatial resolution, ...)
- Detect, quantify and control B-atom production (laser diagnostics)
- Detect and quantify BN in the gaseous phase (?)



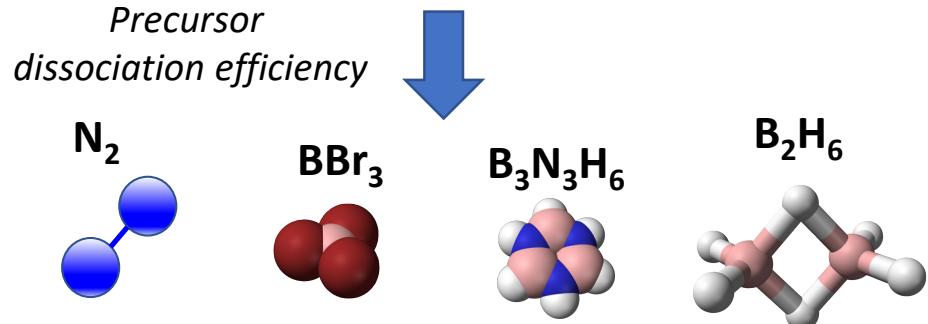
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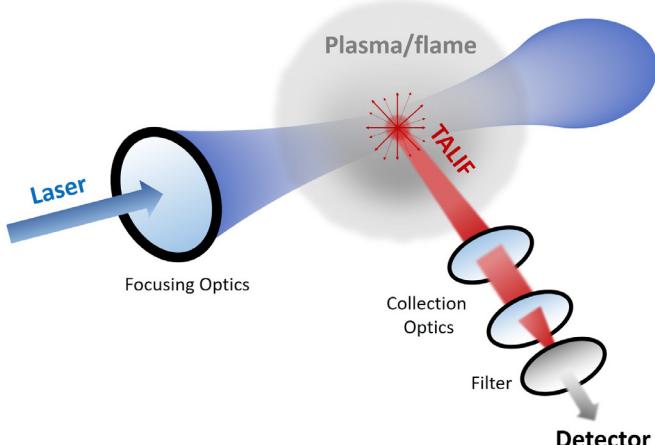
Challenge: Micrometric dimensions and stiff voltages

N and B Densities: crucial atoms for fabricating h-BN

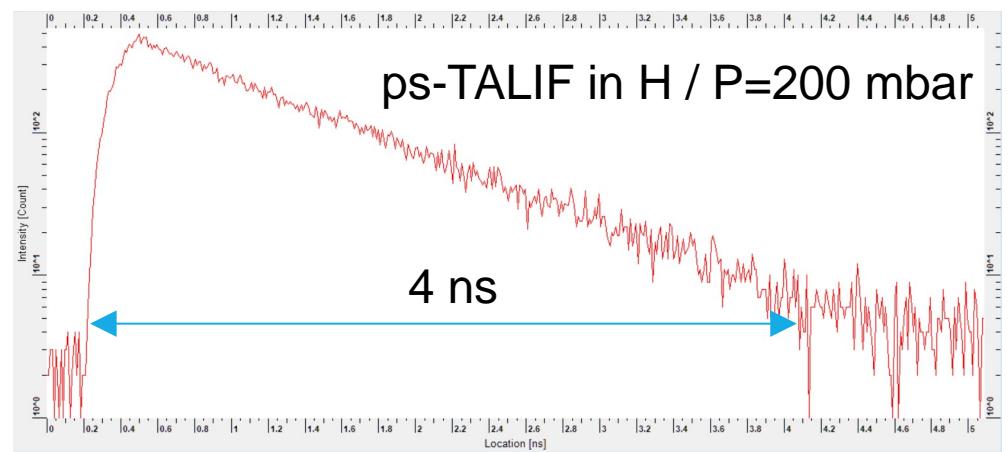


For $p > 10\text{s mbar}$ → Important Quenching → ns-TALIF/LIF limited

ps-TALIF/LIF ($\mu\text{m} - \text{ps}$)



Streak Camera Signal



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