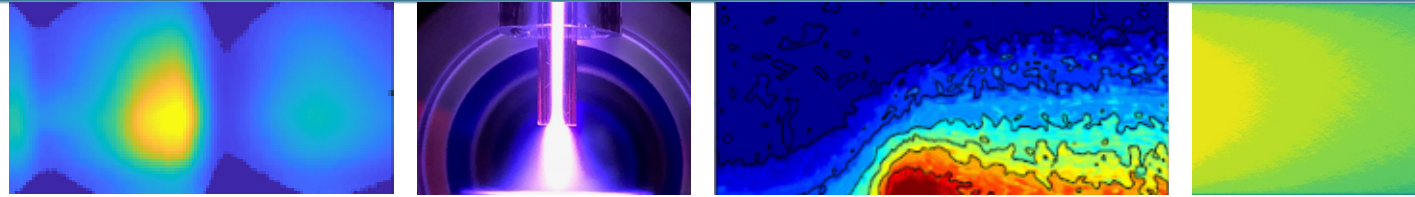




# SNL Plasma Research Facility (PRF)



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# What We Are: PRF Goals and Approach



## Goals:

*To continually serve the low-temperature plasma community by providing it access to a growing set of world class capabilities and expertise.*

## Approach:

*Engage with potential collaborators to understand their goals and to help them identify, implement and achieve solutions for their goals by providing access to what our Facility has to offer.*

*Advanced Simulation Capabilities and World-Class High Performance Computing resources*

*Capability for combined diagnostics simultaneously probing user experiments*

*Cutting edge in situ mass spectrometry*

*Continually advance capabilities and techniques to provide new tools for the plasma community to utilize.*

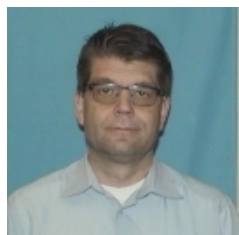
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# Who We Are: Key Personnel – Core Scientists



- Brian Bentz ([bzbentz@sandia.gov](mailto:bzbentz@sandia.gov))
  - Multi-dimensional interrogation of atomic species, electron densities and electric fields using linear and non-linear spectroscopies

- Jonathan Frank ([jhfrank@sandia.gov](mailto:jhfrank@sandia.gov))
  - Imaging and gas-phase spectroscopy for high-speed, multi-dimensional measurements in plasmas and plasma-assisted reacting flows.



- Nils Hansen ([nhansen@sandia.gov](mailto:nhansen@sandia.gov))
  - Interrogation of chemistries in reactive environments using high resolution mass spectrometry.

- Matthew Hopkins ([mmhopki@sandia.gov](mailto:mmhopki@sandia.gov))
  - Computational modeling and simulation of non-equilibrium plasma phenomena.



- Christopher Kliwer ([cjkliew@sandia.gov](mailto:cjkliew@sandia.gov))
  - Ultrafast non-linear gas and surface phase spectroscopies.

***Our team offers a broad set of skills to serve the community.***

## Key Personnel (cont.) – Post-Doctoral Appointees



Amanda Lietz ([amlietz@sandia.gov](mailto:amlietz@sandia.gov))

Computational modeling and simulation of non-equilibrium plasma phenomena.

Dirk van den Bekerom ([dvanden@sandia.gov](mailto:dvanden@sandia.gov))

Imaging and gas-phase spectroscopy for high-speed, multi-dimensional measurements in plasmas and plasma-assisted reacting flows.



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# Differentiating Capabilities

Multiple femtosecond, picosecond, nanosecond and CW lasers for interrogating dynamic plasma and reactive environments

- Neutral species density – LIF, PF-LIF
- Electric Fields (LIF-Dip, EFISH)
- Electron Densities - LCIF
- Multidimensional CARS for gas and surface phase interrogation

High speed imaging and detectors capabilities

- <200 ps gated cameras, multi-frame framing cameras and high-speed CMOS cameras, streak camera
- VUV to Visible to IR spectrometers

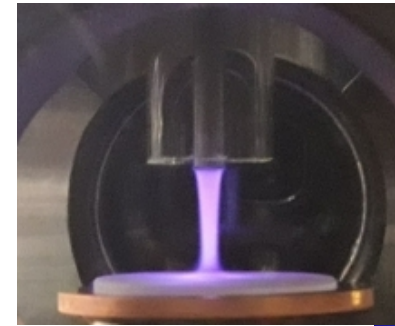
High resolution tandem and molecular beam mass spectroscopy (MBMS) for interrogating gas phase chemistries occurring in multi-atmosphere environments.

Theoretical/Computational LTP Capabilities

- Aleph and EMPIRE: Massively parallel PIC-DSMC, extensive chemistry and photonic processes
- Aria: multiphase fluid simulation capability being extended to highly collisional plasmas
- 0D global modeling



Plane-to-plane ns pulsed discharge for plasma catalysis



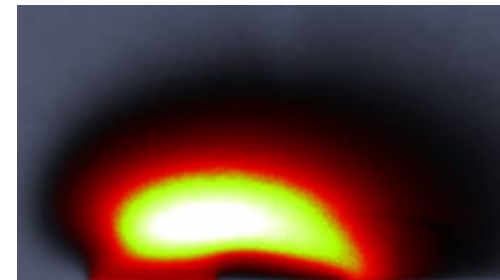
Low-pressure ns pulsed discharge



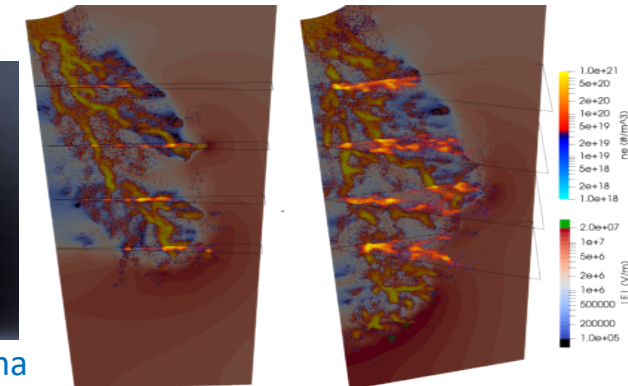
MBMS – flow reactors with DBD



Plasma-assisted combustion in atmospheric pressure narrow channel



3D image e- density cathode plasma



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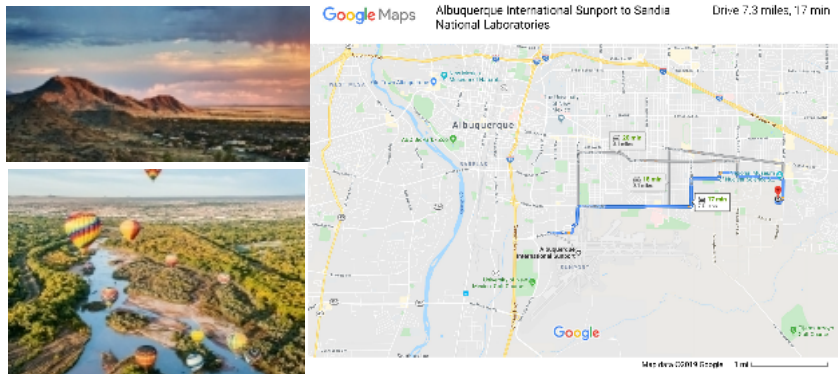
# Access to the Facility



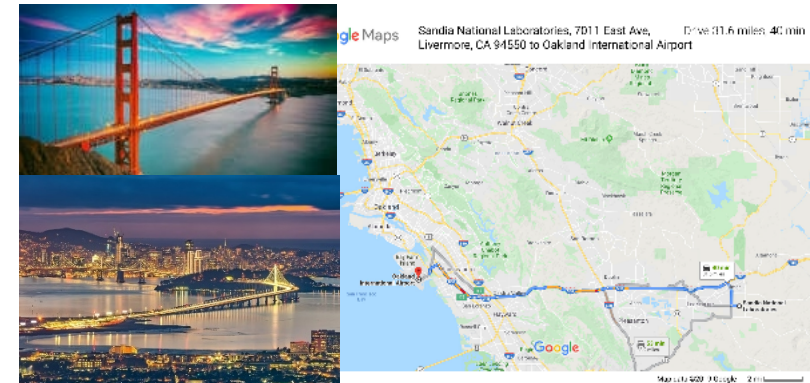
## Visitor infrastructure streamlining

- Visitor badging, computer access, data sharing, safety documentation/training
  - Office space for visitors
  - Open network for visitors to access resources
- Working from several existing examples of collaborator engagement at Sandia:
  - Previous Plasma Science Center (DOE FES funded)
  - Center for Integrated Nanoscience and Technology (CINT, DOE BES funded)
  - Combustion Research Facility (DOE BES funded)

### Sandia New Mexico



### Sandia California



***We will work with collaborators to ensure streamlined access to our sites***

# SNL Plasma Research Facility Status



PRF hosted 10 collaborations in the last year

- Seven experimental
  - North Carolina State University - completed
  - University of New Mexico - completed
  - University of Notre Dame - completed
  - University of Minnesota - completed
  - Princeton University (2) – one completed, one in process
  - The Ohio State University – in process
- Three modeling/simulation
  - University of Michigan – wrapping up
  - Modern Electron, LLC. – wrapping up
  - Applied Materials, Inc. – in process

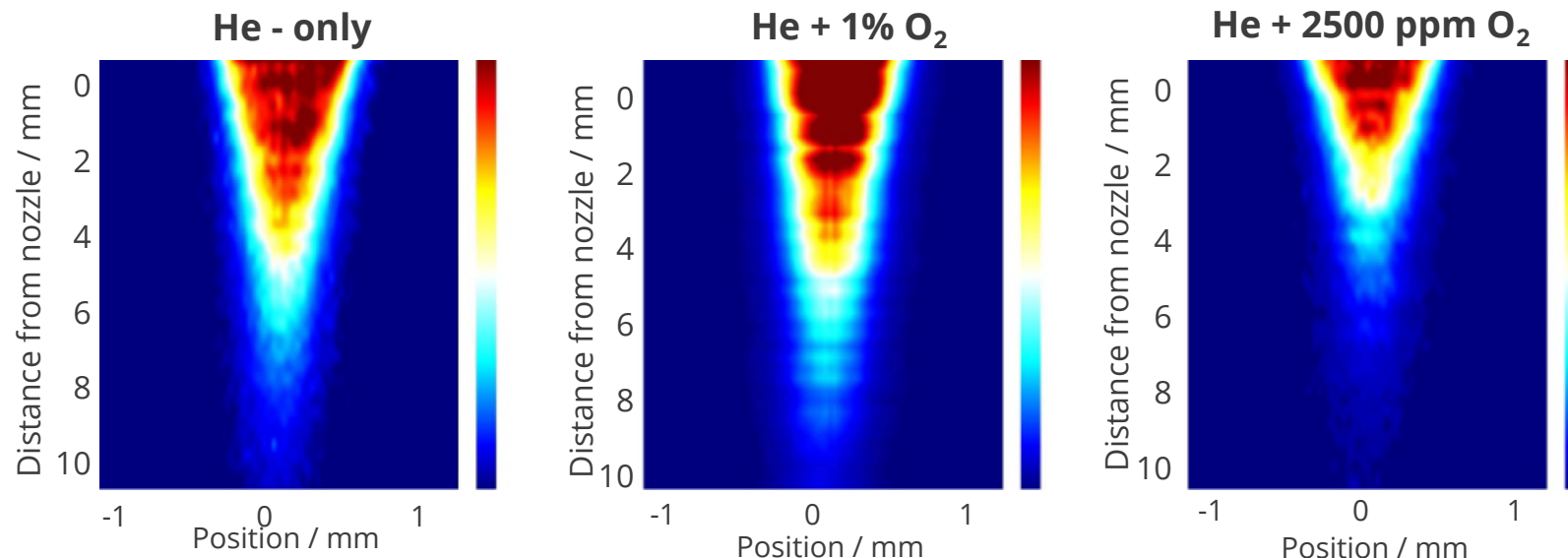
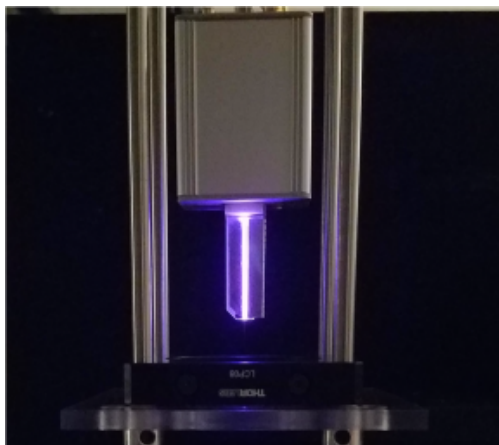
Six collaborations set to start shortly

- Three experimental
  - Georgia Tech
  - University of South Carolina
  - University of Alabama, Huntsville
- Three modeling/simulation
  - University of Tartu
  - PPPL and Tech-X, Inc.
  - University of Alabama, Huntsville

Four collaborations included DOE Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) Awardees.

- Lucas Beving, University of Michigan
- Brayden Myers, North Carolina State University
- Christopher Burger, Princeton University
- Madeline Vorenkamp, Princeton University

# Absolute Atomic Oxygen Species Densities in the Effluent of the COST Reference Source



Spatially resolved TALIF signals of atomic oxygen, normalized to counts per second, in the effluent of the COST jet operated with admixtures of helium-only, helium with 1% oxygen, and helium with 2500 ppm of water

Collaborators:

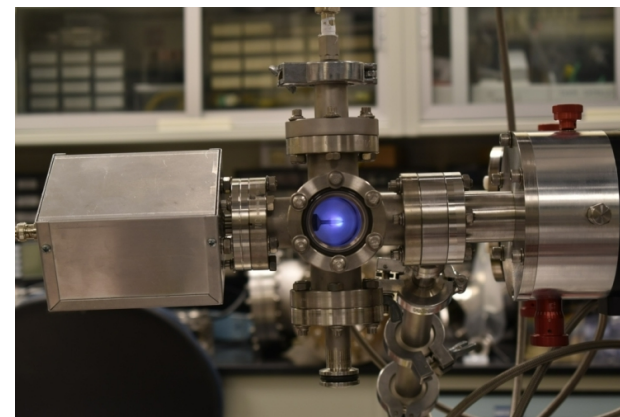
- Katharina Stapelmann, Brayden Myers, North Carolina State University
- PRF PI - Ed Barnat

Brayden Myers, Edward Barnat, Katharina Stapelmann, "Atomic oxygen density determination in the effluent of the COST Reference Source using *in situ* effective lifetime measurements in the presence of a liquid interface," J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys. **54**, 455202.

# Identification of UV/VUV Bands Generated from a Photoionization Source

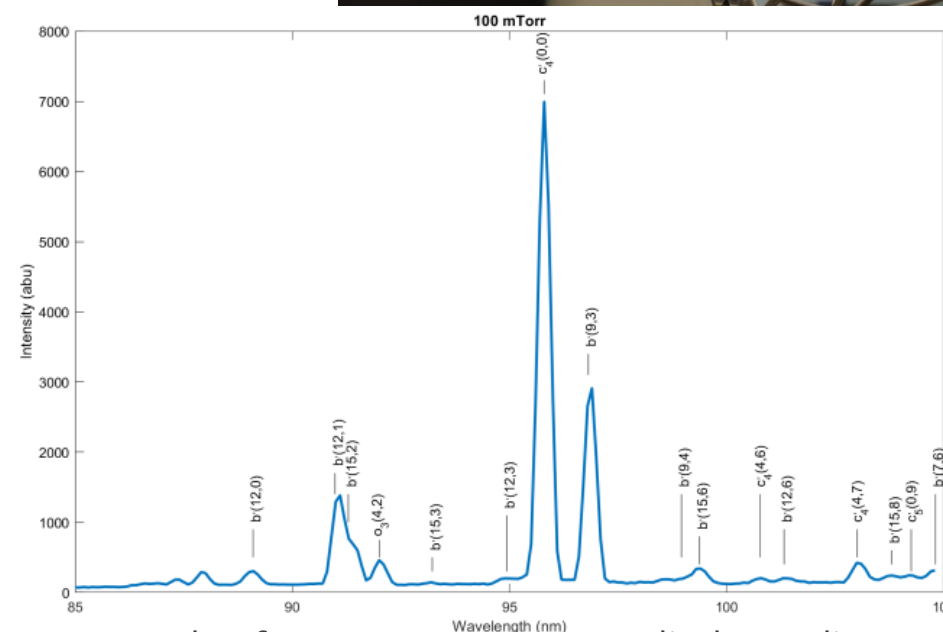
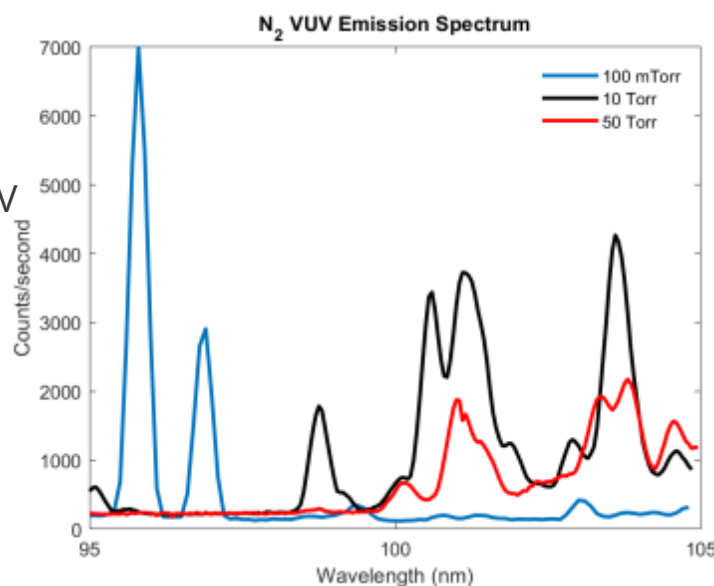
## Overview of Project Goals:

- Measure VUV emission from nitrogen discharge
- Identification of transitions critical to photoionization
- Reassess the photoionization models assumptions and calculations
- Extend model to other gases



Discharge Apparatus:  
Point to plane geometry

Measured VUV  
excited  
nitrogen  
emission



Example of a 100mTorr nitrogen discharge line identification

## Collaborators

- Justin Smith, Andy Fierro, Jane Lehr  
University of New Mexico
- PRF PI Ben Yee



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# In Situ Measurements of Formaldehyde and Methyl Radical in Plasma-Assisted Catalytic Methane Conversion

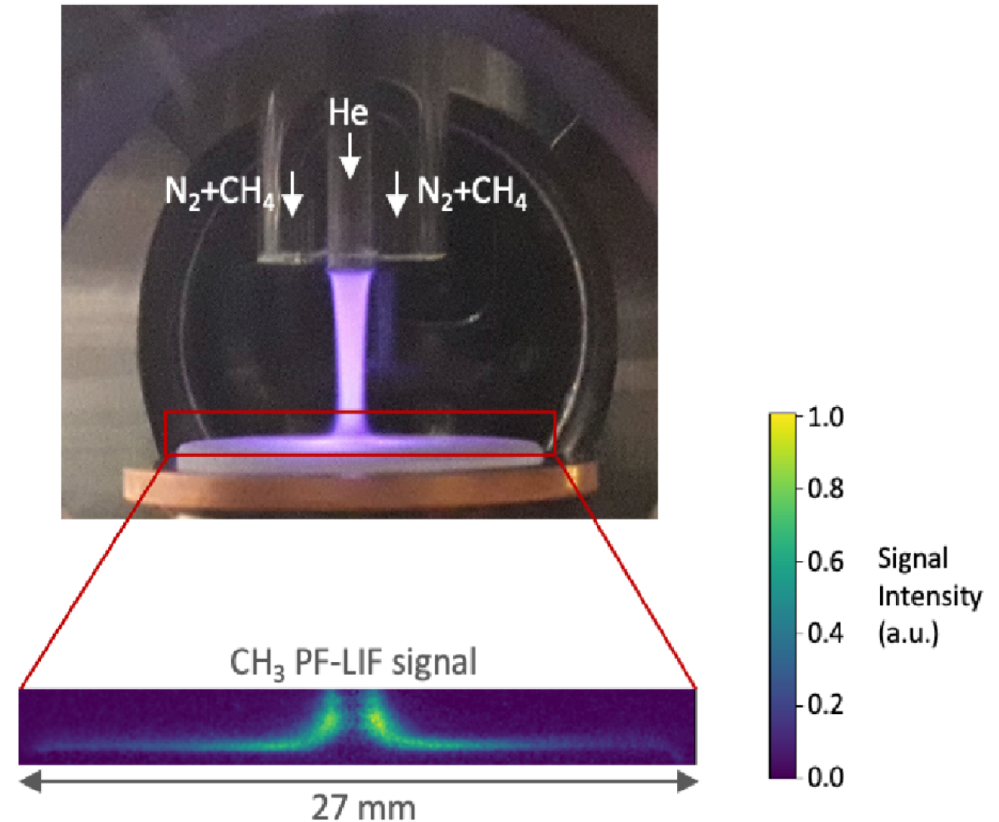


Development of new 2D photo-fragmentation laser-induced fluorescence (PF-LIF) capability in nanosecond pulsed plasma discharges

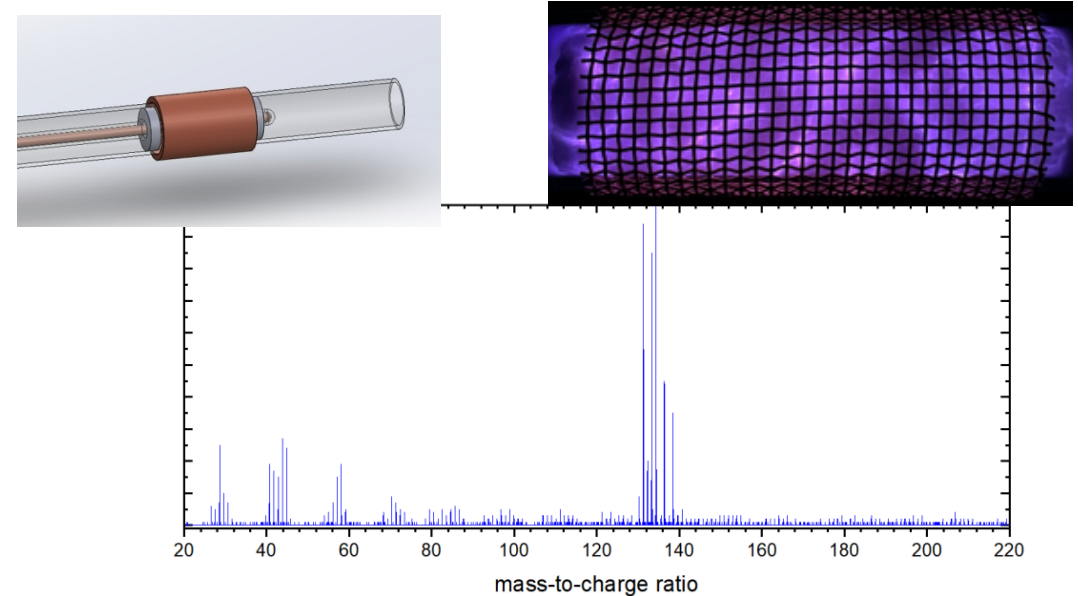
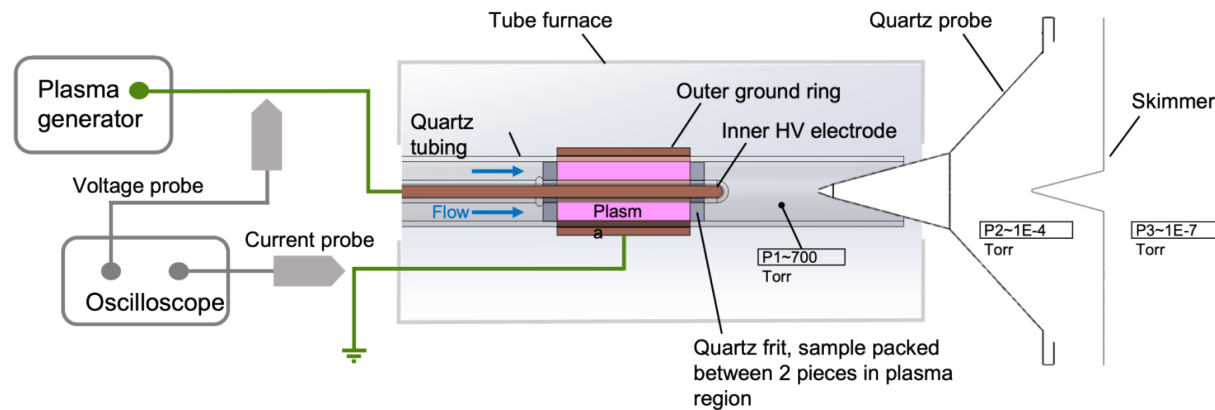
## Collaborators:

- Caleb J. Richards, The Ohio State University
- Igor V. Adamovich, The Ohio State University
- PRF PI Jonathan H. Frank,
- PRF Dirk van den Bekerom

Data Collection on-going.



# Studies of plasma generated active species on low temperature fuel oxidation

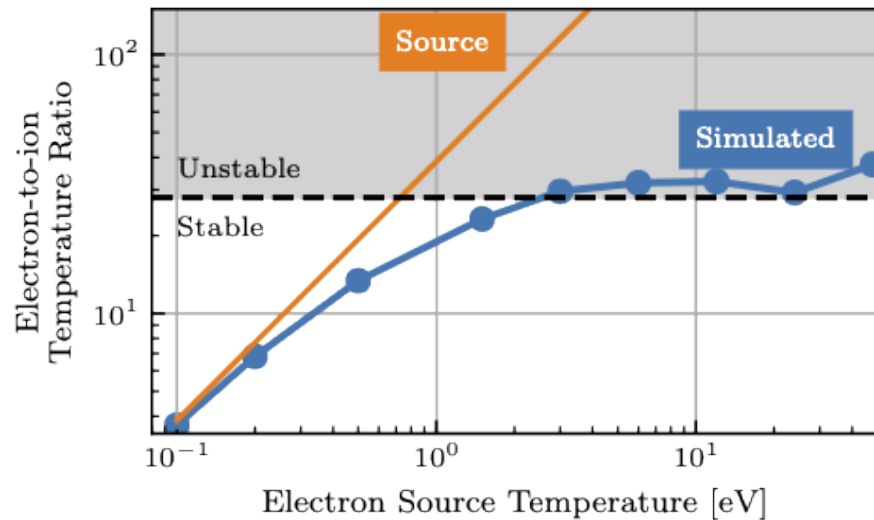


- Important for developing plasma-assisted combustion, chemical looping, catalysis and plasma surface interactions
- Mass spectrometry is a perfect analytical tool to study complex reaction networks and chemical processes.
- Mass spectrometry allows for the detection of all intermediates/products simultaneously without prior knowledge of their identity
- Molecular-beam approach allows for detection of short-lived reactive species
- Multi-dimensional data space can be explored, i.e. as a *function of time, residence time, temperature, electron (photon) energy*.

Collaborators (chemical looping)

- Christopher Burger, Princeton University, SCGSR
- Yiguang Ju, Princeton University
- PRF PI - Nils Hansen

# Tests of a proposed sheath instability mechanism using Aleph

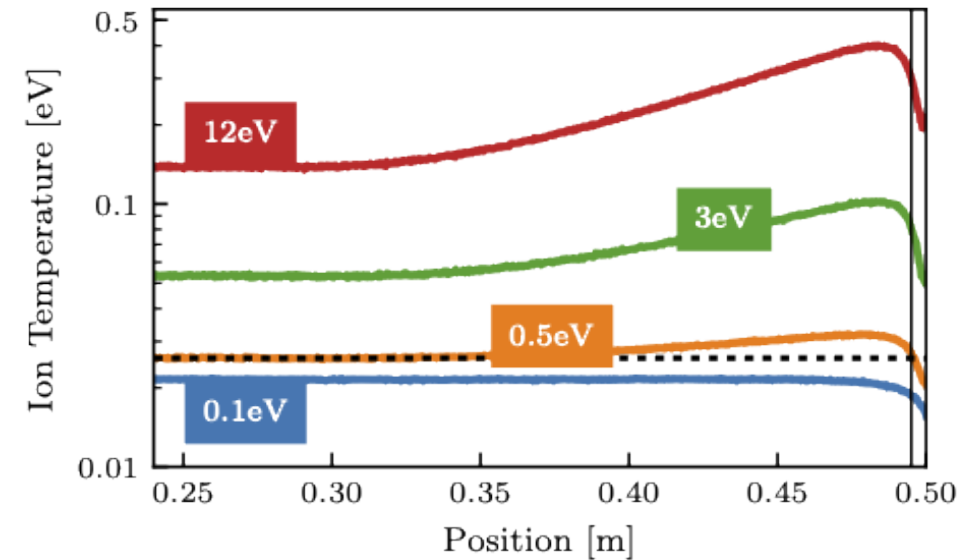


Source vs. steady-state electron temperatures for various source electron temperatures. As can be seen, the steady state temperatures are limited to the temperature at the instability threshold.

## Collaborators

- Lucas Beving, University of Michigan, SCGSR
- Scott Baalrud, University of Michigan.
- PRF PI - Matt Hopkins

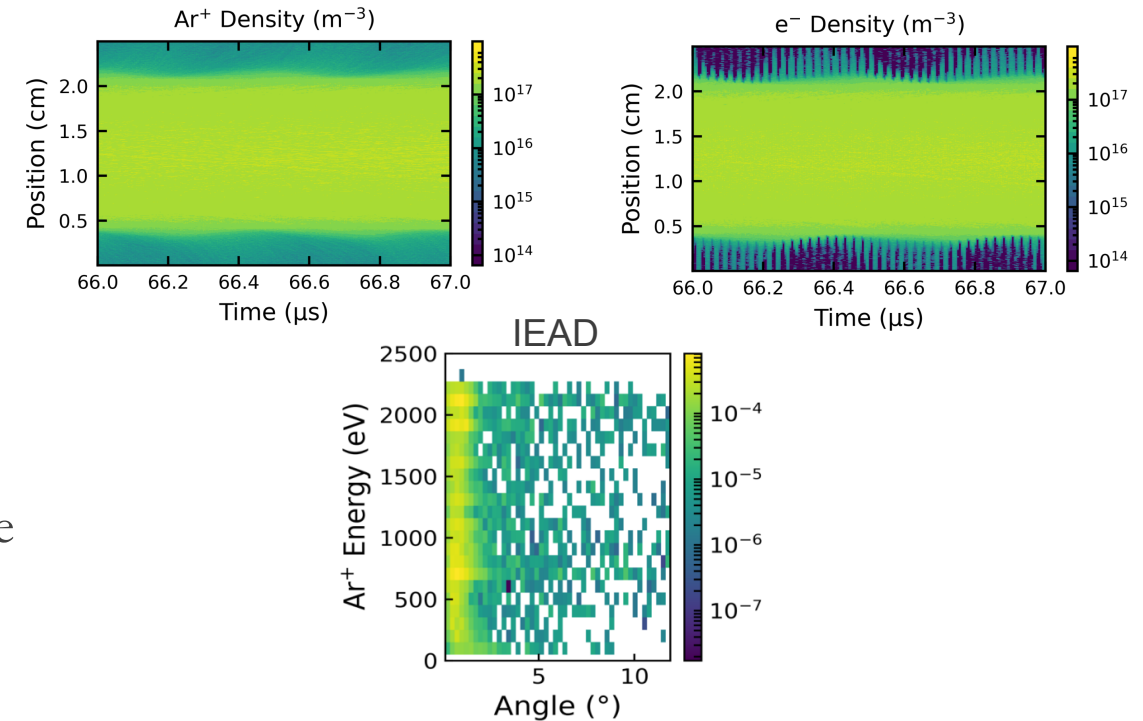
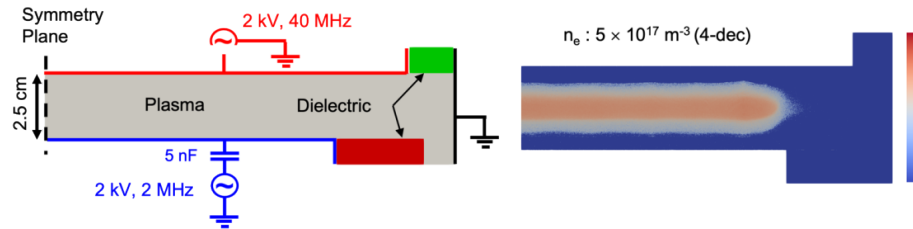
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When the instability is present, significant pre-sheath heating occurs and causes bulk plasma ion temperatures to increase as well.

## 74th GEC - Session ET44.00003 : Simulations of ion heating in the presheath due to ion-acoustic instabilities\*

# Particle-in-a-Cell modeling of low pressure (<10 mTorr) high bias (>2000 V) dual-frequency capacitively coupled plasmas



High aspect ratio etching, requires computationally intense conditions:

- Low pressures – fluid/hybrid models fail.
- High voltages - fast electrons constrain timestep

Accessing relevant time scales and fidelity requires advanced parallel simulation and computational method capabilities – Aleph enables these studies

Collaborators:

- Shahid Rauf, Kenney, Applied Materials, Inc.
- PRF PI Amanda Lietz,
- PRF co-PI Matt Hopkins



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# Recent and Upcoming Presentations



## 48<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Plasma Science – Sept. 2021

- 2D Imaging of Methyl in a N<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> Nanosecond Pulsed Plasma by Photo-Fragmentation Laser-Induced Fluorescence – **van den Bekerom**, Huang, Richards, Adamovich, **Frank**

## 74<sup>th</sup> Gaseous Electronics Conference – Oct. 2021

- Imaging of Methyl Radical in a Plasma Jet by Photo-fragmentation Laser-Induced Fluorescence - **van den Bekerom**, Huang, Richards, Adamovich, **Frank**
- Student Excellence Award Finalist: Electric field measurements of piezoelectric direct discharge plasmas using electric-field induced second harmonic (E-FISH) generation. Yang, **Barnat**, Im, Go.
- Simulations of ion heating in the presheath due to ion-acoustic instabilities – Beving, **Hopkins**, Baalrud.

## American Vacuum Society 67th International Symposium & Exhibition – Oct. 2021

- Two-dimensional particle-in-cell modeling of low pressure, high voltage capacitively coupled Ar plasmas. **Amanda M. Lietz**, Peng Tian, Jason Kenney, Shahid Rauf, **Matthew M. Hopkins**.

**Bold** are PRF Scientists

# Work with us: 3<sup>rd</sup> Facility Proposal Call



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Open of PRF Proposal Call	October 12, 2021
Close of PRF proposal Call	December 17, 2021
External Reviews	~ 1 month
Notification of Principal Investigators	February 4, 2022

Call timing is aligned with PPPL PCRF

Contact us to ensure projects are well-aligned with our capabilities:

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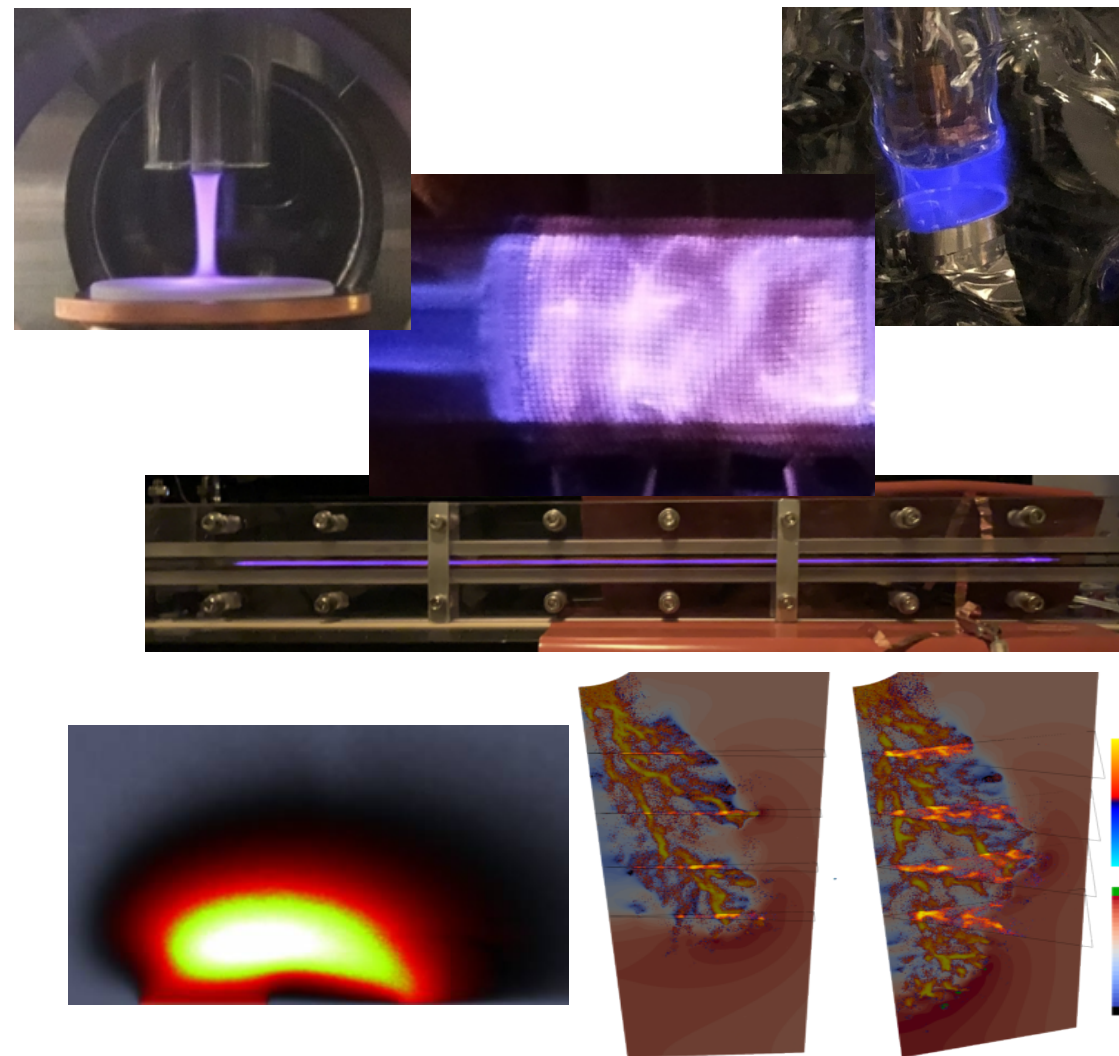


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