

# Hydrogen gas filled RF cavities

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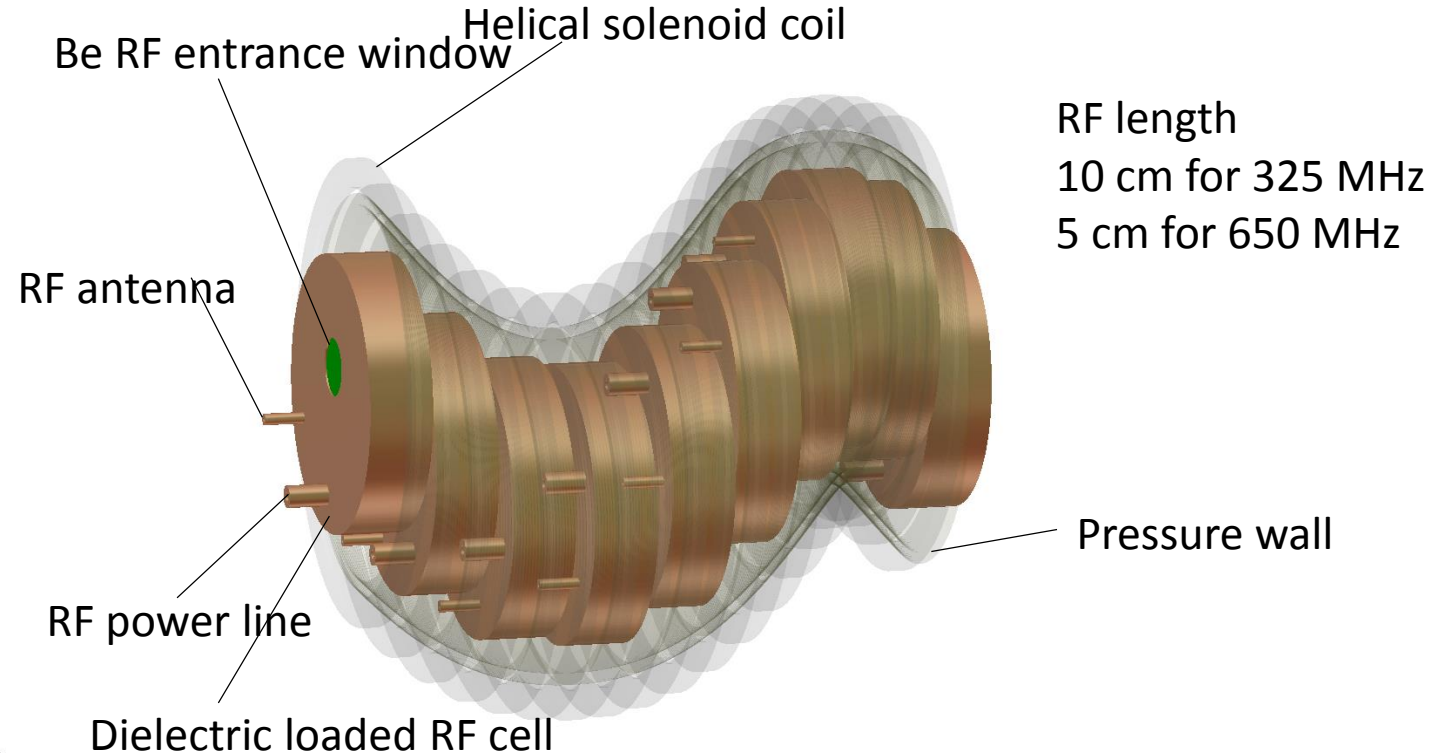
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# Outline

- Concept of Hydrogen gas filled RF cavities
- Study gas breakdown
- Study beam-gas-plasma interactions
- Summary

# Concept

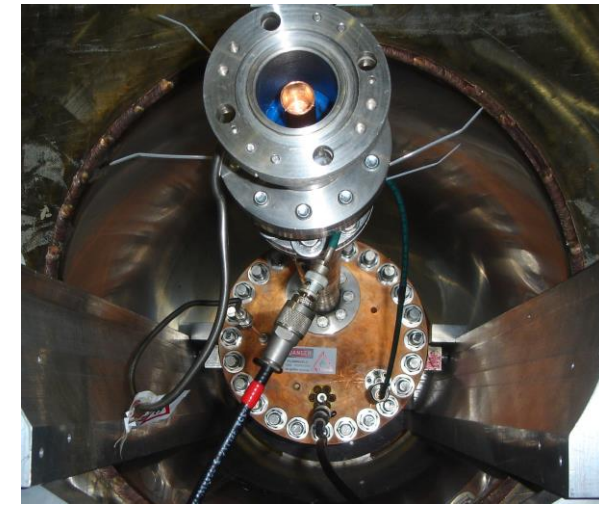
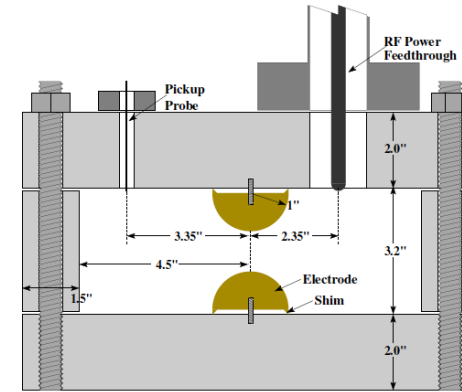
- Hydrogen gas resists a dark current flow in a high gradient RF field
- Hydrogen gas is the best ionization cooling material
- Hydrogen gas generates a plasma focusing
- Hydrogen gas works as a coolant of a beam window



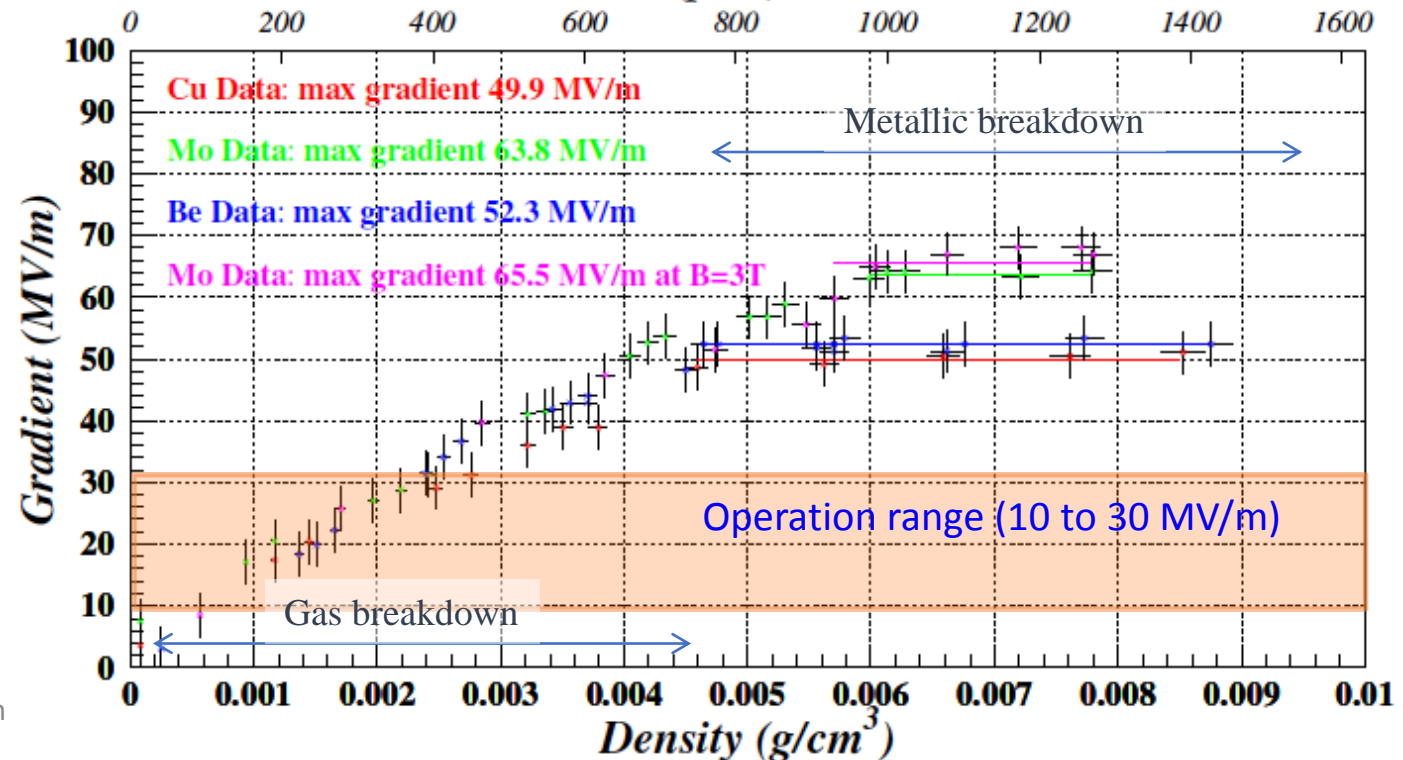
# Suppress RF breakdowns

- Observed “gas breakdown” and “metallic breakdown” in gas filled RF test cell
- Slope in gas breakdown depends on gas species (H<sub>2</sub>, He, N<sub>2</sub>, + dopant)
- Flat level in metallic breakdown depends on electrode material
- No magnetic field effect in gas filled RF test cell

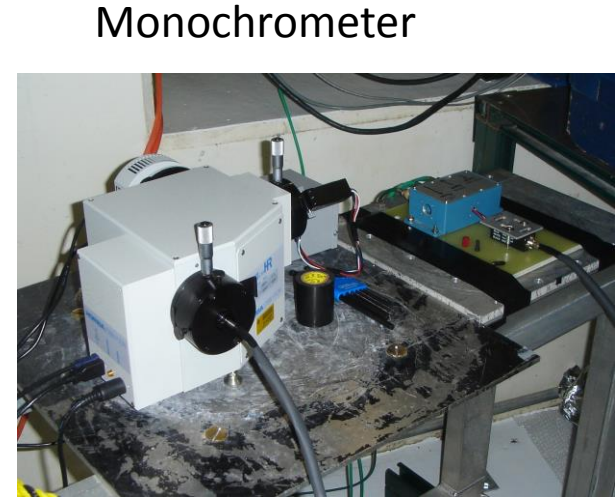
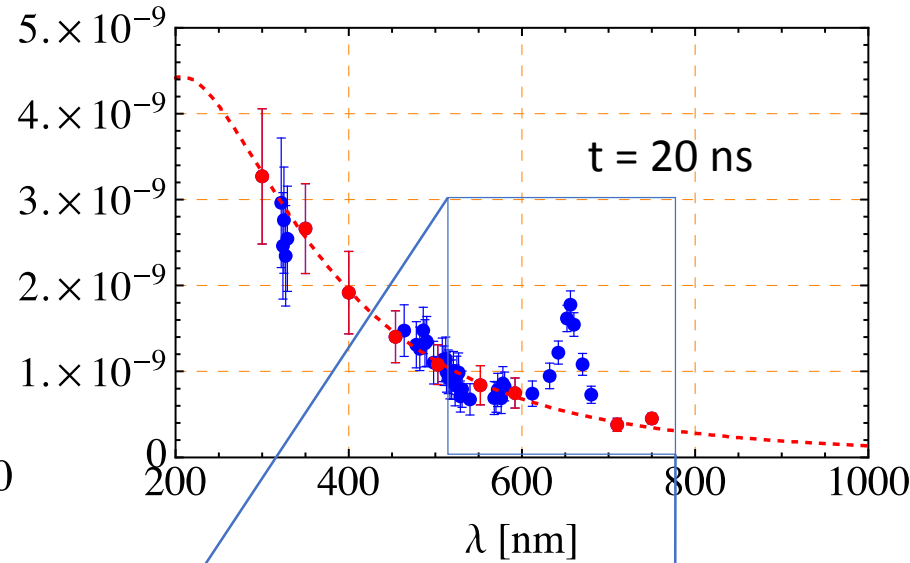
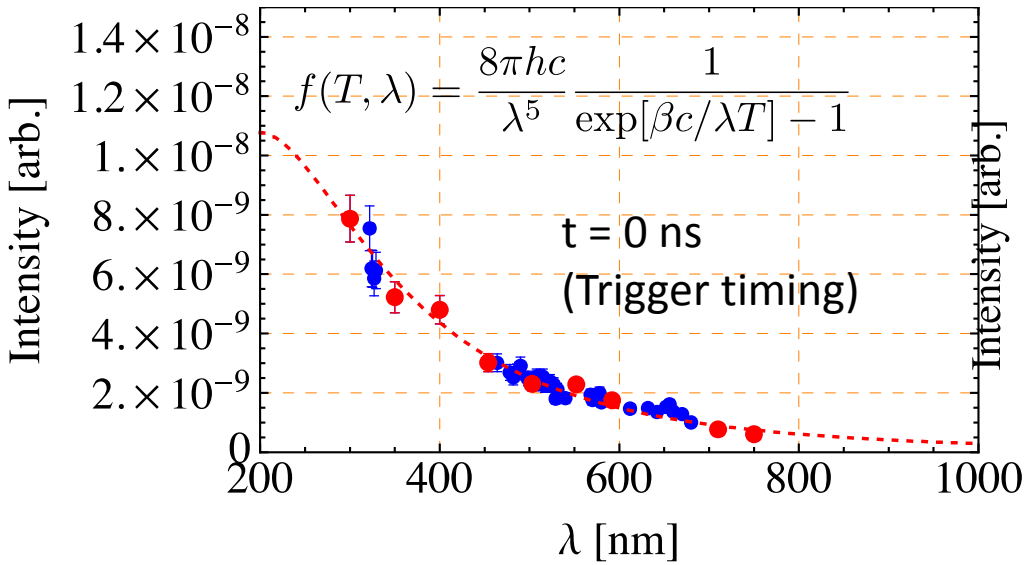
Schematic view of HPRF test cell



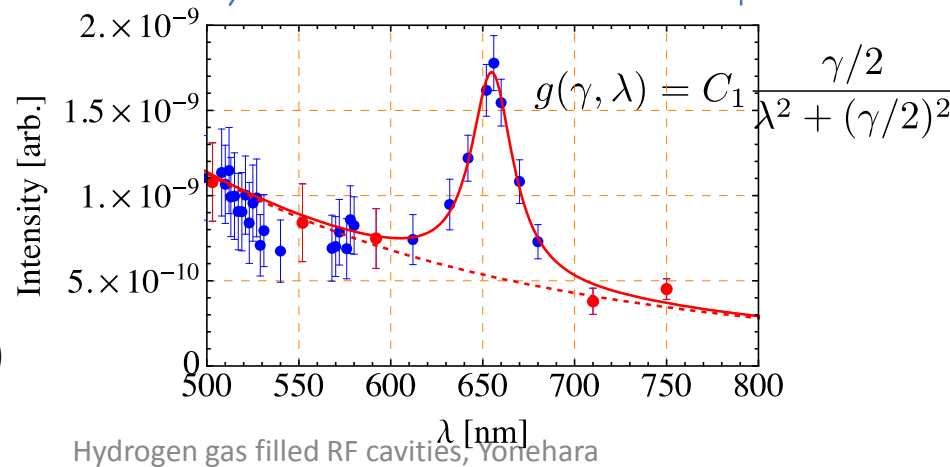
Maximum electric field in HPRF cavity  
Pressure (psia) at T=293K



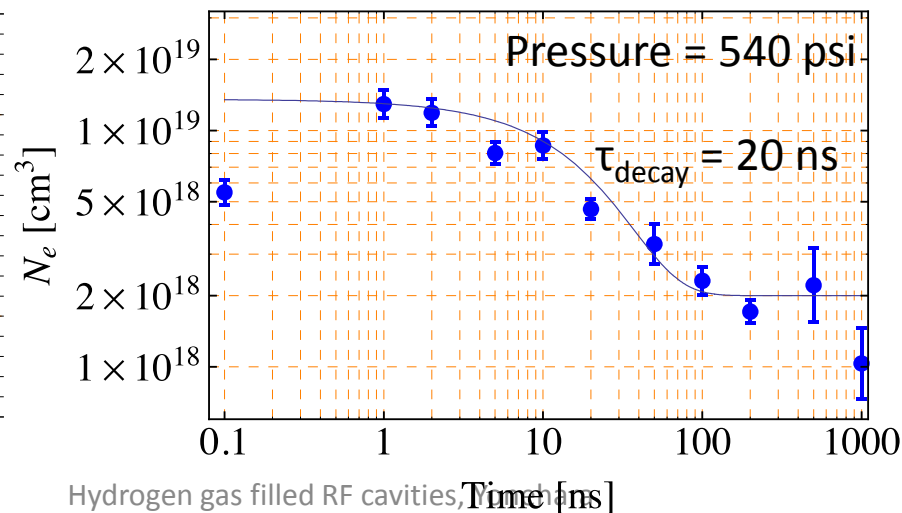
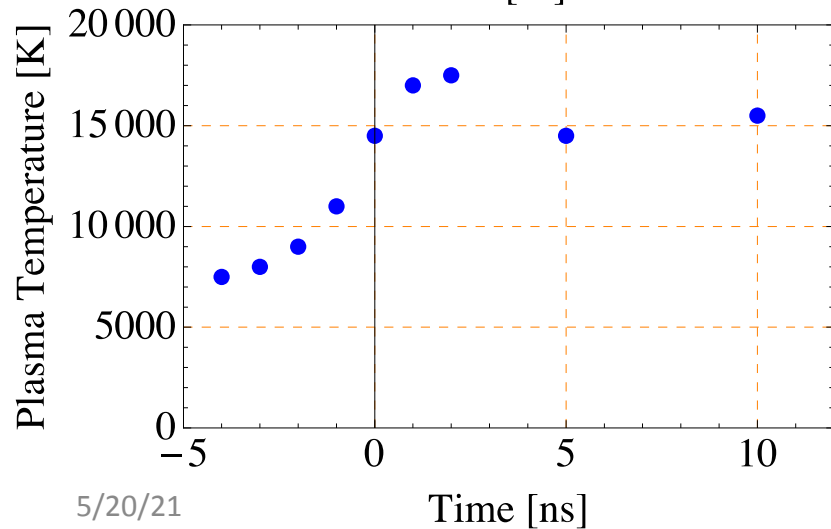
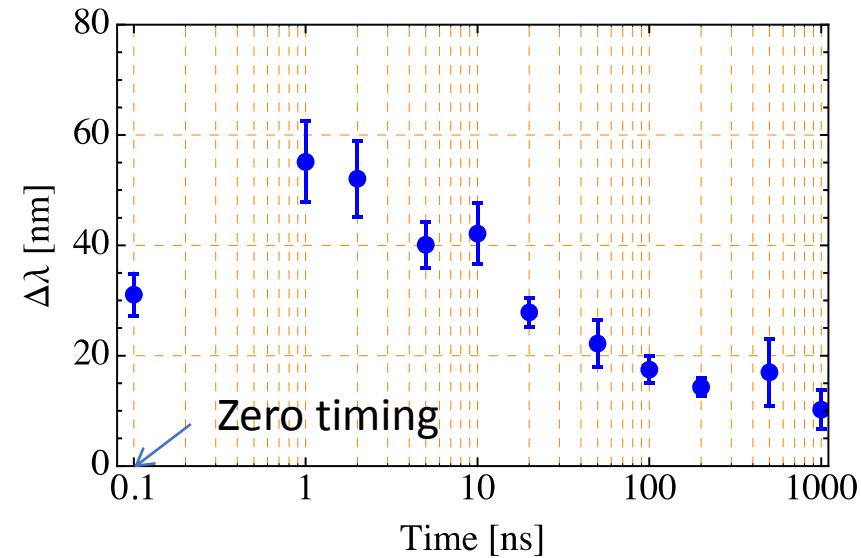
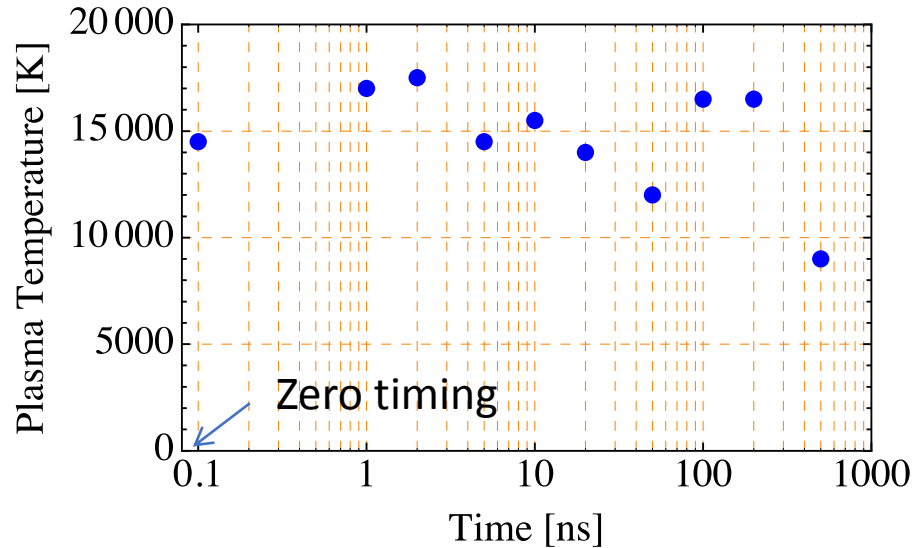
# Study gas breakdown mechanism



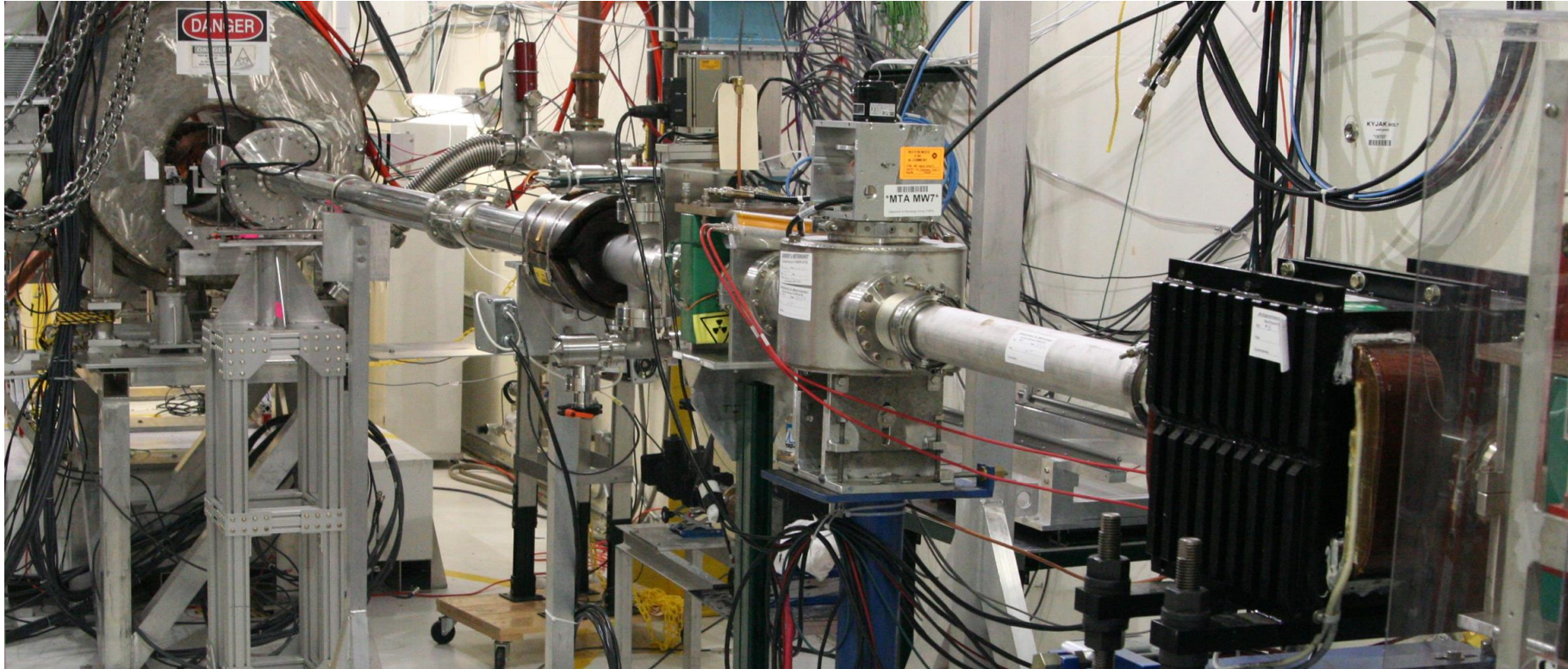
- A continuous curve corresponds to a blackbody radiation emitted by H<sub>2</sub>
- Sharp spectrum corresponds to the atomic hydrogen
- Broaden of resonant line is due to the Stark effect by a local plasma electric field (probe for a plasma density)



# Plasma density of gas breakdown

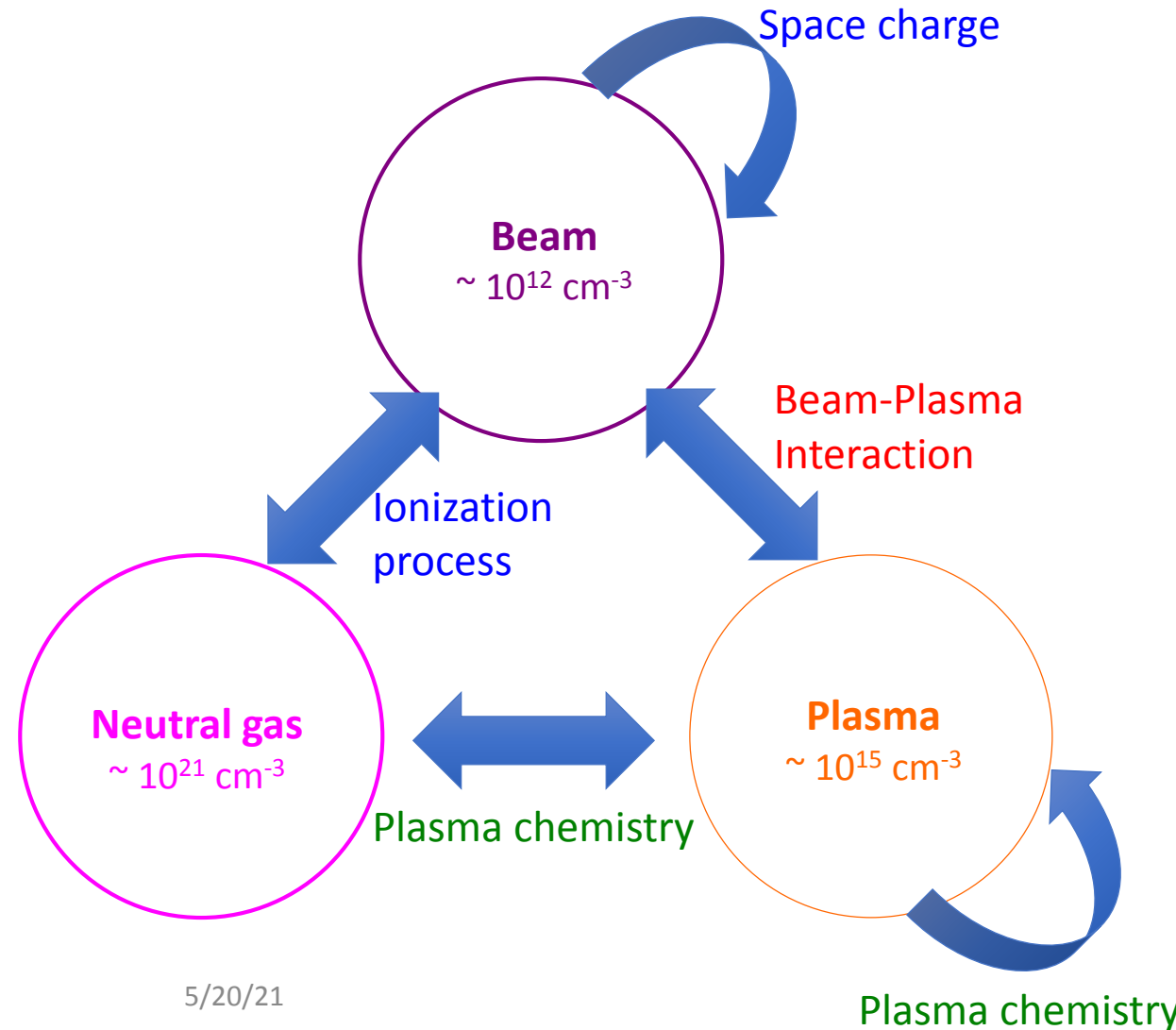


- Breakdown electron density can be  $> 10^{19}$  cc
- Plasma temperature reaches 20,000 K



## Beam Program

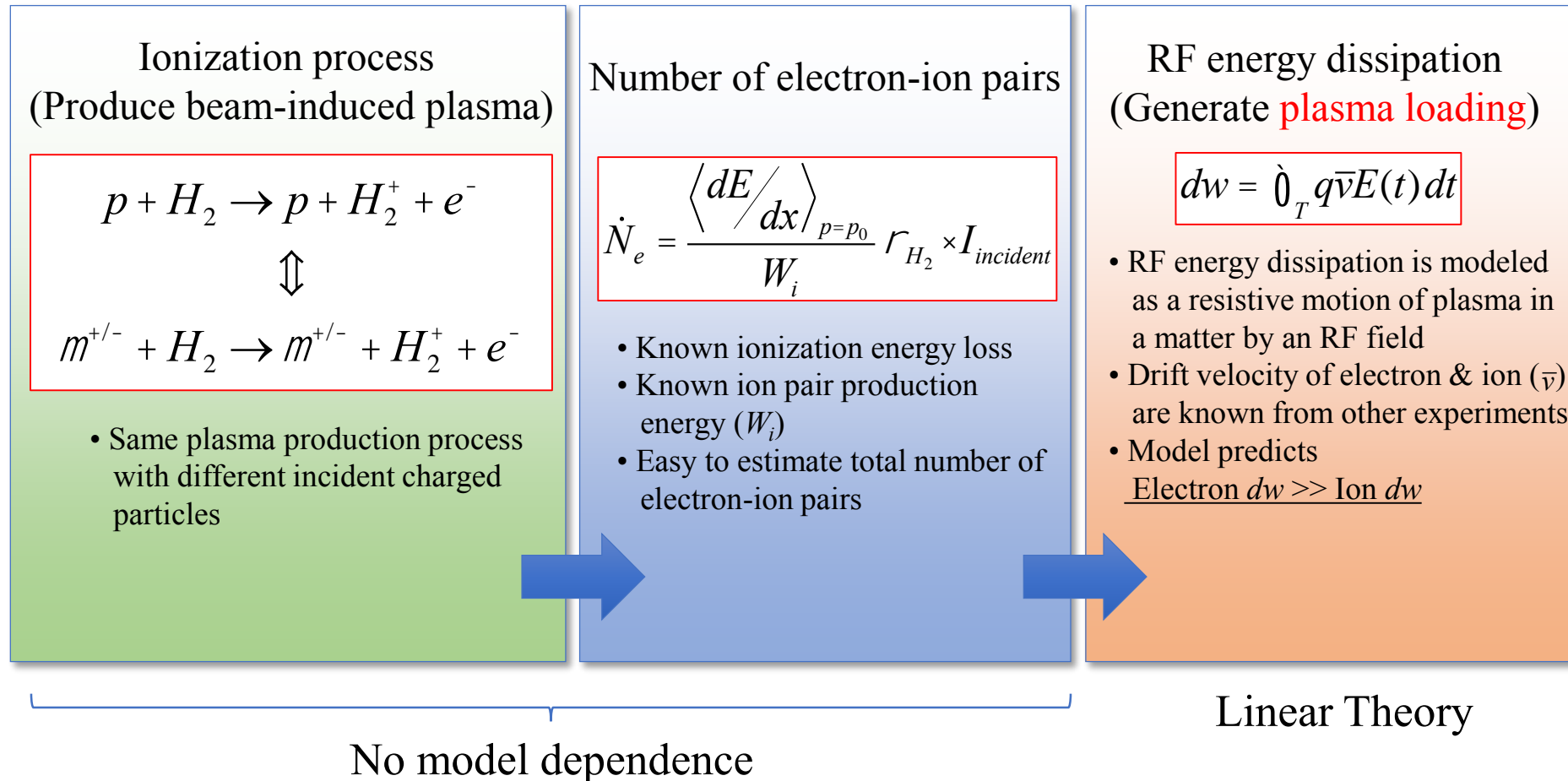
# Beam-gas-plasma interactions



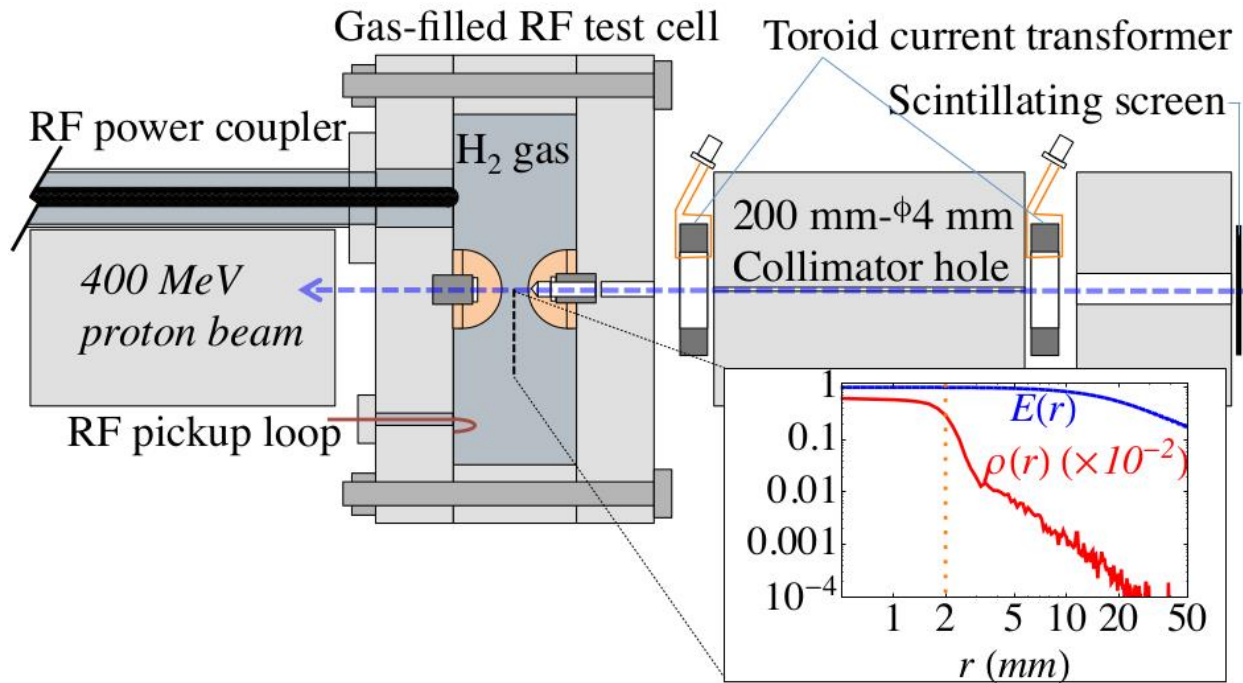
- Ionization process
  - How many electron-ion pairs create per single incident charged particle?
- Plasma chemistry
  - Density effect?
  - Plasma temperature effect?
- Beam-plasma interaction
  - Collective motion in extreme plasma affects beam dynamics



# Estimate density of electron-ion pair



# Observed plasma loading



Main physics variables:

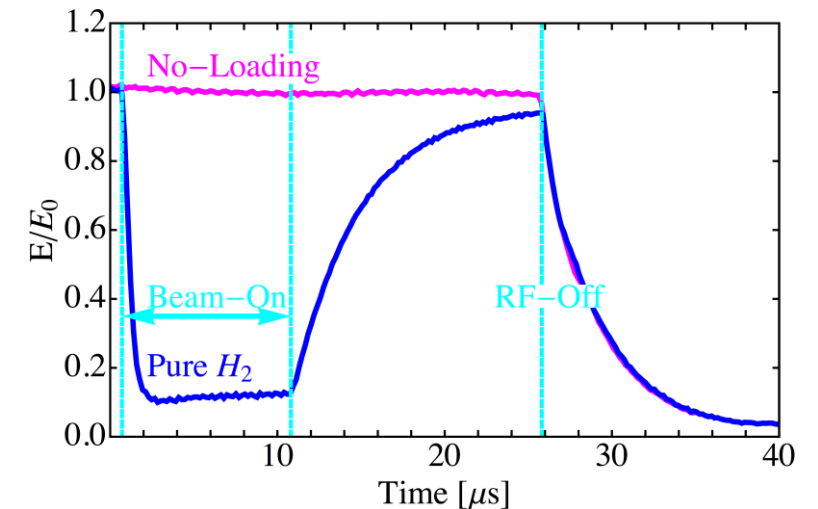
- H<sub>2</sub> gas pressure 20 to 100 atm at 300 K
- RF frequency 800 - 810 MHz
- RF amplitude 5 to 50 MV/m
- Beam current 10<sup>17</sup>-10<sup>20</sup> protons/s
- 3-Tesla solenoid field on/off

- Observed RF envelopes

Magenta: No beam

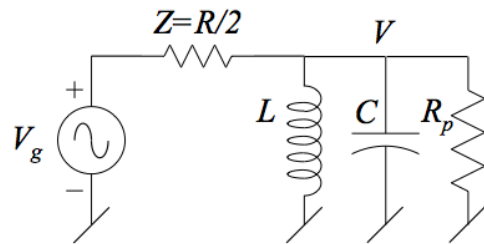
Blue: With beam during 0 < t < 10 μsec

Cyan: Beam-On & OFF and RF-OFF



# Study plasma chemistry

$$P = \frac{V(V_0 - V)}{R} - CV \frac{dV}{dt}$$



- RF power consumption by ionized plasma can be given from RF amplitude

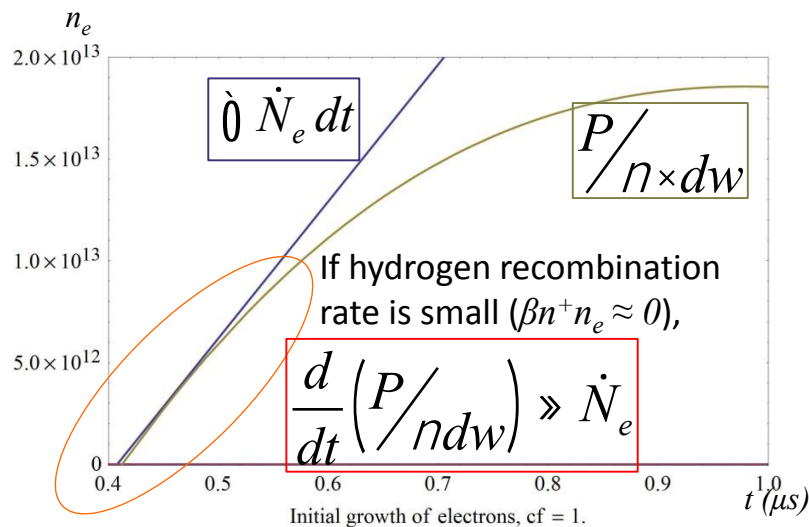
$V_0$ : Maximum RF amplitude (flattop)

$R$ : Shunt impedance

$R_p$ : Plasma resistance

$C$ : Capacitance

A. Tollestrup et al.,  
"Handbook for gas filled rf cavity aficionados"



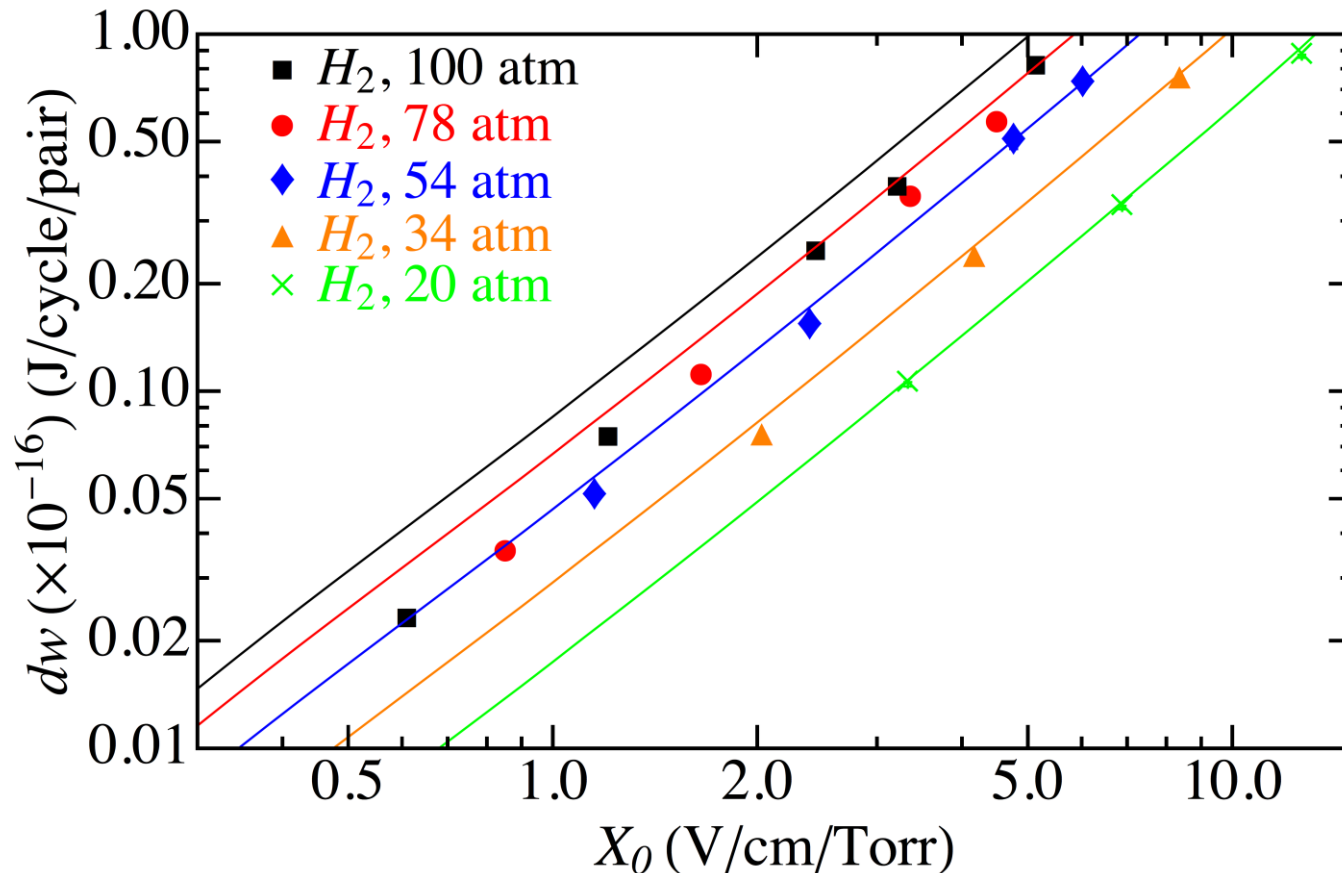
$$\frac{dn_e}{dt} = \dot{N}_e - \beta n^+ n_e - \frac{n_e}{\tau^l}$$

$\beta$ : Recombination rate  
 $\tau^l$ : Electron capture rate  
 ( $\tau^l$  is negligible in pure H<sub>2</sub>)

- # of ion pairs can be estimated from RF power consumption  $P/dw$ 
  - A blue line in left plot shows the integrated  $N_e$  and a yellow one is the estimated # of ion pairs
  - Deviation of  $P/vdw$  curve in initial state should match to the total amount of ion pair production  $N_e$
- $dw$  is estimated from this correlation

# Gas density effect

$dw$  : Observed energy consumption per single electron-ion pair  
from RF cavity per one RF cycle  
Solid line: Prediction from simple model

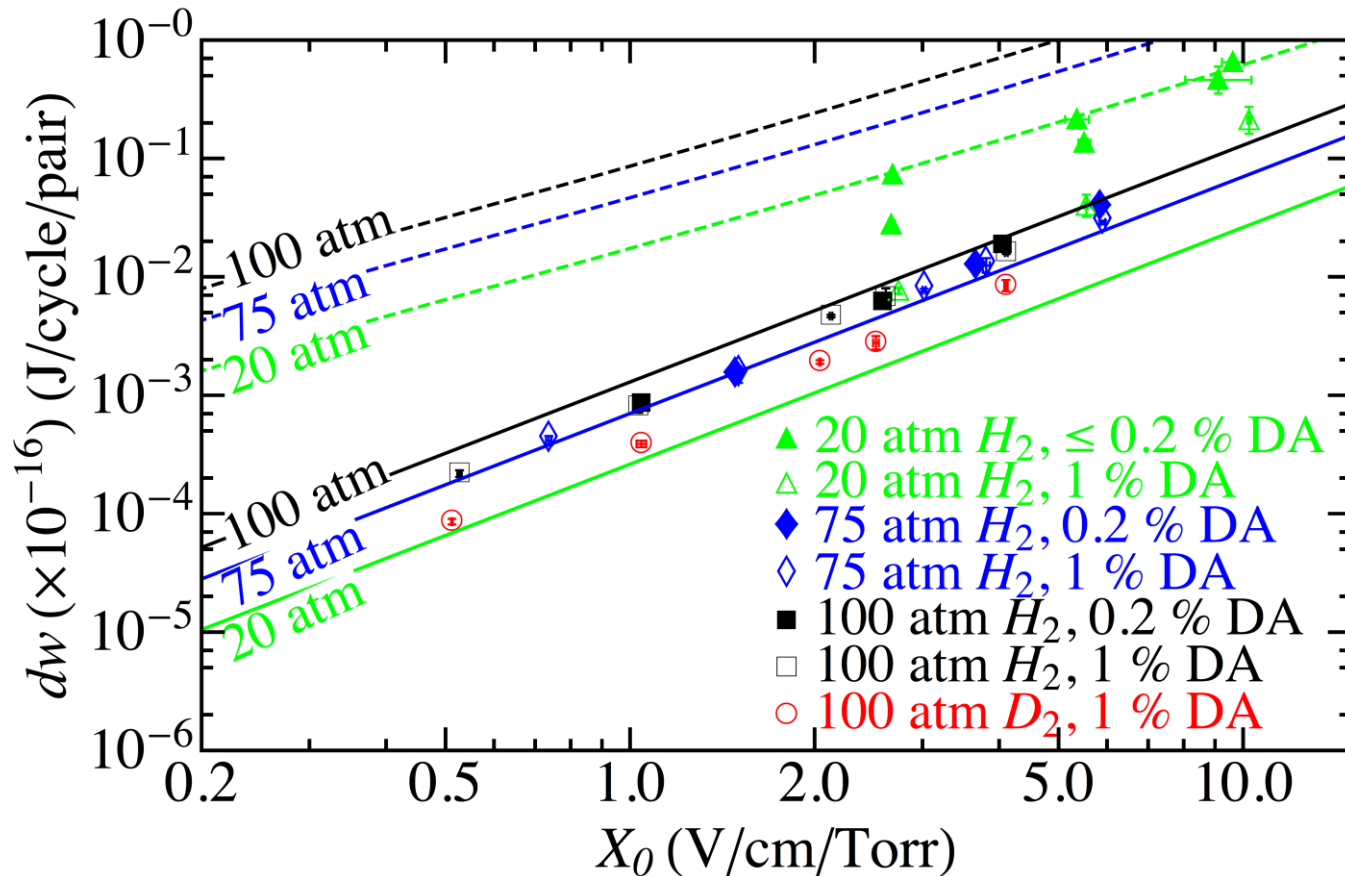


- Theoretical estimation agrees with measurement at low gas pressure
- Measurement deviates bigger in higher gas pressure
- Such a density effect could be explained by quantum theory

# Control plasma by dopant

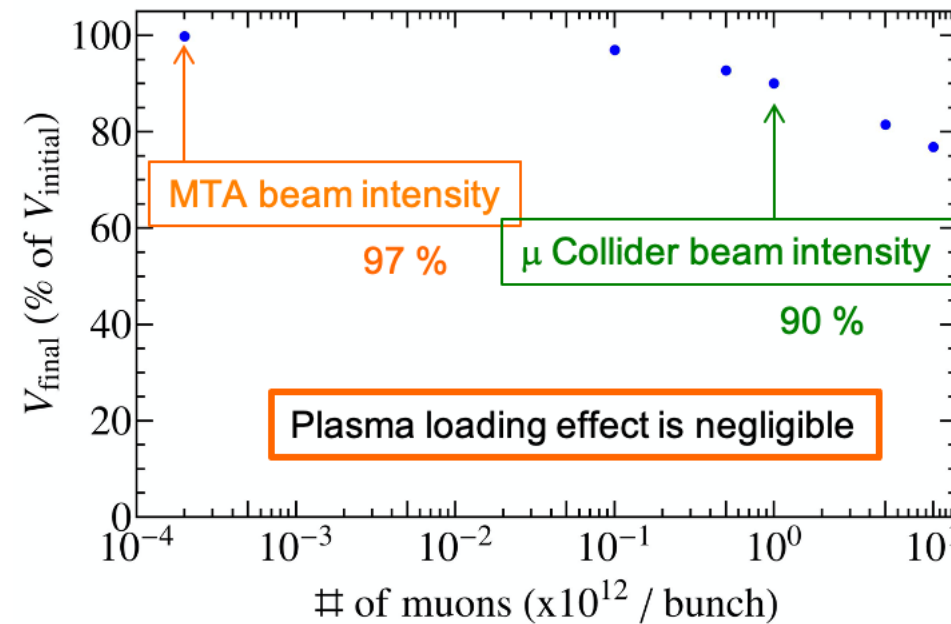
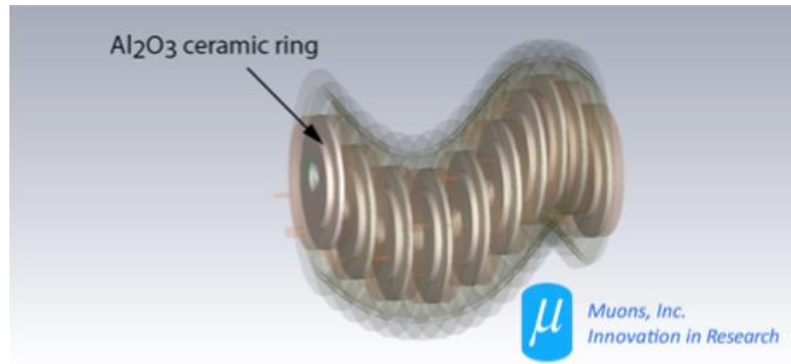
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Dashed & Solid lines: Prediction from electron-ion pair & only heavy ions



- DA is dry air
- O<sub>2</sub> is a good electron catcher
- A small amount of O<sub>2</sub> is sufficient to catch free electron
- D<sub>2</sub> is even lower plasma loading than H<sub>2</sub> since D<sub>2</sub> drift velocity is slower than H<sub>2</sub>

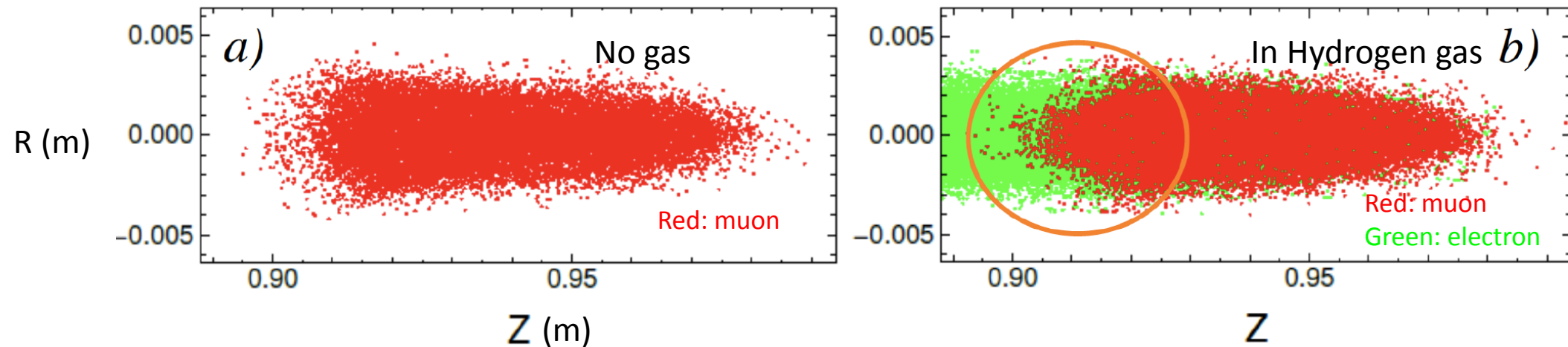
# Estimate plasma loading in cooling channel



- Estimate plasma loading for Helical FOFO, HCC, rectilinear channel
- Plasma loading effect will be smaller in cold RF cavities

# Plasma focusing (Simulation study)

- Strong radial beam focusing will appear in a dense Hydrogen gas-filled RF cavity
  - Space charge is neutralized by dielectric polarization of gas plasma, as a result, beam induces a toroidal self-focusing field



- Can this effect be adopted for cooling channel design?
- Easy to induce a resonance in a channel of azimuthally symmetric lenses
  - Focal parameter of each lens must be less than  $1/4^{\text{th}}$  of the distance between adjacent lenses
- Will strong radial plasma focusing allow one to tame the beam smear and take advantage of parametric resonance ionization cooling?

# Summary

- Hydrogen gas filled RF is a promising device for ionization cooling channels
- Safety is the biggest concern (GH2 volume in HCC 3,534 liters vs LH2 volume in 2-m-bubble chamber 1,150 liters)
- Propose beam test to study the plasma focusing