The influence of electromagnetic power in vacuum breakdown (simulation approach)

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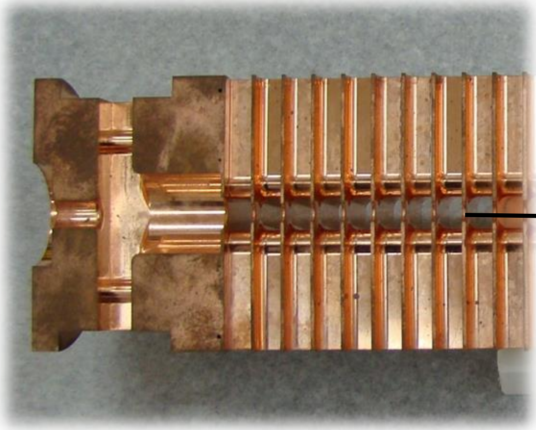
Motivation

High electric field (>100 MV/m) → Vacuum Breakdown **(VBD)** → **Beam distorted and luminosity lost !**

- **VBD mitigation techniques**:
  - Controlling relevant characteristics
    - electric field strength
    - surface roughness
    - contamination of material surface
  - **Limiting the available EM power** [1,2]



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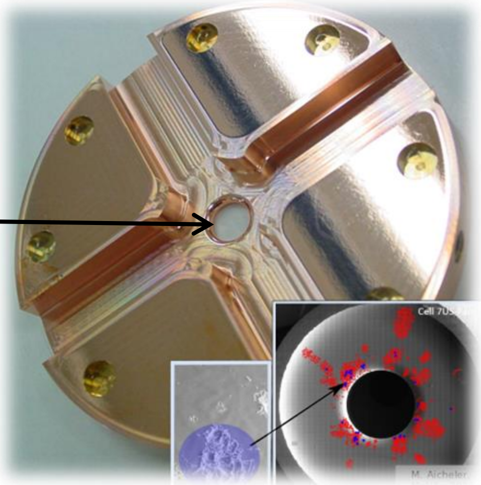

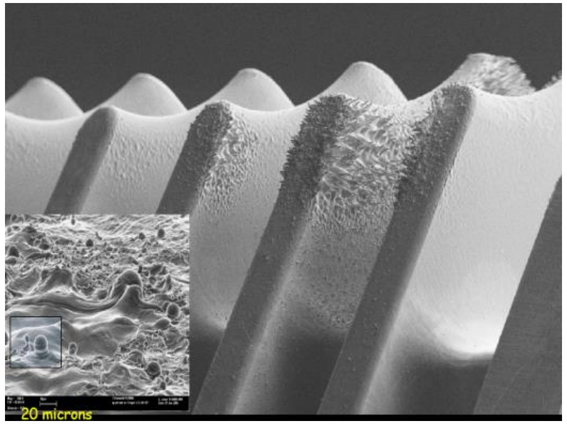

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The project

- The hypotheses:
  - **The power supply limitation hinders the development of plasma exactly at the moment plasma initiates** (stage 2-3)
  - The VBD can be described by multi-scale simulations

- **The goal:**
  - Describe quantitatively the **EM power dependence of VBD initiation**

- **Dedicated Research project**
  - **Estonian Research Council**
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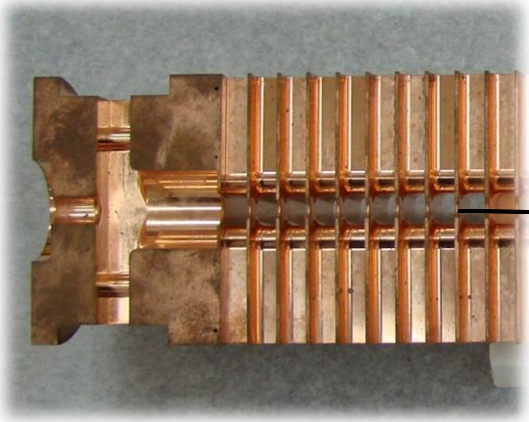

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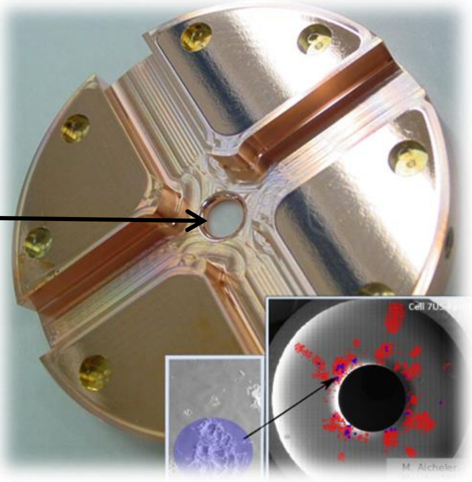

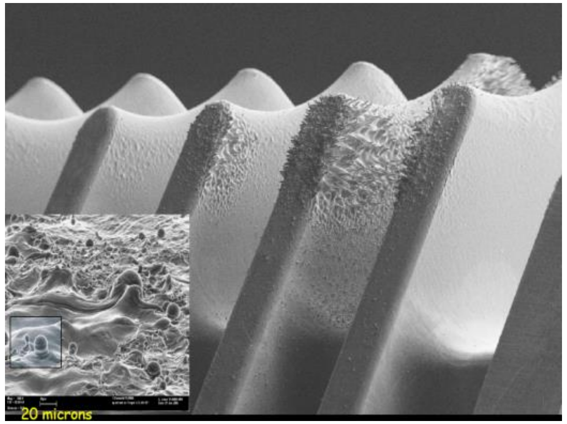

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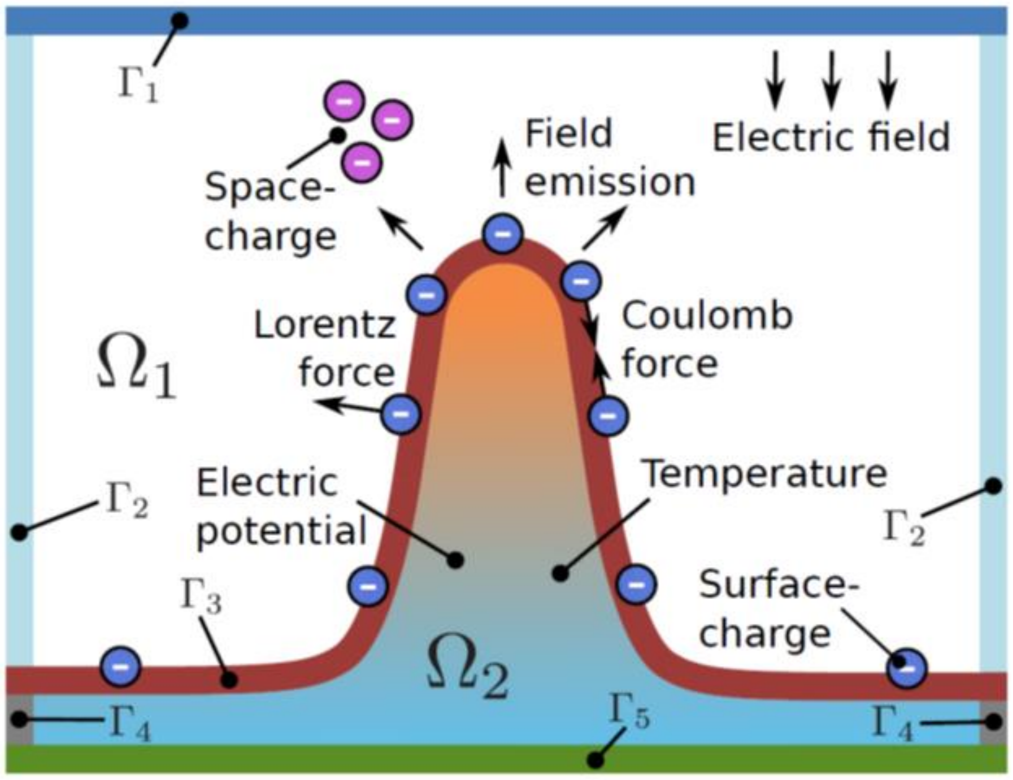
Multiscale breakdown simulations

- VBD involves **various phenomena in various space scales**:
  - Emission spot formation
  - **Thermal runaway**
  - Field emission
  - **Plasma formation**
  - Surface damage

- Need for concurrent, **multi-scale, multi-physics simulations**
  - **Atomistic simulations**
    - Molecular Dynamics (MD)
    - Particle Dynamics (PIC)
  - **Continuum simulations**
    - Thermomechanics (FEM)
    - Electromagnetics (FEM)



Scheme of considered physics in VBD simulation

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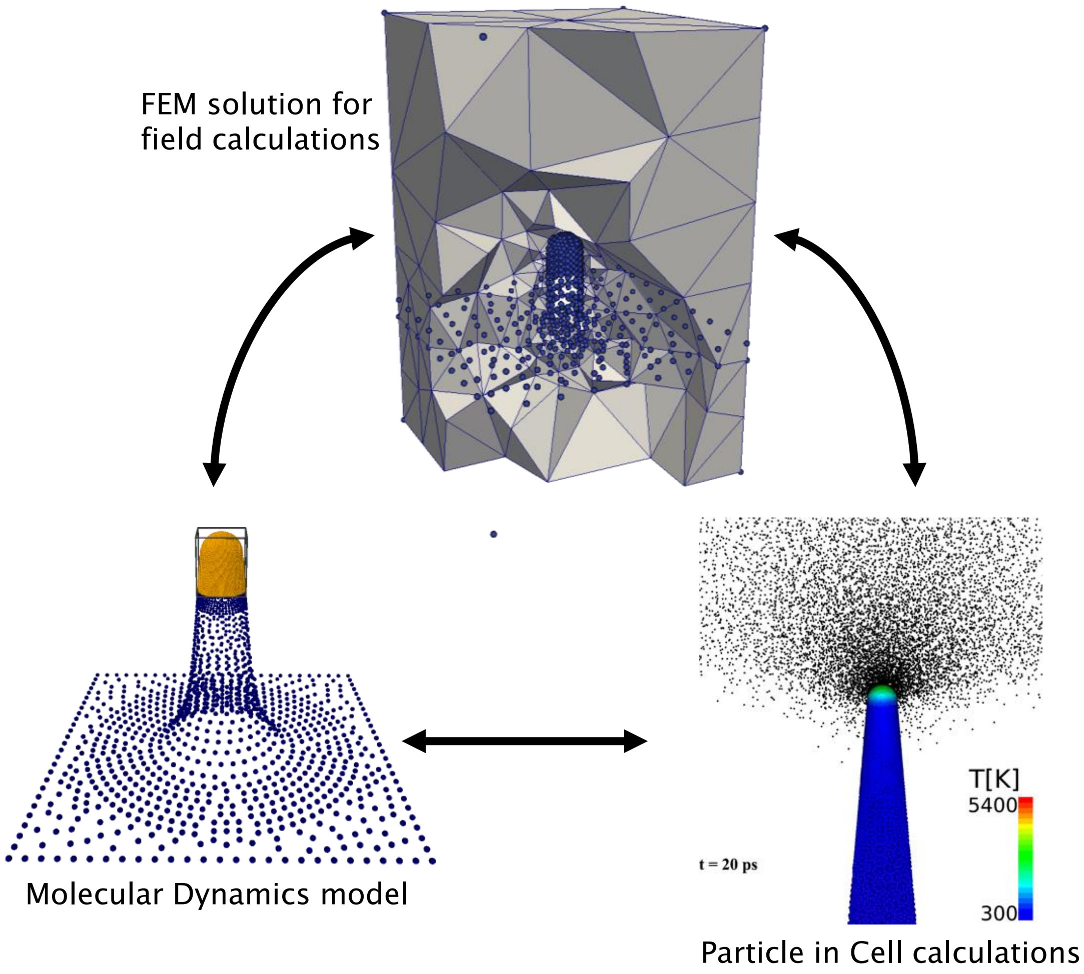
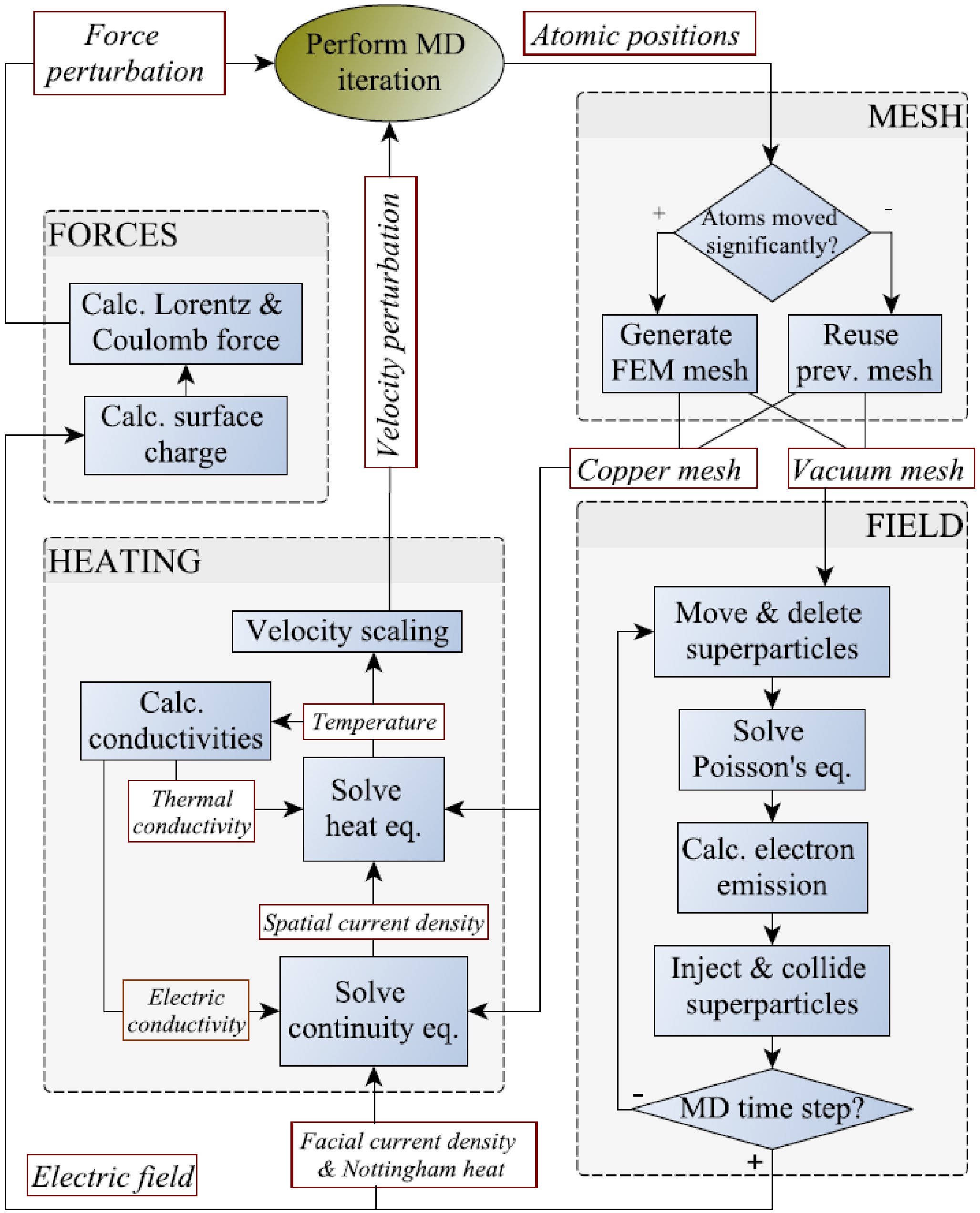
FEMOCS





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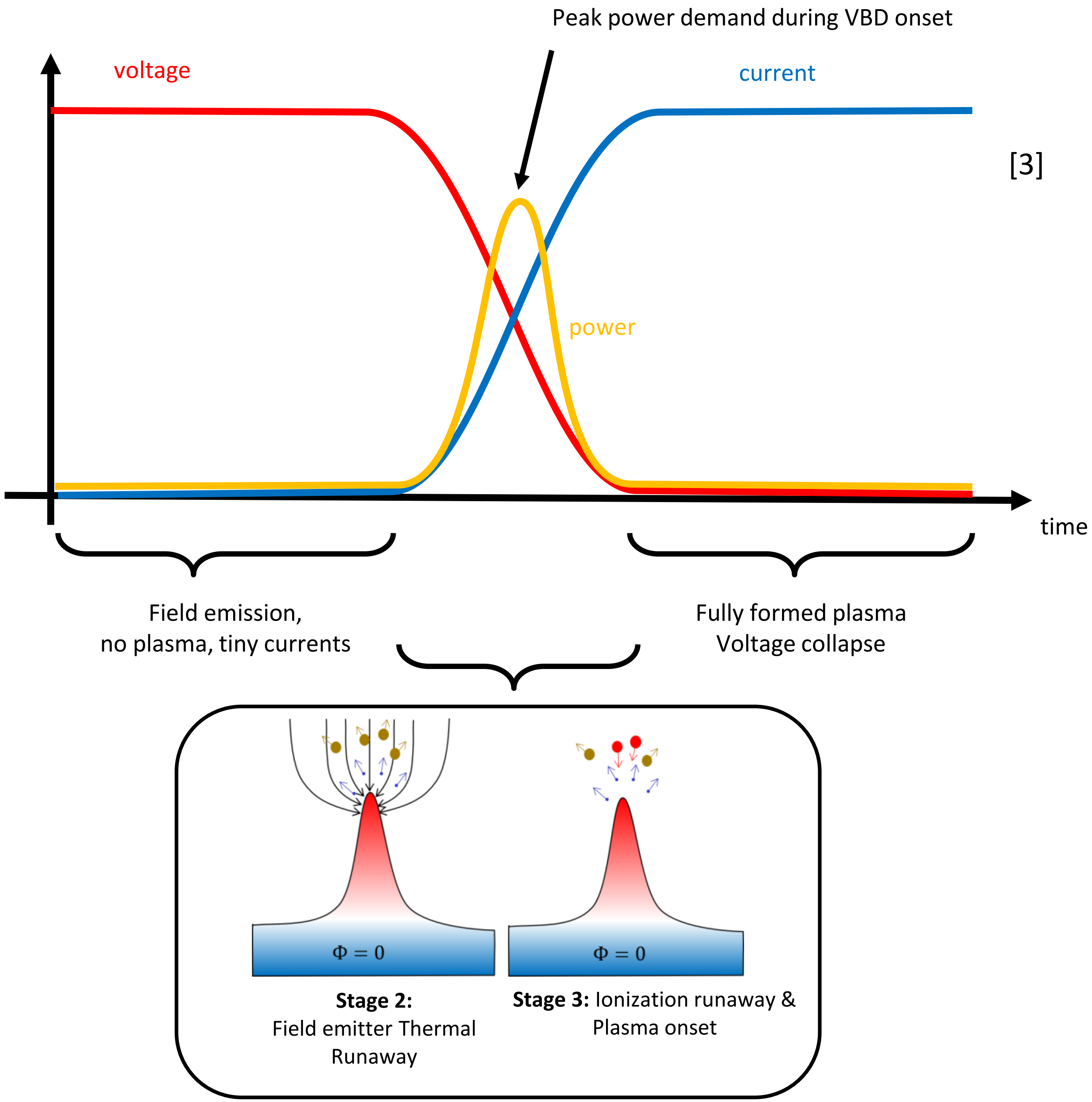
Electromagnetic power supply

- *„Experimental data (CERN, SLAC and KEK) suggests High-Gradient limit depends on power flow, not only E field“ [3]*
  - **Plasma initiation requires a large influx of power**
- Ultimate VBD limit is **a function of available power**
  - During VBD onset, not before!
  - **Local power flow**
    - Local surface E field decreases under VBD loading



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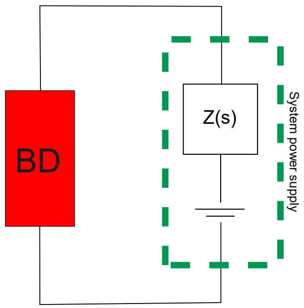
Inclusion strategy

- **Jan Paszkiewicz's solution** [4]:
  - Simplified circuit



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  - For **any point** in the domain evaluate:
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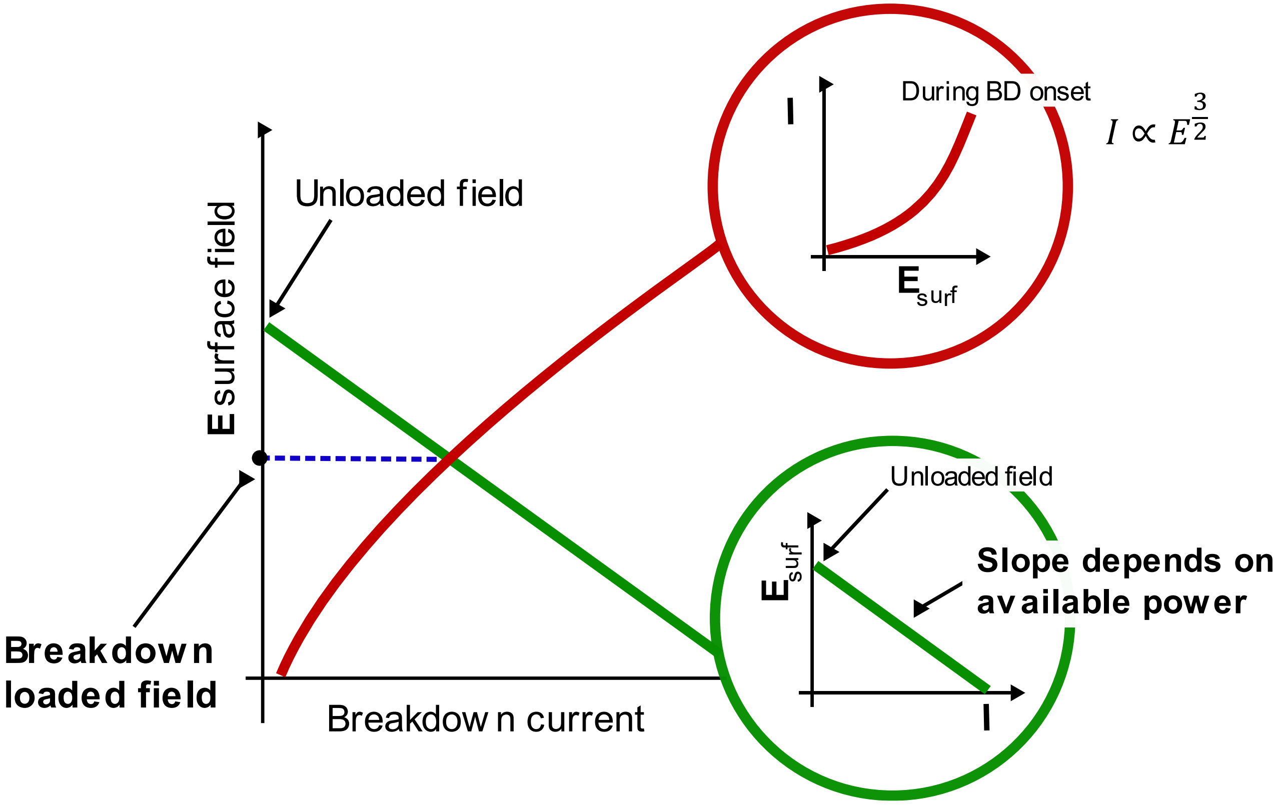
    - Find quasi-equilibrium point
- **Elegant, but …**



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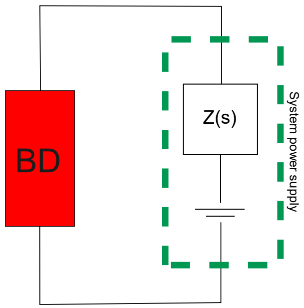

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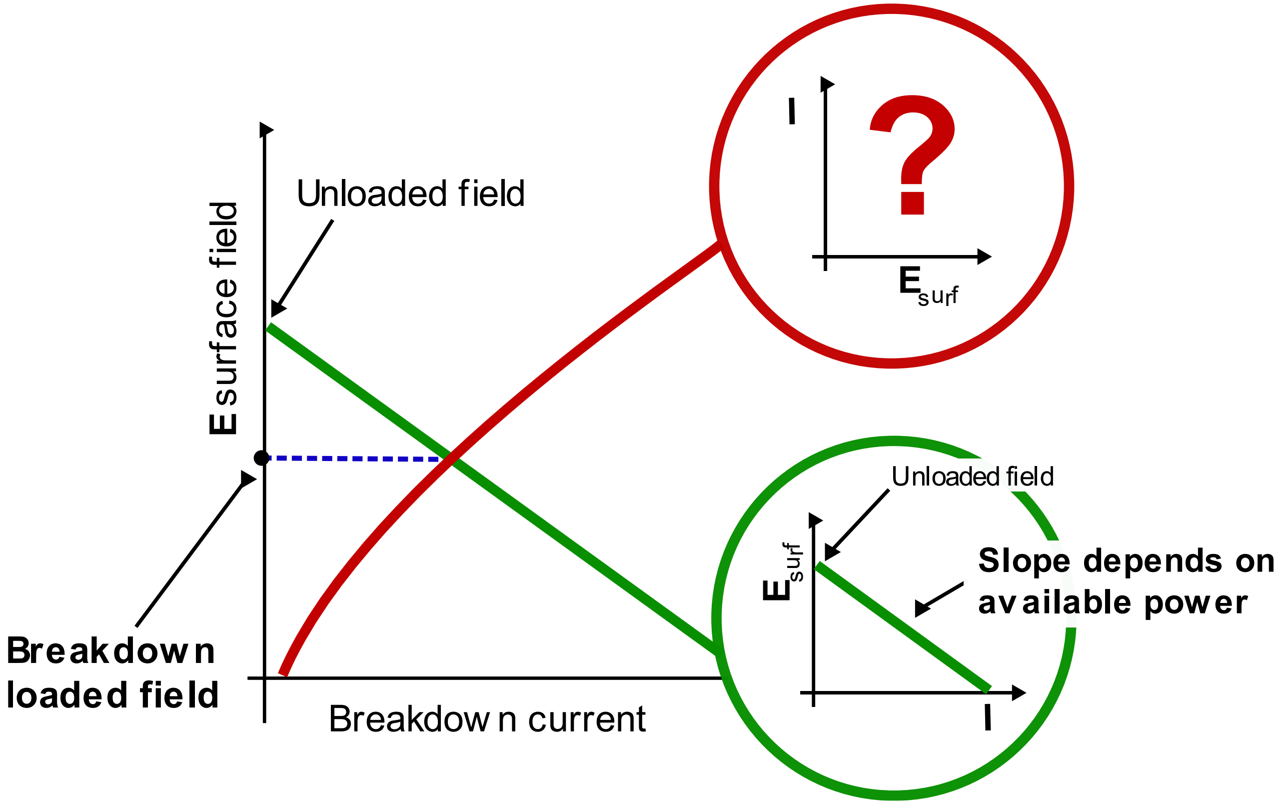


- **DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR THE FULL PHYSICS OF VBD!!!**

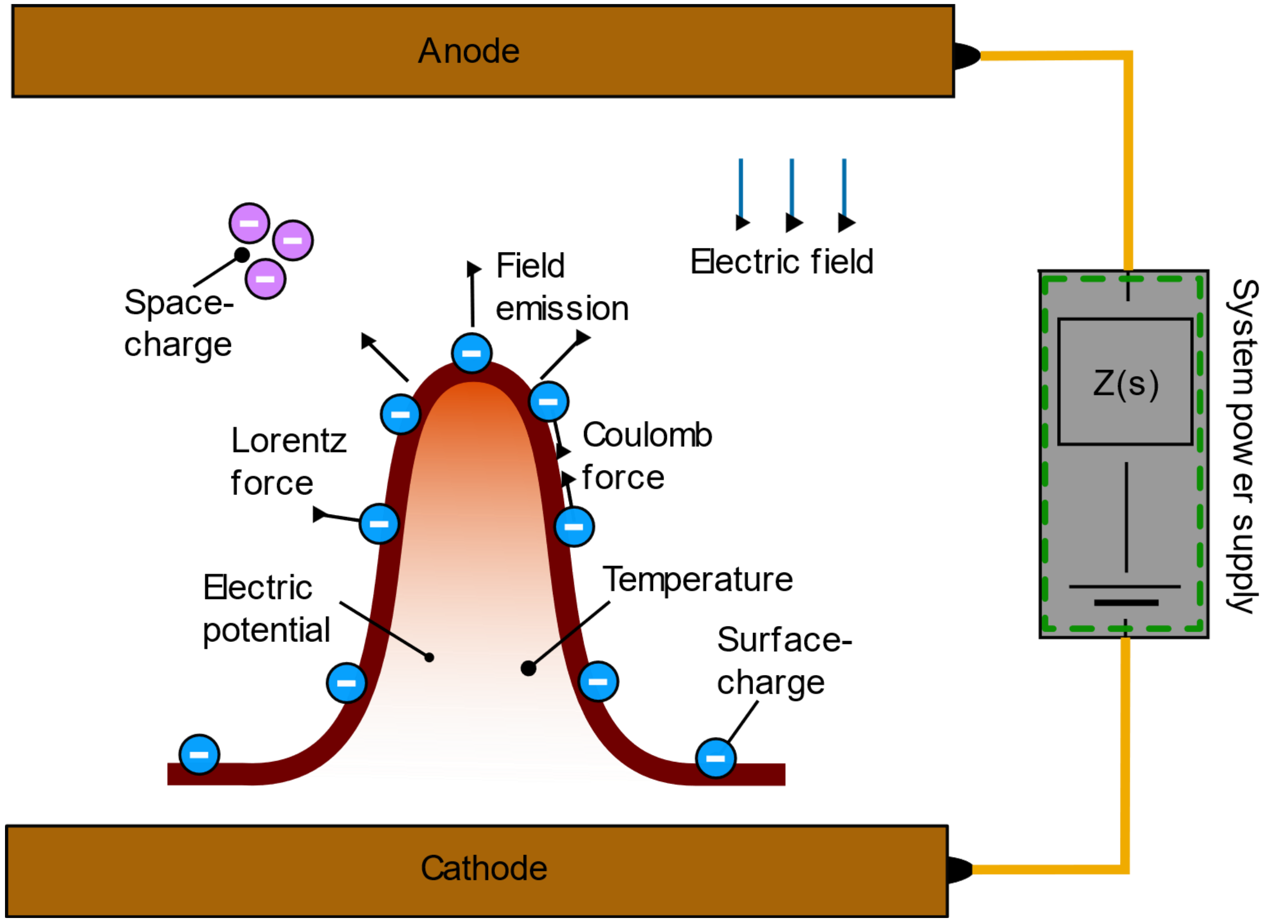
Implementation

- **FEMOCS to the rescue**
  - Evaluate the local VBD physics *accurately*
  - **Couple the whole system** to the VBD
    - Via impedance $Z(s)$ (*Thevenin theorem*)
    - At any point in the system
  - V_{sim} as the coupling link:
    - $V_{sim}(s) = V(s) - I(s)Z(s)$

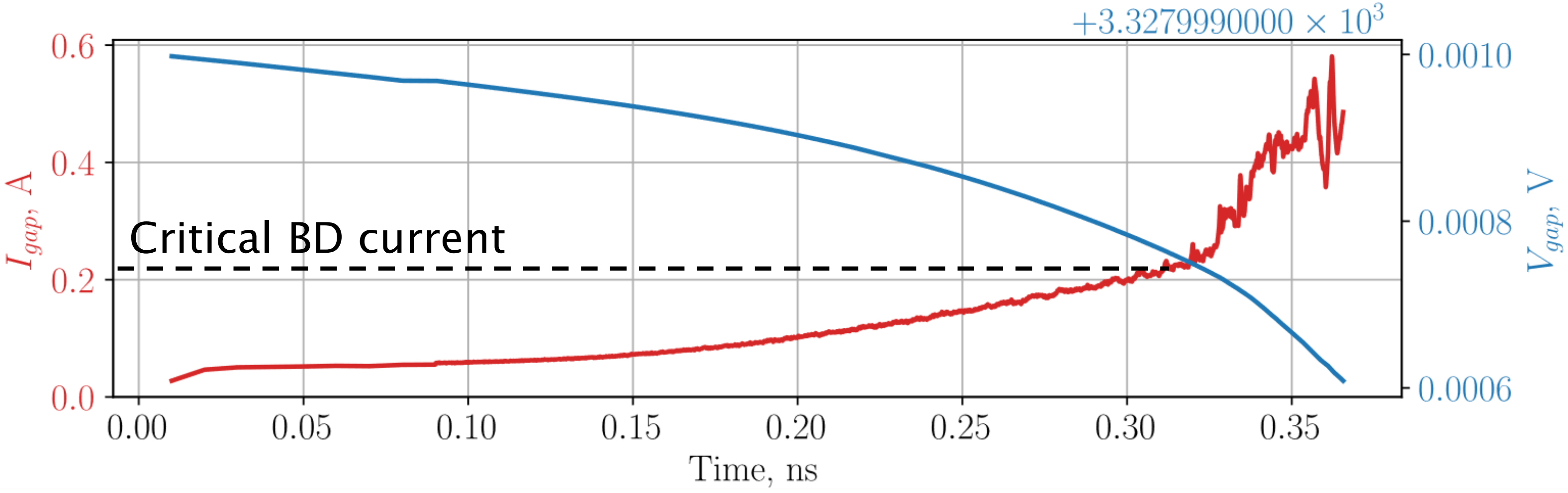
      with Reverse Laplace transform:

      $v_{sim}(t) = v(t) - i(t) * \zeta(t)$

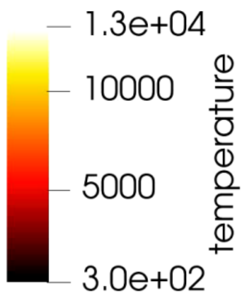
      Impulse response
    - $Z(s)$ as the **system design parameter**
      - Each point has an unique impulse response

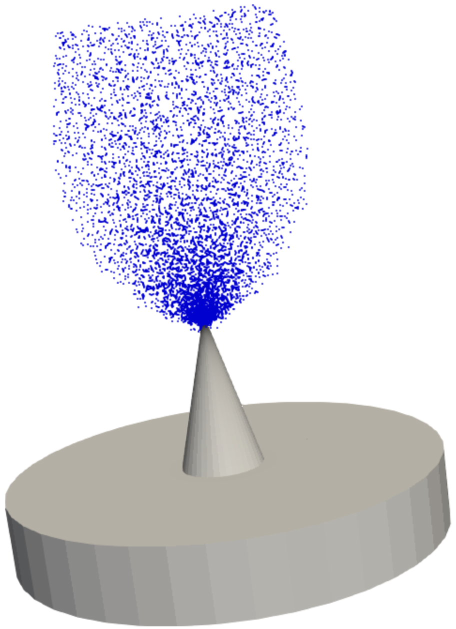


VBD initiation example

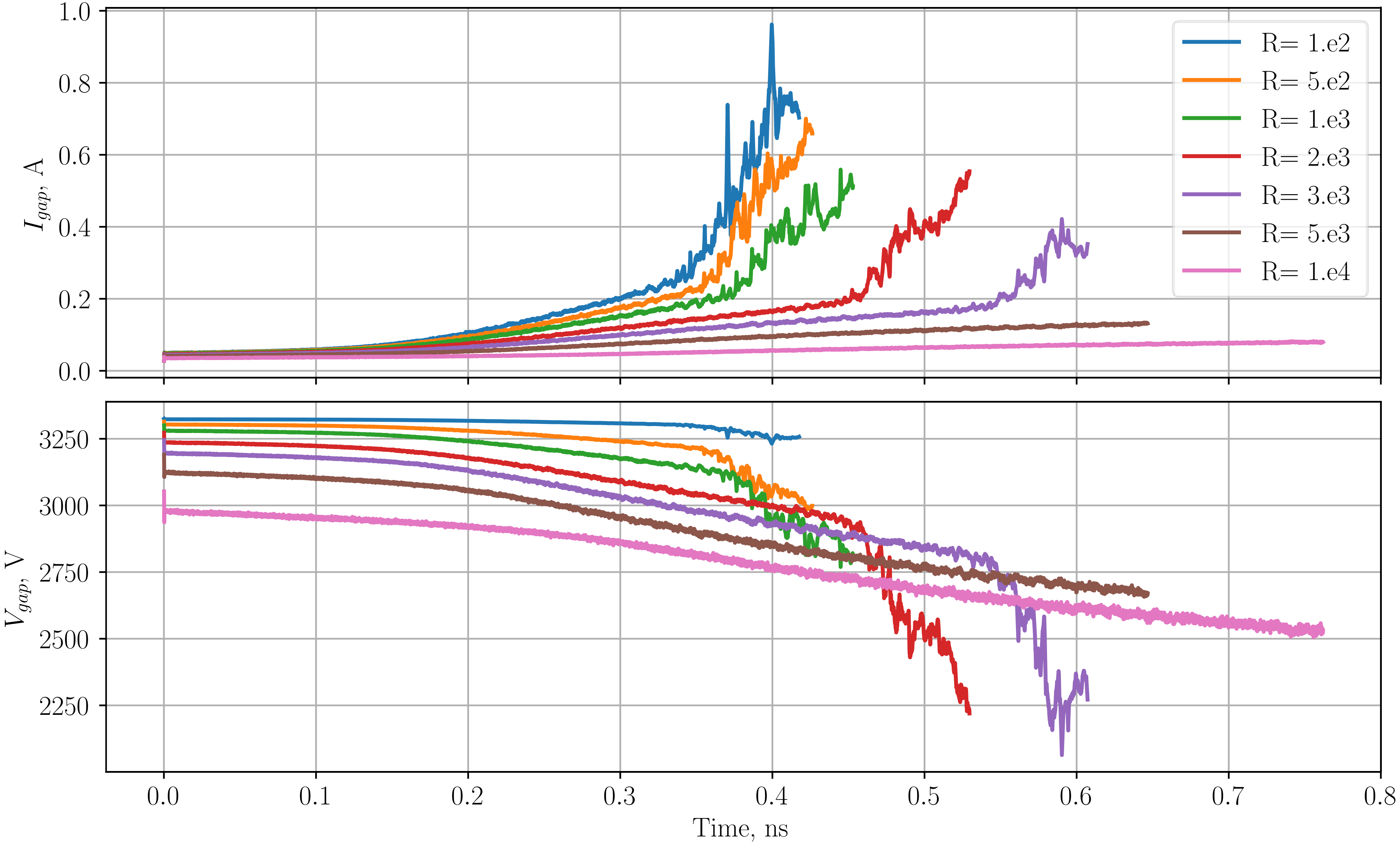


- Electrons
- Neutrals
- Ions

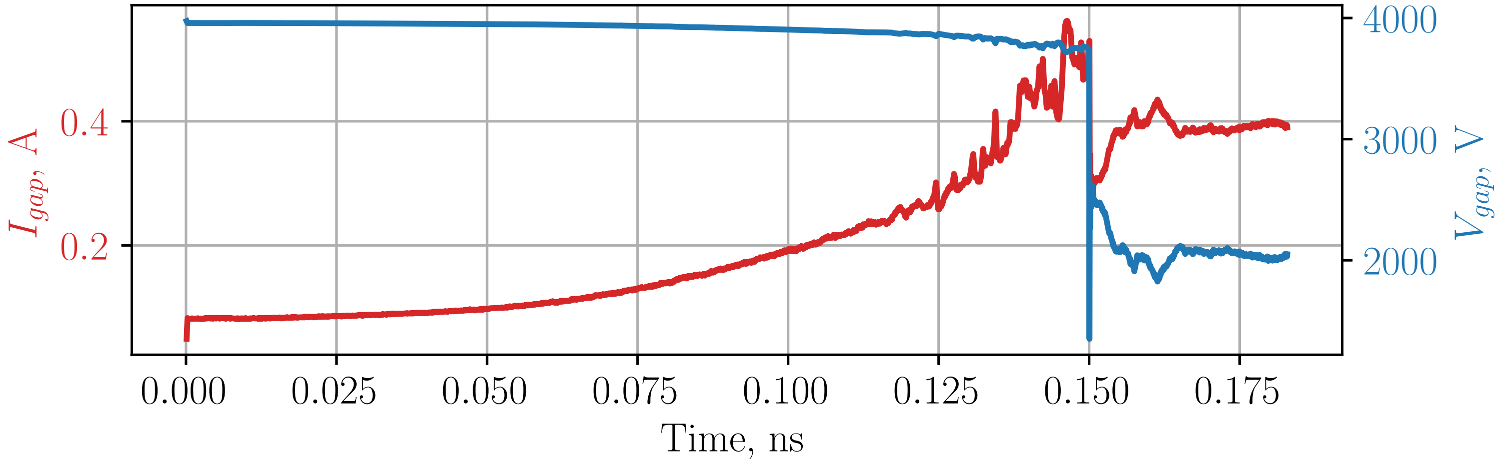


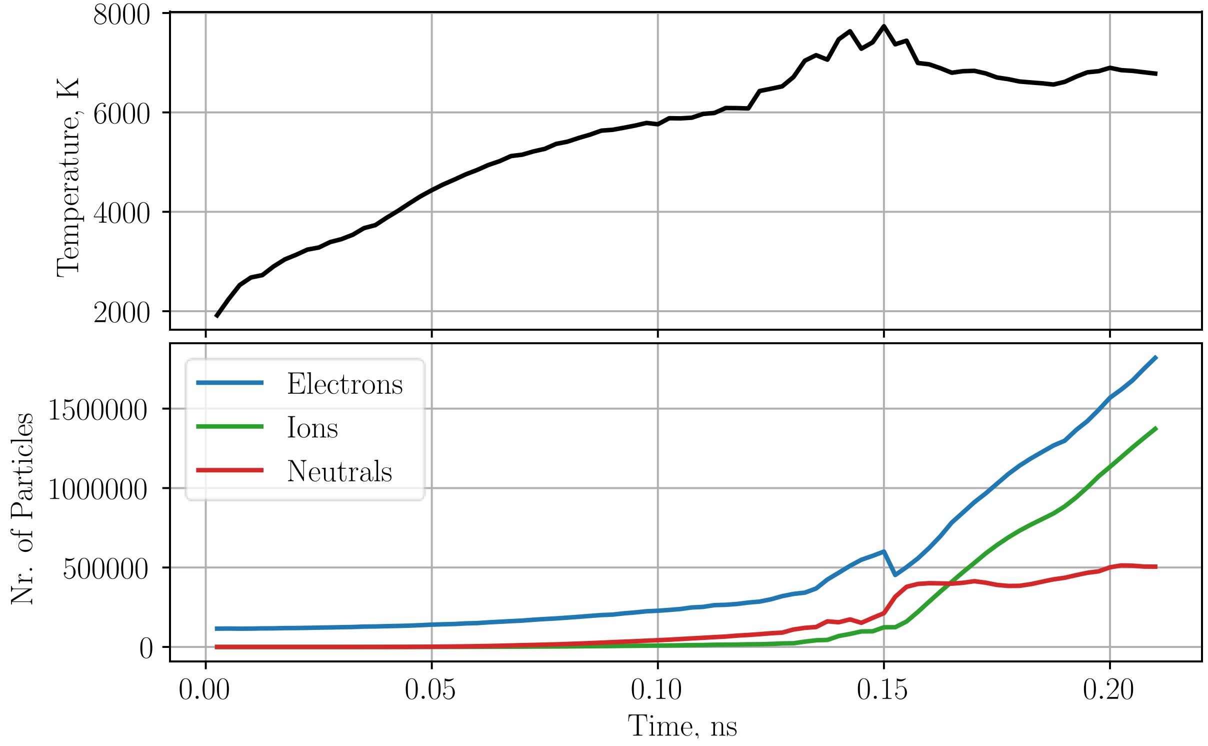


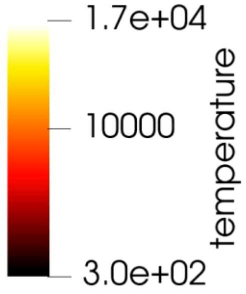
R circuit case study



Voltage drop

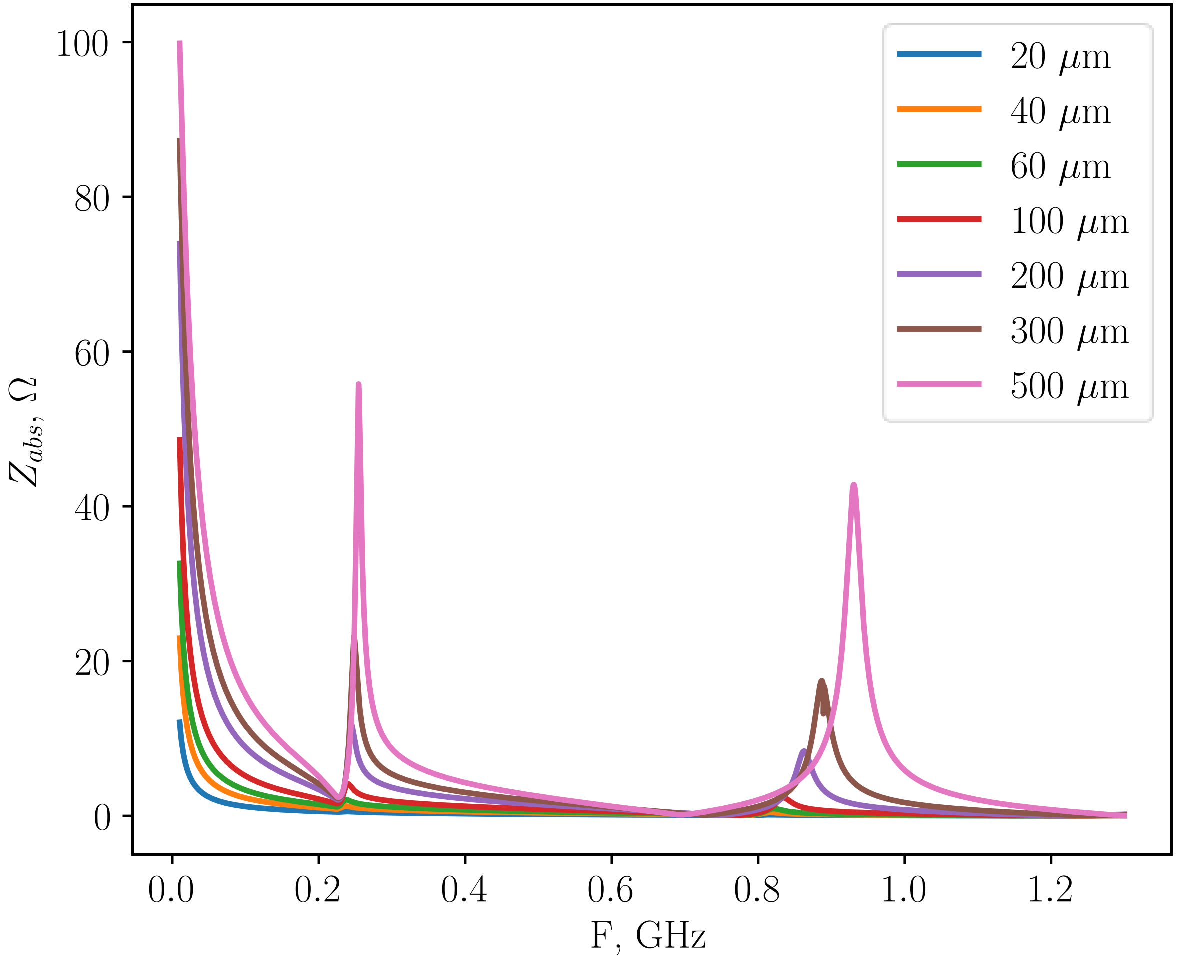


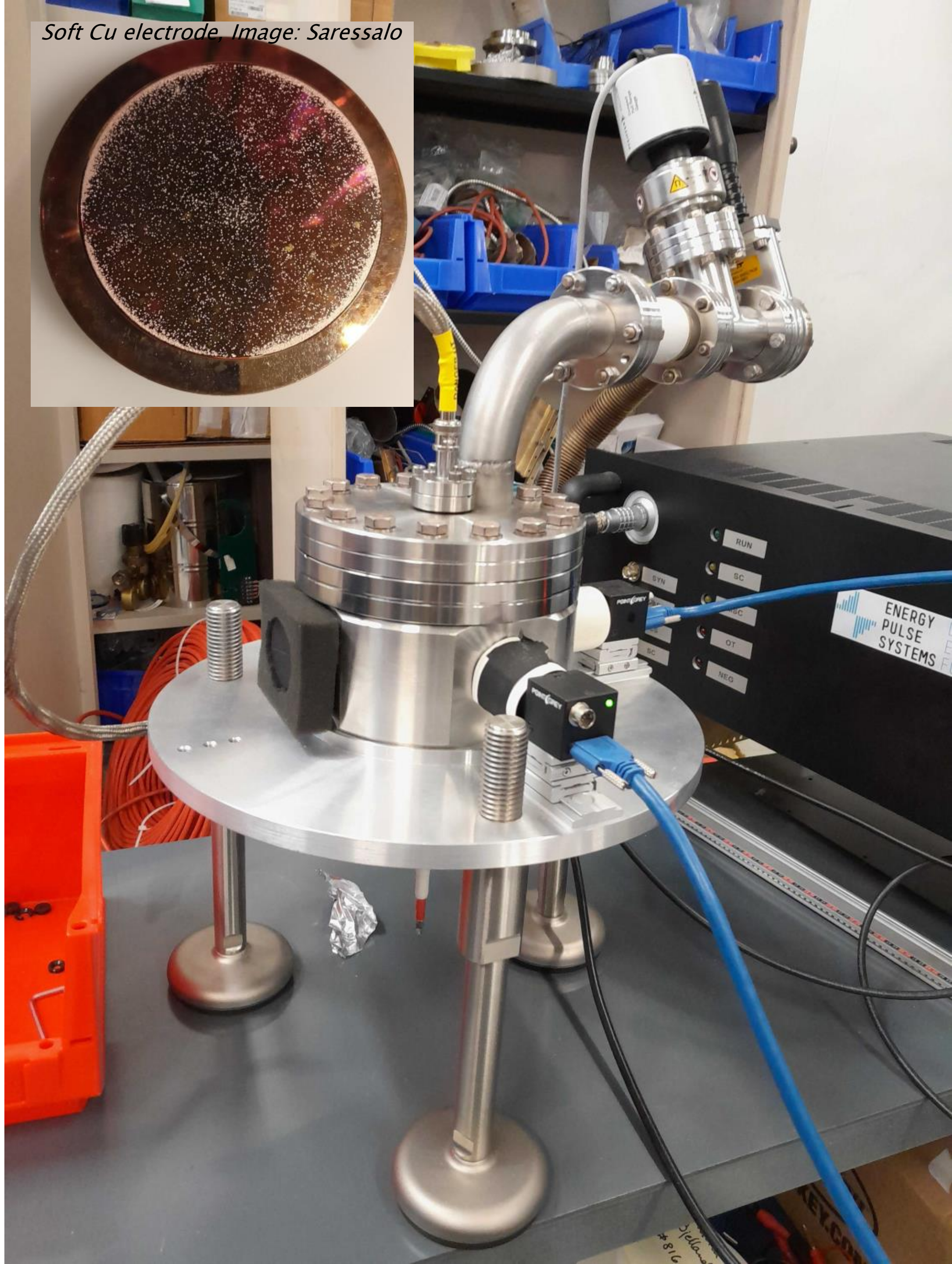




DC Large Electrode system

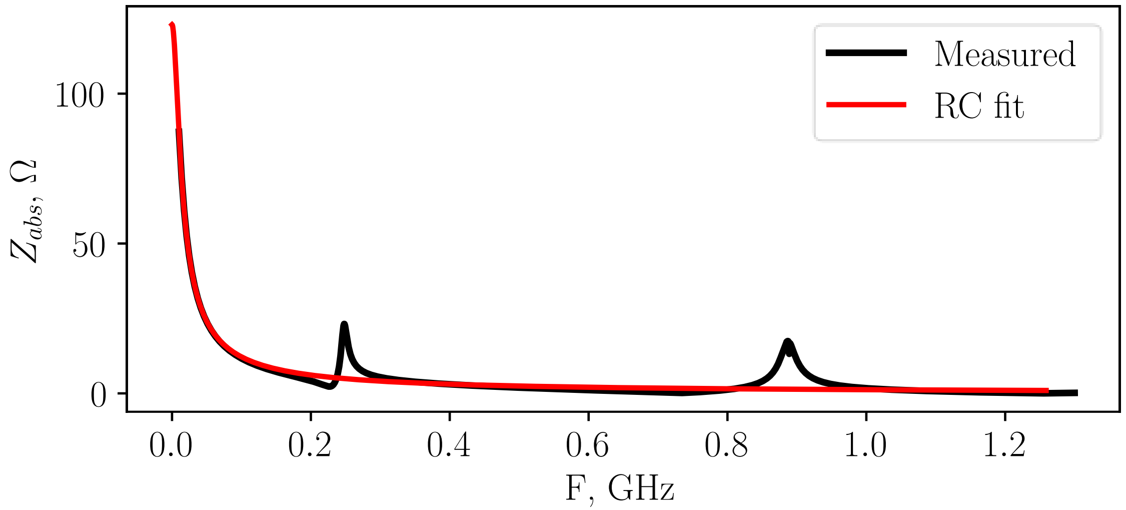
Data provided by: Paszkiewicz





Qualitative nature of results

- Z response *(from J.Paszkiewicz)*
  - 1 MHz … 1.3 GHz (>10 GHz)
  - **RC fit** for Z
- Tip geometry dependency *(future work)*
  - **Static tip!**
  - β & T



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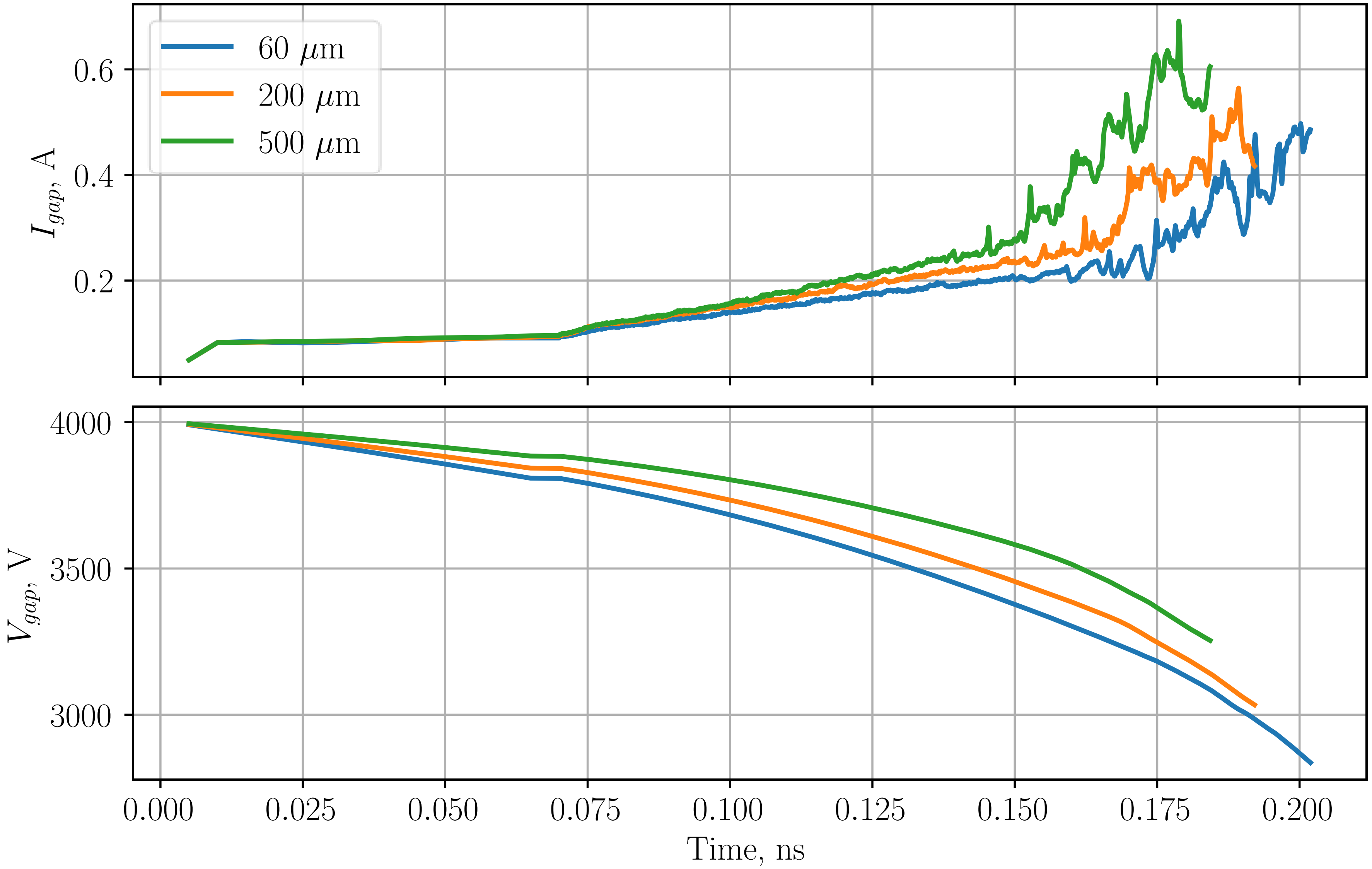

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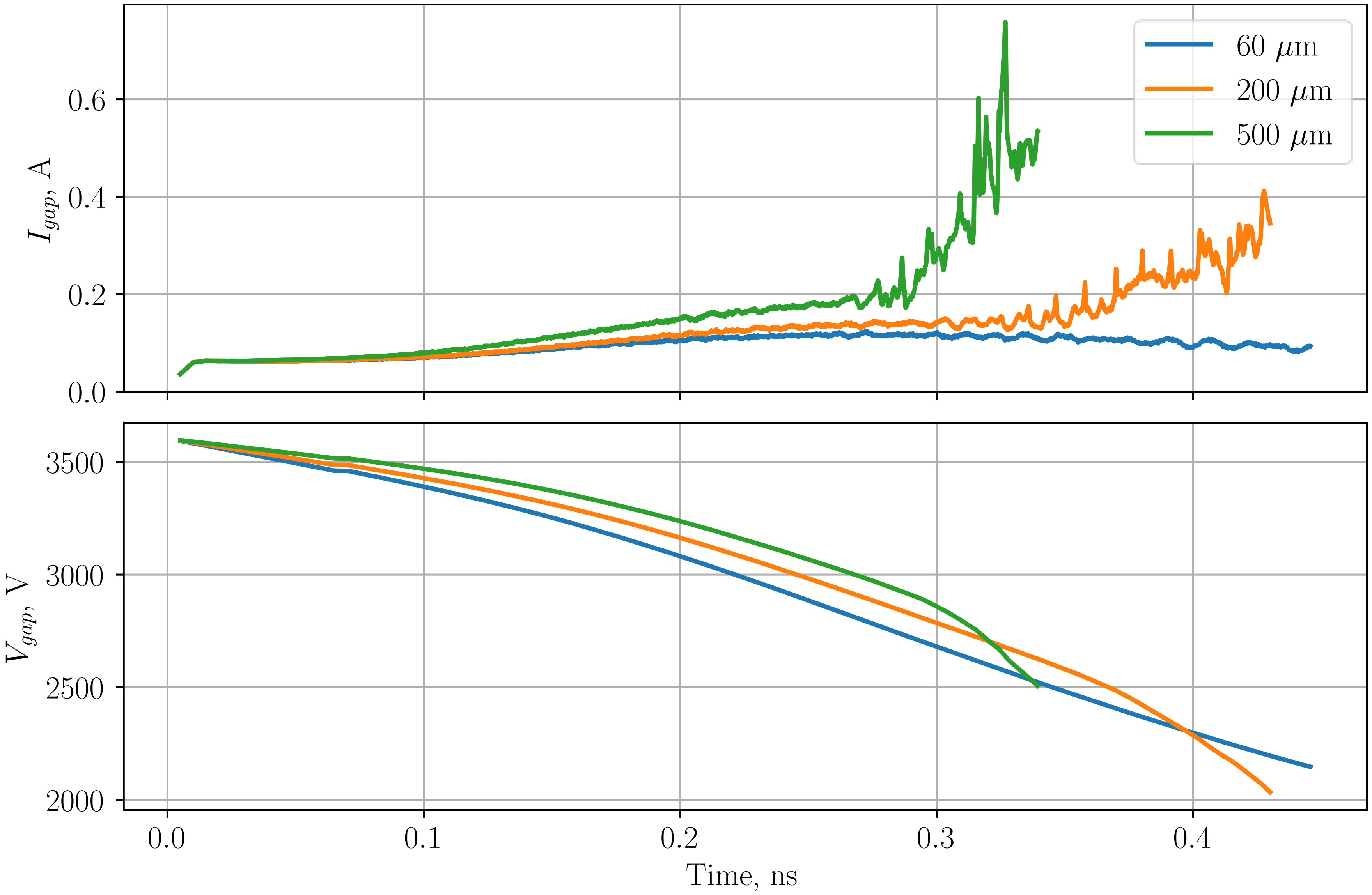

Conclusion & Next steps

- Conclusions (preliminary)
  - **Indications of critical BD current**
  - **„High“ impedance can prevent reaching runaway state**

- Ongoing steps
  - **Tip geometry influence**
    - Critical current (or relevant limit measure)
    - β & T
  - In-dept investigation into Pulse DC system (LES)
  - Surface/tip morphology *[R. Koitermaa]*

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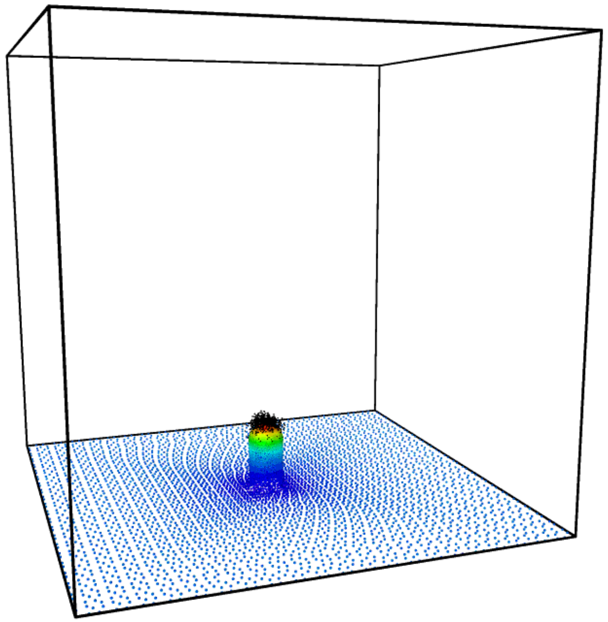

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