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Light and Electron Emission as Breakdown Probes in X-band rf microscope

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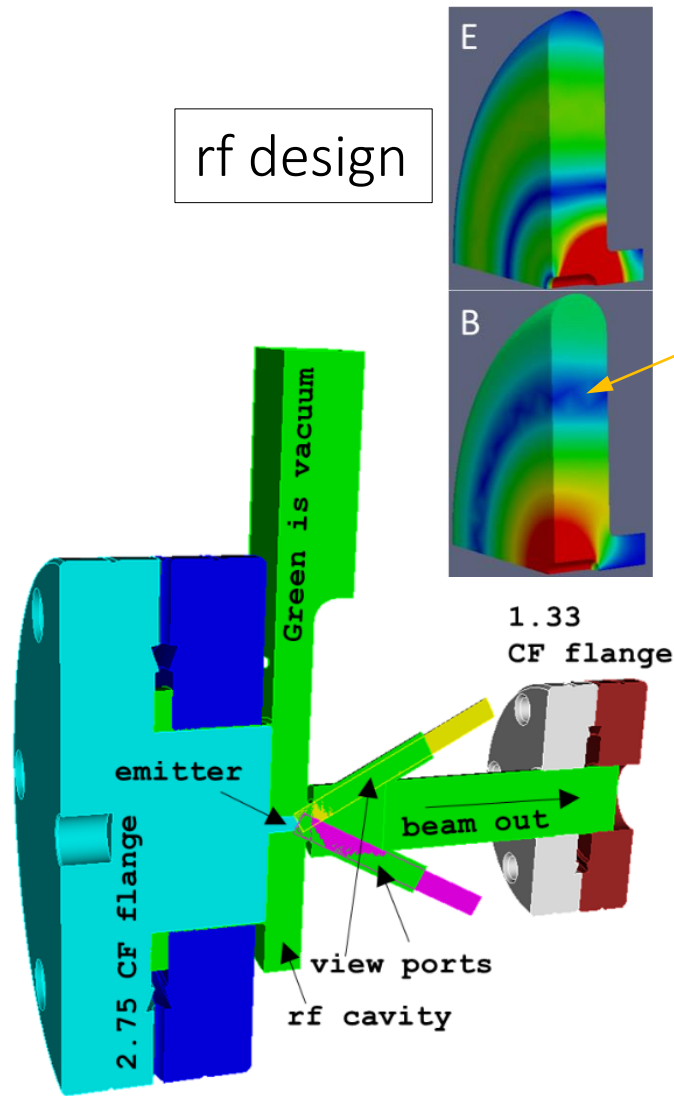
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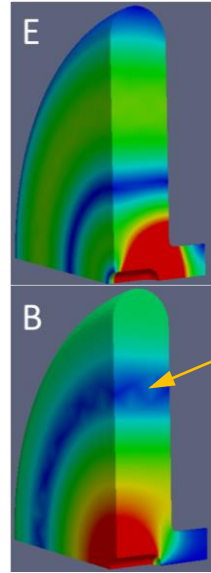
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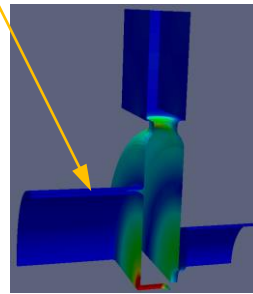
What and how are we building?



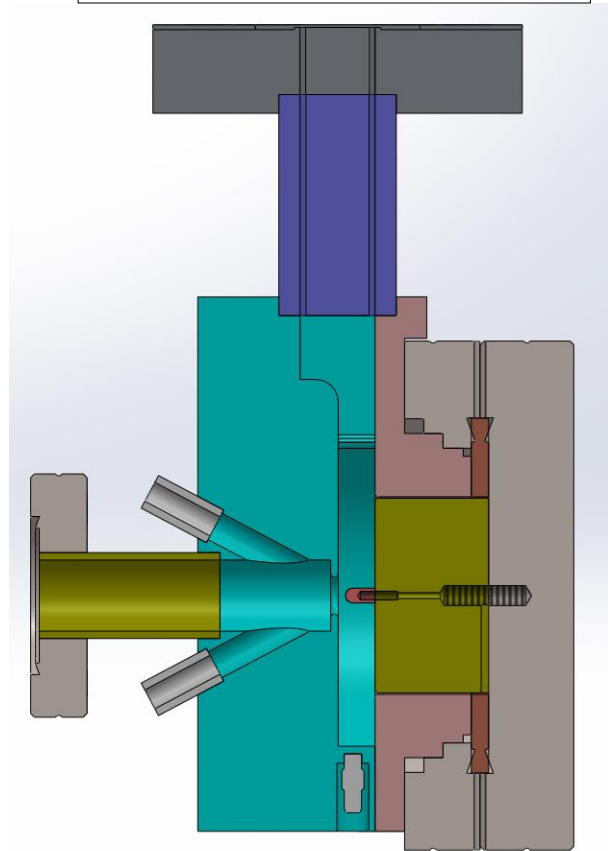
rf design



sample port designed around the zero B contour



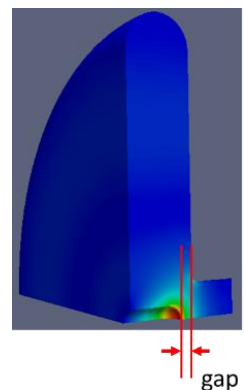
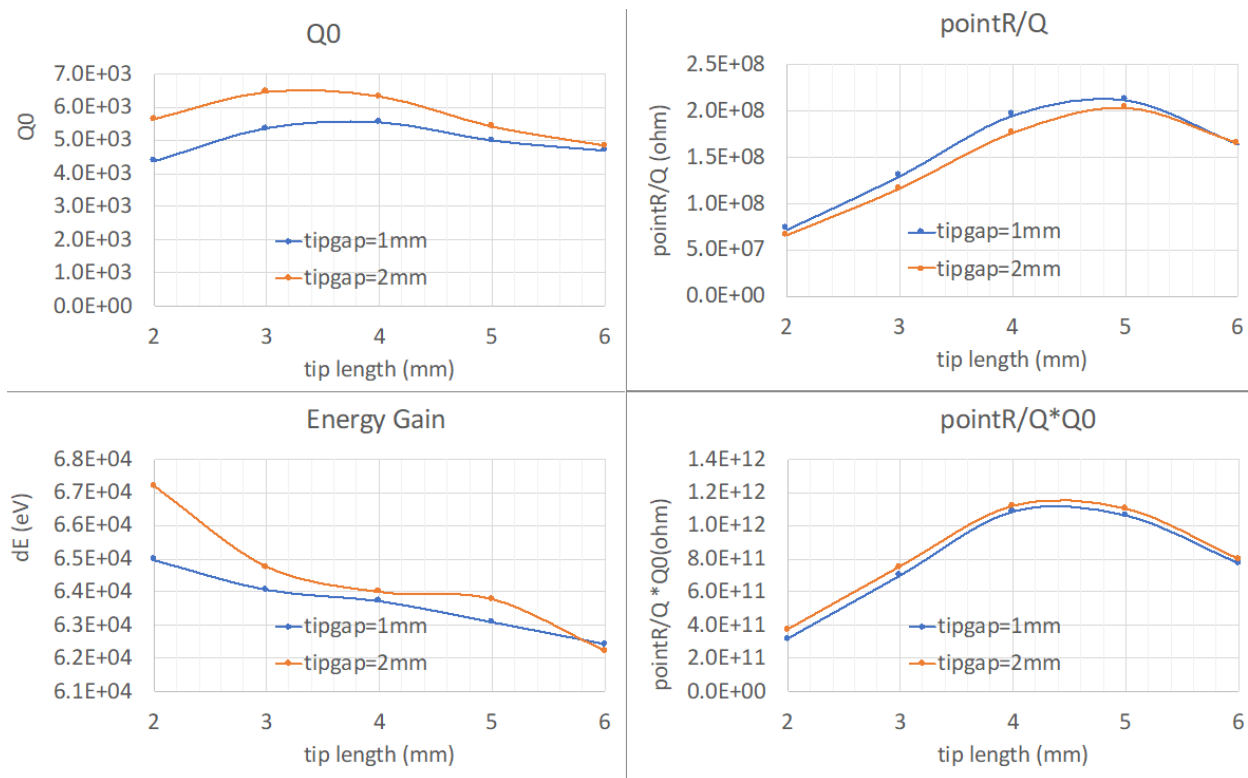
mechanical design



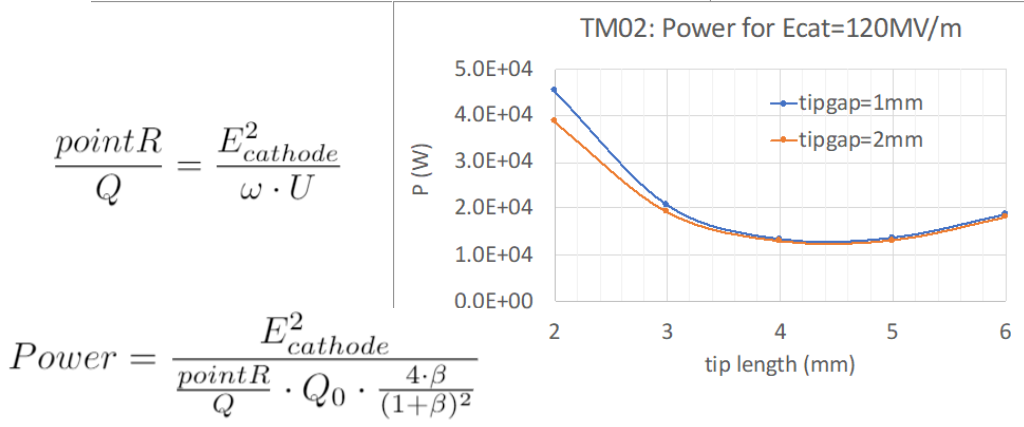
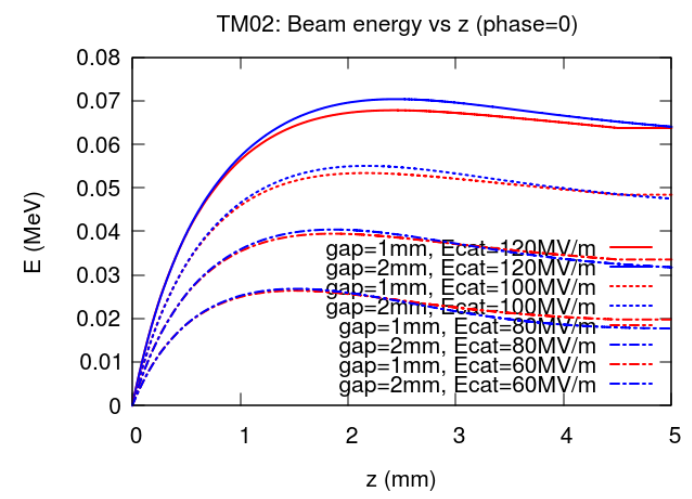
TM02 11.4 GHz gun

More details on design

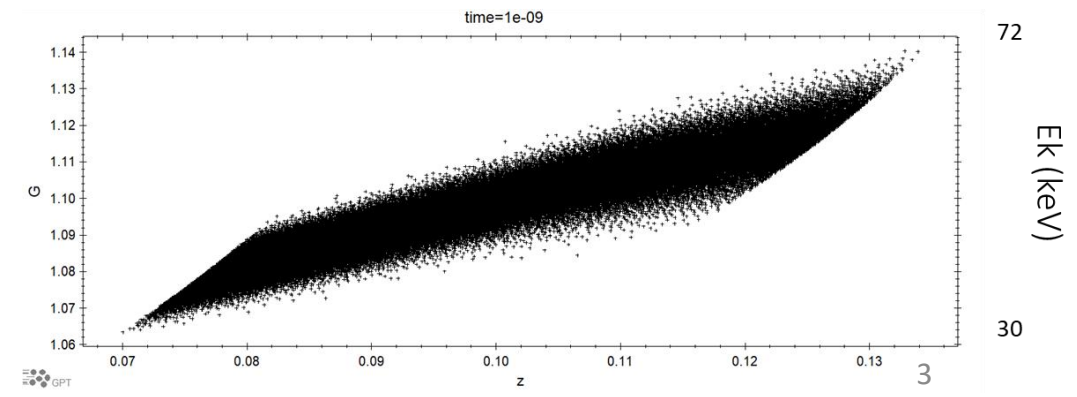
15 kW to achieve a field close to 120 MV/m



Impact-T

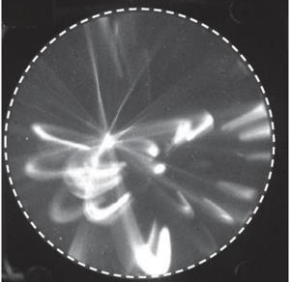
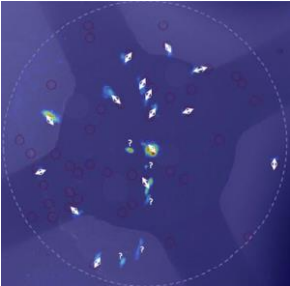


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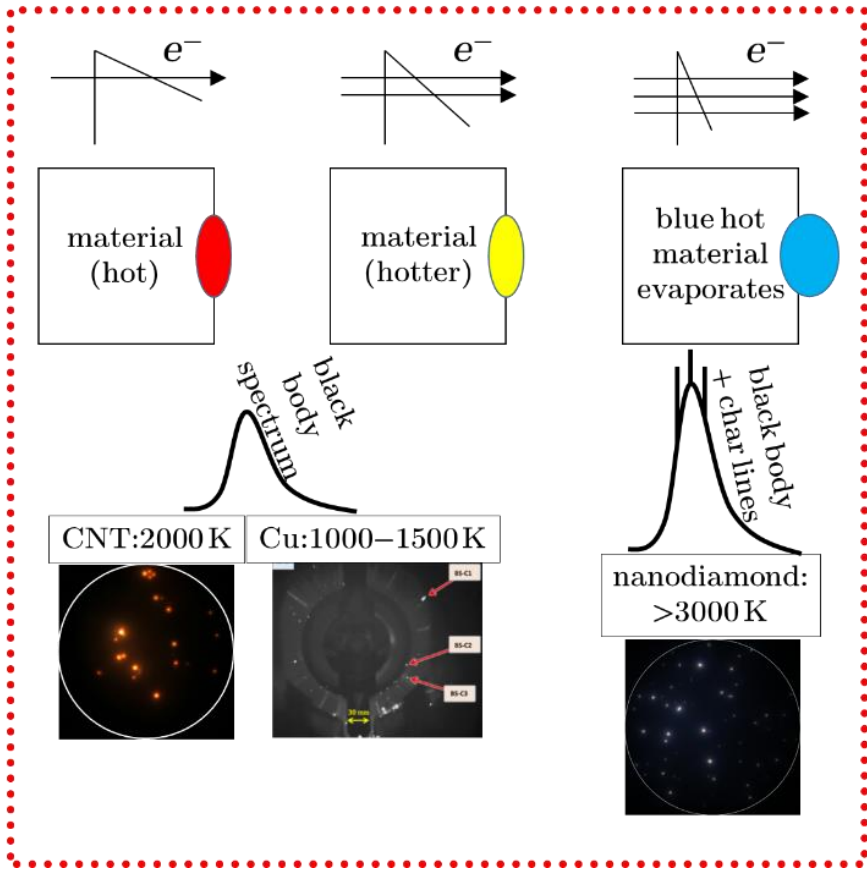
Evolution of steps leading to BD and discharge

AWA



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Time evolution of steps behind BD

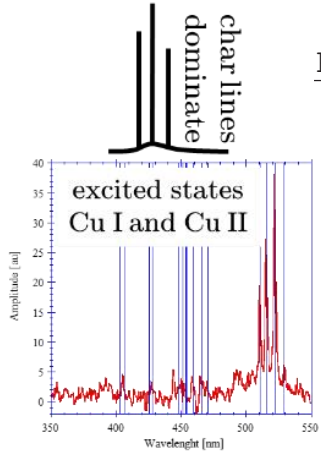
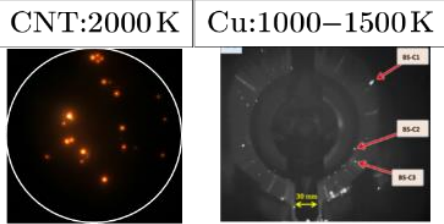


material (cold): high β asperity or low φ feature forms in high field



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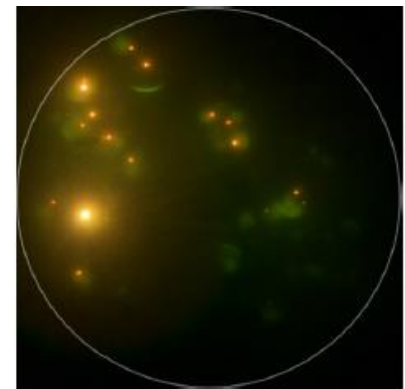
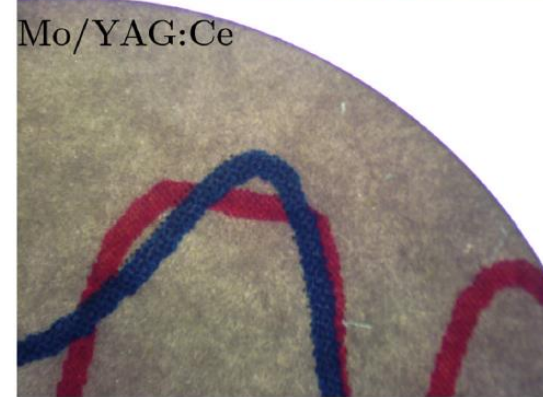
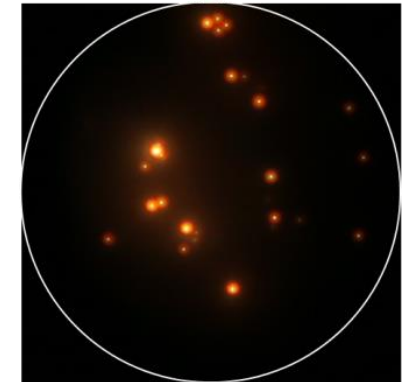
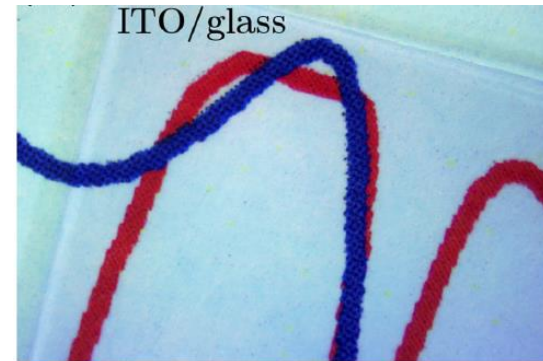
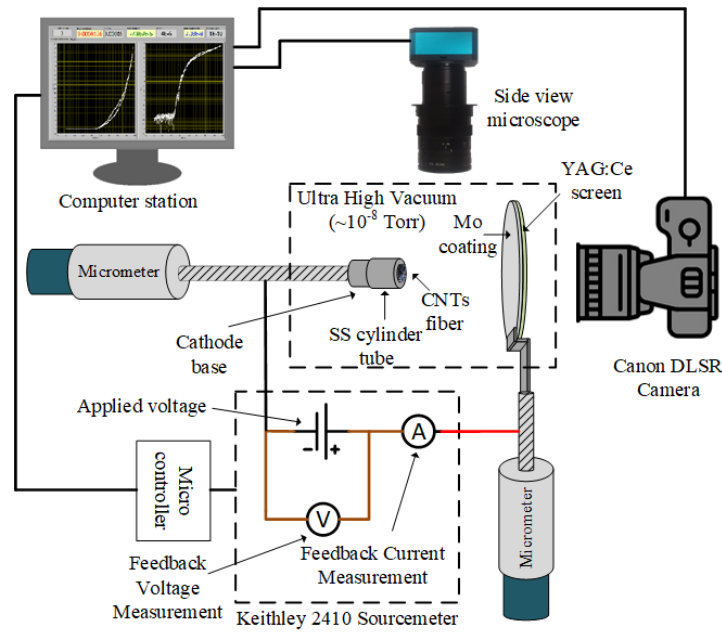
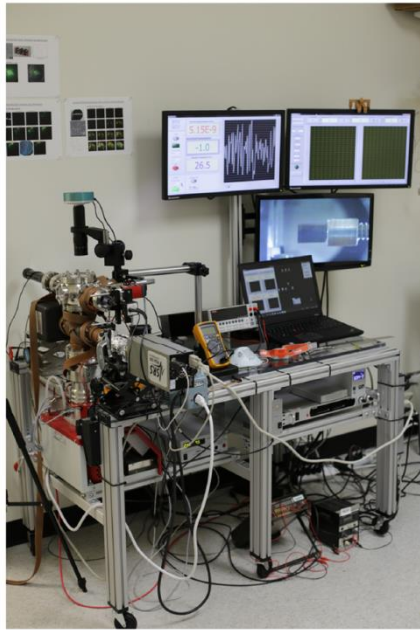


electron current ~ 7 kA
ion current ~ 30 A

SLAC

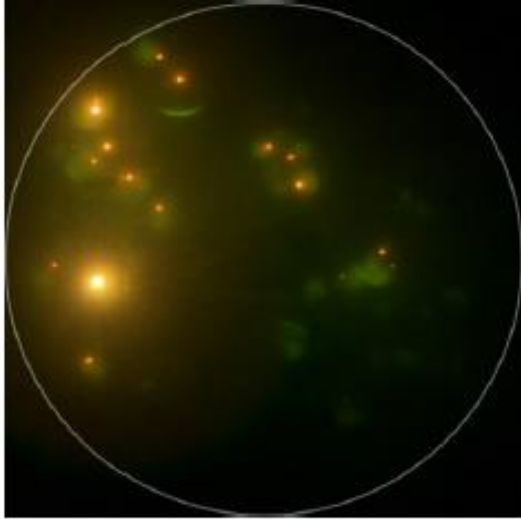
SLAC-PUB-10355

Red light from CNT

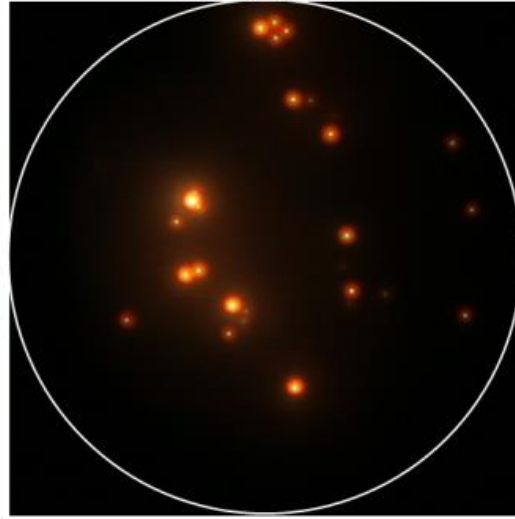


Red light is a common effect for CNT

YAG screen



ITO screen



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Hot Nanotubes: Stable Heating of Individual Multiwall Carbon Nanotubes to 2000 K Induced by the Field-Emission Current

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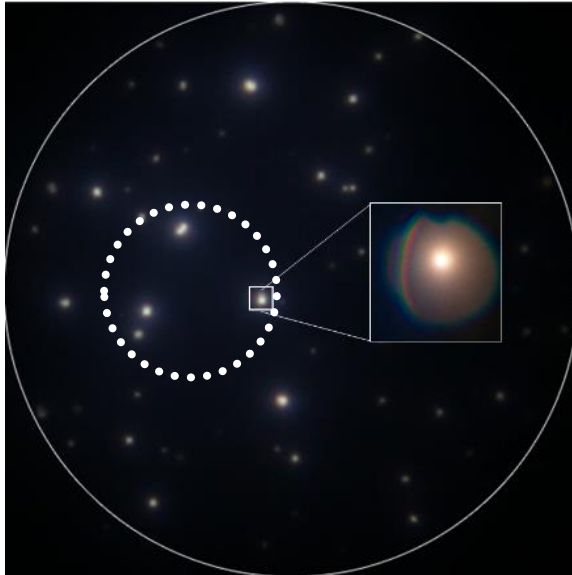
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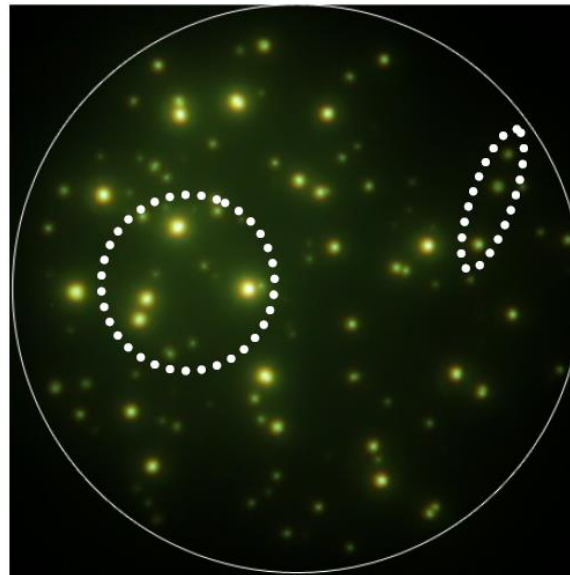
Field emission (FE) electron spectroscopy from an individual multiwalled carbon nanotube (MWNT) is used to measure quantitatively stable temperatures at the apex, T_A , of up to 2000 K induced by FE currents $\approx 1 \mu\text{A}$. The high T_A is due to Joule heating along the length of the MWNT. These measurements also give directly the resistance of the individual MWNT which is shown to decrease with temperature, and explain the phenomenon of FE-induced light emission which was observed simultaneously. The heating permits thermal desorption of the MWNT and, hence, excellent current stability.

Blue light from *n*-type nanodiamond

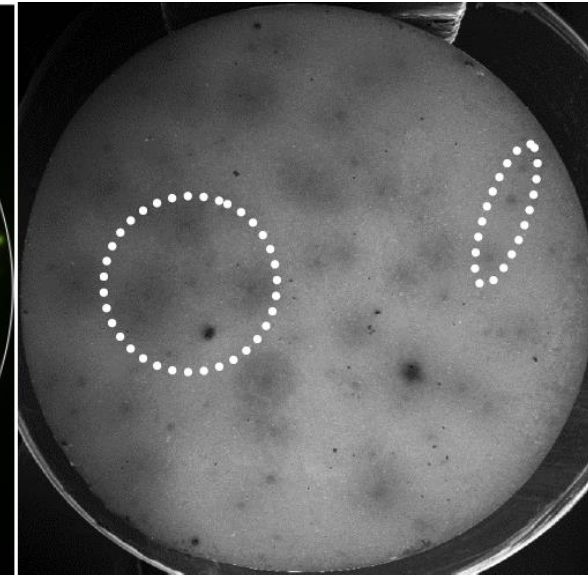
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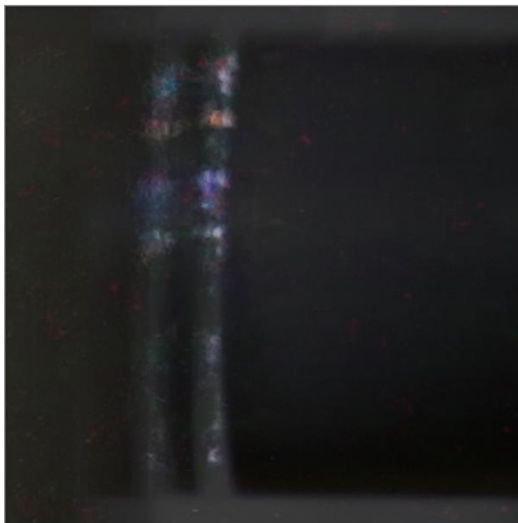
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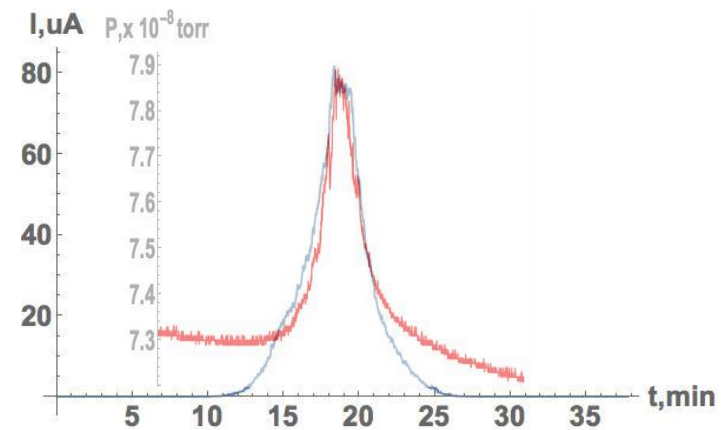
SEM



Side-view into the gap



Current/pressure vs. time



Nottingham or Joule heating

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NOTTINGHAM EFFECT IN FIELD AND T - F EMISSION: HEATING AND COOLING DOMAINS, AND INVERSION TEMPERATURE

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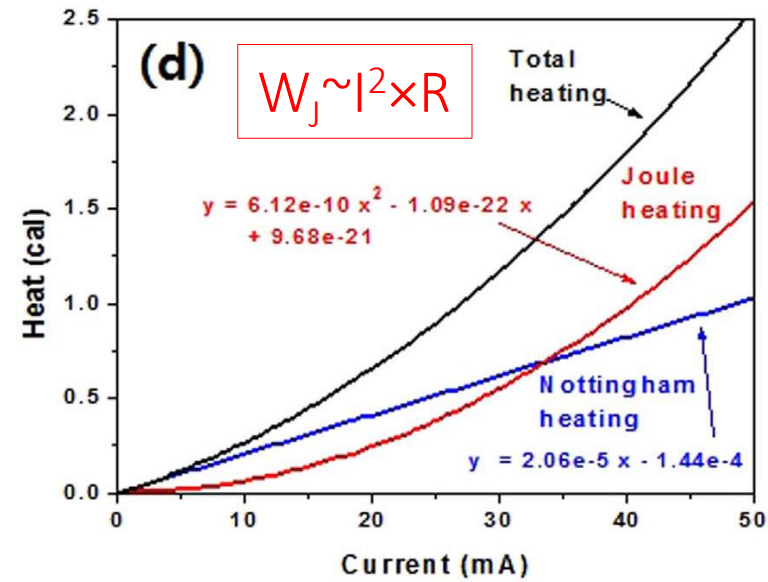
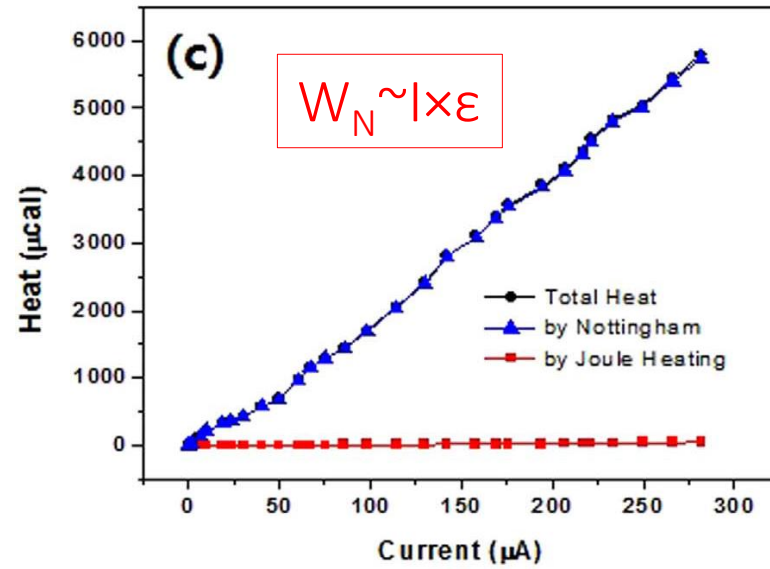
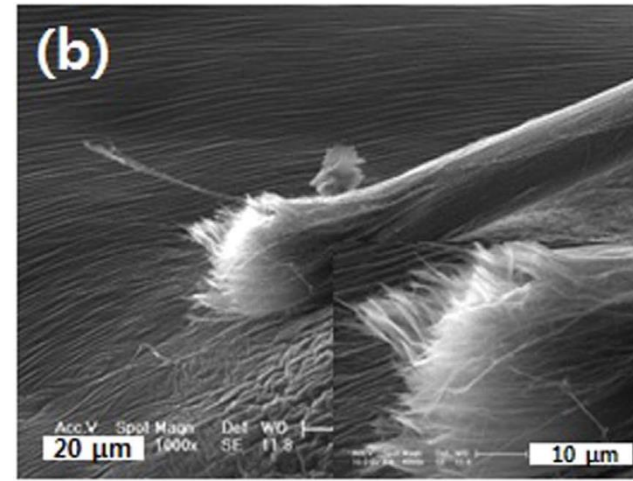
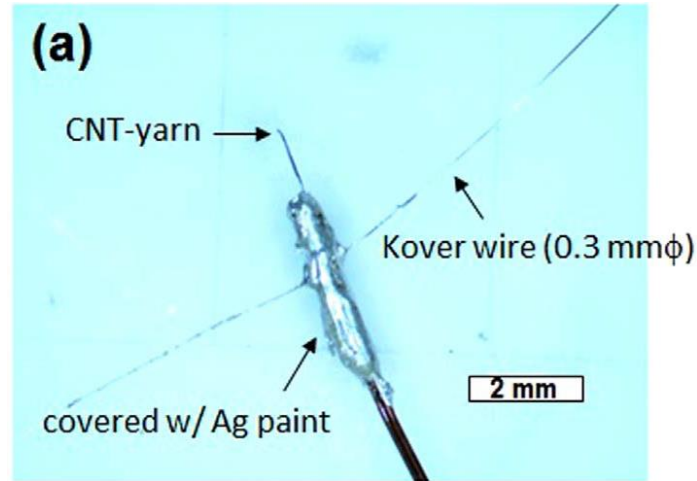
$$T_i = \frac{d}{2k} = \frac{he}{4k(2m)^{1/2}} \frac{F}{\phi^{1/2}t(y)} \cong 5.32 \times 10^{-5} \frac{F}{\phi^{1/2}},$$

material is tungsten

Table I. Inversion temperatures at various currents.

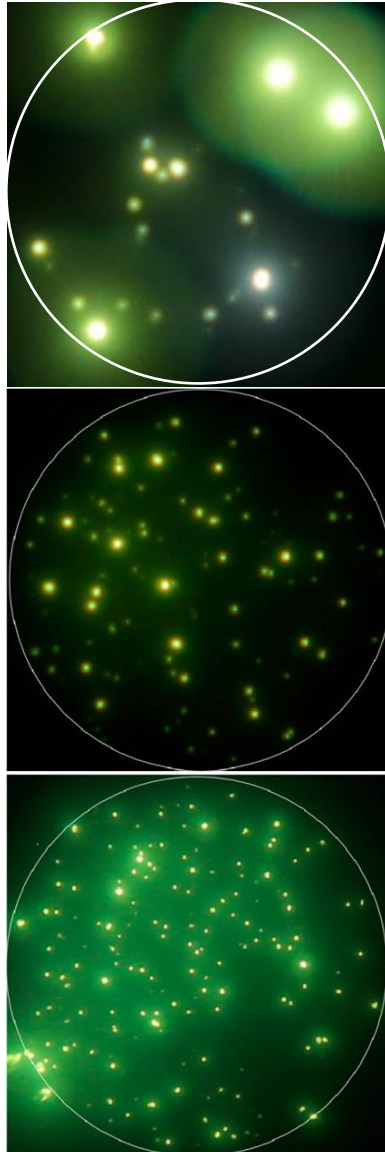
Emitted current (μ A)	Cathode field (10^7 V/cm)	Inversion temperature ($^{\circ}$ K)	
		Calculated by Eq. (3) with $\phi \cong 4.5$ eV	Derived from $H_N(T)$ data
50	4.79	1200	1092
100	5.02	1260	1160
200	5.30	1326	1250
300	5.42	1360	1360

Or both?!



Designer cathodes attesting thermal scenario

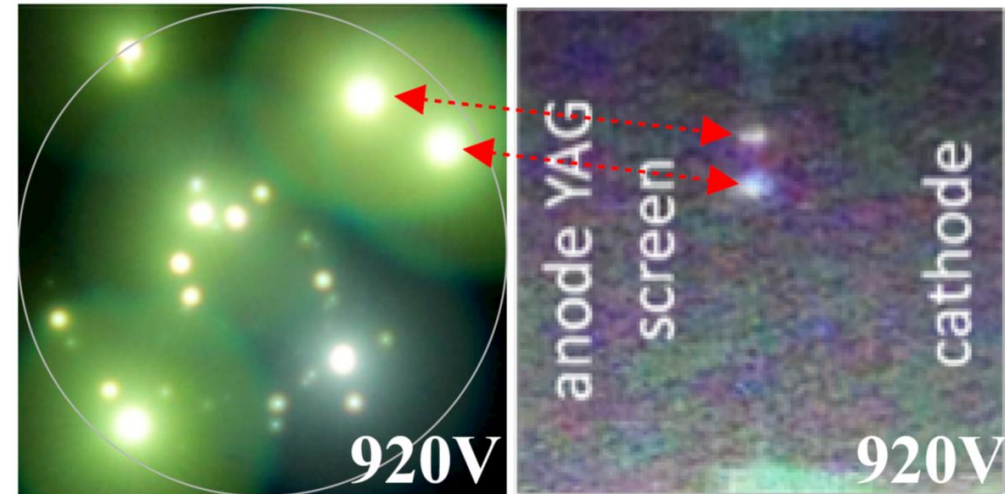
All samples
 $\sim 100 \mu\text{A}@1 \text{ kV}$



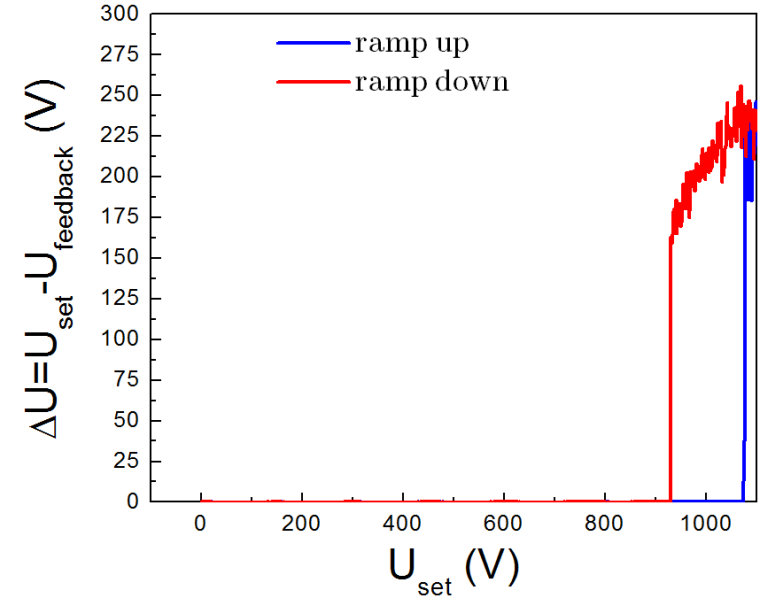
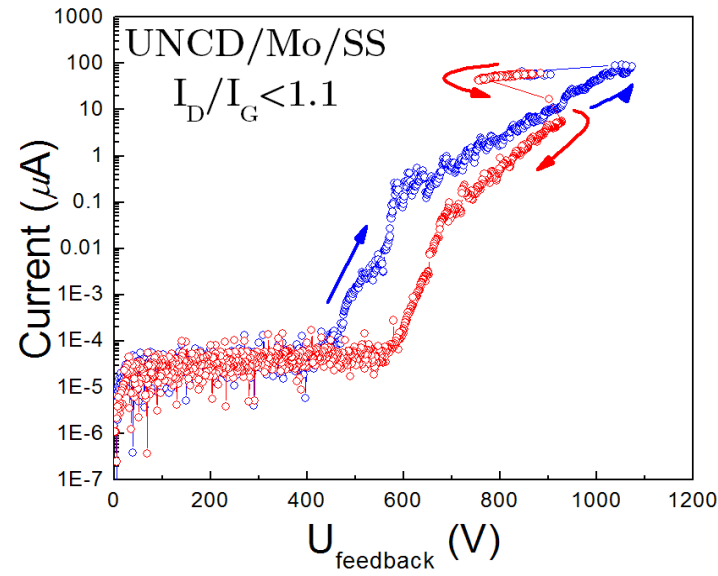
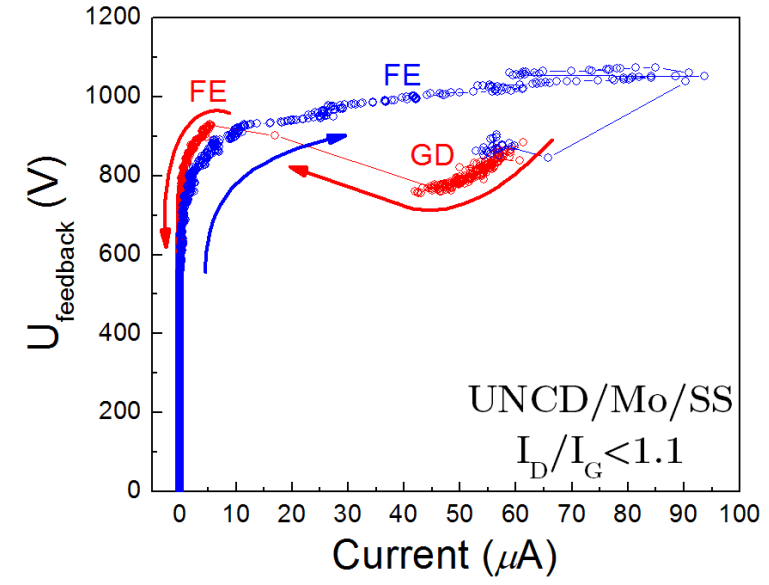
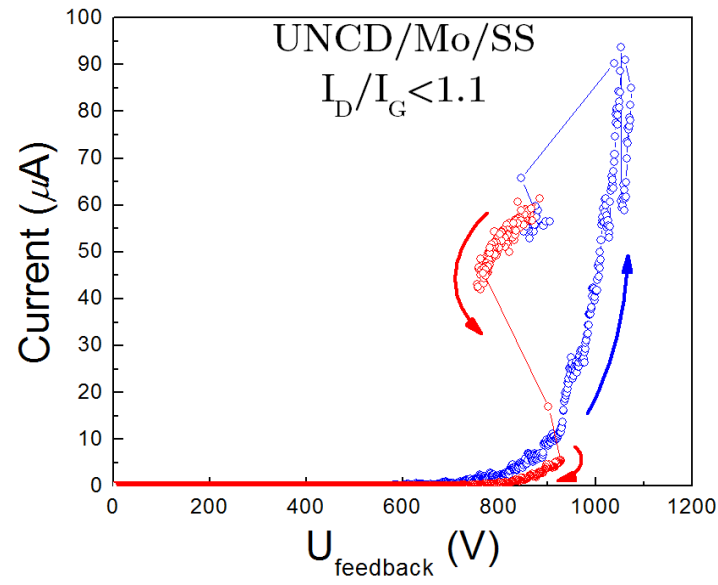
Vacuum $\sim 10^{-9}$ Torr

Front-view

Side-view

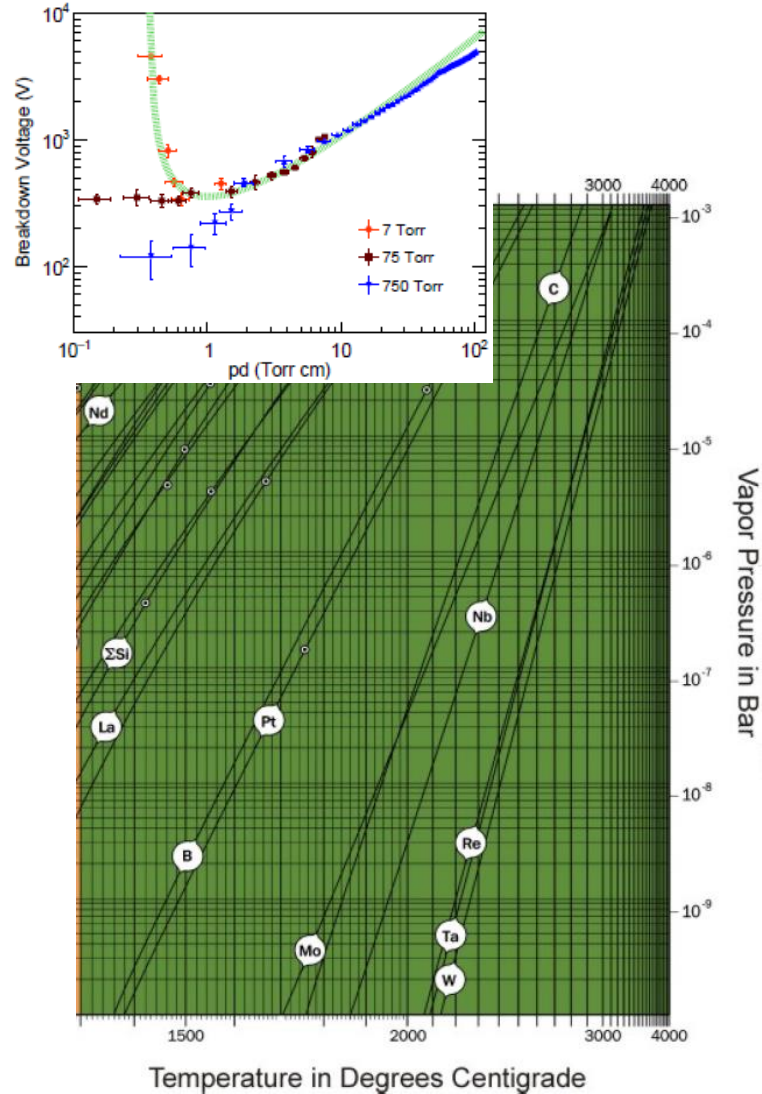


Self-induced, self-stabilized glow discharge

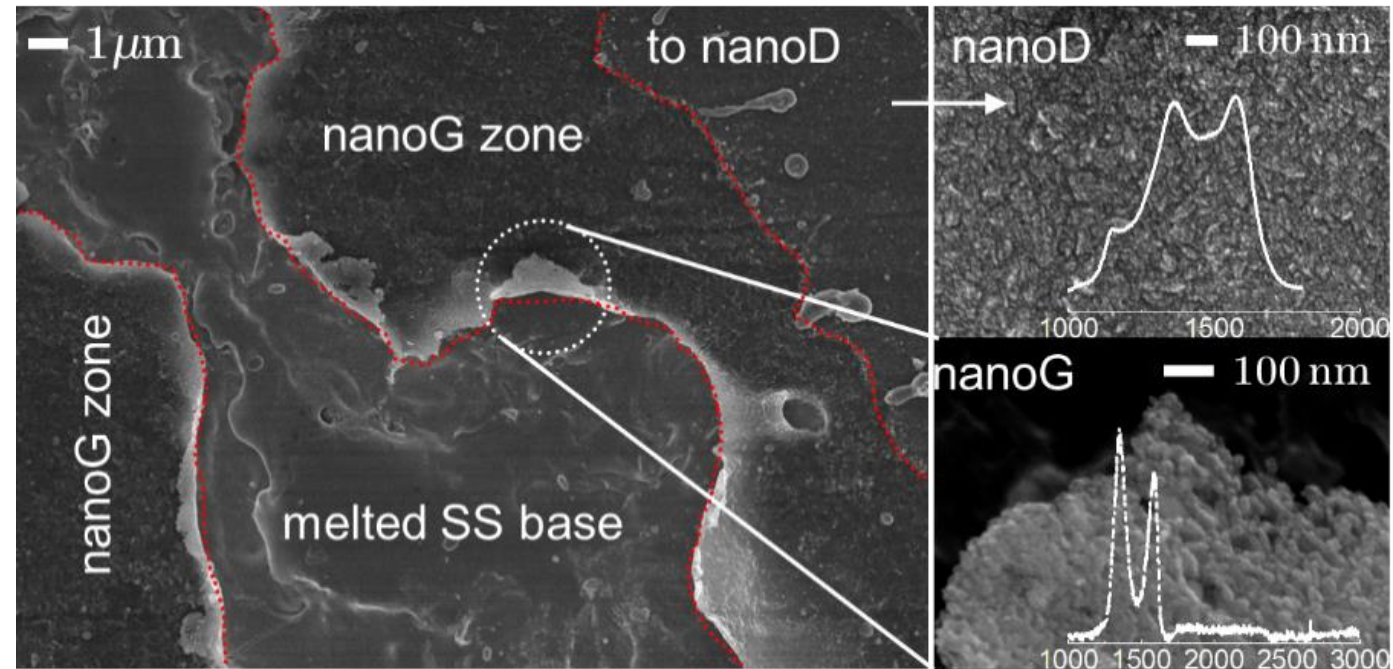


Two estimations on temperature

Phase diagram
($T > \sim 3,500$ K)



Diamond-to-graphite
($T > \sim 2,000$ K)



Third temperature estimation

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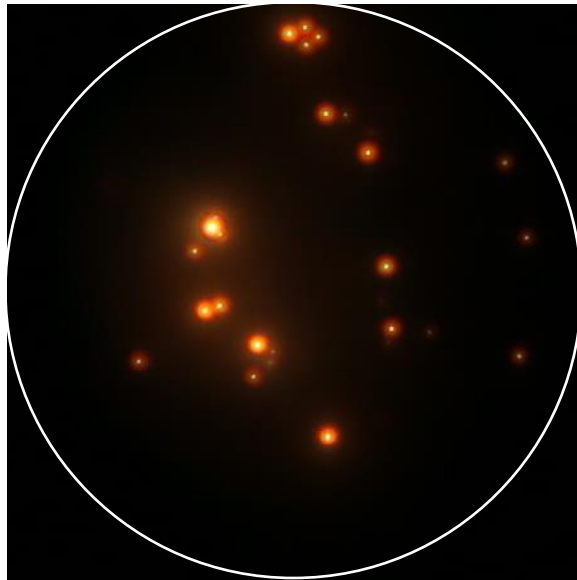
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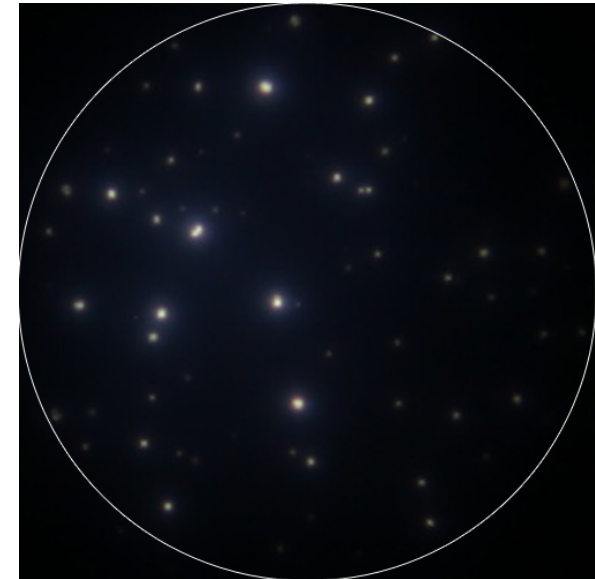
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stable 2,000 K
($m_{\text{eff}} \sim 1/2m_0$)

$$R \sim \exp(-\Delta H/kT)$$

$$\Delta H \approx 7\text{eV}$$

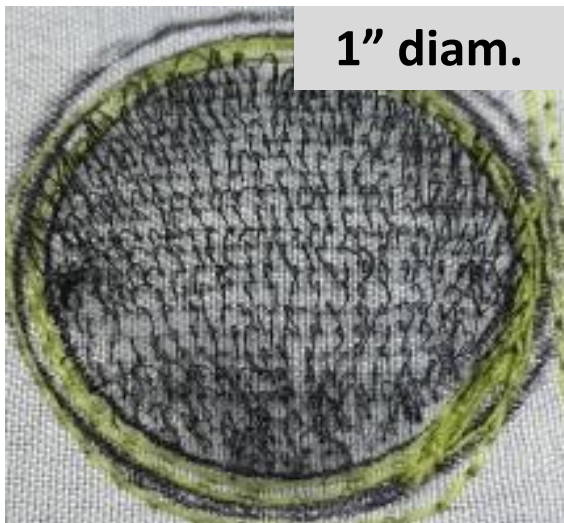


runaway 4,500 K
($m_{\text{eff}} \sim 1/18m_0$)

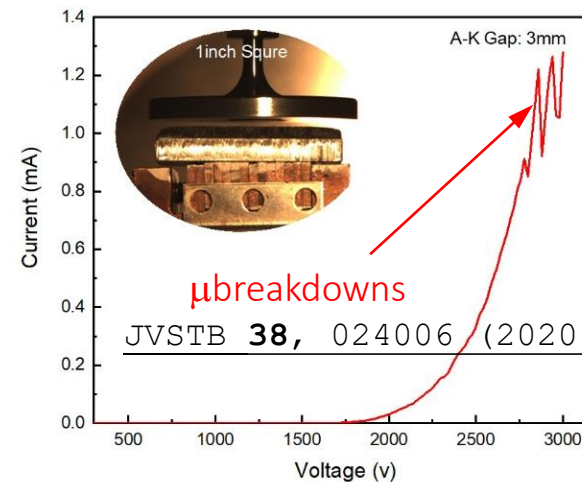
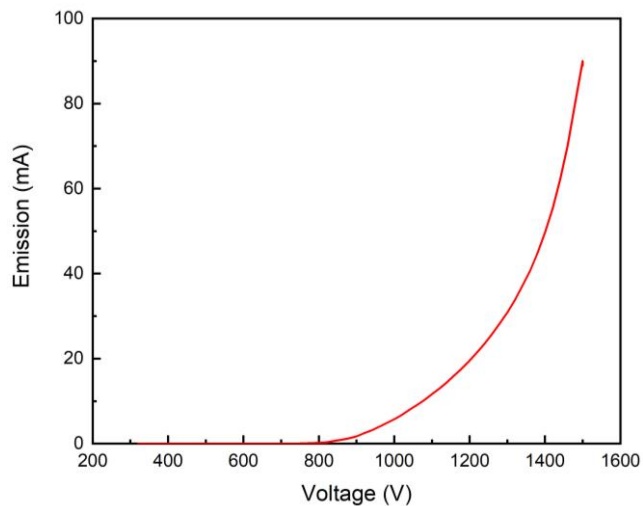


Implications: Cathode R&D at AFRL

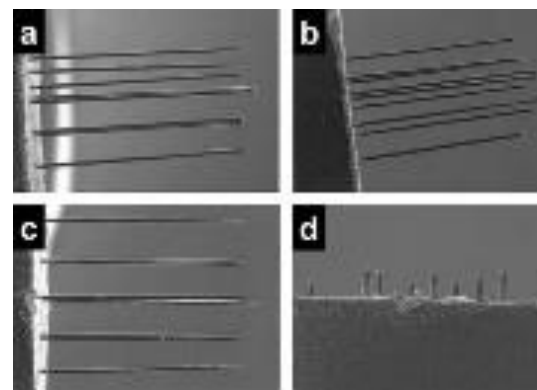
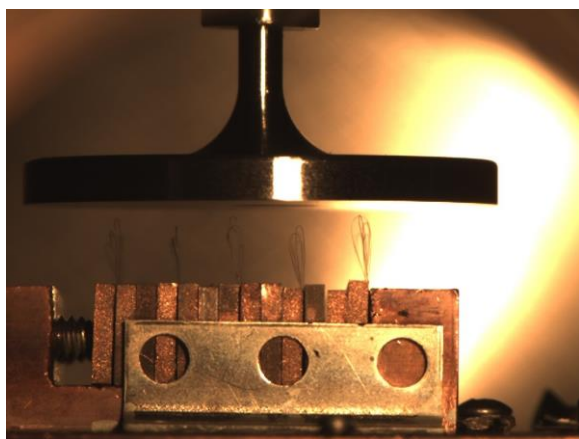
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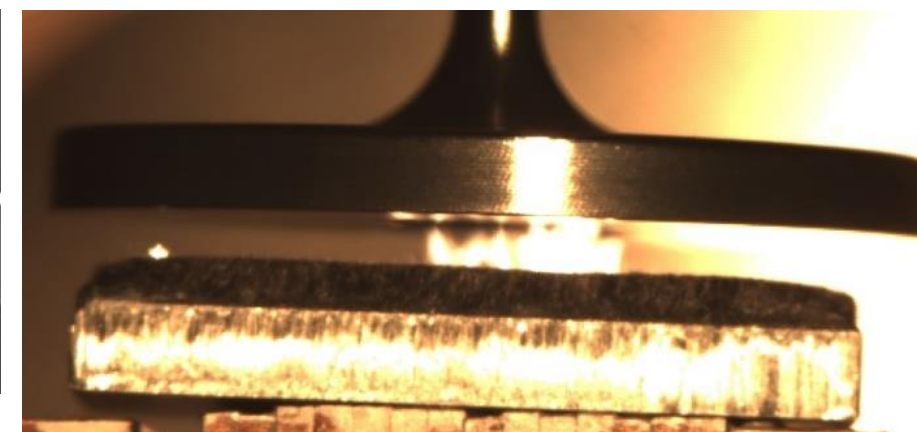
CNT-fiber



C-fiber



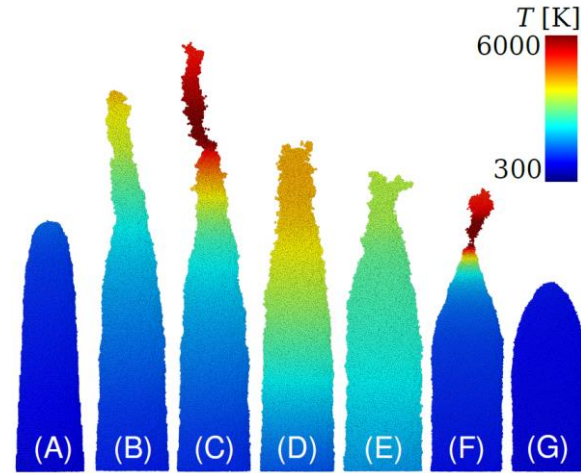
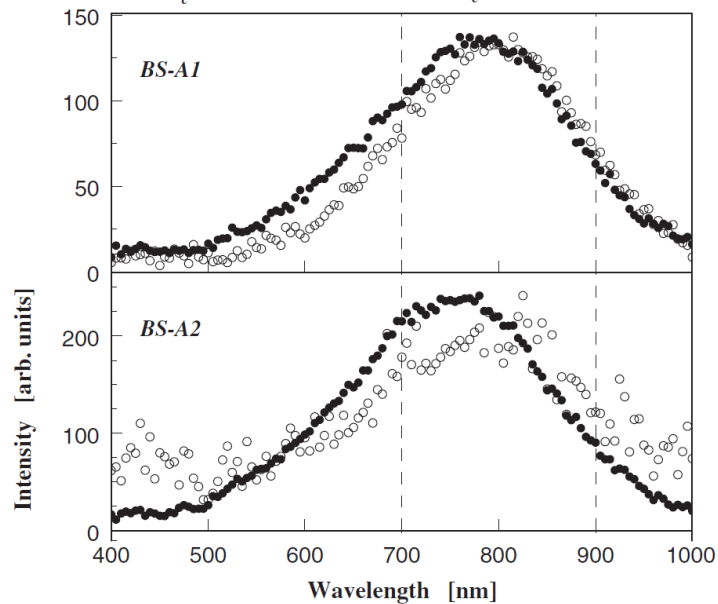
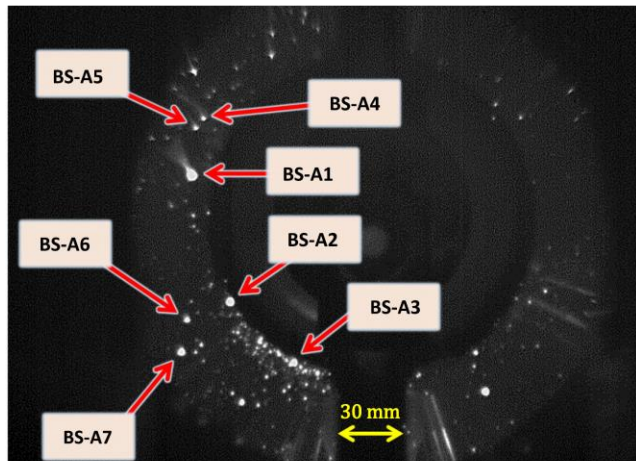
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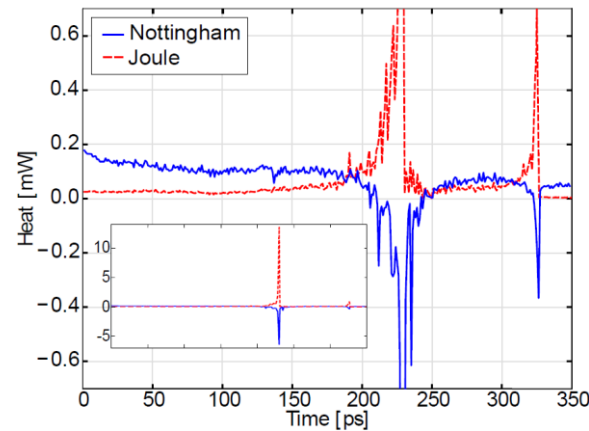
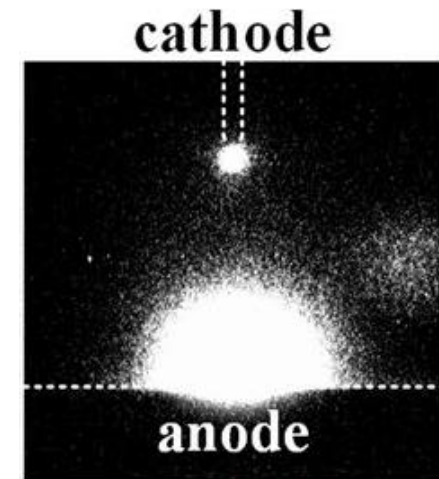
Implications: breakdown/arc/discharge

All temperatures at breakdown locations are $>1,300$ K Thermally driven cathodic plasma forms discharge/arc

KEK



Helsinki/CERN



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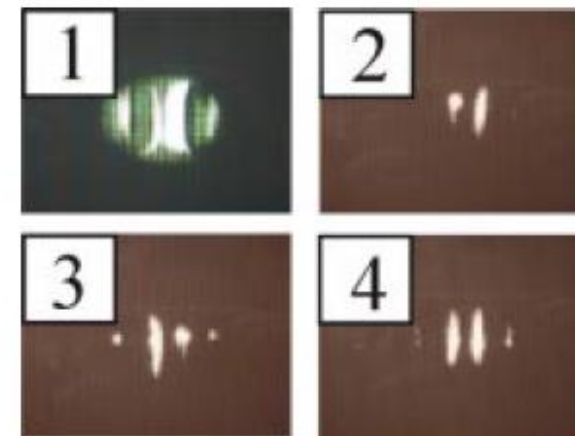
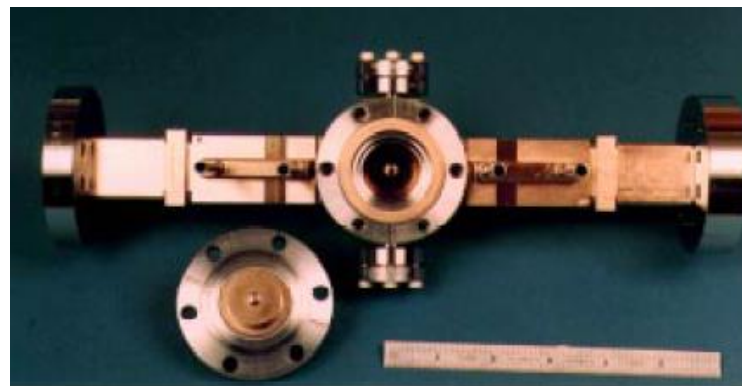
Pulsed rf breakdown studies

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TM020



This study has also investigated the pulse length (τ^{p}) dependence of breakdown fields for pulse durations ranging from 80ns to 1500ns. Between 800ns to 1500ns, the breakdown fields were observed to follow a $\tau^{-1/2}$ time behavior. This might be expected when considering average power for pulse lengths less than the energy threshold where the field time behavior approaches CW. At shorter pulse durations ($< 800\text{ns}$), a transition in the breakdown field time behavior is evident, shifting from $\tau^{-1/2}$ to $\tau^{-1/3}$. This transition occurs above the space charge limited region where the field emission current continues to rise but at a much slower rate. The breakdown field at shorter pulse lengths occurs at field levels where there appears to be significant surface heating. The physical mechanism that reduces the breakdown field may be due, at least in part, to thermal mechanisms, although the source remains unclear.

Conclusions and outlook

1. Vast evidence exists on thermal runaway as a leading terminal breakdown/arc formation in dc diodes and rf cavities
2. Field emission, commonly called cold emission, is a very complex phenomenon that can cause severe thermal load via Nottingham and/or Joule heating
3. Testing hot cathodic scenario in relevant rf environment is underway using X-band rf microscope
4. Materials of choice to largely probe the parameter space of Nottingham/Joule processes are metals (copper vs refractory metals), nanodiamond and CNT

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