

# Power Manipulation & Laser Agitation Relaxation Experiments on Plasmas

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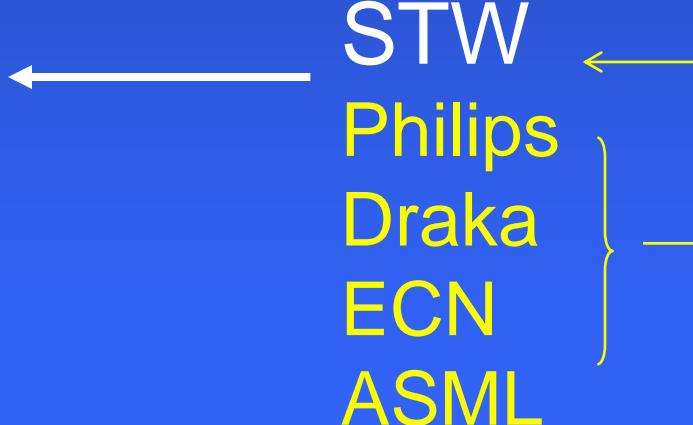
Cordoba; 7 September 2015

## Creating

- New projects
- New insights
- New Doctors & Masters

## Breaking

Conservative Academic Forces



# Vimeiro: Iberia Spring 1992

NATO ASI series Carlos Ferreira and Michel Moisan.  
Microwave Discharges; Fundamentals and Applications

Eindhoven big delegation

No MW plasmas: mainly

Big DC machines Cascaded Arc,  
ICP exception

Selling  
Learning  
Meeting

PLASIMO to Thorn EMI **Graem Lister**

Microwave Discharges

Cordoba Group: Los Sabios

jvdM terminology

pLSE

EEK

etc.

TU/e

# Un Holandes perdido en Cordoba

Month later: Visit to Cordoba: (Sevilla)

Exchange of Students

Develop/improve Methods

Projects

Bilateral Collaboration Framework Cordoba <-> Eindhoven

Profesor Invitado → Thesis Director of own projects.

# Exchange of Students

Eric Timmermans  
Jeroen Jonkers  
Frank Fey  
Harald Vos  
Dany Benoy  
Harm van der Heijden  
Bart Hartgers  
Marco van de Sande

Jesus Torres  
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Cordoba Eindhoven  
Sofia



Mariana Atanasova  
Thesis 2013  
Gerard Degrez  
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Almost Dutch

# Methods



Absolute OE S Continuum

Absolute OES lines

H- Line shapes Widths - Peaks - Calderas

Stark Intersection Method

TS with iCCD detection

# Projects



Plasmas for environment (Jean Bacri; Toulouse)

AVR Chemie (on-line monitoring waste destruction incinerator)

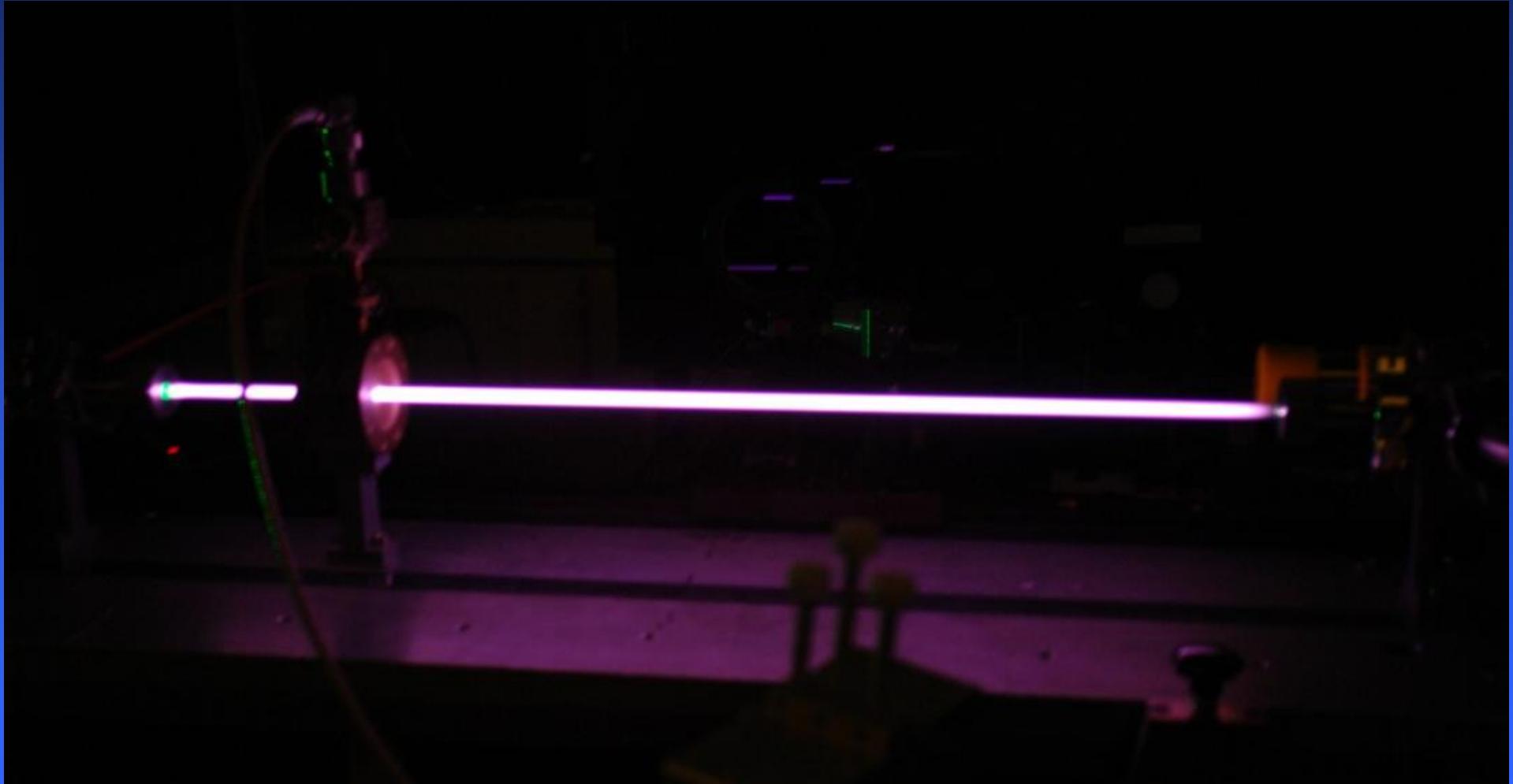
COST on lighting

Optical Fibres (Draka company)

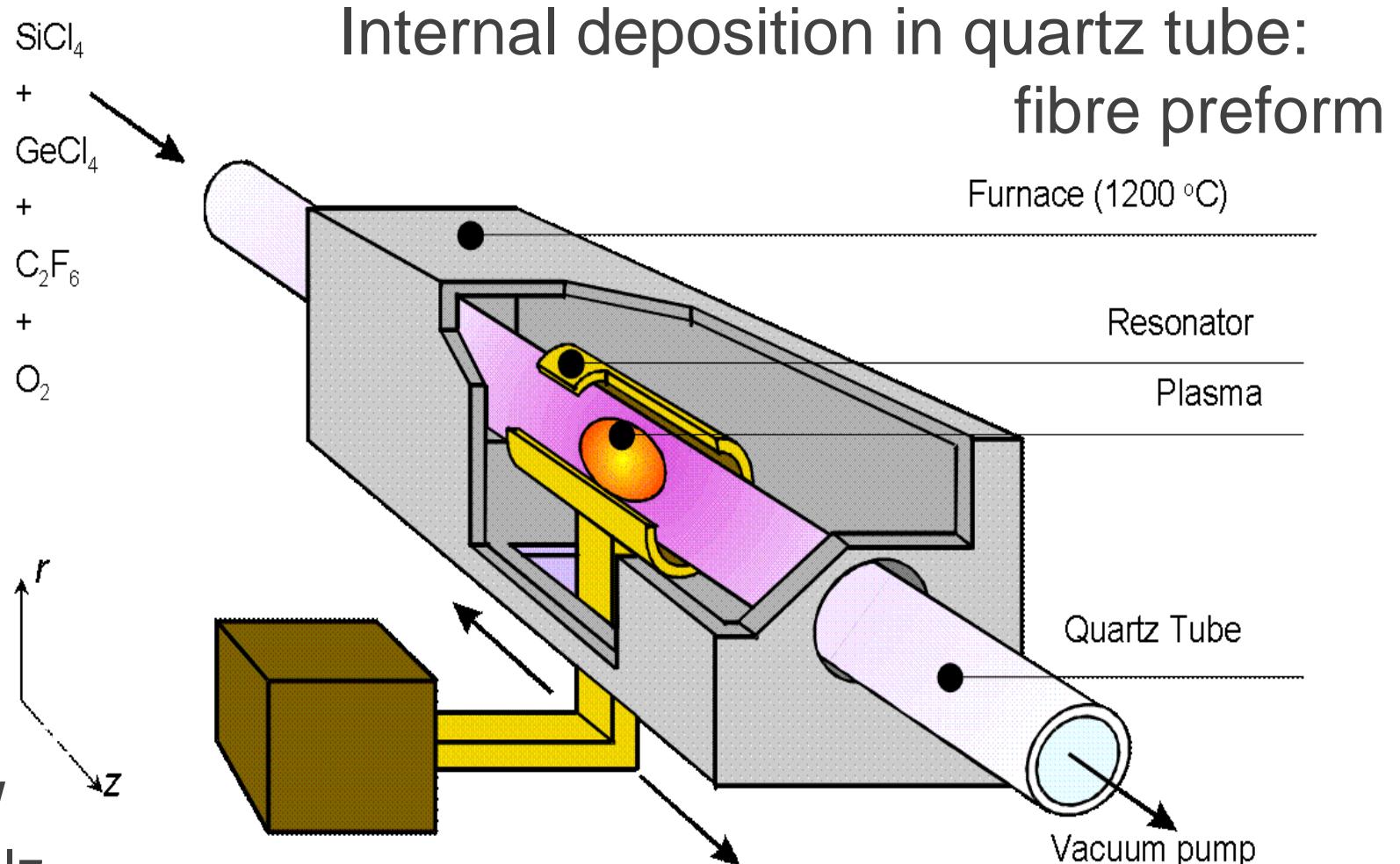
Solar cells (ECN)

CO<sub>2</sub> valorisaion

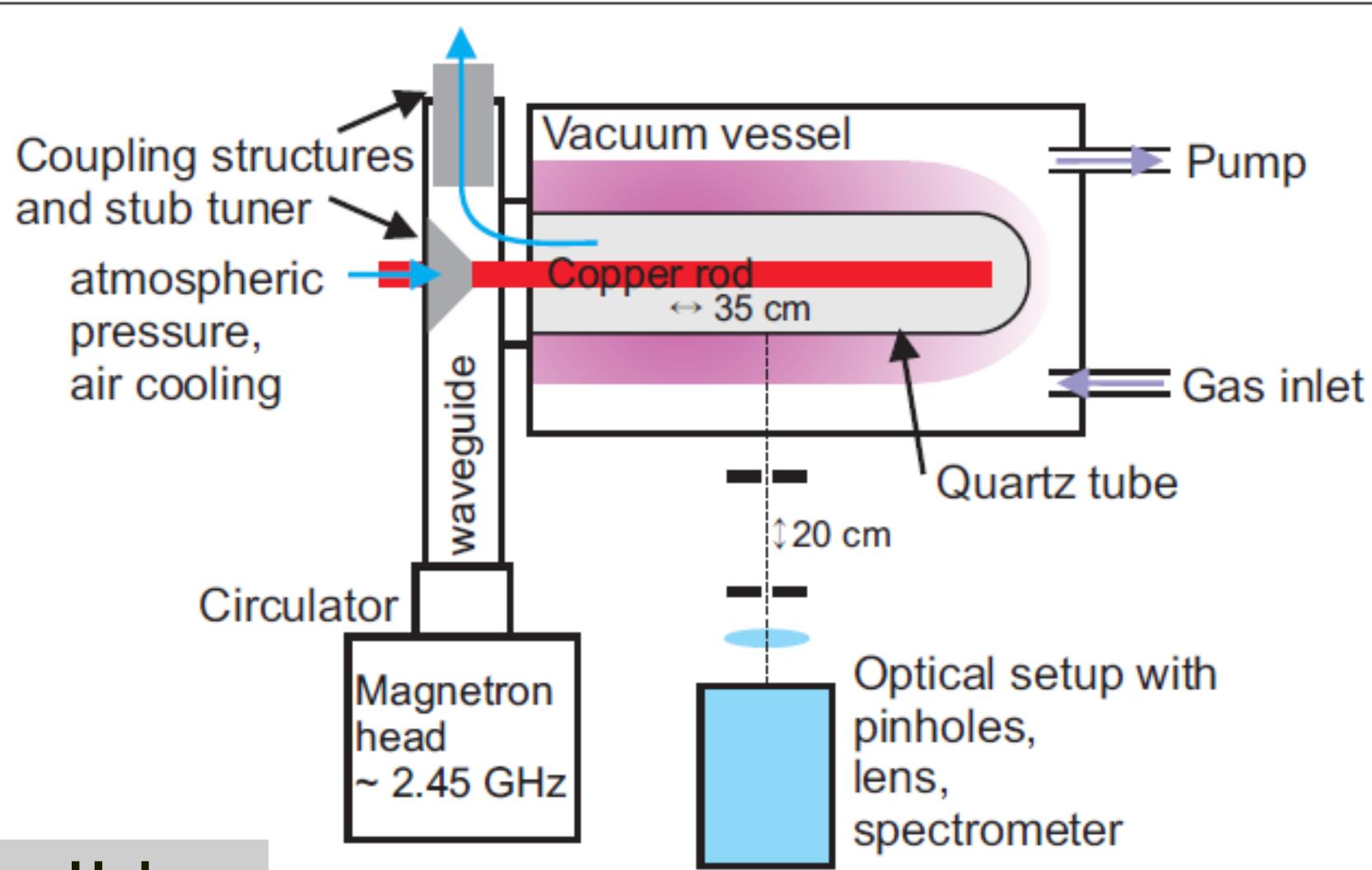
# The plasma source: a low-p SIP



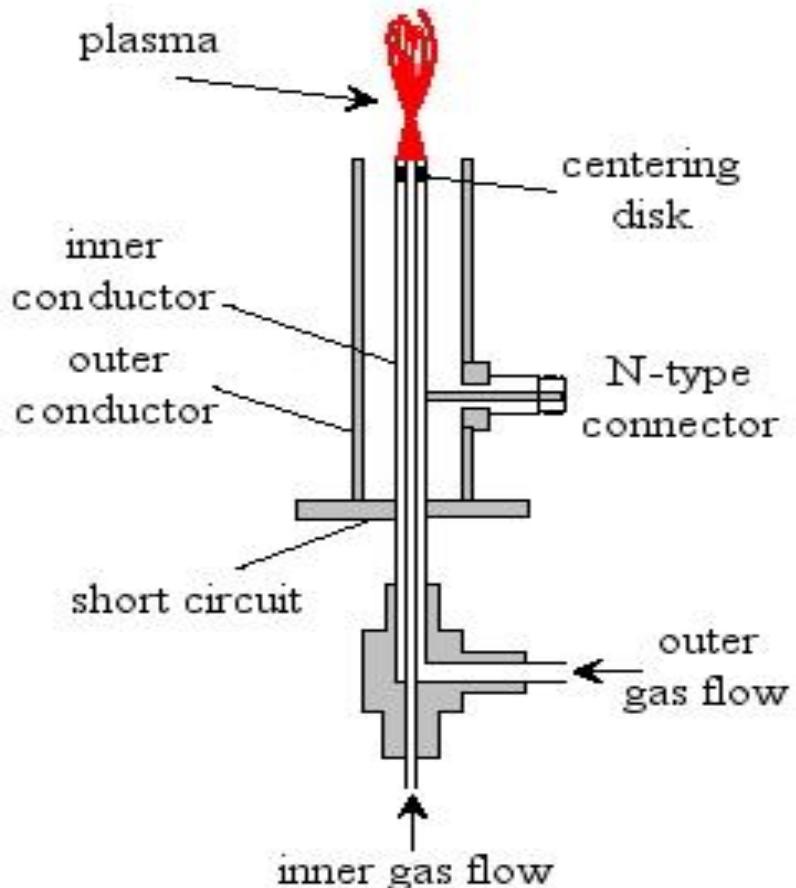
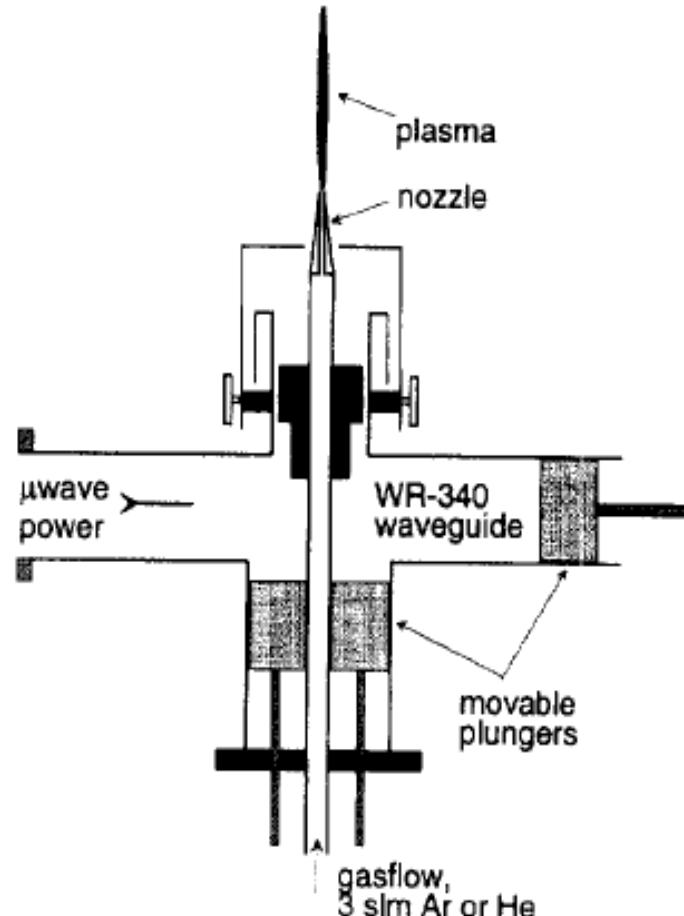
# Inspiration from industry: Travelling MIP



# The coaxial system



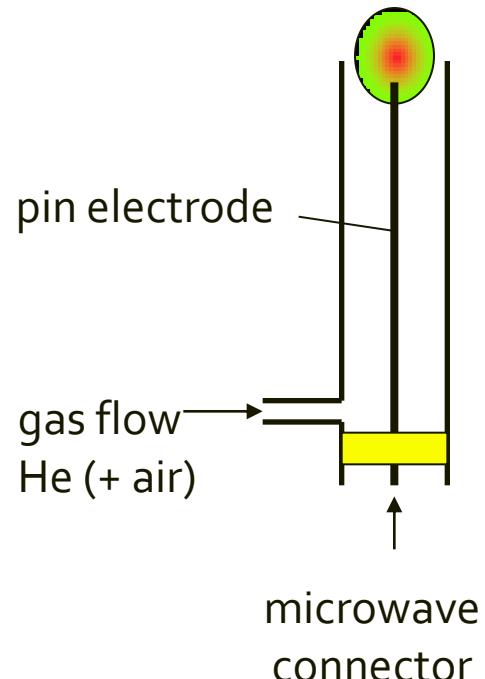
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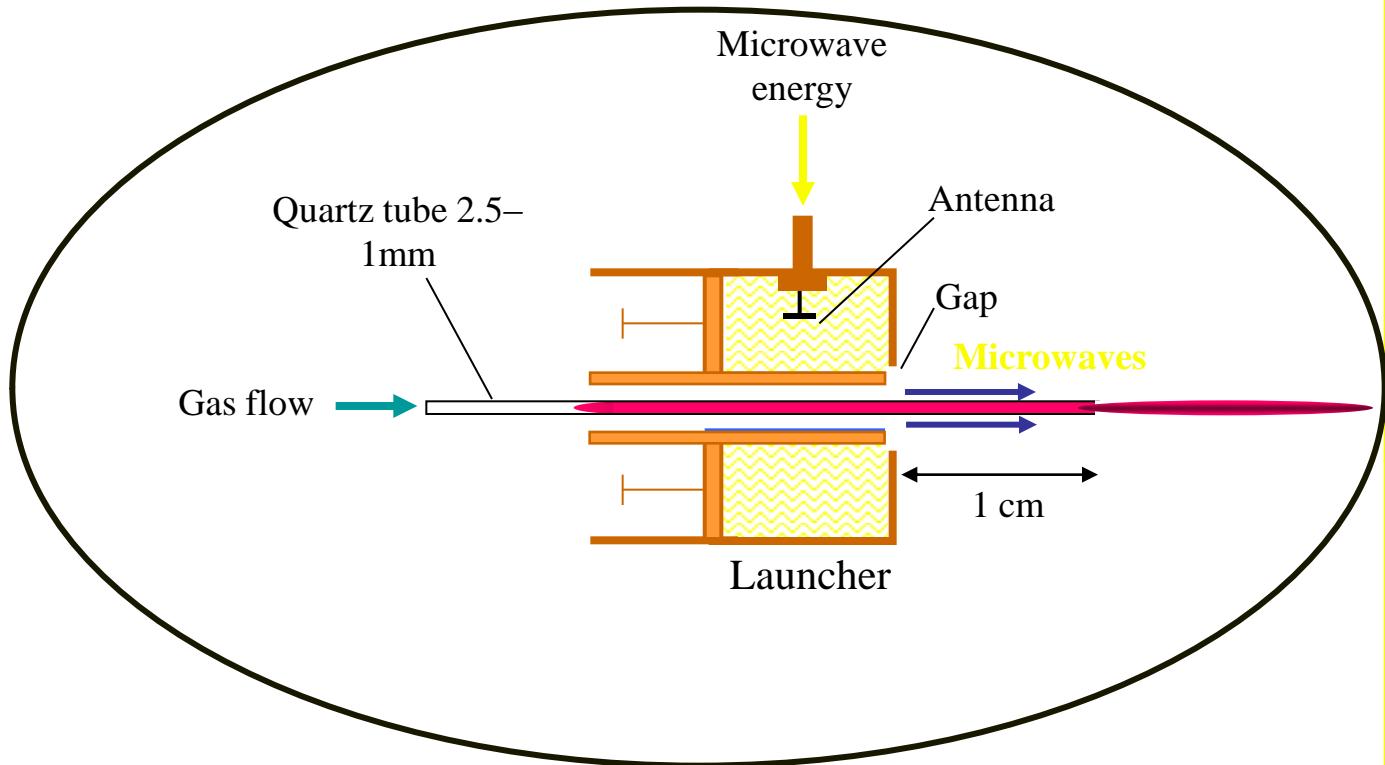
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MPT

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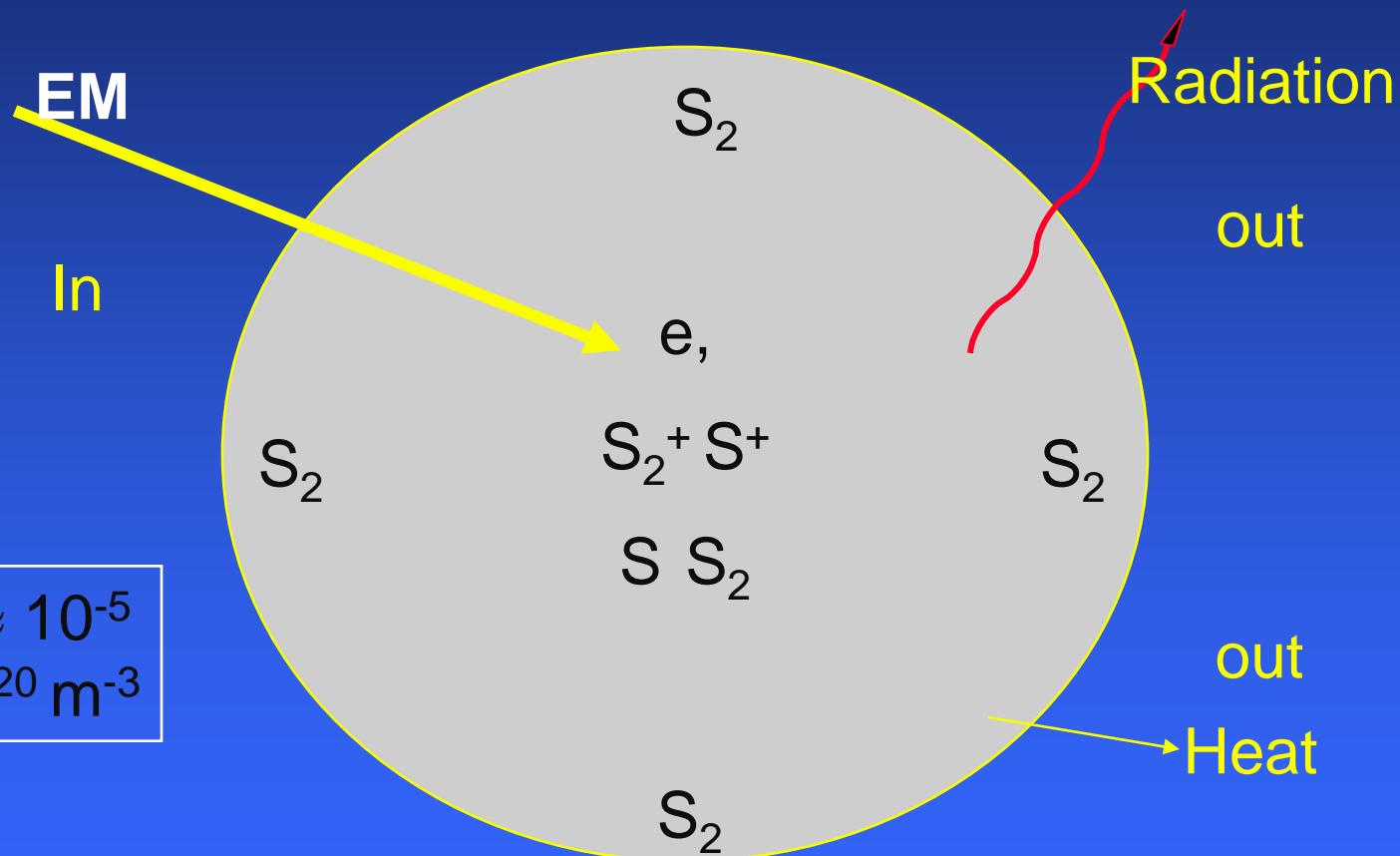


Gdansk jet



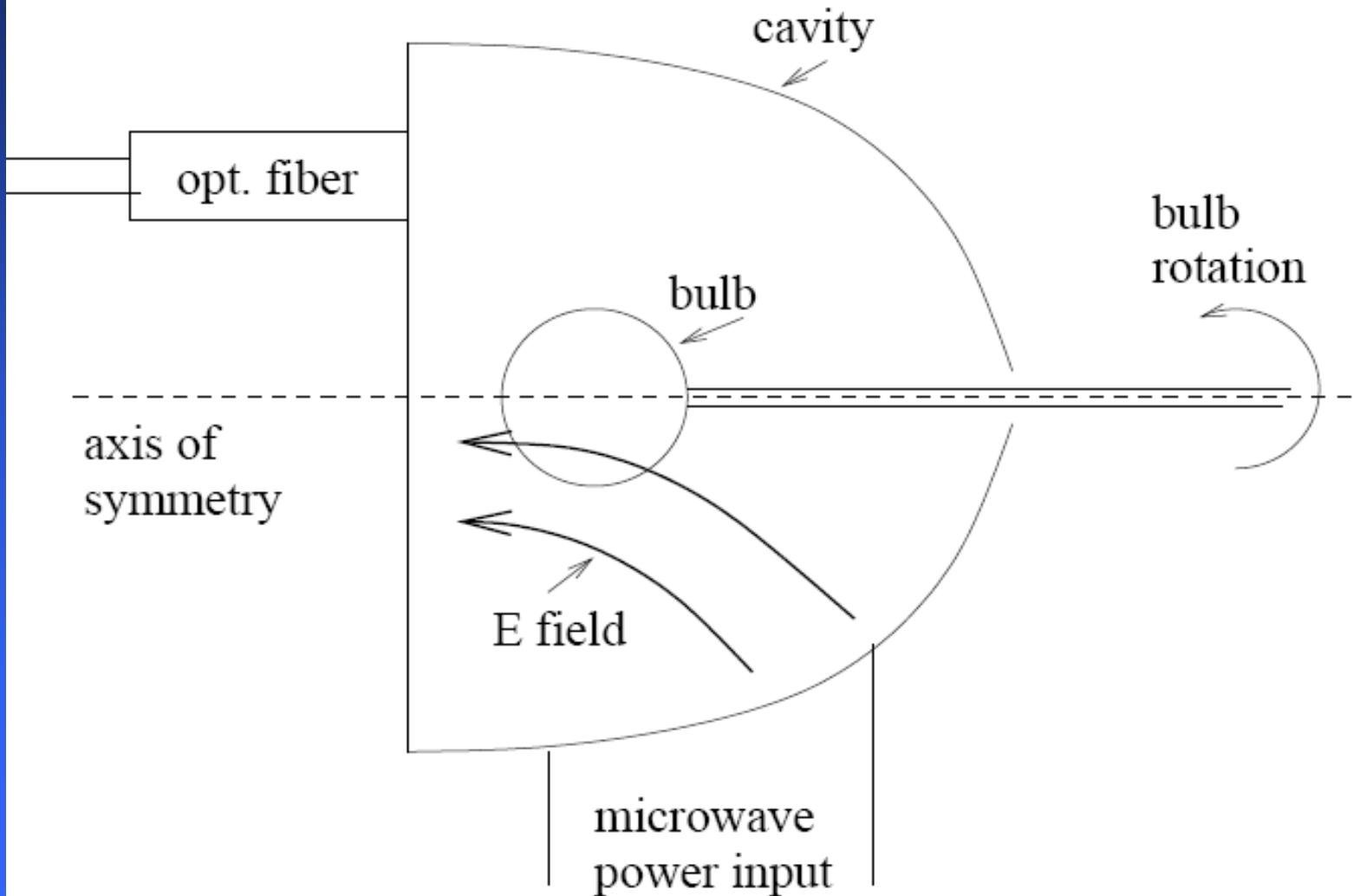
Surfatron

# The Sulfur lamp

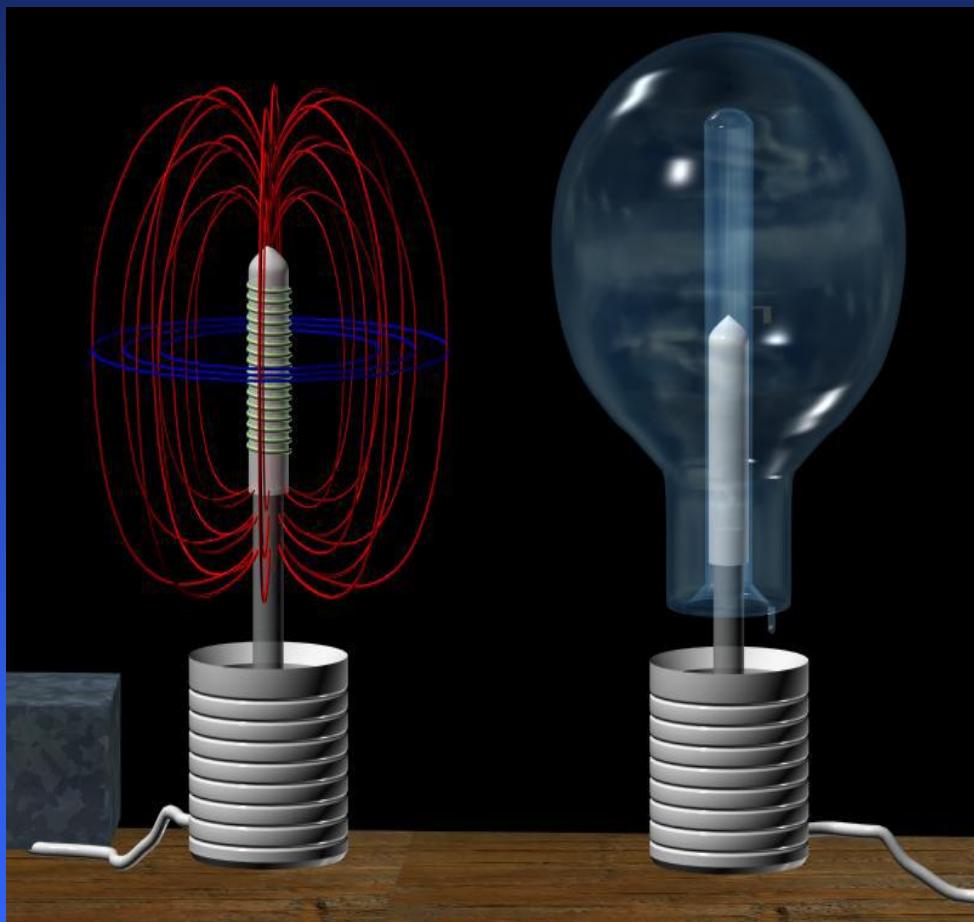


$$\begin{aligned}n_e / n_1 &\approx 10^{-5} \\n_e &\approx 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}\end{aligned}$$

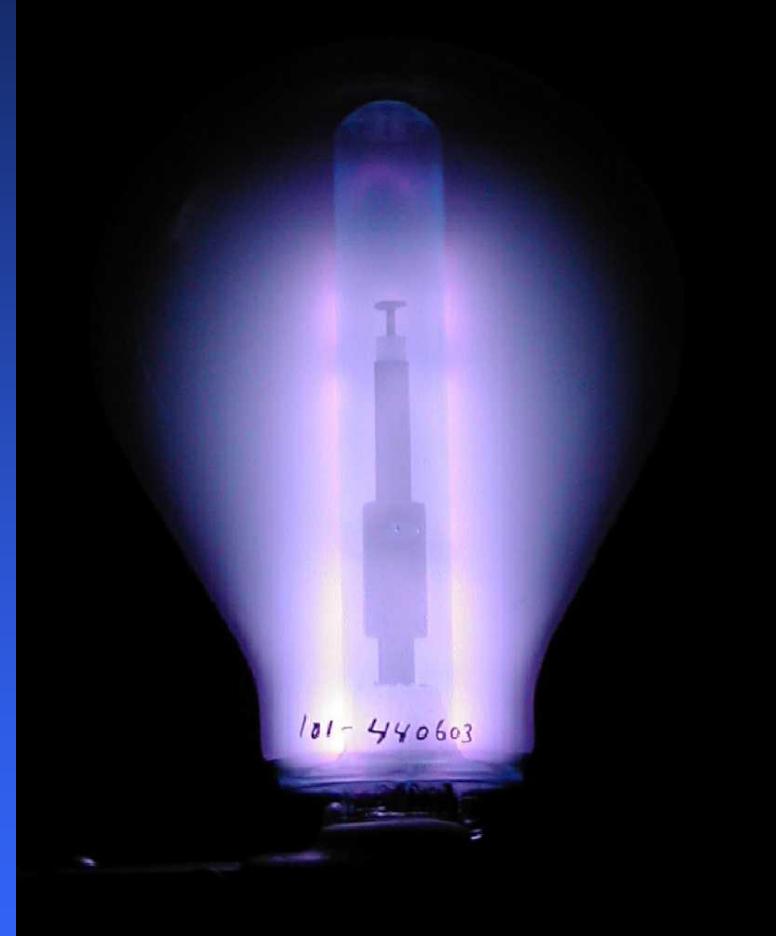
In 1992 a candidate for the illumination Sidney 2000



# The 2.45 GHz driven QL lamp



Inductively



Microwave induced

# Relaxation

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Time lag: application of an external stress to a system  
and its response.

**Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1967.**

For studies of extremely fast chemical reactions,  
effected by equilibrium disturbance by very short pulses of energy.

**Manfred Eigen:**

Equi-Disturbance: rapid changes in temperature or pressure

Power manipulation: follow the passage to a new equilibrium.

**Ronald Norrish and George Porter**

flash photolysis, i.e. by short light flashes.

# Relaxation Applied to plasmas

## Power Interruption

D.B. Gurevich & I.V. Podmoshenskii,  
Opt. Spectrosc. 15 (1963) 319

E.I. Bydder, G.P. Miller SAB 43 (1988) 819

F.H.A.G. Fey, W.W. Stoffels, J.A.M. van der Mullen,  
B. Van der Sijde, D.C. Schram; SAB (1991) 885

## t-Laser induced Fluorescence : t-LIF (not n- LIF nor v-LIF)

N. Omenetto, O.I. Matveev,  
reservoirs, Spectrochim. Acta Part B 49 (1994) 1519–1535.

J.M. Palomares, W.A.A.D. Graef, S. Hübner,  
J.J.A.M. van der Mullen SAB 2013

# Relaxation Techniques in Plasmas

Aim: Understanding Equilibrium (departure)  
Get rate coefficients

## Method Kick-up & Cool-down

Two approaches

1) Power Interruption

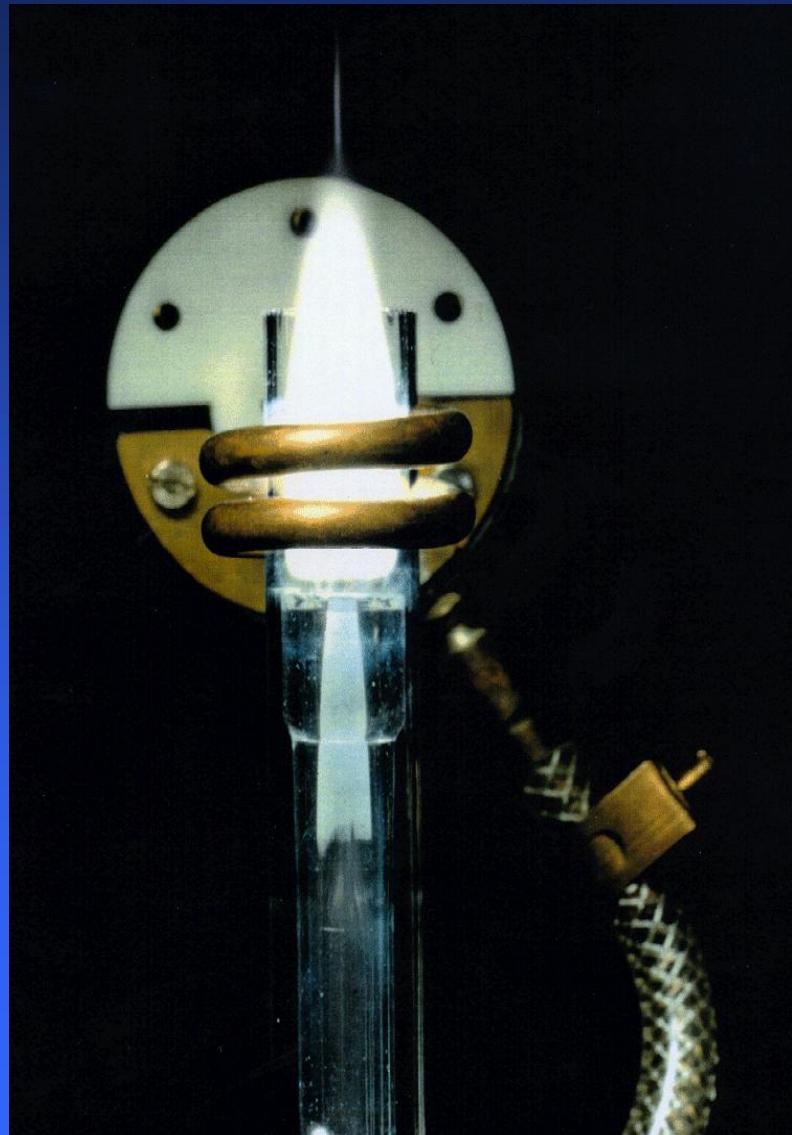
and Re-Ignition

**Global**     $\Delta n_e \neq 0$      $\Delta T_e \neq 0$

2) t-resolved LIF

**Specific**     $\Delta n_e = 0$      $\Delta T_e = 0$

# The atmospheric Inductively Coupeld Plasmas



$p = 1 \text{ atm}$

$P = 1 \text{ kW}$

$\Phi = 14 \text{ slm}$

Argon + (Water + Analytes)

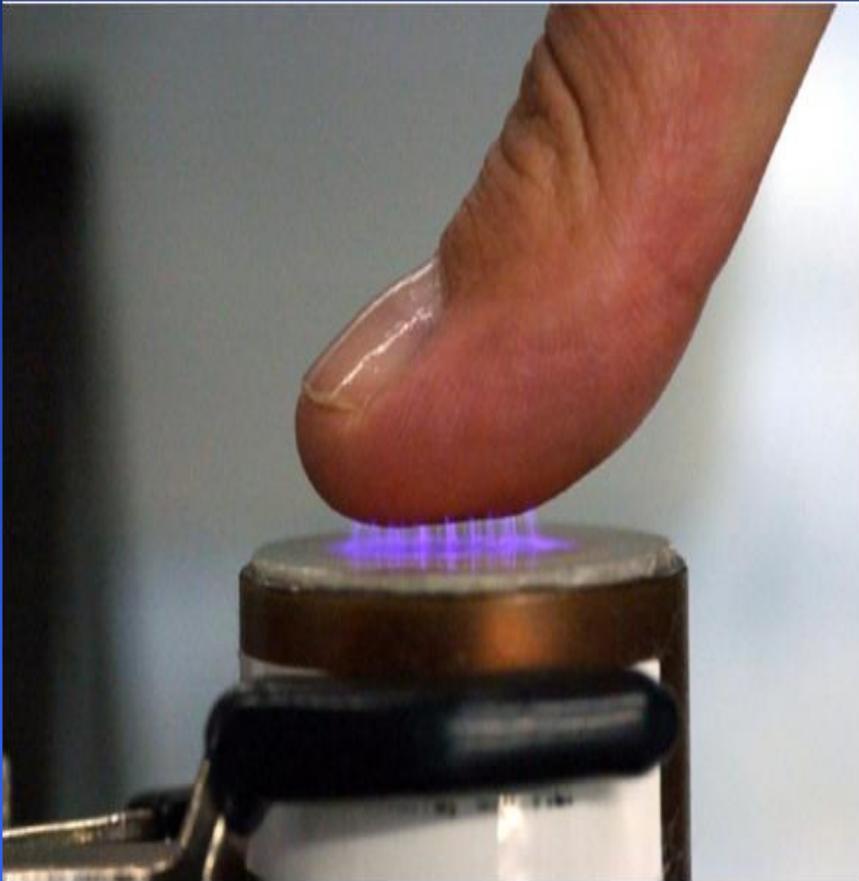
Mg

Fe

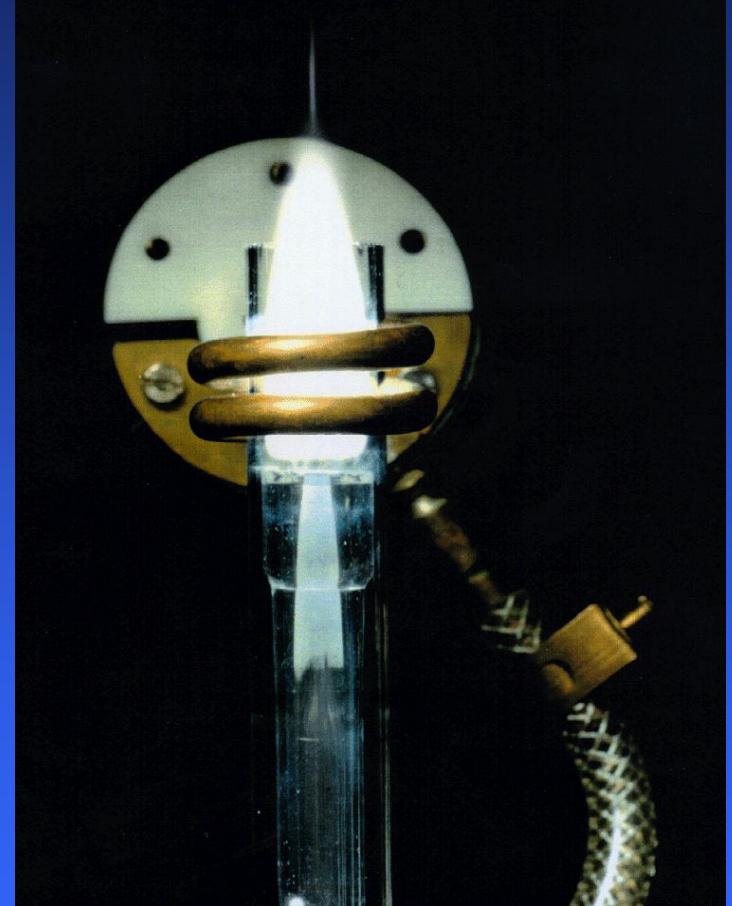
Li

Etc.

# Two Atmospheric Plasmas

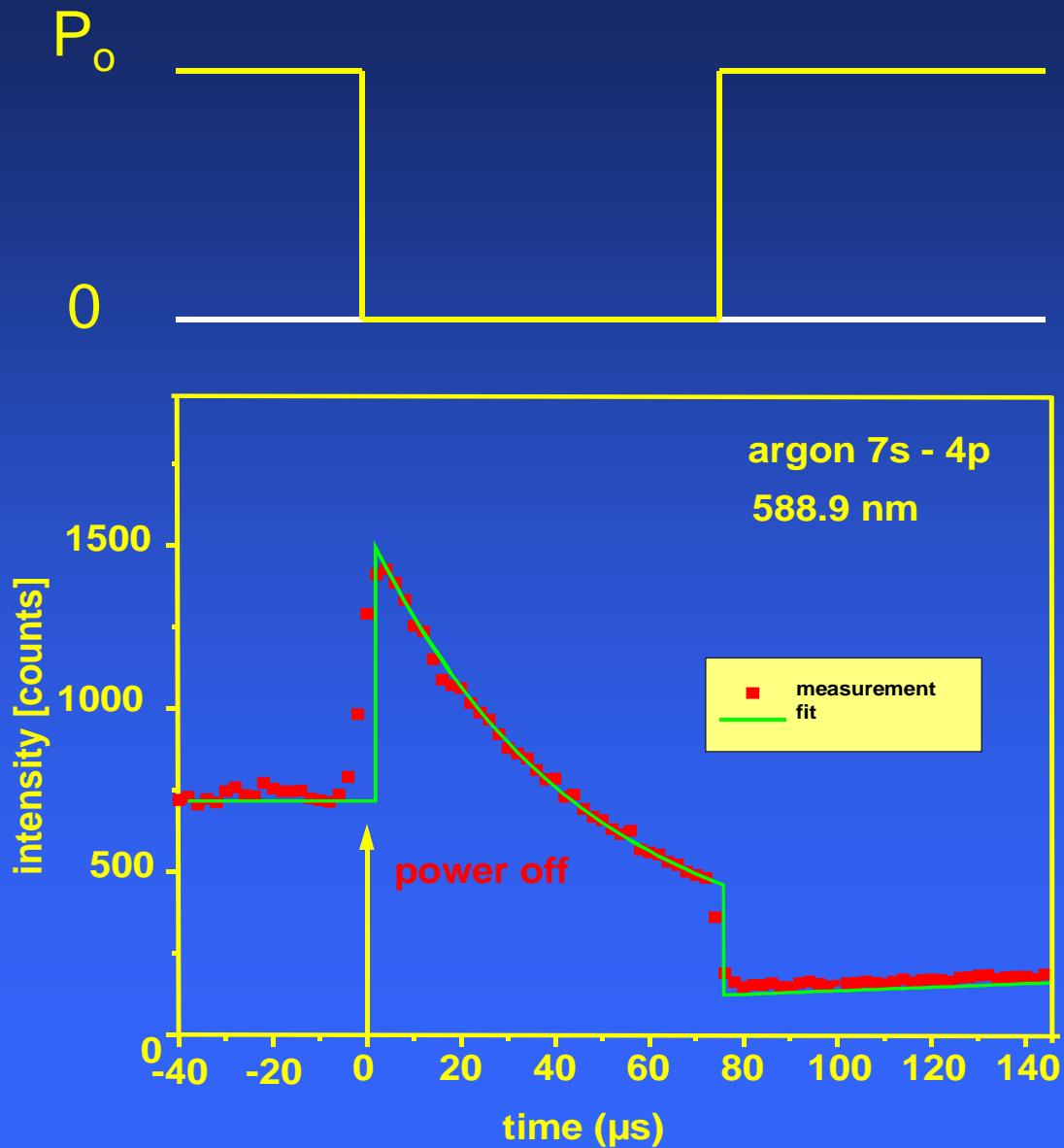


**Wound healing**



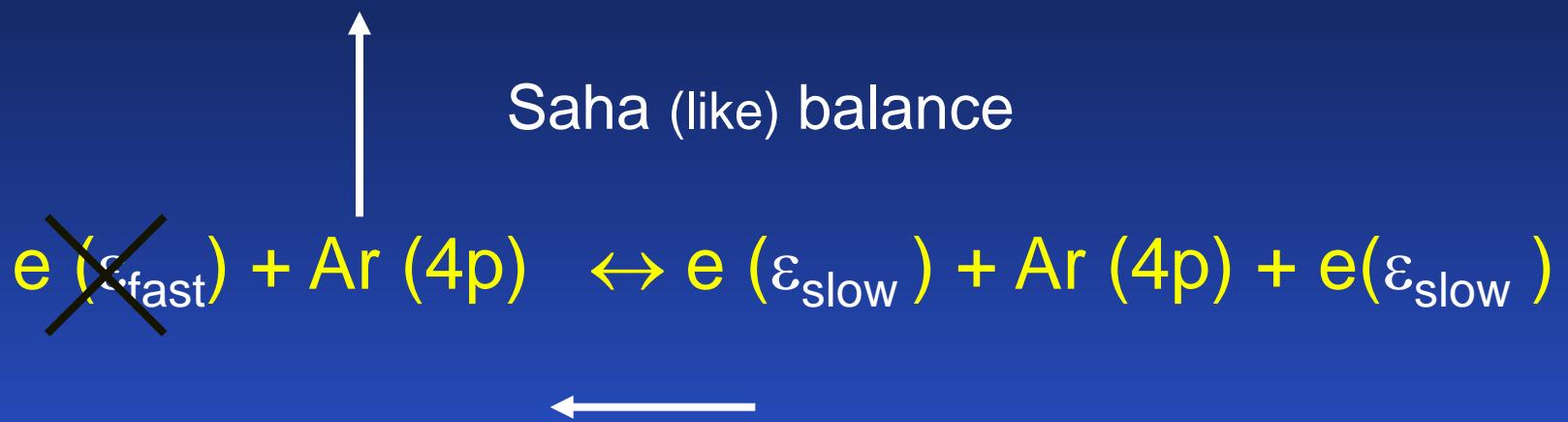
**Wound creation**

# Power Interruption on ICP



Why is the Line  
Emission going **up**  
At switch-off ??

# Jump at cooling

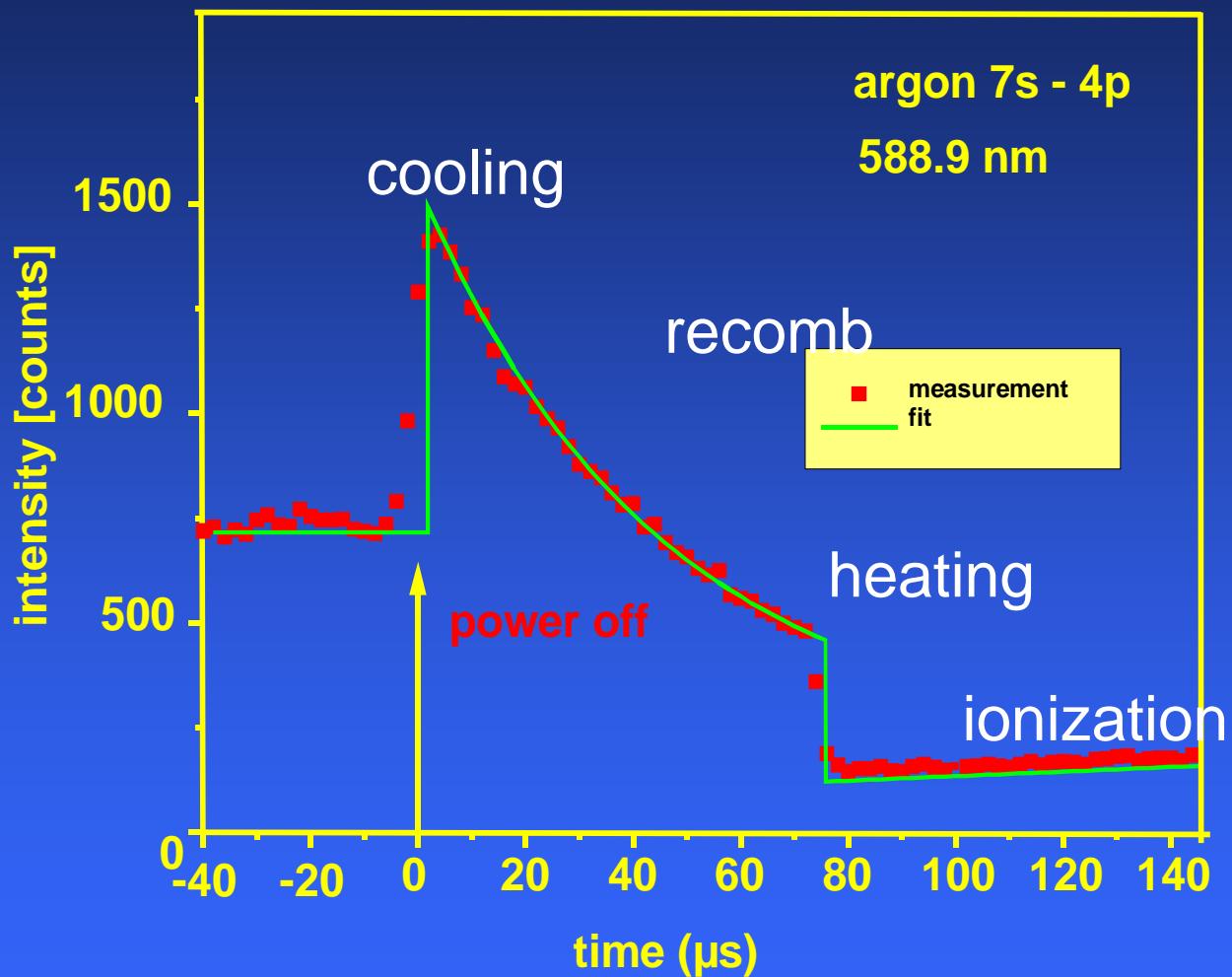


Power switch-off: population of  $e(\varepsilon_{\text{fast}})$  goes down:

ionization stops while recombination continues.

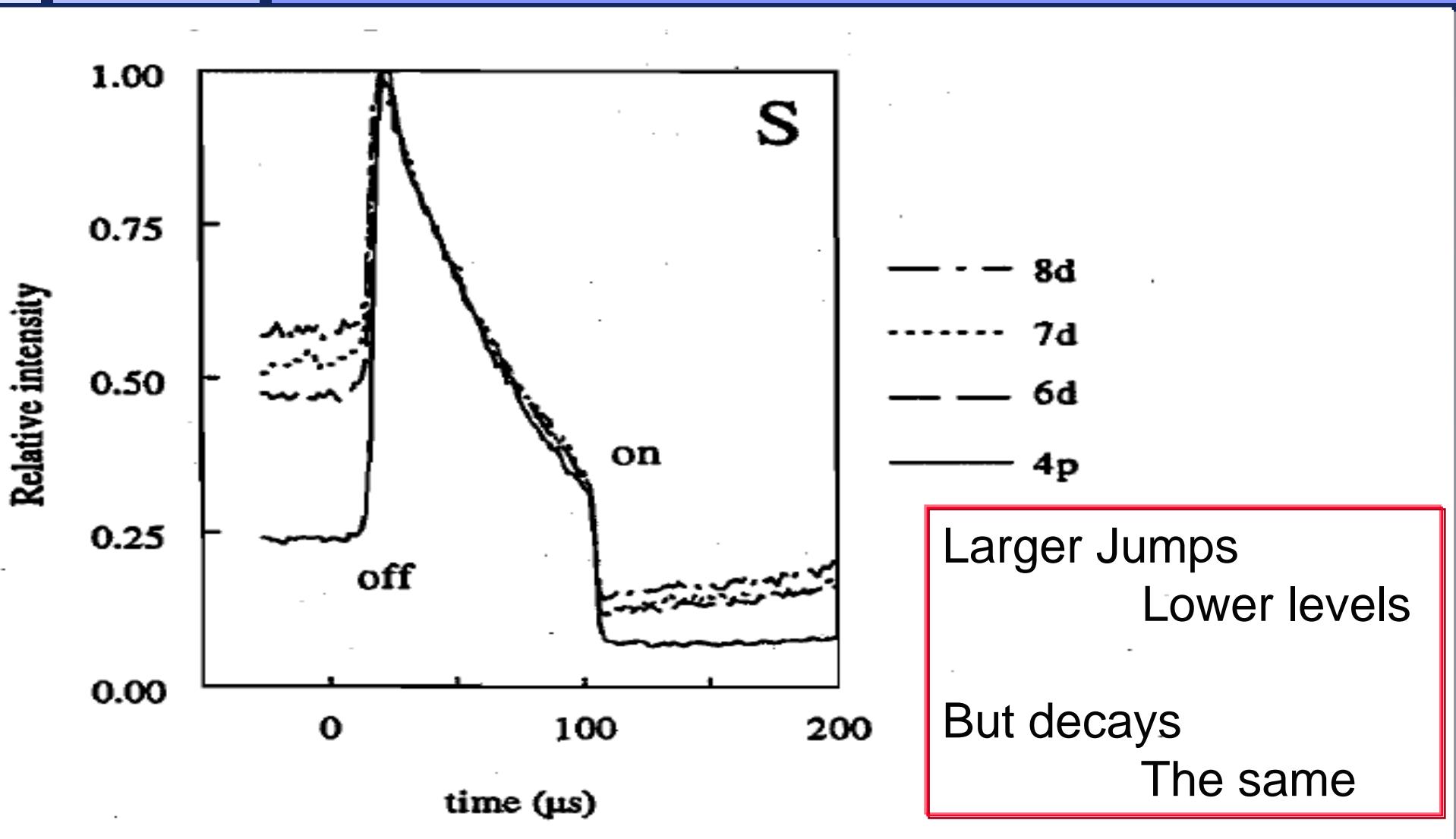
After that new situation based on electrons of lower T:  $T_e^*$   
Presumably  $T_e^* = T_h$

# Power Interruption



Separation between  
Fast Physics ( $\Delta T$ )  
&  
Slow Chemistry ( $\Delta n$ )

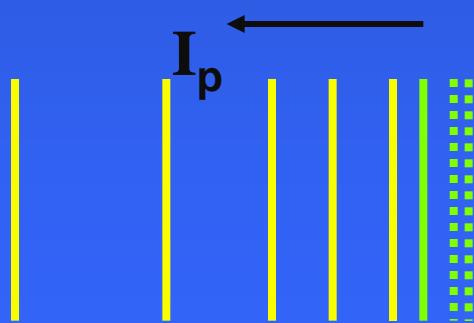
# For several Ar lines



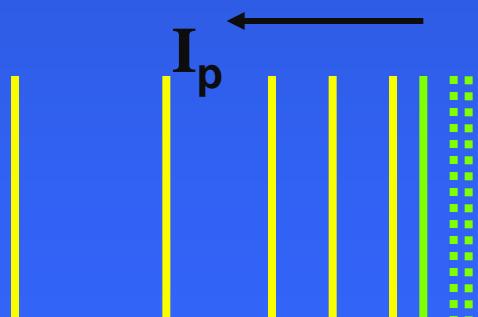


Jump at cooling

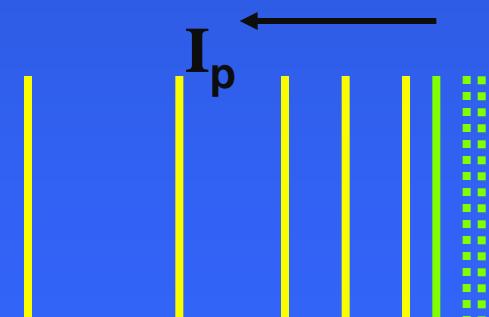
e-i reservoir



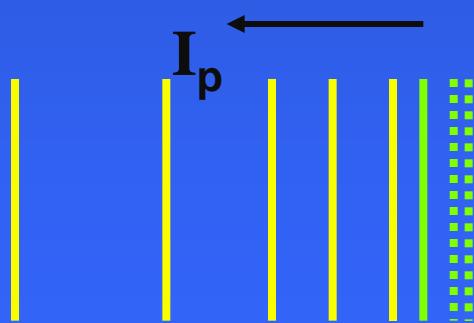
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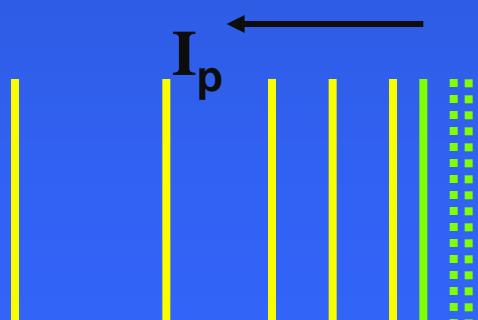
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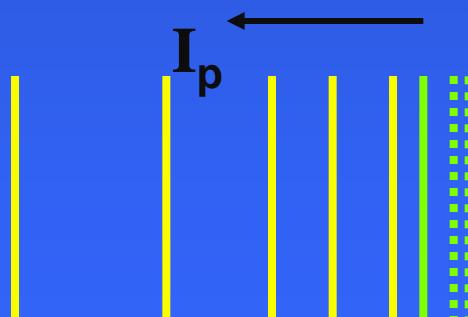


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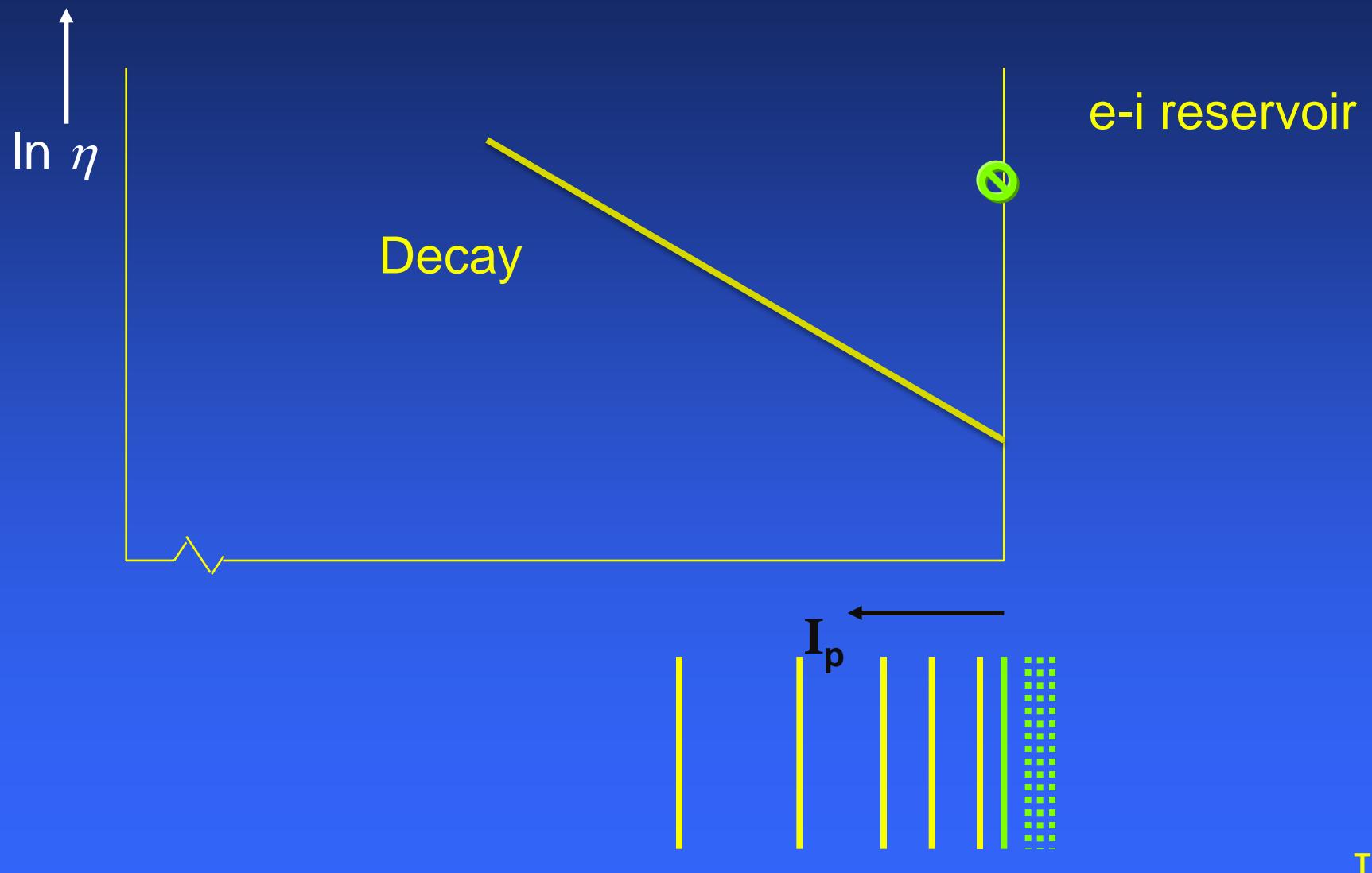


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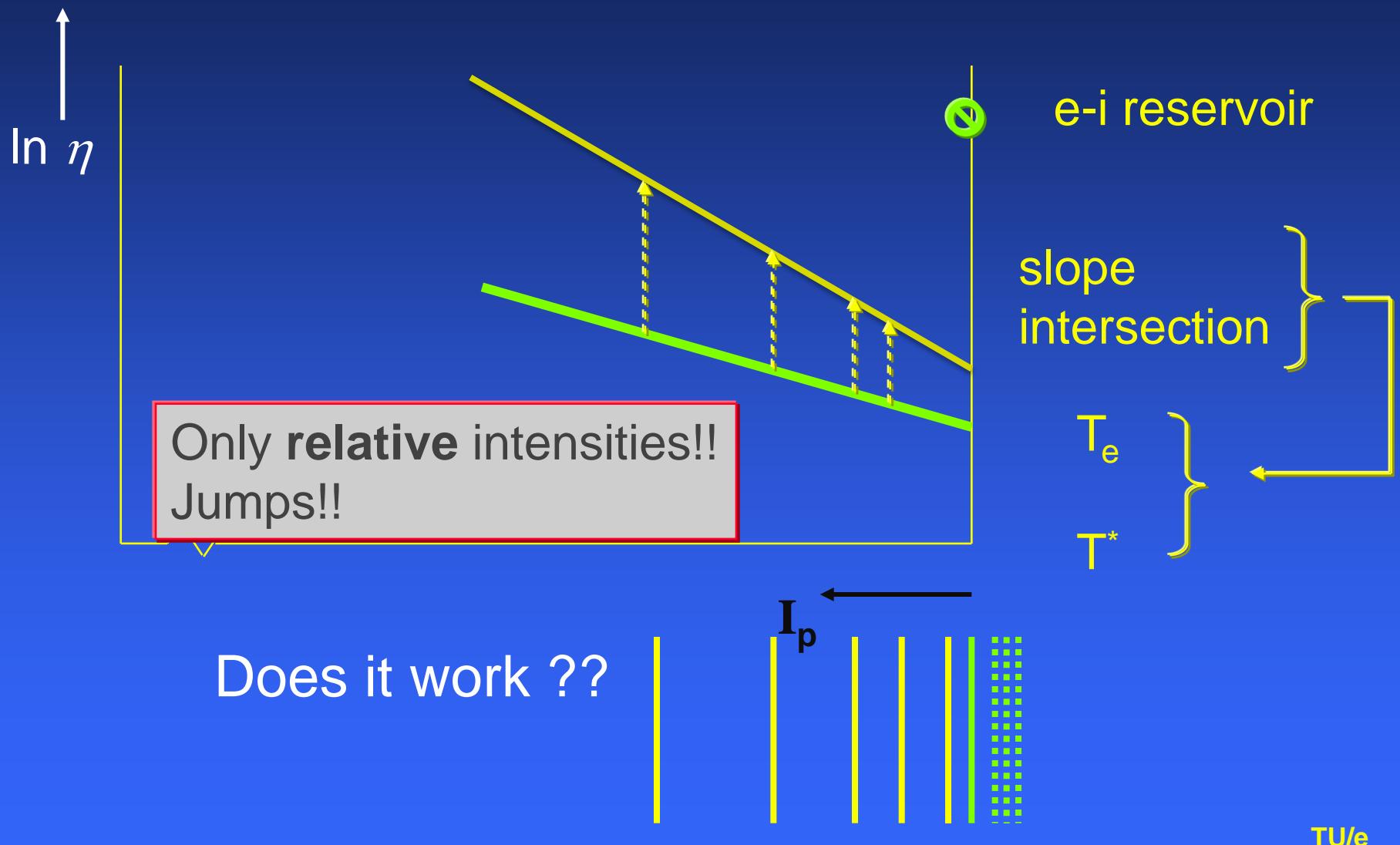




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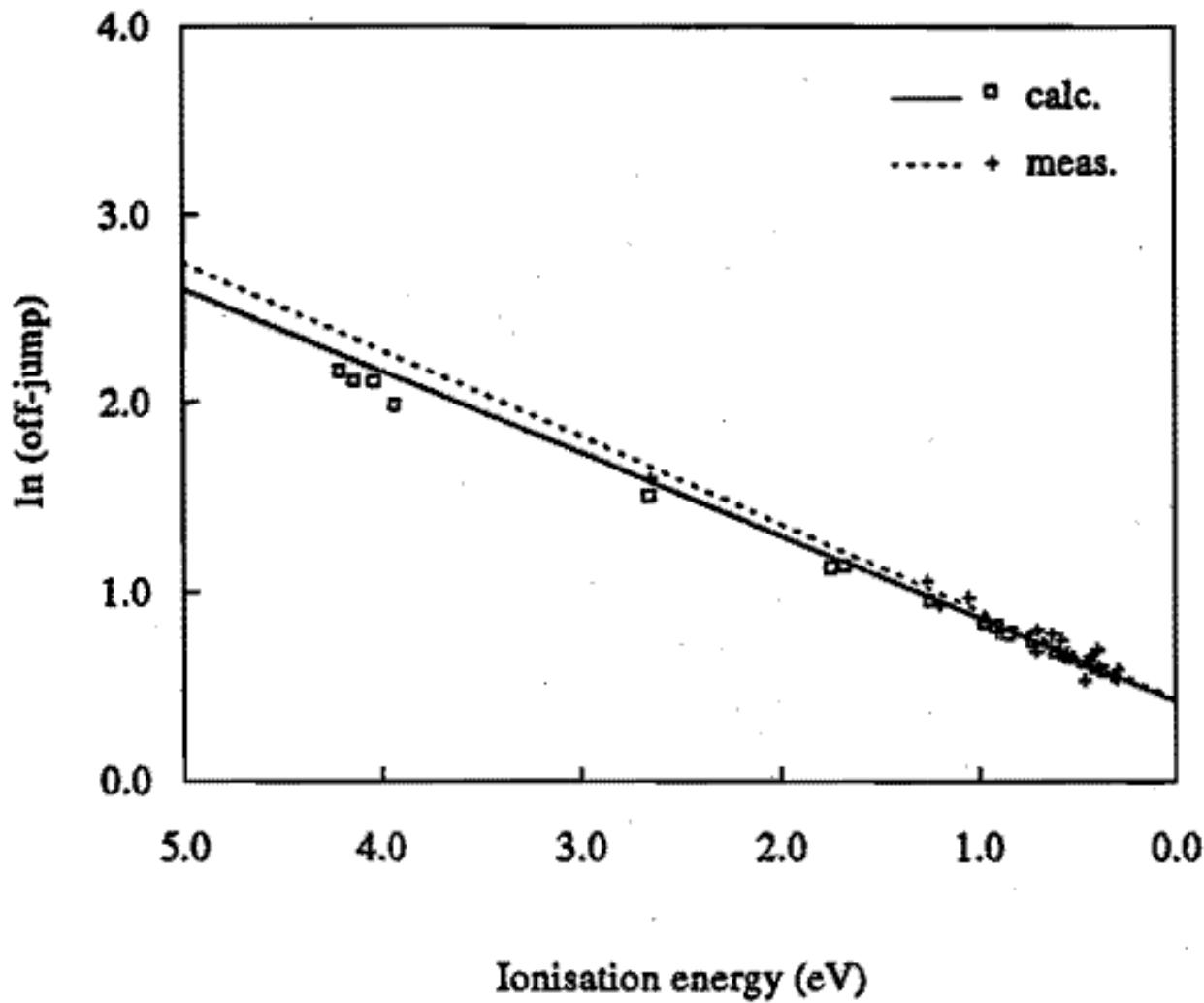


# $T_e$ and $T_h$ deduced from Jump (?)

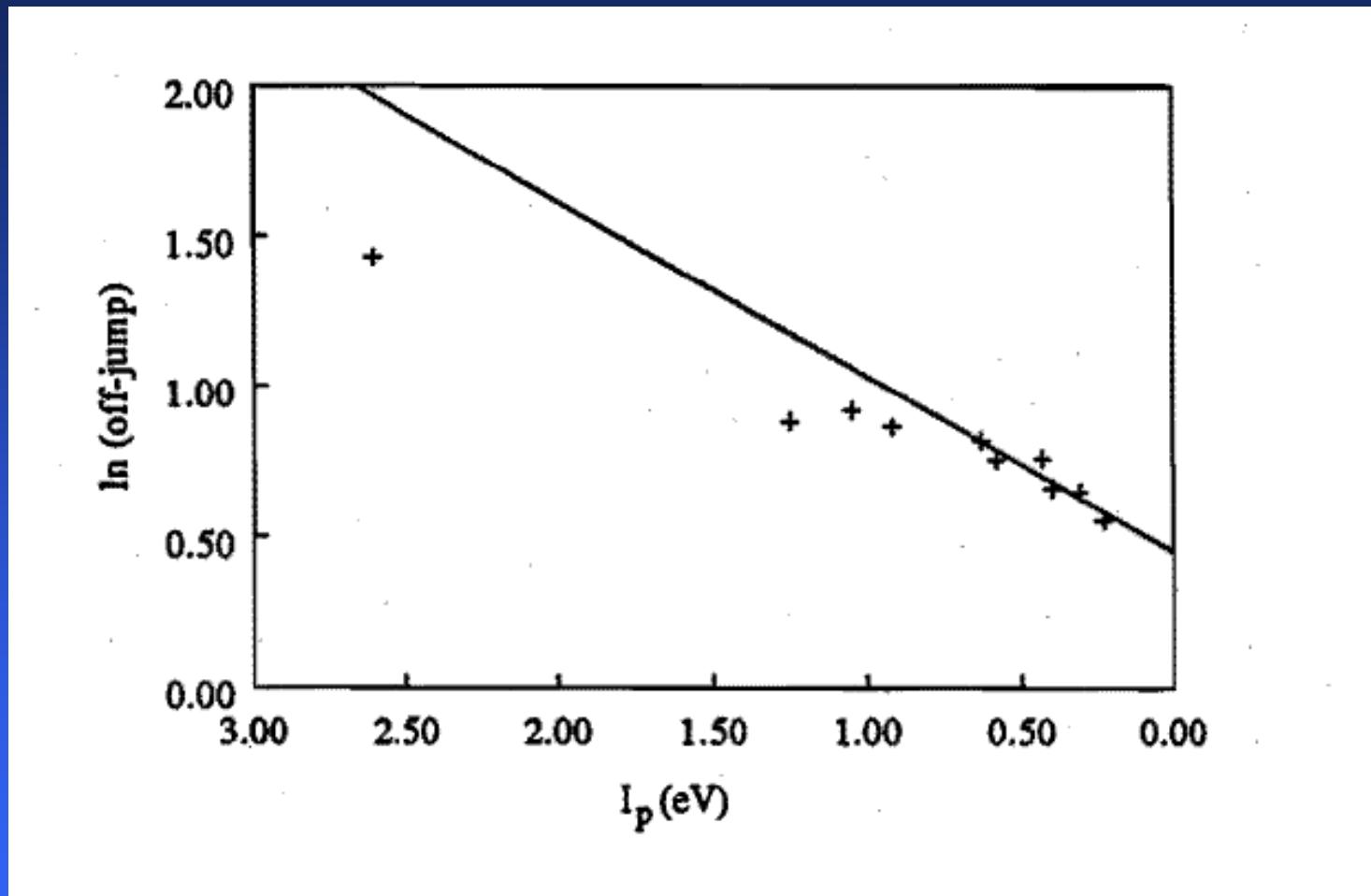


# ICP at high power

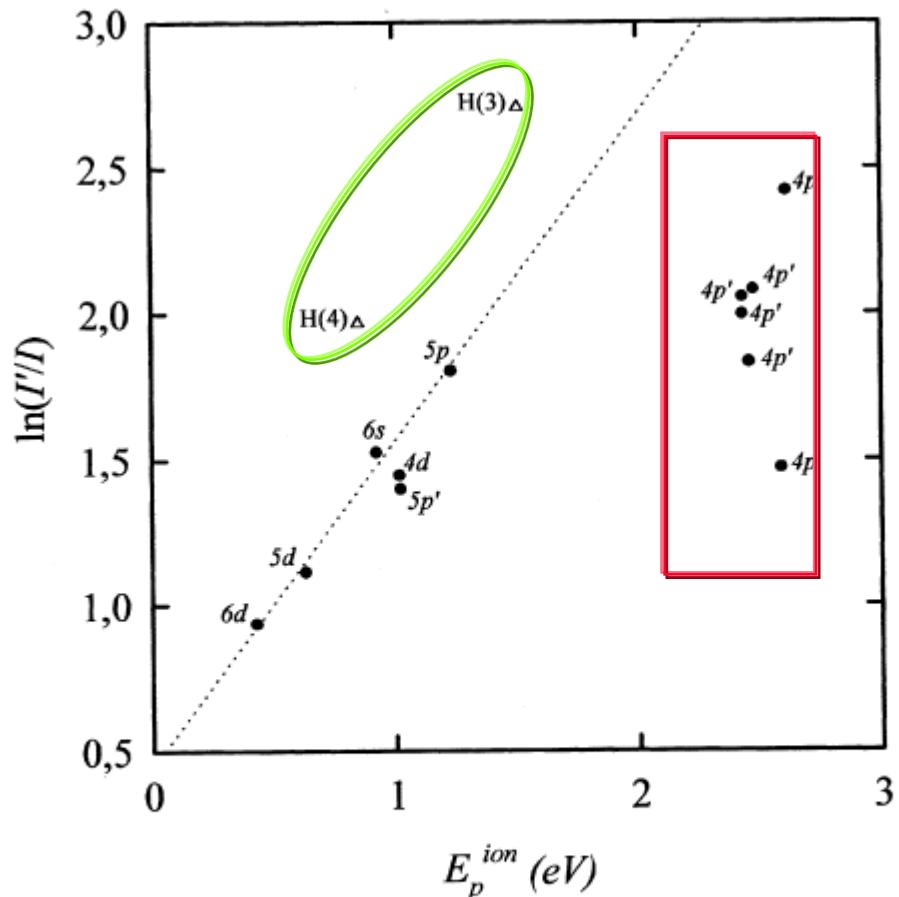
Thesis Frank Fey  
Exp <-> Model



# ICP at lower power



# SIP at even lower Power



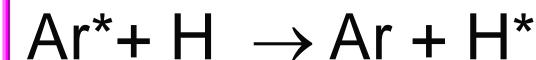
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& Sabios

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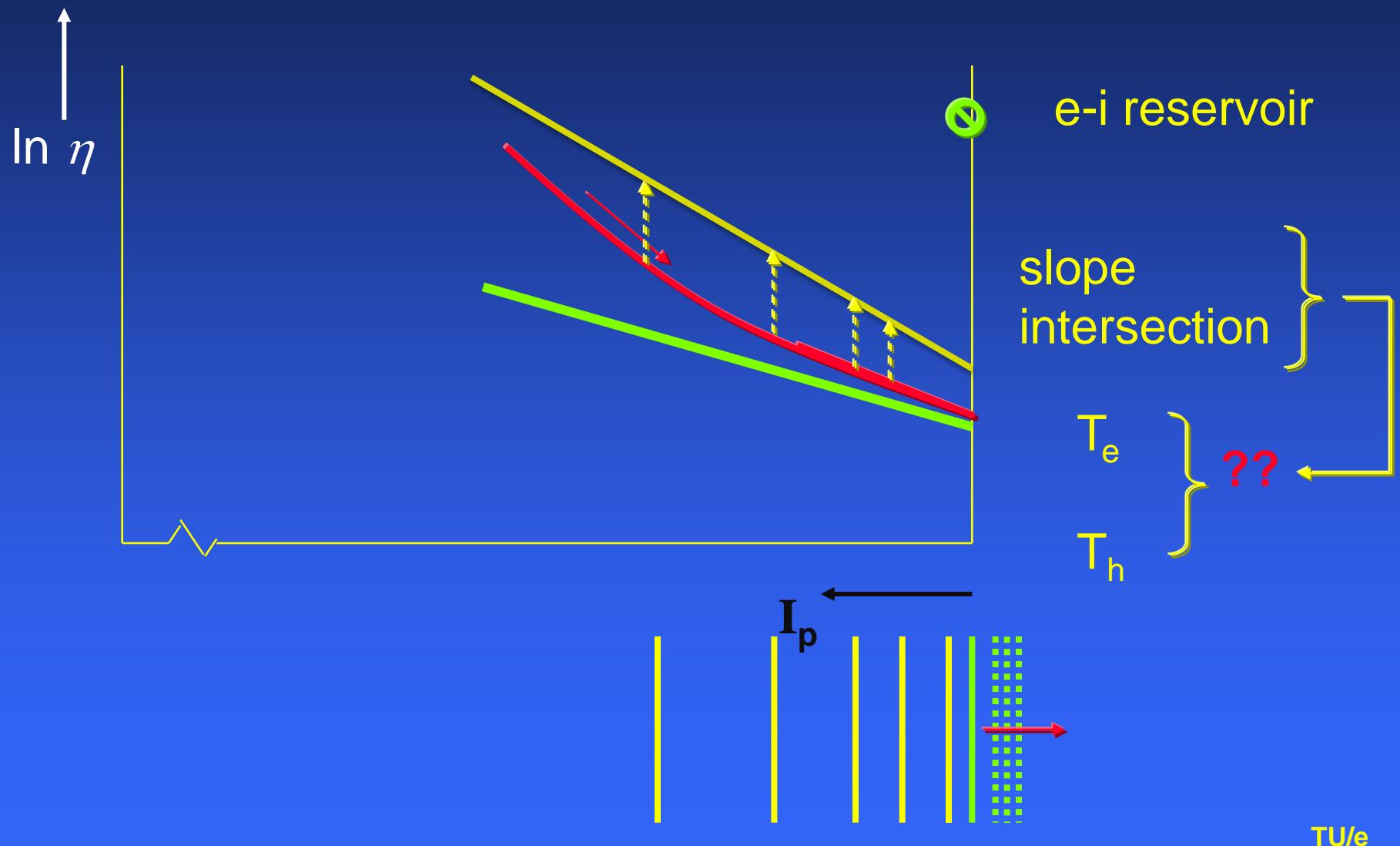
Low Ar lines: small jumps

H lines: large jumps  
Points towards  
Excitation Transfer

Fig. 4. Cooling jump of argon and hydrogen level population as a function of its ionization energy at  $z = 13$  cm position (number of repetitions = 1000 times).



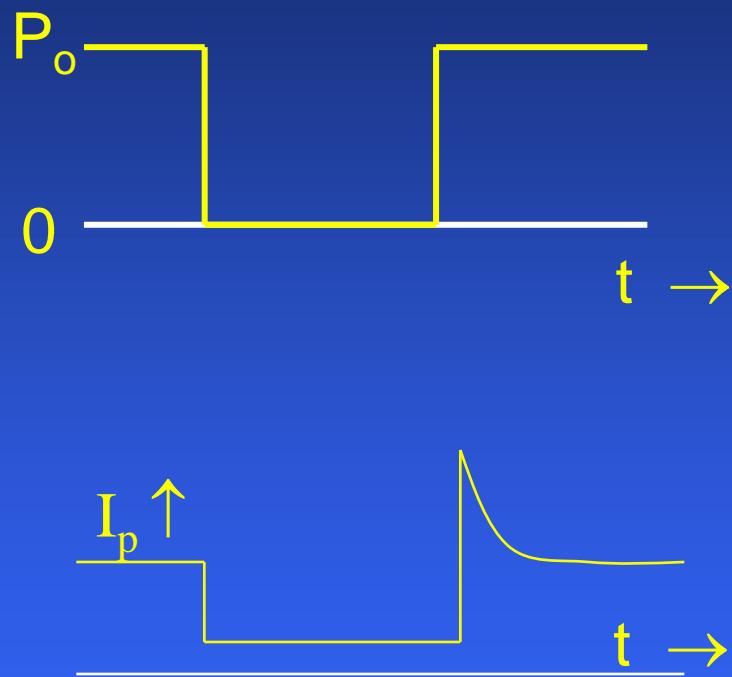
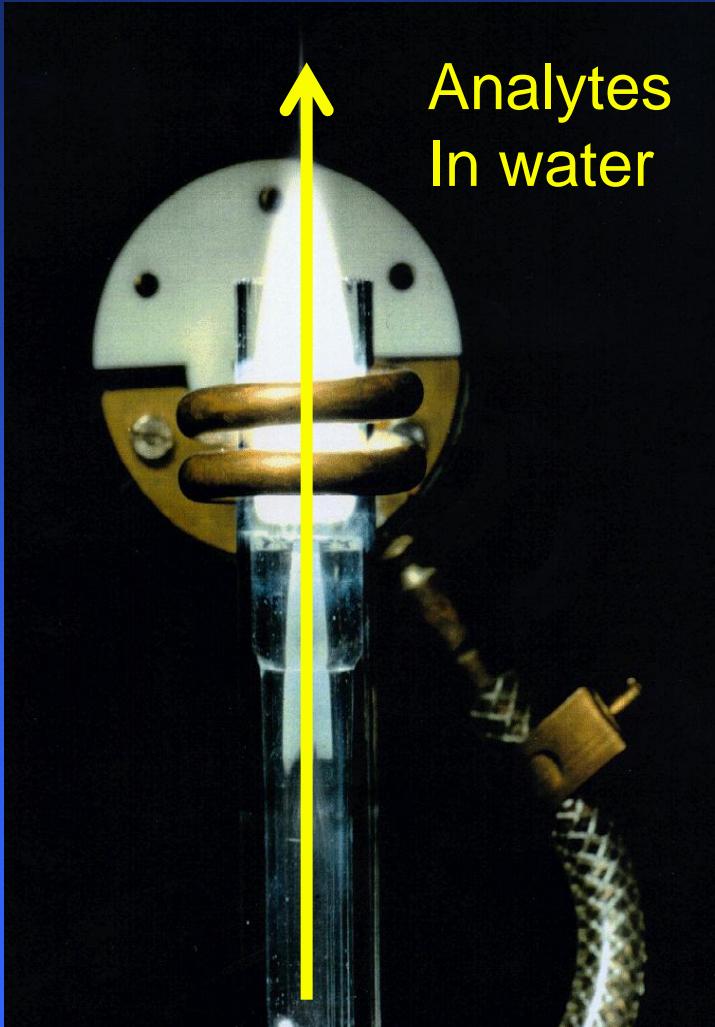
# Influence of ei transport



# Surfatron Induced Plasma (SIP)

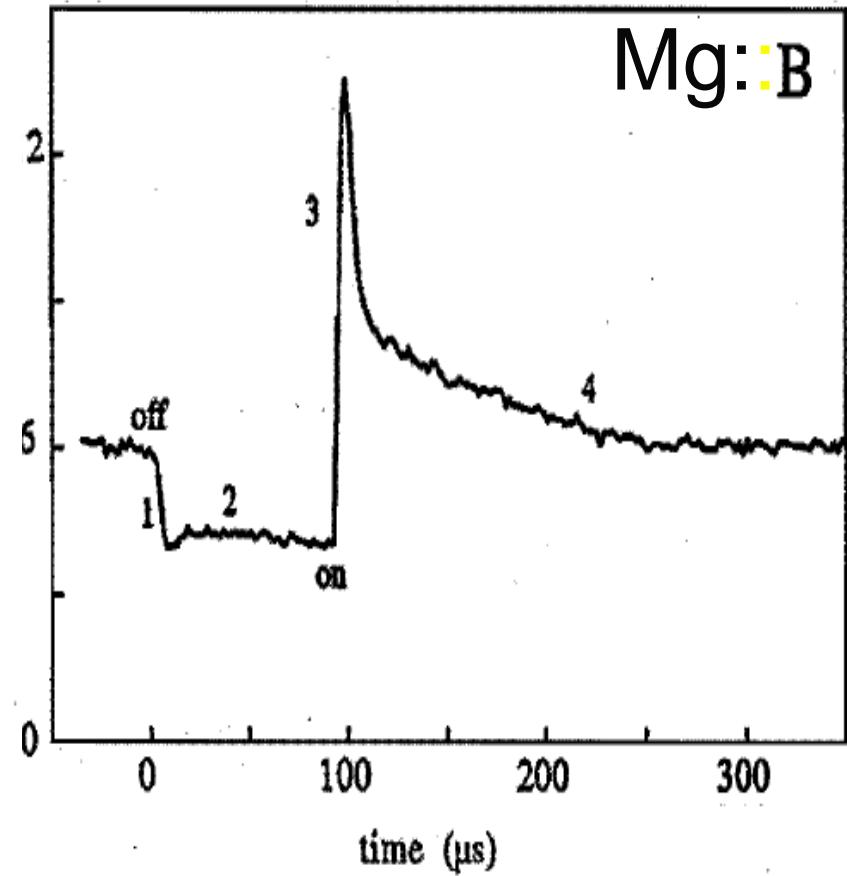
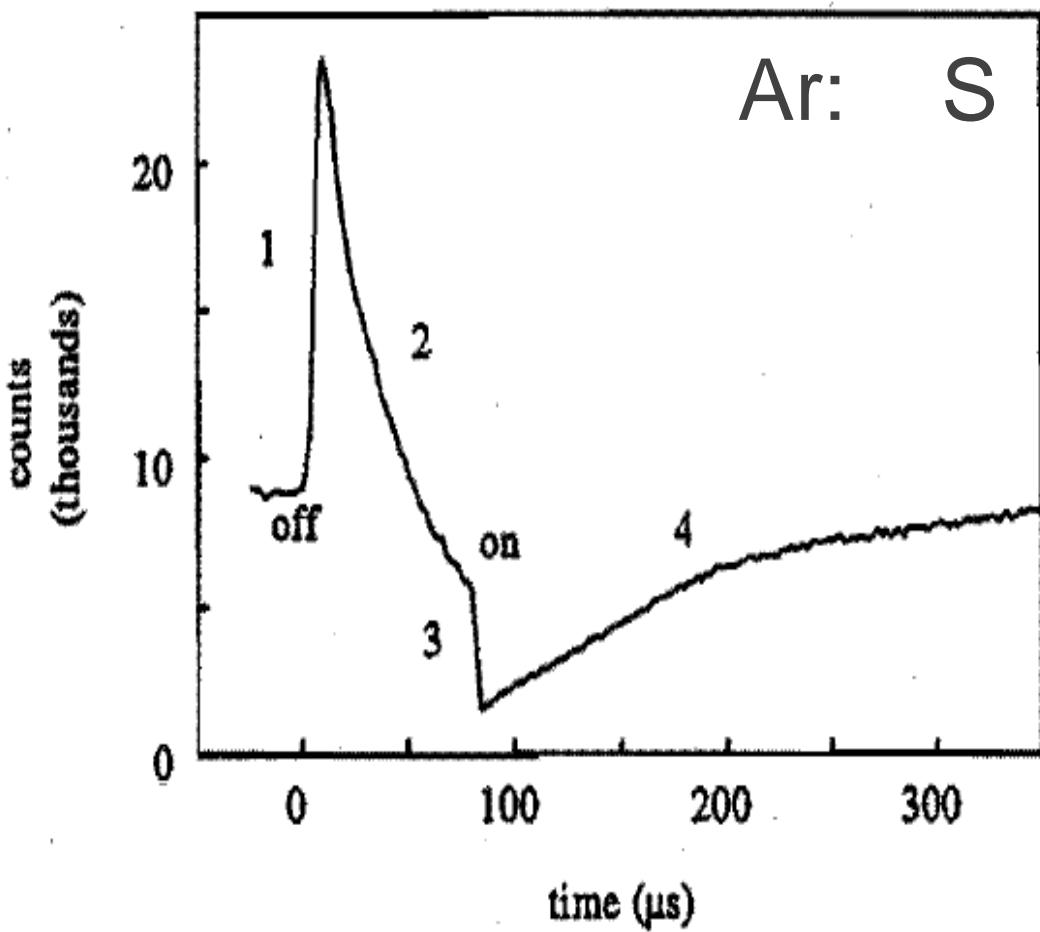


# Response dependent on atomic system

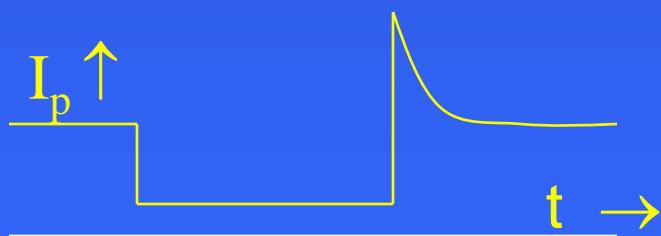
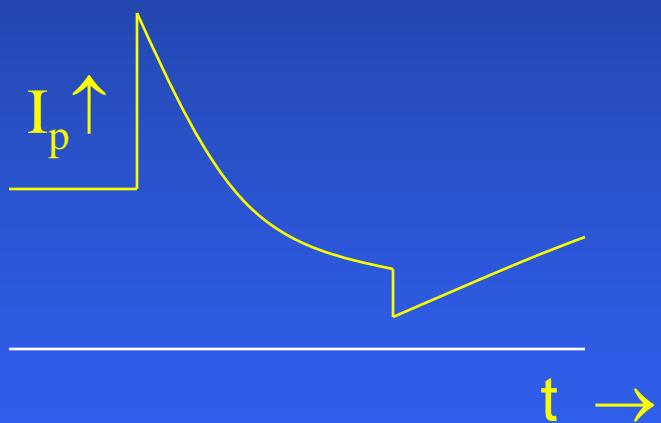
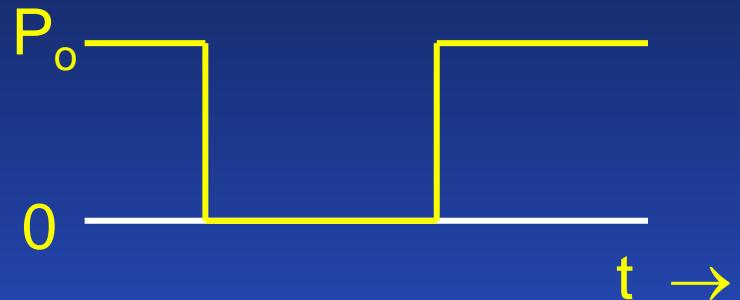


Typical Analyte Line Response

# Saha versus Boltzmann



# Each line its fingerprint



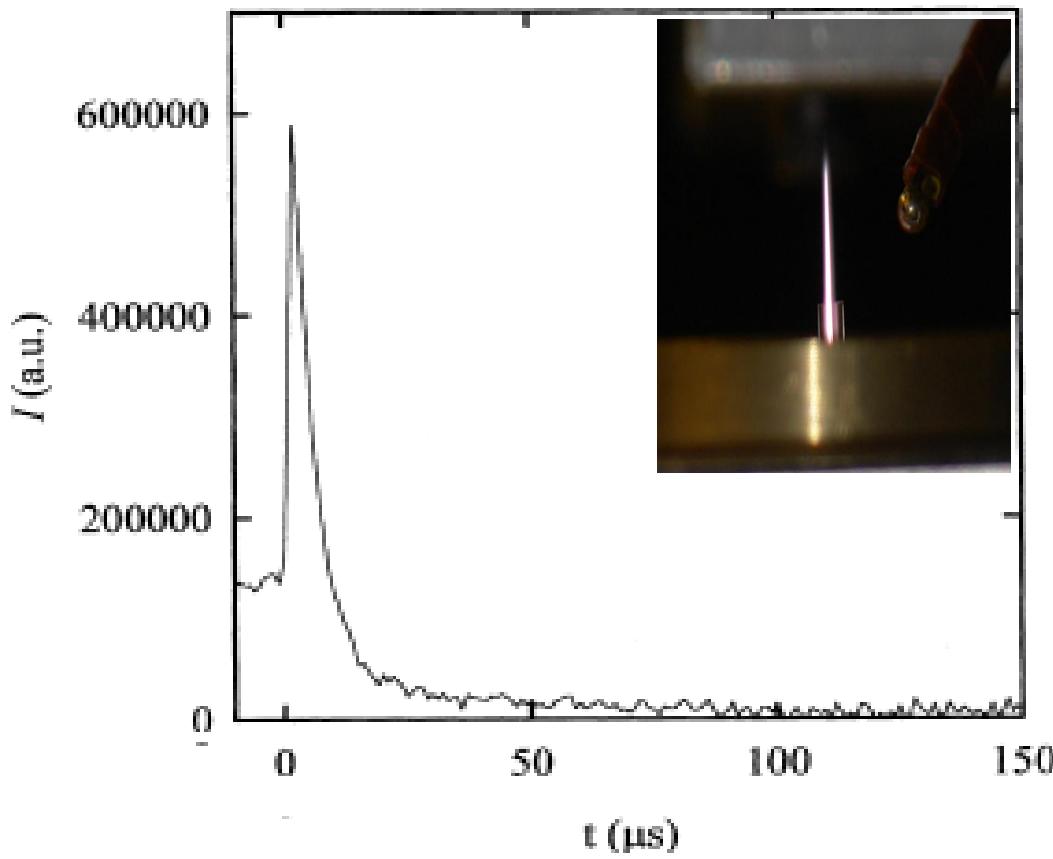
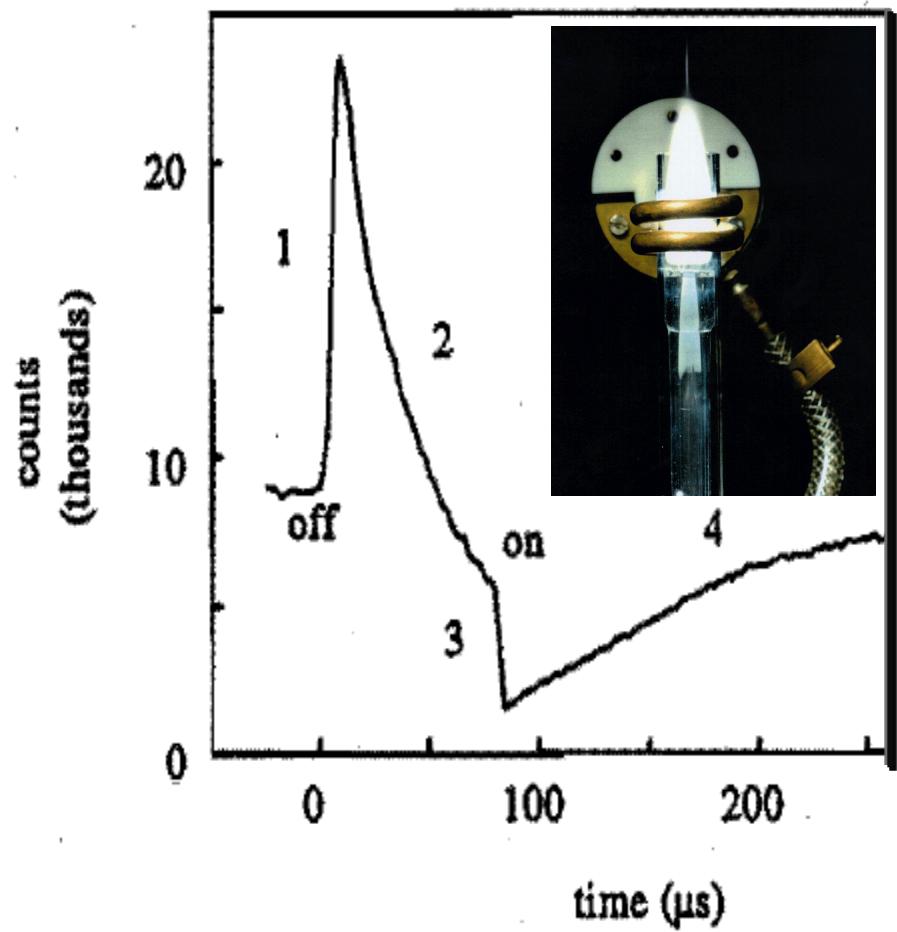
Saha-like response



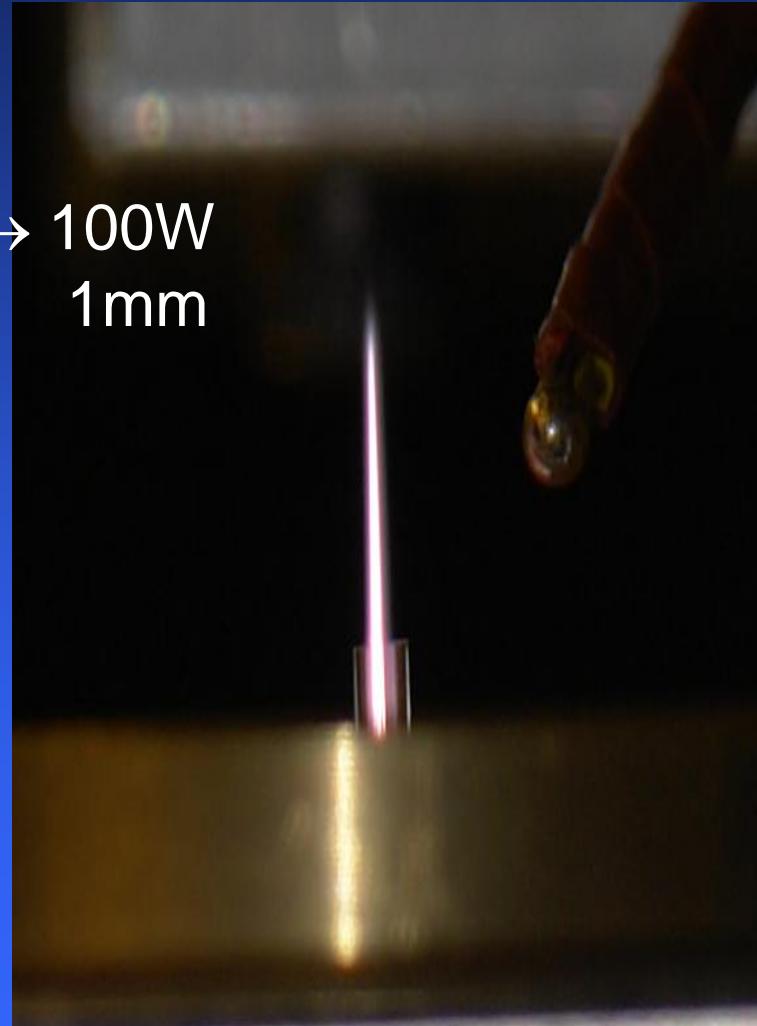
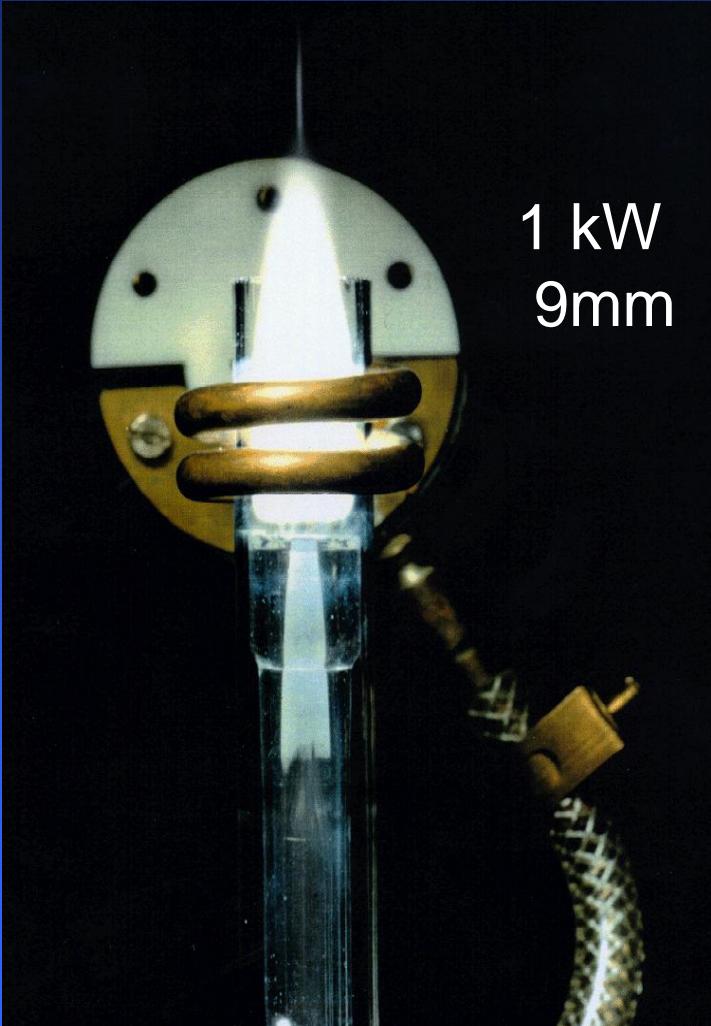
Boltzmann-like response



# Decay: Transport and Recombination



# The ICP versus SIP



# ICP $\leftrightarrow$ SIP compared

SIP known:

$T_e$  (10.000) nd  $T_h$  (1000K) known  
 $T_e/T^*_e$  should be large  $\sim 10$

Jump method:

$T_e^* = 5000K$ ; too high  
 $T_e^* \gg T_h$

How come??  
Extra heating source??

# Light is indirect

Light escape comes at the very end

Power Interruption gives  $\Delta n_e$  and  $\Delta T_e$

$\Delta n_e$  and  $\Delta T_e$  gives  $\Delta n(Ar^*)$

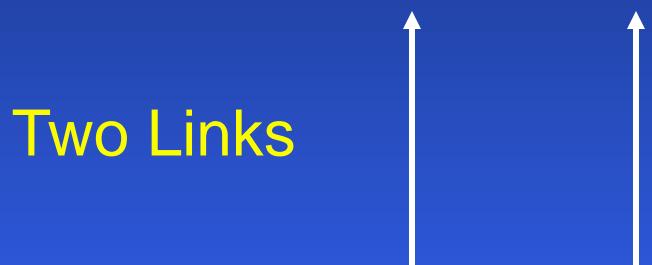
light emission

Lets probe  $\Delta n_e$  and  $\Delta T_e$  directly via Thomson Scattering.

# Physics Versus Chemistry

Steady State:

EM → {e} → {h,h\*} → environment



Analysis: Decouple Links

Probe {e} directly

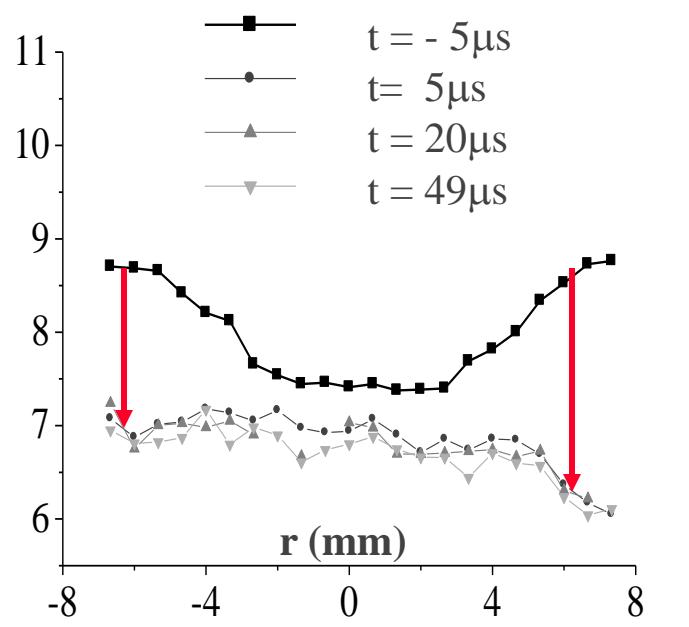
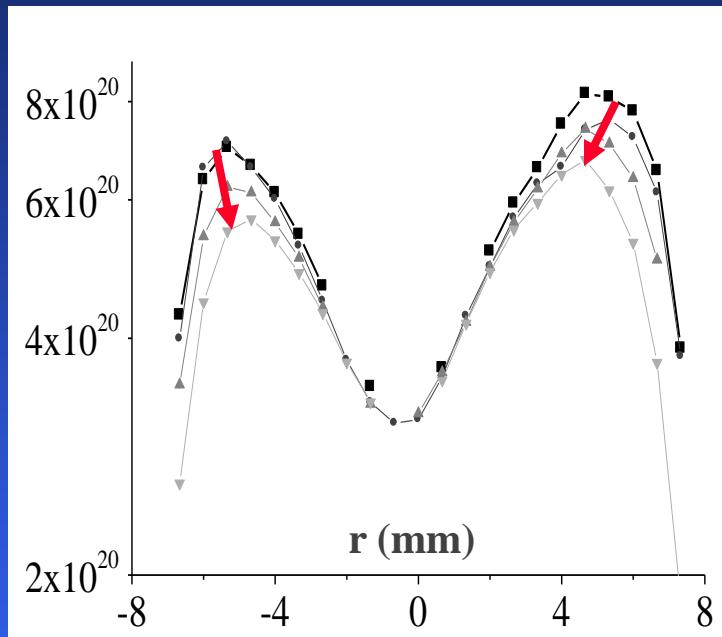
With Thomson Sc

Change in  $T_e$  Physics

Change in  $n_e$

Chemistry

# Cooling and Decay



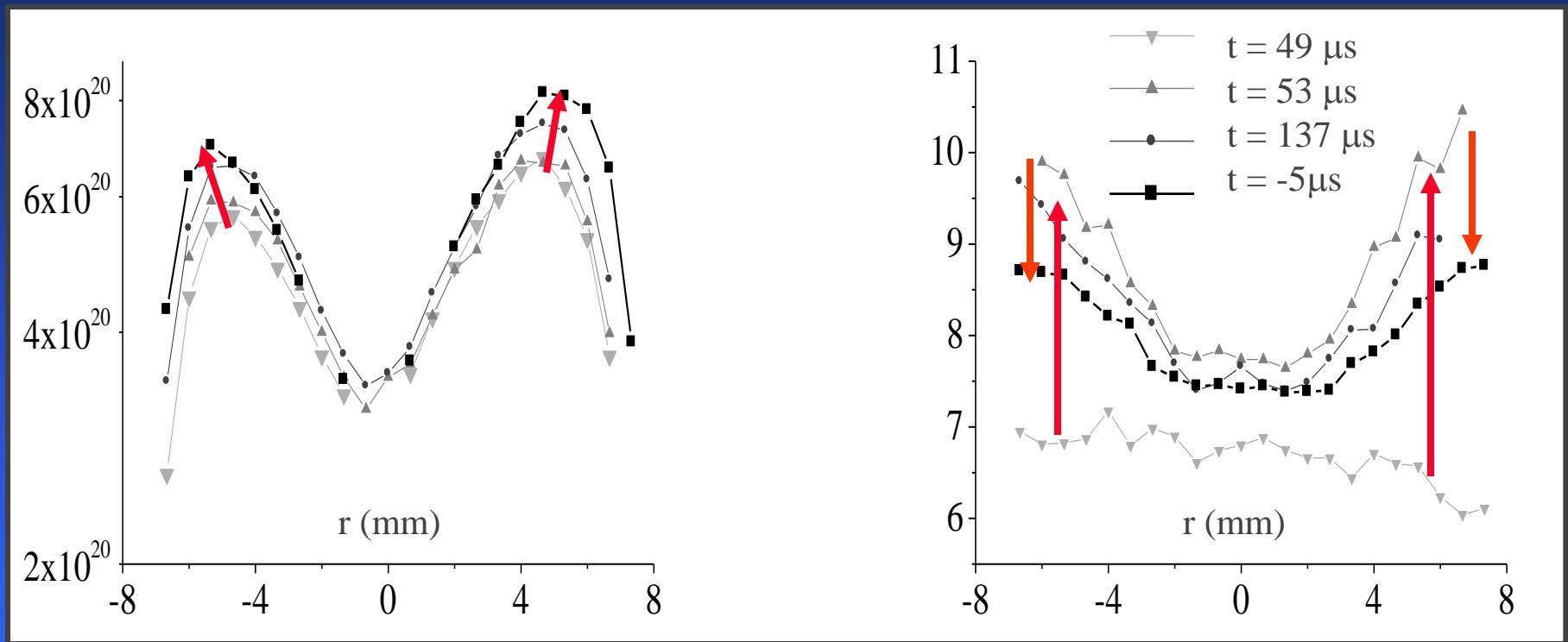
Decay:

Cooling  
Recombination.

$T_e \downarrow T_e^*$   
 $n_e \downarrow$

$\tau_T \approx 2\mu\text{s}$   
 $\tau_n > 100\mu\text{s}$

# Heating and ionization



Re-ignition:    Heating  
                    Ionization

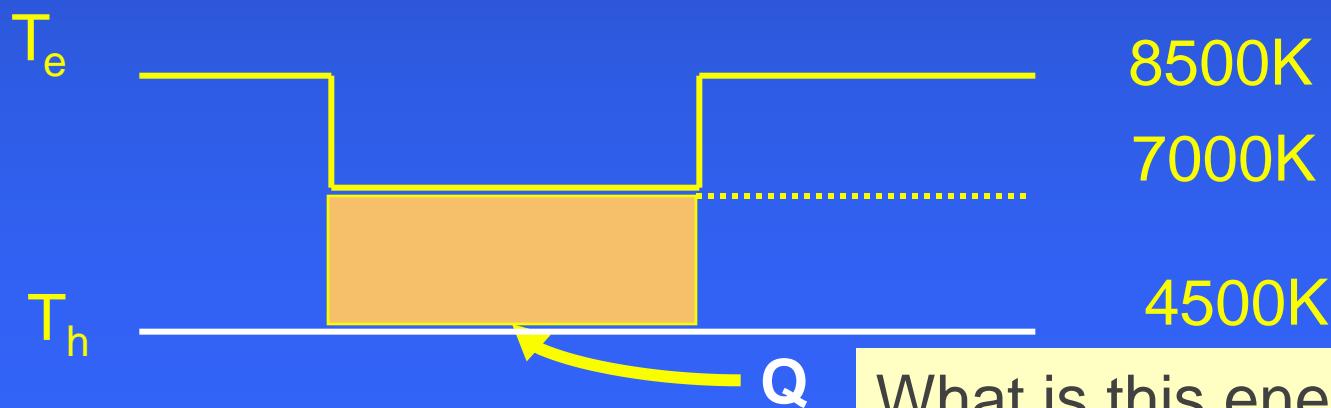
$T_e \uparrow T_e^{**}$   
 $n_e \uparrow$  gradual     $\tau_T \approx 2 \mu\text{s}$   
                             $\tau_n > 100 \mu\text{s}$

# Decay in $T_e$

What we expect

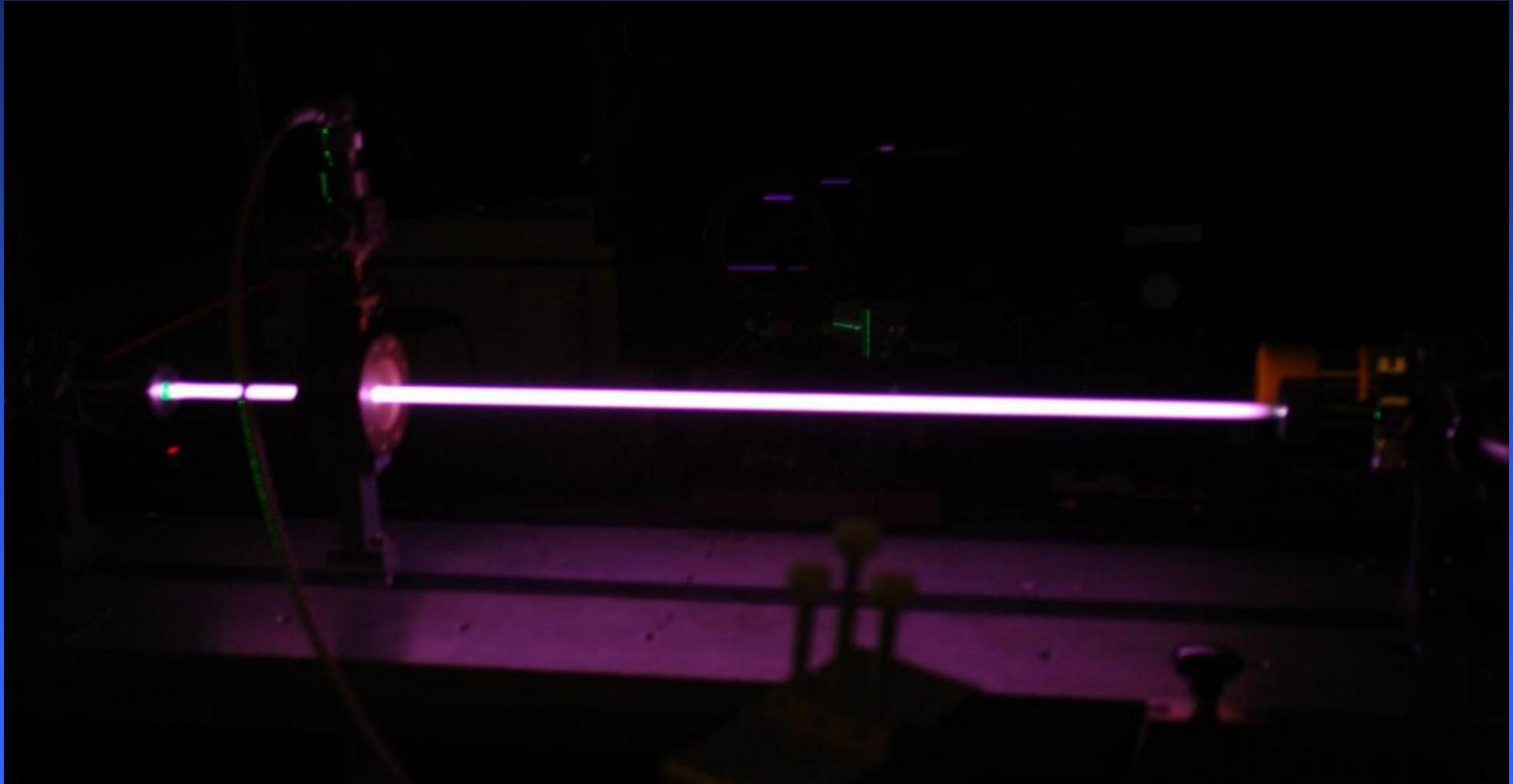


What we get

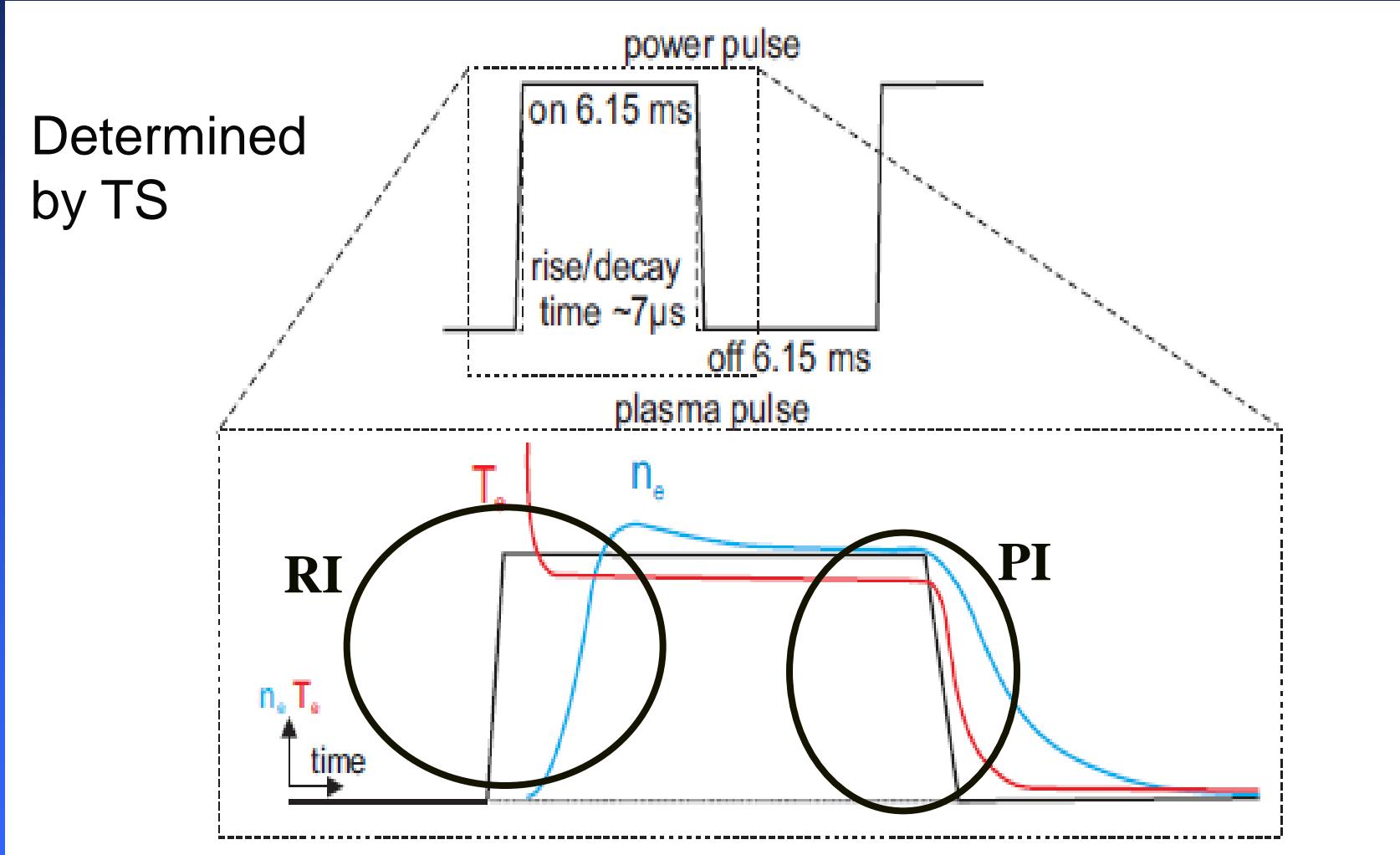


What is this energy source?

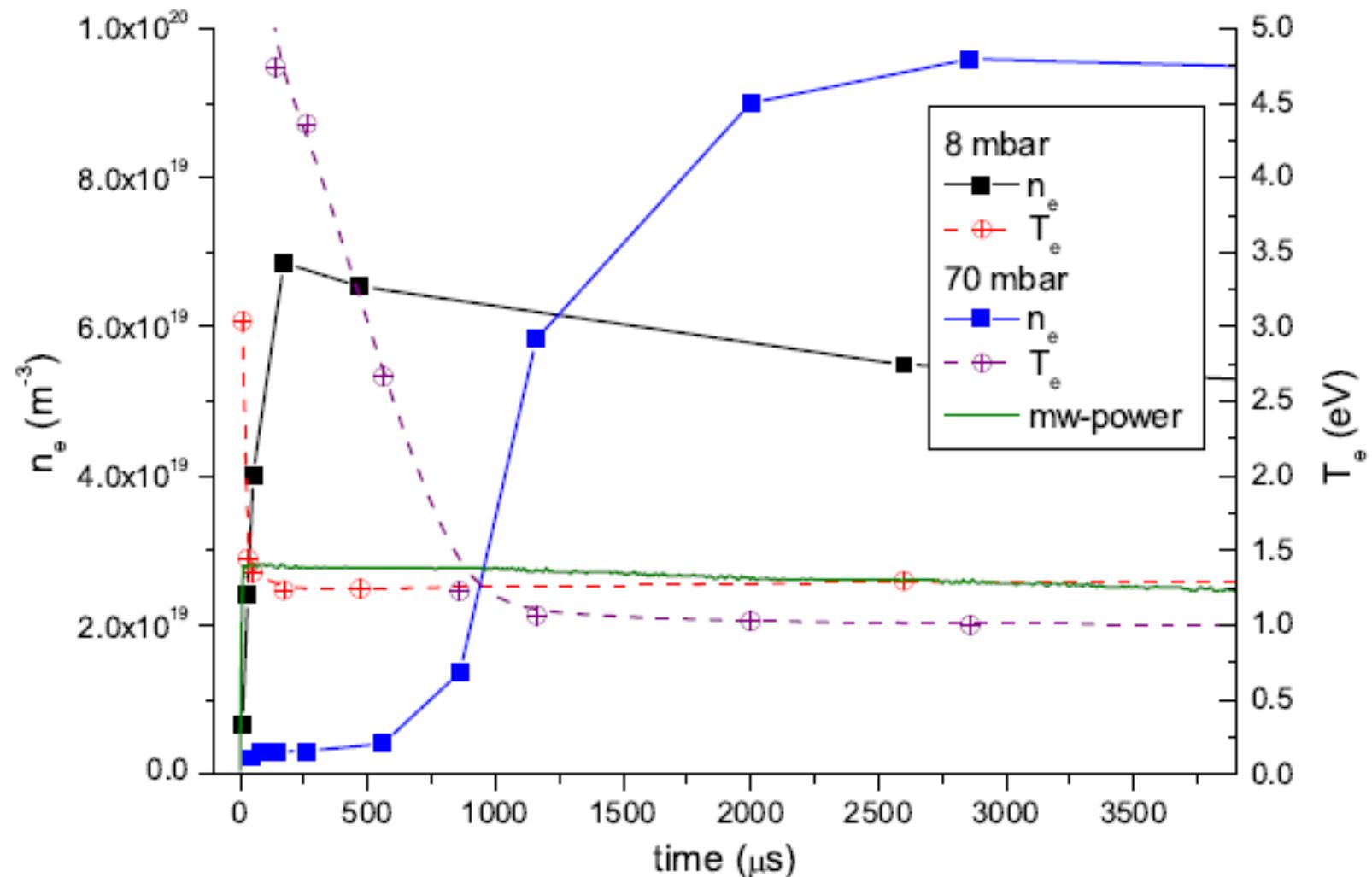
# The plasma source: a low-p SIP



# Power Pulsed low p SIP: on and off



# Effect of pressure



# Solid state power supply

Critical in the study of temporal behavior: fast generator

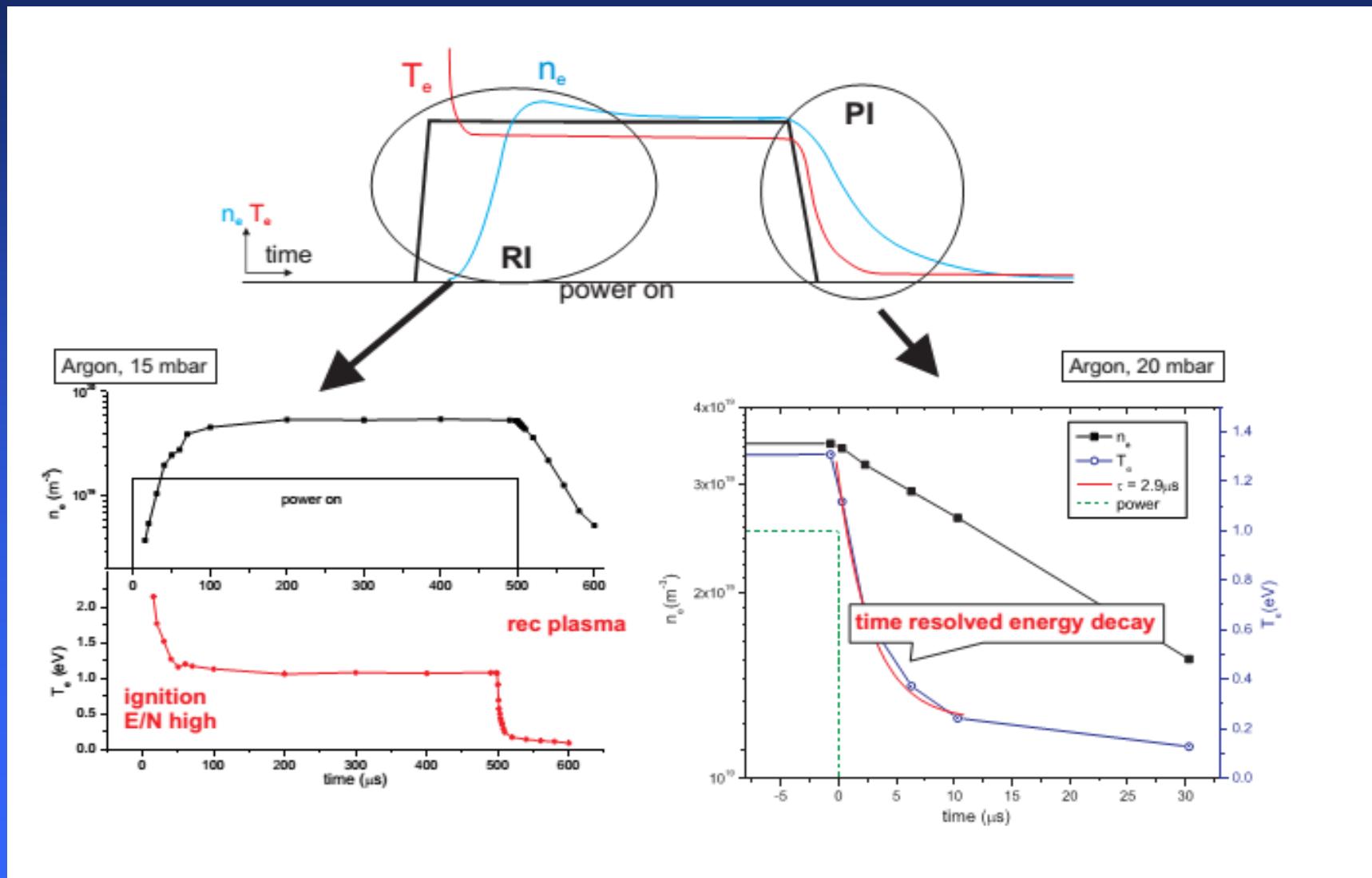
Normal magnetron power supply:

instable and  $\Delta\tau > 7 \mu\text{s}$

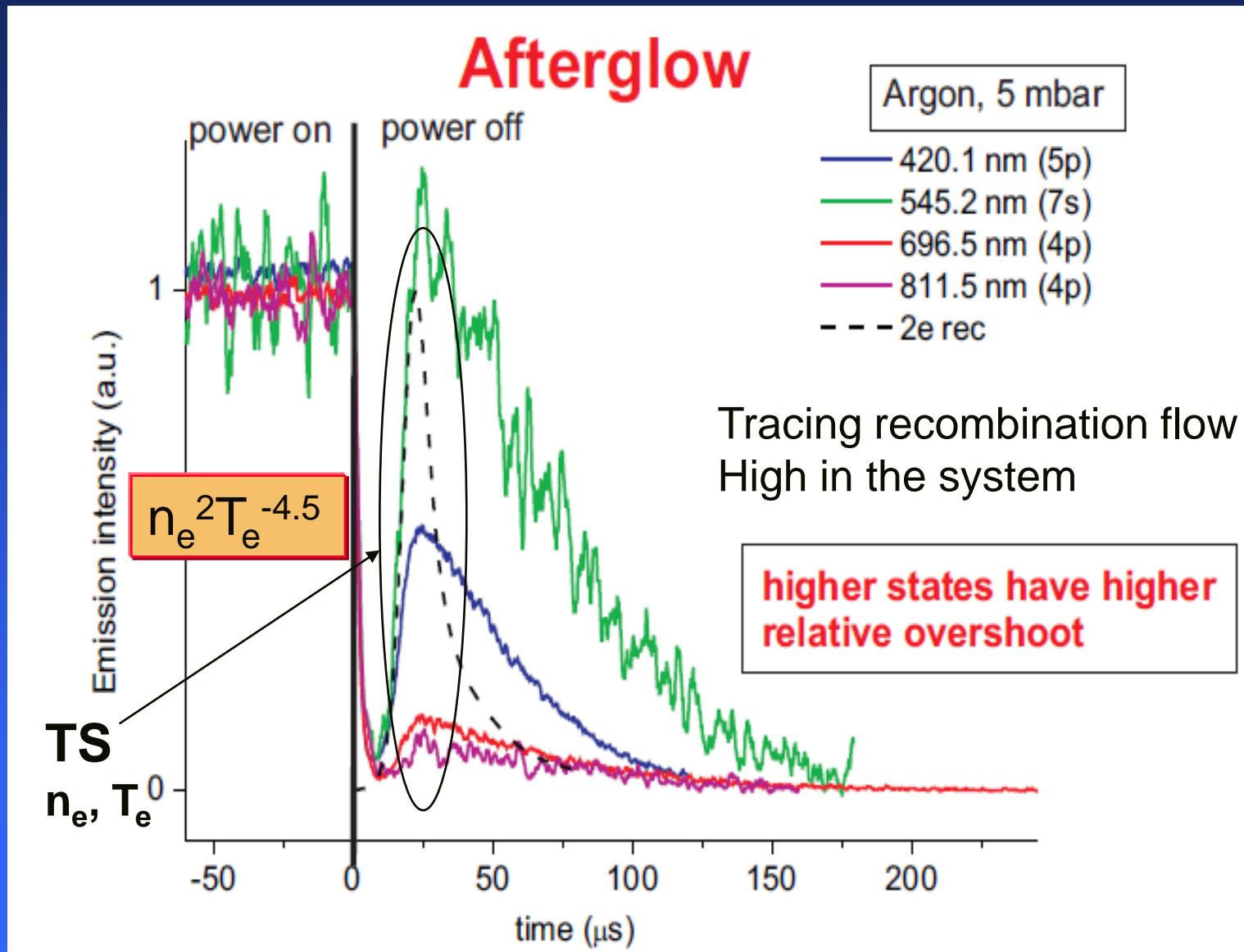
Whereas  $\Delta\tau(T_e) \sim 2 \mu\text{s}$

Solid state power supply  $\tau(\text{Power}) \sim 50\text{ns}!$

# Pure Ar plasma: RI and PI



# Saha remnants; again light

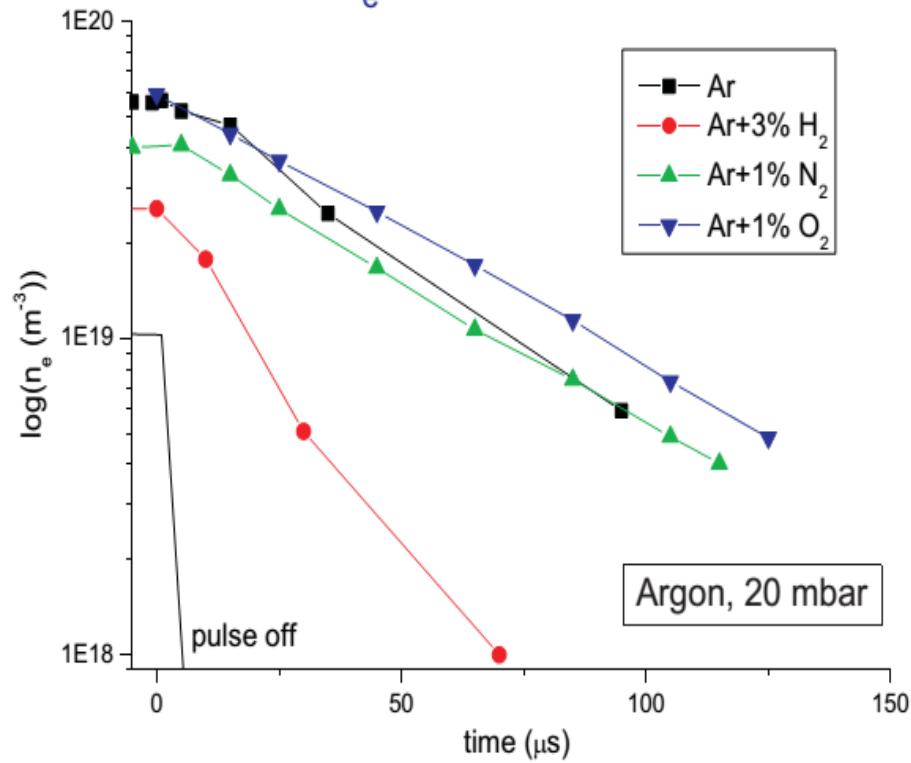


# Confine to PI

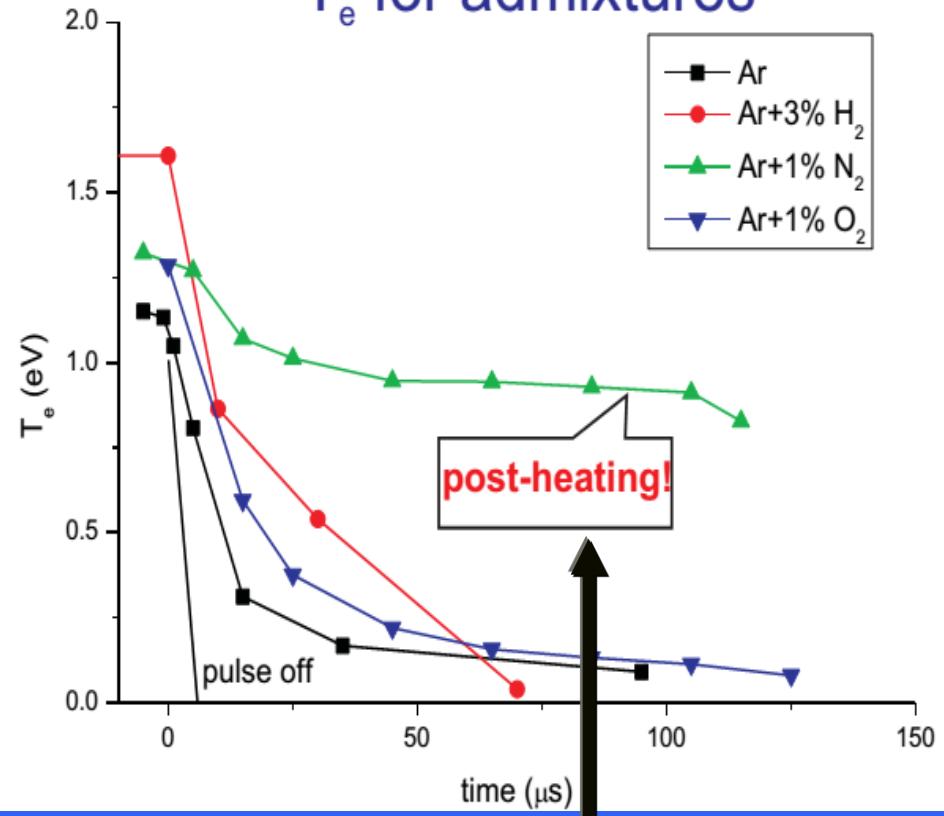
Time scales  $t_{\text{off}}(n_e) = 20 - 100 \mu\text{s}$   
 $t_{\text{off}}(T_e) = 1 - 5 \mu\text{s}$

Depends on gas pressure  
and mixture

## $n_e$ for admixtures



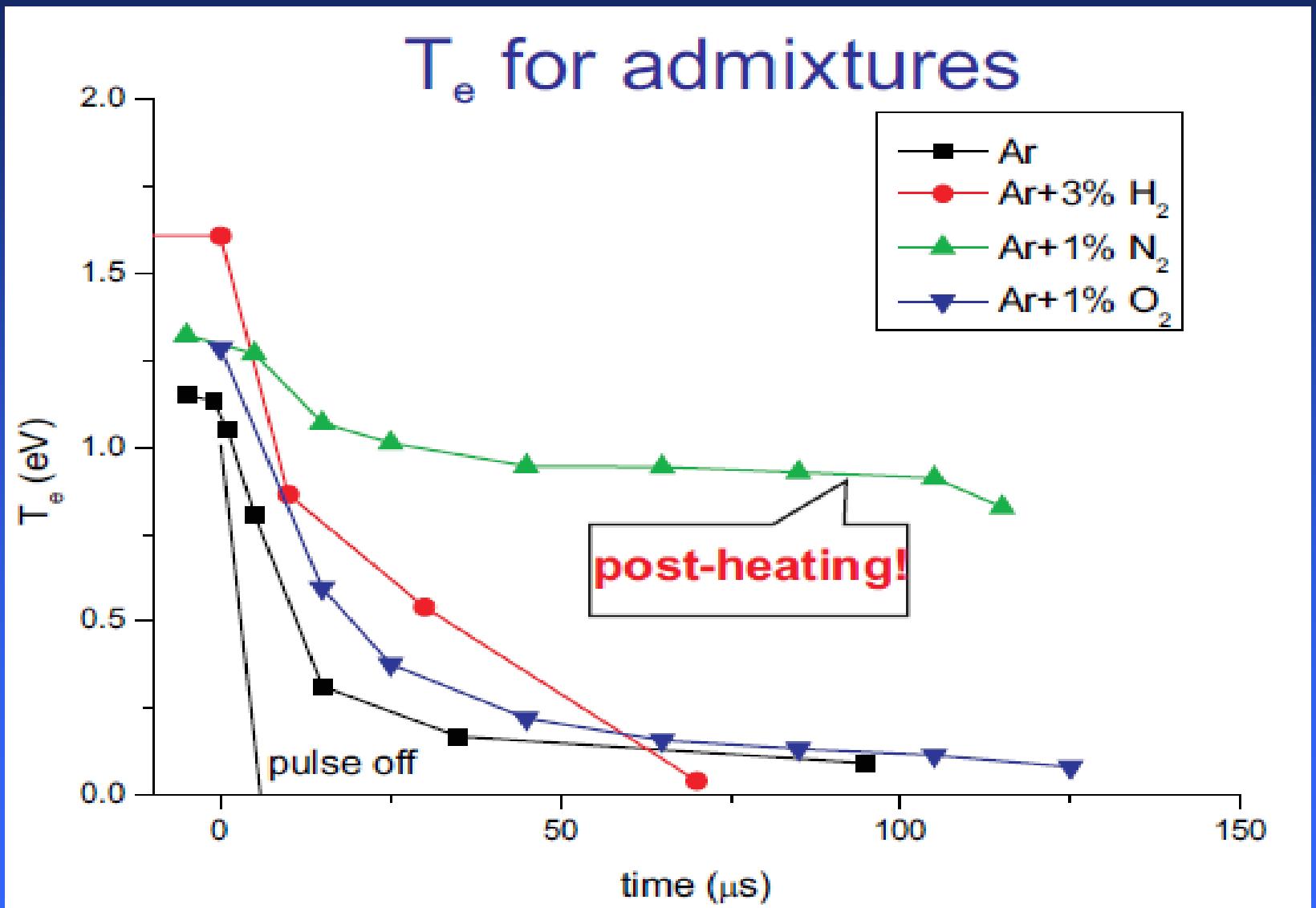
## $T_e$ for admixtures



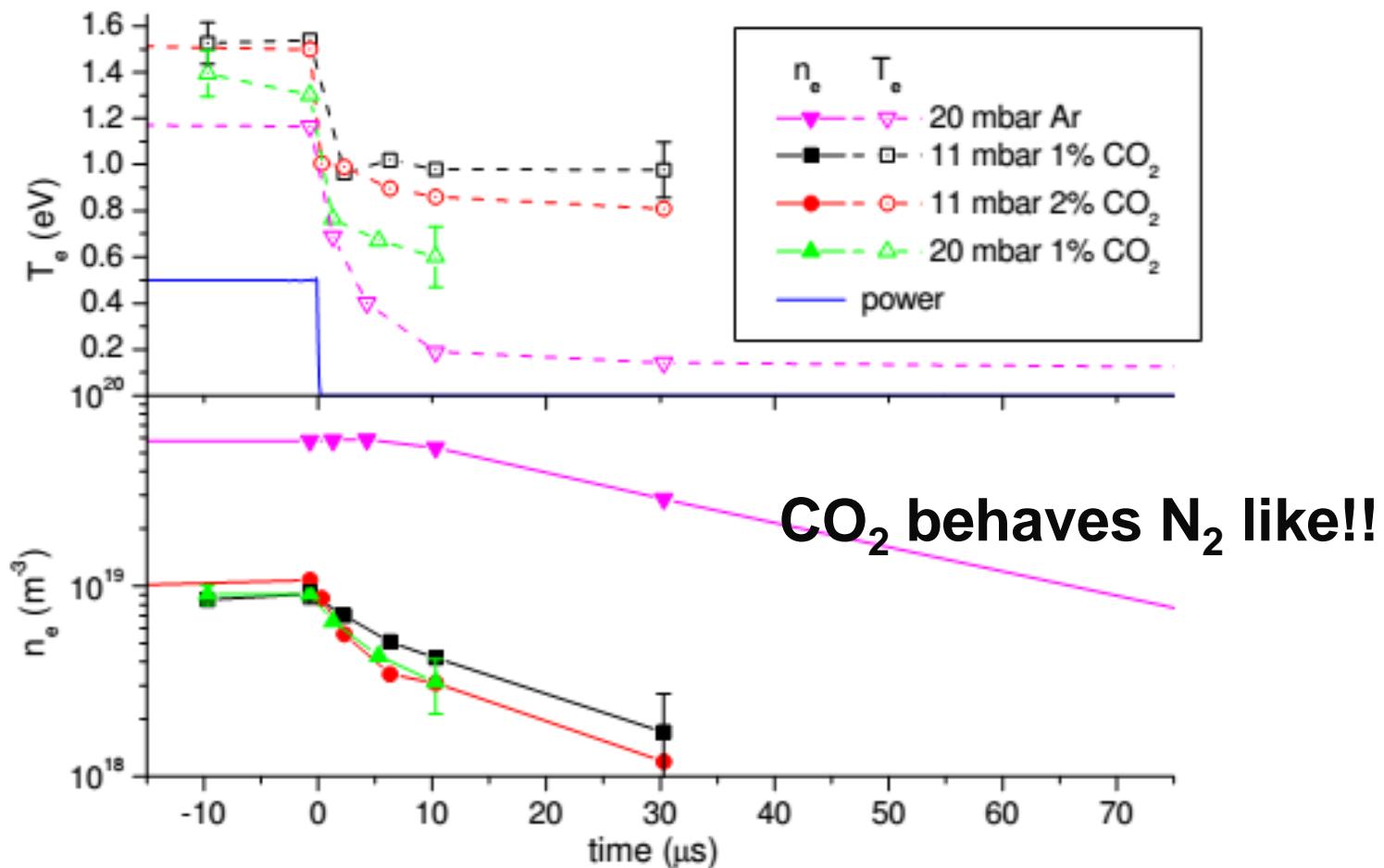
H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> behave Ar-like

For N<sub>2</sub> there is {e} post-heating TU/e

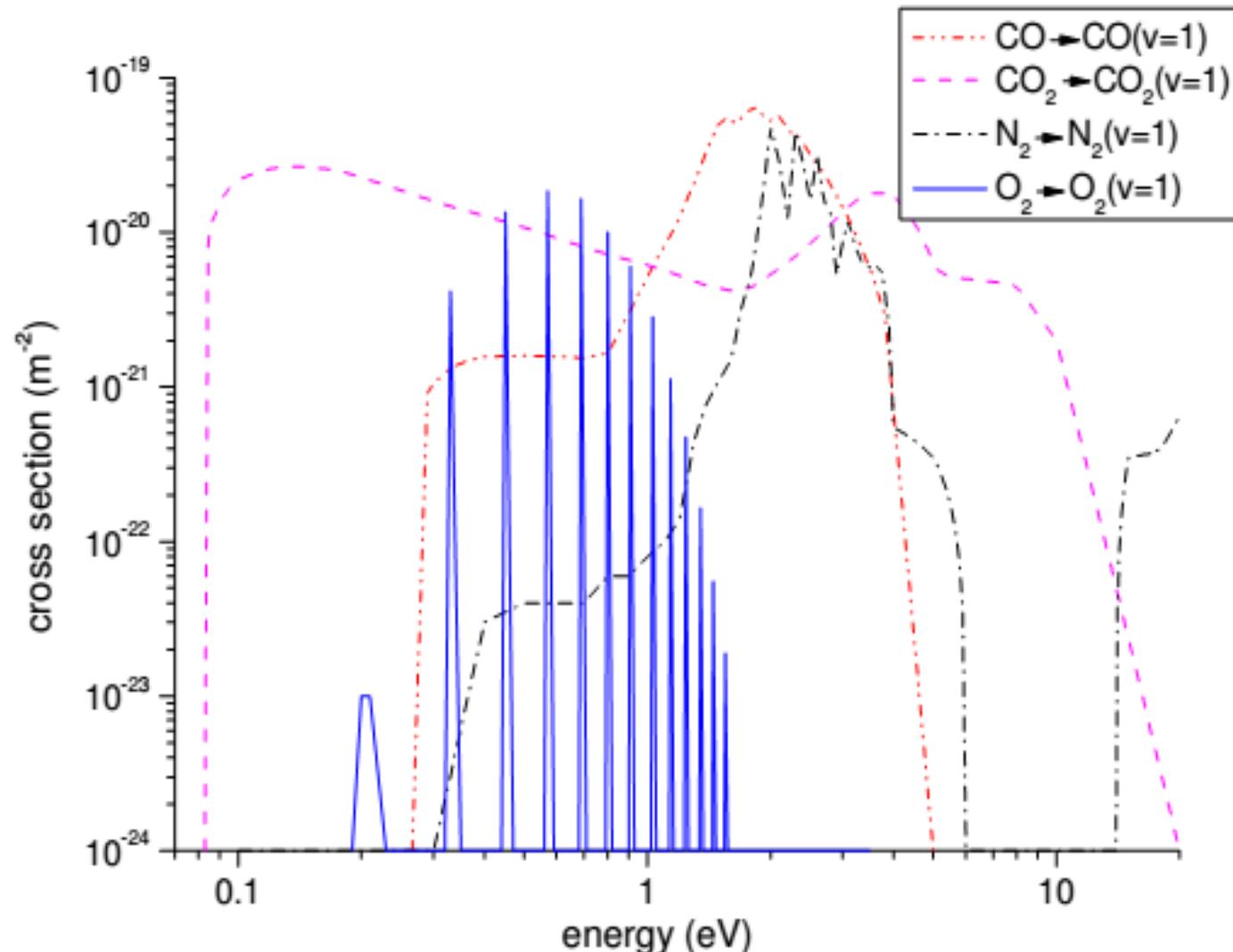
# Strange $T_e$ behavior in $N_2$ and $CO_2$



# What about CO<sub>2</sub> ?



# Digging into cross sections



# $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow$ value added chemicals



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Violeta Georgieva  
Guoxing Chen  
Nikolay Britun

Anemie Bogaerts  
Antonin Berthelot

Shaoying Wang  
Jose Palomares

NL

PV + Wind:  $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow$  fuels (Solar fuels)

# Concluding PI for CO<sub>2</sub>

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e- CO<sub>2</sub> Vib cross section is large

Good energy-coupling inelastic- super-elastic e-CO<sub>2</sub>(vib)

CO<sub>2</sub> dissociation most likely e-CO<sub>2</sub> ladder-climbing

T<sub>vib</sub> (CO<sub>2</sub>) must be large ~ 10.000K

T<sub>trans</sub> (CO<sub>2</sub>) is small ~ 1000 K (in this plasma)

T<sub>wall</sub> is low ~ 1000K

Coupling vib-wall bad

A grand CO<sub>2</sub> plasma model must account  
for e-CO<sub>2</sub>(vib) coupling

# Sub-conclusions

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Power manipulation gives insight in

Plasma Transport

Recombination/Ionization

Cooling/Heating

Role of Molecules

Solid state power supply better

Best: Thomson Scattering during Power Manipulation  
supporting light interpretation

# Reaction dynamics

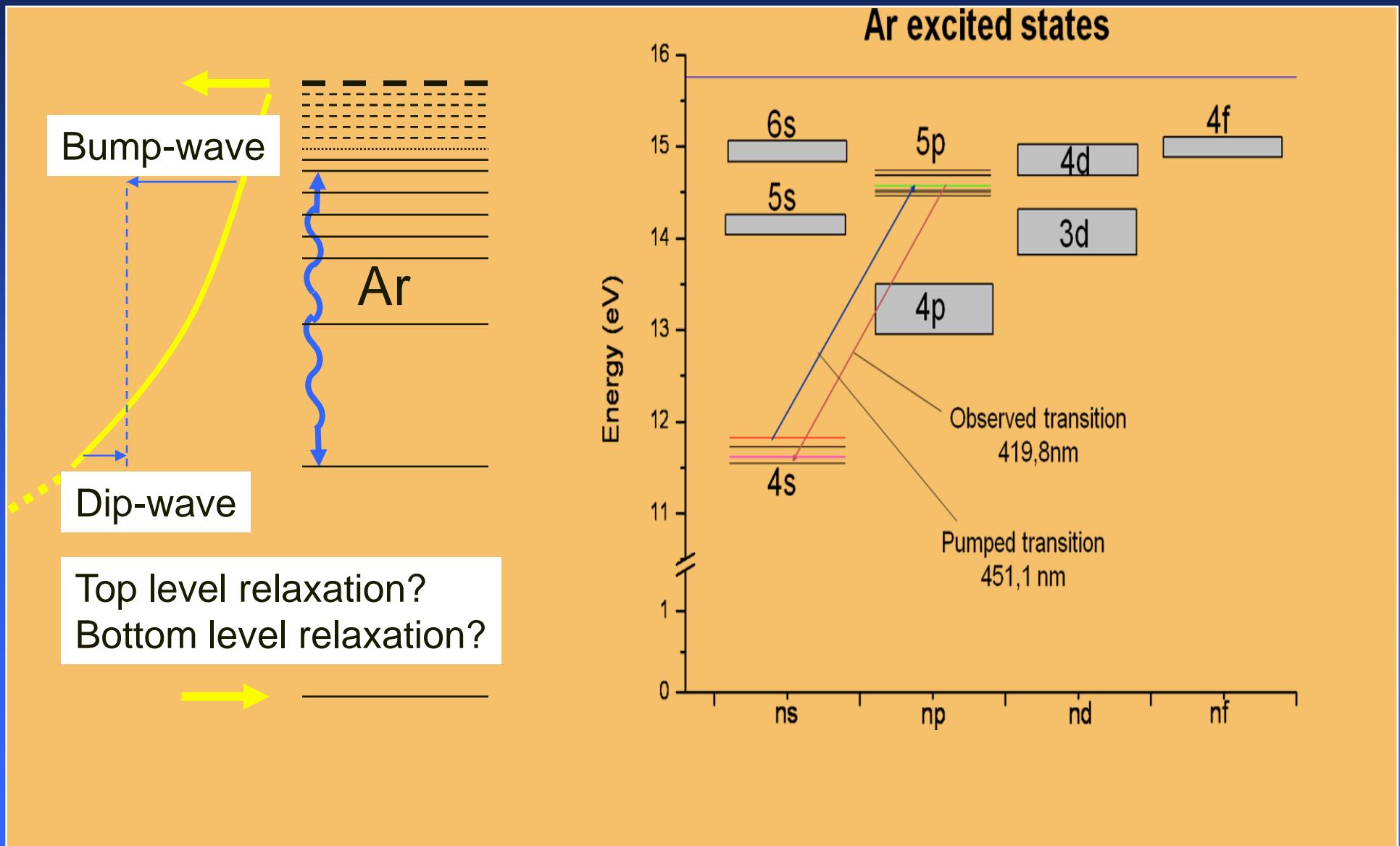
For knowing the reaction velocities; rates wanted:

Even shorter times

Fine tuned disturbances

→ t-LIF

# t-LIF in an ionizing Ar plasma



# Laser: needed high rep rate

Classical

Yag-Dye

10 ns

100 mJ

10Hz

Novel High RR

Yag-Dye

10ns

4 mJ

10kHz

DP-SSL

1000 x more info per unit time

Two systems

Yag+Dye =

Edgewave+Sirah

- 1) The “blue” 2f 355 nm pumped
- 2) The “green” 3f 532 nm pumped

1000 days  
↓  
PhD  
1 day

# The plasma source: a low-p SIP

Well-known by Thomson Scattering

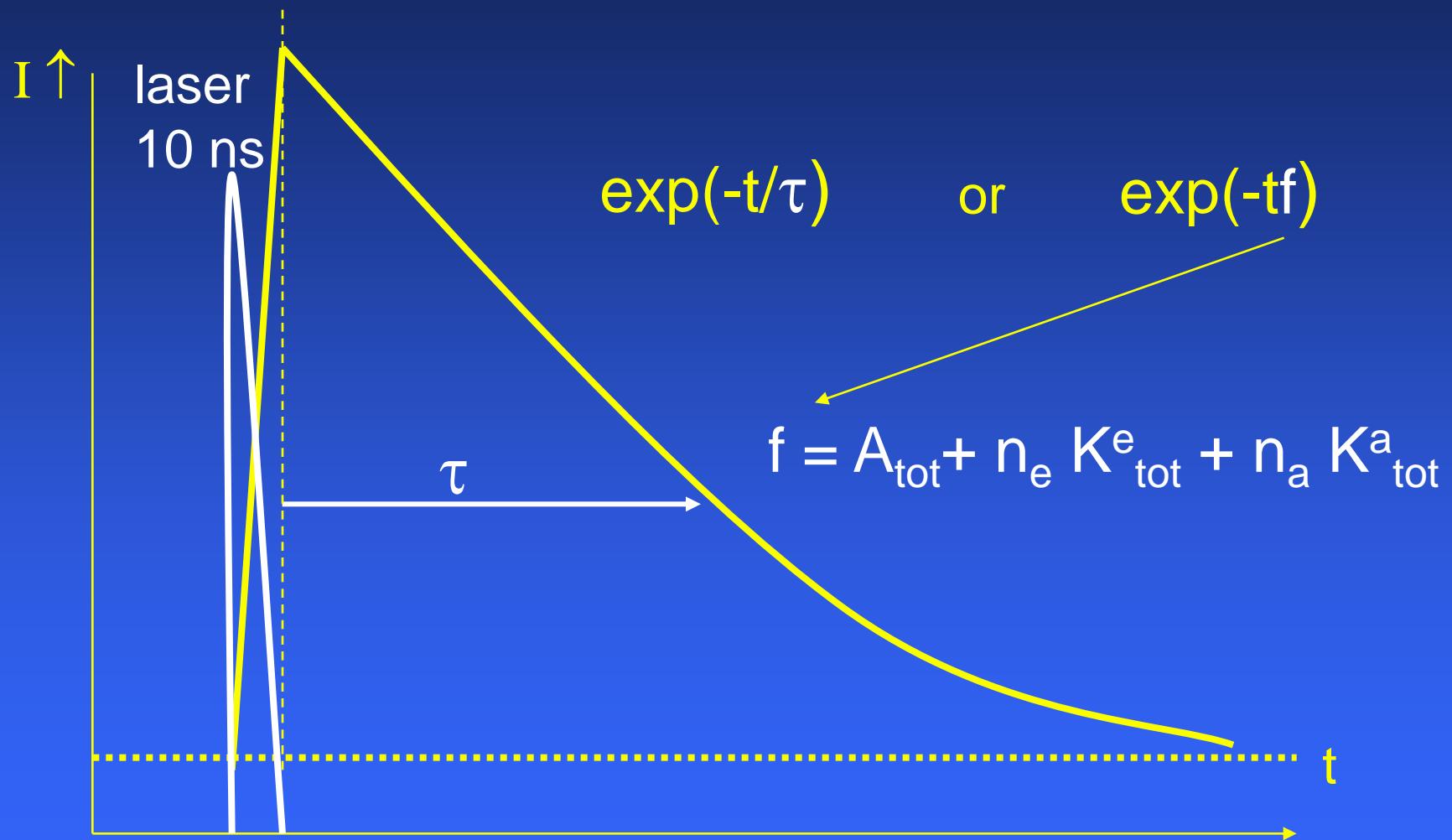


# What's in a name

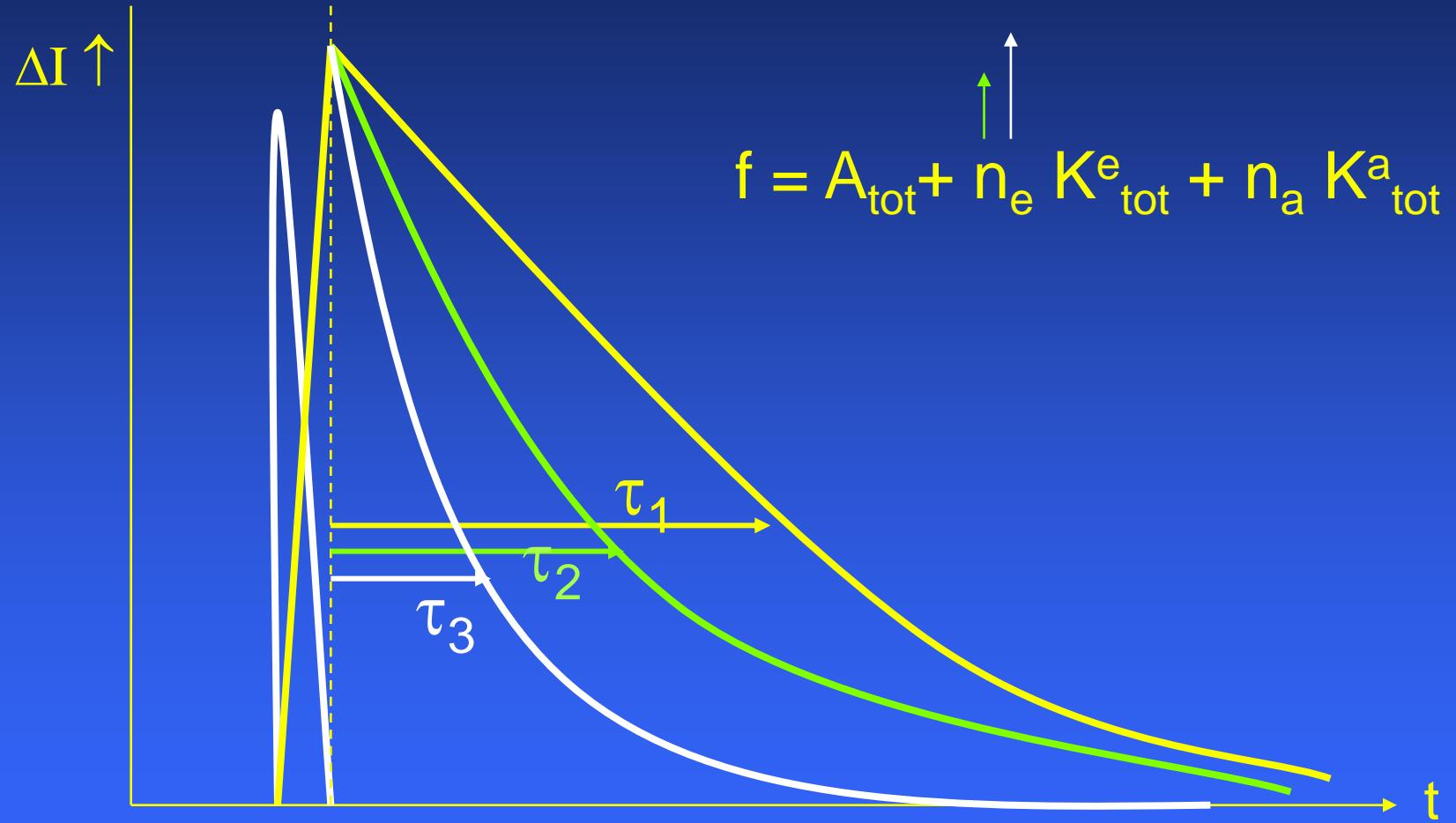
SA NI SaTiRe LIF @ Hrr

- ↓
  - High Rep Rate: wanted photons  
no pile-up
  - Laser induced fluorescence
  - Time Resolved: excitation kinetics
  - Saturation: reveals lower level
  - Non Intrusive: do not change plasma  $n_e$  and  $T_e$
  - Short Activation: distinction instantaneous/delayed resp

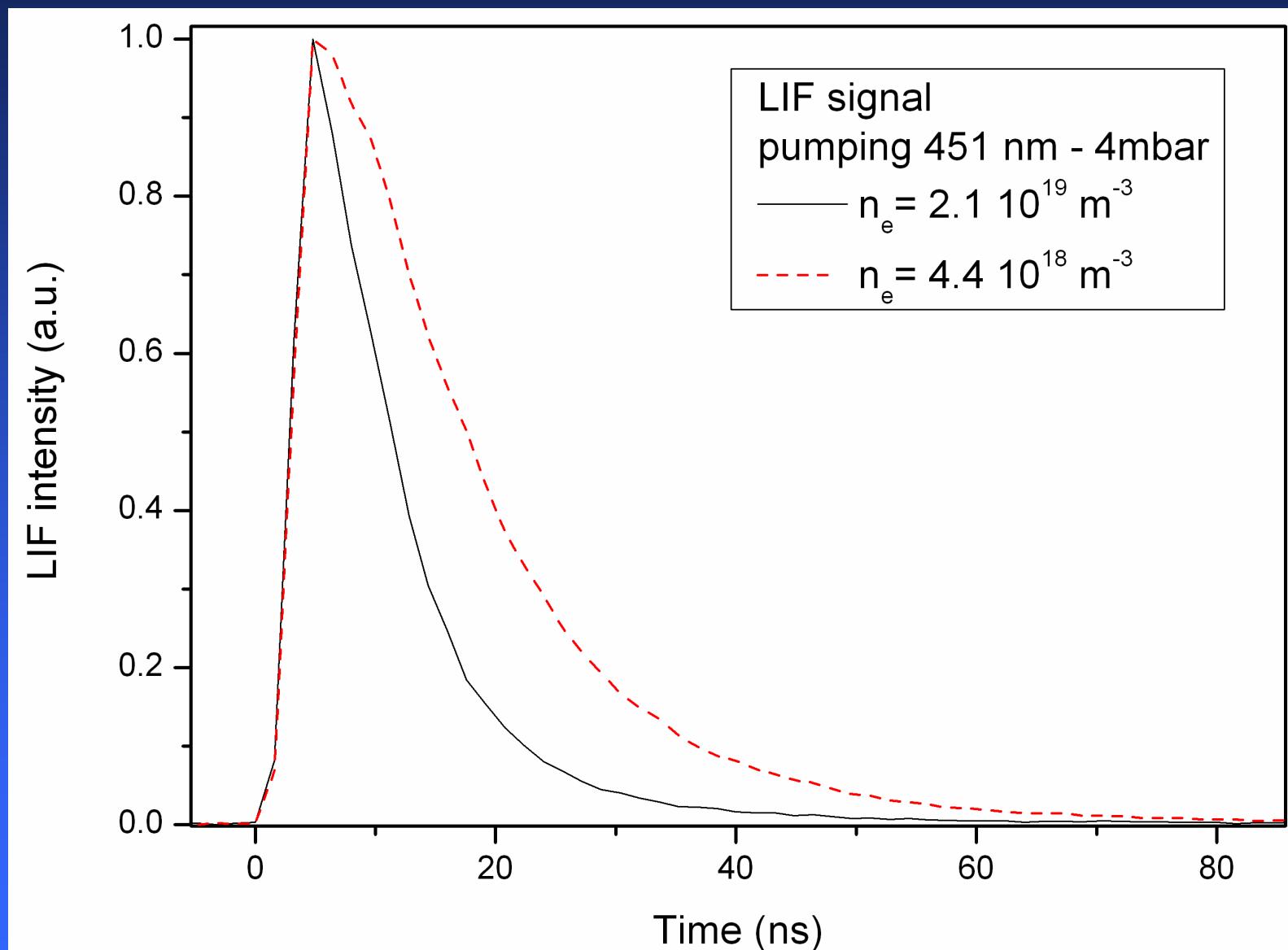
# The upper level: what we expect?



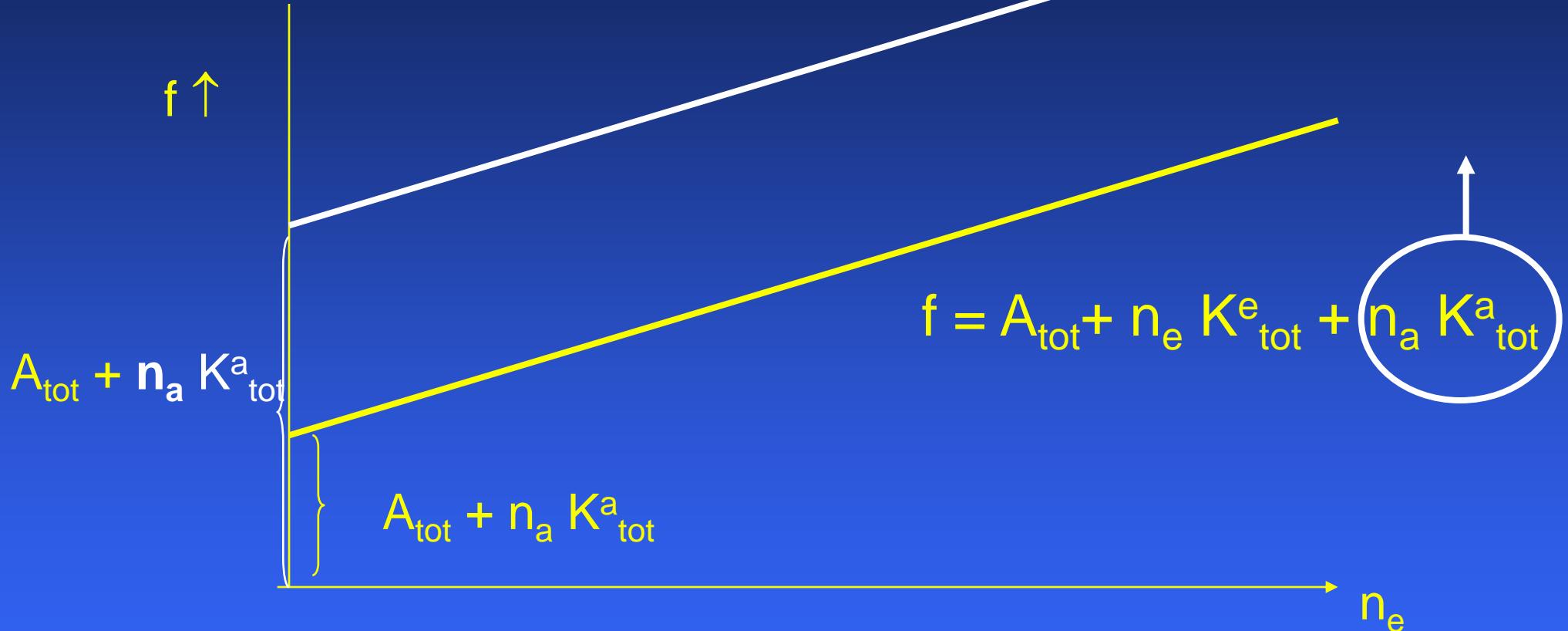
# Total destruction frequencies



# Example: Response of a 5p level



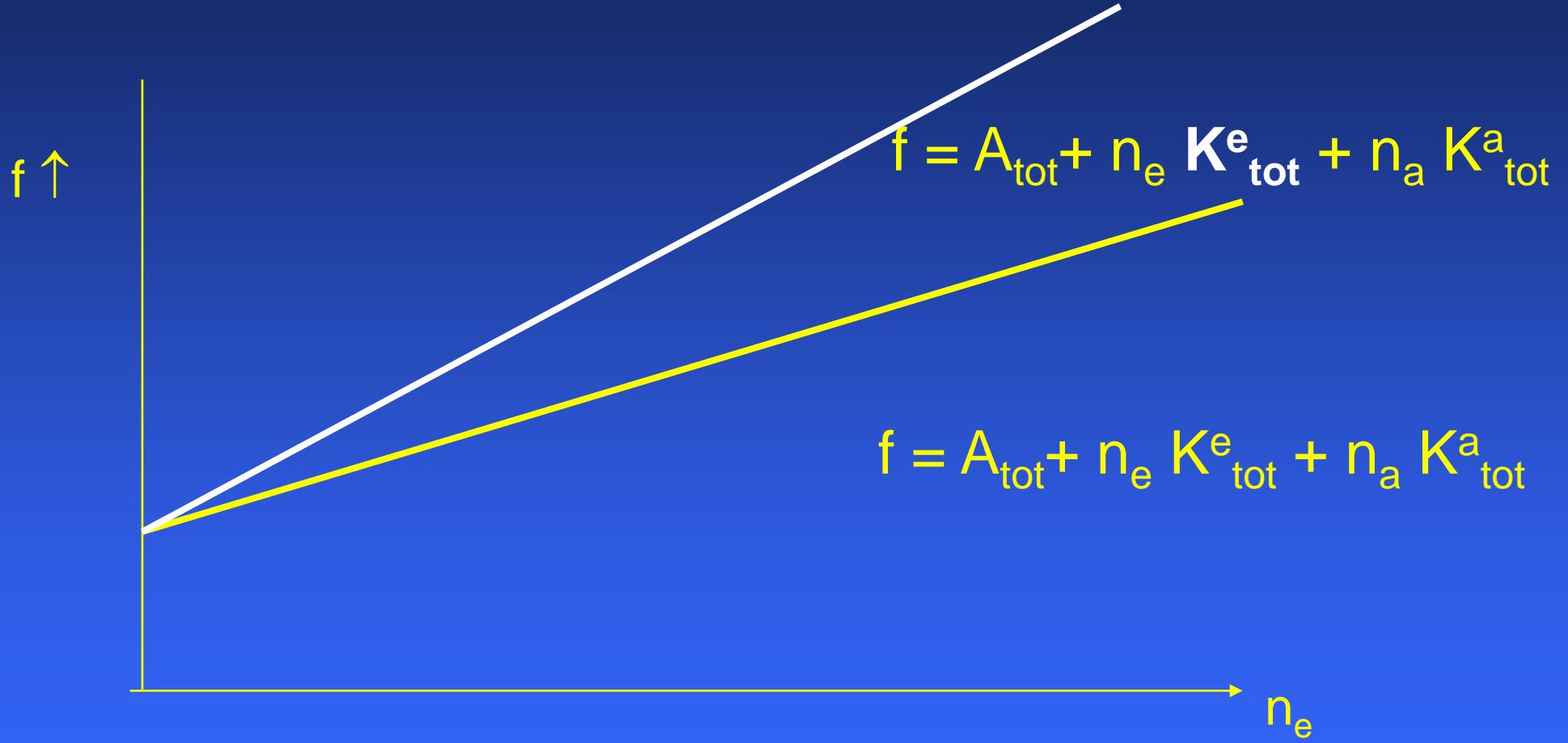
# Influence $n_e$ and $n_a$ (gas density ~ pressure)



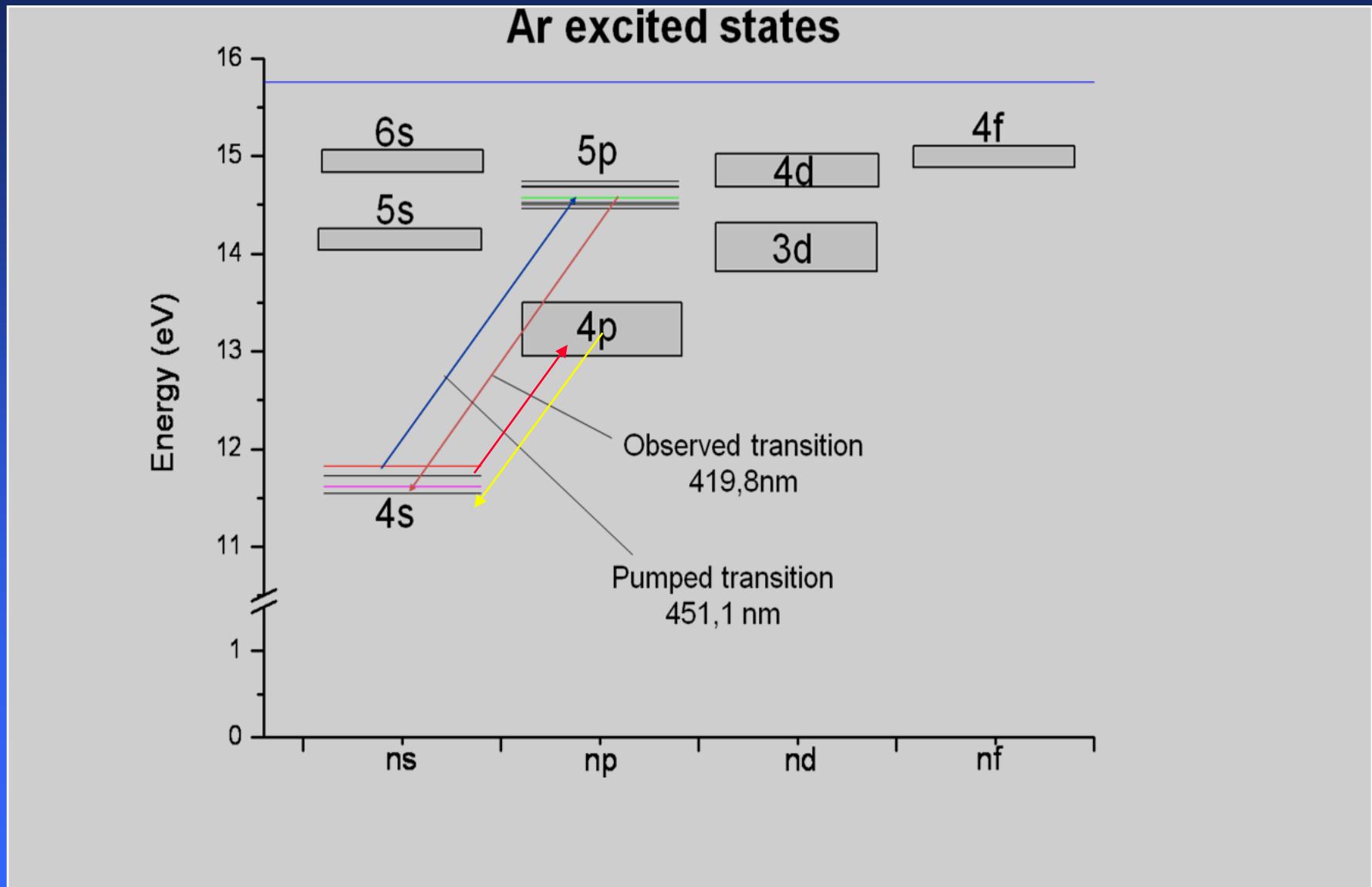
Along the column



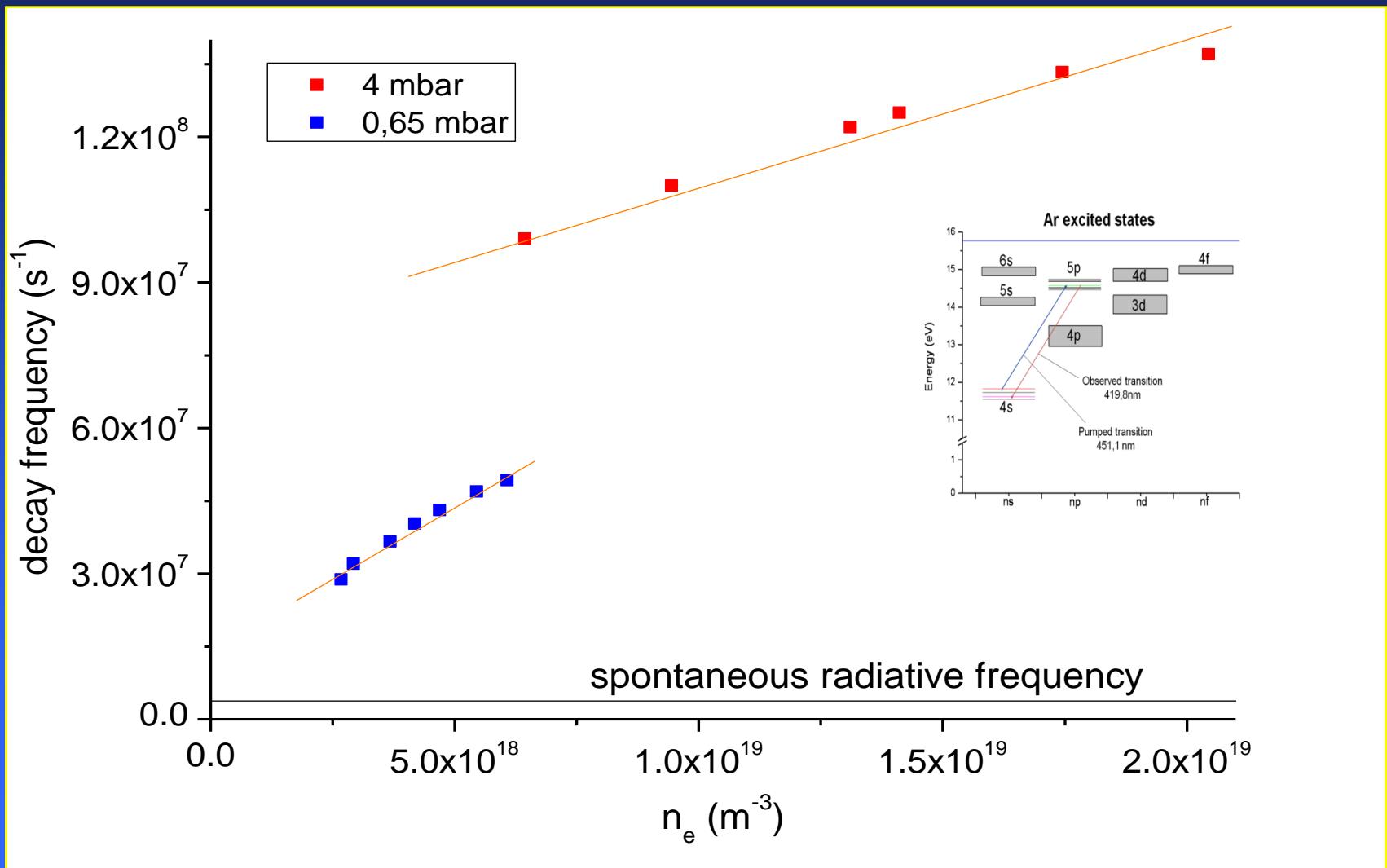
# Higher rates; increase $T_e$



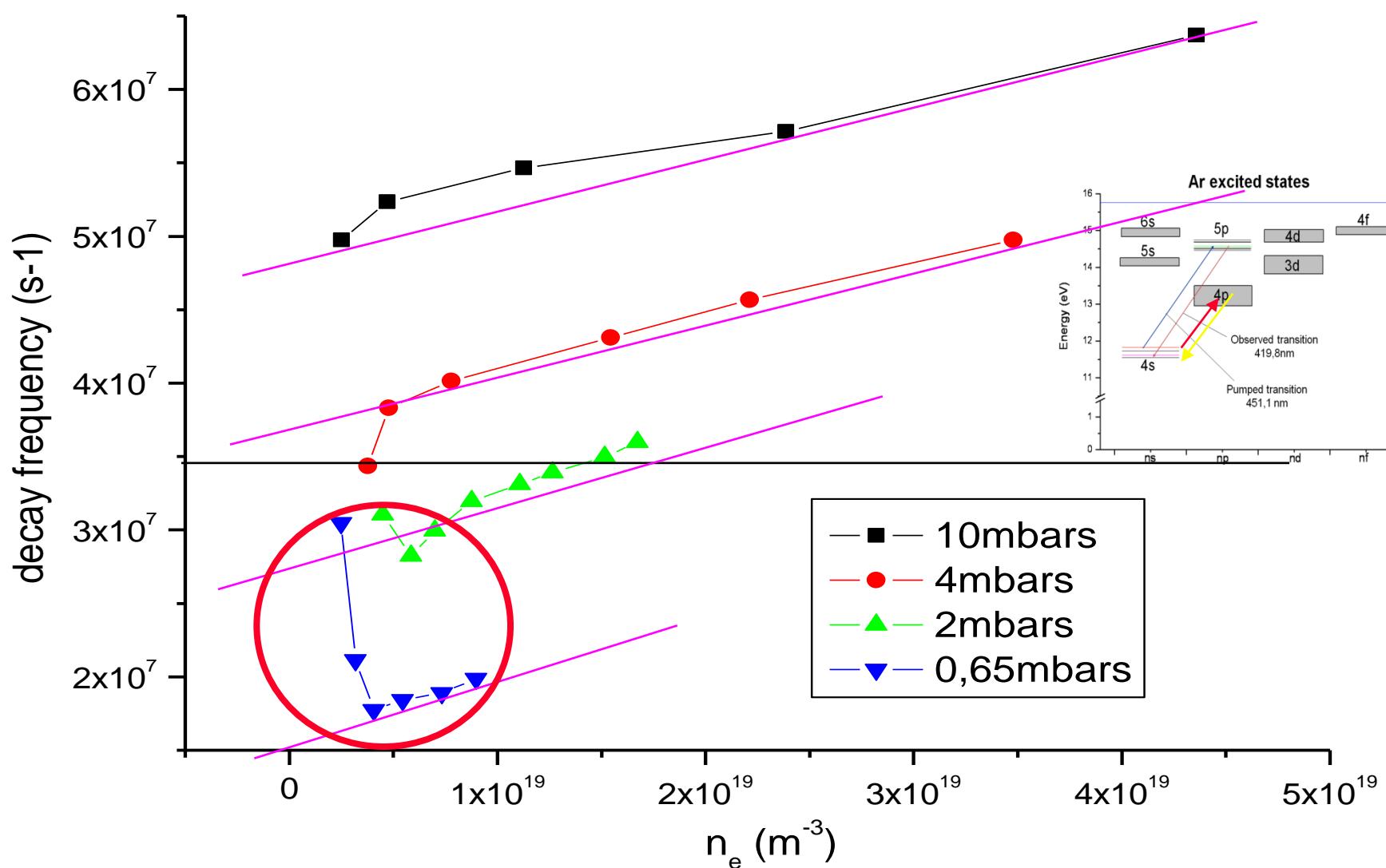
# t-LIF in 4s-4p and 4s-5p



# Fluorescence on 5p



# Fluorescence of 4p



Decay lower than  $A_{tot}$ :

How come?

Radiation Trapping

# Delayed responses: the bump and dip

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Total destruction rates can be determined

How are these composed?

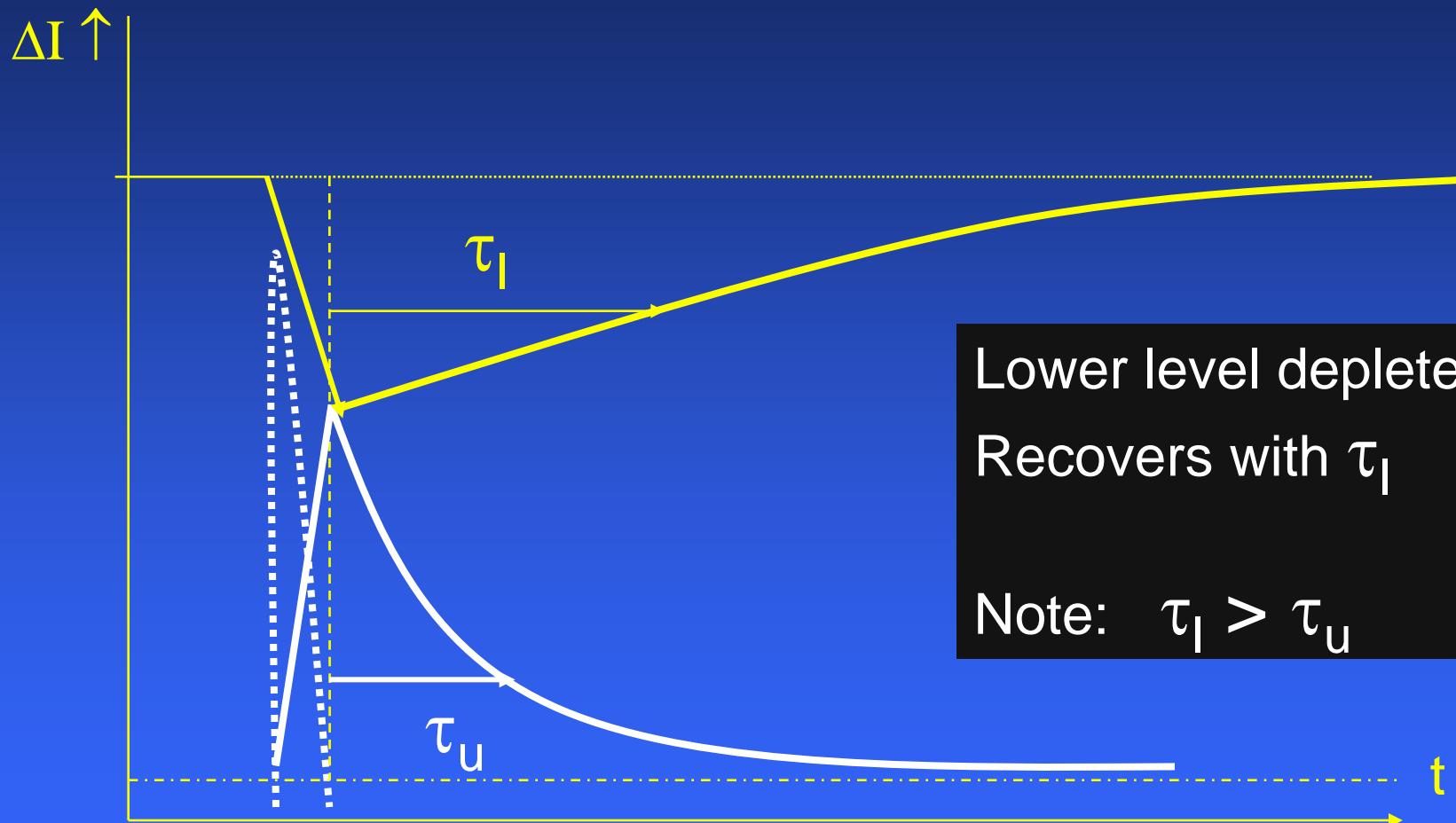
Where is population surplus going to?

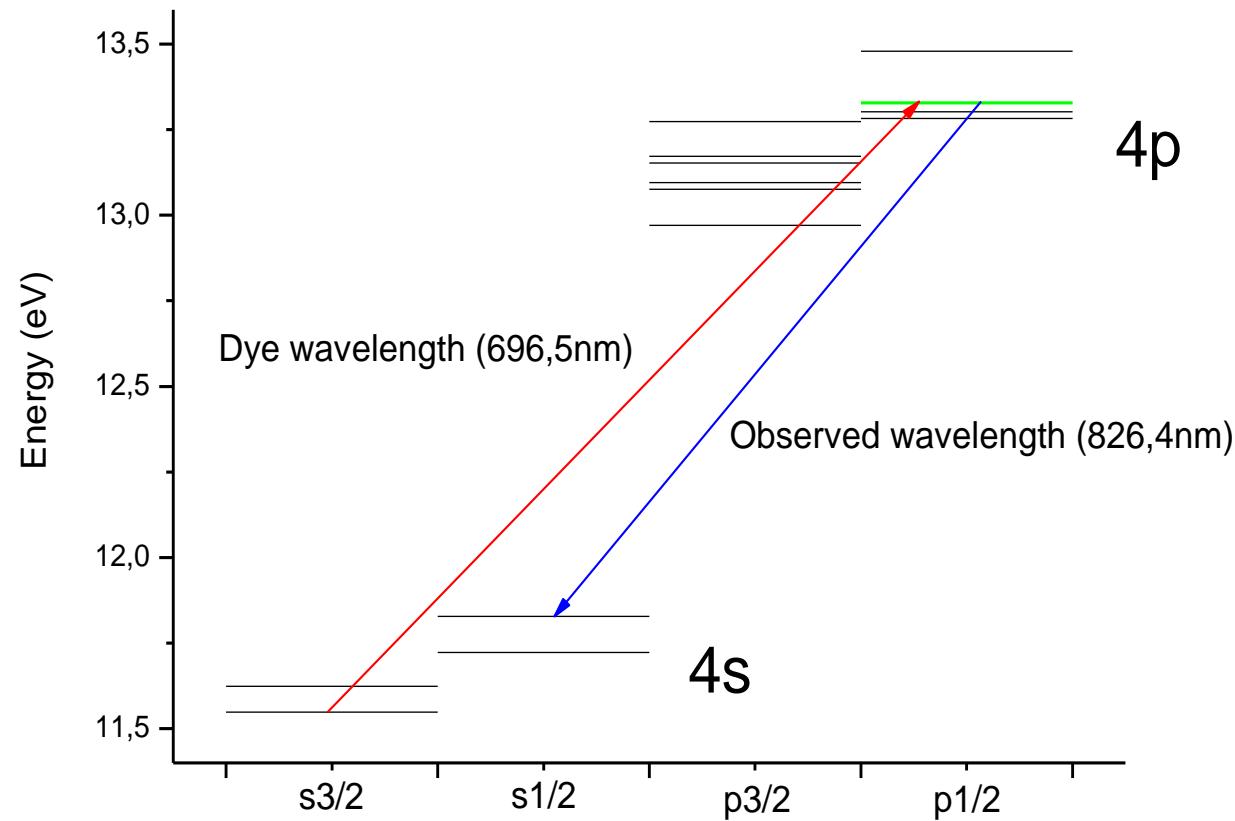
Redistribution

surplus  
depletion

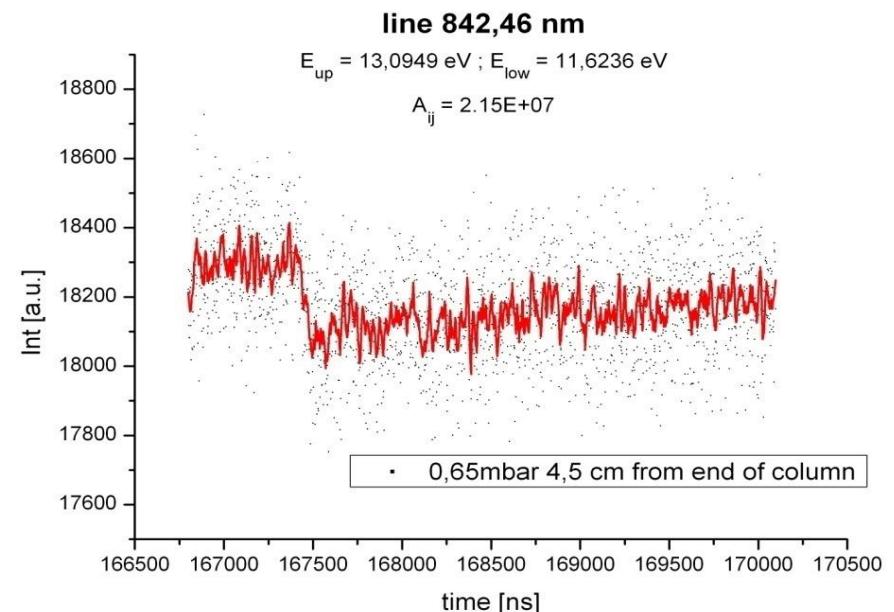
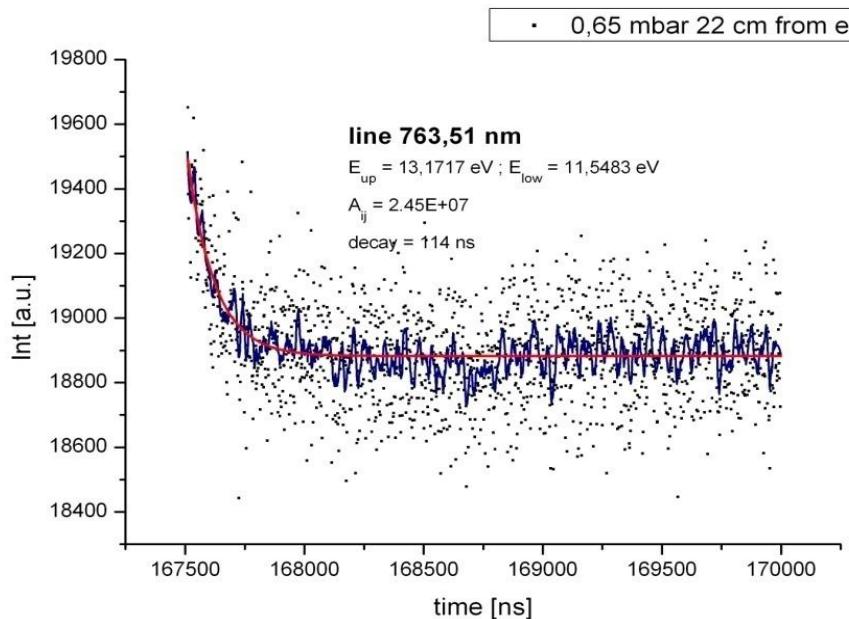
bump-wave  
dip-wave

# Pos and neg contributions





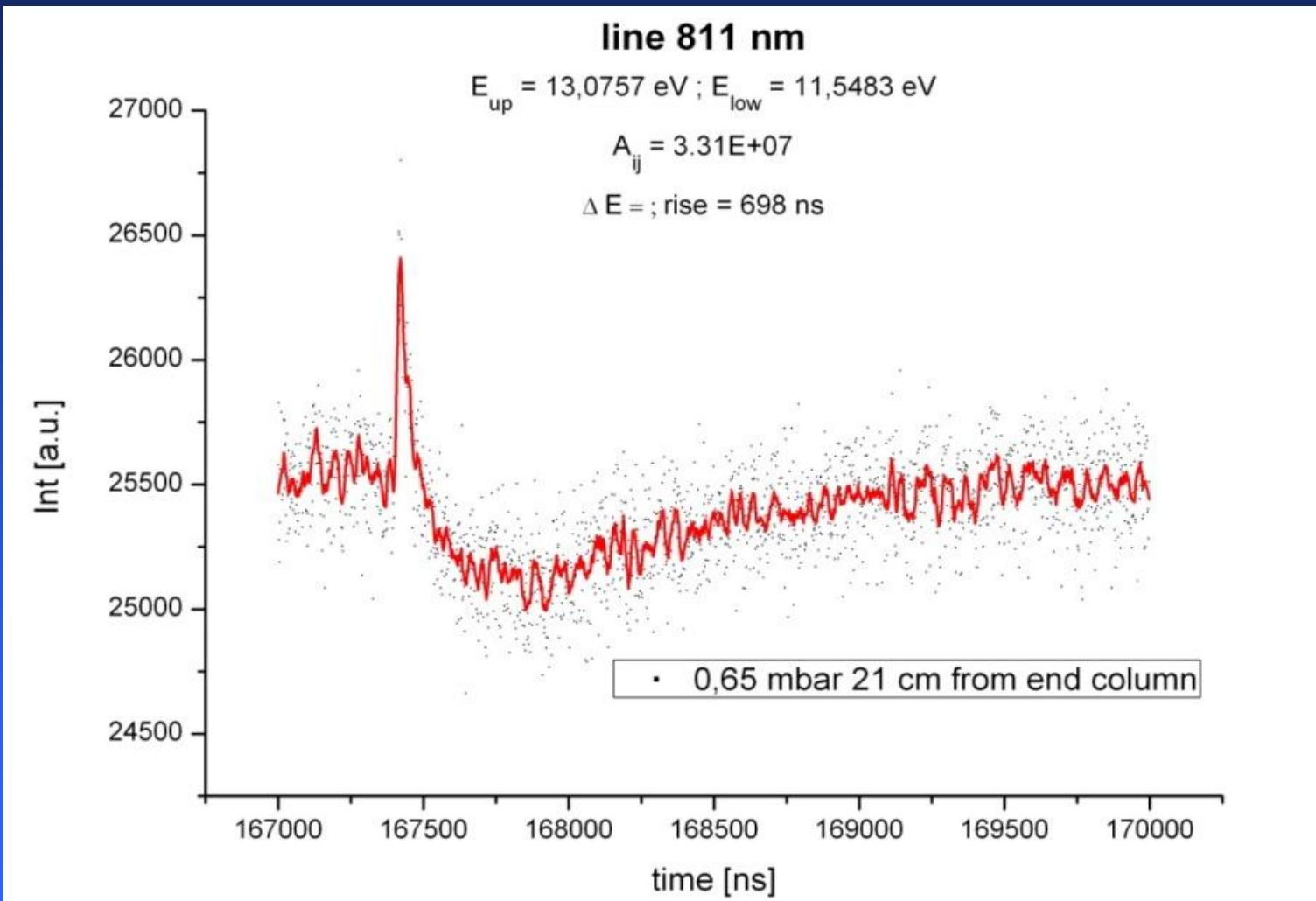
# Delayed responses



Coupled with upper level

Coupled with lower level

# Mixing



Mixed influences

# Bump/Dip exploration

Sources: level s

upper level    u

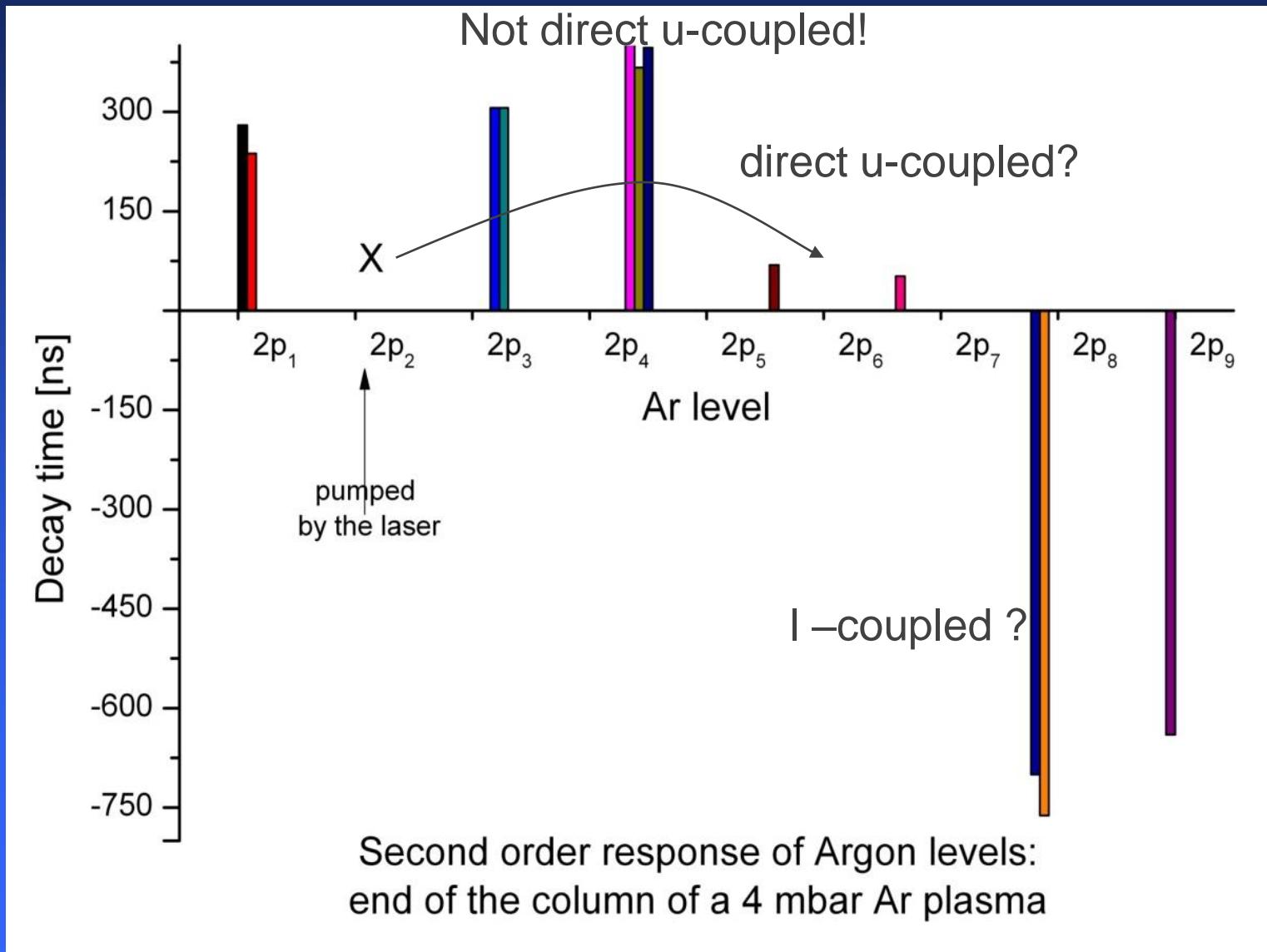
lower level    l

Response level r

**temporal structure  
amplitude** coupling

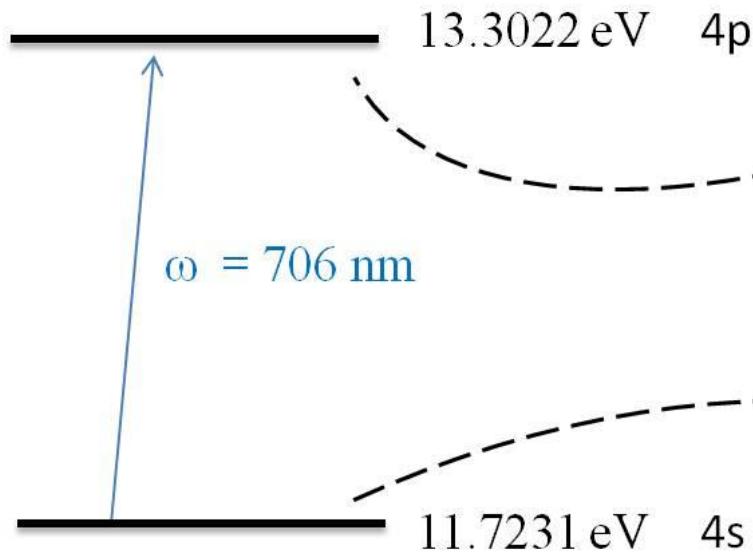
$D(s)$  and  $D(r)$   
 $D(s, r)$

# Temporal features

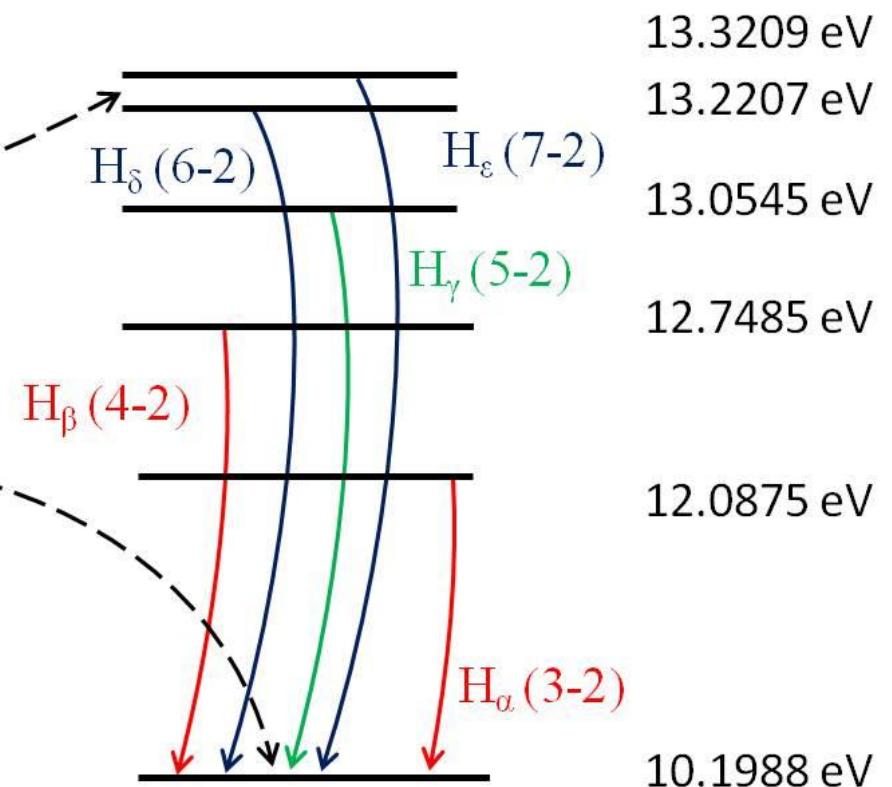


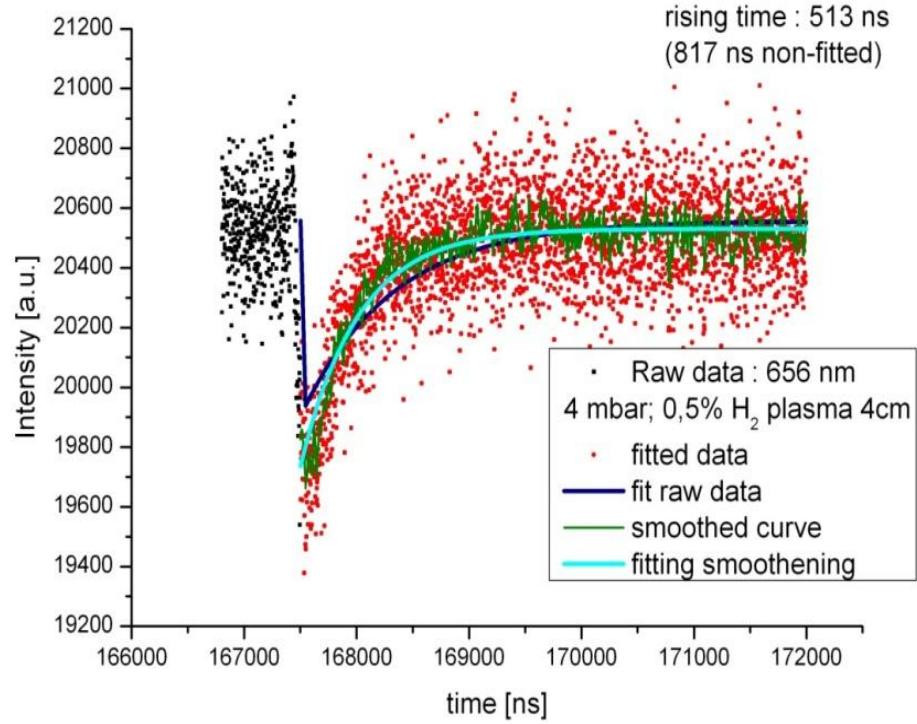
# Romance in excitation space Ar x H

Argon levels diagram



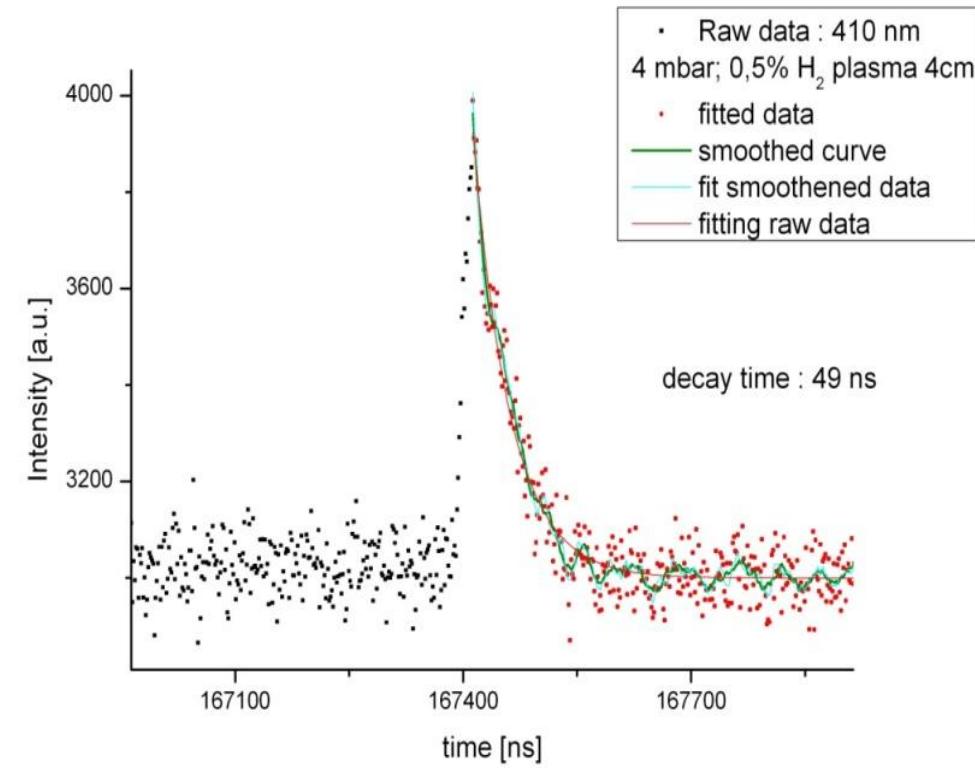
Hydrogen levels diagram





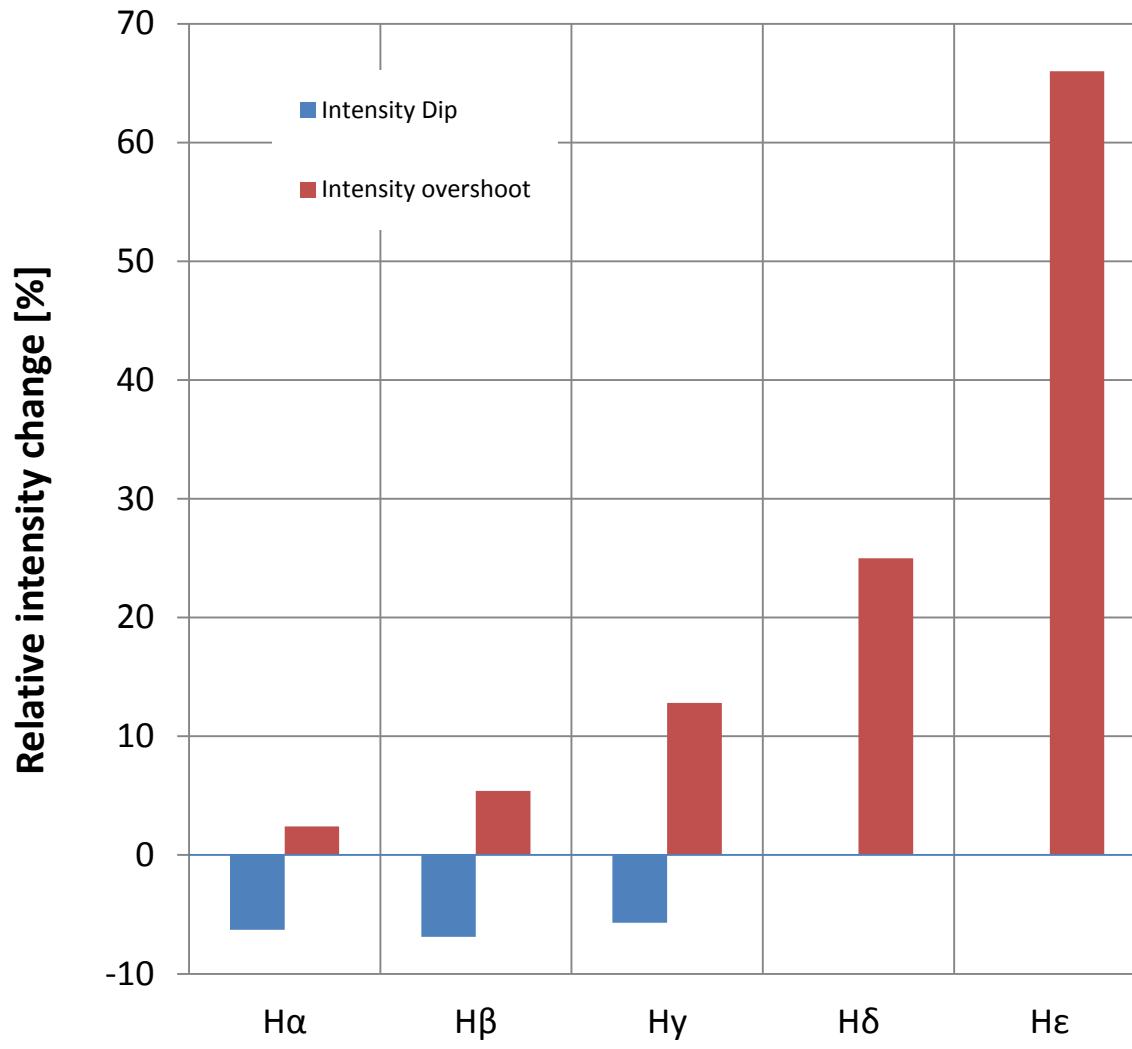
H <sub>$\alpha$</sub>  (656 nm)

p = 3



H <sub>$\delta$</sub>  (410 nm)

p=6



# Concluding

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Combining    high rep rate laser system  
                 well known Surfatron

gives an enormous data flow

Rates of e-induced destruction

Rates of a-induced destruction

Population of meta-stables even beyond the plasma ?

Coupling **in** Ar

Coupling **with** Ar

# Overall Conclusion

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Combining Power Manipulation **with** t-LIF

Gives insight in

transport phenomena of the plasma as a whole

the role of individual processes.

These are only the first steps in understanding  
The complex phenomena of plasma applications

# Acknowledgement



Thanks

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the honor

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