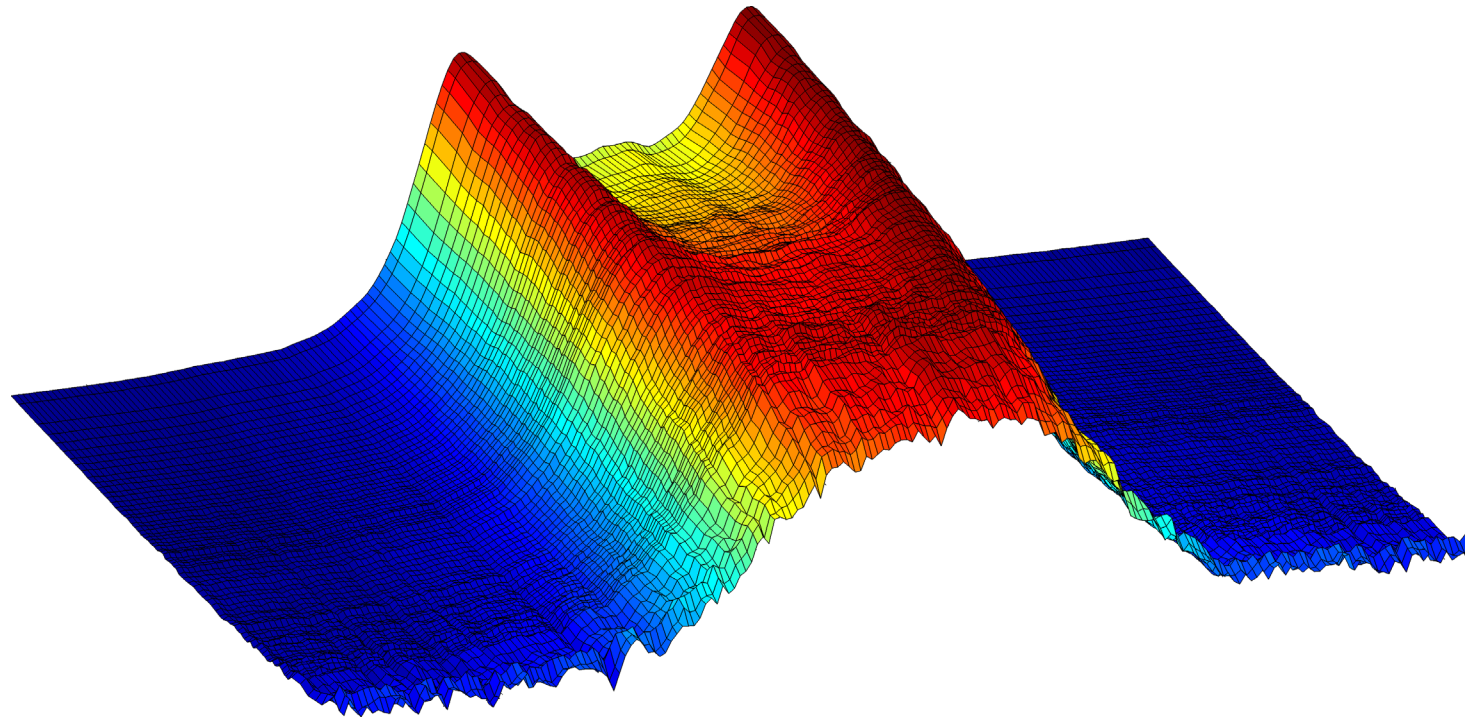




# Coherent Rayleigh-Brillouin scattering for VDF, density and temperature measurement of neutral species in a discharge

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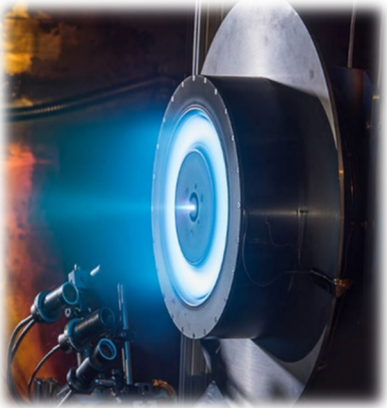
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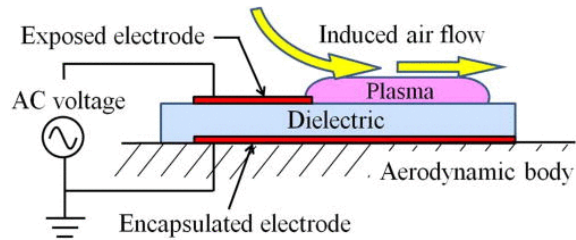


# WHY CARE ABOUT FLOW METROLOGY?



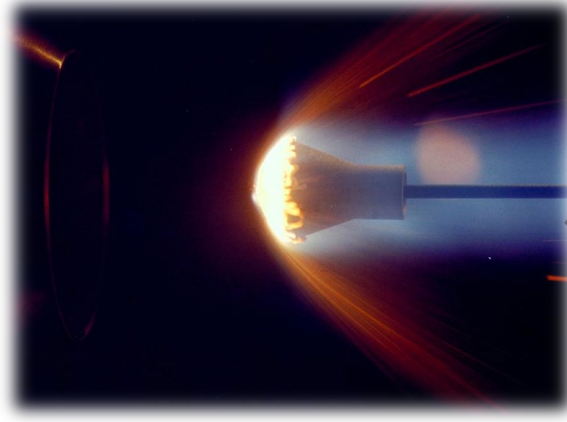
## Hall Thruster

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## Dielectric Barrier Discharges

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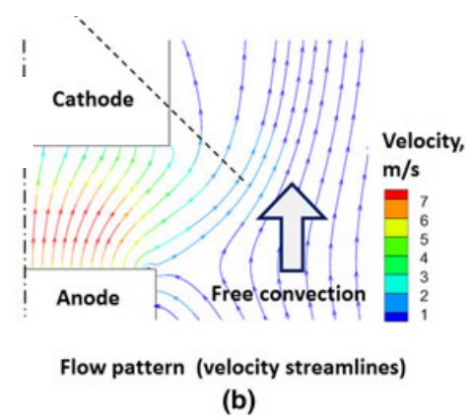
## Arc Jets

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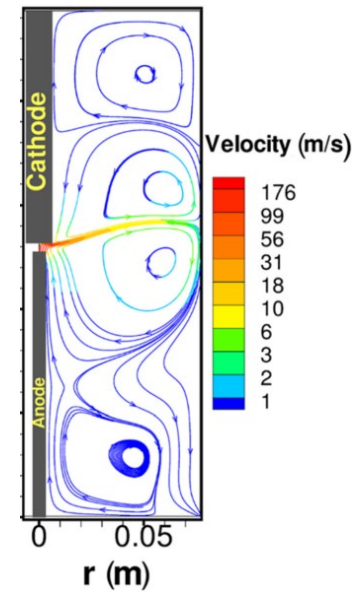
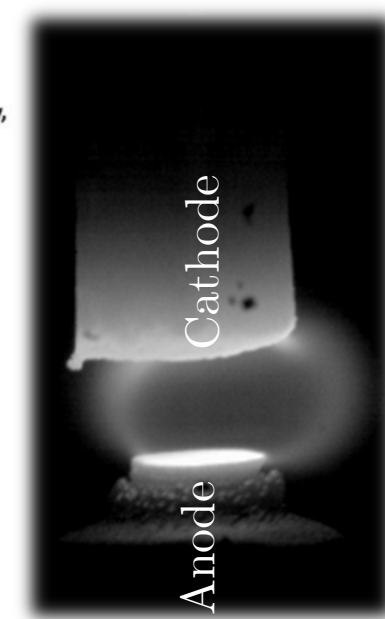
## Magnetron sputtering

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## Ideal characteristics for every diagnostic:

- Non-perturbative
- Fast
  - Probe dynamics
- Measure simultaneously as many (spatial) points of interest as possible.
- Work with as many species as possible without altering the setup

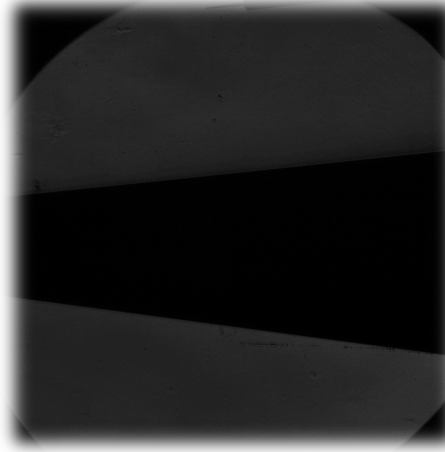
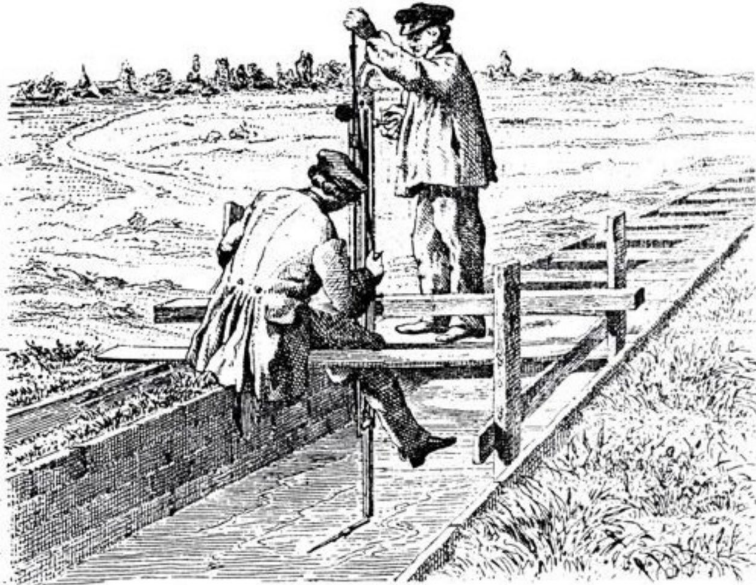
## Important quantities for every flow:

- Temperature
- Density
- Flow velocity



# STATE-OF-THE-ART

Pitot tube (invented in 1732!)



Measurement of flow velocity with the Pitot tube, improved by M. H. Darcy (Recherches hydrauliques, entreprises par M. H. Darcy, continuées par M. H. Bazin. Extract from volume XIX of Mémoires présentés par divers savants à L'institut Impérial de France, 1st part (501 p., 28 pl.): Recherches expérimentales sur l'écoulement de l'eau dans les canaux découverts. Imprimerie impériale, Paris 1865, planche IV).



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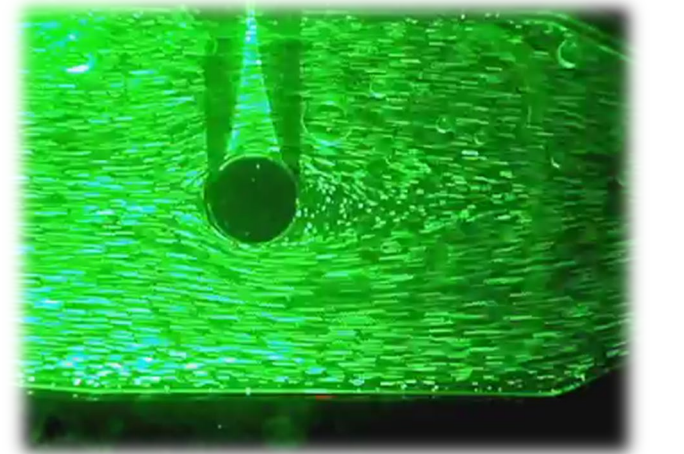
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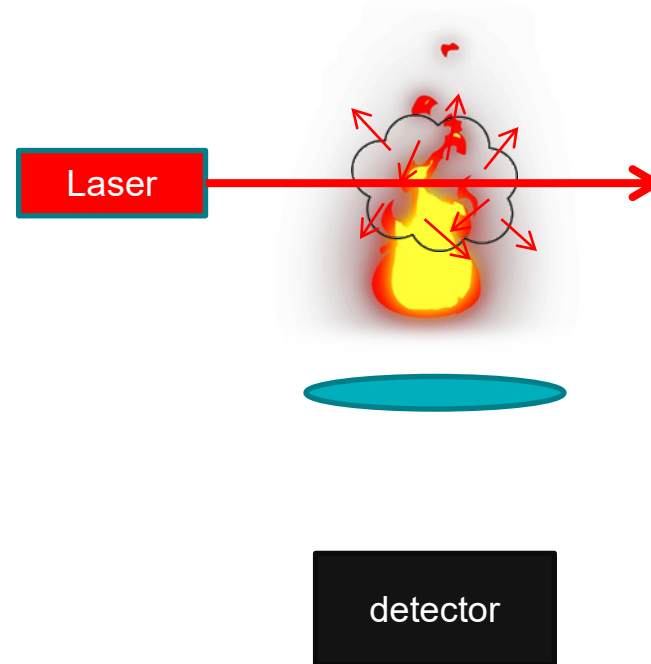
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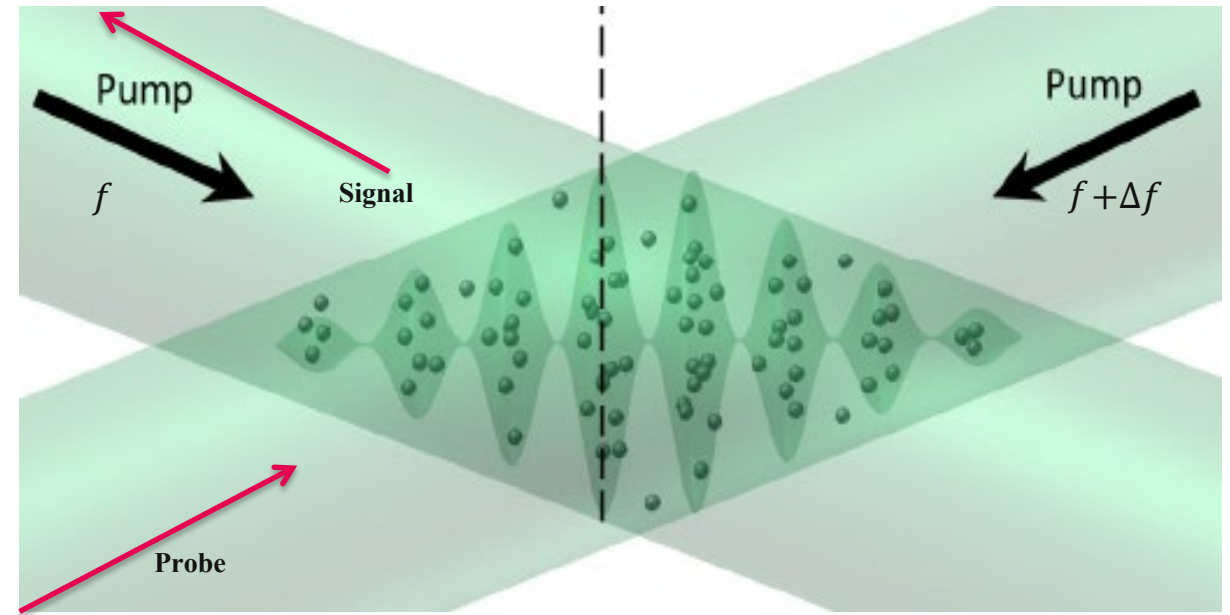
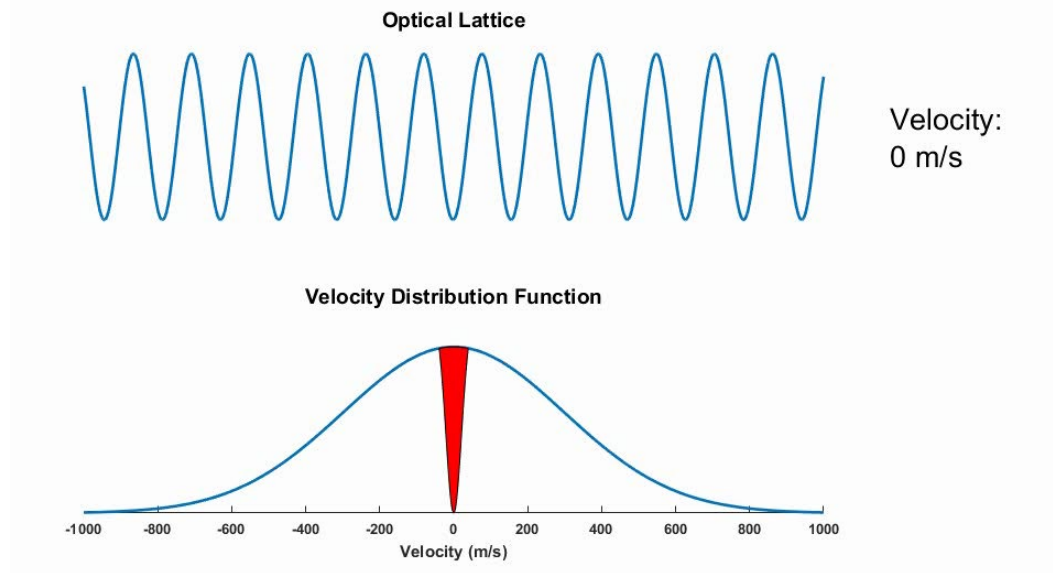
# RAYLEIGH-BRILLOUIN SCATTERING



Other neutral and plasma flow laser diagnostics, resonant and non-resonant, e.g. vibrationally excited nitric oxide monitoring (VENOM), femtosecond laser electronic excitation tagging (FLEET) laser induced fluorescence (LIF), Coherent Anti-Stokes Raman Scattering (CARS) and others have also been demonstrated to measure flow velocity and/or temperature.

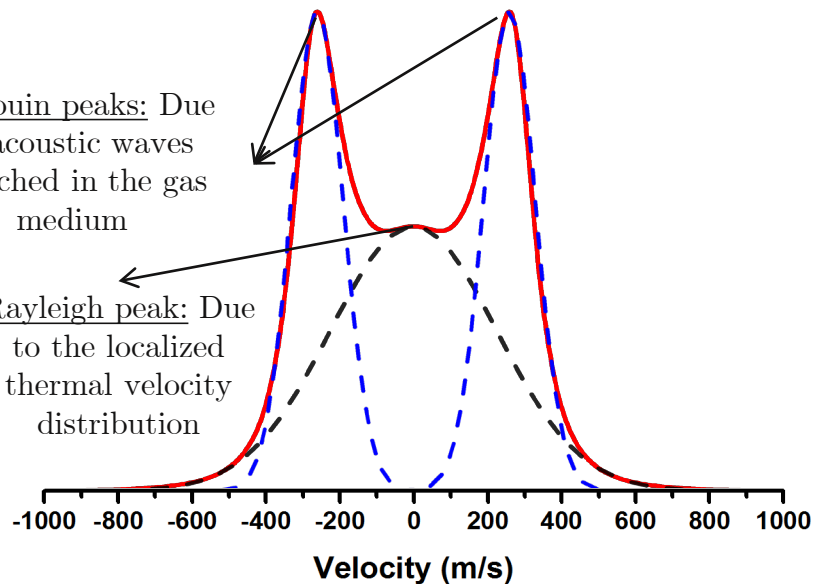


# COHERENT RAYLEIGH-BRILLOUIN SCATTERING



Brillouin peaks: Due to acoustic waves launched in the gas medium

Rayleigh peak: Due to the localized thermal velocity distribution



## Measurable quantities

Temperature  
Density  
Speed of sound  
Shear & Bulk viscosity  
Polarizability

## CRBS:

- ✓ Highly localized
- ✓ Laser beam signal output
- ✓ Much lower resolvable densities
- ✓ Single Shot

# COHERENT RAYLEIGH-BRILLOUIN SCATTERING

## Single shot

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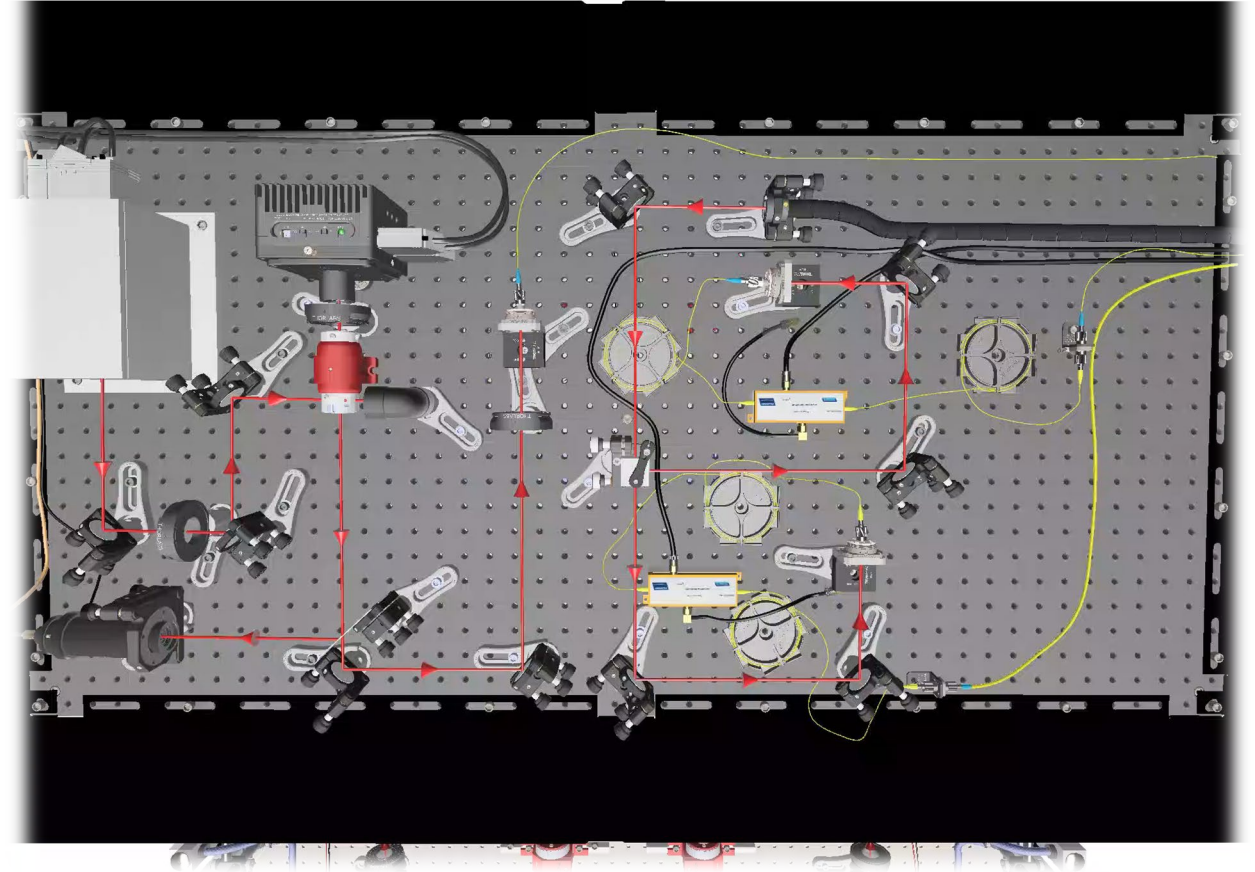
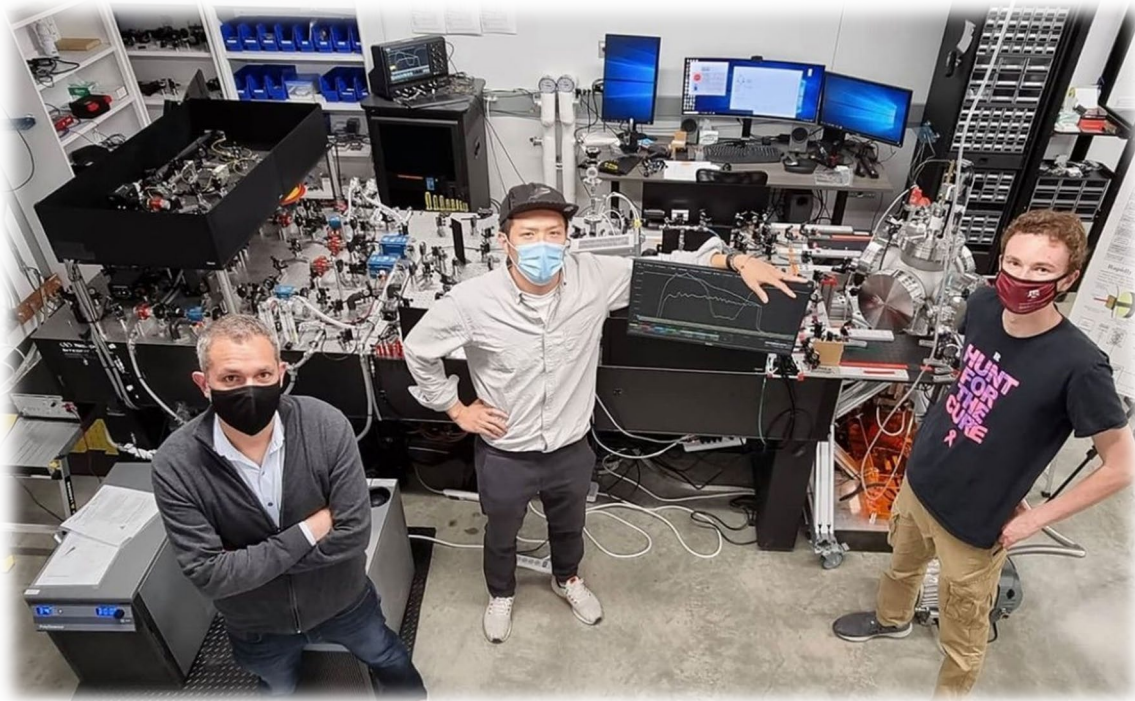


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## Experimental Setup

### Experimental parameters

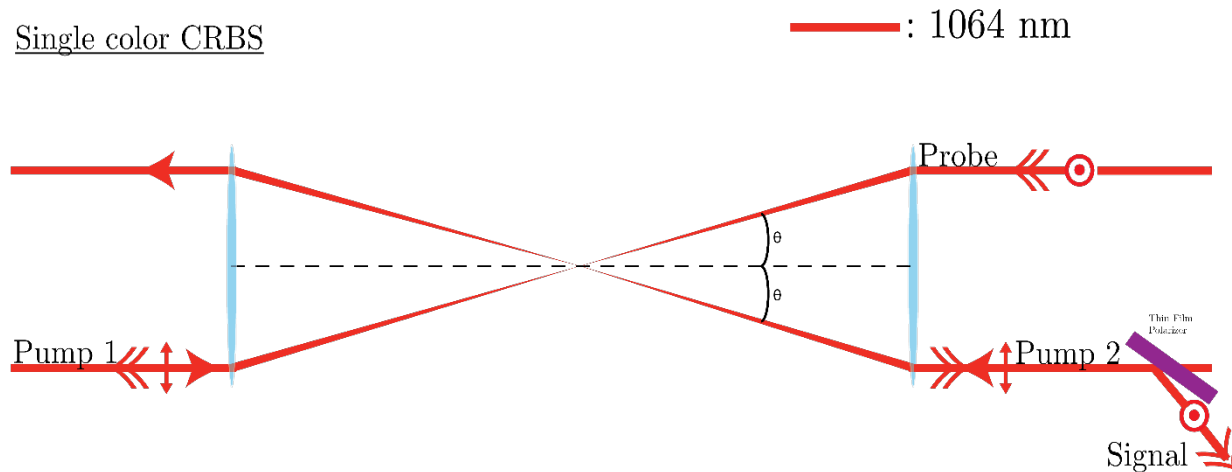
- $>450$  mJ/pulse/arm
- Up to  $\sim 10$  GHz chirp rate
- Variable pulse durations: 10-1000ns
  - Rep. Rate: 10-30 Hz



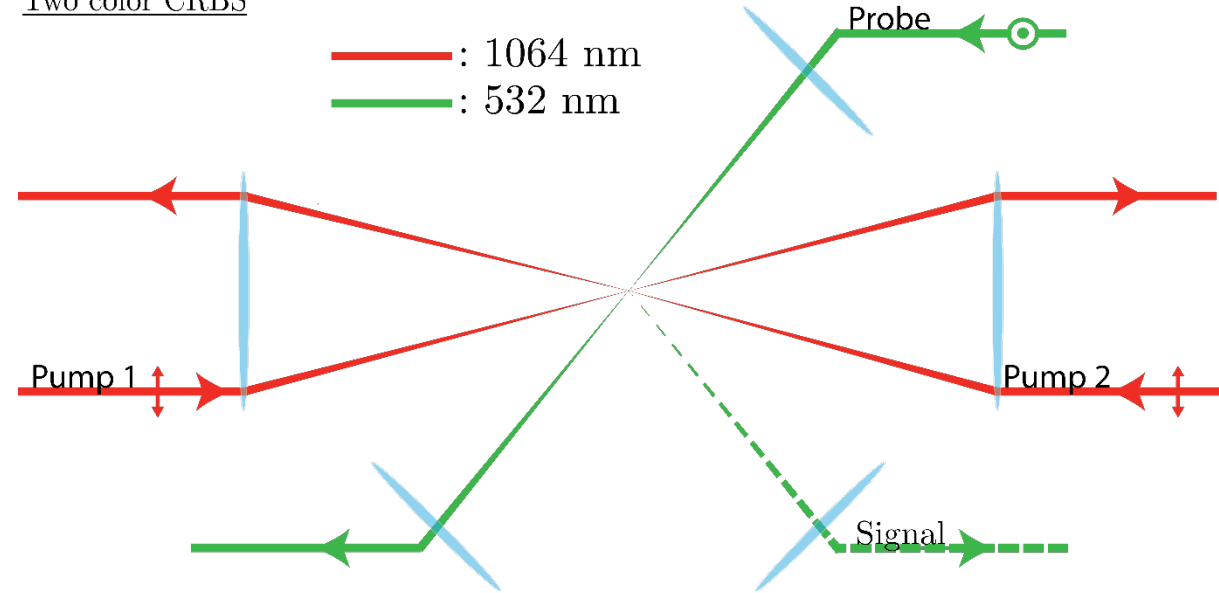
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## Two color CRBS scheme

Single color CRBS



Two color CRBS



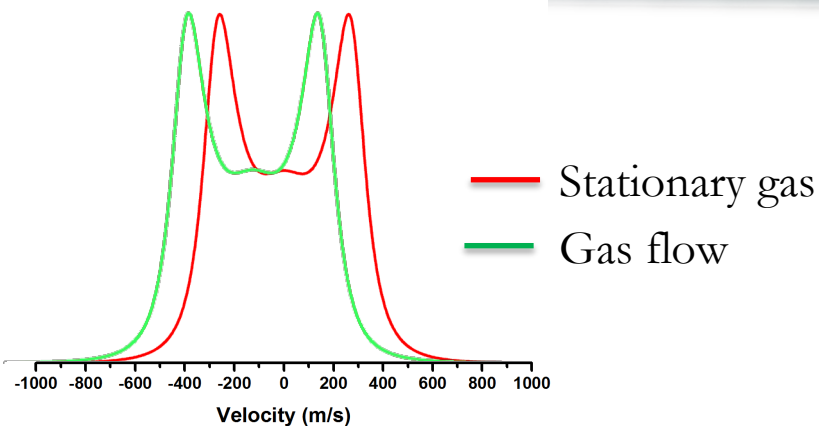
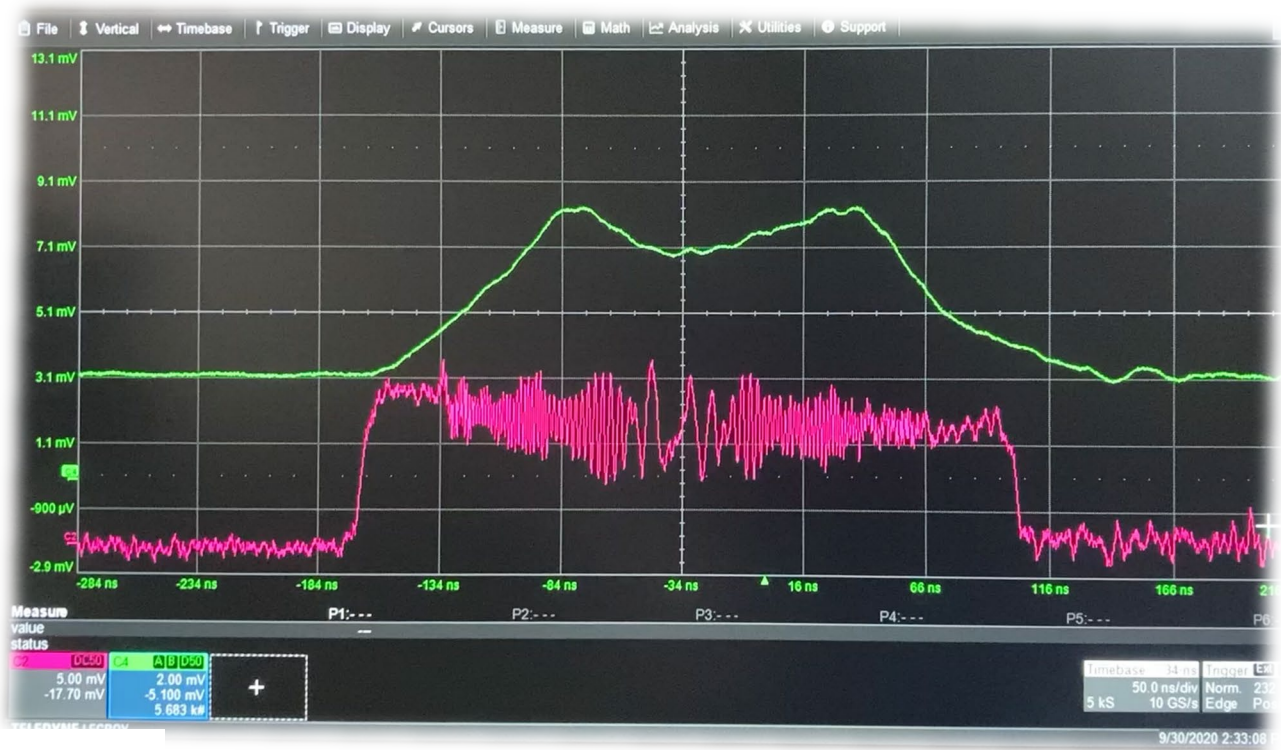
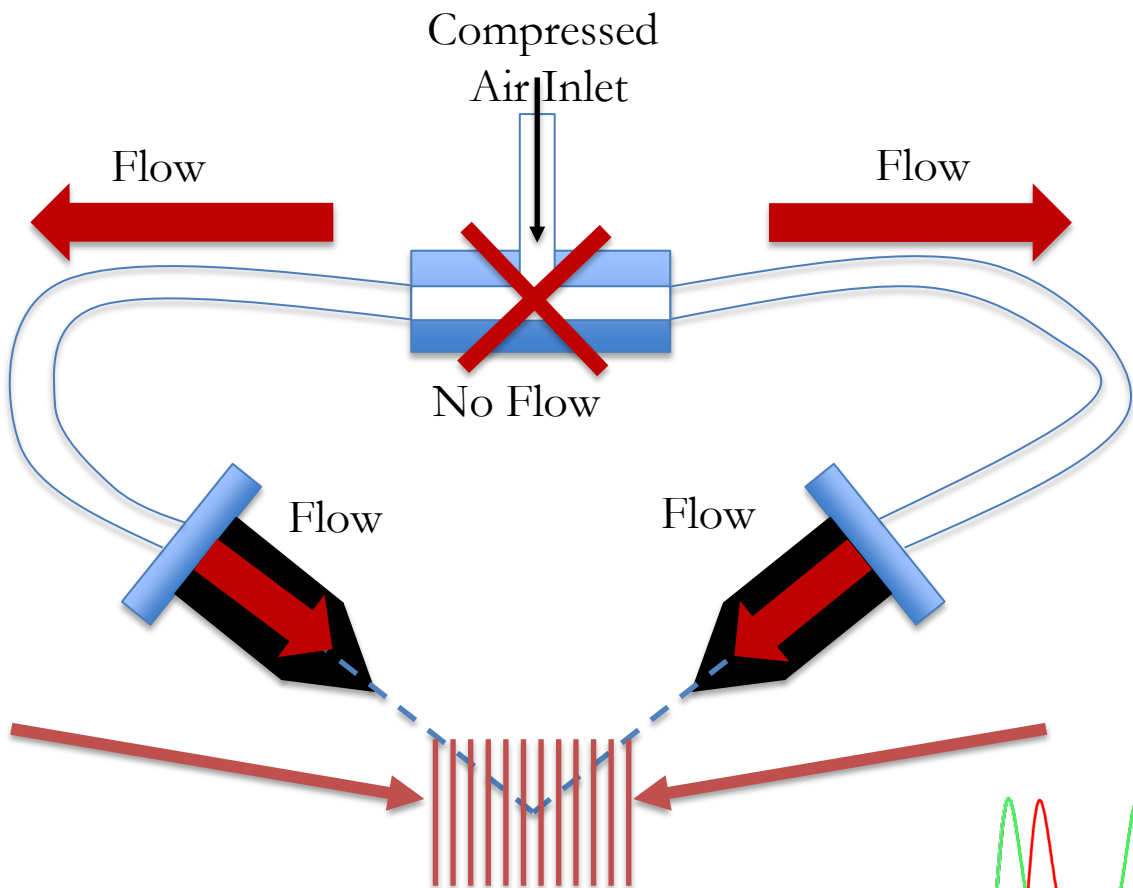
Two-color CRBS scheme

- Better Signal/Noise Ratio
- Lower gas densities accessible
  - ❖ Better detector technology @ 532 nm
  - ❖ Spectral filtering of pumps @ 1064 nm
  - ❖ More efficient Rayleigh scattering ( $\propto \lambda^{-4}$ )



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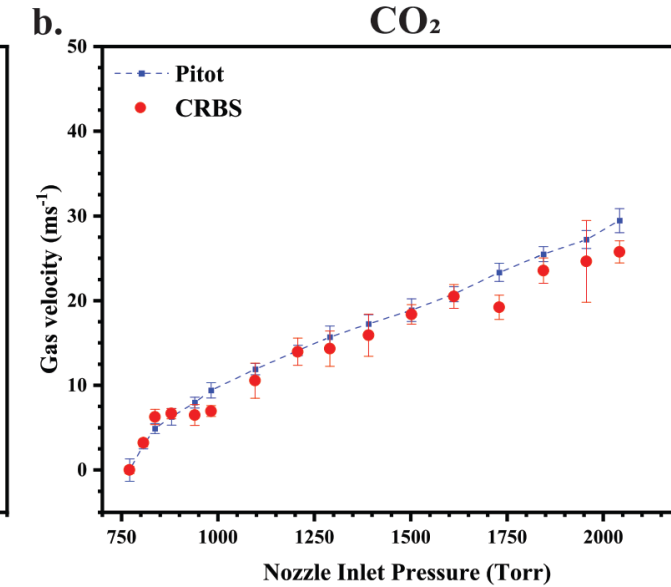
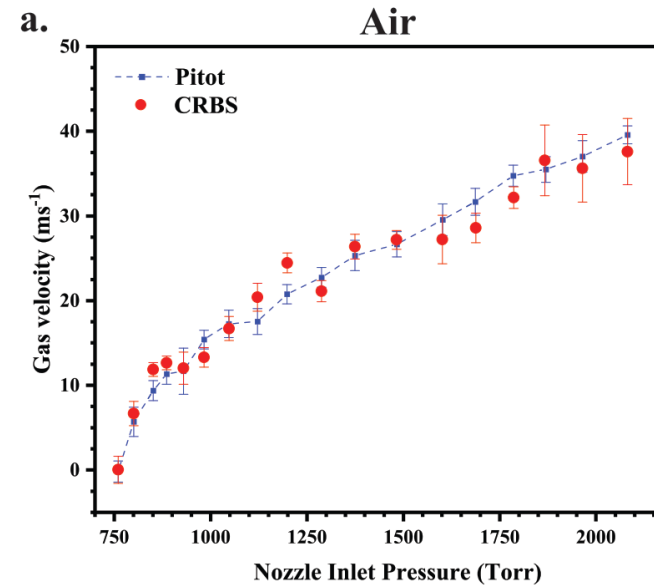
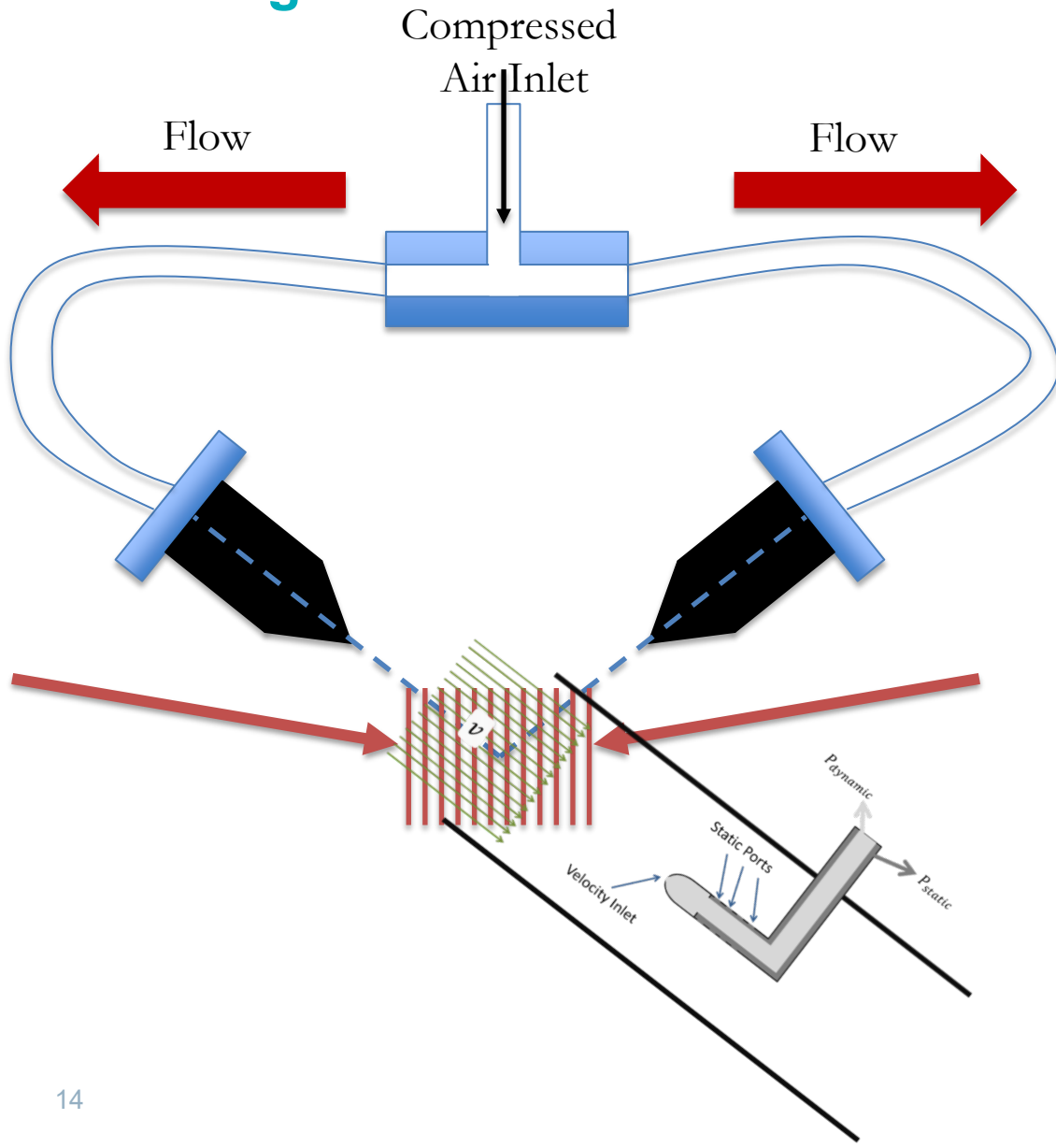
## Neutral gas flow measurement





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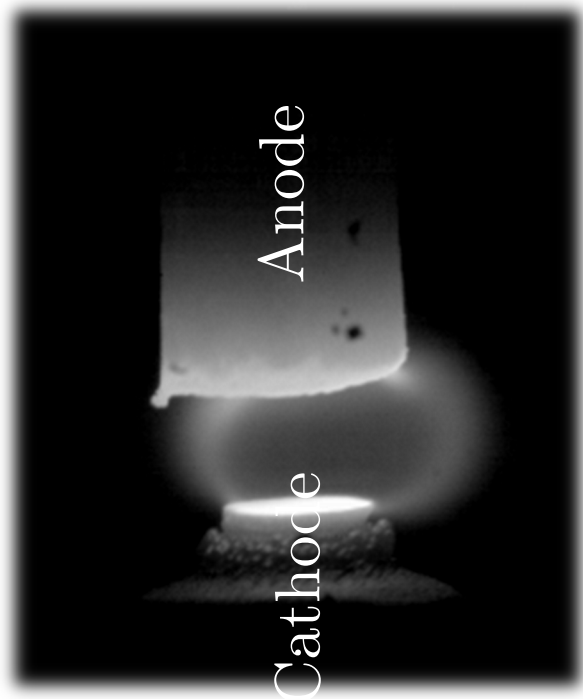
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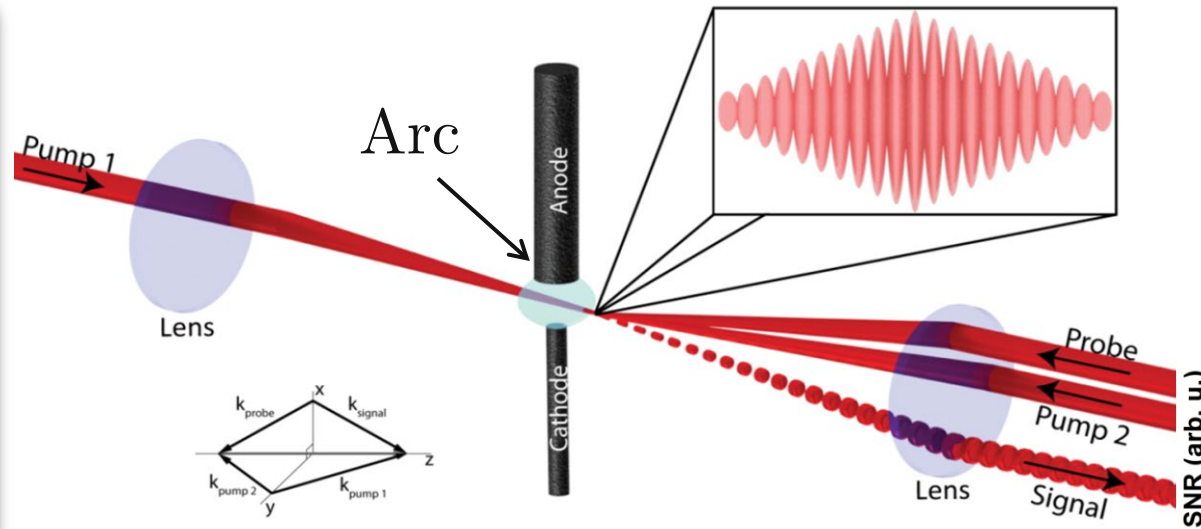
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## Nanoparticles in arc discharge measurement

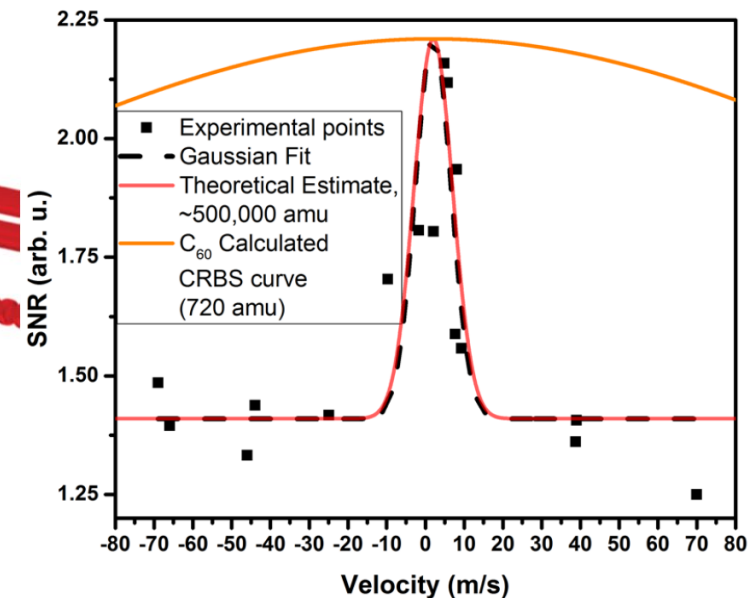


Imaging through C2 filter



For the first time detection of nanoparticles of dimensions of  $<10$  nm, *in situ* in plasma.

- Dimensions:  $\sim 6$  nm
- Density:  $10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$



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## Neutrals in glow discharge measurement

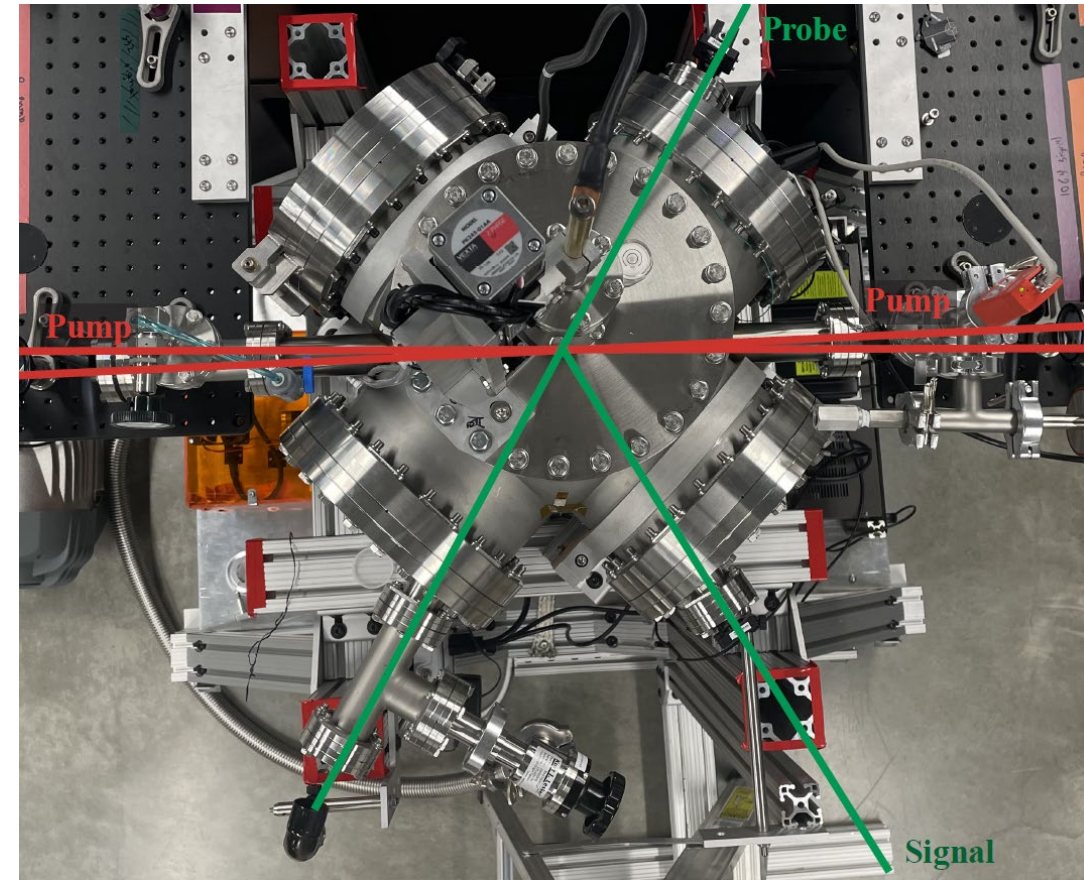
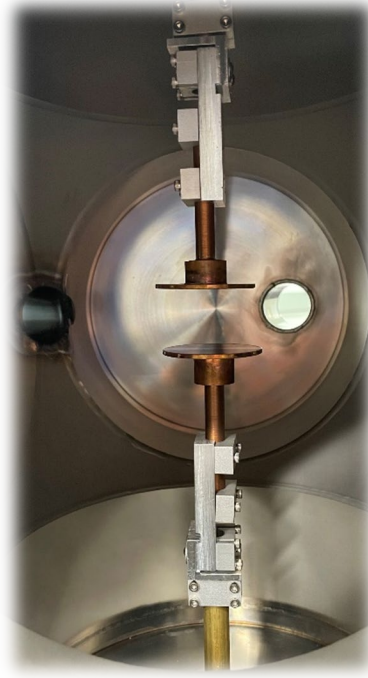
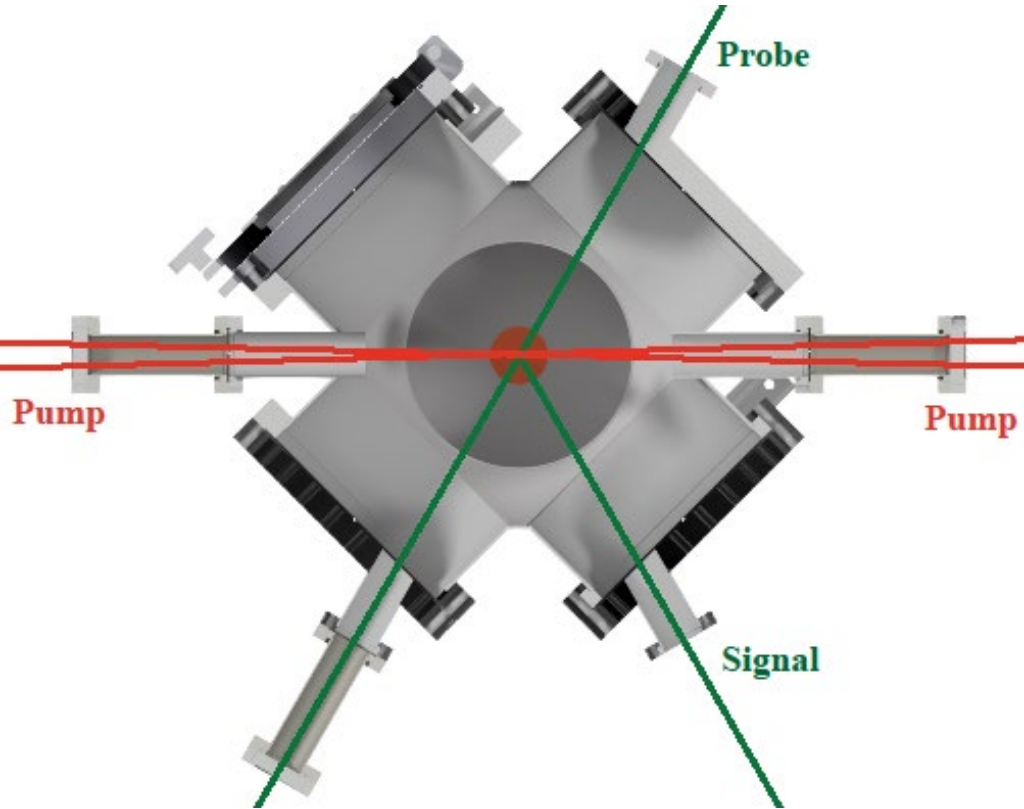
- Measure simultaneously neutral density and translational temperature in glow discharge
  - Two color, single shot CRBS as means of measurement
  - Assume ionization ratio small ( $10^{-6}$  –  $10^{-4}$ ) -> neutrals dominant
  - Scan radially across the discharge.





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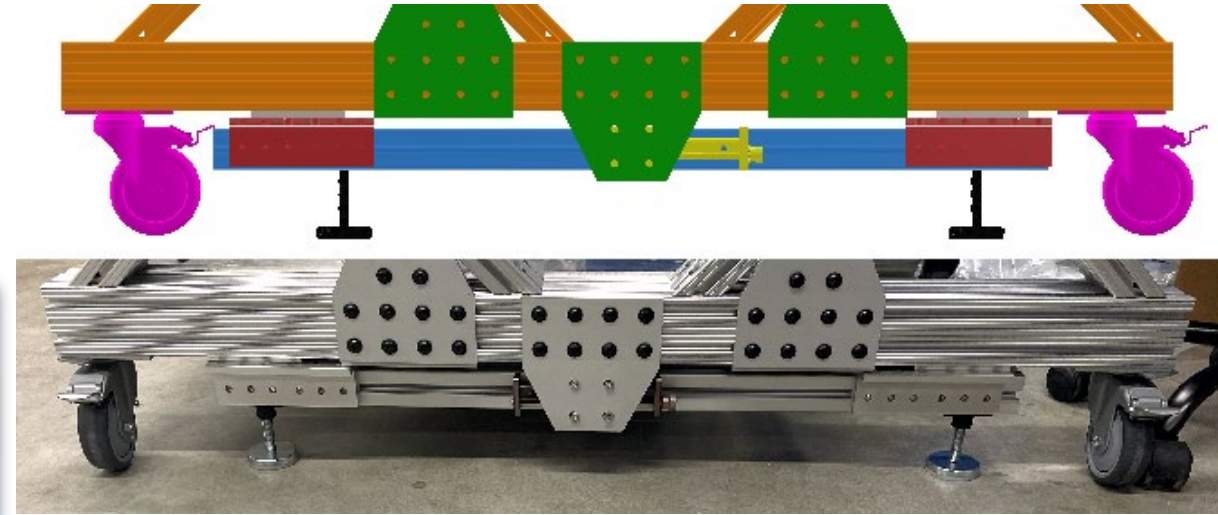
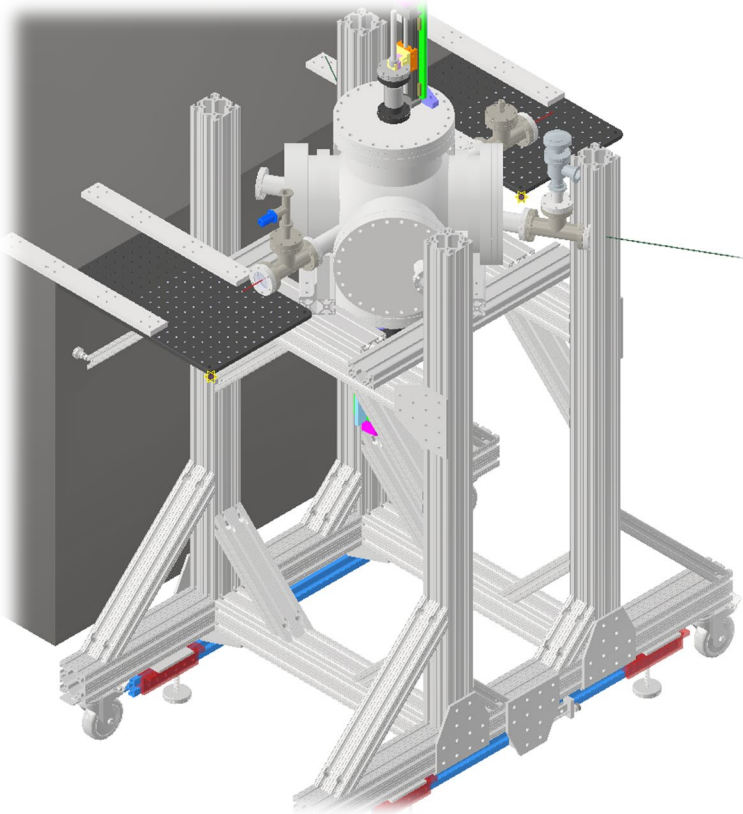
## Neutrals in glow discharge measurement



Dual color CRBS chamber setup

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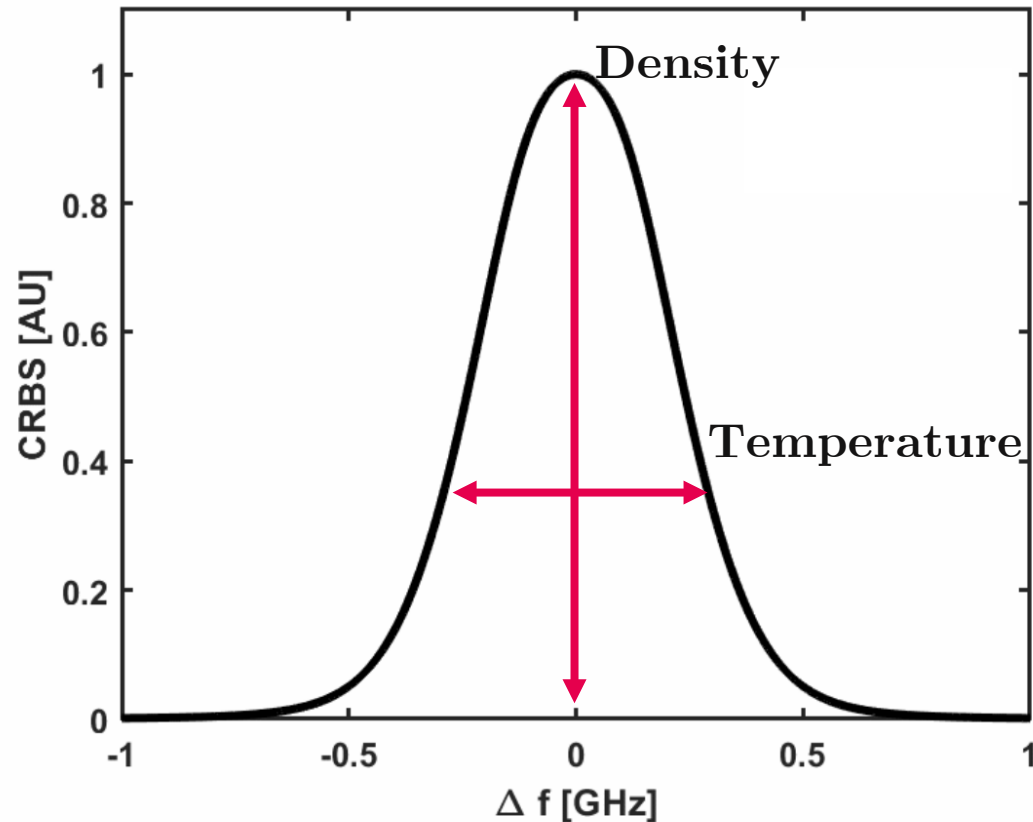
## Neutrals in glow discharge measurement



- Measurements radially across the positive column of glow discharge, from center to periphery.
  - Assumption: Positive column is radially symmetric
  - Assumption: Operating conditions are the same from point to point and run to run.

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## Neutrals in glow discharge measurement



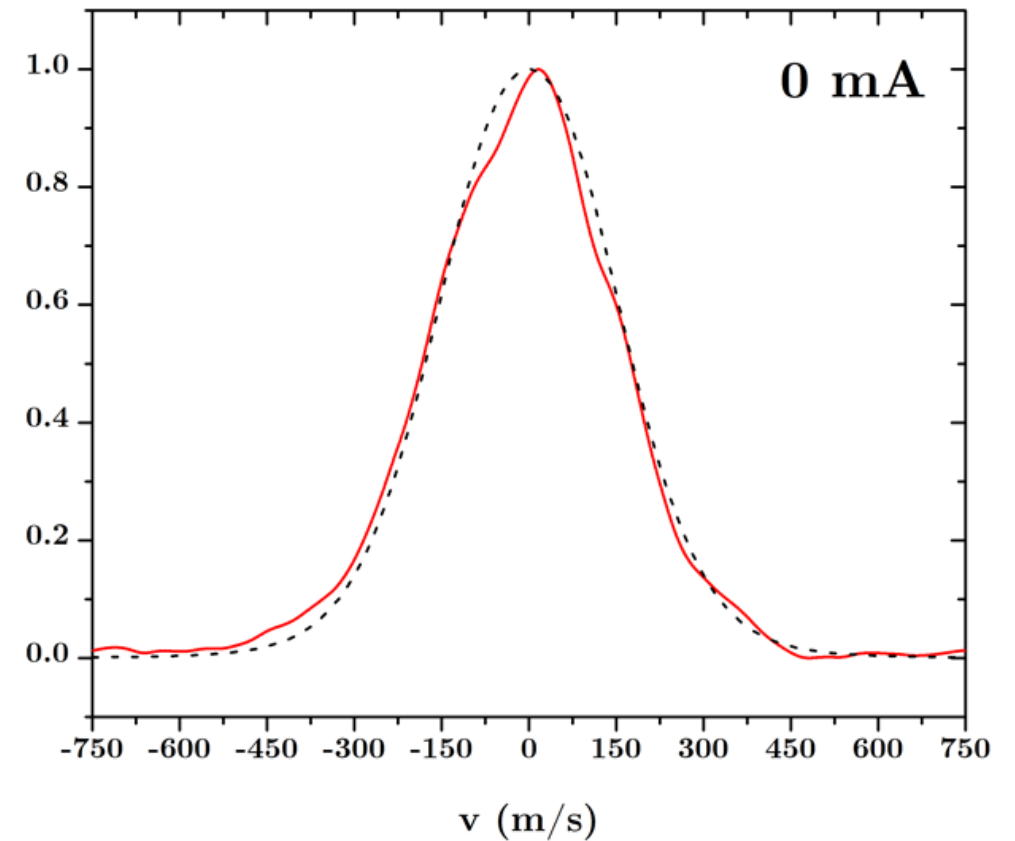
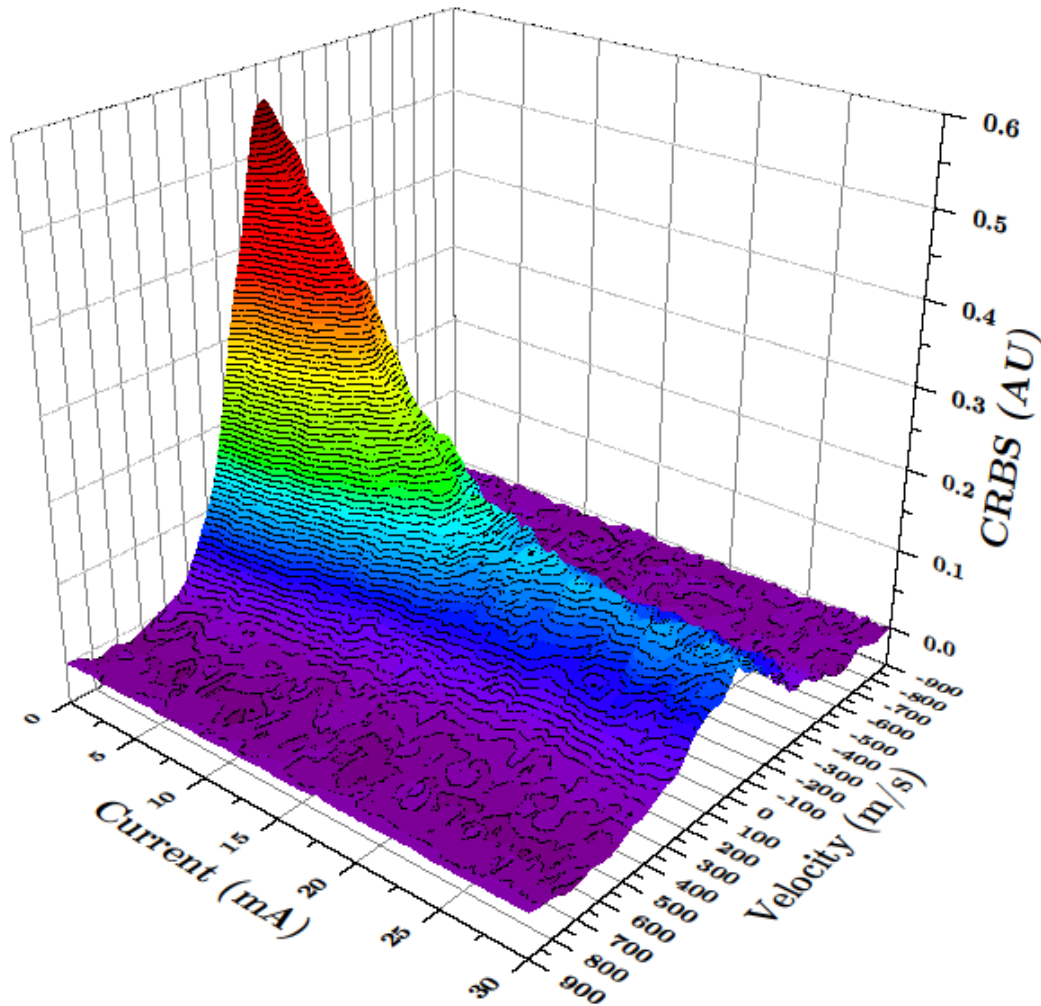
Xenon 15 Torr @300K

- **Temperature:**  
$$f(v_z) \propto e^{\frac{-mv_z^2}{2kT}}$$
- **Density:**  $I_S \propto \Delta n^2$



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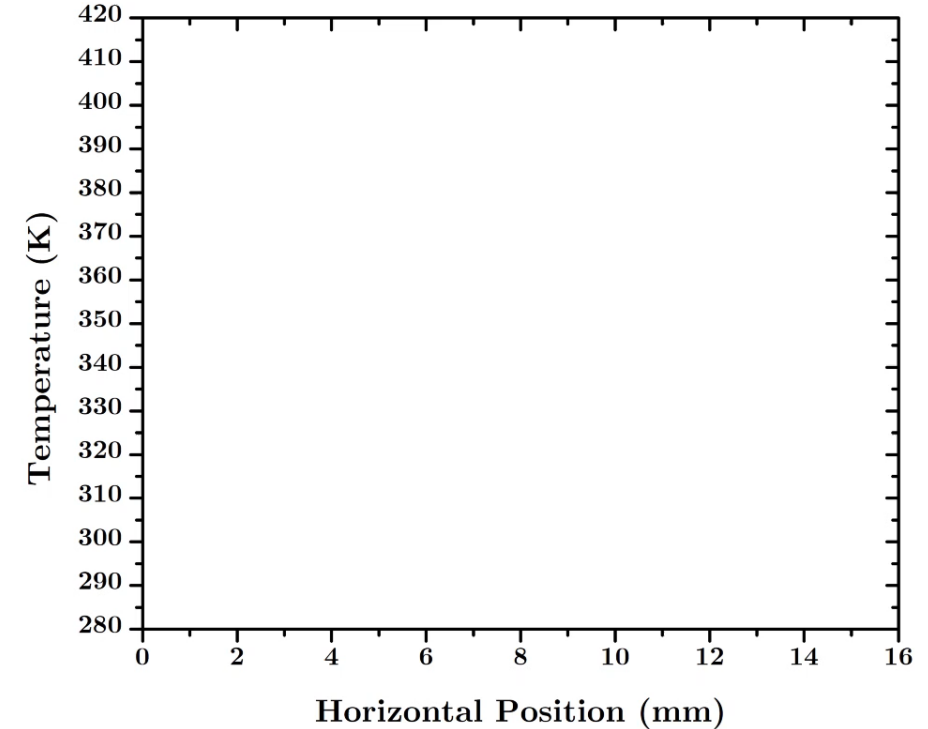
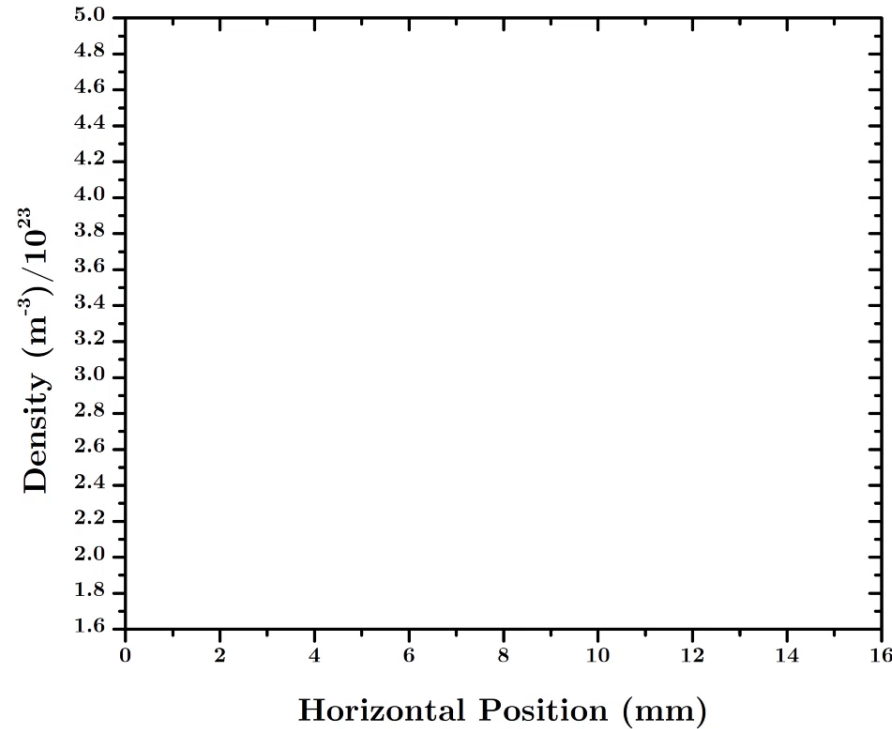
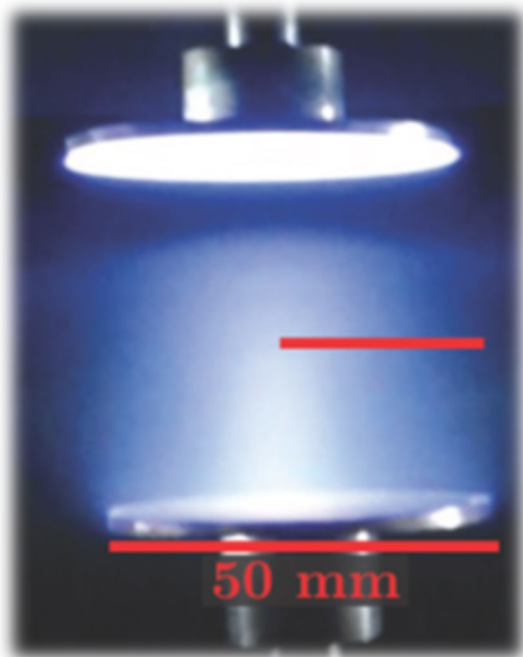


— Experimental Lineshape  
- - - S7 Model Xe 15 Torr, 300 K

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## Neutrals in glow discharge measurement



### Glow in 15 Torr Xe

- Average of 100 samples taken at each point, samples collected at 10 Hz rate  
(single spectrum acquisition time  $\sim 150$  ns)

|        | Density<br>( $10^{-23} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ) | Temperature<br>(K) |
|--------|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Edge   | $4.8 \pm 0.4$                            | $295 \pm 15$       |
| Center | $1.9 \pm 0.4$                            | $370 \pm 15$       |

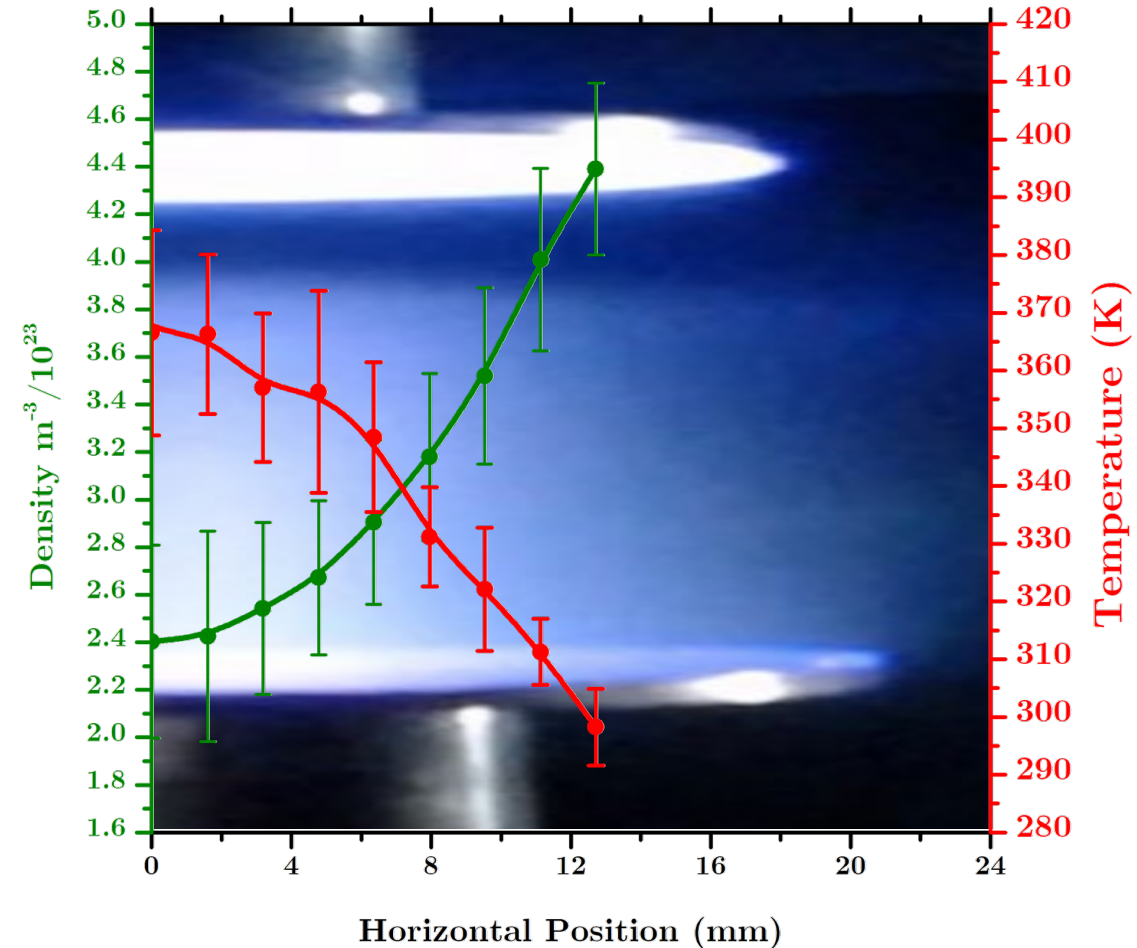
# SUMMARY & FUTURE WORK

Simultaneous density and temperature measurements in glow discharge with single shot CRBS

- Spectra in agreement with s7 model

## Future Work

- Dimensional extension of CRBS to simultaneous 1D line profile measurements
- Measurement in different types of discharges







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