



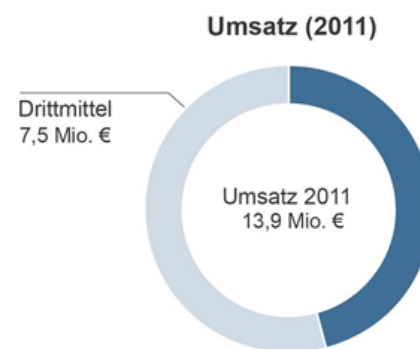
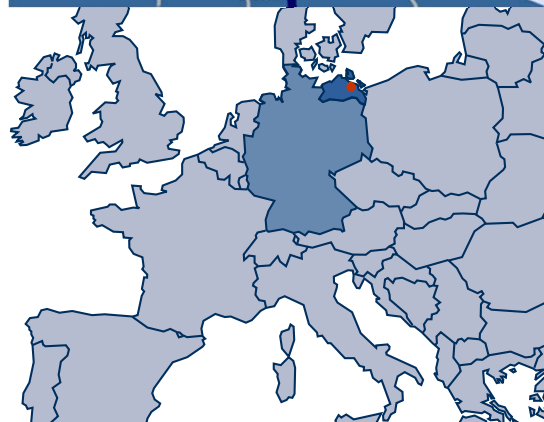
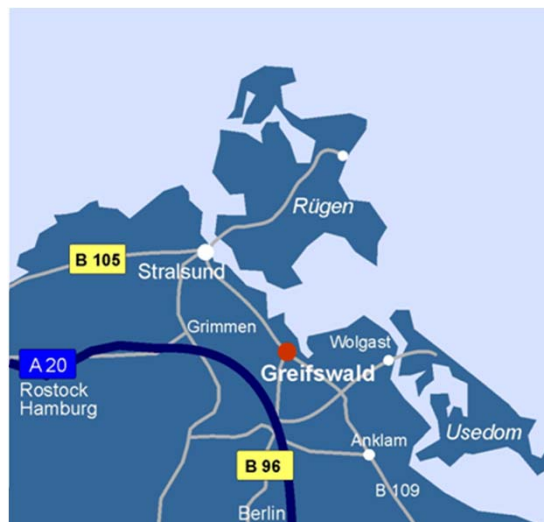
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Was können Plasmen im Wasser besser? Wirkmechanismen von Entladungplasmen in Trink- und Abwässern

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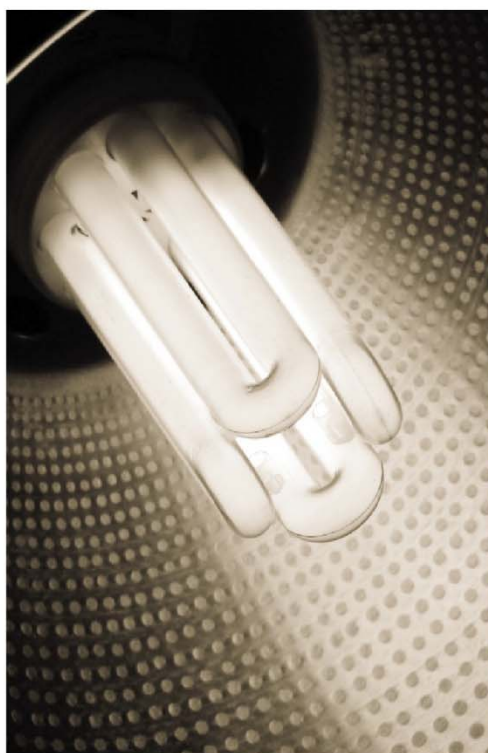
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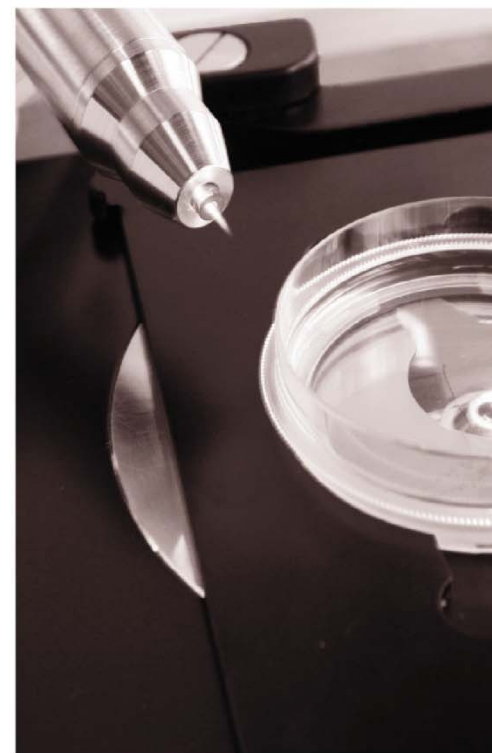
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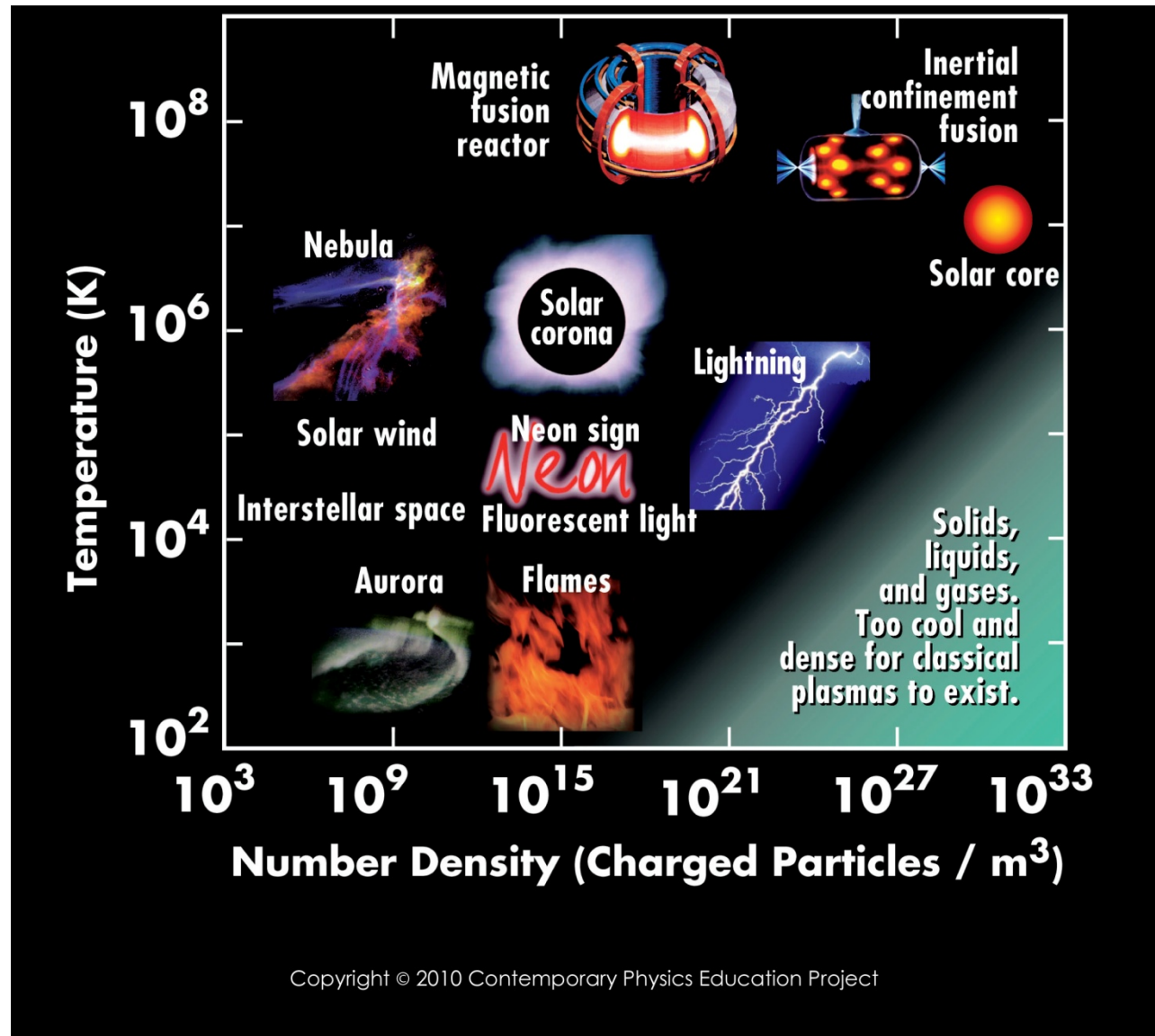


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“Our World is Plasma”

Plasma – “The 4th State of Matter”



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Plasma – “The 4th State of Matter”

Solid	Liquid	Gas	Plasma
Example Ice H_2O	Example Water H_2O	Example Steam H_2O	Example Ionized Gas $H_2 \rightarrow H^+ + H^+ + 2e^-$
Cold $T < 0^\circ C$	Warm $0 < T < 100^\circ C$	Hot $T > 100^\circ C$	Hotter $T > 100,000^\circ C$ 1 > 10 electron Volts
			
Molecules Fixed in Lattice	Molecules Free to Move	Molecules Free to Move, Large Spacing	Ions and Electrons Move Independently, Large Spacing

Not necessarily!
Note: 2 different temperatures!

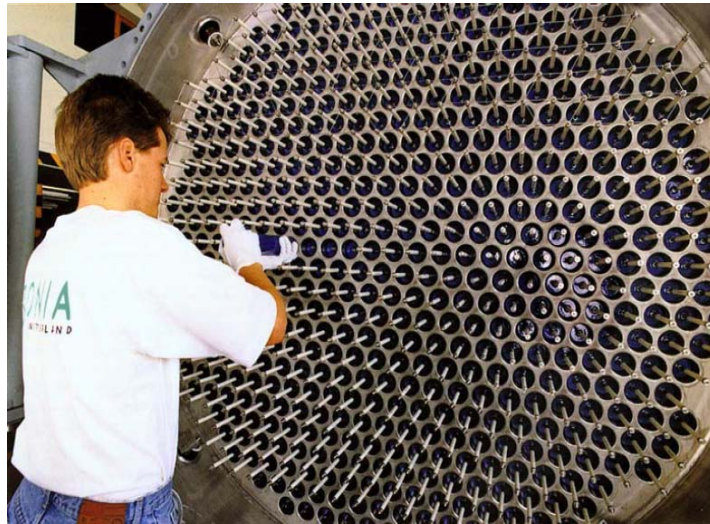
Energy provided leads to the controlled loss of the cohesion of matter, associated with the break of molecular bonds, and ionization of molecules and atoms. (In technical used plasmas the energy is provided by electrical means.)

The result is a **highly reactive** gaseous phase, which is characterized by the density of constituents (electrons, ions, excited molecules and atoms) and their respective energy, i.e. temperature.

A **Non-thermal plasma** is characterized by a hot electron gas of several thousand degrees moving in between cold, i.e. close to room temperature, heavier particles. (Accordingly are reaction kinetics primarily determined by electrons.)

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Ozonation of Water



Ozonation is the oldest plasma based technology for the treatment of water (Werner von Siemens 1857).

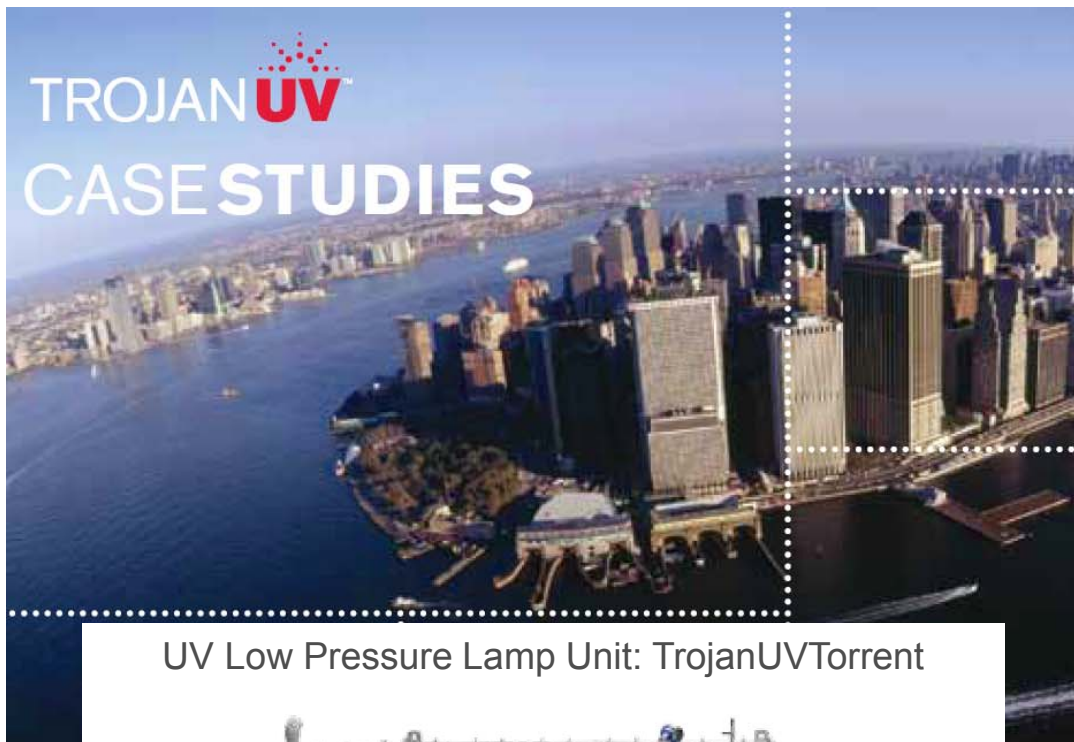
Ozone-Generator
(Ozonias AG, Zürich)



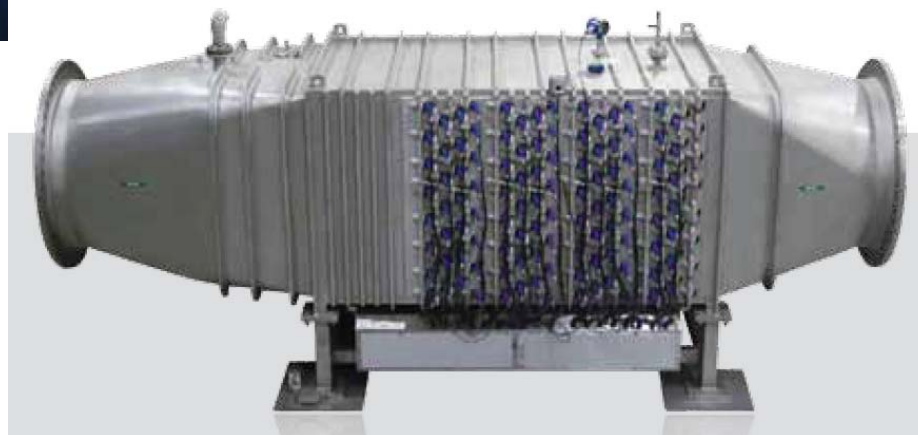
Ozonation Facility
(Wasserwerk Rostock, installed 1995)

UV-Treatment of Drinking Water

TROJAN UV[™] CASE STUDIES



UV Low Pressure Lamp Unit: TrojanUVTorrent



THE TROJAN SOLUTION

When completed in 2012, NYC will operate the largest drinking water UV installation in the world – the Catskill/Delaware UV Facility – with a capacity to treat 2.24 billion gallons per day (BGD). Combined, the Catskill/Delaware and Croton water plants will supply residents of NYC with over 2.8 BGD of high quality drinking water.

SYSTEM DESIGN PARAMETERS

- CATSKILL/DELAWARE UV SYSTEM PEAK FLOW CAPACITY: 2.24 billion gallons per day
- CROTON UV SYSTEM PEAK FLOW CAPACITY: 600 million gallons per day
- TOTAL FLOW: >2.8 billion gallons per day
- DISINFECTION REQUIREMENT: Minimum dose of 40 mJ/cm²
- TARGET REDUCTION OF CRYPTOSPORIDIUM: 3-log
- NUMBER OF UV UNITS: 56 Units (Catskill/Delaware), 20 Units (Croton)

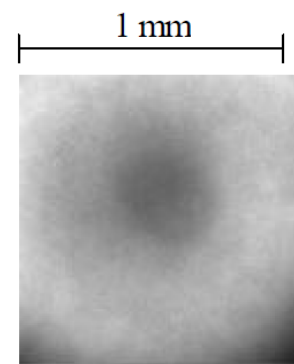
UV-Treatment of Water



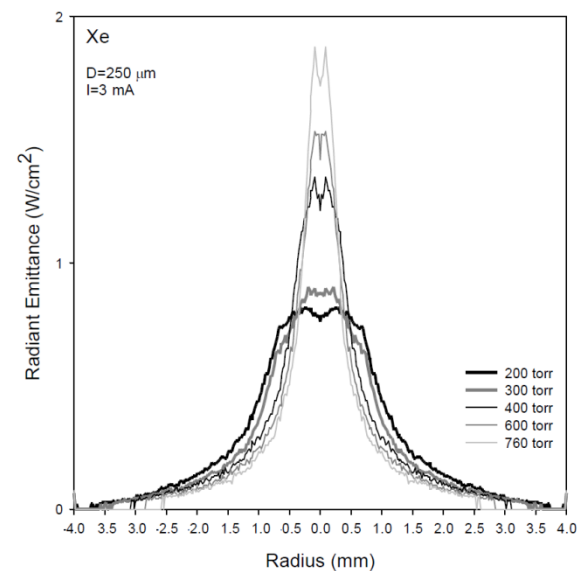
UV Low Pressure Lamp Unit: TrojanUV



Microhollow Cathode Discharges as uv (excimer) lamps of high emittance

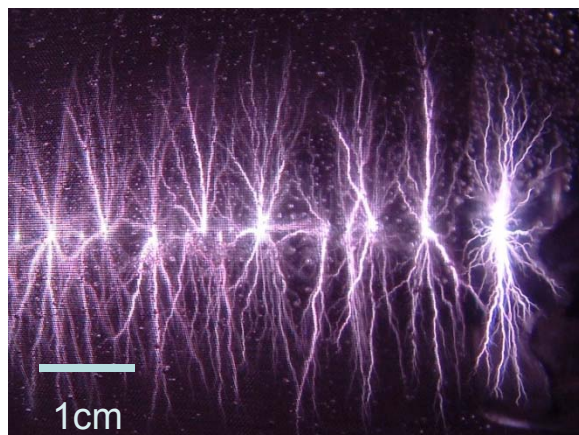


Xenon-Emission (175 nm)



Plasmas with Water: Examples

Pulsed Corona in Water



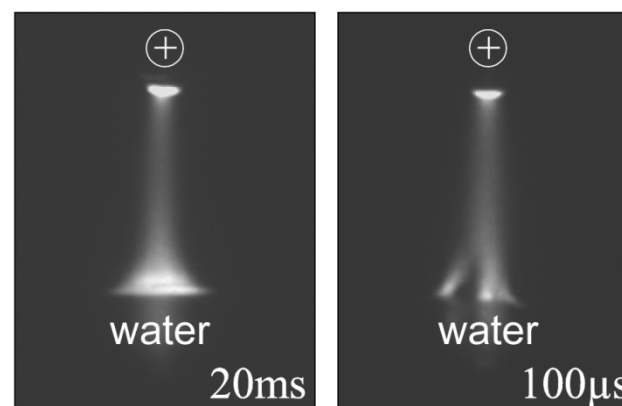
Plasma Jet Expelled into Water



Arc Discharge in Water



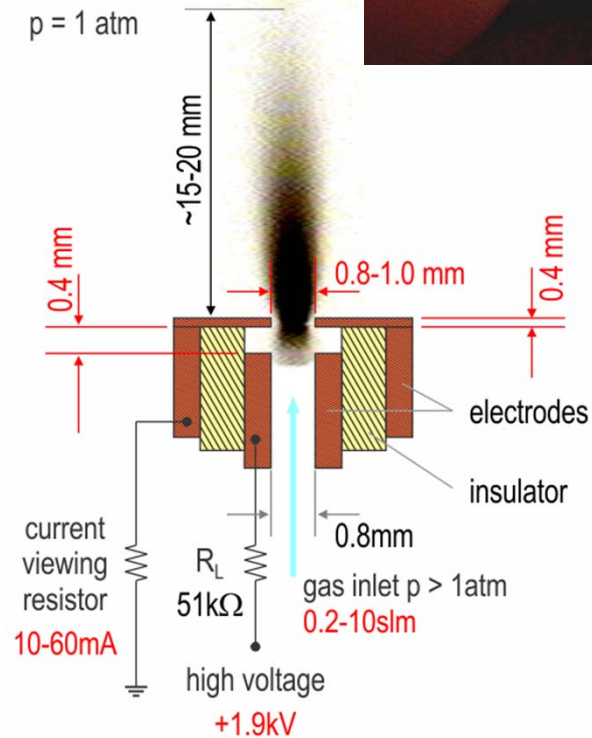
Glow Discharge on Water Surface



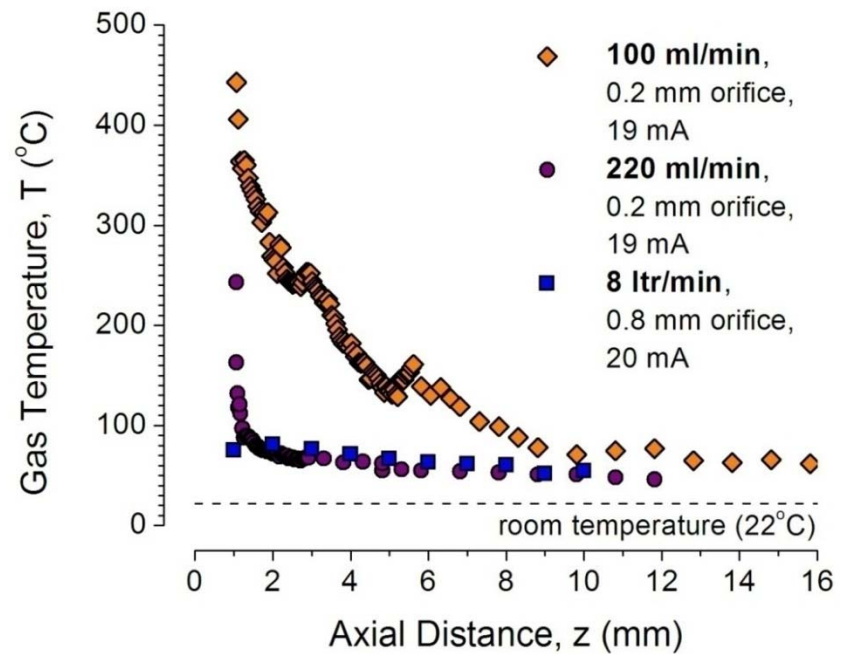
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Atmospheric Pressure Air Plasma Jet

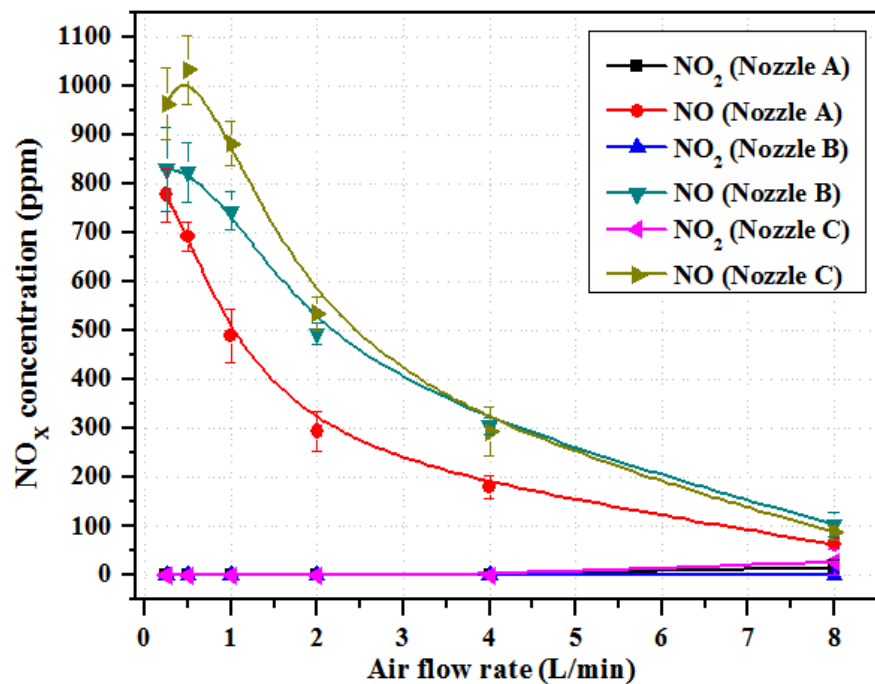


- operated with any gas or gas mixture
- adjustable afterglow temperature (and chemistry)

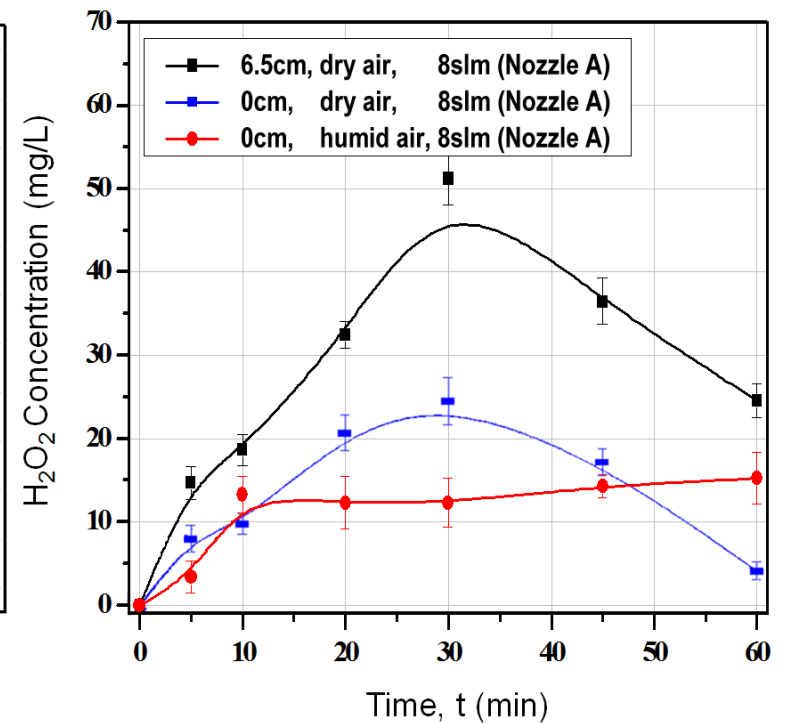


Atmospheric Pressure Air Plasma Jet

NO_x Concentration Depending on Flow Rate and Nozzle Geometry

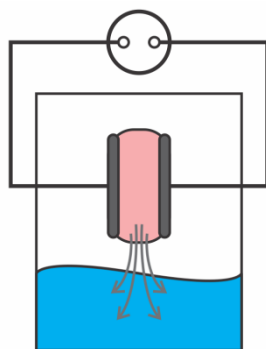


H₂O₂ Concentration in Water Depending on Ambient Conditions

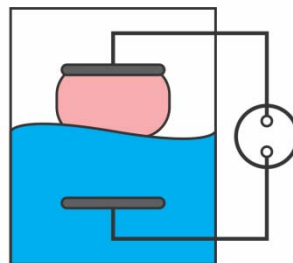


Plasmas with Water: Generation

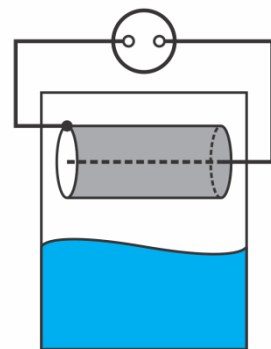
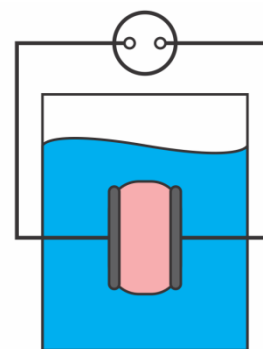
close to water



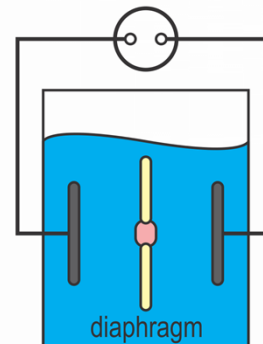
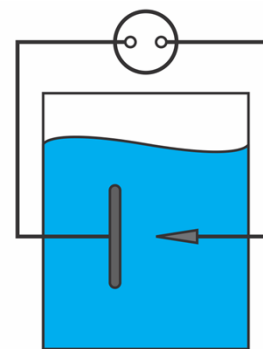
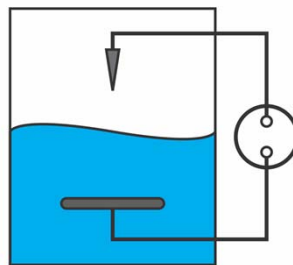
on water



in water



coaxial



Plasmas **in** Water: Processes

Strong electric fields are applied to generate

- pulsed arc discharges (energy: $\sim 1\text{J/pulse}$, operating frequency: 10-1000Hz); or
- pulsed corona discharges (energy: $\sim 1\text{kJ/pulse}$, operating freq.: 0.001-1Hz).

Physical processes:

- bubble formation;
- possible development of supercritical fluid conditions;
- localized regions of high temperature and pressure;
- formation of shock and acoustic waves;
- emission of uv light.

Chemical processes:

- generation of hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2);
- molecular oxygen and hydrogen;
- hydroxyl (OH) and hydroperoxyl (HO_2);
- ozone (O_3) and other radicals.

All Reaction Mechanisms can be utilized simultaneously against chemical and biological contaminations!

- degradation of organic compounds including phenols, trichloroethylene, polychlorinated biphenol, perchloroethylene, pentachlorophenol, acetophenone, organic dyes (methylene blue), aniline, anthraquinone, monochlorophenols, methyl *tert*-butyl ether, benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene, 4-chlorophenol, 3,4-dichloroaniline;
- oxidation of inorganic ions including iodides, bromides, sulfides, manganese (Mn^{2+}), chromium (Cr^{2+}), arsenic (As^{3+});
- Combinations of activated carbon with ozone treatment and hydrogen peroxide led to possibilities of synergistic catalytic reactions and continuous carbon regeneration
(catalysts, including TiO_2 , alumina, and zeolites have also been investigated);
- chemical synthesis of a range of organic compounds, hydrocarbons, polymers, nanomaterials;
- inactivation and destruction of viruses, yeasts and bacteria, including *E.coli*, *S.aureus*, *P.aeruginosa*
(Note: effect on microorganisms associated with strong electric field);
- prevention of biofilms on cooling and drinking water pipes.

Removal of Arsenic from Ground Water

Comparison of pre-treatment with ozone and plasma

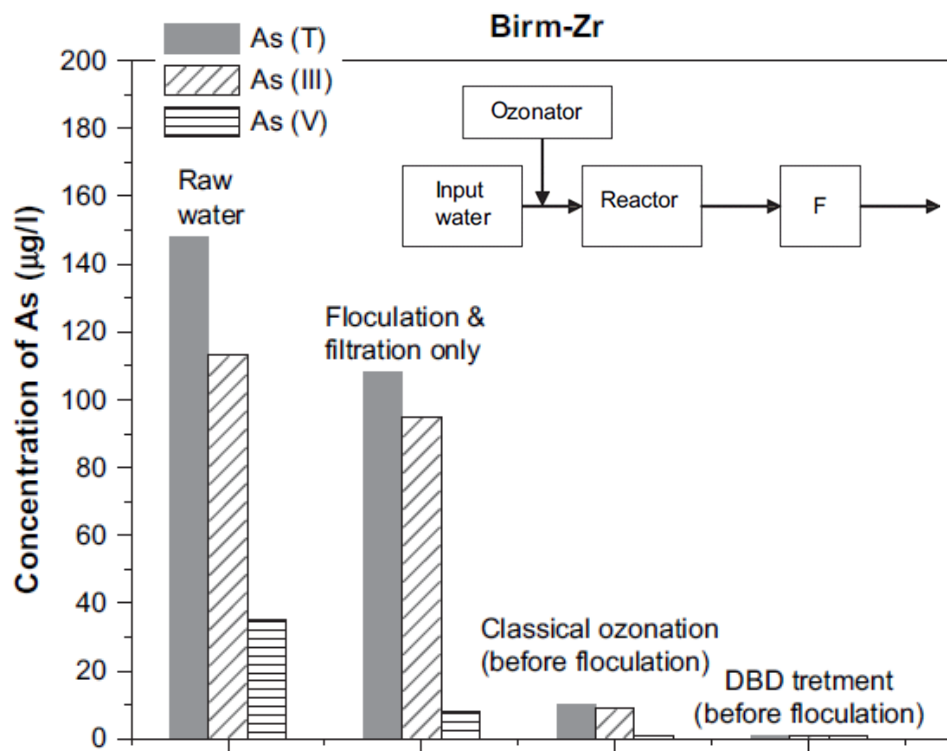
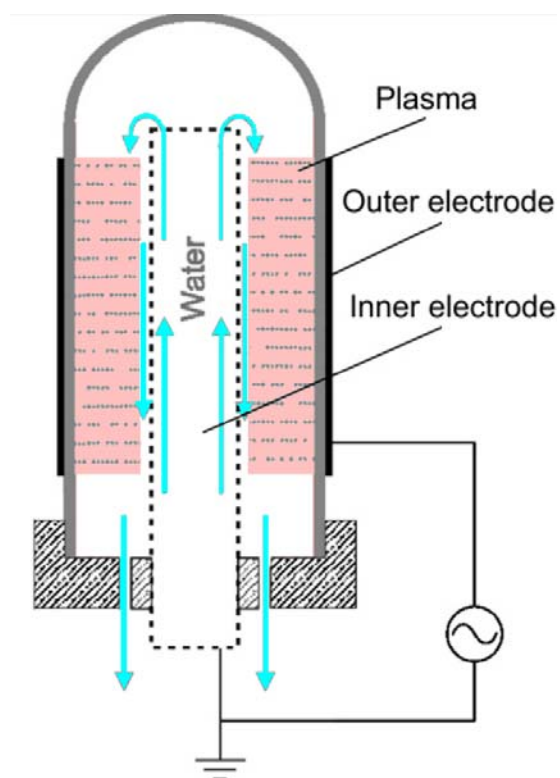
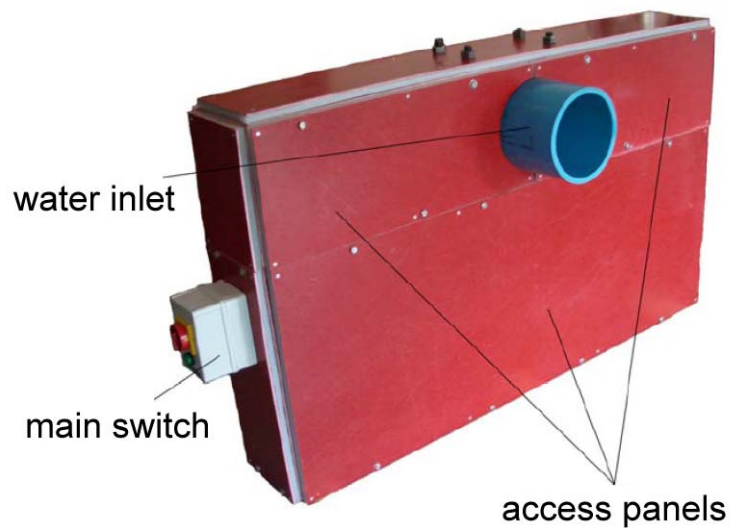


Fig. 4. Arsenic treatments with Birm® sorption.

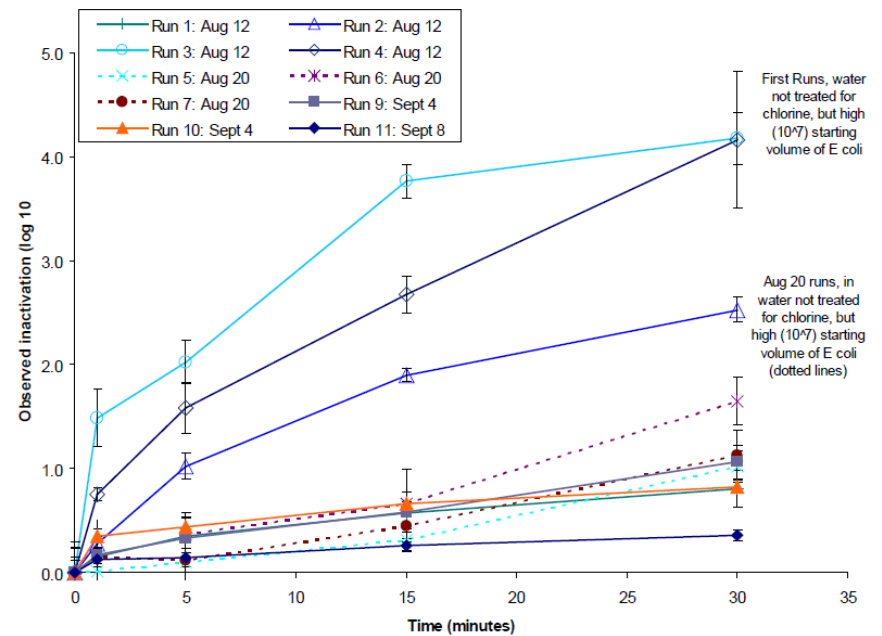
Pulsed Arc Electrohydraulic Discharge Device

Pulsed Arc Electrohydraulic Discharge (PAED) Device (Pulsed Arc Discharge)

Boyd Technologies, LLC, South Lee MA, 2009



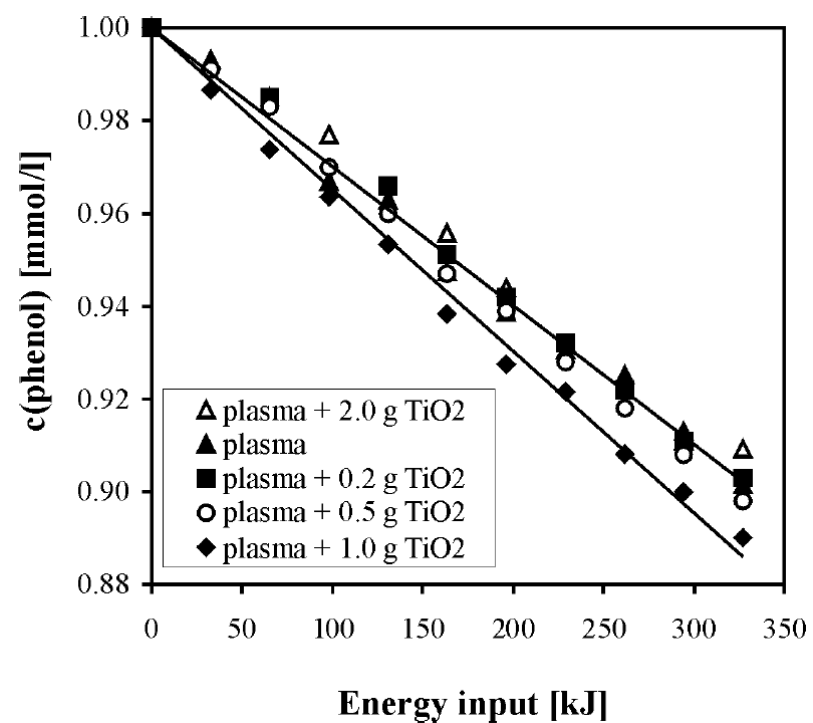
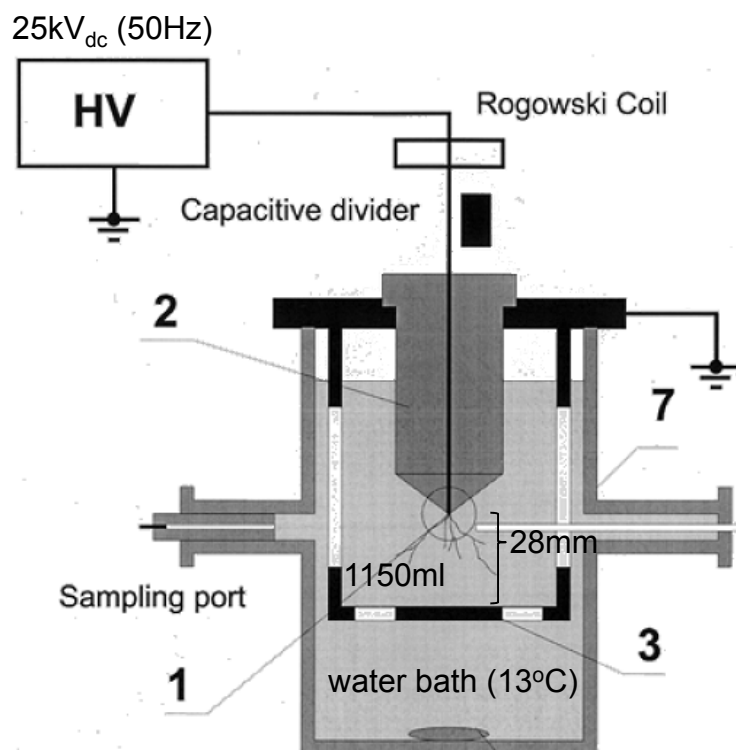
Inactivation of E coli through PAED treatment



M. Walker et al., Feasibility Assessment Boyd Technologies, LLC (2009).

Plasma Enhanced TiO_2 Photocatalysis

Degradation of phenol by underwater pulsed corona discharge in combination with TiO_2 photocatalysis



P. Lukes et al., Res. Chem. Intermed. 31 (2005) 285.

Plasma Enhanced Adsorption

Degradation of methylene blue and phenol by underwater pulsed corona discharge in combination with (catalytic) adsorbents

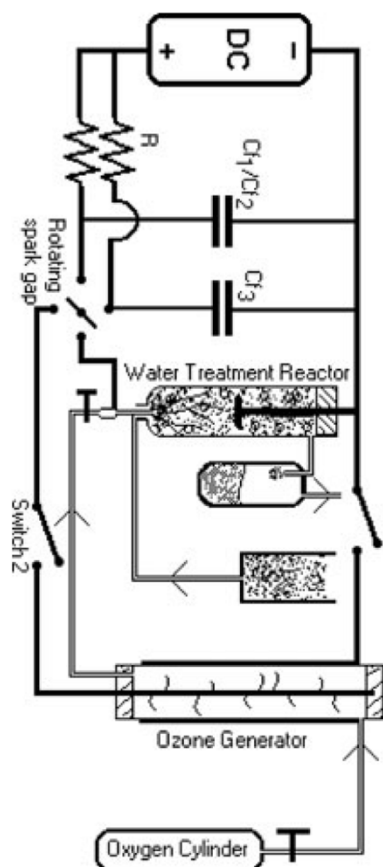


Table 2. Characteristics of treated phenol solution at a flow rate of 3.3 ml min^{-1} .

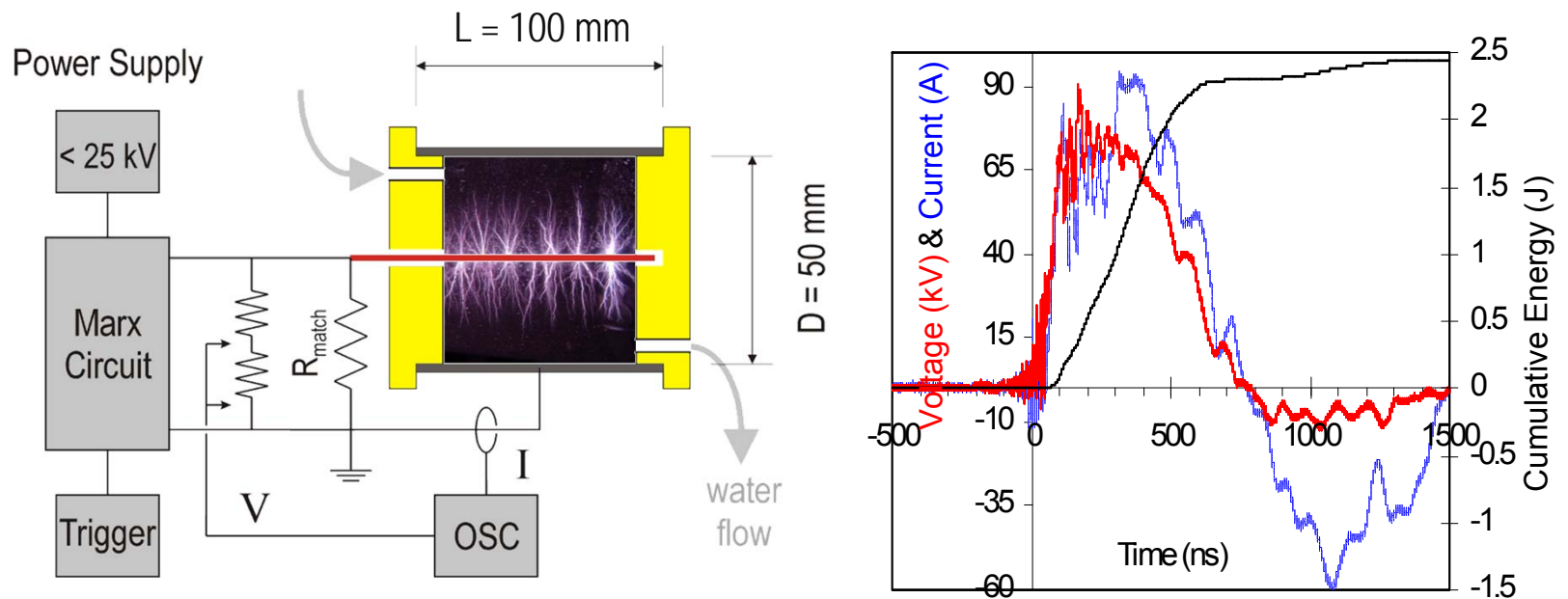
Condition	Treated solution			
	Concentration (mg litre^{-1})	Energy efficiency ($10^{-9} \text{ mol J}^{-1}$)	pH	Conductivity ($\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$)
No treatment	25	—	6.1	20
PCDs	21	1.1	5.3	58
PCDs + ozone	9	4.3	4.0	30
PCDs + silica gel	8	4.5	4.2	27
PCDs + ozone + silica gel	3.5	5.7	3.7	55

Table 3. Characteristics of treated methylene blue solution at a flow rate of 10 ml min^{-1} .

Condition	Treated solution			
	Concentration (mg litre^{-1})	Energy efficiency ($10^{-9} \text{ mol J}^{-1}$)	pH	Conductivity ($\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$)
No treatment	13.25	—	9	16.4
PCDs	10.4	0.58	5	19
PCDs + ozone	3.3	2.0	7.2	20
PCDs + ozone + silica gel	0.1	2.7	5.5	22

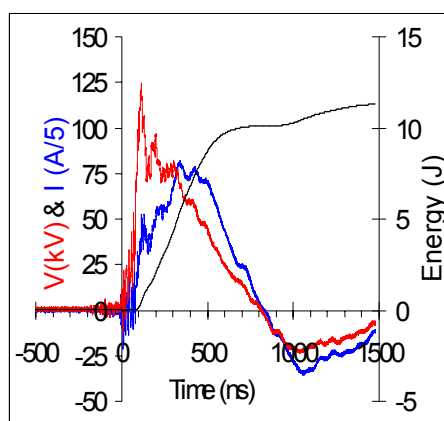
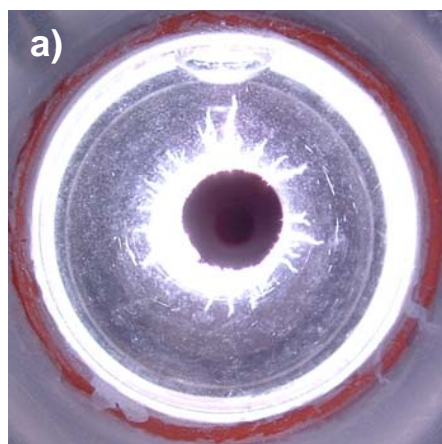
Tailored Electrical Discharges in Water

By shortening the duration of the applied electric high voltage pulse are dissipation losses reduced and efficiency and efficacy of pulsed discharges in water enhanced.

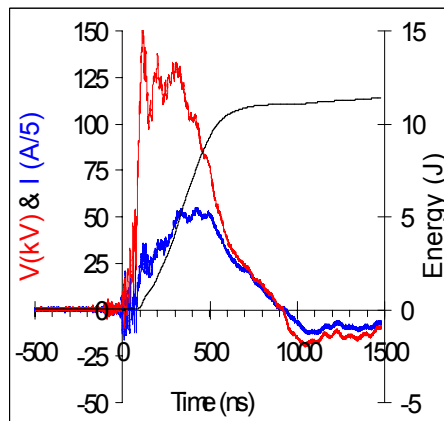
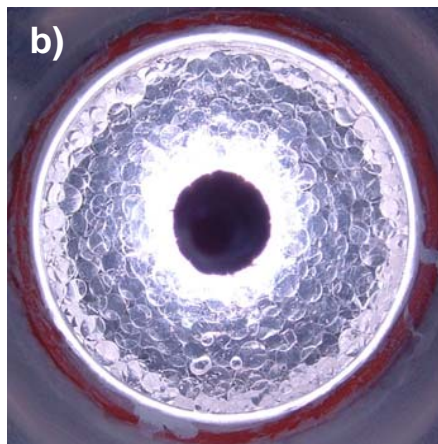


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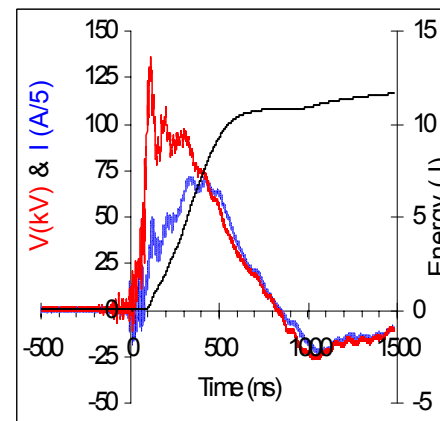
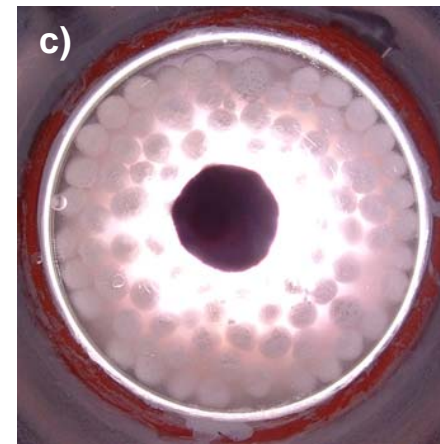
Tailored Electrical Discharges in Water



no packing



silica gel



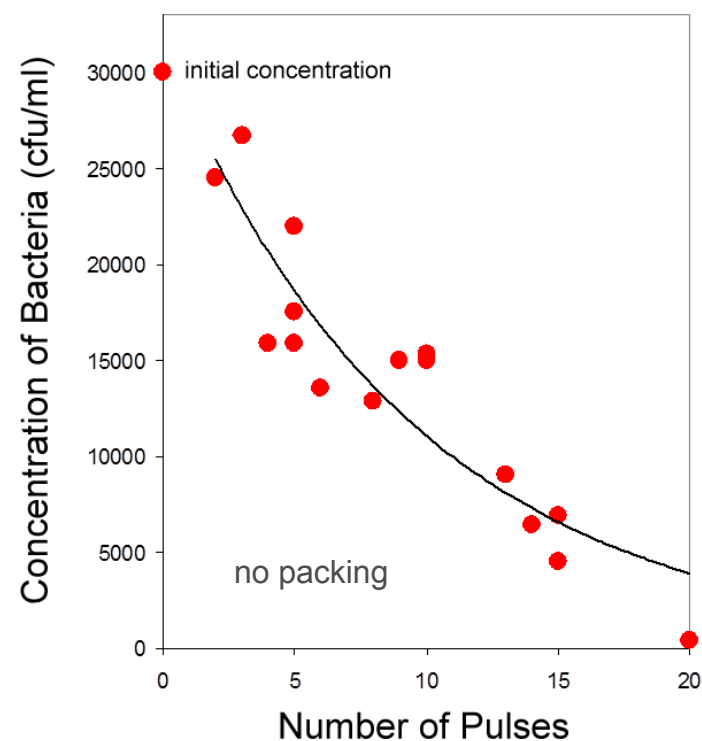
alpha-alumina

Decomposition of Methylene Blue

	concentration (mg/ltr)	pH	conductivity ($\mu\text{S/cm}$)
no treatment	13.25	9	16.5
PCD	3.0	4.7	24
PCD + α -alumina	1.1	6	36
PCD + γ -alumina	0.47	9	116
PCD + silica gel	not detectable	3.9	60

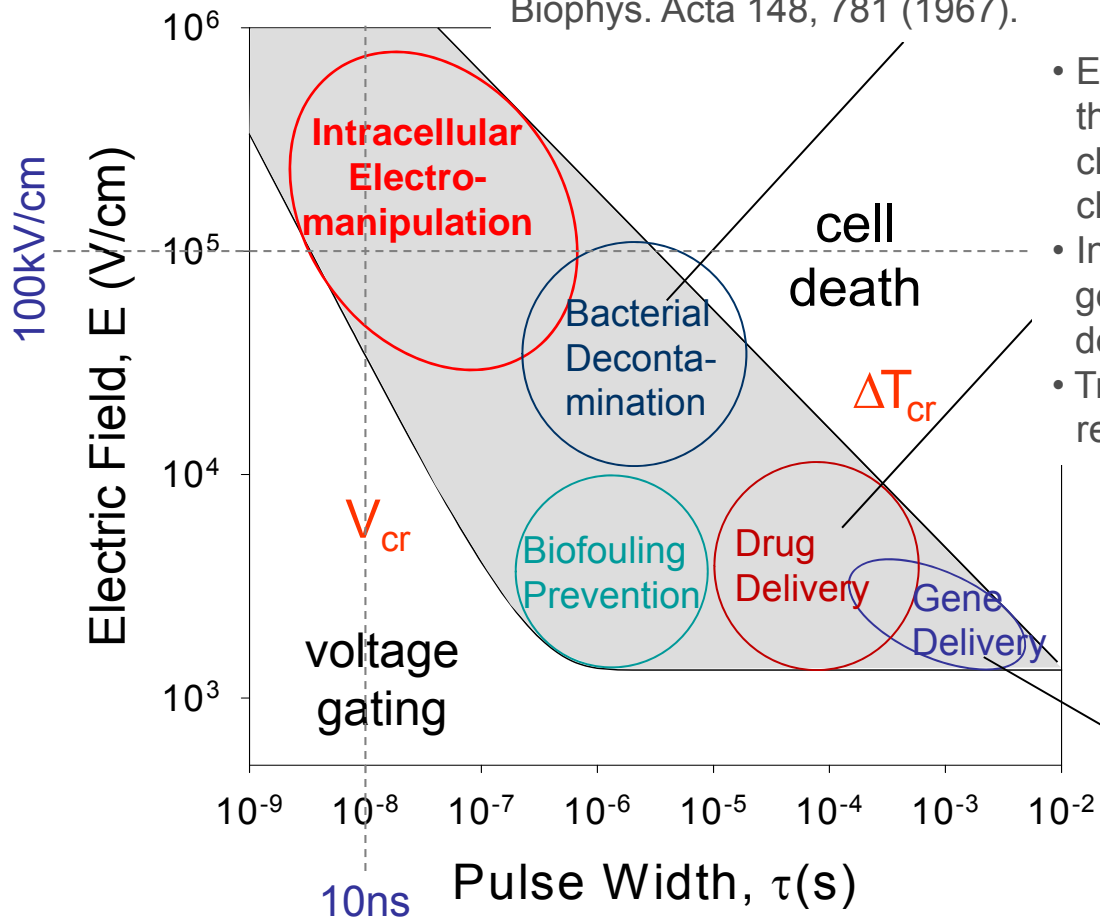
PCD: Pulsed Corona Discharge
 Flow Rate: 3.3 ltr/min
 Pulse Repetition Rate: 0.1 Hz

E.coli Decontamination



Pulsed Electric Field Effects on Cells

A.J.H. Sale and W.A. Hamilton, "Effect of High Electric Fields on Microorganisms I. Killing of Bacteria and Yeast," Biochim. Biophys. Acta 148, 781 (1967).



- Electroporative delivery of chemotherapeutic drugs into tumor cells clinical studies underway close to market introduction
- Intravascular delivery of drugs and genes with catheters successfully demonstrated
- Transdermal drug delivery research state

Gene therapy delivery of DNA by electroporation into a variety of tissues has been demonstrated

Pulsed Electric Field Treatment (80kV/cm, 1 μ s, 10Hz) for Bacterial Reduction in Hospital Wastewater

Table 1 Reduction efficiency of the pulsed electric field treatment of clinical wastewater spiked with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* depending on the energies used

Energy value (J ml ⁻¹)	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (strain 1095)		<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (strain 1071)	
	CFU ml ⁻¹	Decimal order of magnitude reduction	CFU ml ⁻¹	Decimal order of magnitude reduction
0	3 × 10 ⁵		1 × 10 ⁶	
84	2 × 10 ³	2.2	1 × 10 ³	3.0
117	4 × 10 ²	2.9	1 × 10 ³	3.0
137	1 × 10 ³	2.5	2 × 10 ³	2.7
146	1 × 10 ²	3.5	2 × 10 ²	3.7
162	0	5.5	20	4.7
190	0	5.5	20	4.7

- Electrical discharge plasmas can be integrated in almost any geometry.
- Pulsed discharges in water are simultaneously highly effective against chemical and biological contaminants.
- Discharge parameters can be optimized for applications (e.g. short electric pulses).
- Pulsed discharges and pulsed electric fields are effective in turbid water.
- Plasmas in water can increase catalytic efficiencies.

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