

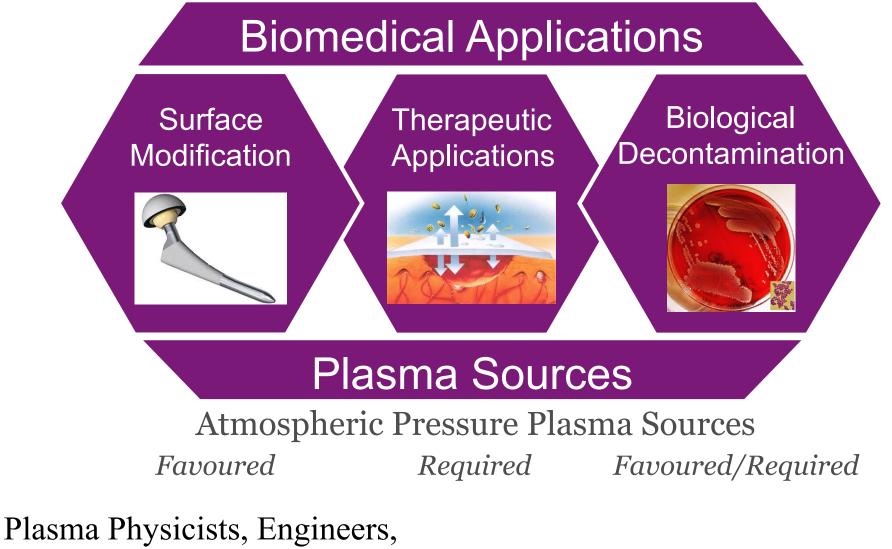


PLASMAS FROIDS POUR LE BIOMEDICAL

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# PLASMA MEDECINE



Biologists, Biochemists, and Medical doctors

H.-R. Metelmann et al. (eds.), *Comprehensive Clinical Plasma Medicine*, Springer Nature 2018

### Medical applications of low temperature non-thermal plasmas A new (old) field...

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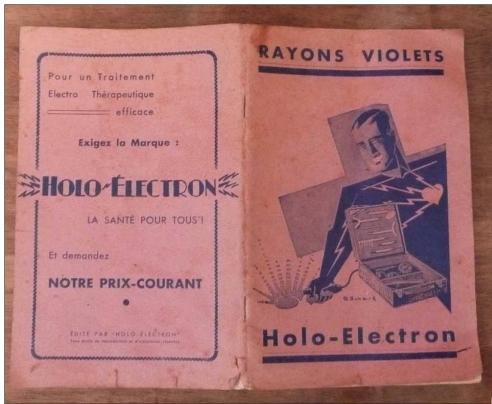
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Violet rays: since the beginning of the 20th century

In use for decades, but its efficacy has not been evaluated!



#### Et maintenant en français...



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www.delcampe.net

# And the surface of the series of the series

#### Already in use but not cold plasmas



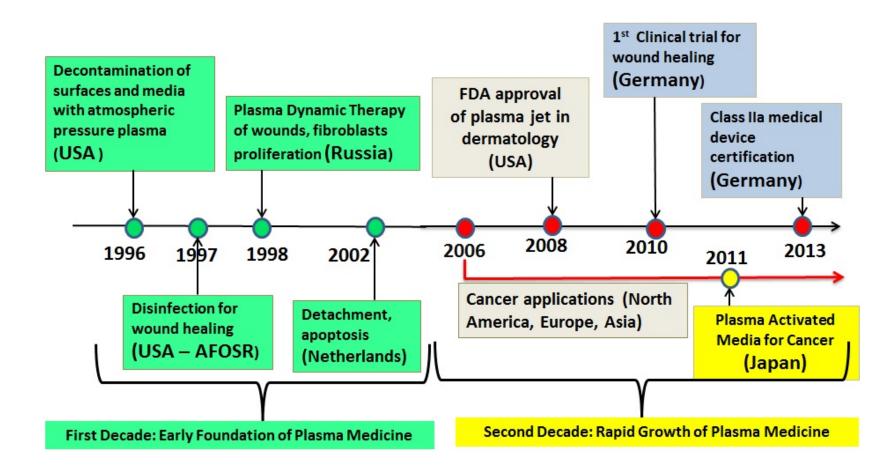
Electro-surgery Electro-cauterization

### Superficial resection of diseased tissue



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### PLASMA MEDECINE



Plasma 2018, 1, 5; doi:10.3390/plasma1010005

### PLASMAS FOR THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS

Medical applications of low temperature non-thermal plasmas

Air environment at atmospheric pressure  $T_{gas} < 40^{\circ}$ C, cooler even better Liquid interface

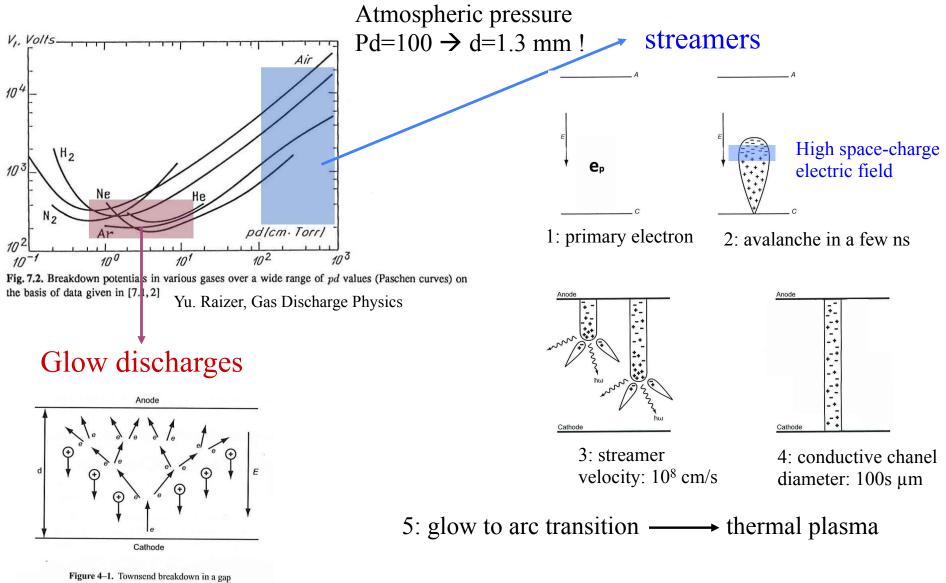
Therapeutic applications require:

1/ non-equilibrium plasmas: Te = 1-10 eV  $\neq$  Tg = 300 K (0.025 eV)

2/ atmospheric pressure

 $1+2 = real challenge \implies$  what kind of electrical discharges ?

# ELECTRIC BREAKDOWN



A. Fridman, Plasma Chemistry

How to avoid the glow to arc transition?

### NON-EQUILIBRIUM PLASMAS AT ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE

Key point: how to avoid the glow to arc transition?

- 1/ external preionization:
  - Overlapping the streamer heads

Very efficient but complex and expensive High value products: high power lasers



#### 2/ current limitation:

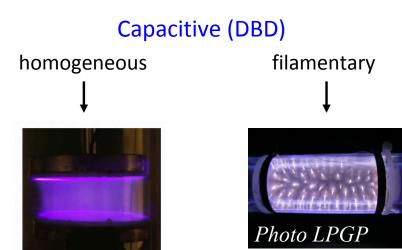
#### résistive

Laroussi et al: IEEE Trans. Plasma Sci. (2002)

Gap 4.5 cm, He/air



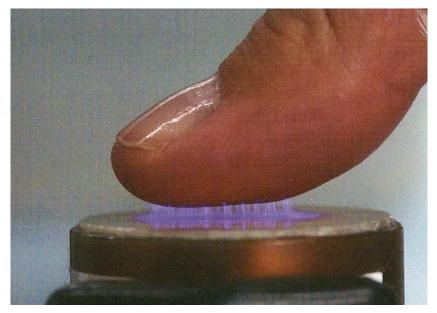
Gap 25 cm, Ne/SF<sub>6</sub>/F<sub>2</sub>



Classical discharges = discharges between 2 electrodes inside a closed chamber

# **OPEN DISCHARGES**

#### FE-DBD



A. Fridman Drexel University

treatment over a large surface area but short gap (few mm): external treatment

#### **Direct DBD**

Tissue exposed to plasma Charged, excited species, radicals UV, electric field Tolerable current through tissue

### Surface DBD

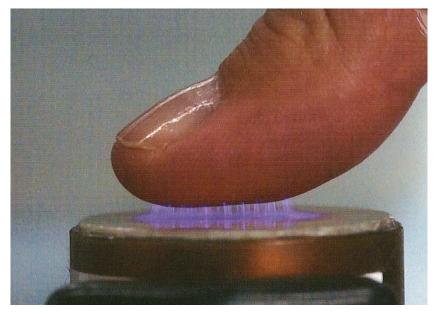




Plasma afterglow No current, very small amount of ions Mainly long-lived reactive species UV rays

# **OPEN DISCHARGES**

#### FE-DBD



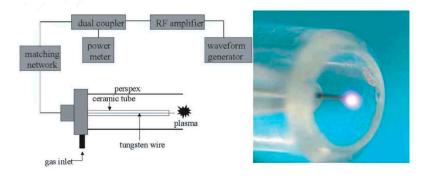
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treatment over a large surface area but short gap (few mm): external treatment

#### Plasma needle

"a non-destructive atmospheric plasma source for fine surface treatment of (bio)materials."

> E Stoffels et al Plasma Sources Sci. Technol. 11 (2002) 383-388



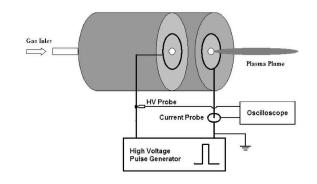
#### RF discharge (usually high Tg)

Needle tip is at room temperature: biomedical applications allowed

### PLASMA JETS

### Room-temperature atmospheric pressure plasma plume for biomedical applications

M. Laroussi<sup>a)</sup> and X. Lu APPLIED PHYSICS LETTERS 87, 113902 (2005)



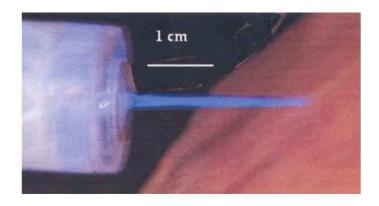


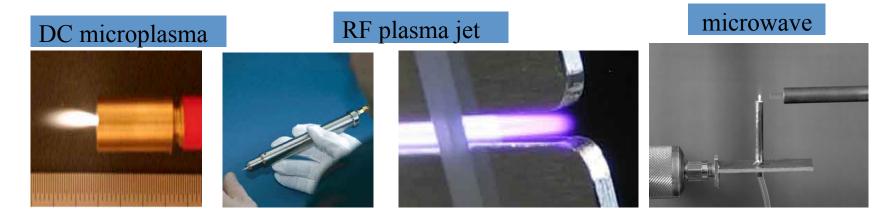
FIG. 2. (Color online) Photograph of the plasma plume in contact with human skin.

#### Dynamics of an atmospheric pressure plasma plume generated by submicrosecond voltage pulses

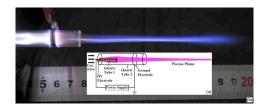
XinPei Lu and Mounir Laroussi<sup>a)</sup> JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSICS 100, 063302 (2006)

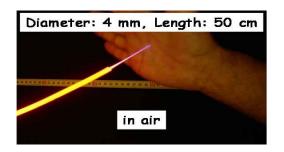
plasma pencil," is driven by few hundred nanosecond wide pulses at repetition rates of a few kilohertz. Correlation between current-voltage characteristics and fast photography shows that the plasma plume is in fact a small bulletlike volume of plasma traveling at unusually high velocities.

### PLASMA JETS



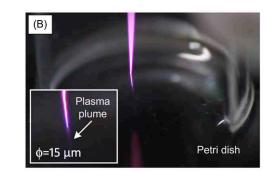
#### HV-LF excitation

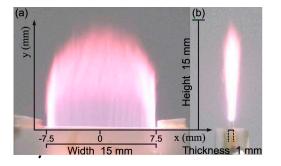












### PLASMA JETS

All kinds of electrical excitations: DC, AC, RF, MW, continuous or pulsed

Rare gases (with or without admixtures:  $O_2$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $H_2O_2$ ,...) but also pure  $N_2$  or Air

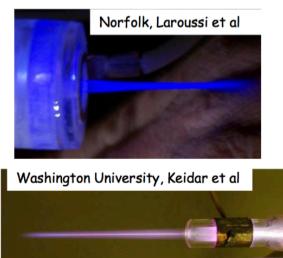
Unlimited terminology: APPJ, Plasma Plume, Plasma Pencil, Plasma Gun, Plasma Torch,...

Discharge operated in a non-sealed electrode arrangement plasma « expansion » outside the discharge region either through high gas flow or determined by the electric field

Plasma or afterglow (effluent) delivery on targets



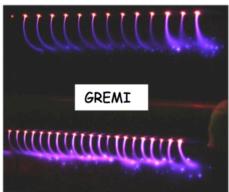
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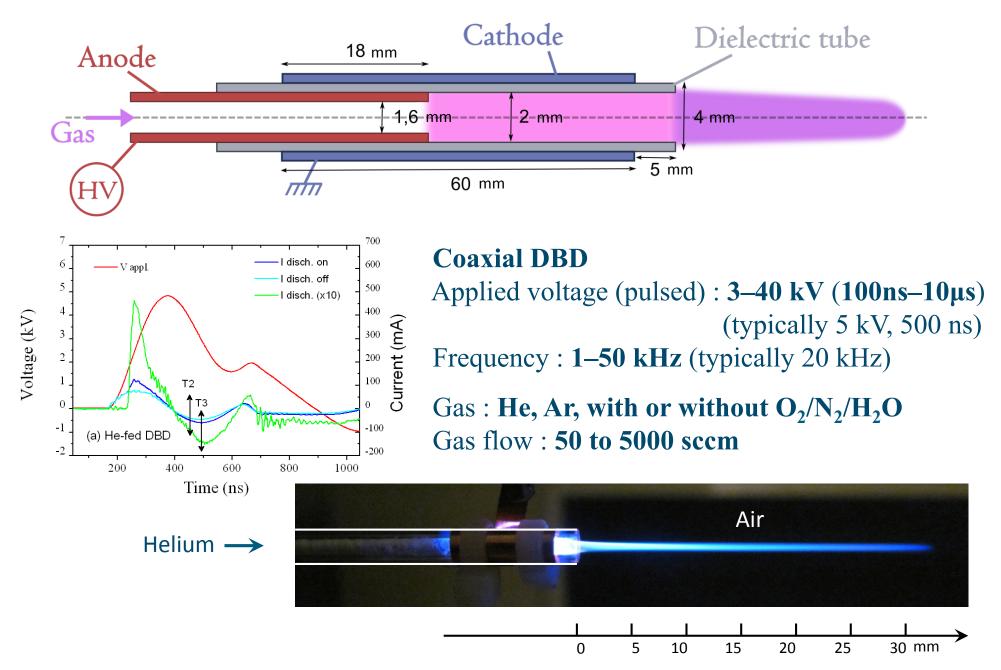


PSST 19 (2010) 025003 Z. Cao et al

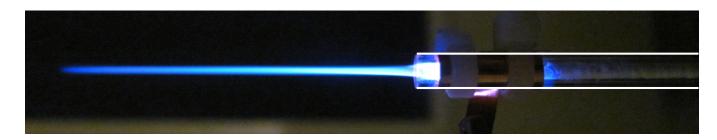


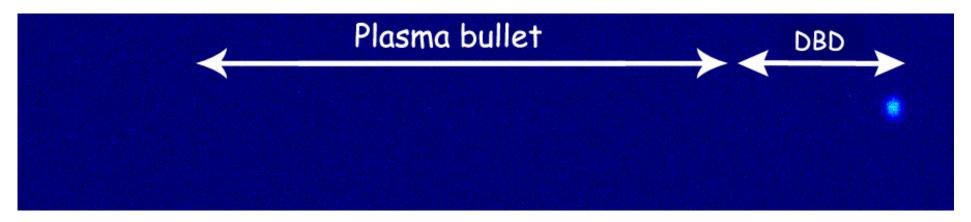


### MICROPLASMA JET



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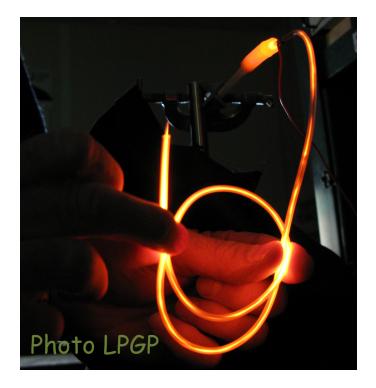


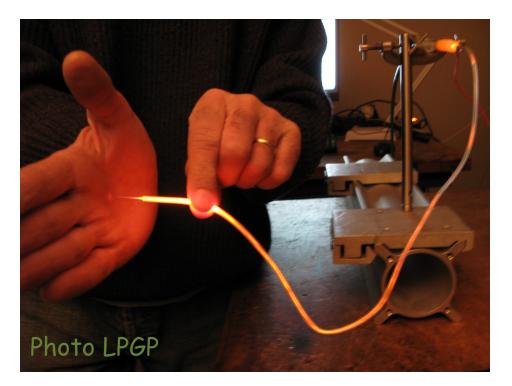
The plasma jet is not continuous; it is rather a streamer guided by the gas channel The velocity of the "guided streamer" is of several hundreds km/s

> Stable at atmospheric pressure Low gas temperature  $\approx 300-350$  K

### ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENTS

Possible use for endoscopic treatments

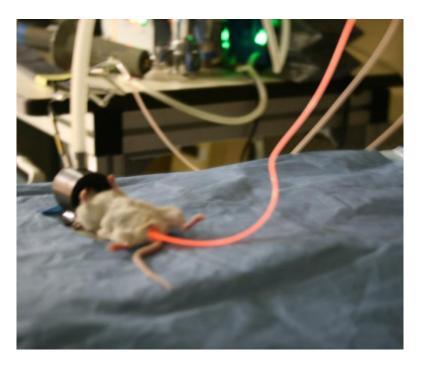




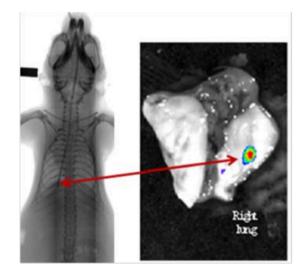
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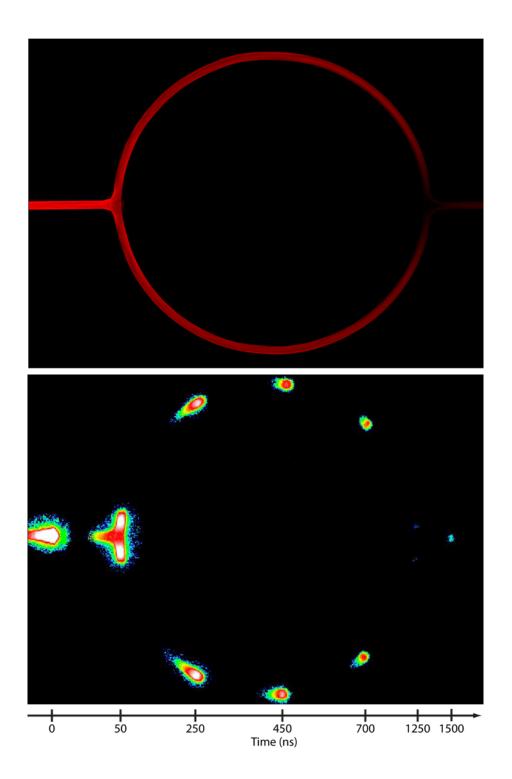
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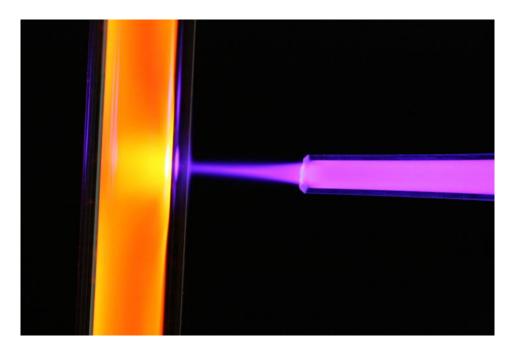
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### Splitting



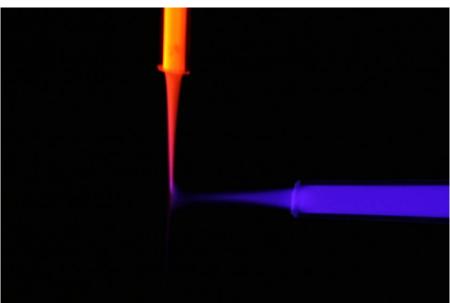






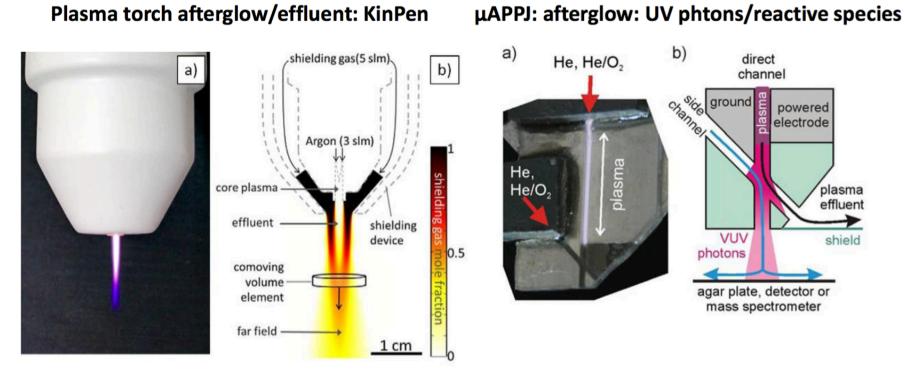
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### Transfer





# **RS PRODUCTION AND CONTROL**



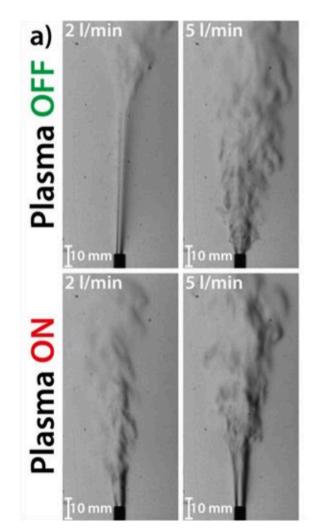
Visualization of kinpen plasma jet source with shielding gas. (a) photograph and (b) schematic and visualization of the shielding gas curtain by CFD simulation.

Photograph (a) and sketch (b) of the modified  $\mu APPJ$  (so-called X-jet) setup.

# FLUID DYNAMICS

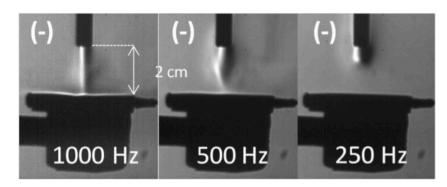


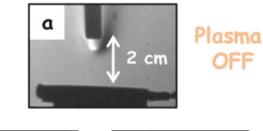
#### Free jet in ambient air



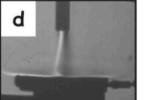
Upstream and downstream shift of the laminar to turbulent transition

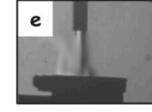
#### Pulse repetition rate influence





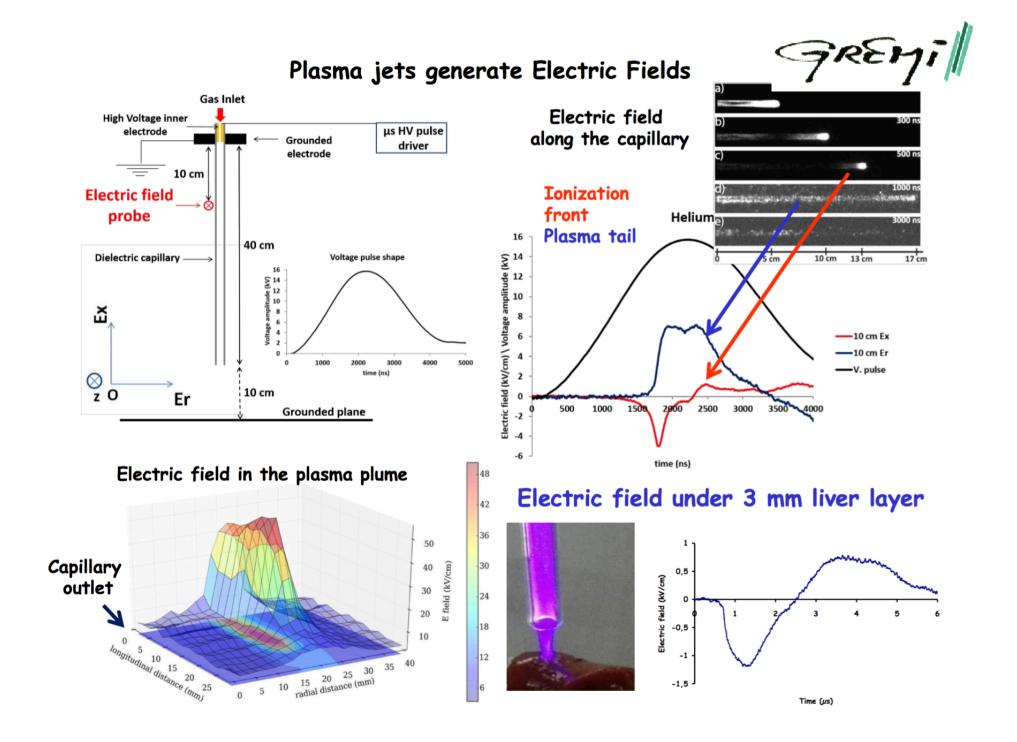
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Grounded target

Floating potential target



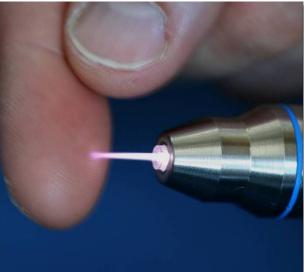
#### kINPen<sup>™</sup>: basic module





- Athmosperic pressure plasma
- Cold plasma jet
- Variable in length (some mm)
- Easy to use and handle
- Generation of UV/VUV radiation and chemically active species (radicals)
- •CE certified

#### Dimension: L=190mm,Ø 20mm <u>Weight:</u> 170g <u>HF-Voltage:</u> 1,1MHz;2...6kV <u>Gas temperature:</u> 30°C - 150°C <u>Gas flow:</u> 1-5 slm



#### **INP Greifswald**



### **Phase II study : MicroPlaSter**





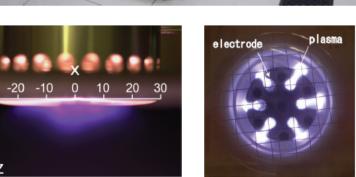
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distance to wound controlled by ultrasounds

# > Klinikum Schwabing The new device - MicroPlaSter ß



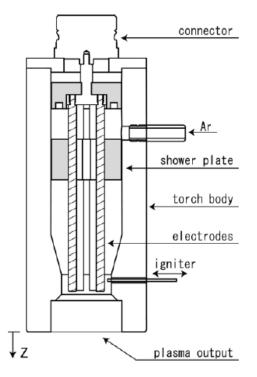


### Microwave Plasma

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- Used gas: argon
- Voltage = 50 100 V
- Frequency = 2,3 GHz
- Power = 100 W



#### DBD based medical device



#### CINOGY

Kernstück ist eine kompakte Plasmaquelle, die lokal gezielte Gasentladungen auf dem erkrankten Hautbereich erzeugt. PlasmaDerm<sup>®</sup> erzeugt einen desinfizierenden Effekt, welcher in diversen Versuchen nachgewiesen wurde. Es gibt kein vergleichbares Verfahren, welches die beschriebenen Effekte des Plasma, elektromagnetische Felder, Gaspezies und UV Licht, so wirkungsvoll in einem Behandlungsschritt ermöglicht, wie PlasmaDerm<sup>®</sup>.

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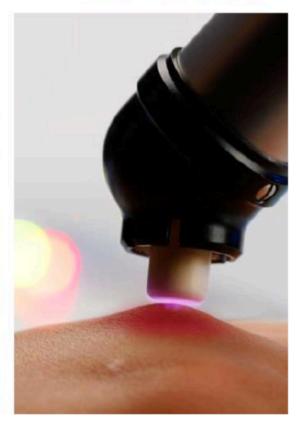
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# CELLULAR EFFECTS

Cellular effects in vitro induced by cold atmospheric plasmas

#### Lethal effects:

- Inactivation/killing of microorganisms (prokaryotic cells) including antibiotic-resistant pathogens

- Inactivation or killing of mammalian cells (eukaryotic cells) including cancer cells mainly via induction of apoptosis depending on intensity (time) of plasma impact

#### Non-lethal effects:

- Influence on/stimulation of metabolism of microorganisms (prokaryotic cells)
- Specific/selective effects on mammalian cells (eukaryotic cells):

Influence on cell migration

Influence on expression of surface proteins responsible for cell-cell and cellmatrix interactions

Influence on/stimulation of cell proliferation

Influence on/stimulation of angiogenesis

Reversible impact on DNA integrity, influence on cell cycle

Reversible permeabilization of cell membranes ("plasma poration")

Non-thermal blood coagulation

### MECHANISMS

Mechanisms of the biological effects of cold atmospheric plasmas *in vitro*:

- Significant biological plasma effects are caused by plasma-induced changes to the liquid environment of cells

- Reactive oxygen and nitrogen species (ROS, RNS/RONS) generated in or transferred into liquid phases play a dominant role in biological plasma effects.

Reactive oxygen species (ROS)	Reactive nitrogen species (RNS/RONS)
Superoxide: $O_2^{-\bullet}$	Nitric oxide: •NO
Hydrogen peroxide: H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Nitrogen dioxide: •NO <sub>2</sub>
Hydroxyl radical: •OH	Peroxynitrite: ONOO-
Singlet oxygen: <sup>1</sup> O <sub>2</sub>	
Ozone: O <sub>3</sub>	
Organic radicals: RO•, RO <sub>2</sub> •	

# THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS

- Sterilization and decontamination
- Skin and tissue sterilization
- Hygiene
- Dermatology
- Dental care
- Blood coagulation and primary hemostasis
- Inflammation
- Wound and ulcer care (clinical studies)
- Antitumoral effect and tumor treatment (case studies)

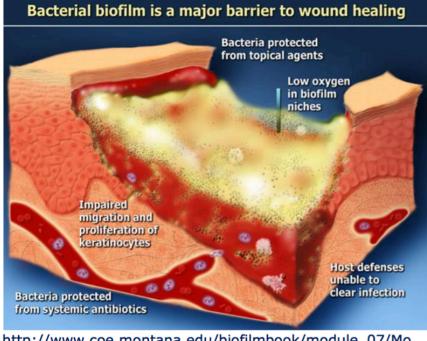
Treatments *in vitro* and *in vivo* (animal models and clinical tests)

# CHRONIC WOUNDS HEALING

- Open, highly infected skin lesion
- Persistent for more than 3 months without healing progress
- Not cured after 12 months of therapy
- Main causes are circulatory disorders of veins or arteries
- Diabetes, spinal cord injury, other
   disorders that cause immobility

 Risk factors: age, pregnancy, obesity, smoking, former severe leg injury, venous thrombosis, standing and sitting for long periods

 Standard wound care: debridement, saline solution, modern wound dressing, compression stocking

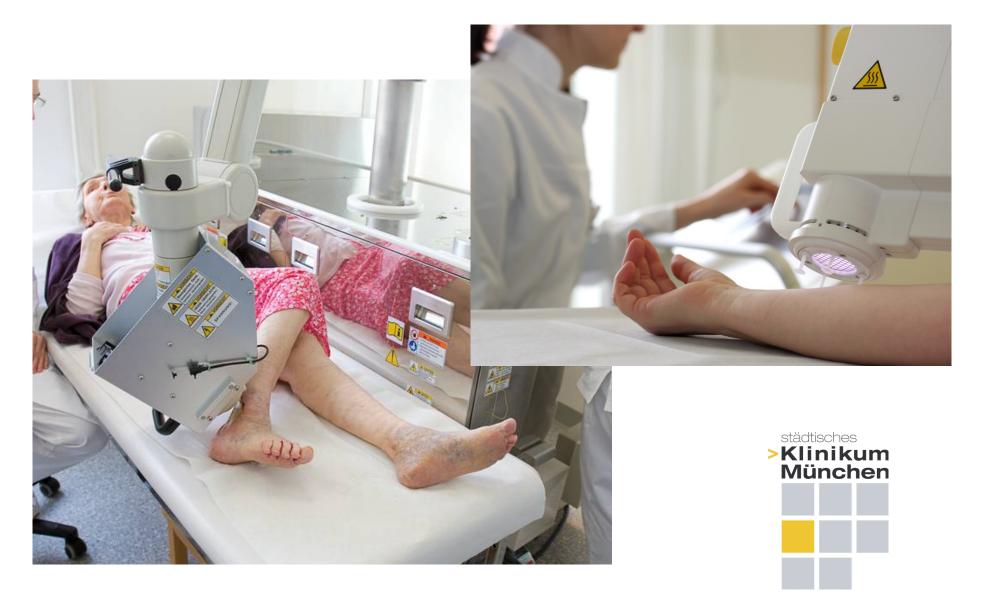


http://www.coe.montana.edu/biofilmbook/module\_07/Mo d07\_S03\_Blue.htm



http://medpic.org/p/chronic\_non-healing\_wounds\_pictures

### MicroPlaSter





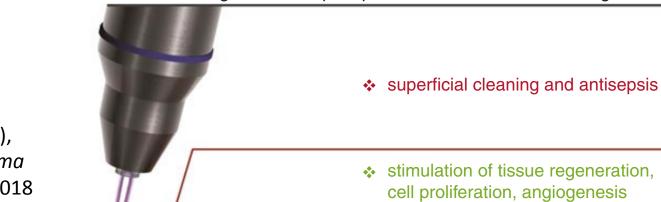


Pat.72: Therapy area

# CHRONIC WOUNDS HEALING

- UV radiation and reactive gas species (i.e. O<sub>3</sub>)
   Disinfection
- Nitric oxide (NO) or other nitrogen species (NO<sub>X</sub>)
   Stimulation of tissue regeneration
   Wound acidification
- Electric current

Stimulation of micro-circulation and angiogenesis



Integrated concept of plasma-assisted wound healing

H.-R. Metelmann et al. (eds.), *Comprehensive Clinical Plasma Medicine*, Springer Nature 2018

✤ anti-inflammatory effects

# CANCER TREATMENT

Cold atmospheric plasmas are able to induce apoptosis in cancer cells

in vitro

Drexel Plasma lab (Fridman et al) (1st 2007)

in vivo

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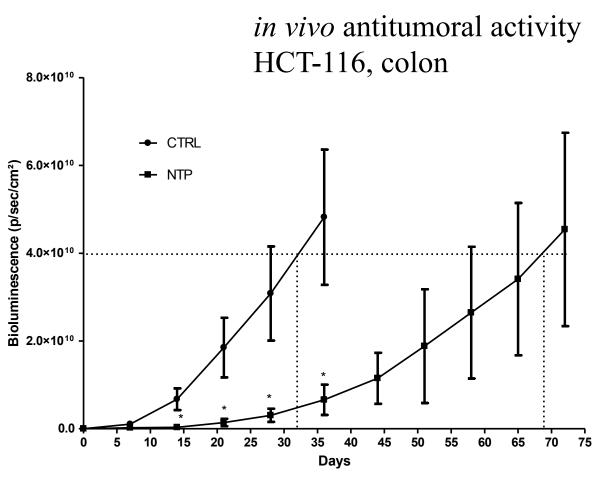
PLASMED – GREMI, CIPA-TAAM, CBM, Germitech, INEL, CERB (1st 2009)

Antitumor activity of plasma has been demonstrated *in vitro* on: Melanoma (G361, B16, A2058)
Glioblastoma (U87MG)
Hepatocellular carcinoma (BEL-7402, HepG2)
Colorectal carcinoma (SW480, HCT-116, COLO320DM)
Lung carcinoma (A549, H460)
Breast carcinoma (MCF-7)
Cervix carcinoma (HeLa)
Oral carcinoma (HSC-2, SCC-15)
Pancreatic carcinoma (MiaPaca, COLO357)

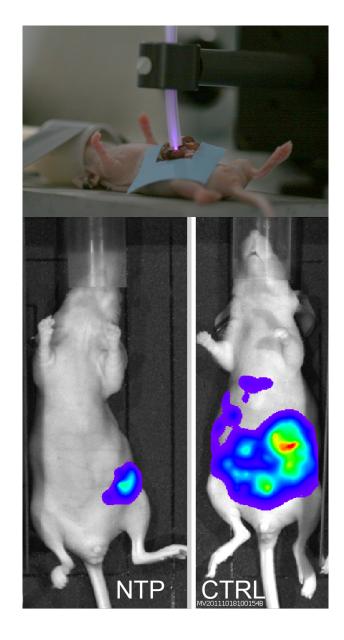
non systemic treatment with little or no side effects

### CANCER TREATMENT

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 $\rightarrow$  increase of mice lifespan of 115%



# CANCER TREATMENT

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### HCT 116 Colon

Luminescence

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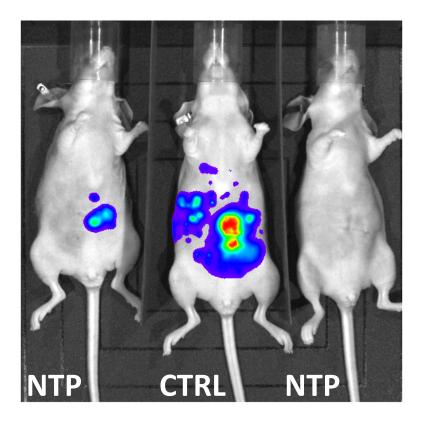
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Radiance (p/sec/cm<sup>2</sup>/sr) Color Scale Min = 4,89e7 Max = 9,65e8

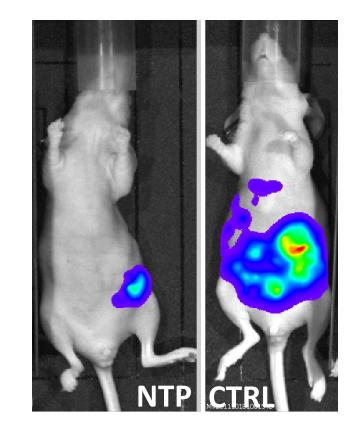
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NTP FE DBD treatment



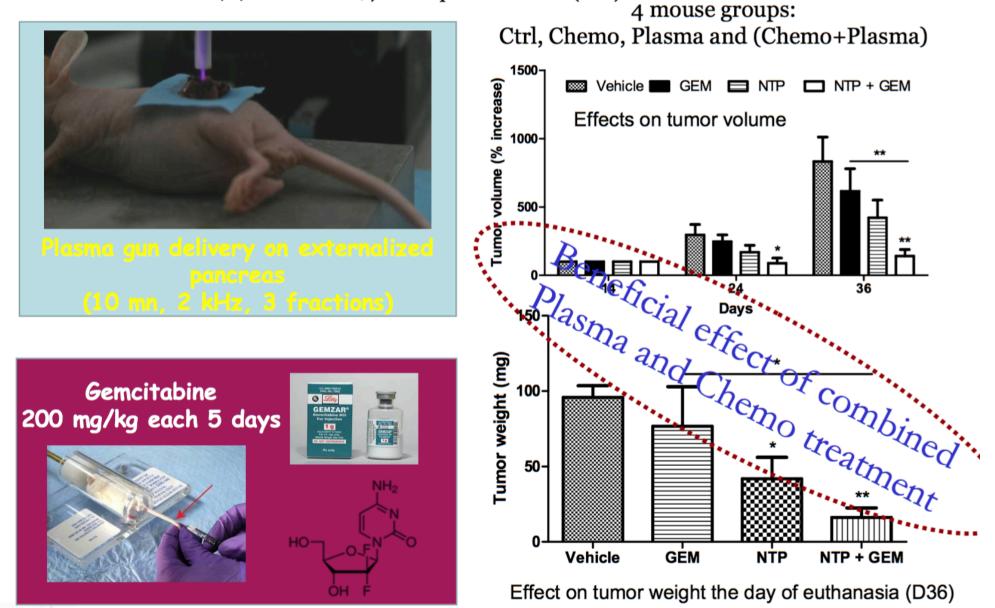
 $\rightarrow$  anti-metastatic effect

NTP Plasma Gun treatment



### Antitumor action of Plasma Gun and Chemo on Pancreas

L. Brullé et al PLOS ONE, 7, DOI: 10.1371/journal .pone .0052653 (2012)



# CASE AND CLINICAL STUDIES

Case study kINPen MED

Argon





### b MHz pulsed at 2.5 kHz



Fig. 3. (a) Infected cancer ulcer of the tongue in an area with pathohistologically confirmed cancer cells and (b)wound healing under CAP treatment.

Clinical Plasma Medicine http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cpme.2015.02.001

# MECHANISMS

– RONS generally acknowledge to be important in plasma therapeutics

E-fields and photons are important in some cases (e.g. gene transfection/transdermal delivery; photon-induced chemistry)

#### **Existing therapies using RONS:**

- antibiotics
- antifungals
- antiparasiticals
- cancer therapy wide recognition of positive role of RONS in cancer therapy
  - PDT  $(O_2(a))$
  - radiation
  - chemo

Plasma-generated RONS effects are confined to near-surface regions and are applied on timescales short compared to biological responses

#### BUT

Observed plasma therapeutic effects suggest longer time and length scales are involved in plasma therapeutics

# MECHANISMS

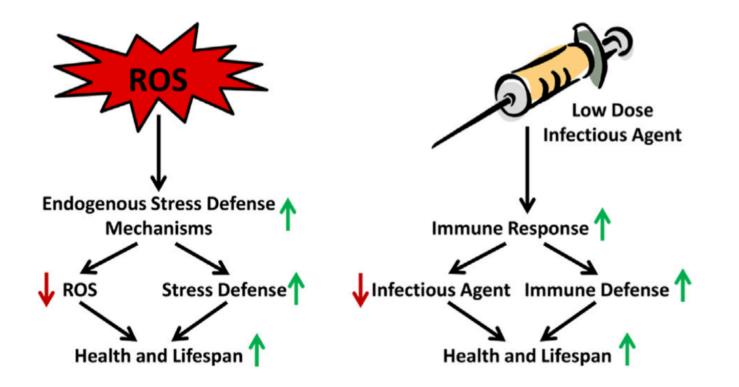
#### Hypothesis: plasma triggers a therapeutic response via RONS

- 1. Burst (10-100s) of RONS from plasma react with liquid and then layer of surface cells
- 2. Generation of longer-lived species:  $H_2O_2$ , oxidized/nitrated proteins, peptides, amino acids, lipids, etc
- 3. These species diffuse to and enter cells or act as ligands to membrane surface receptors
- 4. This initiates cell responses: DNA damage, cell cycle arrest, and other redox mediated stresses associated with mitochondria
- 5. Cells try to adpat, e.g. by generating anti-oxidant enzymes
- 6. Cells too weak or unable to adapt may die, strengthening the organism
- 7. Stressed cells will communicate to adjacent and distant cells, e.g. via release of cytokines
- 8. Immune system stimulations and/or blood flow or oxygenation may results
- 9. Net result is similar to what is intended by immune system response: trigger and activate tissue repair, protect against infections, destroy tumours

David Graves, UC Berkeley

How increased oxidative stress promotes longevity and metabolic health: The concept of mitochondrial hormesis (mitohormesis)

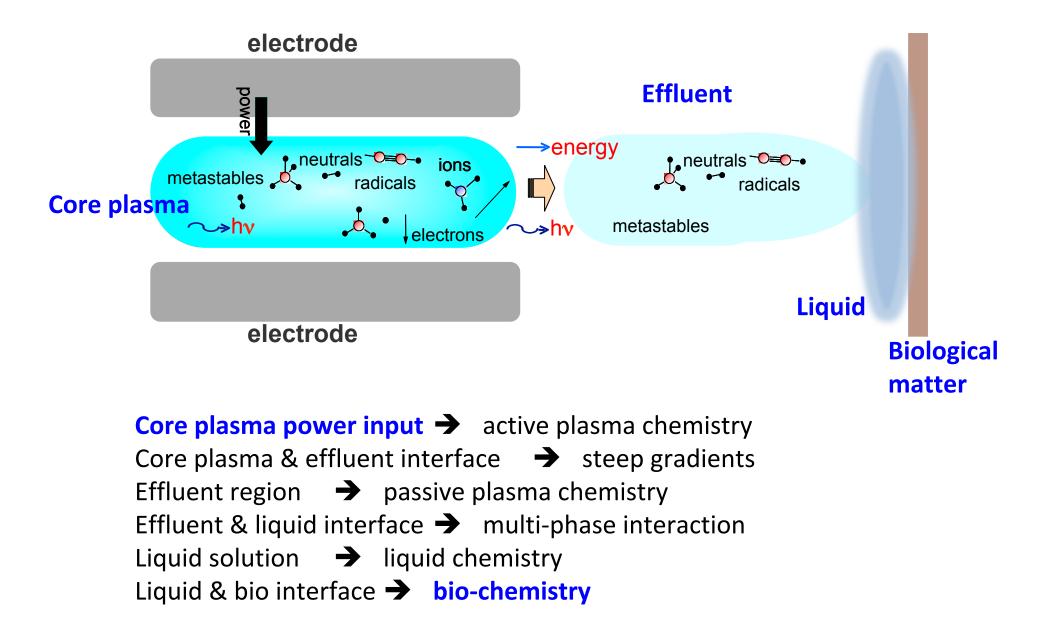
Michael Ristow<sup>a,b,\*</sup>, Kim Zarse<sup>a</sup>



# ROS suggested to act like vaccines: organism adapts to stress and becomes stronger

Plasma-generated RONS both **simulate** and **stimulate** natural healing responses

### **Energy transport through multiple interfaces**



### **Challenges & Opportunities**

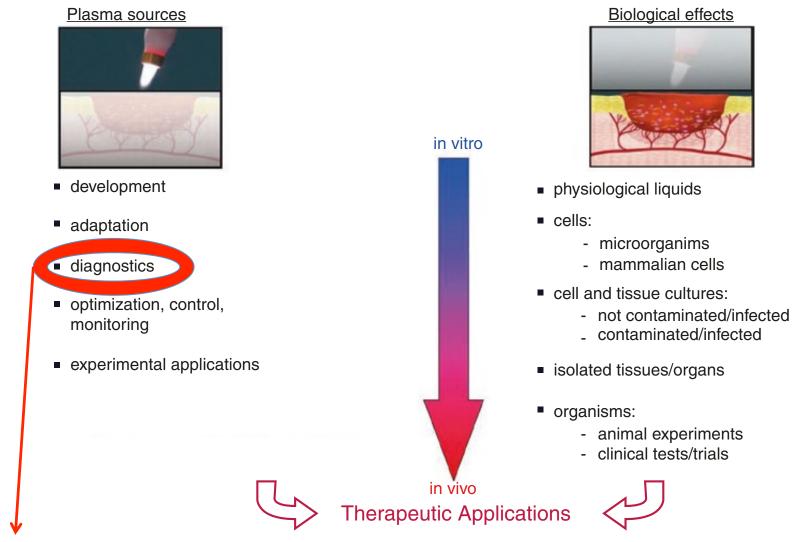
#### Multiphase interfaces:

- Plasma gas liquid surface (solid)
- Multispecies:
  - Electrons, pos. ions, neg. ions, neutrals, radicals, excited species, photons

#### Multiscale problem – time:

- Electron dynamics: ps ns
- Ion dynamics: 100 ns μs
- Plasma chemistry: 100 µs ms
- Surface chemistry: s min
- Multiscale problem space:
  - Surface structures: nm μm
  - Charged particle gradients: μm m
  - Neutral particle gradients: 10 μm m

# CONCLUSIONS



- control of the reactive species delivery
- understanding of the process chain leading to the therapeutical effects
- optimisation of the applications (dose?)