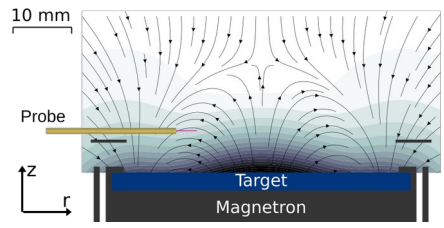
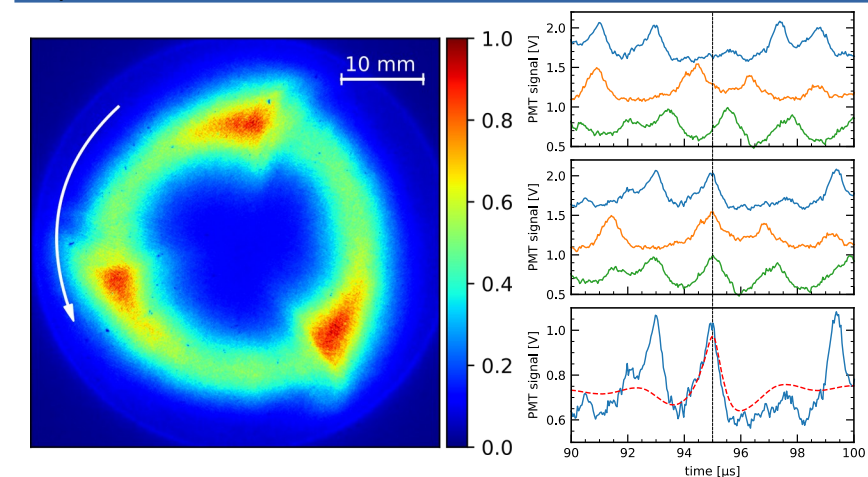
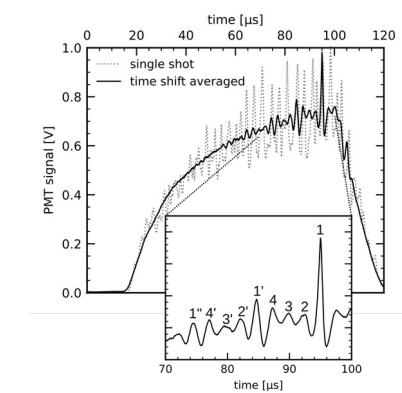


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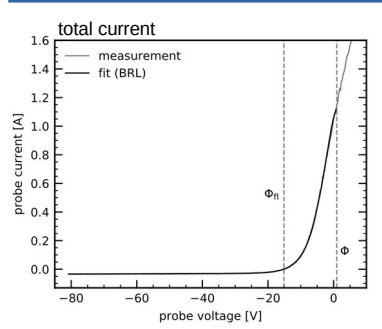
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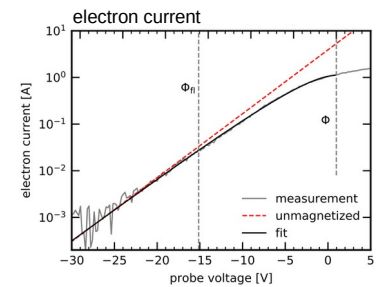
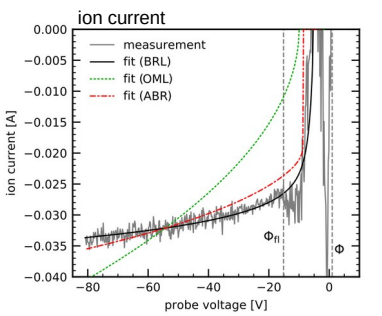
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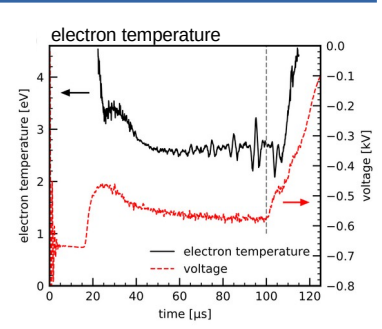
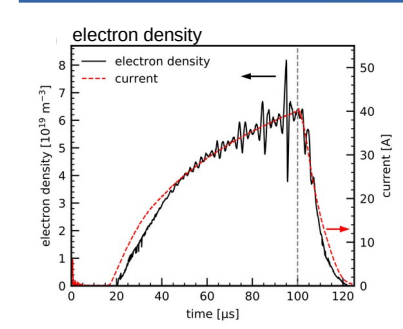
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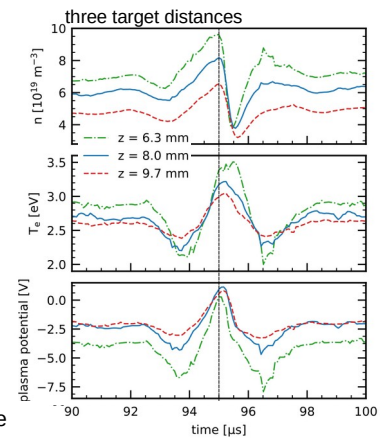
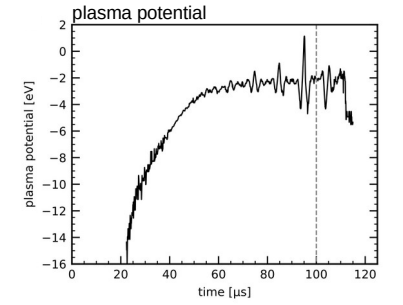
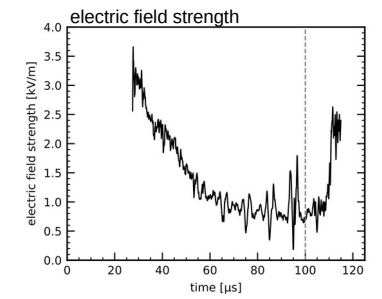
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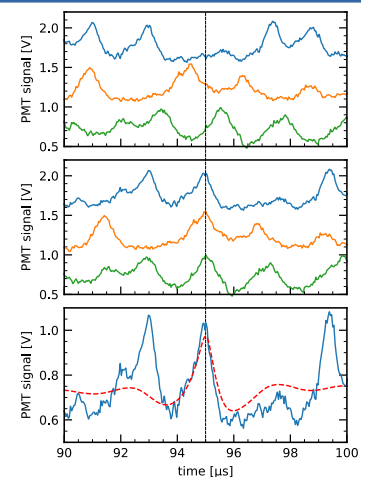
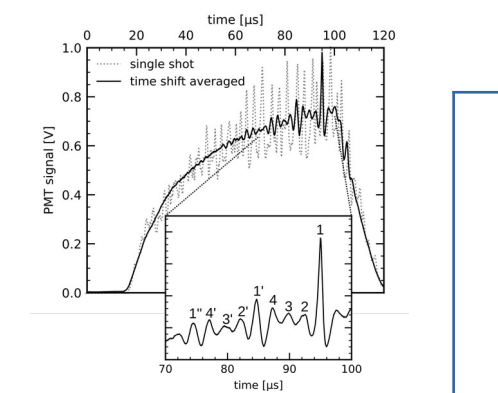
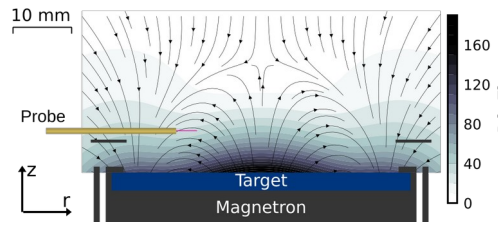
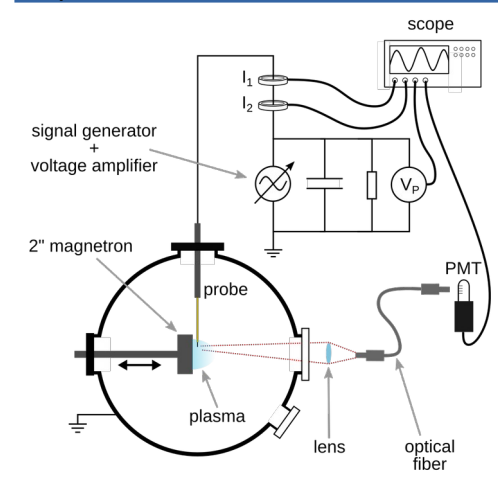


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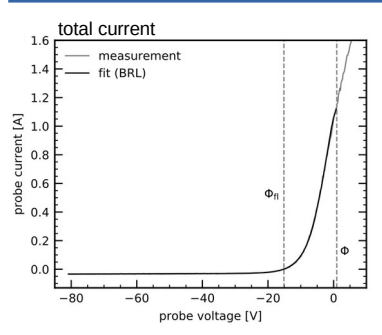


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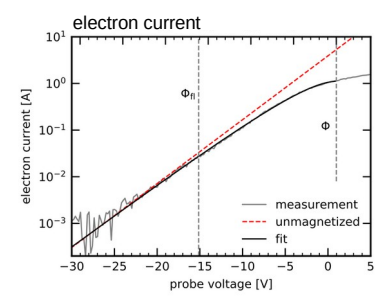
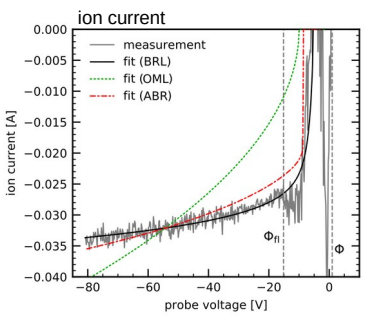
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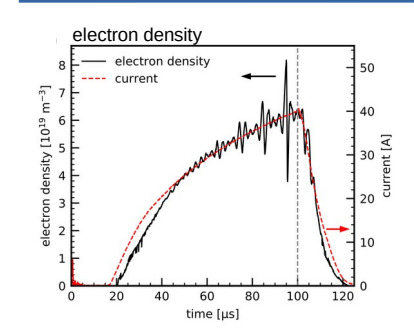
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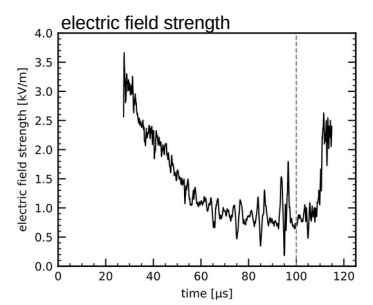
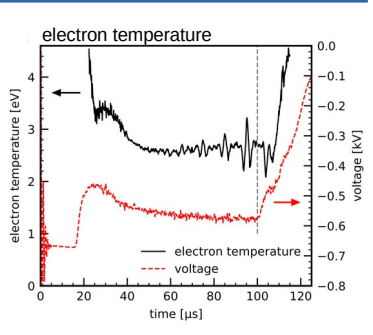
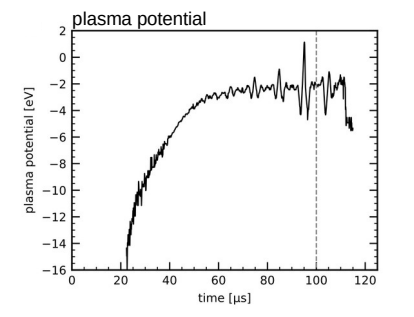
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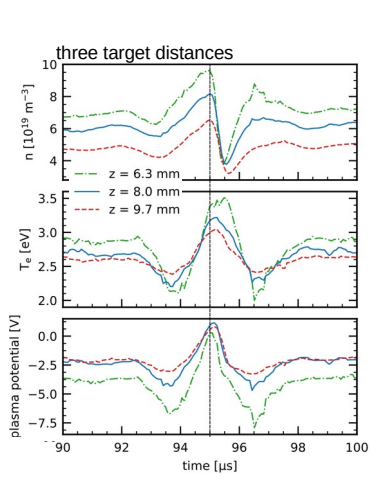
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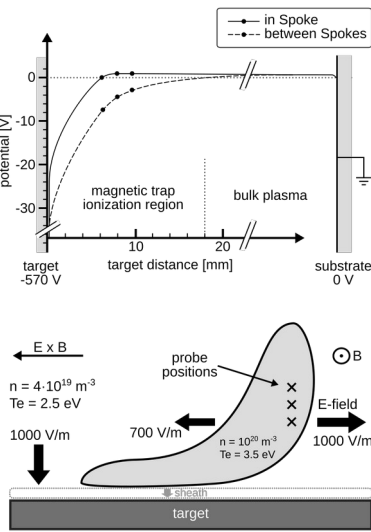


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- Electric field inside the spoke is strongly reduced
- Ions may diffuse freely towards the substrate
- No potential maximum (in z direction)
- Strong electric field in azimuthal direction
- Azimuthal potential hump of ~ 10 V



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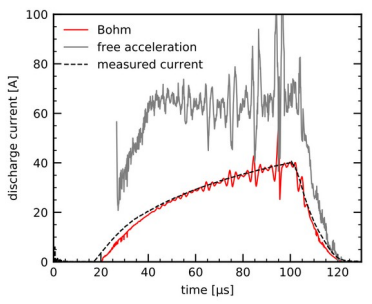
Discharge Current

- Probe measurements can be used to explain the discharge current
- Two possibilities for ion speed at the sheath edge:
 - Bohm (usual plasma)
 - Acceleration in electric field (IRM)

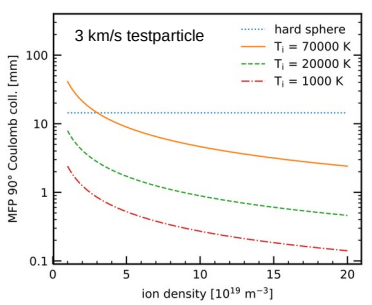
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- What is slowing down ions?
 - Charge exchange (ion-neutral) [1]
 - Coulomb collisions (ion-ion) [2]



Spoke OES

