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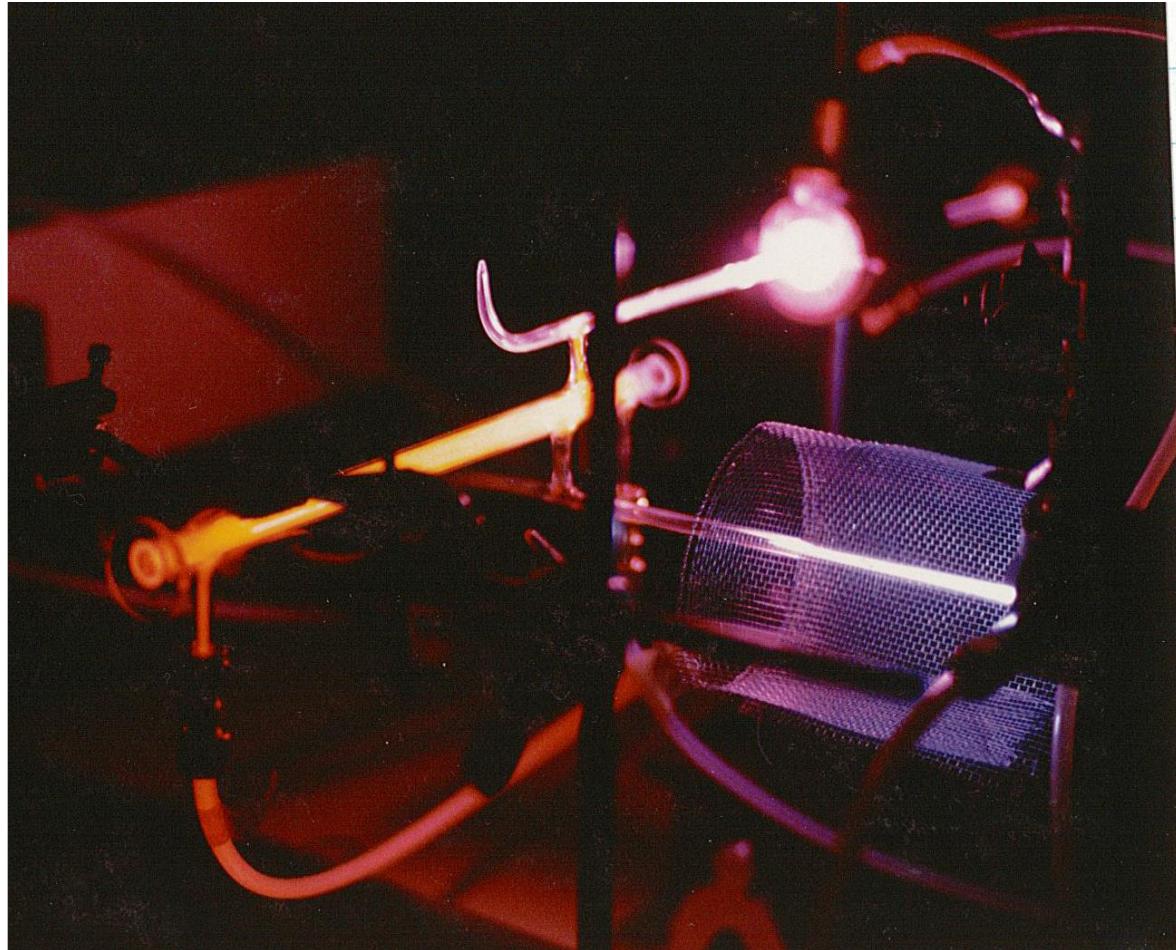
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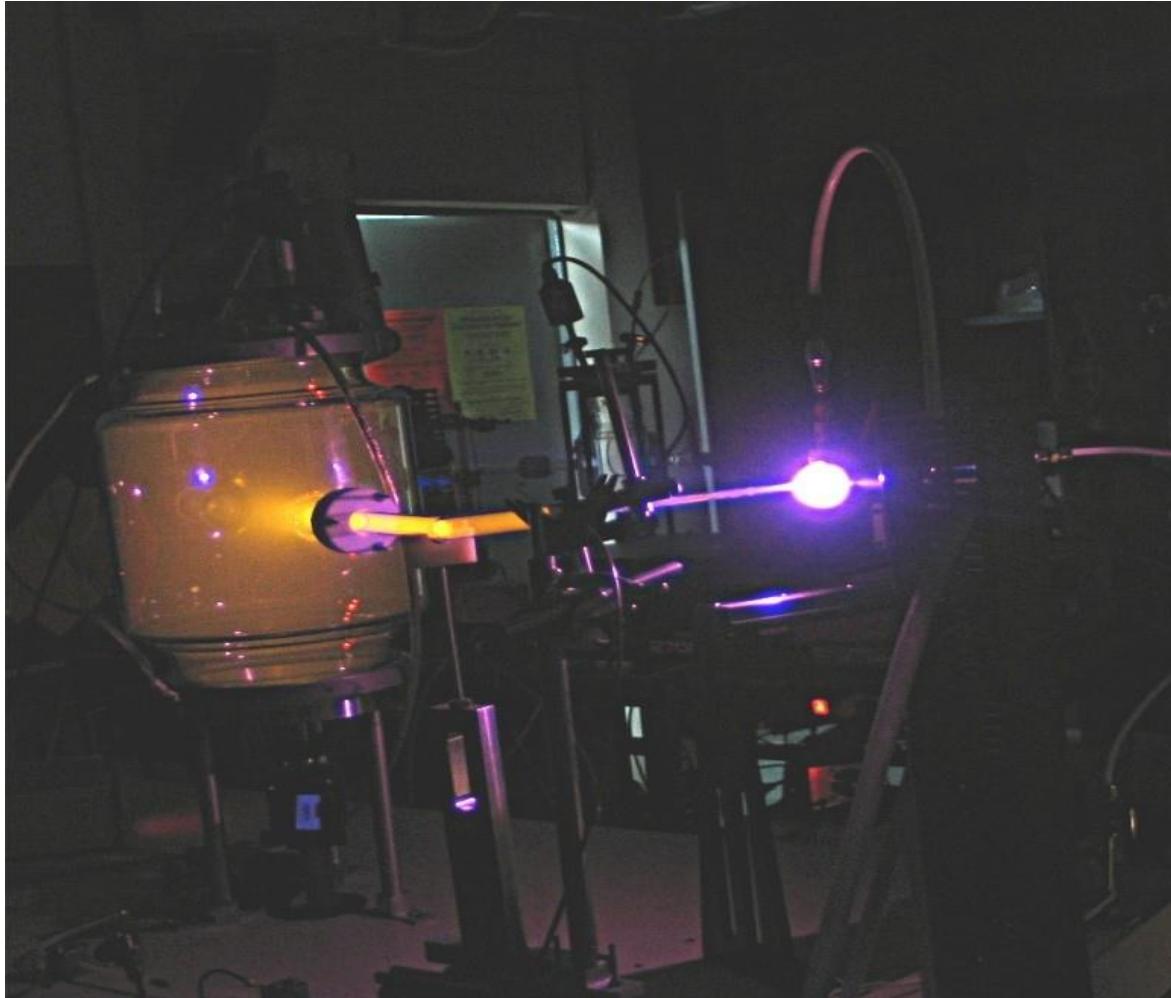
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Montréal (90th) -Michel Moisan( >75)

Double Ar-N<sub>2</sub> and Ar-H<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>4</sub> microwave afterglows



## Microwave flowing afterglow in Laplace-Toulouse



## Main kinetics reactions in the early afterglow : N-atom density

1 - In late afterglow ,  $N + N + N_2 \rightarrow N_2(B,11) \rightarrow N_2(A,7) + hv(580\text{nm})$

- $I^m(580) = c(580) hc/580 A_{580} [B,11]$  with  $[B,11] = [N]^2 [N_2] k_a / (v_r^{B,11} + [N_2] k_{N_2}(B,11))$

As :  $v_r^{B,11} < [N_2] k_{N_2}(B,11)$  at  $p > 4 \text{ Torr}$  , it comes :

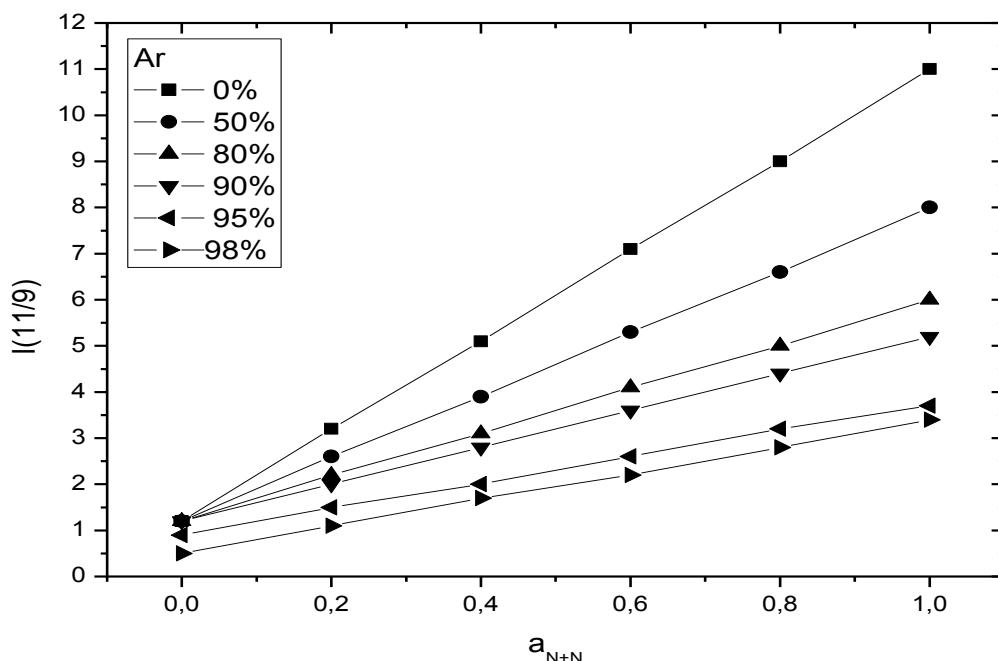
$$I^m_{580} = c(580) hc/580 A_{580} k_a [N]^2 / k_{N_2}(B,11) = k_1 [N]^2$$

Calibration of N-atom density by NO titration

2 - In early afterglow , part  $a_{N+N}$  of N+N recombination in  $I^m_{580}$   
determined from  $I(11)/I(9)$  intensity as deduced from calculated  $R(B,v'')$  :

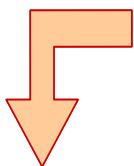
$$a_{N+N} I^m_{580} = k_1 [N]^2$$

N-atom titration by NO by introducing Ar-2%NO  
before the 5 litre reactor :  $a_{N+N} = 1 \rightarrow k_1$



## Titration of N – atoms by NO

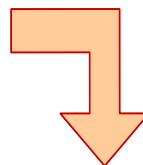
### Case of pure N<sub>2</sub> afterglow



Introducing NO ( Ar – 2% NO ) in the N<sub>2</sub> post-discharge :

$$N + NO_{ext} \rightarrow N_2 + O$$

At low Q(NO<sub>ext</sub>) , it remains N – atoms :



At high Q(NO<sub>ext</sub>), only O atoms from N atoms :



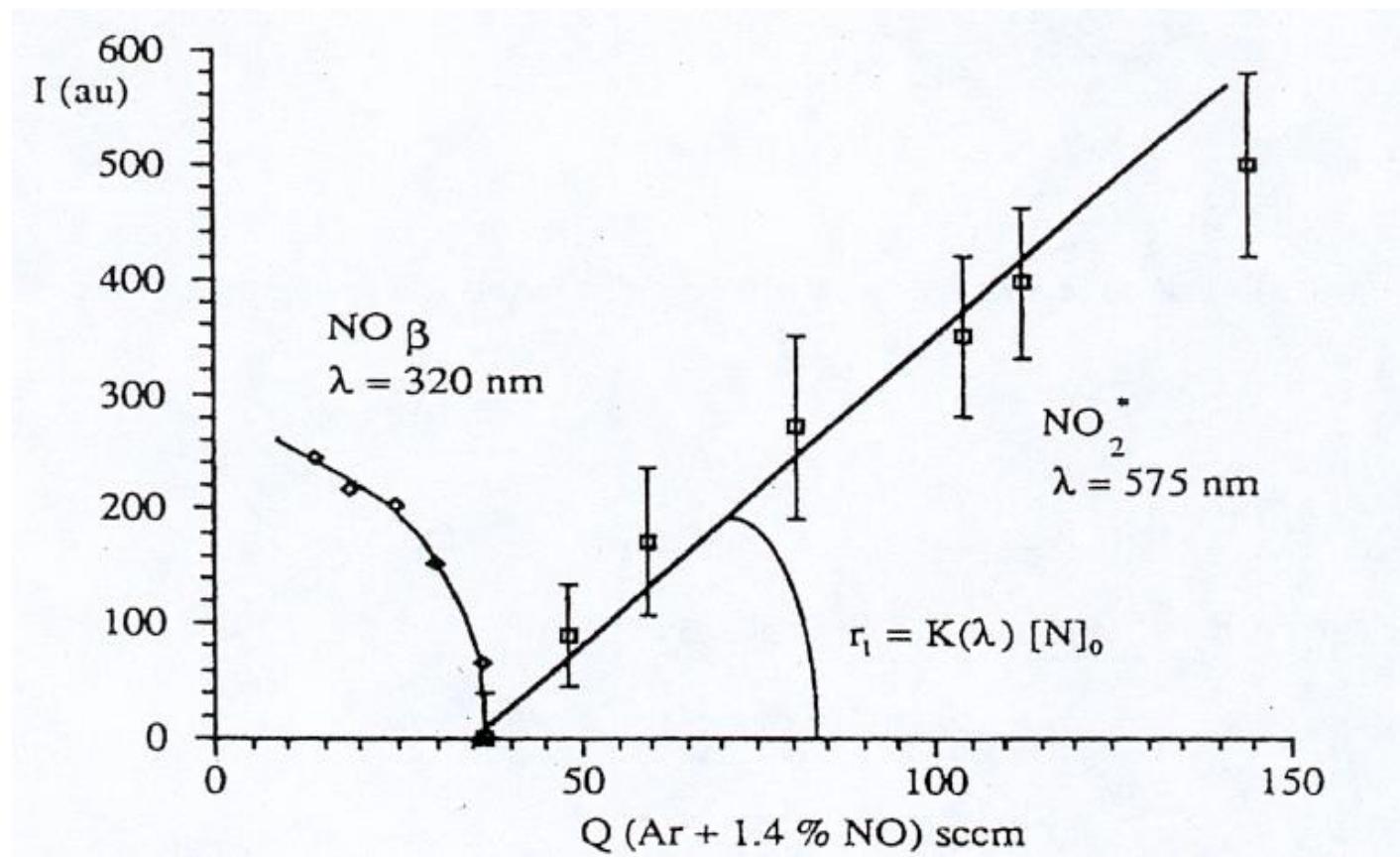
Afterglow extinction : Q(NO<sub>ext</sub>) = Q(N)

$$\frac{[N]}{[N_2]} = \frac{Q(N)}{Q(N_2)}$$

**Titration of N-atoms in Ar-4%N<sub>2</sub> post-discharge : [N] = 7 10<sup>13</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>**

**Conditions 2.3 Torr , 0.5 slm , 130 Watt**

**( T.Czerwiec et al. J.Phys III 6 (1996) 1205 )**



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Line ratio intensity ( 90th )

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ASI - workshop Microwave Discharges  
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PRODUCTION OF ACTIVE SPECIES IN FLOWING MICROWAVE  
DISCHARGES FOR IRON SURFACE TREATMENT AND DIAMOND FILM  
DEPOSITION

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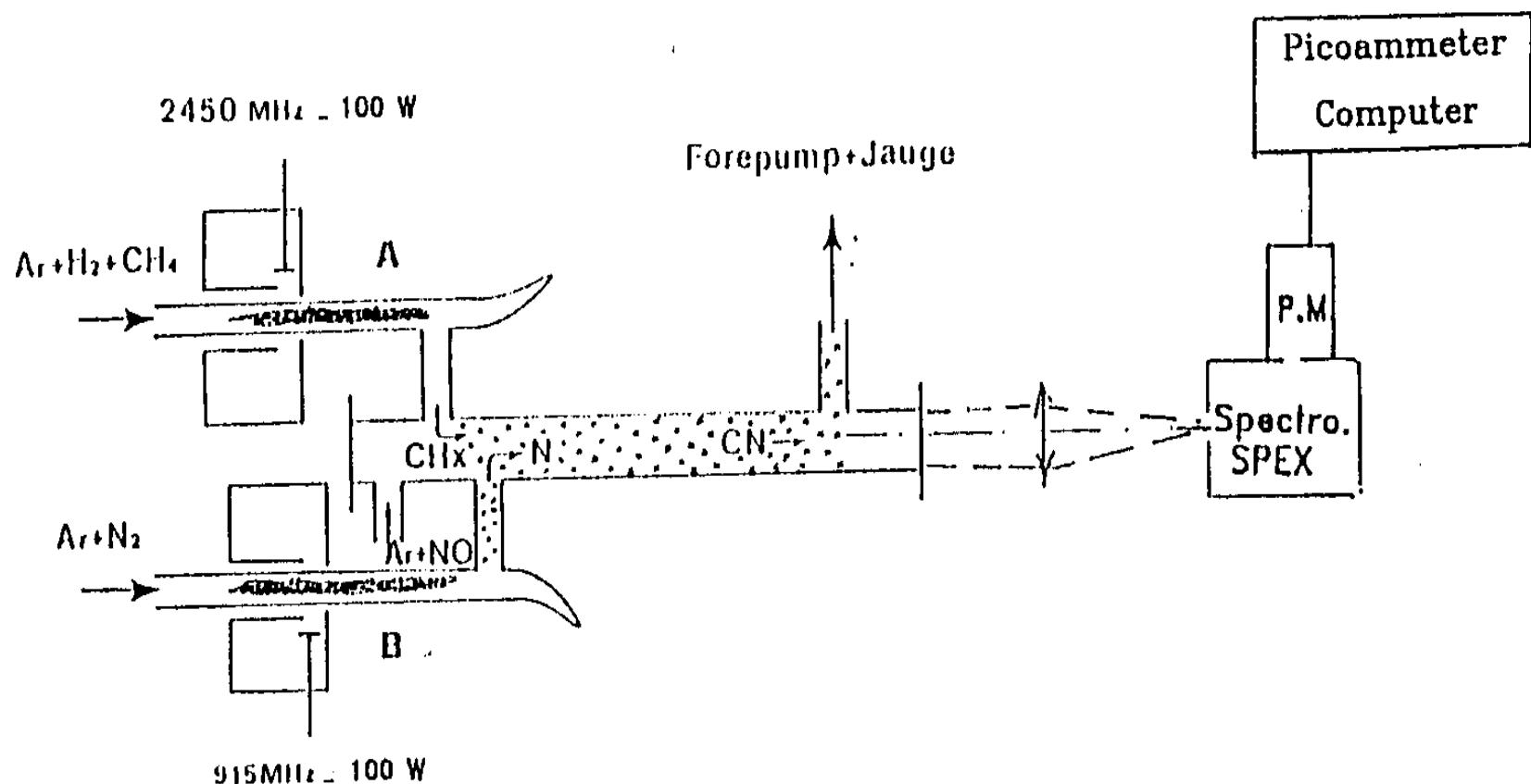
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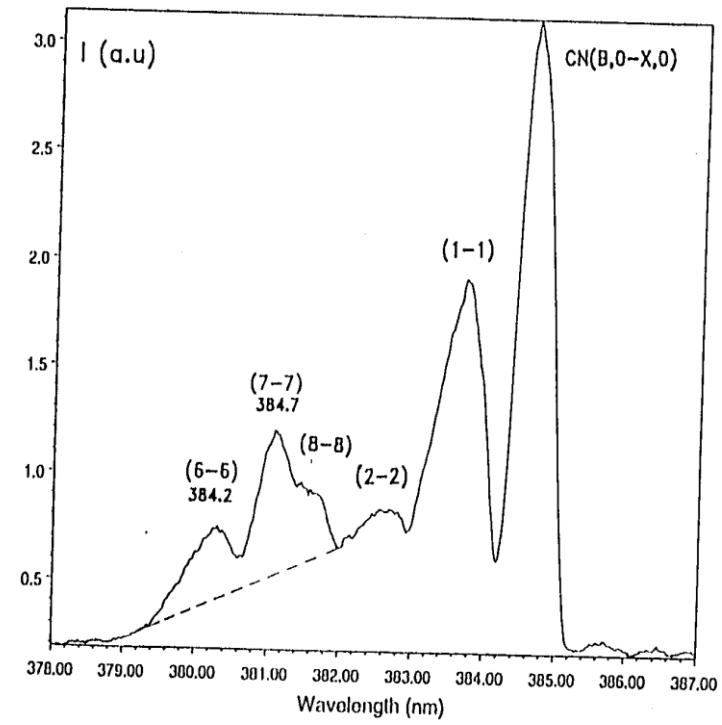
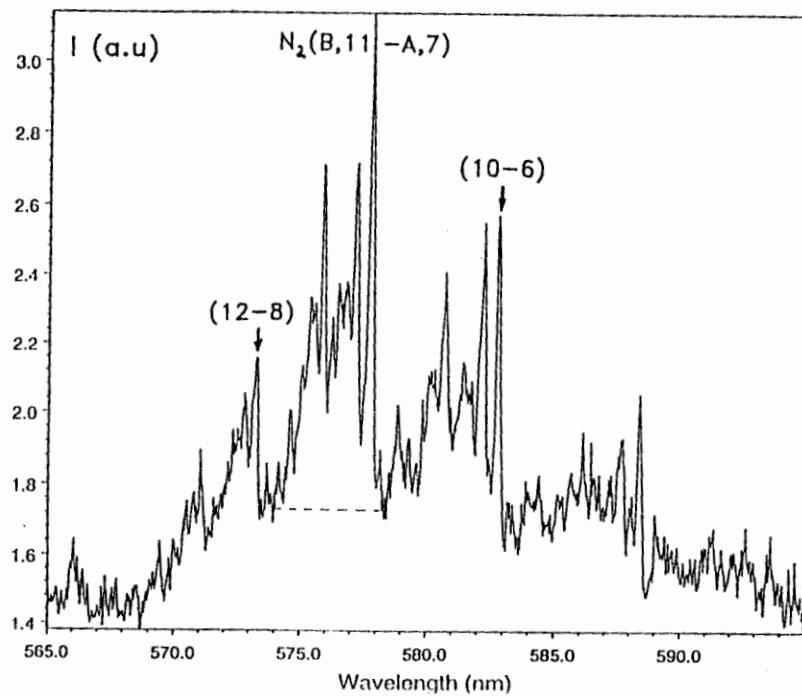
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## Line ratio intensity method

$$\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{N}+\mathbf{N}} \cdot I_{580} = k_1 [\mathbf{N}]^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{with } k_1 = \frac{c(580)}{580} A_{\mathbf{N}_2(\mathbf{A},7)}^{\mathbf{N}_2(\mathbf{B},11)} \frac{k_b[\mathbf{N}_2]}{(v_{\mathbf{N}_2(\mathbf{B},11)}^R + [\mathbf{N}_2]k_{\mathbf{N}_2(\mathbf{B},11)}^Q)}$$



with  $k_a = 9 \cdot 10^{-33} \text{ cm}^6 \text{s}^{-1}$  [10].

$$I_{385} = k_2 [\mathbf{C}][\mathbf{N}] \quad (2)$$

$$\text{with } k_2 = \frac{c(385)}{385} A_{\mathbf{CN}(\mathbf{X},7)}^{\mathbf{CN}(\mathbf{B},7)} \frac{k_a[\mathbf{N}_2]}{(v_{\mathbf{CN}(\mathbf{B},7)}^R + [\mathbf{N}_2]k_{\mathbf{CN}(\mathbf{B},7)}^Q)}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{N}+\mathbf{N}} \cdot \frac{I_{580}}{I_{385}} = \frac{k_1}{k_2} \frac{[\mathbf{N}]}{[\mathbf{C}]}$$

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**Table 2.** Intensity ratio  $I_{CN}^t / I_{N_2}^t$ , k-values, nitrogen and carbon atom densities in the post-discharge of a%Ar-b%H<sub>2</sub>-1.3%CH<sub>4</sub> and Ar-16%N<sub>2</sub> discharges.

Gas composition a%Ar, b%H <sub>2</sub>		100, 0	75, 25	50, 50	25, 75	0, 100
$I_{CN}^t / I_{N_2}^t$		14.5-19.3	9.1	8	7.9	7-7.5
k ( $10^{-4}$ )		1.11	0.93	0.86	0.78	0.72
[N] ( $10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )		1.35	1.1	1.1	1	1
[C] ( $10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )		2.1-2.9	0.9	0.8	0.6-0.7	0.6

Pressure : 25 Torr, Flow rate = 0.68 SL.min<sup>-1</sup>

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**constant N-atom density with x= 0-2,5%**

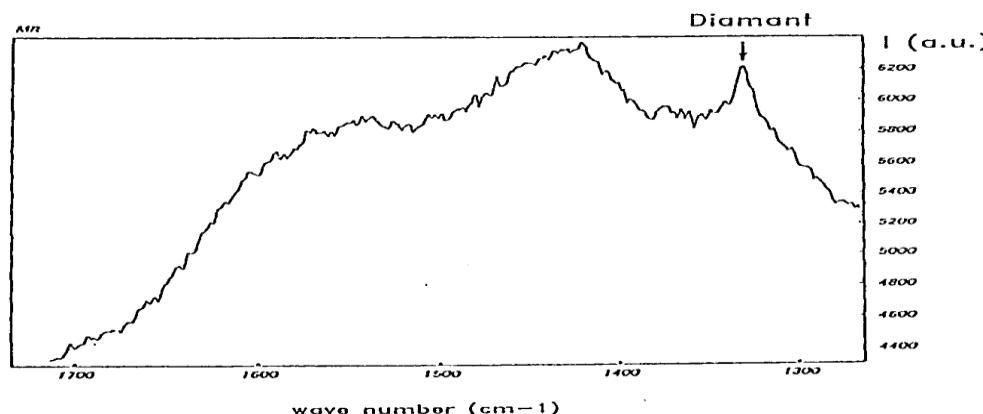
**Table 3.** Nitrogen and carbon atom densities in the post-discharge of (Plasma-A) : H<sub>2</sub>-x%O<sub>2</sub>-1.3%CH<sub>4</sub> and (Plasma-B): Ar-16%N<sub>2</sub> discharges.

x% (O <sub>2</sub> ) (%)	0	0.25	0.63	1.25	2.5
[N] (10 <sup>15</sup> cm <sup>-3</sup> )			1.1		
[C] (10 <sup>11</sup> cm <sup>-3</sup> )	3.9	4.1	4.5	3.3	1.6

Pressure : 23 Torr, Flow rate = 0.68 SL.min<sup>-1</sup>

## Alix surprise diamond films ( 1990th )

Silicon (100) substrates, whose surface was initially roughened with diamond powder, were introduced inside the discharge tube of plasma (A) (Fig. 1). Treatments of 2 h of the samples were performed in  $H_2-x\%O_2-1.3\%CH_4$  plasmas at 80 Watts, 25 Torr and  $0.08\text{ SL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ . The surface temperature of the silicon substrate was estimated by optical pyrometry to be 1500 K. In the absence of oxygen ( $x = 0\%$ ), no diamond crystals were observed by optical microscopy. However with  $x = 0.25\%$  and  $0.65\% O_2$ , well defined diamond crystals were detected by Raman spectrometry. The Raman spectrum exhibits the characteristic diamond peak at  $1333\text{ cm}^{-1}$  as shown in Figure 6.

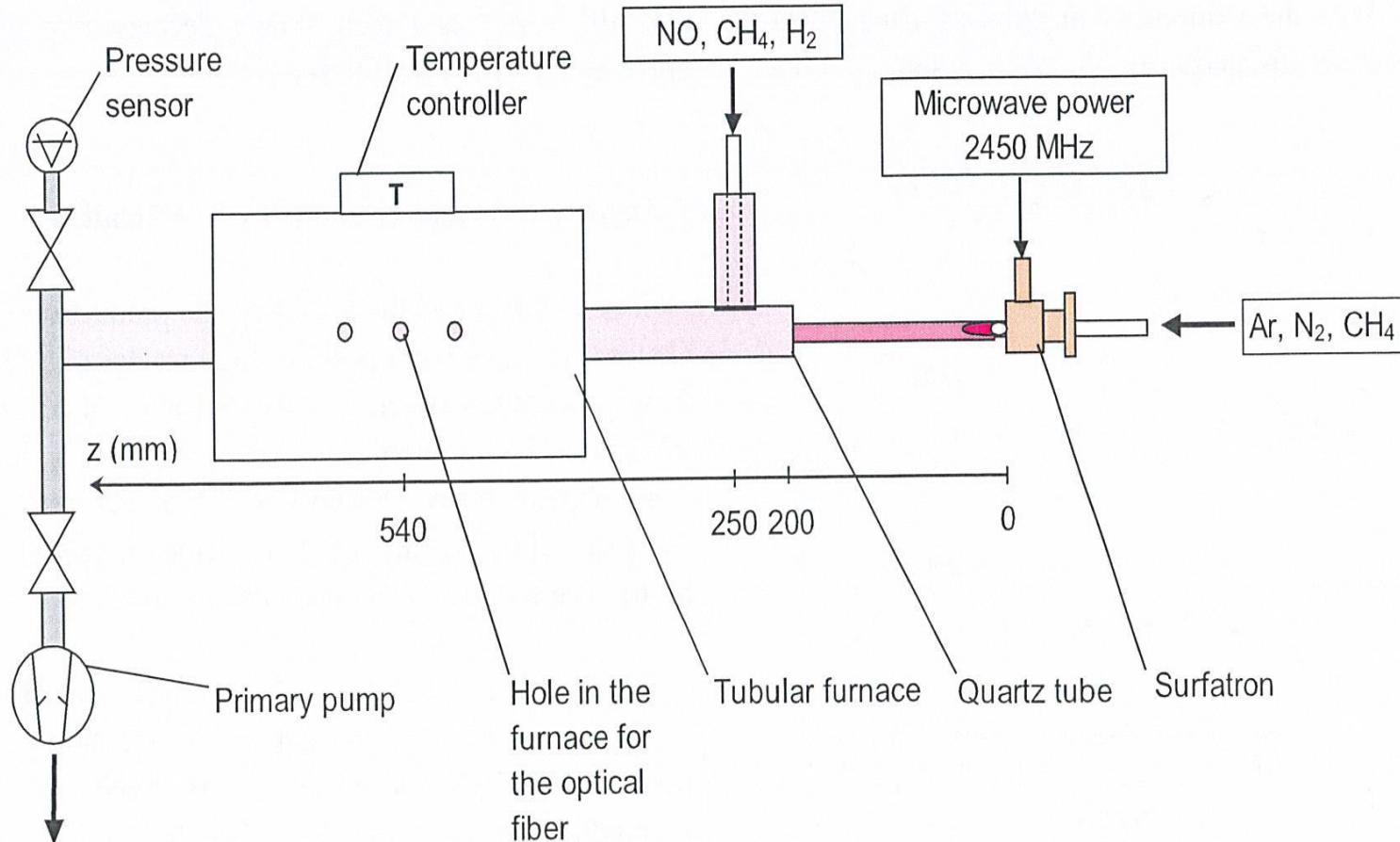


**Figure 6.** Raman spectrum of diamond film deposited on a silicon (100) substrate inside a (A)  $H_2-0.25\%O_2-1.3\%CH_4$  microwave discharge at 80 Watts and 25 Torr.

The obtained diamond peak is however weak in intensity and a broad continuum is observed between  $1400$  and  $1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . This continuum can be related to an amorphous compound such as polyacetylene.<sup>9</sup>

The experimental set up used was not intended for diamond film deposition and was certainly not optimum. The discharge tube diameter is too small (internal diameter of 4 mm) and therefore the plasma produces an important etching of the fused silica tube walls. However, it is interesting to find that the gas mixtures, the operating pressure and the power density of the microwave discharge could produce some diamond film deposition.

## Afterglow in Ar-N<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>4</sub> Nancy-Toulouse (2000 th)



. 3. Postdischarge reactor (quartz tube of dia. 2.6 cm, length 60 cm) for iron nitrocarburizing inside an external furnace. Titration by NO at the beginning of postdischarge tube.

**Afterglow in Ar-N<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>4</sub>**  
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**Production of N, H, O, and C atoms in flowing microwave discharges**

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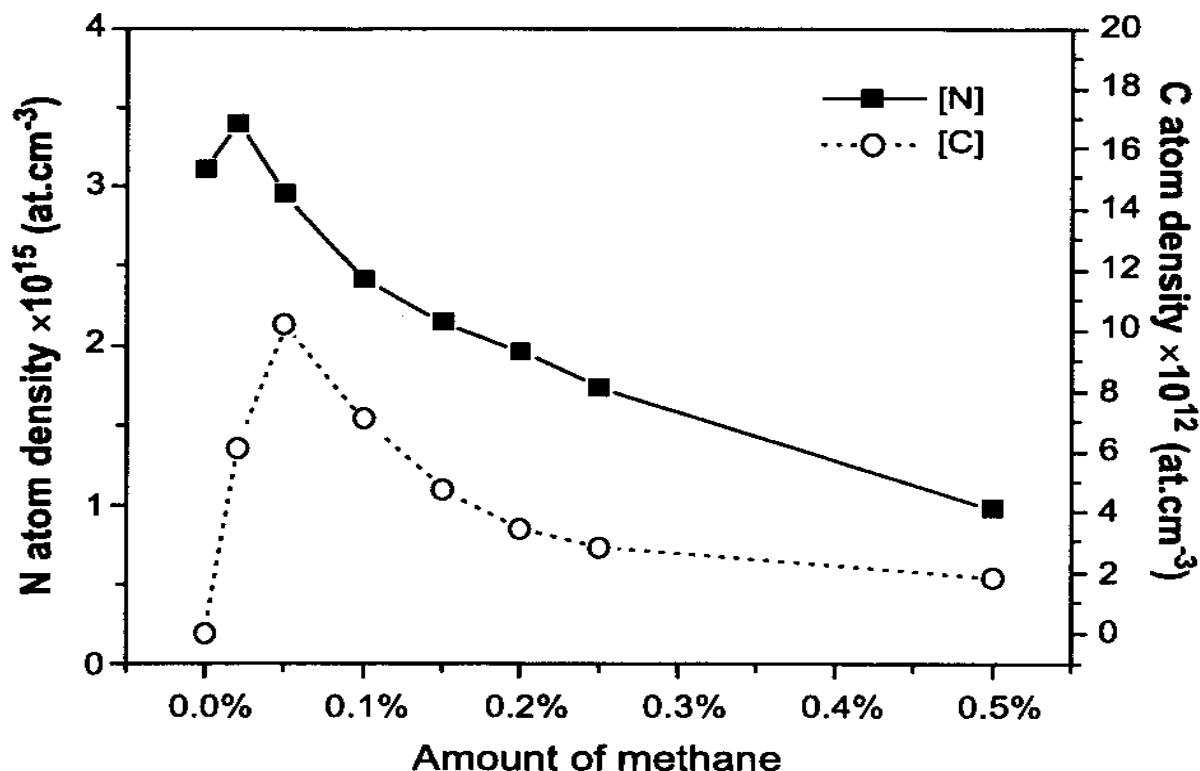


Fig. 8. Density of N and C atoms versus CH<sub>4</sub> percentage into N<sub>2</sub>, at 150 W,  $2.6 \times 10^3$  Pa (20 Torr), and 1 slm.

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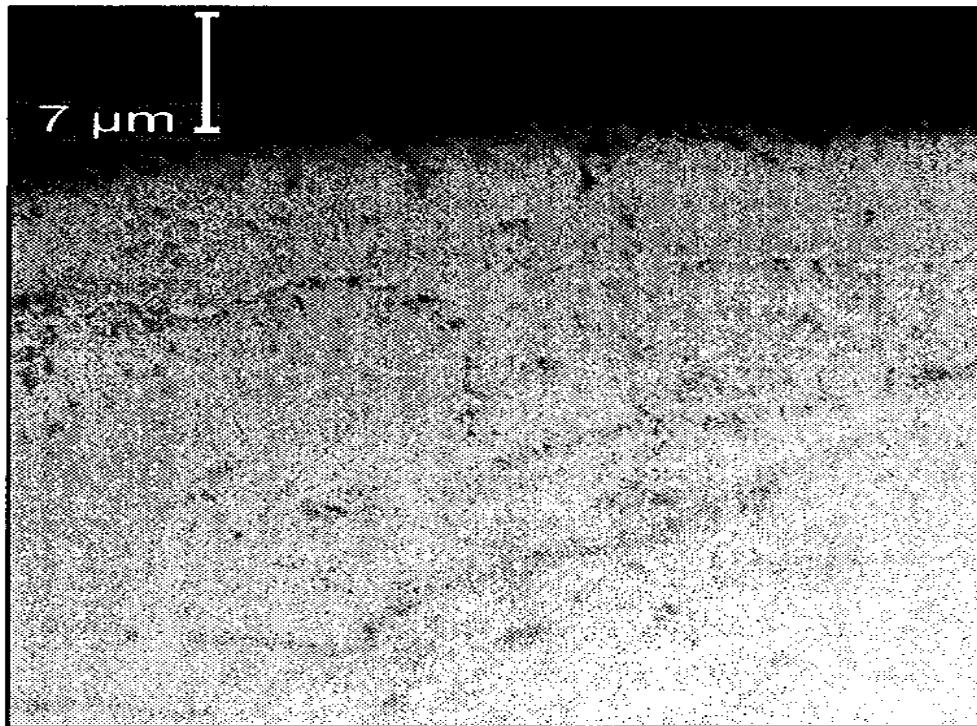
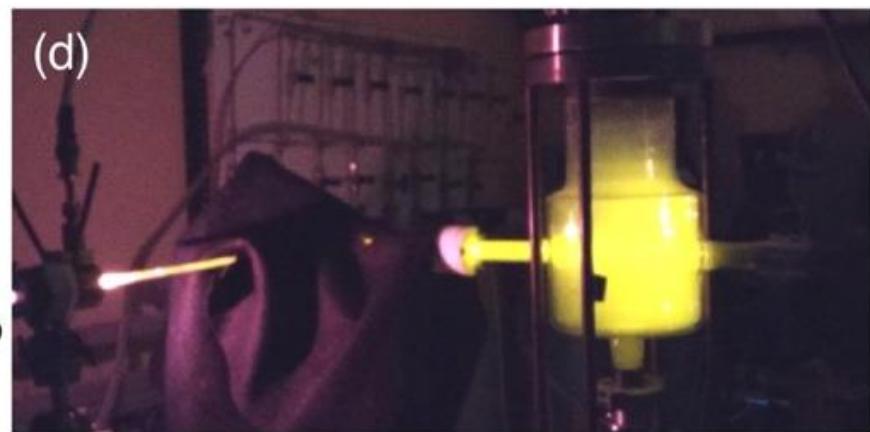
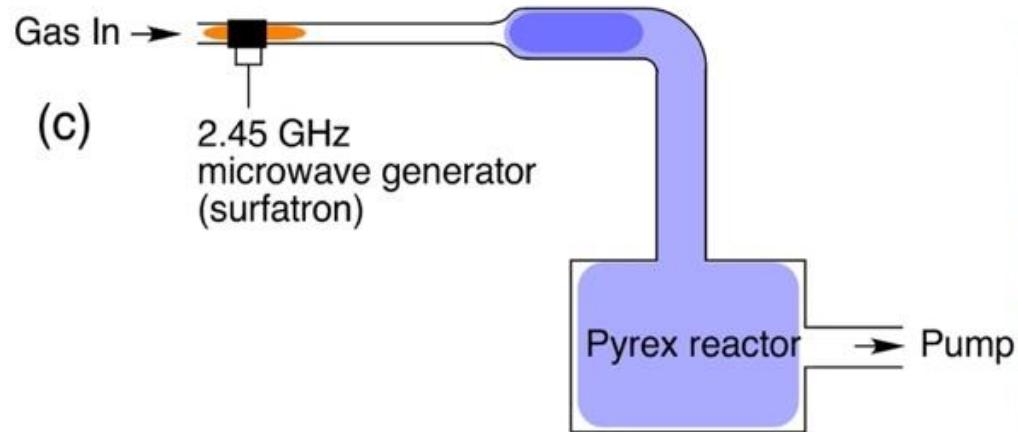
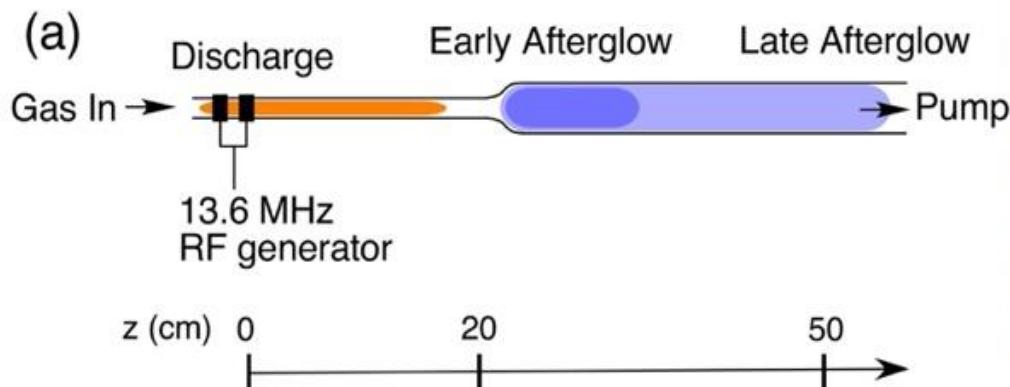
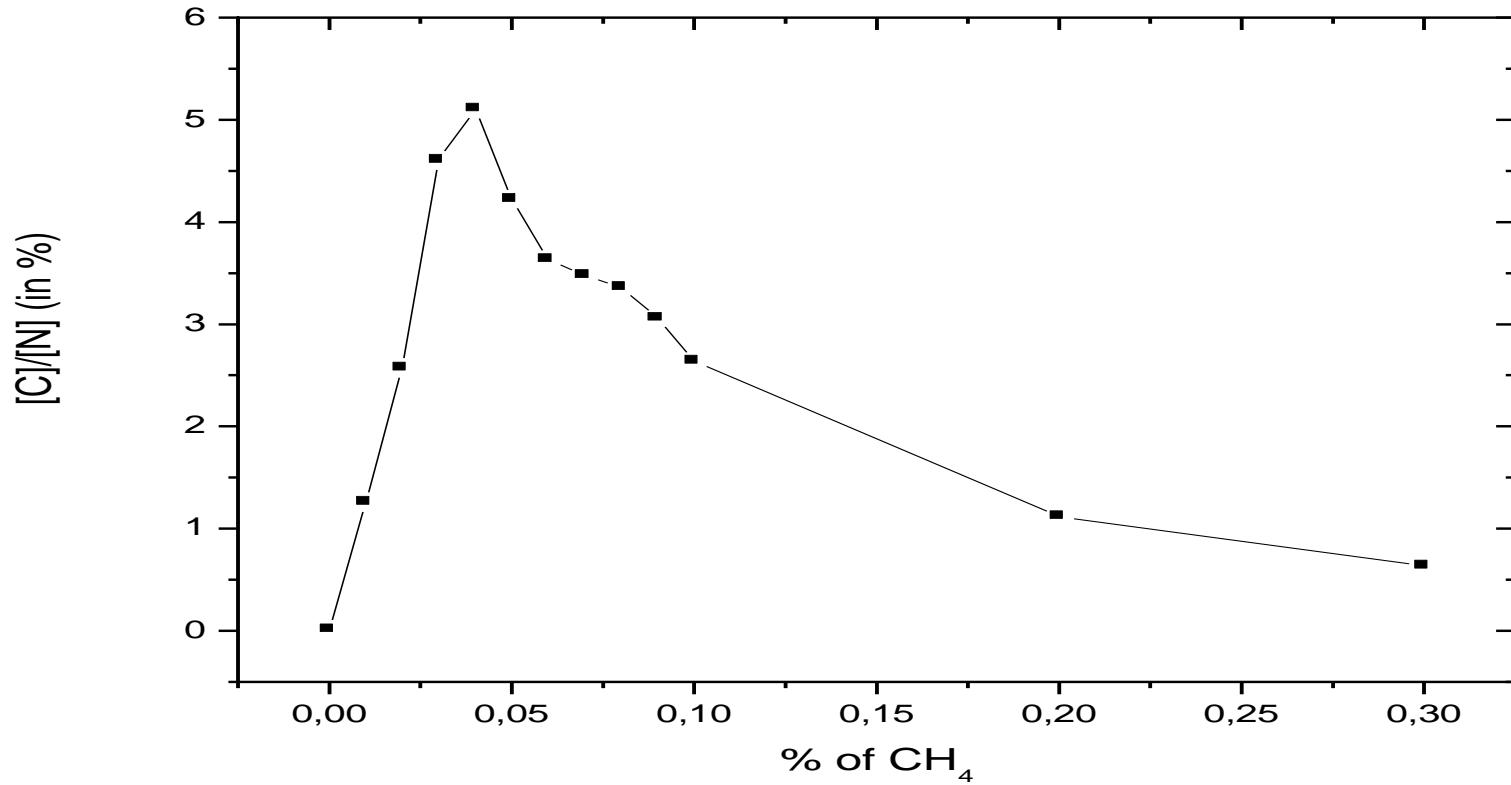


Fig. 9. Micrograph of iron surface after a treatment by a N<sub>2</sub>-0.05%CH<sub>4</sub> gas mixture at 823K during 2 h, at 150 W,  $4.2 \times 10^3$  Pa ( 32 Torr), and 1 slm;  $\epsilon+\gamma'$  layer of 5-6  $\mu\text{m}$  and  $\alpha$  layer inside; 1%C in the  $\epsilon+\gamma'$  layer.

## Afterglows Ajou-Toulouse ( 2010-17)



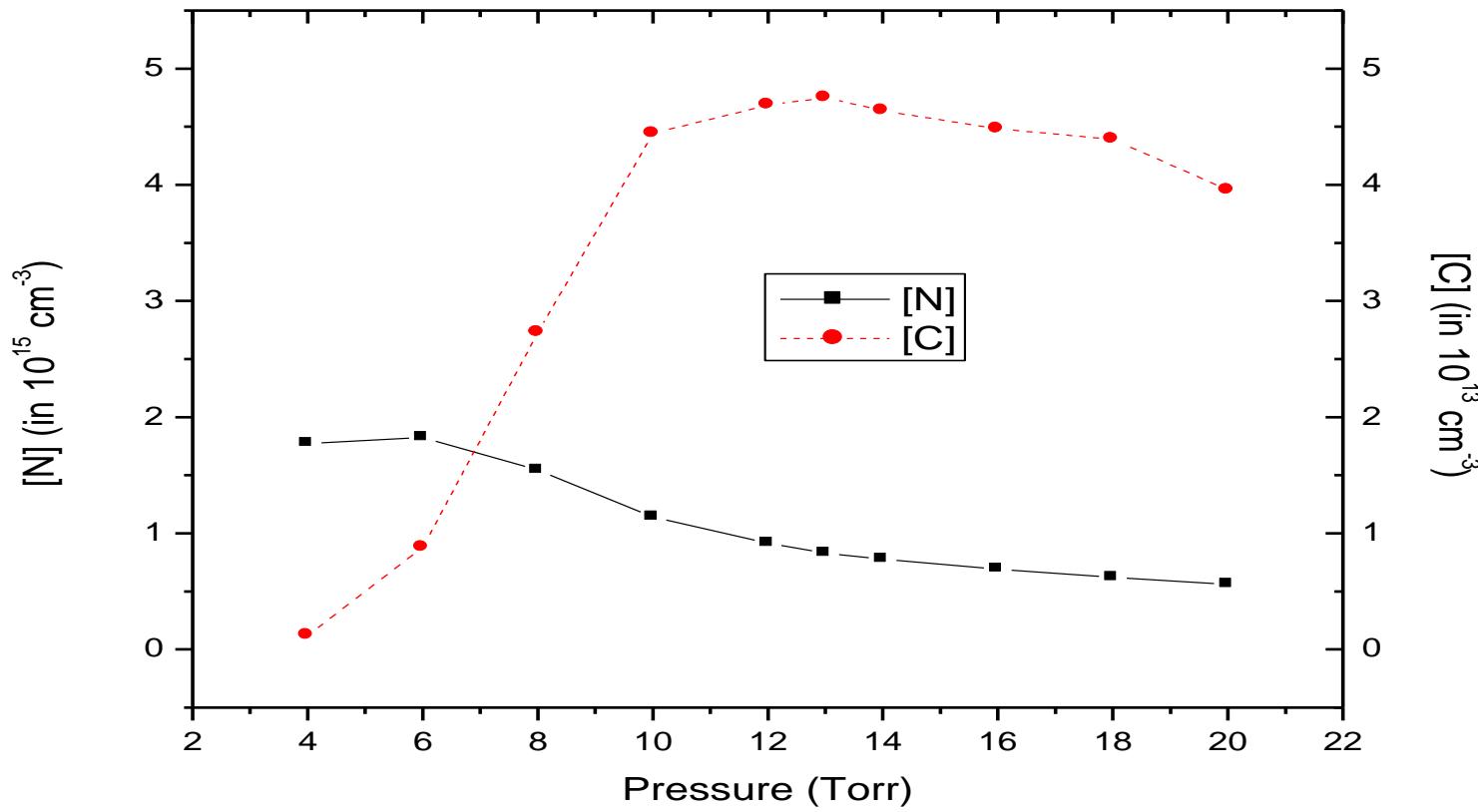
**Afterglow in Ar-N<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>4</sub>**  
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**Figure 3.** Variation of the  $[C]/[N]$  density ratio for HF afterglows at  $p = 13$  Torr,  $z = 50$  cm,  $Q = 0.5$  slpm and  $P_{HF} = 100$  W.

Afterglow in Ar-N<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>4</sub>  
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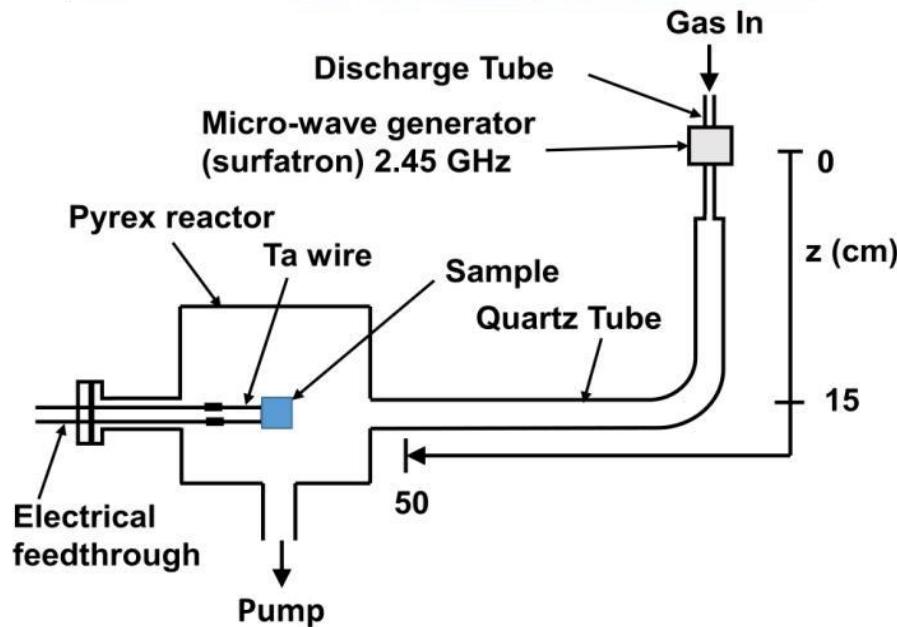
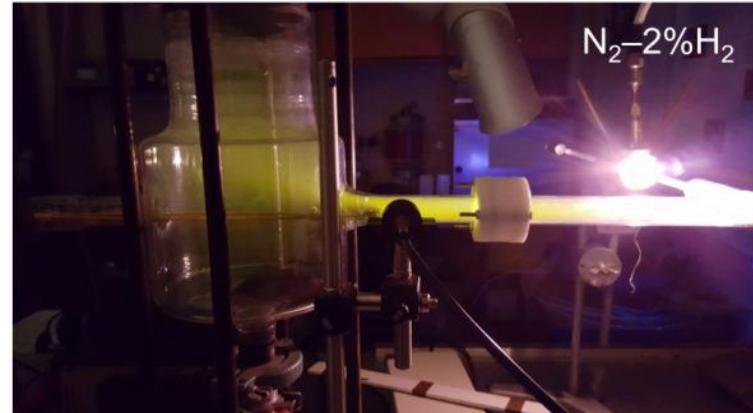
**Figure 4.** [C] and [N] densities measured at  $z = 50 \text{ cm}$  for the  $\text{N}_2 / 0.04\% \text{CH}_4$  versus pressure.  
( $Q = 0.5 \text{ slpm}$  and  $P_{\text{HF}} = 100 \text{ W}$ )

## Afterglow in N<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>

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Enhanced nitridation of anatase TiO<sub>2</sub> films by the addition of H<sub>2</sub> in the N<sub>2</sub> microwave plasmas

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## Afterglow in N<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>

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XPS : Ns at 396 eV substitutional (bulk) – Ni at 400 eV interstitial ( surface)

reduction : 2H + TiO<sub>2</sub> → H<sub>2</sub>O↑ + TiO<sub>2</sub> (-O )

substitution : N + TiO<sub>2</sub> → TiO<sub>2</sub> (+N)

