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## **Properties of the insulators: Influence of the electrical charges**

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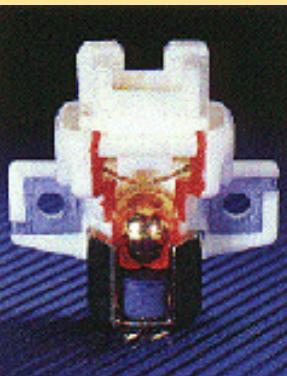
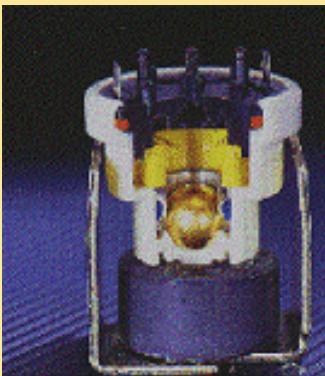
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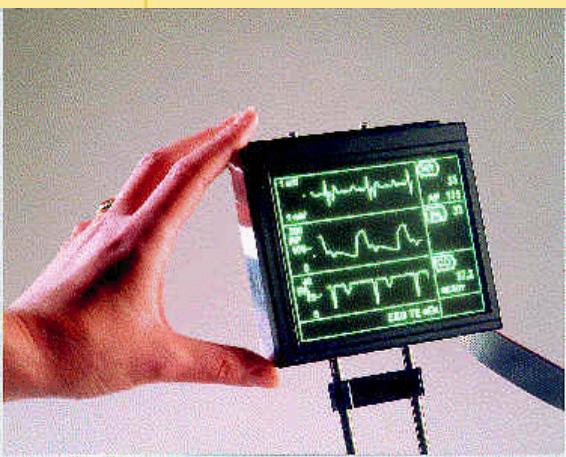
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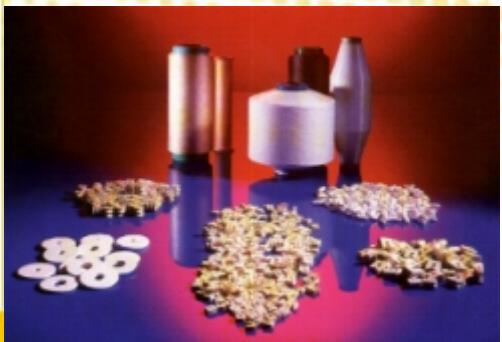


Electromechanical sensor of acceleration for airbag   Spatial vehicles

Insulators for cables



FEG screen

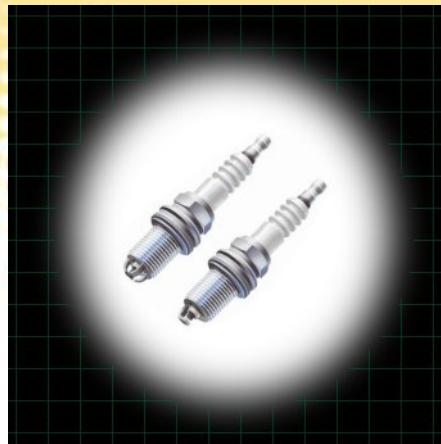


yarn-guide

What role for the electrical charges ?



Extrusion of polymers



Sparkling plug



Pieces for mitigation tap



# OUTLINE

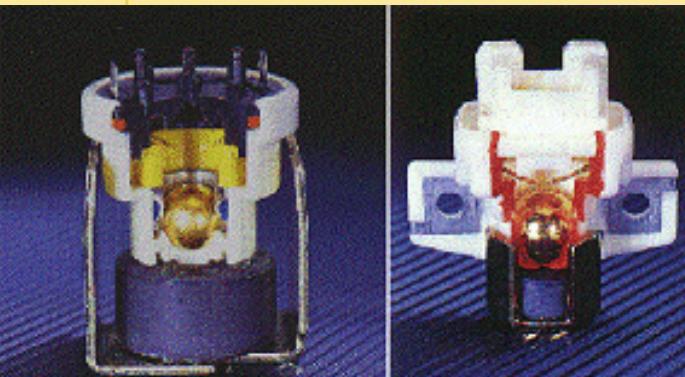
- I. **Examples of industrial applications for the insulators: Evidencing of the role of the electrical charges.**
  1. Modification of friction and adhesion
  2. Flow and trapping of the electrical charges.
- II. **Contribution of the electrostatic forces to the adhesion of the materials:**
- III. **Characterization of the properties of charges flow and charges trapping:  
SEMM method and simulations**
- IV. **Conclusions and Prospects**

## I.1. Modification of friction and adhésion

### Electro-mechanical sensor of acceleration for air-bag

Principle :

- metallic ball in an insulator guide
- maintained by a magnetic field
- during a strong acceleration the ball overcome the magnetic field and establish electrical contact .



utilization → triboelectrification against the guide → ball stucked on the guide wall

Inactivation of the sensor  
because of the adhesion of the  
ball on the insulating guide wall

Fundamental study of the interaction  
between a charged metallic ball and an  
insulating plane

Usefulness of the comprehension of the  
triboelectrification phenomenon

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## I.1. Modification of friction and adhésion

### Pieces for mitigation tap



**Principle :**

- simultaneous control of the flow and of the temperature of water
- superposition of the holes of both ceramic disks
- sliding one over the second during the use

utilization → friction of the two disks → sticking of the two disks

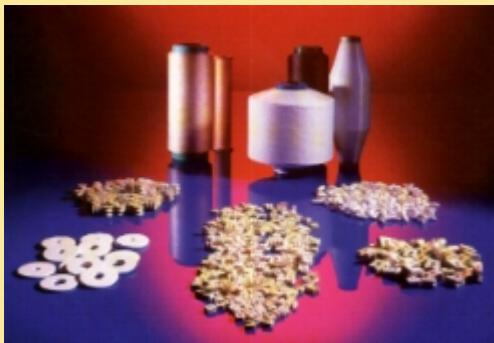
unusable tap due to the  
adhesion of the two ceramic  
disks

Usefulness of the comprehension of the  
triboelectrification phenomenon between  
two similar materials

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## I.2. Transport and trapping of the electrical charges

### yarn-guide for textile industries



#### Performances:

- strength to abrasion
- strength to chemical corrosion
- high mechanical characteristics
- used materials :  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3+\text{Zr}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$

Yarn adhere to the yarn-guide  
during the use when the  
friction coefficient is too high

#### Previous study\*:

link between the friction coefficient and the ability of the material to trap charges

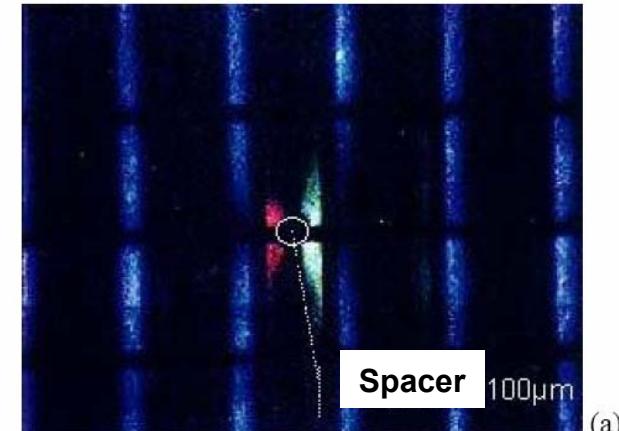
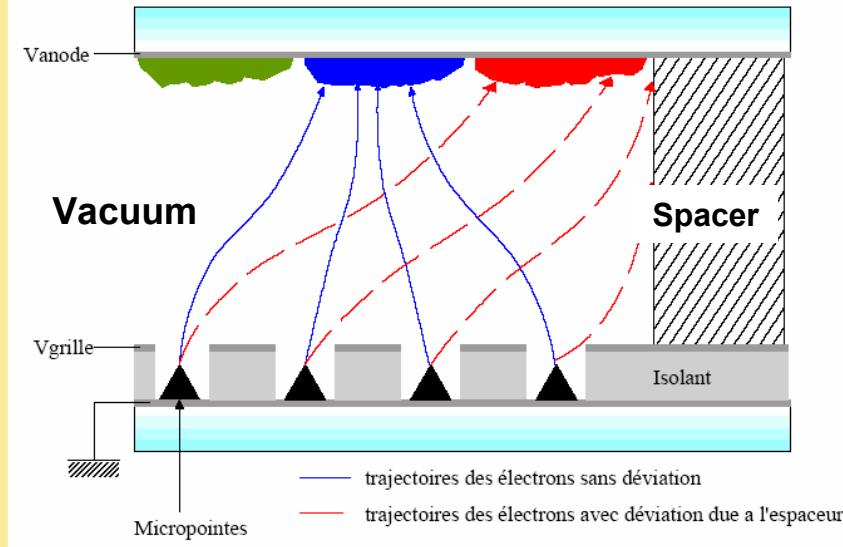
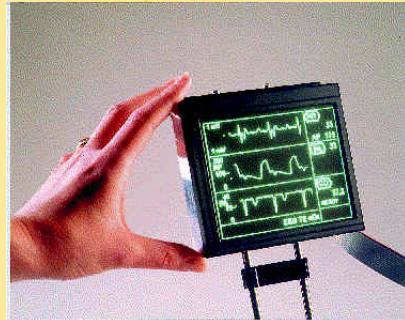


Importance of the ability of the material to trap  
charges : study of  $\text{TiO}_2$

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## I.2. Transport and trapping of the electrical charges

### FEG flat screen \*



**Problem of "mixing" of the colors due to the electrostatic fields created by the charging of the spacers**



**Definition of "trapping insulators" and "conductive insulators"\*\***



**Characterization of the behavior of dielectrics under electronic irradiation: transport and trapping of charges...**

\* D. Braga, Mémoire de Thèse, Université Paris XI, 2003.

\*\* T. Thome, D. Braga, G. Blaise, *J. Appl. Phys.*, 2004, 95 (5), 2619 .

## I.2. Transport and trapping of the electrical charges

### Sparkling plugs

Conditions of use :

- corrosive medium
- strong variations of temperature and pressure
- high voltage
- miniaturization

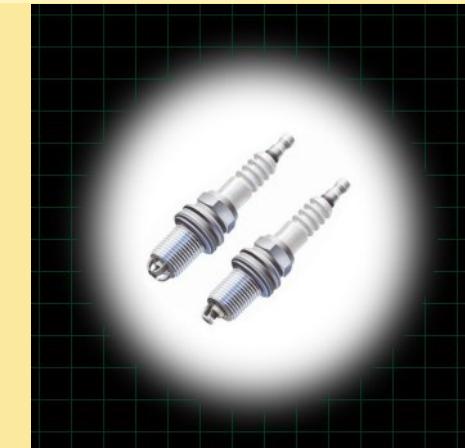


Aging of the materials

Strength to dielectric breakdown in different ranges of temperature



Dielectric breakdown of the sparkling plugs



Applications:

- motorbike
- automobiles
- boats
- rockets...



Transport and trapping of charges...  
Links with the dielectric rigidity of insulators  
Behavior under aging and temperature variations ...

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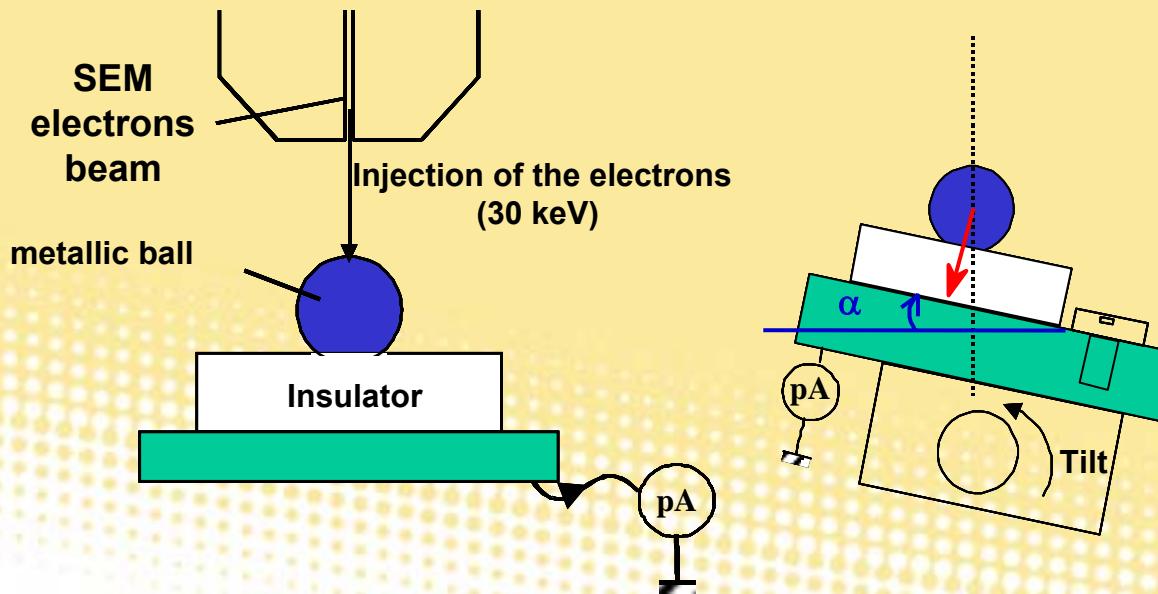
- II. Contribution of the electrostatic forces to the adhesion of the materials:**
  - 1. Example of the charged metallic ball on an insulating plane**
  - 2. Triboelectrification between two similar materials**

## II.1. Charged metallic ball on an insulating plane

### Experiences

#### Objectives of the study:

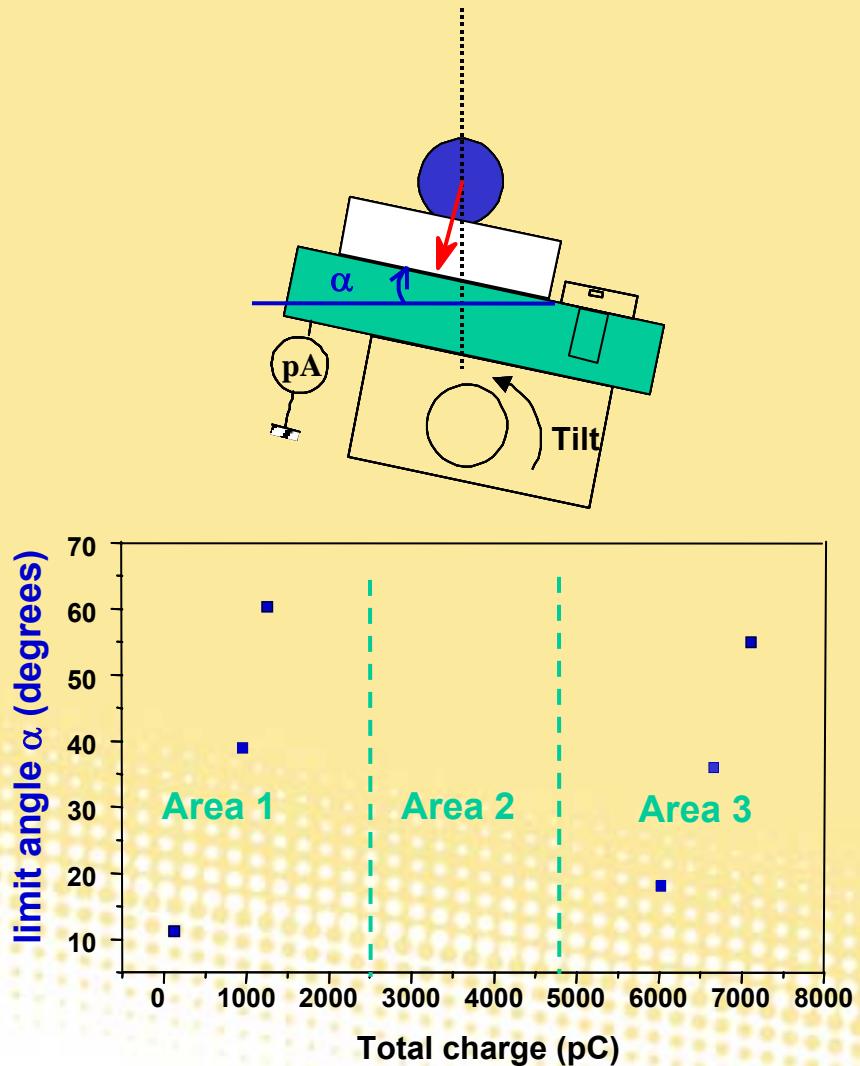
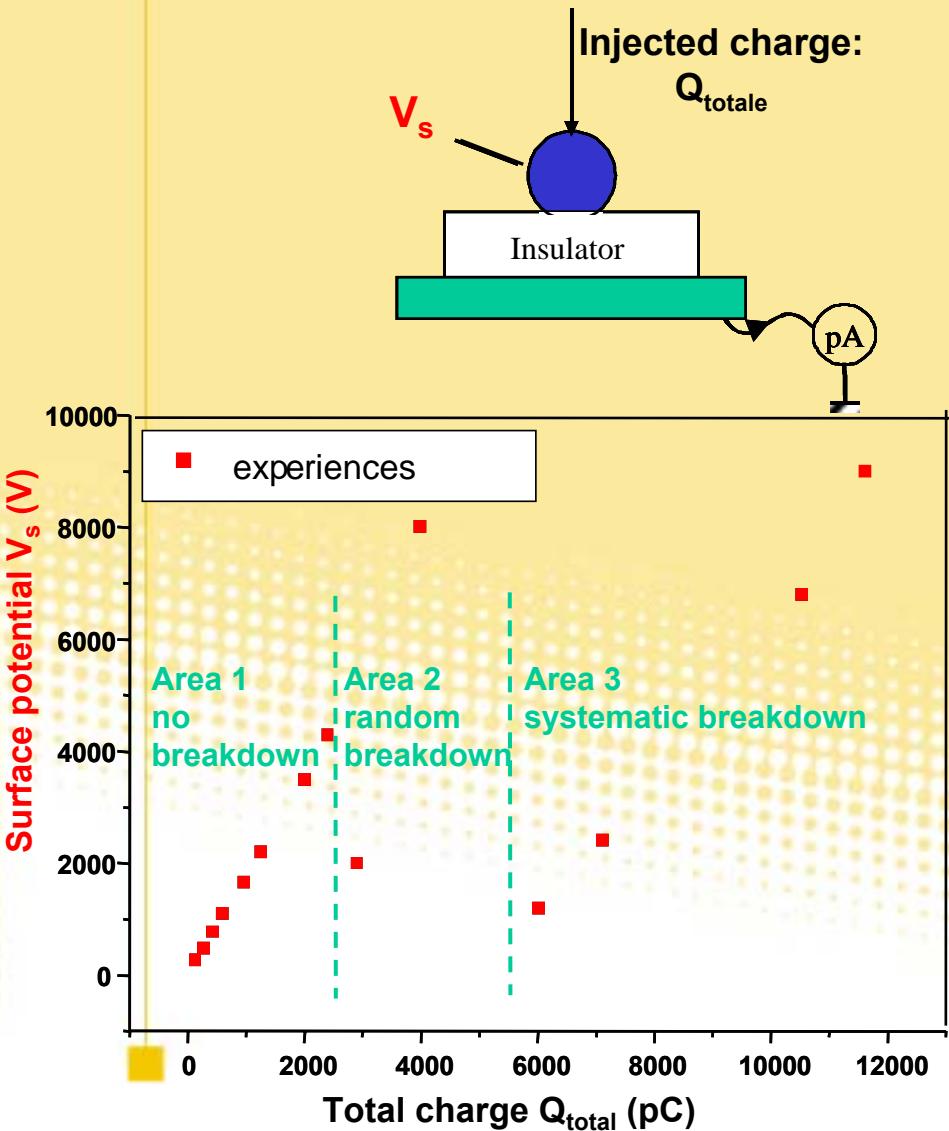
- evidencing of the strength of electrostatic forces
- "soft" injection of the electrical charges in an insulator ?



$$\sin\alpha - k \cos\alpha = \frac{k}{mg} F$$

## II.1. Charged metallic ball on an insulating plane

### Experiences



## II.1. Charged metallic ball on an insulating plane

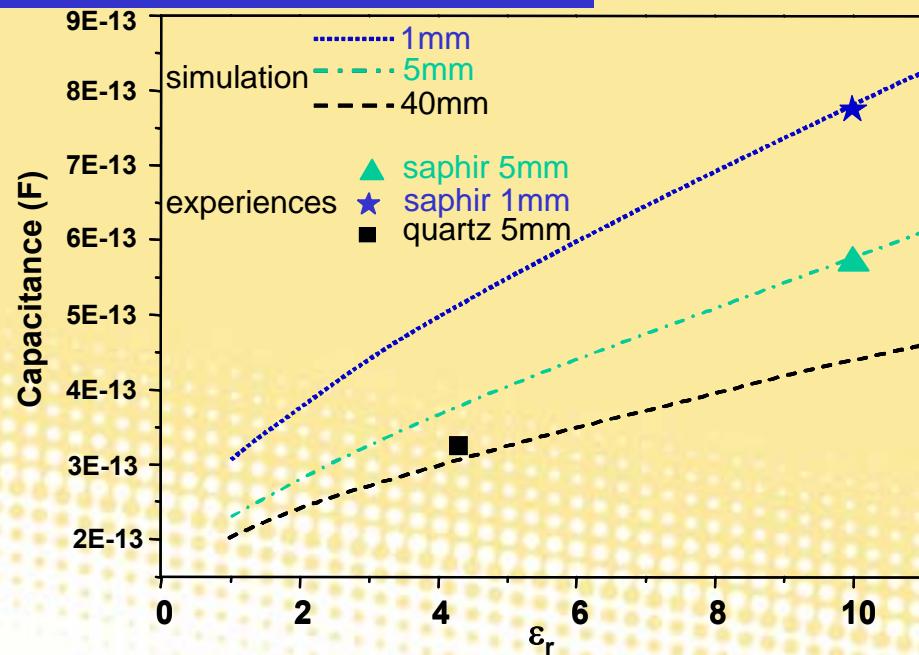
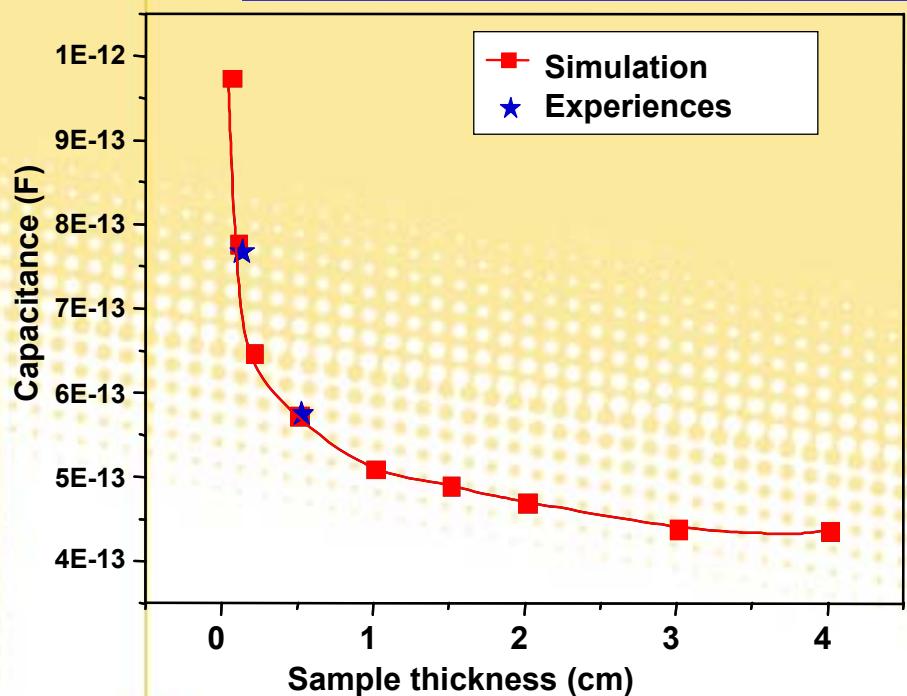
Simulations (Flux 2D)

Numerical Model\* :

- axial symmetry, charge in the ball  $Q_i$ , potential  $V_s$
- ball on an insulating disk ( $\epsilon_r$ ) thickness  $h$  ( $R=20\text{mm}$ )
- insulator on a grounded metallic plane plan



$$Q_i = C V_s$$



Influence of the sample holder

Dominant role of  $\epsilon_r$

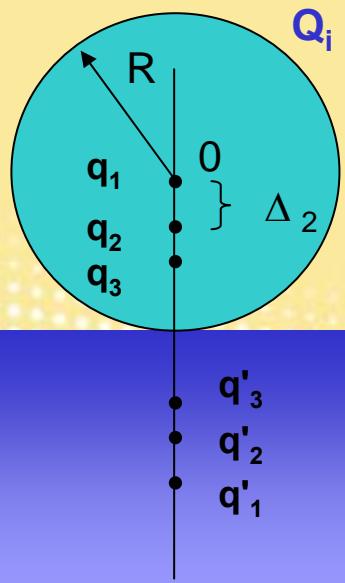
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### Analytical approach

Hypothesis of the calculation:

- conducting ball helded on a semi-infinite dielectric
- case (a): charged sphere  $Q_i$ , non chargedplane
- case (b): charged sphere  $Q_i$ , charged plane  $Q_t$
- $Q_t$  ponctual charge

#### Case (a) non charged plane: 2 infinite series of image charges



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_{i+1} = A^i * q_1 * \frac{1}{i+1} \\ q_i = -A^i * q_1 * \frac{1}{i} \\ \Delta_{i+1} = \frac{i}{i+1} R \end{array} \right.$$

$A = (\epsilon_r - 1) / (\epsilon_r + 1)$   
due to the interface  
vacuum/dielectric

$\Delta_i$  = distance  $q_i$  - center O  
 $q'_i$  symetric of  $q_i$  / interface

$$q_1 = \frac{-A}{\ln(1-A)} * Q_i$$

$$V_s = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0 * (R - \Delta_i)} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R \ln(1-A)} Q_i$$

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i \sum_j \frac{q_i q_j}{(2R - \Delta_i - \Delta_j)^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \left( \frac{A}{\ln(1-A)} \right)^2 * Q_i^2 * K_\epsilon$$

Capacitance C

$$K_\epsilon = \sum_i \sum_j A^{(i+j)-1} \frac{ij}{(i+j)^2}$$

sapphire ( $\epsilon_r = 10$ )  $K_\epsilon = 4.69$ , quartz ( $\epsilon_r = 4.3$ )  $K_\epsilon = 0.91$

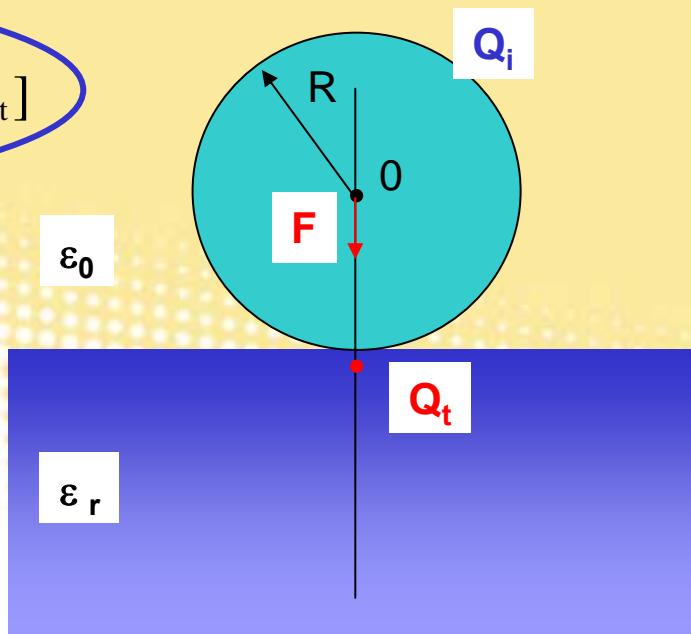
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### Analytical approach

Case (b) charged plane  $Q_t$ : 4 infinite series of image charges

$$V_s = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0 * (R - \Delta_i)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{q_i^d}{4\pi\epsilon_0 * (R - \Delta_i^d)} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} \left[ \frac{-A}{\ln(1-A)} Q_i + \frac{2}{\epsilon_r + 1} Q_t \right]$$

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \left[ \left( \frac{A}{\ln(1-A)} \right)^2 * Q_i^2 * K_\epsilon - \frac{2}{\epsilon_r + 1} * Q_i * Q_t \right]$$



## II.1. Charged metallic ball on an insulating plane

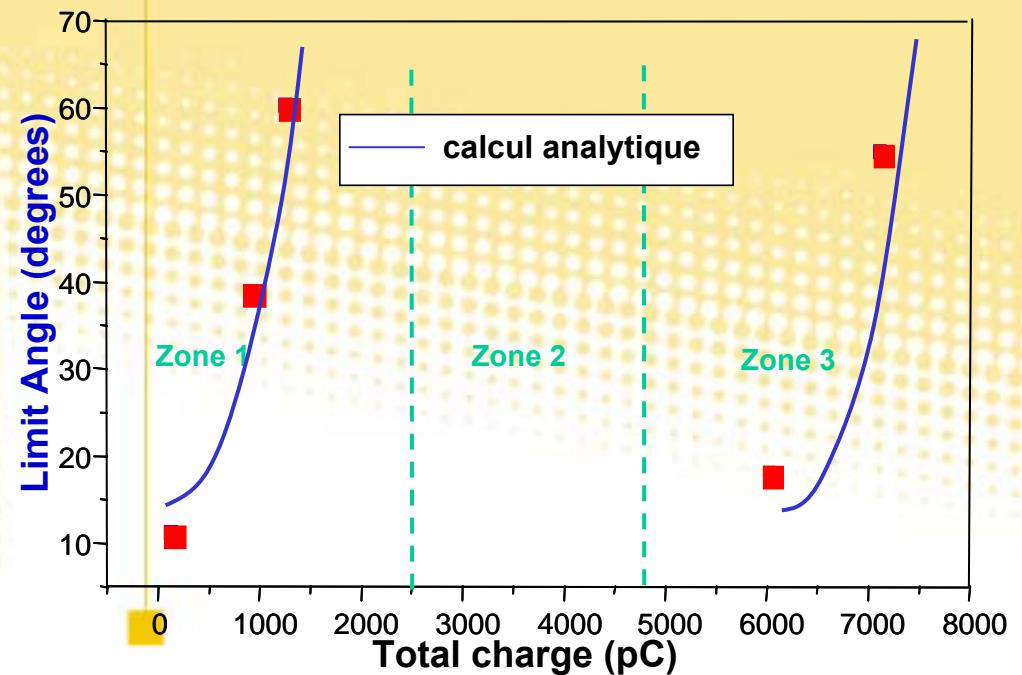
Area 1:  $Q_i = Q_{\text{totale}}$

Area 2: Random breakdown

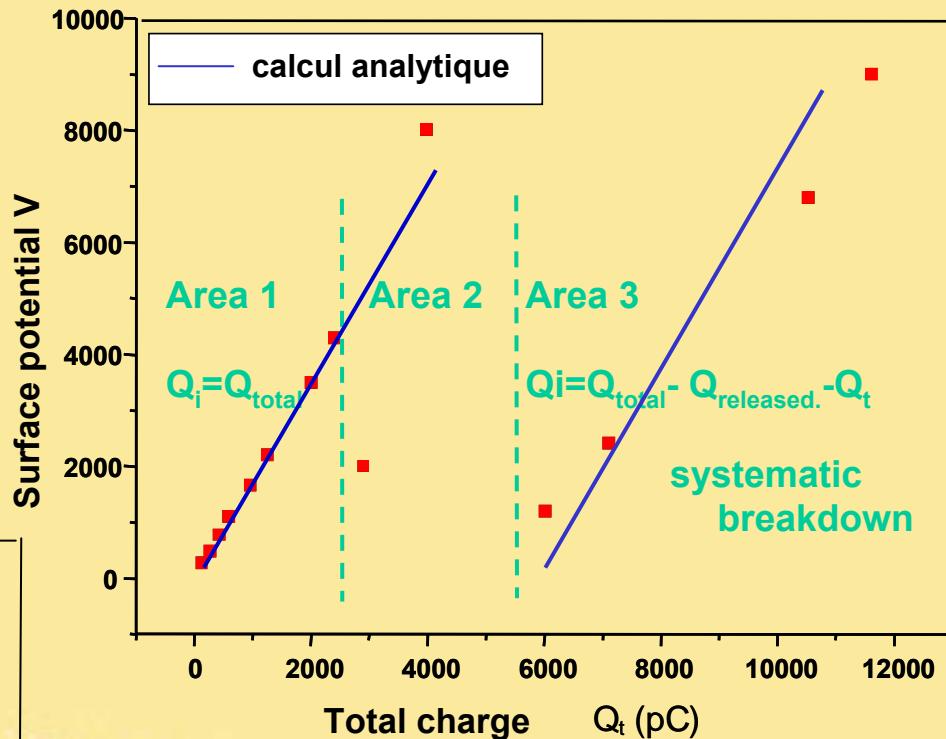
Area 3:  $Q_i = Q_{\text{total}} - Q_{\text{released}} - Q_t$

Systematic breakdown

( $Q_{\text{released}} = 6000 \text{ pC}$ ,  $Q_{\text{injected}} = 200 \text{ pC}$ )



An analytical approach



$$V_s = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} \frac{A}{\ln(1-A)} Q_i$$

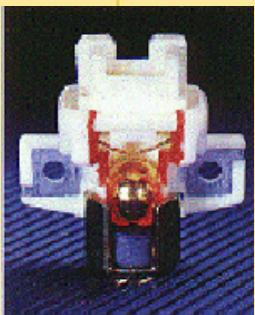
$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \left( \frac{A}{\ln(1-A)} \right)^2 * Q_i^2 * K_\epsilon$$

## II.1. Charged metallic ball on an insulating plane

Summ up\*

Applicative results:

Adhesion of the ball is an electrostatic phenomenon



$$F_{\text{electrost}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \left( \frac{A}{\ln(1-A)} \right)^2 * Q_i^2 * K_\varepsilon = \frac{Cte}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} Q_i^2$$

sapphire ( $\varepsilon_r=10$ ),  $Cte = 1,08$   
quartz ( $\varepsilon_r=4.3$ )  $Cte = 0,36$



Choice of the dielectric: nature, thickness  
Dimensions of the ball

Fundamental results:

Mechanism of the ball-plane interaction under electronic injection: 3 steps

- 1- Small quantities of charges injected in the ball: all the charges stay in the sphere
- 2- Breakdown of the surrounding medium , Release of the charges present in the ball.
- 3- Systematic breakdown coupled with partial injection in the insulating plane and followed by a recovery of the injection in the ball

Remarks:

- stable volume trapping
- unusable for a "soft" injection

# OUTLINE

- II. **Contribution of the electrostatic forces to the adhesion of the materials:**
  - 1. **Example of the charged metallic ball on an insulating plane**
  - 2. **Triboelectrification between two similar materials**

### II.2. Triboelectrification between two similar materials

#### Position of the problem \*



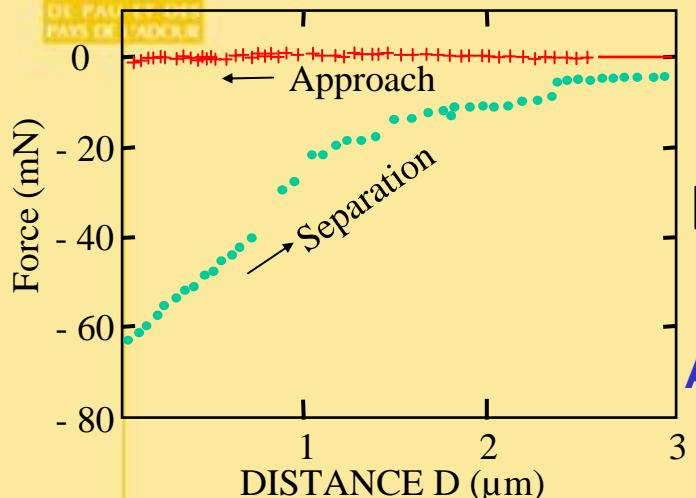
- **Triboelectrification between 2 different materials:** well-known mechanism in the case of two metals , no clear mechanism as soon as one of the material is an insulator
- **Triboelectrification between 2 similar materials:** not understood, not evidenced at the microscopic scale
- **Numerous studies, due to recent development of the apparatus (SFA, AFM, EFM )**

\* C. Guerret, S. Bec, D. Tréheux, C.-R. de l'Académie des Sciences. Paris, t2, Série IV, p. 1-14 2001

### II.2. Triboelectrification between two similar materials



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#### Results of the literature

**Surface Force Apparatus : Mica/Silica, in dried N<sub>2</sub>**

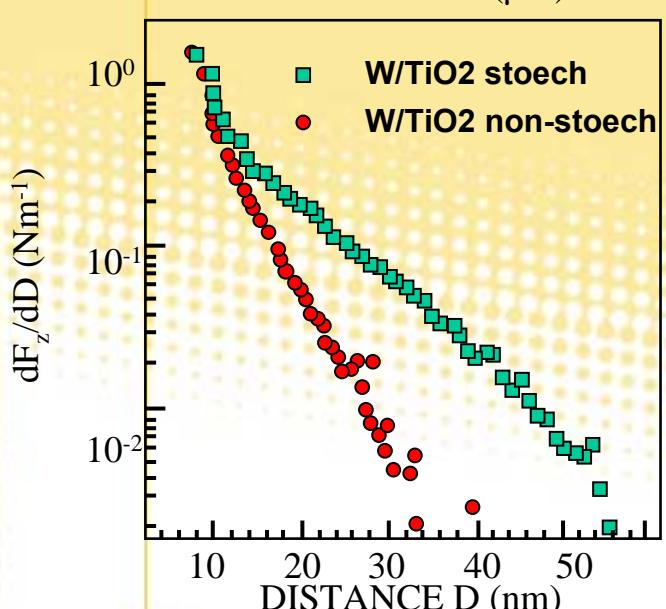
Horn R.G. and Smith D.T *Science* 256, (1992)

- attraction at long distance ( $>3 \mu\text{m}$ )
- density of the electrical charges: **10 mC/m<sup>2</sup>**

**AFM: Tungstene/ TiO<sub>2</sub> stoehc. or non/stoehc, Ultravacuum.**

Sounilhac S., Barthel E., Creuzet F. , *J. Appl. Phys.*, 85 (1) (1999)

- <15nm : van der Waals forces are dominant
- >15nm: Electrostatic forces for TiO<sub>2</sub> stoehc
- density of the electrical charges :  **$10^{-3} \text{ mC/m}^2$**



**AFM: Stability of charges in thin layer of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.**

N. Felidj, J. Lambert, C. Guthmann, M. Saint Jean *Eur. Phys. J. A.* P. 12 (2000)

J. Lambert, C. Guthmann, M. Saint Jean *J. Appl. Phys.*, 93 (9) (2003)

- deposit of charges on the oxyde surfaces, by application of a potential or by friction
- density of the electrical charges :  **$10^{-5} \text{ mC/m}^2$**

### II.2. Triboelectrification between two similar materials

#### Adhesion between two similar insulating surfaces\*

##### OBJECTIVE :

- Evidencing of the triboelectrification between two **similar materials**
- Characterization of the contribution of the **resulting electrostatic force** on the **adhesion**

##### EXPERIENCE :

- Surface Force Apparatus of Ecole Centrale de Lyon (SFA)
- 2 antagonists in monocrystalline alumina (sapphire)



Sphere-plane contact ( $R=3\text{mm}$ )



sphere A



sphere B

sphere A : **very smooth area of contact** ( $R_m=qq \text{ nm}$ )

sphere B : **presence of asperities in the contact area**

\* Action Concertée Incitative, " Tribosurfélec" , collaboration IFoS- LTDS

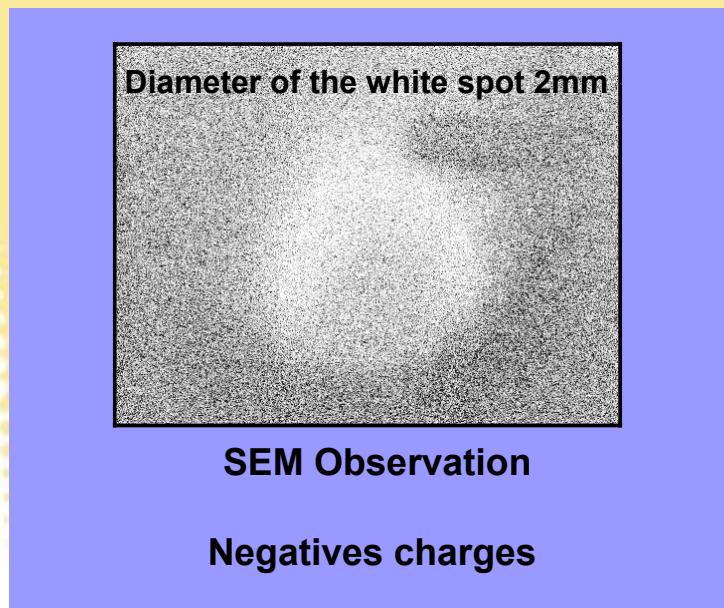
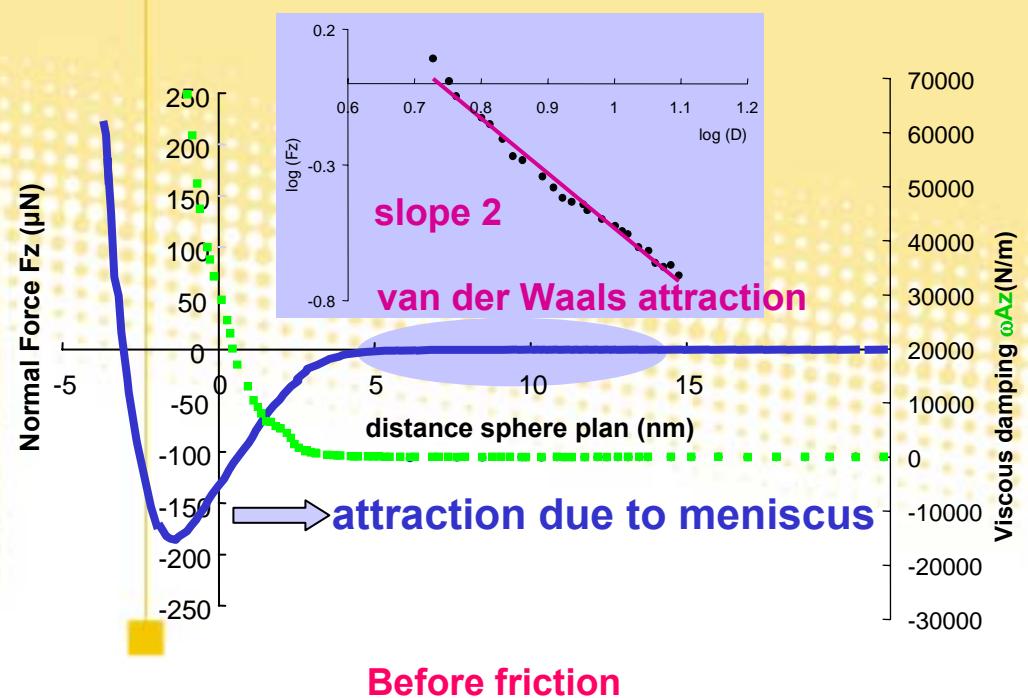
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## II.2. Triboelectrification between two similar materials

## Case of the smooth sphere A

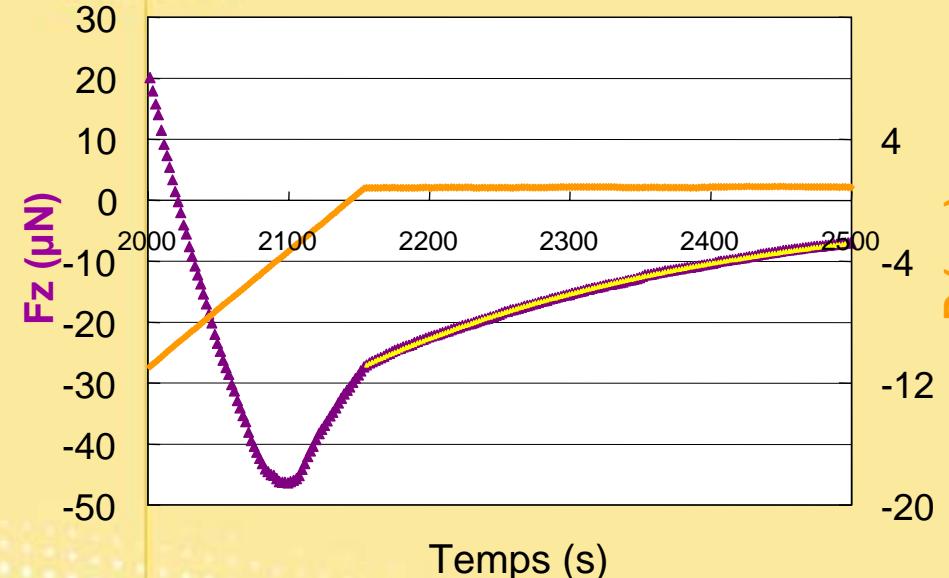
- **Before friction:** - attraction due to van der Waals forces  
 - apparition of a viscous damping due to the formation of a water meniscus      → vacuum non suffisant to remove the remaining water
- **After friction:** - apparition of a long distance force, electrostatic charges

$$\frac{F_z}{R} = \frac{-A}{6D^2}$$



### II.2. Triboelectrification between two similar materials

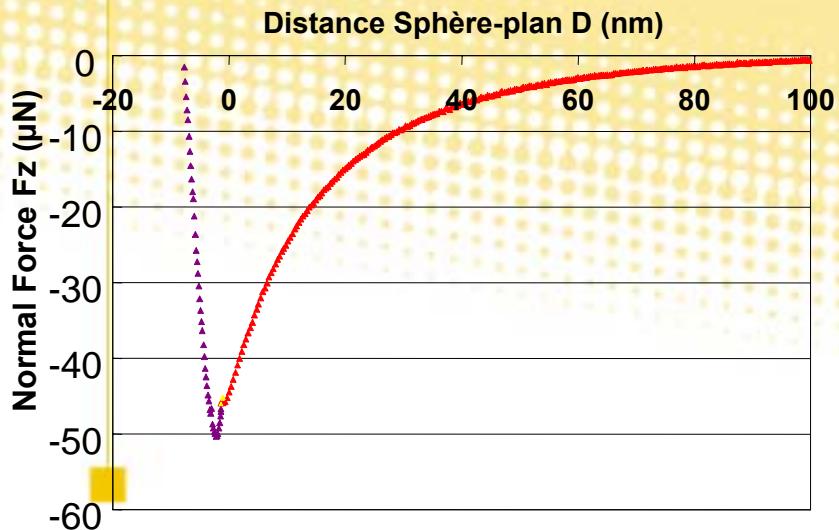
#### Case of the sphere B : attraction after friction



Stop of the unloading, at imposed distance :  
attraction decreases with time

$$F_z = F_o \exp \left( -\frac{(t - t_o)}{\tau} \right)$$

$$\tau = 256 \text{ s}$$



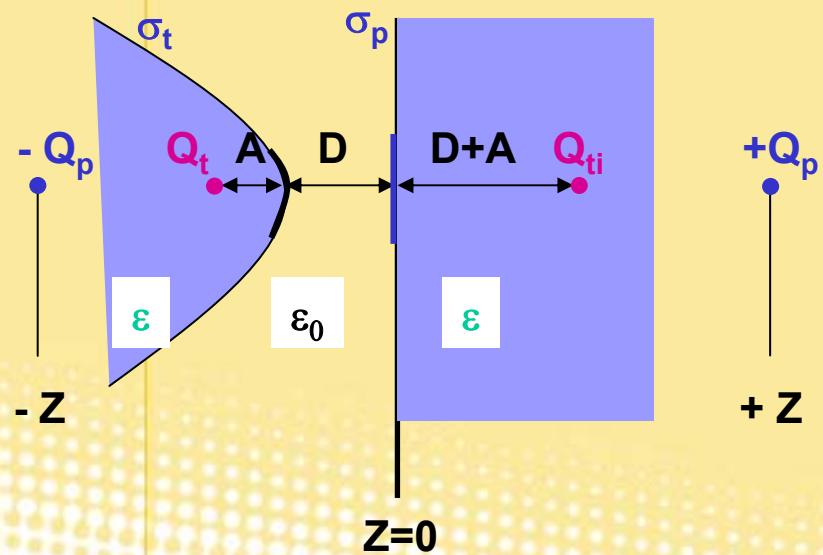
Specific way to measure the force during a small time of unloading (some s) :  
attraction decreases with distance

### II.2. Triboelectrification between two similar materials

#### Attraction after friction : Model of Burnham & al

##### Model of Burnham, Colton et Pollock (BCP)

Burnham N.A., Colton R.J., Pollock H.M., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* vol 69, n°1 (1992)



##### 1st term:

- due to the vacuum/dielectric interface
- always attractive

##### 2nd term:

- depends on the signs of  $Q_t$  and  $Q_p$
- even if  $Q_t$  and  $Q_p$  have the same sign, at low distance the first term dominates

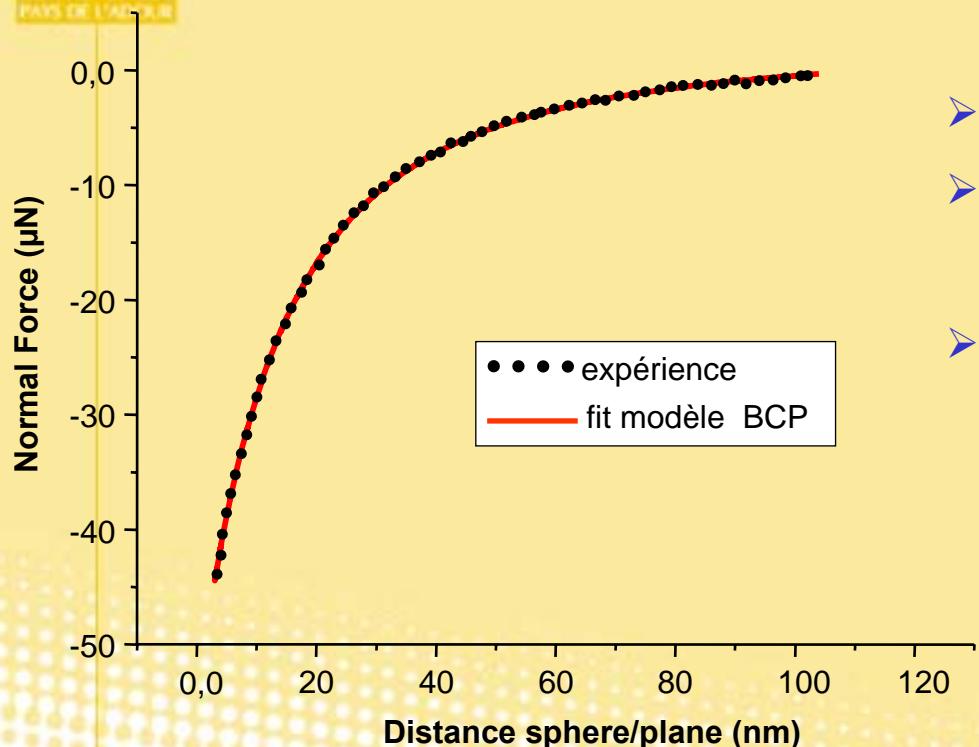
In our case :

$$4\pi\epsilon_0 F = - \frac{Q_t^2}{4(D+A)^2} \left( \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 1} \right) + \frac{R Q_t Q_p}{z(2D+A+R)^2} \left( \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 1} \right)^2$$

$\epsilon = 10$  for  
 $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

## II.2. Triboelectrification between two similar materials

### Attraction after friction : Model of Burnham & al



- Sapphire-sapphire friction
- Best fit between 0 and 100 nm :
  - Charges of the même signe
- Parameters of the fit :
  - $Q_t = 4,76 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ C} \Rightarrow \sigma_t = 9,2 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ mC/m}^2$
  - $A = 26 \text{ nm}$
  - $Q_p/Z = 2,2 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ C/m}$

For comparison :

- Burnham et al : diamond/graphite
  - $Q_t = 2 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ C} \Rightarrow \sigma_t = 4 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ e/}\text{\AA}^2$
  - $A = 10 \text{ nm}$ ,
  - $Q_p/Z = 4 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ C/m} \Rightarrow \sigma_p = 8 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ e/}\text{\AA}^2$

- Sounilhac et al : tungstene/TiO<sub>2</sub>
  - $Q_t = 0,54 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ C}$
  - $A = 68 \text{ nm}$
  - charges of the same sign



### II.2. Triboelectrification between two similar materials

#### Modification of the adhesion due to triboelectrification\*

Sum up

(1) Instantaneous measurement, Force at low distance (0-100nm) :

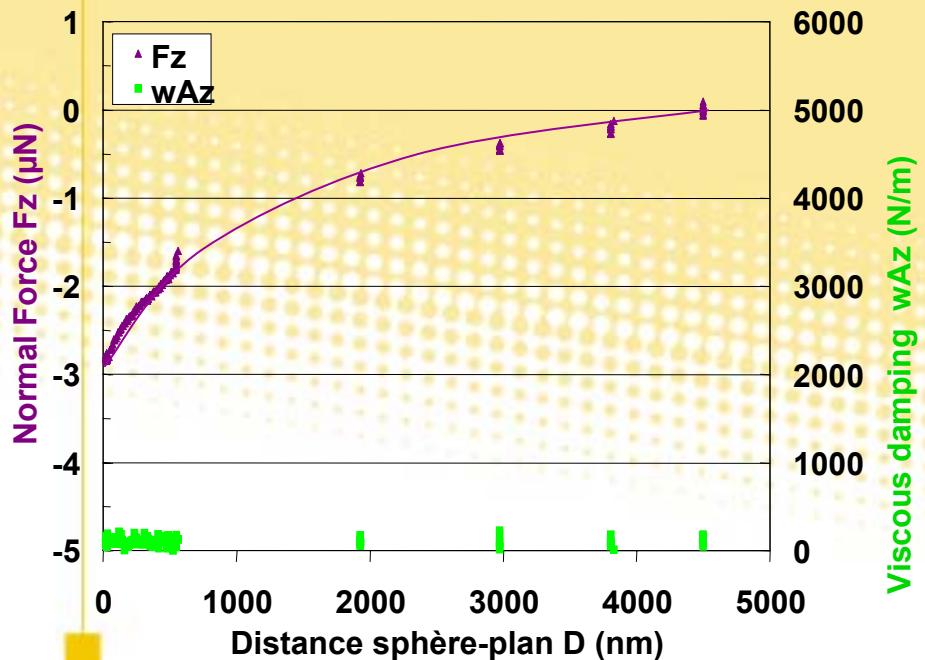
- Adhesion is modified by the presence of an electrostatic force,
- Quantification of the charges ( BCP model)
- Charges are mobiles on the surface:  $t= 256s$ ,
- Comparable time with diffusion's times found in the literature on wet alumina surfaces or on polluted one's  $\tau \approx 200s$  .

## II.2. Triboelectrification between two similar materials

### Modification of the adhesion due to triboelectrification\*

#### (2) Long time, Force at long distance ( $1-5\mu\text{m}$ ):

- attraction at long distance in the friction area
- observed on the two types of sphere (smooth or with asperities)
- measurable several days after the friction test
- charge observed with a SEM



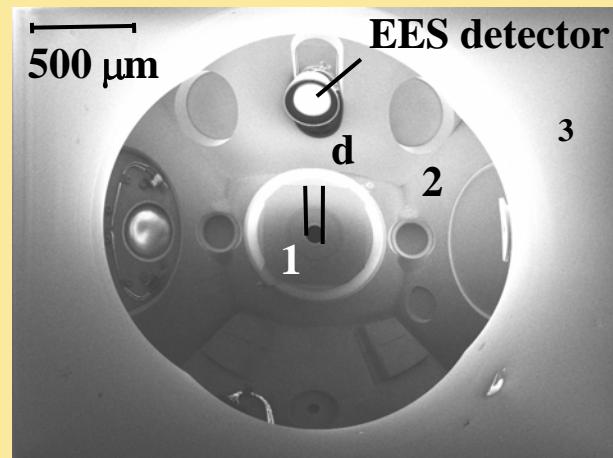
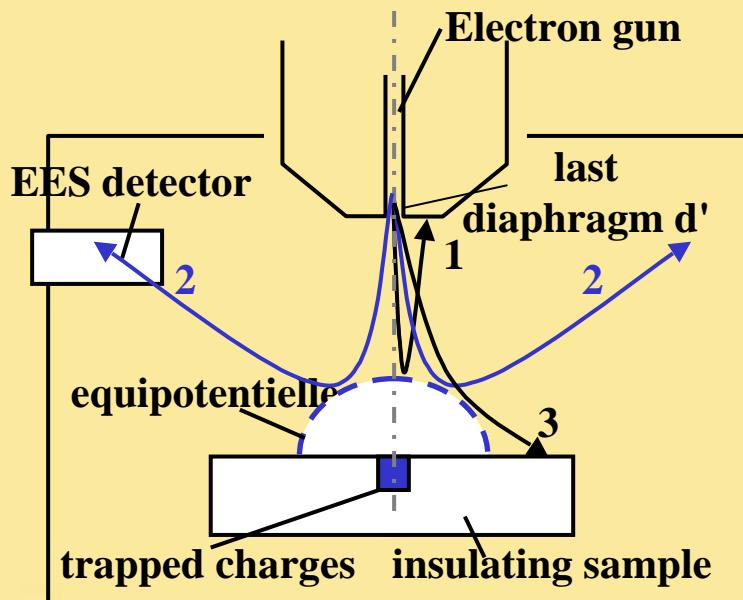
# OUTLINE

- III. Characterization of the properties of charges flow and of charges trapping : SEMM method and simulations**
  - 1. "Miror" method and influence current**
  - 2. Simulation of the injection of electrons**

## III.1. Mirror method and influence current

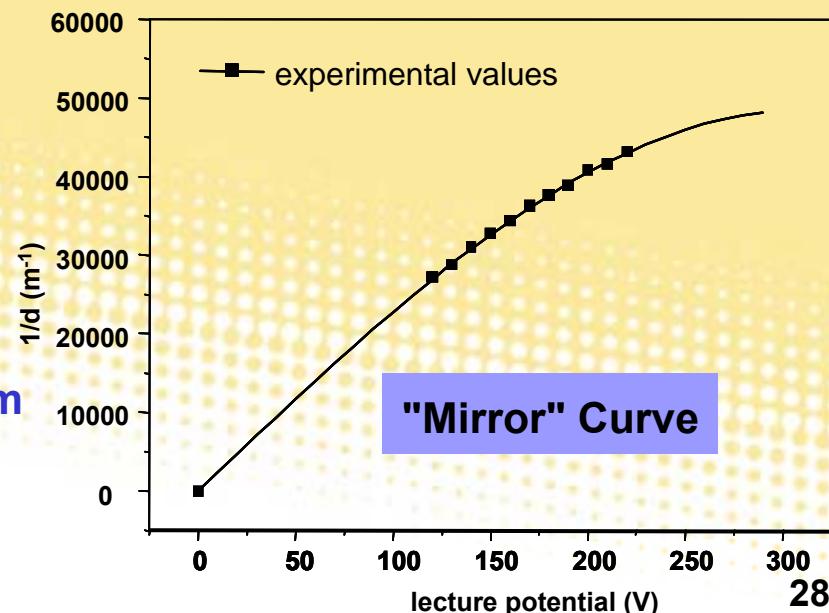


Mirror method (SEMM)



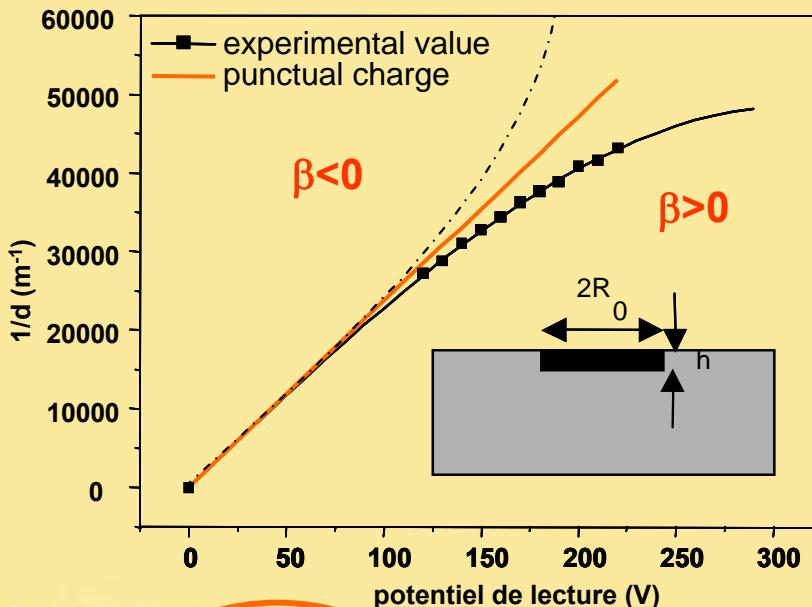
2 Steps:

- injection of high energy electrons (10-30 keV)
  - trapping of charges in the insulator
- lecture by a low energy beam (300-1keV)
  - deviation of the electron of the lecture beam



## III.1. Mirror method and influence current

### Mirror method (SEMM)



Approximation of  
a punctual charge

$$\frac{1}{d} = \left( \frac{4 \cdot L}{d'} \cdot \frac{1}{A_\infty Q_p} \right) \cdot V_i \quad A_\infty = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0(\epsilon_r + 1)}$$

Evaluation of the  
quantity of  
trapped charges

Multipolar  
development  
(isotropic material)\*

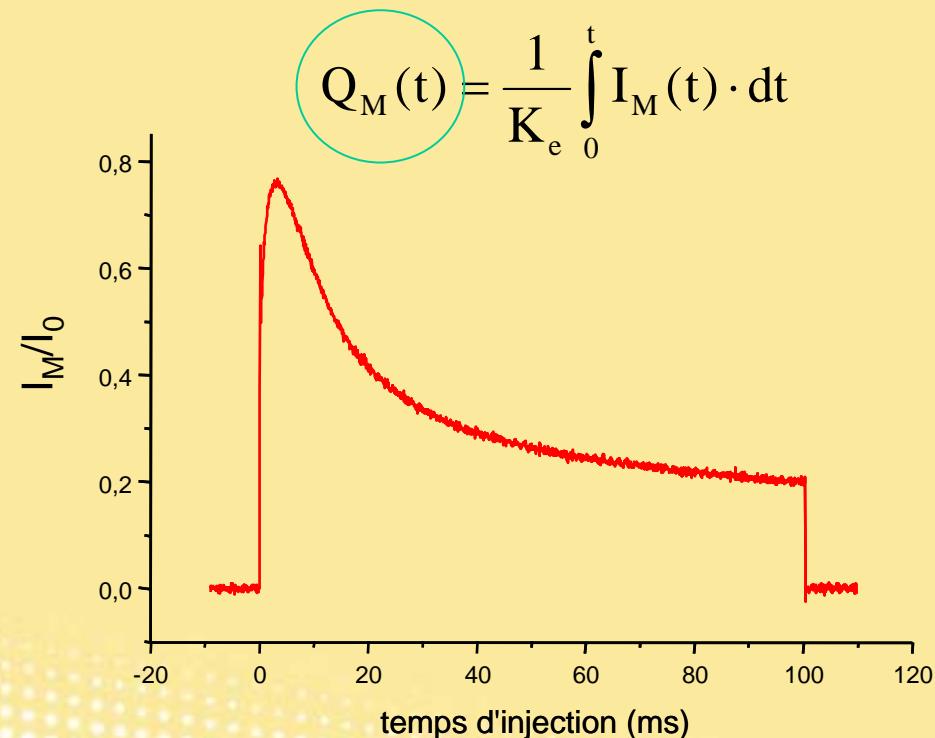
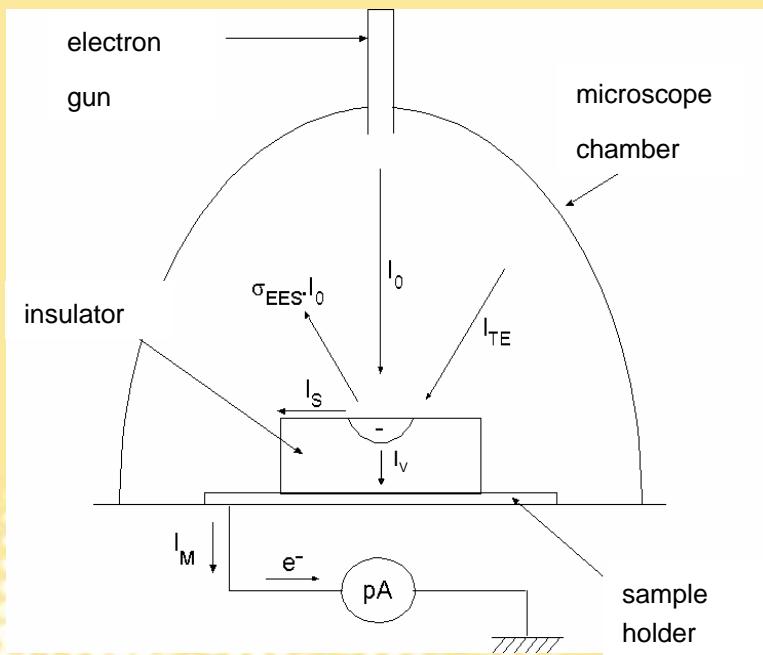
$$\frac{1}{d} = K \left\{ \frac{V}{AQ_p} - 2\beta R_0^2 \left( \frac{V}{AQ_p} \right)^3 \right\}$$

Form of the charges  
distribution :  
 $\beta > 0$  : charges on the surface  
 $\beta < 0$  : charges in the depth

\*Attard C., et al Proceeding of the 2nd Conference on Electrostatics, Montpellier July 10-11, 2000: p. 77.

## III.1. Mirror method and influence current

### Method of the influence current (ICM)

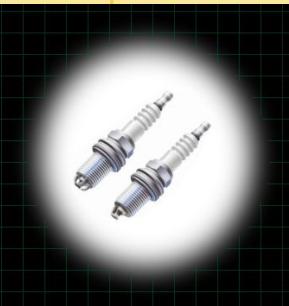


charges injected in the material



influence charges on the sample holder

$$I_M = (1 - \sigma_{EES}) \cdot I_0 + I_S + I_V + I_{TE}$$



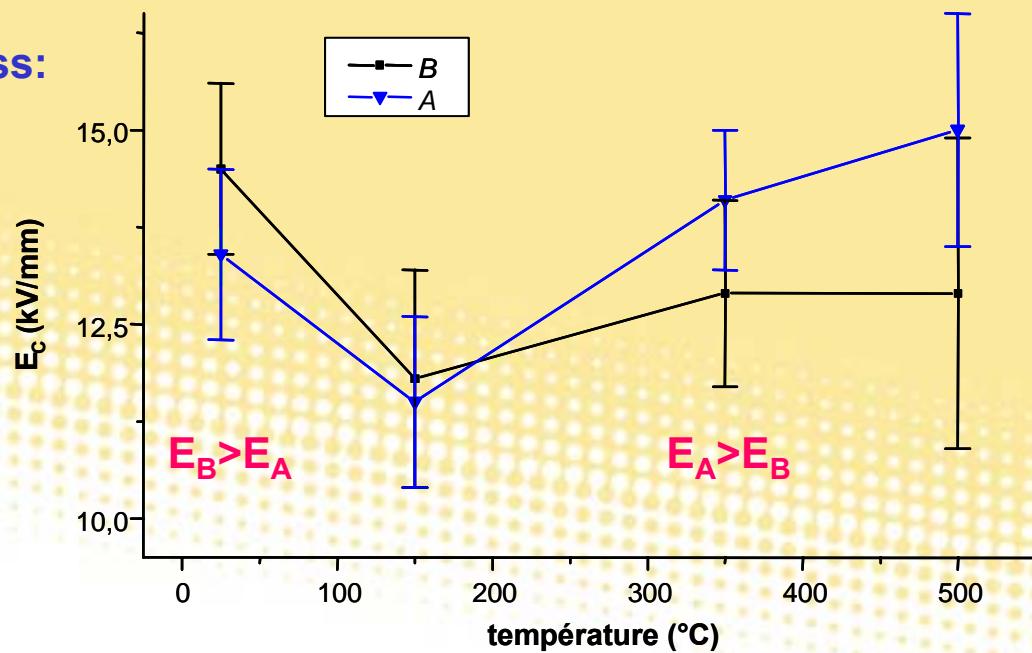
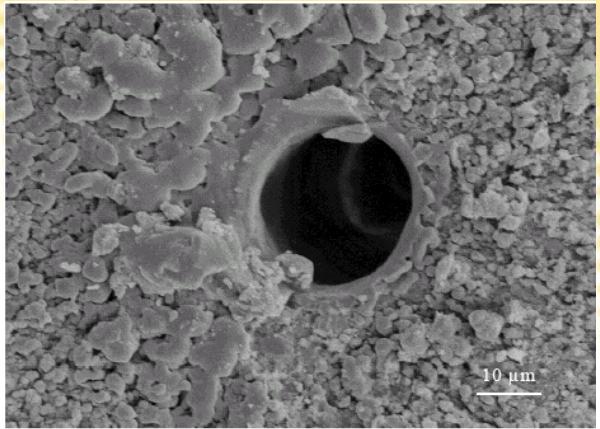
## III.1. Mirror method and influence current

### Characterization of polycrystalline alumina samples\*

- alumina powder + various sintering aids
- sintering in liquid phase
- example of 2 materials A and B
- ajouts de frittage différents → joints de grains différents

Material	Vitrous Phase (%)
A : Industrial	15,9
B : Laboratory	4,6

### Characterization of the dielectric stiffness:

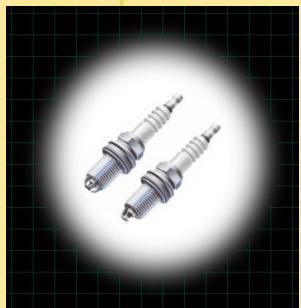


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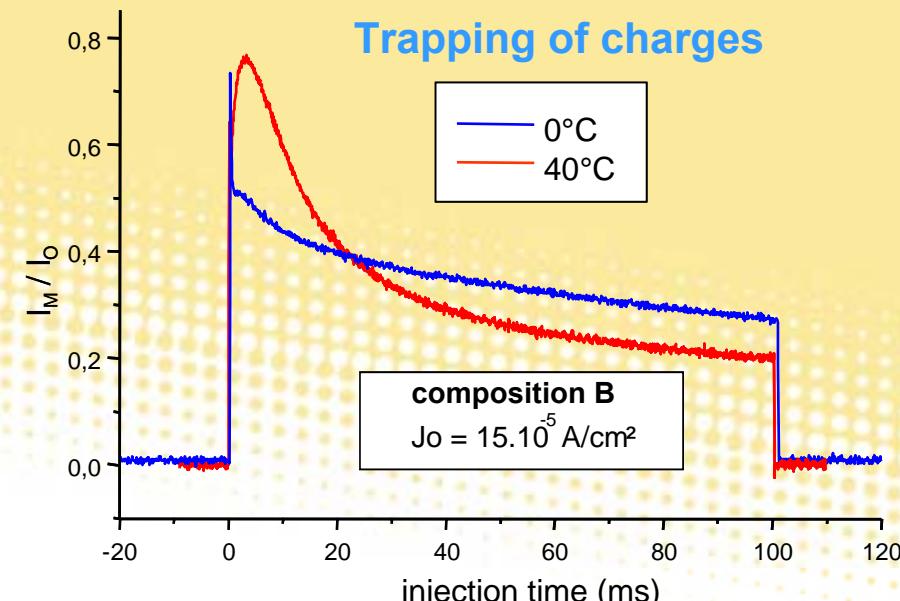
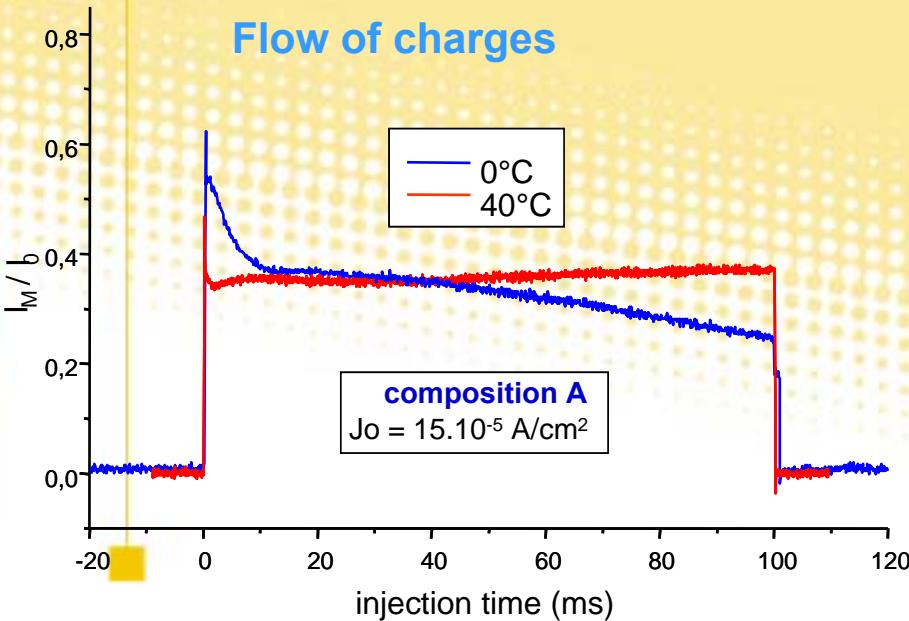
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### Characterization of polycrystalline alumina samples\*



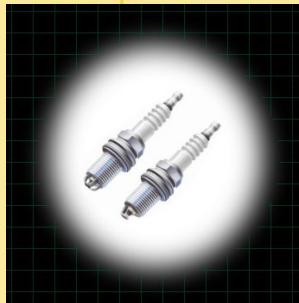
Trapped charge (SEMM)  
 Stabilization Ratio  
 Injected Charge (ICM)

<i>Matériau Industriel ( A )</i>	0°C	40°C
$Q_P$ (pC)	94	0
$Q_M$ (pC)	98	108
$R = Q_P / Q_M$	96 %	0
<i>Matériau Laboratoire ( B )</i>		
$Q_P$ (pC)	94,5	12,2
$Q_M$ (pC)	105	102
$R (\%) = Q_P / Q_M$	90 %	12 %



## III.1. Mirror method and influence current

### Characterization of polycrystalline alumina samples\*



**Effects of the microstructure on the flow and on the trapping of the charges: favorable cases to optimize the dielectric stiffness**

#### At low temperature:

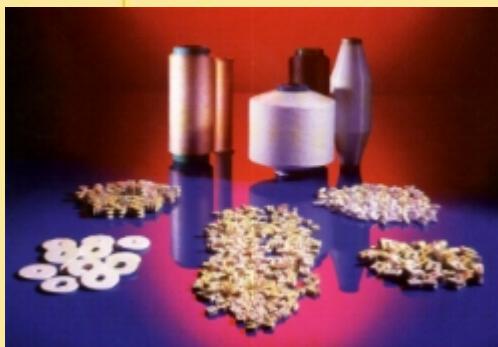
- crystallized secondary phase (material B): deep traps  
**"Trapping" insulator**

#### At high temperature:

- vitreous secondary phase (material A): traps of weak deepness, favorable to the flow of charges
- weak number of grain joints  
**"Conductive" Insulator**

## III.1. Mirror method and influence current

Characterization of a SC with high forbidden gap: TiO<sub>2</sub> rutile\*

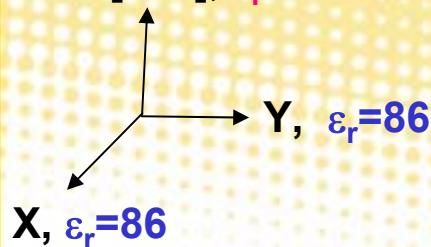


**Characteristics of TiO<sub>2</sub> rutile:**

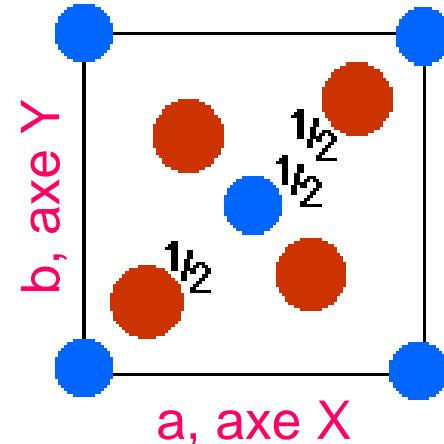
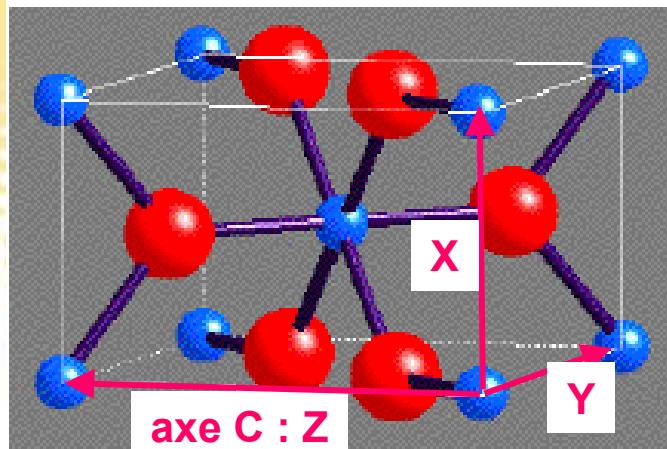
- SC with high forbidden gap: 3,1 eV
- resistivity  $R > 10^{13} \Omega\text{cm}$  (sensitivity to oxygen)
- anisotropy of the permittivity :  $\epsilon_r = 86$  at  $T_{\text{room}}$  in the X,Y plane  
axis C:  $\epsilon_r = 170$  at  $T_{\text{room}}$  along Z= [001]

Structure of TiO<sub>2</sub> rutile

axe C: Z=[001],  $\epsilon_r = 170$



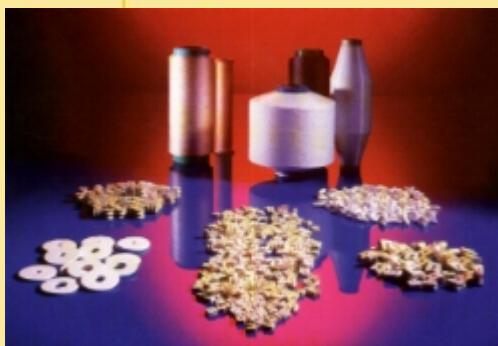
Unit Cell : Tetragonal ( $a=b$ ,  $c$ )



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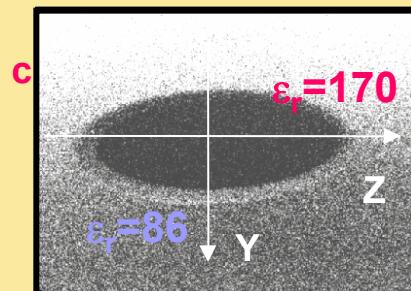
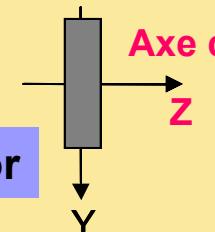
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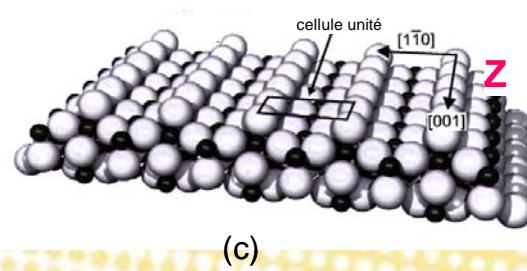
Injection along the axe X= [110]



Anisotropy of the obtained mirror



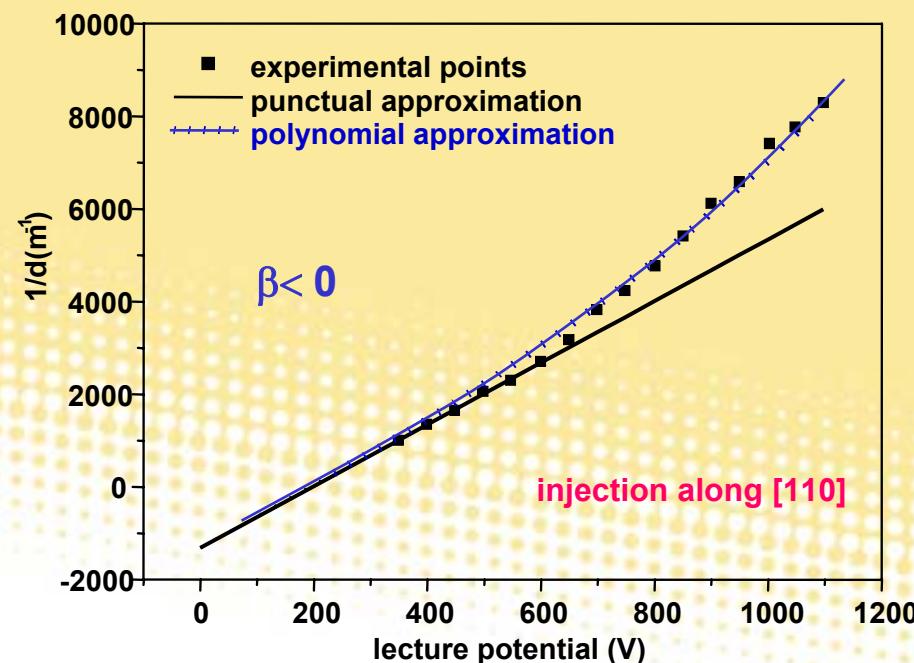
Trapping of the electrons near the Ti ions



Deep trapping :

$$\frac{1}{d} = K \left\{ \frac{V}{AQ_p} - 2\beta R_0^2 \left( \frac{V}{AQ_p} \right)^3 \right\}$$

Cylindrical Distribution radius  $R=2\mu\text{m}$   
and deepness  $h=280\ \mu\text{m}$



## III.1. Mirror method and influence current

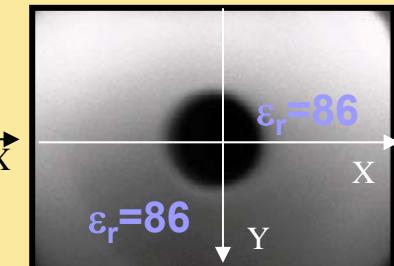
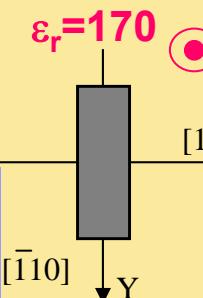
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$$\frac{1}{d} = \left( \frac{4 \cdot L}{d'} \cdot \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0(\epsilon_r + 1)}{Q_p} \right) \cdot V_i$$

Injection along axe Z= [001]



circular mirror,  
analytical model taking into  
account the anisotropy of  $\epsilon_r$ \*

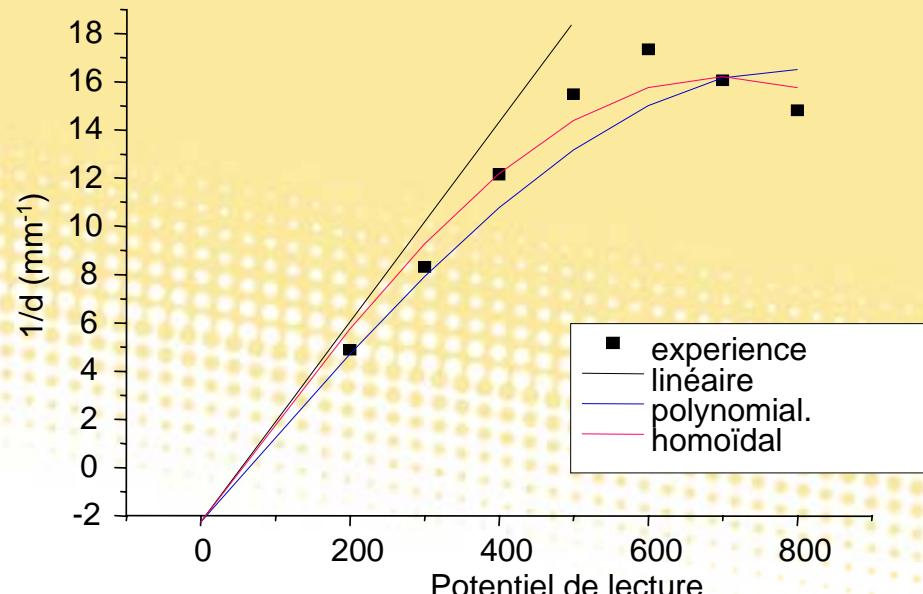


Transversal Isotropic Material: punctual charge

$$\frac{1}{d} = \left( \frac{4 \cdot L}{d'} \cdot \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 (\sqrt{\epsilon_x} \sqrt{\epsilon_z} + 1)}{Q_p} \right) \cdot V_i$$

Transversal Isotropic Material: homoïdal distribution

$$\frac{2c}{d} = \frac{4H}{\phi} \left\{ \frac{\sin}{\operatorname{sh}} \right\} \left( \frac{2c \cdot 8\pi\epsilon_0 E_{cin}}{Q} \right)$$



\* developed by G DAMAMME, PhDthesis T TEMGA, publication in preparation

## III.1. Mirror method and influence current

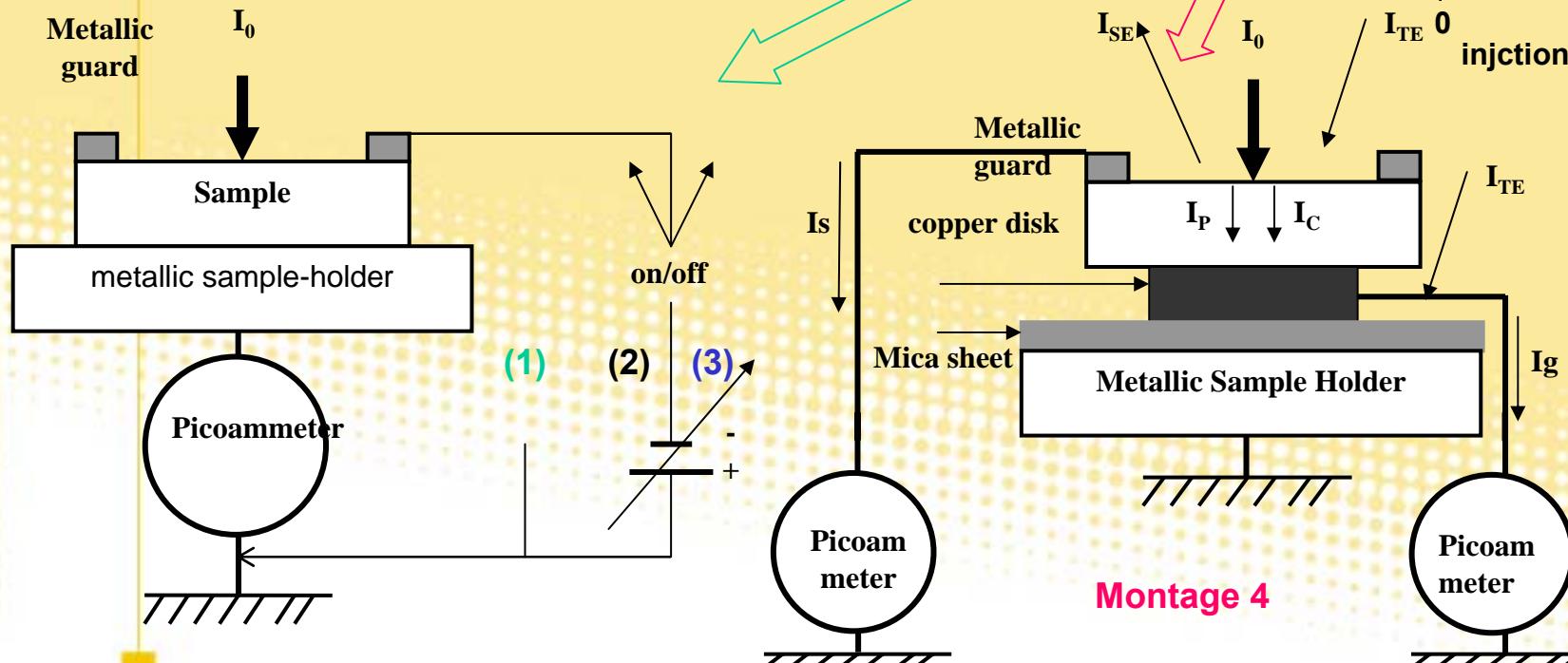
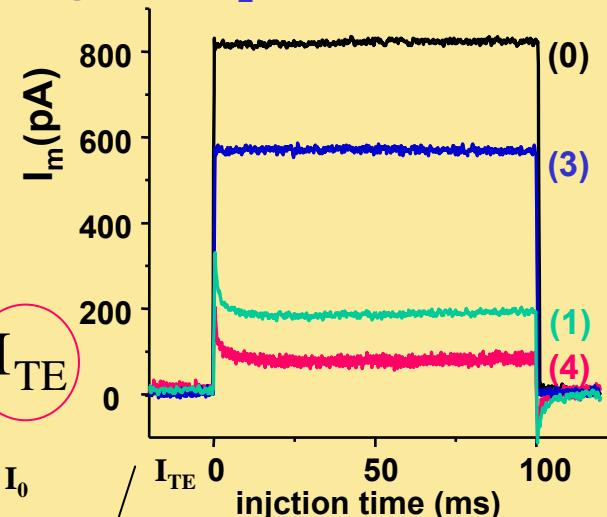
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Importance of leakage current



Modification of the ICM method\*

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- III. Characterization of the properties of charges flow and of charges trapping : SEMM method and simulations**
  - 1. "Miror" method and influence current**
  - 2. Simulation of the injection of electrons**

## III.2. Simulation of the injection of electrons\*

### Self-consistent model

#### Injection of high energetic electrons in an insulator\*\*:

- backscattered electrons  $\eta$
- penetration in the bulk PE
- generation of e-h pairs ( secondary e)
- secondary emission
- e-h recombination
- trapping, effect of the electric field

$$j_{PE}(x, E) = j_0(1-\eta) \exp \left[ -4.605 \left( \frac{x}{R(E, z)} \right)^{p(z)} \right]$$

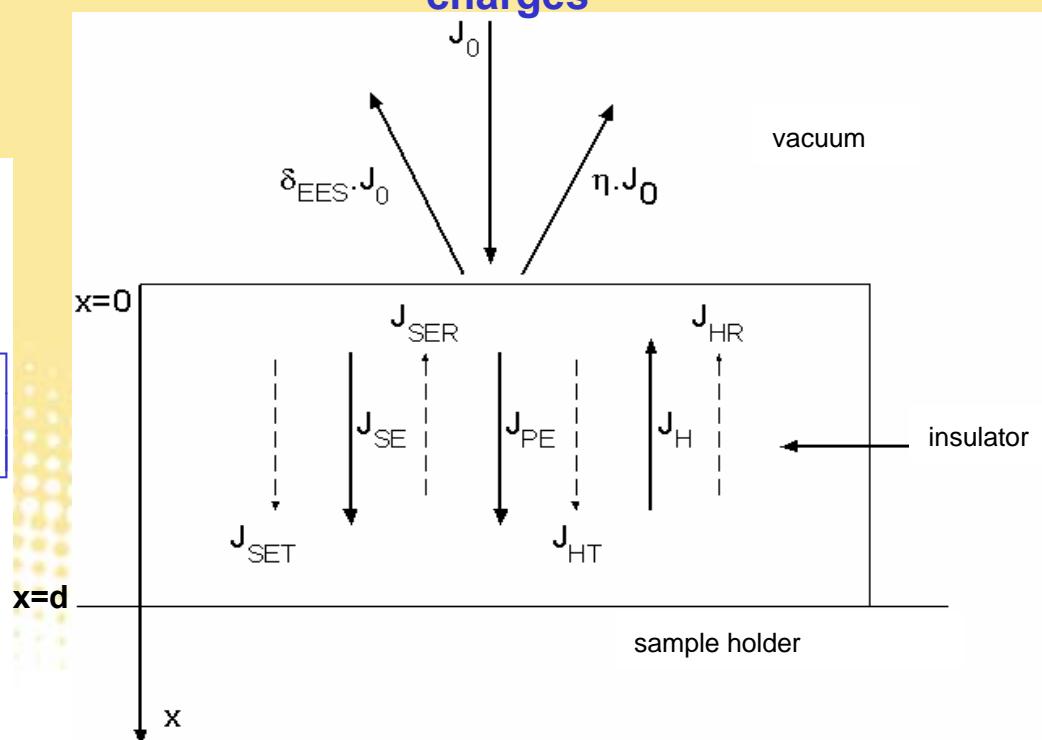
$$g_i / \text{\AA} = 0.146 \cdot (E_0 / \text{keV})^{-0.3} \exp \left[ -7.5 \left( \frac{x}{R} - 0.3 \right)^2 \right]$$

$$j_T^R(x) = \left[ j_T^R(x \pm \Delta x) + \frac{1}{2} j_0 g_i(x) \Delta x \right] \cdot W(x)$$

$$j(x) = -j_{PE}(x) - j_{ET}(x) + j_{ER}(x) + j_{HT}(x) - j_{HR}(x)$$

#### Principle of the simulation:

- model with 1 dimension
- determination for each time and for each position  $x$  in the sample of the quantity of charges



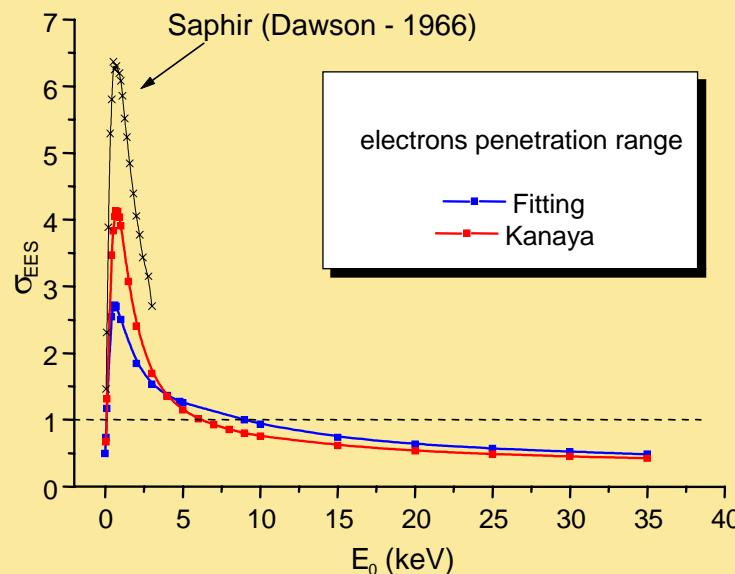
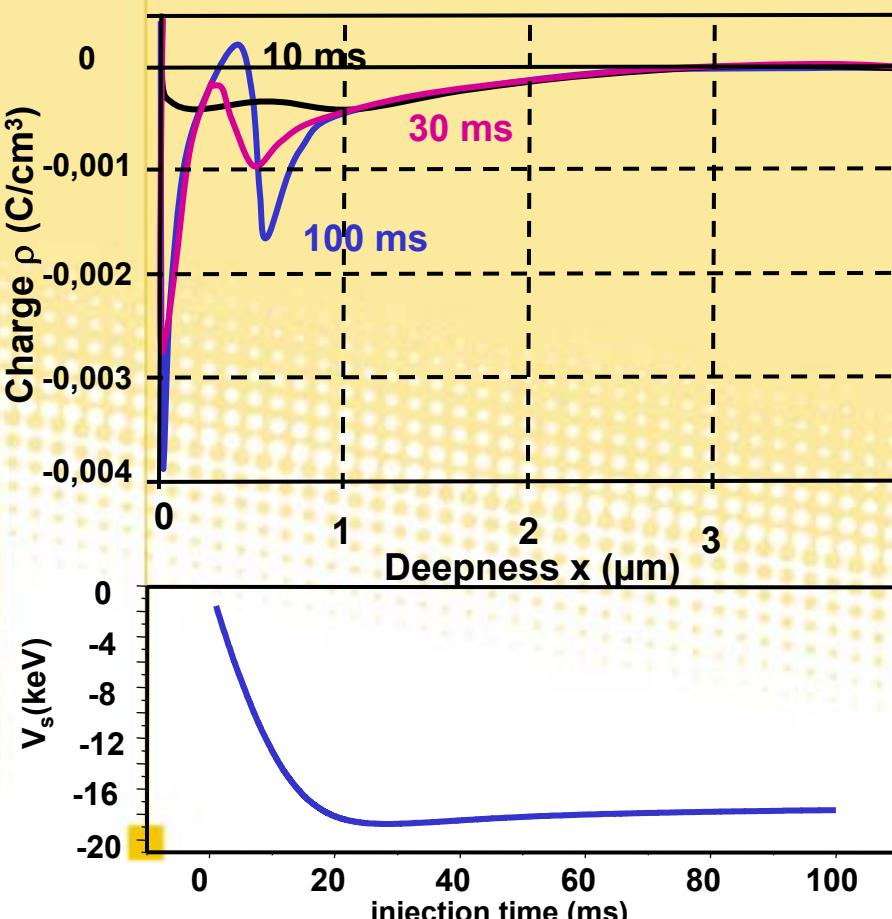
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## III.2. Simulation of the injection of electrons\*

### Self-consistent model

#### Very short injection:

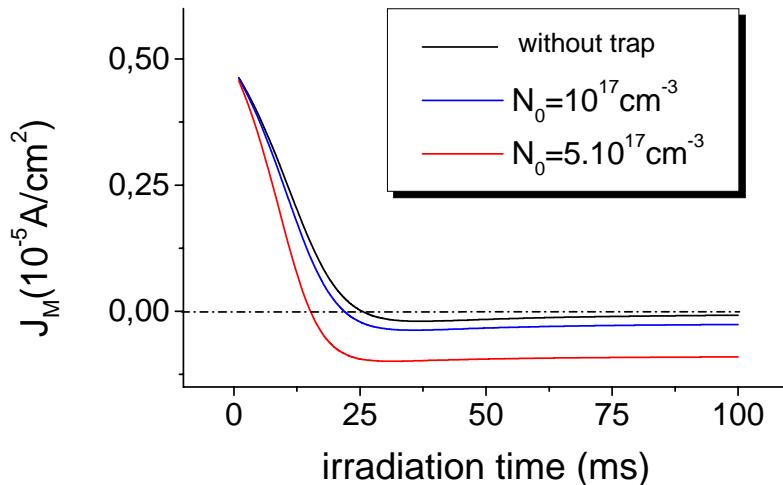
- determination of the instantaneous secondary emission curve (negligible  $V_s$ )
- validation of the model



Self-regulated Phenomenon:  
 negatives charges are injected in the depth of the sample leading to the creation of a high negative potential and increase de secondary emission  
 incoming charges are slow down less and less charges are injected, surface potential and secondary emission become stable

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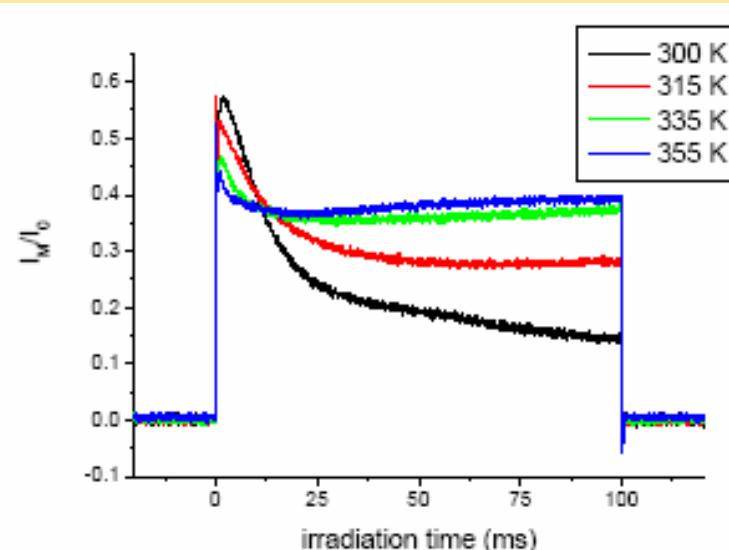
### Self-consistent Model



**Example of simulation:  
effect of the electronic traps number on  
the decrease of the influence current**

#### Development of a new model\* :

- to take into account the effect of the temperature through the Poole-Frenkel effect
- to take into account the anisotropy of the diffusion and drift due to the field

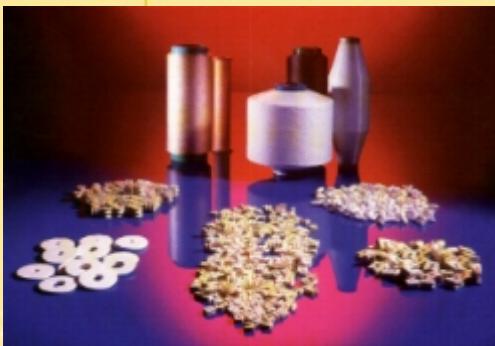


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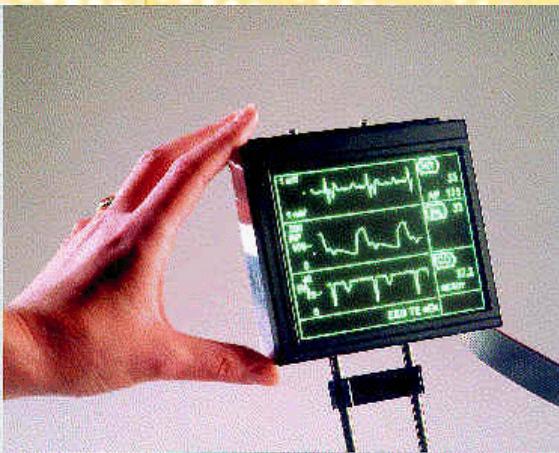
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## IV. Conclusions and Prospects

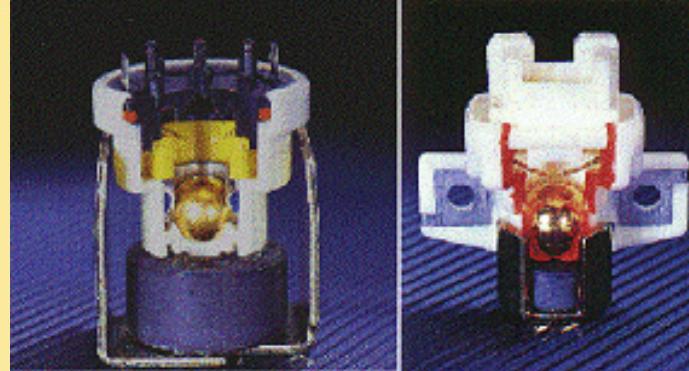
## Importance of the triboelectrification



yarn-guide



FEG screen



Electromechanical sensor of acceleration for airbag

Evidencing of the importance of the electrical charges for the properties of friction and adhesion



Pieces for mitigation tap

Understanding of the mechanisms of injection and trapping of the electrical charges :  
- experiments  
- simulation

Improvement of the dielectric strength by determination of the structural parameters leading to a better accommodation of the injected charges depending on the temperature of use : "trapping" insulators or "conductive" insulators

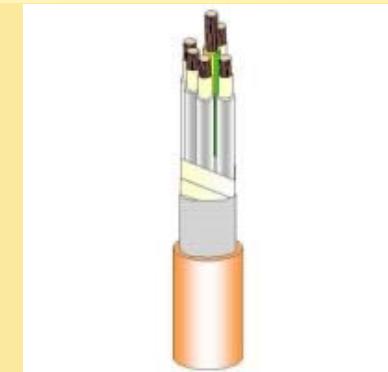


Sparkling plug

## IV.2. Prospects : The polymers insulators



- Study of the trapping and flow of electrical charges in the polymers\*
- Link between triboelectrification of the melt and emergence of defects during the extrusion of molten polymers\*\*
- Utilization of ICM and SEMM methods to characterize the nanostructured materials
- Study of polymers/ conductive charges composites: CNT-Elastomers, PANI- BuA...\*\*\*



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