## ANS Spotlight on Nuclear Careers: Life Sciences

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## What is plasma?!?

- The 4<sup>th</sup> (or 1<sup>st</sup>) state of matter, a partly ionized gas



# And what can we do with plasma in the life sciences?

- Inactivation of bacteria, viruses, fungi, ...
- Wound healing, various skin diseases
- Plasma Oncology
- Plasma Dentistry
- Air purification
- Wastewater treatment
- Plasma Agriculture





## **Plasma Medicine**

#### DBD for wound healing / cancer treatment:

- How do the plasma-produced reactive species interact with human cells directly, how do they impact the immune response?
- What is the penetration depth of plasma?



• Effective dose?



PlasmaDerm®, Cinogy (www.cinogy.de)



In collaboration with Drs. Vandana Miller, Fred Krebs, Francois Berthiaume



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## **Plasma Medicine II**

#### Non-thermal plasma induced Immunogenic Cell Death (ICD) in pancreatic cancer cells

- Which reactive species are responsible for ICD? Focus on NO, OH, and O
- Investigation of dose-dependent effects of plasma on pancreatic cancer cells
  - Translocation of CRT, HSP70, HSP90, secretion of ATP and HMBGB1, migration and phagocytosis



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## **Plasma Agriculture**

#### "Fertigation on Demand" - Plant Sciences Initiative @ NCSU





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REVIEW

LASMA PROCES: IND POLYMERS

### Plasma agriculture: Review from the perspective of the plant and its ecosystem

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## **Plasma Agriculture II**

#### Flexible DBD for treatment of fresh produce:



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High-quality manufacturing of packaged fresh produce with conformable in-package cold atmospheric plasma,

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