

## The Lab! Procedure/Planning/Notes

-11k volts 4.12 mA 363 torr from 348 torr

turning down to 3mA doesn't discharge but plasma is dimmer.

As  $I$  goes up, plasma gets brighter

5.25 mA -1200V 350 torr (moved to 340 and finally settled)

run 1 is with default parameters

run 2 is with increment 1 volt (vstep)

There's a stretch with no plasma.

Pressure seems to change when we're doing runs - due to change of state of matter?

This Friday, let's try with  $P=500$  mtorr 550

Next Friday, let's try with  $P=200$  mtorr 270

We should try with different voltages as well.

The zero-point for  $I$  at 340 torr was between -21 and -20. We would like to find the zero point, so we should zoom in on this by having a step  $< 1$ . We realize this may change with our pressure. We will also take data over a lesser range for this point.

$I$  would also like to take data over wider ranges of  $V$ . Because of the cap on  $I$  caused by the equipment's capacity, we may have to up our range gradually if we can't find the resistance (and should not go to the theoretical maximum because there could be resistance from other parts of the setup, even if it should be small).

Our resistor is 75 [kOhm]. So assuming no other resistance,  $I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{75 \cdot 10^3 \text{ [Ohm]}}{75 \cdot 10^3 \text{ [Ohm]}} = 1 \text{ [A]}$ . This should cover our voltage range, but we should check our allowed  $I$  during the lab today.

Week 2 pressure: 540 [mtorr]  $\pm 10$  Minimum Voltage: 4.67 [kV], 1000 [V]  $\pm 2$

Week 2 pressure: 585 [mtorr]  $\pm 5$  Voltage: 1300 [V] Current: 4.42 [mA]

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Our plot of the upper end of the allowed pressure range is much more flat than the mid-range one.

At our  $P=585$  [torr], we are far from our floating potential.

But this takes that as long as  $I \leq 8$  [mA] our pressure can be whatever we want. So we are going to get it as low as we can.

We got it down to  $P = \frac{585}{154}$  [torr]. Neat! Alright

At this point, we could not form a plasma in a reactor where voltage we used, so the required voltage is too high.

~~We have  $P$  back up to 587 [torr]. We are going to take some data at positive voltages to compare them. It turned out 1300 [V] then it stopped so let's try again.~~

$P = 592$  [torr],  $V = 1400$  [V],  $I = 5.41$  [mA]

$$I = e^{-e(V_0 - V_{bias})/kT_e}$$

$$a = \frac{e}{kT_e} \quad b = -\frac{eV_0}{kT_e}$$

using linear fit

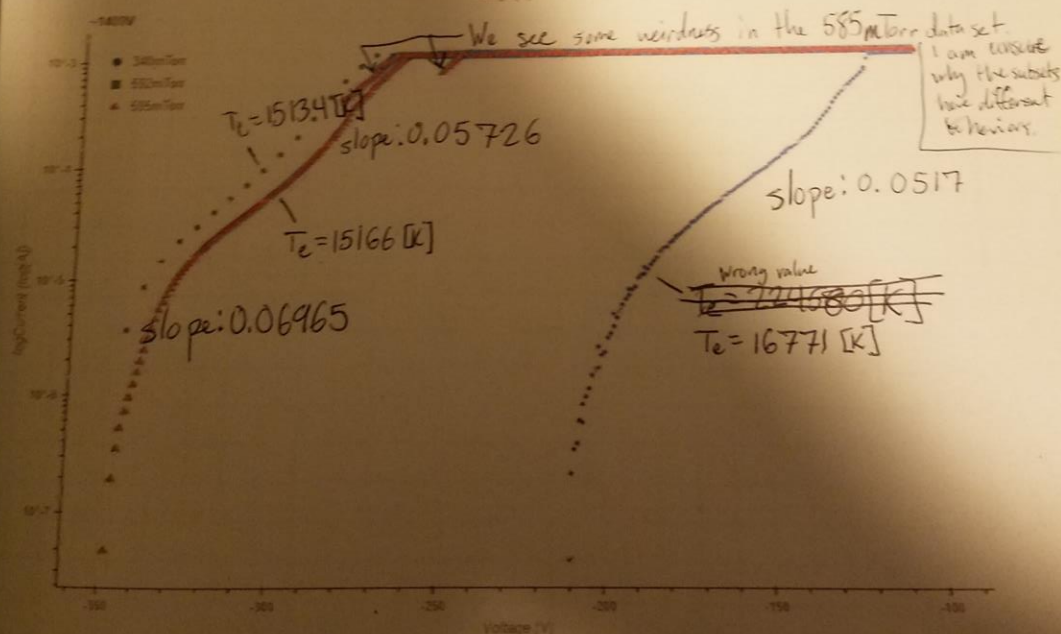
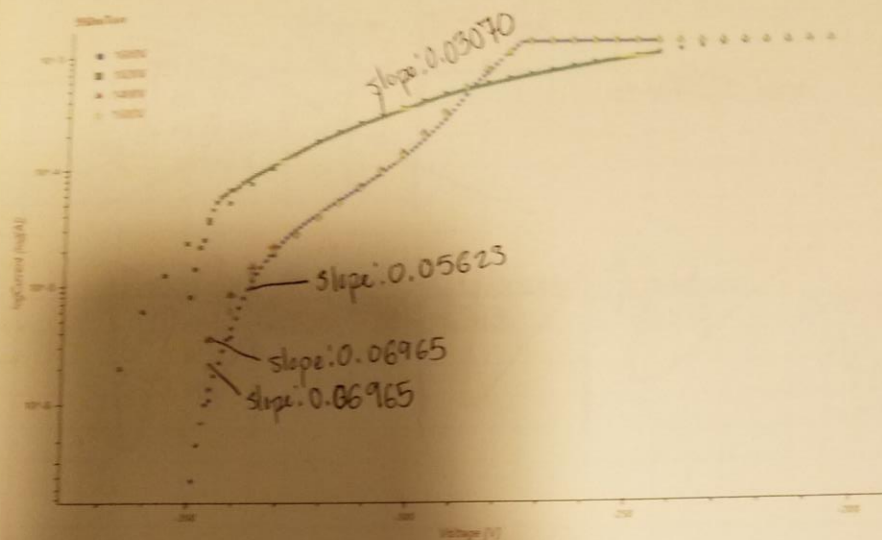
$$\frac{I}{e} = \frac{e^{-aV_0}}{kT_e}$$

It should be noted that this lab uses  $|V_{bias}|$ , as all bias voltages are negative.

also certain values known



# Langmuir Data



Given slopes are for electron-dominated regions only, which are toward the upper regions of the curves.

Te = Expected Temperature, Te = Calculated Temperature.

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Here, I said temperature when I meant  
slope, I believe I have fixed it but there

The Langmuir probe is a pressurized tube which runs a sweeping potential through  
a plasma. We controlled this sweeping potential and recorded current over the sweeping  
potential using code written in python. Python was used for data analysis as well. By  
comparing slopes for electron-dominated currents under various pressures at similar base  
voltages, we found that our temperature — as we would expect — <sup>de</sup>increased with <sup>increasing</sup> pressure.  
By comparing slopes for electron-dominated currents at various base voltages at the same  
pressure, we found that the shape of the current function was much more pronounced at  
higher magnitude base voltages, and that because of the more curved shape, temperature  
dropped as base voltage <sup>in</sup> decreased.

Data Analysis: Langmuir Probe

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## Data Analysis

### Langmuir Probe

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In [1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy
from numpy import optimize
import numpy.constants
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib
from matplotlib.pyplot import figure, output, notebook, show

In [2]: # ... (code continues) ...
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In [38]: # I took this from Experimental Setup.
# It has been modified it slightly to fit the defined variables.

# specifying that we want the plot to be displayed within the notebook
output_notebook(hide_banner=True)

# create a new plot with a title and axis labels.
# DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE THE TITLE IF YOU CHANGED THE DATA
p = figure(title="392mTorr 1020V Master Dataset", x_axis_label='Voltage [V]', y_axis_l

# specify the data to plot and define the line type - here we will use a circle for t
p.circle(x, y, fill_color="white", size=0)

# show the results
show(p)

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In [39]: # Now we want the logY plot.
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p = figure(title="392mTorr 1020V Master Dataset logY", x_axis_label='Voltage [V]', y_ε

# specify the data to plot and define the line type - here we will use a circle for t
p.circle(x, y, fill_color="white", size=0)

# show the results
show(p)

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In [24]: # Now we want to show multiple data on the same plot.
# First we need to define more data.
af = pd.read_csv("Data/392mTorr Data Master.csv")
bf = pd.read_csv("Data/392mTorr/392mTorr1400V.csv")
cf = pd.read_csv("Data/392mTorr Data Master.csv")
df = pd.read_csv("Data/392mTorr/392mTorr1400V.csv")

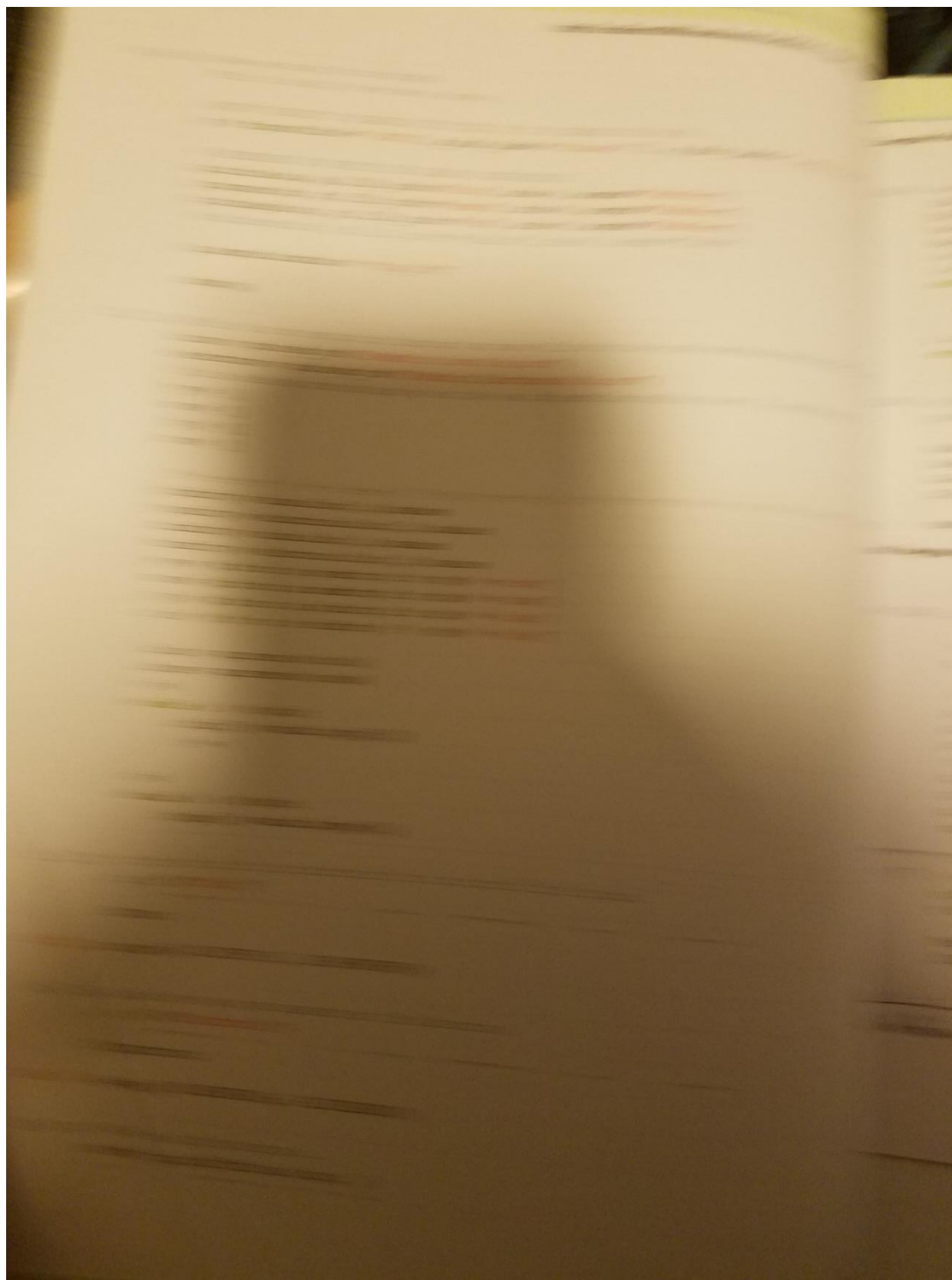
# Copy and paste this, changing the first letter until you have as many as you need.
# Now we define X and Y
xa=af.iloc[:,0].values
ya=af.iloc[:,1].values
xb=bf.iloc[:,0].values
yb=bf.iloc[:,1].values
xc=cf.iloc[:,0].values
yc=cf.iloc[:,1].values
xd=df.iloc[:,0].values
yd=df.iloc[:,1].values

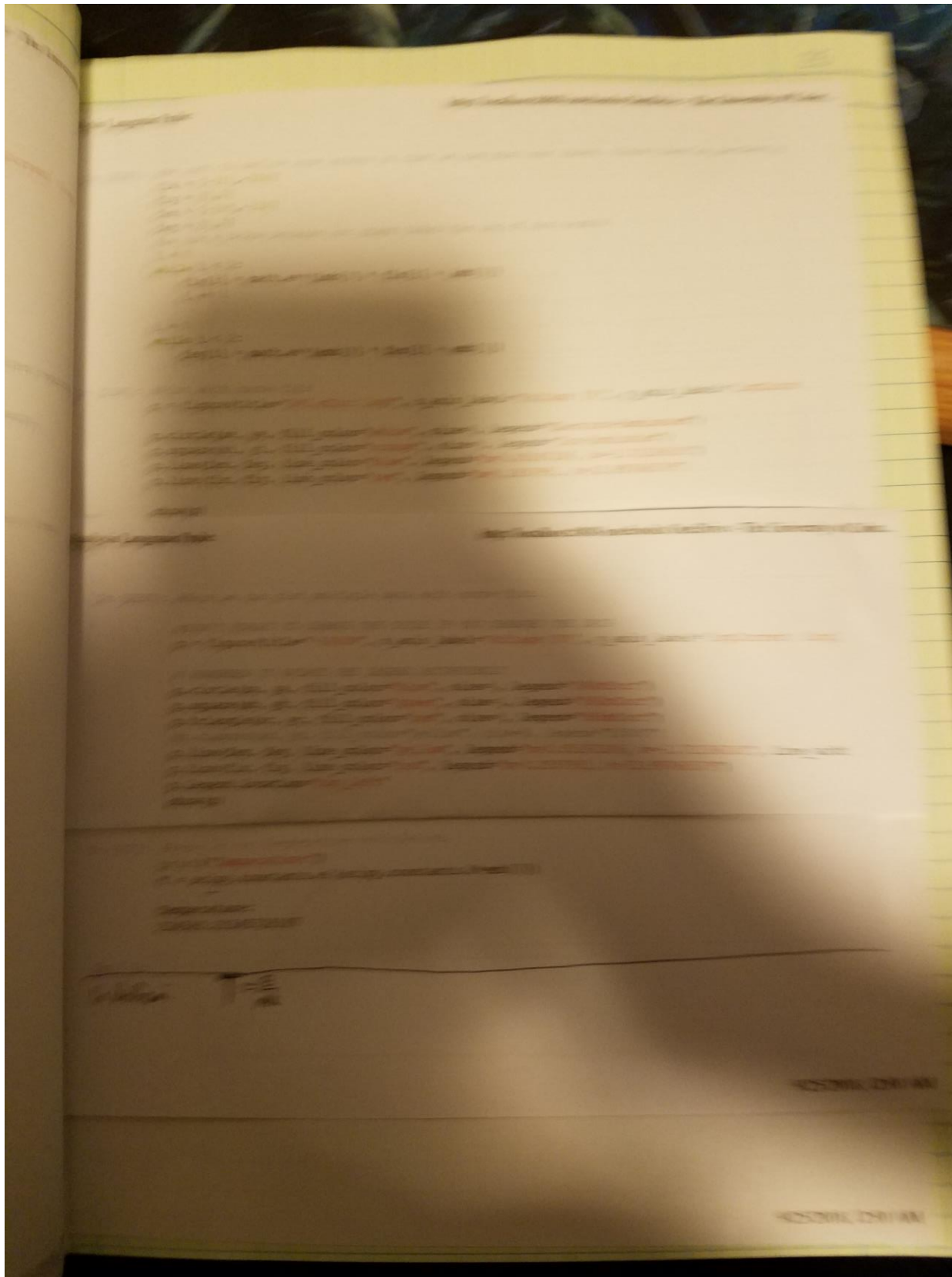
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Dataset	Expected Temperature (K)	Calculated Temperature (K)
592mTorr (1600V)	15134	206376
592mTorr (1500V)	15134	166612
592mTorr (1400V)	15134	166612
592mTorr (1020V)	15134	377997
585mTorr (1400V)	15166	202664
340mTorr (1400V)	16771	224459

Expected Temperature is calculated for a given pressure and gas ( $N_2$ ), the closest simple analog for air) is independent of base voltage, using the prelab's formulae:

$$cpRterm = 16.27 + 2 * \text{math.log}(c * p * R)$$

Where c and R are constant for the gas and p is our pressure,  
 $etempRatioGuess = cpRterm$

$$fvalue = etempRatio - 0.5 * \text{math.log}(etempRatio) - cpRterm$$

$$etempRatio = \text{opt.fsolve}(etempfunc, etempRatioGuess, args=(cpRterm))$$

$$etemp = Vi / etempRatio$$

And calculated temperature is measured as

$$m = e/kT$$

$$T = e/mk$$