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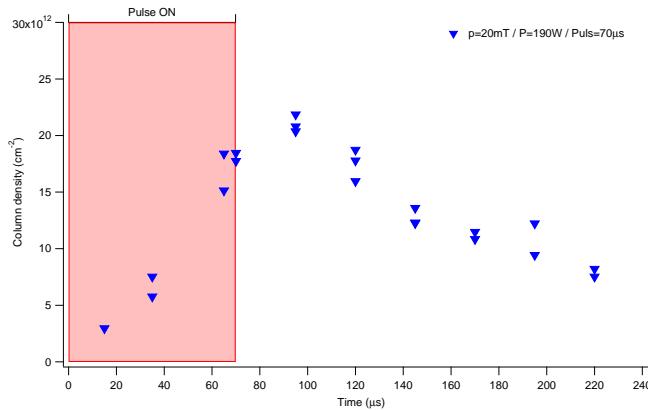
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The VUV-FTS (Vacuum Ultra-Violet Fourier Transform Spectrometer) is in operation on the DESIRS beamline since 2008[1]. This unique endstation combines broad band and high spectral resolution over a large UV-VUV spectral range from 300 nm down to 40 nm[2]. Recently, a new detection scheme has been installed in order to study kinetics formation and decay of transient species using absorption spectroscopy.

Recombinative desorption followed by dissociative electron attachment of excited D₂ could provide an efficient mechanism for the production of D⁻. An important application of this process would be the neutralisation of the highly energetic ions produced in hot plasma, aiming at decreasing the power load on the divertor targets in tokamak[3]. The lifetime of the produced transient species inside a pulsed RF discharge has been measured in absorption using the VUV-FTS. Those data could bring valuable quantitative information for the modelisation of such complicated environments.



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