

球状トカマクにおける 加熱・制御技術

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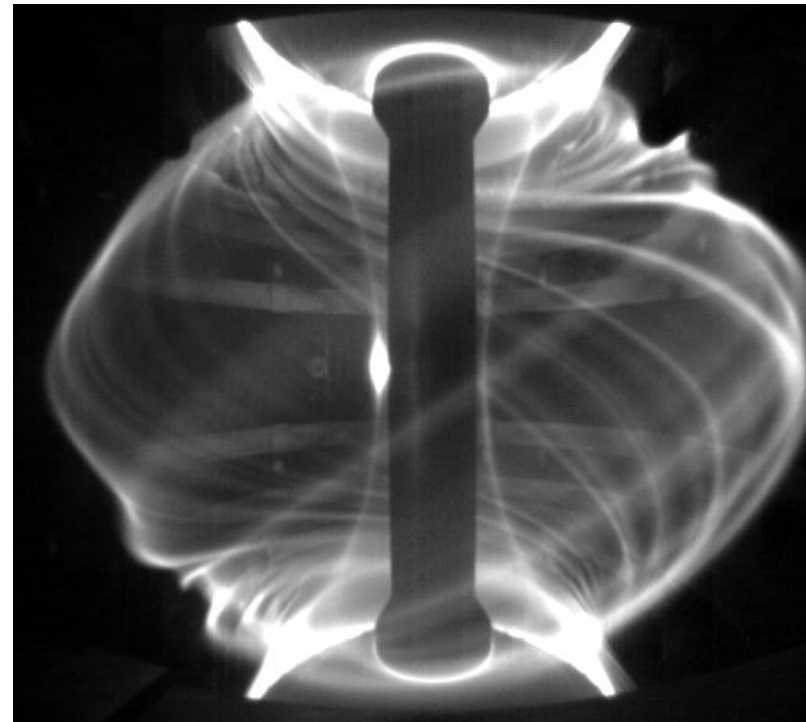
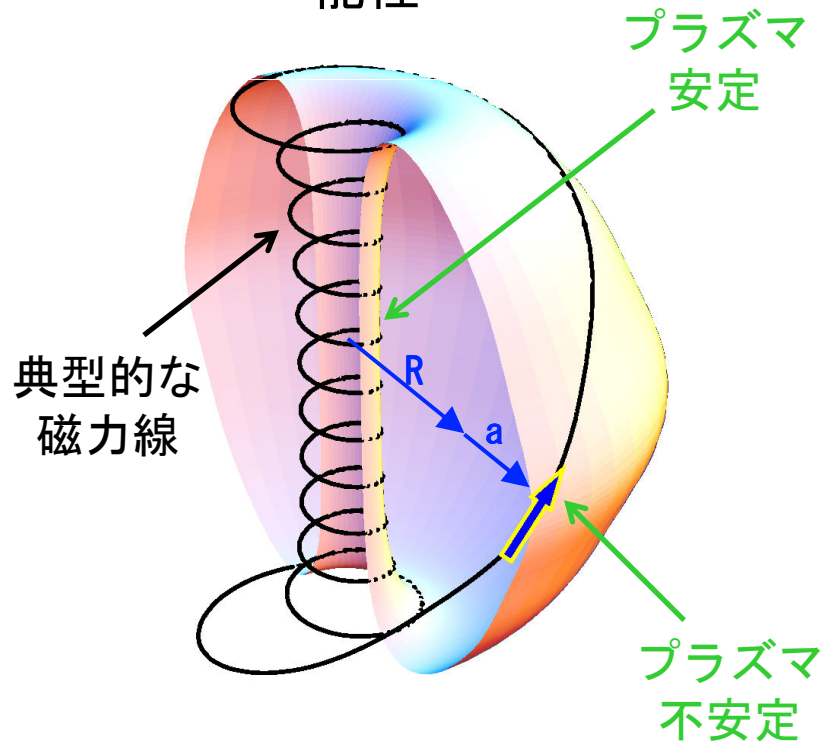
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球状トカマク (ST) とは

ST

- ・ アスペクト比の低いトカマク ($A < 2$ 程度)
- ・ 小型装置で閉じ込めのよい高 β プラズマが実現可能

→ 小型の燃焼プラズマ装置・核融合実証炉 (デモ炉) 実現の可能性



U.S. STCC Selected Three Mission Options, Taking Advantage of Attractive ST Features



Three ST missions to advance fusion energy science during the ITER Era (~20 years)

- **High-Q Burning Plasma (BP)**

Explore strongly coupled nonlinear plasma conditions ($f_{BS} \rightarrow 1$, $\beta \rightarrow$ ideal wall limit, etc.) prototypical of DEMO.

- **Fusion Nuclear Science (FNS)**

Elucidate and resolve synergistic effects in science of fusion plasma and neutron material interactions, fuel cycle & power extraction in full fusion nuclear environment up to 1 MW-yr/m².

- **Plasma Material Interface (PMI)**

Qualify candidate PFCs in long-pulse DD facility approaching conditions of a fusion nuclear device.

[STCC Report, 12/12/09, "Shared Documents" @ https://info.ornl.gov/sites/us_stcc/default.aspx]

Attractive Features

- **Plasma:** high β_T limits, $\tau_{Ei} (>>\tau_{Ee})$, q_{CYL}
- **Device:** small (size \times field \times $P_{FUS} \times P_{aux}$); high Φ_{DIV} , W_L
- **Discovery:** extend toroidal plasma regime and enhance understanding

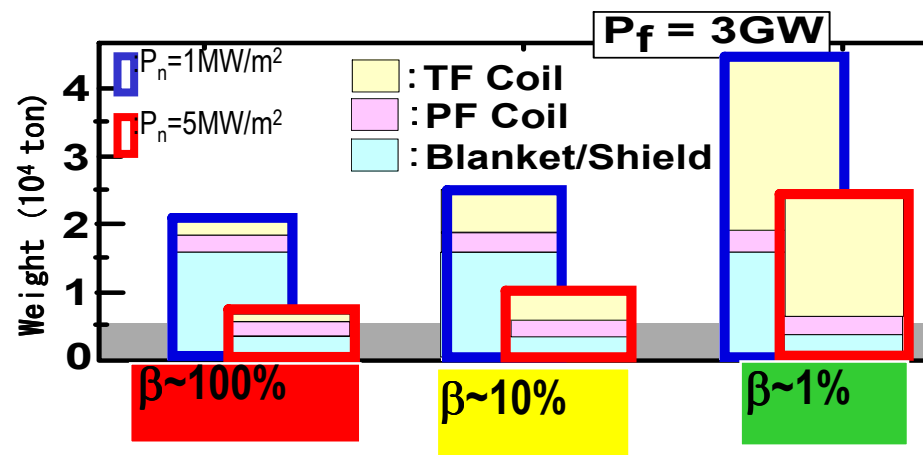
	PMI	FNS	BP
Q	0.01	0.8-1.5	10-20
P_{FUS} (MW)	0.2	19-75	300
R (m)	1.2	1.3	1.5
I_p (MA)	3-4	4-7	9-17
q_{CYL}	3	4-6	3
β_N	≤ 3	2-3.3	5-7
W_L (MW/m ²)	-	0.3-1.0	3
Φ_{DIV} (MW/m ²)	varied	≤ 10	varied

核融合炉の効率を高めるにはどうすればよいか？



核融合出力密度

$$p_f \propto \beta^2 \cdot B_0^4$$

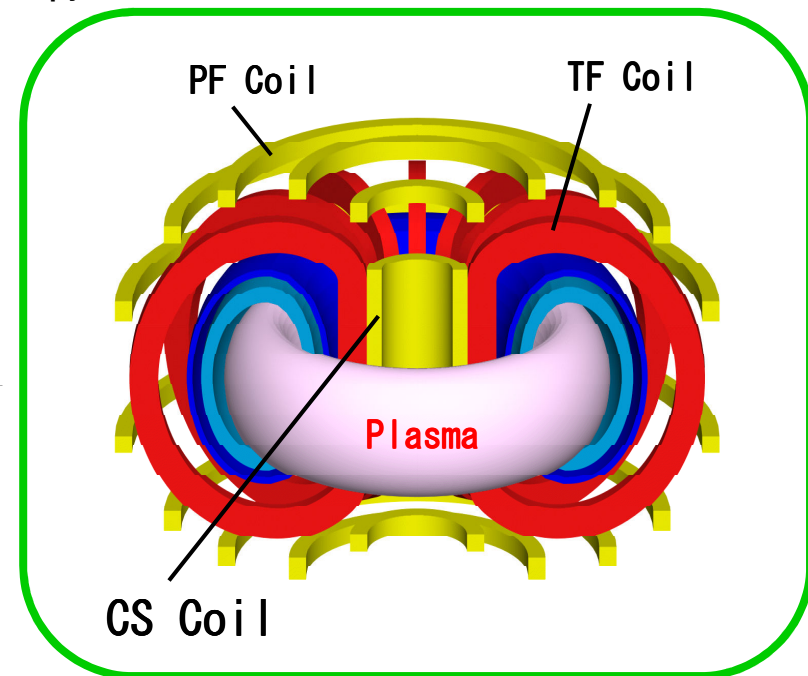


閉じ込め磁場 B_0 を高めるのではなく、
 β を高める方が経済的に有利

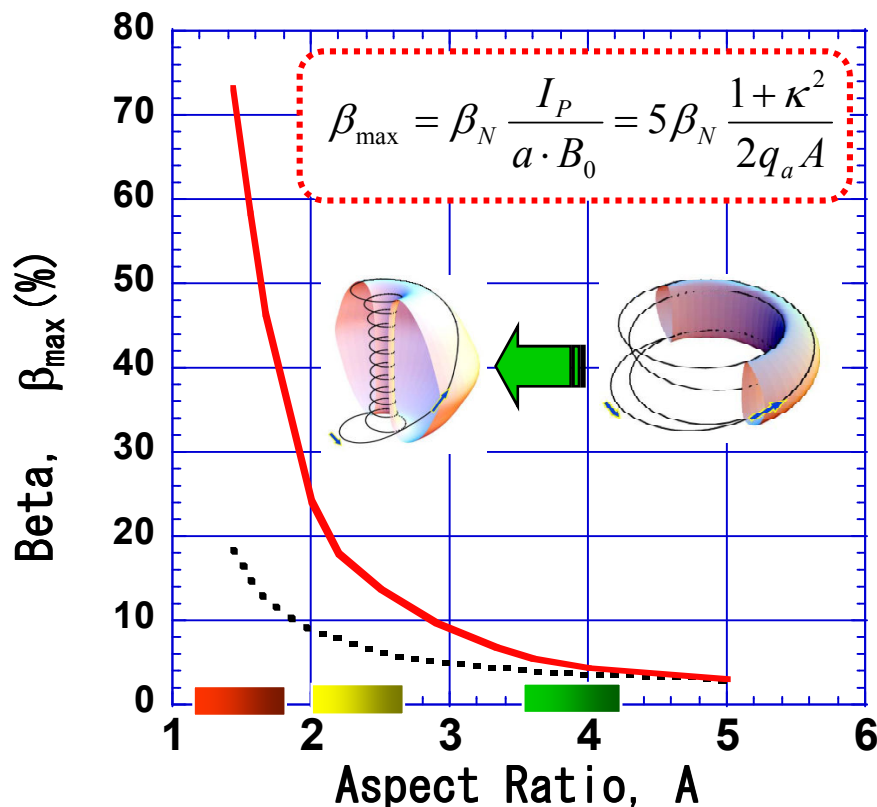
→ 高 β 化

$$\beta = \text{プラズマ圧力} / \text{磁場圧力}$$

磁場がプラズマ閉じ込めにどれだけ有効に使われているかを表す指標

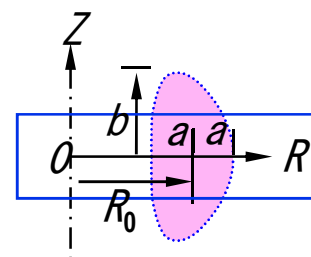


βを高めるにはどうすればよいか？



$$\beta_{\max} = \beta_N \frac{I_P}{a \cdot B_0} = 5\beta_N \frac{1 + \kappa^2}{2q_a A} \quad \beta_N = f(\kappa, A)$$

$$\kappa = g(A)$$



アスペクト
比
 $A = R_0 / a$

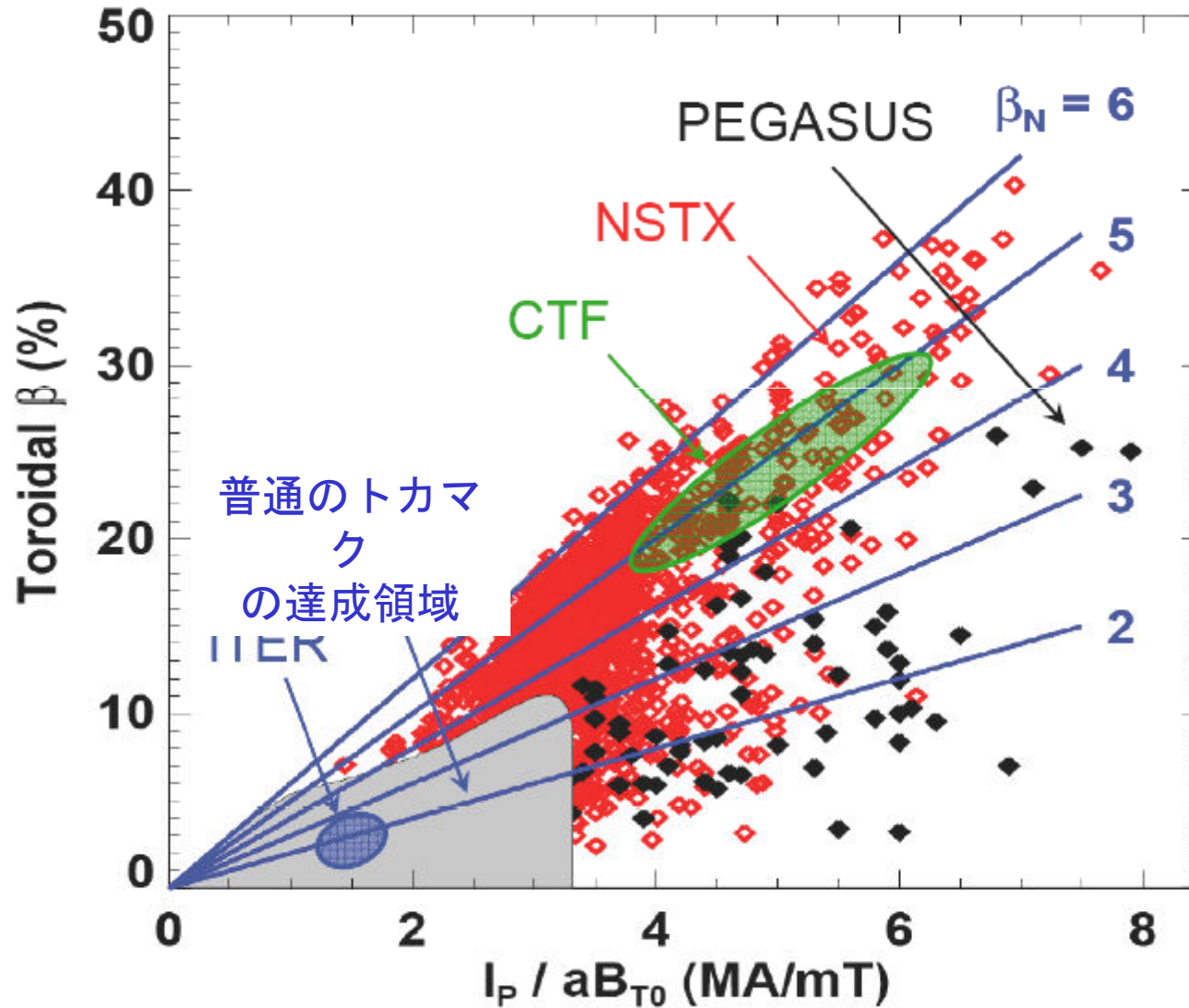
Aをできる限り小さくすればよい
→ 球状トカマク

但し技術的制約より、アスペクト比はいくらでも小さくできるわけではない。

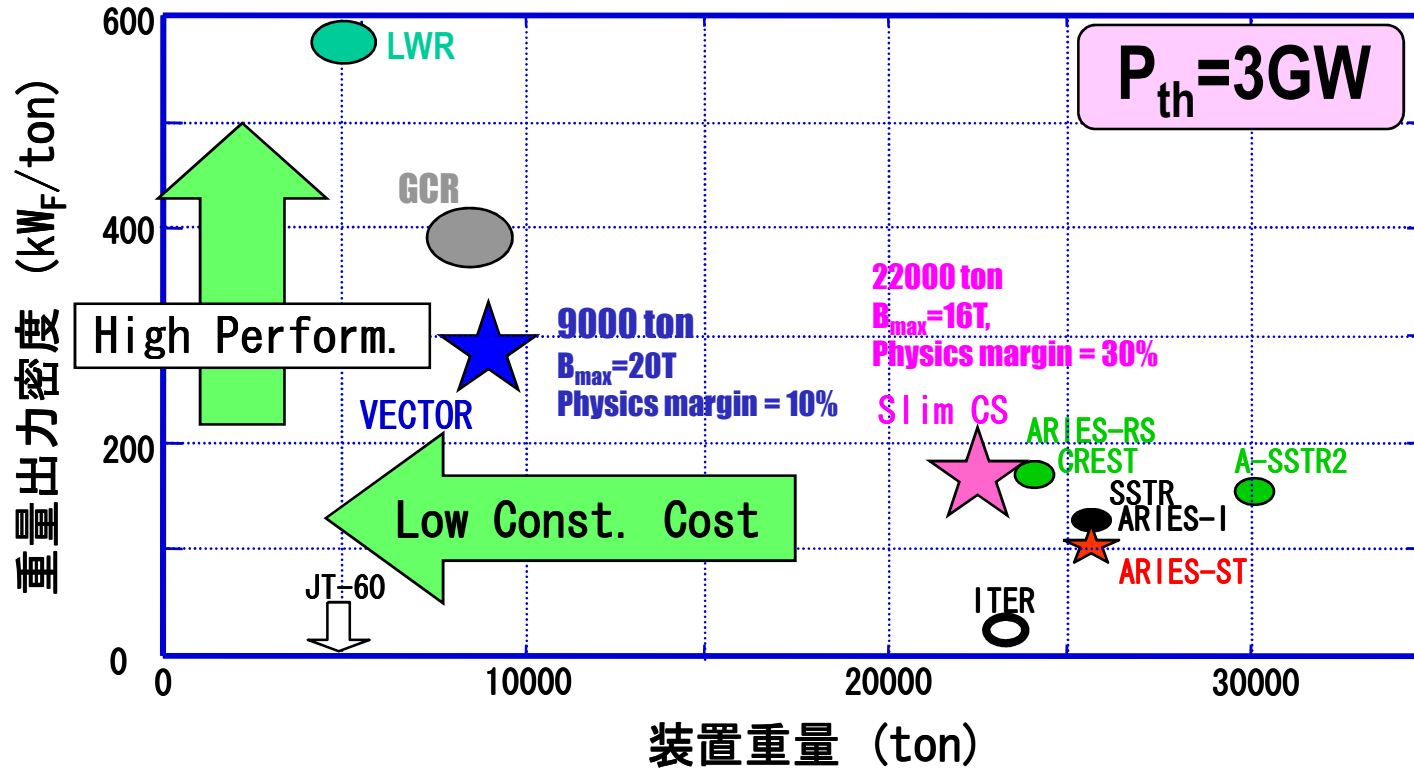
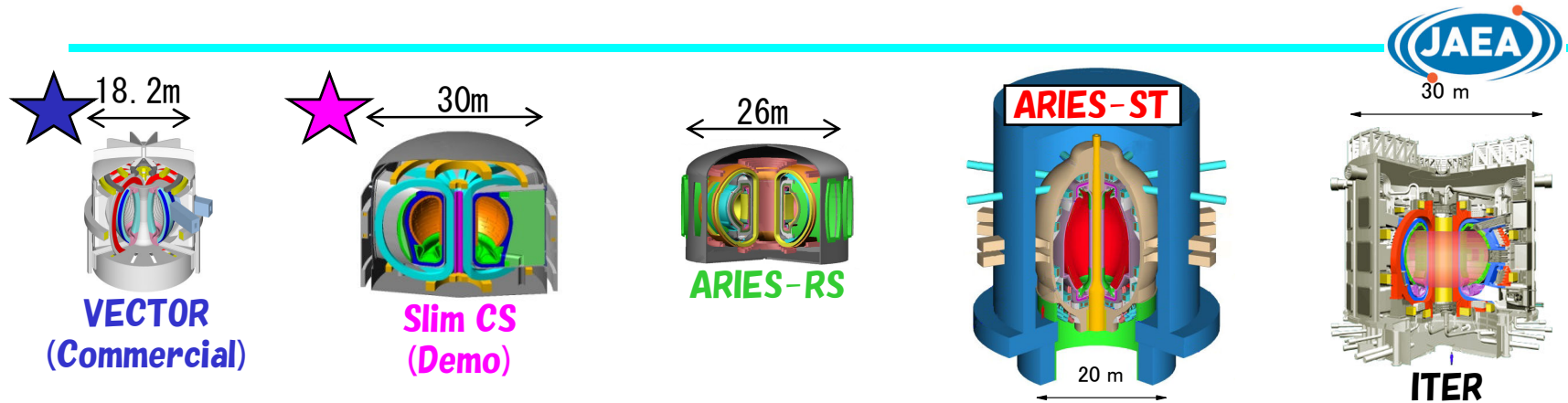
- : with CS Coil & Thick Shield (SC TFC)
- : without CS Coil & Thick Shield (SC TFC)
- : without CS Coil & Thin Shield (Copper TFC)

STによる高 β プラズマ安定性の実証

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デモ炉と商業炉の設計例



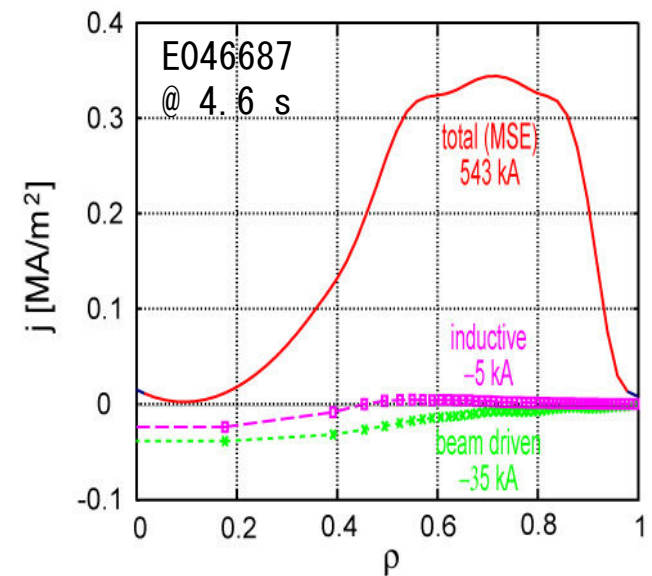
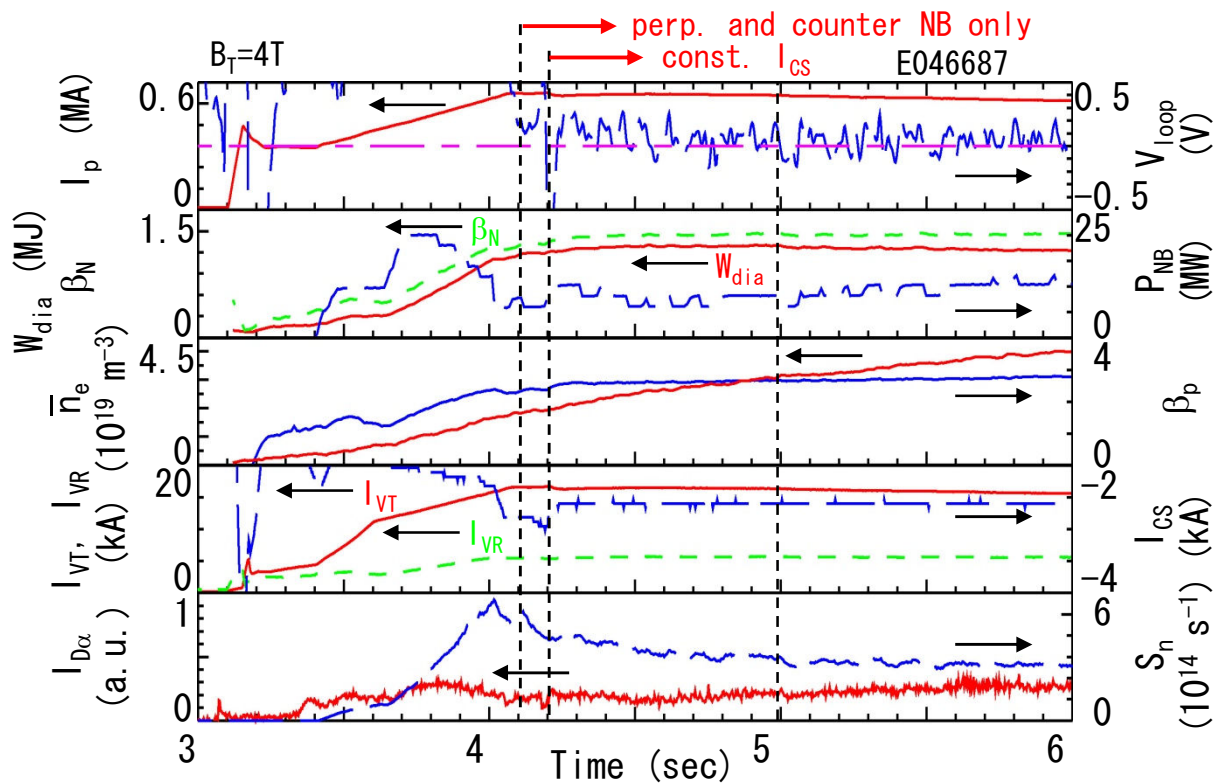
Nearly constant current (~ 0.54 MA) is maintained by BS current with constant I_{CS} and counter-NBCD current for > 0.5 sec.

Fully bootstrap-driven plasma ($f_{BS} \sim 100\%$) is realized.

Internal loop voltage $V_{loop}(r) \sim 0$ V, $I_{tot} = 543$ kA, $I_{ind} = -5$ kA, $I_{BD} = -35$ kA,

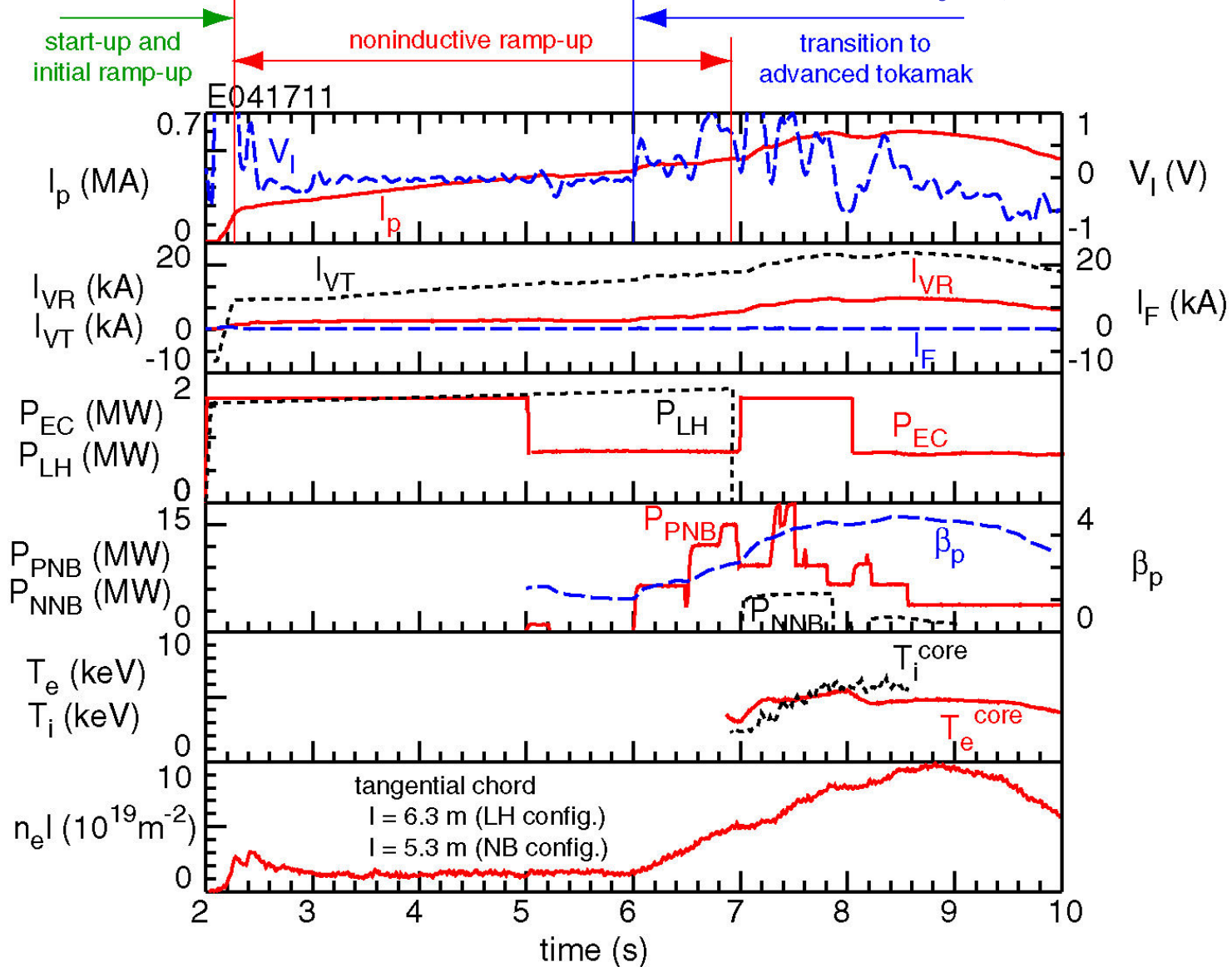
- Duration of 580 kA self-sustained phase is limited by slow confinement degradation.

Both W_{dia} and I_p decrease gradually after 5 sec.



CS-less Start-up Demonstrated in JT-60U

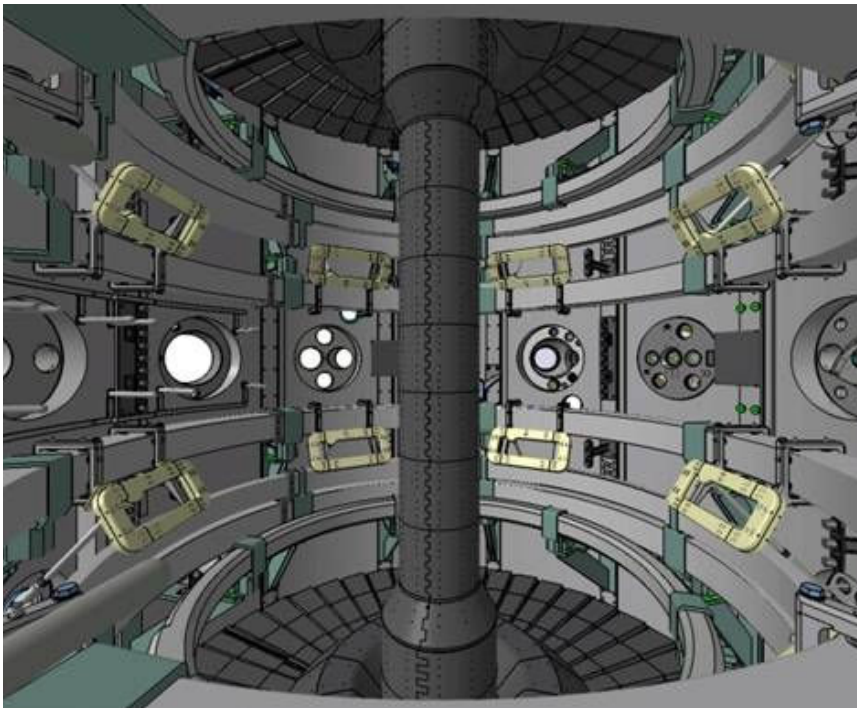
Univ. Tokyo / JAEA JT-60U



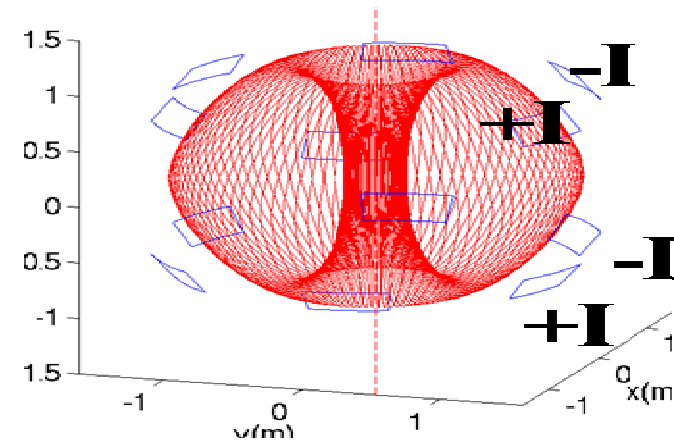
ELM control

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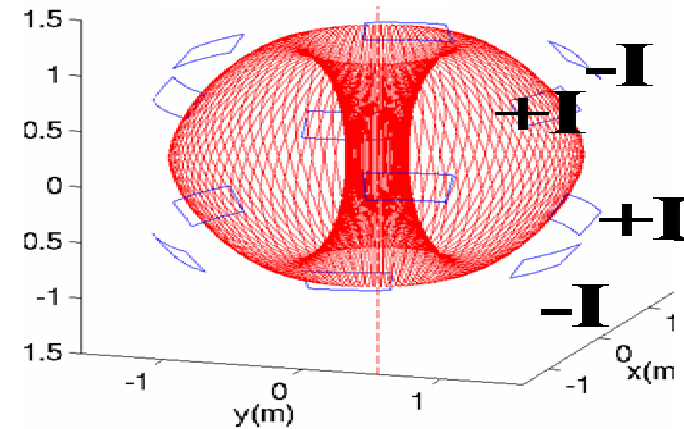
- 6 + 6 internal array - $\leq 2\text{kA}$, 4 turn coils for ELM control ($n = 3$).
- Additional 6 coils will be installed in 2010 to allow $n = 4$, $n = 6$



Even parity



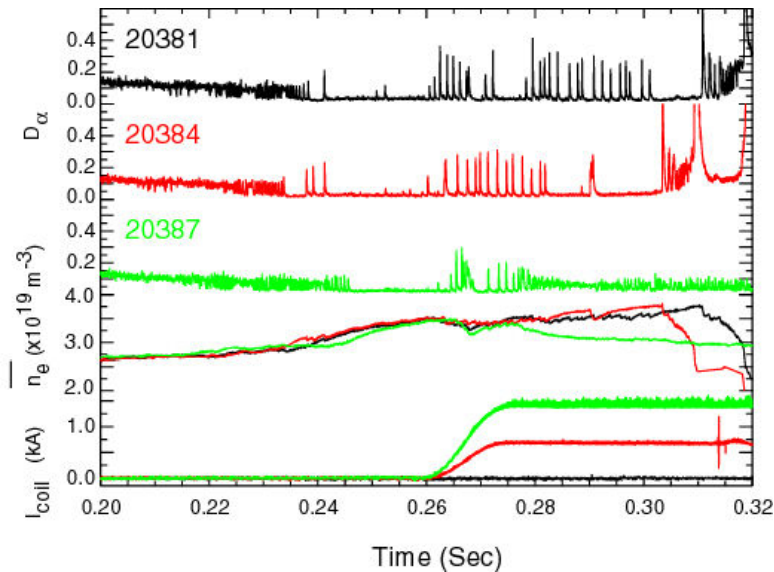
Odd parity



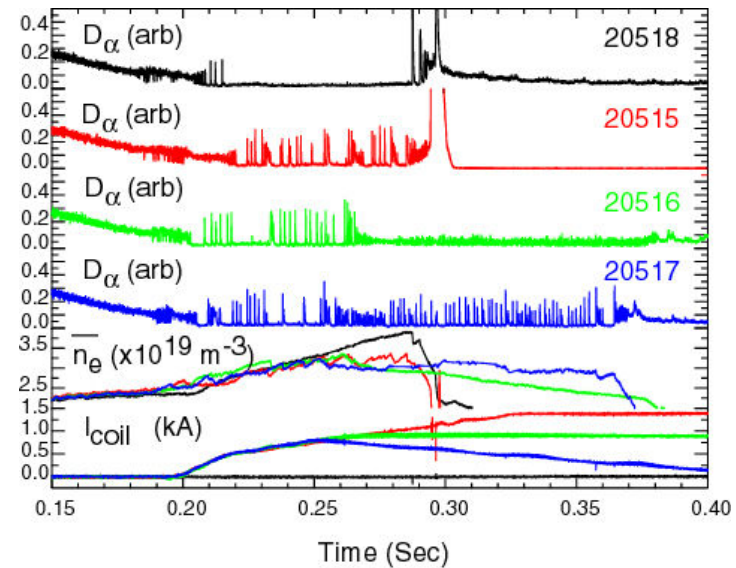
n=3 H-mode experiments - Type III ELMy / ELM-free H-mode

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□ ELM character changed



□ ELMs stimulated in ELM-free regime



In the standard sequence for the L-H transition

L-mode – Dithering – Type III ELMs – ELM-free – Type I ELMs

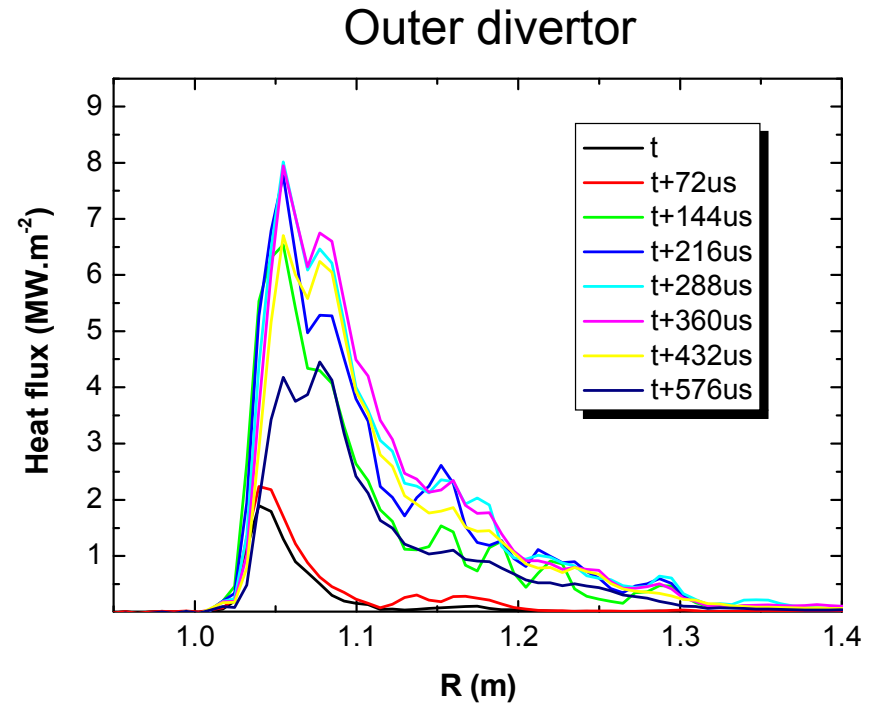
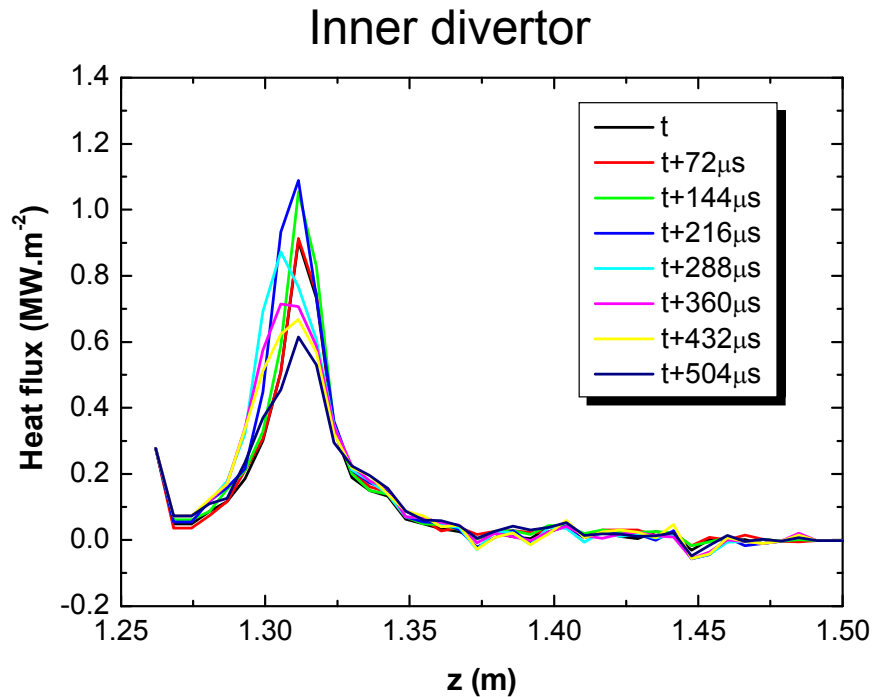


the application of the coils is equivalent to a small drop in P_{sep} wrt. P_{LH}

Heat flux profiles during ELMs

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- Evolution of heat flux profiles during an ELM in connected DND (1 frame every 72 ms):

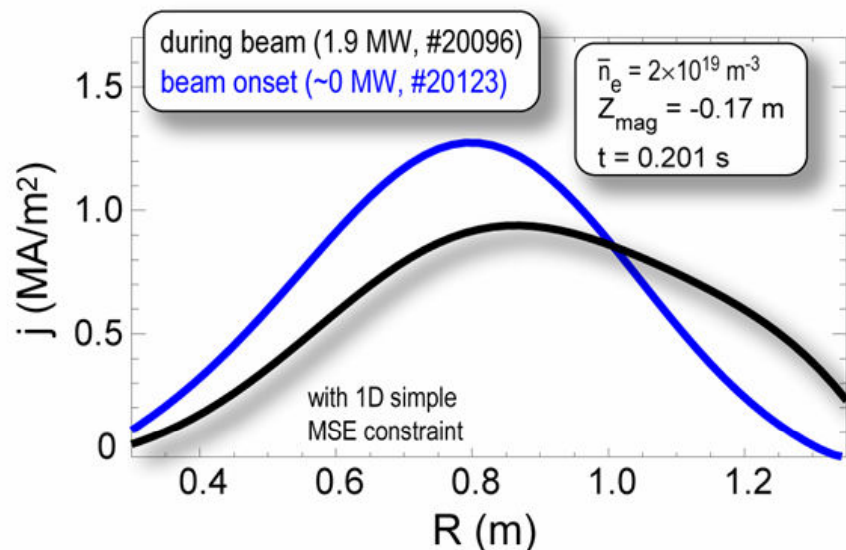


- Heat flux profile in inner divertor only slightly modified during an ELM
- Filamentary structure clearly observed in outer divertor
- E_{outer} is between 15 and 40 times higher than E_{inner}

Off-axis NBCD

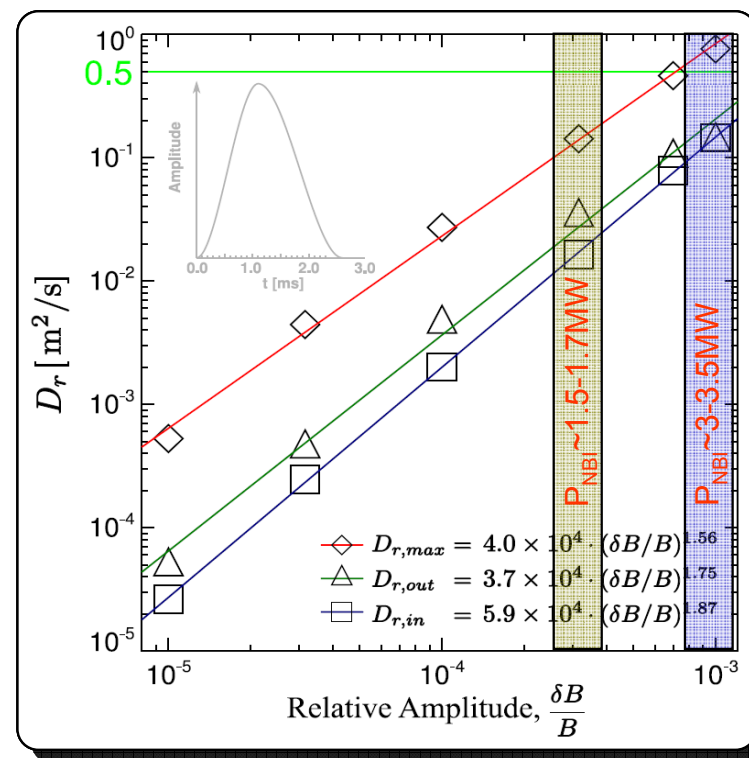
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- MSE confirms $j(r)$ broadening during off-axis NBCD



- Anomalous fast ion diffusion ($D_b \sim 0.5 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$) needed to match neutron rate and stored energy – linked to $n = 1$ core MHD (fishbones)

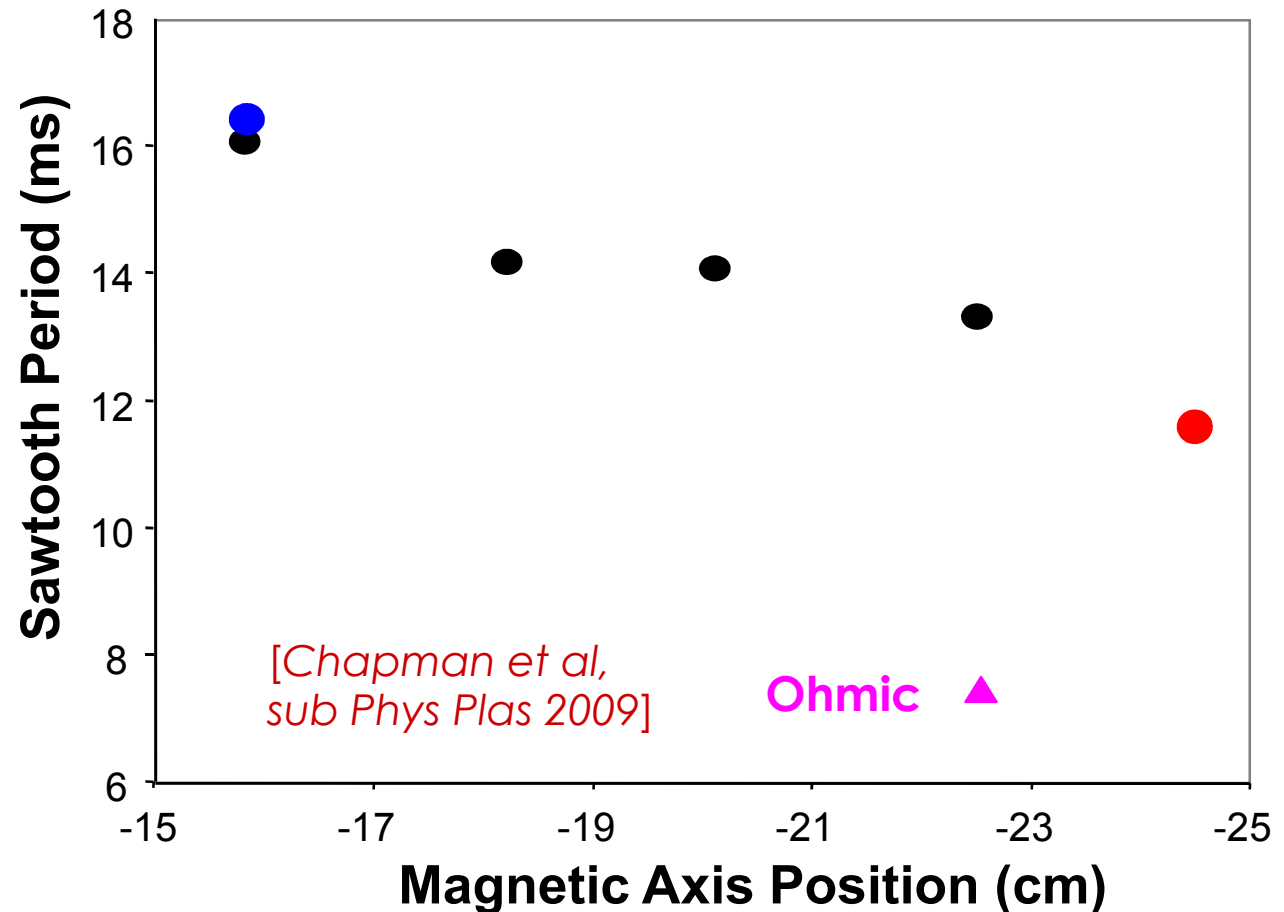
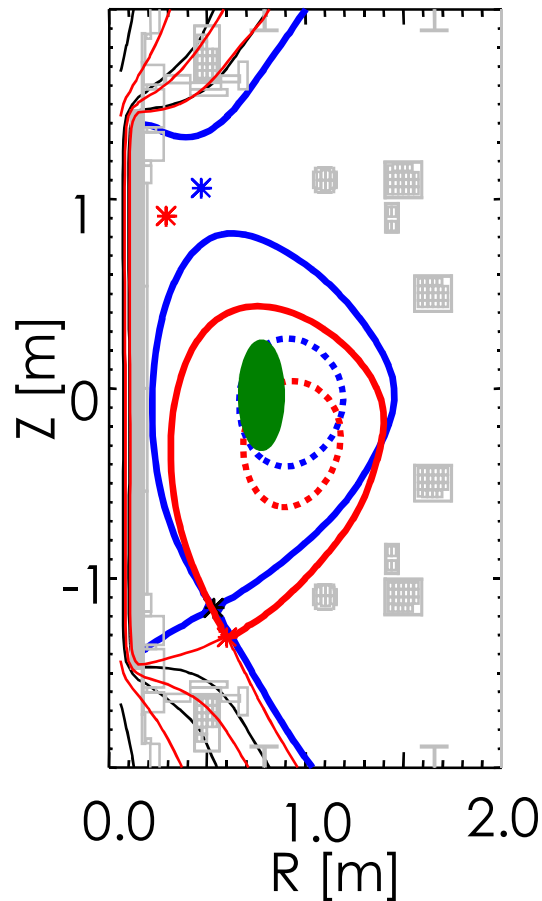
- HAGIS (non-linear drift-kinetic δf code) calculations of fast ion diffusion arising from $n = 1$ fishbone activity are consistent with experiment



Sawtooth control with off-axis NBI

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- Scan the deposition location by moving plasma vertically
 - *Sawtooth behaviour affected by deposition location relative to $q=1$*
 - *Passing ion effects dominate over change in NBCD, v_ϕ shape etc*

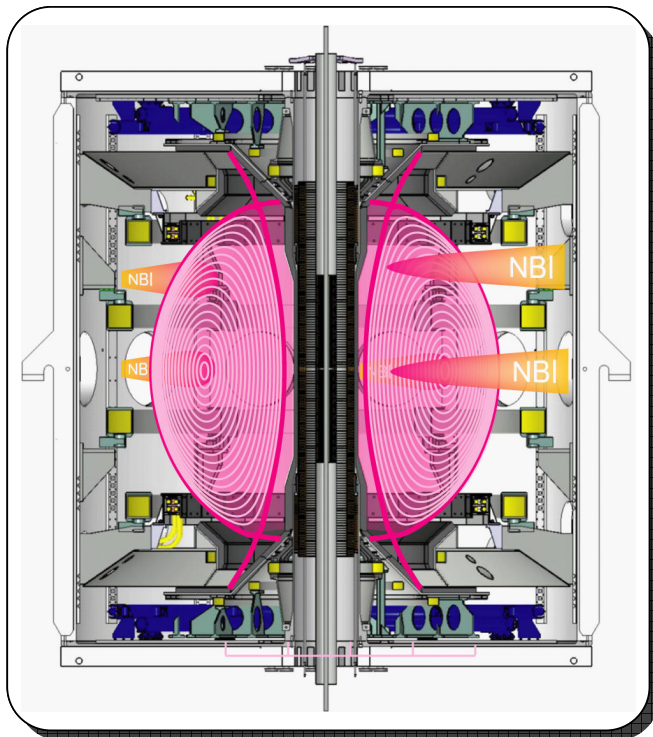


MAST Upgrade

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Objectives

- ❑ Address gaps in the physics basis of an ST CTF
- ❑ Provide influential input to EFDA missions in support of ITER
- ❑ Contribute to development of divertor concepts for DEMO



- ❑ Increased heating power (NBI, EBW)
 - adaptable system providing control of $j(r)$, $p(r)$, $v(r)$
- ❑ Relaxed current profile
 - fully non-inductive operation possible
- ❑ Increased TF, increased solenoid flux
 - higher current, longer pulse routine operation
- ❑ Improved exhaust and density control
 - closed cryopumped divertor

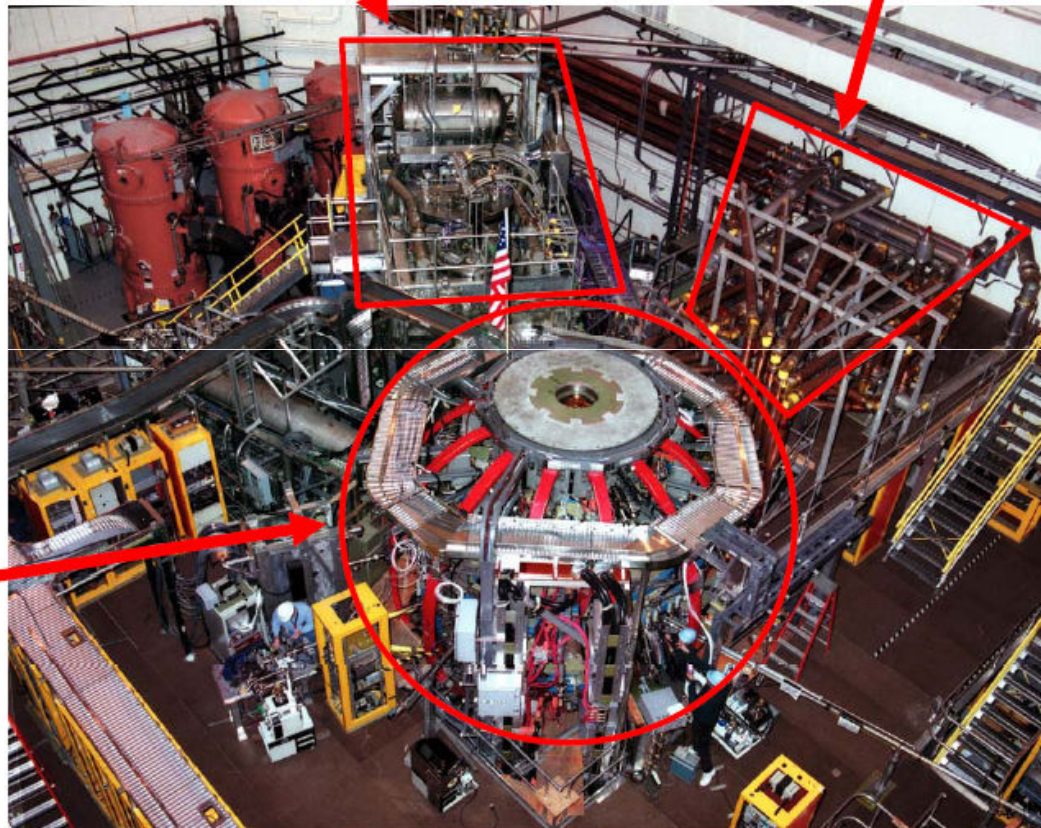
NSTX is the most capable Spherical Torus (ST) in the world fusion program

NSTX

Neutral Beam Injection (NBI) heating system

High-Harmonic Fast Wave (HHFW) heating system

NSTX device



NSTX first-plasma achieved in 1999

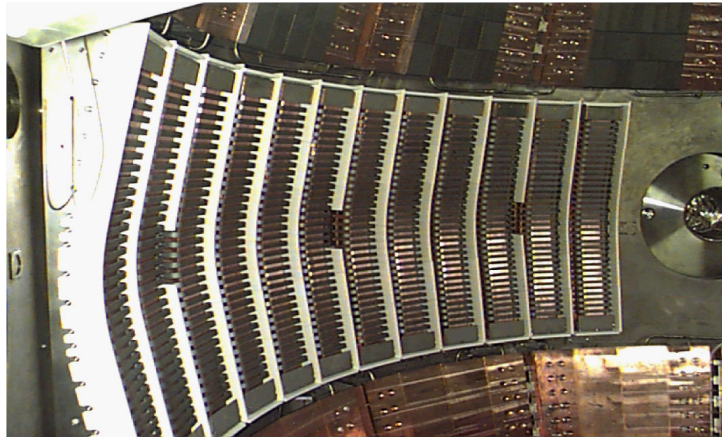
Baseline Parameters:

Major Radius	0.86 m
Minor Radius	0.66 m
Aspect Ratio	1.3-1.6
Elongation	1.8 – 3.0
Triangularity	0.2 – 0.8
Plasma Current	1 MA ($t > \tau$ -skin)
Toroidal Field	0.35 – 0.55 T
Heating and CD	7 MW NBI (2 sec) 5 MW NBI (5 sec) 3-6 MW HHFW 0.2 MA CHI
Pulse Length	~ 1 sec at 0.55 T ~ 2 sec at 0.38 T

Extensive and novel plasma diagnostics

- 59 PPPL/PU researchers, 91 from 29 other U.S. institutions, 45 international

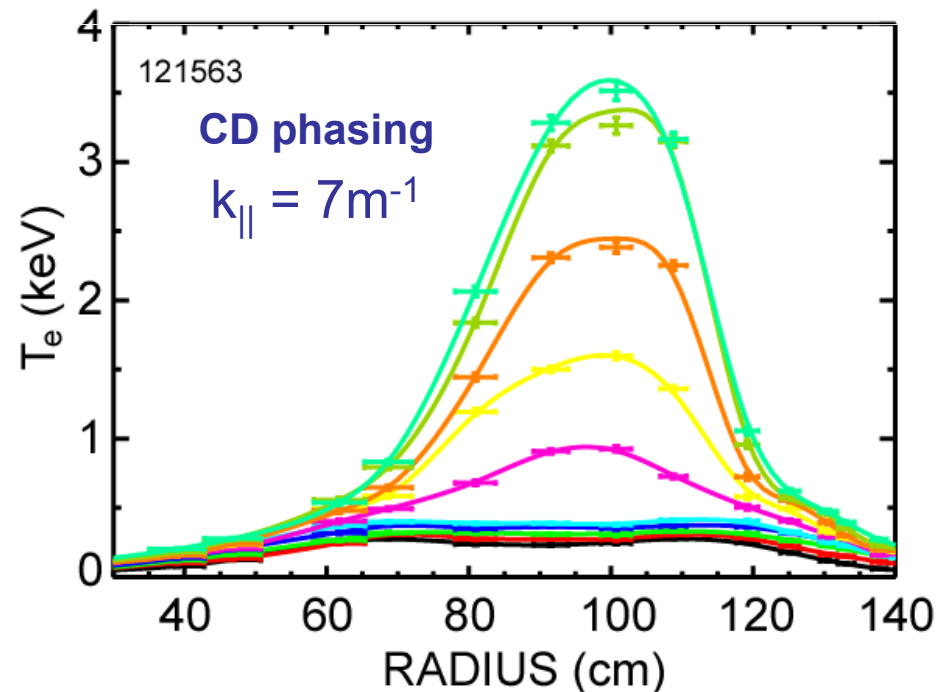
HHFW Heating Efficiency Improved with B_T



• *NSTX High-Harmonic Fast Wave (HHFW) heating and current drive research utilizes sophisticated ICRF launcher:*

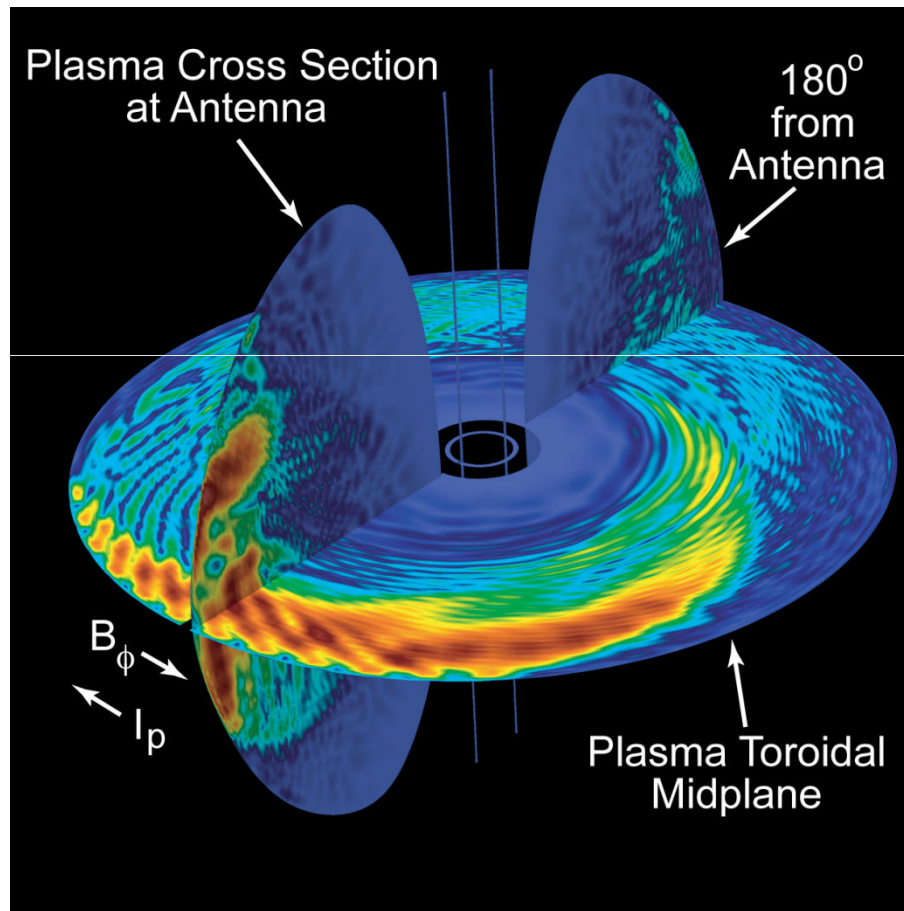
- *12 strap antenna, 6MW capability*
- *6 independent transmitters*
- *Real-time control of launched $k_{||}$ from 0 to $14m^{-1}$*

- Achieved high $T_e = 3.6\text{keV}$ (nearly double the previous value) in current drive phasing for first time at $B_T = 5.5\text{kG}$
- Higher B_T and $k_{||}$ improved HHFW core electron heating - reduced edge parasitic loading



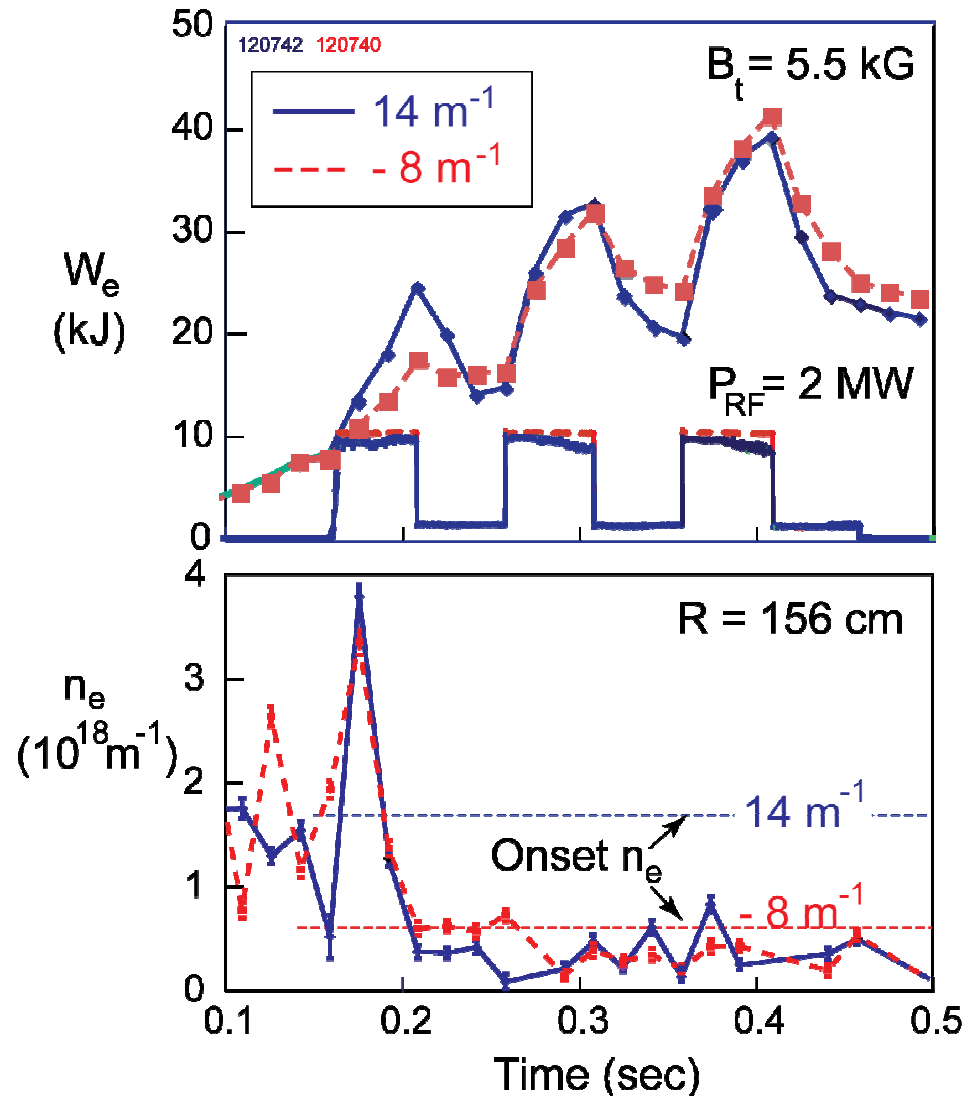
NSTX clearly separates edge HHFW losses from core deposition

AORSA $|E_{RF}|$ field amplitude for -90° antenna phase case with $101 n_\phi$



- Waves propagate around plasma axis in $+ B_\phi$ direction – similar to GENRAY rays
- Wave fields very low near inner wall
- RF SciDAC project will include edge loss mechanisms in codes
- NSTX is good platform for benchmarking advanced RF codes

Edge power loss increases when perpendicular propagation onset density is near antenna/wall



□ ΔW_e at -8 m^{-1} about half ΔW_e at 14 m^{-1} for the first pulse

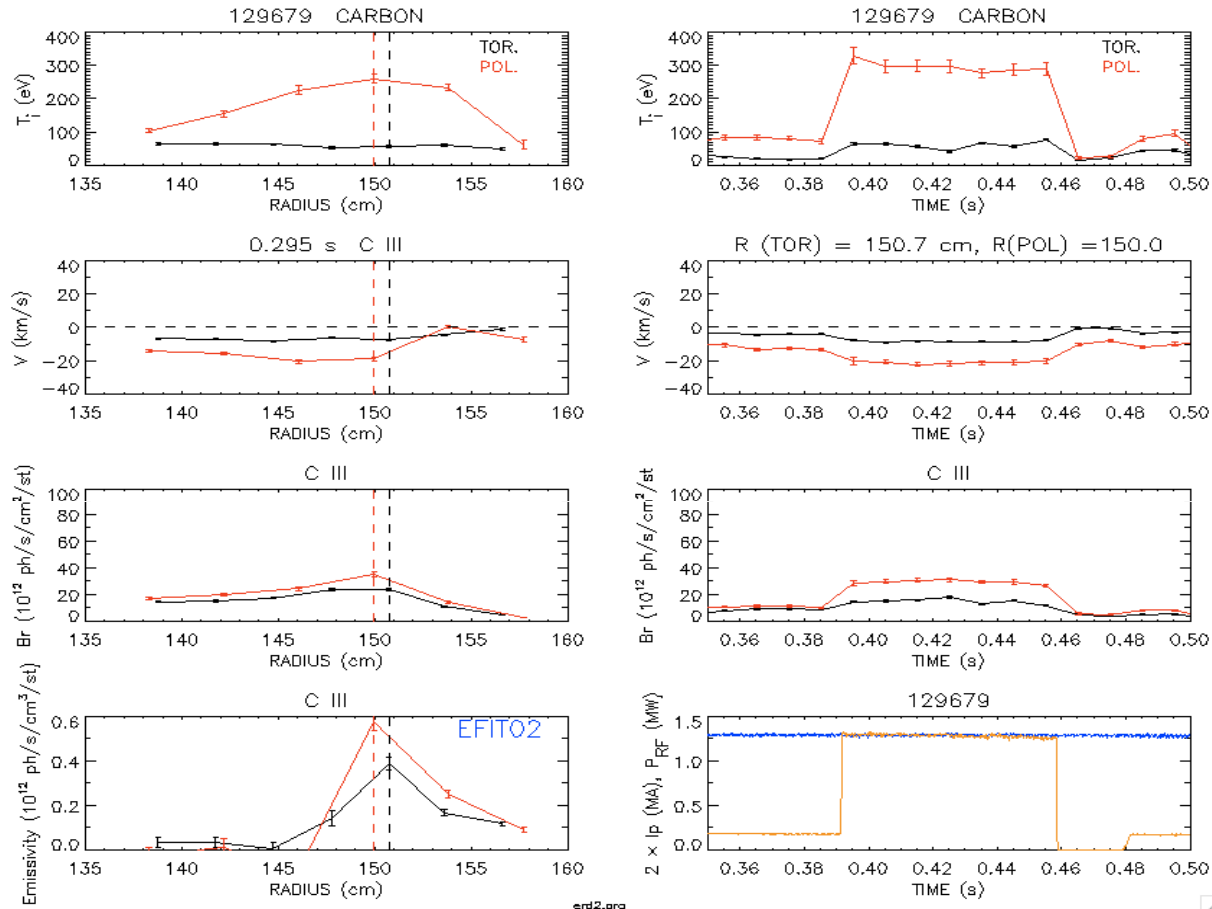
• ΔW_e at -8 m^{-1} and 14 m^{-1} comparable for the last two RF pulses

• Density in plasma edge is high for first pulse and low for last two pulses

• Edge density affects heating when above onset density close to antenna, consistent with surface wave propagation near antenna/wall contributing to RF losses

Revisiting possible parametric decay effects in plasma

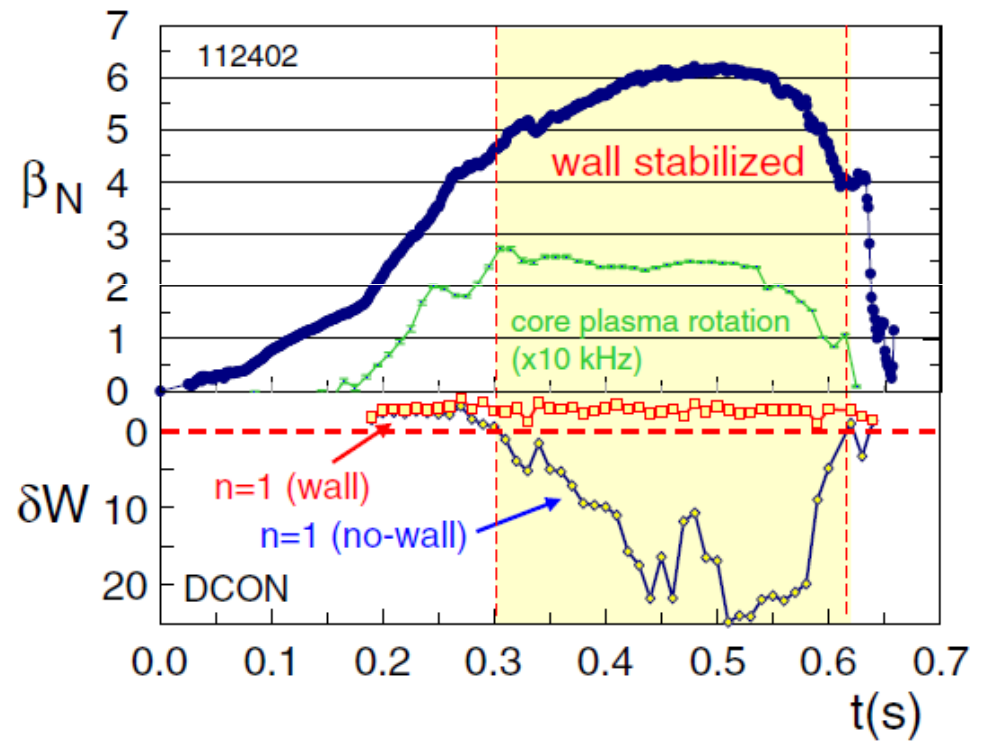
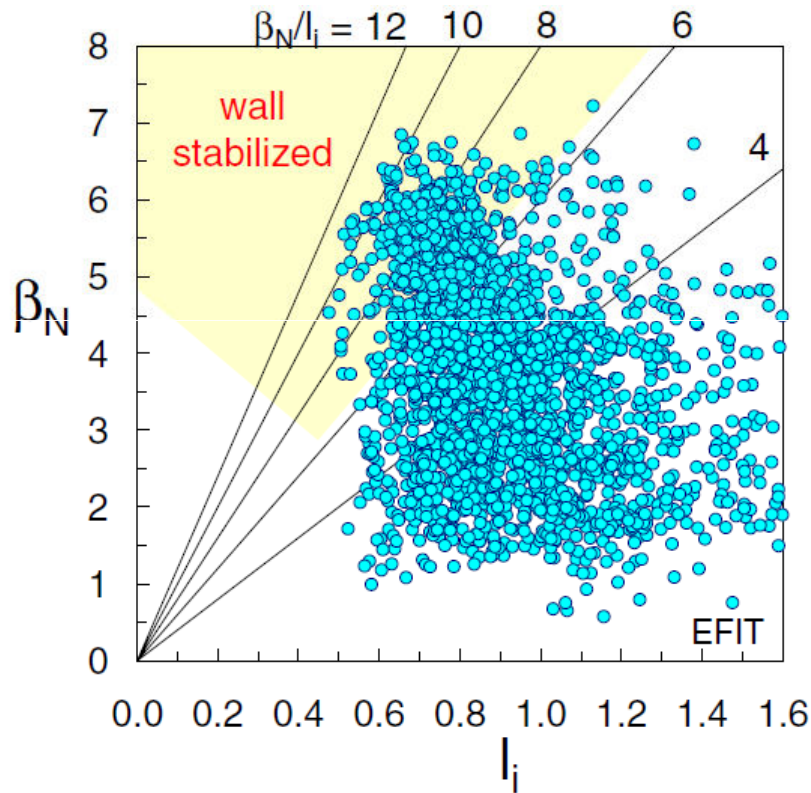
edge
 Poloidal heating in edge may eject energetic edge ions



- Edge ions are heated to hundreds of eV: CIII, CVI, LIII, and Helium
- Emission location for CIII and CVI is ~ 150 cm, just inside separatrix
- Edge ion heating may result in loss of energetic ions to SOL and the diver

Wall-stabilized High β Plasma

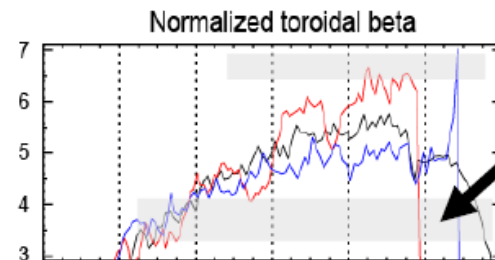
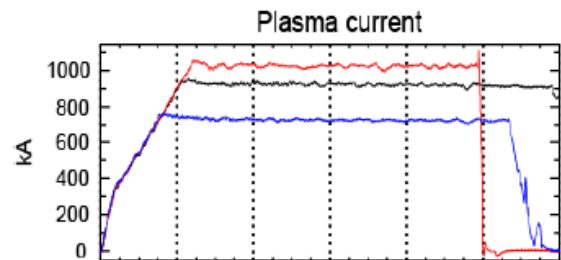
NSTX



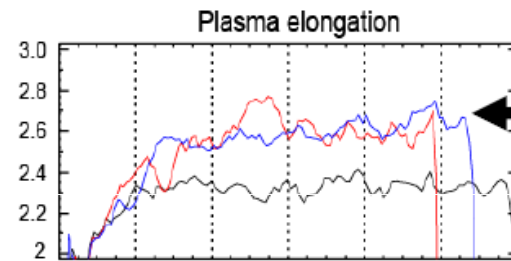
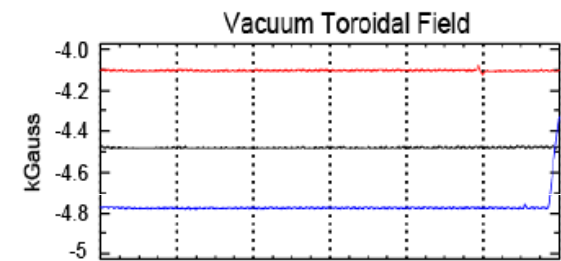
- Critical rotation velocity is consistent with Bondeson–Chu $\Omega_{\text{crit}} = \omega_A / (4q^2)$

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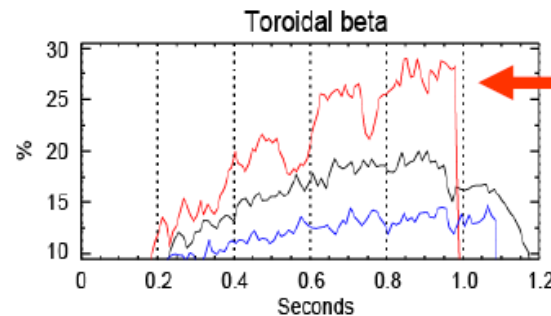
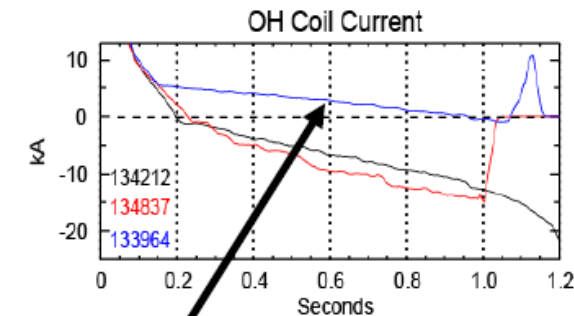
Sustained-high elongation and wall-stabilized operation has been extended from $\beta_T = 15-20\%$ to $20-30\%$



• Above $n=1$ no-wall limit for $\sim 2\tau_{CR}$



• **High elongation $\kappa = 2.6$ sustained**



• **β up to factor of 2 higher ($\beta_T = 25-30\%$)**

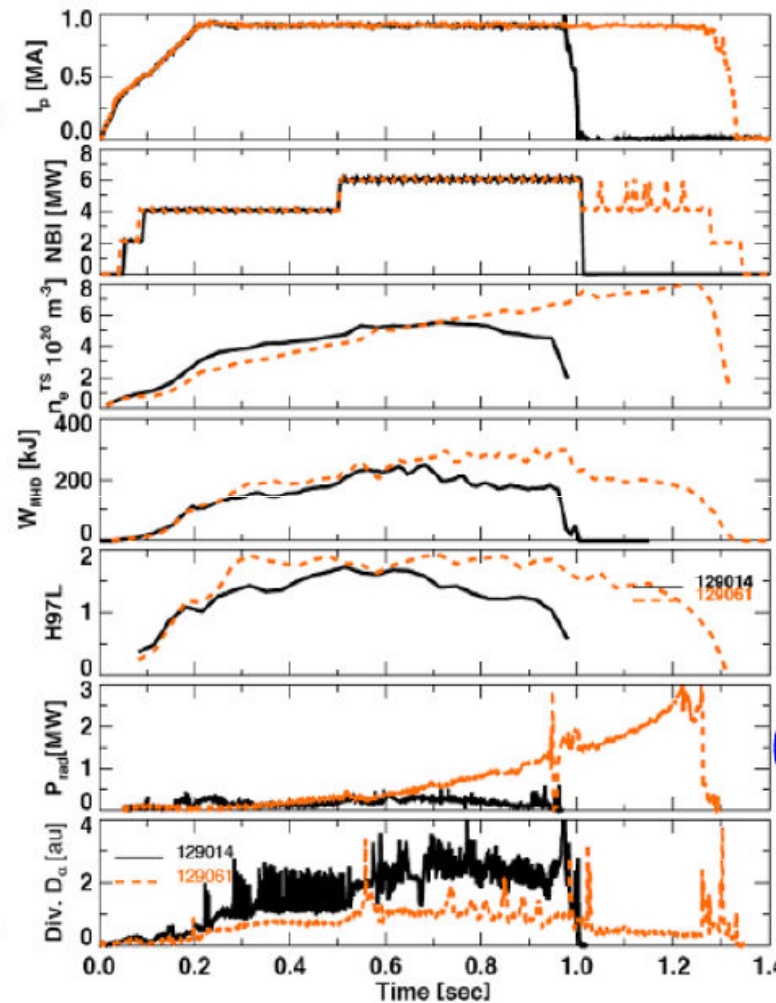
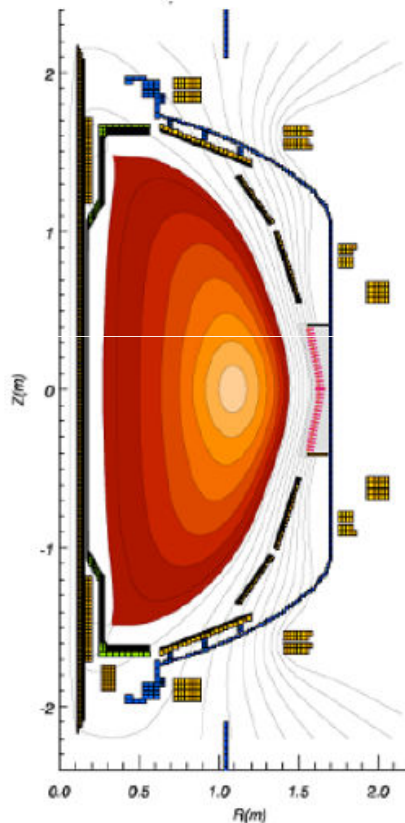
– Pressure, density, confinement increase throughout shot

- Lowest OH flux consumption so far
 - Projects to $\sim 2-3s$ pulse

- Non-inductive fraction = 60-65%
- **But, models under-predict total I_p by $\sim 20\%$**
 - Non-inductive fraction could be as high as 75%
 - Investigating data uncertainties: n_e , Z_{eff} , MSE, ...

Lithium wall conditioning improves pulse length, increases τ_E , suppresses ELMs, but shows impurity accumulation

Standard high $\kappa \sim 2.3$, $\delta \sim 0.8$ shape

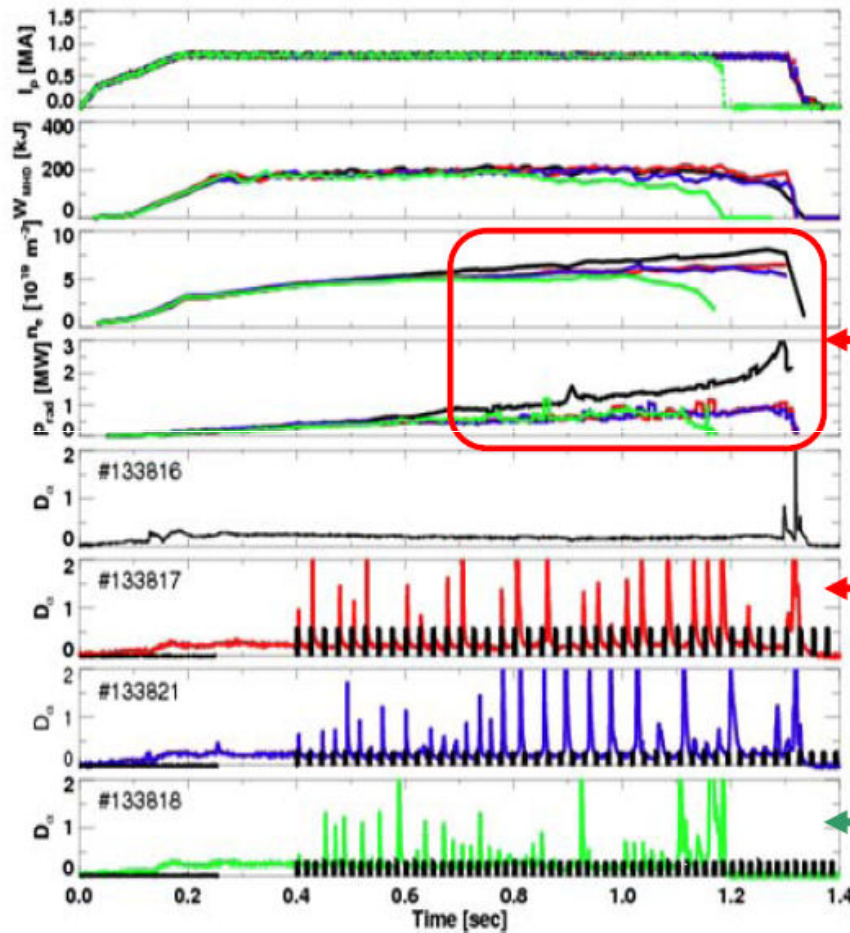


- Pre-Li, Post-Li
- Longer pulse
- Lower n_e early, higher late
- Higher stored energy
- Higher H-factor
- Higher radiated power
- ELM-free, lower recycling

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• Now focusing on main-ion and impurity density control

ELM triggering using n=3 perturbations is being optimized to control density and radiation, maintain high confinement

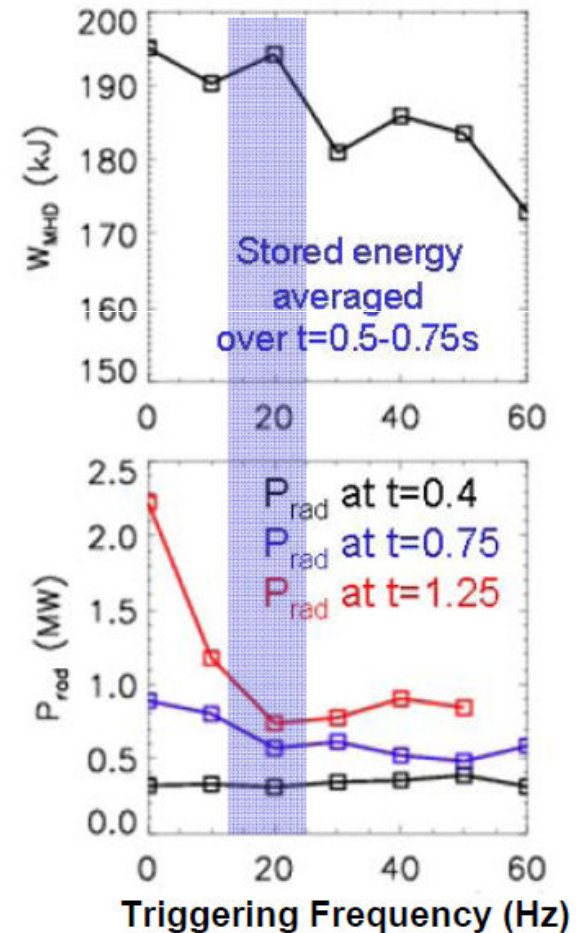


n_e & radiation rise arrested

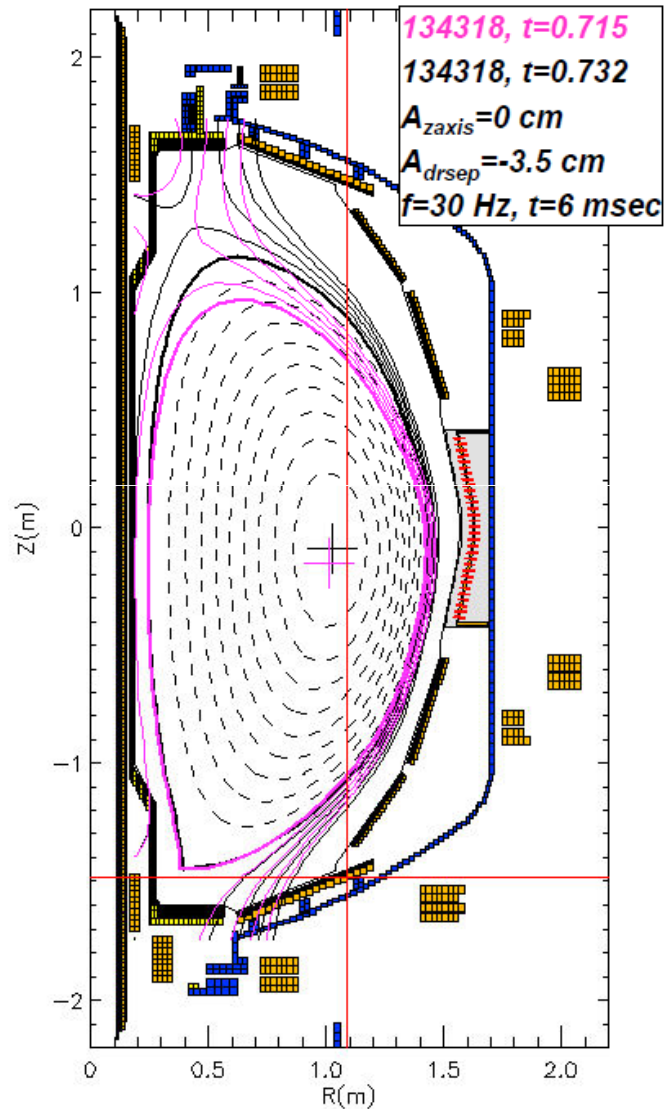
But ELM size can be large ($\Delta W/W_{TOT} = 10-15\%$)

Higher $f_{trigger}$ reduces size ($\Delta W/W_{TOT} \sim 5\%$)

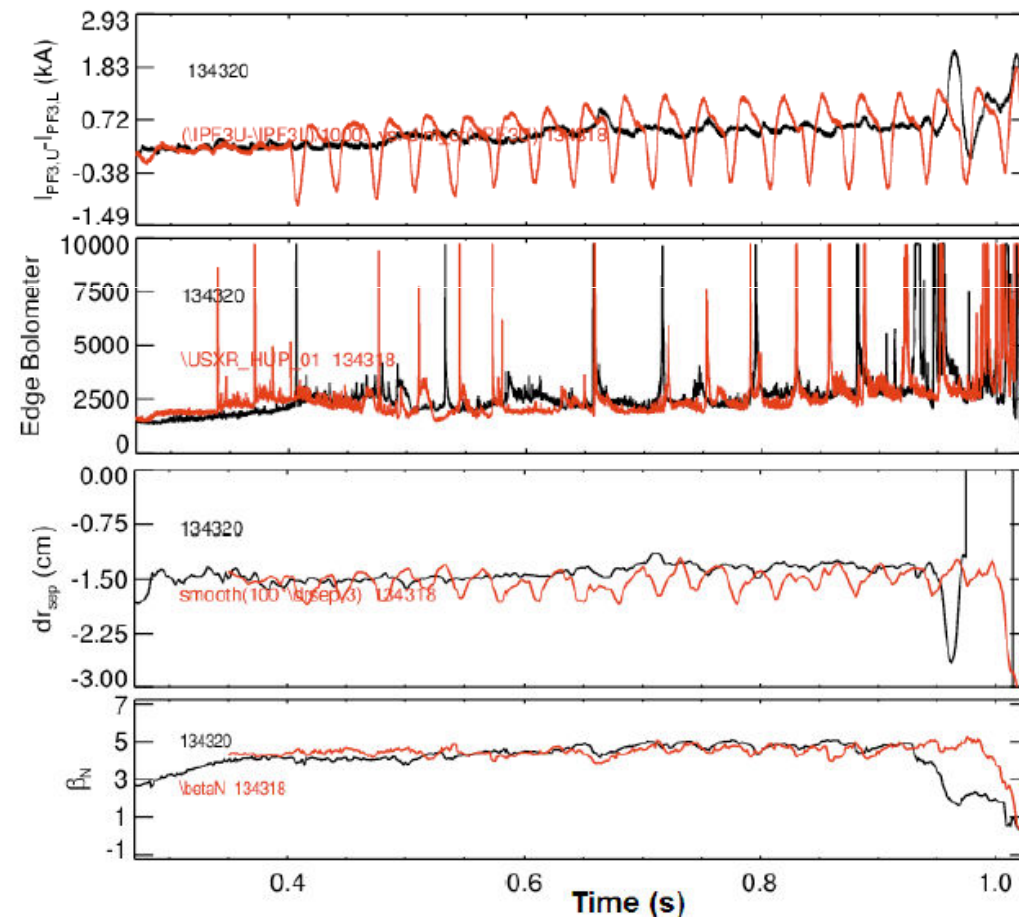
Favorable n=3 amplitude and triggering frequency found



Plasma vertical position “jogs” can also trigger ELMs (ELM triggering with jogs observed on JET, ASDEX-U, TCV)

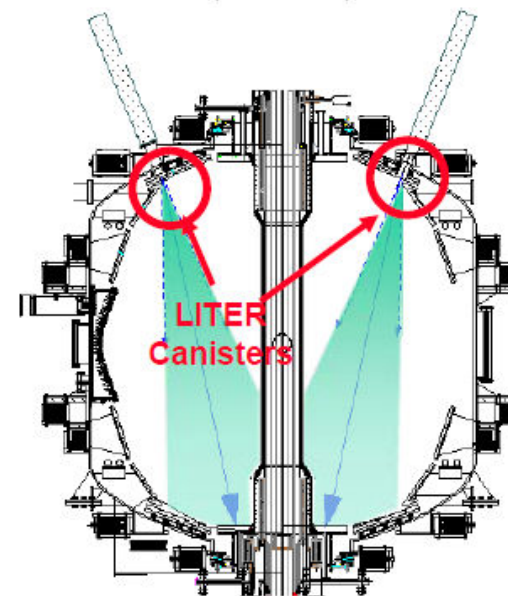
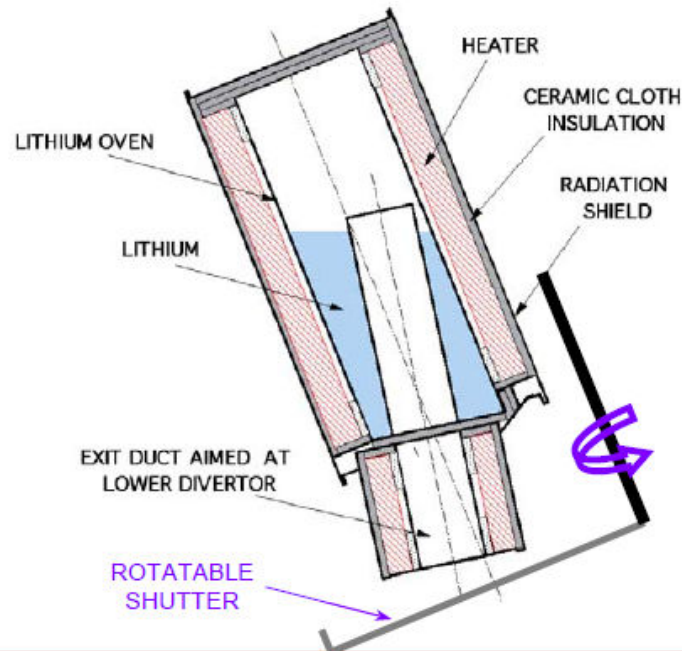


- Just beginning to explore this on NSTX...
- Thus far, triggering only works for $dr_{sep} < \sim -1 \text{ cm}$



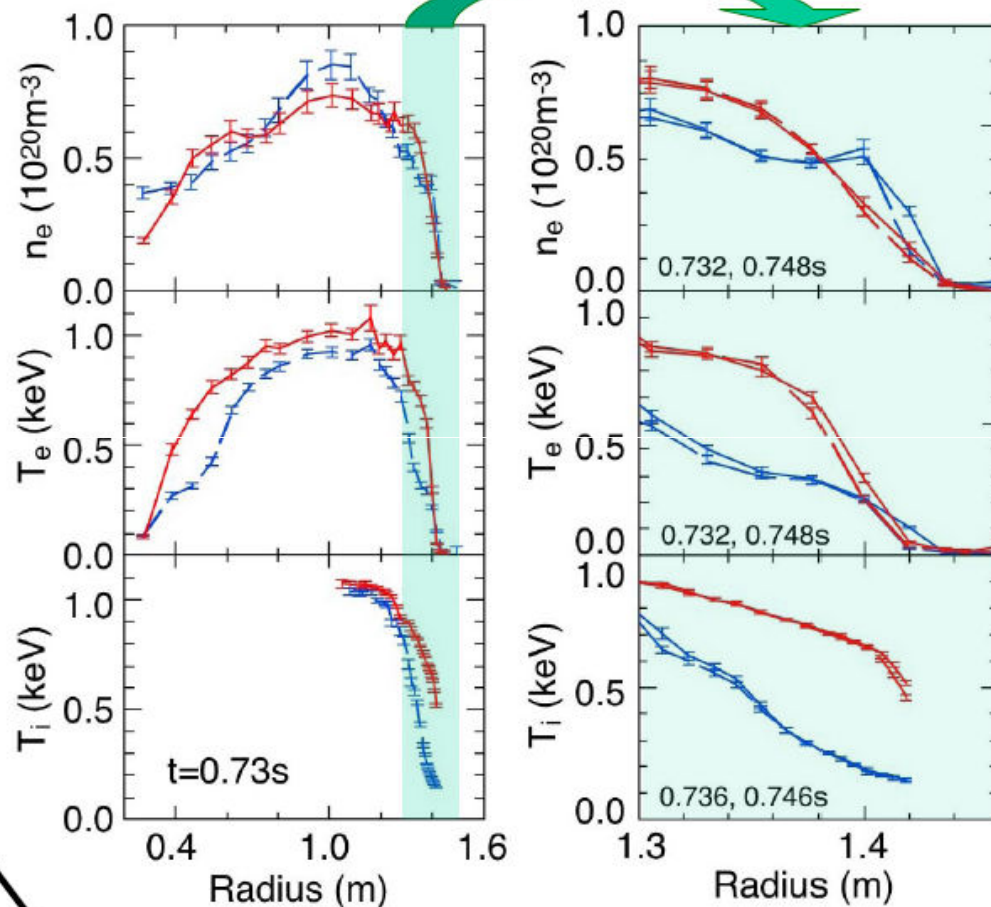
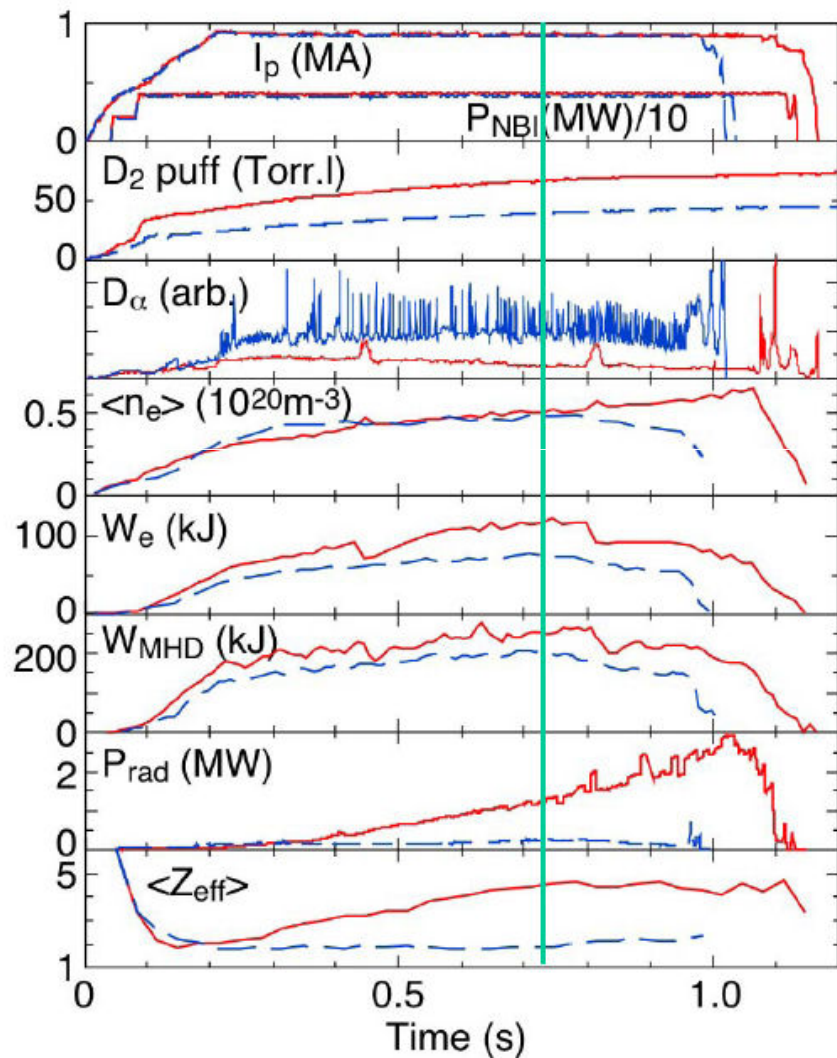
Dual LITERs Replenish Lithium Layer on Lower Divertor Between Tokamak Discharges

- Electrically-heated stainless-steel canisters with re-entrant exit ducts
- Mounted 150° apart on probes behind gaps between upper divertor plates
- Each evaporates 1 – 40 mg/min with lithium reservoir at 520 – 630°C
- Rotatable shutters interrupt lithium deposition during discharges & HeGDC
- Withdrawn behind airlocks for reloading and initial melting of lithium charge
- Reloaded LITERs 6 times during 2009 run (Mar - Aug): ~300g deposited



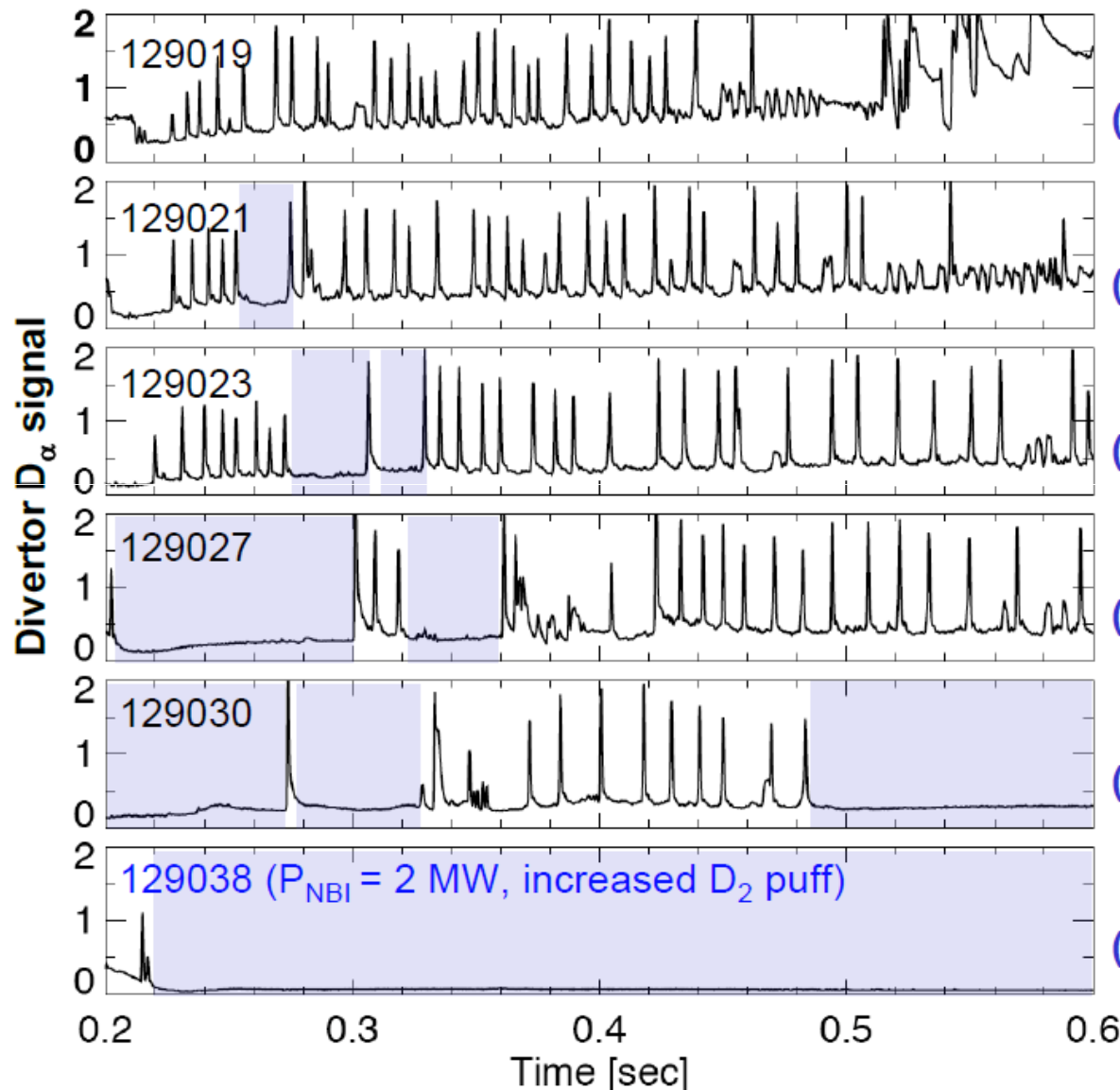
Lithium Coating Reduces Deuterium Recycling, Suppresses ELMs, Improves Confinement

No lithium (129239); **260mg lithium (129245)**



Without ELMs, impurity accumulation increases radiated power and Z_{eff}

Suppression of ELMs Occurs By Lengthening and Coalescence of ELM-free Periods



0 Lithium deposited
(0) (accumulated) (mg)

110
(110)

- Shots with $I_p = 0.8 \text{ MA}$, $B_T = 0.5 \text{ T}$, $P_{\text{NBI}} = 4 \text{ MW}$

150
(426)

- All shots remain in H-mode

170
(1056)

- ELM suppression was predicted through changes in location of current density gradient with respect to mode rational surfaces (Zakharov, 2006)

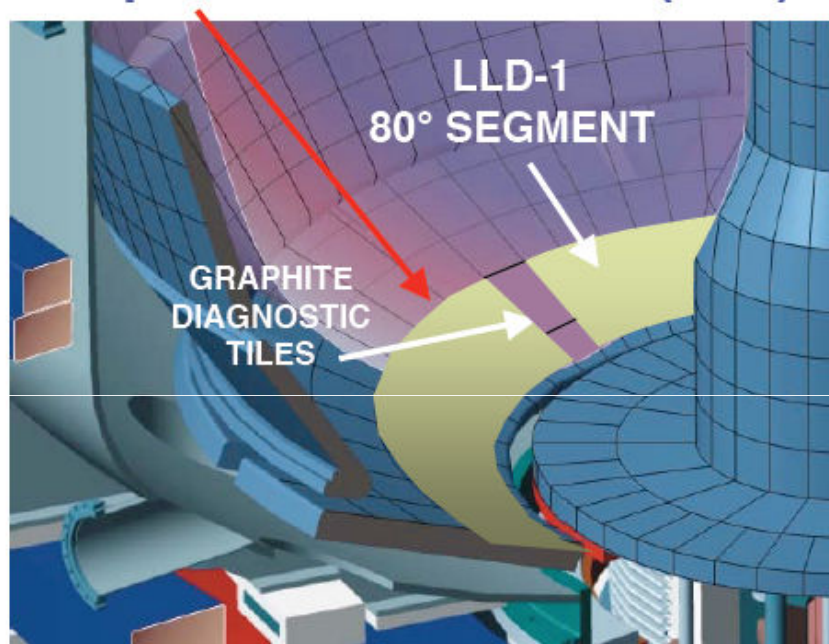
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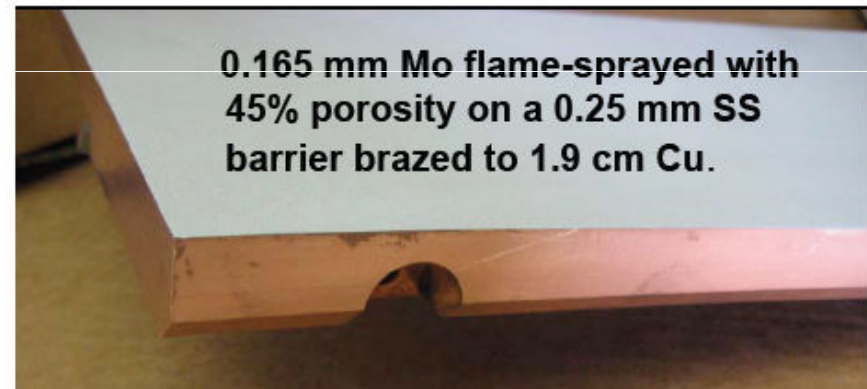
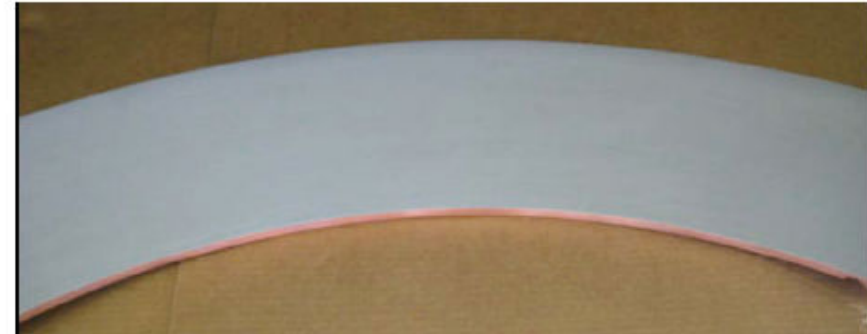
Liquid Lithium Divertor to Test Pumping Effectiveness

LLD Plates To Operate at Lithium Melting Temperature (200 - 400 °C)

Liquid Lithium Divertor (LLD)



H. Kugel, R. Kaita (PPPL) et al.,



Moly-Coated LLD Plate

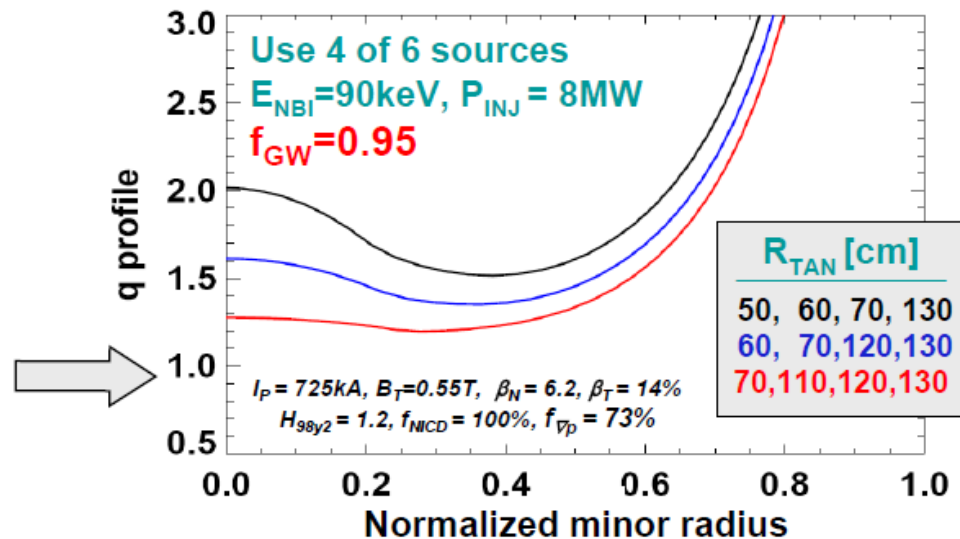
R. Nygren (Sandia NL) et al.,

- LLD installation started for FY 2010 run (completion next few weeks)
- Enhanced LLD to achieve density control - improved diagnostics and improved fill system - to be installed for FY 2011 run

Increased auxiliary heating and current drive are needed to fully exploit increased field, current, and pulse duration

- Higher heating power to access high temperature and β at low collisionality
 - Need additional 4-10MW, depending on confinement scaling
- Increased external current drive to access and study 100% non-inductive
 - Need 0.25-0.5MA compatible with conditions of ramp-up and sustained plasmas
- Proposed upgrade: double neutral beam power + more tangential injection
 - ITER-level high-heat-flux plasma boundary physics capabilities & challenges
 - More tangential injection \rightarrow up to 2 times higher efficiency, current profile control

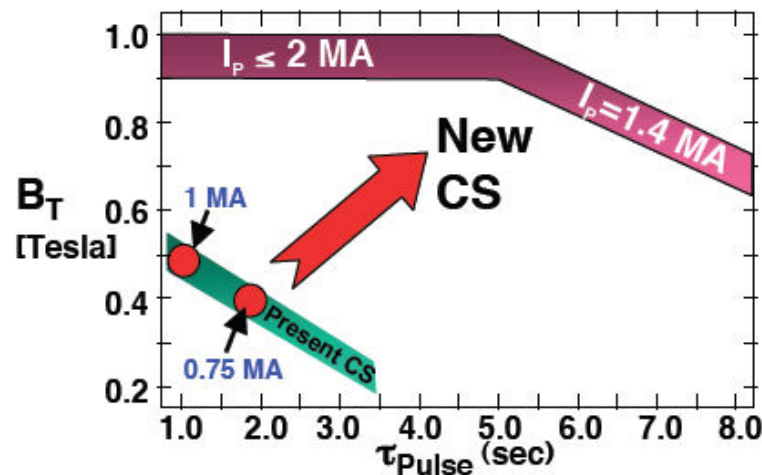
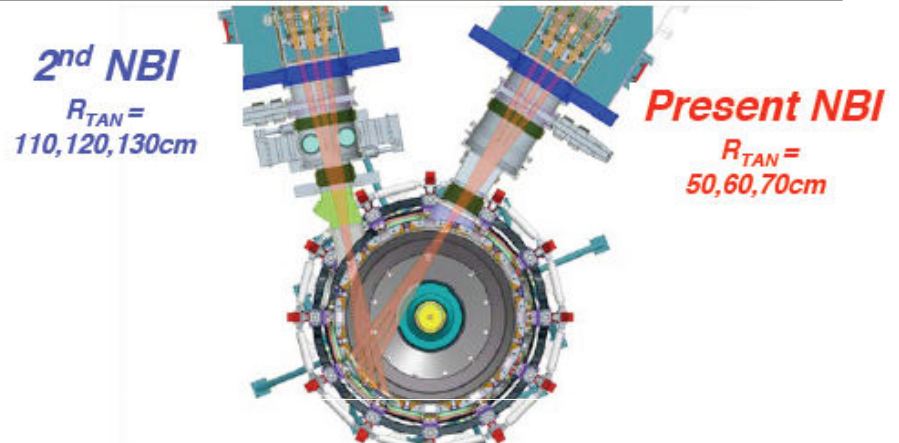
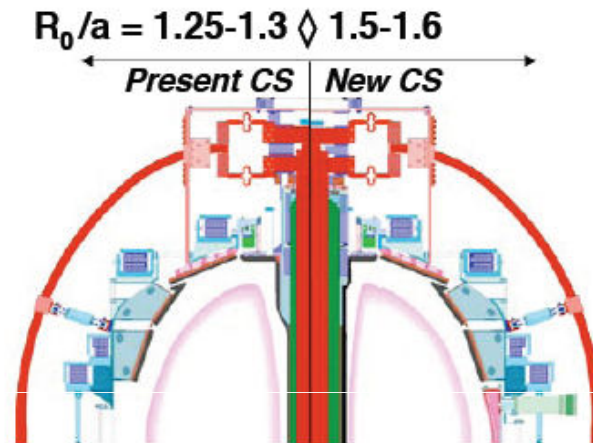
- $q(r)$ profile very important for global stability, electron transport, Alfvénic instability behavior
 - Variation of mix of NBI tangency radii would enable core q control



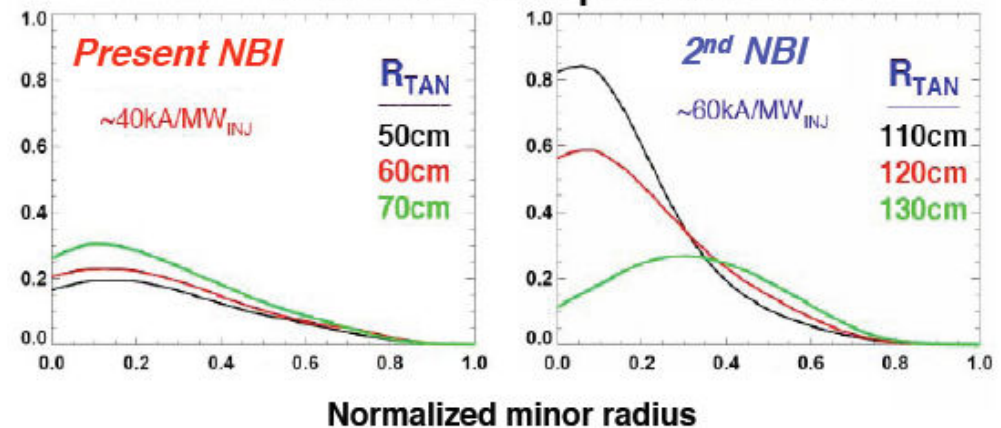
Major Facility Upgrades Planned to Bridge the Device and Performance Gap Toward Next-Step STs

New center stack for 1T, 2MA, 5s to access reduced ν^* , 100% non-inductive ST plasmas

2nd NBI with larger R_{tangency} for sustained and controllable 100% NICD + high β at low ν^*



NBI current drive profiles [MA/m²]



Magnet operation at $\sim 1\text{T}$ (vs. 0.55T) \diamond within a factor of 2 of next-step STs

Up to 2 times higher NBI current drive efficiency, and current profile control

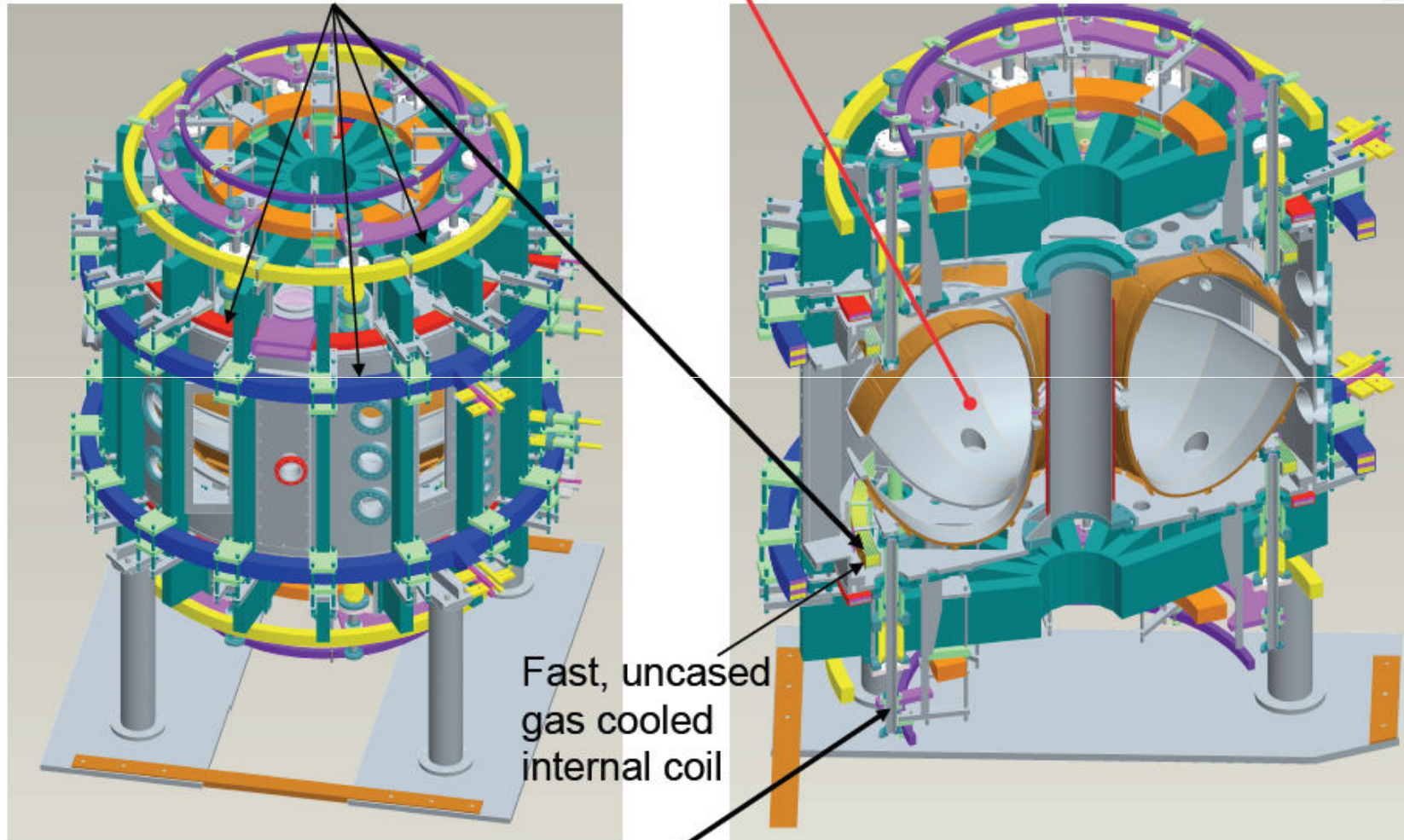
LTX discharges will be wall-limited on the heated, lithium-coated shell

◆ PF coils

Heated shell

1.8 m

LTX



Fast, uncased
gas cooled
internal coil

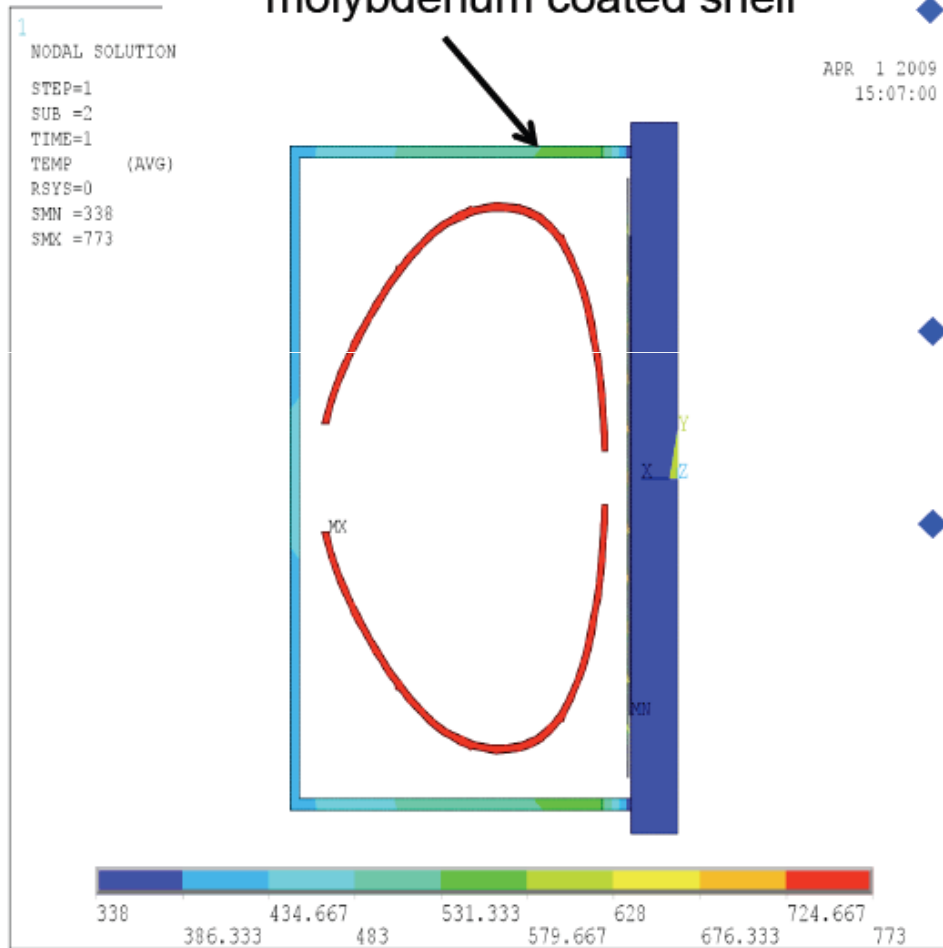
- ◆ Support structure for shell
 - Loads transferred to external supports

Shell surface will be coated by
evaporation

STW2009

Shell was designed for 500 °C operation to promote wetting of the SS surface by lithium

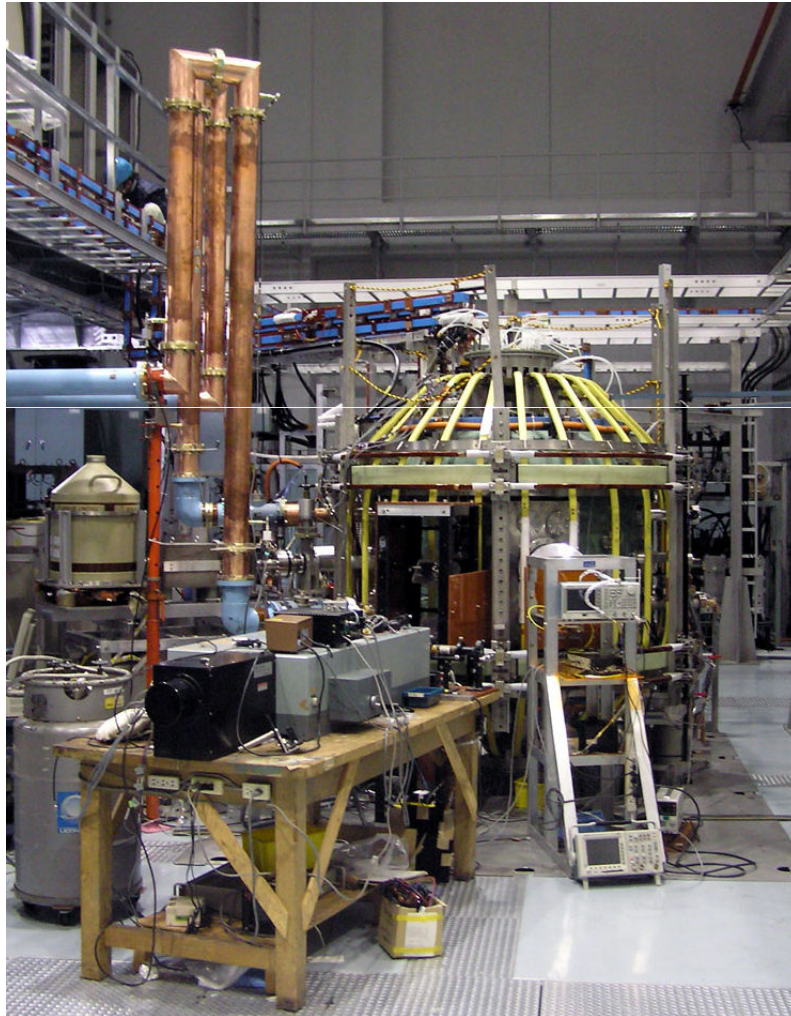
Passive heat shielding for upper, lower vessel with installation of molybdenum coated shell



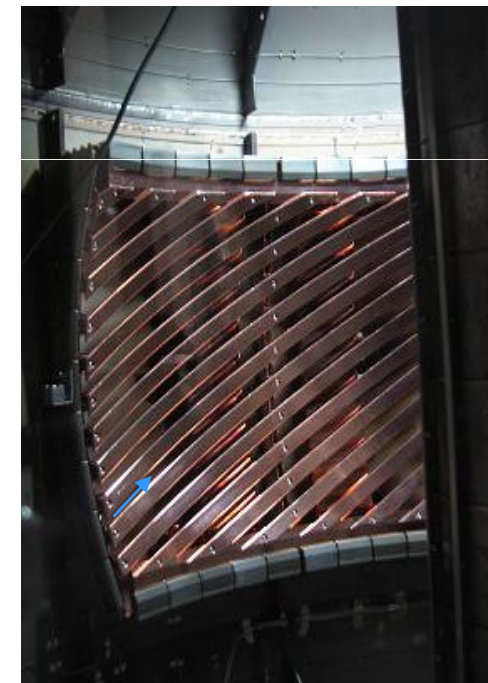
- ◆ ANSYS modeling for 500 °C operation
- ◆ Shell radiating into the vacuum chamber
 - 29 kW heater power required
 - Centerstack, vessel wall water cooled
- ◆ Centerstack is fitted with heat shield
 - Passive; polished stainless steel over silicon-bonded mica
- ◆ Shell tested to 200 °C
 - Vacuum vessel did not require water cooling; $\Delta T < 30$ °C
 - Centerstack surface $\Delta T < 2$ °C
 - Required ~10% of heater power
 - Projected *continuous* temperature limit: $\Rightarrow 560$ °C

TST-2 Spherical Tokamak and Heating Systems

TST-2



2-Strap HHFW Antenna
(only 1 strap was used)
21MHz, up to 400 kW
(up to 30 kW was used)

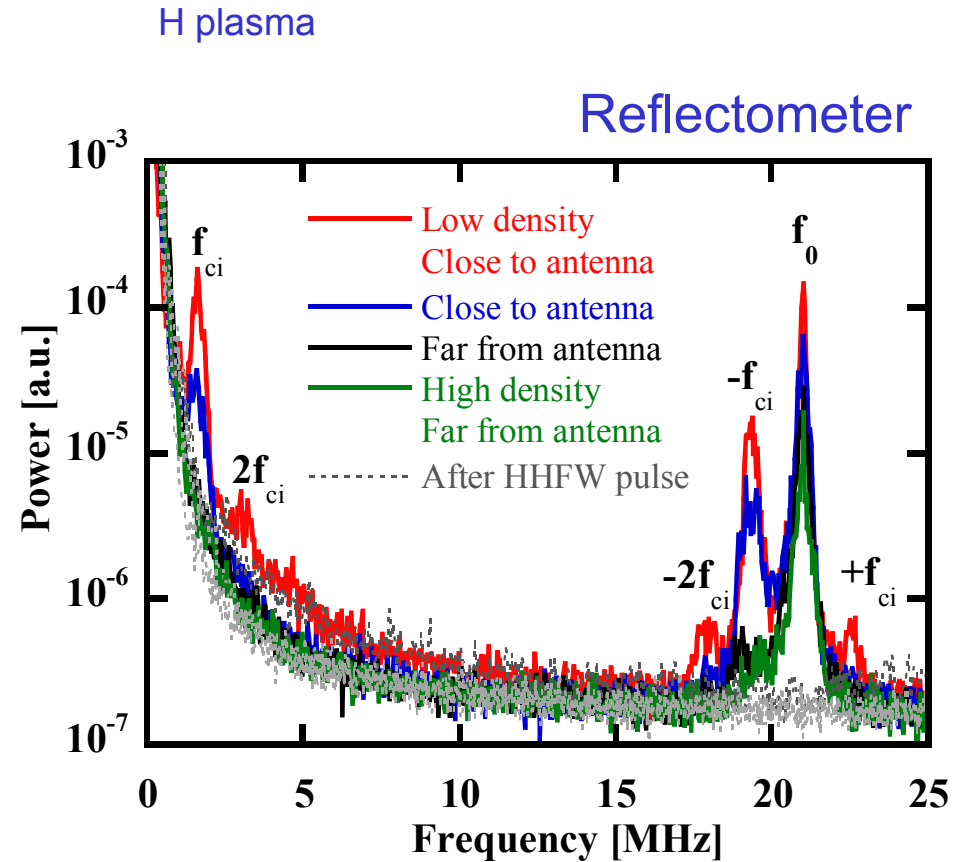
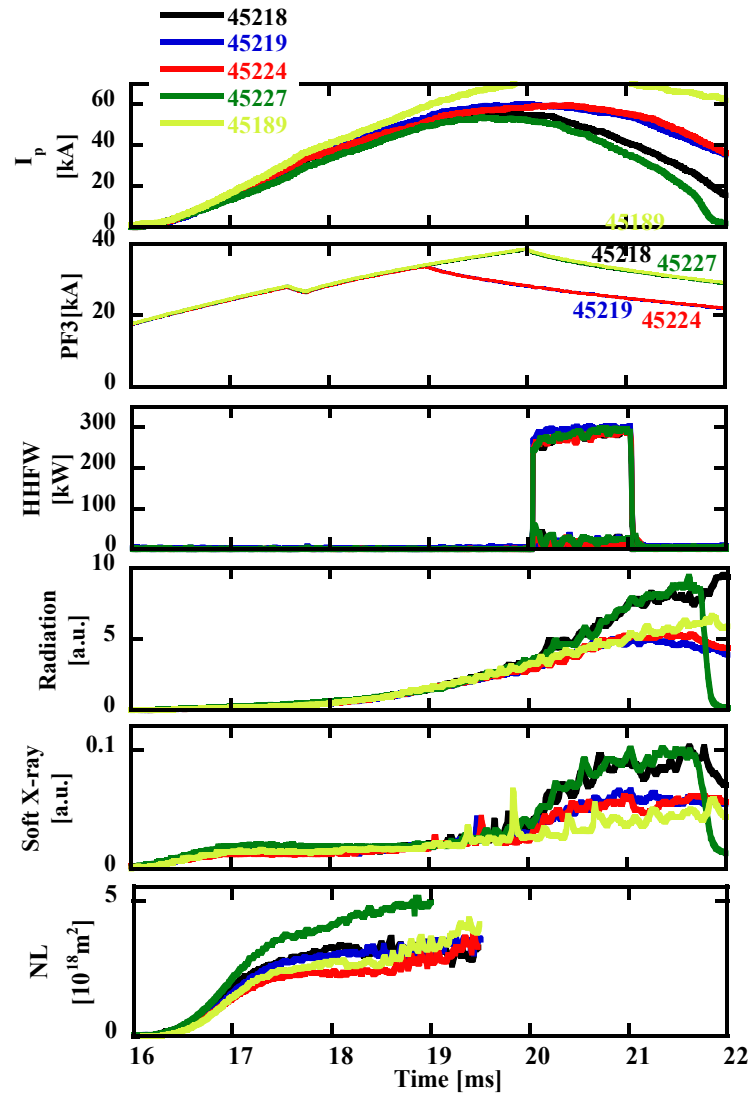


$R \leq 0.38$ m
 $a \leq 0.25$ m
 $B_{\phi} \leq 0.3$ T
 $I_p \leq 0.2$ MA

X-mode launch horn antenna for ECH
2.45 GHz, up to 5 kW

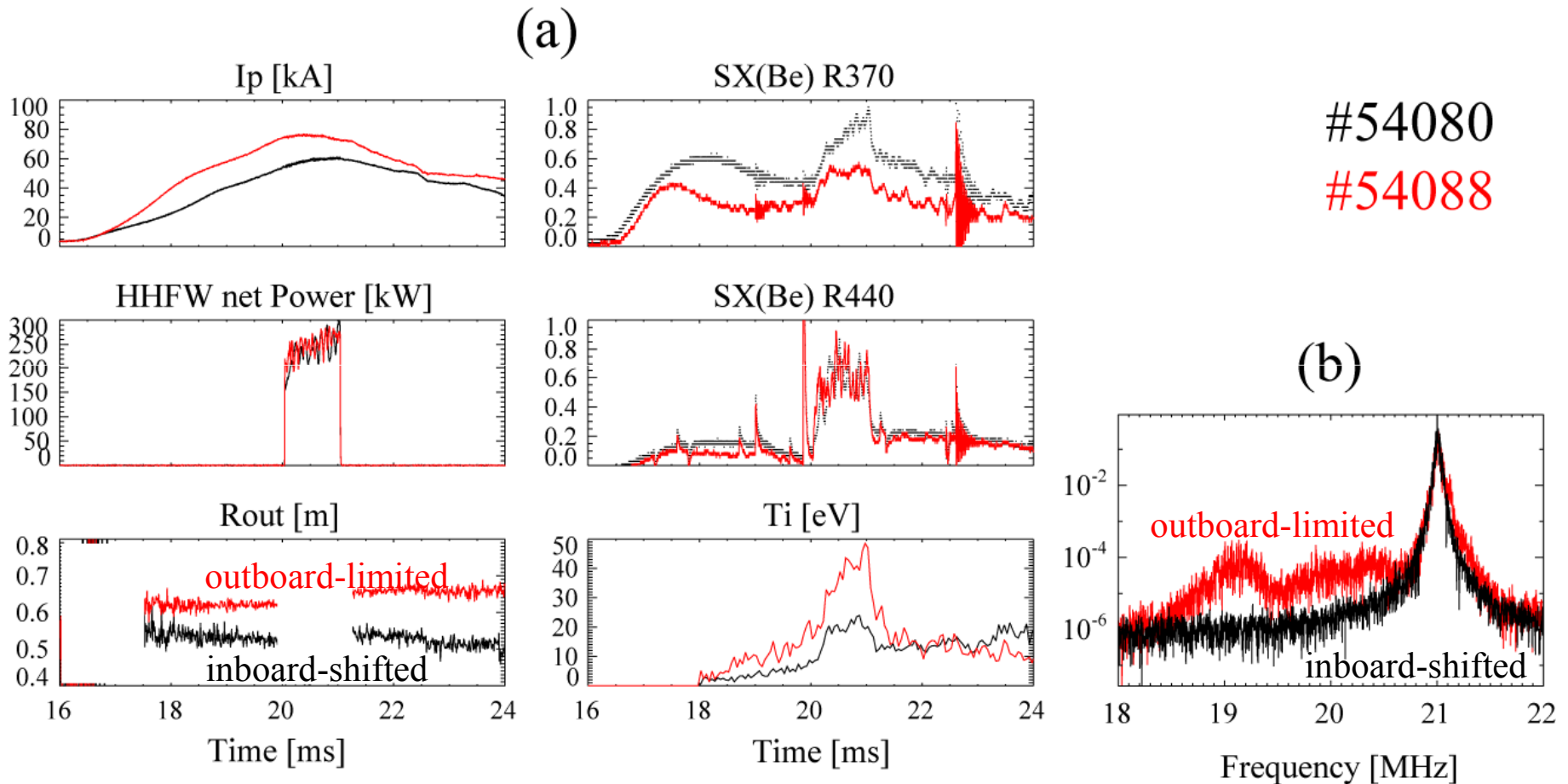
PDI Spectra Measured by Reflectometer

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Correlation Between PDI and Electron/Ion Heating

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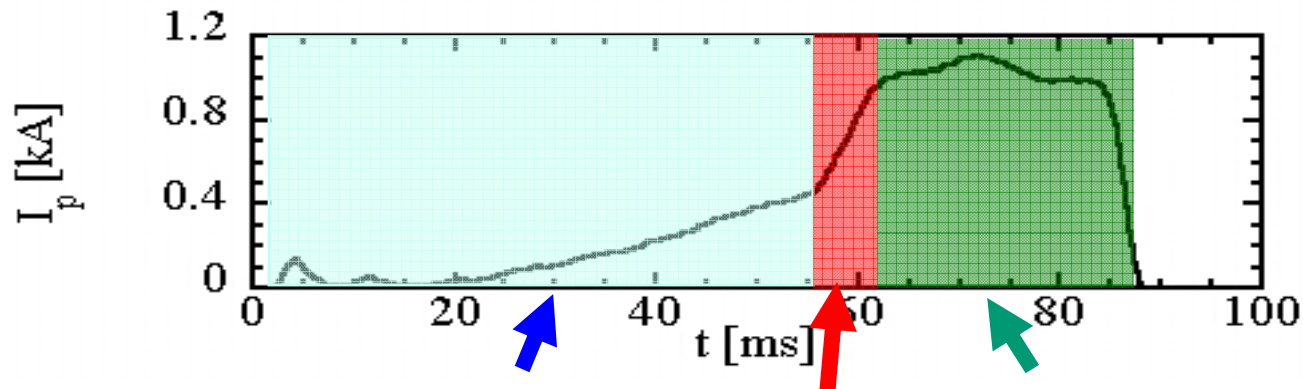


Stronger PDI ↔

- Less electron heating
- More ion heating

3 Phases of I_p Start-up by ECH

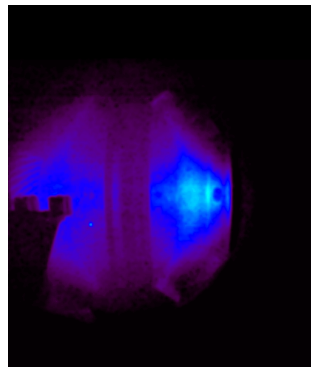
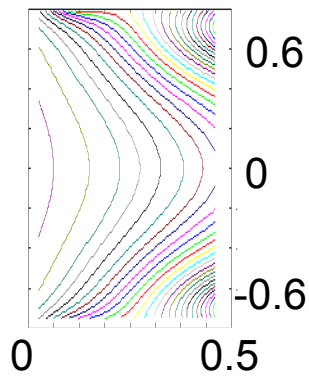
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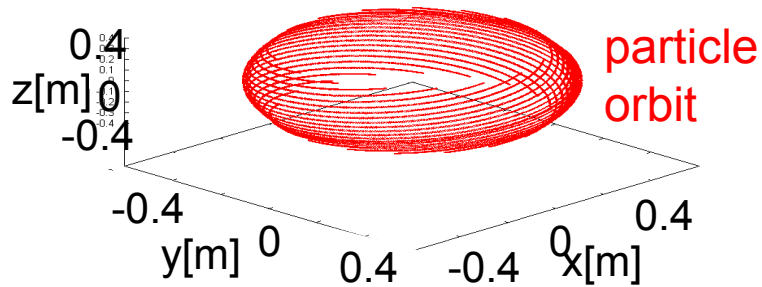
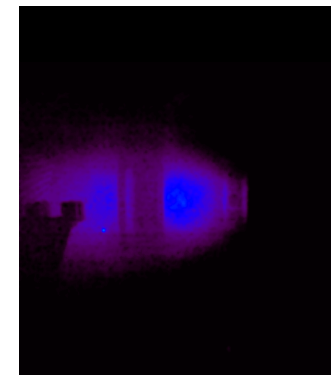
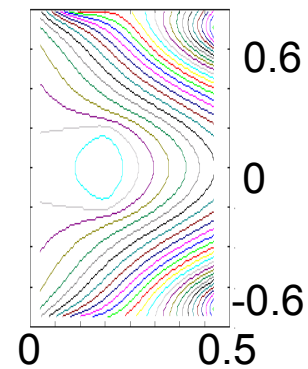
Open Field Lines

Current Jump

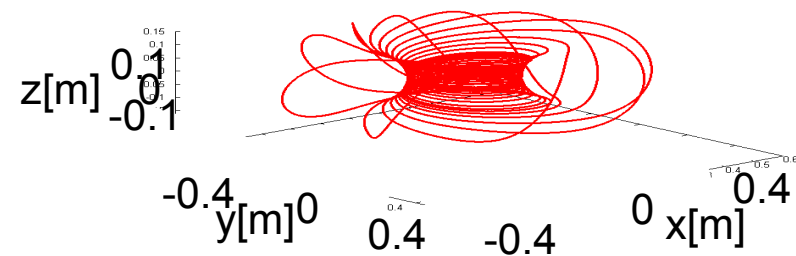
Closed Flux Surfaces



I_p increases rapidly once I_p reaches a critical level determined by B_V .



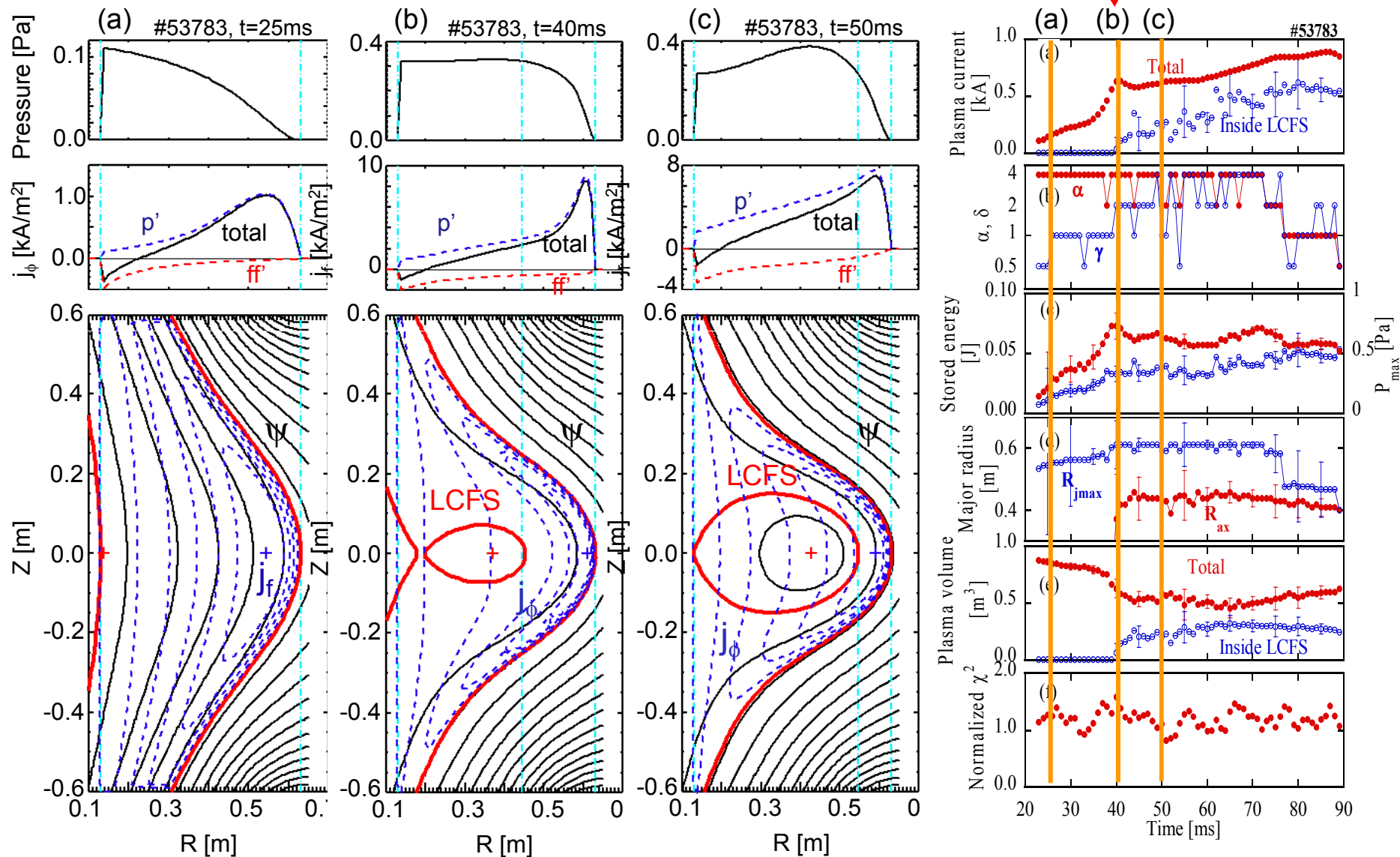
particle orbit



Evolution of Equilibrium

appearance of closed flux surfaces

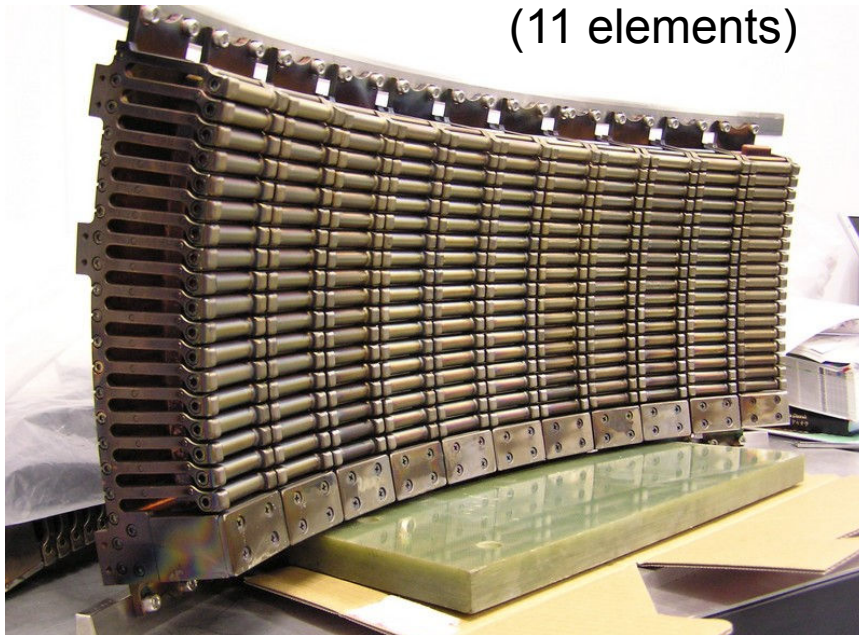
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Preparation for LHCD Experiment

TST-2

Comblin antenna
(11 elements)



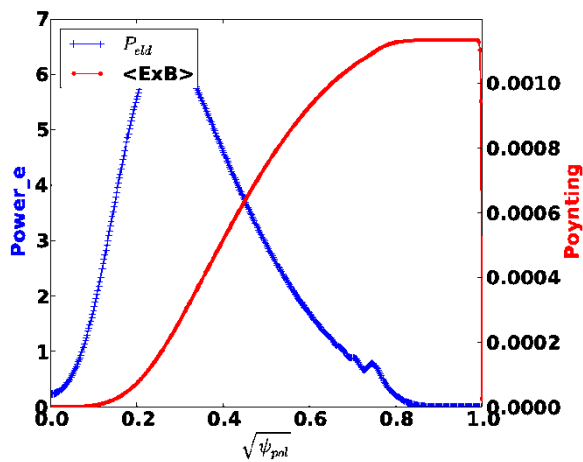
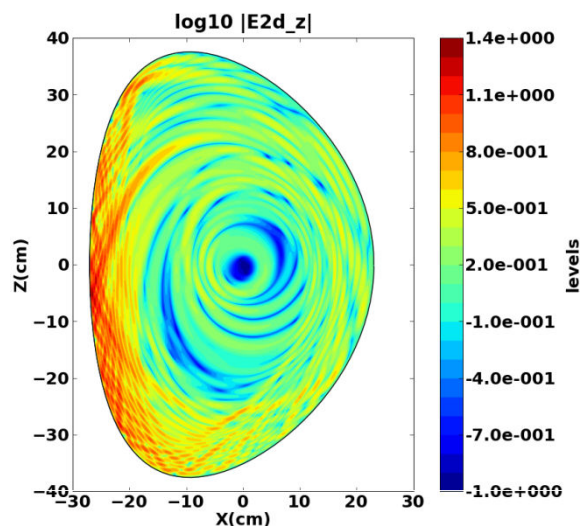
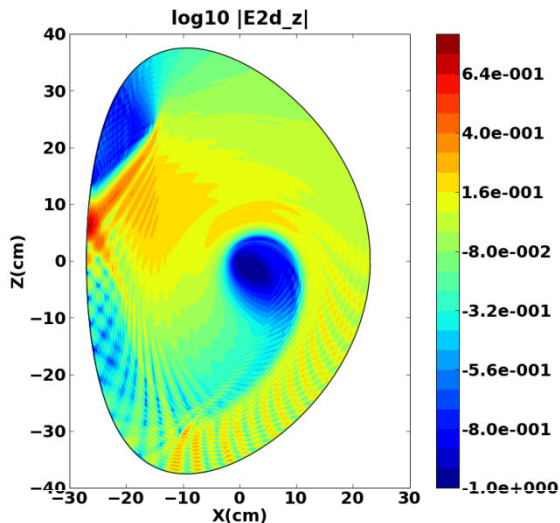
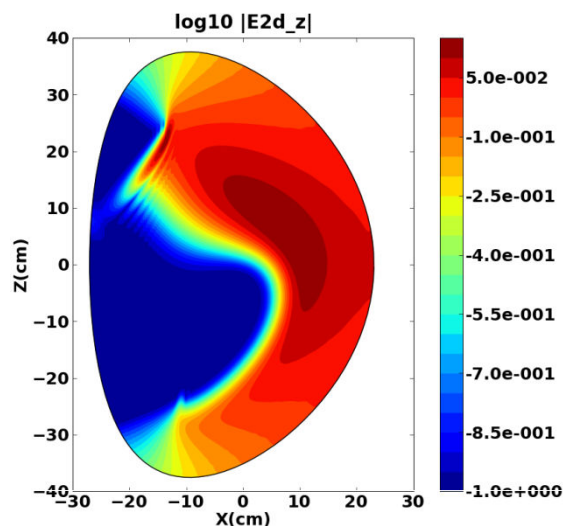
200 MHz transmitters
(200 kW x 4, from JFT-2M)



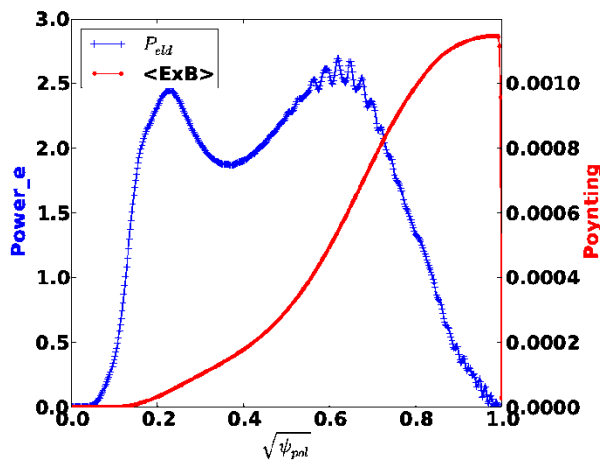
- Initially, the comblin antenna used on JFT-2M, adapted for use on TST-2, will be used to excite a unidirectional fast wave with $n_{\phi} = 12$ (corresponding to $n_{\parallel} = 5$).
- Direct excitation of the LH wave is planned in the future.
- The fast wave can mode convert to the LH wave and drive current.

I_p scan at low n_e

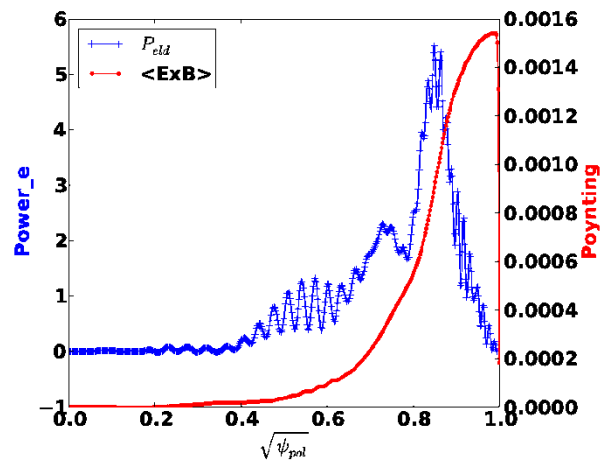
$n_{e0} = 1 \times 10^{17} \text{ m}^{-3}$; $T_{e0} = 1 \text{ keV}$; $n_{||0} = 7$; $\theta_{\text{ant}} = 0^\circ$



$I_p = 10 \text{ kA}$



$I_p = 30 \text{ kA}$

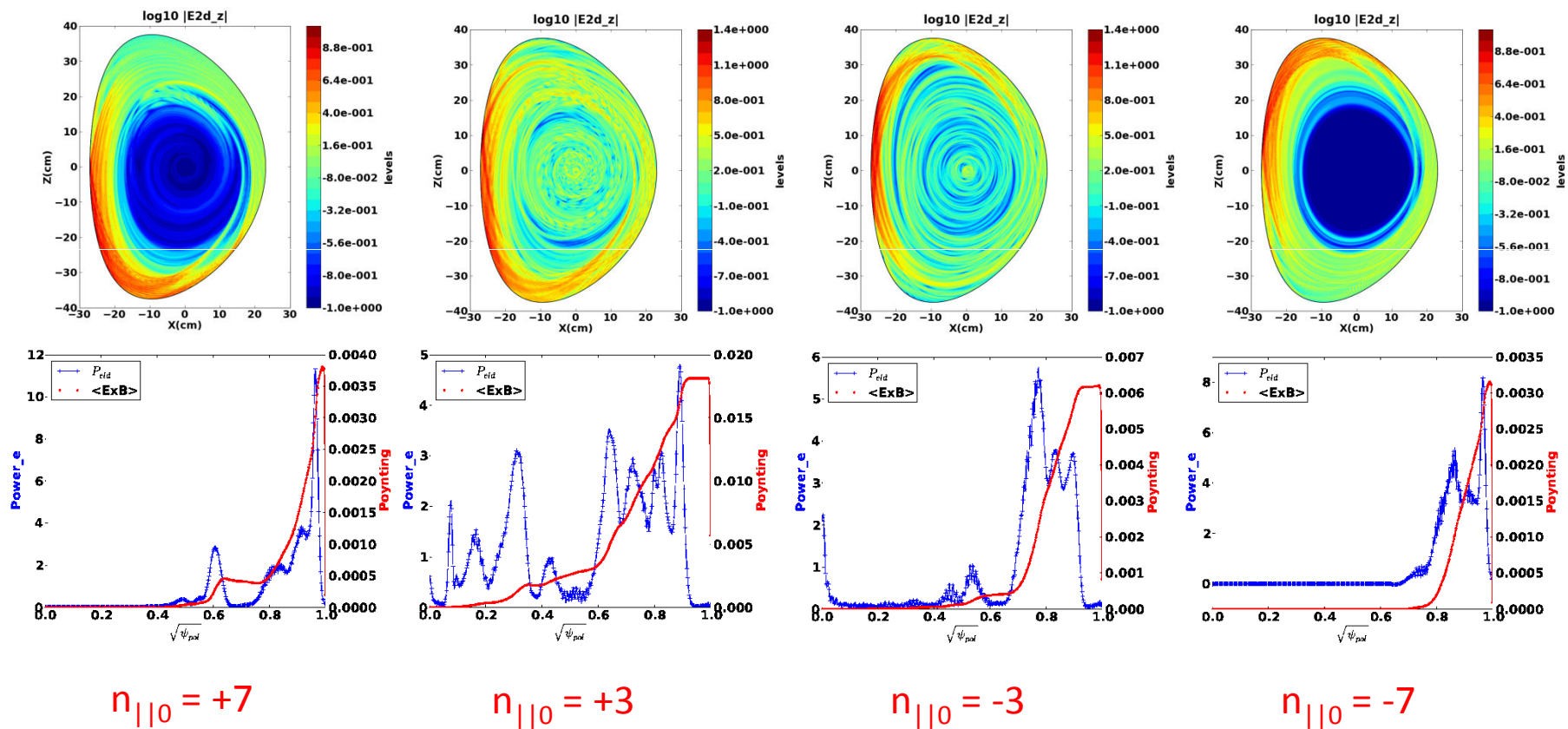


$I_p = 100 \text{ kA}$

Core absorption expected only at very low n_e ($< 5 \times 10^{18} \text{ m}^{-3}$) and I_p ($< 50 \text{ kA}$).

$n_{||0}$ scan at high I_p

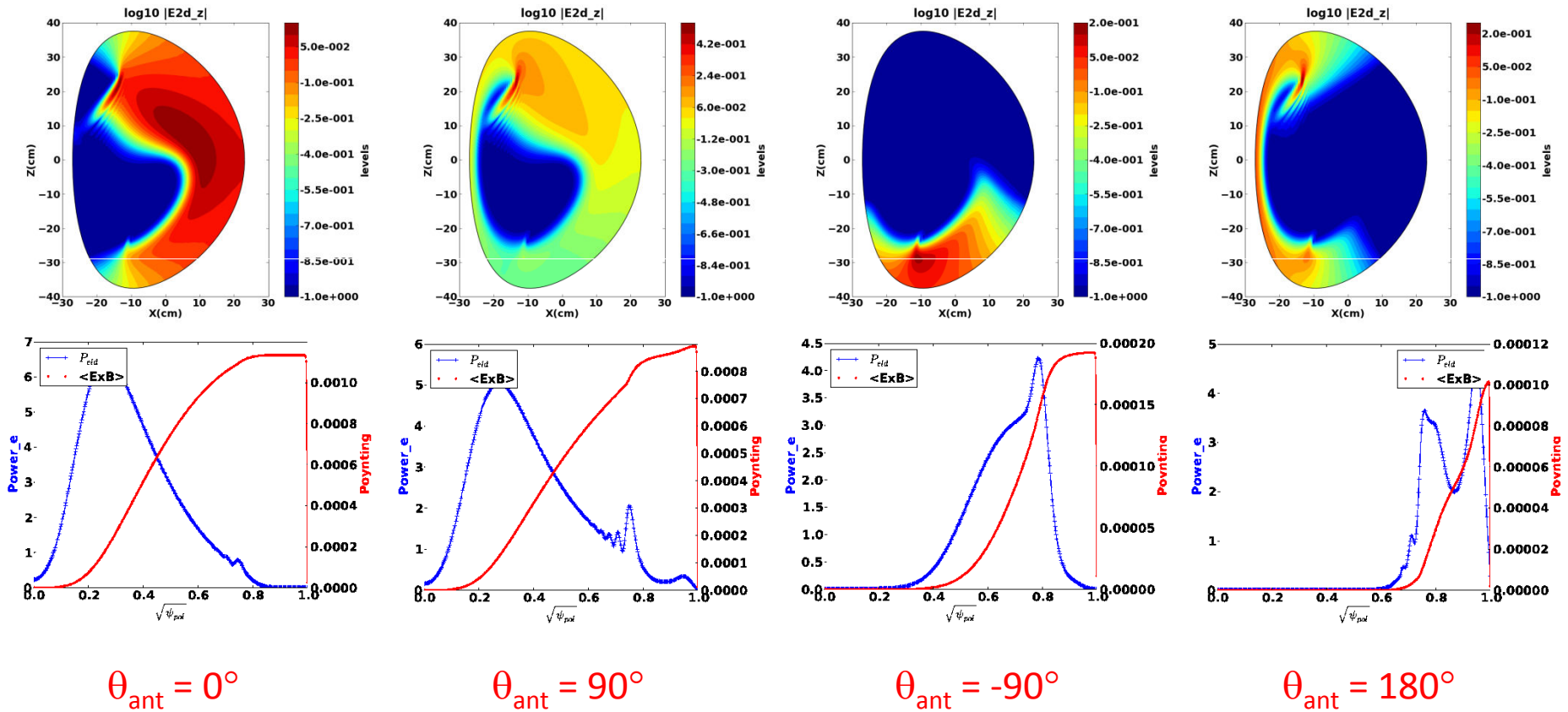
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At high plasma current (100 kA) only low $n_{||}$ LHW can reach the plasma core.

Antenna location scan

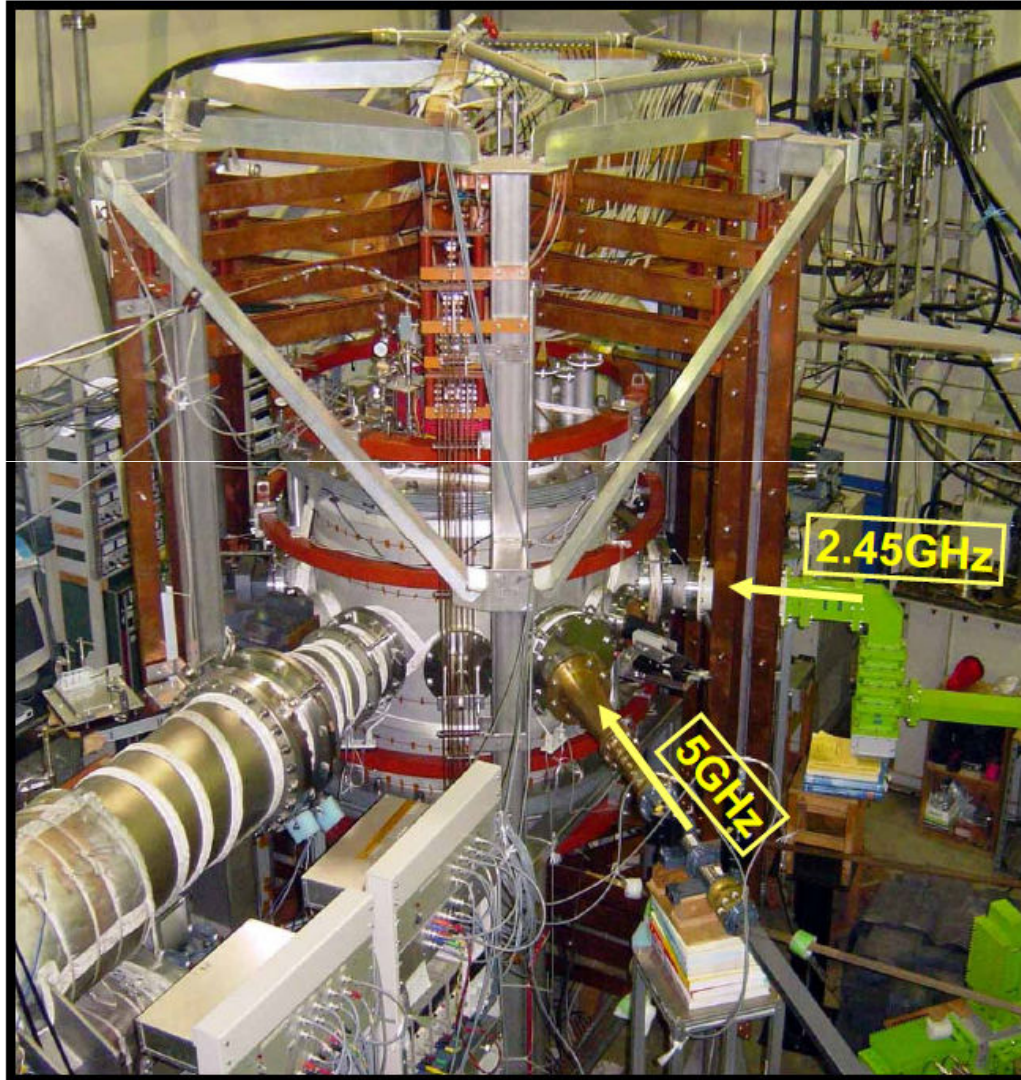
$$n_{e0} = 1 \times 10^{17} \text{ m}^{-3}; T_{e0} = 1 \text{ keV}; I_p = 10 \text{ kA}; n_{||0} = 7$$



Wave excitation from the low field side midplane is adequate.



Low Aspect ratio Torus Experiment (LATE) is exploring non-solenoidal start-up by ECH/ECCD



Device Parameters:

Vacuum vessel :

diameter = height = 1m

Center post : diam. = 11.4 cm

Toroidal coils :

Bt = 0.48 kG (R=25cm), 10 s

Bt = 1.15 kG (R=25cm), 0.3 s

Vertical coils: 3 sets

Vertical position control

Microwaves:

2.45 GHz 5kW CW x 2,
20kW 2s x 2

5.0 GHz 200kW 0.07s

Diagnostics:

Magnetics (17 Flux loops),

70GHz interferometer (3 chords),

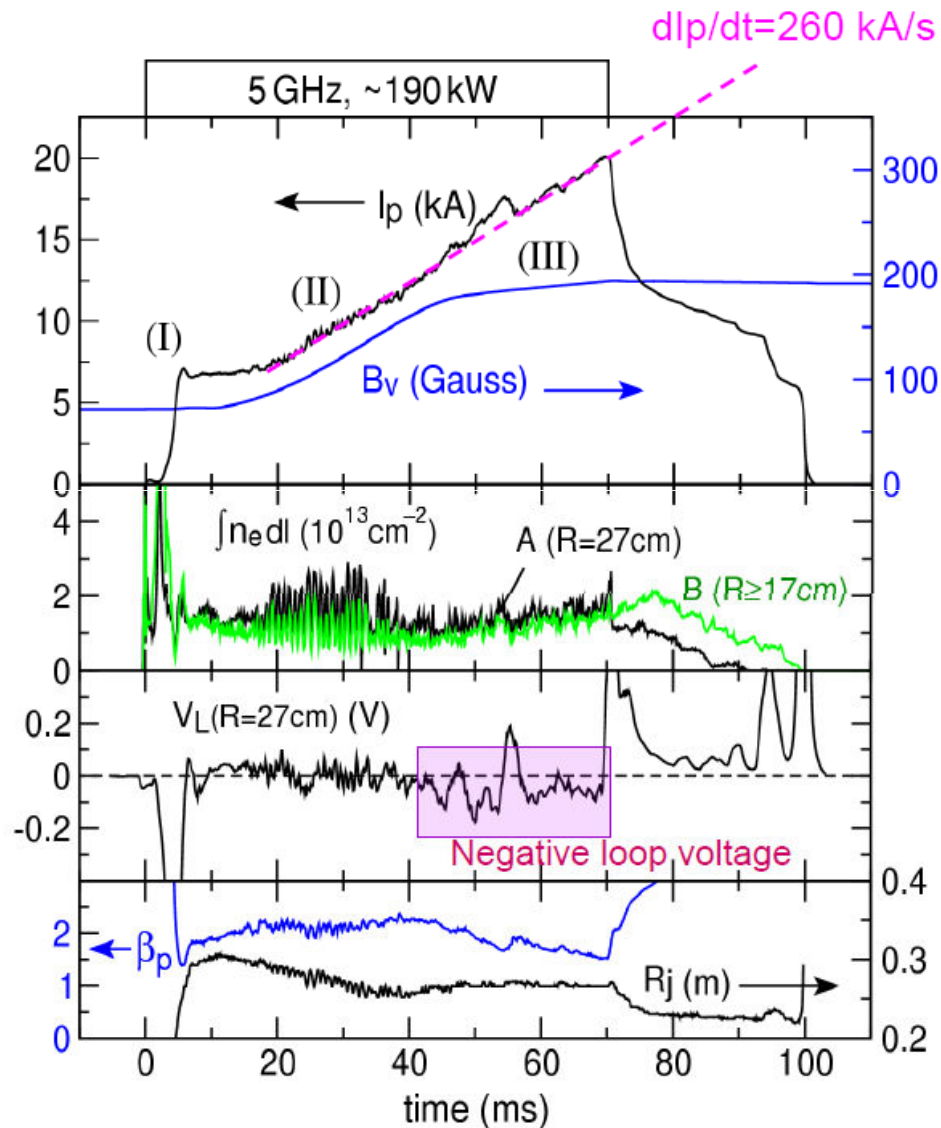
SX cameras (4-poloidal, 1-

toroidal), X-ray PHA (CdTe),

Fast visible camera,

Langmuir probes, Spectrometer

Current ramps rapidly up to 20kA by 5 GHz EC power and Bv control



Discharge evolves in three stages

I Closed surface is formed under steady B_v

II I_p ramps up with a ramp of B_v

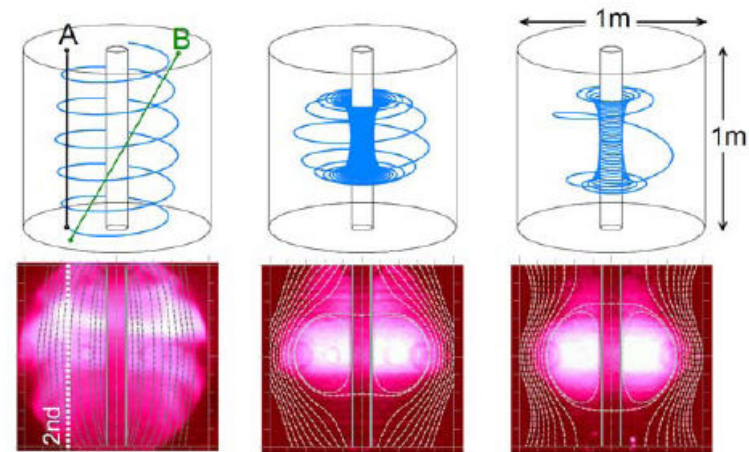
III B_v -ramp is turned very slow. I_p still ramps up.

⇒ Negative loop voltage $V_L \sim -0.1 \text{ V}$

$\beta_p \sim 1.5$ due to tail

(β_p -thermal < 0.05) when $I_p = 20 \text{ kA}$

⇒ Fast electron tail energy $\sim 100 \text{ keV}$



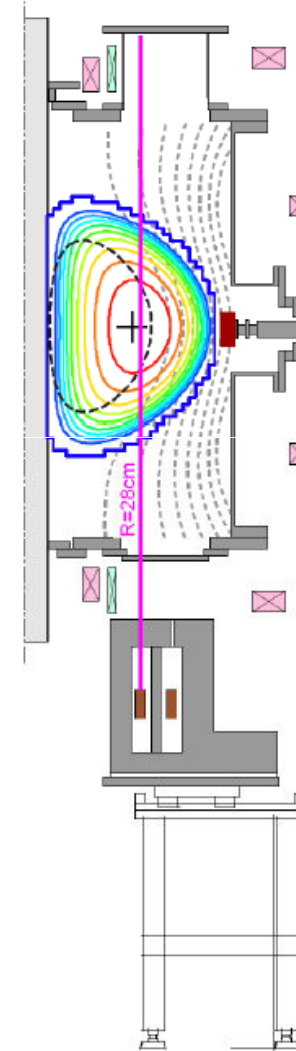
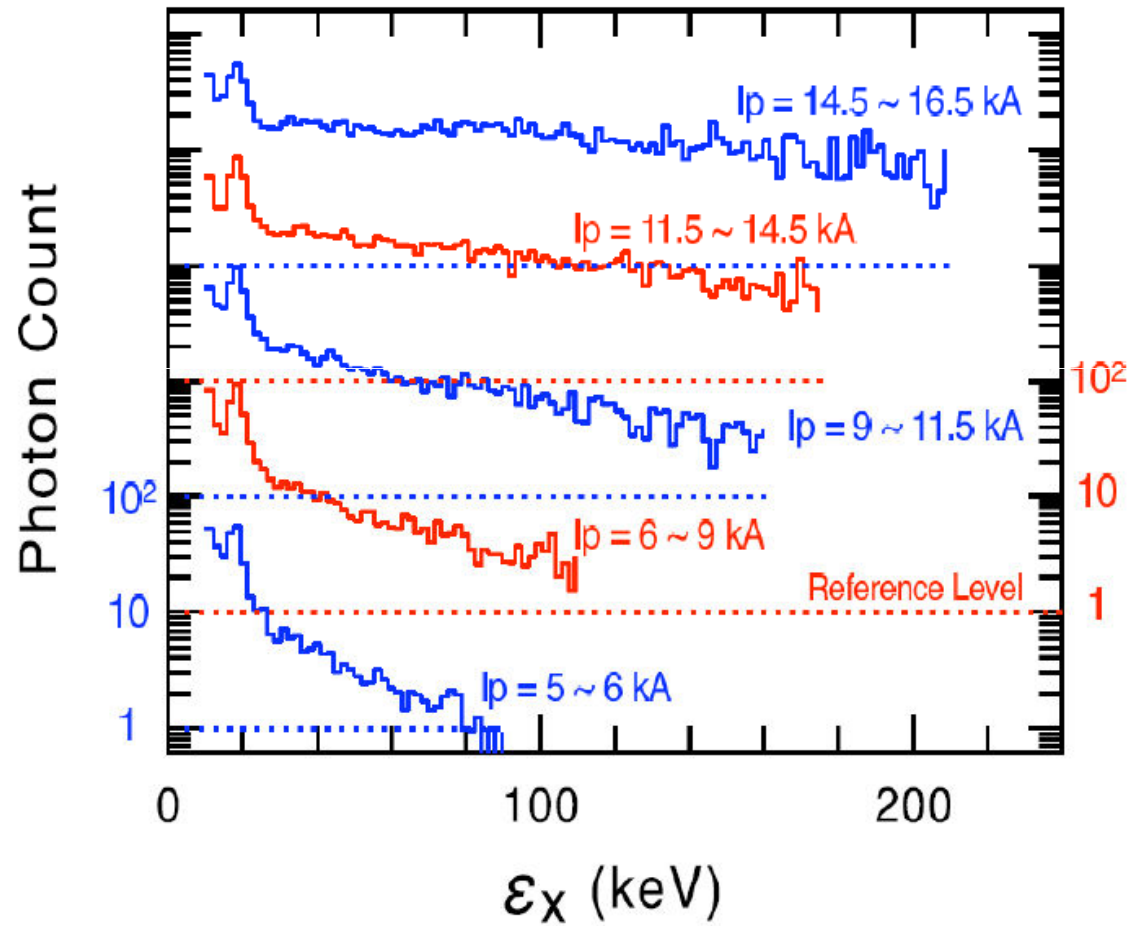
$I_p = 0$

$I_p = 7 \text{ kA}$

$I_p = 20 \text{ kA}$

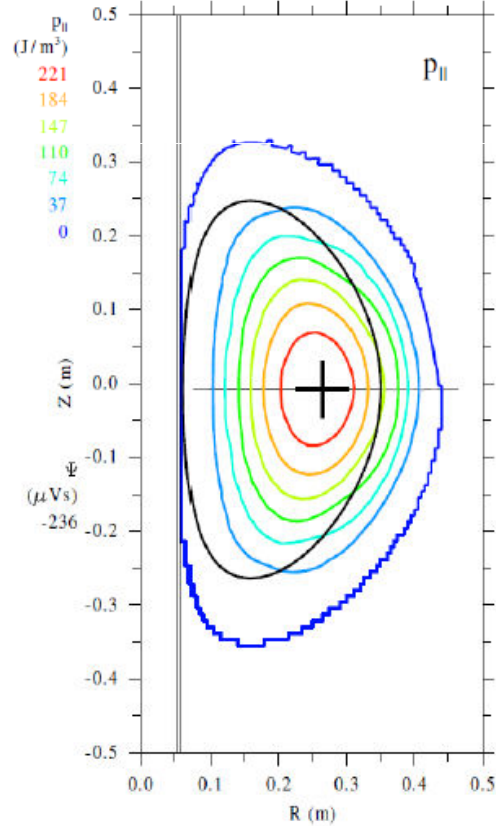
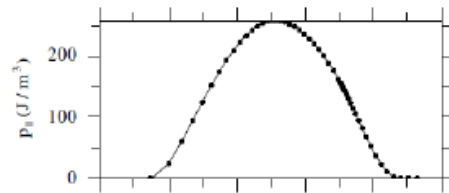


Hard X-ray energy range evolves as I_p ramps up.

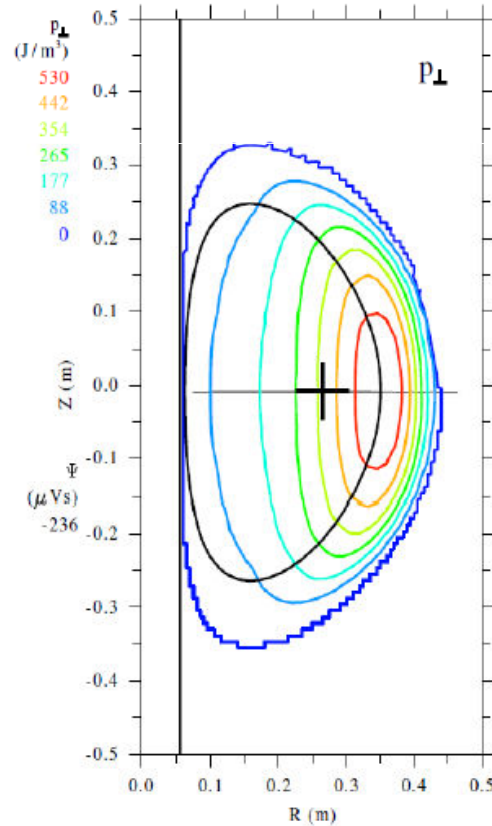
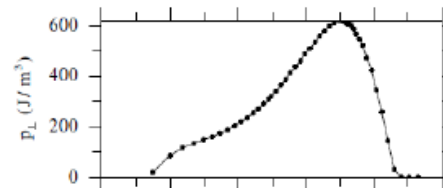


Equilibrium Pressure Profiles (p_{\parallel} , p_{\perp}) deduced by anisotropic pressure model for the 20 kA plasma

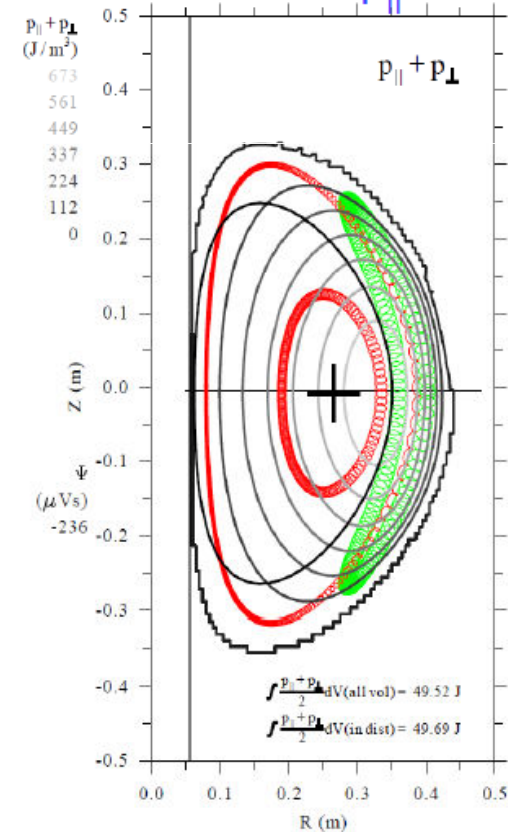
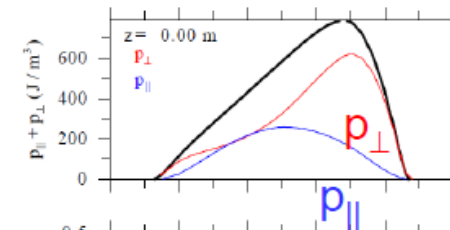
p_{\parallel} profile



p_{\perp} profile

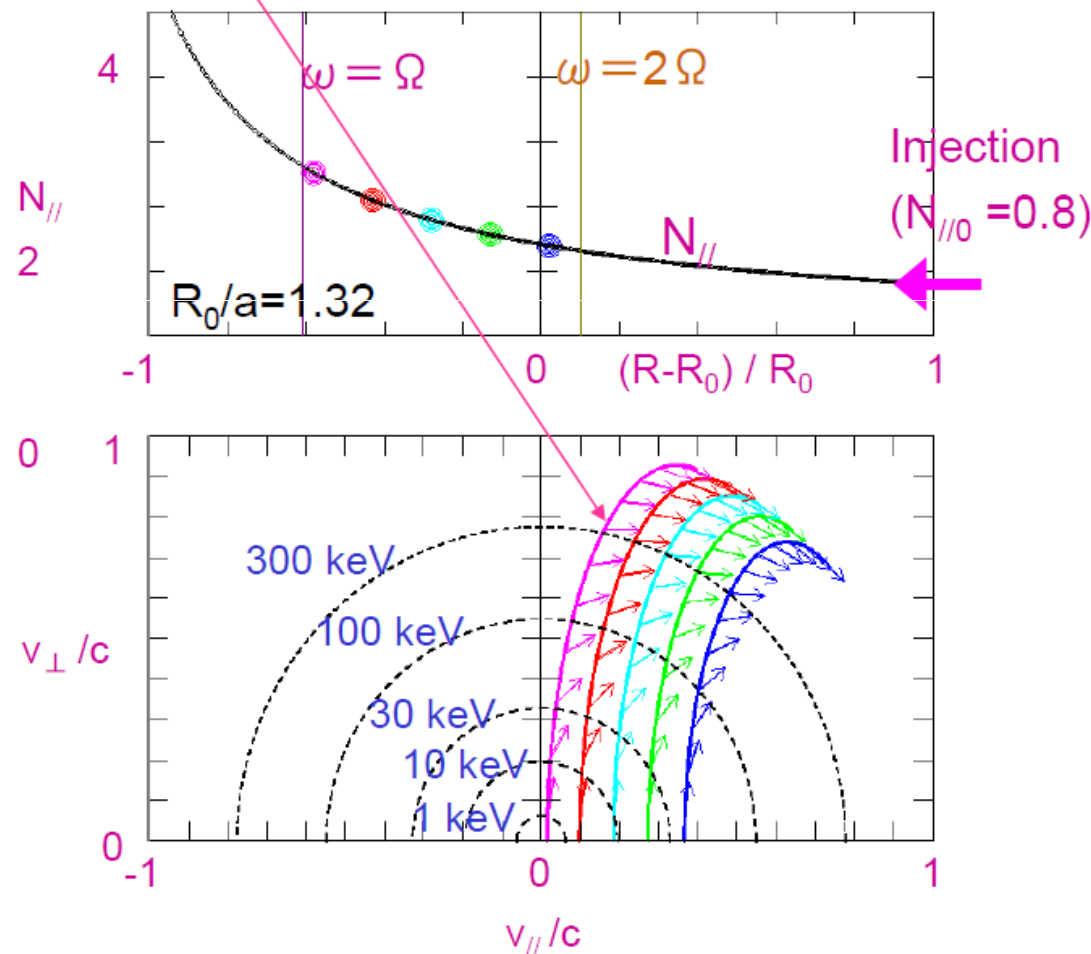


$p_{\parallel} + p_{\perp}$ profile and electron orbits (100 keV)



In the stage III, high $N_{//}$ EB waves overdrive electrons from the thermal tail towards the energetic range well beyond the runaway velocity against the counter Electric force.

EC resonance ellipses for high $N_{//}$ Electron Bernstein Waves
 (Arrows denote the direction of quasi-linear diffusion)



$$N_{//} = \frac{\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{B} = \frac{N_{\phi} B_{\phi} + N_P B_P}{B}$$

$$\cong N_{\phi} + \frac{N_P B_P}{B}$$

$$N_{\phi} = \frac{N_{\phi 0} R_0}{R}$$

Toroidal wave length decreases as $\propto R$. Then $N_{//}$ increases as $\propto 1/R$, significant in the low aspect ratio plasma.

Wave force that pushes resonance electrons parallel to the magnetic field is proportional to $N_{//}$.

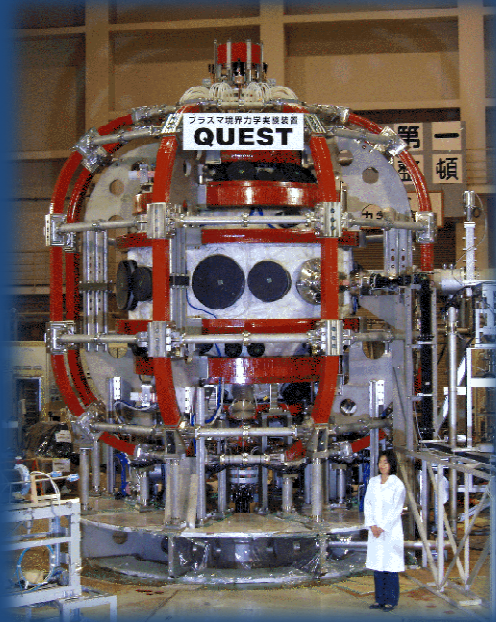
Electromagnetic waves (O and X modes) can not have high $N_{//}$.

EB waves are an electrostatic mode and can have high $N_{//}$.

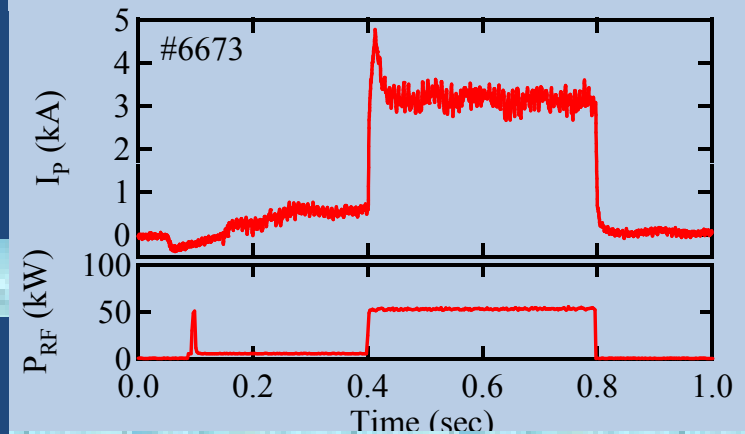
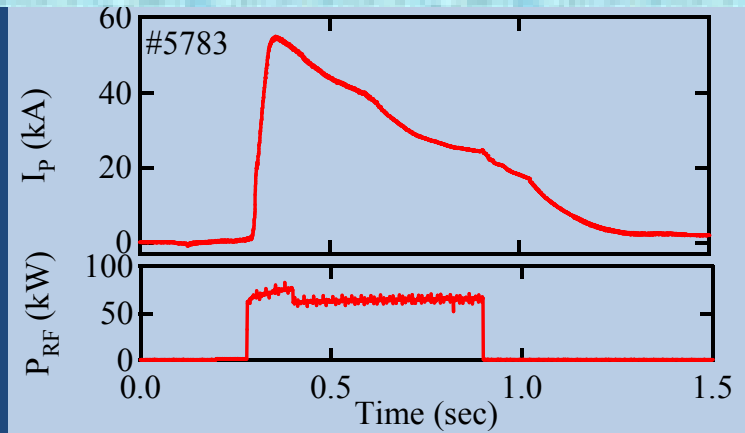
QUEST Experiment

$R=0.68\text{m}$
 $a=0.4\text{m}$
 $A=1.78$
 $B_T=0.25\text{T @ }0.64\text{m}$
 $P_{RF}=0.2\text{MW}\times 2$
 8.2GHz

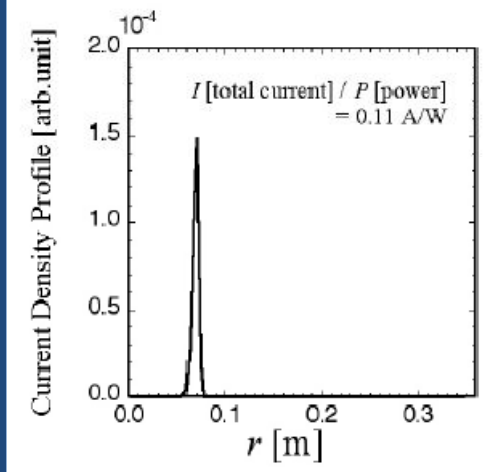
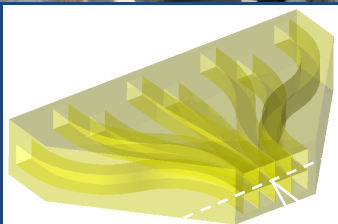
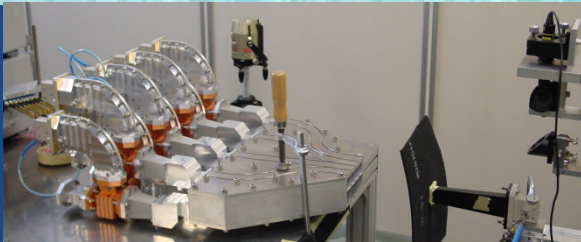
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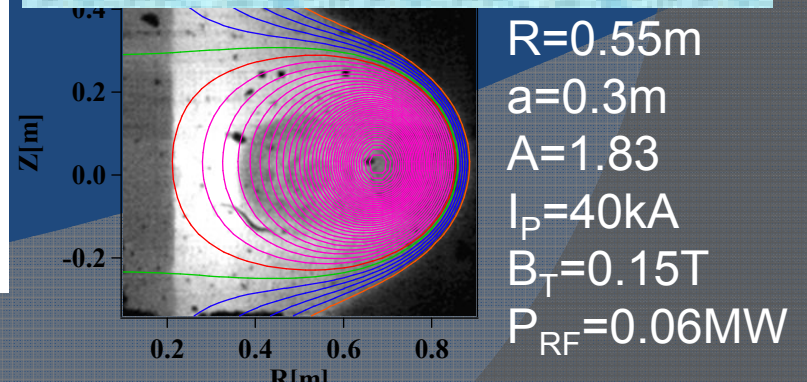
OH plasma and RF maintained plasma



New Antenna for EBW and expected driven current



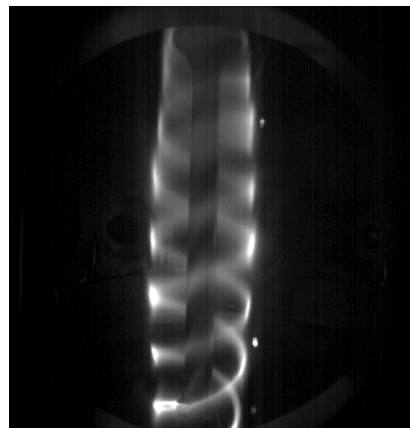
Flux surface in OH + RF plasma



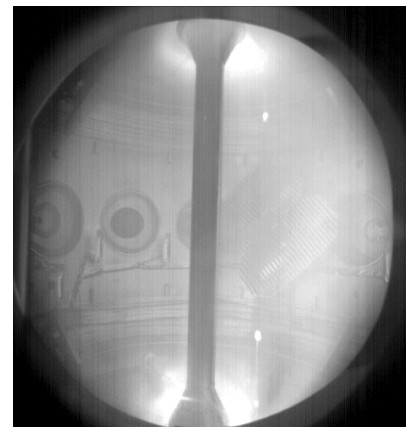


Local Plasma Current Sources + Helical Vacuum Field Give Simple DC Helicity Injection Scheme

- Current is injected into the existing helical magnetic field
- High I_{inj} & modest $B \Rightarrow$ filaments merge into current sheet
- High I_{inj} & low $B \Rightarrow$ current-driven B_θ overwhelms vacuum B_z
 - Relaxation via MHD activity to tokamak-like Taylor state w/ high toroidal current multiplication



Reduced B_z



$B_T = 10 \text{ mT}$, $B_z = 5 \text{ mT}$

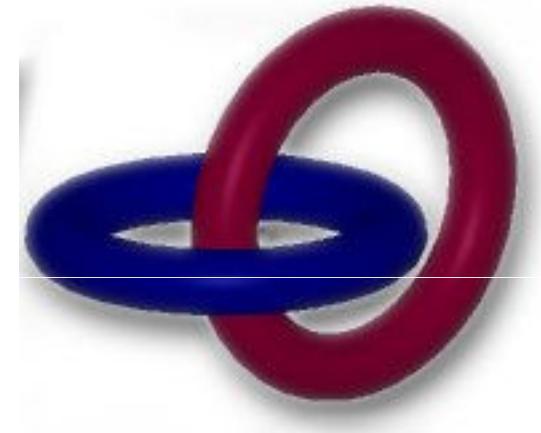


Magnetic helicity injection is current drive

Magnetic helicity: linkage between magnetic fluxes

$$K \equiv \int \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV$$

K is conserved in magnetized plasmas,
decaying on resistive timescales.



In tokamaks, K is proportional to the product $I_{TF}I_p$.
Increases in K correspond to increases in I_p .

Driving current on open field lines is helicity injection



DC helicity injection startup on PEGASUS utilizes localized washer-gun current sources

- Plasma gun(s) biased relative to anode:

- Helicity injection rate:

$$\dot{K}_{inj} = 2V_{inj}B_N A_{inj}$$

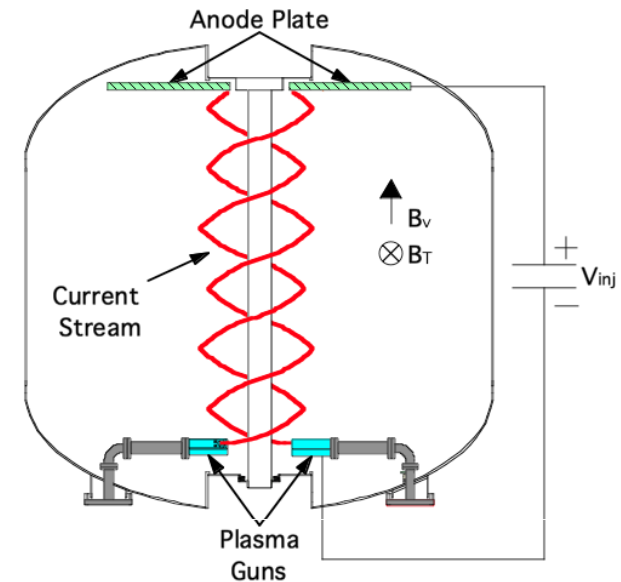
V_{inj} - injector voltage

B_N - normal B field at gun aperture

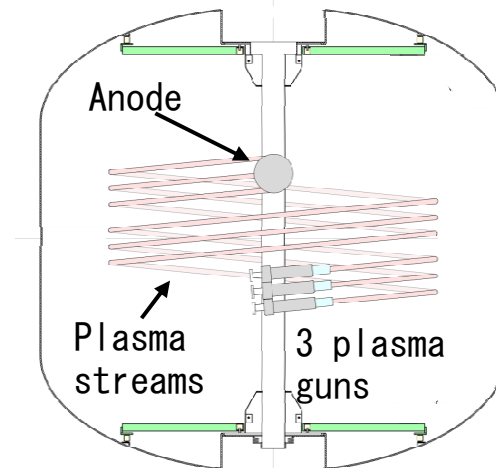
A_{inj} - injector area

- Plasma guns have geometric flexibility
- Gun-based system can be scaled to larger devices, such as NSTX

Divertor injection



Midplane injector





Taylor relaxation criteria also limits the sustainable I_p for a given magnetic geometry

Helicity balance in a tokamak geometry:

$$\frac{dK}{dt} = -2 \int_V \eta \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{B} d^3x - 2 \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} \Psi - 2 \int_A \Phi \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} \quad \rightarrow \quad I_p \leq \frac{A_p}{2\pi R_0 \langle \eta \rangle} (V_{ind} + V_{eff})$$

- Assumes system is in steady-state ($dK/dt = 0$)
- I_p limit depends on the scaling of plasma confinement via the η term

$$V_{eff} \approx \frac{N_{inj} A_{inj} B_{\phi, inj}}{\Psi} V_{bias}$$

Taylor relaxation of a force-free equilibrium:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} = \lambda \mathbf{B} \\ \lambda_p \leq \lambda_{edge} \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\mu_0 I_p}{\Psi} \leq \frac{\mu_0 I_{inj}}{2\pi R_{inj} w B_{\theta, inj}} \quad \rightarrow \quad I_p \leq \left[\frac{C_p}{2\pi R_{inj} \mu_0} \frac{\Psi I_{inj}}{w} \right]^{1/2}$$

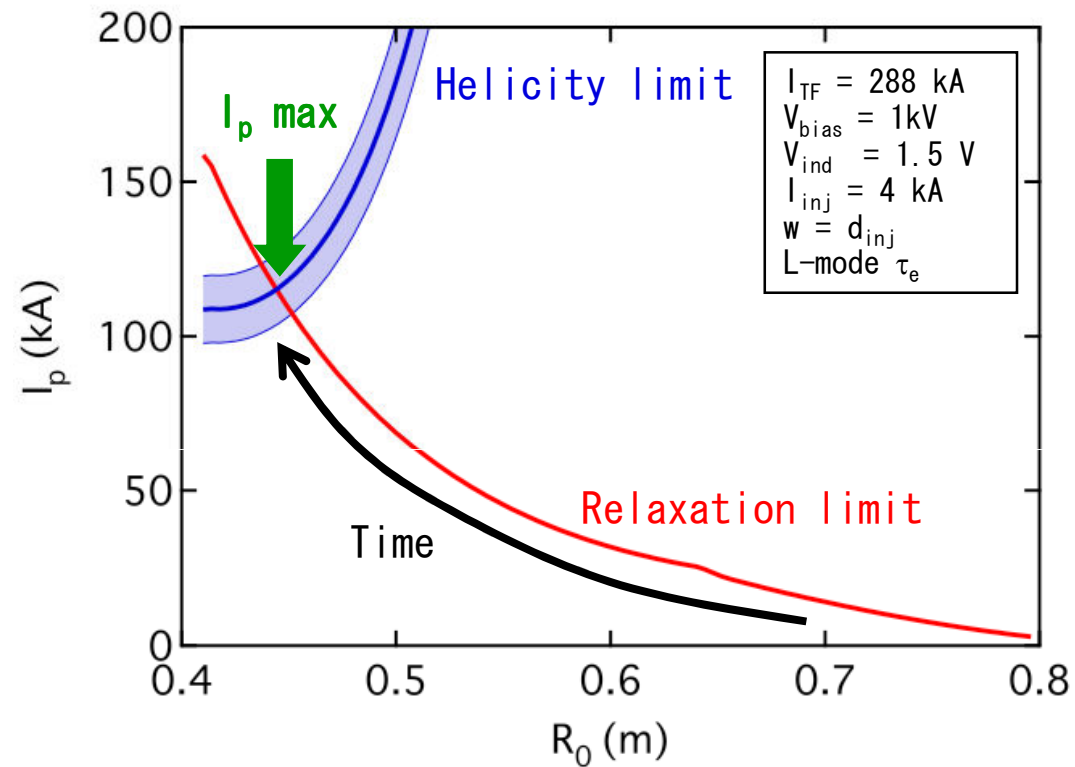
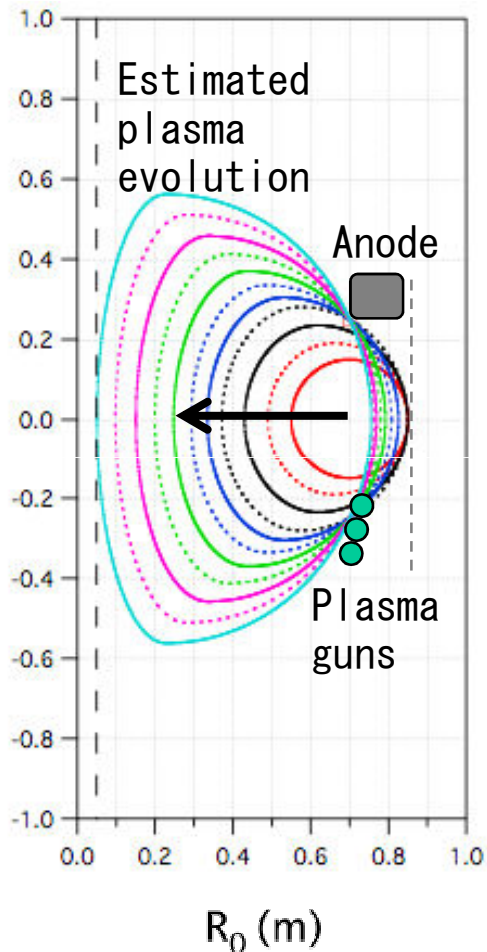
Assumptions:

- Driven edge current mixes uniformly in SOL
- Edge fields average to tokamak-like structure

A_p	Plasma area
C_p	Plasma circumference
Ψ	Plasma toroidal flux
w	Edge width



Maximum I_p achieved when helicity and relaxation limits are satisfied simultaneously



These particular parameters require a B_v ramp, both for radial force balance and some induction.

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