



Fusion Research in Europe

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29 Research Units (+ numerous Third Parties) in 27 European countries working together to achieve the ultimate goal of the Fusion Roadmap



8 Strategic Missions tackle all challenges in two main areas:

ITER Physics

- Risk mitigation for ITER
- JET, Medium Size Tokamaks,
Plasma Facing Component devices

ITER Physics

Back-up strategy

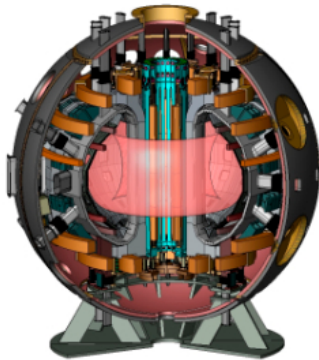
- Stellarator

DEMO

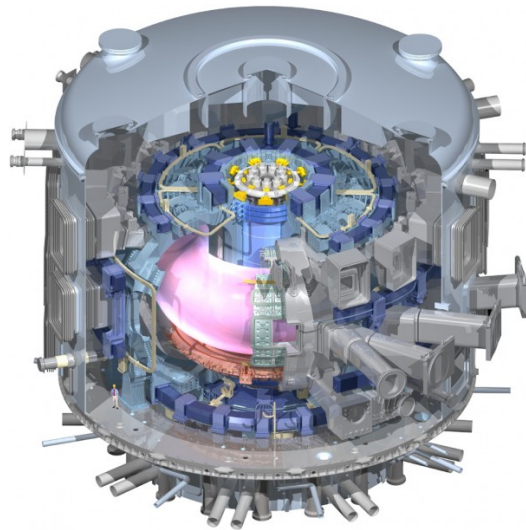
- Conceptual design studies
- A single step to commercial fusion power plants
- Production of electricity with a closed fuel cycle

Power Plant Physics &
Technology

1: Plasma Regimes of Operation



High fusion performance by reducing energy losses by turbulence and by controlling plasma instabilities.



To achieve acceptable power depositions in the divertor, radiate as much as possible power from the plasma without having adverse effects on the performance

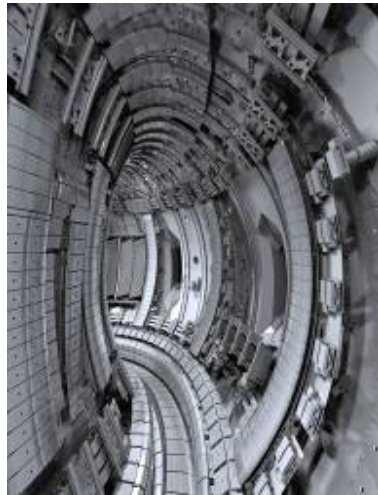
Develop active methods the state of divertor detachment

Try to achieve steady state conditions

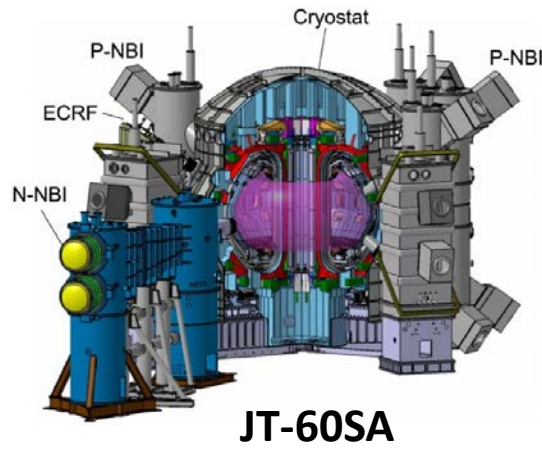
Main devices:

JET, AUG, TCV, MAST, JT-60SA, ITER

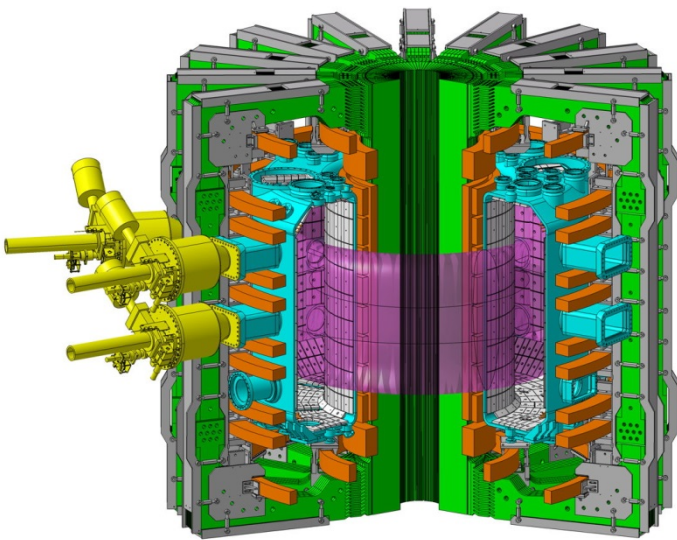
JET and Medium-Size Tokamaks



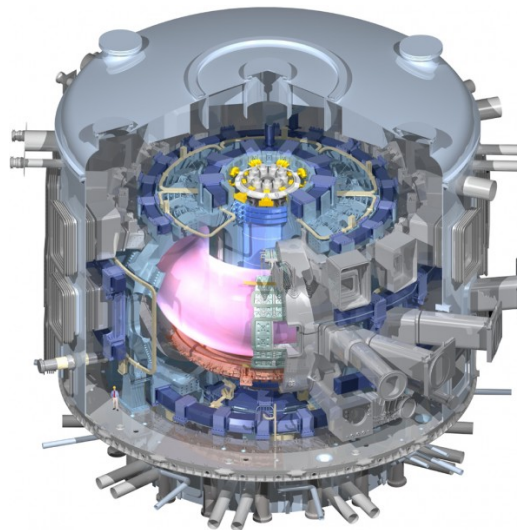
JET



AUG



TCV

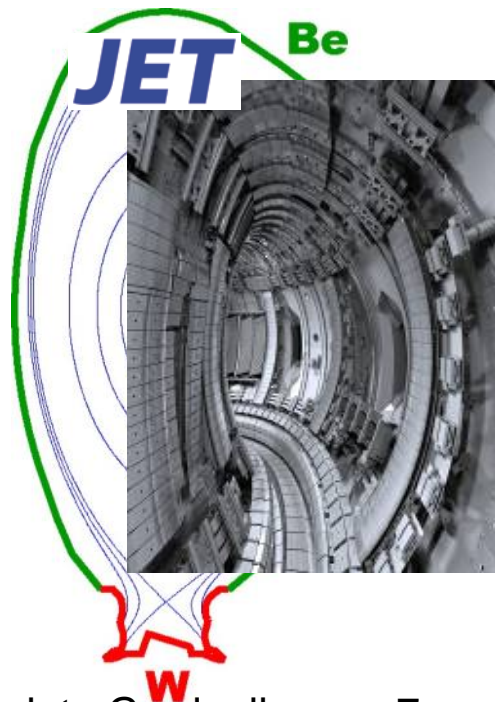


ITER



MAST Upgrade

EU Tokamak operation with a metallic wall

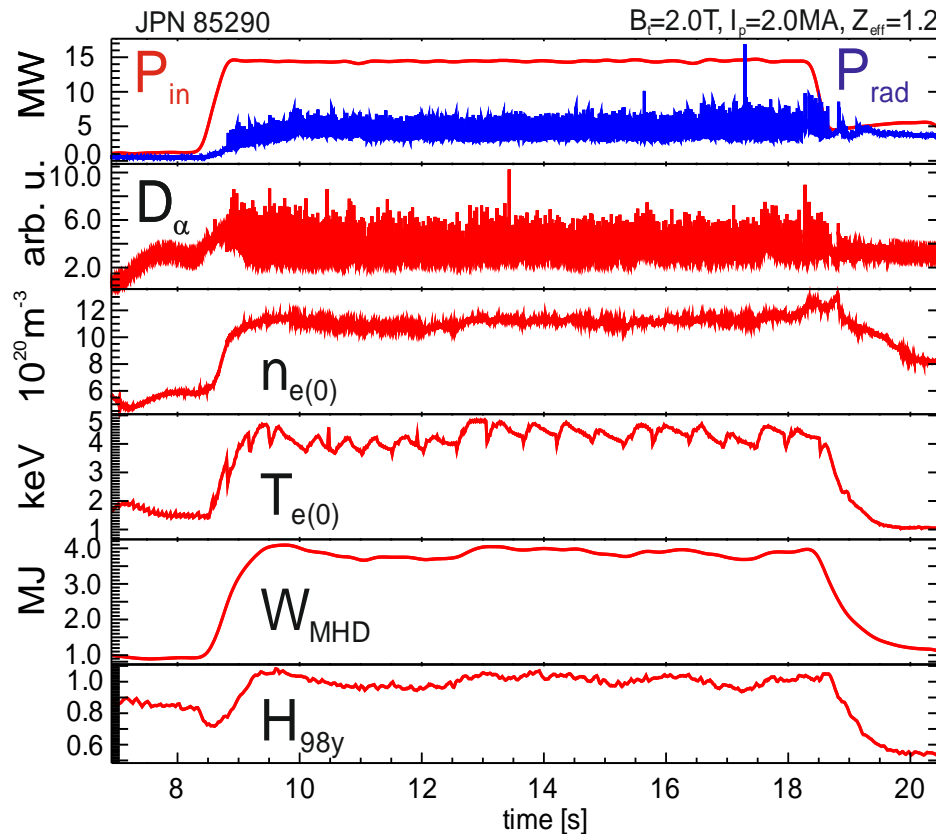


- **ASDEX Upgrade:**
 - conversion to all W PFCs complete Gradually over 7 years
 - in 2014 Massive outer W-divertor and Bare Steel Tiles and new divertor manipulator allowing large area sample insertion
- **JET:**
 - ITER-like Wall Be wall and W divertor change in one shutdown
 - Integrated test with DT scenario compatibility in 2017
- **Tore Supra** → WEST project (2016) :
 - from limiter to divertor configuration, from carbon to W environment,
 - Access to long pulse operation with actively cooled W-monoblocks components



Operational window narrower with JET-ILW

good confinement with strike-points close to pump duct entrance



- Stationary type I ELMy H-modes

- ✓ **Gas fuelling:** to reduce W source
- ✓ **Sufficient ELM frequency:** to flush W
- ✓ **Central heating:** to avoid W peaking
- ✓ **Heat exhaust control**

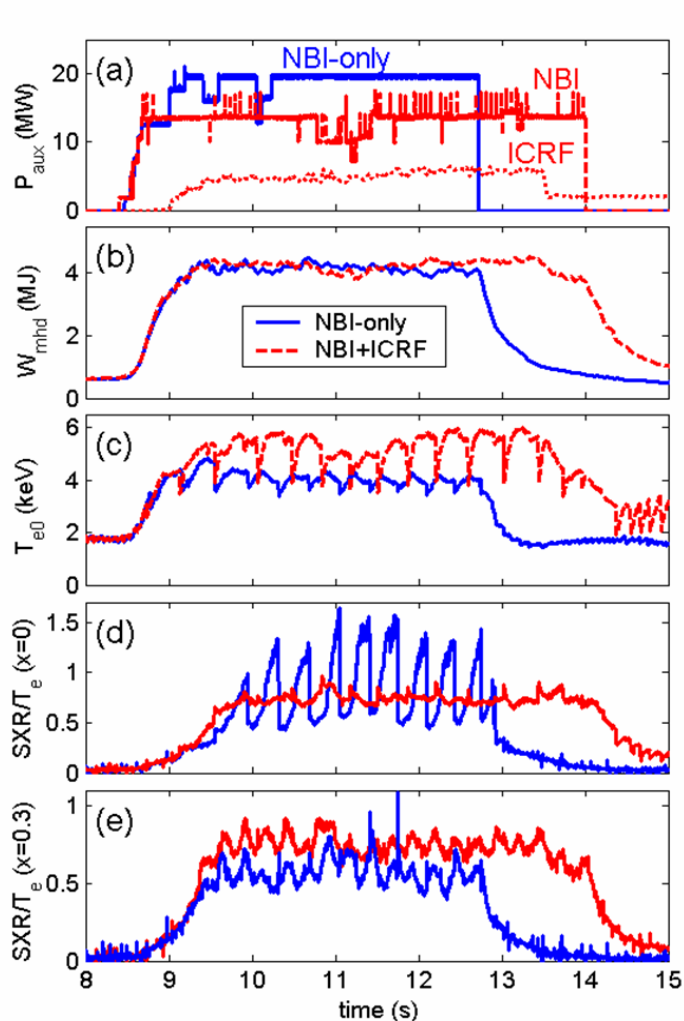
- **otherwise W -accumulation**
 W concentration below $C_W \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$

This confirms earlier work on AUG

Impurity screening: 2.5MA baseline H-mode at JET

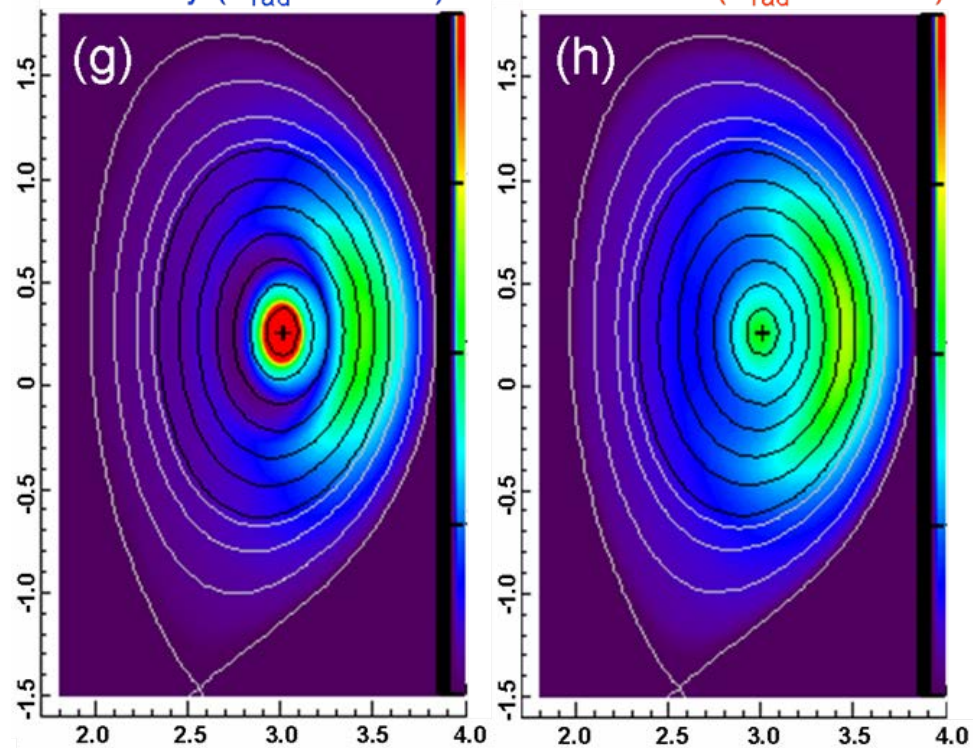


H-modes @ 2.5MA/2.7T: 20MW NBI only vs. 14MW+6MW NBI+ICRF



NBI only ($P_{\text{rad}}=2.7\text{MW}$)

NBI+ICRF ($P_{\text{rad}}=3.7\text{MW}$)



- In the ICRF assisted discharge the central electron temperature is higher and the core SXR emission is mitigated (impurity screening)
- Somewhat larger total Prad with ICRH due to enhanced PWI (RF sheath effects)

Sawtooth control and fast ions in JET



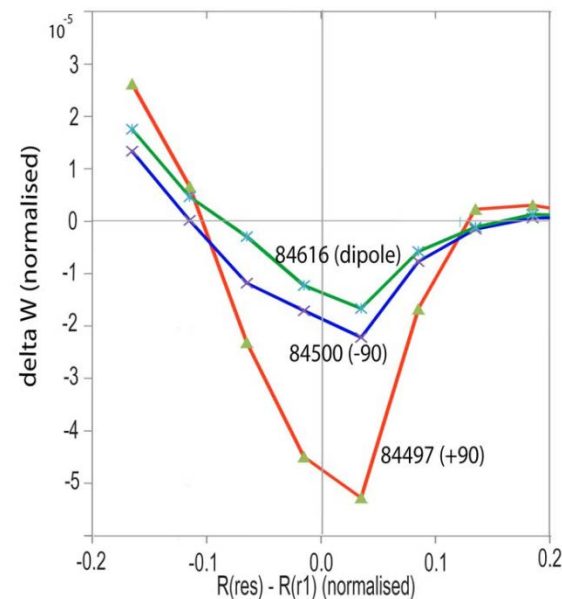
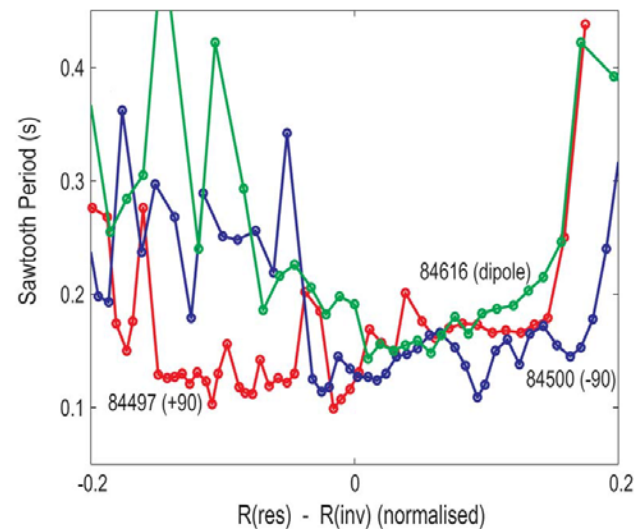
Experiments for 3 ICRH phasings

Modelling performed with

- SCENIC and SELFO for ICRH distribution
- HAGIS and MISHKA for stability calculations

Both experiment and modelling shows

- Sawtooth control is consistent with fast ion mechanism
 - depends on parallel velocity asymmetry of distribution, and large orbit width effects)
- Sawtooth stabilisation over fairly wide region of resonance location
- +90 phasing best
 - smallest sawteeth and widest region of control.
 - Asymmetry in the distribution is strongest with +90 phasing



Neutron Streaming Experiment at JET (1/2)



- **Neutron fluence** measured through large penetrations of JET Torus Hall biological shield up to ≈ 40 m from plasma source

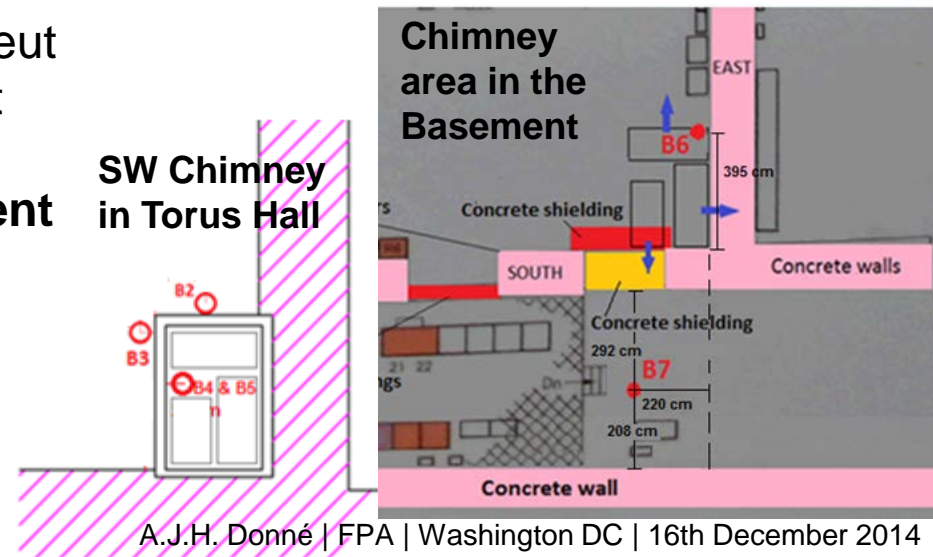
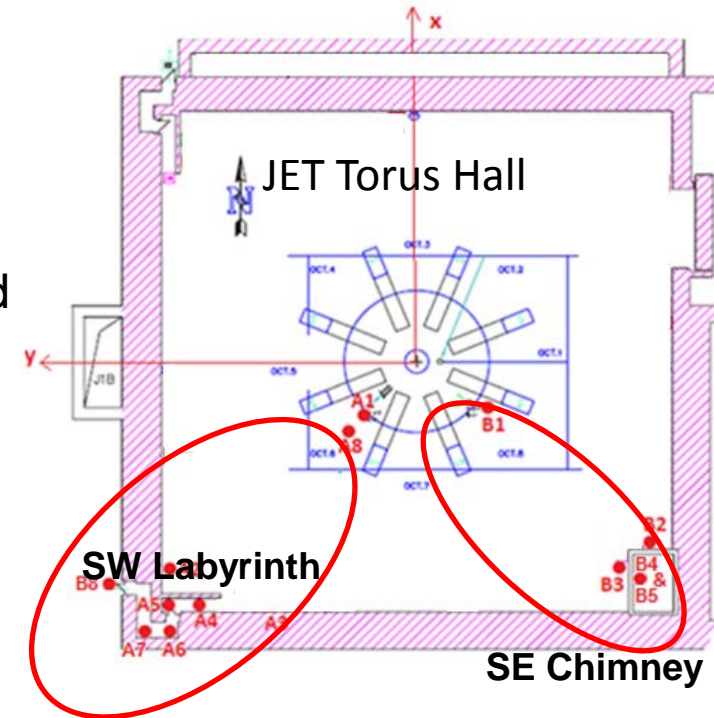
Highly sensitive thermo-luminescent detectors individually calibrated in terms of kerma in air and neutron fluence

Neutron and γ -ray components separated using pairs of $^{\text{nat}}\text{LiF}$ and ^7LiF detectors

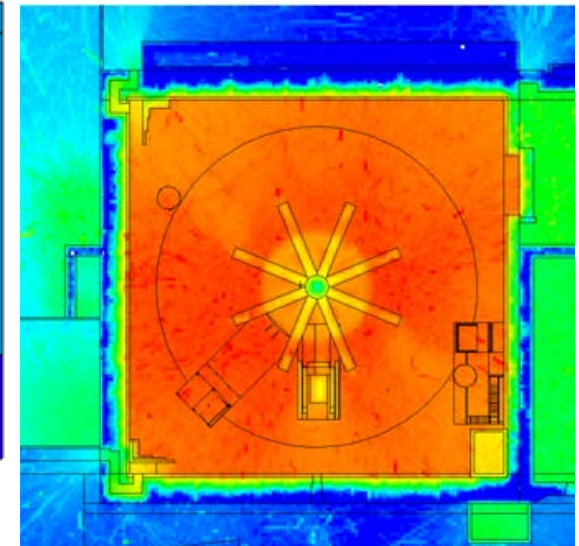
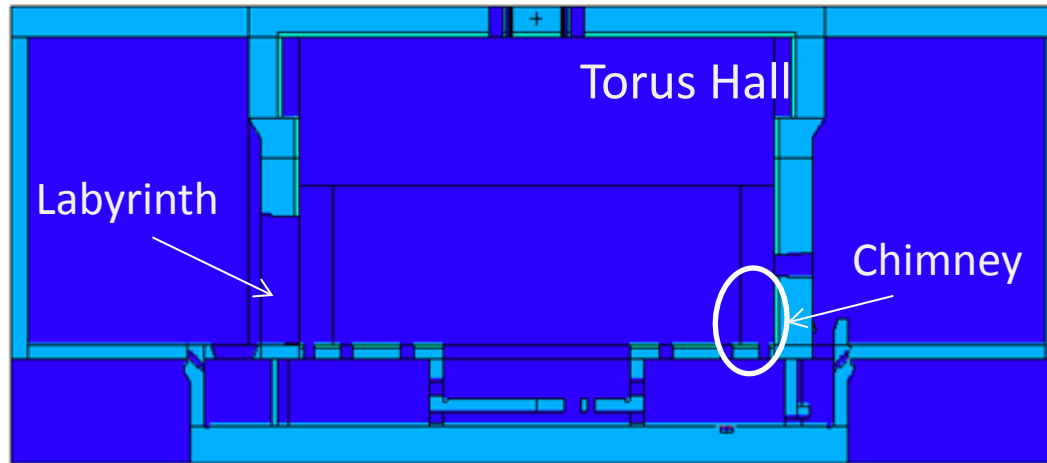
- $^{\text{nat}}\text{LiF}$: Mg,Cu,P (MCP-N), 7.6% ^6Li
- ^7LiF : Mg,Cu,P (MCP-7), (0.03% ^6Li)

- **Exposure to JET DD plasmas**
 - 22/9 – 11/10 2013, $Y_n = 2.76 \times 10^{18}$ neut
 - 22/6 – 6/9 2014, $Y_n = 9.90 \times 10^{18}$ neut

- **Validation** in a real fusion environment of **numerical tools** used in ITER for calculating the neutron streaming in penetrations in large and complex volumes



Neutron Streaming Experiment at JET (2/2)



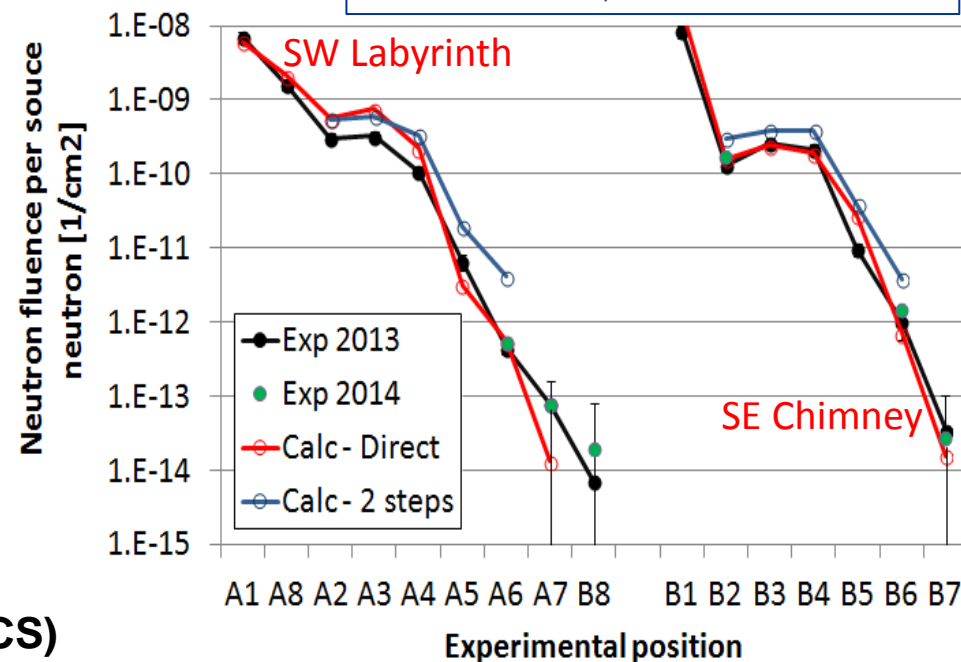
P. Batistoni et al., to be submitted to NF

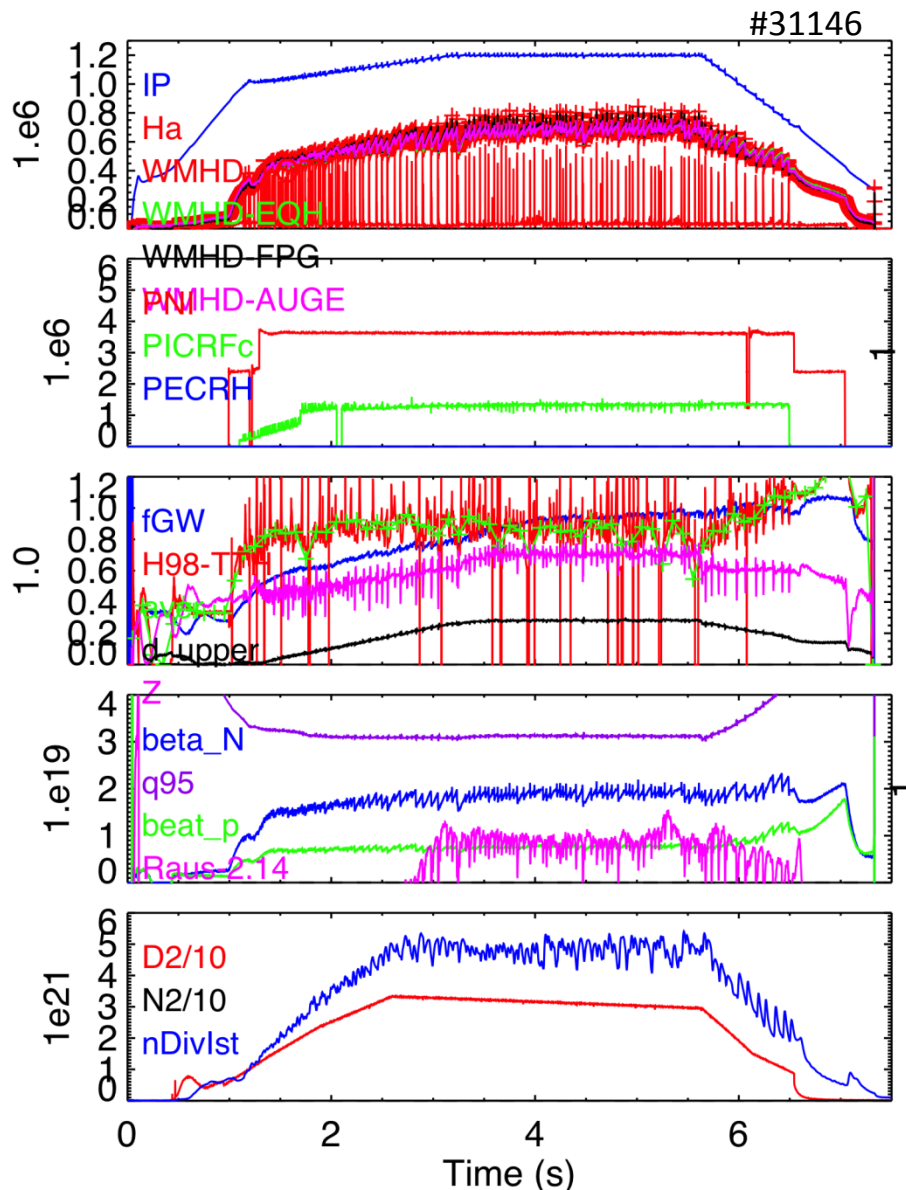
- **Calculations of neutron fluence and dose at TLDs using MCNP.5 – 6**

- Detailed model of JET machine
- Improved model of JET building with penetrations
- FENDL 2.1 neutron cross sections (ITER ref.)

- **Comparison of measurements and calculations: good agreement over up to 6 orders of magnitude variation of neutron fluence**

- Preparation for DTE2 in progress





ITER goal:

$H_{98} \sim 1$, $\beta_N = 1.8$, $n/n_{GW} \sim 0.85$, $q_{95} \sim 3$

Scenario achieved in 2014:

(1.2MA / 2.0T, 3.8 MW NBI + 1.8MW ICRH)

But need high gas puff level for stationarity

Issues 2014:

- Low confinement $H_{98} \sim 0.85$
- Large ELMs
- High divertor heatload

Tried 2014:

- ELM mitigation: unsuccessful
- N seeding: promising
- scenario with $q_{95} \sim 3.6$: promising

Goal for 2015:

- Alternative scenario with $q_{95} \sim 3.6$
- Achieve ELM mitigation (RMP/pellets)
- Achieve tolerable heatload by mitigation with N_2 seeding



Experiment in 2014 with impurity seeding in low and high triangularity plasmas showed:

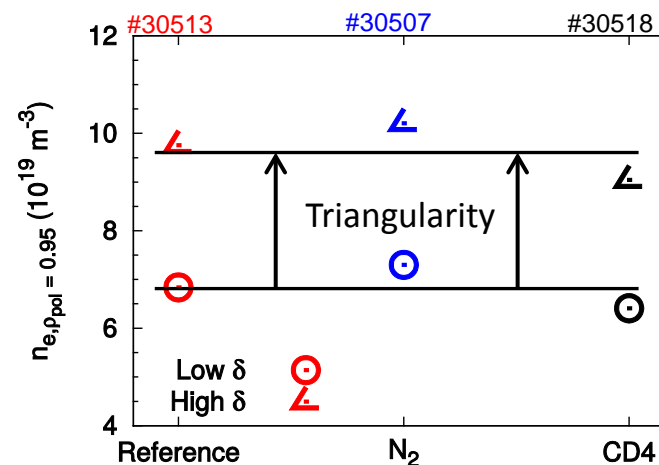
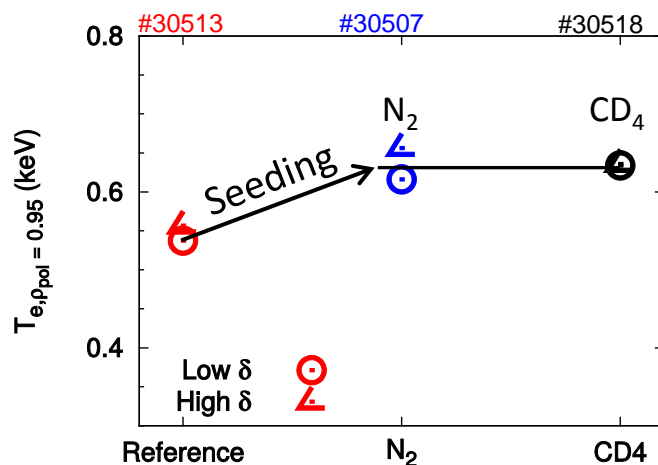
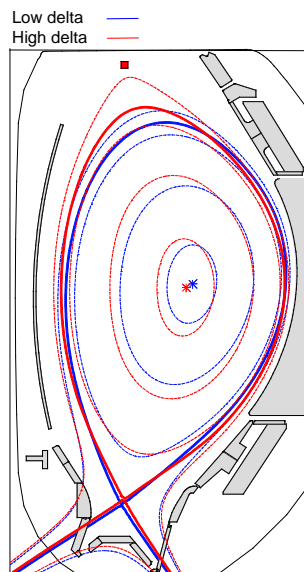
- Both Nitrogen and Carbon (CD₄) show similar confinement benefit
- This worked equally well for both low and high triangularity plasmas (unlike JET with N₂ seeding)
- The confinement benefit is a pedestal effect

What did we learn?

- Experiment shows that absence of C can (most likely) be replaced with N₂ in metal devices
- Role of seeding (raises T) and triangularity (raises n) are orthogonal.

Goals for 2015:

- Investigate power degradation of confinement in fuelled and seeded plasmas
- Optimising confinement in improved H-modes combined with heatload mitigation
- Study the Z-dependence (He, B, C, N, O, Ne, Ar, Kr)
- Provide link with JET-ILW experiments

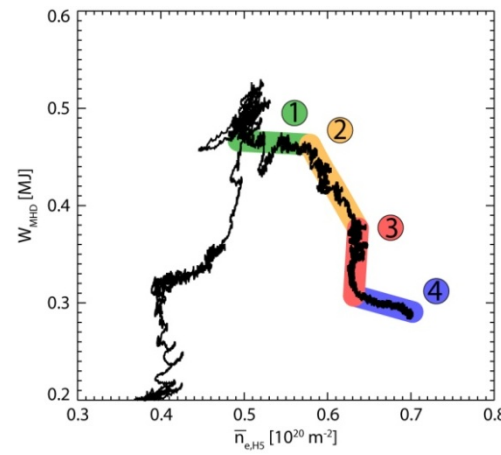
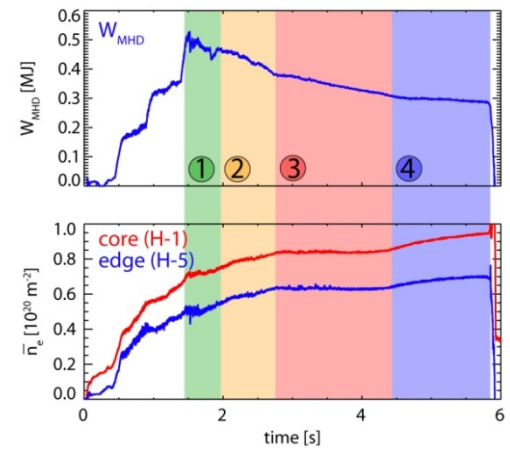




4 distinct, quasi-stable regimes at the approach towards the H-mode density limit (HDL)

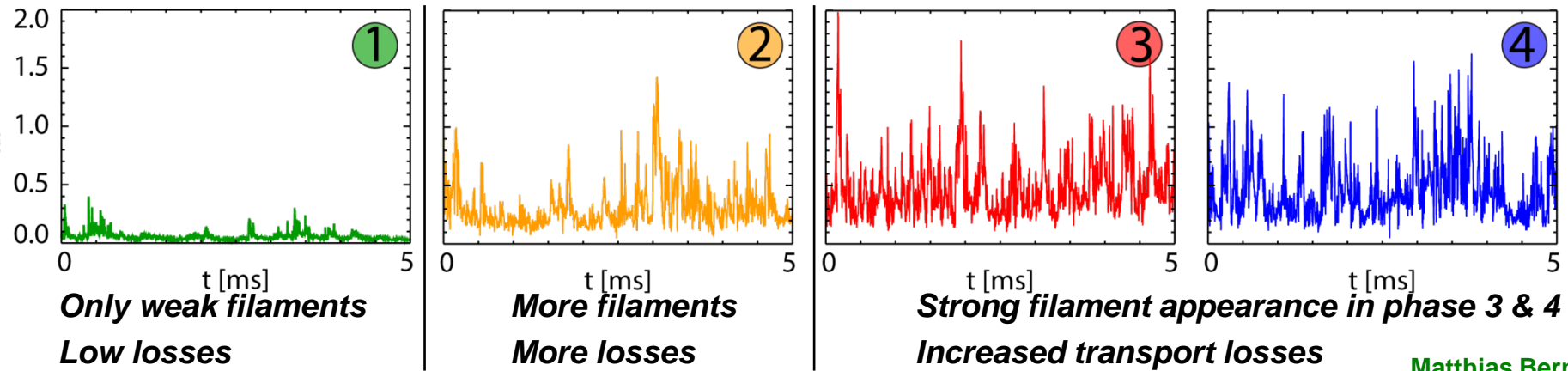
- Distinguished by evolution of plasma density & temperature and stored energy

Characterized the SOL filament behaviour



<p>① Stable H-mode</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • density increases • pressure constant 	<p>② Degrading H-mode</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • density plateau in the SOL builds up, core density fixed • stored energy (pressure) decreases 	<p>③ Breakdown of H-mode</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overall density profile constant • stored energy drops • still H-mode, but ETB erodes 	<p>④ L-mode</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • density increases again • pressure almost constant
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I_{sat} on fast reciprocating probe (far SOL, AUG #30586)





Pronounced detachment achieved with N and Kr seeding

Nitrogen

Strong radiator at X-point, moving inside confined region

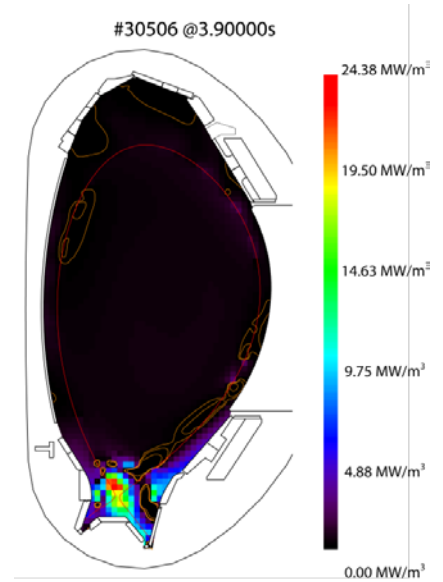
Quasi-stable operation, RT control possible

$$P_{sep}/R = 7-9.4 \text{ MW/m}$$

$$f_{rad} \leq 85\%$$

$$f_{GW} = 0.95$$

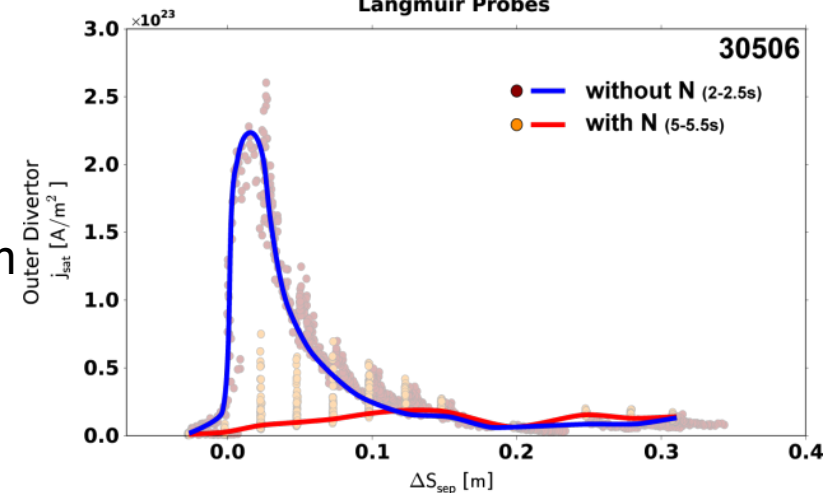
$$H98 = 0.9$$



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Increase heating power, reach $P_{sep}/R \approx 12 \text{ MW/m}$

Study X-point radiator





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Krypton

Radiating ring at pedestal top

MARFE-like radiation condensation

insignificant reduction of confinement

ELM behaviour crucial (high frequent ELMs required)

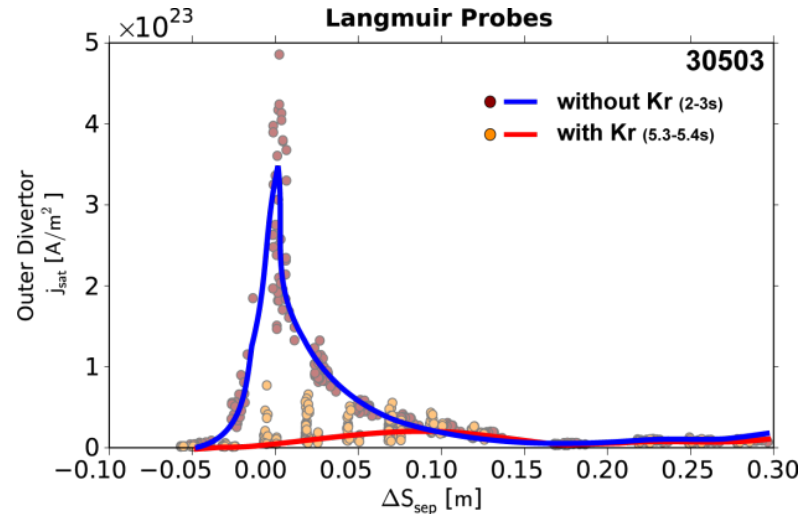
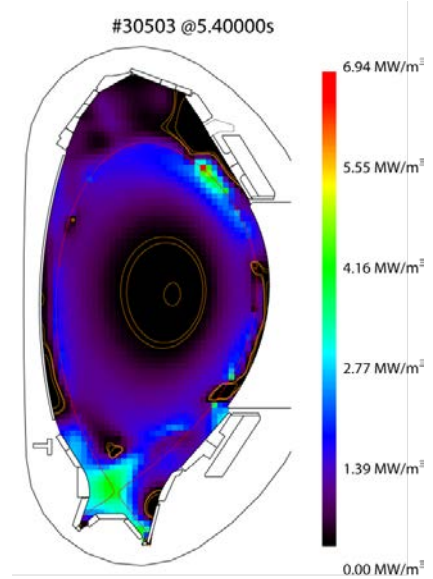
$$f_{\text{rad}} \leq 75\%$$

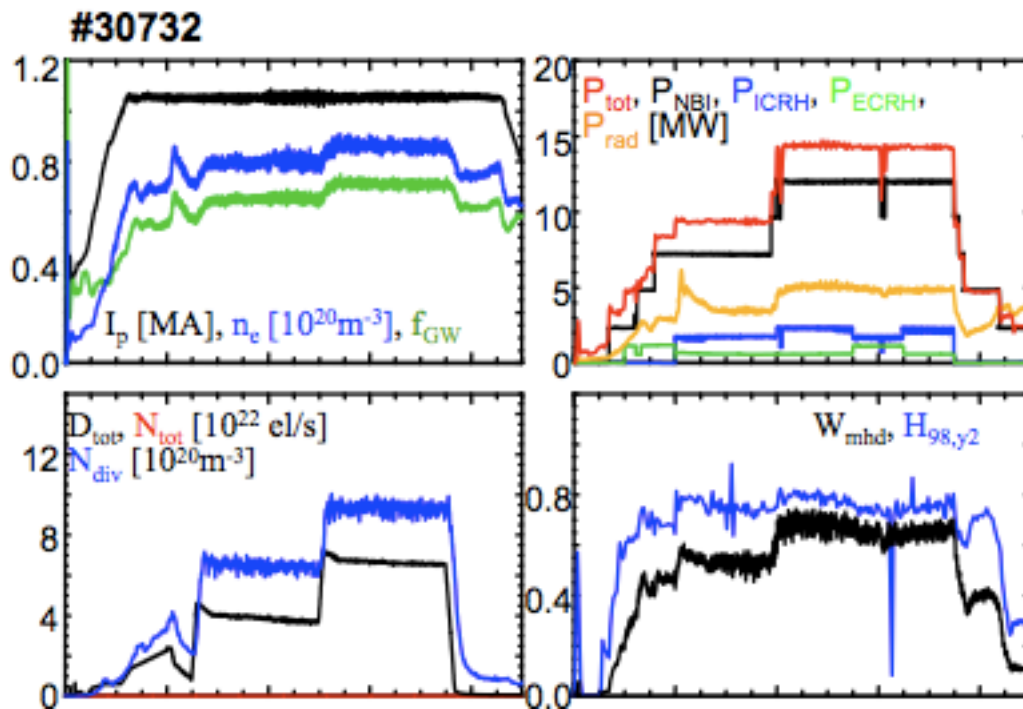
$$H98 \approx 0.95$$

2015

Study mix of seed impurities

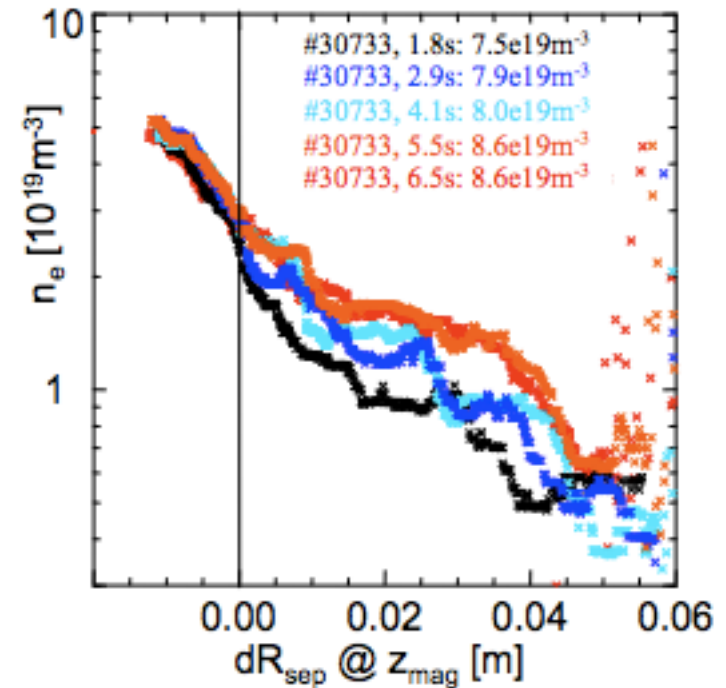
Analyse impact on dilution





ITER relevant condition

- $P_{sep}/R < 7.3 \text{ MW/m}$
- $f_G < 0.8$

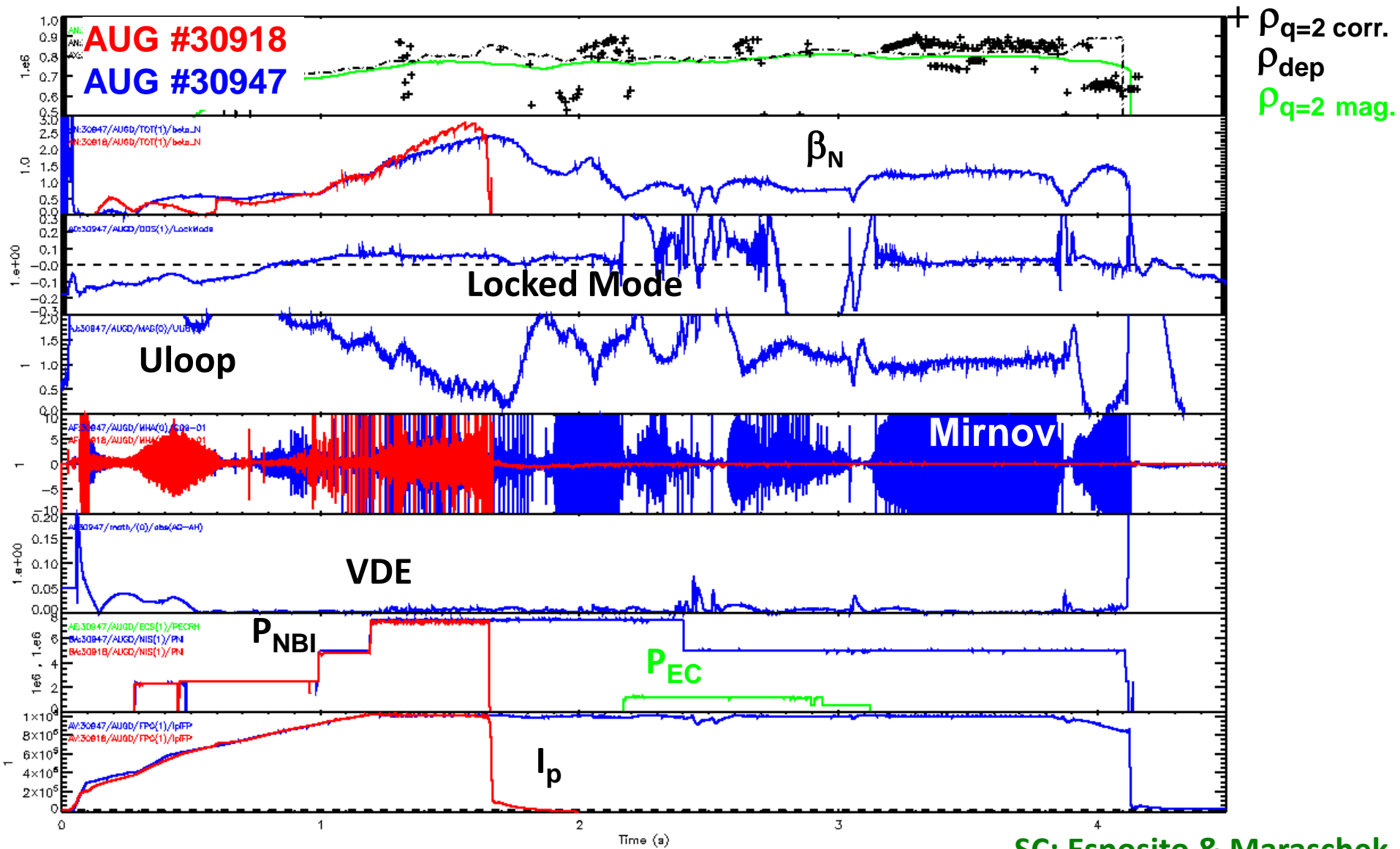


- ✓ Midplane SOL shows increasing convective filamentary transport
- ✓ Input for Modelling
- ✓ Combining Exp.+Modeling for first wall load estimate for large devices

SC: Vianello & Müller

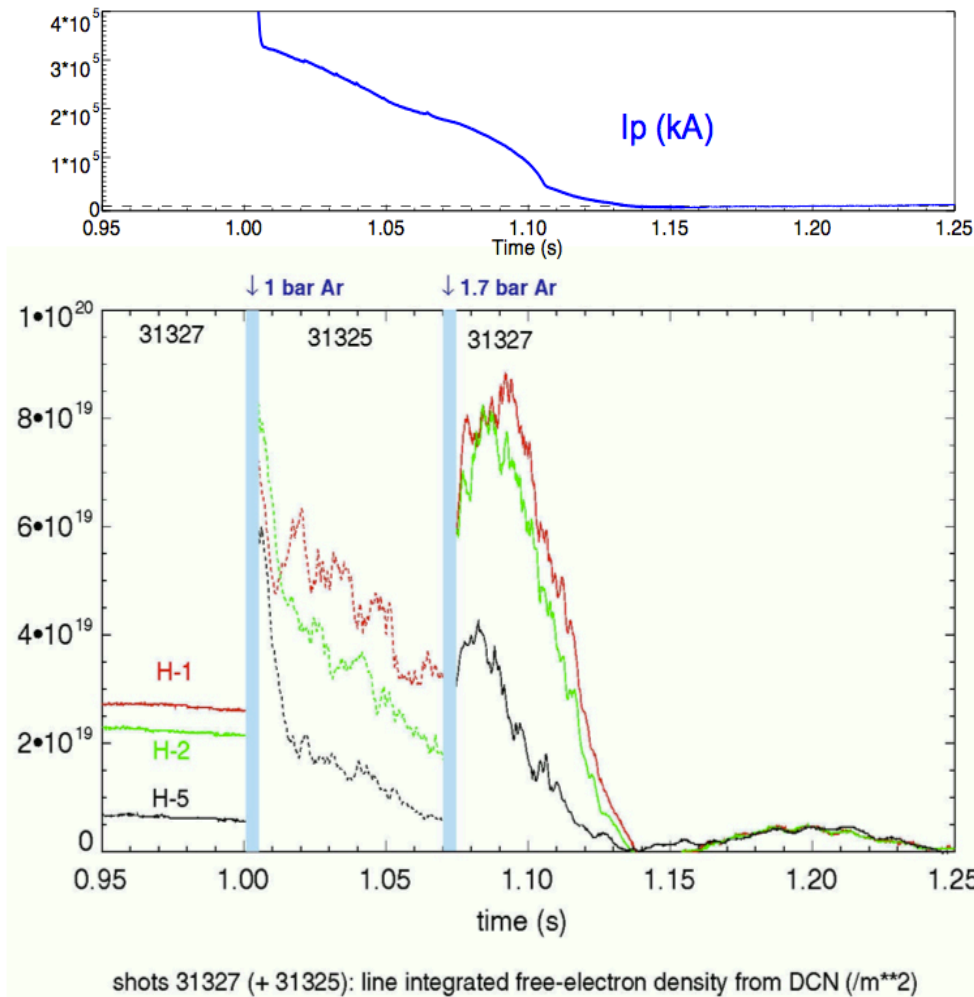


Disruption avoidance (ECCD) in high β -limit





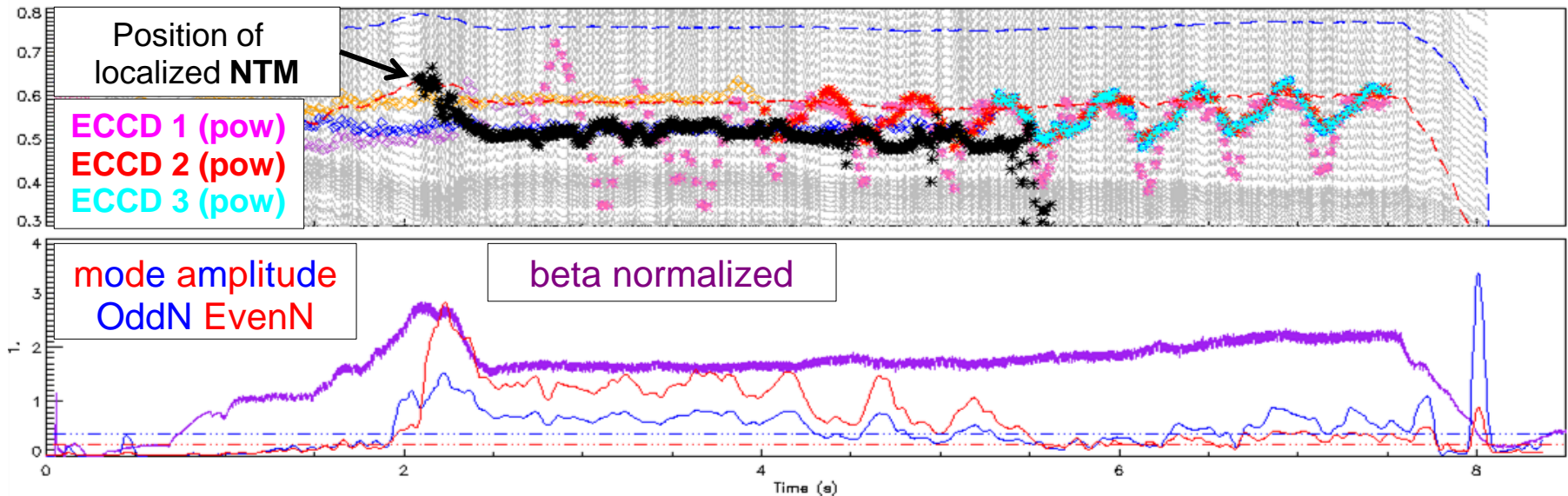
- RE generation and dissipation with Ar MGI



SC: Pautasso & Koslowski

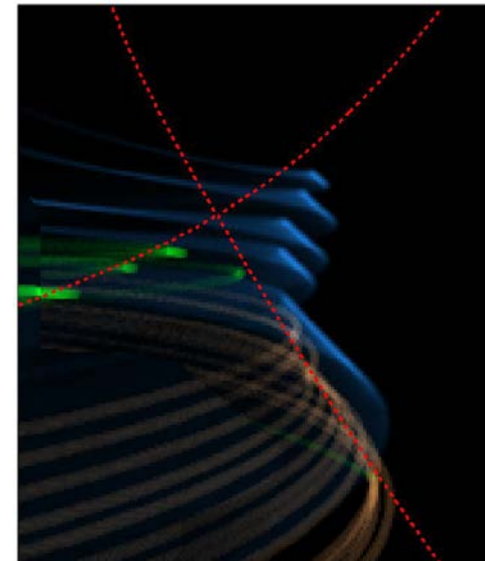
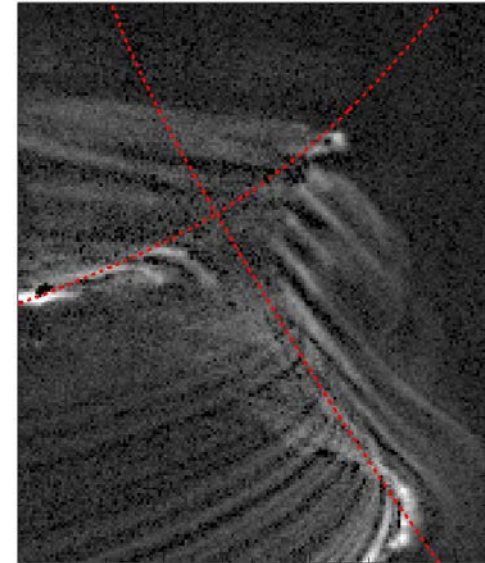


- Real-time TORBEAM allows launcher control in Ψ -space (using RT-data)
- Closed feedback loop (in real-time operation) with latency below 100 ms
- Minimal set of required real-time diagnostics:
 - equilibrium, mode amplitudes, density profile
- Sweeping across rational surface reduces deposition accuracy requirement





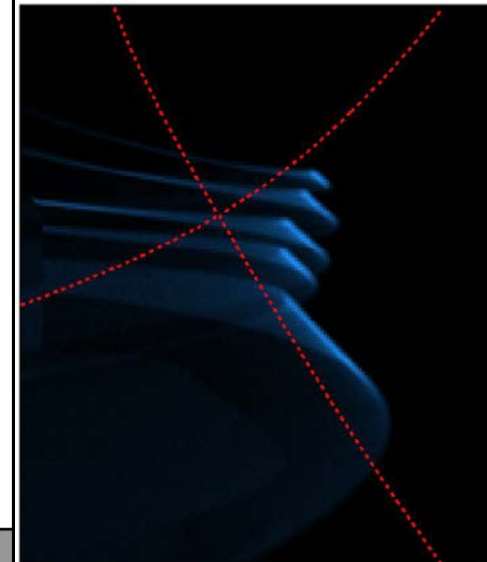
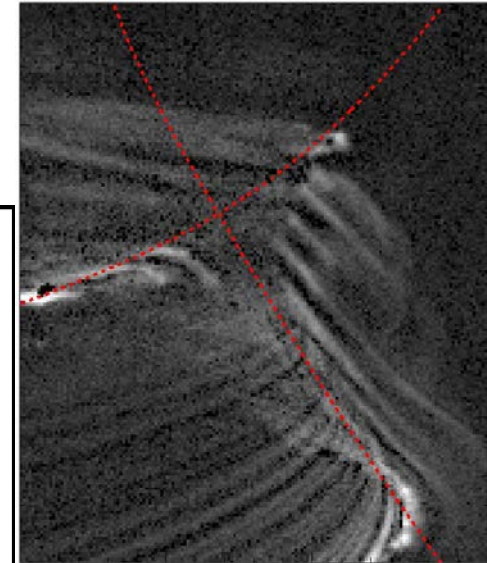
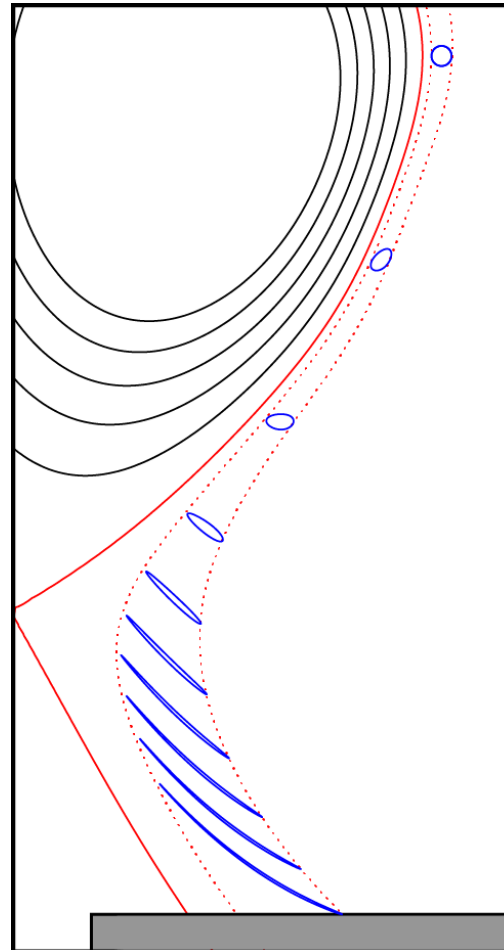
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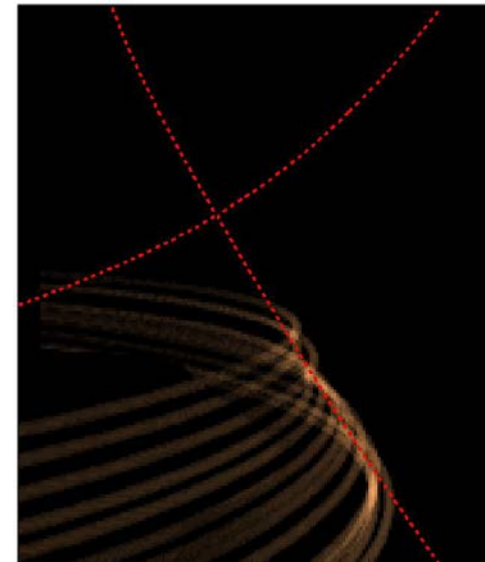
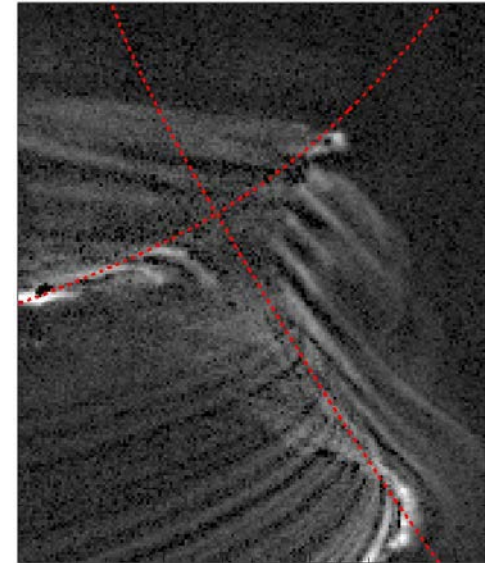
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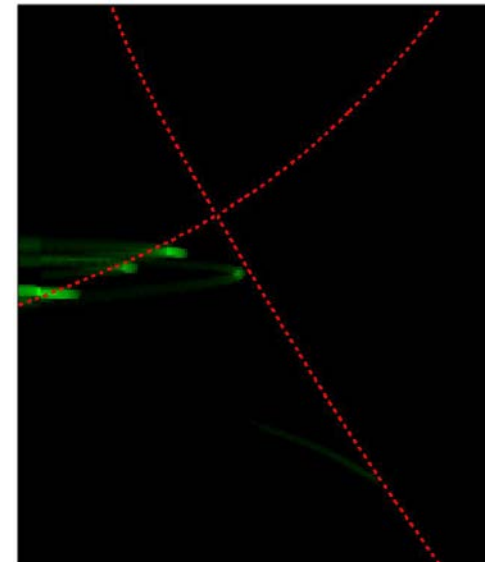
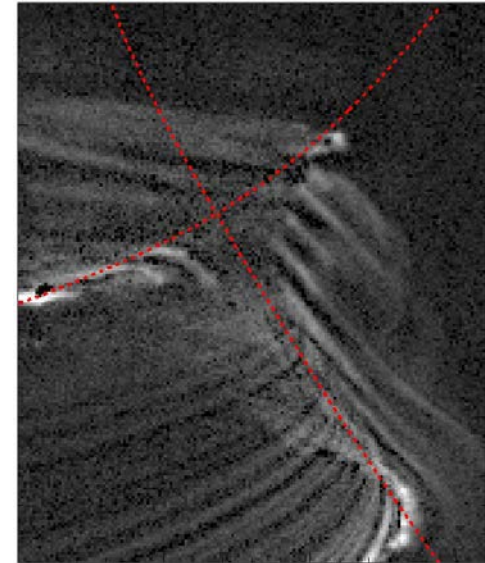
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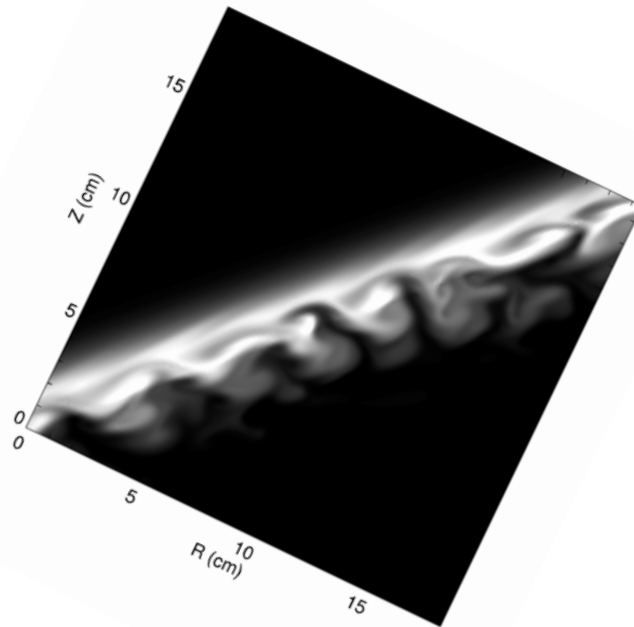
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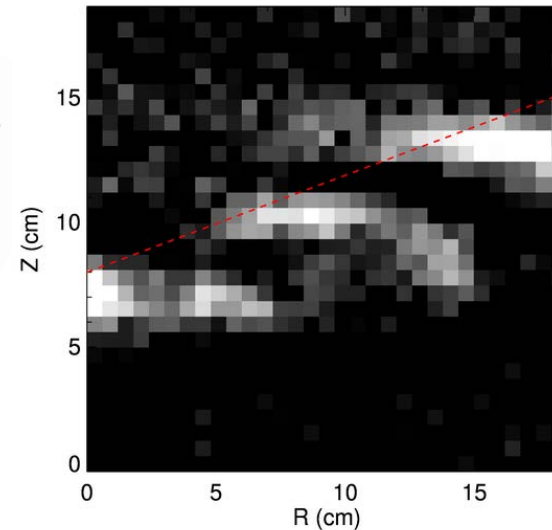
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BOUT++ (1 frame = 24 μ s)



Camera Data



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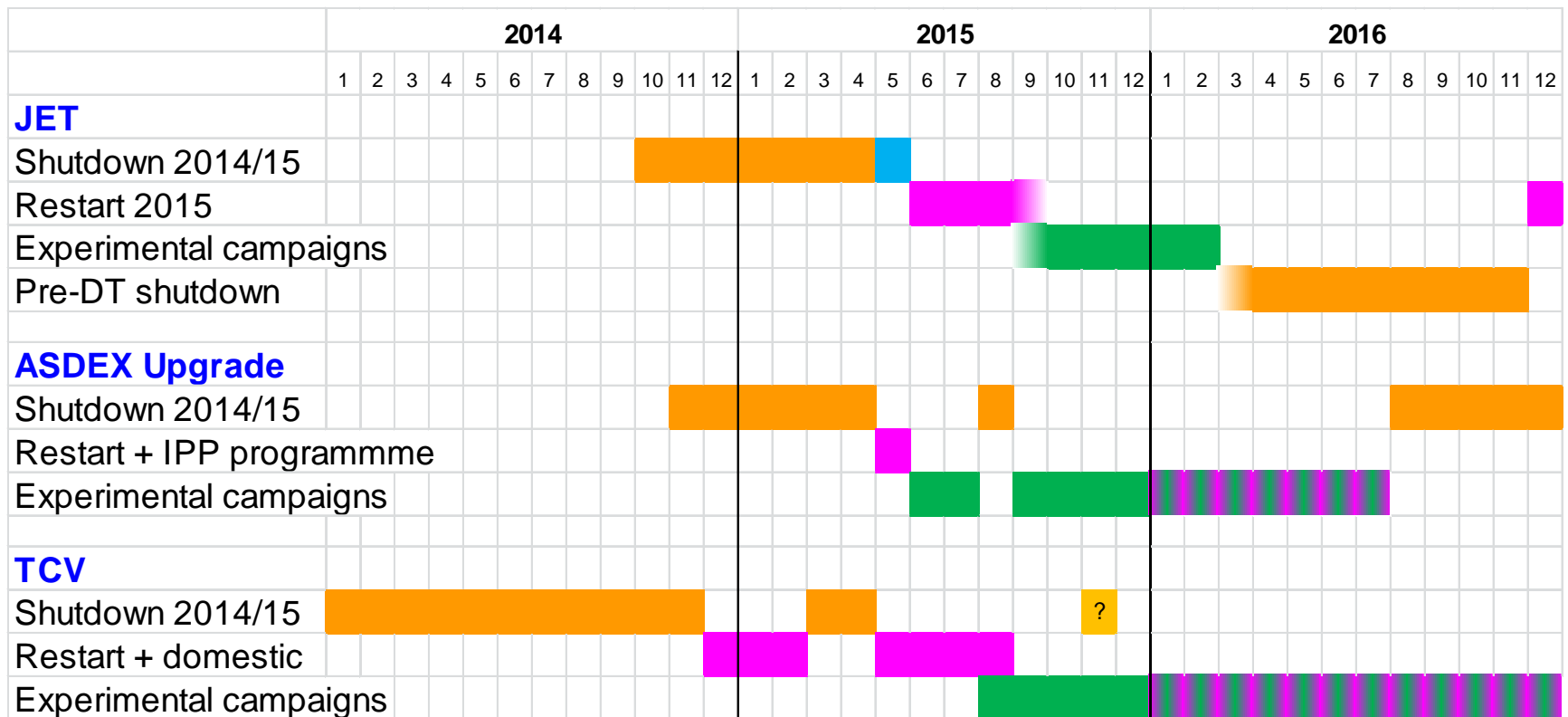
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Planning JET, ASDEX-U and TCV



significant overlap in the experimental campaign: a tight coordination

JET and MST TFLs will draft an experimental programme to implement on each device:
common General Planning Meeting early 2015 in Lausanne



8: Stellarator



Cons:

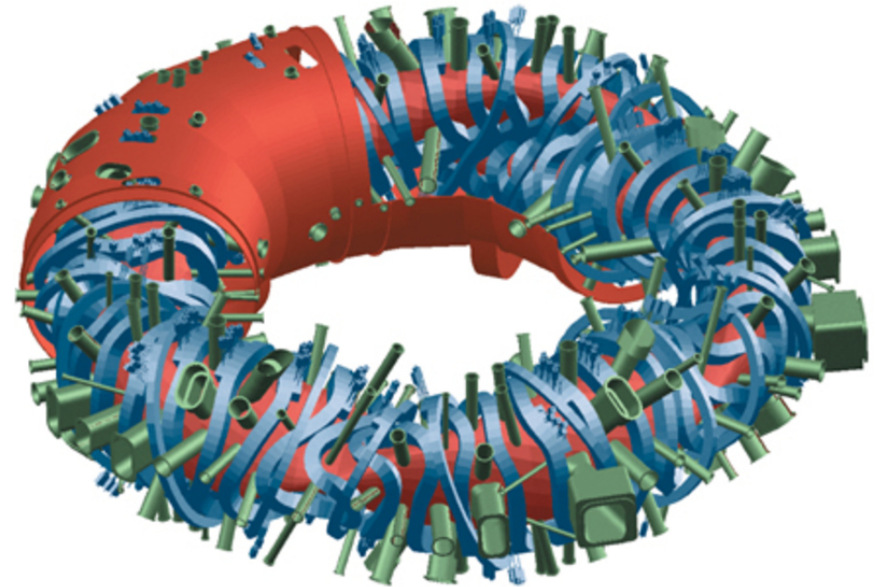
- behind tokamaks performance wise
- technically complicated

Pros:

- by definition stable and steady state
- a number of important advantages for a fusion reactor

Add-ons:

- Impact on the progress of the basic understanding of plasma physics in support of Mission 1 and 2 and in support of the ITER preparation
- Also contribution to PWI issues, diagnostics, ECRH, etc.



Main device: Wendelstein 7-X



Wendelstein 7-X Torus Hall (Greifswald, Germany, Aug. 2014)



- main-device assembly finished (May 2014) ✓
- device commissioning on track ✓
- **first plasma planned for summer 2015**

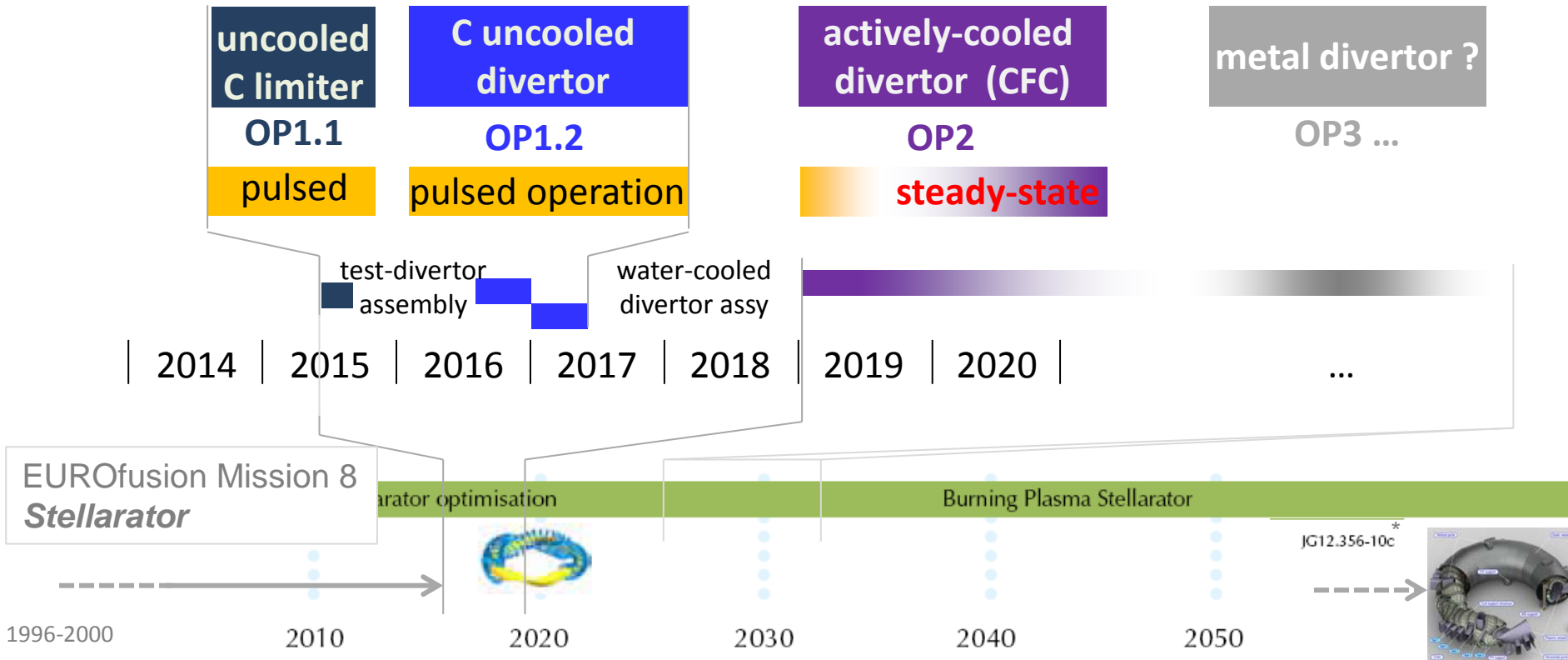
A. Dinklage for the W7-X Team 25th IAEA
FEC, St. Petersburg, Russia (2014)



W7-X: bring the HELIAS line to maturity



PFC-technology structures the way to **reliable, steady-state, high $-nT\tau_E$ operation**



Preparation for the actively cooled divertor is the **primary target of the first phase.**

Long term goal: Basis for a HELIAS FPP

2: Heat Exhaust Systems



Research in **alternative divertor solutions**
(Super-X, snowflake, liquid metal divertors)

Research in order to **understand detached divertor conditions**

Research to find more **robust materials**

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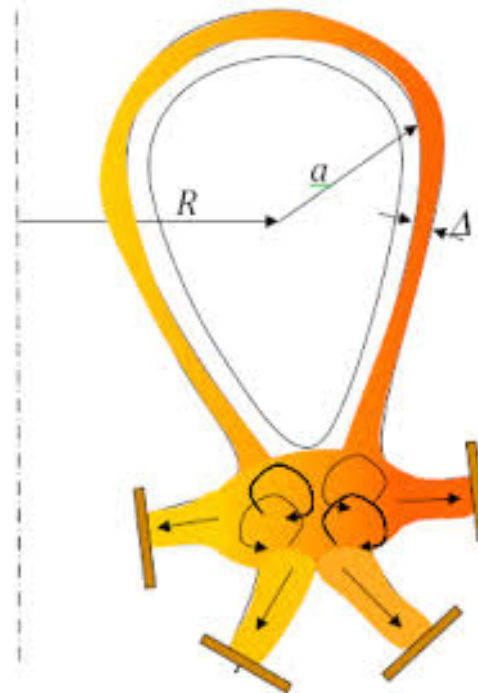
AUG, JET (conventional divertor)

MAST, TCV (advanced geometries)

WEST, W7-X (HHF components)

Linear devices (PWI)

Potentially a Divertor Test Tokamak

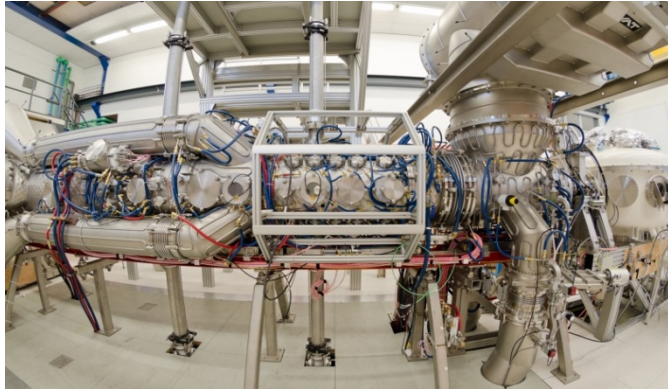


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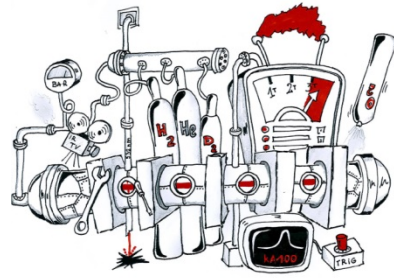


- Investigation of Plasma-Facing Components for ITER, Preparation of efficient PFC operation
- Assessment of alternative divertor & liquid metals PFCs
- Definition and design of the Divertor Tokamak Test facility

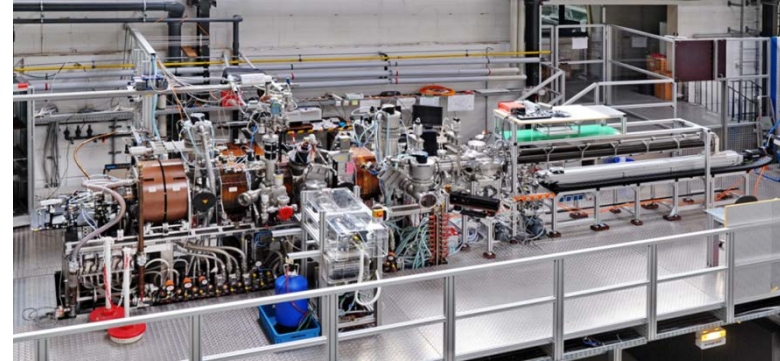
2: PFC Devices



Magnum-PSI



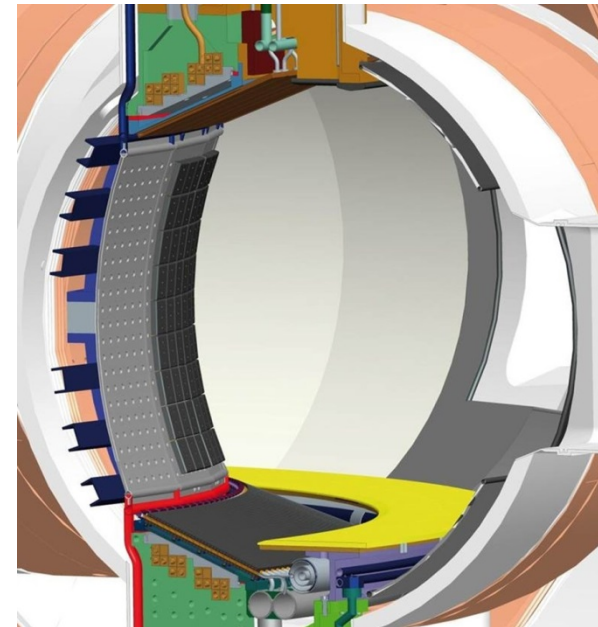
Pilot-PSI



PSI-2



JUDITH-1/2

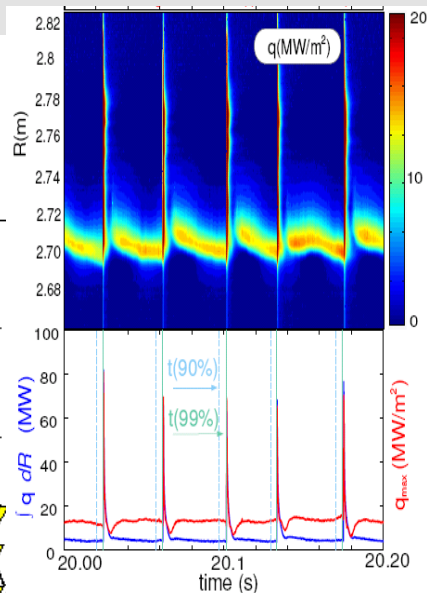


WEST



ITER power width ?

λ_q [mm]



$$\lambda_q (mm) = (0.63 \pm 0.08) \times B_{pol,MP}^{-1.19}$$

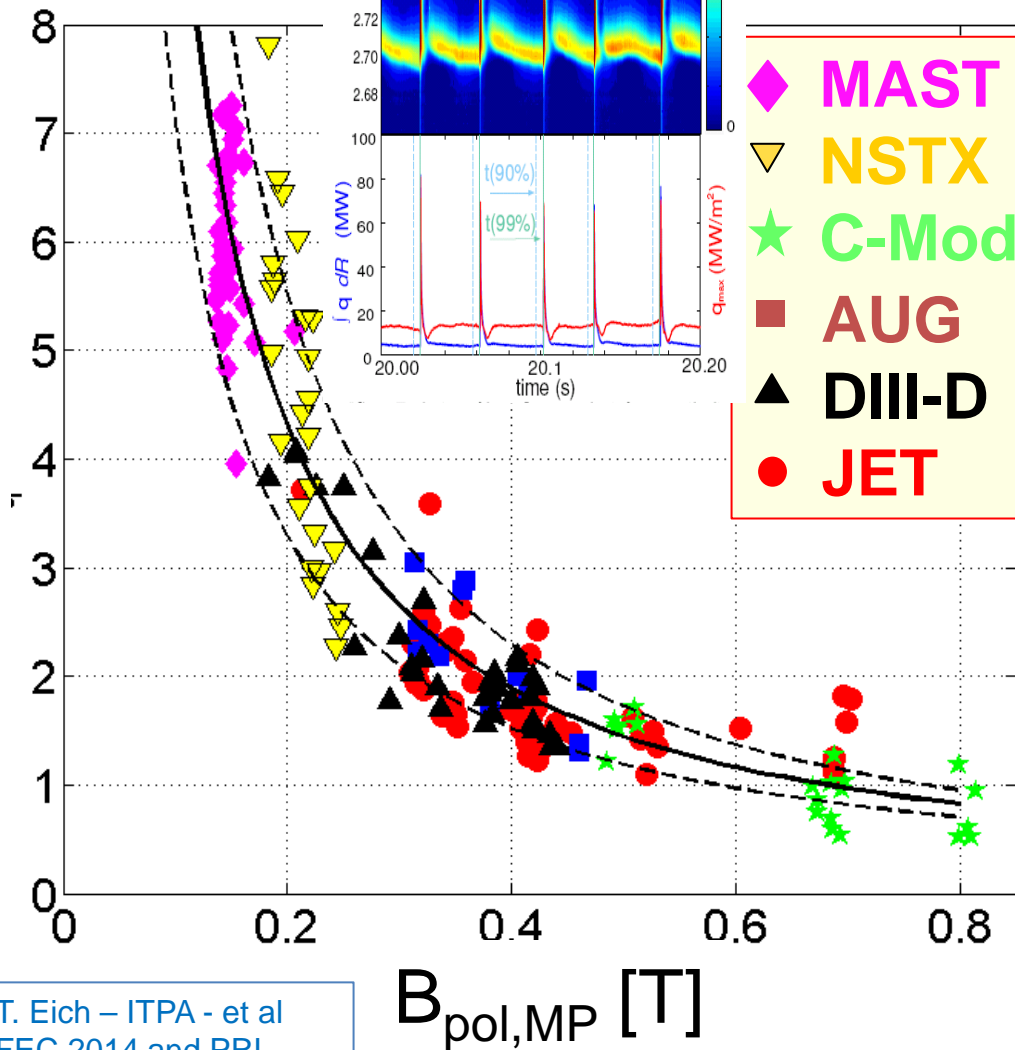
- ◆ MAST
- ▽ NSTX
- ★ C-Mod
- AUG
- ▲ DIII-D
- JET

- $B_{pol,MP}$ the dominant scaling parameter ($I_p/a \propto B_{pol,MP}$)

- Extrapolation to ITER

$$\lambda_{q,ITER} = 0.9 \pm 0.3 \text{ mm}$$

- Divertor power spreading and dissipation can produce acceptable target peak heat flux in ITER



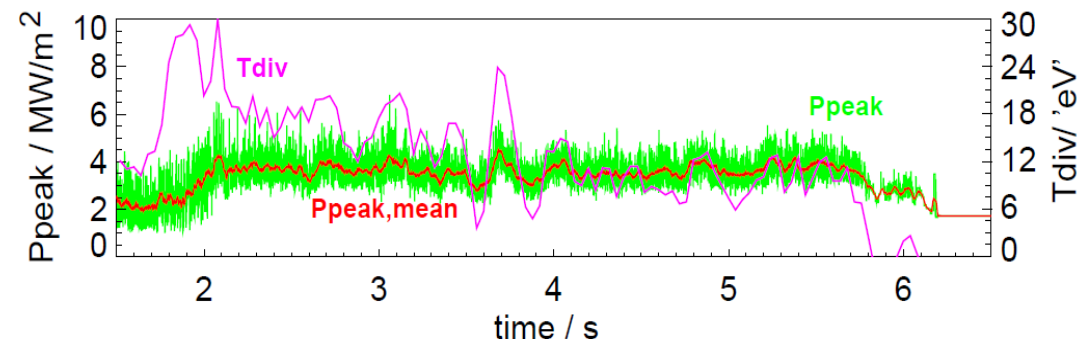
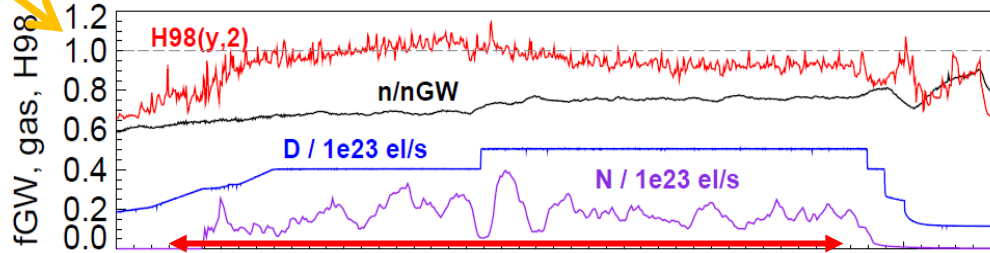
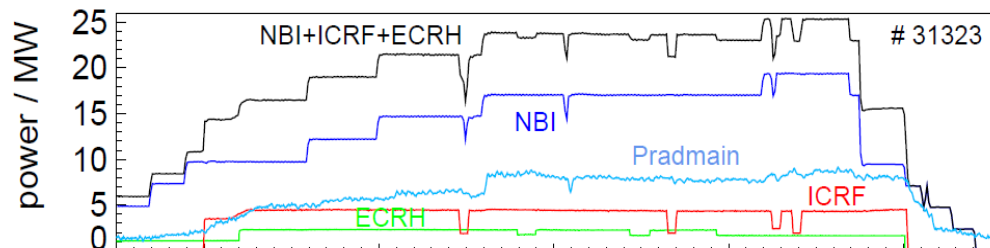
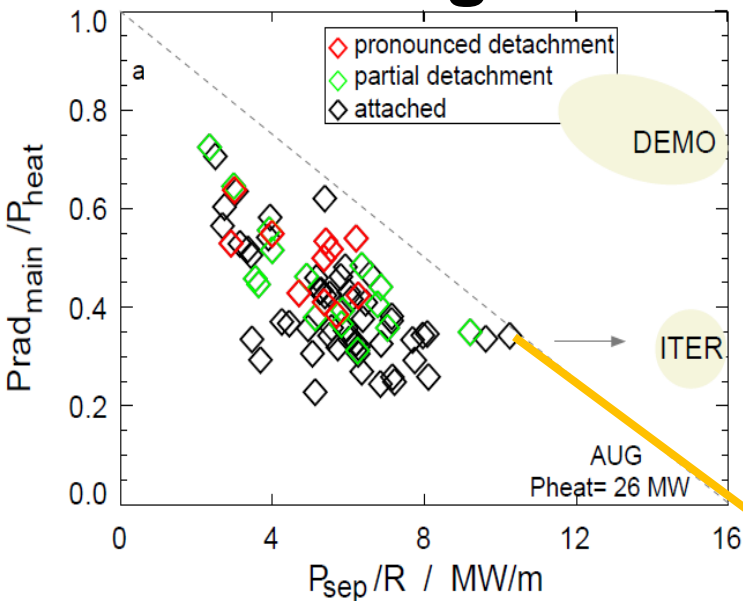
T. Eich – ITPA - et al
FEC 2014 and PRL
2011



Nitrogen seeding on Asdex-Upgrade

$P_{sep} / R = 10 \text{ MW/m} !$

P_{sep}/R is divertor identity parameter, provided similar density and power width λ_q



Divertor detachment is a key to ITER mission.

Robust target power flux control schemes to be tested across machines for ITER

A. Kallenbach and H Zohm IAEA / FEC 2014



Dust-wall interaction: plays a crucial role in the formation of dust accumulation sites and dust remobilization under normal and transient conditions

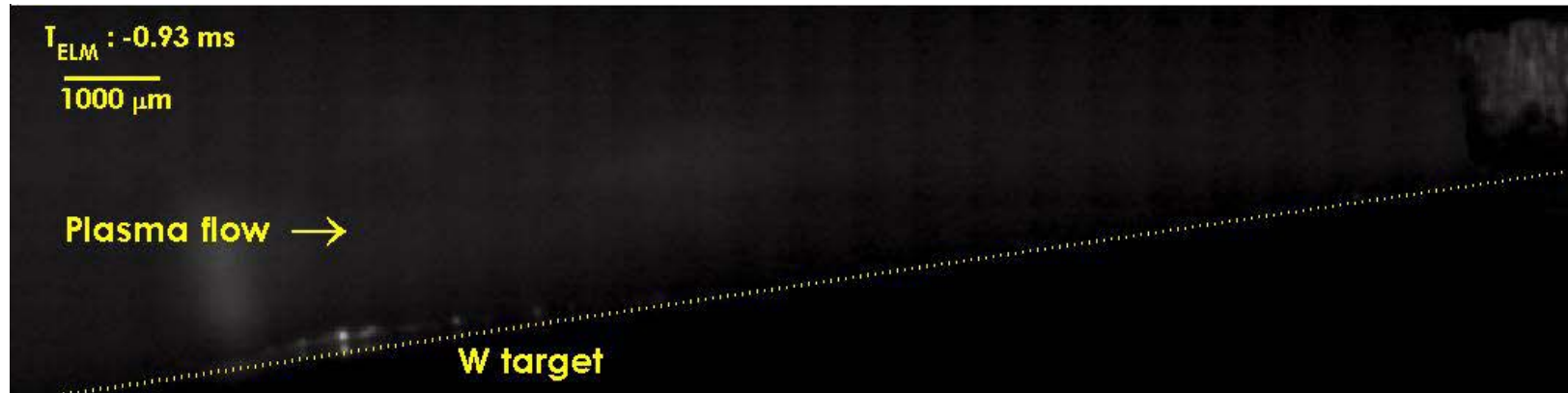
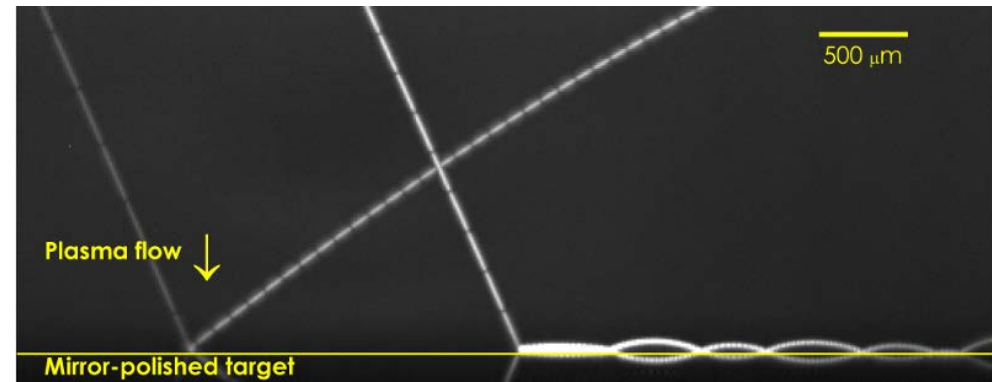
Synergy of modeling and experimental efforts

- **MIGRAINE** dust dynamics code including dust-wall interactions
- Highly controlled experiments in **Pilot-PSI**

L Vignitchouk et al, PPCF 56 (2014) 095005

Camera observations of dust motion in the sheath with unprecedented resolution are compared with model predictions to provide insight on the underlying phenomena.

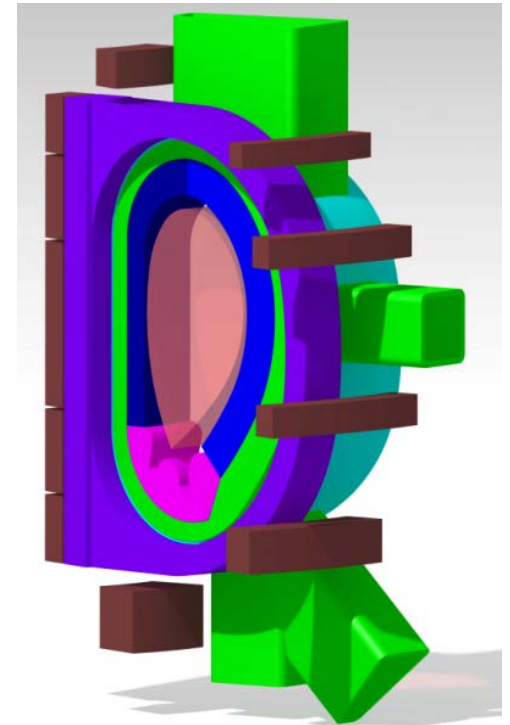
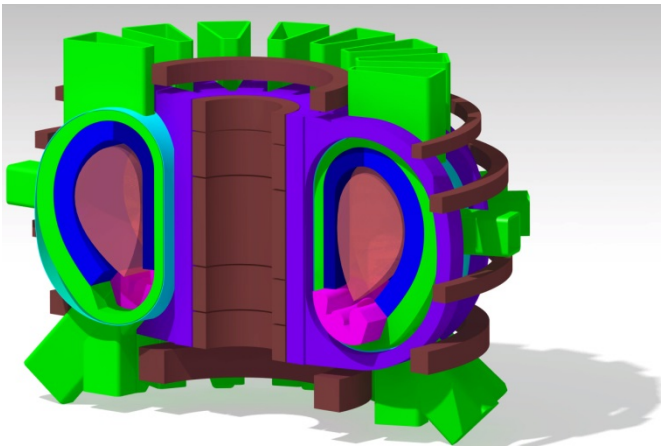
P. Tolias et al., submitted to NF



WP14-ER-01/VR-01 S. Ratynskaia

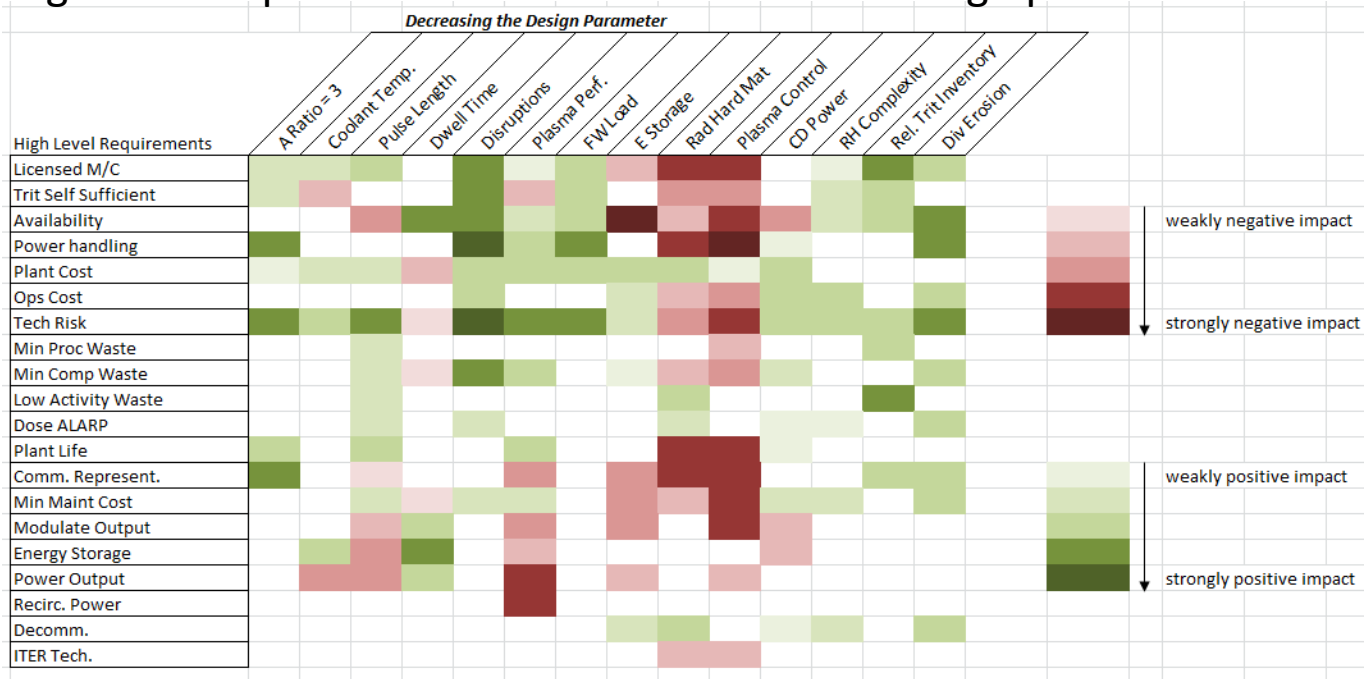


- 3: Neutron resistant materials
- 4: Tritium self-sufficiency
- 5: Intrinsic safety features
- 6: Integrated DEMO design and system development
- 7: Competitive cost of electricity





- Stakeholder engagement activity underway with meetings between PPPT and GEN IV Fission projects taking place to understand early phases processes (ASTRID held 28/11, MYRRAH 22/01/15)
- Analysis of high level requirements and interaction with design parameters is ongoing

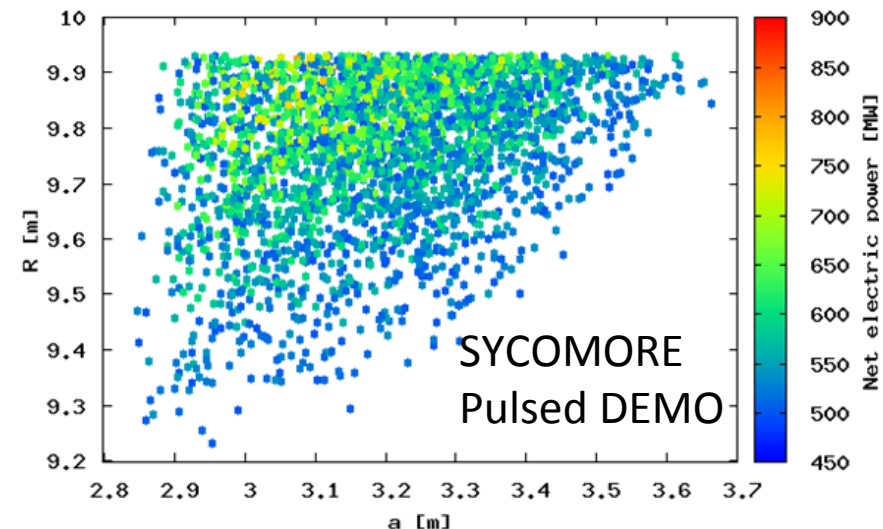


- STAC recommendations have been incorporated into 2015AWP with respect to industrial involvement, additional planning support and decision making
- High Level Documents such as the Operational Concept Document and Plant Requirements Document have been issued for comment and revised



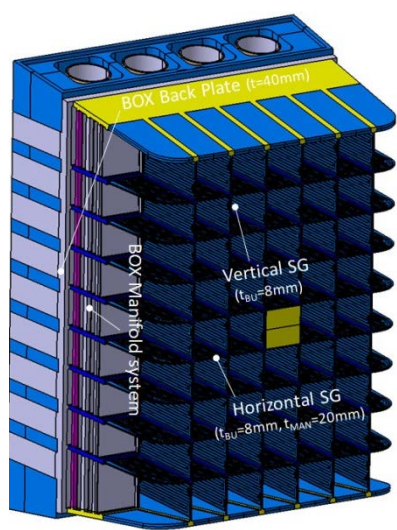
- PROCESS (CCFE)
 - Improved modules for radiation, pedestal, bootstrap current, TF coils, TF ripple, Costs, Availability,...
 - Advanced optimisation tools
 - Development towards a system code accounting for uncertainties

- SYCOMORE (CEA)
 - * Relatively new system code based on ITM framework
 - * Potential to develop features complementary to PROCESS (e.g. system code including a light transport code)

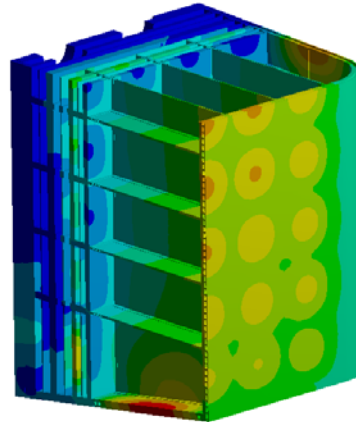
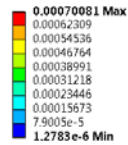




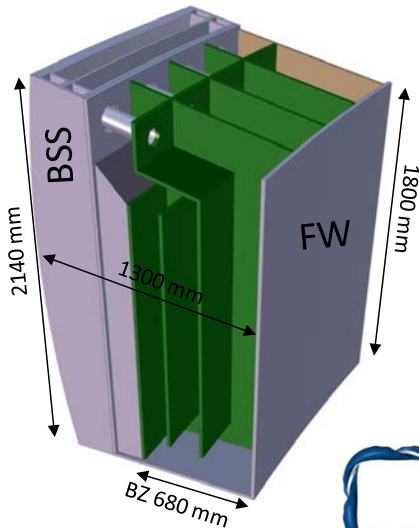
Area	Activities
Scenario Modelling	Initial studies of ramp-up and ramp-down, pellet fueling and related transport,...
Heating & Current Drive	Study of power requirements for NTM control
Transport	Investigations of bootstrap current, radiation effect on confinement, extrapolation of energy confinement time
MHD	Initial predictions of pedestal, global stability, vertical stability
Fast particles	Definition of investigation strategy
Specification of Wall Loads	Identification of relevant load types, investigations on loads due to radiation and thermal charged particles



AF: with vsq inter 50mm ribs (chamfer) on FW(80 bar)
 Total Deformation
 Type: Total Deformation
 Unit: m
 Time: 1



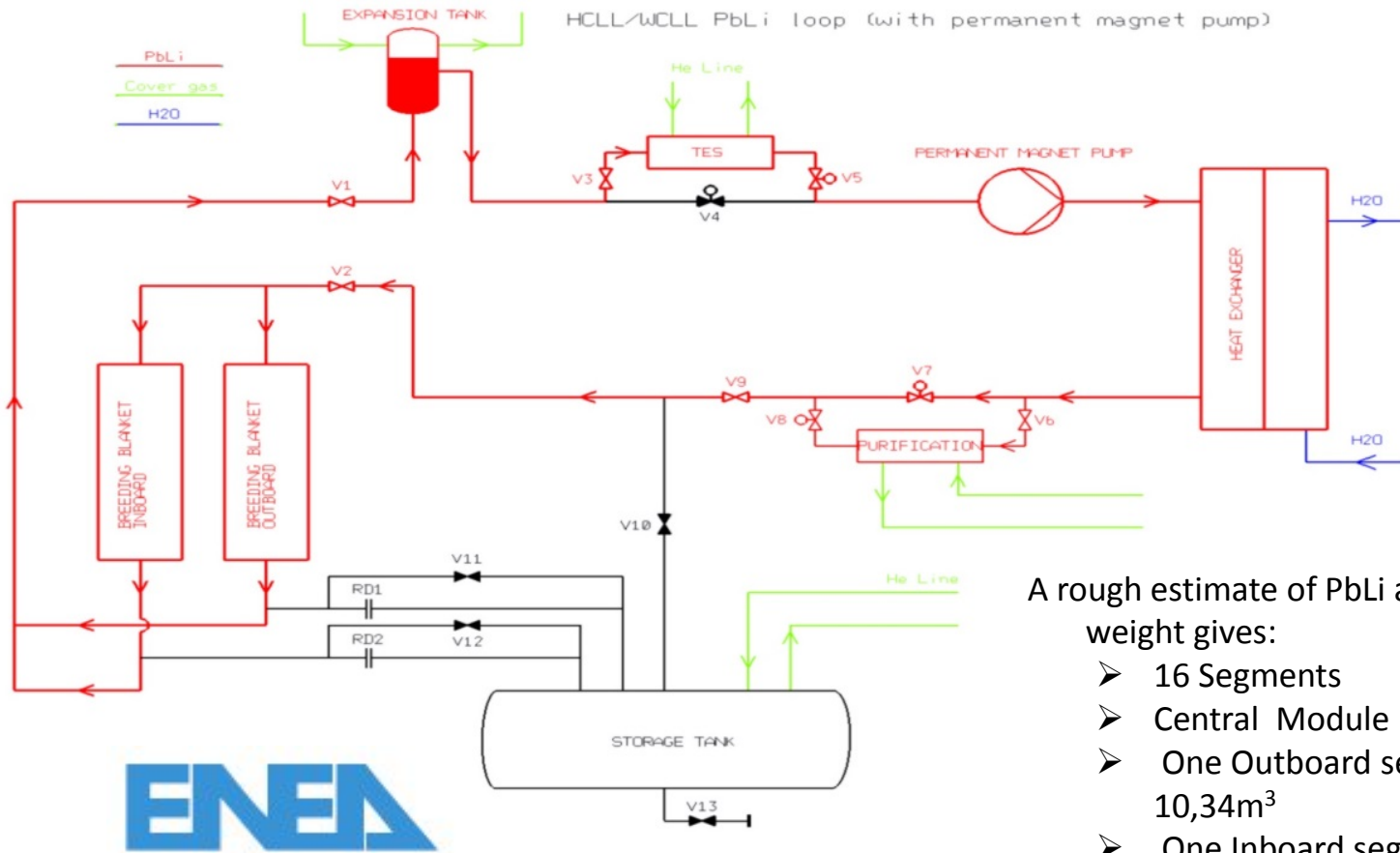
HCPB BB



DCLL BB



- ❖ The Breeding Blanket (BB) concept considered in PPPT have been adapted (e.g. HCPB and DCLL in the figure) at the current DEMO configuration.
- ❖ Neutronics, thermo-hydraulics and structural-mechanics performance were evaluated. Issues were identified in TBR and coolant performances.
- ❖ New design features have been evaluated and performances increased



A rough estimate of PbLi amount in a segment's weight gives:

- 16 Segments
- Central Module : ~17,05m³
- One Outboard segment (8 modules) : ~10,34m³
- One Inboard segment (7 modules): ~5,21m³

- ⇒ PbLi velocity ~ 0,005-0,01m/s
- ⇒ Mass flow rate/Segment: 52-78kg/s

❖ The first lay-out for the PbLi Loops for the Water Cooled Breeding Blanket were developed in 2014.

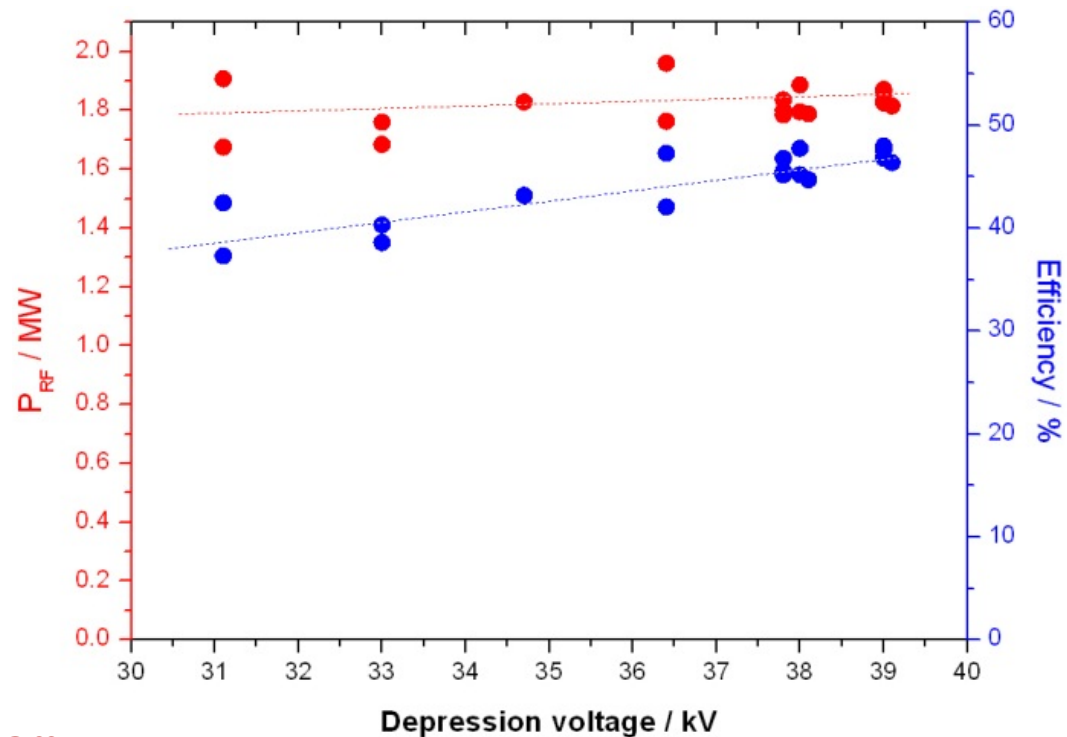
Breeding Blanket Project in EUROfusion



L. Boccaccini (KIT) and WPBB Team



- High frequency high power gyrotron development:
 Experiment with a 2 MW, 170 GHz, coaxial gyrotron with depressed collector: 170 GHz, **~1.9 MW**, total efficiency **~47%**,
 ~3ms

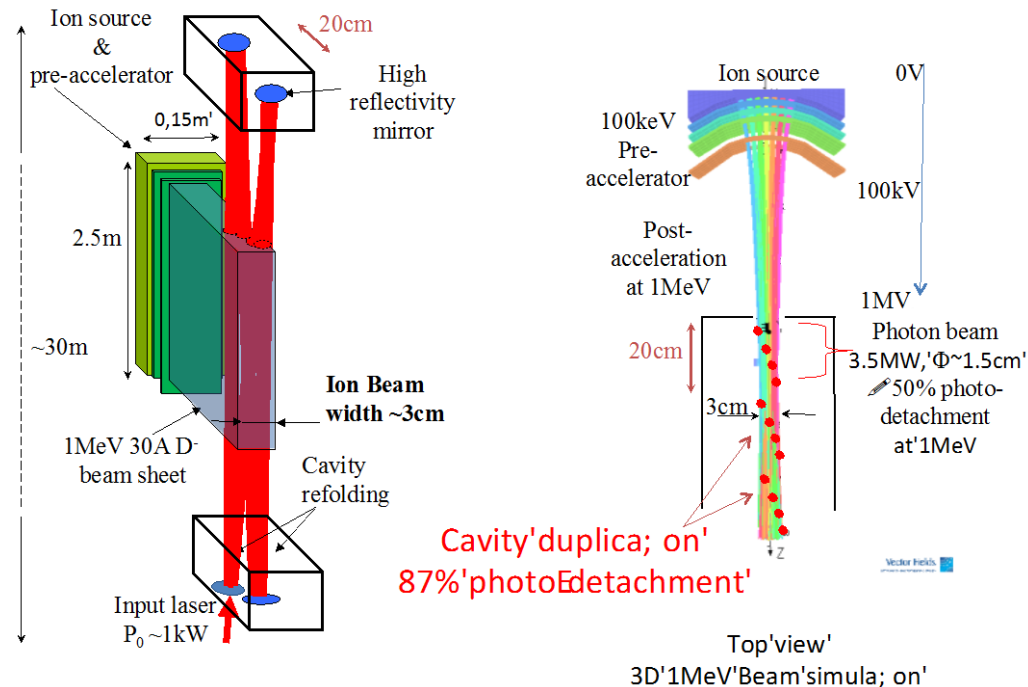


M.Q. Tran (EPFL) and WPHCD Team



- Photoneutralisation as a method to increase 1 MeV NB efficiency. Feasibility study for DEMO with a milestone : end 2016

SIPHORE principle and Topology



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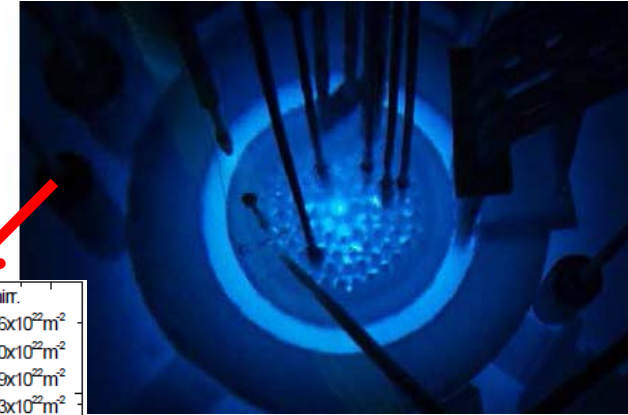
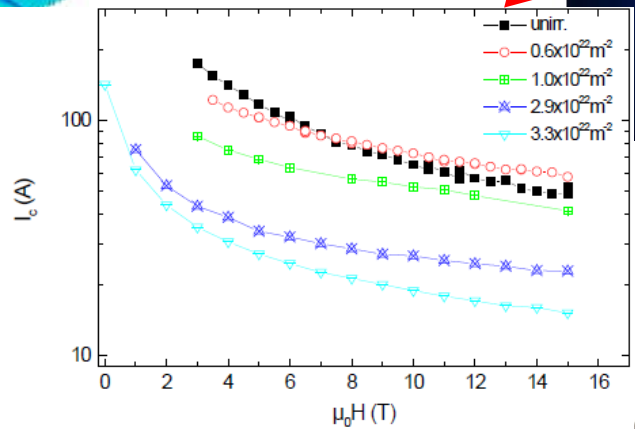
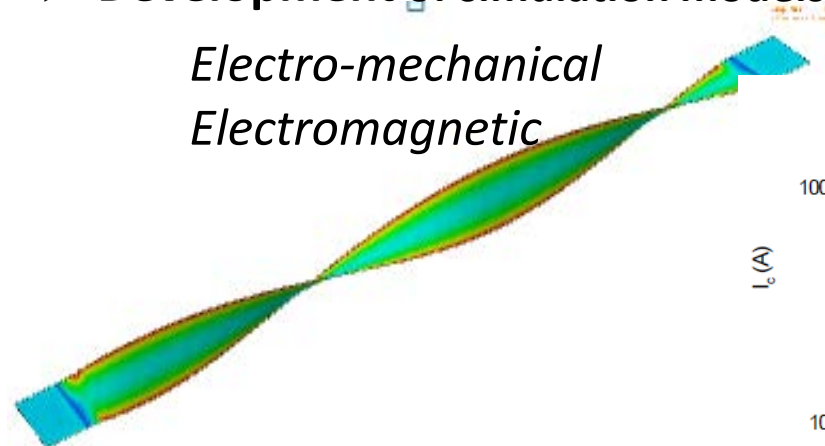


► Several HTS Tapes tested & irradiated

comparative approach led to survey technology

► Development of simulation models

*Electro-mechanical
Electromagnetic*



► Manufacture and tests of 2 cable concepts

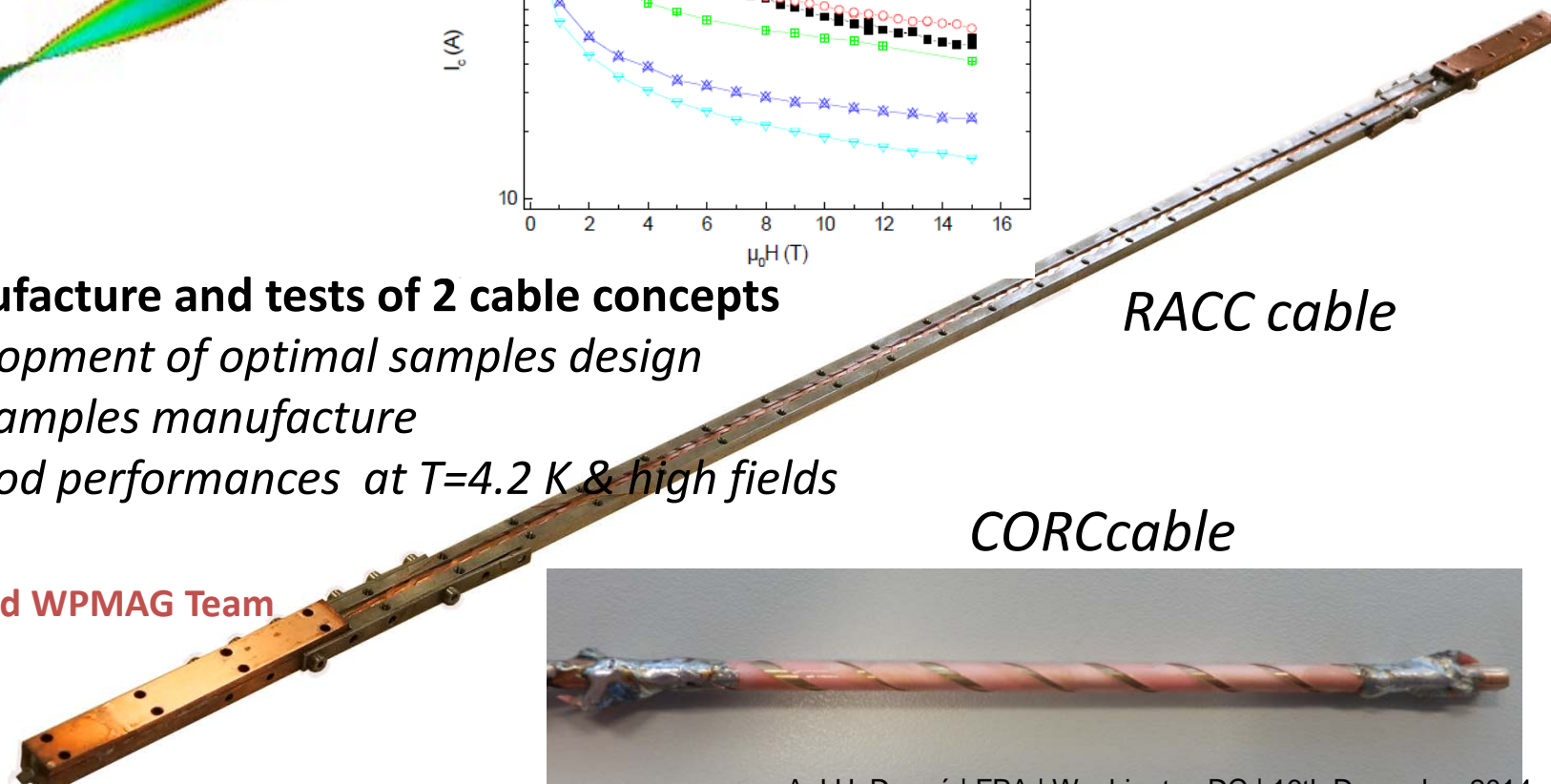
Development of optimal samples design

2 samples manufacture

Good performances at $T=4.2$ K & high fields

RACC cable

CORC cable

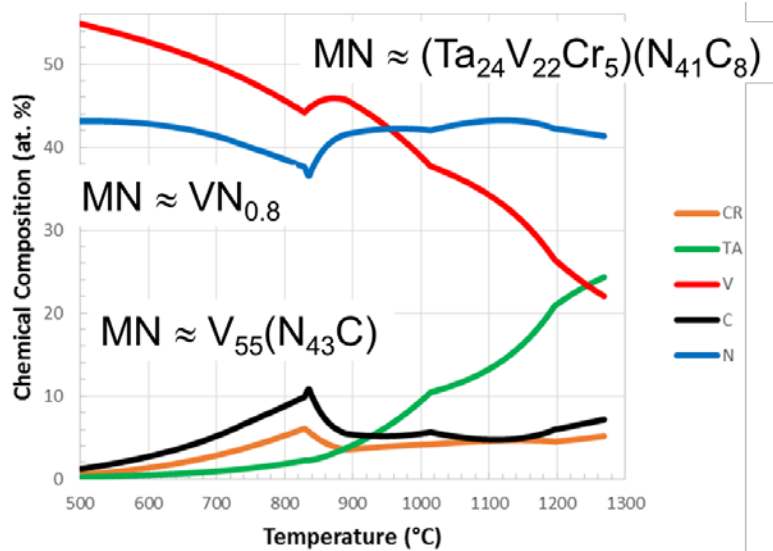


L. Zani (CEA) and WPMAG Team

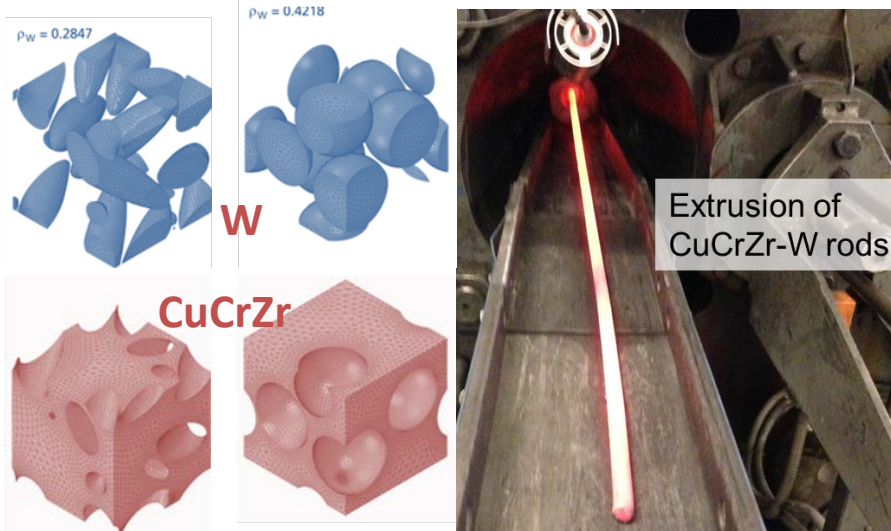


Steel development based on thermodynamic calculations

- low temperature steel: **two** 80 kg batches produced
- high temperature steel: **nine** 80 kg batches produced, **four** 100 kg batches in production
- alternative ODS steel production: **23** lab-scale batches produced (250 – 550 g each)



W reinforced CuCrZr: simulation & production



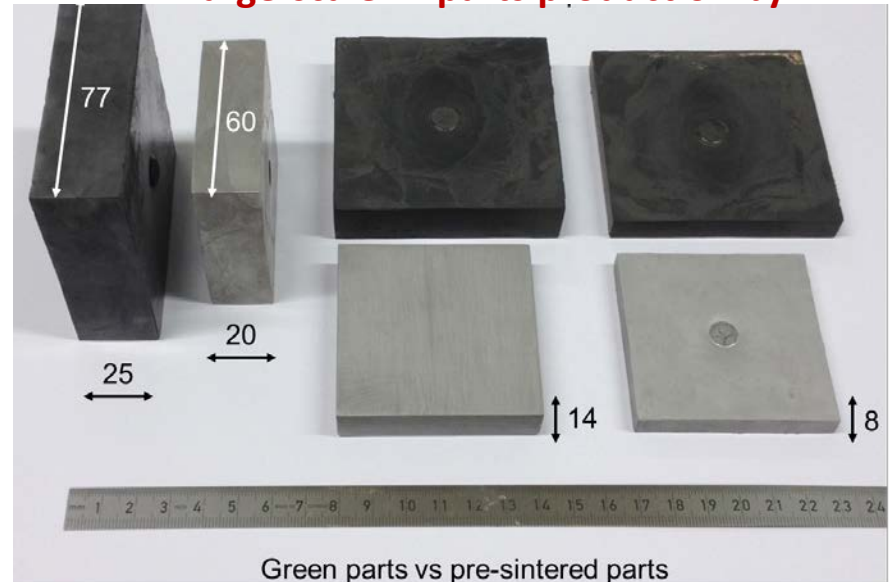
First batch: W fibre – W matrix composite fabrication



W laminated pipes in mockups for water and helium cooling



Large-scale W parts production by PIM

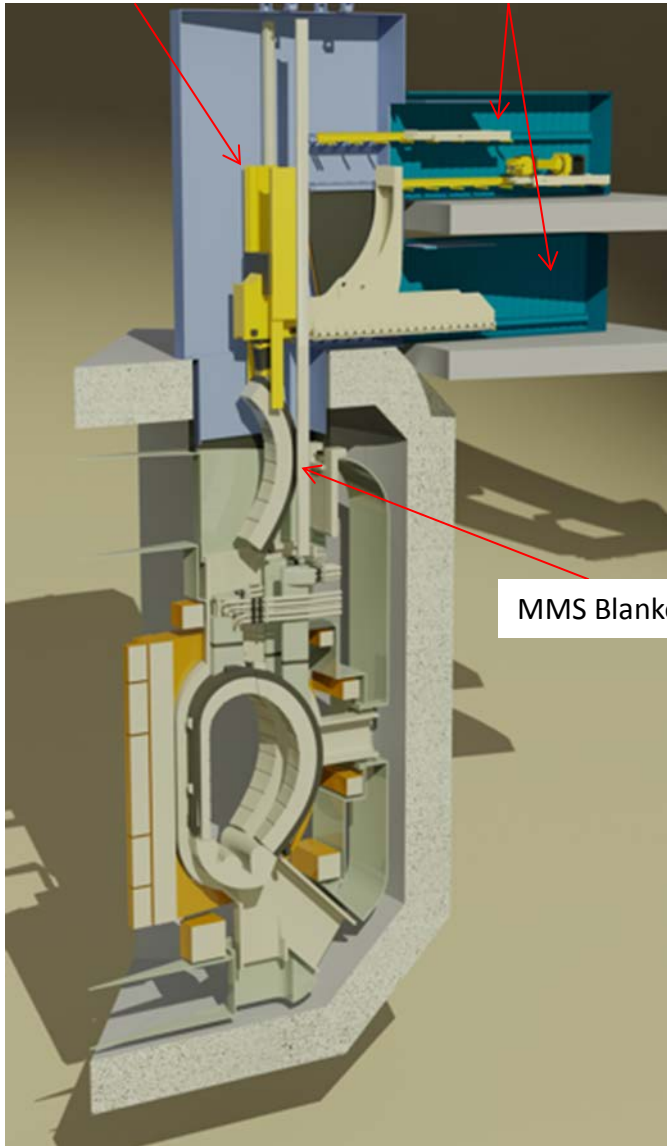


Green parts vs pre-sintered parts



MMS Transporter

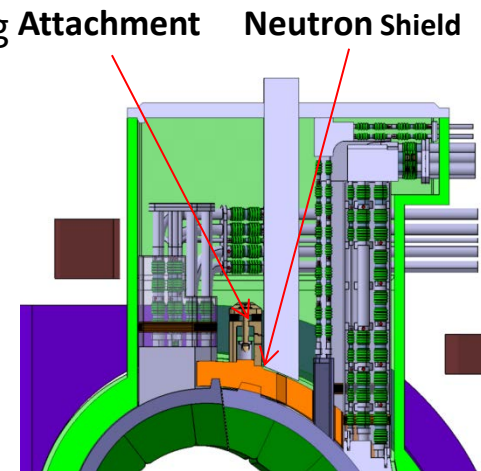
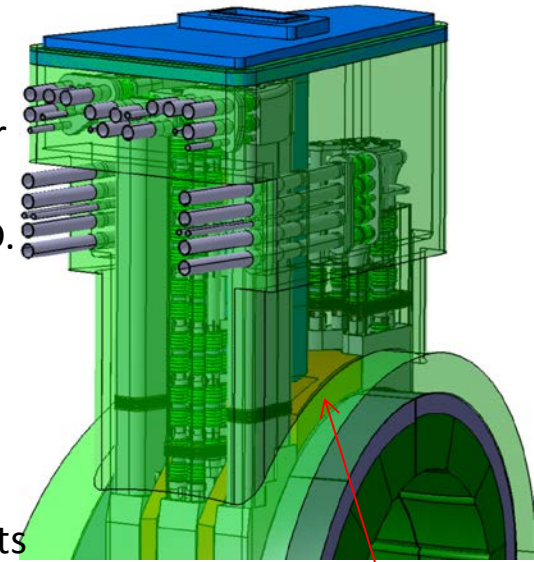
Transport Casks



MMS Blanket

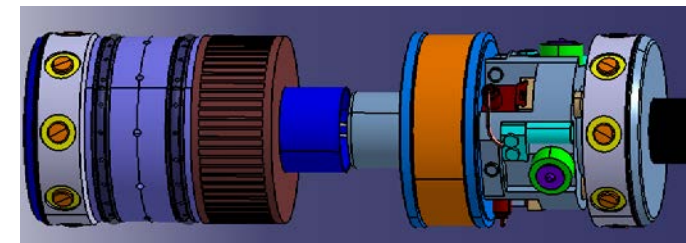
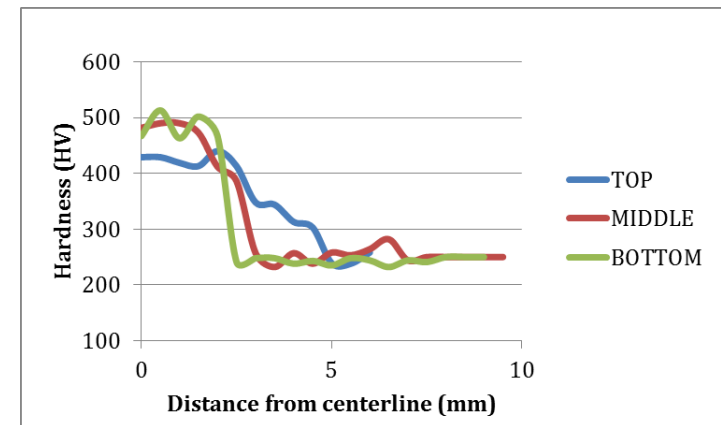
Revaluation of the in-vessel remote maintenance:

- Improve flexibility allows for more cooling systems and access for diagnostics H&CD.
- Independent blanket and divertor maintenance
- Improved maintenance durations
- Near vertical lifts for blankets increase robustness of remote handling equipment
- Includes a neutron shield plug Attachment
- Independent port closure plate
- No in-vessel mover
- ITER-like cask transportation
- Improved unplanned single blanket maintenance





- 75% of blanket and divertor cassette maintenance duration is attributed to removal and installation of services
- Technology evaluation shows Laser to be favourable for in-bore cutting and welding
- Laser welding trials using P91 as a substitute for Eurofer have been undertaken
- Diffused laser has potential to provide extra heat input and can be used for post weld heat treatment



Concept tool design



- Draft **Plant Safety Requirements Document** written
 - Basic safety approach and principles set
 - Likely future regulatory regime considered
 - Requirements drafted in discussion with safety team and those working on DEMO design
 - Safety/Designers meeting held to discuss requirements and design choices and their impact
 - Confinement strategy proposed
- Improvements to codes and models for safety analysis
- Start of systematic studies to determine accident sequences for analysis
- Radioactive waste studies: selection of candidate techniques for detritiation of solid waste



ITER has significant delays, **possible solutions:**

- ☞ Use contemporary fusion devices as **risk mitigation for ITER**
- ☞ **Reduce the ITER non-active phase** by proper preparation and training elsewhere

Proposal

- ☞ Establish an Int. Task Force to make a detailed proposal how present machines can be used to **bring DT phase of ITER forward**

This should include exploration of an ITER $Q=10$ baseline scenario at higher q_{95} based on 'improved H-mode' (AUG), 'Hybrid' (JET) or 'Advanced inductive' (DIII-D) scenarios

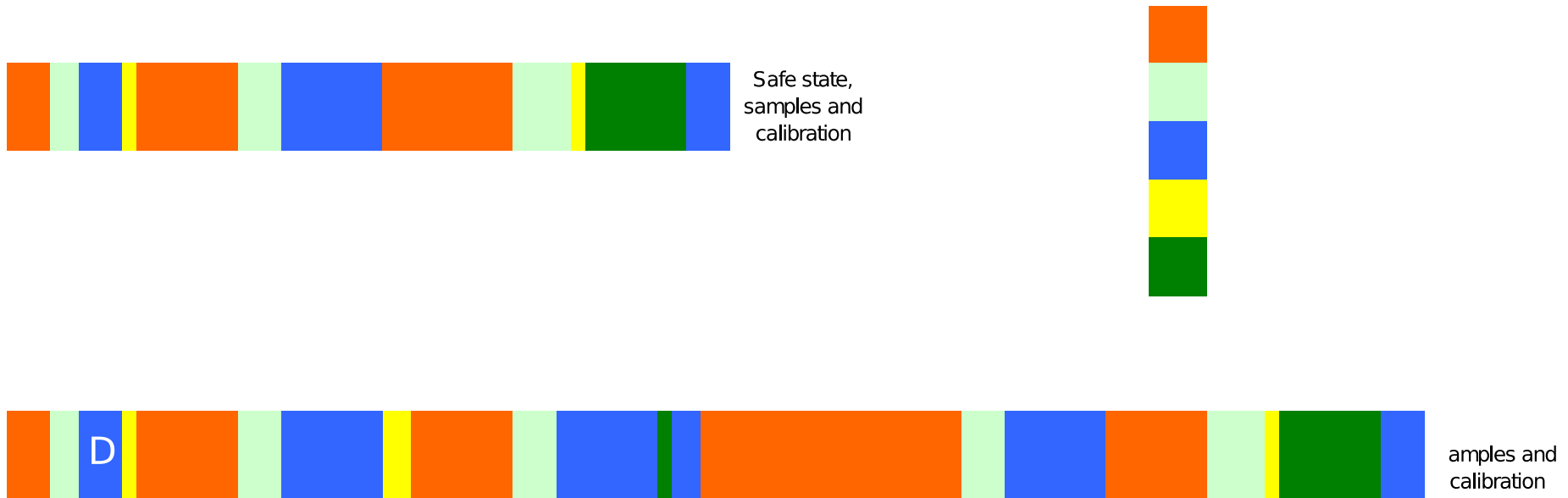
Specific JET contributions:

Only machine with DT, with ITER-like wall (Be-handling), full remote handling, organizing truly int. scientific campaigns, training

Future of JET - Internationalization



Long term JET plan depends on the success of the internationalization process (Wagner Panel on Strategic Orientation)



Details of the Alternative Scenario are not yet agreed



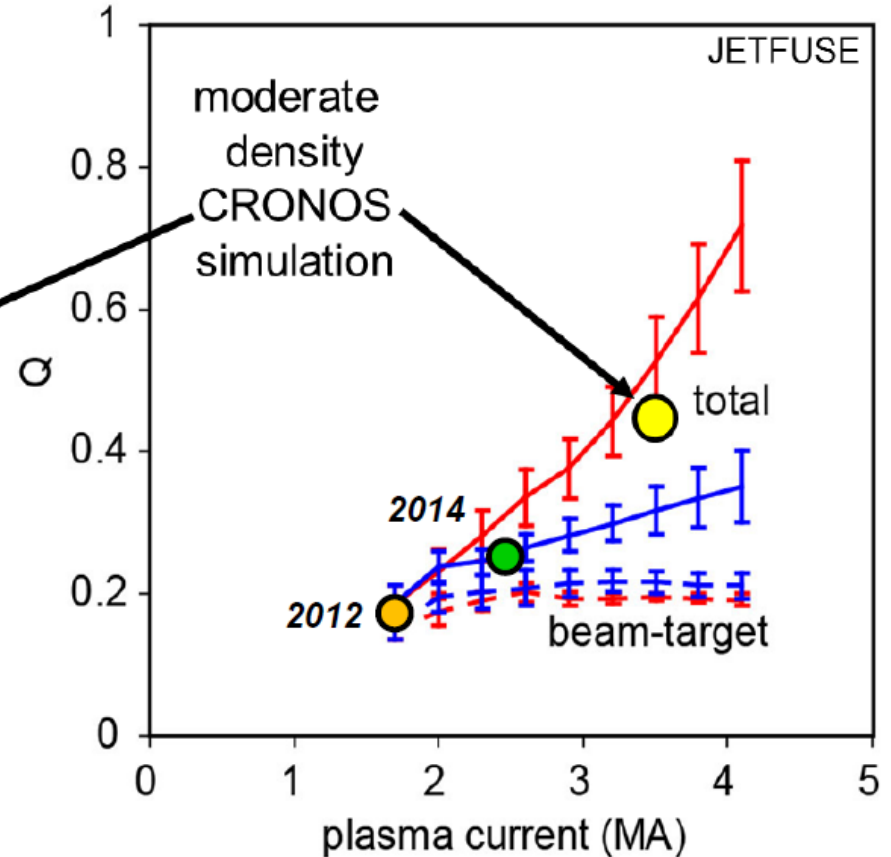
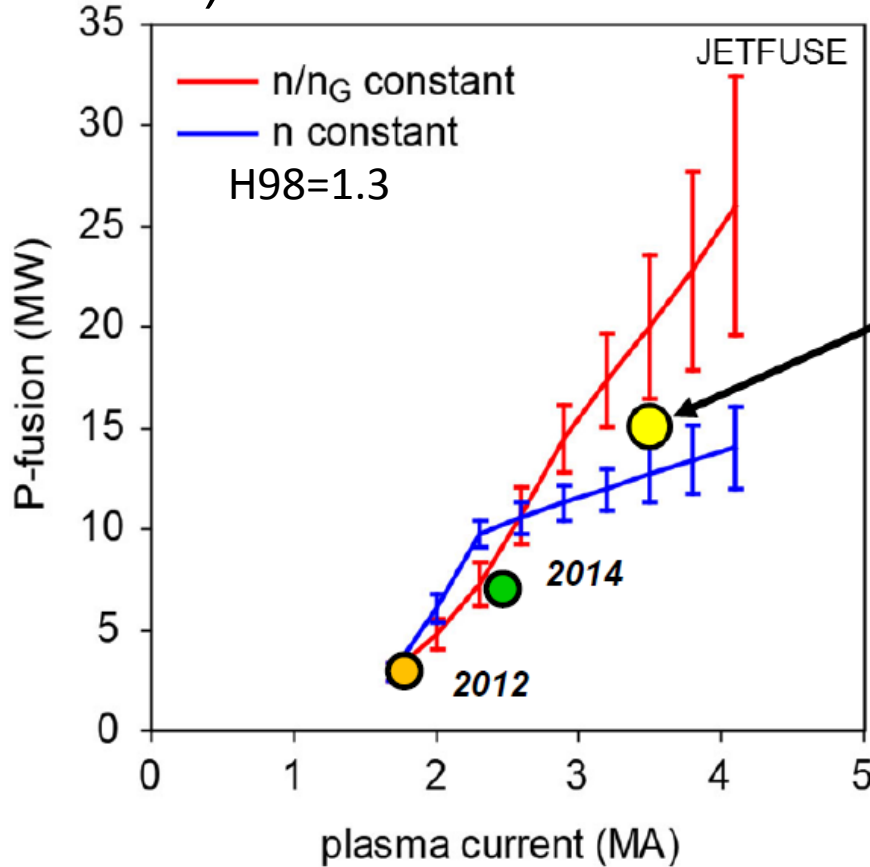
The feasibility of two further major enhancements (RMP Coils for ELM Control, ECRH) have been studied

Increase fusion performance in JET



Increase power (~40MW) to sustain (~5s) high β at high I_p/B_t ($\geq 3.5\text{MA}/3.85\text{T}$)

Develop heat exhaust control for divertor compatibility (sweeping, radiation)



The scientific case for DT operation in JET H. Weisen, A.C.C. Sips, C.D Challis, et al., Fusion Reactor Diagnostics Conf, 2013 (www.iop.org/Jet/fulltext/EFDC130406.pdf)

DT Campaign options



DT Campaign options		Full DT phase	DT phase ~DTE1	100% tritium only	Trace tritium
14 MeV budget		1.7×10^{21}	2.5×10^{20}	5.0×10^{19}	5.0×10^{18}
ITER Scenarios in DT*	Baseline	20	8	200	
	Hybrid	40	2	200	
	Steady State	20	0	50	
Technology	Tritium retention				
	14 MeV calibration				
	Use 14 MeV Fluence				
Physics	Retention removal				
	Isotope scaling				
	α -particle effects				
	Fuelling & DT mix control				transport

ITER risk mitigation

Impact of DT at JET

Maximum

Limited

No

*Number of high power (>25MW, 5s) pulses in DT (or 100% tritium) is indicated.

1.7×10^{21} budget: Full exploitation of JET for mitigating the risks for ITER.



EUROfusion programme is in full swing

ITER Physics Programme:

- Strong programmatic approach
- Priorities discussed/selected EU wide
 - After that execution on device(s) best suited for specific study
- In 2015 simultaneous operation of JET, AUG and TCV
- In 2015 first operation of W7-X

Take home message:

It must be possible to optimize the ITER Research Plan by making proper use of contemporary fusion devices (e.g. training the team of ITER session leaders and operators in working with D-T, Be, Remote Handling, etc....., preferably using the ITER software)