

# "FEC-2023: статус исследований на установках магнитного удержания"

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# Burning Plasmas and Long Pulse Operation: JET DTE2



*Special Issue of Papers  
Presenting Results from the JET  
Tritium and Deuterium-Tritium  
Campaign*

<https://iopscience.iop.org/issue/0029-5515/63/11>



# Burning Plasmas and Long Pulse Operation: JET DTE2



## JET DTE2 scenarios for high, sustained $P_{fus}$ with Be/W wall

2 paths developed (candidate scenarios for ITER)

### JET Baseline scenario (50-50 D-T)

Garzotti,  
EX-C #1943

High plasma current

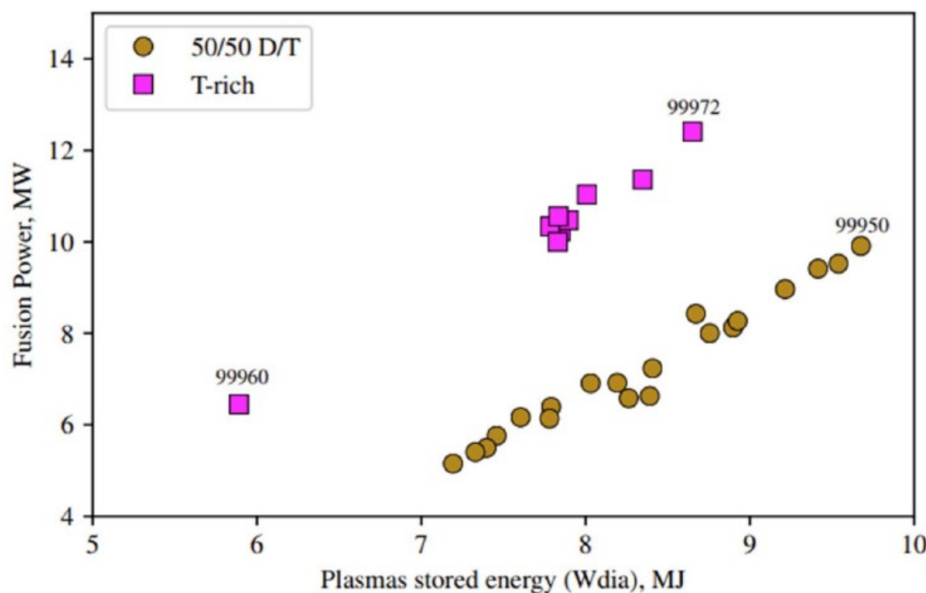
Maximizes thermonuclear neutrons in JET

### JET Hybrid scenario (50-50 D-T)

Hobirk, EX-C #1880

High beta

Higher beam-target neutron fraction



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JET-ILW specific:

### JET Hybrid scenario with optimized non-thermal fusion (15-85 D-T)

Maximises beam-target fusion reactions in JET

Maslov, EX-C # 1935

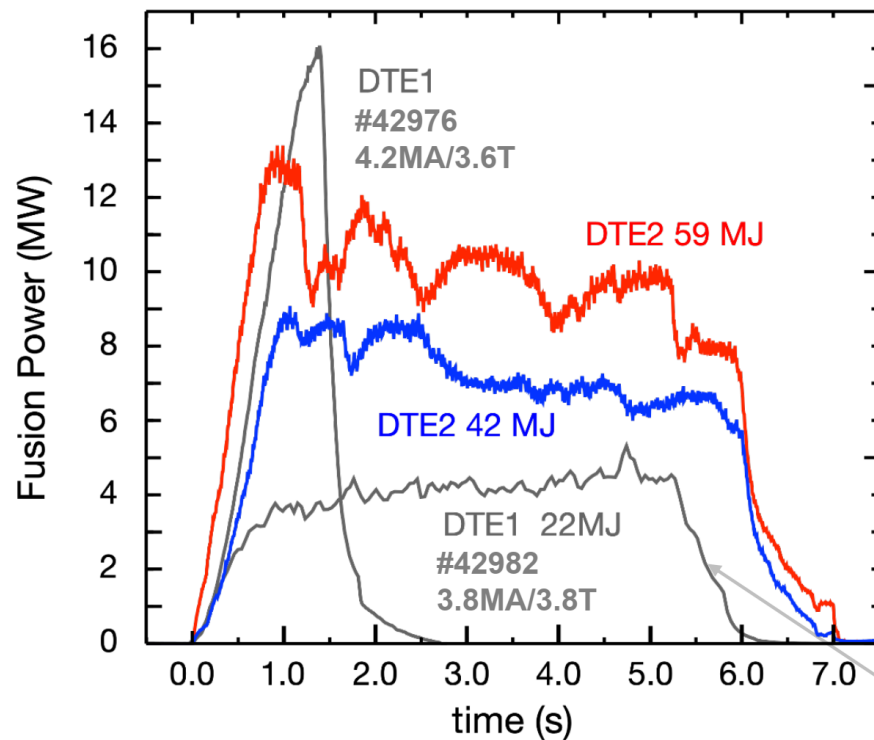
High-Z impurity control is essential to achieve sustained, high  $P_{fus}$

# Burning Plasmas and Long Pulse Operation: JET DTE2

World fusion energy records obtained with JET hybrid scenarios



## Fusion performance with JET-ILW beyond that of DTE1



- Hybrid plasmas performed in D-T for the first time, with Be/W wall
- **Demonstrate compatibility of JET-ILW with sustained high fusion performance**

[Hobirk et al, NF SI on JET T & D-T 2023]

#99869 (2.3MA/3.45T) Hybrid with ~50-50 D-T

#99971 (2.5MA/3.86T) Hybrid with ~15-85 D-T

[Maslov et al, NF SI on JET T & D-T 2023]

Baseline scenario H-mode (JET-C)  
[holding world fusion energy record till DTE2]

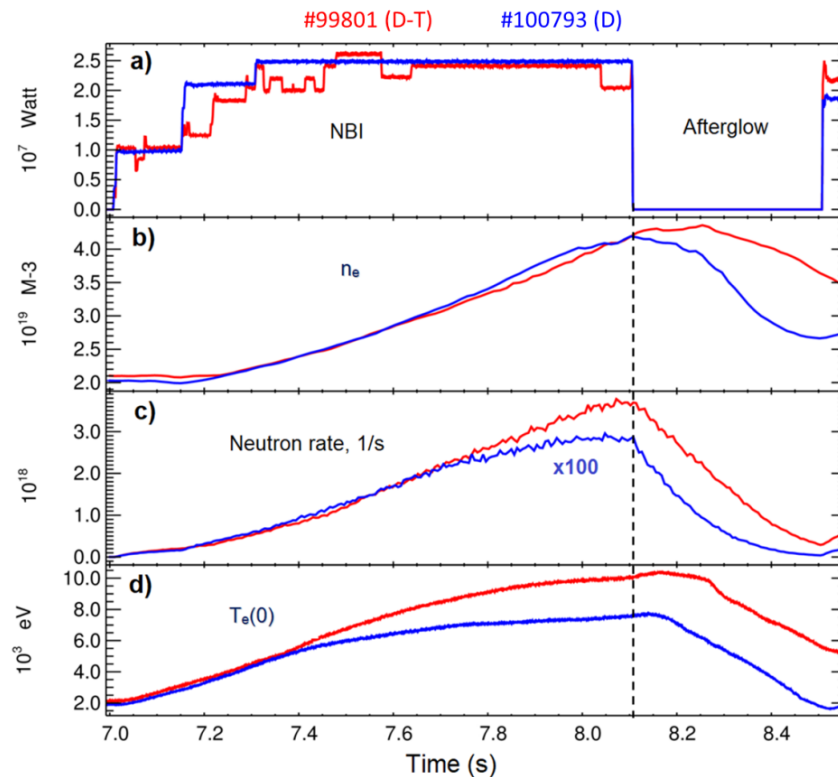
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## Direct evidence of electron heating from $\alpha$ -particles

Red: D-T

Blue: counterpart reference D plasma



- **Self-heating of thermonuclear fusion plasma by  $\alpha$ -particles observed in JET DTE2**
- Observed in NBI 'after-glow' phase
- Interpretative transport modelling (TRANSP) of D-T and D reference discharges consistent with  $\alpha$ -particle heating observation

[Kiptily et al, PRL 2023]

Garcia, EX-W # 1814 (Thursday)

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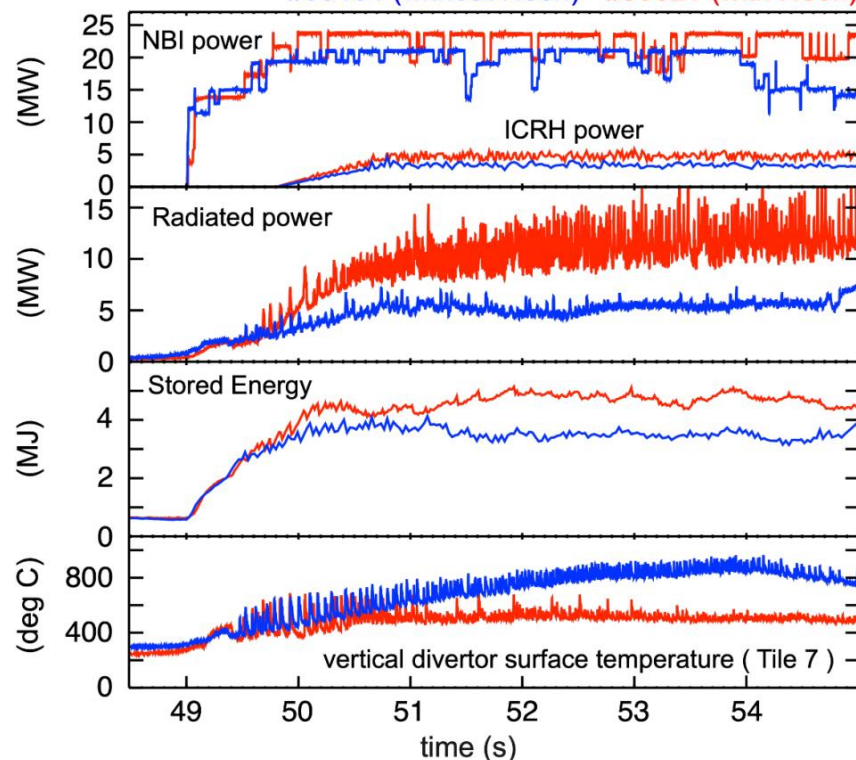
## Integrated Ne seeded radiative H-mode demonstrated in D-T



Strike points on divertor vertical targets,  $\delta = 0.35$

2.5MA / 2.7 T ( $q_{95} = 3.0$ )

#99464 (without Neon) - #99621 (with Neon)



- **Integrated scenario with Ne seeding demonstrated for the first time in 50-50 D-T with Be/W wall**
- Well-controlled long pulse
- Partially-detached divertor plasma
- High radiated power fraction
- Good plasma energy confinement
- Small, high frequency ELMs
- **Confirms Ne as promising extrinsic radiator for ITER**

**Strongly reduced divertor temperature with Ne seeding**

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# Burning Plasmas and Long Pulse Operation: JET DTE2

## JET DTE2 experiments bring fusion energy closer



- Exploiting JET's unique set of capabilities: T handling, Be/W wall, size, heating & diagnostics enhancements:
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  - In conditions closest to ITER as we can with any fusion facility in the world
  - Providing a new set of physics and technology results in T and D-T
- Broadly confirming modelling predictions for the fusion power
  - Giving confidence for predictions of ITER and future reactors
  - Highlighting areas for improvement of self-consistent predictive modelling of D-T fusion reactors
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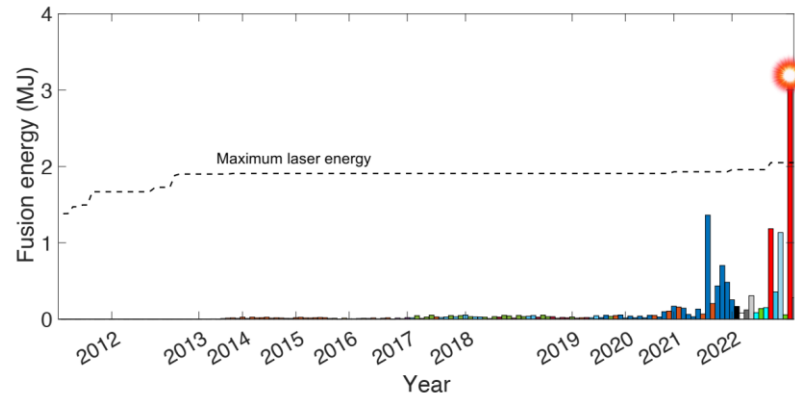
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## UK's nuclear fusion site ends experiments after 40 years

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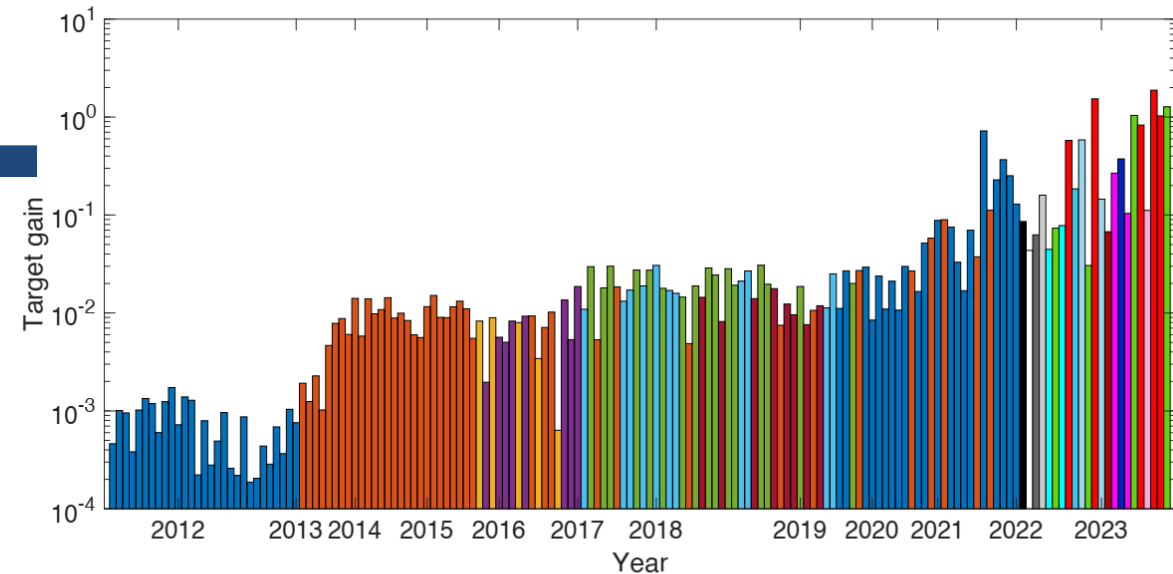
# Burning Plasmas and Long Pulse Operation: NIF

The first experiment to exceed the threshold for fusion ignition\* was conducted **on Dec. 5th 2022, achieving a target gain of 1.5**



3.14 MJ of fusion energy produced from 2.05 MJ of laser energy

challenges remain, but there is proof that with sustained effort, n accomplish challenging things together



Thanks!



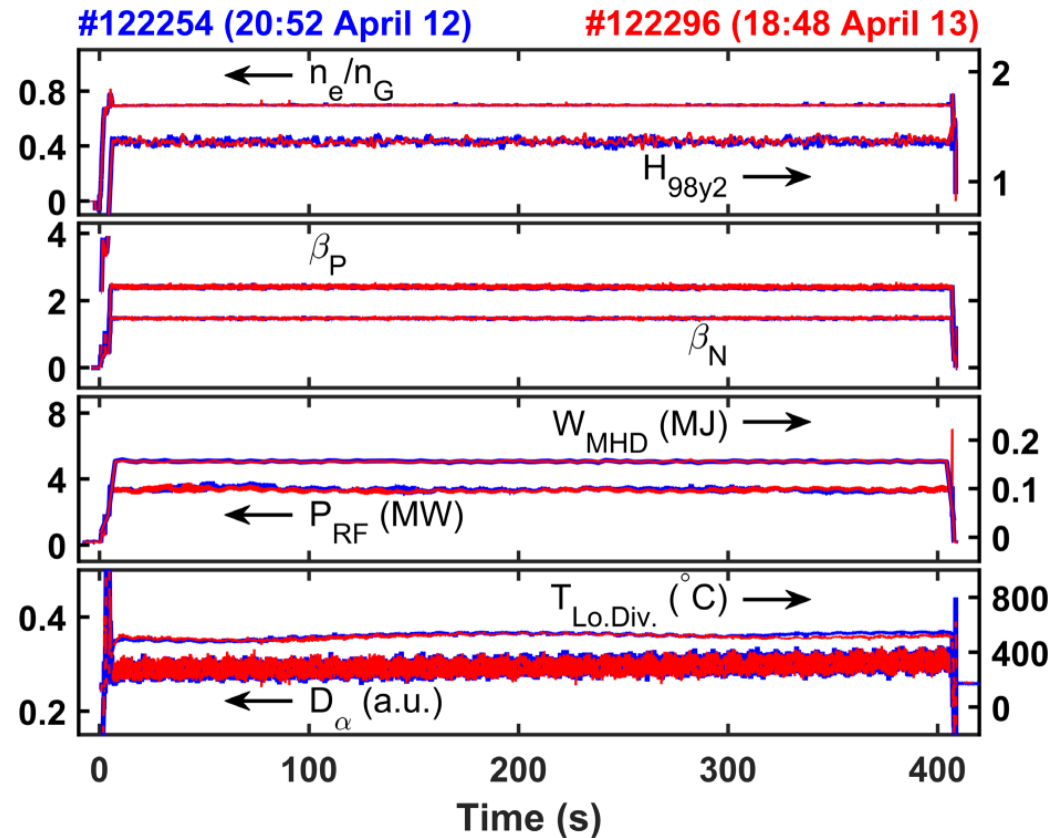
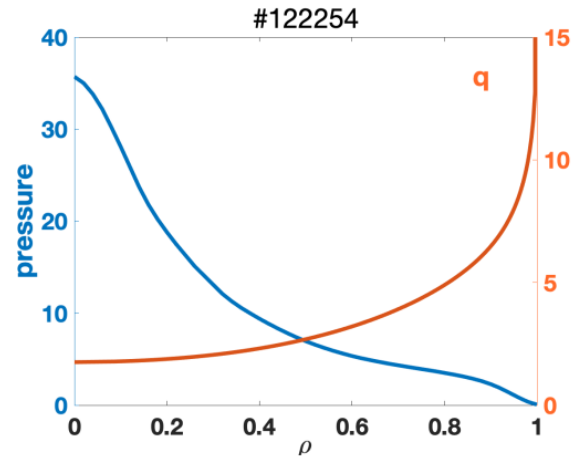
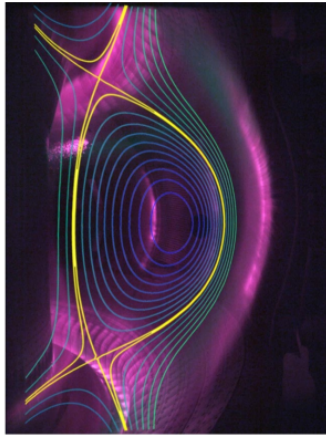
# Burning Plasmas and Long Pulse Operation: EAST

## Summary

- **Significant progress has been made in long-pulse SSO on EAST**
  - Record of duration ~403s H-mode and a 1056s time scale fully non-inductive plasma demonstrated
  - Development of state steady high- $\beta_p$  scenarios up to 100s with zero torque injection ( $\beta_p \sim 3.0/\beta_N \sim 1.8$ ,  $f_{BS} > 50\%$ ,  $n_e/n_G \sim 0.82$ ,  $H_{98y2} \sim 1.5$ )
  - Extension of fusion performance with high confinement at high density ( $H_{98y2} \sim 1.5$  at  $n_e/n_G \sim 1.0$ ) and  $\beta_N = 2.5 \sim 4 \cdot I_i$  near no-wall limit
- **Advances on the key issues essential for long pulse SSO, providing supports to ITER and CFETR steady state operation**
  - Improved confinement with stability, broad  $j(r)$ , Shafranov shift, e-ITB, high efficiency of H&CD at high density, active controls of radiative divertor, small ELM, plasma control, etc.
- **Near-term plan with upgrade of inner components and augmented H&CD systems**
  - 1000s long-pulse H-mode operation with high bootstrap current fraction
  - Demonstrate SSO with **extended fusion performance** at 15-20 MW power injection

# Burning Plasmas and Long Pulse Operation: EAST

## New Record of Reproducible 403 Seconds H-mode Plasmas Demonstrated on EAST with Tungsten Divertor



**New Milestone and Tremendous Step Forward**

- A full non-inductive at  $f_{GW} \sim 0.7$  with  $f_{BS} > 50\%$  by RF heating with zero torque injection
- $H_{98,y2} \sim 1.35$  with ITB by electron dominant heating
- Stationary control on particle exhaust and heat load with actively cooling W-divertor
- Small ELMs throughout discharges with high core performance

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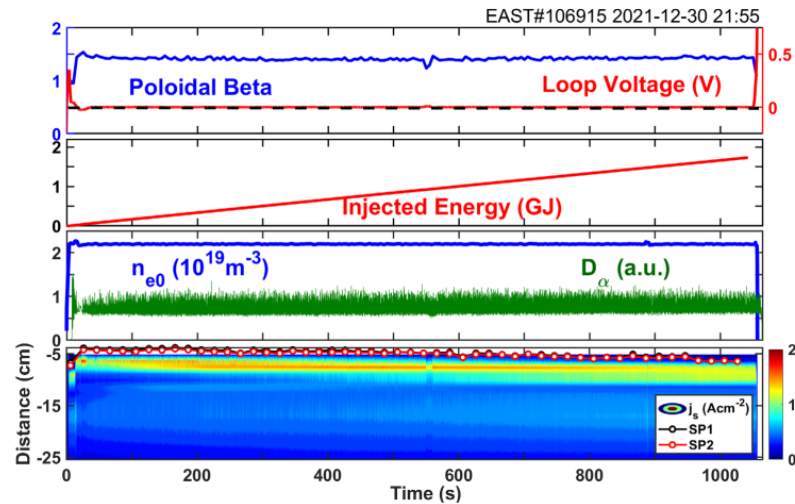
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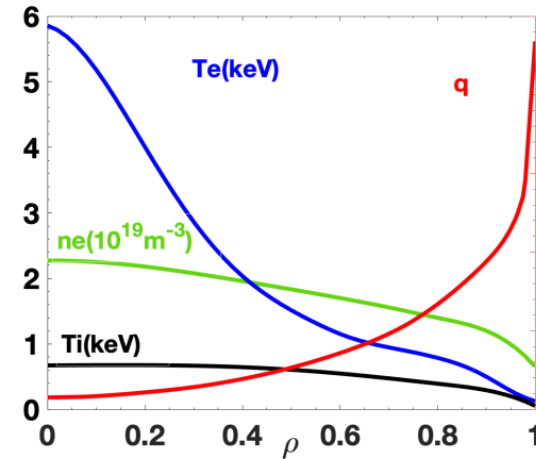
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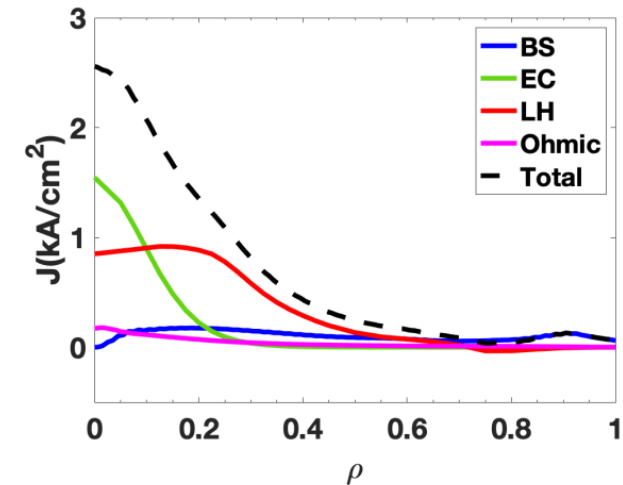
## Demonstration of 1056-second Steady-state Plasma with Improved Confinement on EAST



**Total injected energy ~ 1.73 GJ**



Y. Song, Sci. Adv., 2022



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- Fully non-inductive  $f_{\text{RFCD}} \sim 70\%$ ,  $f_{\text{BS}} \sim 30\%$ ,  $H_{89} \sim 1.3$ ,  $V_{\text{loop}} \sim 0$  with feedback control by LHW
- Enhanced power exhaust with new water-cooled lower W-divertor
- Lower recycling control with real-time wall conditioning
- Good control of plasma equilibrium and position over long time scales

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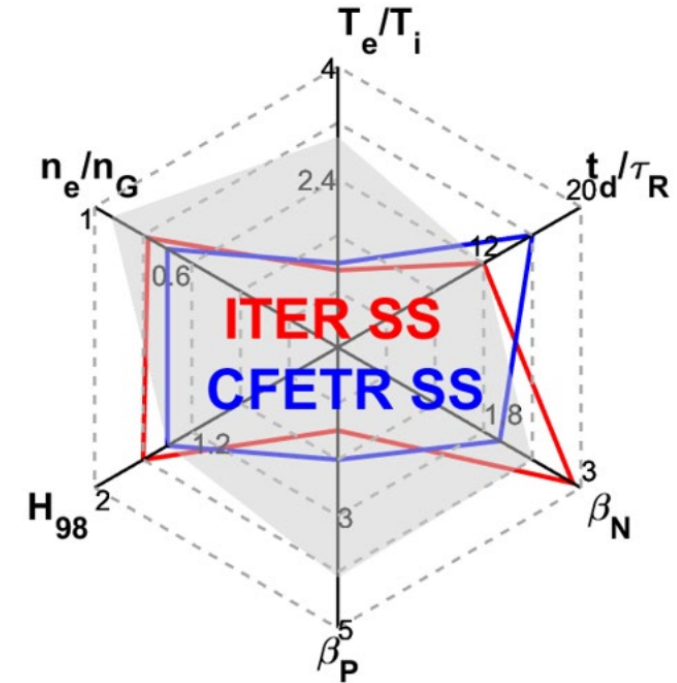
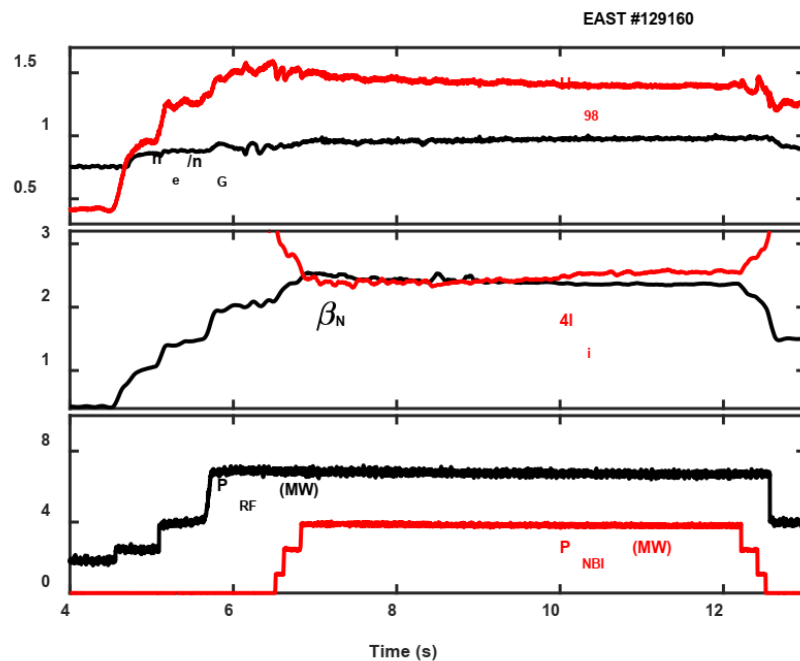
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# Burning Plasmas and Long Pulse Operation: EAST

## Demonstration of High Confinement, High Density and High $f_{BS}$ towards ITER Steady-state Operation



- **Normalized parameters close to ITER/CFETR steady state**
  - $H_{98y2} \sim 1.5$ ,  $n_e/n_G \sim 1.0$ ,  $\beta_N \sim 2.5 \sim 4xI_i$
  - Broader  $q$ -profile (weak shear/NCS) and  $q_{min} > 2$  to avoid NTM

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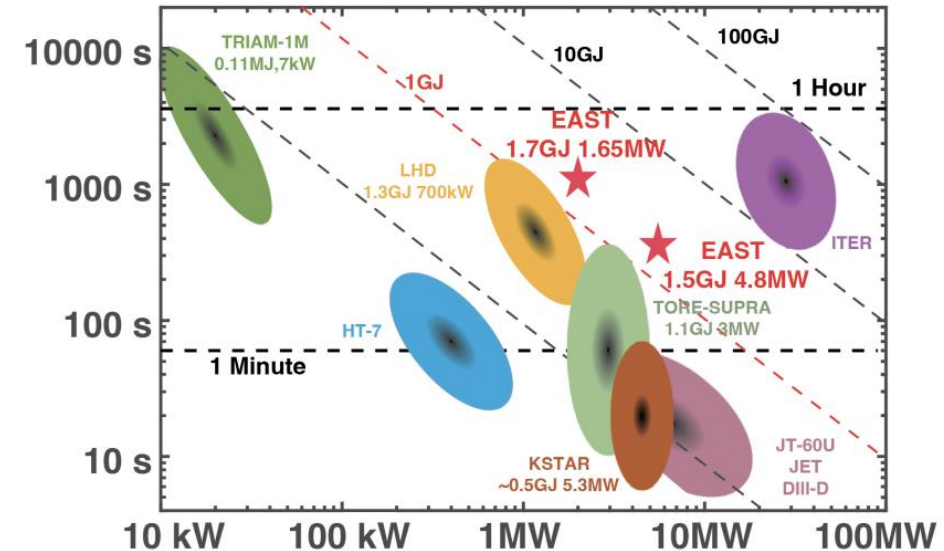
## Strategies to Establish the Scientific Basis Integrated Solutions of for SSO in Support of Future Fusion Devices

**S1: Enhance H/CD efficiency & relevant fundamental physics understanding and key diagnostics**

**S2: Demonstrate long-pulse ( $\geq 400s$ ) H-mode plasmas and develop fully non-inductive high- $\beta$  scenarios**

**S3: Extend EAST operation regime to demonstrate steady-state high performance plasmas and deliver relevant physics for ITER and CFETR**

Total injected energy up to 1.73GJ

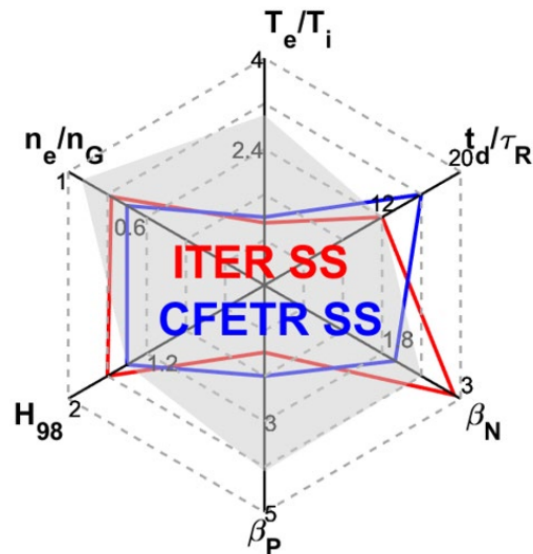


# Burning Plasmas and Long Pulse Operation: EAST

## Exploiting the Potential of EAST to Close the Gaps towards ITER and CFETR Steady-state

- **Need to develop innovative physics understanding & approaches towards ITER&CFETR SS LPO:**
  - Handle particle and heat load, materials erosion, elimination of damaging with long pulse
  - Solve divertor/SOL, pedestal, confinement & transport and its trade-off with H&CD

### Challenges and Future Plans



Challenge/Goal	Approaches	Capabilities
Solve <b>fully non-inductive high-<math>\beta_p</math> scenario</b> with $T_e \sim T_i$ at <b>lower <math>q_{95}</math> and zero-torque, efficient H&amp;CD</b> at high density, $\beta$ -limits,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discover high performance core solutions. Validate models in burning-plasma-relevant regimes</li> <li>• Major H&amp;CD upgrade with shape, B-field</li> <li>• High current for ICRF ion heating and enable lower <math>q_{95}</math></li> <li>• Transport for various <math>T_e/T_i</math>, electromagnetic effects, magnetic shear and Shafranov shift, and ExB shear</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>6MW ICRF (2-antenna)</b></li> <li>• <b>6MW EC (2-gyrotrons, dual Freq.)</b></li> <li>• <b>4MW LHW PAM-4.6GHz</b></li> </ul>
Expand range of $j(r)$ & $P(r)$ to improve performance to find <b>high confinement high-<math>\beta_p</math> regime with large radius ITB &amp; high <math>f_{BS}</math></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop integrated simulation tools to test fundamental physics of <math>q_{min} &gt; 2</math> for ITB and <math>f_{BS}</math></li> <li>• Increases in ECH&amp;ICRH to access to ITER and CFETR relevant <math>\beta_N</math> &amp; <math>q_{95}</math></li> <li>• Focus on profile requirements for ideal MHD limits, good EP &amp; global confinement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2MW NBI RF-sources</b></li> </ul>
Demonstrate <b>long pulse with high power (<math>P_{loss}/R</math>) operation to extend fusion performance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve particle and power handling, elimination of damaging from hot spots</li> <li>• Recycling and heat flux control etc. in real-time</li> <li>• Identify path to integration with divertor and core solutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New modular limiters &amp; Div.</b></li> <li>• <b>New Control and DIAs upgrades</b></li> </ul>

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# Burning Plasmas and Long Pulse Operation: KSTAR

## Summary

### - Scenario Development Toward High Beta Steady-state Operation

**KSTAR** has demonstrated the potential of **steady-state high  $\beta_N$  operation and achieved high  $\ell_i \sim 1$  and  $\beta_N \sim 3$  for 12 s.**

**A new stationary ITB scenario with self-organized high Ti ( $\sim 10$  keV)** has been established and **Gyrokinetic simulations** explain that inverted main ion density gradient contributes significantly to turbulence suppression with fast ion fraction for ITB formation in KSTAR.

### - Topics Resolving Uncertainty for ITER

**Advanced ELM suppression** achieved  $\beta_N$  ( $\sim 2.65$ ) record and the longest ( $\sim 45$  s) discharges with adaptive control and ERMP optimization.

Real-time **feedback control of the detachment** achieved long pulse for 22s in KSTAR.

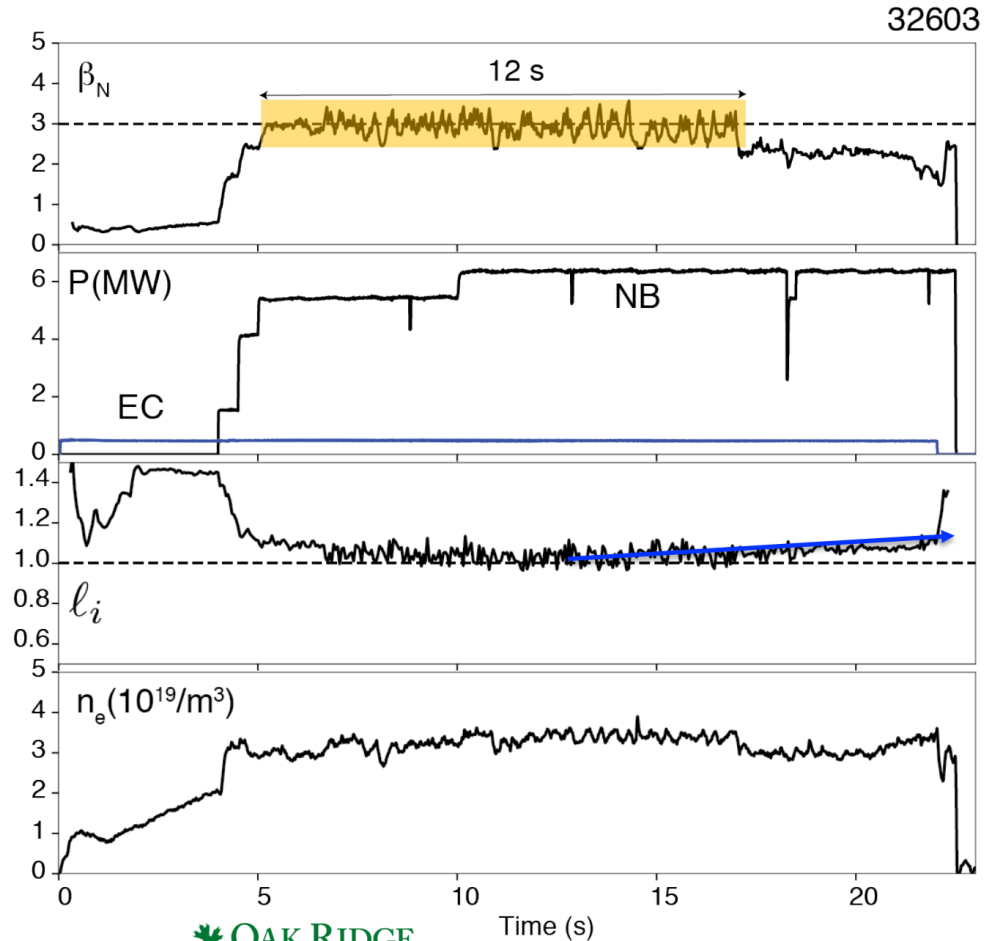
### - Better Understanding on the Fundamental Processes

**High fidelity simulations and advanced fluctuation analysis provide better insight for transport and turbulence in KSTAR.**

# Burning Plasmas and Long Pulse Operation: KSTAR

## Scenario Development : Long Pulse Extension of High $\beta_N \geq 3$ Operation

J.M. PARK(EX-C-2257), EX/7-4 [Oct.20(Fri) 5PM]



- **High- $l_i$  ~1 steady-state scenario**  $\beta_N \sim 3$  (~12s)
  - Maintain stationary high  $\beta_N$  before  $n=2$  onset
  - $G = \beta_N H_{89} / q_{95}^2 > 0.45$  ,  $\beta_N \sim 3$  at  $q_{95} \approx 4$
  - No performance degradation before  $n=2$  onset
- **Challenges**
  - Maintain stationary  $\beta_N$
  - Current profile keeps evolving
- **The theory-based IPS-FASTRAN modeling**
- The experimental results at the pedestal top are in **better agreement** with IPS-FASTRAN modeling, especially for lower density discharges

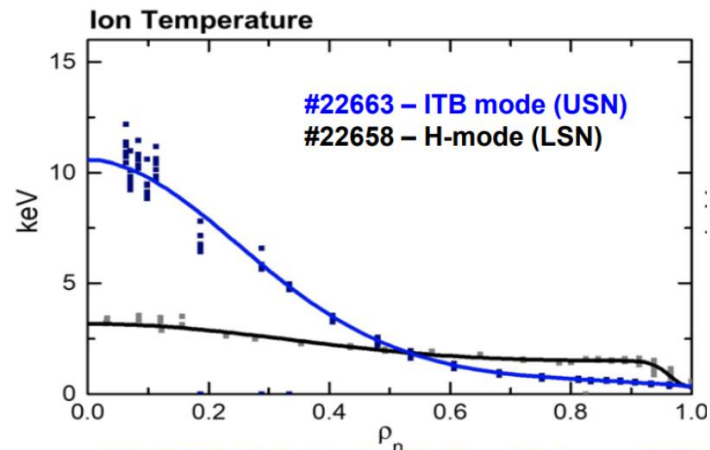


# Burning Plasmas and Long Pulse Operation: KSTAR

## Scenario Development : a New Stationary ITB Formation in KSTAR

### ➤ Characteristics of new ITB mode

- Self-organized with high performance ( $T_{i,core} > 10$  keV ) without sophisticated control
- No significant impurity accumulation
- Reduced maximum heat load on divertor
- **High NBI power** applied to lower density plasma in order to avoid the H-mode transition at the diverted USN



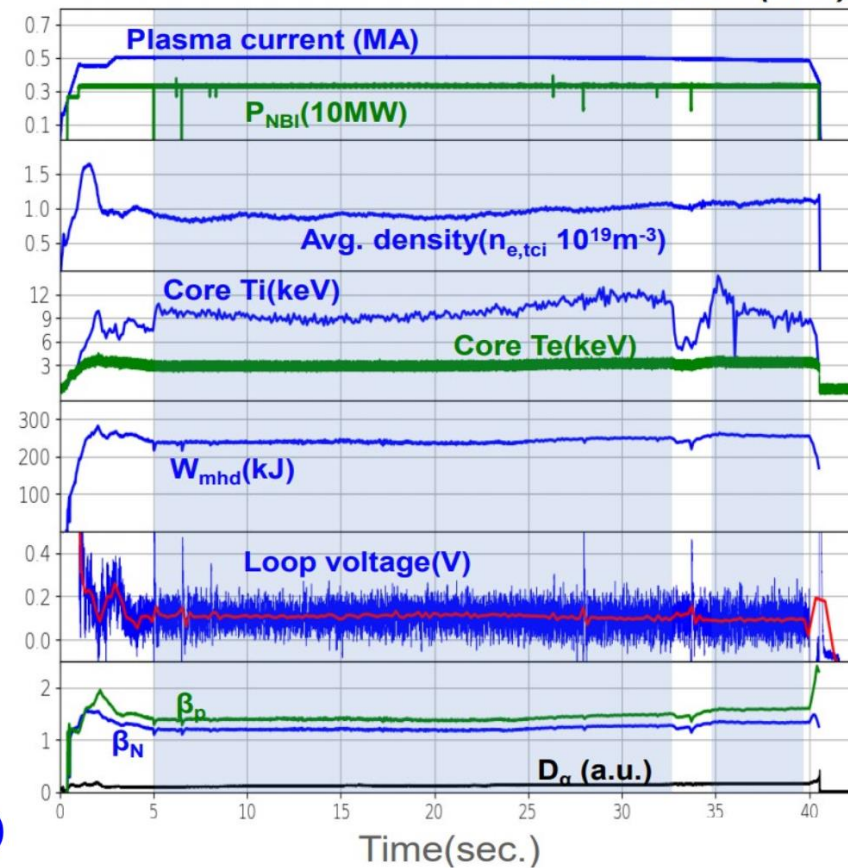
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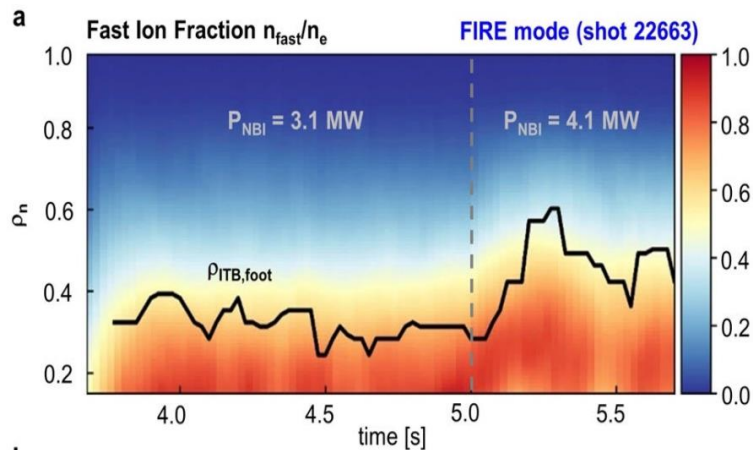
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## Scenario Development : Gyrokinetic Simulation Gives Understanding Key Mechanism for High Ti Operation as a New ITB

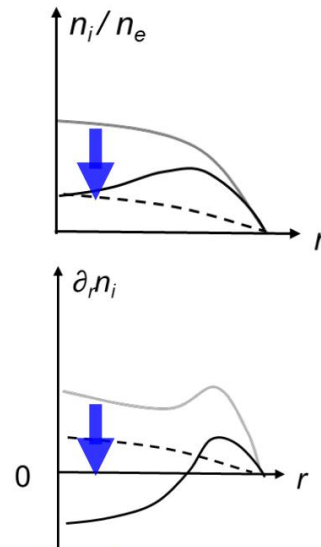
### ► Understanding key mechanism for high Ti operation

- Gyrokinetic simulation for New ITB discharge shows **higher fast ion fraction** compared to H-mode may affect ITB formation and improving confinement
  - The Inverted main ion density gradient ( $a/L_{ni}$ ) is reduced and the linear growth rate decreases from CGYRO simulation which shows dilution effects by fast ions mainly responsible for **turbulence suppression**
- **Fast Ion Regulated Enhancement (FIRE) mode**

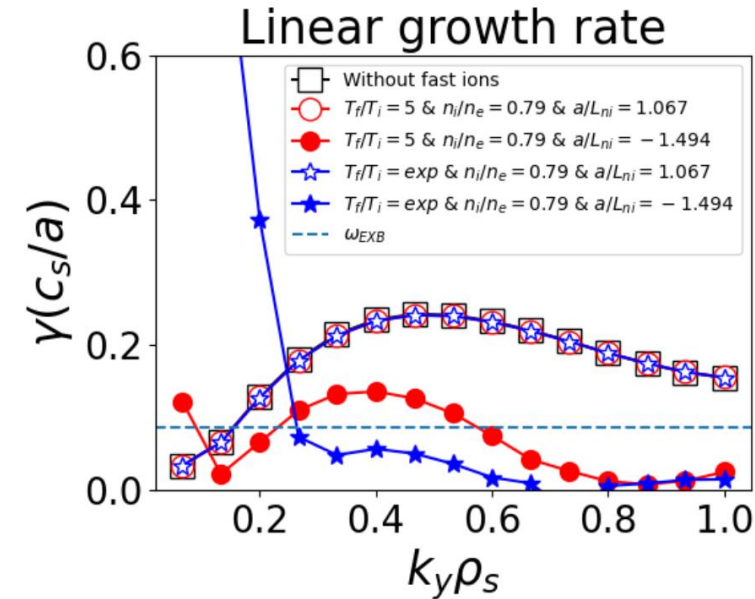
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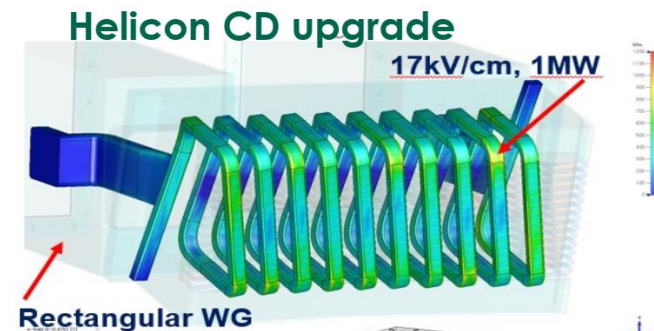
## Upgrade and Plan

### ► Operation with Tungsten Divertor

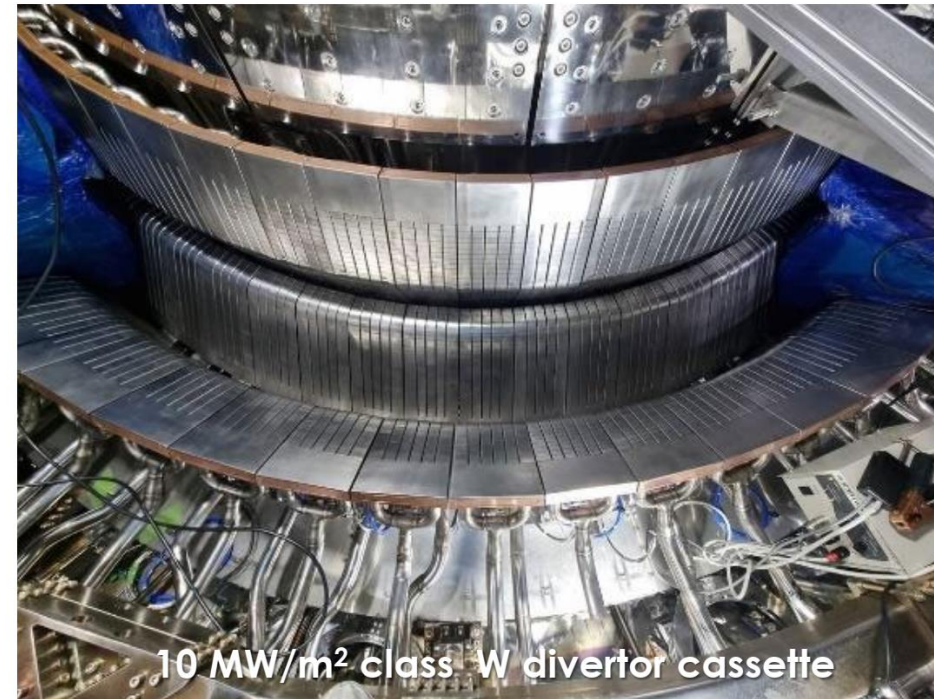
- ITER-class actively cooled Tungsten mono block cassette for lower divertor (~ October 2023)

### ► Heating & CD upgrade

- NBI 10 MW/ ECH 4 MW
- MW-class Helicon CD (window & antenna upgrade)



First W campaign will be in December 2023

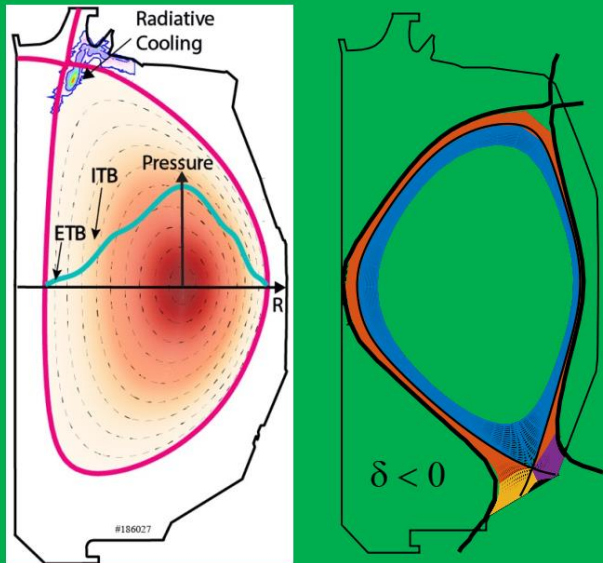


- Tokamaks:  
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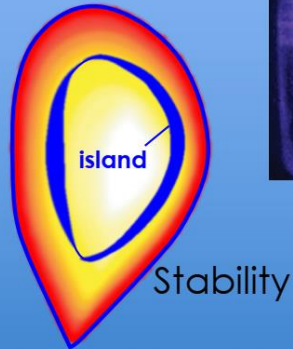
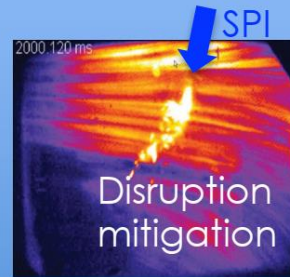
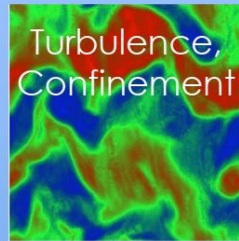
# Tokamaks: DIII-D

## DIII-D Is Resolving Physics & Developing Projectable Fusion Solutions in 3 Main Areas

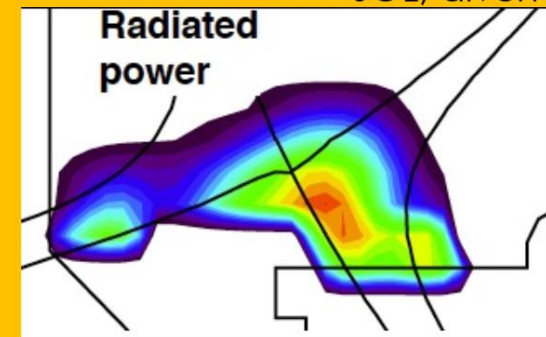
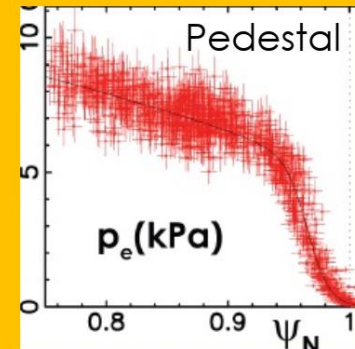
### Integrated Operational Scenarios



### Requirements for high core performance



### Boundary heat & particle transport

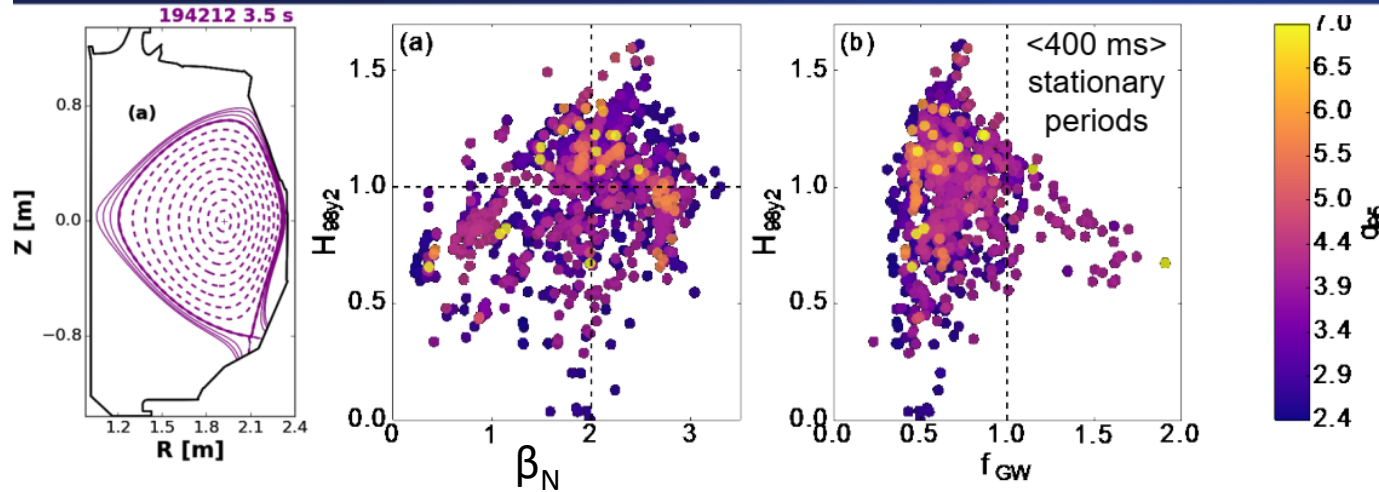


Closing the core-edge integration gap is overarching mission



# Tokamaks: DIII-D

## Negative Triangularity Campaign Achieved High Performance With a Diverted Non-ELMing Edge



- With  $\delta_{ave} \sim -0.5$ , maintain non-ELMing edge with small  $T_e$  pedestal
  - $\nabla p$  limited by high-n ballooning modes set by geometry induced  $\hat{s}$

- **Achieved:**

- Simultaneous  $H_{98} > 1$  &  $\beta_N > 2.5$
- $f_{GW} \sim 1.9$  at high  $q_{95}$
- $q_{95} < 3$  at low  $f_{GW}$

- Sustained detached divertor for  $\sim 1$  s with  $\beta_N \sim 2.2$  &  $H_{98} \sim 1$



**Possible highly attractive core-edge integration solution for reactors**

Thome EX-P, Tue. AM  
Nelson poster Fri. AM  
Casali poster Sat. AM  
Marinoni poster Tue AM

# Negative triangularity – модная тема

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# Tokamaks: ASDEX-Upgrade

## Summary



**Recent ASDEX Upgrade results advance our physics understanding towards ITER & DEMO**

**Transport studies progress further towards predictive capability**

- full radius modelling of AUG L- and H-modes gives new physics insights

**3-D and MHD studies give further insight into underlying physics**

- role of ideal and resistive MHD in RMP ELM suppression

**Exhaust scenario combines ELM-free pedestal and detached divertor**

- QCE scenario based on ideal ballooning unstable pedestal foot
- X-point radiator reliably controlled in W-environment – enables Compact Radiative Divertor

**Scenario development profits from excellent diagnostics and versatile control system**

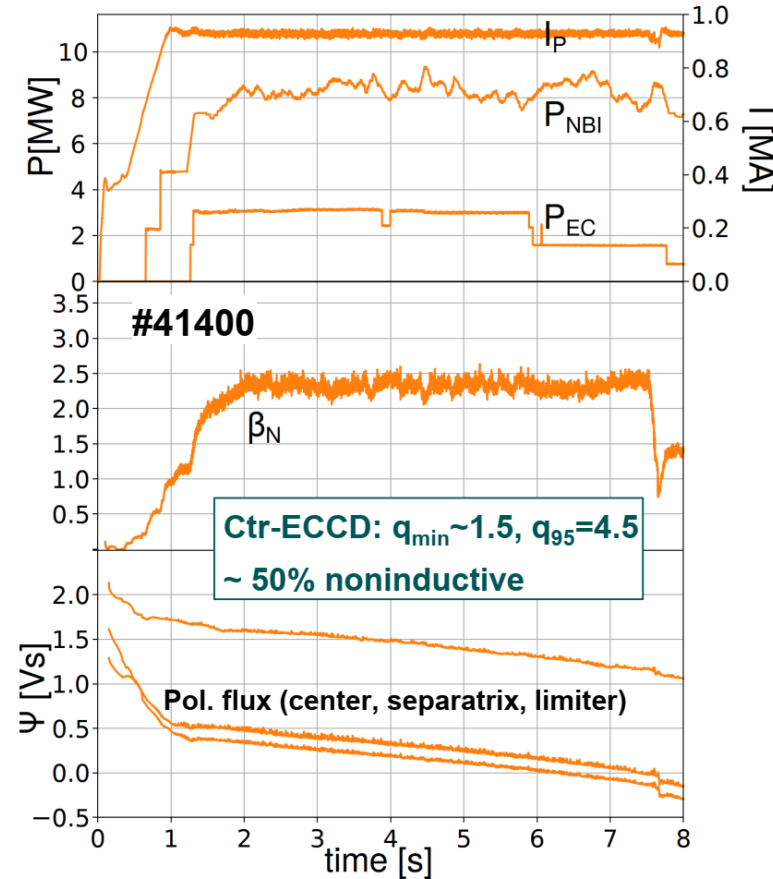
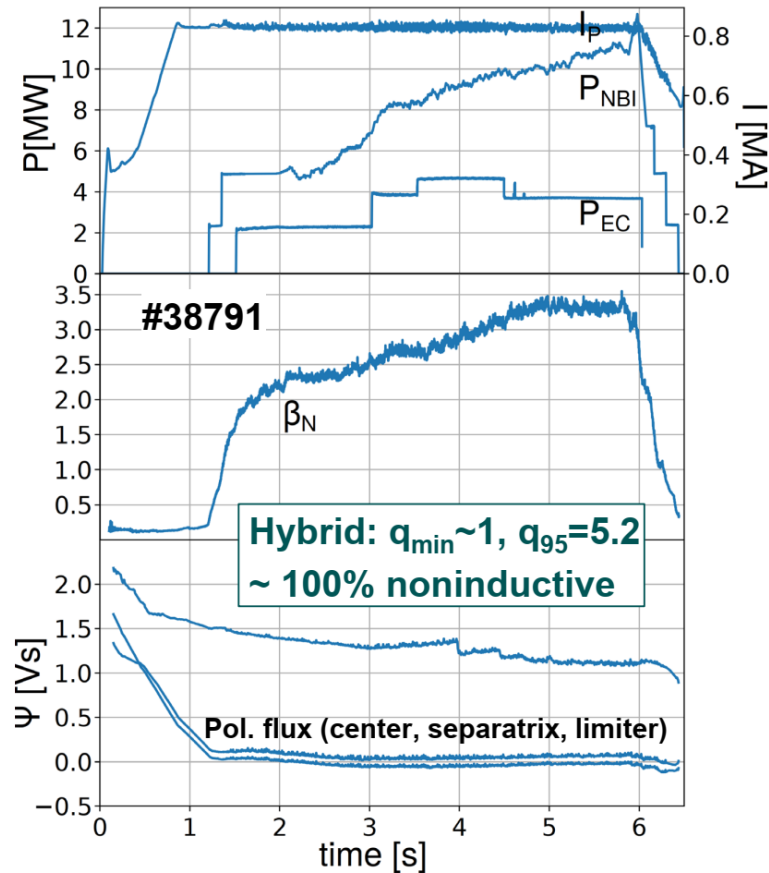
- study of accessibility of AT/hybrid scenarios – 2 scenarios at improved performance

**ASDEX Upgrade presently in a long shutdown: installation of new divertor until ~mid 2024**



# Tokamaks: ASDEX-Upgrade

## AT Scenario development: progress towards steady state

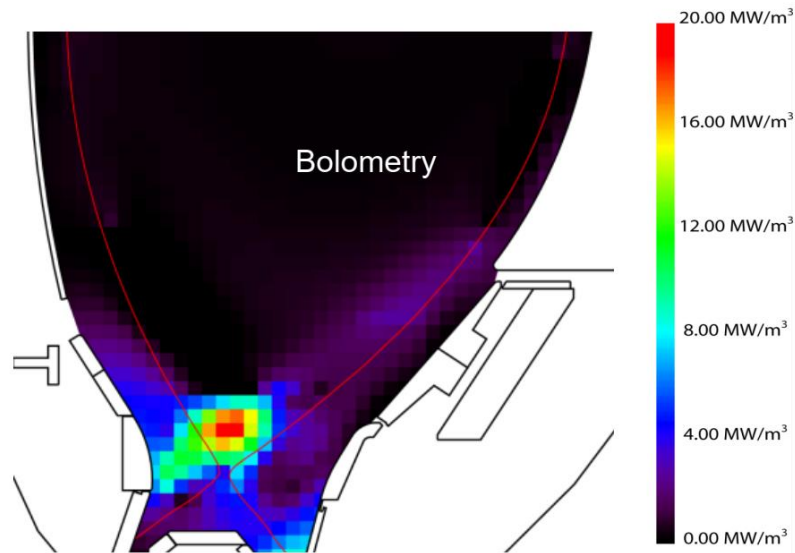


Both the 'hybrid' and the 'elevated q' scenario are now accessible in full-W AUG

# Tokamaks: ASDEX-Upgrade

## The X-point radiator (XPR):

a cold, dense, strongly radiating volume inside confined plasma

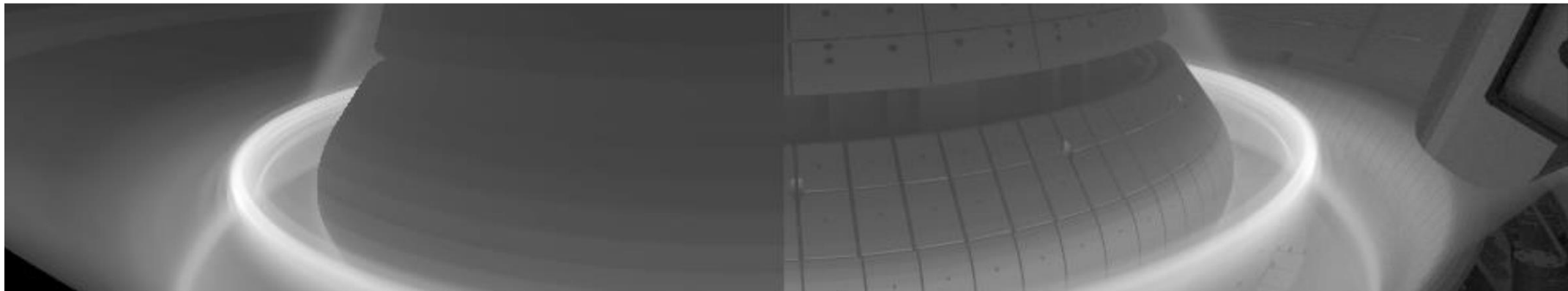


### Important element for detachment control

- radiates power fraction up to 90 %
- high impurity & neutral compression
- stable & controllable up to 15 cm above X-point
- analytical model predicts stable operational window

M. Bernert et al, Nucl. Fusion 2021

U. Stroth et al., Nucl. Fusion 2022

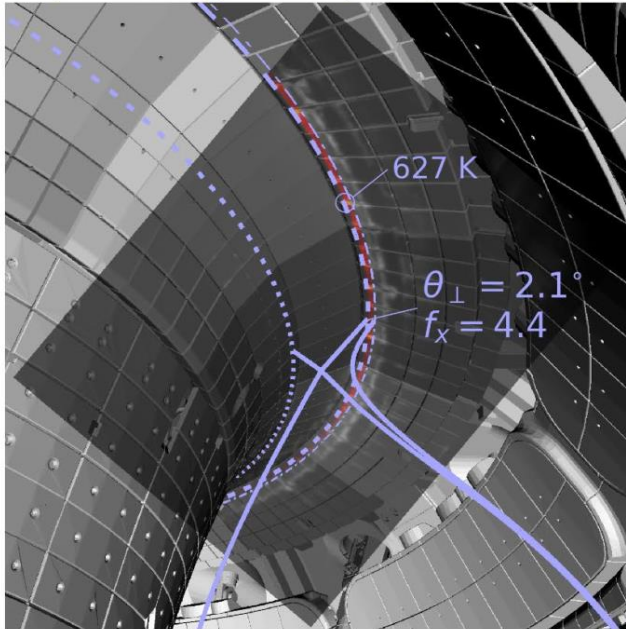


# Tokamaks: ASDEX-Upgrade

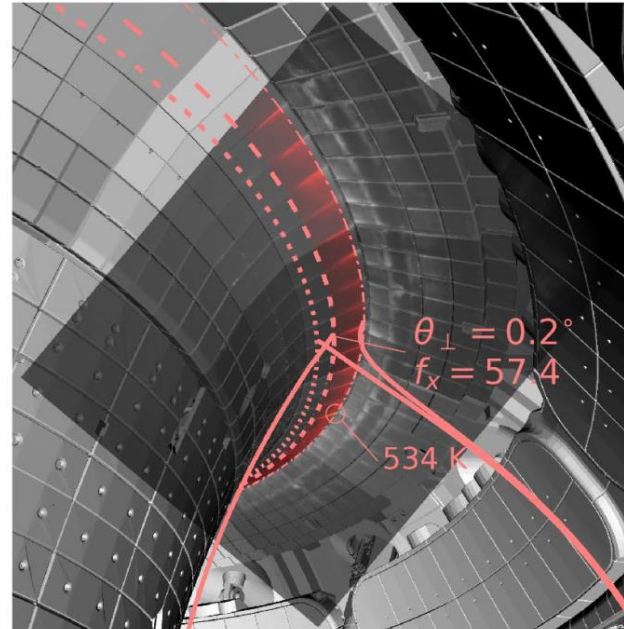
**XPR-based Compact Radiative Divertor (CRD) concept**  
with a developed XPR, the X-point can be moved near the target



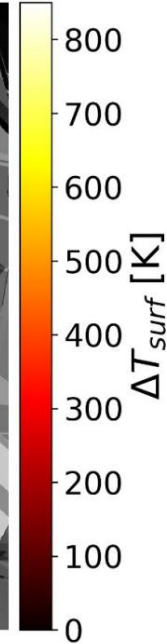
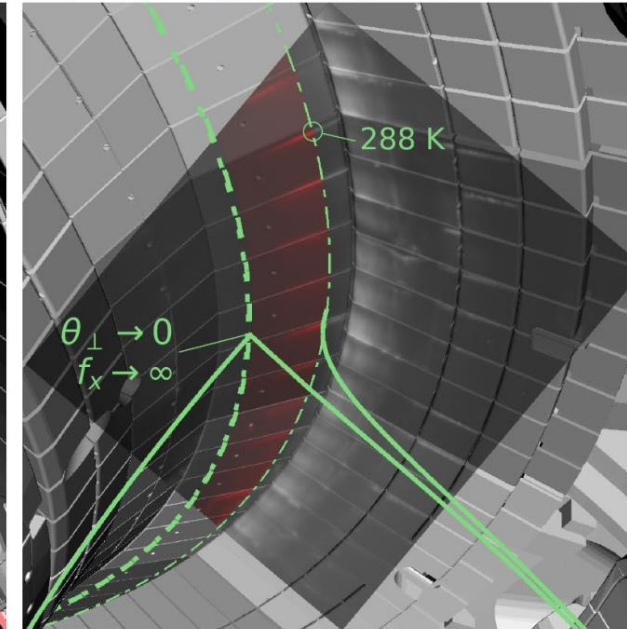
a) 40700 @ 1.9 s (USN, 10 MW)



b) 40700 @ 5.0 s (CRD, 15 MW)



c) 39521 @ 5.0 s (PXD, 10 MW)



**New concept appears viable for reactors and would simplify the divertor significantly**

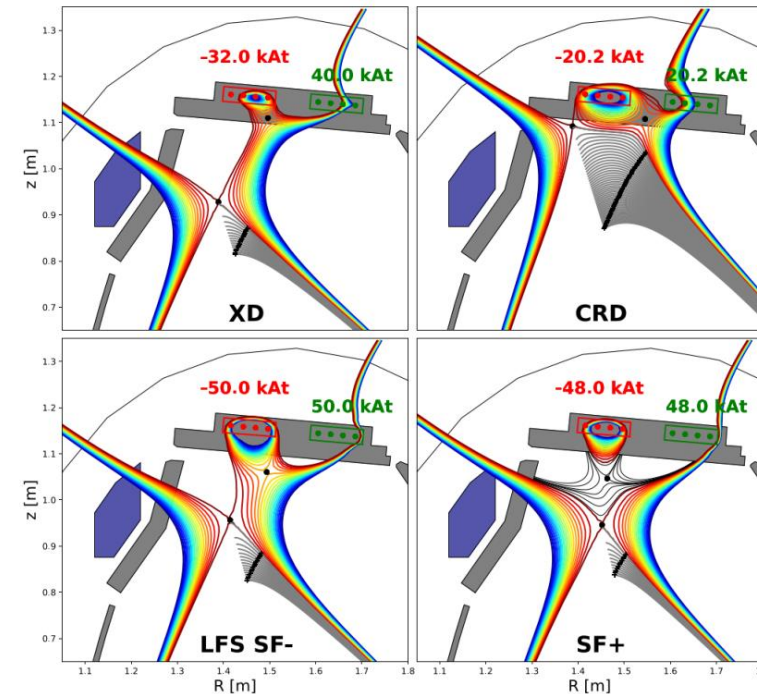
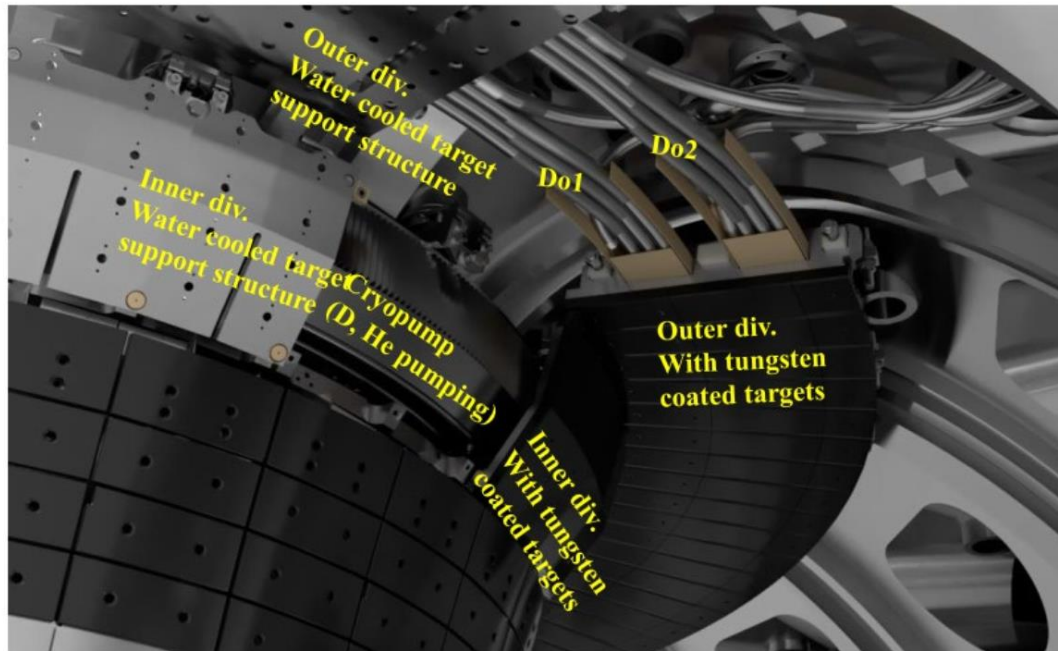
- despite shallow field line angle, no overloading of leading edges
- significant build-up of neutral density provides good particle control

T. Lunt et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 2023  
O. Pan et al., this conference



# Tokamaks: ASDEX-Upgrade

Long shutdown for installation of new upper divertor (DivIlo)



ASDEX Upgrade presently in a ~2 yr shutdown for installation of the new divertor

- will allow to study the physics element of advanced divertors (SF, X-Pt, XPR)
- coils are being wound inside the AUG vessel as we speak



No time for many details... mostly vignettes

→ References to **publications** & **presentations at this conference**  
(this is going to be “fast”...)

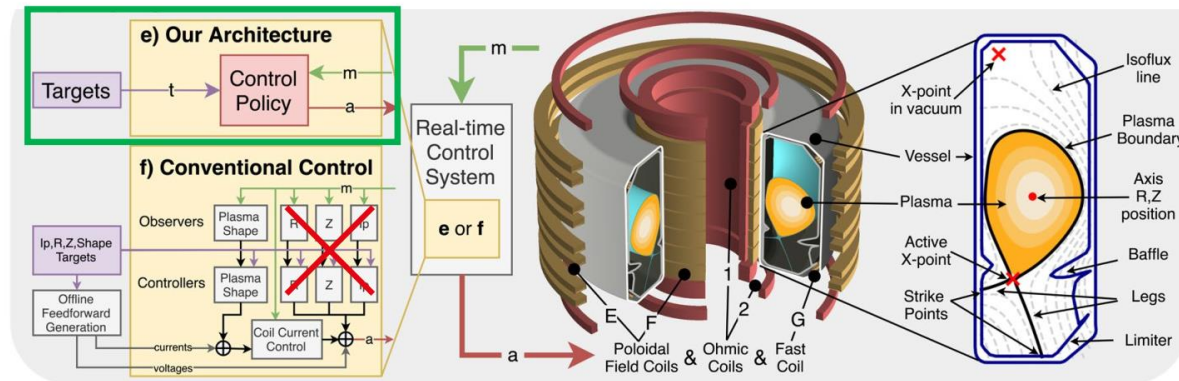
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- **Plasma Scenarios**
- Fast particle physics
- SOL and edge physics
- Divertor physics
- **Real-Time control**
- Outlook

# Tokamaks: TCV

Collaboration: **Google DeepMind**



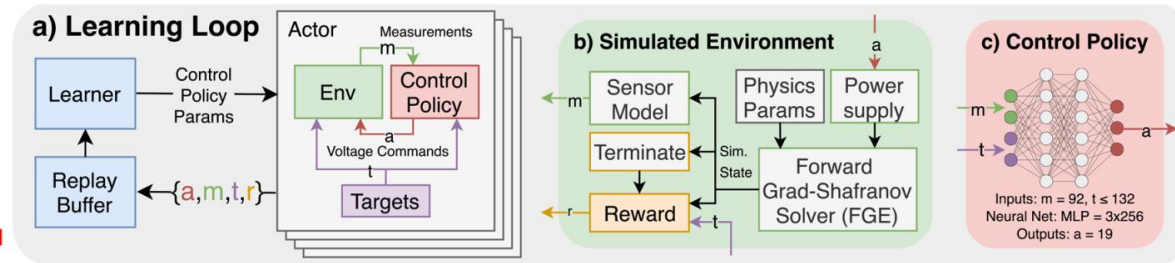
Deploy a **Control Policy (e)** to replace **conventional control (f)**

- a) **FGE** a free-boundary simulator embedded in simulated environment
- b) **Deep Reinforcement learning** loop train parameters of control policy (c)

**RL-based controller** takes **magnetic** measurements & generates **coil control voltages**

Train with **rewards** on **wanted aspects** of the plasma equilibrium (may even “find” better scenarios)

- **Machine Learning-** to optimise the Tokamak operation
- Often using **ML** trained on **experimental data**
- Here, explore **ML** with **simulation models** for control



Ran TCV for wide discharge range

**Limited, SND, first droplets** on TCV

No experimental data used in training

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F. Felici et al. this conference Fri 2pm

J. Degraeve et al. Nature, 2022

FEC 2023, London UK, October 2023



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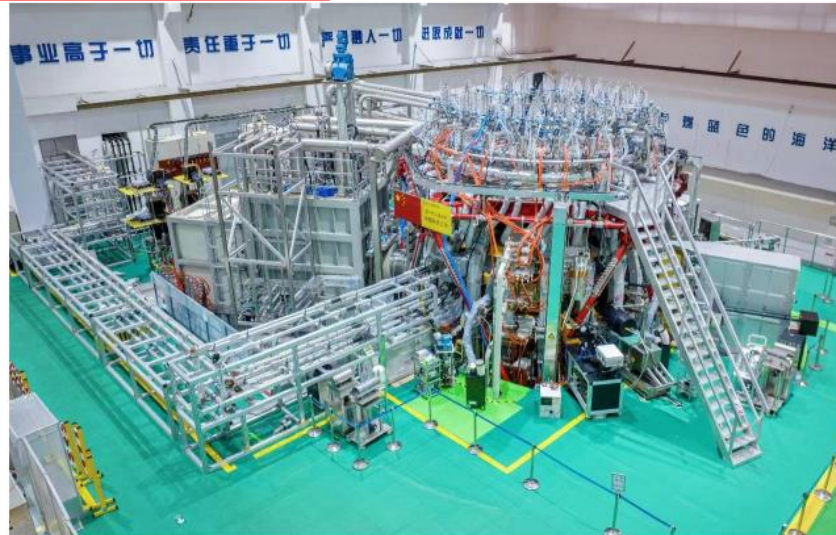
## HL-3 Tokamak (formerly known as HL-2M)

### Addressing critical physics and technology issues for ITER & fusion reactors

- ITER-related scenarios, such as baseline H-mode, hybrid & steady state. Explore **high-performance operation regimes toward fusion reactors**, such as  $\beta_N > 3$ , high density with Greenwald fraction  $> 1$ , etc.
- **Advanced divertor configuration concept** and physics. Test and validate **high heat flux PFCs**.
- Key plasma physics and technologies concerned by ITER, including **EP / VDE / NTM / ELM control, disruption alerting & mitigation**, etc.
- D-T fusion experiments to explore **burning plasma physics and technologies**.

#### HL-3 Parameters

Major radius	$R = 1.78 \text{ m}$
Minor radius	$a = 0.65 \text{ m}$
Plasma current	$I_p = 2.5\sim 3 \text{ MA}$
Toroidal field	$B_T = 2.2\sim 3 \text{ T}$
Elongation	$\kappa = 1.8$
Triangularity	$\delta > 0.5$
Heating power	$> 30 \text{ MW}$



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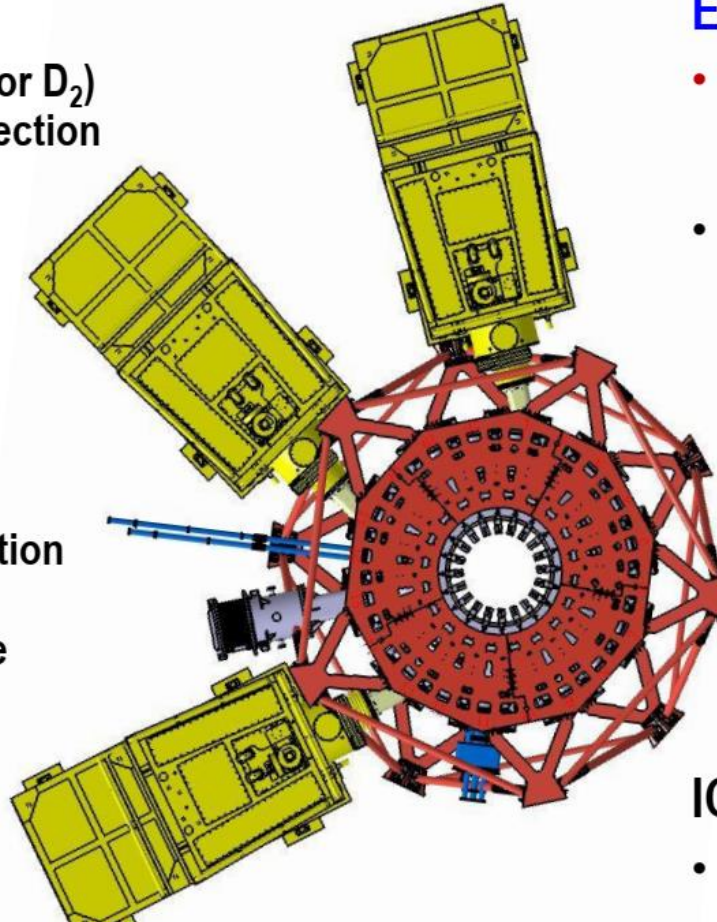


### NBI

- **>15 MW** (80—120keV for D<sub>2</sub>)
- Co (2) & counter(1) injection

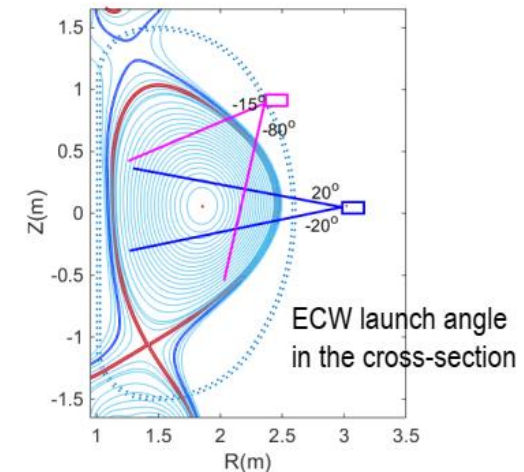
### LHCD

- **4 MW** (3.7GHz)
- Fully Active Multi-junction launcher
- Peak parallel refractive index  $N_{//}(0) = 2.25$



### ECRH&CD

- **14 MW**
  - 6 MW equatorial launcher(105 GHz, X2)
  - 8 MW upper launcher(140/150 GHz, X3)
- Fast steering mirror for controlling MHD



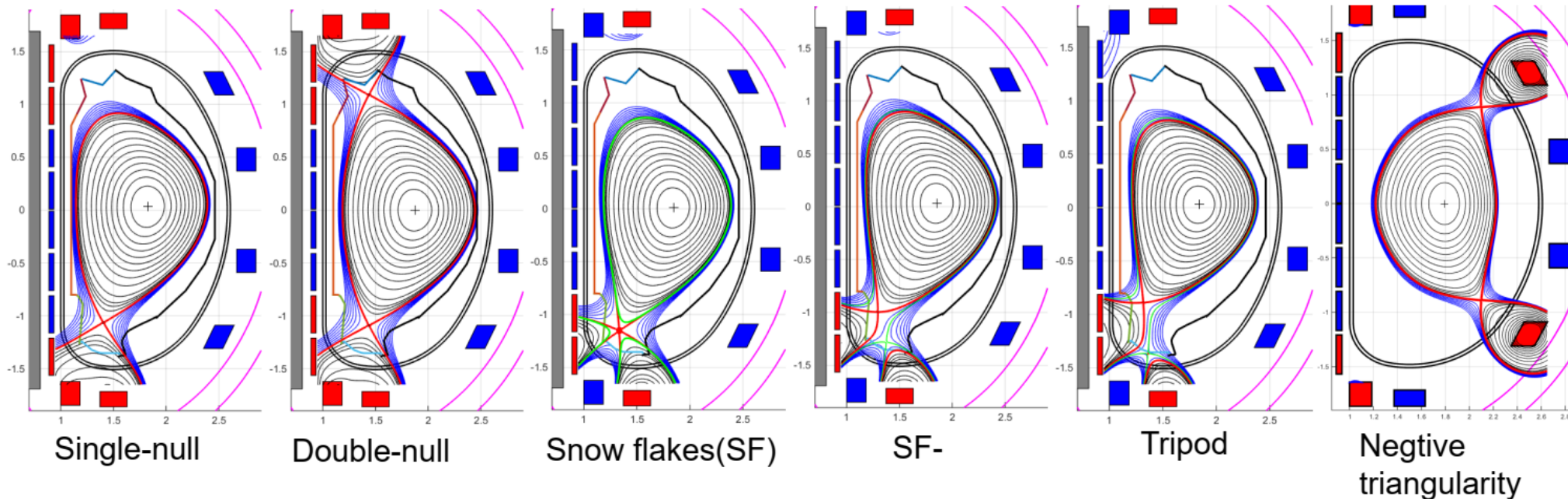
### ICRH

- **6MW ( being designed )**

## Provide Divertor High Heat Flux Solution

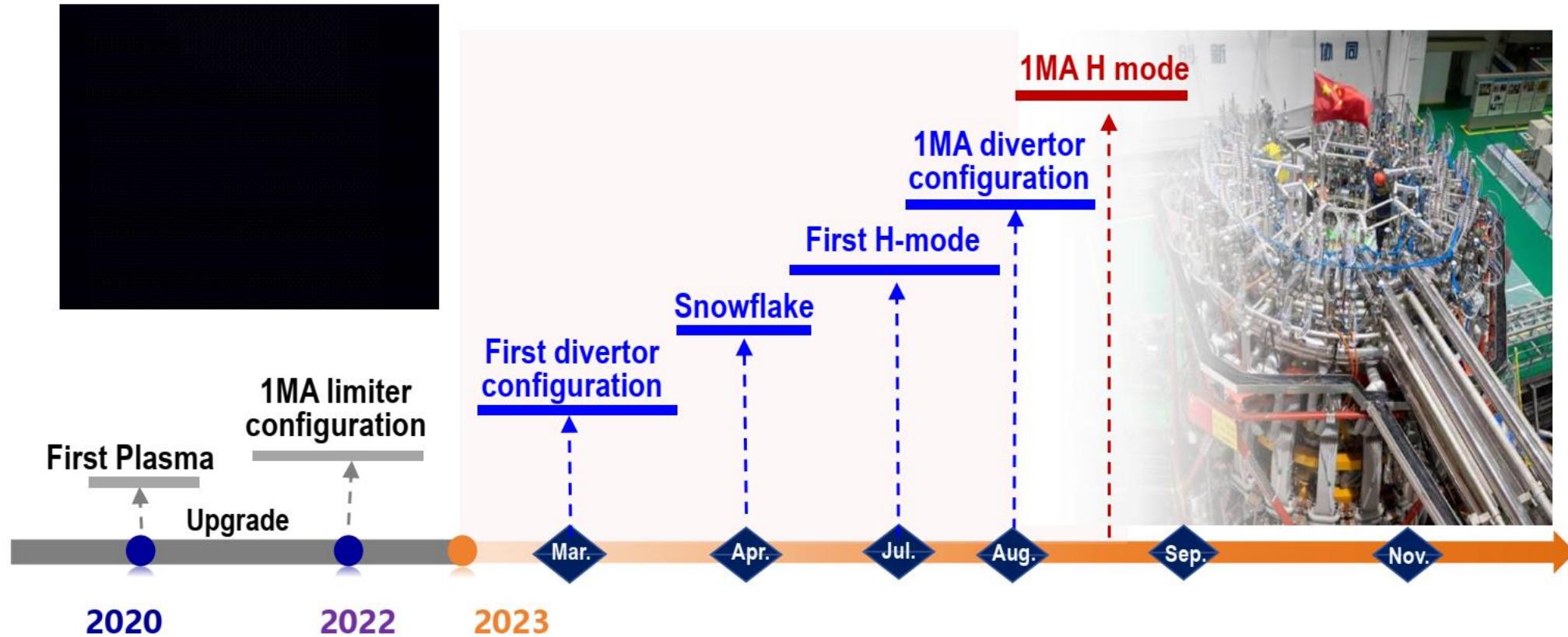
**Extreme divertor heat flux handling capability, compatible with heating  $>30$  MW.**

- Advanced divertor configuration (snowflake, tripod, fishtail, etc.)
- Detached divertor operation during ELMy H-mode



# Tokamaks: HL-2M

## Timeline



- Stellarators, Spherical Tokamaks, Private Sector: W7X, LHD, MAST-U, ST40



# Stellarators, Spherical Tokamaks, Private Sector: W7X

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## Overview of the first Wendelstein 7-X long-pulse campaign with fully water-cooled plasma facing components



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# Stellarators, Spherical Tokamaks, Private Sector: W7X



## Summary

### ▪ fully water-cooled PFCs allow for long-pulse operation

- cooling of new high heat flux divertor as designed
- demonstration of long discharges in attached and detached operation with a W7-X record energy turnaround of 1.3GJ
- detachment stabilization via impurity seeding required for small pitch angles

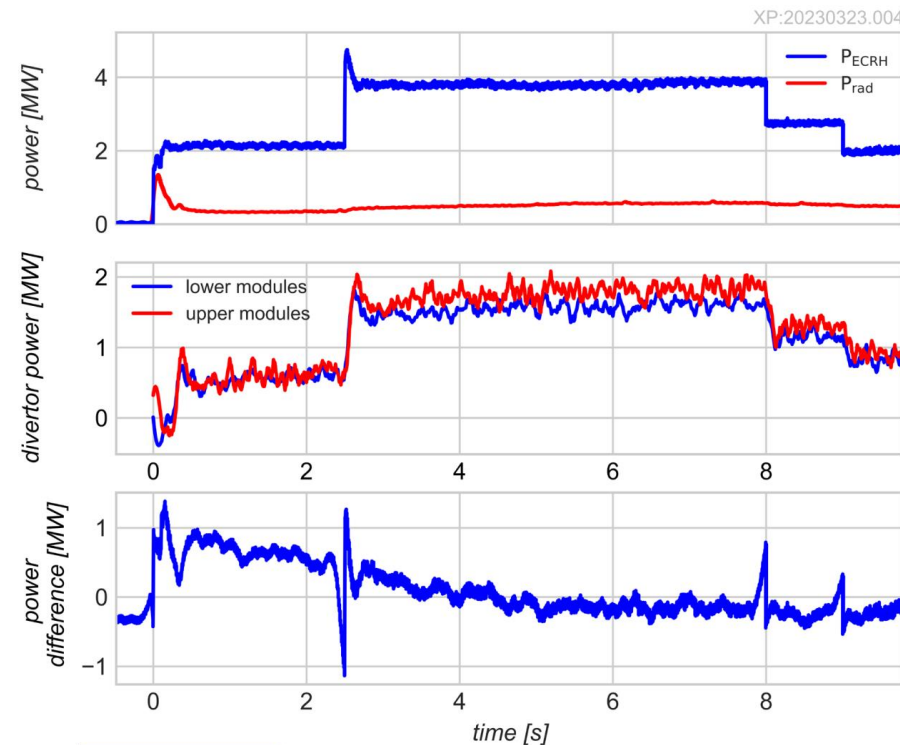
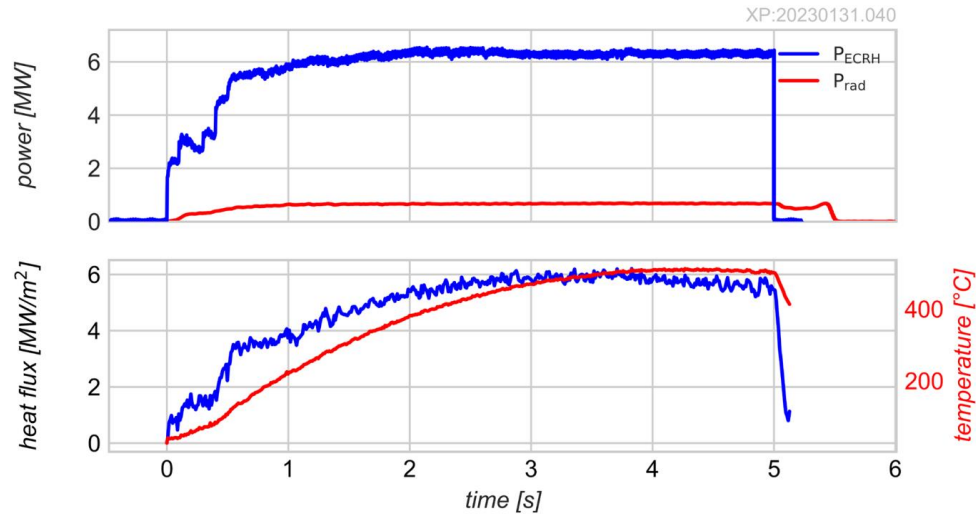
### ▪ improved performance via combined NBI and ECRH heating

- NBI injection leads to central density peaking
- strong reduction of turbulent transport leads to stationary improved energy and particle confinement (also for impurities)
- exceeding configuration-dependent critical ECRH power level leads to density flush-out and loss of performance
- similar performance parameters as in pellet-fueled stellarator record scenario

# Stellarators, Spherical Tokamaks, Private Sector: W7X



## Performance of high heat flux divertor



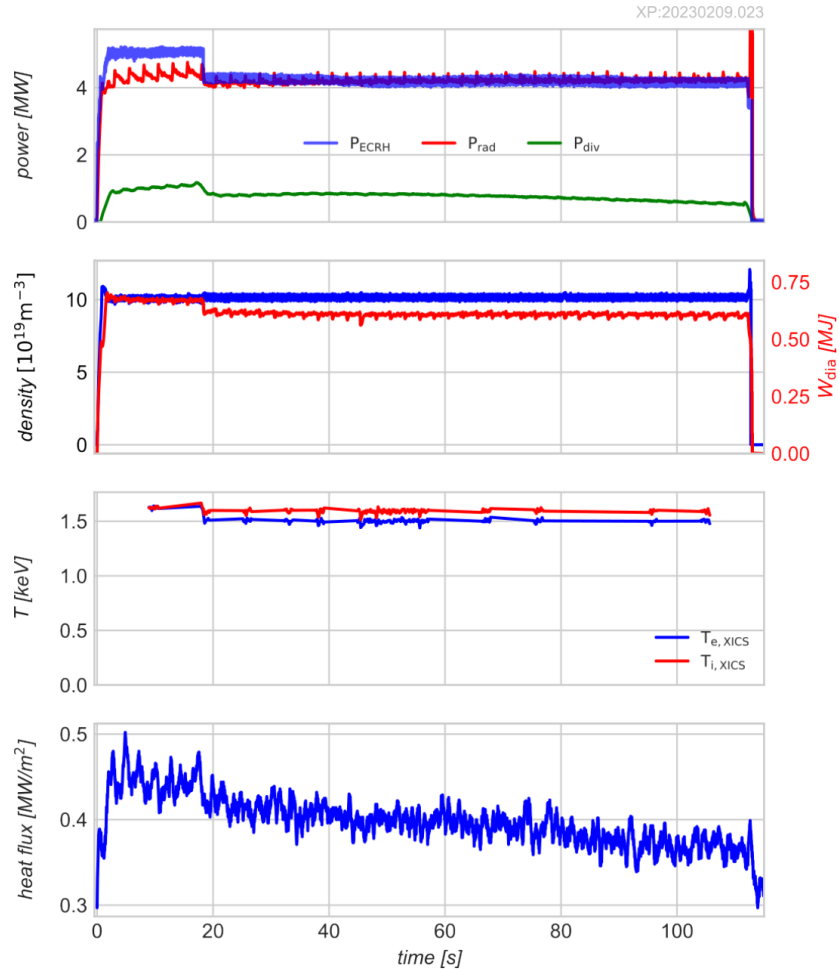
- operated at steady-state heat fluxes up to  $6\text{MW/m}^2$   
⇒ divertor surface temperature equilibrates as expected after 4-5s
- with error-field correction, no significant asymmetries in divertor power loads are observed
- little convective power loads to other PFCs

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# Stellarators, Spherical Tokamaks, Private Sector: W7X



## Long-pulse detachment scenario



- feed-forward Ne seeding to stabilize detachment

⇒ puff of  $\sim 8 \cdot 10^{17}$  Ne atoms every 2.5s to keep radiated power constant at  $f_{\text{rad}}=0.8$

⇒ no influence on density control or core plasma parameters ( $Z_{\text{eff}}=1.5$  throughout entire discharge)

- strongly reduced divertor heat flux at  $P_{\text{heat}} \approx 1 \text{ MW/m}^2$
- programmed pulse length of 110s achieved

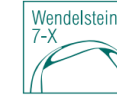
⇒ stability of scenario allows for much longer pulse lengths (will be addressed in upcoming experimental campaign)

⇒ it is foreseen to introduce feedback on radiative power levels to counteract changes in impurity radiation changes in long pulse scenarios

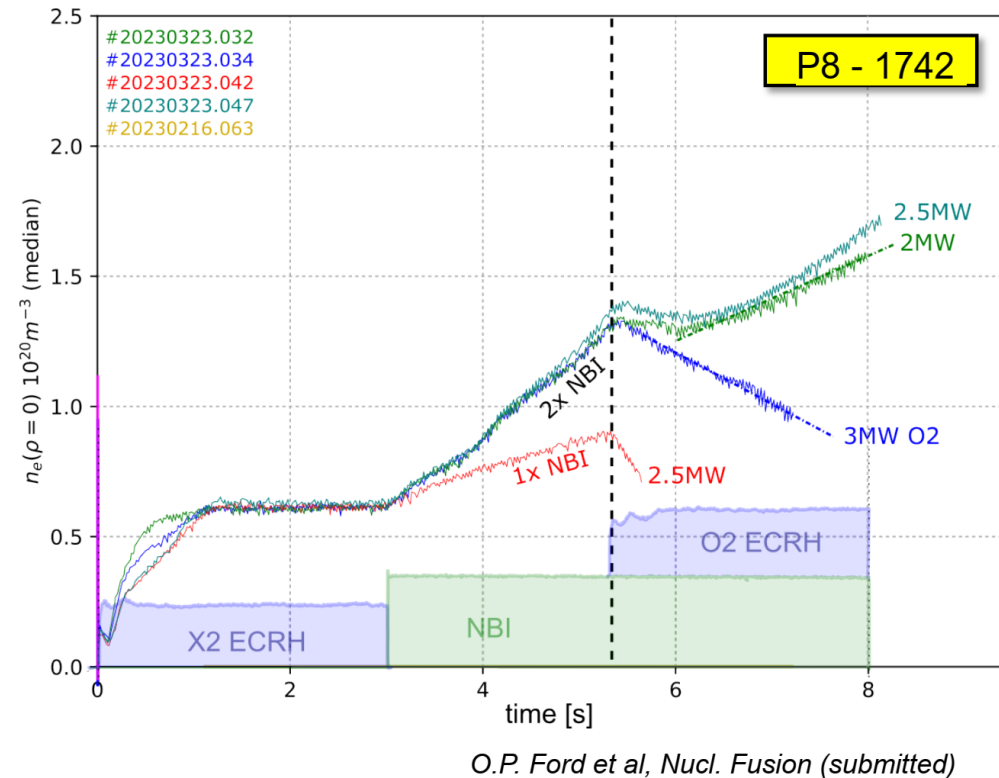
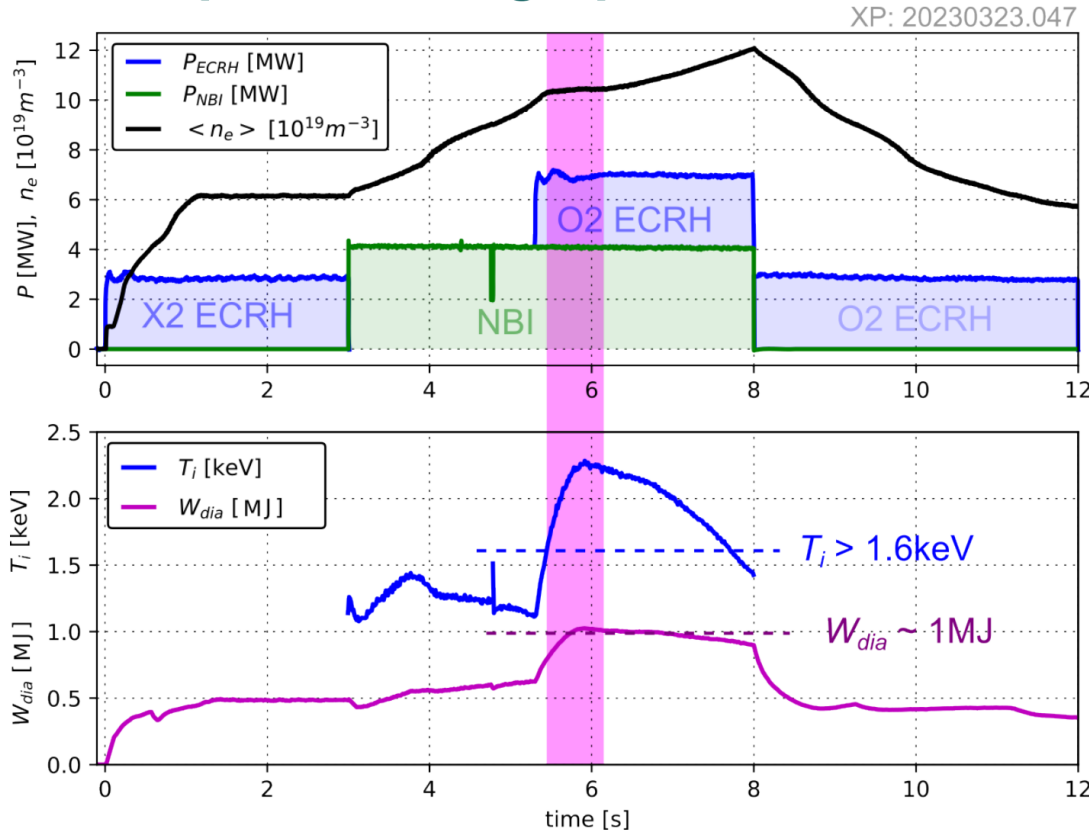
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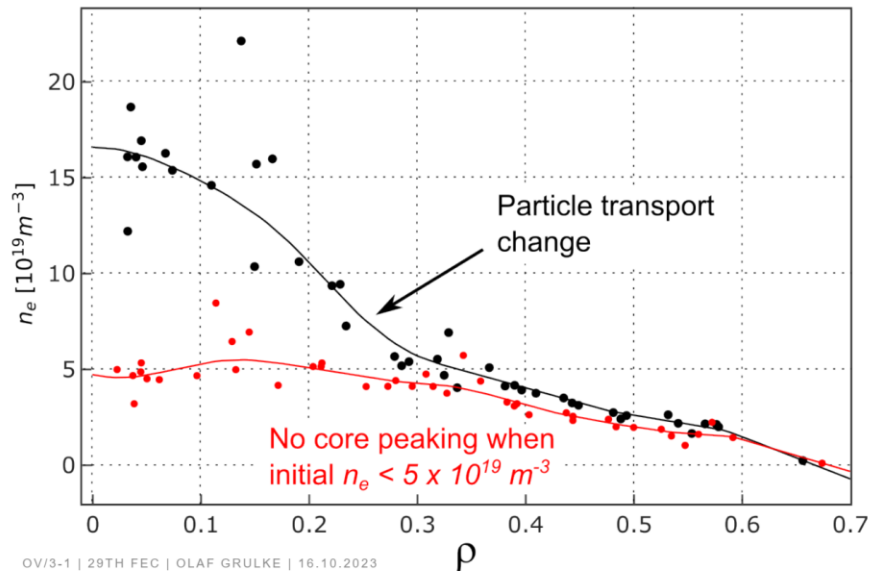
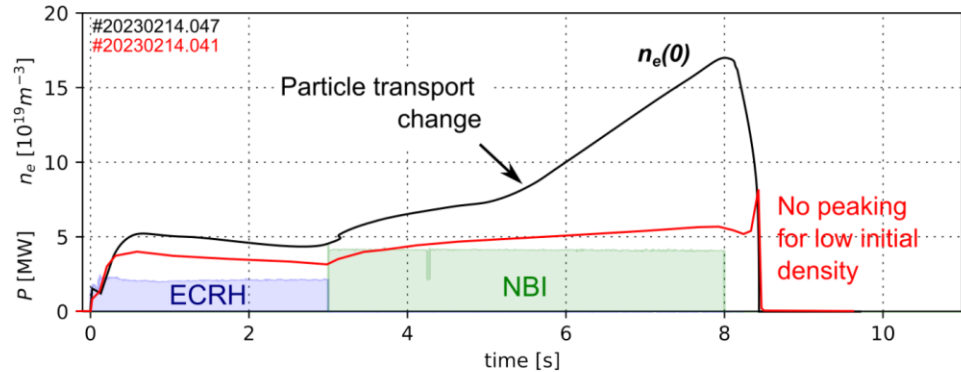
## Development of high-performance scenarios



- combined NBI and ECRH heating in O2 polarization leads to exceptionally high performance parameters
  - ⇒ stationary increase of ion temperatures, stored energy, confinement times
  - ⇒ however, critical (magnetic configuration dependent) ECRH power level observed

# Stellarators, Spherical Tokamaks, Private Sector: W7X

## Performance associated with plasma density peaking



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- NBI injection leads to central plasma density peaking

- ⇒ minimum initial plasma density required
- ⇒ peaking of density profile within  $\rho < 0.5$

- central density gradients considerably reduce turbulent transport

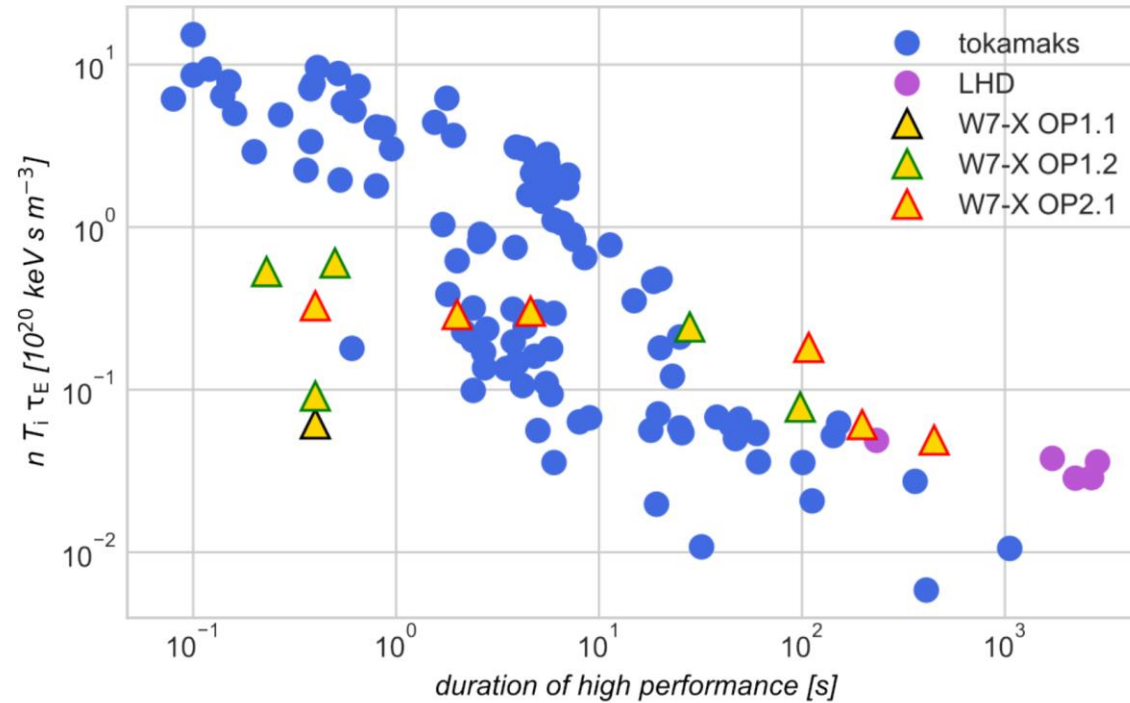
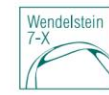
- ⇒ support of previous observations using pellet fueling
- ⇒ impurity transport reduces to neoclassical level; associated accumulation in the plasma center

- loss of improved confinement associated with an increase of turbulent fluctuations

- ⇒ causality not clear and requires results from global turbulence simulation

# Stellarators, Spherical Tokamaks, Private Sector: W7X

## Figure of merit



## Conclusion

Significant progress in scientific research has been made in experiments on turbulence/transport, magnetic island, energetic particle based on international and domestic collaborations.

LHD experiments provide the following important observations on

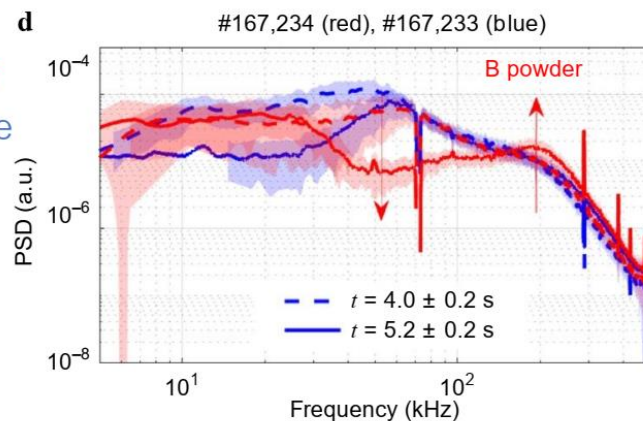
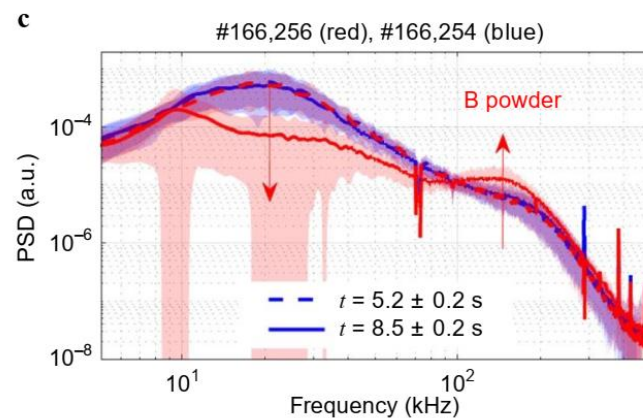
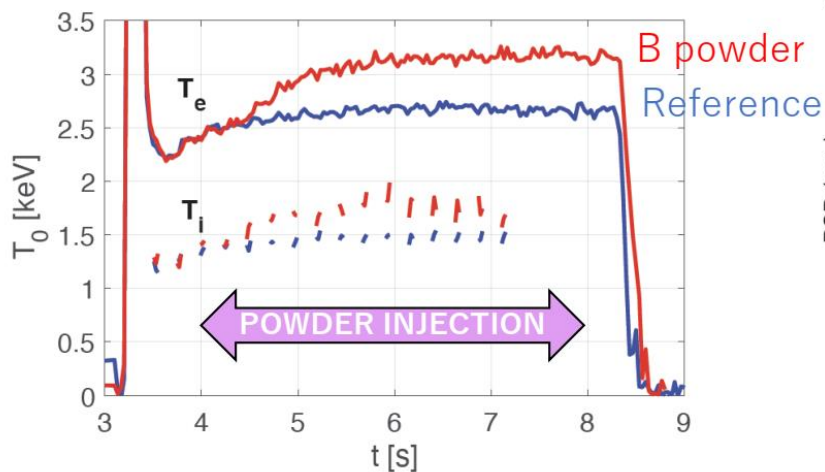
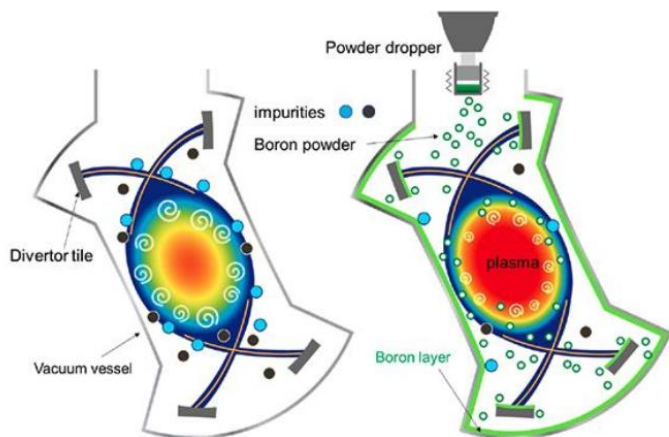
- 1) Collision-less energy transfer via Landau and transit-time damping
- 2) Isotope mixing and isotope effect on transport
- 3) Reduction of peak heat load on diverter plate by turbulence spreading and detachment enhanced by magnetic island
- 4) Turbulence propagation faster than avalanche model prediction
- 5) Deep particle fueling with suppression of plasmoid drift by neon-doped pellet
- 6) Improvement of confinement by boron power drop
- 7) First trial of  $p^{11}\text{B}$  fusion

**These results give new insights for solving the physics issue of burning plasma.**



# Stellarators, Spherical Tokamaks, Private Sector: LHD

## Boron powder injection makes plasma temperature increase



During B powder injection, plasma electron and ion temperatures increase, along with stored energy and confinement time

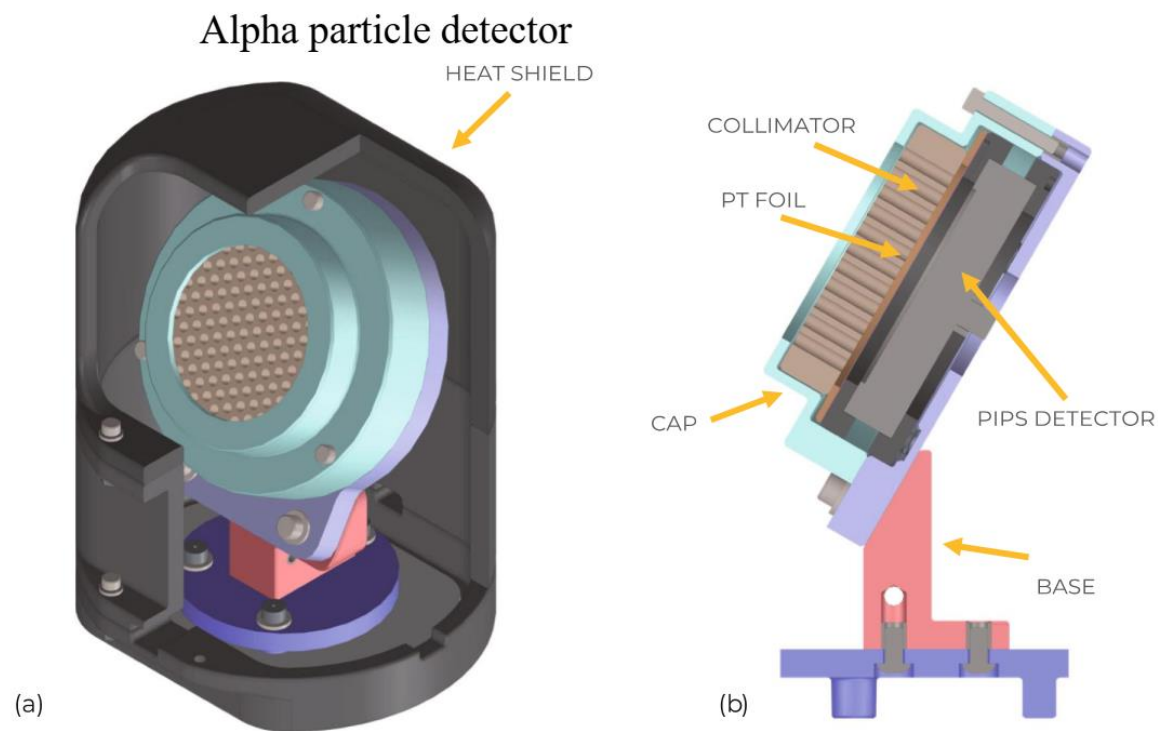
Turbulence fluctuation amplitude during injection period is reduced at low frequency (< 100kHz) regime

[F. Nespoli et al., Nat Phys 18 \(2022\) 350](#)

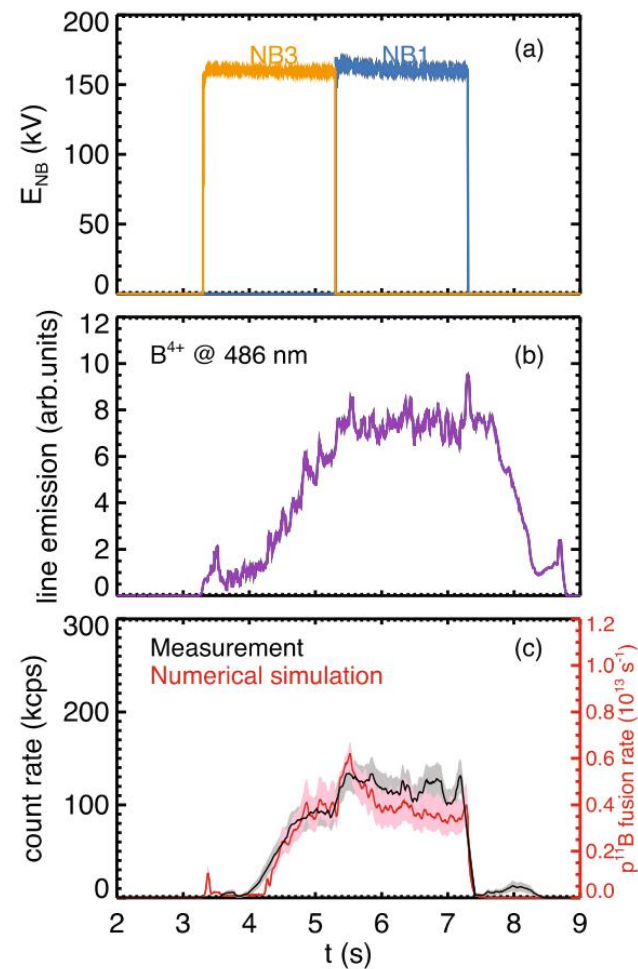
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# Stellarators, Spherical Tokamaks, Private Sector: LHD

## First measurements of $p^{11}B$ fusion in a magnetically confined plasma



Significant levels of alpha particle emission is observed when Boron powder is injected to LHD plasma with 160keV hydrogen beam. The measured flux is consistent with that predicted by numerical simulation.



[R.M. Magee, et. al., Nat. Commun. 14 \(2023\) 955](#)

# Реактор p-B на базе сферического токамака в Китае к 2036

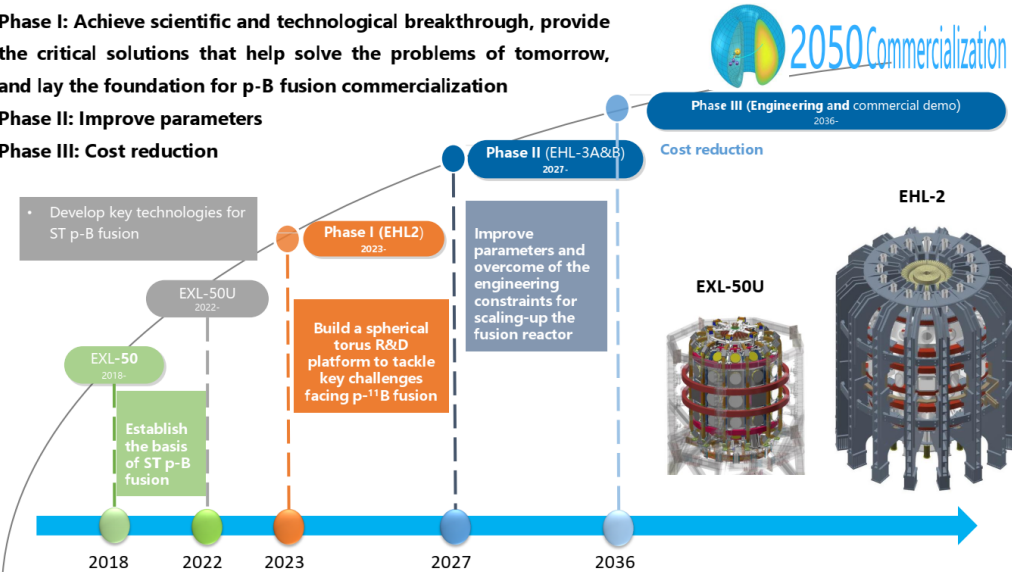
## ENN's ST p-B fusion roadmap

**Phase I: Achieve scientific and technological breakthrough, provide the critical solutions that help solve the problems of tomorrow, and lay the foundation for p-B fusion commercialization**

**Phase II: Improve parameters**

**Phase III: Cost reduction**

- Develop key technologies for ST p-B fusion



Target parameters for ST devices

Parameters	EXL-50	EXL-50U	EHL2	EHL3-a	EHL3-b (p-B reactor)
Avg./Central ion temperature $T_i$ (keV)	-/1.0	-/6.0	-/30	-/70	46.2/140
Avg./Central density $n_e$ (m <sup>-3</sup> )	-/2.0e19	-/1.0e20	-/1.3e20	-/1.5e20	0.83/2.5e20
Confinement time $\tau_E$ (s)	-	0.07	0.5	5	25
$\beta$	-	0.1	0.11	0.18	0.24
Central magnetic field $B_0$ (T)	0.46	1.2@R=0.6m	3.0	4	4
Major radius $R_0$ (m)	0.58	0.6-0.8	1.05	2.0	3.2
Aspect ratio A	1.4	1.5-1.85	1.85	1.8	1.7
Heating Power $P_{heat}$ (MW)	3.0	3.0	17	60	6.83+133
Plasma current $I_p$ (MA)	0.5	0.9	3.0	10	25
Hot-ion mode $T_i/T_e$	-	1.5	3	3	4

### EXL-50 Spherical Torus

- A medium-size ST without central solenoid (CS)
- Design started in Oct.2018, construction completed
- First plasma in Jul. 2019, final plasma in Jun.30, 2021

### Next step plan → EXL-50U

- New vacuum vessel and TF&PF magnetic coils
- $B_z \rightarrow 1.2$  T at R=0.6m
- Flexible plasma shaping and current control
- H&CD and Diagnostics upgrade

#### Main physics goals of EXL-50U

- Hot ion mode for ST ( $T_i/T_e > 1.5$ ,  $T_i = 3-5$ keV)
- ST Energy confinement scaling for wide range scan of aspect ratio (1.4-1.8) and  $B_z$  (0.5-1.2T)
- 500kA high density non-inductive current drive
- Investigation on p-B11 plasma physics and fusion product (p-NBI + ICRF or n-NBI + ICRF)

Parameters	Values
Plasma current	0.5MA
Major radius	0.6-0.8 m
Toroidal magnetic field	1.2T@0.6m
Aspect ratio	1.4-1.85
Elongation	2
NBI	1.5MW/50kV/5s 1MW/25kV/2s
ECRH	2x0.4MW/28GHz/5s 2x0.4MW/50GHz/1s 0.5MW/80GHz/1s
ICRF	2MW/25MHz-40MHz/1s
LHCD	2x0.2MW/2.45GHz/CW
Discharge TF flattop duration	2s @ 1.2 T

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[2178. ENN's Roadmap for Proton-Boron Fusion Based on Spherical Torus](#) Minsheng Liu

[1641. Overview of EXL-50 Research Progress and Future Plan](#) Prof. Yuejiang Shi



# Stellarators, Spherical Tokamaks, Private Sector: MAST-U

## Capable of studying high performance ST plasmas

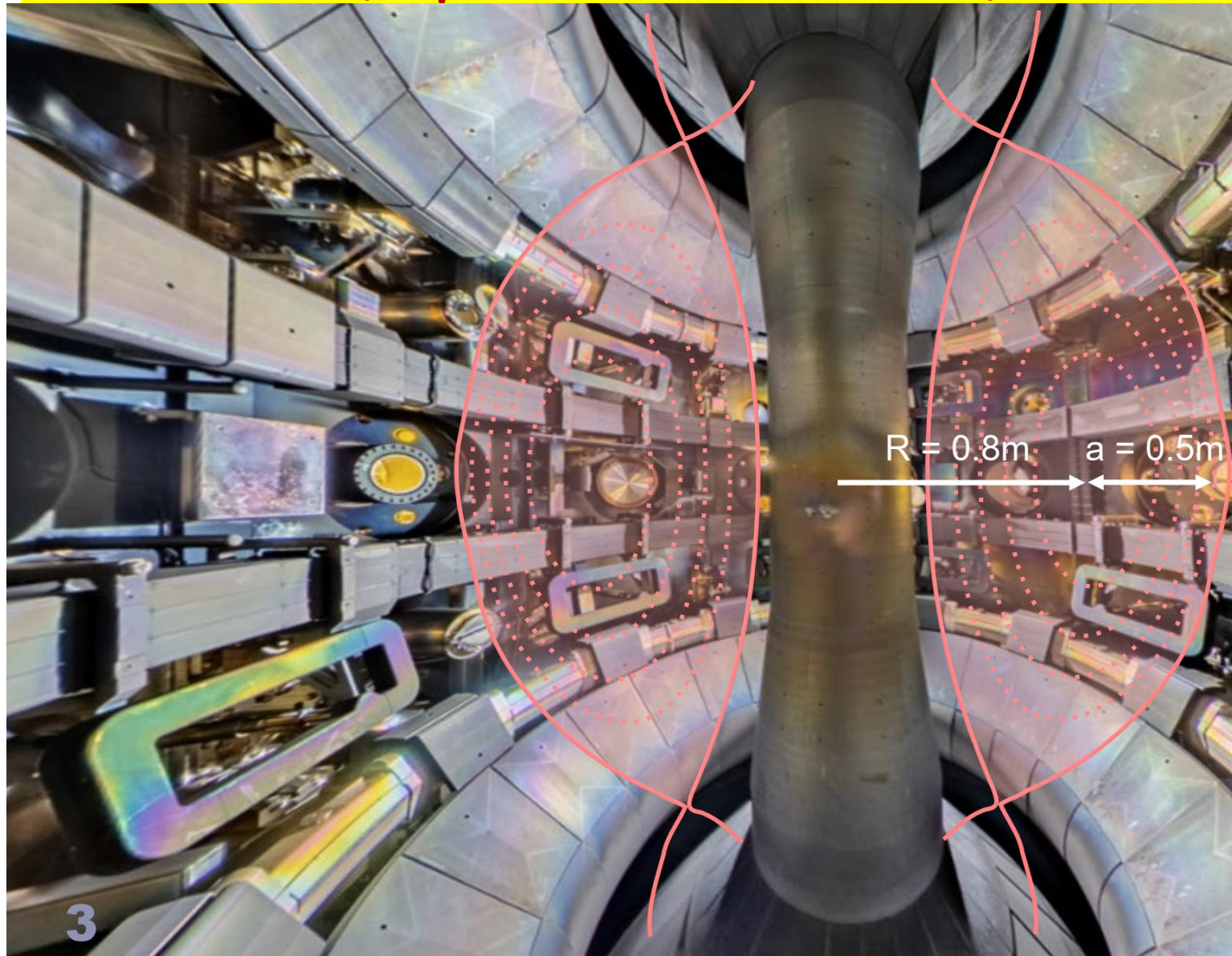
- $I_p \leq 2$  MA (1 MA to date)
- $B_\phi \leq 0.8$  T (0.72T)
- $\tau_{\text{pulse}} \leq 5$  s (1.2s)
- $T_{e,\text{core}} \leq 2.0$  keV
- $T_{i,\text{core}} \leq 3.0$  keV

## Advanced shaping capabilities

- Can vary core and divertor shaping independently
- Single and double null
- $\kappa \leq 2.4$
- $\delta < 0.55$
- $V_{\text{pl}} = 8$  m<sup>3</sup>

## Flexible heating

- On-axis and off-axis NBI
- $P_{\text{NBI}} \leq 2.5$  MW per beam
- Produces super Alfvénic fast ions

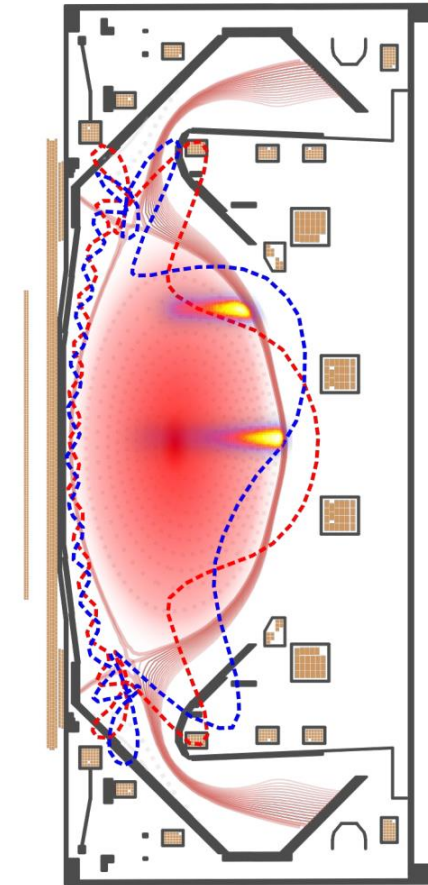




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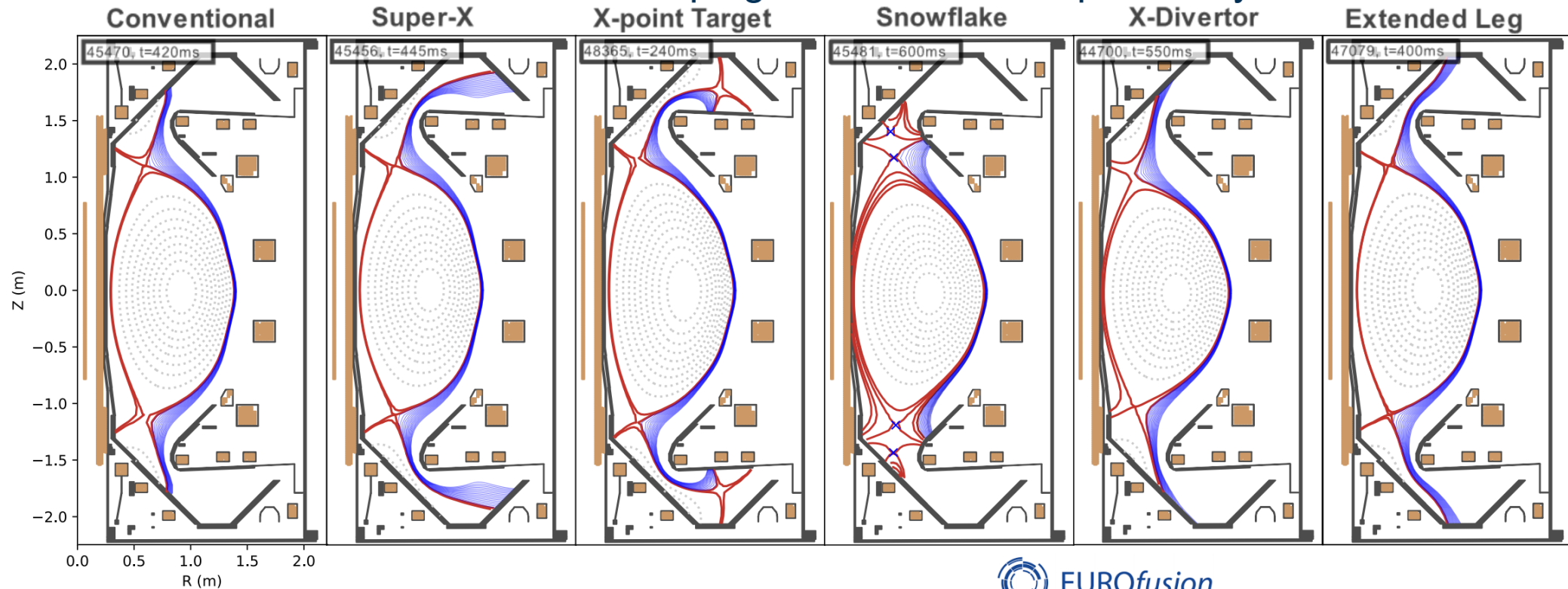
MAST Upgrade results deepen our understanding of key physics issues for the operation of ITER and design of future fusion power plants:

- Fast ion confinement
- Avoidance of MHD instabilities
- Maximising pedestal confinement
- Mitigating divertor power and particle loads
- **Scenario integration with alternative divertor configurations**



## MAST Upgrade has considerable flexibility to study conventional and alternative divertors

22 internal poloidal field coils enables core and divertor shaping to be varied independently



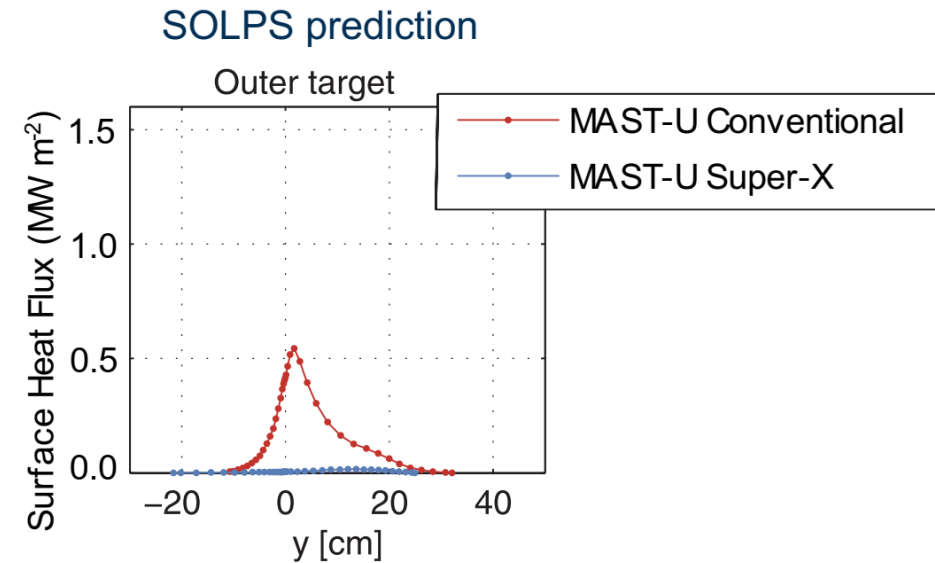
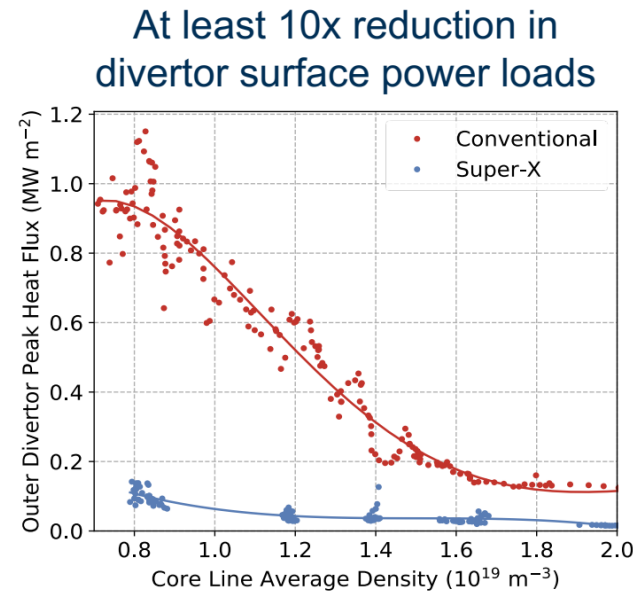
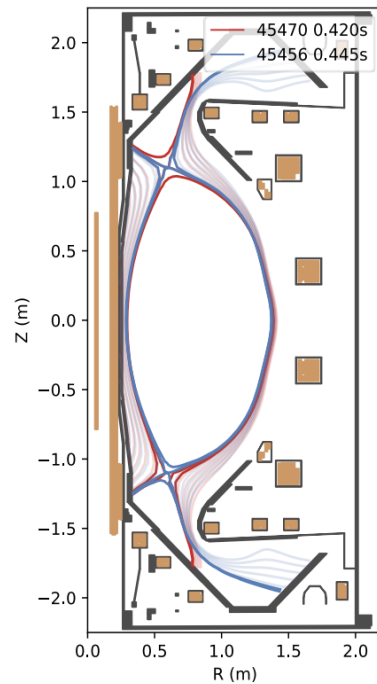
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## Benefits of Super-X Configuration Confirmed in Initial MAST-U Experiments

Initial Ohmic heated L-mode experiments in good agreement with model predictions



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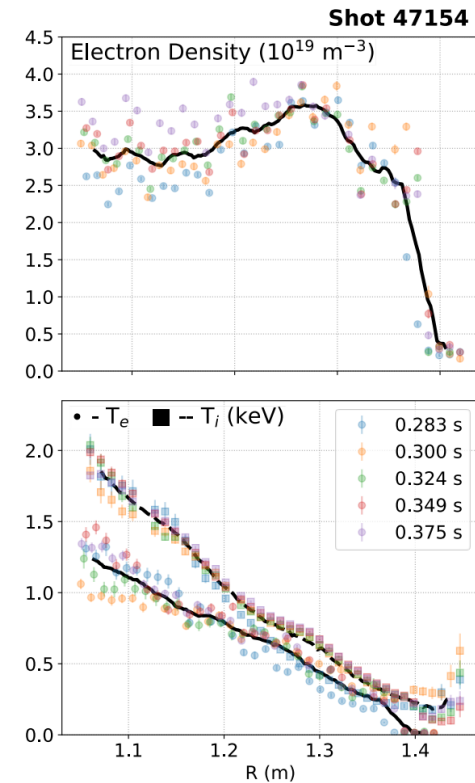
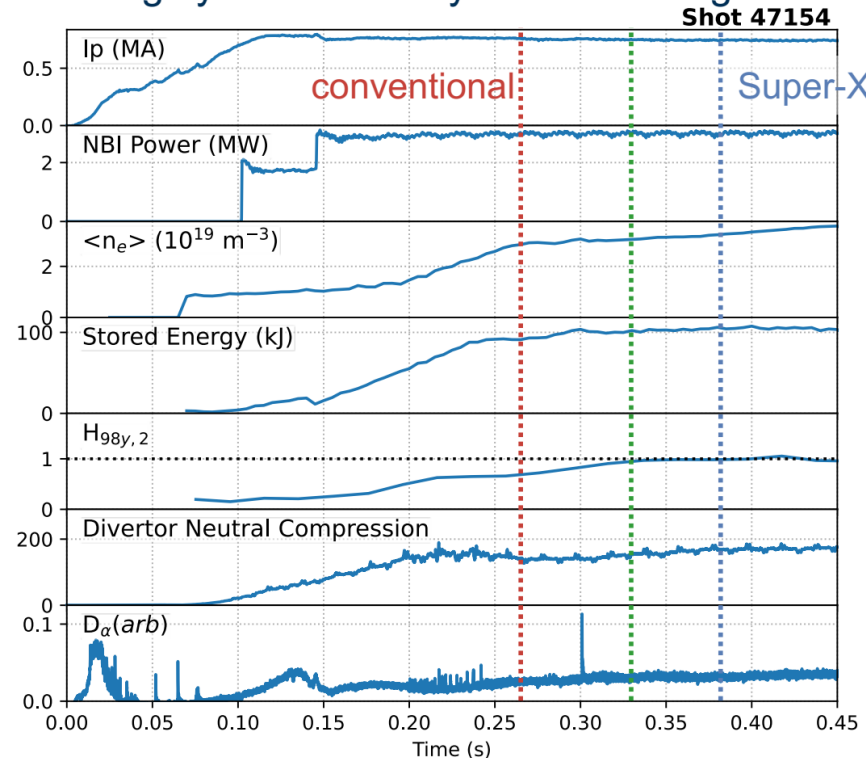
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## Confinement Maintained in H-mode With Detached Divertors in Super-X

Core profiles largely unaffected by divertor configuration within natural evolution between ELMs

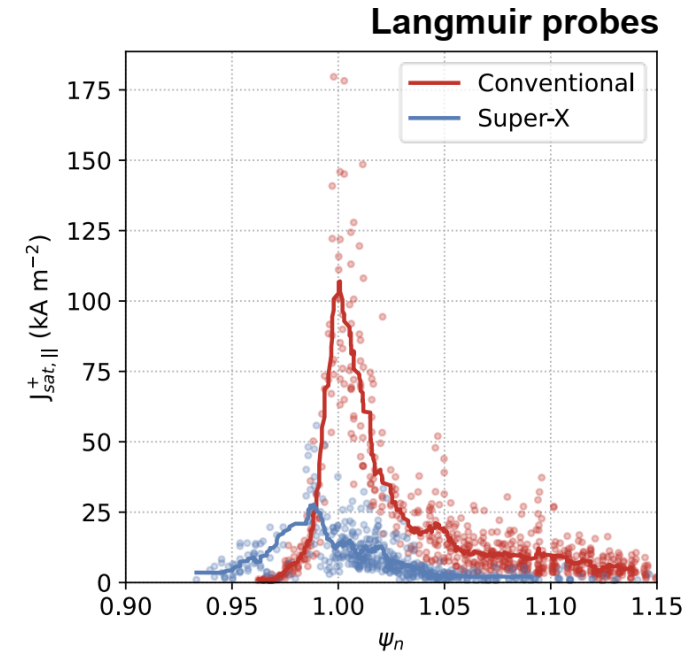
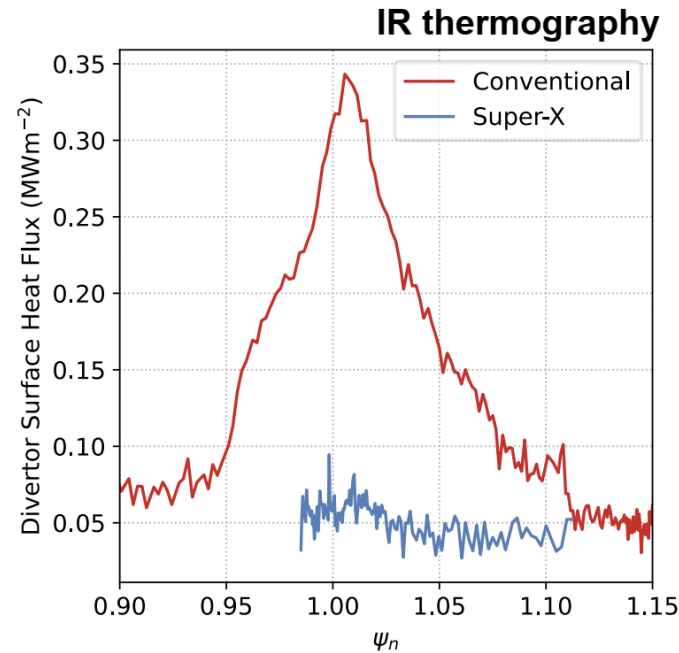
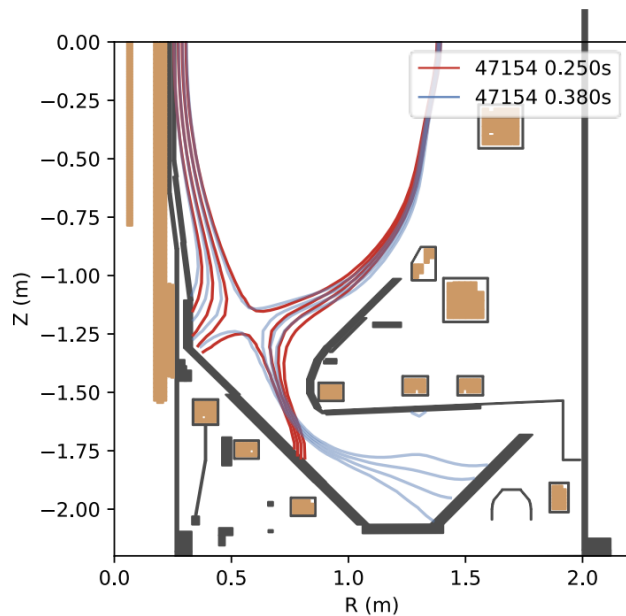


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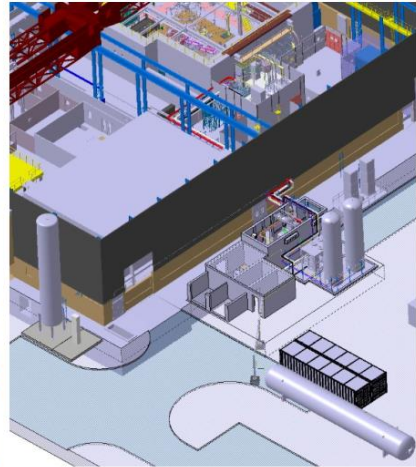
Divertor particle and heat fluxes substantially reduced in Super-X configuration for similar mid-plane profiles with no divertor fuelling or impurity seeding



## Preparations for future campaigns

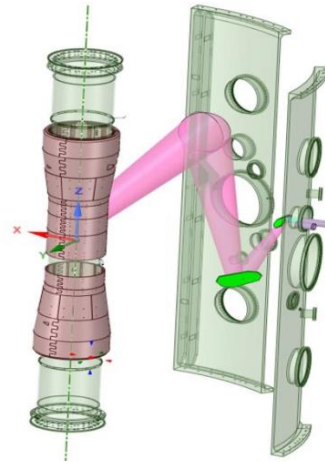
MU03 (later in 2023)

Cryopumping



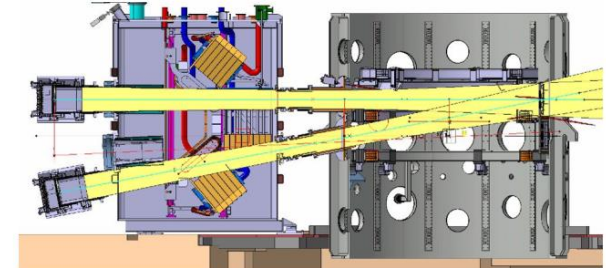
MU04 (2024)

1.6MW EBW Heating & Current Drive



MU05 (2025)

Additional 5MW NBI heating



Diagnostics upgrades

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Tokamak Energy: developing spherical tokamak fusion pilot plants with HTS magnets for deployment in the 2030s

## Approach

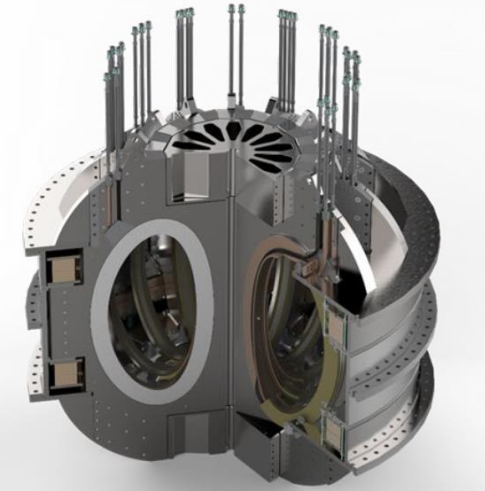
High-field spherical tokamak (ST) using magnet made from high temperature superconductor (HTS)

## Team of 250+

World-class scientists, engineers and commercial specialists

## \$250 M raised to date

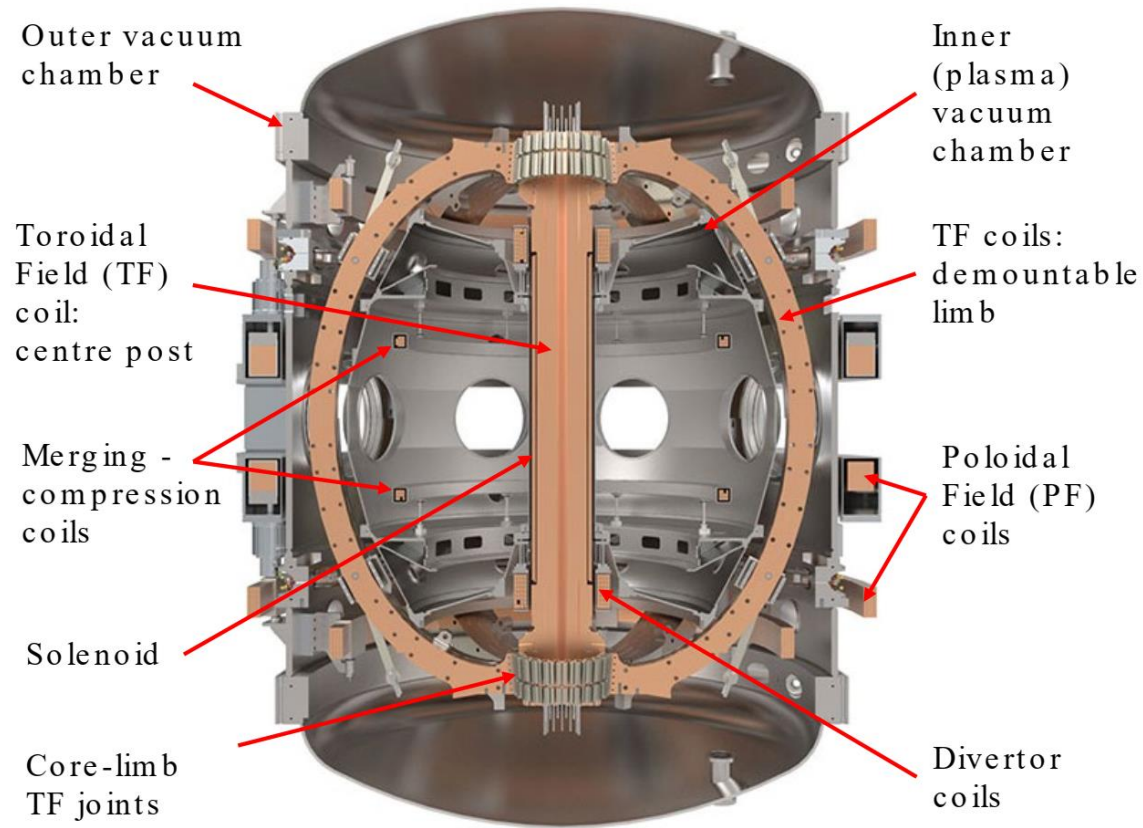
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## The ST40 high -field spherical tokamak



Parameter	Range
$B_T$ [T]	0.9 – 2.1
$I_P$ [MA]	0.3 – 0.8
$R_{Geo}$ [m]	0.4 – 0.5
$A / \kappa$	1.6 – 1.9 / $\leq 2$
$P_{NB} / E_{NB}$ [MW/kV]	0.8/24, 1.0/55
Start-up	Merging-compression
$\psi_{sol}$ [mWb]	200
New diagnostics	TS, divertor-IR, Langmuir probe arrays

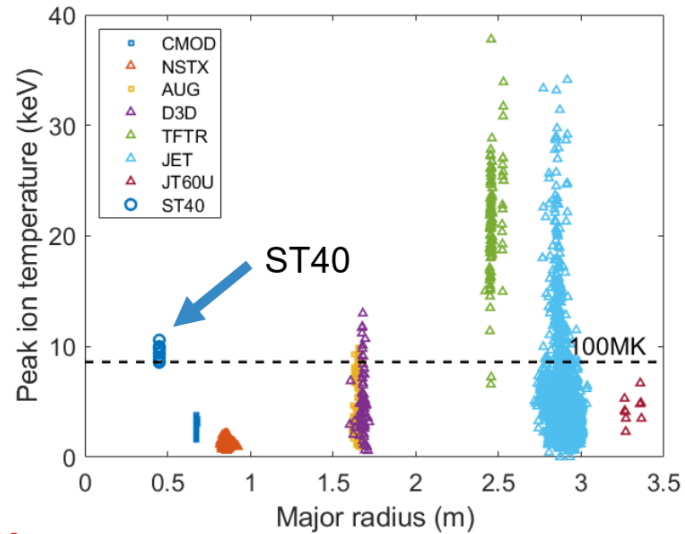




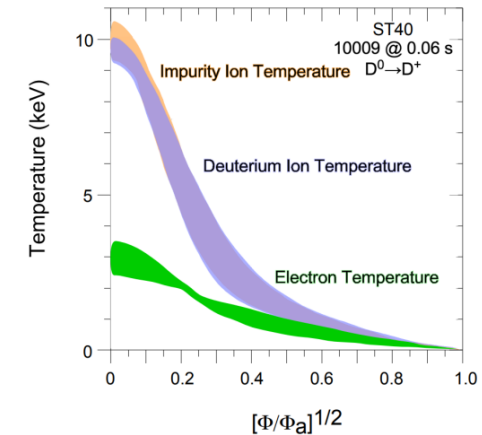
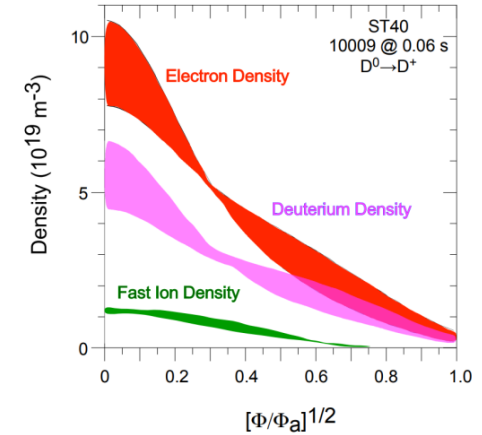
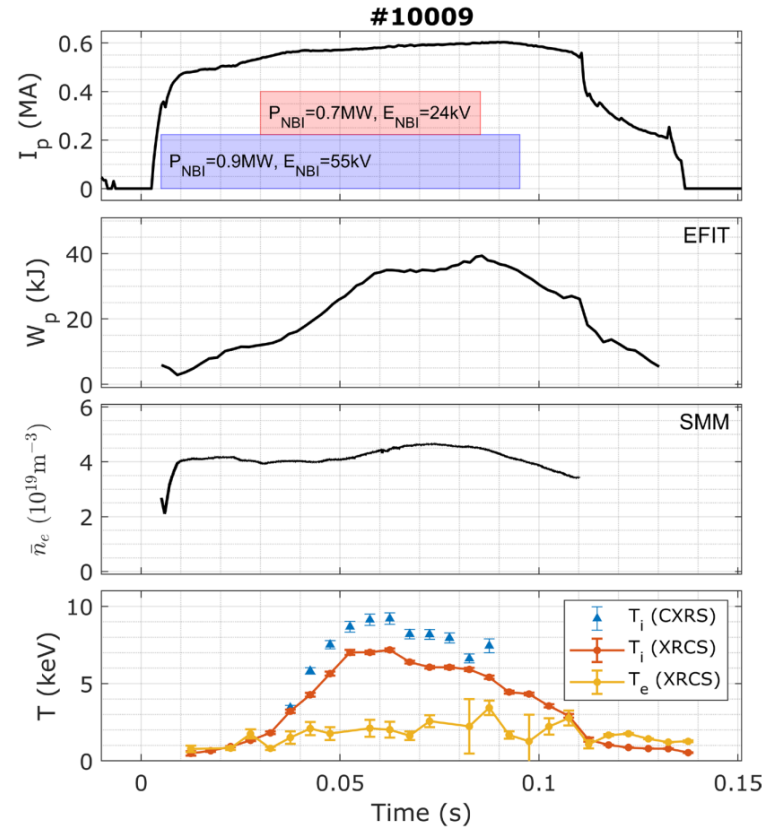
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Record ion temperatures achieved in compact high -field ST

- Central ion temperatures of  $9.6 \pm 0.4$  keV achieved in hot-ion mode ( $T_i \gg T_e$ ) with  $R_{Geo}=0.45$  m,  $A=1.65$ ,  $B_T=1.9$  T,  $I_p=0.6$  MA, and  $P_{NB}=1.6$  MW
- Corresponding triple product  $n_{i0} T_{i0} \tau_E \approx 6 \pm 2 \times 10^{18} \text{ m}^{-3} \text{ keV s}$  at 9.6 keV



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S. McNamara et al., NF 2023

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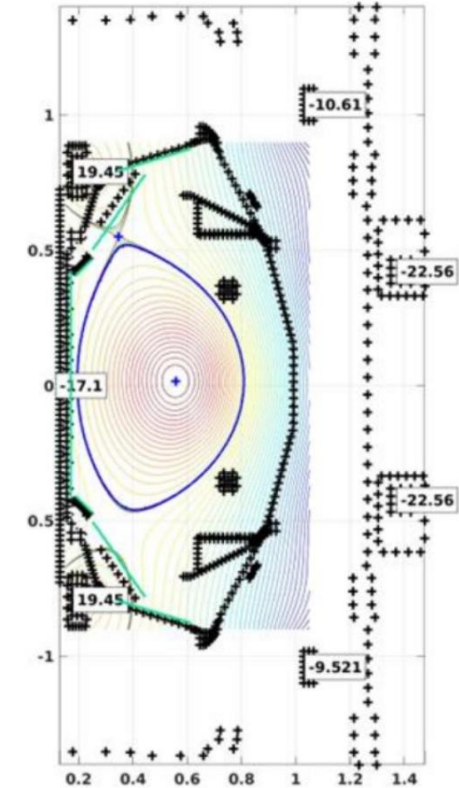
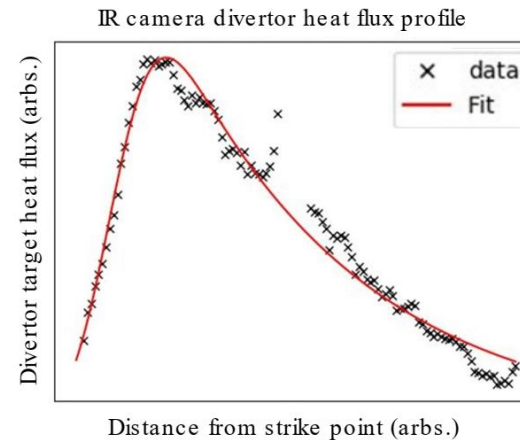
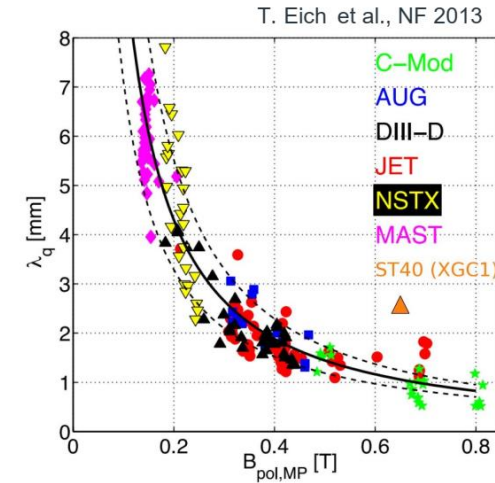
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## Potential for scrape-off layer width broadening in ST40 plasmas

- Predictive scenarios developed using flight simulator coupled to plasma control system.
- XGC1 simulations (PPPL) show factor of 2-3 broadening above Eich scaling at  $I_p = IMA$ .
- First heat flux measurements with divertor IR camera and Langmuir probes taken. Work ongoing to account for geometric effects.

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## ST40 future upgrades and operations

2023	2024				2025	
Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	...
<b>Vent</b>		<b>Campaign 2</b>		<b>Vent</b>	<b>Campaign 3</b>	
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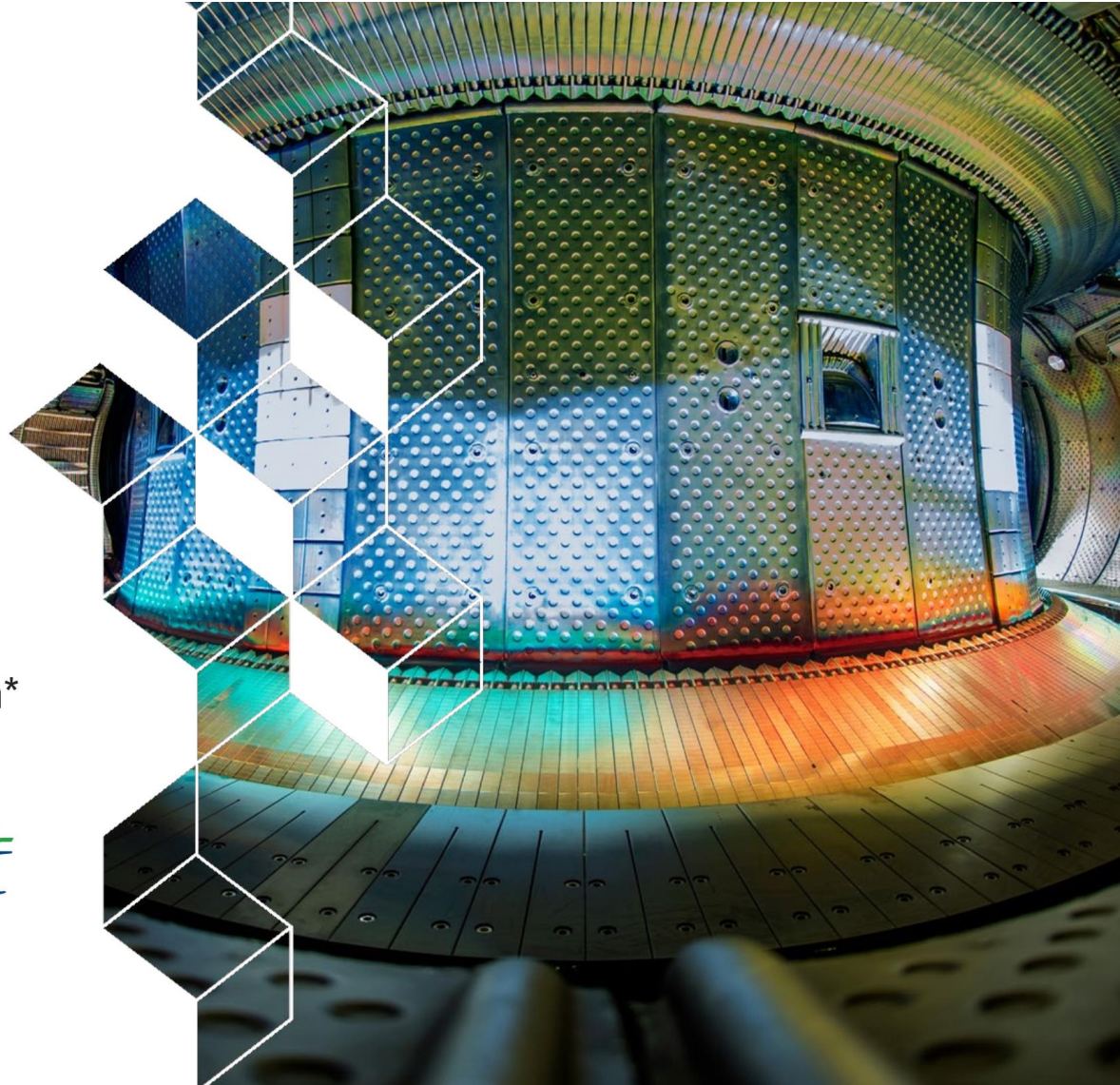
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## WEST full tungsten operation with an ITER-grade divertor

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## WEST: preparing ITER operation focusing on plasma exhaust

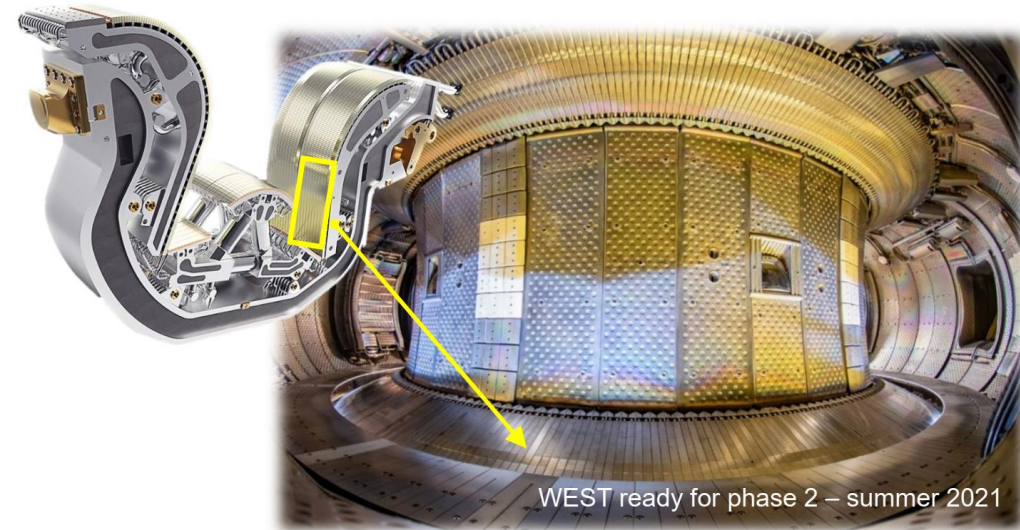
B	$I_p$	R	A	$V_p$	$\kappa / \delta$	$P_{RF}$	Magnetic conf.
3.7 T	1 MA	2.5 m	5-6	15 m <sup>3</sup>	1.4 / 0.5	16 MW	LSN, USN, DN

[J. Bucalossi et al., NF 2022]

### 1 MA superconducting tungsten tokamak

WEST phase 1, with inertially cooled divertor and a set of ITER-grade prototypes, completed:

- ▶ Up to ~9 MW of injected RF power (LHCD+ICRH)
- ▶ Up to 6 MW/m<sup>2</sup> of SS divertor peak heat load
- ▶ First H-mode transitions observed, consistent with Martin scaling:  $P_{L-H} \sim 3-4$  MW at 3.7 T → not sustained, operation too close to L-H threshold: density ↗, bulk radiation ↗, separatrix power ↘



**This talk: First results of WEST phase 2 operation, with the full ITER-grade divertor, focusing on long pulse operation and PFC lifetime assessment**



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## In summary

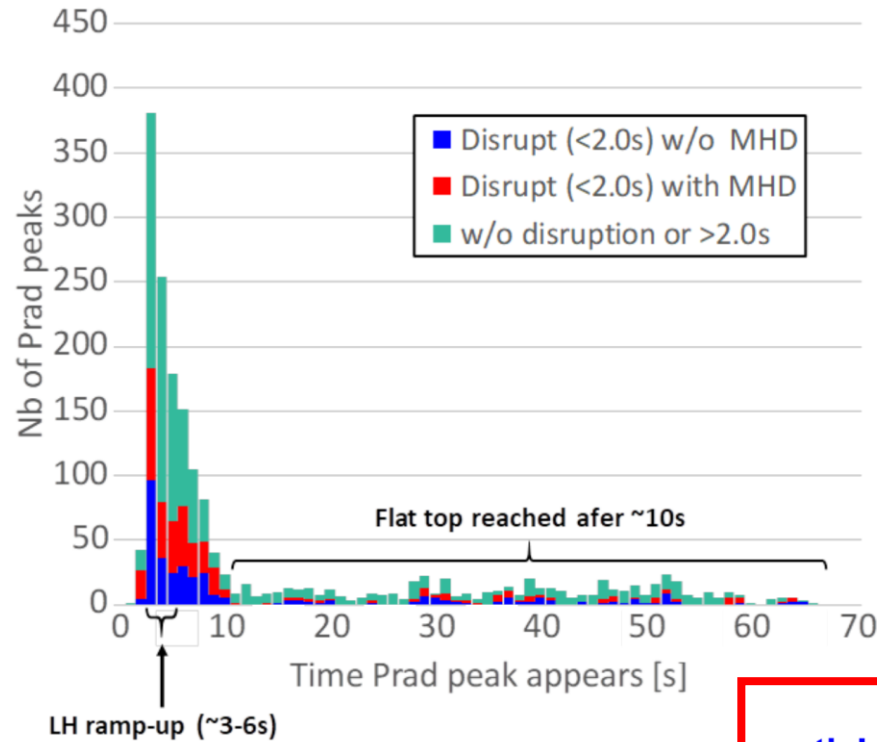
- ▶ WEST phase 2 started in December 2022 with **full ITER-grade divertor** (15 000 MB)
- ▶ **100 s** long pulses achieved, **~300 MJ** injected energy in a single pulse
- ▶ **Controlled X-point radiator** (XPR) regime in L-mode plasmas (feedback controlled)
- ▶ Improved confinement (+15-30%) and **reduced central W contamination** (-40%) in XPR
- ▶ Strong **resilience of the radiated fraction** for a given plasma configuration (wall clearance)
- ▶ First **3D modelling of the plasma-wall interaction** confirms this resilient self-organization
  
- ▶ High fluence campaign (L-mode, attached plasma): ~3 hours plasma **without boronisation**
- ▶ **Deposited layers building up**: on the HFS and in the monoblock bevel shadow
- ▶ Pulse length hampered by **increasing UFO occurrence**, originates mainly from deposited layers on the divertor → issue for continuous operation? divertor cleaning required?

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## UFOs triggered primarily during LH power ramp up

### Average pulse length affected by appearance of UFOs and increased disruptivity



- ▶ UFO detection: peak  $> 250$  kW on  $P_{\text{rad}}$  from bolometry (~1800 UFOs)
  - Disruption  $< 2$ s, no MHD
  - Disruption  $< 2$ s, with MHD
  - No disruption (or  $> 2$ s)
- ▶ ~70% of detected UFOs appears during the ramp-up phase of the discharge before 10 s (mainly during LHCD ramp-up) → actively cooled PFC may enhance stresses in deposits?

▶ Most frequent process: UFO ingress → increased core radiation → “cold branch” regime → MHD → disruption

**Link between UFOs, deposits and disruptions → partial cleaning of the divertor performed for the next campaign**



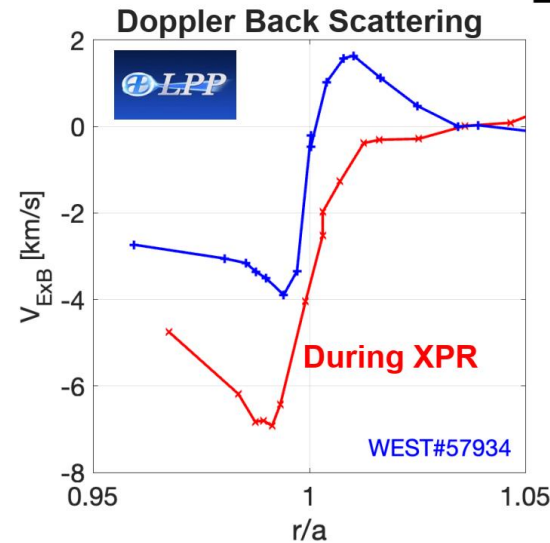
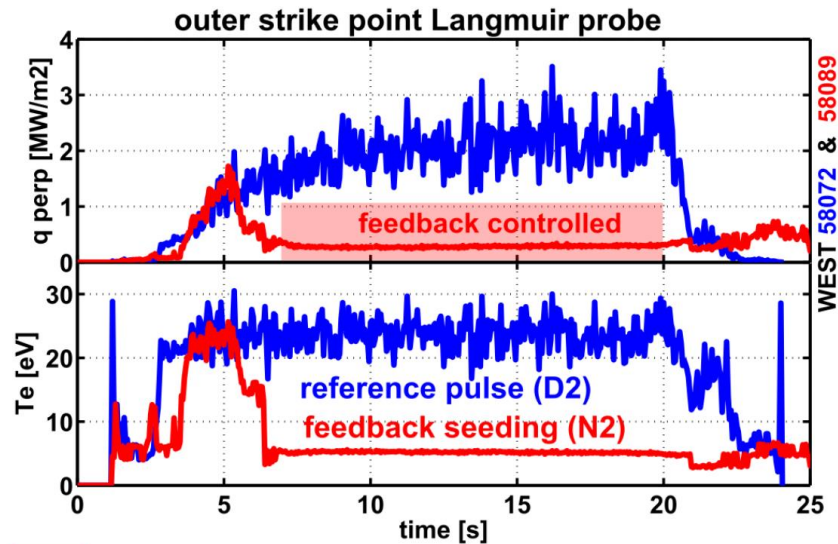
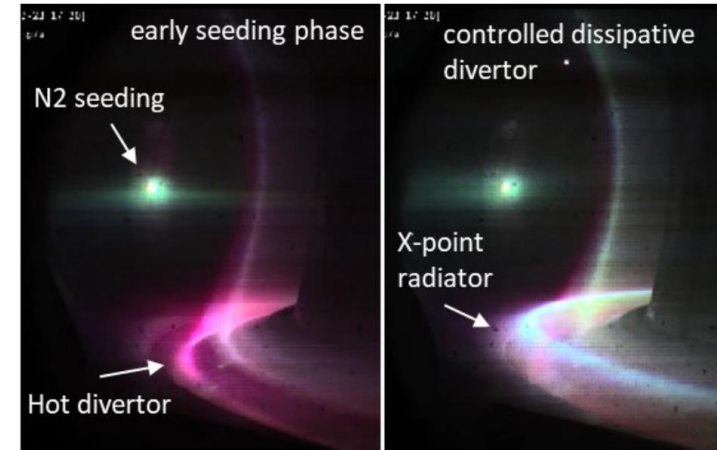


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## Controlled X-point radiator regime achieved in compact divertor



- ▶ X-point radiator (XPR) regime successfully achieved using divertor & midplane nitrogen seeding, as in AUG [M. Bernert et al., NF 2021]
- ▶ Test of **control scheme** using divertor interferometry line of sight
- ▶ **XPR regime maintained for 18 s**, feedback controlled for 12 s

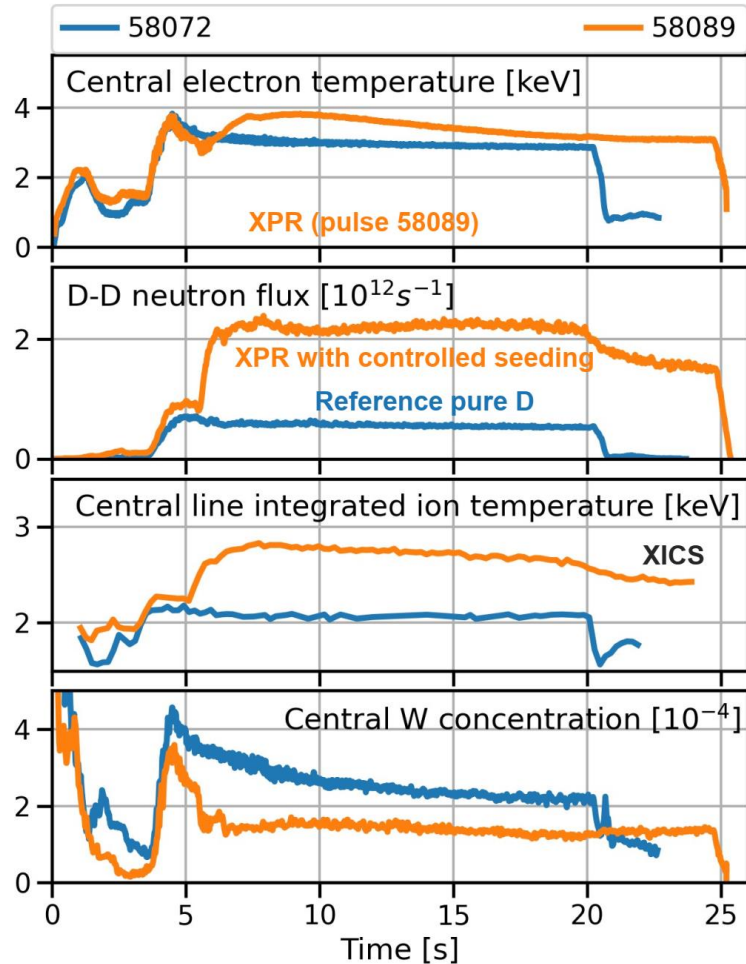


- ▶ Deeper  $V_{EXB}$  well inside separatrix
- ▶ Flattens to  $\sim 0$  in the Scrape-off Layer (SOL)
- ➔ Coherent with low electron temperature at divertor [D. Brida et al., NME 2022]

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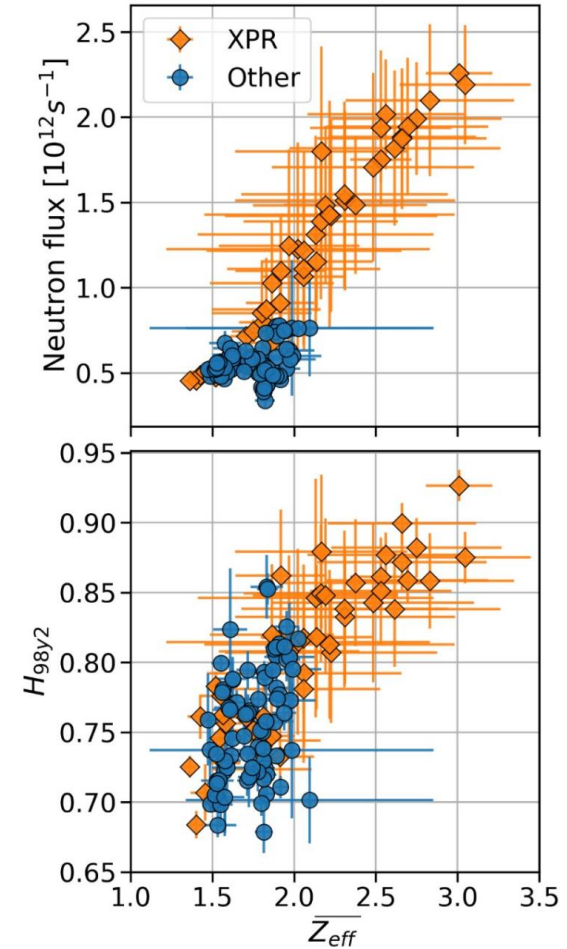
## Improved confinement in X-point radiator regime



- ▶ **Increased confinement:** +15% to +30%
- ▶ **Higher central electron temperature:** +20%
- ▶ **Higher central ion temperature:** +35%
- ▶ Neutron flux: x 4
- ▶ **Reduction in central W contamination:** -40%
- ▶ Important effect of  $Z_{eff}$

Similar improvements observed with Boron Powder Dropper

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## CONFINEMENT, HEATING AND CURRENT DRIVE IN SPHERICAL TOKAMAK GLOBUS-M2 WITH HIGH MAGNETIC FIELD

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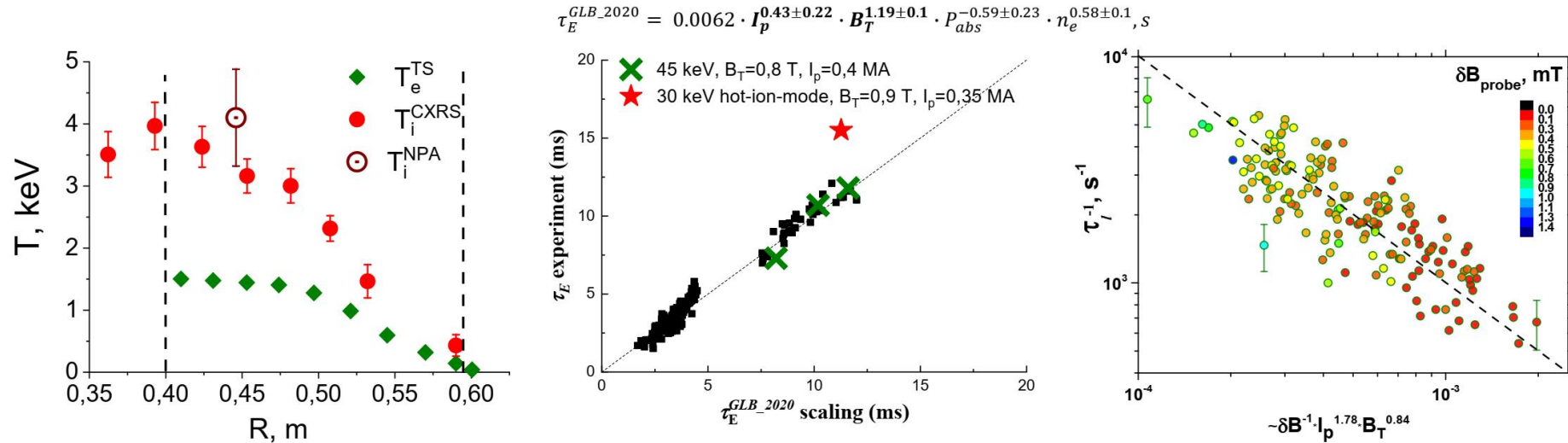
## SUMMARY

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- Enhanced parameters of Globus-M2 allows easy and stable transition to H-mode. The H-mode in high performance regimes is accompanied with ELMs of type-III/V destabilized by peeling mode.
- The KBM constraint underestimates the pedestal width for the Globus-M2 pedestal, while the NSTX scaling as well as the “generalized” scaling more accurately describe spherical tokamak pedestal parameters.
- Fast ion transport during chirping TAEs has a resonant convective nature. The dependence of the minimum loss time on both the plasma current and toroidal magnetic field is strong.
- In experiments with nitrogen seeding the heat flux density near the outer strike-point decreased by 10 times, no significant deterioration of the energy confinement in the core. Simulations using SOLPS-ITER indicates presence of a divertor detachment on the inner plate and a partial detachment on the outer plate.
- In LHCD experiments (2.45 GHz) using both poloidally and toroidally oriented grill antenna fraction of the non-inductive current exceeded 50%. Achieved values of the current drive efficiency was in the range of  $(0.2-0.4) 10^{19} \text{ A m}^{-2} \text{W}^{-1}$  which is consistent with the results obtained on conventional tokamaks, and are confirmed by numerical simulation using ASTRA and FRTC codes.
- The concept of a next-generation compact spherical tokamak (Project Globus-3) is presented. The mission of this project is to continue to develop the physical basis and technical solutions necessary to optimize the configuration of the next stage fusion devices. The main features of the Globus-3 are a long pulse, a strong toroidal magnetic field at a low aspect ratio and a powerful auxiliary plasma heating.



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## SUMMARY SLIDE



$$\tau_E^{GLB\_2020} = 0.0062 \cdot I_p^{0.43 \pm 0.22} \cdot B_T^{1.19 \pm 0.1} \cdot P_{abs}^{-0.59 \pm 0.23} \cdot n_e^{0.58 \pm 0.1}, s$$

- 45 keV,  $B_T=0,8$  T,  $I_p=0,4$  MA
- 30 keV hot-ion-mode,  $B_T=0,9$  T,  $I_p=0,35$  MA

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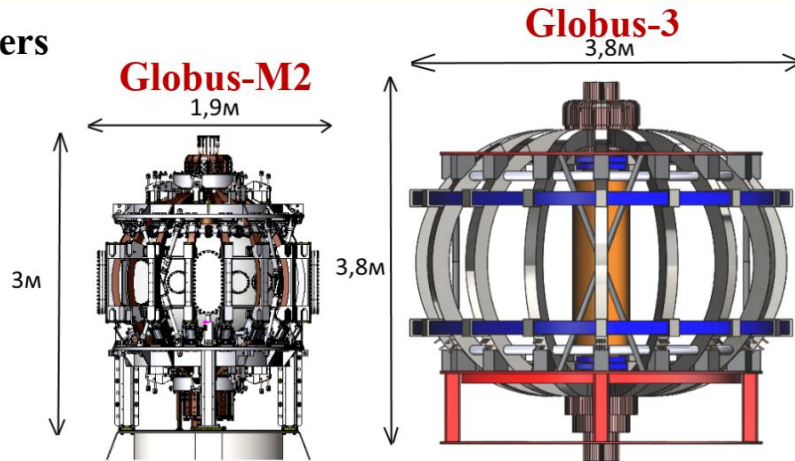
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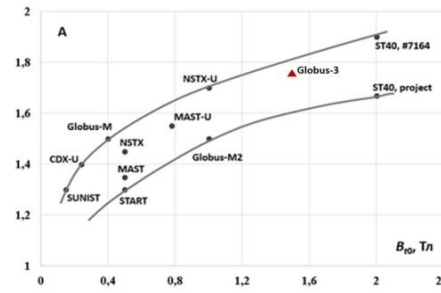
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### Globus-3 parameters

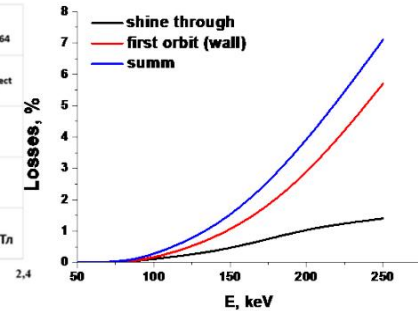
- $R_0 = 0.775 \text{ m}$
- $a = 0.44 \text{ m}$
- $A = 1.76$
- $B_T = 1.5 \text{ T}$
- $I_P = 0.8 \text{ MA}$
- $k_{95} = 1.8$



$B_T$  increase entails an increase in the aspect ratio:

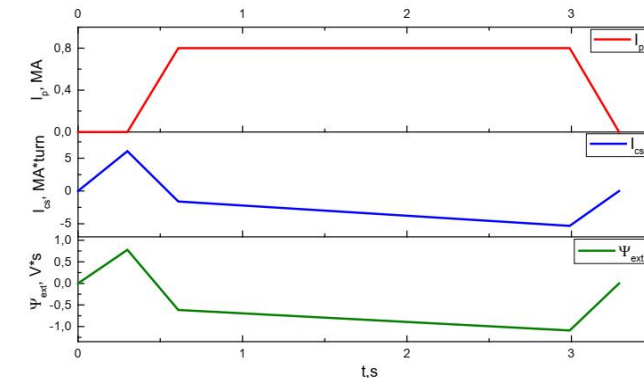


Fast ions direct losses in Globus-3:



- The size and the design of the tokamak should ensure the use of various modern methods for plasma heating and non-inductive current generation
- Increase in the toroidal magnetic field (up to  $B_T = 1.5 \text{ T}$ ) and discharge duration using the existing power supply limitation (125 MVA) in Ioffe Institute
- $I_P \approx 0.8 \text{ MA}$  is chosen in such a way to provide favourable conditions for fast ion confinement provided by NBI (*first orbit* and *shine through* losses less than 10% for  $E_b \leq 250 \text{ keV}$ )
- The basic scenarios for a copper coils magnetic system is proposed. LTS and HTS versions of EMS are under analysis
- The duration of the plasma discharge should exceed the characteristic time of stationary plasma current profiles formation ( $t_{\text{plateau}} \geq (1-3) \cdot t_{LR}$ )
- Preliminary calculations of electromagnetic loads (for normal operation and plasma current disruption), EMS heat analysis were carried out

### Globus-3 inductive scenario



A.B. Mineev et al. *Physics of Atomic Nuclei*. 2022. V. 85. No. 7. P. 1194.

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# Заключение

- В условиях  $W$ -Be первой стенки полученная мощность термоядерного выхода не уступает результатам предыдущей кампании на JET-C.
- Вопрос получения длительных режимов при большой мощности нагрева плазмы по-прежнему является наиболее актуальной проблемой, на решение которой смещен фокус экспериментов ведущих установок.
- Отрицательная треугольность выглядит привлекательно: DIII-D, TCV, AUG— будет ли развитие?
- Сферические токамаки - получение плазменных разрядов с высокой температурой и плотностью потока нейтронов возможно на малых установках. Направление активно развивается во всем мире.

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## IAEA WORLD FUSION OUTLOOK 2023

Fusion Energy:  
Present and Future

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### RUSSIAN FEDERATION

In April 2023 the T-15MD tokamak achieved its first stable plasma operation at the Kurchatov Institute in the Russian Federation following an upgrade of the machine concluded in 2021. The research programme on the T-15MD tokamak will be aimed at solving the most pressing problems of ITER. The T-15MD tokamak is water cooled and capable of creating a toroidal magnetic field at the plasma axis of 2 T; it also has powerful quasi-stationary additional heating

systems with a total power input into the plasma of up to 20 MW, and modern engineering infrastructure. The current in the plasma should reach 2.0 MA with a duration of 10 s. The T-15MD tokamak was built over ten years and its experimental programme will contribute to the operation of ITER and future power plants. Courtesy of the Kurchatov Institute.



### INDIA

Experiments in the SST-1 tokamak at the Institute for Plasma Research in India demonstrated that the machine could be operated with both fully and partially driven non-inductive plasma current drive – an important feature for achieving long pulses operation. Courtesy of Institute for Plasma Research.



### JAPAN

Commissioning of the JT-60SA tokamak at the Naka Fusion Institute in Japan, which started in April 2020, was interrupted because of insufficient voltage insulation capability in one of the magnetic coils. Improvement for isolation capability is ongoing and integrated commissioning is expected to restart before the end of 2023. Also in Japan, physics experiments on plasma turbulence and abrupt instability have provided important insights for developing control methods for turbulence and instability in the Large Helical Device. First experiments are expected to be conducted before the end of 2023. Courtesy of Naka Fusion Institute.

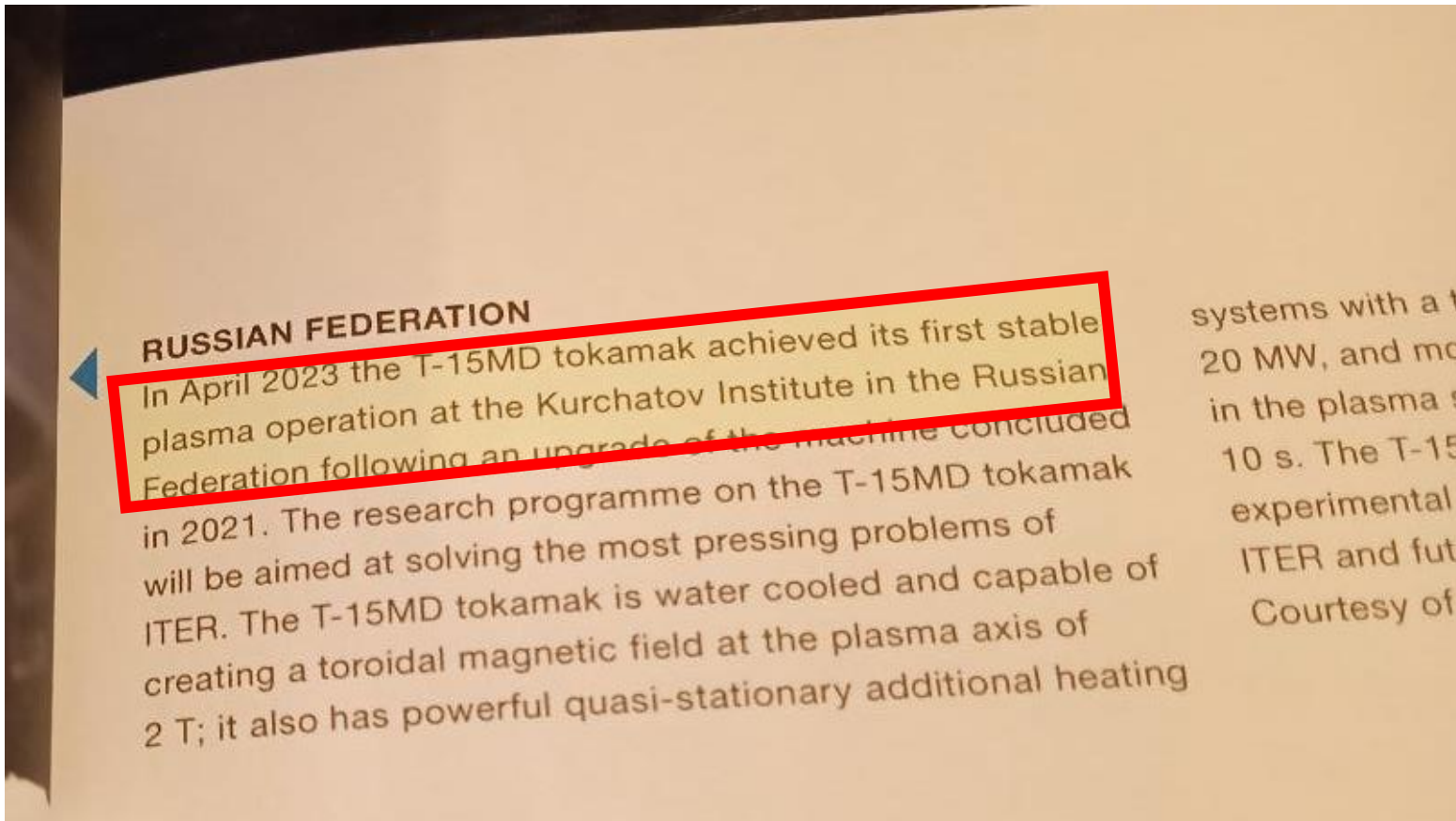
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## Russian Federation

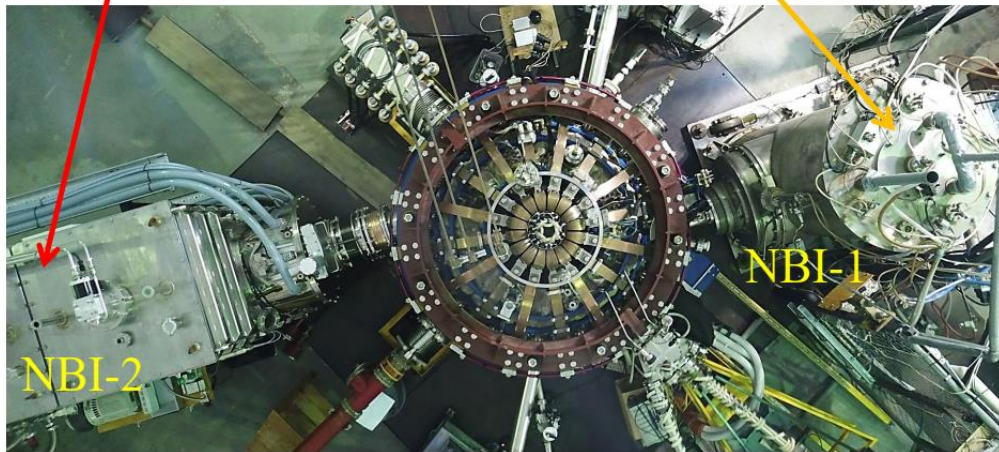
DEMO-RF is a DEMO concept based on conventional tokamak design being developed in the Russian Federation by a Russian consortium. Construction of DEMO-RF is expected to be completed by 2055 and is expected to demonstrate net engineering gain ( $Q_{\text{eng}} > 1$ ). The DEMO-RF conceptual design currently foresees the use of the facility either as a pure fusion energy system or as a fusion–fission hybrid facility with high temperature superconducting magnets, a total magnetic field larger than 8 T, and plasma current of about 5 MA. Liquid metal plasma-facing components are being considered for the first wall and divertor. In addition, the Russian Federation plans to develop

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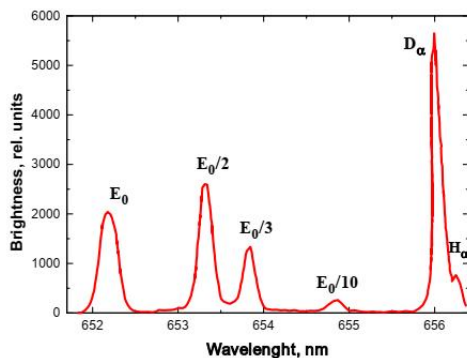
## NBI-2 allows significantly increase heating power

NBI-1	0.5 MW, 18-30 keV	50 ms	5×12 cm
NBI-2	1 MW, 25-50 keV	1000 ms	11 cm

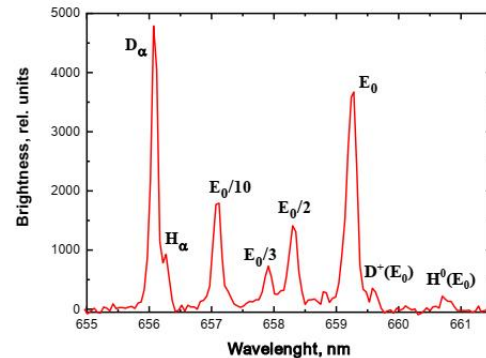


Doppler-shifted radiation spectra for deuterium atomic beams:

NBI-2 with  $E \approx 50$  keV



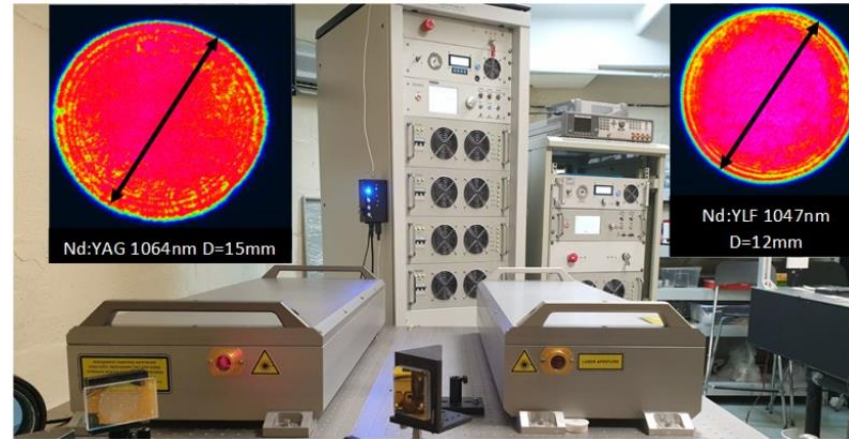
NBI-1 with  $E \approx 28$  keV



$$P(E):P(E/2):P(E/3) = 0.56: 0.32: 0.12$$

$$P(E):P(E/2):P(E/3) = 0.82: 0.13: 0.05$$

## Thomson scattering diagnostics upgrade



ITER grade *pulsed steady-state* lasers:

Diode-pumped Nd:YAG laser 1064,5 nm, 330 Hz 3 J, 10 ns;

Diode-pumped Nd:YLF laser 1047,3 nm, 50 Hz 2 J, 3 ns

Accurate measurements of  $T_e$  and  $n_e$  profiles in 10 spatial points from LCMS to magnetic axis

Reliable single-pulse  $T_e$  measurements in SOL for  $n_e < 3 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ,  $E_L = 0.7 \text{ J}$  and  $L = 10 \text{ mm}$

Ultra-wide density range:  $n_e = 5 \cdot 10^{17} \div 3 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$

Real-time operation mode, latency  $\langle \Delta t \rangle = 2.0 \text{ ms}$  ( $\Delta t_{\text{max}} < 2.5 \text{ ms}$ ) matches ITER requirements for CPTS

[G. S. Kurskiv et al, 2021, Technical Physics Letters]

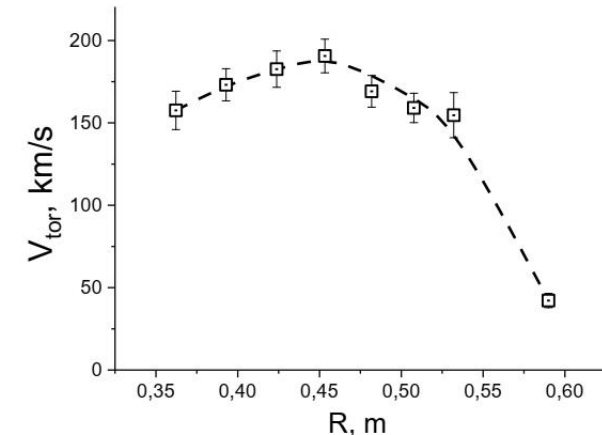
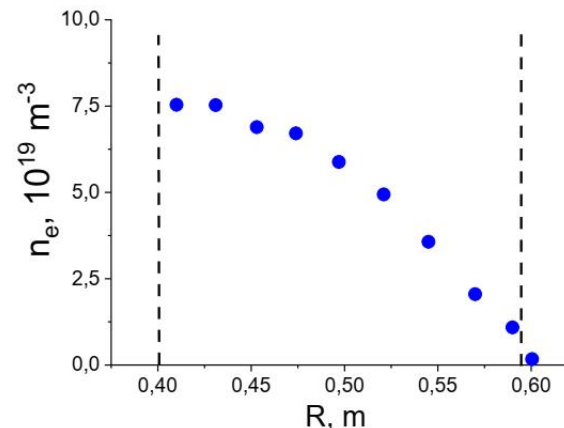
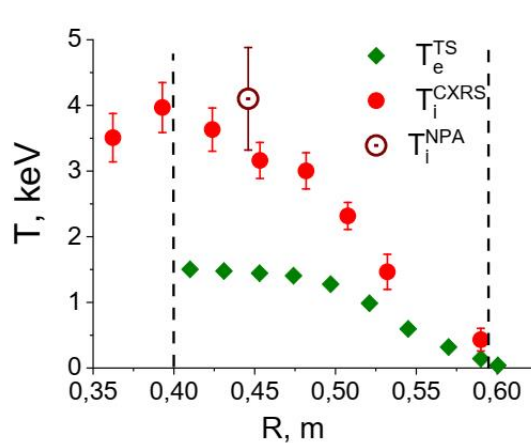
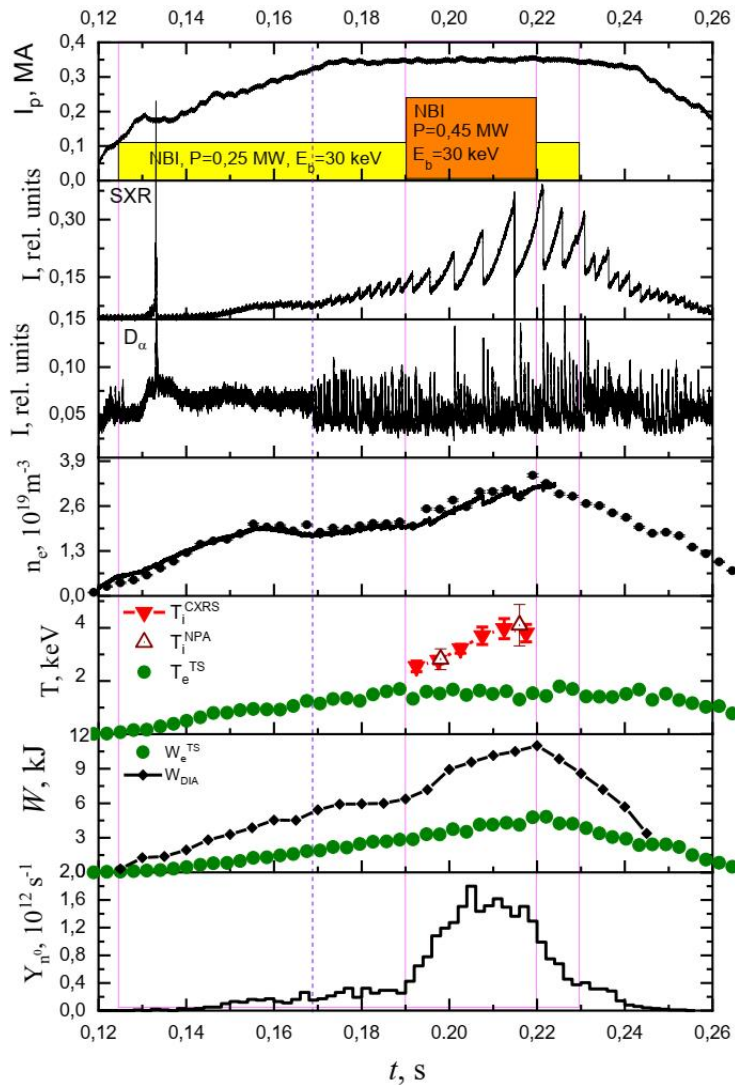
[N. S. Zhiltsov et al, 2023, Nuclear Fusion]



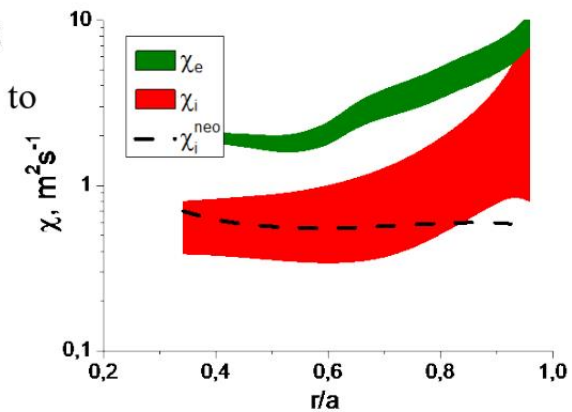
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## Scenario that utilizes both NBI-1 and NBI-2 dramatically changes plasma heating efficiency

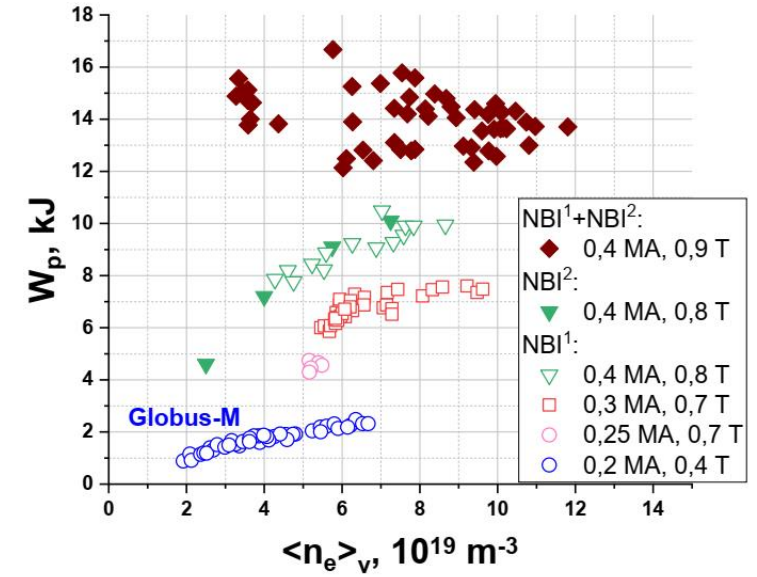
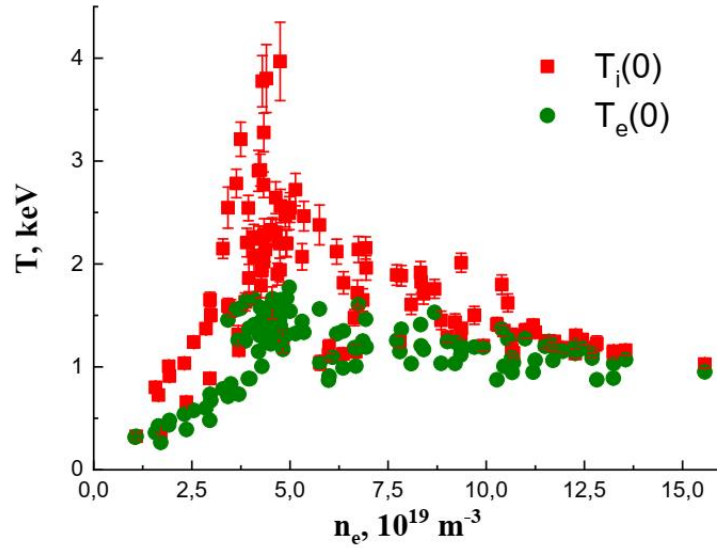
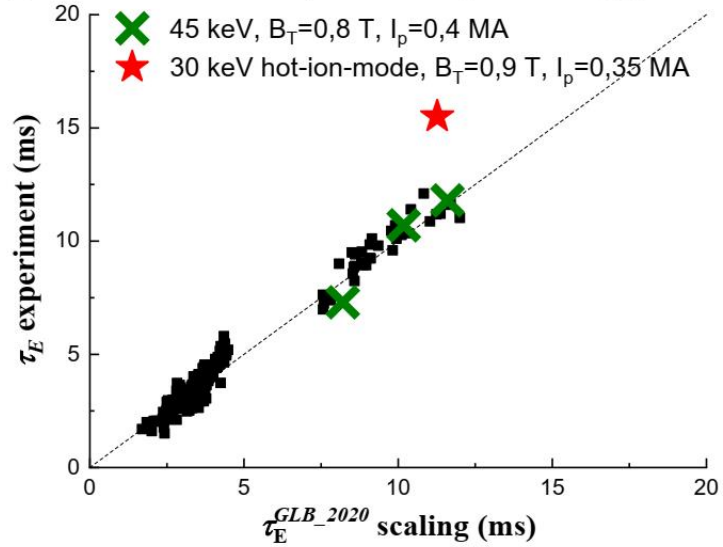


- Robust L-H transition at 169 ms;
- $T_i(0) \geq 2 * T_e(0)$ , high toroidal rotation in the plasma center up to 180 km/s;
- Ion temperature measured by CXRS diagnostic  $T_i^{CXRS}$  corresponds well to the NPA data:  $T_i(0) = 4$  keV;
- The neutron flux reaches  $1.8 \times 10^{12}$  neutrons/s during the NBI-1;
- Energy confinement time  $\tau_E$  reaches 13-18 ms;
- Ion heat transport is close to neoclassical level





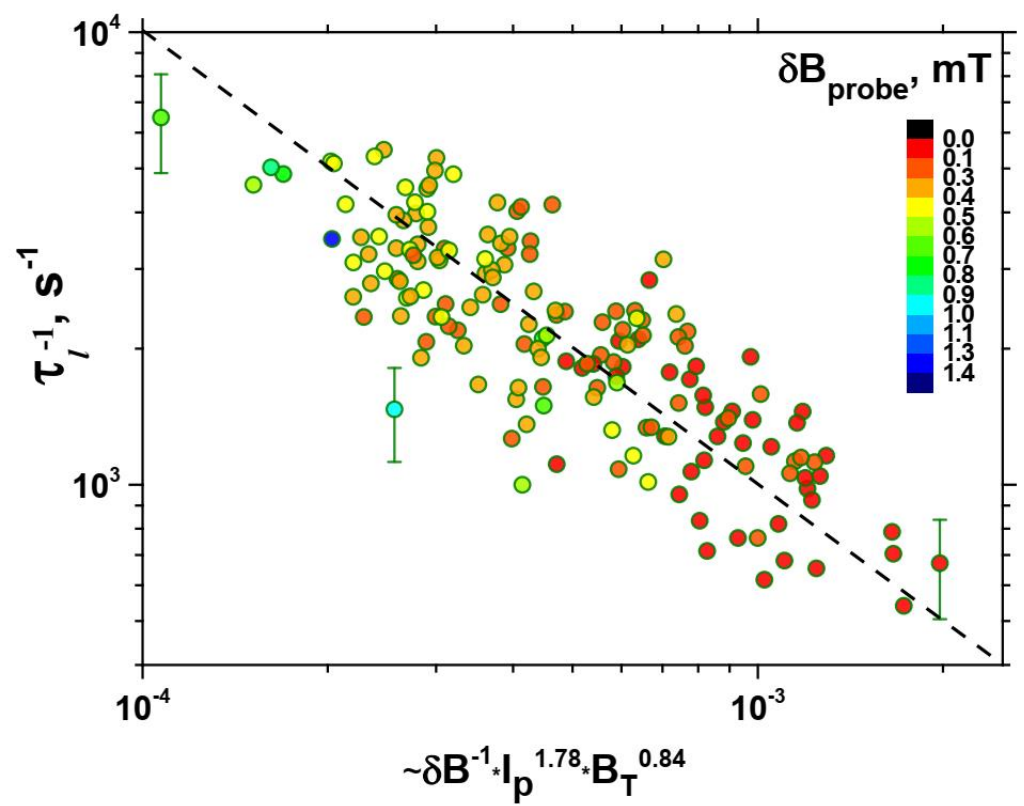
$$\tau_E^{GLB-2020} = 0.0062 \cdot I_p^{0.43 \pm 0.22} \cdot B_T^{1.19 \pm 0.1} \cdot P_{abs}^{-0.59 \pm 0.23} \cdot n_e^{0.58 \pm 0.1}, s$$



- Hot ion mode is obtained in a wide range of Globus-M2 parameters  $I_p=0,25-0,4$  MA,  $B_T=0,7-0,9$  T;
- NBI-2 ( $E \leq 45$  keV,  $P_{NBI} \leq 0,75$  MW) was switched on in the current ramp-up phase, while NBI-1 ( $E \leq 28$  keV,  $P_{NBI} \leq 0,45$  MW) was switched at the current flat-top;
- Measurements performed by CXRS and NPA diagnostics indicates:  $T_i = 4$  keV,  $T_i = 2.5 \cdot T_e$  at  $\langle n_e \rangle = 5 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ;
- $T_i$  exceeds  $T_e$  in a wide range  $\langle n_e \rangle = 1.6-10.0 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ;
- The record (for Globus-M2) stored plasma energy  $W$  is 17 kJ and energy confinement time  $\tau_E$  is 13-18 ms.

# TAE-induced fast ion transport

Transport from the plasma center using active NPA



TAE

**Experiment**

**Modeling**

Transport from center to edge,  $\tau_l^{-1} \sim$

$$I_p^{-1.78 \pm 0.06} B_T^{-0.84 \pm 0.04}$$

$$I_p^{-1.9 \pm 0.08} B_T^{-1.18 \pm 0.37}$$

Losses from edge,  $\tau_l^{-1} \sim$

$$I_p^{-1.42 \pm 0.11} B_T^{-0.43 \pm 0.07}$$

First orbit losses in MHD-free discharge

Losses from edge,  $\tau_l^{-1} \sim$

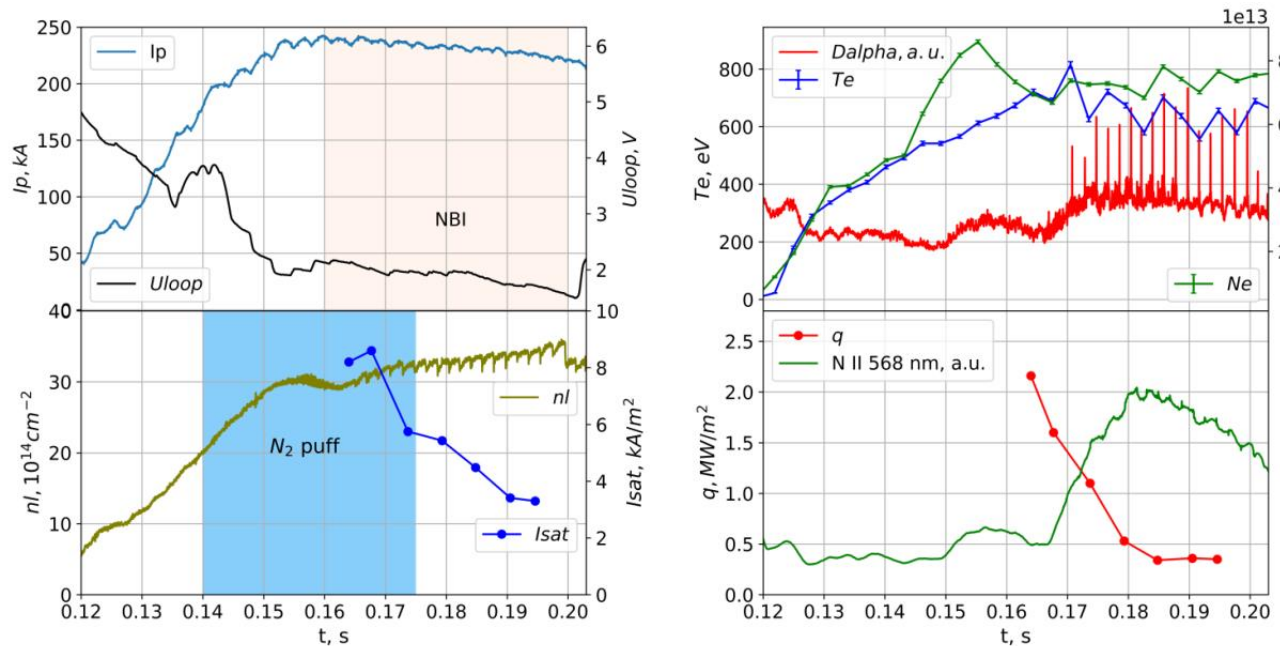
$$I_p^{-1.72 \pm 0.06} B_T^{-0.53 \pm 0.04}$$

- During TAE resonant transport of fast ions to the periphery is observed
- Size of the loss region shrinks with  $I_p$  and  $B_T$  increase -> fast ion losses decrease
- This effect is similar to the decrease of the NBI first orbit losses decrease with  $I_p$  and  $B_T$  rise

The observed dependence of the fast ion loss rate on the plasma current and the toroidal magnetic field due to TAE is favorable for the next generation of spherical tokamaks.

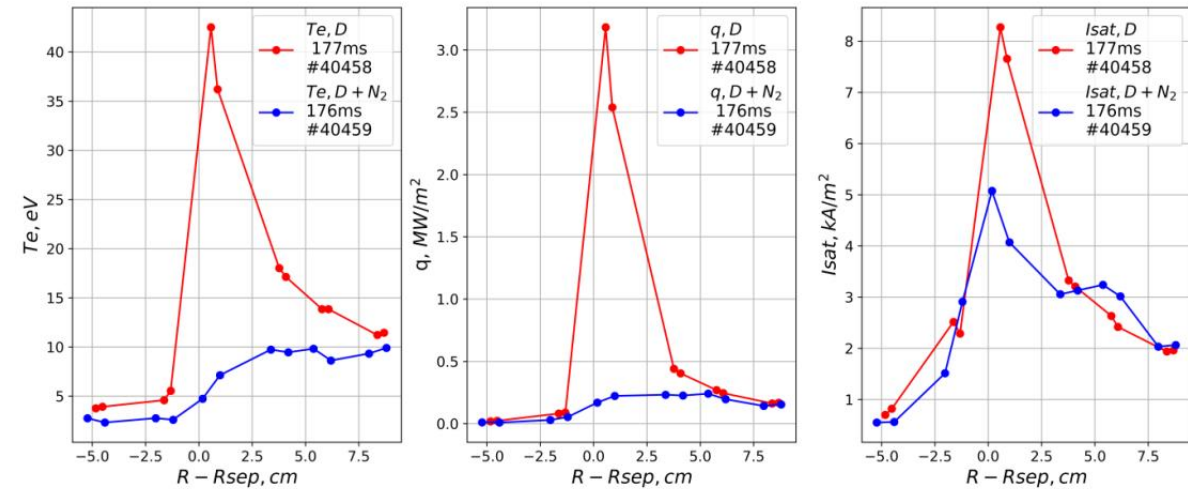


Time traces for a typical discharge (#41028) with nitrogen seeding.



- Nitrogen was injected through a capillary on the lower dome in a private flux region according to a prescribed program.
- The nitrogen line sensor that was directed to the divertor region showed a significant **increase in intensity** 30 ms after turning on the radiating impurity gas injection valve, while the maximum **heat flux density to the outer target sharply decreased**.
- During the seeding process the parameters of the core plasma measured using Thomson scattering diagnostics did not undergo significant changes.

#40458(D), #40459(D+N<sub>2</sub>)  $B_t = 0.7$  T,  $I_p = 230$  kA,  $P_{NBI} = 700$  kW

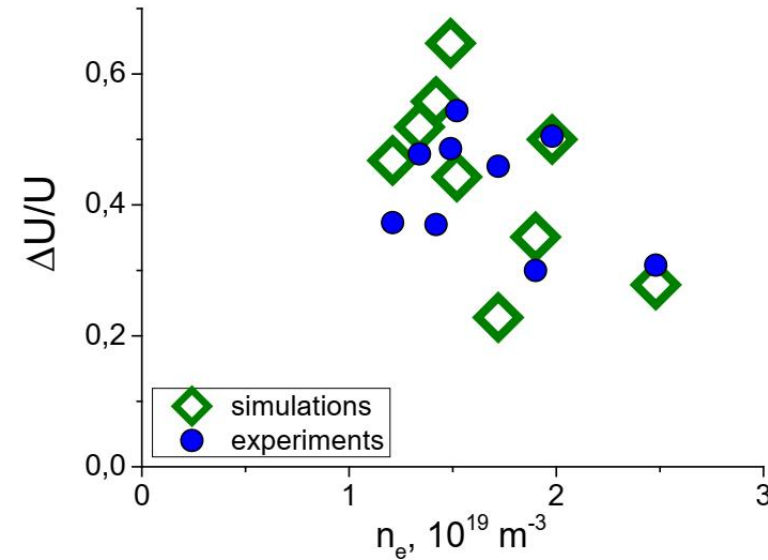
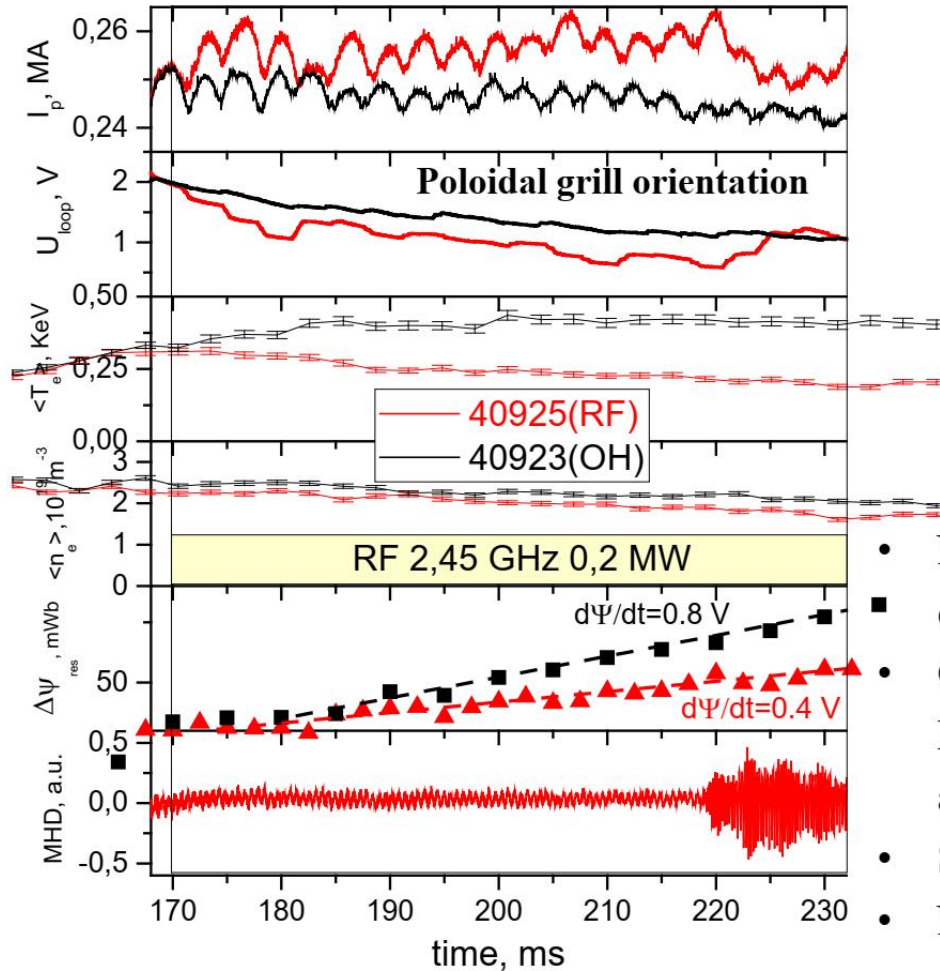


**Electron temperature, heat flux density and ion saturation flux density along the outer lower target measured with flush-mounted divertor Langmuir probes.**

Conditions for partial detachment have been achieved.

**N<sub>2</sub> seeding lead to decrease in the heat flux density by more than an order of magnitude w/o significant confinement degradation in the plasma core.**





- Non inductive current generation with poloidal antenna orientation is clearly observed in experiments
- Grill3D\*, ASTRA\*\* and Fast Ray Tracing Code\*\*\* combined to time-dependent 1D Fokker-Planck solver codes are used for simulations of the discharge dynamics with applied RF power
- Satisfactory agreement between  $\Delta U/U$  ratio in simulations and experiment
- Non inductive current fraction decreases with density rise,  $\eta = (0.2-0.4) \cdot 10^{19} \text{ A} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}/\text{W}$

\*M. A. Irzak and O. N. Shcherbinin 1995 Nucl. Fusion 35 1341

\*\*G.V.Pereverzev and P.N. Yushmanov Automated System for Transport Analysis 2002 IPP-Report IPP 5/98

\*\*\* A.N. Saveliev 2017 EPJ Web of Conferences 157 03045