

# **ITER:opportunities of Burning Plasma Studies**

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# Brief Summary of Input to the Specific Questions

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1. How will particle and power exhaust be handled? How well will proposed components withstand the effects of plasma disruptions and other related "off-normal" operational events? (See Janeschitz's view graphs)

## 1.a Particle Exhaust

Divertor with long legs ( $> 1\text{m}$ ) and large pumps ( $200 \text{ Pam}^3/\text{s}$ ,  $> 50\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  for He)

$$F_{\text{core}} < N/\tau_E \sim 2.5 \times 10^{22}/\text{s} \sim 50 \text{ Pam}^3/\text{s}, \quad F_{\text{divertor}} \sim 2 \times 10^{24}/\text{s} \sim 4000 \text{ Pam}^3/\text{s}$$

Detachment is not a necessary condition.

## 1.b Heat Exhaust

Plasma flow to divertor target  $< 60 \text{ MW}/6\text{m}^2$

The present design  $20 \text{ MW}/\text{m}^2$ , CFC or W

Very high radiation cooling and detachment are not necessary conditions but will have to be studied for reactor plasmas.

## 1.c Divertor target material/Disruptions CFC (or W)

Early phase CFC because of its compatibility with disruptions

Later phase W because of its longer life time for normal erosion

High fluence Test : long pulse  $q_{95} > 3.5$  operations with small ELMs

2. What types of heating and current drive are planned and what are the prospects for investigating "steady-state" plasma operation on the relevant plasma time scales?

### Heating and Current Drive System

	Startup	Scenario1	Scenario2	Scenario3	Scenario4
NB (1 MeV,D/H, Variable in.Angle)	33	33	50	50	50
IC (35-62 MHz)	20	40	20	40	20
EC (170 GHz, Steerable mirror)	20	40	40	40	20
LH (~5GHz)	0	20	20	0	40
Total Installed (MW)	73	133	130	130	130

**Remarks: The total heating and current drive power  $\leq$  110 MW**

**A deep fuelling improves significantly the steady state operation.**

**Increase boot strap current and reduce the requirement of active current drive in the outer region as well as improve confinement property.**

**100 s of burn duration is necessary to study inductive burn.**

**2000 s is necessary to achieve steady state of AT modes from conventional ones.**

**By optimizing current ramp-up, steady-state of AT can be achieved in 200 s.**

**3. What is the transport or confinement basis and MHD stability basis for reaching the burning regime and what are the uncertainties in reaching the projected operating regimes? How much margin exists for physics or hardware performance contingencies?**

### **3.a Inductive operation for high Q**

**ELMy H-mode: Empirical scaling**

**$\beta_N < 2$ . If NTM, ECCD (20-40 MW)**

**Margin: Plasma density, High field side pellet injection,  
Conservative assumptions ( $\chi_i/\chi_e$ ,  $n(r)$ ,  $P_{LH}$ )  
and/or, Higher plasma current**

### **3.b Steady state operation**

**Q~2 ELMy H-mode with  $H_H = 1$**

**Q> 5 Advanced tokamak regimes (see 5)**

**4. What physics program is envisioned and how will the burning plasma scientific issues be addressed? Will planned diagnostic capabilities be commensurate with science program needs? Will the pulse rate and number and lifetime and provisions for the supply of tritium and maintenance, replacement and/or upgrade of activated components be commensurate with the proposed science program?**

#### **4.a High Q burning plasma**

**The flexibility of ITER will allow research in a large operation space.**

**( $P_{\text{fusion}}$ , Q, n,  $\beta$ , pulse length,  $I_p$  ---)**

**(Confirm predictable operation → Explore frontier)**

#### **4.b Diagnostics (See Costley's viewgraphs)**

**Large access ports and remote handling capability**

#### **4.c Pulse rate/number, Tritium, Maintenance and Upgrade**

**$\leq 2$  pulses/hr.       $> 30,000$  full performance shots**

**External tritium source (If necessary, tritium production in the later phase )**

**Maintenance:      full remote for in-vessel components**

**Upgrade:            in-vessel components/auxiliaries**

**5. What operational and/or hardware flexibility is incorporated into the design? What capability exists for studying burning plasma AT ("advanced tokamak") regimes? What are the scientific and technology issues involved in such "advanced" operation and how will they be addressed?**

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**( $P_{\text{fusion}}$ ,  $Q$ ,  $n$ ,  $\beta$ , pulse length,  $I_p$  ---)**

**(Confirm predictable operation → Explore frontier)**

**❖ Inductive operations**

**$150 \rightarrow 700$  MW,  $n/n_G = 0.5 \rightarrow 1$ ,  $\beta_N = 1.2 \rightarrow 2.4$ ,  $Q = 5 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow \infty$**

**❖ Hybrid operations**

**$> 1000$  s/500 MW/ $Q = 5$  with reasonable parameters for blanket test (0.77 MW/m<sup>2</sup>)**

**❖ Research of fully non-inductive driven operation aiming at  $Q = 5$**

**(higher  $\beta$ /higher confinement, methods included in ITER)**

**5.b The high repetition rate and the large number of pulses give flexibility in experimental operation**

**5.c Full remote maintenance of in-vessel components and large size of ports (1.8 m x 2.2 m) give flexibility in hardware.**

## **5.d Advanced Tokamak Regimes**

### **i) Tools involved**

**Relatively close conducting wall ( $r_p \sim 2\text{m}$ ,  $d_{p-w} \sim 0.6\text{m}$ )**

**Saddle coils for stabilizing RWM**

**Current drive and heating (NB/IC/EC/LH, 130/110 MW)**

**Large plasma**

**High field side pellet injectors**

### **ii) Scientific issues**

**General: Transports, mhd etc.-----**

**Specific: Stabilization of high  $\beta_N$  and low  $l_i$  plasmas, and Deep fuelling**

## **The technical requirements for the new ITER (ITER-FEAT)**

- 1) Demonstrate inductively-driven plasmas at  $Q \approx 10$ ,**
- 2) Aim at demonstrating steady-state at  $Q \approx 5$**
- 3) Do not preclude ignition.**
- 4) Demonstrate availability and integration of essential fusion technologies, and**
- 5) Test components for a future reactor including blankets ( $> 0.5 \text{ MW/m}^2$ ,  $> 0.3 \text{ MW}\cdot\text{a /m}^2$ .)**

## **ITER is planned to be the first fusion experimental reactor.**

- Flexibility is required to**
  - 1) cope with uncertainties,**
  - 2) study/optimize burning plasma for various objectives, and**
  - 3) introduce advanced features**
- Involvement of the world-wide fusion community is essential to**
  - 1) use ITER efficiently and**
  - 2) promote scientific competition among the Parties**

# Research on Burning Plasma

## 1. Inductive Operation

High Q plasma     $Q \sim 5/10/20/50$  ---- Based on standard ELMy H-mode

Reduction of divertor heat load and erosion

Radiation cooling, semi-detached, detached divertor operation modes with small ELMs by optimizing plasma, configuration, divertor, fuelling, impurity

High density, Peaked density profile, Higher beta, Higher fusion power density, Higher fast  $\alpha$  pressure etc.

Pulse reactor?

## 2. Long Pulse Operation for Blanket Tests

$\geq 1000$  s,  $> 0.5$  MW/m<sup>2</sup>

Low divertor erosion for high fluence tests (Small ELM loss, W divertor target)

## 3. Advanced Tokamak Modes

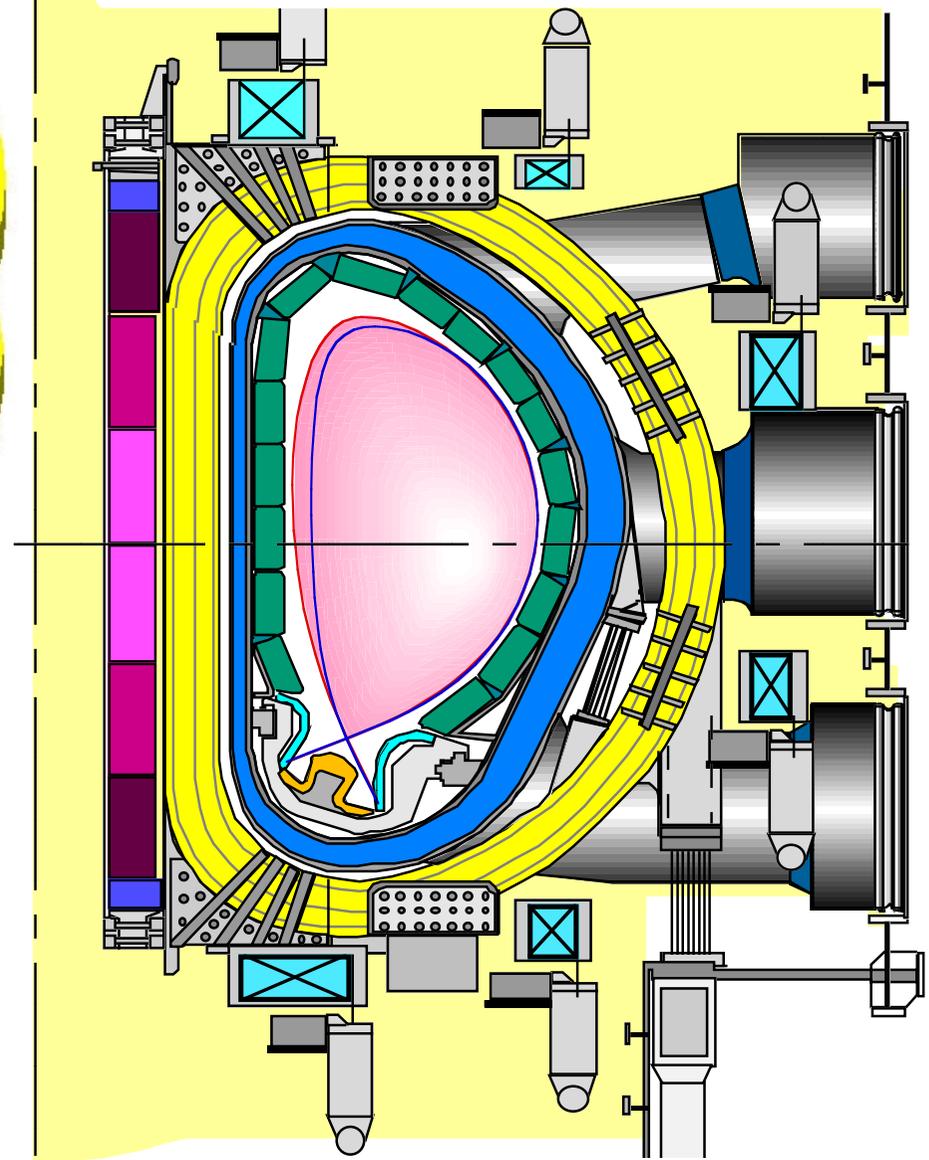
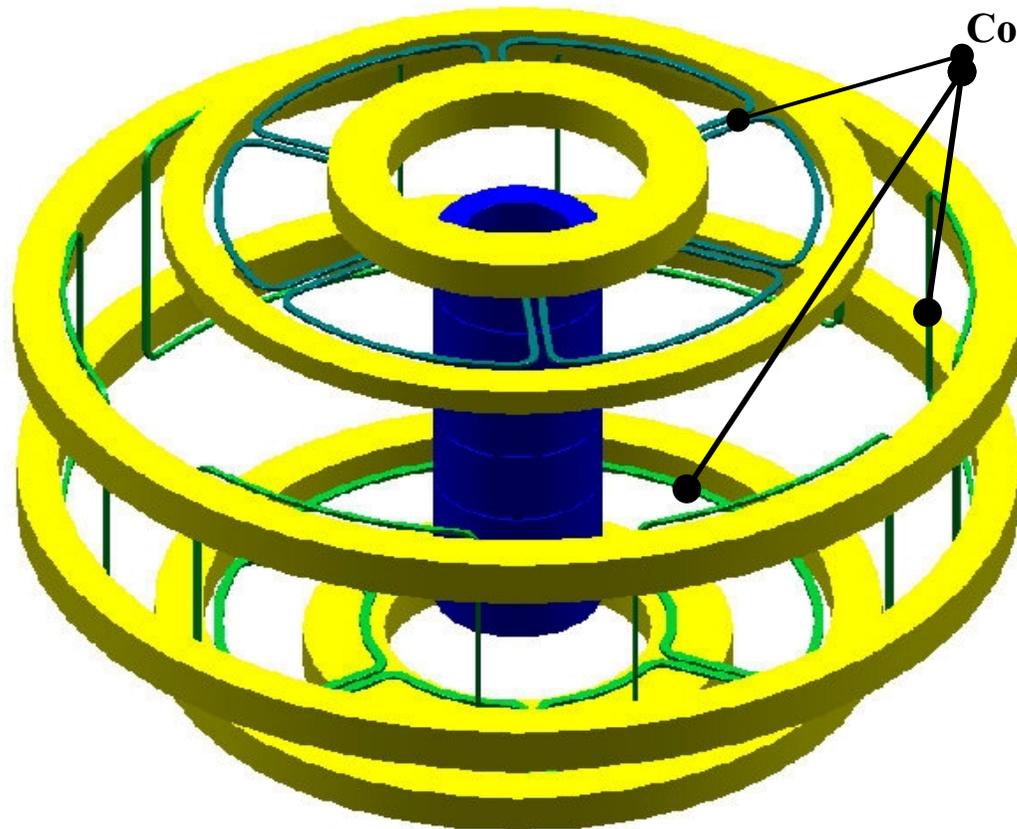
Steady state plasma

Higher confinement/beta/density/bootstrap current and peaked density profile

Interaction among

burn, external H/CD, fuelling/pumping, impurity, transports etc.

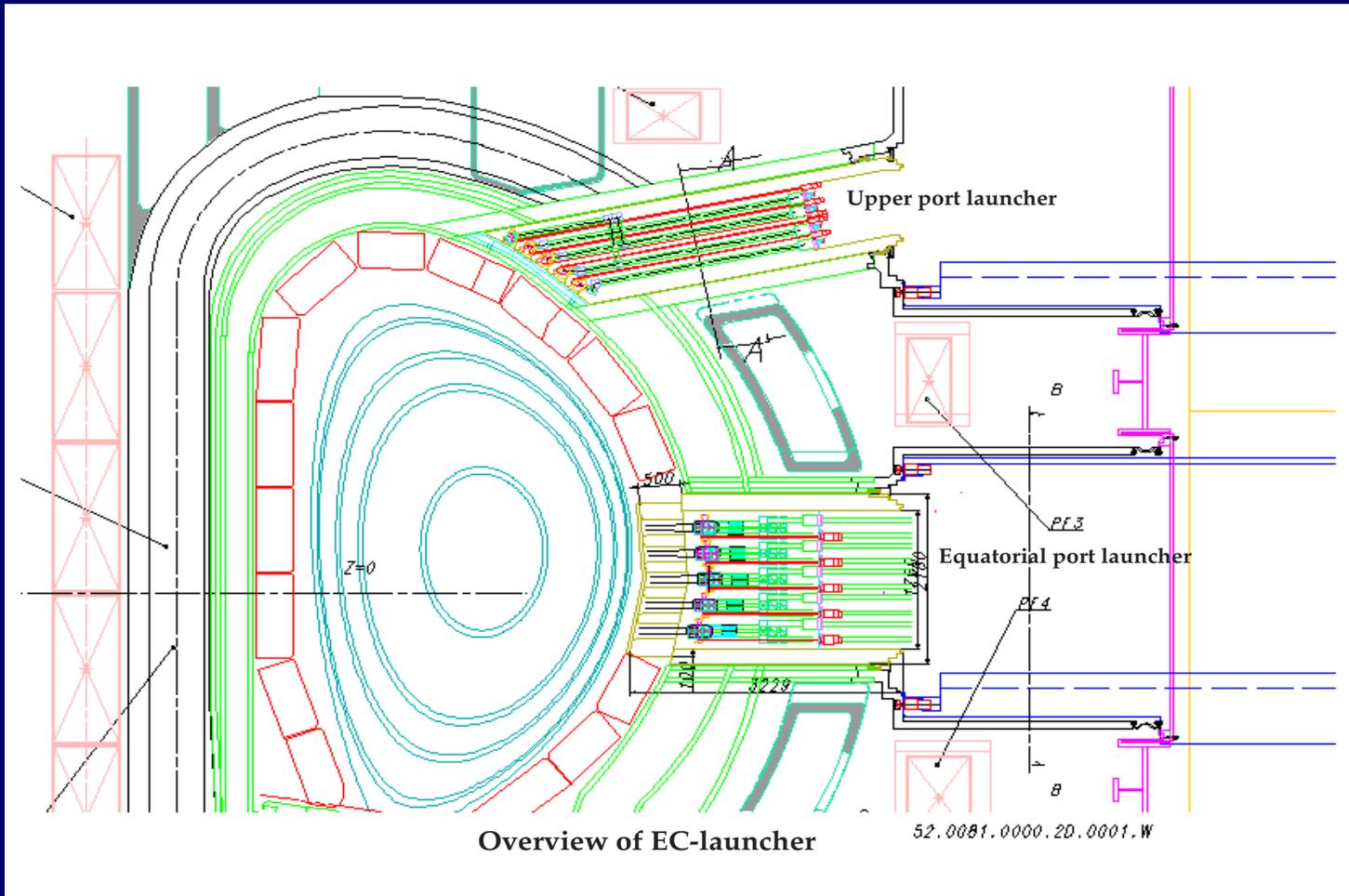
Steady State reactor?



## ITER Poloidal Field Coils

Correction Coils  
6x3, 100-150kA/coil  
For Resistive Wall Mode  
~10G/20kA

# Electron Cyclotron System



**Upper launcher :** poloidal steering =  $-60 \sim -70^\circ$   
toroidal angle =  $24^\circ$

**Equatorial launcher:** toroidal steering =  $20 - 45^\circ$

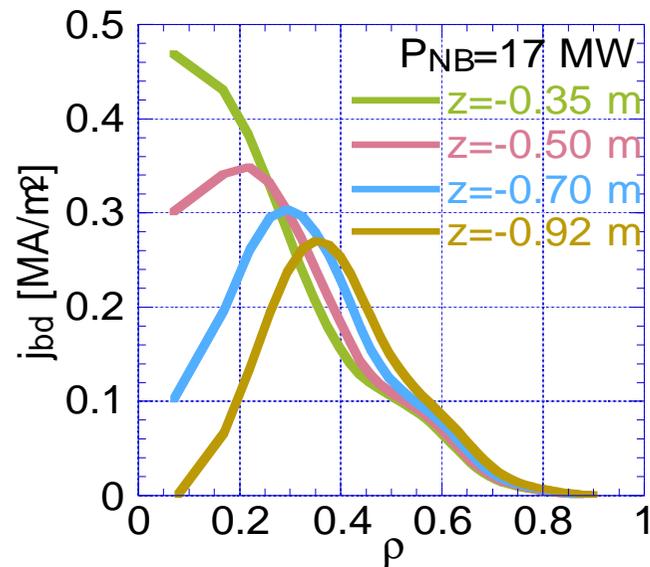
**Equatorial port :** standardized port plug for IC/EC/LH

# Neutral Beam Injection for ITER

(1 MeV, 16.5 MW/Port)

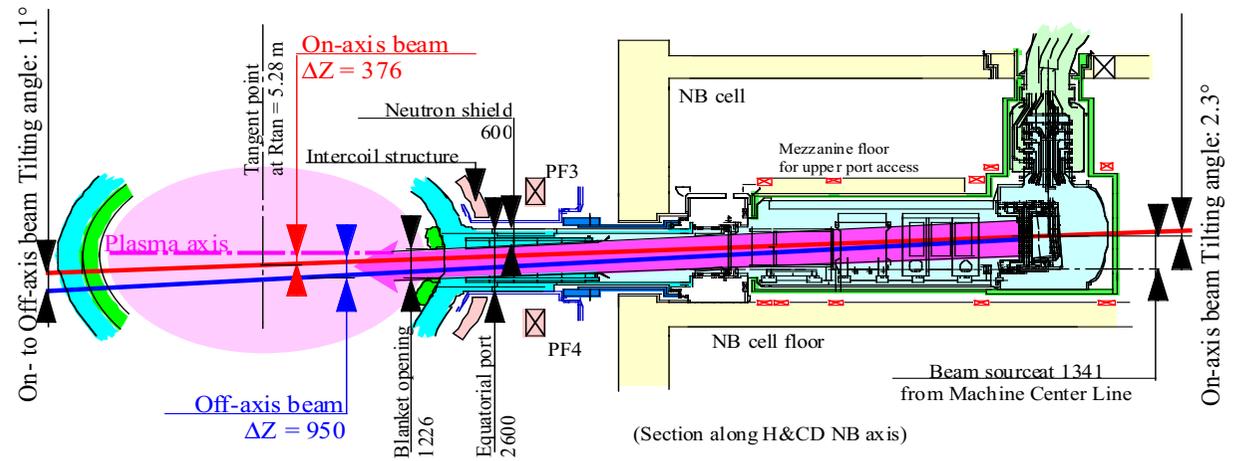
Initial Installation 33 MW, Upgrade 50 MW

## Beam Driven Current Profile



$$\gamma \approx 0.4 \times 10^{20} \text{ A/Wm}^2$$

## NB Elevation Layout



# ITER Machine Capability

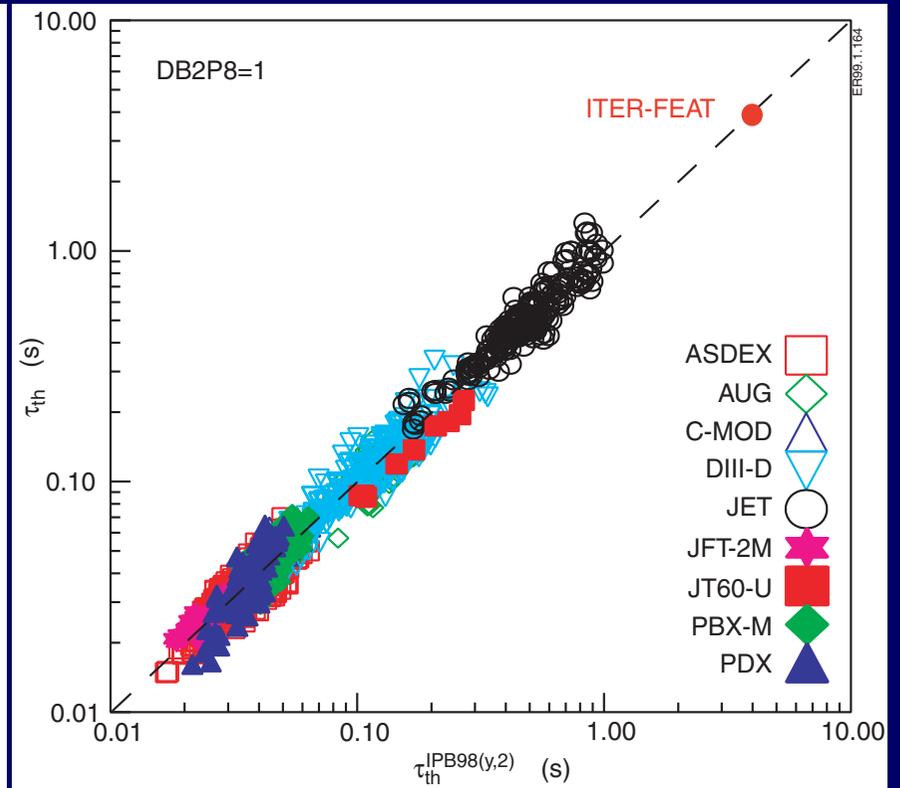
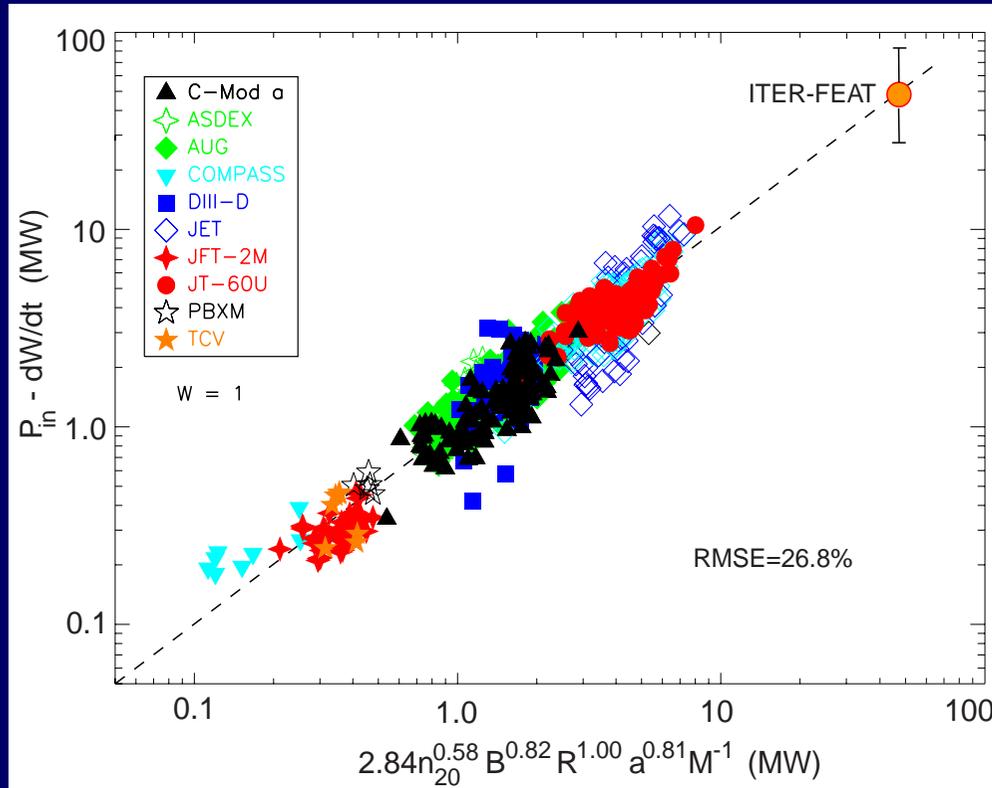
	Reference Performance	Flexibility
$I_p$ (MA)	15 (flat top 400-500 s)	17 (flat top 100-200 s)
Fusion Power (MW)	500 (~2000s)	700 (100-200s)
$\kappa_x/\delta_x$	1.85/0.49	2.0/0.55(a=1.85m)
Pumping	200 Pam <sup>3</sup> /s	higher in shorter pulse

	Initial	Possible Upgrade	
NB (MW)	33	50	33
RF (MW)	40	80	100
ECCD for NT (MW)	(20)	(40)	
Saddle coils for RWM	20KA/10G/2Hz	~50KA	

Divertor/Blanket	Exchangeable concept
Large common ports	14 for blanket tests, RH, Diagnostics, H/CD



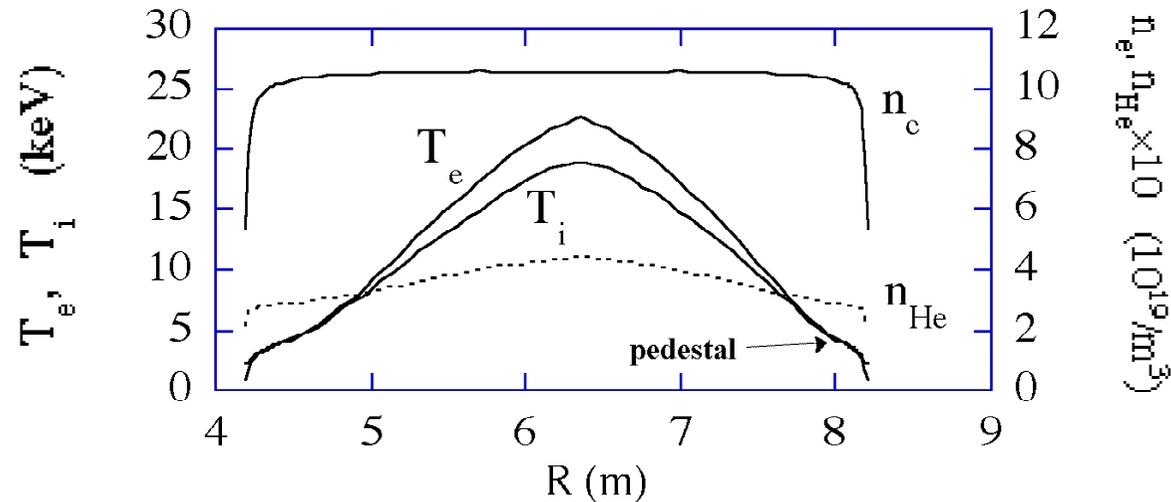
# Standard Operations: ELMy H-mode



$$P_{LH} = 2.84 M^{-1} B_T^{0.82} \bar{n}_e^{0.58} R^{1.00} a^{0.81}$$

$$\tau_{E,th}^{IPB98(y,2)} = 0.144 I_p^{0.93} B_T^{0.15} P^{-0.69} n_e^{0.41} M^{0.19} R^{1.97} \epsilon^{0.58} \kappa_a^{0.78}, \quad \tau_E = H_H \tau_{E,th}^{IPB98(y,2)}$$

(s, MA, T, MW,  $10^{20} \text{m}^{-3}$ , AMU, m and  $\kappa_a = S_x / \pi a^2$ )



**Profiles of Electron Temperature ( $T_e$ ), Ion Temperature ( $T_i$ ),  
Electron Density ( $n_e$ ), Helium Density ( $n_{He}$ )**

### Conservative Assumptions in Standard Analysis

⚡ P Flat Density Profile

$$\zeta \quad Q P = P\alpha + P_{oh} + P_{aux} - (P_{brem} + P_{cycl} + P_{line}/3)$$

Radiation Loss ~ 30 %

The confinement Data Base does not include this effect.

$\tau_E$  is under estimated.

$P_{LH}$  is estimated 30% higher.

$$3\text{\AA} \quad \chi_i/\chi_e = 2$$

**Example:**

**Fusion Power  $\dot{Q}$  500MW**

**Q: 20-10**

**Alpha Heating  $\dot{Q}$  100MW**

**Additional Heating  $\dot{Q}$  25-50MW**

**Total Heating Power  $\dot{Q}$  125-150MW**

**$\dot{Q}$  Power required for L-H transition  $\dot{Q}$  50MW  $\dot{Q}_j$   $\dot{Q}$**

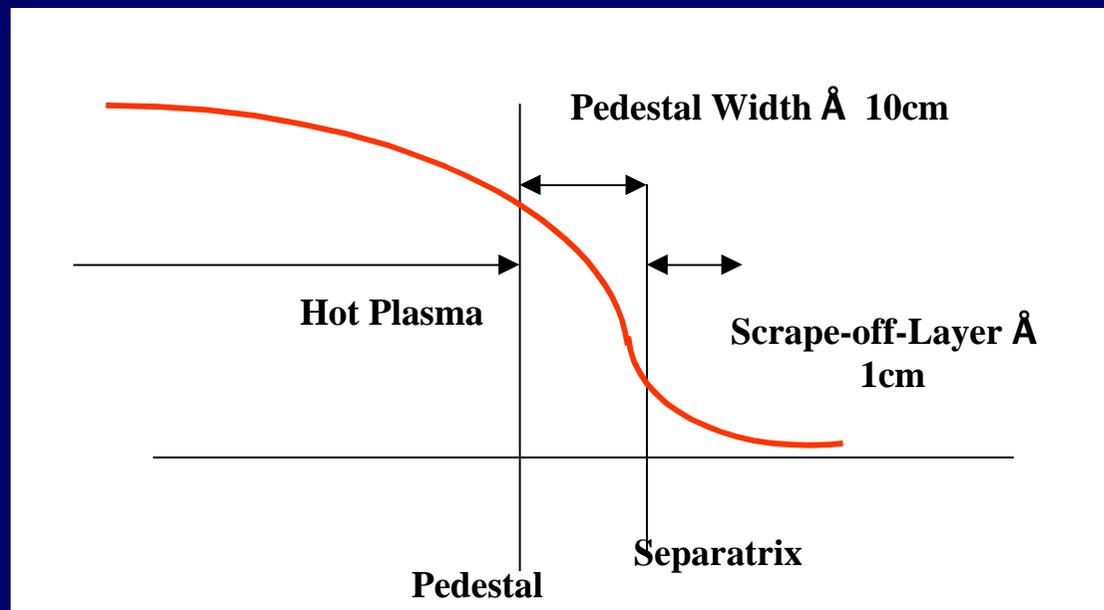
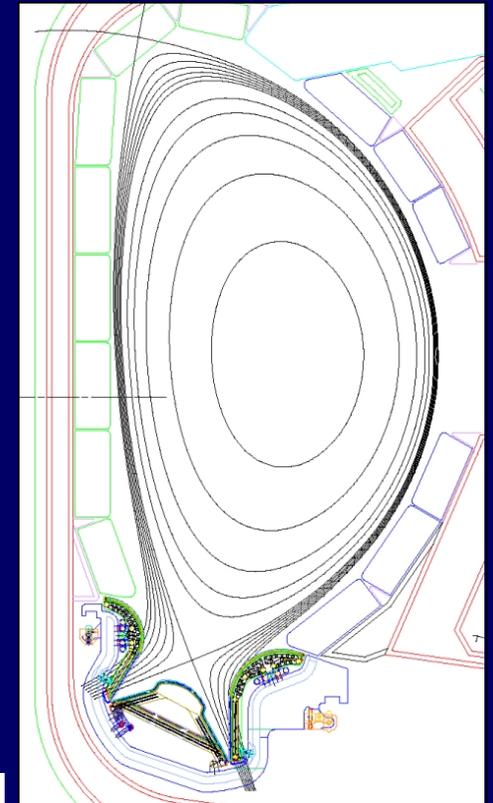
**Radiation loss  $\dot{Q}$  50MW**

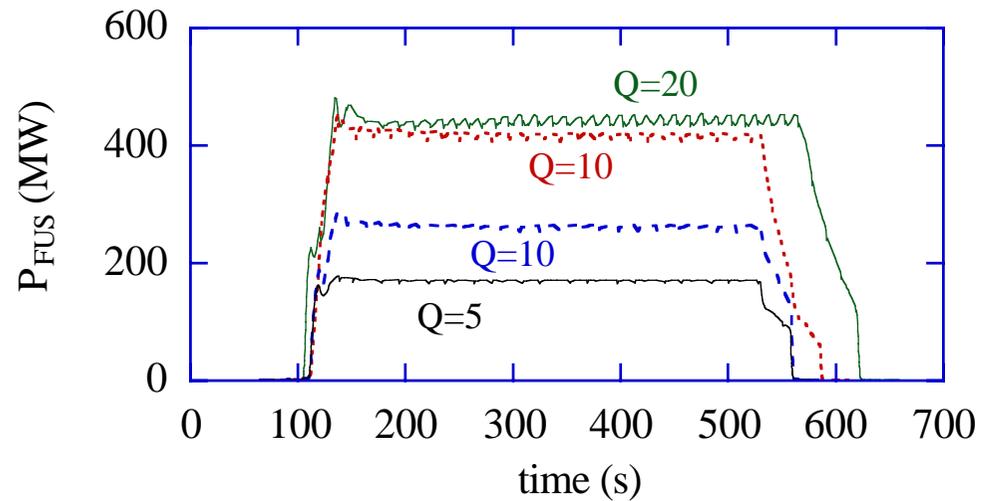
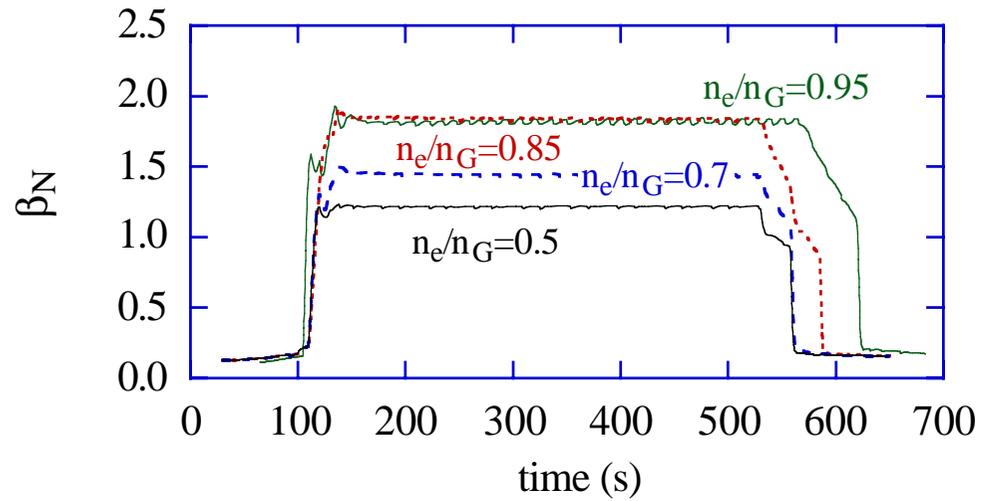
**Power in to Scrape-off-Layer  $\dot{Q}$  75-100MW**

**Power to Divertor Target  $\dot{Q}$  30-60MW  $\dot{Q} < 60MW$  or  $\dot{Q}$  10MW  $\dot{Q}$  m<sup>2</sup>  $\dot{Q}$**

**$\dot{Q}$  Maximum allowable heat load : 20MW  $\dot{Q}$  m<sup>2</sup>  $\dot{Q}$**

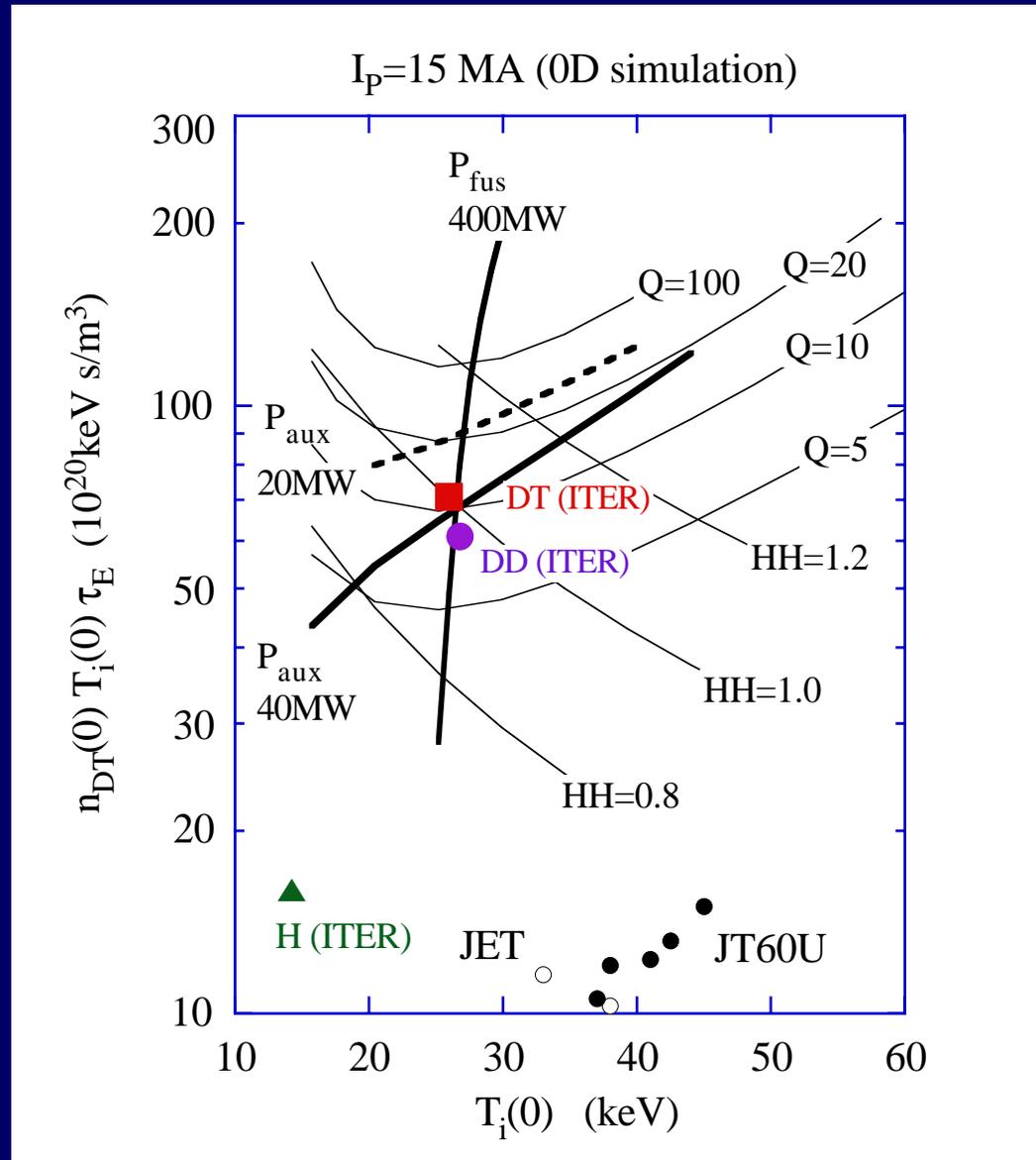
**Detached plasma is not a necessary condition.**





$I_p = 15 \text{ MA}$ ,  $H_H = 1.0$ ,  $\tau_{He^*}/\tau_E = 5$ , Divertor heat flux  $\dot{A} \ 10 \text{ MW/m}^2$

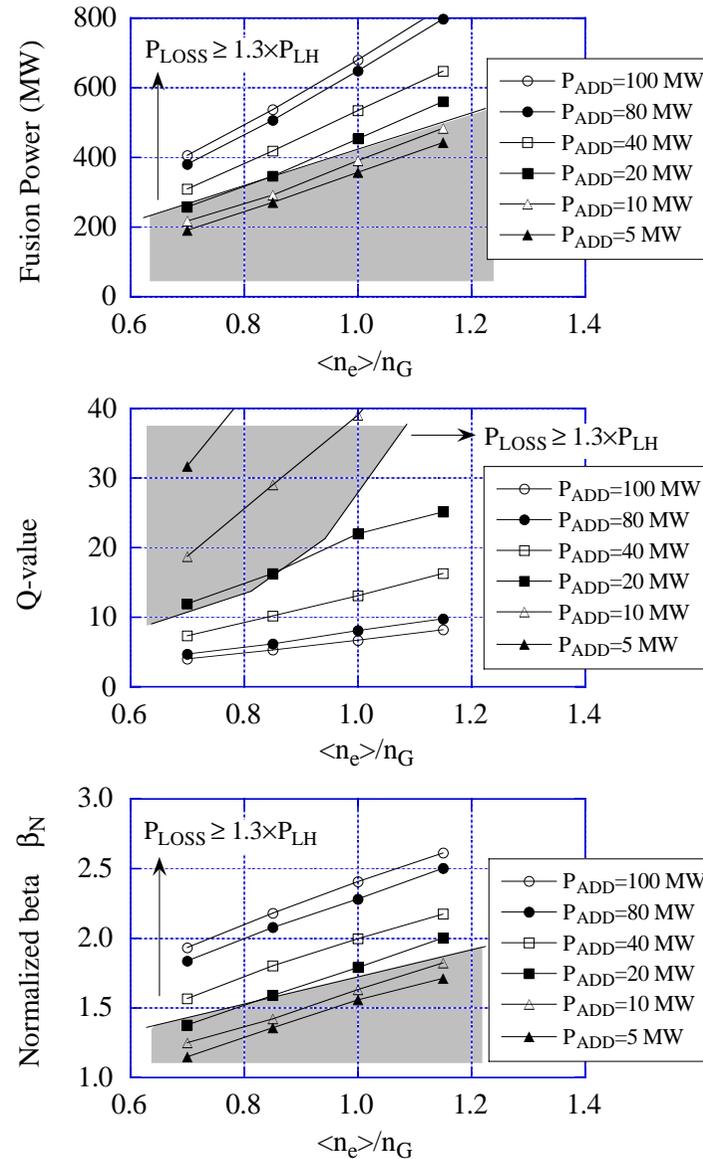
$$n_G (10^{20}/\text{m}^3) = I_p (\text{MA}) / \pi a^2, \beta_N = \beta (\%) / [I_p/aB_T]$$



**Lawson diagram of ITER with  $n/n_G = 0.85$ .**

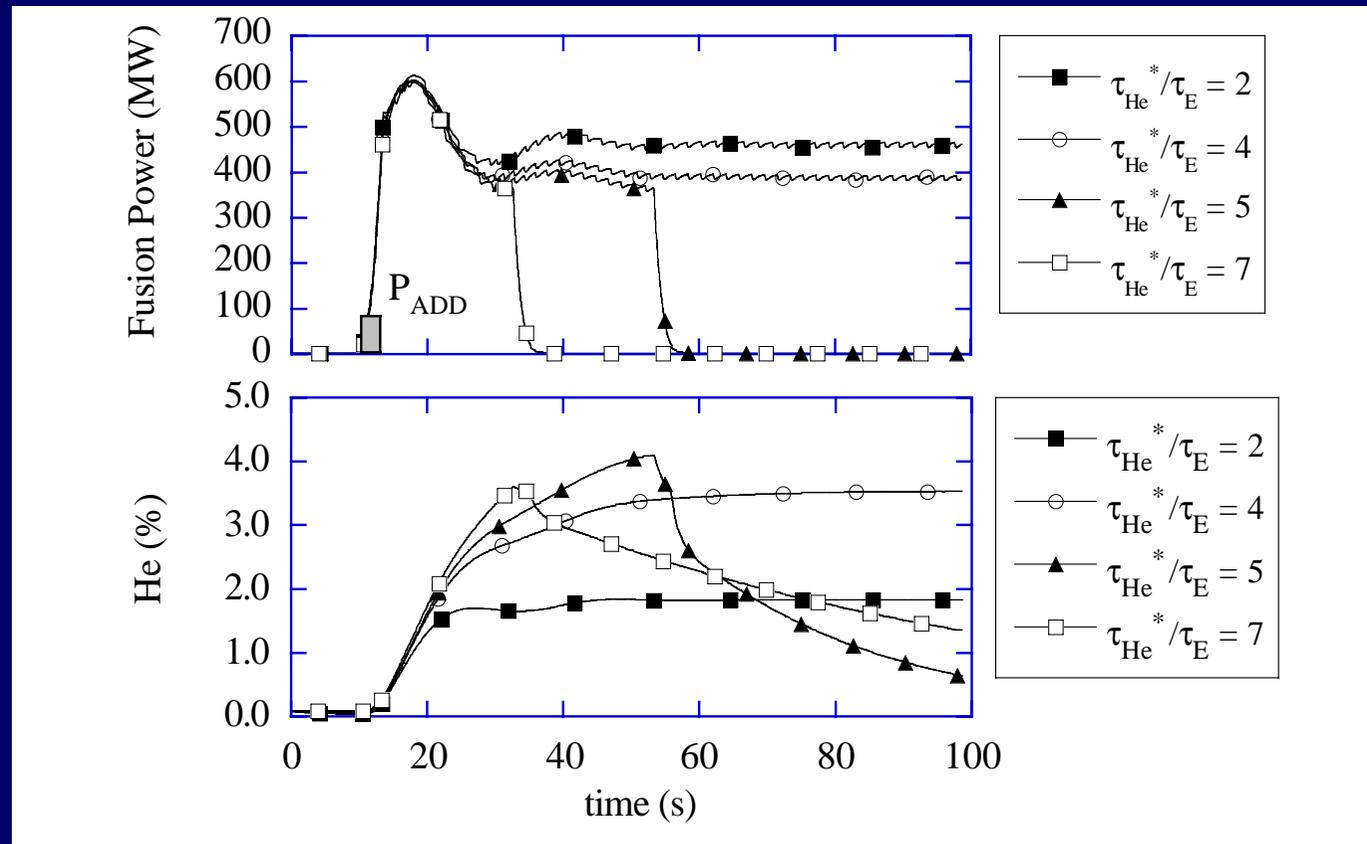
**Hydrogen plasma is operated at 7.5 MA and 2.7 T because of difficulty of L-H transition.  
Data of the present machines are not ELMy H-mode.**

- $I_p=15\text{MA}$ ,  $\tau_{\text{He}}^*/\tau_E \sim 5$ ,  $H_{98(y,2)} = 1.0$ , flat density profile
- Argon impurity is seeded to limit the power to divertor region



**Density is one of the most important parameters**

A burn length of  $\sim 60$  s is the minimum to study inductively driven plasma

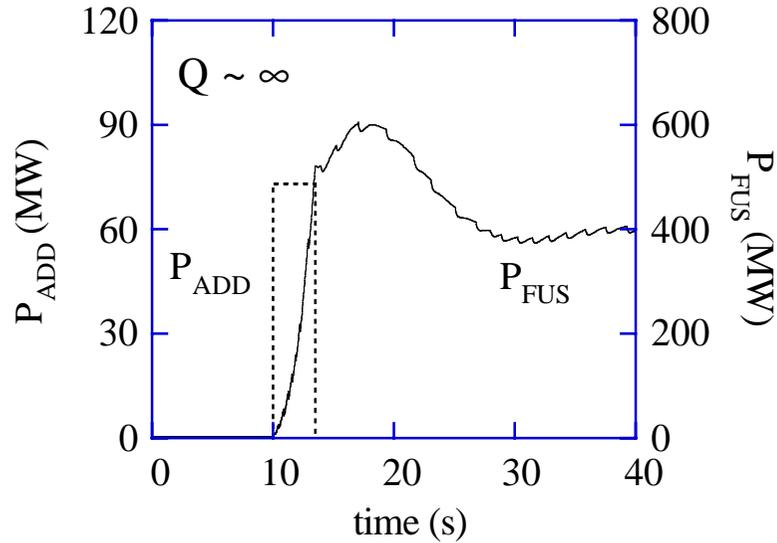


$I_p = 17$  MA,  $\langle n_e \rangle = 1.1 \times 10^{20}/m^3$  ( $n_e/n_G = 0.81$ ) and  $P_{ADD} = 73$  MW ( $t = 10-13.5$  s)

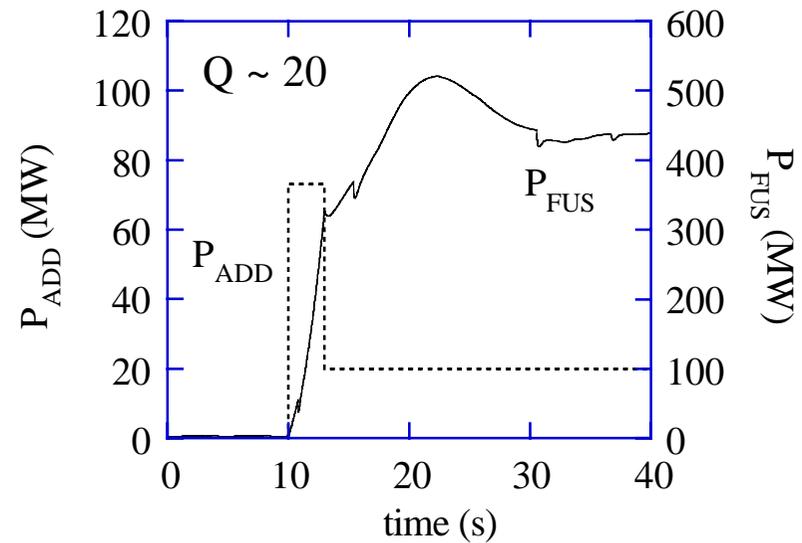
# 1.5D Simulation of Thermal Stability

( $\tau_{\text{He}^*}/\tau_{\text{E}} = 5$ ,  $H_{\text{H98(y,2)}} \sim 1.0$  after H-mode transition)

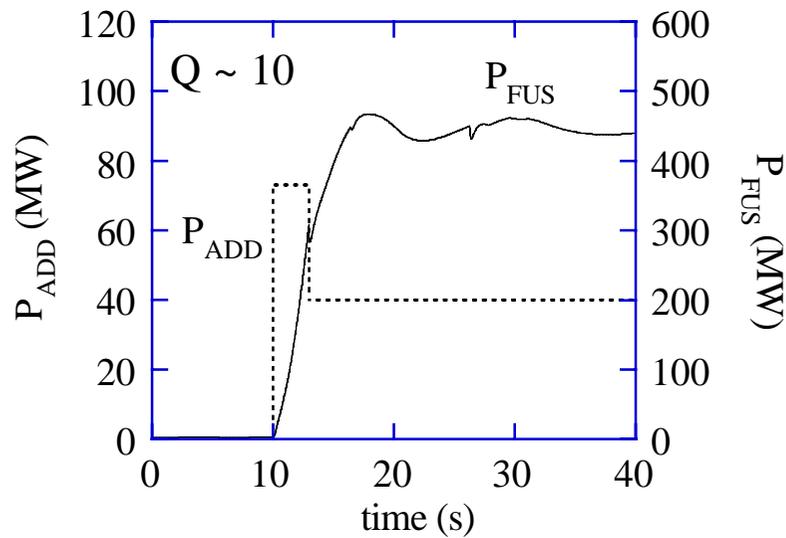
a) 17 MA,  $\langle n_e \rangle = 1.1 \times 10^{20}/\text{m}^3$



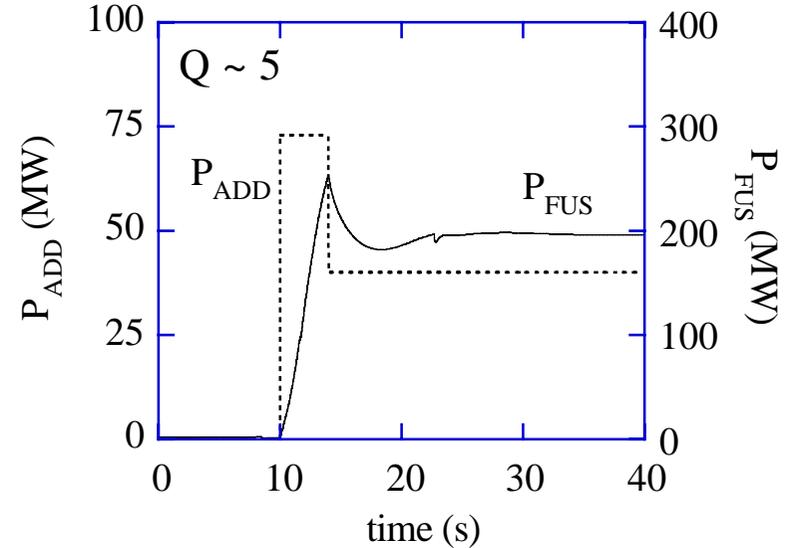
b) 16 MA,  $\langle n_e \rangle = 1.0 \times 10^{20}/\text{m}^3$



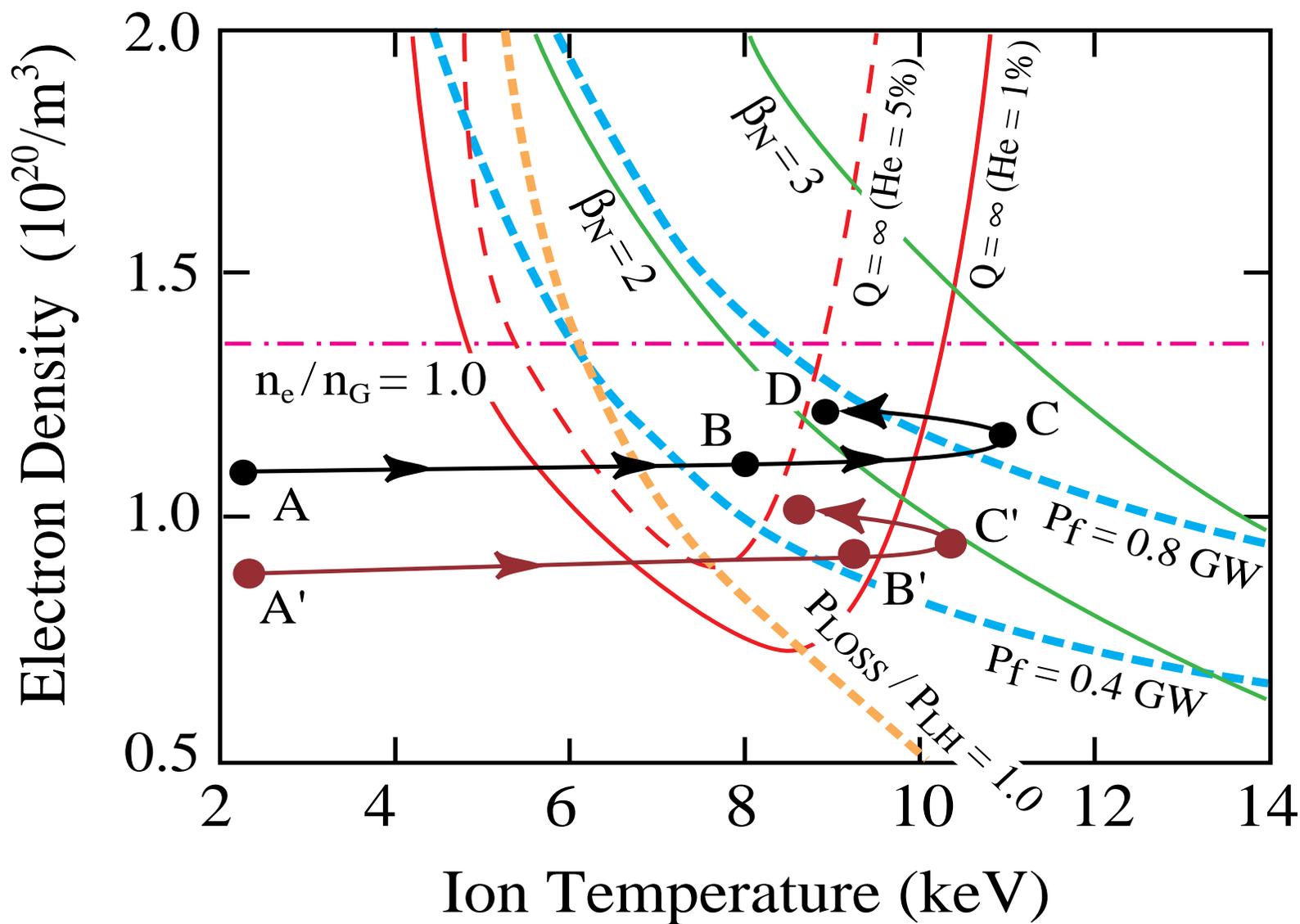
c) 15 MA,  $\langle n_e \rangle = 1.0 \times 10^{20}/\text{m}^3$



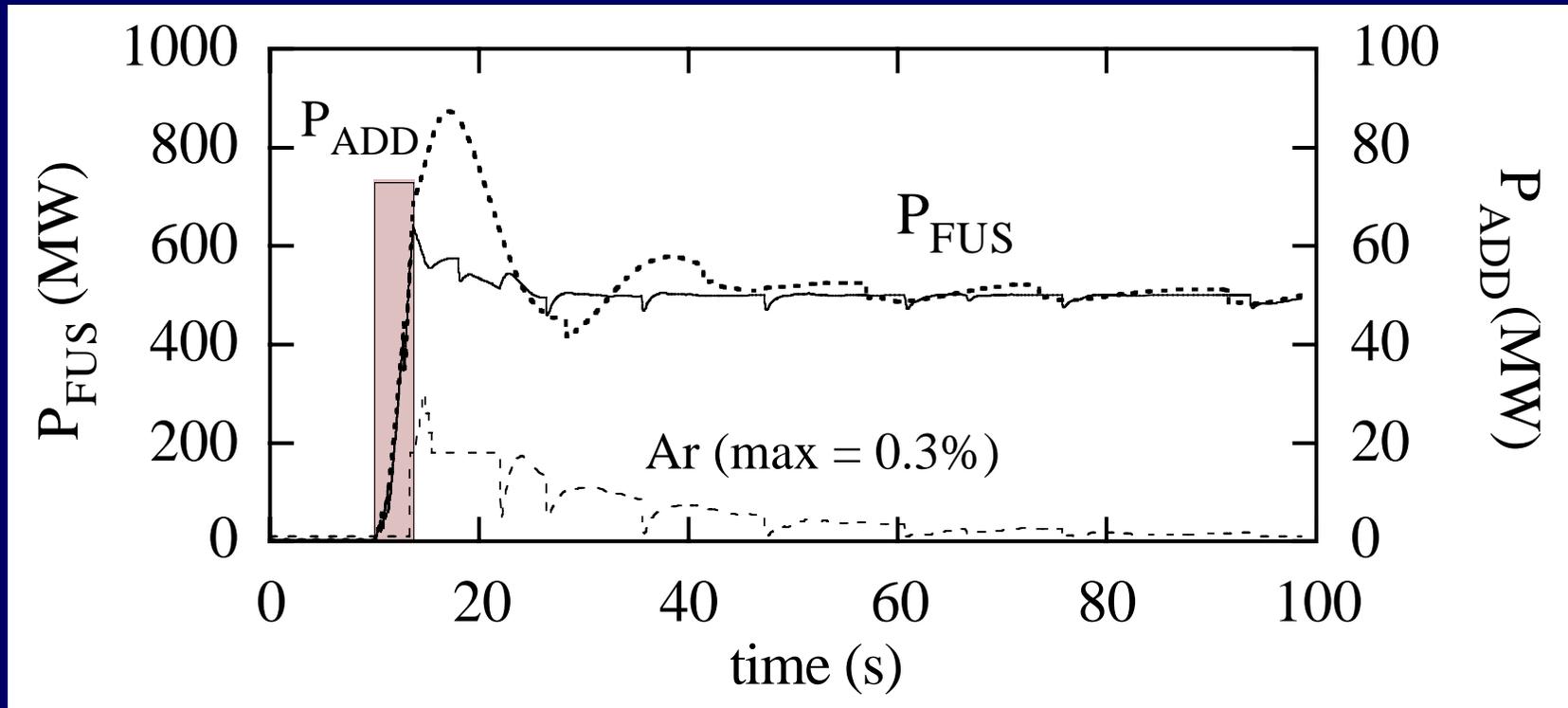
d) 12 MA,  $\langle n_e \rangle = 0.81 \times 10^{20}/\text{m}^3$



### Thermal Instability with 17 MA



## Control of power excursion by impurity injection



$I_P = 17$  MA,  $\tau_{He}^*/\tau_E = 3$ ,  $H_H(y,2) = 1.0$  and 73 MW of heating power ( $P_{ADD}$ ) is added from 10s to 13.7s:  
solid line - with argon (Ar) impurity seeding, dotted line - without impurity seeding

## Examples of ITER-like Discharges

(Example)

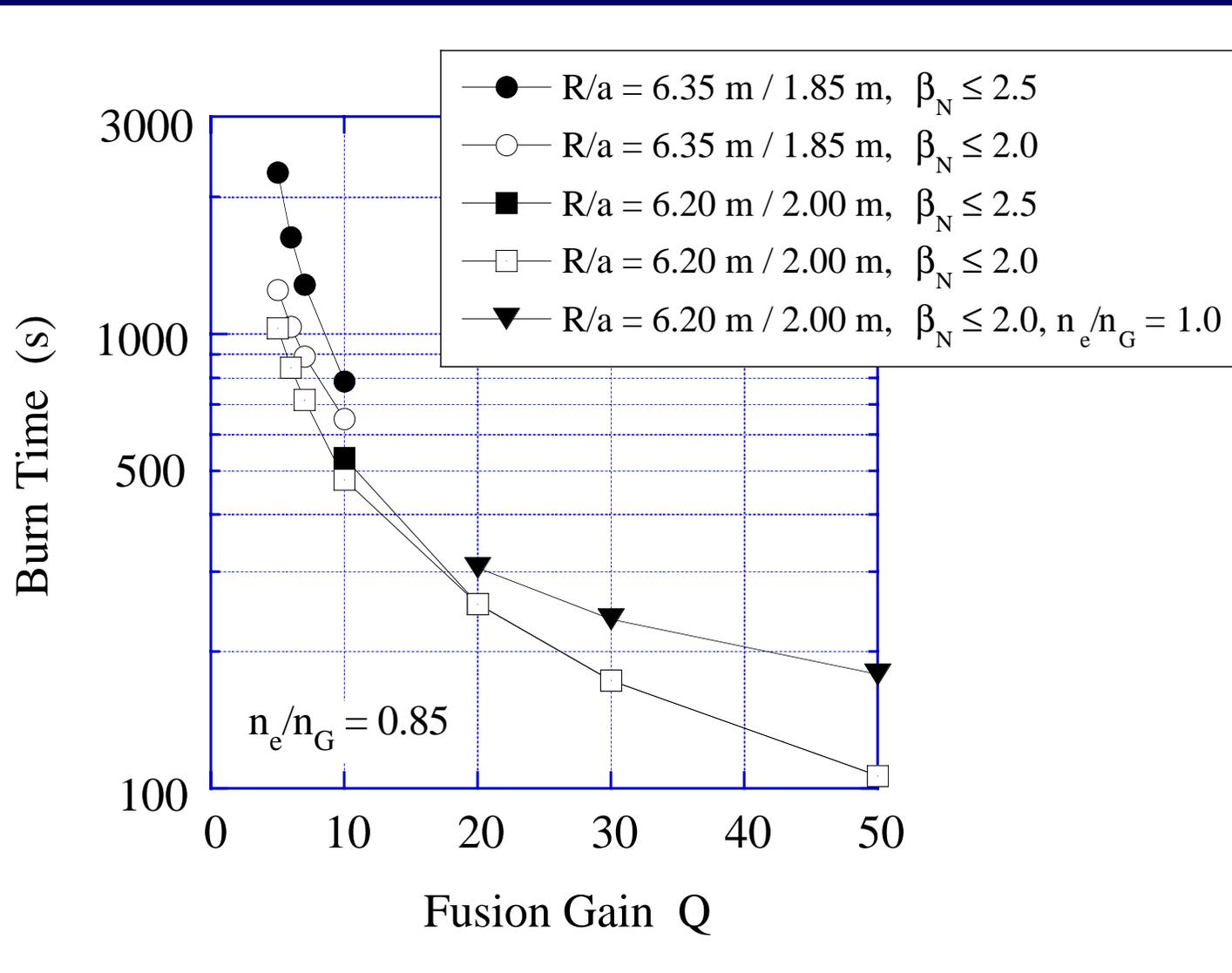
JET	Pellets	Ar seeded	$q_{95} \sim 3.4$	$q_{95} \sim 3$	ITER 15 MA Q = 10/20	ITER 16/17 MA Q = 20/50
$H_H$	1.0-0.8	1.0	0.98	1.0	1.0	1.0
$\beta_N$	1.8	1.78	2.17	1.8	1.7/1.75	1.7/1.8
$n_e/n_G$	1.2-1.0	0.9	0.92	0.95	0.85/0.95	0.8/0.85
$Z_{eff}$	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.7/1.6	1.6/1.6
$\delta_X$	0.39	0.23	0.34	0.43	0.5	0.5
$q_{95}$	2.8	2.8	3.4	3.1	3	2.85/2.69

Q = 10-20/400MW, Q = 50/500MW,

Ar seeded: ~0.1%,

Divertor heat load < 10 MW/m<sup>2</sup>

$\text{\AA}$   $H_H = 1\text{\AA}$



Blanket Test :>1000s, 500 MW  $\text{\AA}$  Test area  $\text{\AA}$  0.77 MW/m<sup>2</sup>  $\text{\AA}$

## Long Pulse Operation

	Hybrid #7	Hybrid #2
$I_p$ (MA)	13.3	14.4
$q_{95}$	3.5	3.2
$\langle n_e \rangle$ ( $10^{20} m^{-3}$ )	0.90	1.0
$n_e / n_G$	0.85	0.85
$\beta_N$	1.9	2.2
$P_{FUS}$ (MW)	350	500
$P_{NB}, P_{RF}$ (MW)	73	60
$Q = P_{FUS} / (P_{NB} + P_{RF})$	4.8	5.0
$\tau_E$ (s)	2.62	2.40
$f_{He, axis / ave}$ (%)	2.9 / 2.2	3.9 / 2.7
$Z_{eff, ave}$	1.73	2.03
$P_{Separatrix}$ (MW)	100	129
$I_{CD} / I_p$ (%)	28	32
$I_{BS} / I_p$ (%)	18	20
Burn time (s)	1280	1220
Shot # for 0.2 MWa/m <sup>2</sup>	12800	9400

\* Neutron fluence at test area = 0.28 MWa/m<sup>2</sup>

\* Neutron flux at test area = 0.55 MW/m<sup>2</sup> at 350 MW, 0.78 MW/m<sup>2</sup> at 500 MW

R (m) / a (m) = 6.2 / 2.0,  $\kappa_{95} / \delta_{95} = 1.7 / 0.33$ ,  $\tau_{He}^* / \tau_E = 5$ , HH(y,2) = 1.0

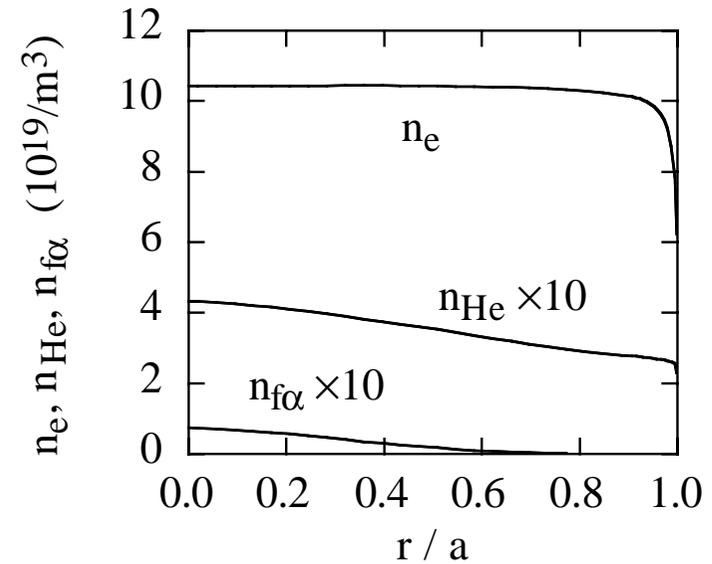
\*\* High triangularity gives  $q_{95} = 3.7$  instead of 3.5.

# Operation Parameters of ITER

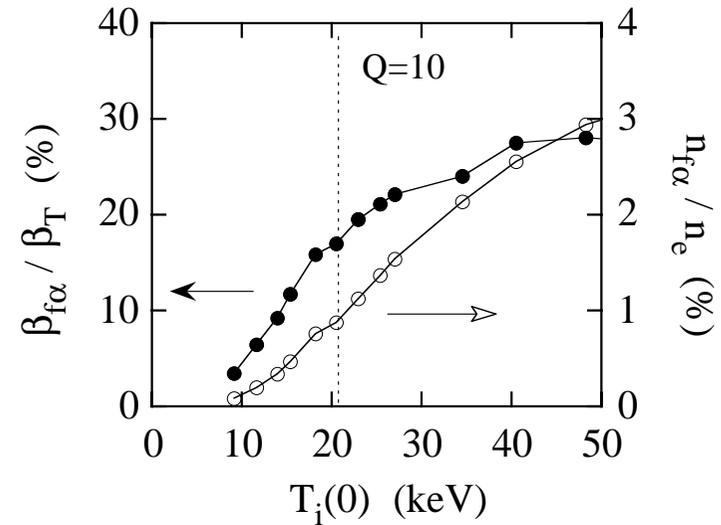
15 MA,  $H_{H98(y,2)}=1.0$

		Q = 20	Q = 10
$\langle T_i \rangle$	keV	7.1	8.0
$\langle T_e \rangle$	keV	7.7	8.8
$\langle n_e \rangle$	$10^{19}/m^3$	11.3	10.1
$\langle n_e \rangle / n_G$		0.95	0.85
$f_{He}$ (axis)	%	4.6	4.4
$P_{FUS}$	MW	400	400
$\beta_N$		1.7	1.8
$\langle \beta_T \rangle$	%	2.4	2.5
$\langle \beta_{f\alpha} \rangle$	%	0.13	0.17
$\beta_{f\alpha}$ (axis)	%	0.9	1.2
$n_{f\alpha} / n_e$ (axis)	%	0.5	0.8
$\tau_{s,f\alpha}$ (axis)	s	0.7	1.0
$\tau_{e,i}$ (axis)	s	0.8	1.1
$\tau_E$	s	4.5	3.7
$W_{thr}$	MJ	310	320
$W_{f\alpha}$	MJ	18	24

\* Typical Density Profile (Q=10)



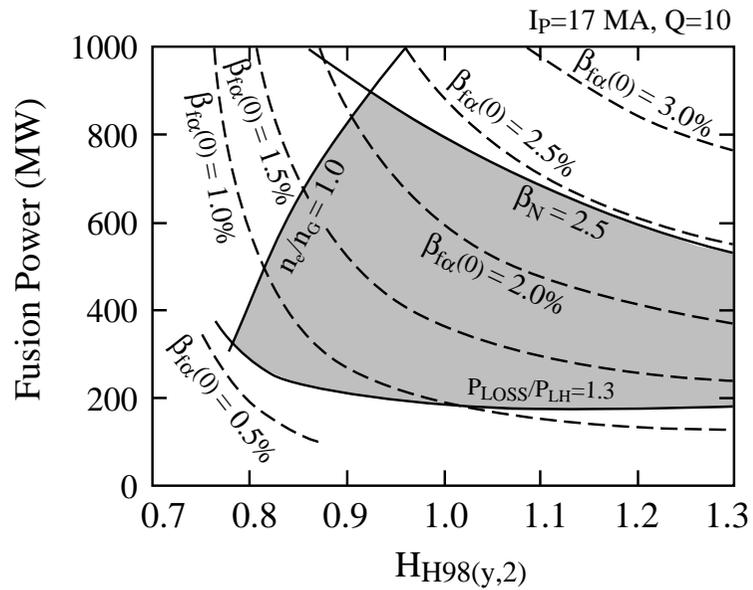
\* Fast Alpha Beta & Density



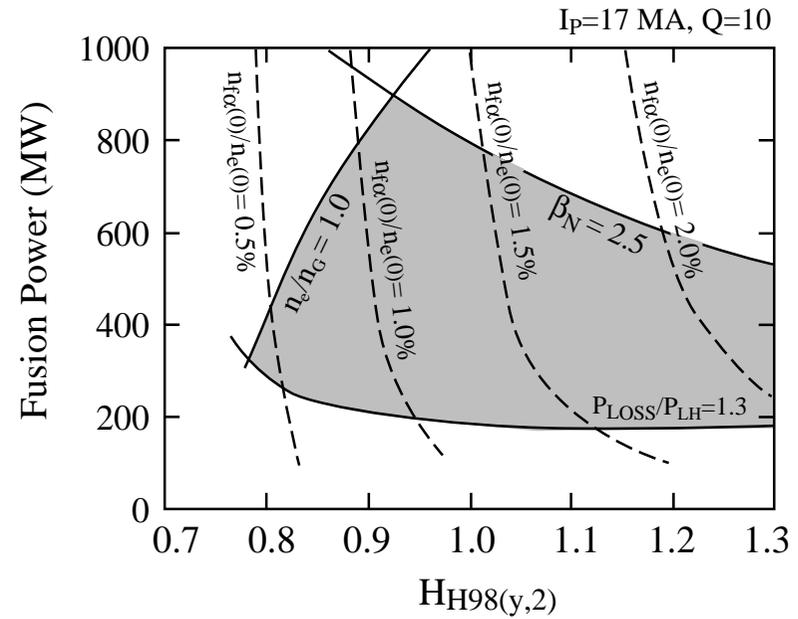
\*  $n_{f\alpha} \sim n_D n_T \langle \sigma v \rangle_{DT} \times \tau_{s,f\alpha}$  ( $n_{f\alpha} / n_e$  has a weak dependence on  $n_e$ )

# Fast Alpha Particle Parameter in ITER (17MA)

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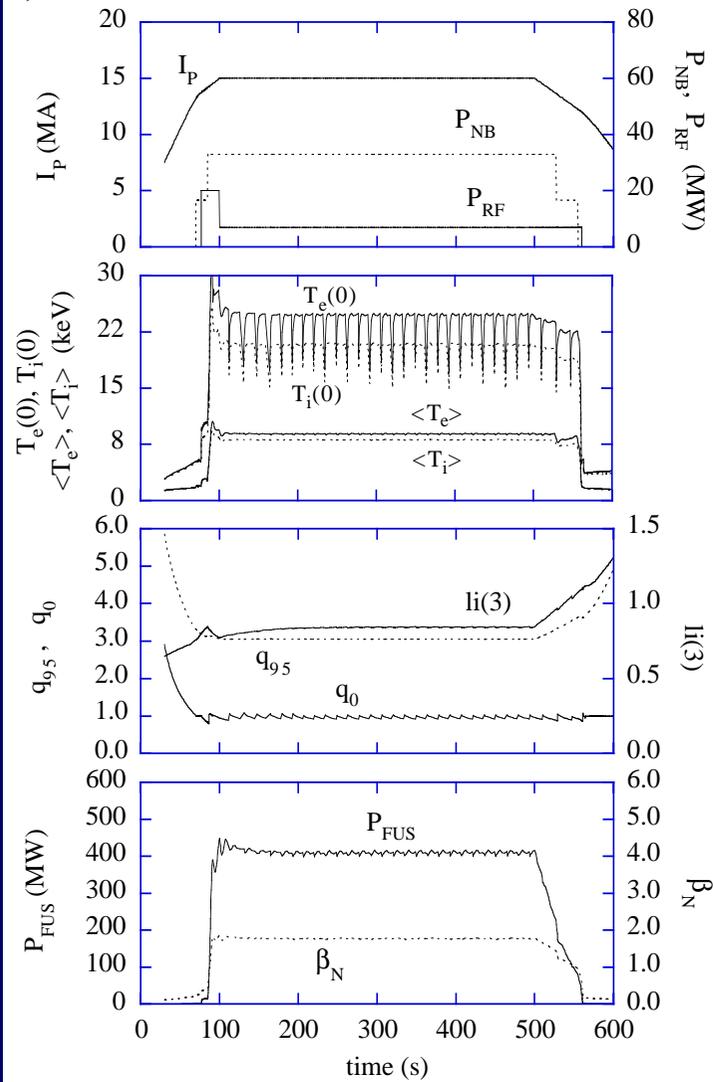


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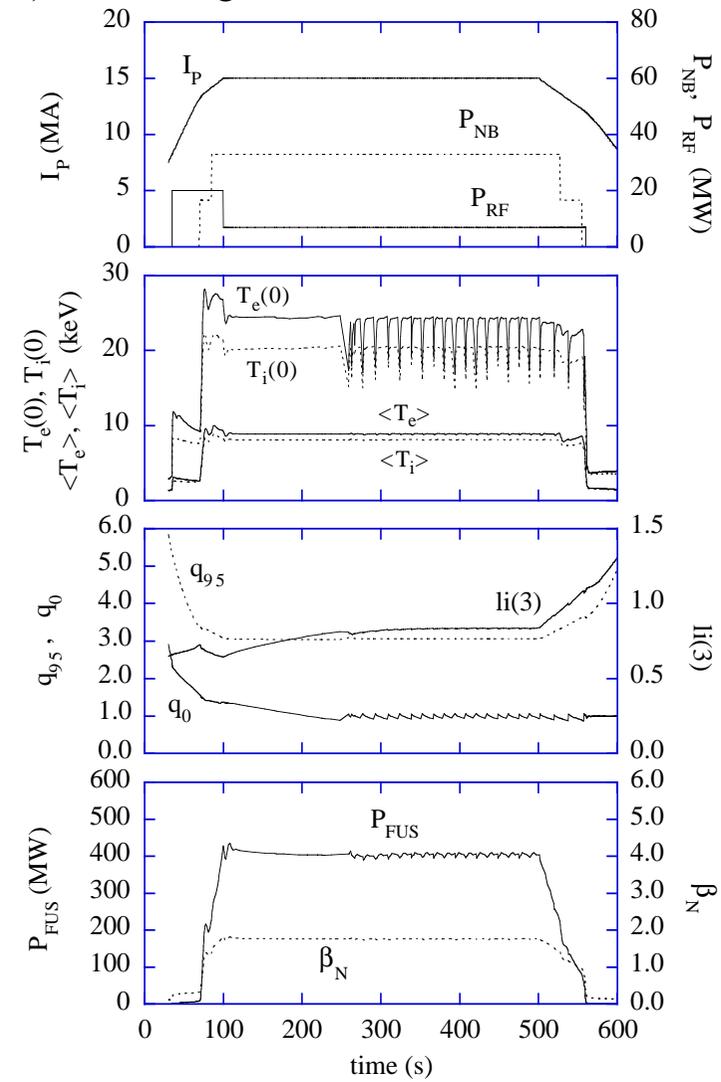


High fast alpha particle pressure can be accessed only with better confinement

a) Reference case



b) Pre-heating case

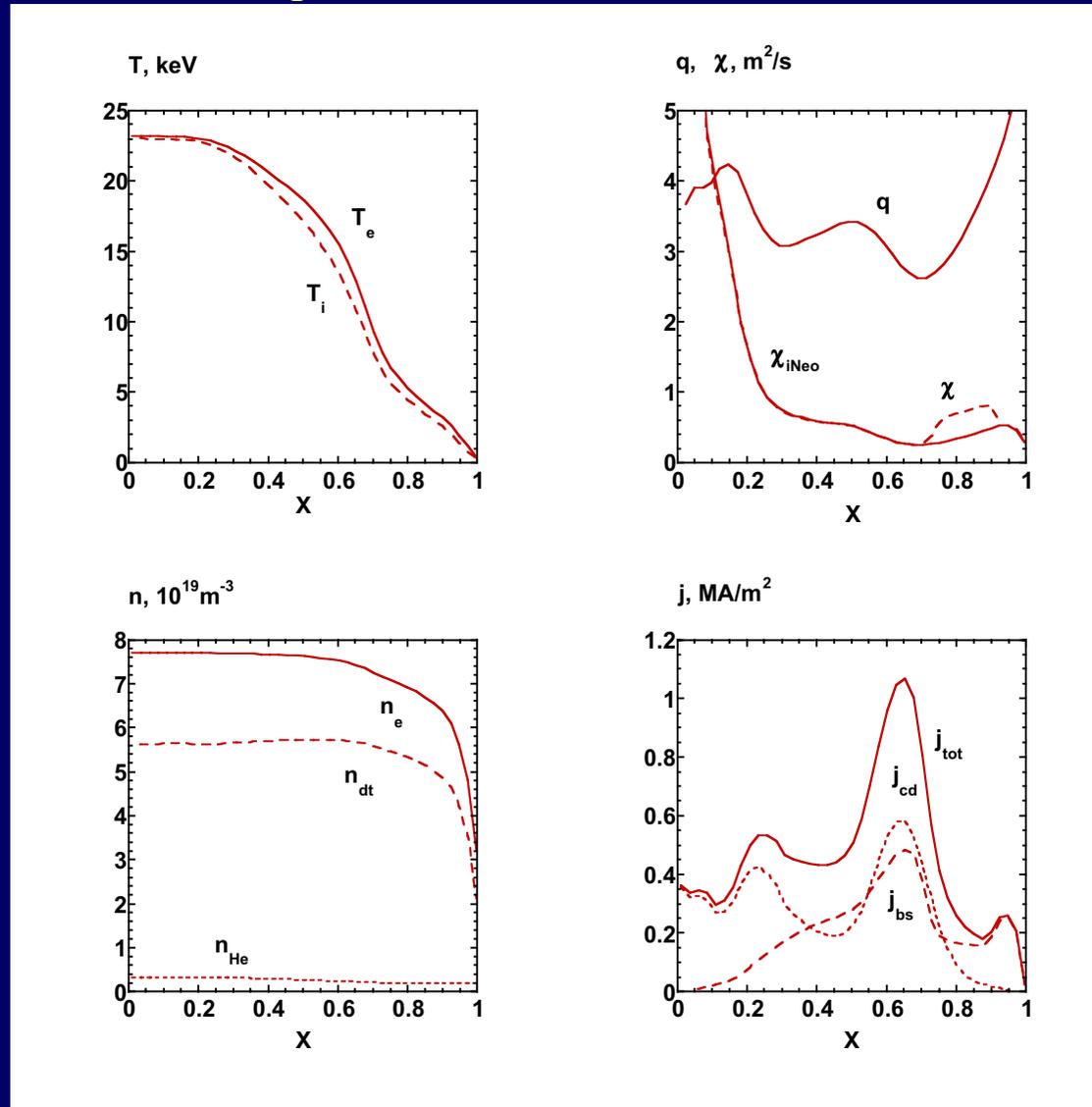


## Onset of the first sawtooth crash

(a) 20 MW of RF heating power is added at  $t = 77$ s

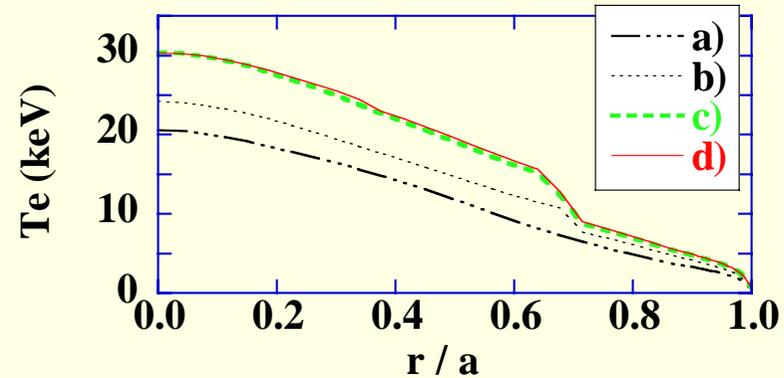
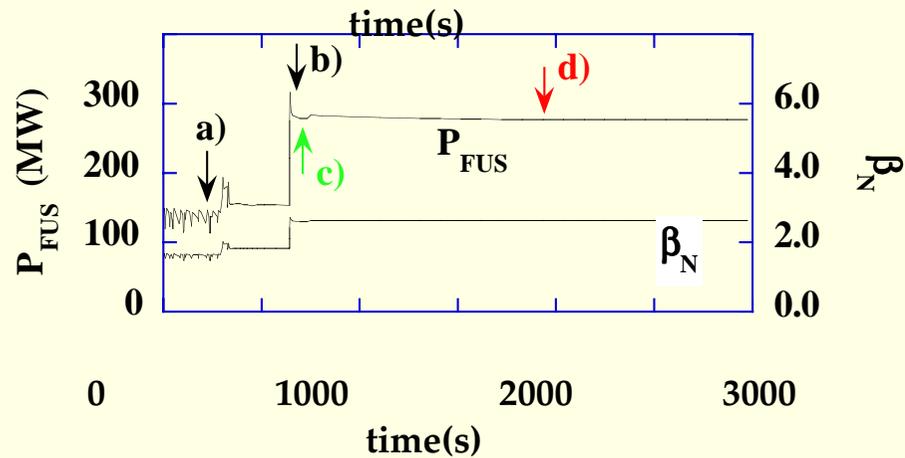
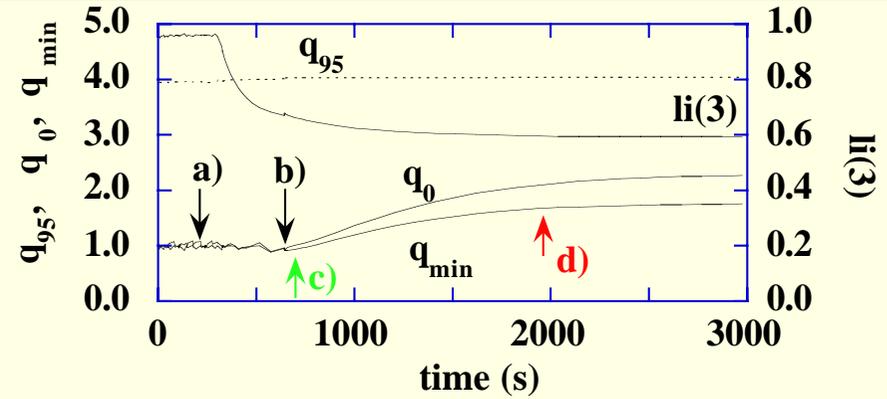
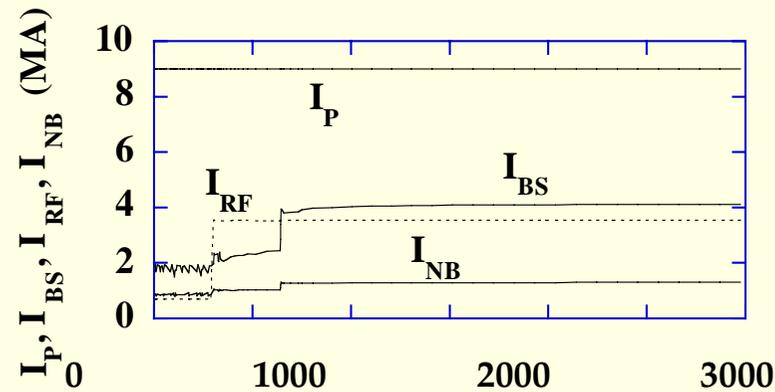
(b) 20 MW of RF power is added at  $t = 34$ s to reduce current penetration.

## QA 5.4, $I_p = 9.5$ MA Steady State Operation



$P_{\text{FUS}} / P_{\text{CD}} = 340 \text{ MW} / 63 \text{ MW},$   
 $Z_{\text{eff}} \sim 1.9$  ( He / Be / Ar = 4% / 2% / 0.16% ),  $P_{\text{sep.}} = 100 \text{ MW}, H_{\text{H}} = 1.45, \beta_{\text{N}} = 2.7$   
 $r = 0-0.5$  (NB:28 MW),  $r = 0.5-0.8$  (EC and LH : 35MW)

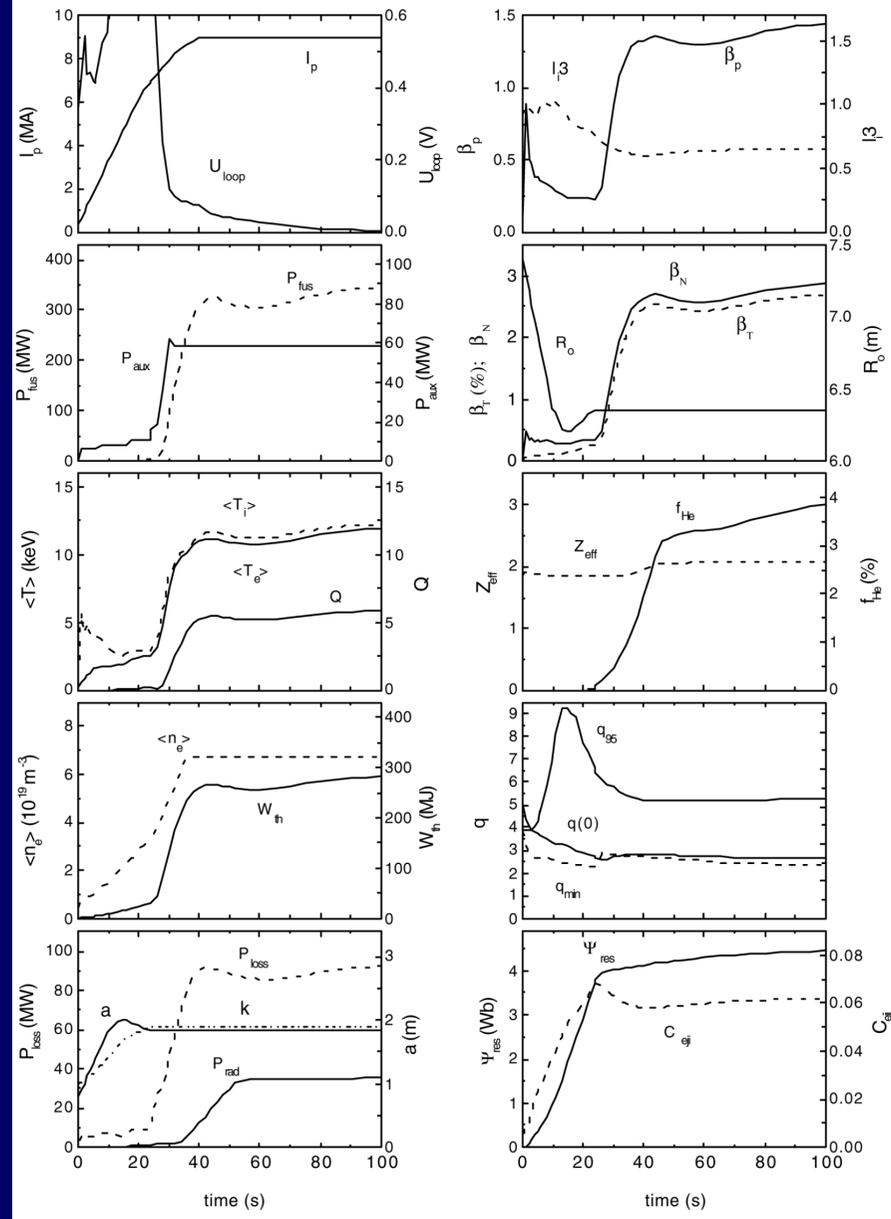
# Non-inductive Operation with Internal Transport Barrier from a Conventional Operation



$\langle n_e \rangle = 0.67 \times 10^{20} / \text{m}^3$  ( $\langle n_e \rangle / n_G = 0.8$ ),  $\text{HH} = 1 \rightarrow 1.4$ ,  $P_{\text{FUS}} / P_{\text{CD}} = 280 \text{ MW} / 80 \text{ MW}$  ( $Q = 3.5$ )

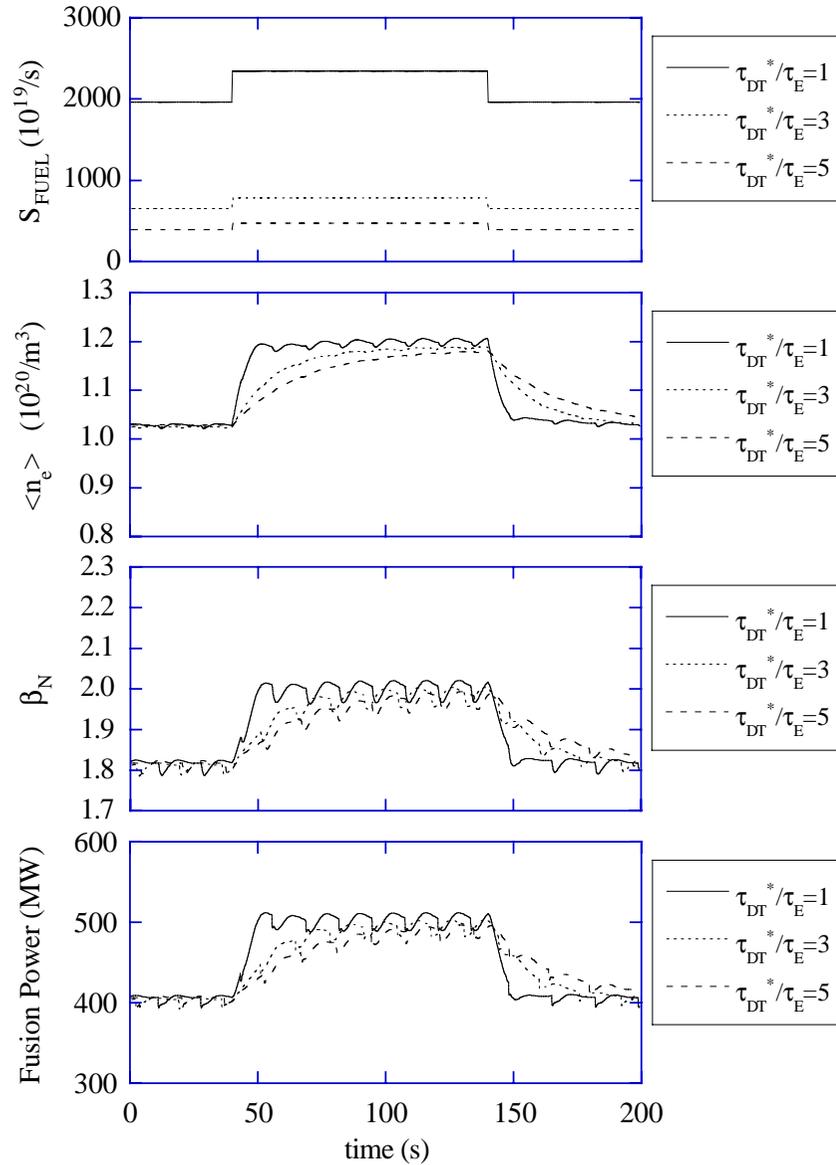
On axis (EC) : 20 MW,  $\gamma_{20}(\text{EC}) = 0.15$ ,  
 Off axis (NB) : 20 MW,  $\gamma_{20}(\text{NB}) = 0.18 \rightarrow 0.28$   
 Far off axis (LH) : 40 MW,  $\gamma_{20}(\text{LH}) = 0.3$

## Fast Formation of Steady State Plasma



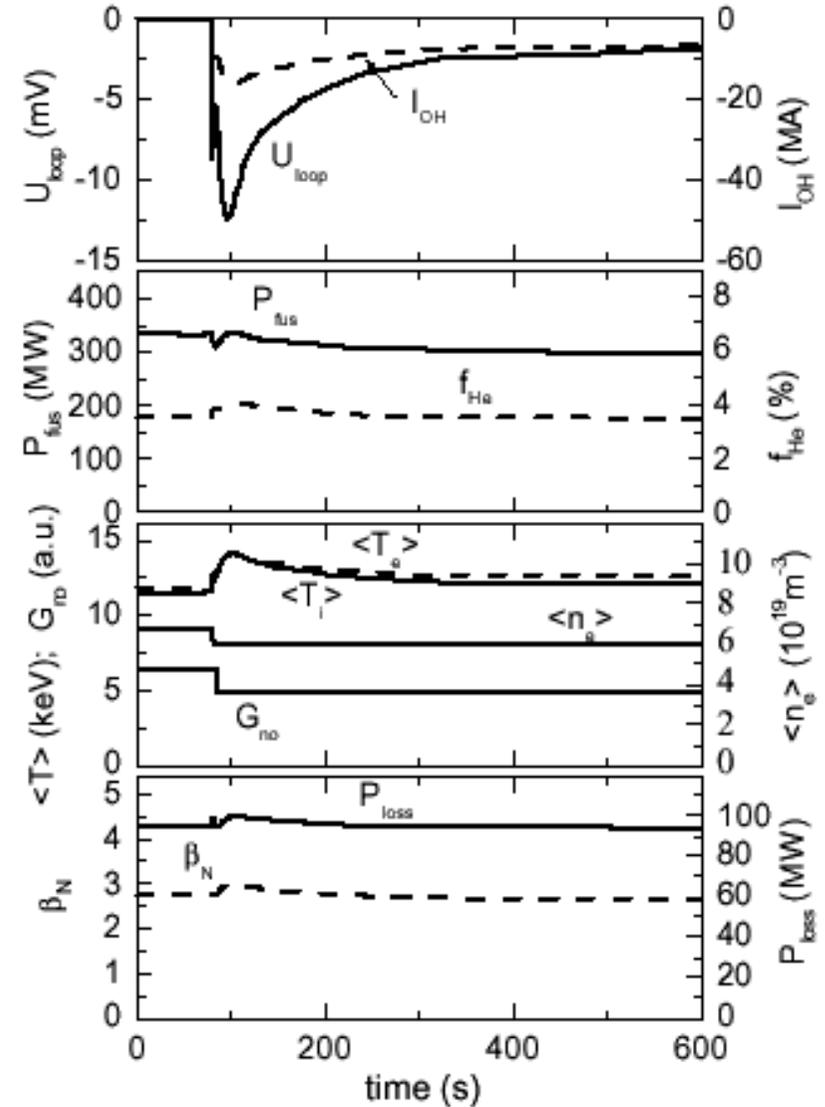
Evolution of plasma parameters for the WNS steady-state operational scenario. X-point formation corresponds to  $t=15.7$  s, start of flat-top corresponds to  $t=40$  s, start of burn corresponds to  $t=40$  s.

## Inductive

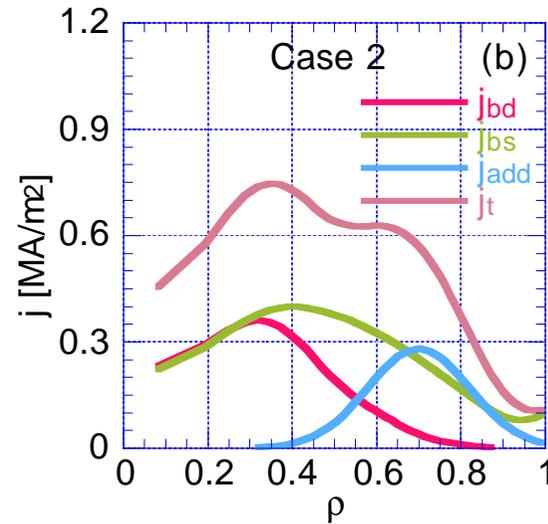
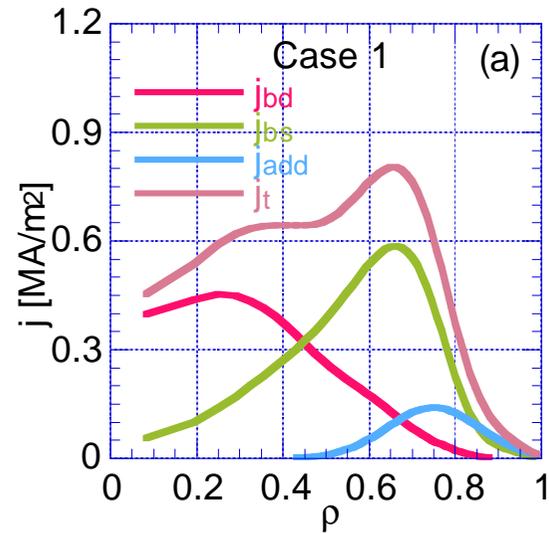
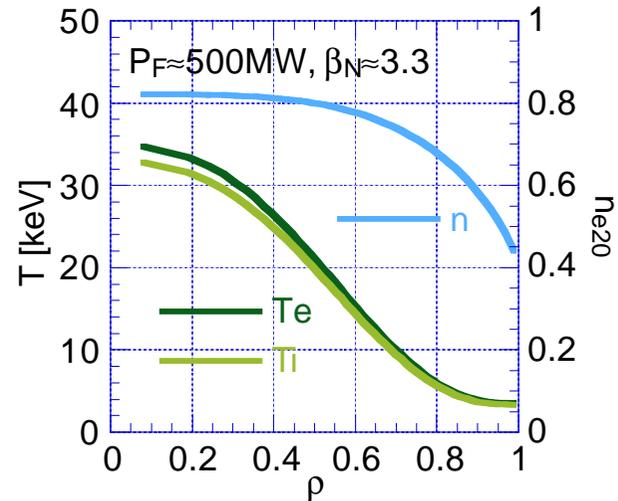
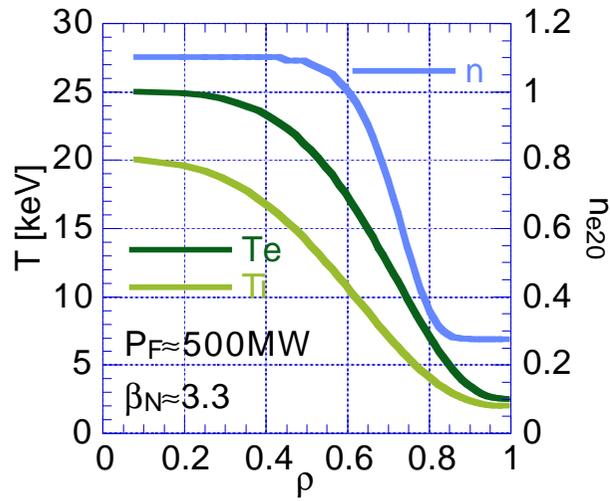


**Time response of fusion power to increase of fuelling rate ( $S_{\text{FUEL}}$ ) for various  $\tau_{\text{DT}}^*/\tau_{\text{E}}$  values. Here,  $H_{\text{H98}(y,2)} = 1.0$ ,  $P_{\text{NB}} = 33$  MW,  $P_{\text{RF}} = 7$  MW and  $\tau_{\text{He}}^*/\tau_{\text{E}} = 5$ .**

## Non-inductive



**Evolution of plasma parameters as a reaction on the 25% testing decrease in the plasma gas-puff fuelling ( $G_{\text{n0}}$ ) for the WNS steady-state scenario.**



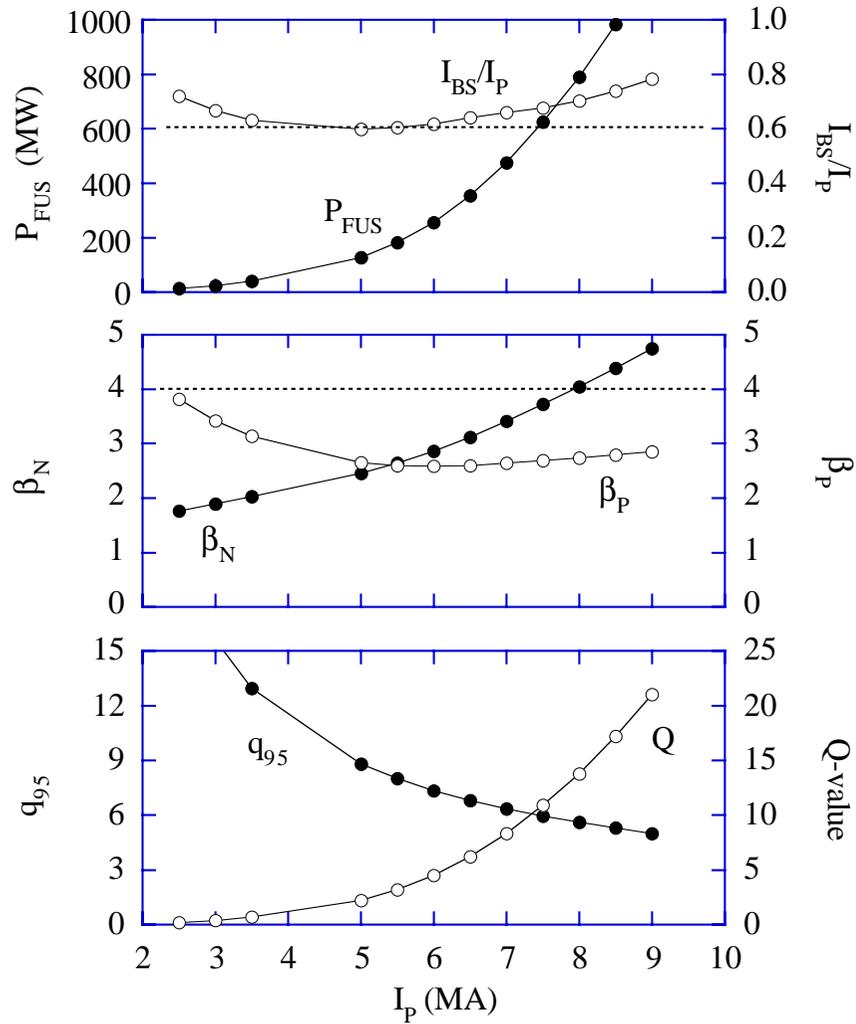
	Bootstrap-C	NB-C	LH/EC-C
Case 1 (Negative shear, $q > 2$ )	5.8	3.0 (50 MW)	1.2 (LH 15 MW)
Case 2 (Negative shear, $q > 2$ )	5.2	2.2 (30 MW)	2.6 (LH 40 MW)
Flat density (Weak shear, $q > 1.5$ )	3.0	3.9 (36 MW)	3.1 (LH 50 MW)

$I_p = 10$  MA,  $\langle n \rangle \sim 7 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$  ( $0.8n_G$ ),  $\beta_N \sim 3.2$ ,  $P_{\text{fusion}} = 400\text{-}500$  MW,  $a = 2$  m

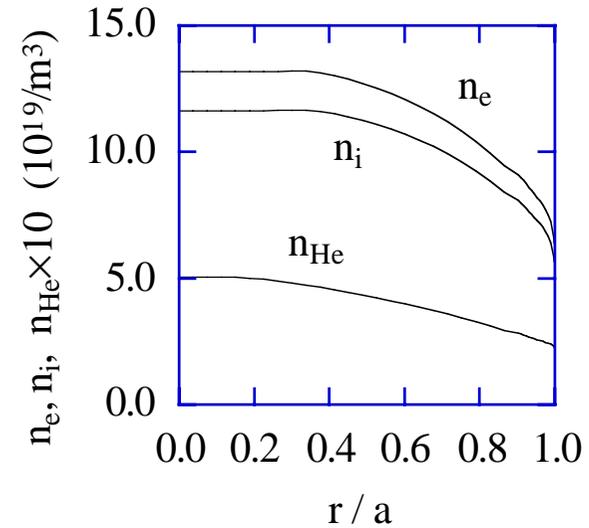
If  $P = 100$  MW,  $H_H \sim 1.6$ ,

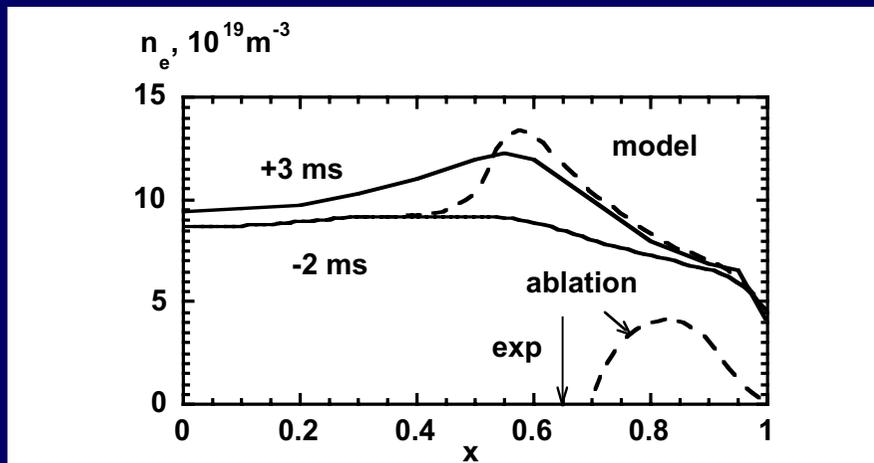
# Bootstrap Current Fraction in ITER (PRETOR simulation)

$/a = 6.35\text{m}/1.85\text{m}, \quad P_{\text{NB}} / P_{\text{RF}} = 17 \text{ MW} / 40 \text{ MW}$   
 $n_{e>} / n_G = 1.5, \quad H_{\text{H98}(y,2)} = 1.6, \quad f_{\text{Be}} = 2\%, \quad f_{\text{Ar}} = 0.12\%$

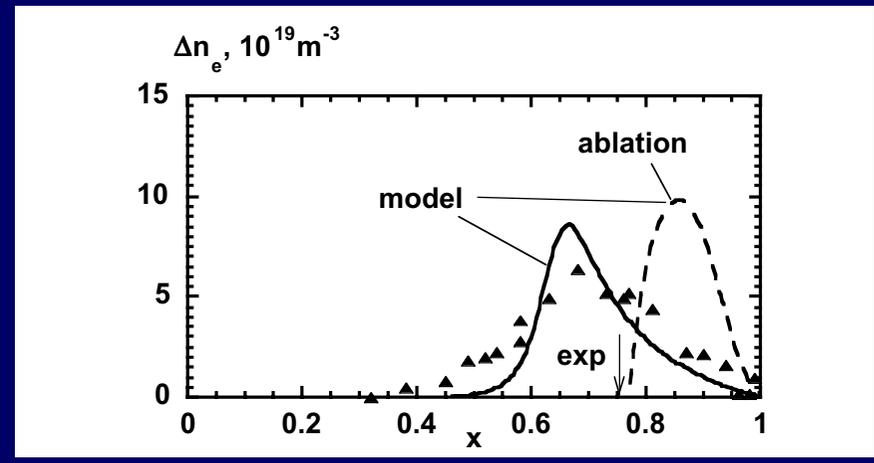


\* Typical Density Profile

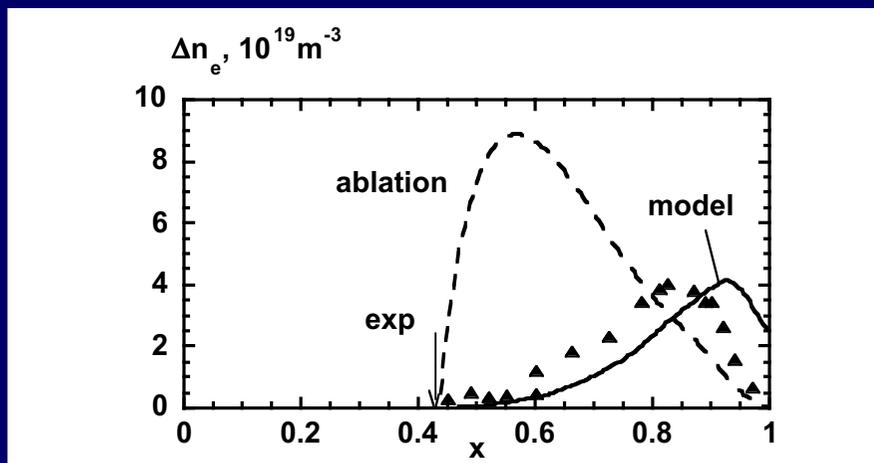




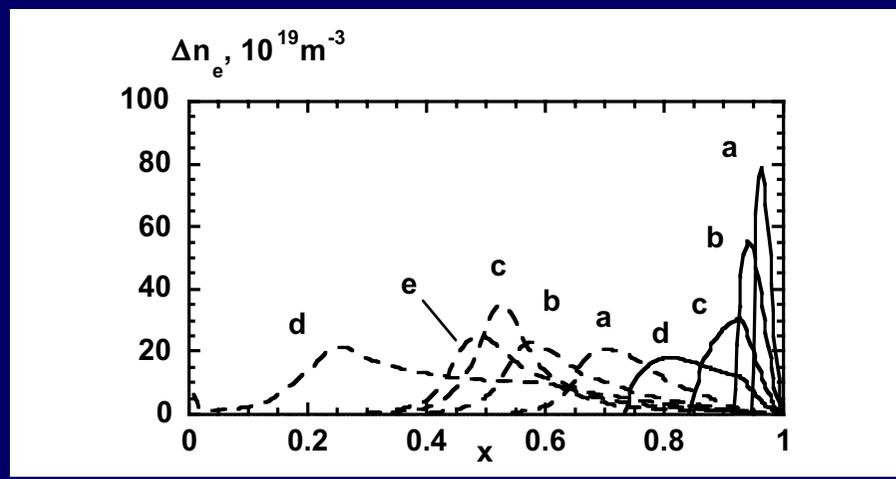
**AUG/H**



**D-III-D/H**



**D-III-D/L**



**ITER/H**

a : 100m/s , b:300m/s,c:1000m/s, d: 3000m/s

D = h = 1 cm

**By A. Polevoi (Kuteav/Parks/Strauss, ablation/cloud size/mass relocation)**

# Pellet Fuelling

**Assumption:  $T_{eb} = 1 \text{ KeV}$ ,  $n_e = 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$ , 10 mm pellet**

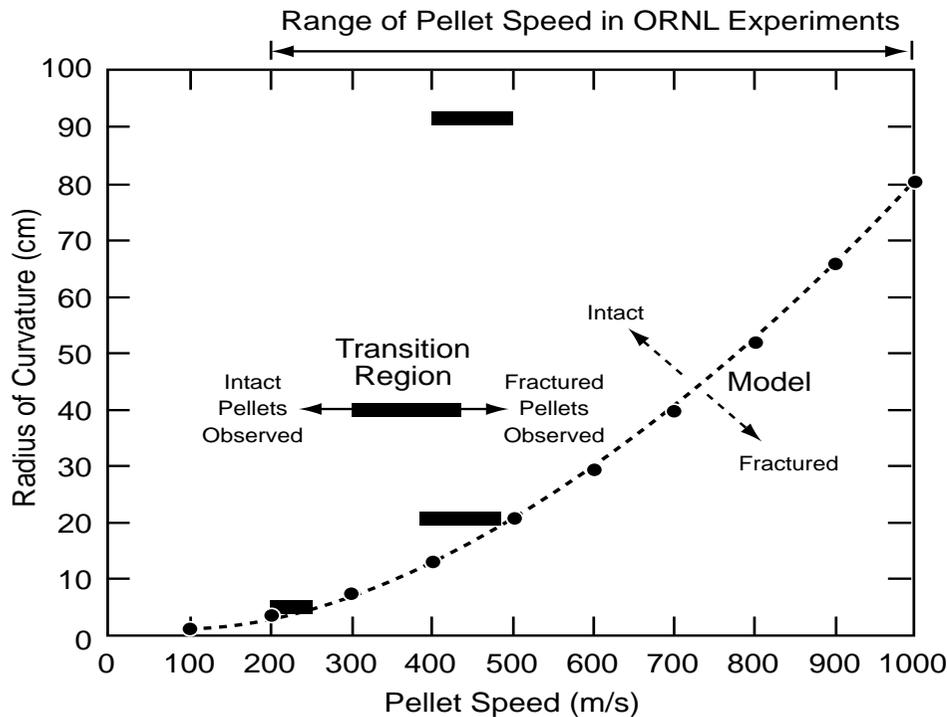
**Low field side: 0.2 a at 1 km/s**

**High field side: (0.2a) at 0.3 km/s**

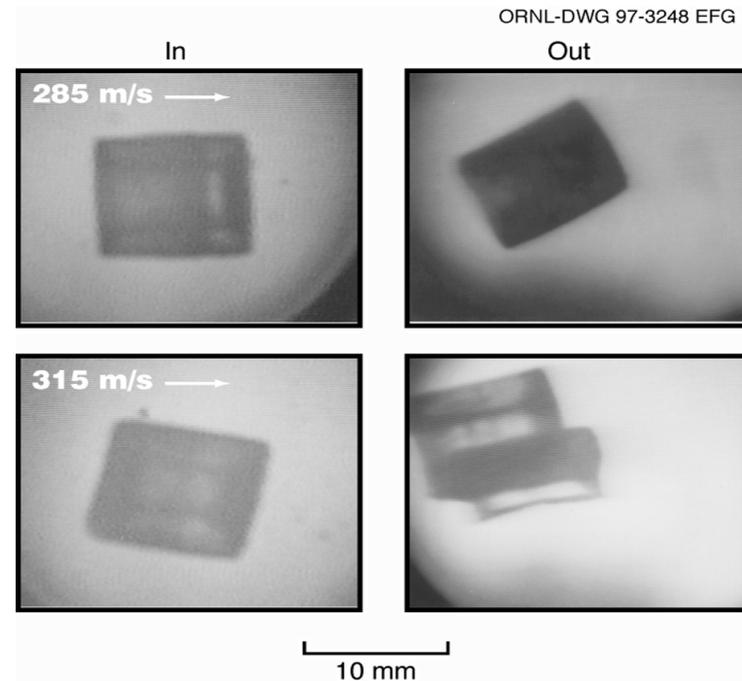
**(Simple extrapolation from ASDEX-U)**

**Model will have to be developed for high field side injection**

**100 Pam<sup>3</sup>/s, 1 cm<sup>3</sup>/s, 0.27 g/s or 5.5 x 10<sup>22</sup>/s of tritium extraction has been achieved ( $n_{DT} \text{ VP} = 6.3 \times 10^{22} \text{ IN ITER-FEAT}$ ). A total of 36 g T<sub>2</sub> and 28 g D-T runs.**



**Test data summary for 2.7-mm pellets shot through curved guide tubes of different radii**

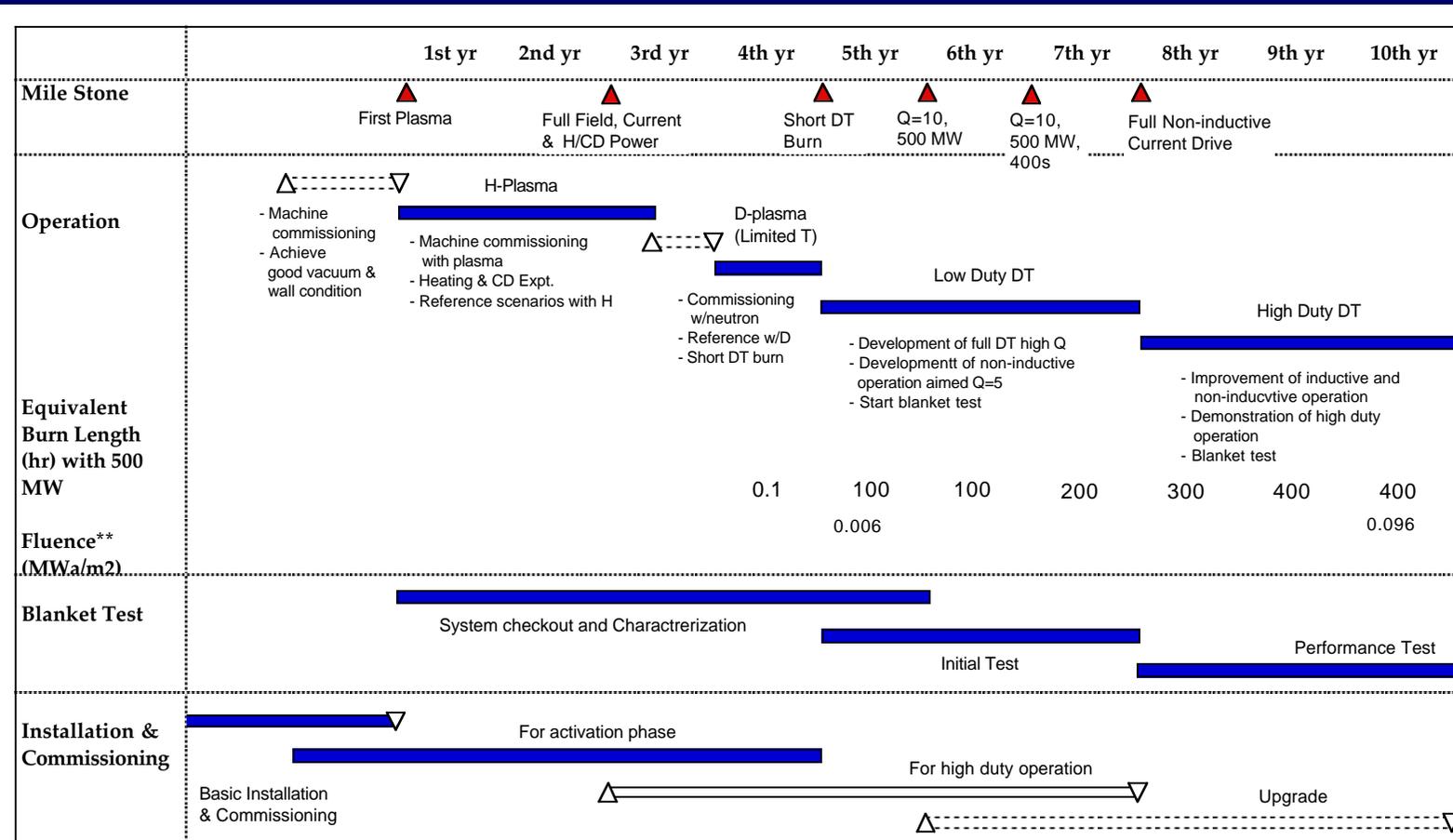


**Photograph sets for 10-mm pellets shot through 80-cm-radius curved guide tube. (Upper 285 m/s, Lower 315 m/s)**

## Preliminary Analysis with High Field Side Pellet Injection

	ITER E Model 1/2
Major radius (m)	6.35
Minor radius (m)	1.85
Elongation (95% flux)	1.85
Plasma current (MA)	12.5
Toroidal field on axis (T)	5.18
Safety factor, $q_{95}$	3.77
Normalised beta $\beta_{N,max}/I_3$	3.56
Bootstrap fraction fbs	0.46
Confinement coefficient, HH	1.25
Plasma density, $\langle n \rangle$ ( $10^{20} \text{m}^{-3}$ )	0.92
$n_{line}/n_{GW}$	0.77
$n_o/n_{ped, max}$	1.65
Av. Electron temperature (keV) $\langle nT \rangle / \langle n \rangle$	16.4
Aux. Heating power (MW) (NBI)	100
Fusion power (MW)	780
Q	7.85

ITER: High field side pellet injection: 2Hz,  $2r=h=0.7$  cm,  $v_p = 0.5$  km/s.  $\chi_i = \chi_e = D$  with parabolic profile



\*Average Fluence at First Wall (Neutron wall load is 0.56 MW/m<sup>2</sup> in average and 0.77MW/m<sup>2</sup> at outboard midplane.)

## Net consumption of tritium

The first ten years

~ 5kg

Average 0.3/Blanket test area 0.4 MWa/m<sup>2</sup>

~ 15 kg (Minimum requirement)

Average 0.5/ Blanket test area 0.7 MWa/m<sup>2</sup>

~ 25 kg (Design value)

~30kg of tritium could be supplied with external sources

# Phased Operations

## Hydrogen Phase

**Confirmation of the machine performance and increase of reliability of the operation**

**Full commissioning of the ITER system in a non-nuclear environment**

**Development of operation scenarios with semi-detached divertor and ~70 MW**

**Better control/mitigation of disruptions/VDEs/ELMs/runaway electrons**

**Characterization of dusts**

**Build-up of experimental groups in the world wide fusion community**

## Deuterium Phase

**Nuclear commissioning and confirmation of the basic plasma characteristics**

**No human access into the vessel**

## Deuterium Tritium Phase

**Research of long burning plasmas**

**Optimization of operations for various objectives**

**Engineering tests including blanket tests for the next step**

# Participations

- 1. The maximum numbers of the ILE staff from the different Parties will be set in consideration to the contributions of the Parties. The complement of the directly employed ILE staff should be kept to a minimum necessitated in the project implementation.**
- 2. The ILE staff arrangements should encourage mobility between the project and the Parties' domestic programmes.**
- 3. To ensure wide scientific participation in the Project, the short-term (less than a year) participation of qualified personnel from universities and other institutions ("Guest Researcher") will be encouraged.**
- 4. The operation of ITER will be conducted by the ILE staff only. The scientific exploitation of ITER will, beside the ILE staff, also involve the participation of researchers from fusion laboratories, universities or other research institutes of the Parties, which will be only part-time on site.**

# Physics Issues of Burning Plasmas in Inductive Mode

## 1. Thermal instability/Burn control

- Normal operation: Stable
- $Q_{10}$ : Thermal instability could be triggered.

## 2. Collective fast alpha particle effects

- Normal operation :  $\beta_{axis} \sim 1\%$
- Higher beta ( $\sim 2\%$ ):  $H_H > 1$ ,  $P_{ad} > 100$  MW,  $I_p > 15$  MA

## 3. Thermal beta effects

- Normal operation :  $\beta_N \sim 2$
- Higher beta :  $n > n_G$ ,  $H_H > 1$ ,  $P_{ad} > 100$  MW

## 4. Sawtooth effect

- Normal operation : with sawtooth
- No sawtooth :  $q_0 > 1$ ,  $\sim 100$  s

## 5. Pedestal/Edge Plasma/Divertor

# Additional Issues of Burning Plasmas in Non-inductive Mode

## 6. Interaction among burn, $I_b/I_{ad}$ , fuelling/pumping, impurity, transport, etc.

How can appropriate plasmas (high  $Q$ ,  $\beta_N$  and  $I_b/I_p$ ) be obtained?

Requirements are clear but predictions are not reliable.

Stabilization : high  $\beta_N$  with low  $I_i$

High  $n$ , peaked  $n$ : deep fuelling

High  $H_H$ : ITB, deep fuelling

# Conclusions

**The flexibility of ITER will allow research in a large operation space.**

**(  $P_{\text{fusion}}$ ,  $Q$ ,  $n$ ,  $\beta$ , pulse length,  $I_p$  ----- )**

**(Confirm predictable operation  $\Rightarrow$  Explore frontier)**

❖ **Predictable operations and extended operations with inductive current drive**

**$150 \rightarrow 700\text{MW}$ ,  $n/n_G=0.5 \rightarrow 1$ ,  $\beta_N=1.2 \rightarrow 2.4$ ,  $Q = 5 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow \infty$**

**$\sim 100$  s burn is necessary to study plasma behavior.**

❖ **Hybrid operations**

**$> 1000$  s /  $500$  MW/ $Q=5$  with reasonable parameters for blanket test ( $0.77$  MW/m<sup>2</sup>)**

**If necessary,  $q_{95} > 3.5$  scenarios is available.**

❖ **Research of fully non-inductive driven operations aiming at  $Q=5$**

**(higher  $\beta$ /higher confinement, methods included in ITER)**

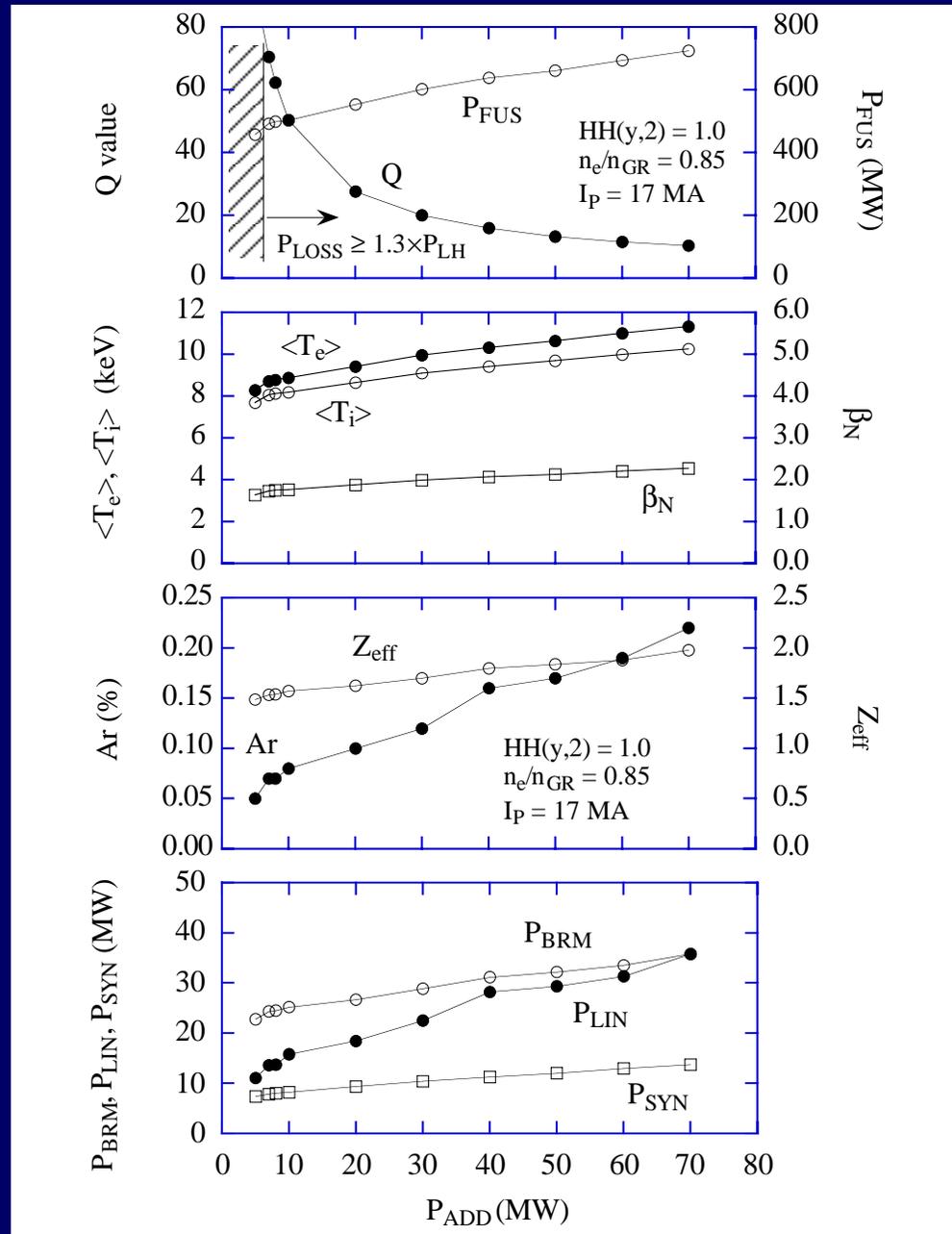
**$\sim 2000$  s is necessary to achieve steady state of AT mode from conventional one.**

**By optimizing current ramp-up, steady state of AT can be achieved within  $200$  s.**

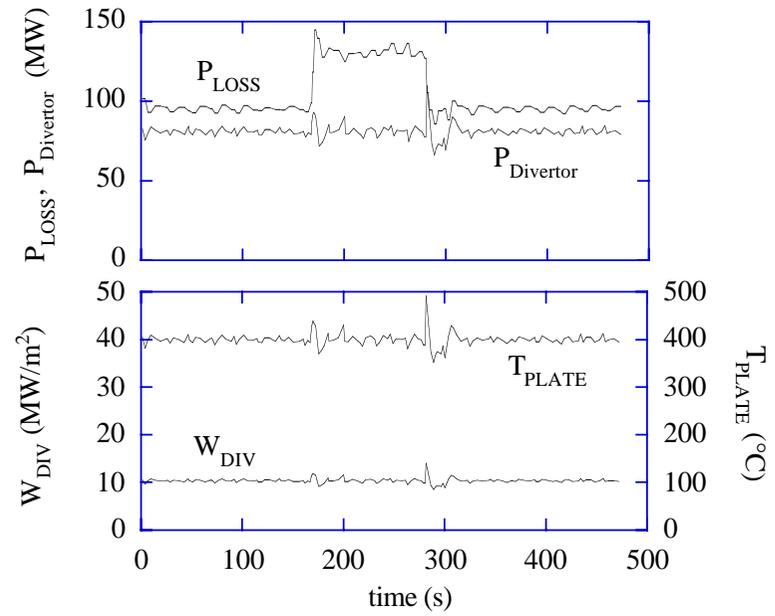
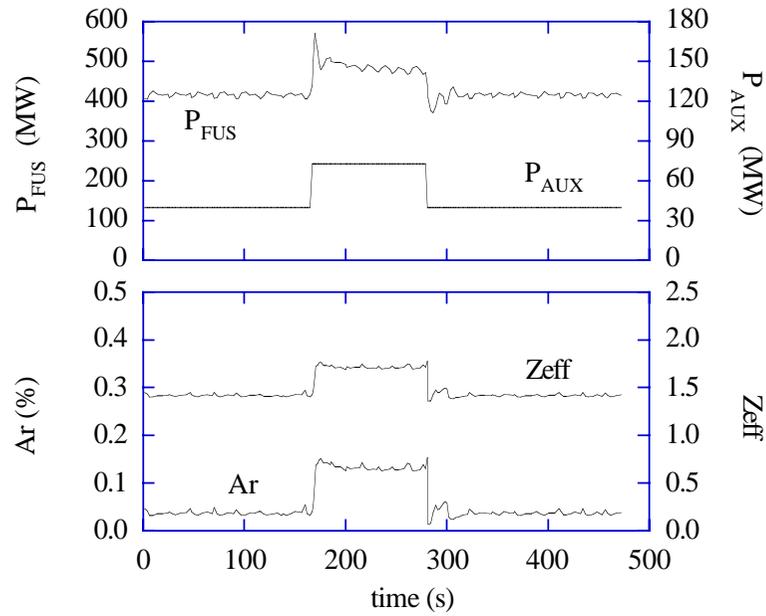
**The experimental concept will increase efficiency, involve the worldwide fusion community and promote scientific competition.**



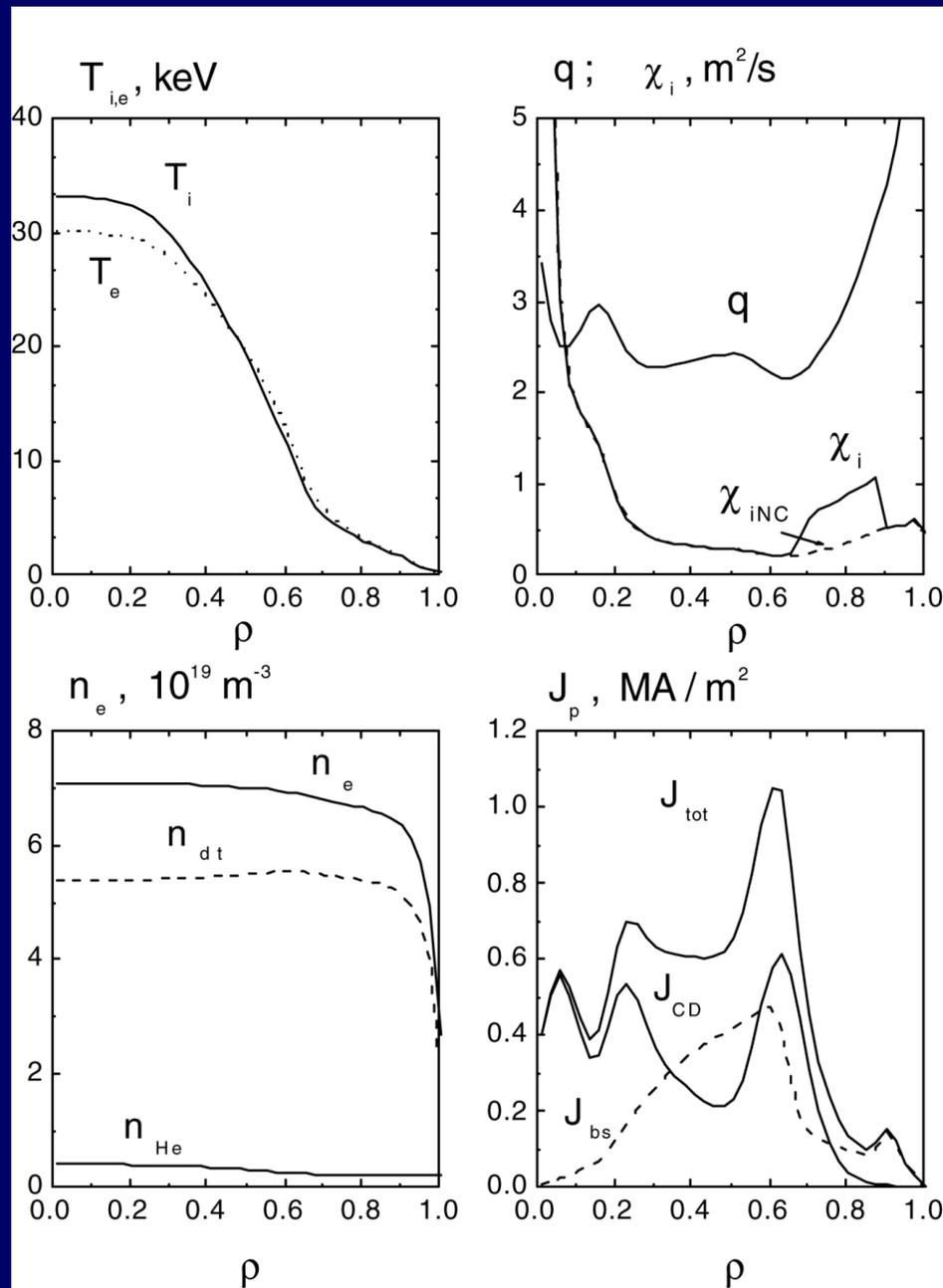
# PRETOR Simulation for Various Heating Powers



$I_p=17 \text{ MA}, \langle n_e \rangle = 1.15 \times 10^{20}/m^3 (\langle n_e \rangle/n_G=0.85), \tau_{He}/\tau_E \sim 5$  and argon is seeded to limit the power to the divertor region to 30 MW



**Simulation for feedback control of target plate temperature by impurity seeding in case of sudden increase of fusion power  $P_{FUS}$ .**



Plasma parameter profiles at the current flat-top ( $t > 1000$  s) for the steady-state WNS operational scenario.  
 $H_H = 1.57$ ,  $Q = 6$ ,  $\beta N = 2.95$ ,  $P_{NB} + P_{LH} = 30 + 30$  MW,  $R/a = 6.35 / 1.85$