Overview of ASDEX Upgrade Results –
Development of integrated operating scenarios for ITER

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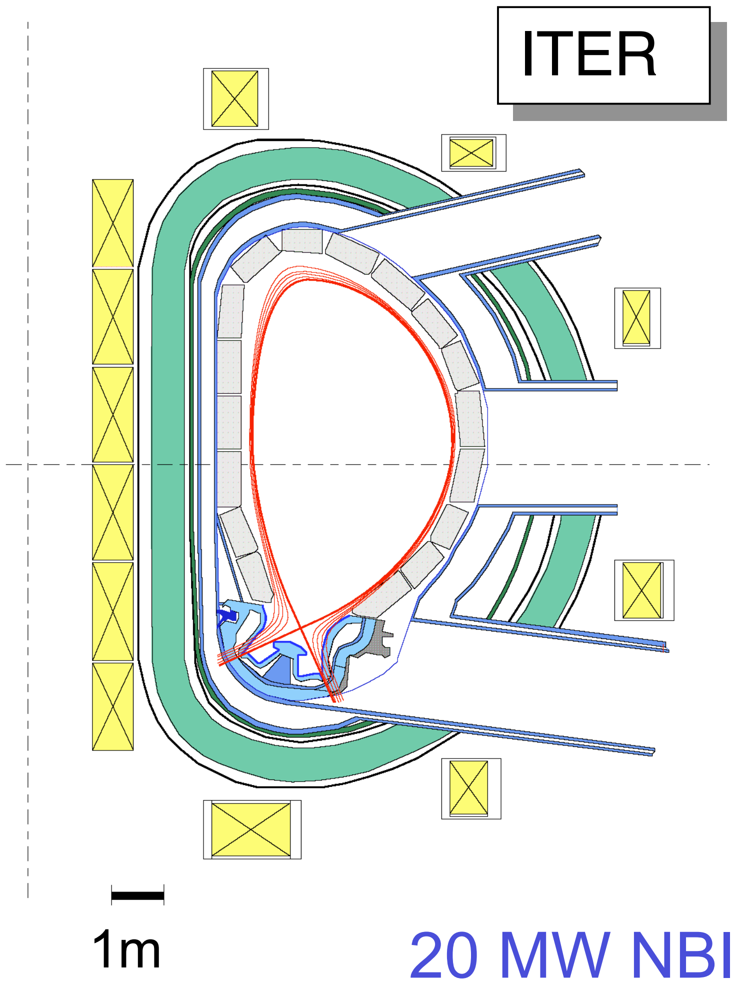

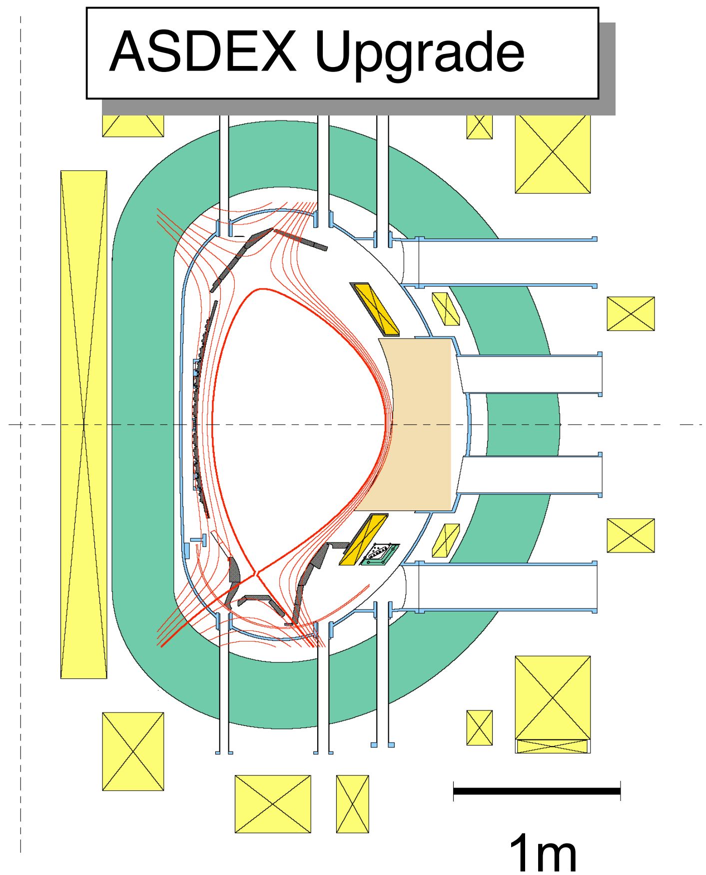

20 MW NBI (on- and off-axis)
< 8 MW ICRH
2 MW ECRH

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Operation scenarios must be compatible with W as plasma facing material

With C long-term retention of D: 3.5% of input

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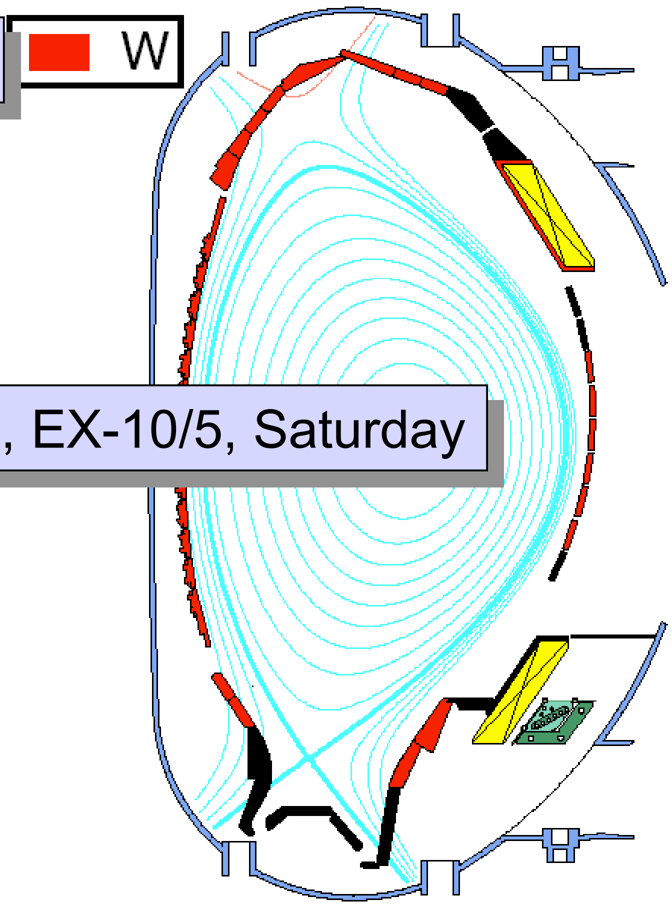

Step by step towards a C free machine:

• 65 % of plasma facing components W coated

See talk by R. Neu, EX-10/5, Saturday

Further hardware upgrades:

• 10 s flat top (~ 5 current diffusion times)
• higher triangularity: δ=0.55 for $\kappa \leq 1.7$ (includes ITER shape)
• diagnostic upgrades

- **Particle and energy transport**
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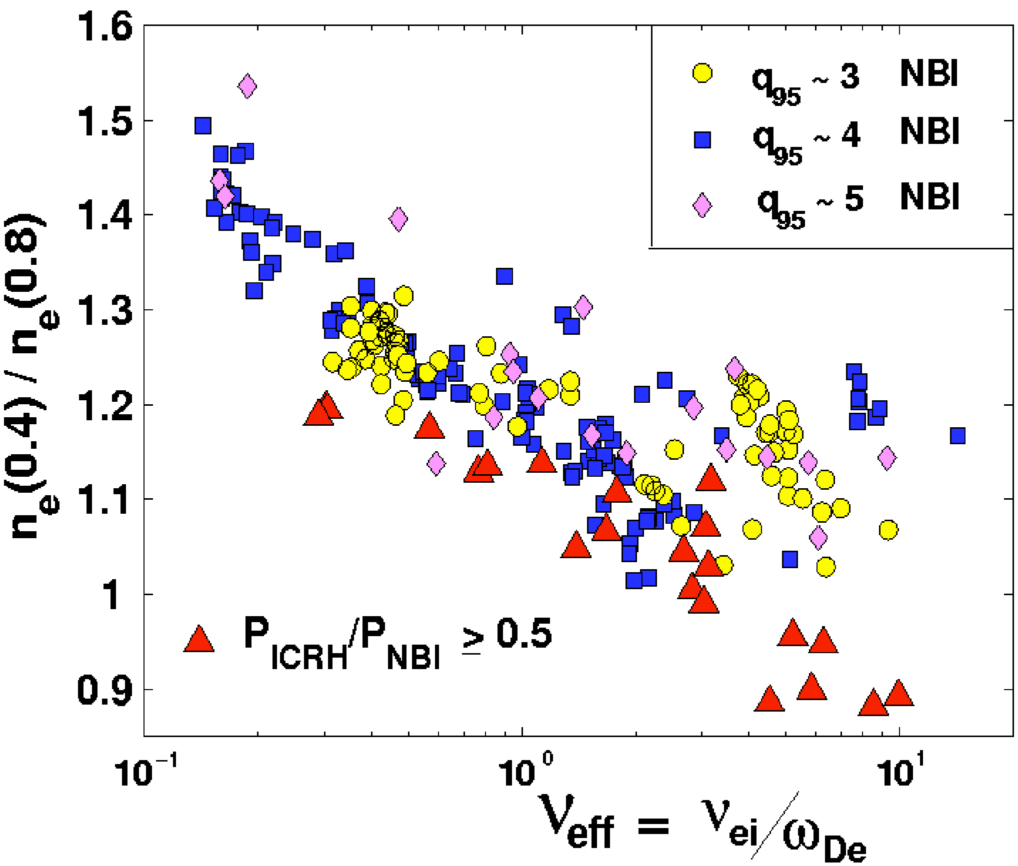
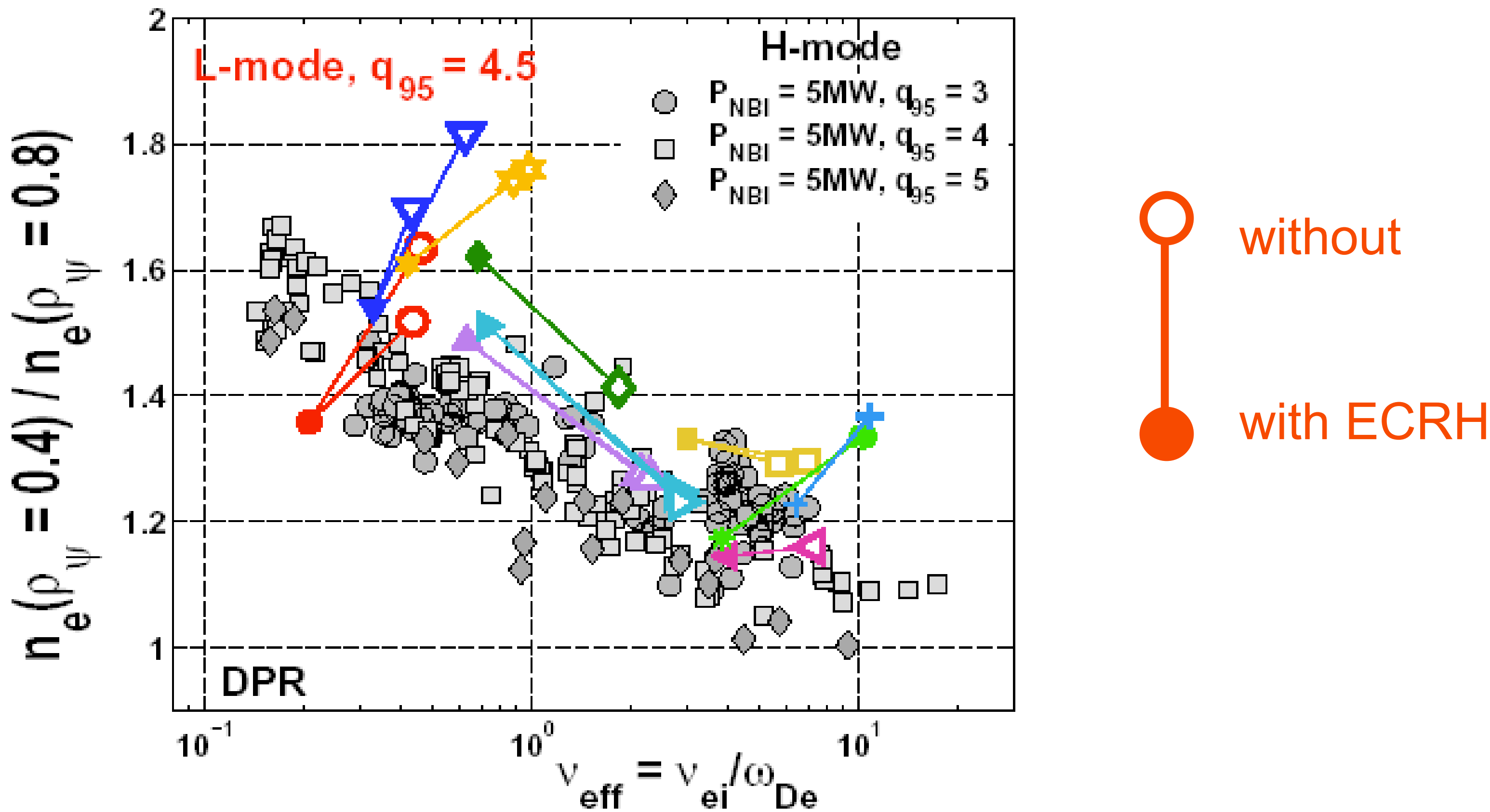
Collisionality dependence of particle transport



no strong central (electron) heating

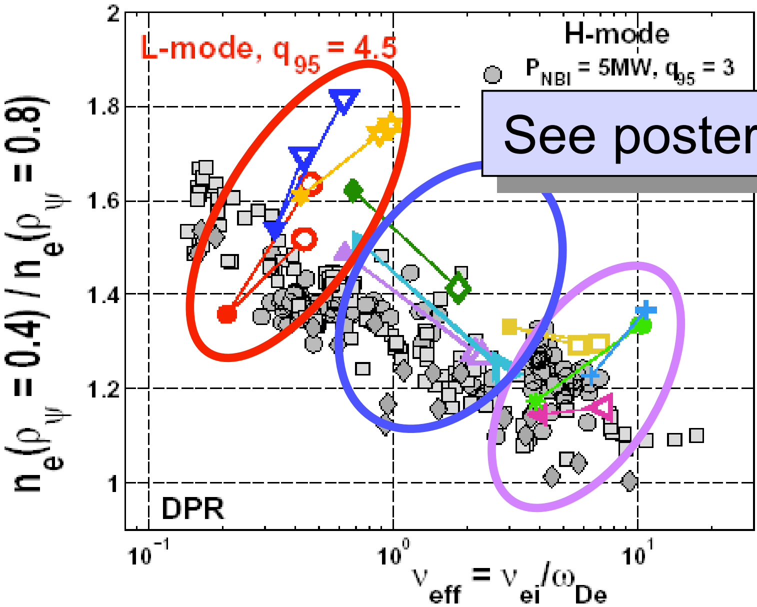
Density peaking increases with decreasing collisionality (H-mode and L-mode), consistent with quasi-linear ITG/TEM model

Reaction of the density profile to central electron heating



Reaction of density profiles and corresponding time scales again consistent with quasi-linear ITG/TEM model

Control of density profile by central electron heating



Decreased collisionality ⇒ increased anomalous inward pinch

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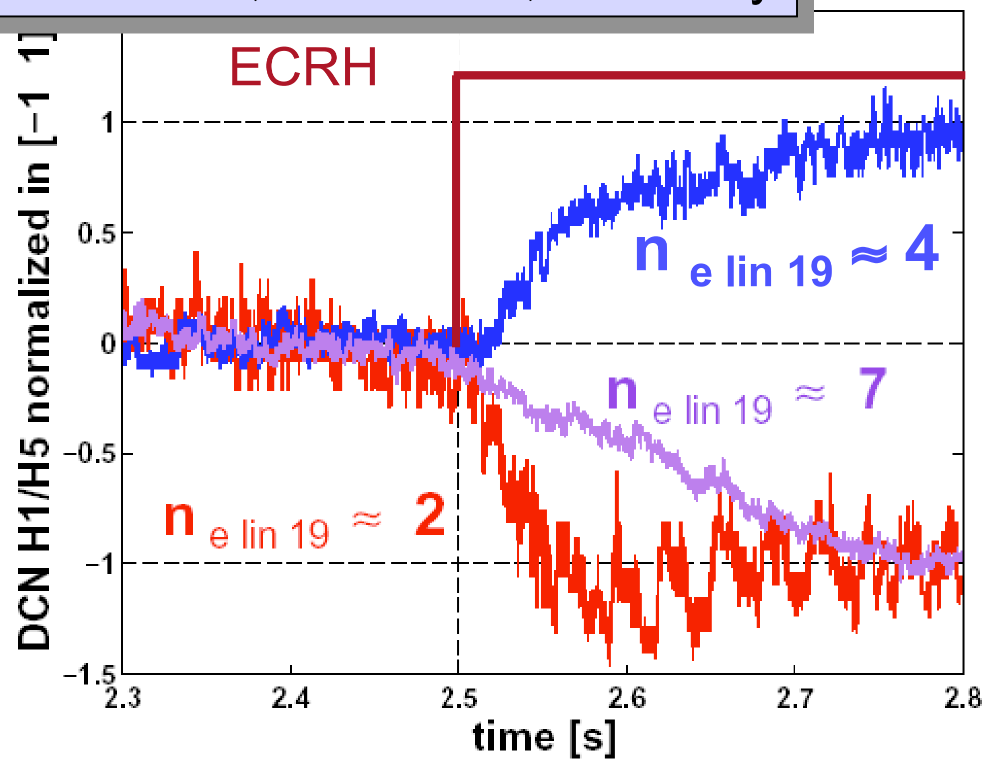

TEM induced thermodiffusion (counteracts anomalous inward pinch)

Increased thermodiffusion (D~χ) counteracts neoclassical Ware pinch

Electron heat transport in agreement with the ITG/TEM model

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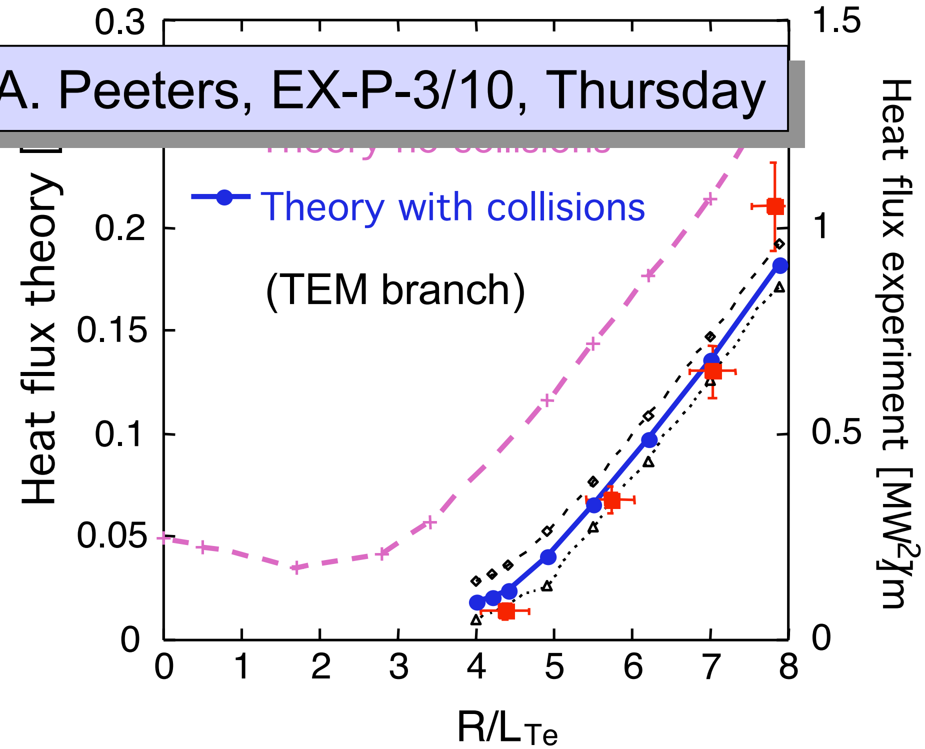
ECRH in Ohmic discharge:
- constant power
- heat deposition profile varied



Good agreement with quasi-linear GS2 modelling

TEM most unstable ⇒ collisions and denstity gradient are important

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Pedestal physics investigations with improved diagnostics

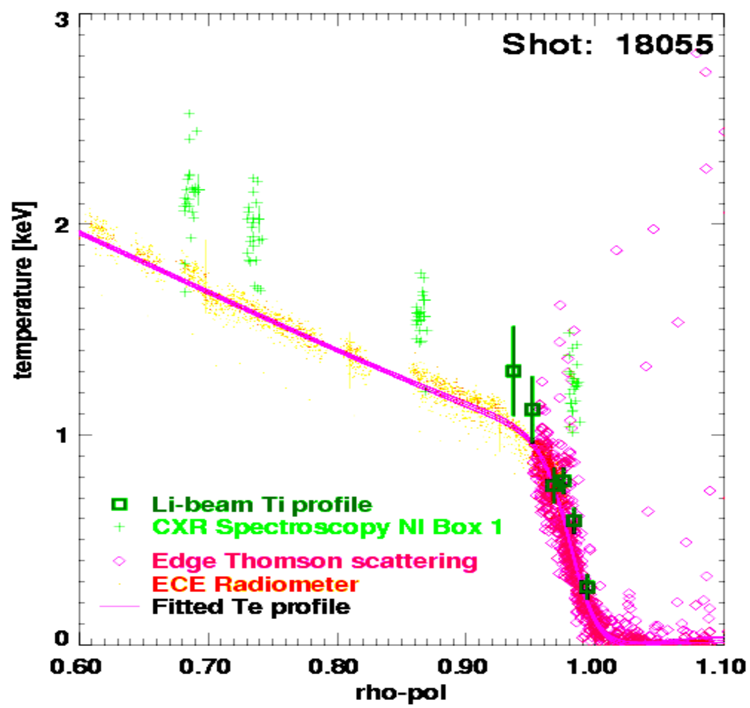
- Reflectometry for high temporal and spatial resolution density profile measurements (ELM e

See poster by I. Nunes, EX-P-6/20 Friday

- Li-beam CX for ion edge temperatures
- Upgrade of Thomson scattering system

(2.7 mm radial separation, 2 μs burst)

$T_{i,ped} \geq T_{e,ped}$



- d log T_e/d log n_e~ 2 confirmed
- toroidal mode numbers for ELMs: n~3-14

See poster by L. Horton, EX-P-3/4, Thursday

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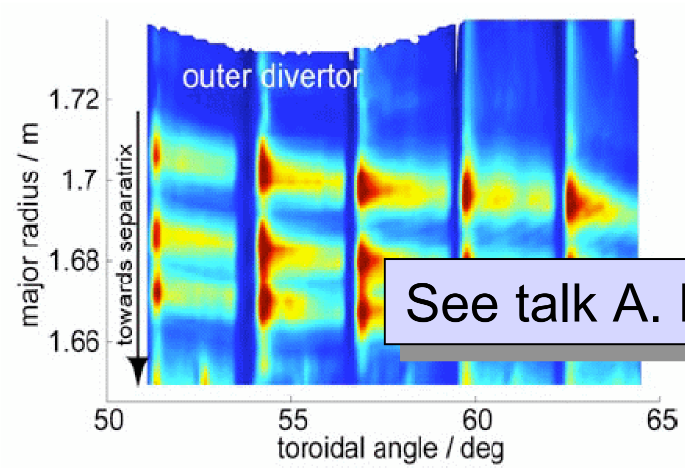
- Fast framing IR camera for structure of heat deposition

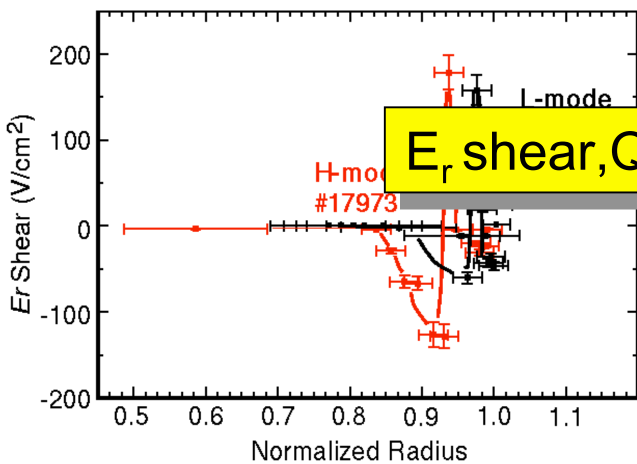


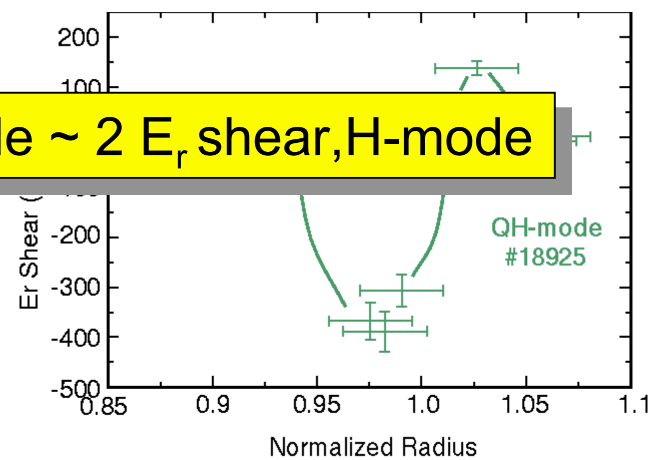
toroidal mode numbers for ELMs

n~ 3 … 15

See talk A. Herrmann, EX-2/4Rb, Tuesday

- Correlation Doppler reflectometry (E_r, E_r shear, correlation length)



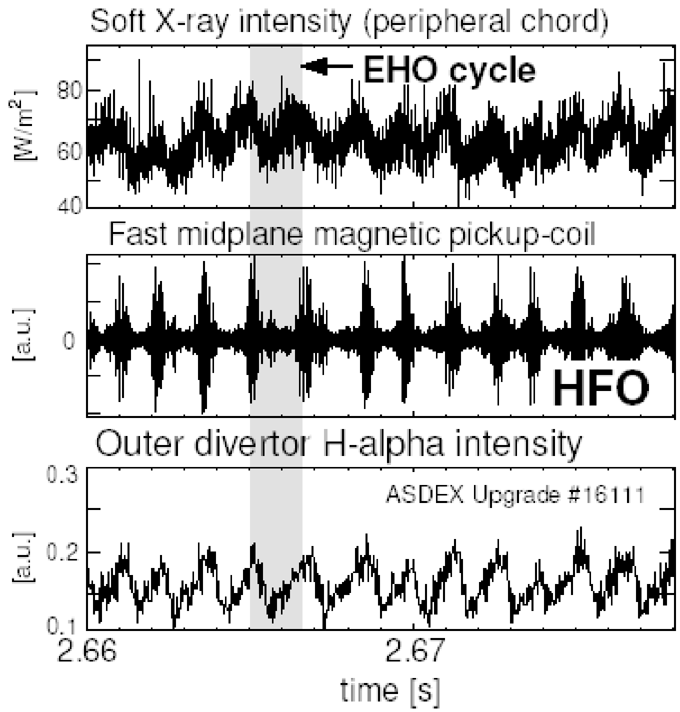


E_r shear,QH-mode ~ 2 E_r shear,H-mode

Quiescent H-mode: an ELM free scenario for ITER?

QH-mode:

- stationary, ELM free (at ITER υ^*)
- ELMs replaced by other MHD (EHO,HFO – fast particle driven?)
- **Z_{eff} down to 2.5**

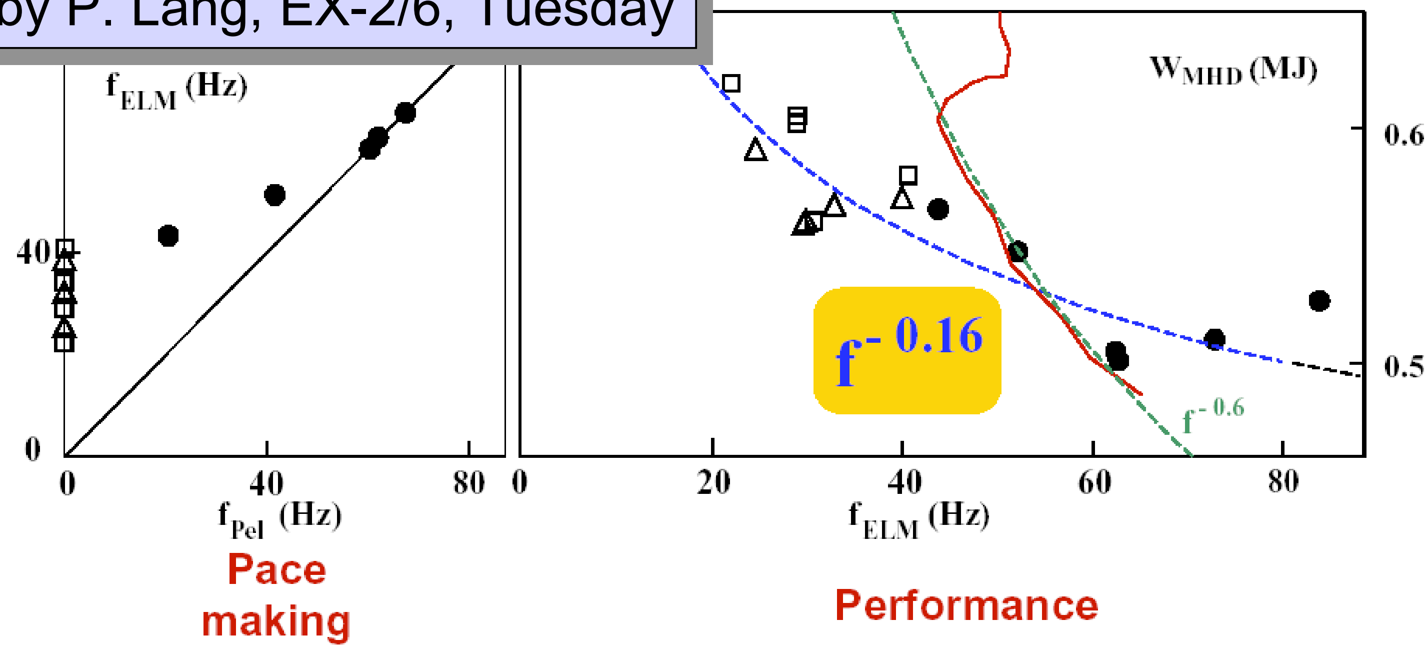


See talk by W. Suttrop, EX-1/4, Tuesday

ELM control by pellet pace making

Replace linearly unstable peeling/ballooning mode by local trigger perturbation

See talk by P. Lang, EX-2/6, Tuesday



- only minor confinement degradation with increased ELM frequency compared to, e.g., gas puffing (pedestal temperature reduced!)
- energy loss per ELM for pellet triggered ELMs as for “natural” ELMs
- successful ELM control also by small wobbling (as in TCV)

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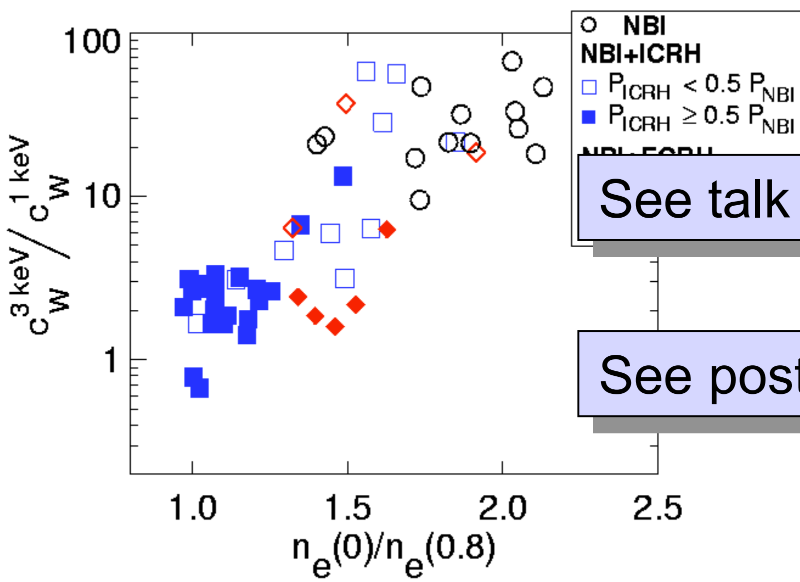
Tungsten as plasma facing material

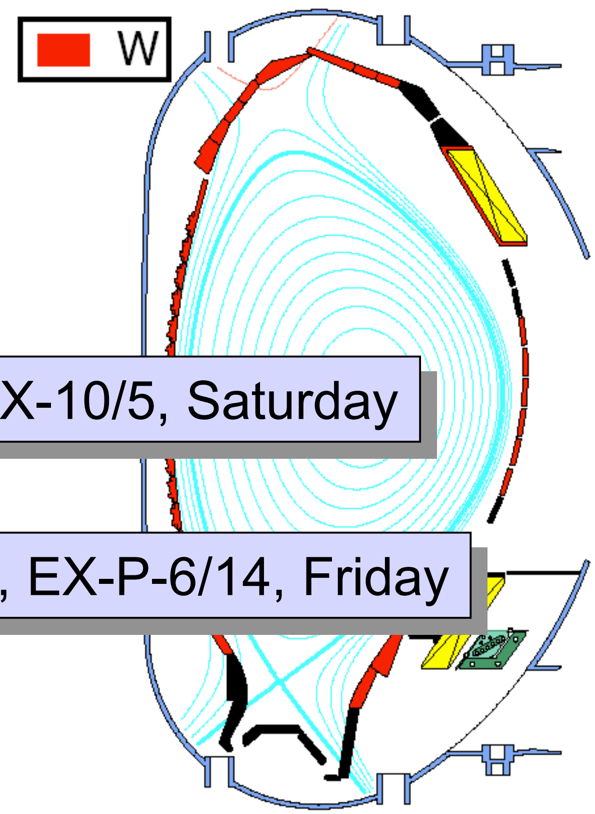
In most discharges no problem (including W divertor operation)

65% (24.8 m^2 W covered)

Impurity problems if:

- Density peaking (neoclassical impurity pinch)





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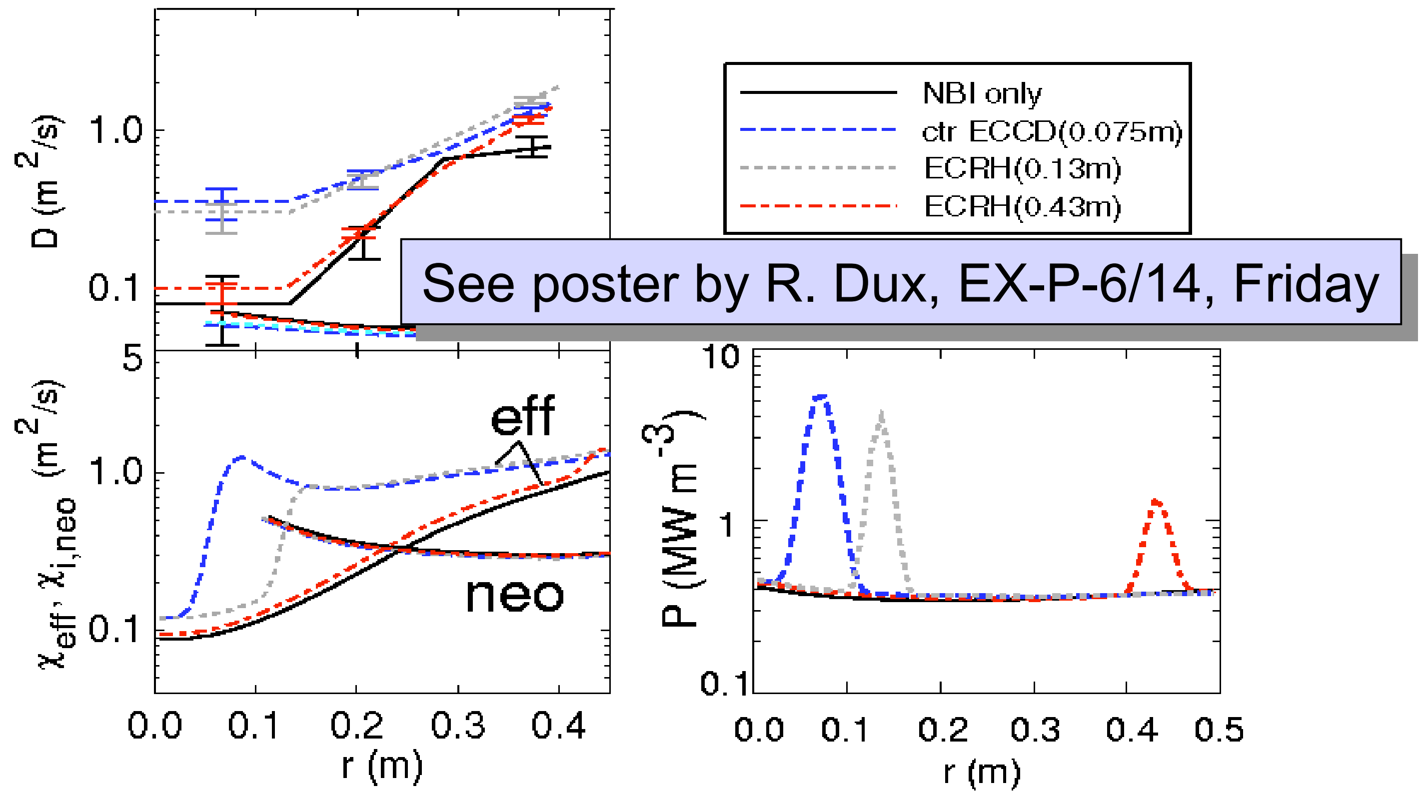
See poster by R. Dux, EX-P-6/14, Friday

- Limiter operation
- ELM free phases in H-mode

Control of impurity accumulation via central heating

Si laser blow-off experiments



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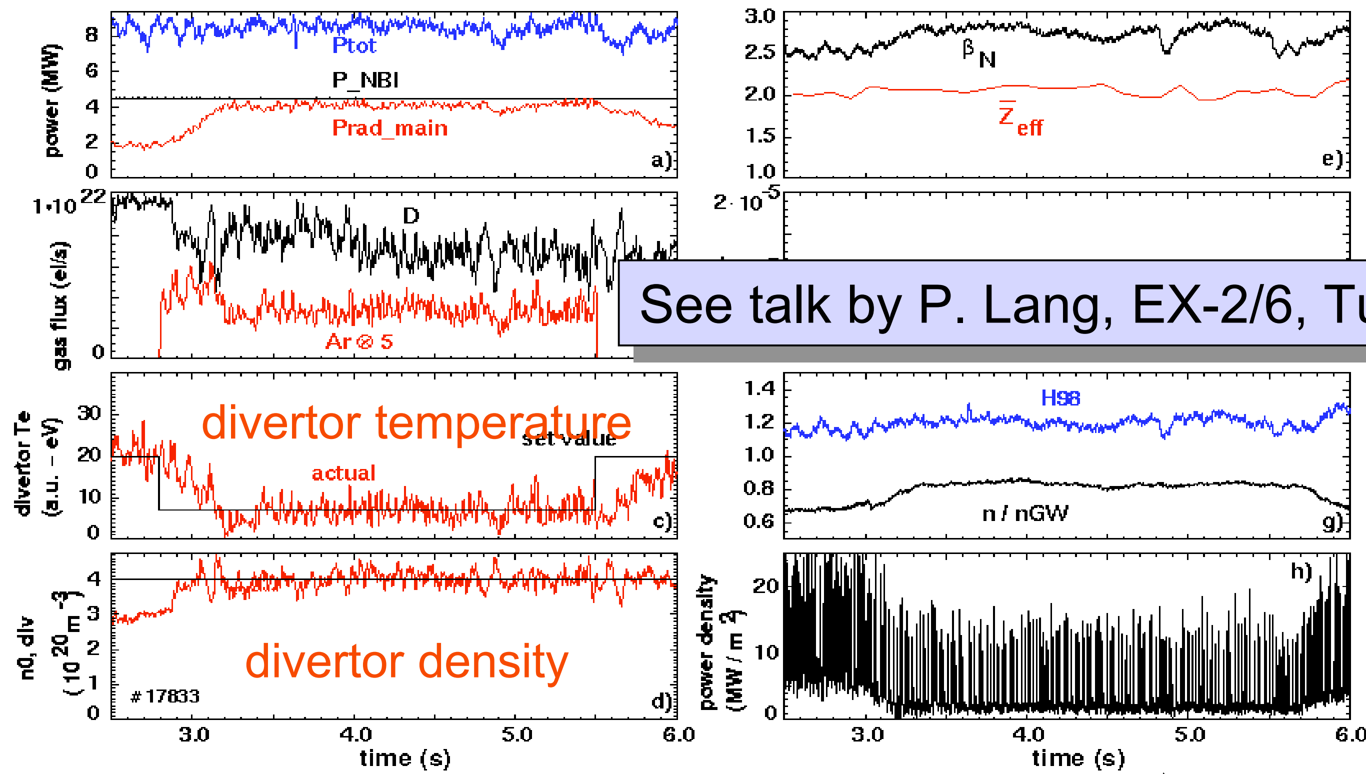
Effect of central heating on density peaking (neoclassical inward pinch) and on anomalous particle transport

Integrated exhaust scenario (towards full W machine)

Replace C by Ar for low divertor temperature ⇒ operation closer to H-L transition without ELM control high radiation, H-L transition



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Control of divertor temperature by Ar seeding

ELM control by pellets

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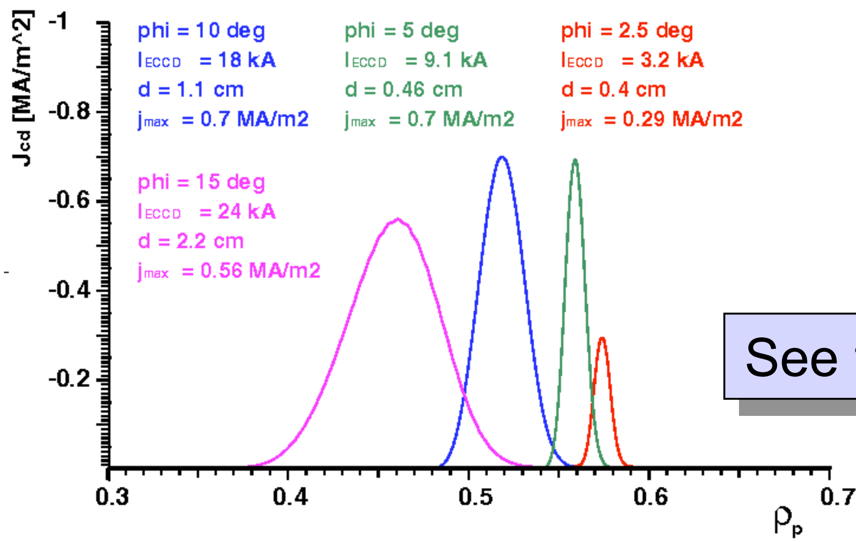
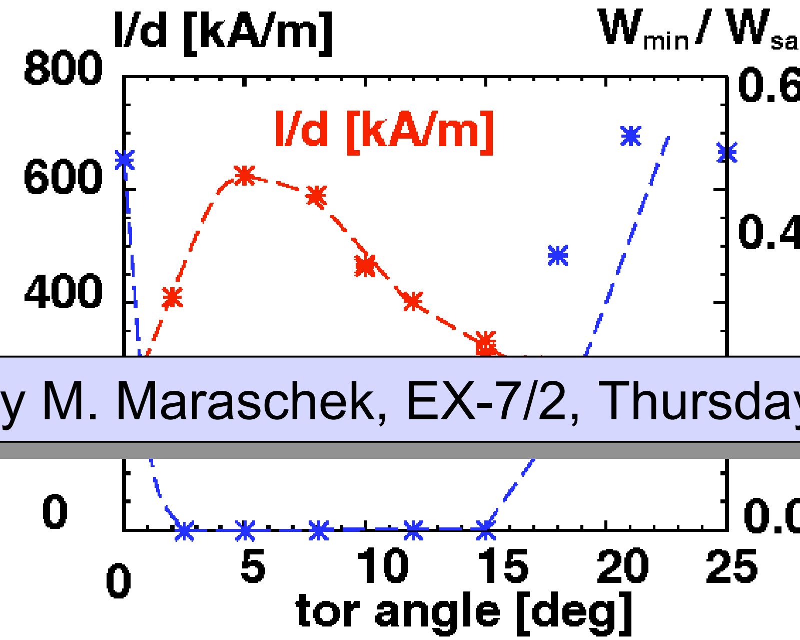
NTM stabilization: optimum launching angle

TORBEAM calculations





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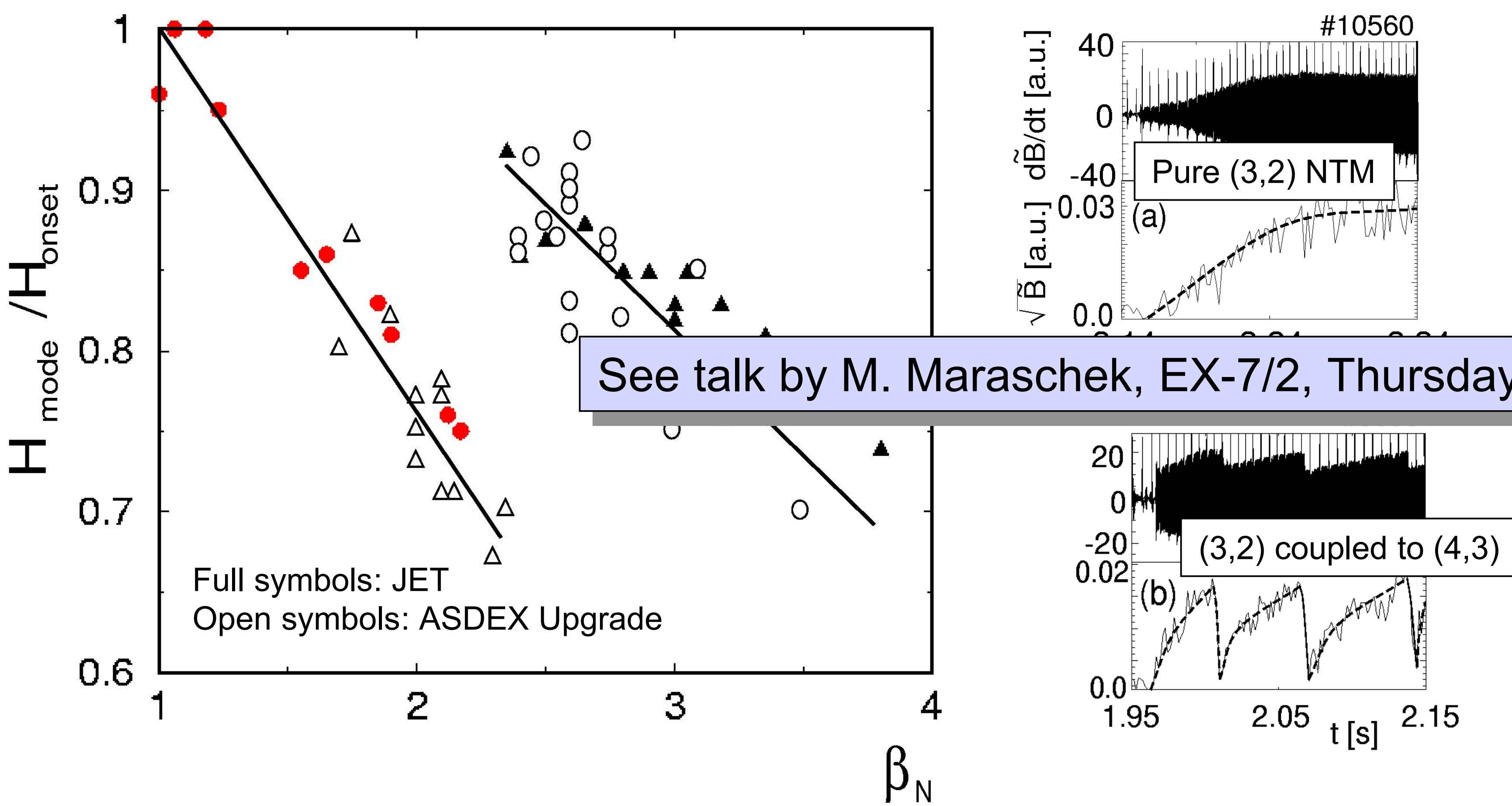
optimum launching angle: 5°, corresponds to 1 cm deposition width

Record values for complete NTM stabilization at given ECCD power:
(3,2) NTM: β_N=2.6 for P_{ECCD}=1.0 MW
(2,1) NTM: β_N=2.3 for P_{ECCD}=1.4 MW

(3,2) NTMs in FIR regime for β_N > 2.3



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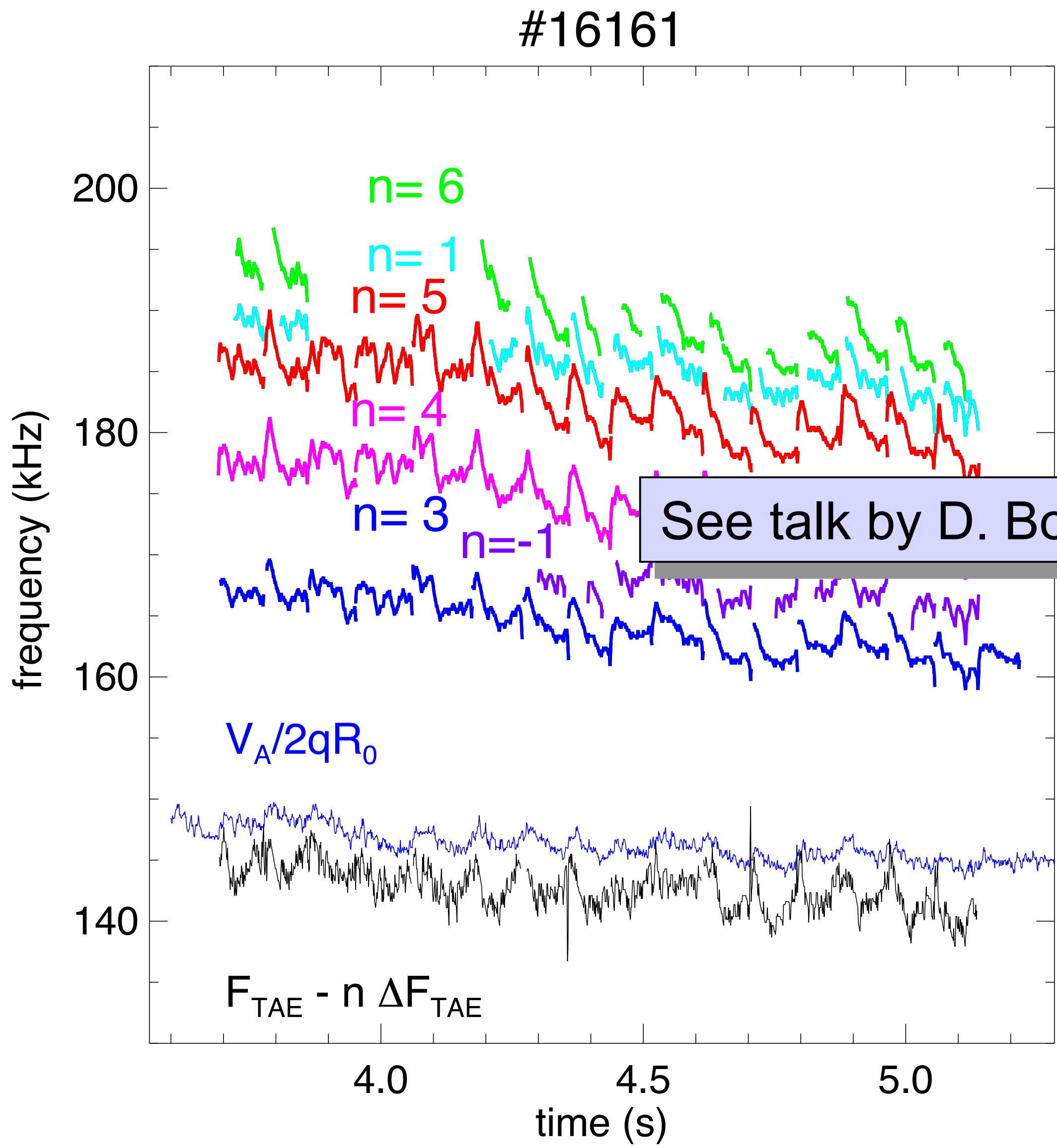
FIR regime similar in dimensionless parameters (ASDEX Upgrade and JET)
Active stabilization on ITER only for (2,1) NTM needed?

TAE modes in low density ICRH heated discharges



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Physics understanding ⇔ active control

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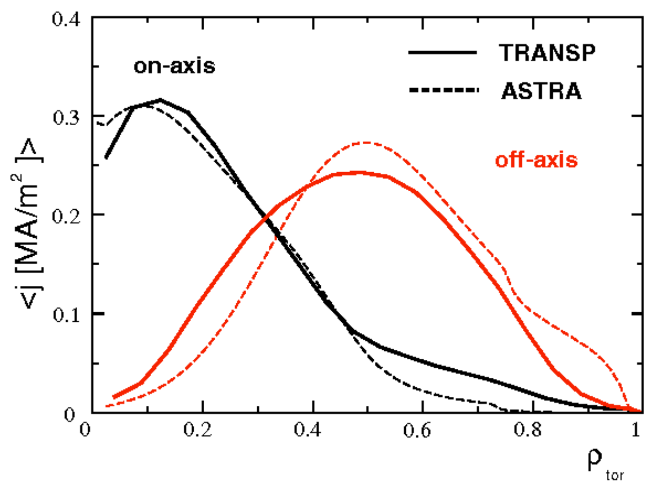
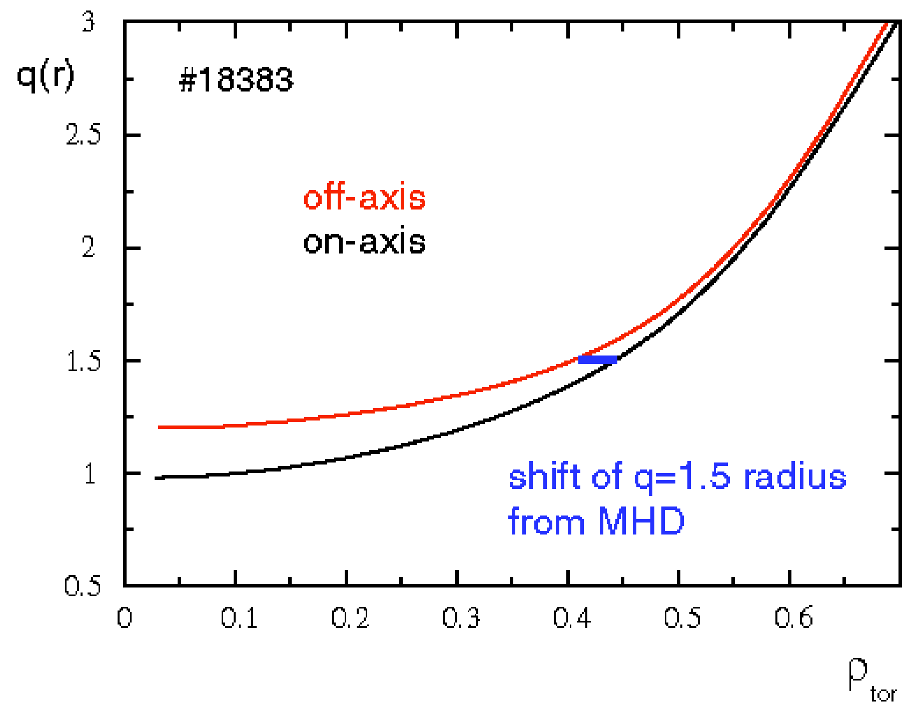
Off-axis NBI current drive on ASDEX Upgrade





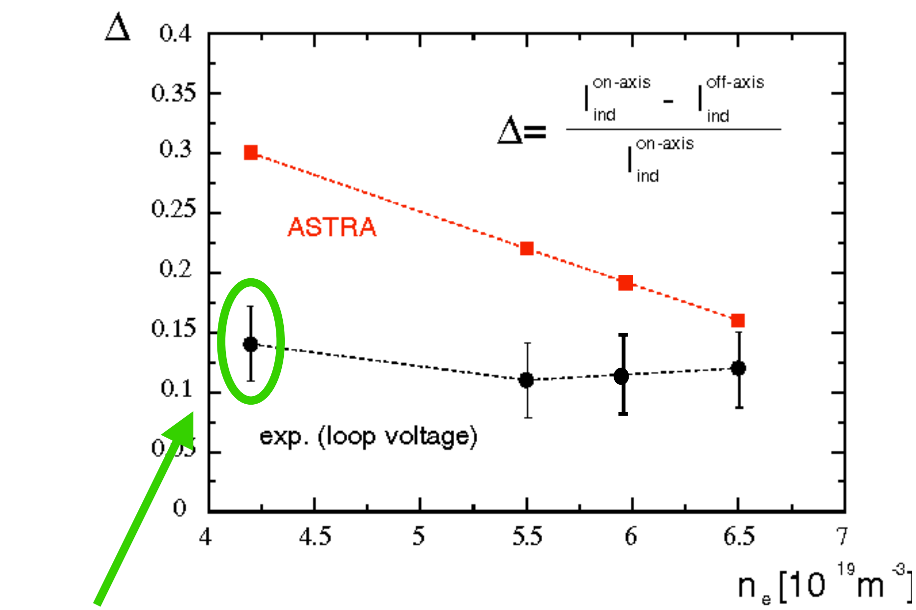
Current profile modification as predicted by TRANSP (MSE) – thanks to PPPL for support

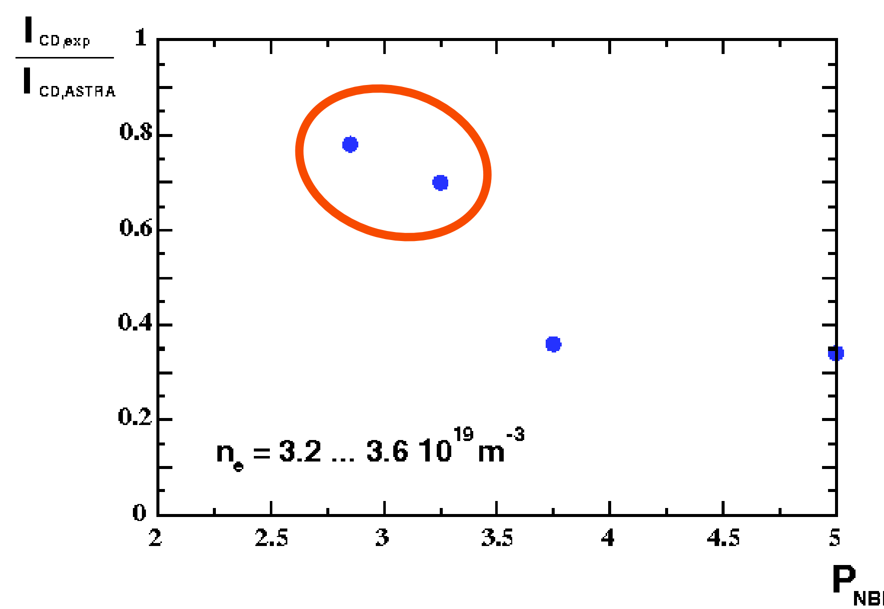
and consistent with shift MHD (shift of $r_{3/2}$)

But it only works at low heating power!

For large heating power:
- CD efficiency well below predictions (ASTRA,TRANSP)
- no change in q-profile

800 kA, 2.5 T, δ=0.15, 5 MW NBI





~100 kA

no change in q-profile for P_{NBI}~5MW

CD efficiency as predicted for low power only

Reduced CD efficiency due to redistribution of fast ions

Fast ion redistribution by Alfvèn waves? excluded:

- no Alfvèn waves observed
- $v_b < v_A$, no difference between experiments with full beam energy ($v_b > v_A /3$) and reduced beam energy ($v_b < v_A /3$)

Current redistribution by MHD? excluded:

- only (1,1) activity observed
- no influence of q_a/q=1 surface (q_a varied between 3.9 and 6.2)

Fast ion redistribution, correlated to intensity of thermal transport

Increase in heating power (independent of radial location and pitch angle reduces CD

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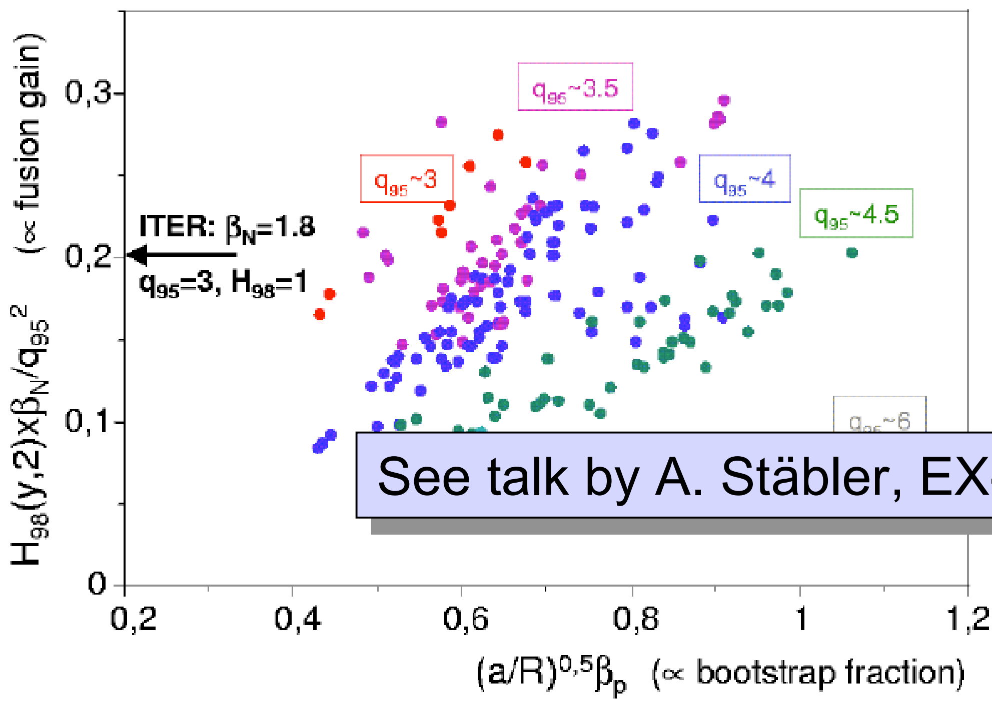
Improved H-mode: a hybrid scenario for ITER



See talk by A. Stäbler, EX-4/5, Wednesday

- attractive ITER scenario: higher Q at q_a~3 or longer pulses at q_a~4.5 (Q=10)
- demonstrated for : - ITER relevant υ^*
  - $n=n_{GW,}$ (type II ELMs)
  - $T_e=T_{i,}$ (so far only on ASDEX Upgrade)
  - all accessible ρ^* values
  - compatible with W walls

Overview of ASDEX Upgrade papers

A. Herrmann:	Wall and divertor heat loads, EX-2/4Rb	Tuesday
P.T. Lang:	Integrated exhaust scenarios with ELM control, EX-2/6	
W. Suttrop:	QH mode on ASDEX Upgrade and JET, EX-1/4	
A. Stäbler:	Improved H-mode - ITER hybrid scenario, EX-4/5	Wednesday
D. Borba:	TAE modes using IRCH, EX-P-4/37	Thursday
L.D. Horton:	Characterisation of H-mode barrier, EX-P-3/4	
M. Maraschek:	Active control of MHD instabilities, EX-7/2	
A.G. Peeters:	Understanding of transport phenomena, EX-P-3/10	
R. Dux:	Impurity transport and control, EX-P-6/14	Friday
A. Jacchia:	Electron heat transport, EX-P-6/17	
M. Mayer:	Carbon deposition and inventory, EX-P-5/24	
I. Nunes:	Density profile evolution, EX-P-6/20	
R. Neu:	Tungsten for main chamber and PFC, EX-10/5	Saturday

Are there inconsistencies with other experiments?

Slowing down of NBI ions is thought to be classical:

TFTR:

• NBI at r/a=0.5, 2 MW beams with 95 keV, no central heating
(nearly no radial diffusion of fast ions: $D < 0.05\ m^2/s$), Efthimion IAEA 1988

JET, TFTR:

• Slowing down of 1 MeV tritons from d(d,p)t :
- in low temperature plasmas: classical slowing down
- for long slowing down time: $D \approx 0.1\ m^2/s$
(Conroy EPS 1990, Scott IAEA 1991)

DIII-D:

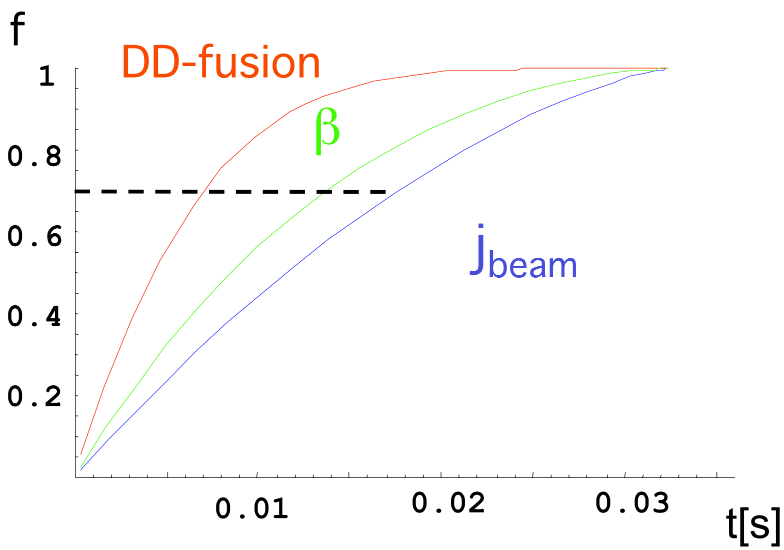
• anomalous fast ion redistribution needed to match stored energy and neutron rate for NBI heating in TRANSP simulations: $D \approx 0.3\ m^2/s$

Are there inconsistencies with other experiments?

Slowing down of NBI ions is thought to be local, usually concluded from :

- neutron rates
- heat deposition (mostly in low heat flux discharges)

But beam current particularly susceptible to diffusion:
Slowing down particles contribute substantially longer to beam current than to energy density or fusion rate



D-beam, E_{beam}=92keV, T_e= 1keV, n=$5\times10^{19}m^{-3}$)

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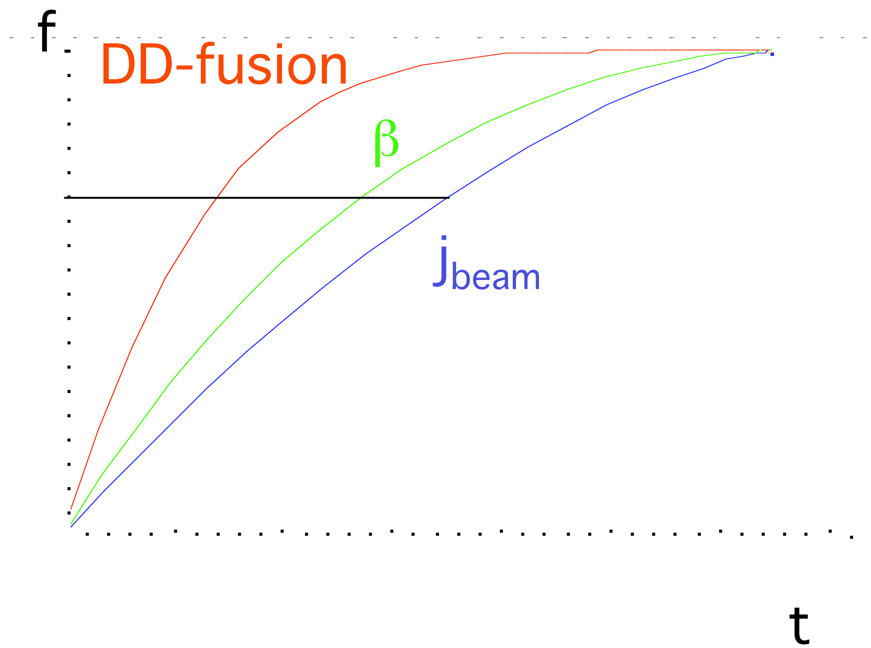
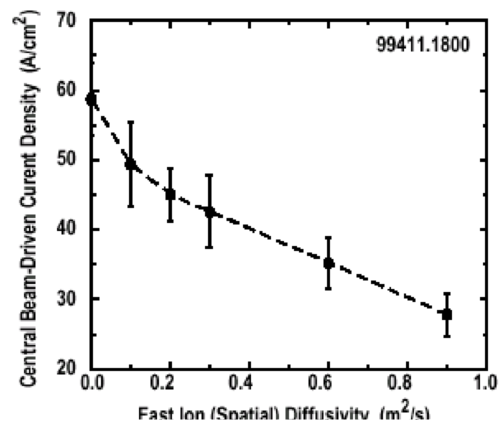
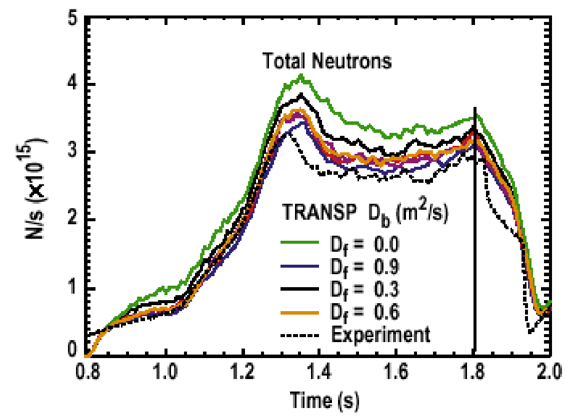


fractional contribution f of fast particles to DD-fusion, β, and beam current during first t seconds of their slowing down history

(D-beam, E_{beam}=92keV,T_e= 1keV, n=$5x10^{19}m^{-3}$)



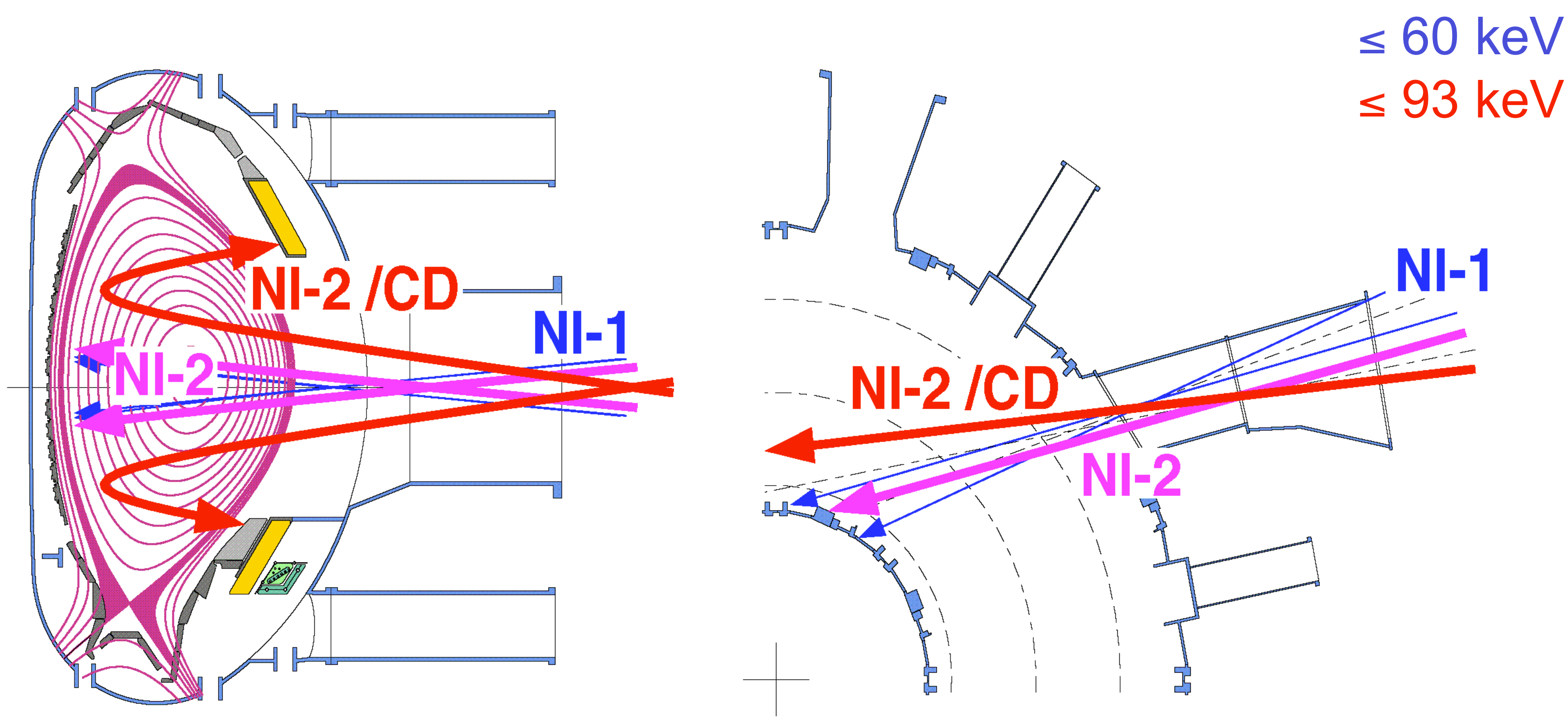


DIII-D: D_b=0.9m^2/s induced change:

<20% in f_{DD}

>50% in f_{jbeam}

NBI current drive system on ASDEX Upgrade

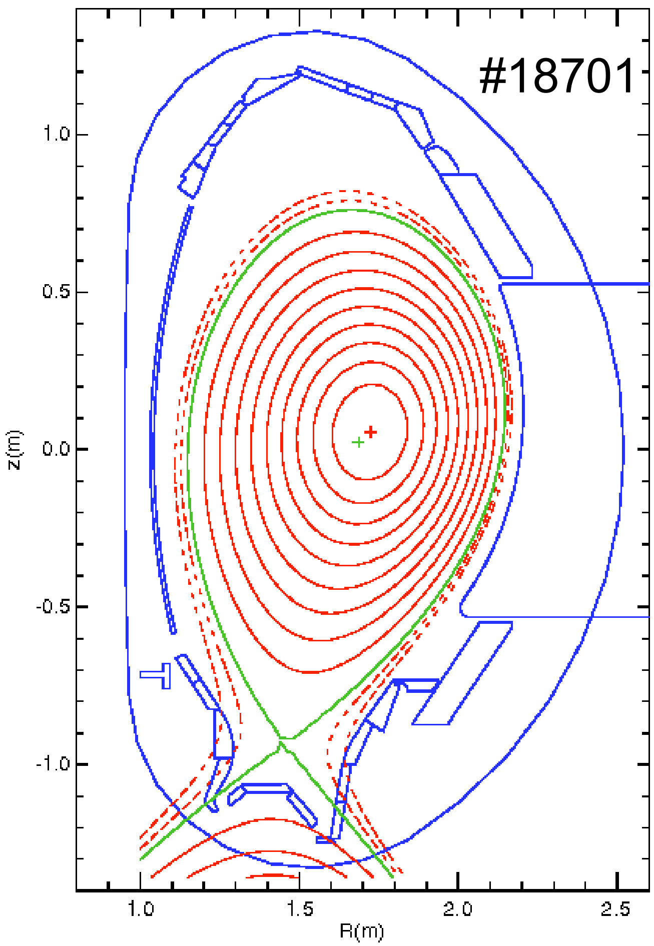


Re-direction of neutral beam injection system

- strong off-axis deposition by tilt of injection angle
- significant current drive at half radius expected

Higher beam power possible for higher triangularity

low δ (δ ≈ 0.15)



high δ (δ ≈ 0.4)