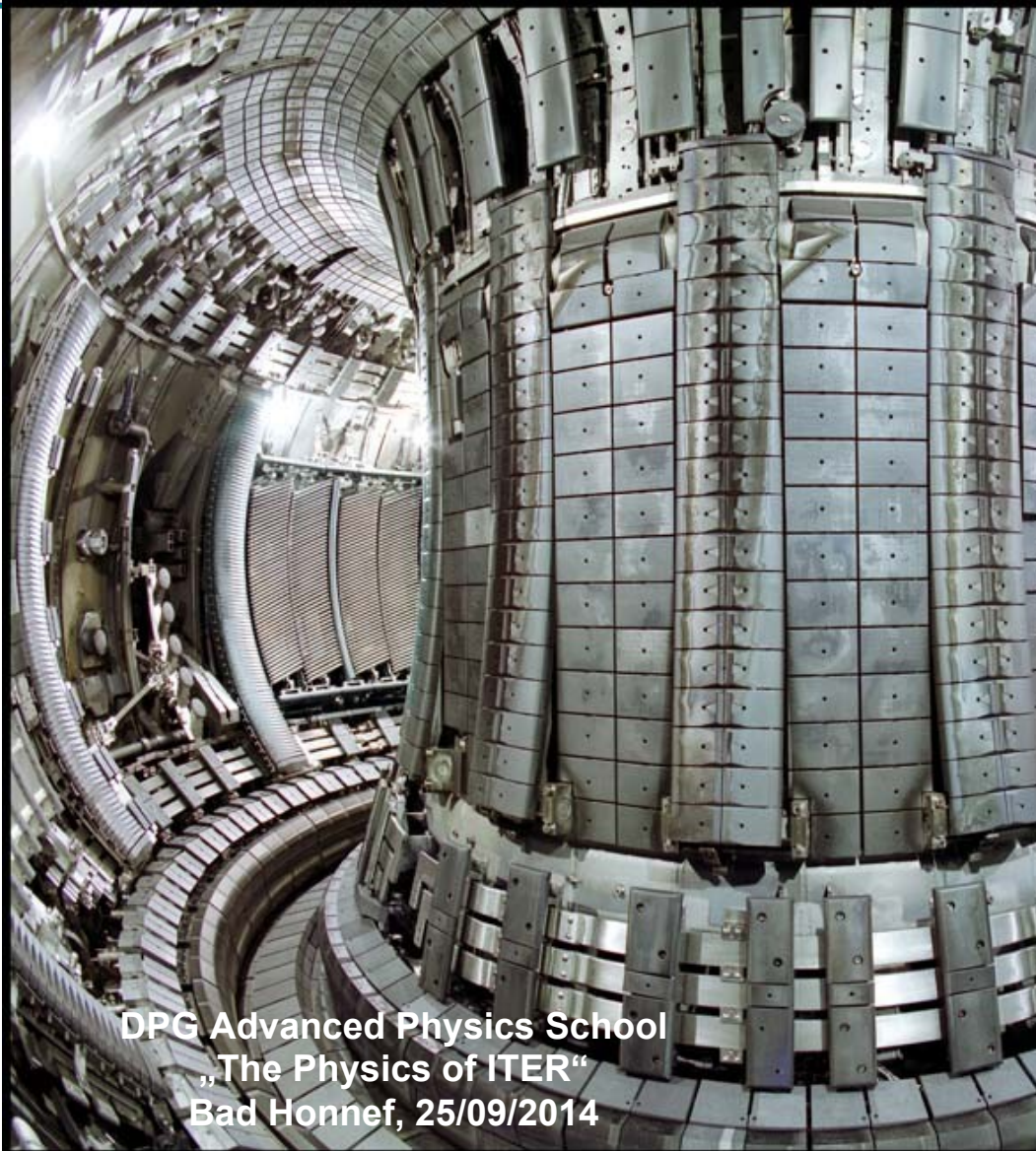




# Modelling power exhaust



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- Motivation
- Introduction to Scrape-Off Layer physics
- Numerical tools
- Validating our understanding in present devices



- ❖ Maximize pumping of He ash  
(minimize fuel dilution)
- ❖ Provide sufficient pumping of hydrogen fuel
  - ❖ Minimize damages to the wall  
(erosion, melting)

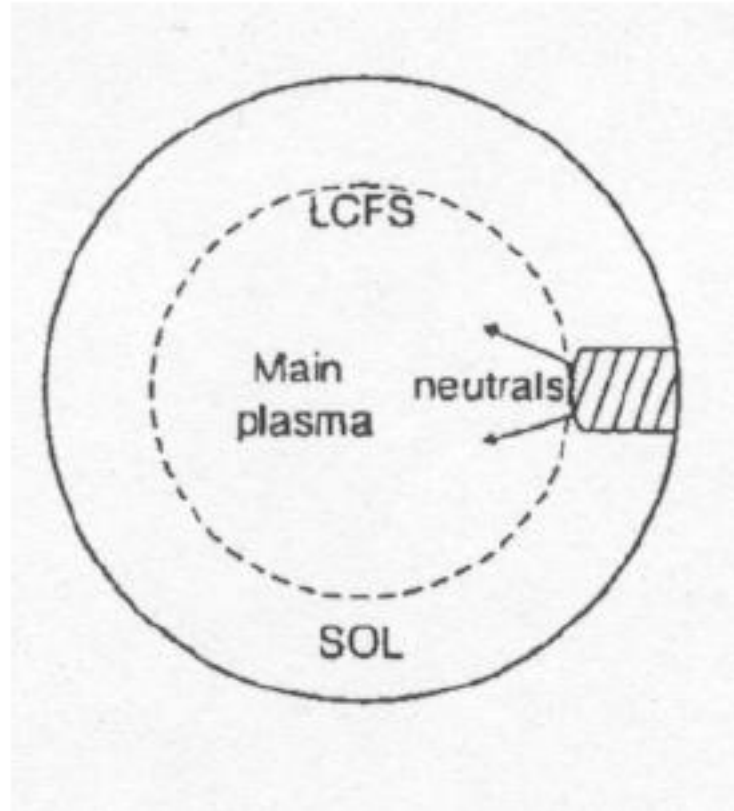


Figure 1.2: *The schematic of a limiter configuration [8].*

P. Stangeby "The plasma boundary of magnetic fusion devices" IOP 2002



# Divertor

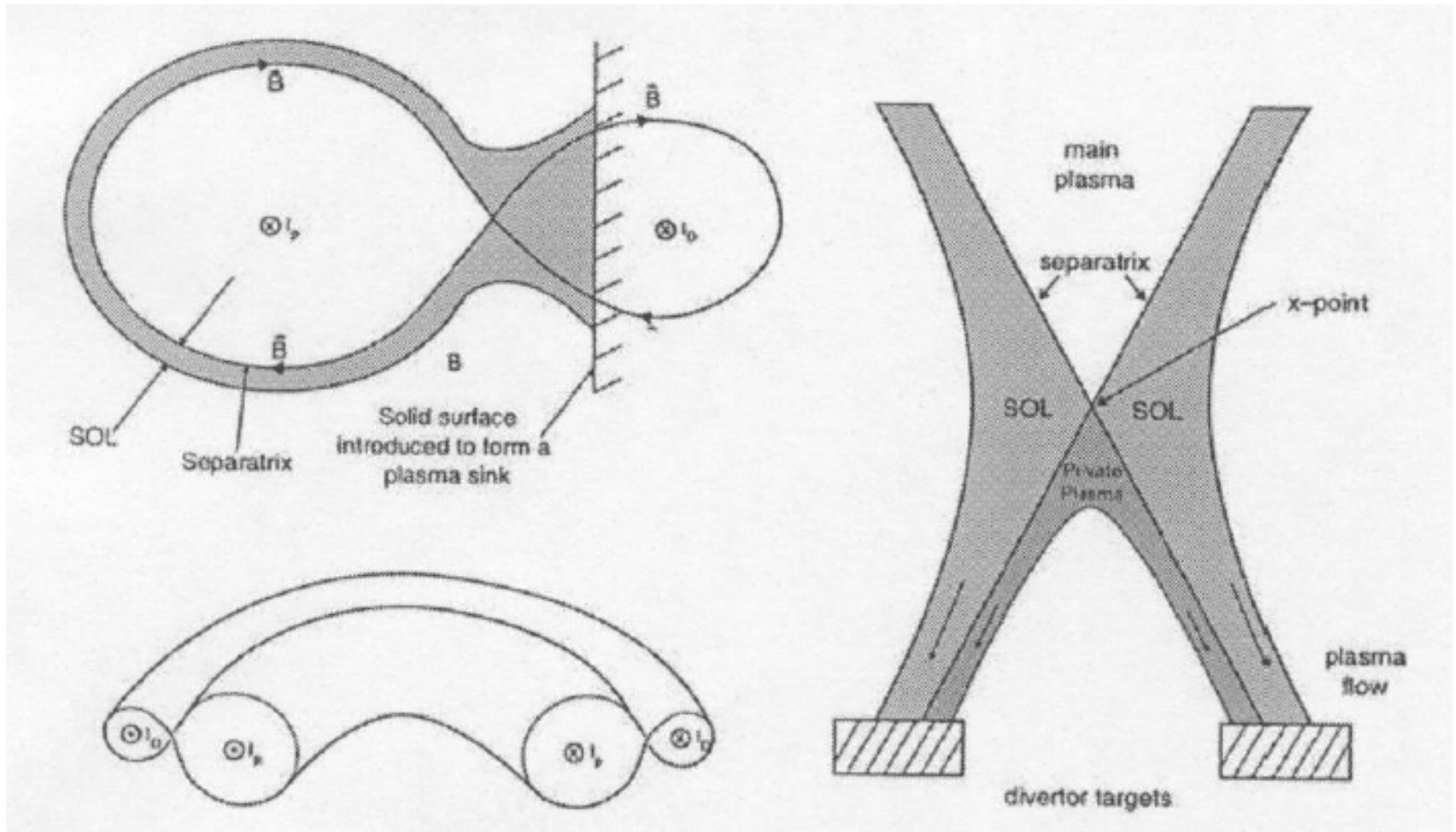
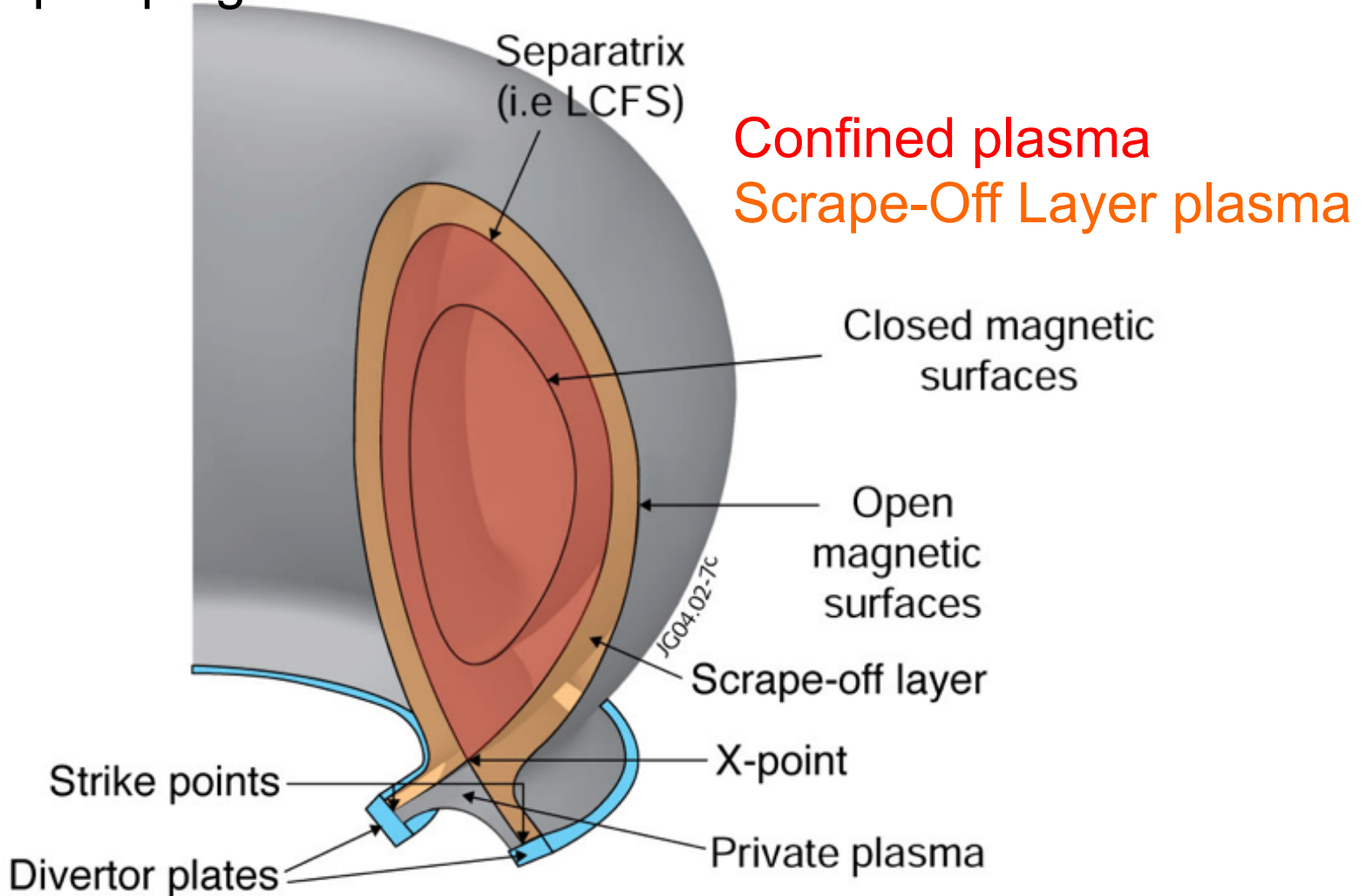


Figure 1.3: *The schematic of a divertor configuration [8].*



# Divertor concept

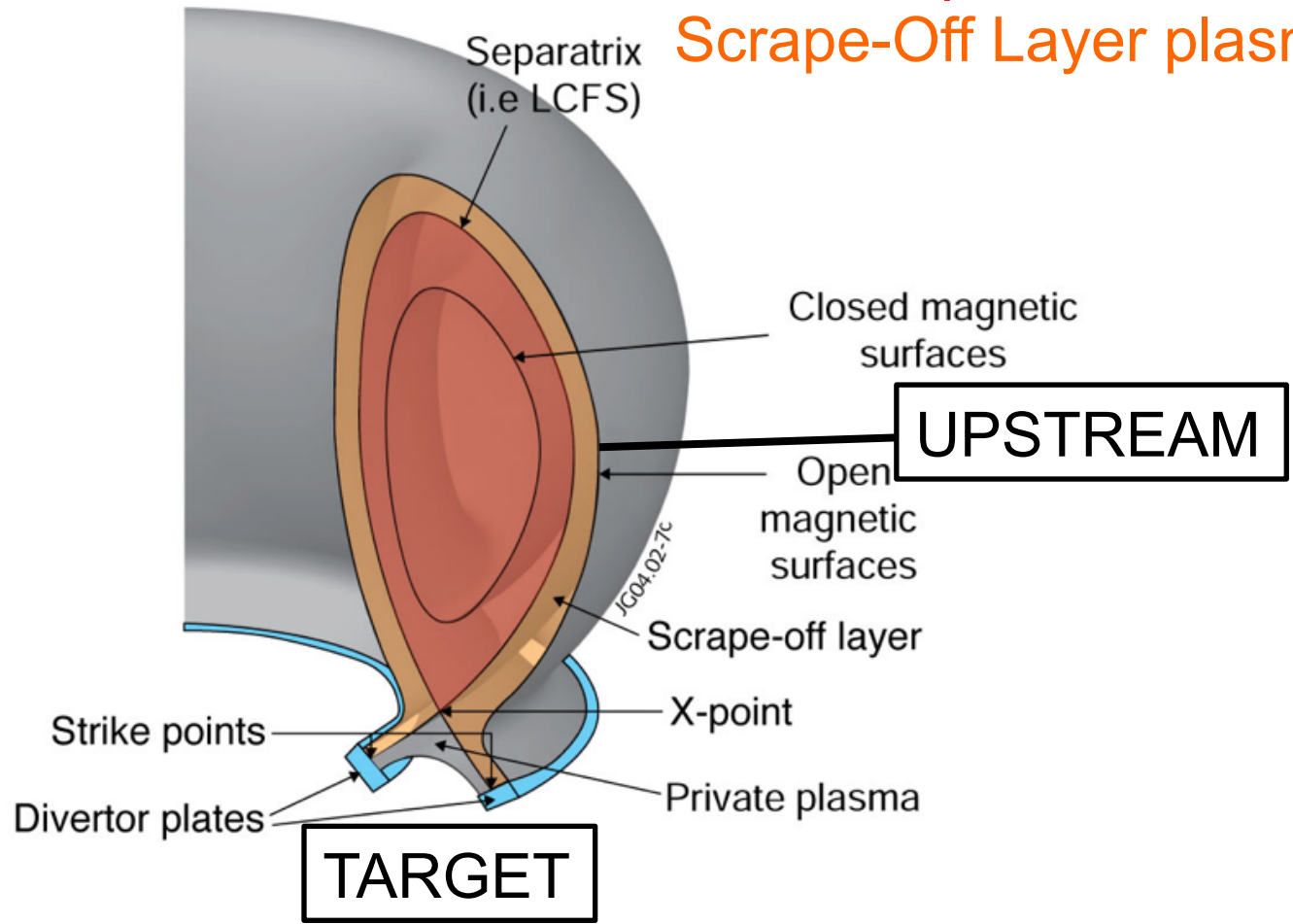
Maximize pumping of He ash and minimize erosion





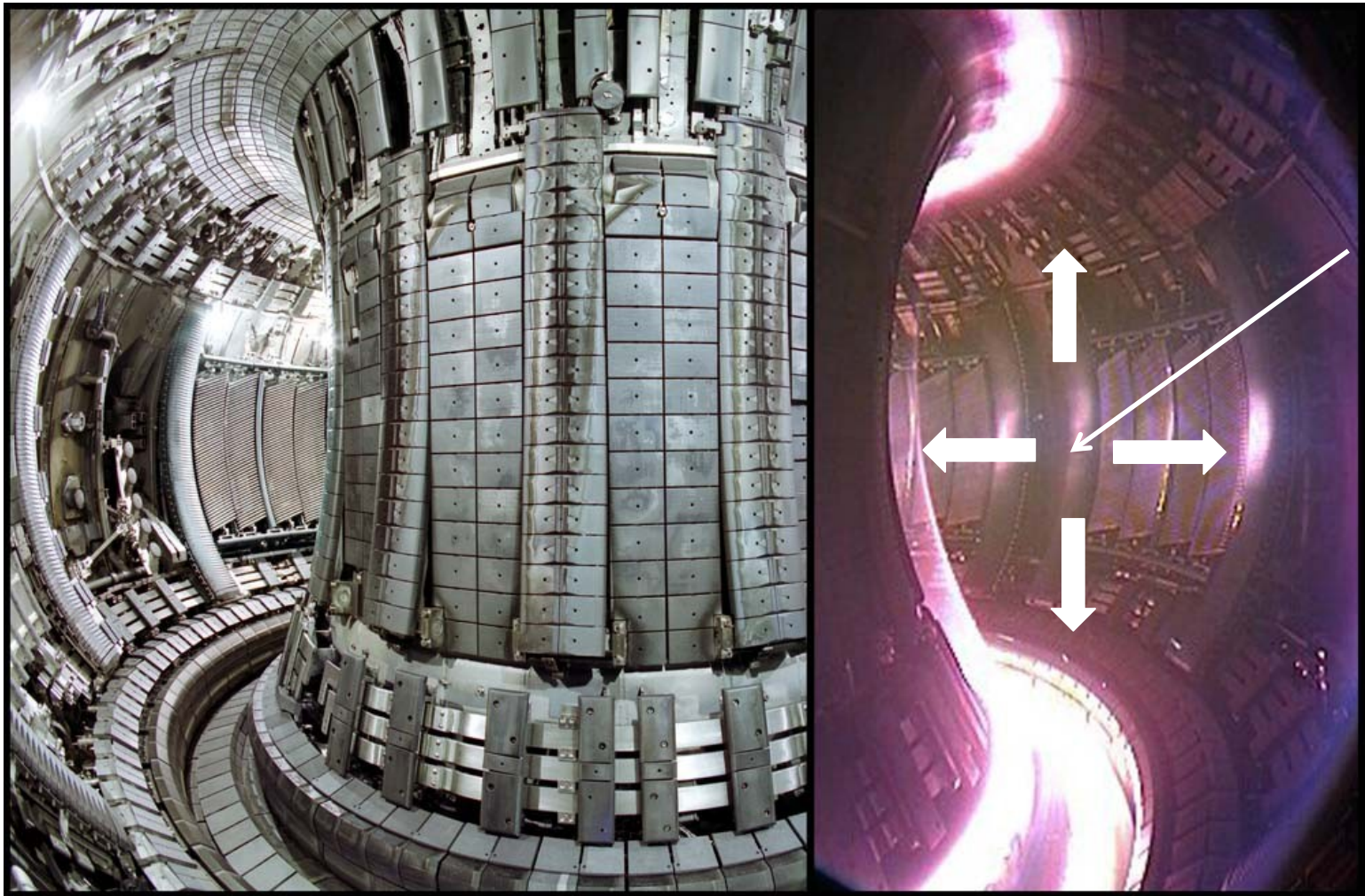
# Divertor concept

Confined plasma  
Scrape-Off Layer plasma





# Divertor & Plasma



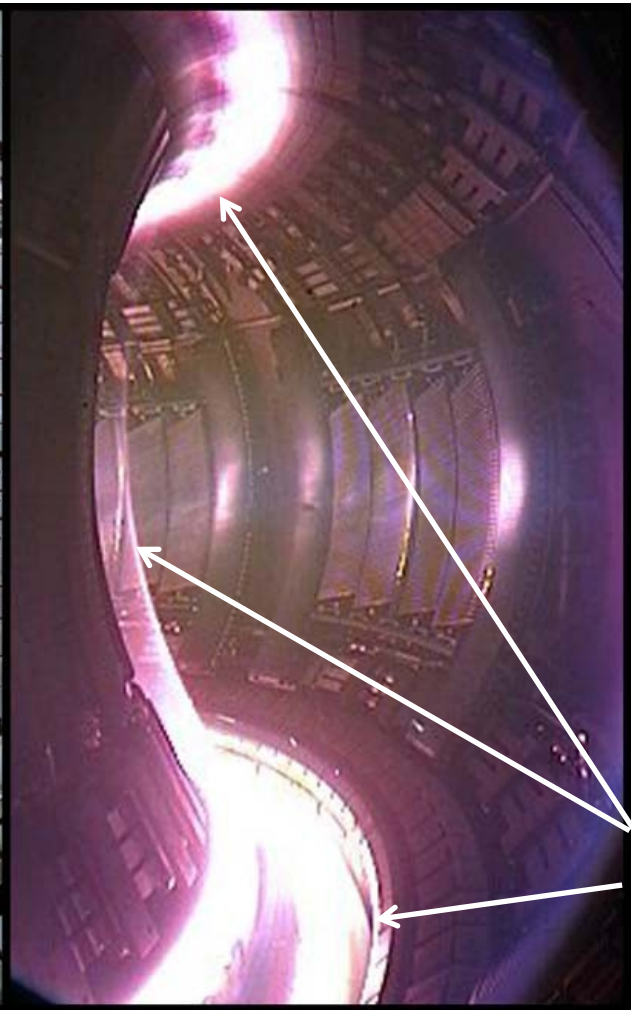
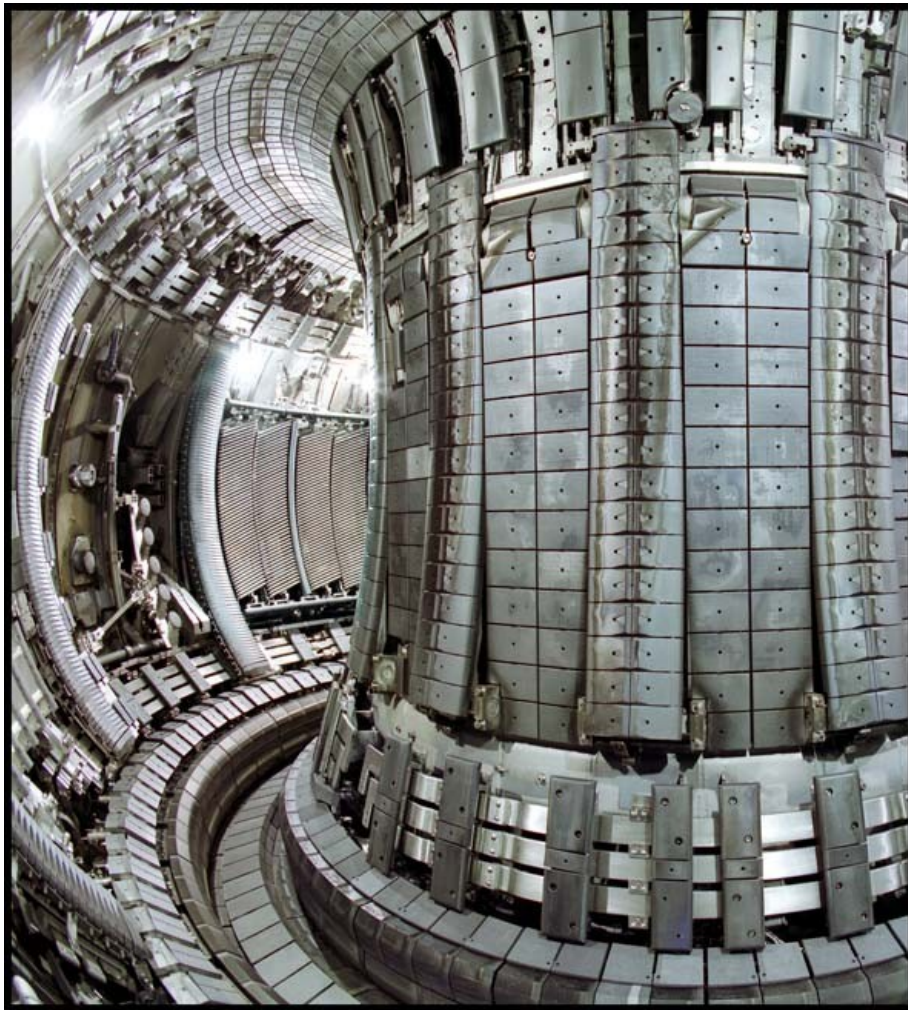
$P_{\text{heat}}$  in  
centre

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# Divertor & Plasma

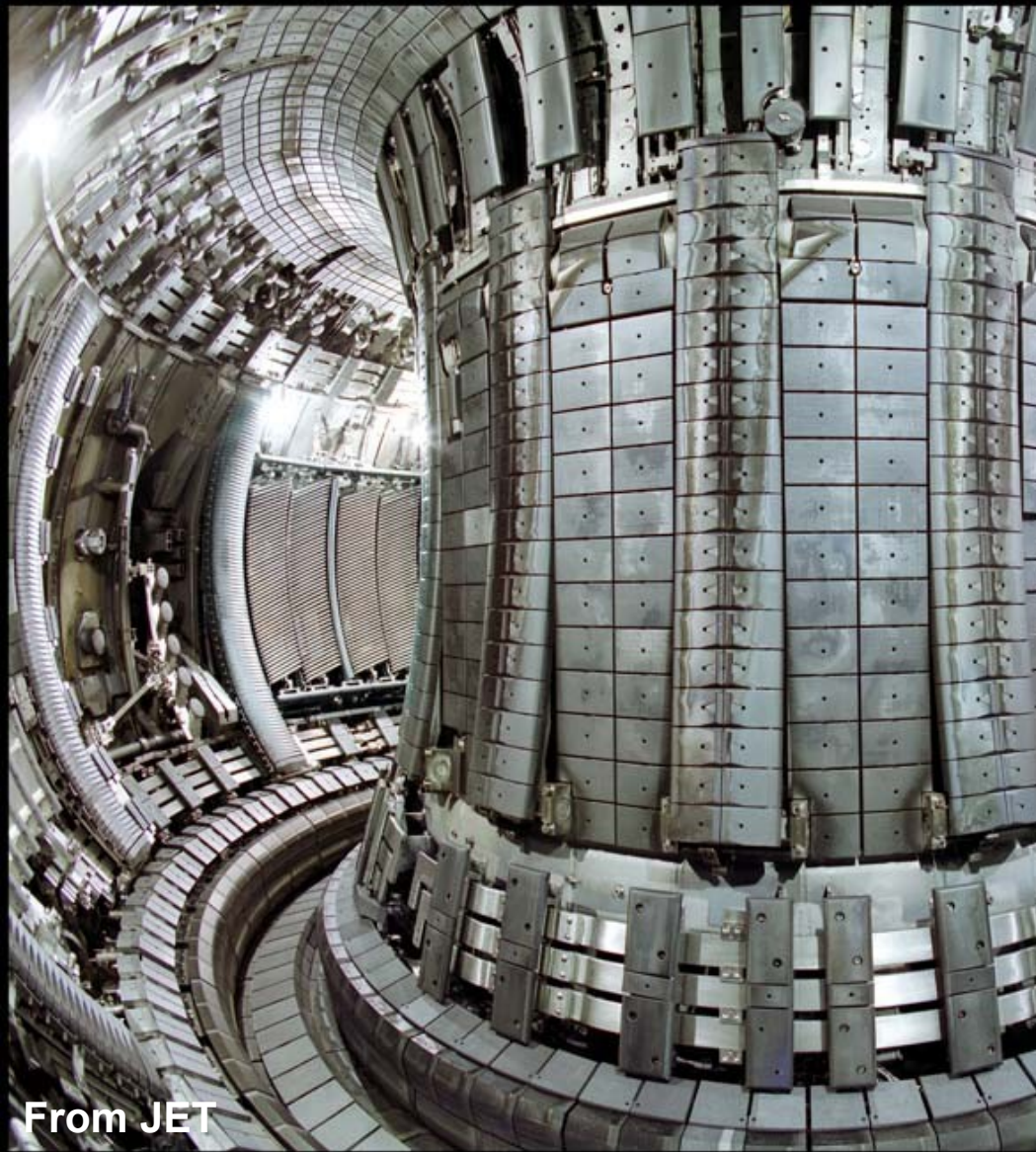


Distributed  
Recycling  
particles

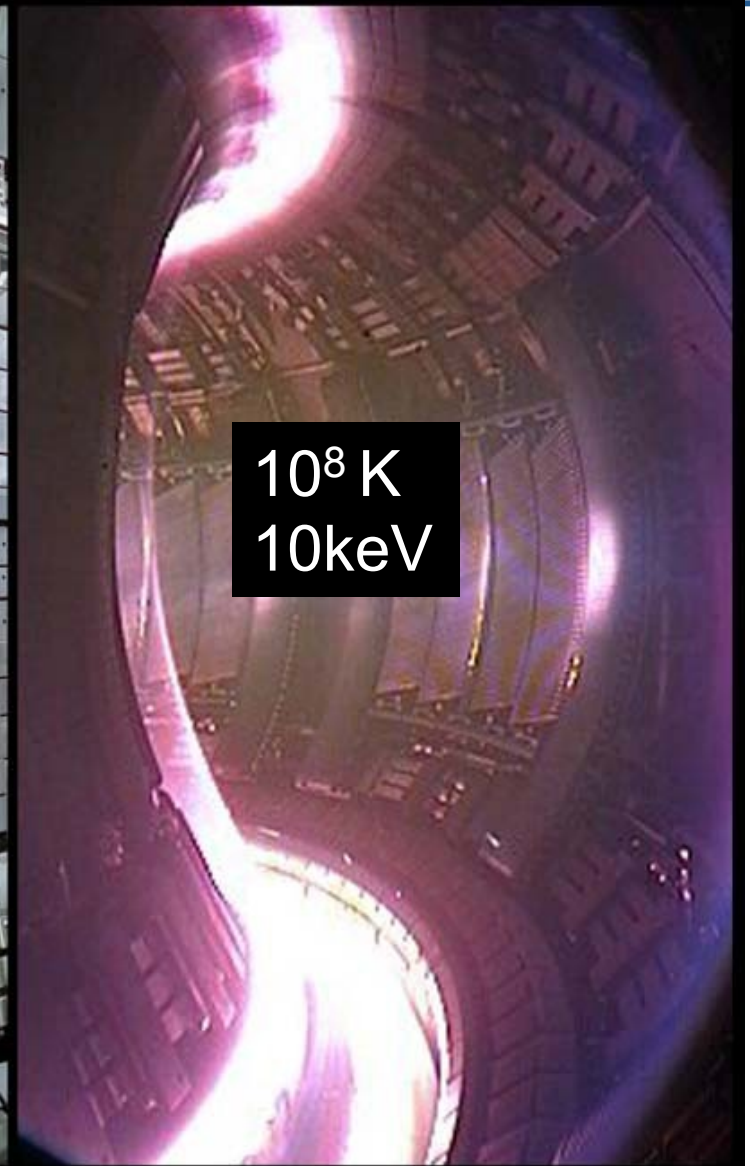
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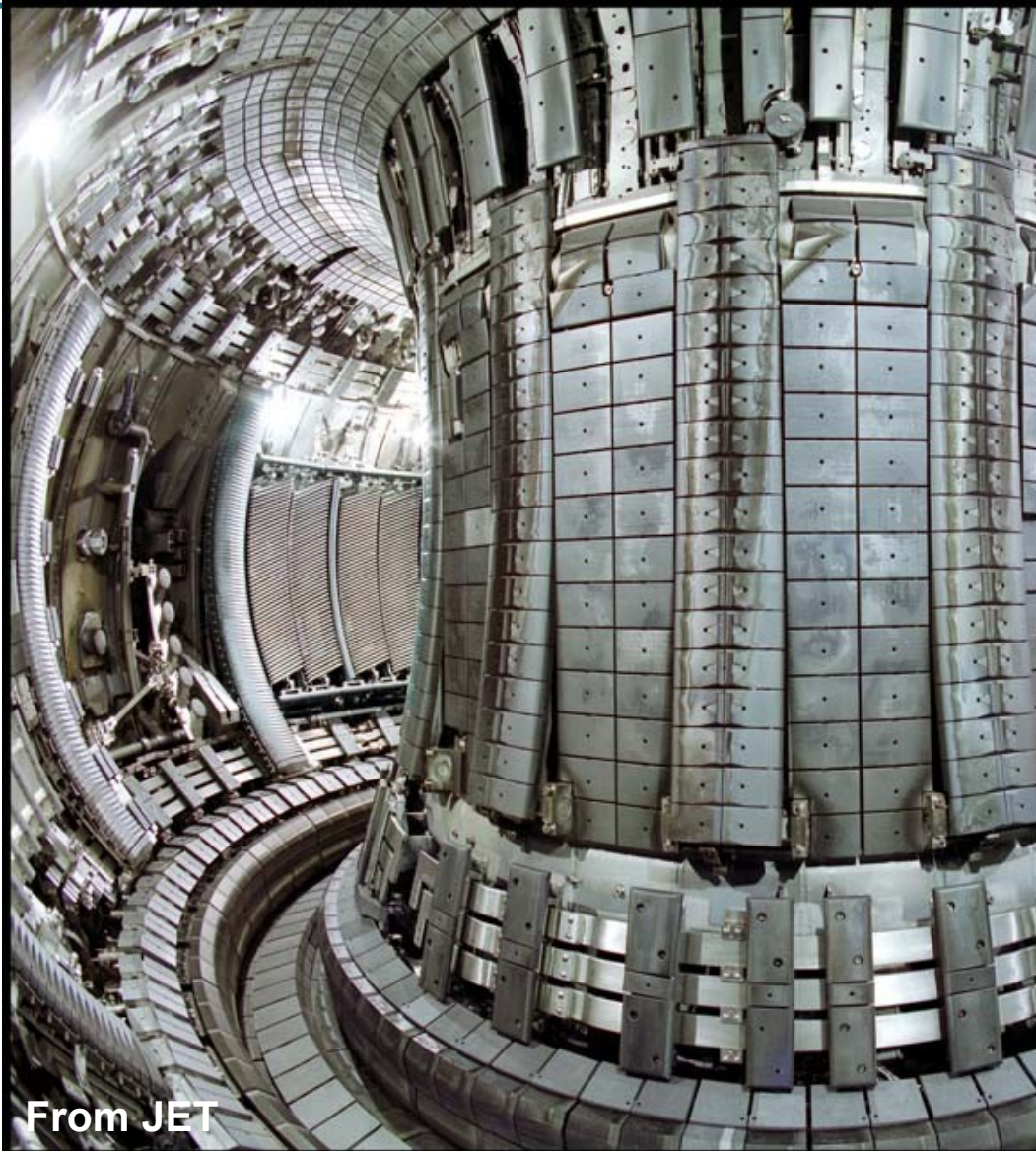
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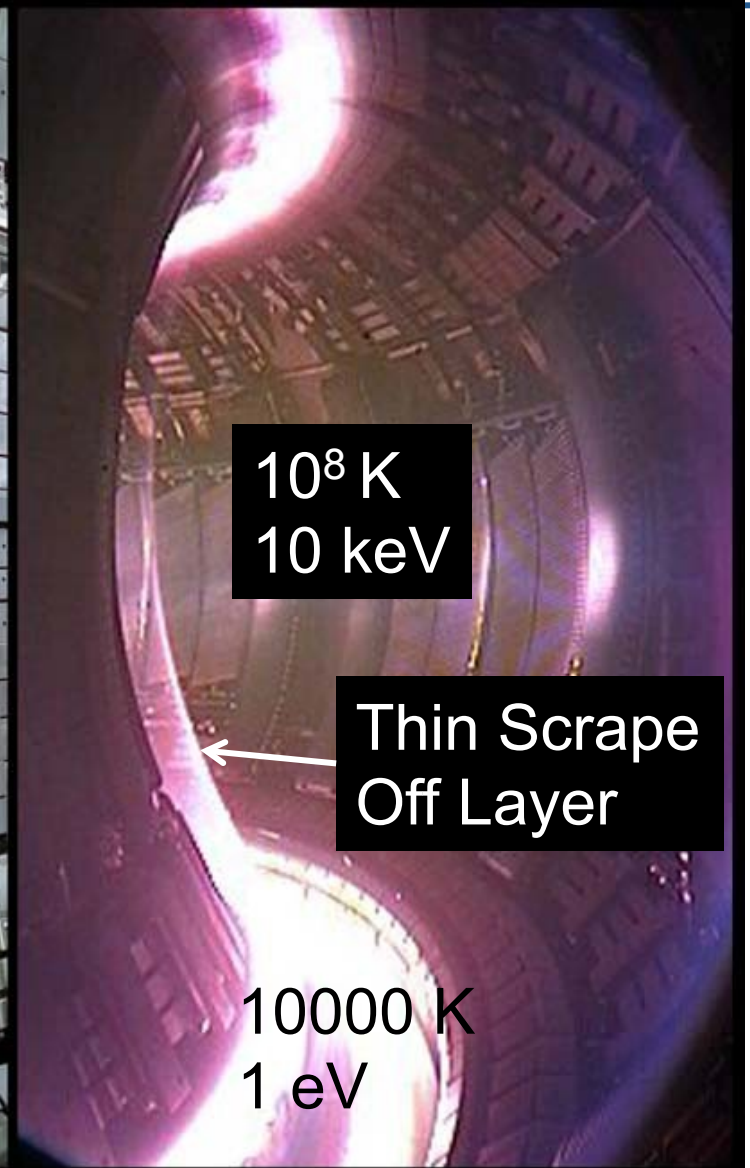
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# Divertor & Plasma

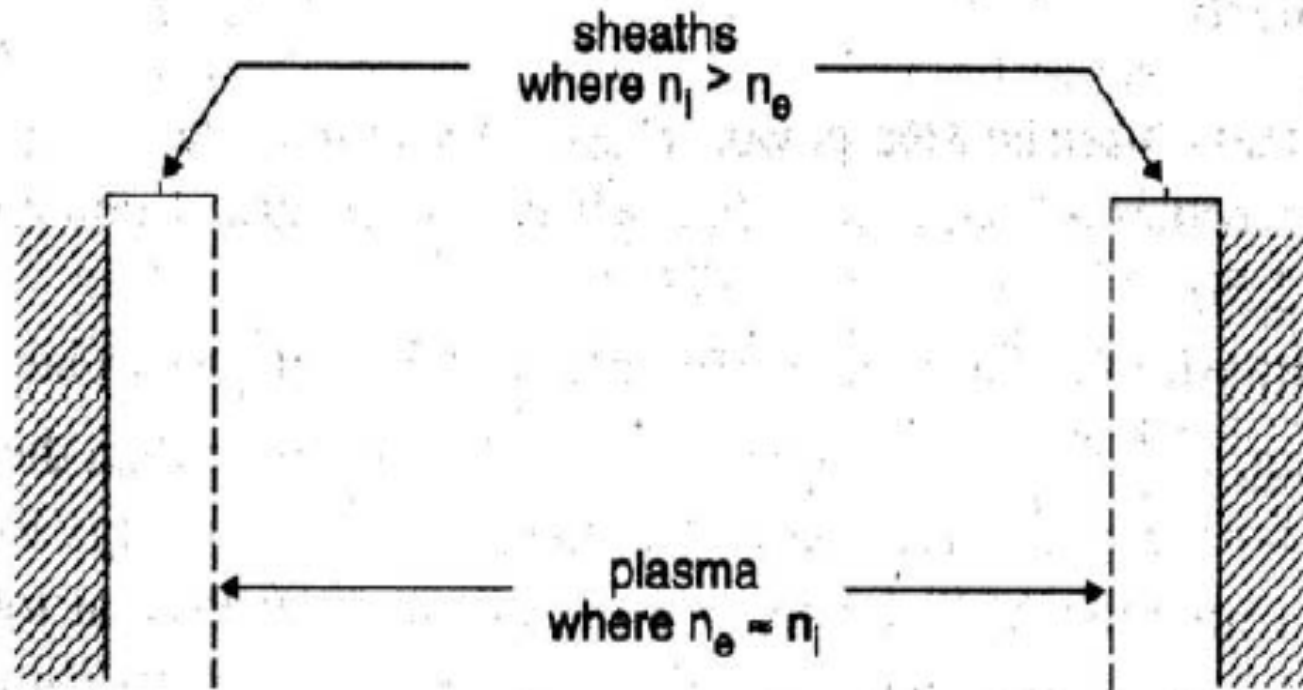


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## A simple and useful description of the SOL



.1: Schematic view of the SOL with presheath (plasma) and sheath (from

# The sheath in a magnetic field

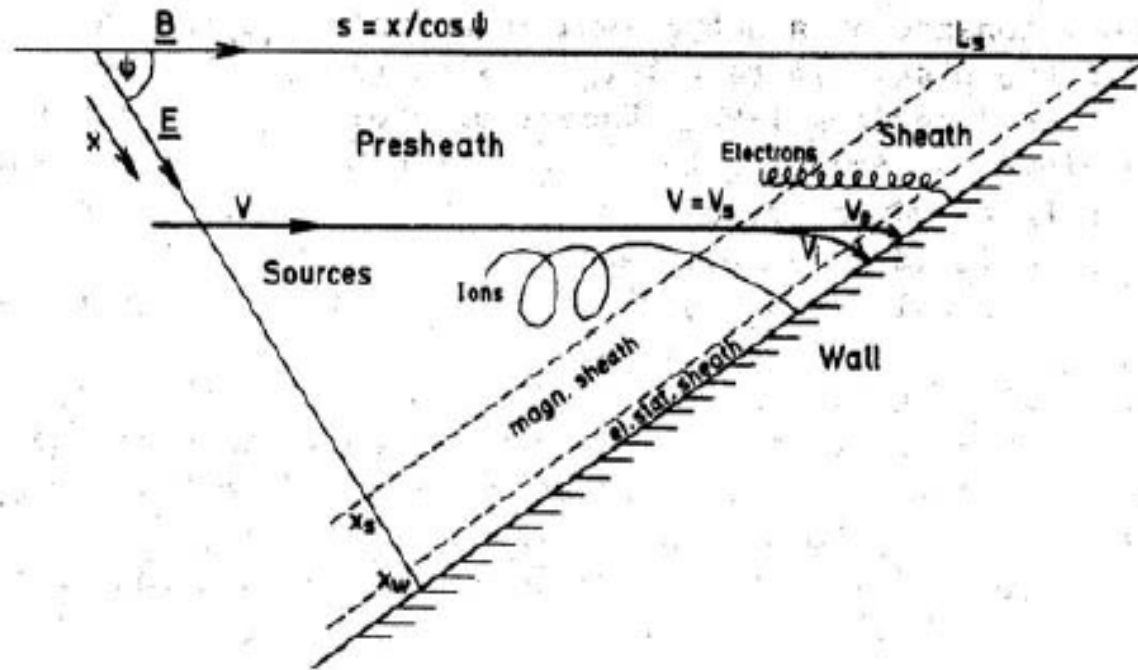


Figure 2.2: Schematic view of the presheath and sheath in a scrape off layer with magnetic field (from ref. [38]).

$$\lambda_{Debye} \equiv (5.53 \times 10^7 T_e / n_e)^{1/2} [m],$$

$$V_{se} \simeq -0.7 \frac{kT_e}{e}. \quad \text{Sheath entrance}$$

$$v_{se} \geq c_s = (e(Z_i T_e + \gamma T_i) / m_i)^{1/2}, \quad \text{Bohm Chodura}$$

with  $Z_i$  the ion charge,  $\gamma = 1$  for isothermal flow,  $\gamma = 5/3$  for adiabatic flow with isotropic pressure and  $\gamma = 3$  for  $1D$  adiabatic flow with no perpendicular heat conduction (see

$$n_{se} = n_0 \exp(V_{se}/(T_e)), \quad (2.49)$$

with  $n_0$  the electron density at  $V = 0$ . Using the above equation with  $V_{se} = -0.7T_e$  gives

$$n_{se} = 0.5n_0 \quad (2.50)$$

$$\Gamma_{se} = n_{se} v_{se}. \quad \text{Particle flux across sheath}$$

## Energy flux across sheath

$$q_{se,e}^e = \gamma_e e T_e \Gamma_{se},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_e &= 2 + |V_{sf}|/(eT_e) + |V_{pre-sheath}|/(eT_e) \\ &\approx 2 + 3 + 0.7 = 5.7 \end{aligned}$$

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## Total heat transfer across the sheath

**Ion heat flux across sheath entrance assuming drifting Maxwellian ions with Bohm-Chodura at sheath entrance as boundary**

$$q_{se,i}^e = \left( \frac{5}{2}kT + \frac{1}{2}m_i c_s^2 \right) \Gamma_{se},$$

so that  $\gamma_i = 3.5$  if  $T_e = T_i$ . Values of  $\gamma_i \approx 2 - 3$  have been found

The total *sheath heat transmission factor* for electrons plus ions is thus

$$\gamma \simeq 7 - 9,$$

**Total energy flux across the sheath**

However, sheath needs kinetic treatment of ions

$$q_{\parallel i} \equiv \chi_{\parallel i} \nabla_x T_i = -\kappa_{0i} T_i^{5/2} \nabla_x T_i \quad (2.35)$$

$$q_{\parallel e} \equiv \chi_{\parallel e} \nabla_x T_e = -\kappa_{0e} T_e^{5/2} \nabla_x T_e \quad (2.36)$$

with the ion and electron heat conductivity coefficients:

$$\kappa_{0i} = \frac{1249}{Z_i^4 m_i^{1/2} \ln \Lambda} \approx 60 \quad (2.37)$$

$$\kappa_{0e} = \frac{30692}{Z_i \ln \Lambda} \approx 2000 \quad (2.38)$$

where the temperatures are given in [eV], lengths in [m], the Coulomb logarithm  $\Lambda \approx 15$  [28], the mass in units of atomic mass [amu],  $q$  in [W/m<sup>2</sup>] and the approximate numerical values have been calculated assuming a D plasma. If  $He^{2+}$  is the dominant ion species,  $\kappa_{0i}$  is 30 times smaller in a helium plasma.

$$p_t^{tot} = n_t(2kT_t + mc_s^2) = 2n_u kT_u = p_u^{tot}; T_e = T_i,$$

1. Ion-neutral friction is negligible along the SOL.
2. Radiation losses along the SOL are negligible compared to  $P_{SOL}$ .
3. All neutrals recycling from the targets are immediately ionized in front of the targets on the same flux tube as the original impinging ions.
4. The only parallel plasma flow is that between the ionization zone and the target (eqn. 2.48),  $v = 0$  upstream and  $v = c_s$  at the target sheath entrance.
5. No cross-field particle and momentum transport.
6. Surfaces are the only particle sinks, no volumetric recombination.

# The two point model

applying

$$q_{se}^{\epsilon} = \gamma k T_e \Gamma_{se}$$

$$2n_t T_t = n_u T_u$$

**Two-point model:**

$$T_u^{7/2} = T_t^{7/2} + \frac{7}{2} \frac{q_{\parallel} L_c}{\kappa_{0e}}$$

$$q_{\parallel} = \gamma n_t k T_t c_s.$$

$$T_u \simeq \left( \frac{7}{2} \frac{q_{\parallel} L_c}{\kappa_{0e}} \right)^{2/7} \quad \text{with } T[\text{eV}], T_u^{7/2} \gg T_t^{7/2}$$



$$T_t \propto q_{\parallel}^{10/7} L_c^{-4/7} n_u^{-2}$$

$$n_t \propto n_u^3 q_{\parallel}^{-8/7} L_c^{6/7}$$

$$\Gamma_t \propto n_u^2 q_{\parallel}^{-3/7} L_c^{4/7}$$

$$\begin{aligned}T_t &\propto \frac{(1 - f_{power})^2}{f_{mom}^2 f_{cond}^{4/7}} \\T_u/T_t &\propto \frac{f_{cond}^{6/7} f_{mom}^2}{(1 - f_{power})^2} \\n_t &\propto \frac{f_{mom}^3 f_{cond}^{6/7}}{(1 - f_{power})^2} \\\Gamma_t &\propto \frac{f_{mom}^2 f_{cond}^{4/7}}{1 - f_{power}}\end{aligned}$$

→ High complexity of interdependent quantities

# Numerical Tools



- derived from 0.-2. moments of Landau's equation:

$$\frac{\partial f(\vec{r}, \vec{v}, t)}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla_{\vec{r}} f(\vec{r}, \vec{v}, t) + \dot{\vec{v}} \cdot \nabla_{\vec{v}} f(\vec{r}, \vec{v}, t) = C[f(\vec{r}, \vec{v}, t)]$$

- 0<sup>th</sup> moment: particle conservation

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (n_i \vec{v}_i) = S_i$$

$$\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (n_e \vec{v}_e) = S_e$$

- quasi-neutrality:  $n_e = n_i \left( = \sum Z_a n_a \right)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(m_i n_i \vec{v}_i) + \vec{\nabla}(m_i n_i \vec{v}_i \vec{v}_i) = -\vec{\nabla} p_i - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\Pi}_i + Z_i e n_i (\vec{E} + \vec{v}_i \times \vec{B}) + \vec{R}_i + \vec{S}_{m_i \vec{v}_i} \quad \text{ions}$$

$$-\vec{\nabla} p_e - e n_e (\vec{E} + \vec{v}_e \times \vec{B}) + \vec{R}_e = 0 \quad \text{electrons}$$

friction:  $\vec{R}_e = -\vec{R}_i = e n_e \left( \frac{\vec{j}_{\parallel}}{\sigma_{\parallel}} + \frac{\vec{j}_{\perp}}{\sigma_{\perp}} \right) - 0.71 n_e \vec{\nabla}_{\parallel} T_e - \frac{3}{2} \frac{e n_e^2}{\sigma_{\perp} B^2} \vec{B} \times \vec{\nabla} T_e$

total current:  $\vec{j} = e(Z_i n_i \vec{v}_i - n_e \vec{v}_e)$

total momentum eqn:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(m_i n_i \vec{v}_i) + \vec{\nabla}(m_i n_i \vec{v}_i \vec{v}_i) = -\vec{\nabla} p - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\Pi}_i + \vec{j} \times \vec{B} + \vec{S}_{m_i \vec{v}_i}$

[assumption: velocity is linear sum of average + fluctuations, ie:  $\langle v \rangle + \tilde{v}$  (no non-linear coupling), re-introduce eg.  $\langle \tilde{v}_{\alpha} \tilde{v}_{\beta} \rangle$  and off-diagonal terms within turbulent models]



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{3}{2} n_i T_i + \frac{1}{2} m_i n_i \vec{v}_i^2 \right) + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[ \left( \frac{5}{2} n_i T_i + \frac{1}{2} m_i n_i \vec{v}_i^2 \right) \vec{v}_i + \vec{\Pi}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i + \vec{q}_i \right] = (Z_i e n_i \vec{E} - \vec{R}) \cdot \vec{v}_i - Q_{ei} + S_{E_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{3}{2} n_e T_e \right) + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[ \frac{5}{2} n_e T_e \vec{v}_e + \vec{q}_e \right] = -e n_e \vec{E} \vec{v}_e + \vec{R} \cdot \vec{v}_e + Q_{ei} + S_{E_e} \quad Q_{ei} = \frac{3m_e}{m_i} \frac{n_e}{\tau_e} (T_i - T_e)$$

- higher moments > 2<sup>nd</sup> order disregarded
- close equations via specifying heat fluxes:

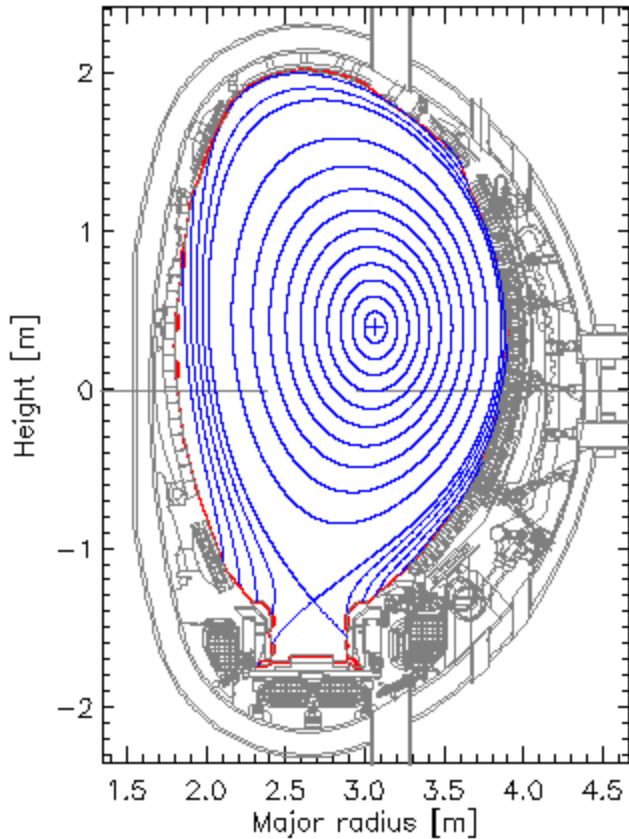
$$\vec{q}_i = -\kappa_{\parallel}^i \nabla_{\parallel} T_i - \kappa_{\perp}^i \nabla_{\perp} T_i + \kappa_{\times}^i \frac{\vec{B}}{B} \times \vec{\nabla}_{\perp} T_i$$

$$\vec{q}_e = -\kappa_{\parallel}^e \nabla_{\parallel} T_e - \kappa_{\perp}^e \nabla_{\perp} T_e + \kappa_{\times}^e \frac{\vec{B}}{B} \times \vec{\nabla}_{\perp} T_e - 0.71 \frac{T_e}{e} \vec{j}_{\parallel} - \frac{3}{2} \frac{T_e}{2e\omega_e \tau_e B} \vec{B} \times \vec{j}_{\perp}$$

- plus an expression for the ion viscosity tensor  $\vec{\Pi}_i$



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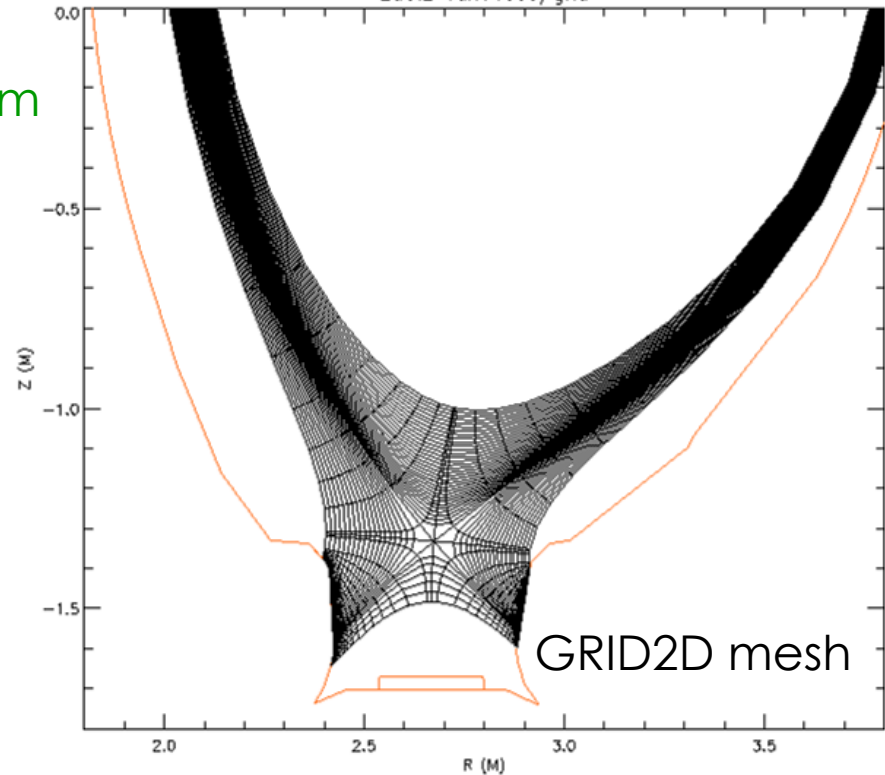


EFIT-equilibrium

$$\vec{\nabla} p = \vec{j} \times \vec{B}$$

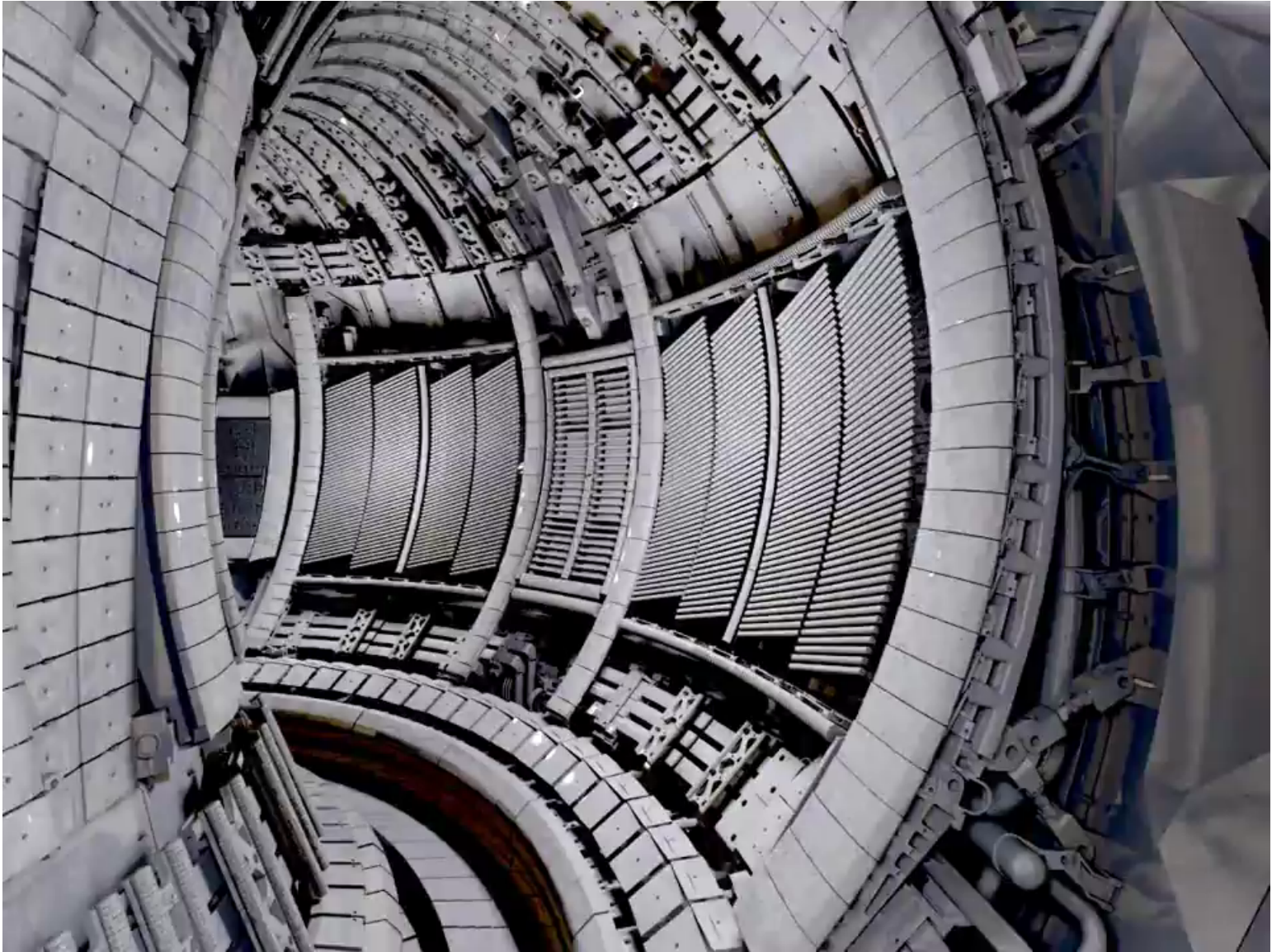
$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j}$$

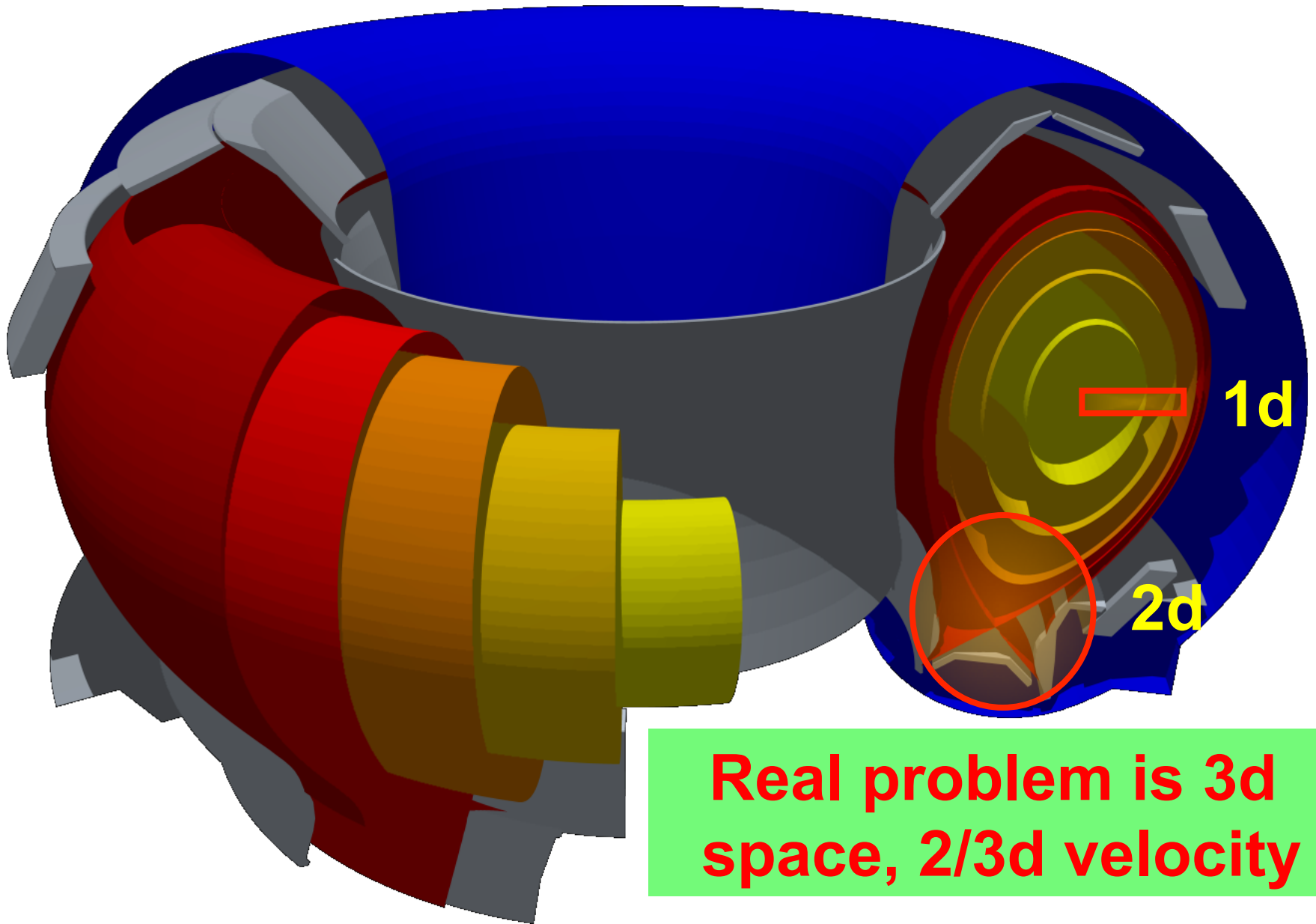
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GRID2D mesh

- usual assumption: **toroidal symmetry**
  - convolutes parallel and diamagnetic transport into combined poloidal transport
- non-homogeneous 2D  $(\rho, \theta)$ -grid: orthogonal cells aligned to flux-surfaces
- difficulty: strong bending of flux-surfaces, target cell-boundaries tilted
  - possible solution: increase grid resolution





- Plasma recombines to form neutrals
  - at surfaces [interaction with solids/or liquids]
  - in the volume

- Neutrals act as sources of particles, momentum and energy for the plasma

- Neutrals also interact with material surfaces

- Neutrals can be described by one of (or combination of)

- fluid model
- kinetic model

\* COUPLING EIRENE TO BRAAMS CODE: ASDEX UPGRADE SINGLE-NULL

SCALING FACTORS

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FACT-Y= 1.500E+02

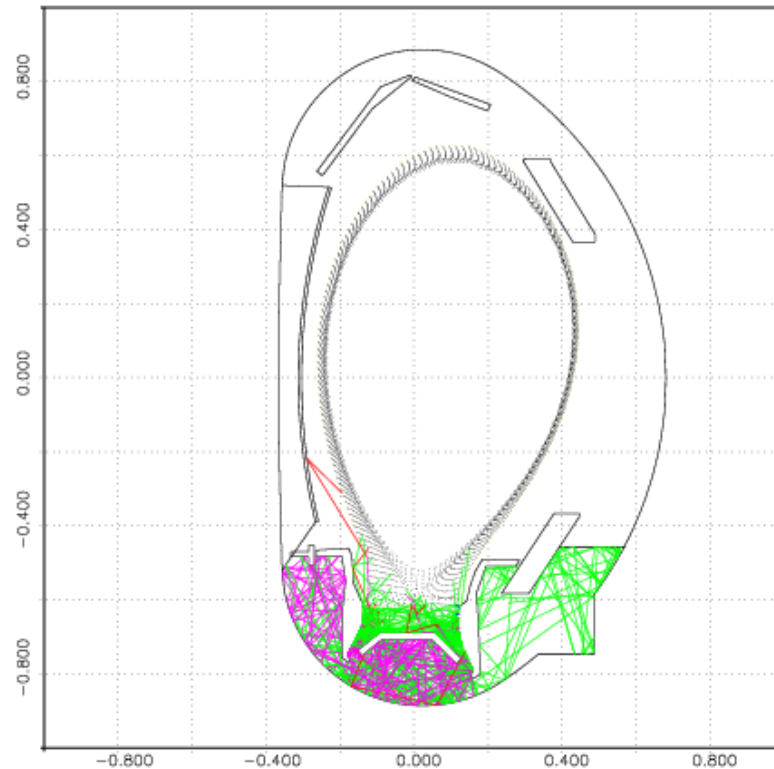
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CH2X0= 1.500E+02

CH2Y0= 0.000E+00

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- ★ DISSOCIATION(2)
- IONIZATION(3)
- × CHARGE EXCHANGE(4)
- ELASTIC COLL.(5)
- ▲ SURFACE(6)
- ◀ SPLITTING(7)
- ▼ RUSSIAN ROULETTE(8)
- △ TIME LIMIT(13)
- ◇ GENERATION LIMIT(14)

□ ERROR DETECTED



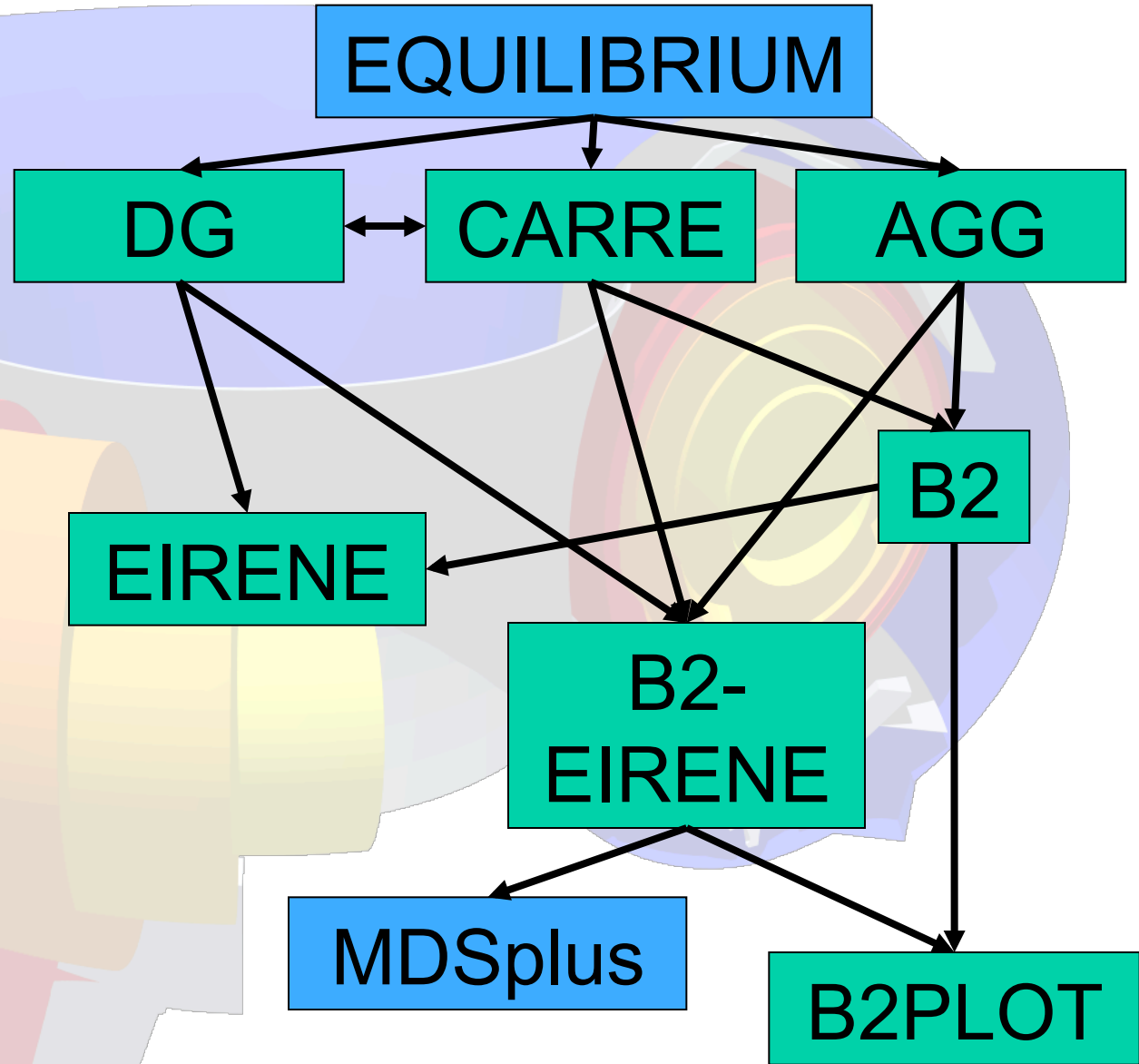
	<b>Fluid</b>	<b>Kinetic</b>
<b>Dimensionality</b>	2D	2D or 3D
<b>Speed</b>	Fast	Slower
<b>Accuracy</b>	Satisfactory upstream	Good everywhere
<b>Ease of including details of structures</b>	Difficult	Relatively easy
<b>Ease of including atomic/surface physics effects</b>	Moderate	Relatively easy for most, more difficult for others
<b>Convergence</b>	No new complications	Monte-Carlo noise

Ultimately a choice between speed and accuracy



## Suite of codes

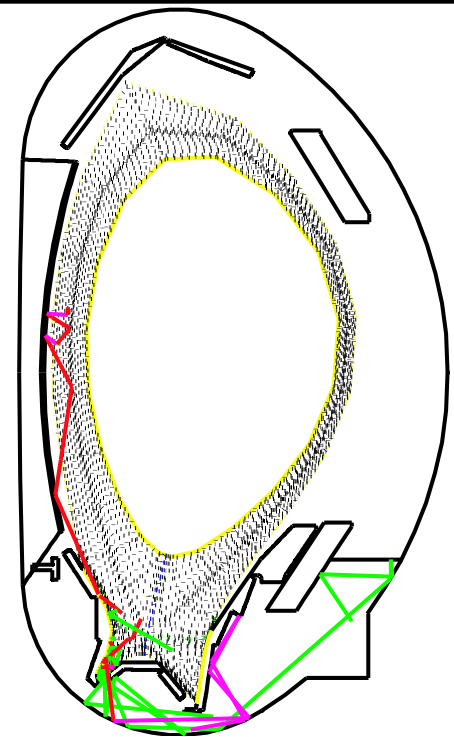
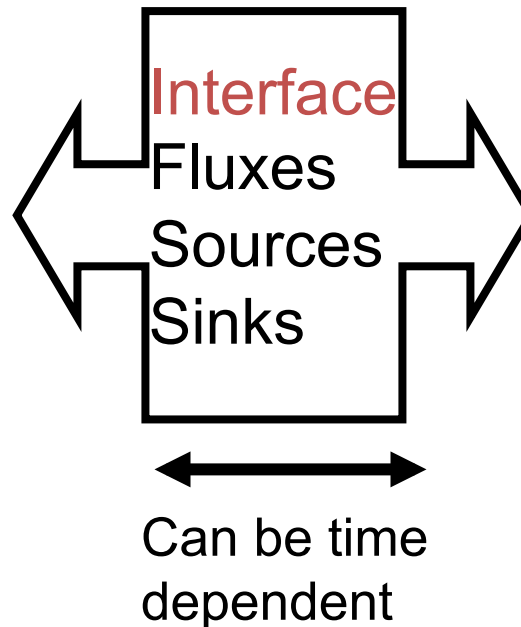
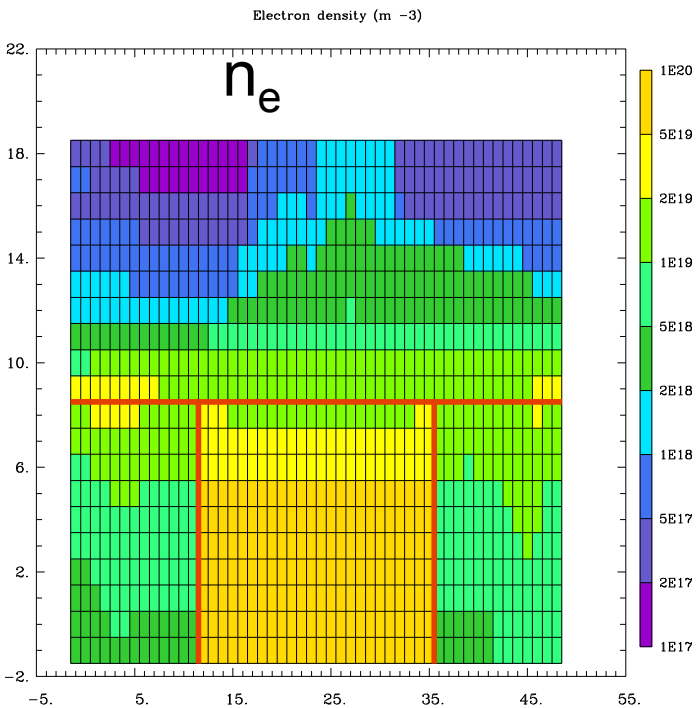
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  - DG
  - AGG
  - (TRIANG)
- Plasma
  - B2, B2.5
- Neutrals
  - EIRENE
- Coupled
  - B2-EIRENE
- Visualization
  - B2PLOT





- Multi fluid code B2.5 (2D)
  - Solves modified fluid equations in 2D (Braginskii)
  - Includes fluid treatment of neutrals
  - Kinetic limits

- EIRENE ('96, '99), 3D
  - Solves time dependant linear transport equations for test particles (photons, neutrals, test ions)





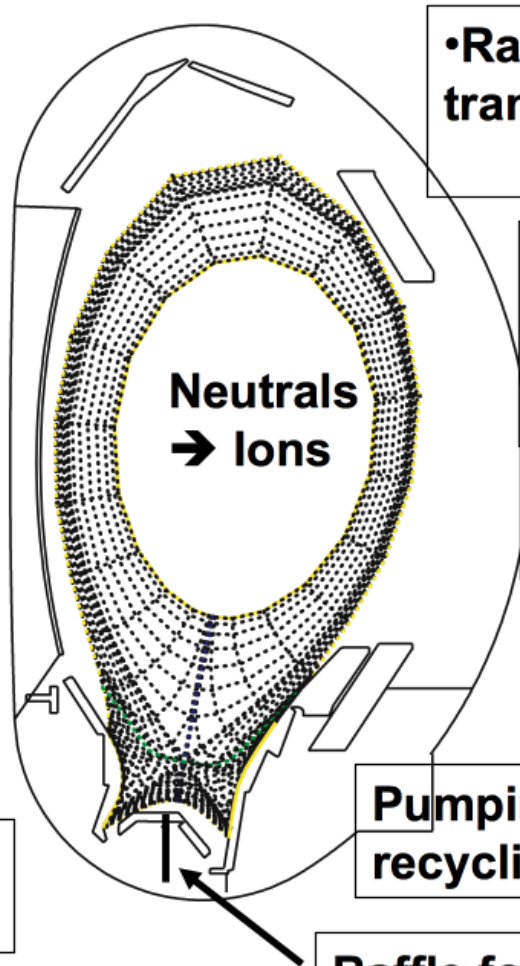
# Common setup

- transport, atomic physics, gas puff, %He, density, drifts & no drifts

- Ion surface interaction only at targets, neutrals everywhere

- Chemical sput.: C not  $C_xD_y$

- Bohm chodura at targets  $M > 1$



- Radially varying transport coefficients

- Preset or feedback gas puff // fixed core boundary density //fluxes across core

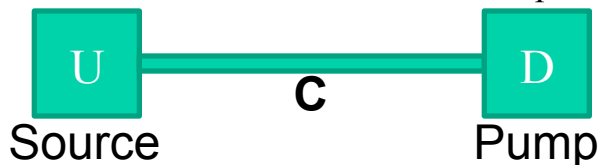
- Power crossing core boundary

- Pumping (walls/pumps) via recycling coefficient

- Baffle for gas conductance

Pumping speed at pump entrance

$$Q = P \frac{dV}{dt} \Rightarrow S \equiv \frac{Q_p}{P_p}$$



Def. of conductance:

$$Q = C(P_u - P_d)$$

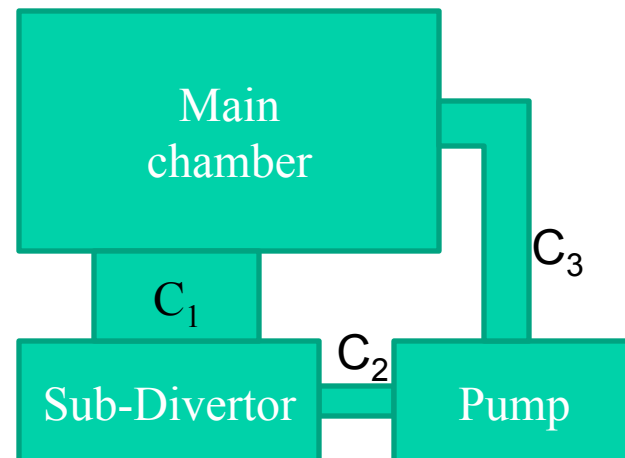
Because of continuity we have:

$$S_{net} = \frac{P_d}{P_u} S_p = \frac{S}{K_p}$$

$$K_p = 1 + \frac{S}{C}$$

- Need to know the conductances and intrinsic pumping speed!

AUG as a simple vacuum system

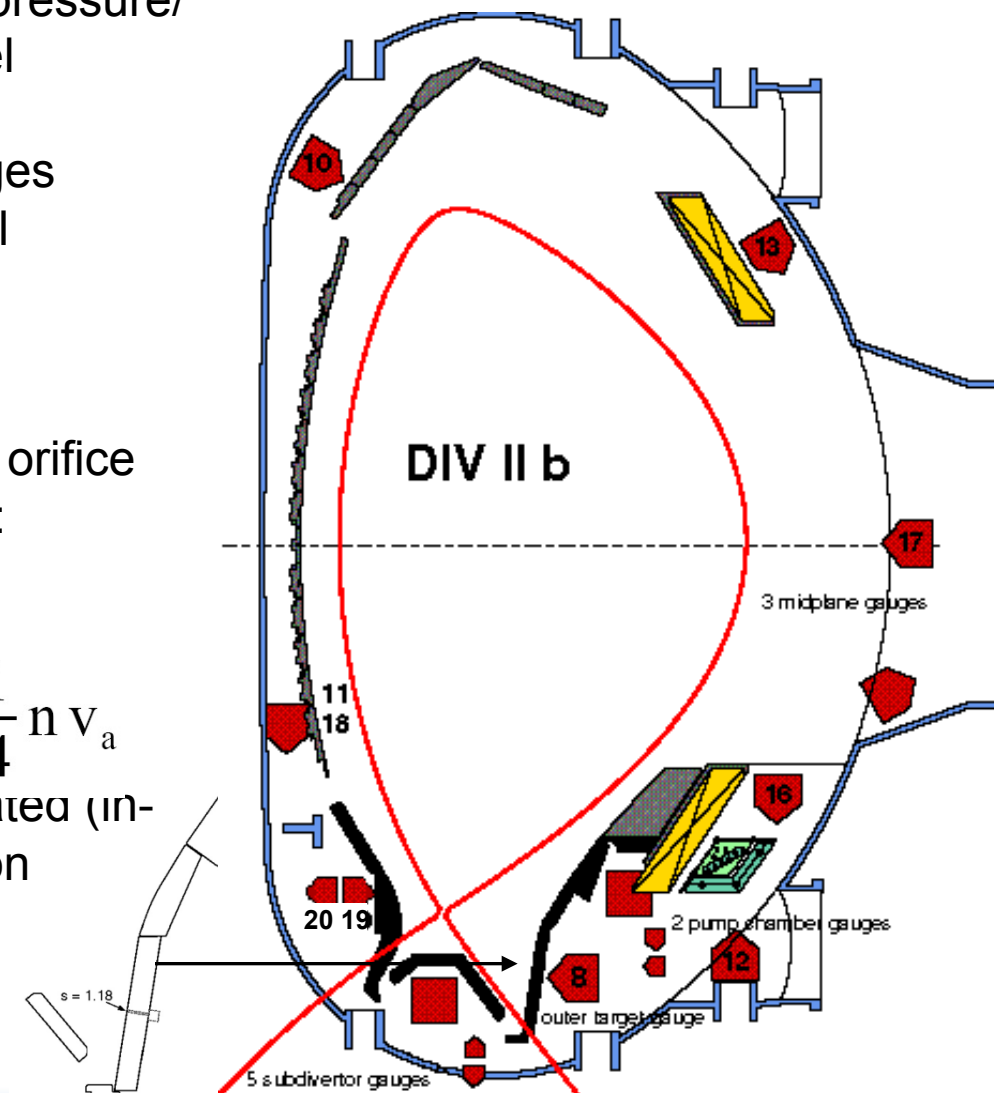


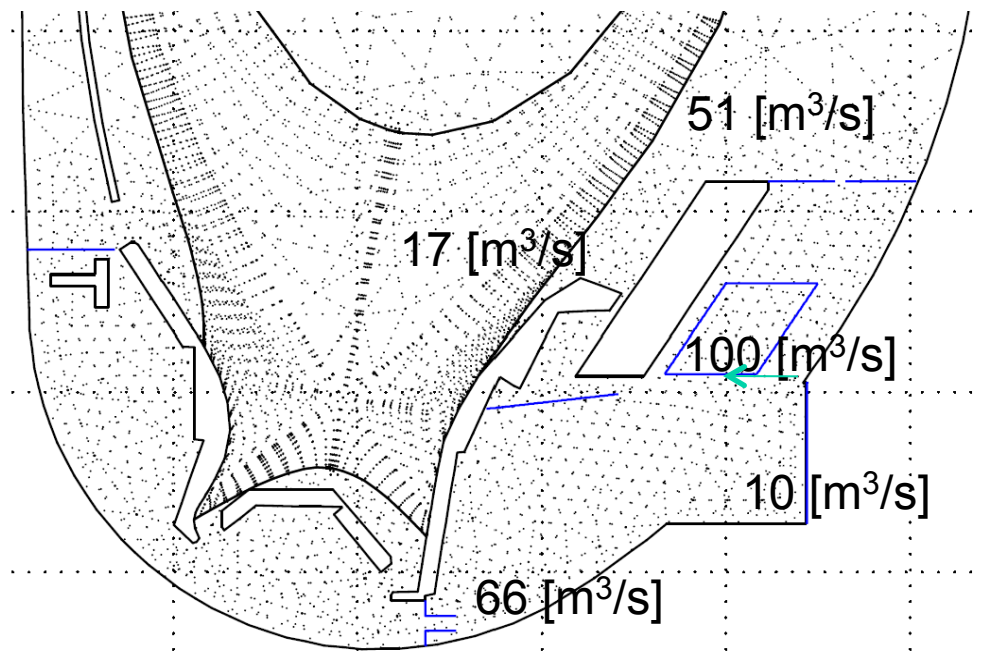
- Gas source are in main chamber and divertor
- Plasma acts both source and sink
- ideally one would like  $C_3=0$  and  $C_2 \gg S$ . Unfortunately this is not the case!

- We can get **S** and **C** by matching the pressure/flux density distribution inside the vessel
- AUG equipped with 20 ionisation gauges (“ASDEX” type) for poloidal and toroidal coverage
- Gauges installed in a box with a small orifice on top  $\Rightarrow$  measures neutral flux density:

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{4} \iiint f_n |\vec{v}| d\vec{v} = \frac{1}{4} n \sqrt{\frac{8 k_B T}{\pi m}} = \frac{1}{4} n v_a$$

- 1 ms typical time resolution and calibrated (in-situ) with 10% accuracy against Baratron





- The AUG poloidally and toroidally distributed ducts (3D) can be mimed in EIRENE with poloidally distributed (2D) (and toroidally uniform) ducts preserving the total effective conductance in free molecular regime

model	AUG ducts	EIRENE model
Main chamber to pump chamber	51 [m <sup>3</sup> /s]	1.5cmx10.37mx0cm
Divertor to pump chamber	17 [m <sup>3</sup> /s]	1cmx10.37x3.5cm
Sub-divertor to pump chamber	66 [m <sup>3</sup> /s]	3.2cmx10.37mx5cm
Total	134 [m <sup>3</sup> /s]	

# Model assumption on perpendicular plasma transport



## D or v?

$$\Gamma_{\perp} = \underbrace{-D \frac{\partial n}{\partial r}}_{\text{diffusive}} + \underbrace{v_{\perp} n}_{\text{convective}}$$

- The fluid codes only use  $\Gamma$  in the calculations, information about the underlying nature is lost
- The SOL density depends on the sources and varies in the simulations, leading to rapid changes in  $\Gamma_{\text{conv}}$  => using  $\Gamma_{\text{diff}}$  tends to be significantly more stable (practical choice)
- Divertor transport may be sensitive to the model applied upstream

# Diffusive or convective perpendicular plasma transport model for the code



D or v?

Radial flux:  $\Gamma_{diff} = -D \frac{\partial n}{\partial r}$  or  $\Gamma_{conv} = v_{\perp} n$

Assuming a density profile:  $n(r) = n_0 e^{-r/\lambda_n}$

Then with  $v = \sqrt{\frac{D}{\tau_{\parallel}}}$  we get  $\Gamma_{diff} = \Gamma_{conv}$

$$\lambda_n = \sqrt{D\tau_{\parallel}} = v\tau_{\parallel}$$

M. Wischmeier,  
PhD thesis 2004

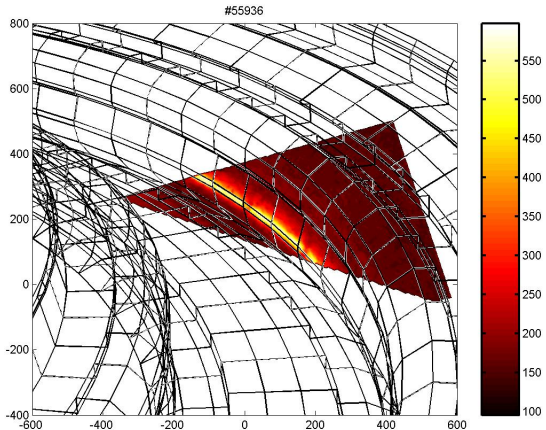


# Width of Scrape-Off Layer? What is the power flux?

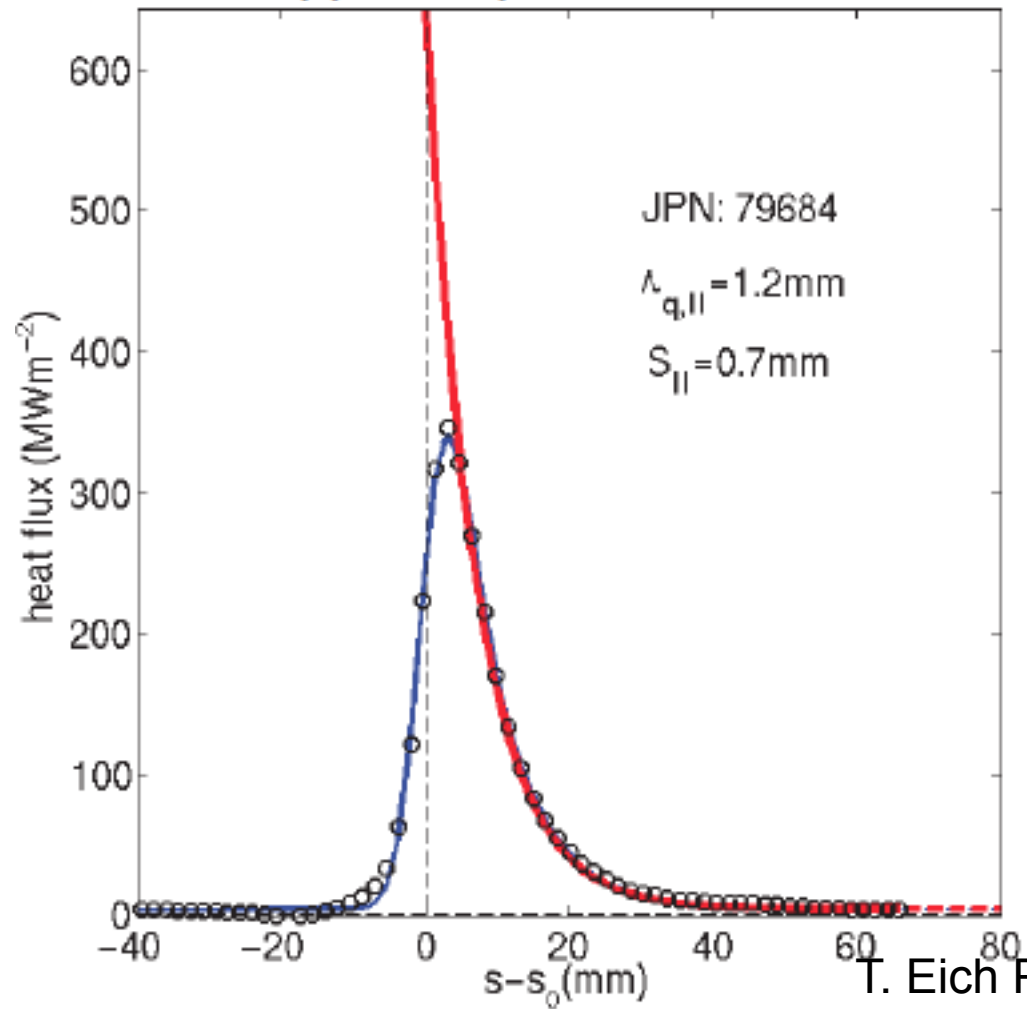


# Measuring power deposition profile

Infrared image of target



mapped to parallel field lines



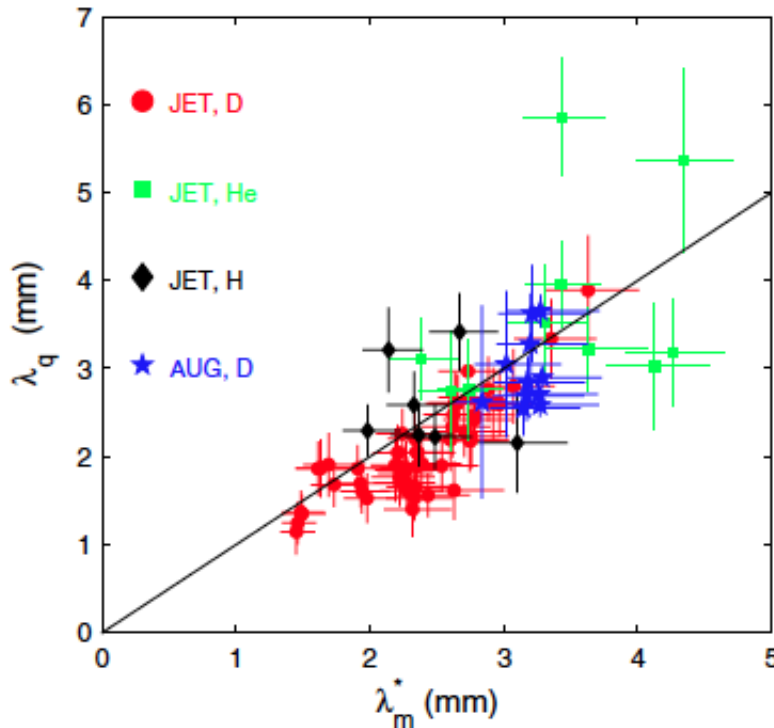
T. Eich PSI 2012





# The power decay length $\lambda_q$

H-mode (reduced turbulent transport)



T. Eich PRL (2011), T. Eich IAEA FEC 2012, A. Scarabosio PSI 2012

$$\lambda_q = 0.73 \cdot B_{tor}^{-0.78} \cdot q_{cyl}^{1.20} \cdot P_{SOL}^{0.10} \cdot R_{geo}^{0.02}$$

(Carbon divertor, attached conditions, inter ELM)

No dependence on machine size R



# What is the power flux density in the SOL?

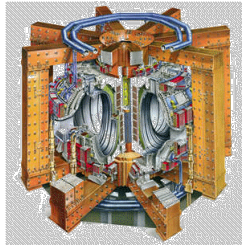


# Importance of tokamak size $R$

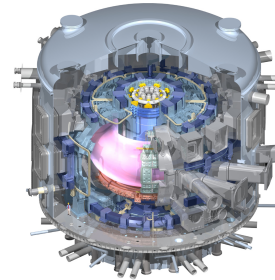
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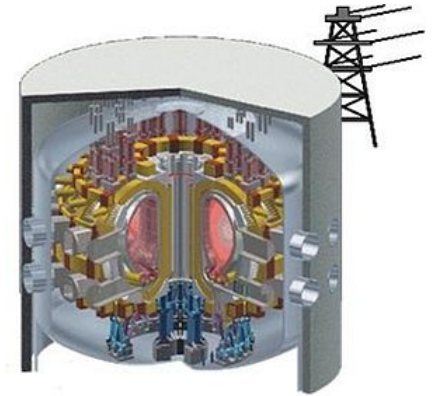
*JET (EU)*



*ITER*



*DEMO*



Major Radius

*1.65 m*

*3 m*

*6.2 m*

*>7 m*

$P_{\text{heat}}$

*23 MW*

*~ 38 MW*

*~ 100 MW*

*~ 600 MW*

Good energy confinement  $\rightarrow$  large  $R$   
( $P_{\text{fus}} \sim R^3$ )



## A measure of the severity of the heat flux is

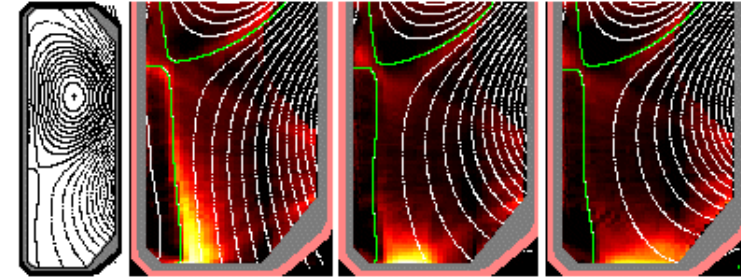
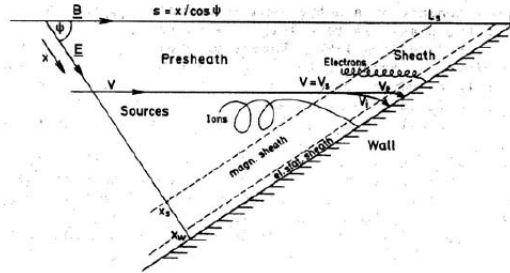
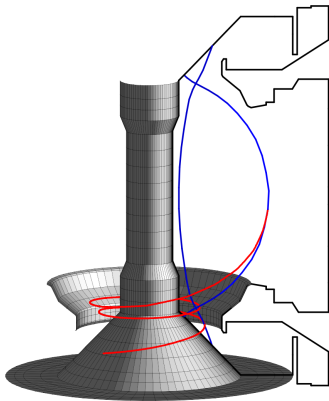
- $P_{\text{heat}}/R$

M. Kotschenreuter et al. NF 50 2010  
K. Lackner Comm. PPCFusion 15 1994

Device	$P_{\text{heat}}/R$	$q_{\parallel}$ upstream
JET	7	2 GW/m <sup>2</sup>
ASDEX Upgrade	14	3.5 GW/m <sup>2</sup>
ITER	20	5 GW/m <sup>2</sup>
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# Power load reduced by geometry



a) #17823    b) #17824,  $f_c = 2.8$     c) #17823,  $f_c = 6.4$     d) #17822,  $f_c = 9.3$

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ASDEX Upgrade	14	3.5 GW/m <sup>2</sup>	35 MW/m <sup>2</sup>
ITER	20	5 GW/m <sup>2</sup>	50 MW/m <sup>2</sup>
DEMO	80-100	>30 GW/m <sup>2</sup>	300 MW/m <sup>2</sup>



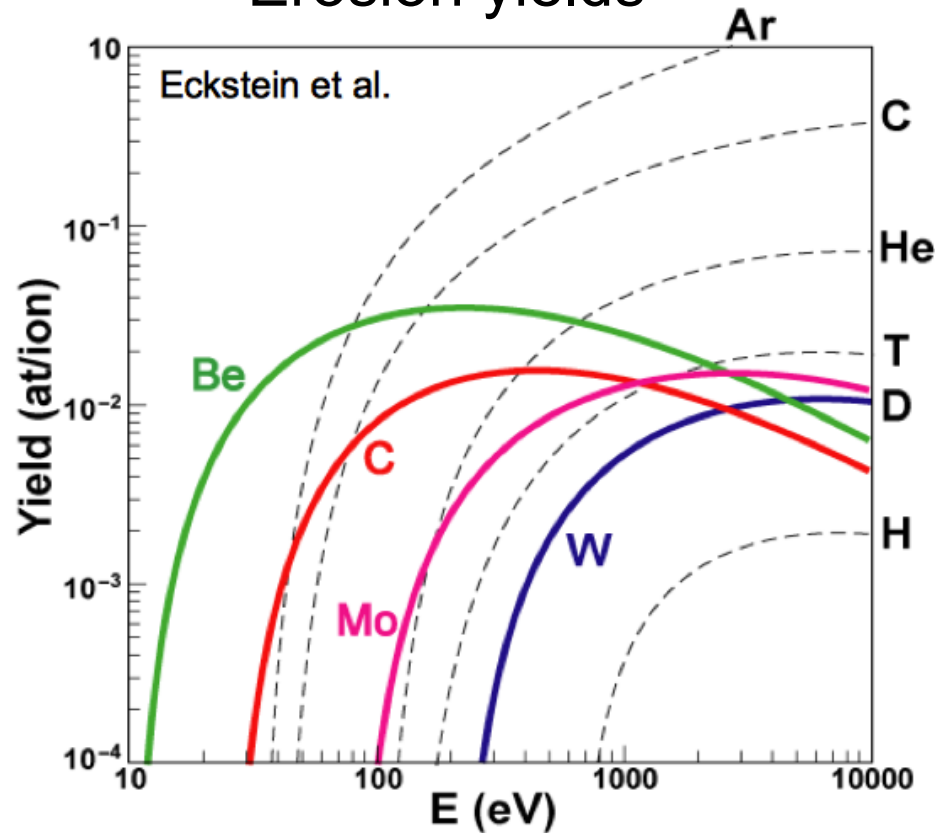
# What are the limitations imposed by wall materials?



# Erosion limits maximum Temperature

Ions accelerated to energies  
 $\sim Z \times 3.5 \times T_e$  in electrical field by  
sheath potential

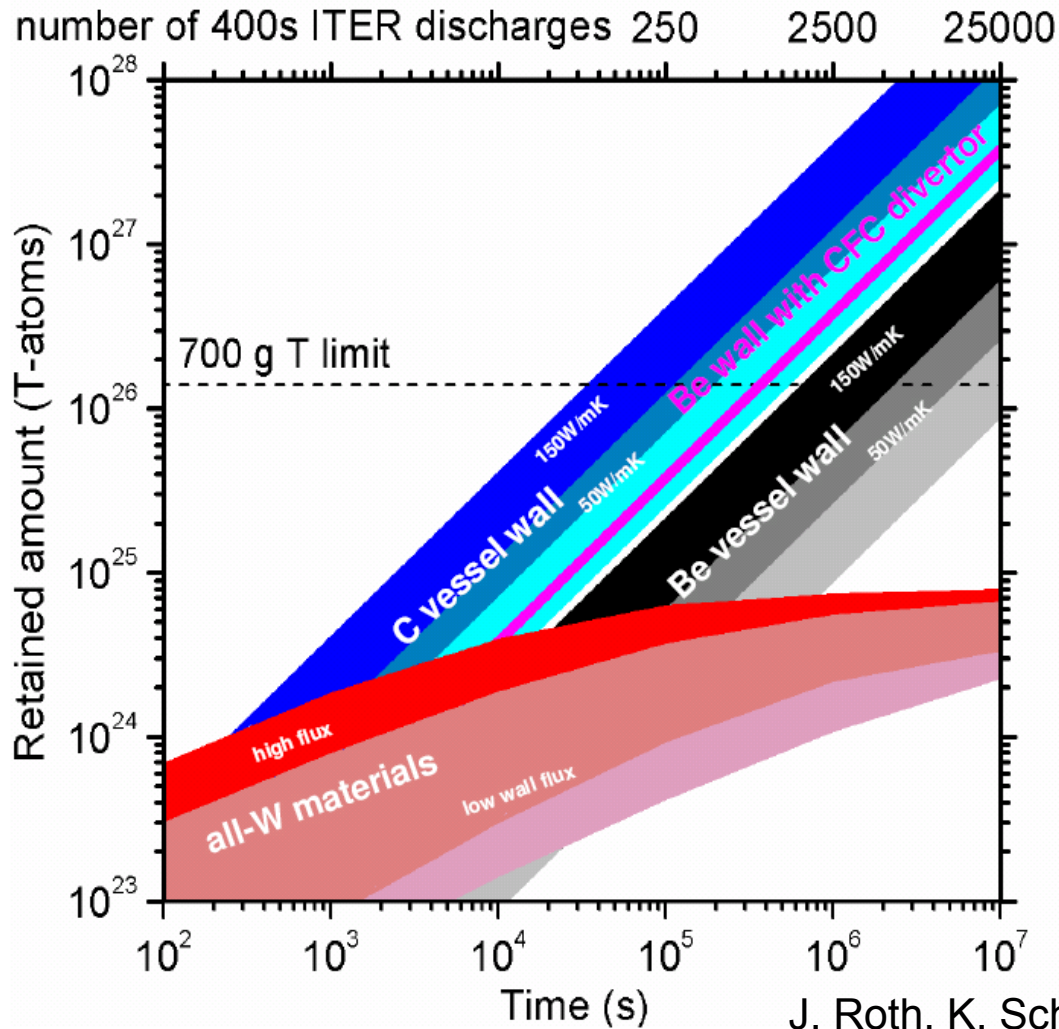
### Erosion yields



W has low Yield



# Tritium retention

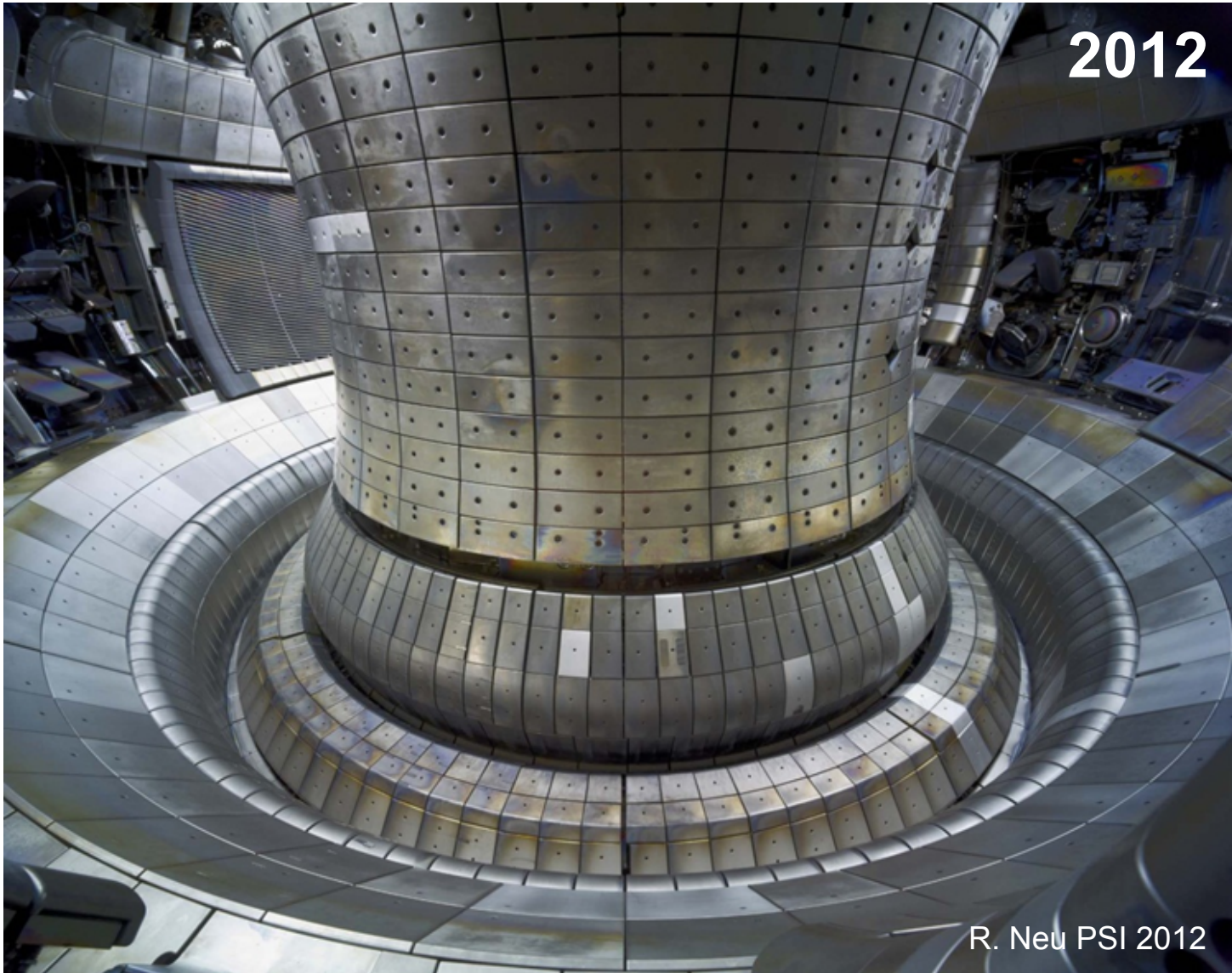


J. Roth, K. Schmid, Phys Scripta 2011





# All tungsten plasma facing components in ASDEX Upgrade



R. Neu PSI 2012



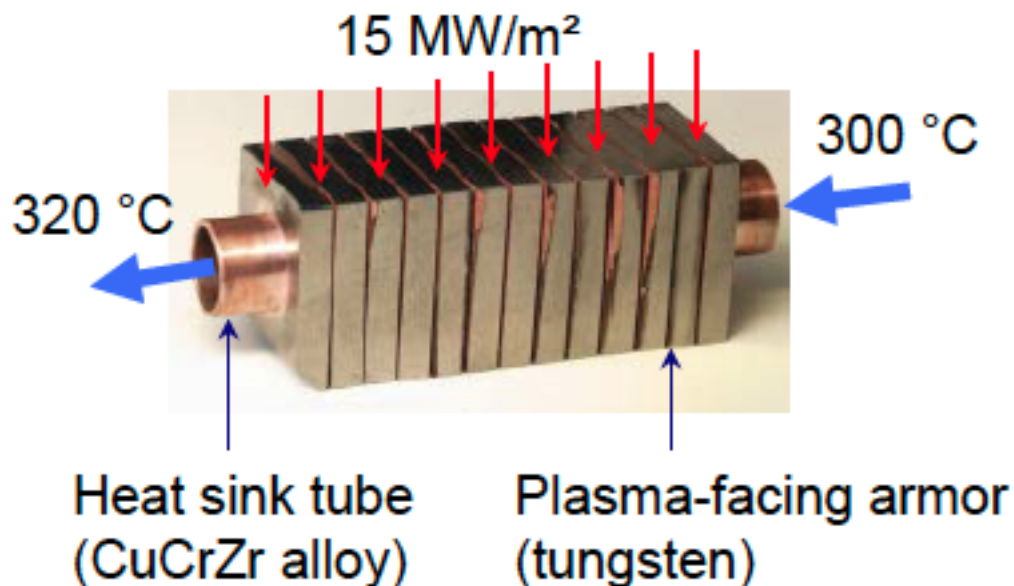
# Technological limits under neutron irradiation for a reactor beyond ITER?



Integrated approach:

Combination of coolant, structural material of coolant pipe and armour material?

## Water-cooled monoblock module



E.U. prototype monoblock



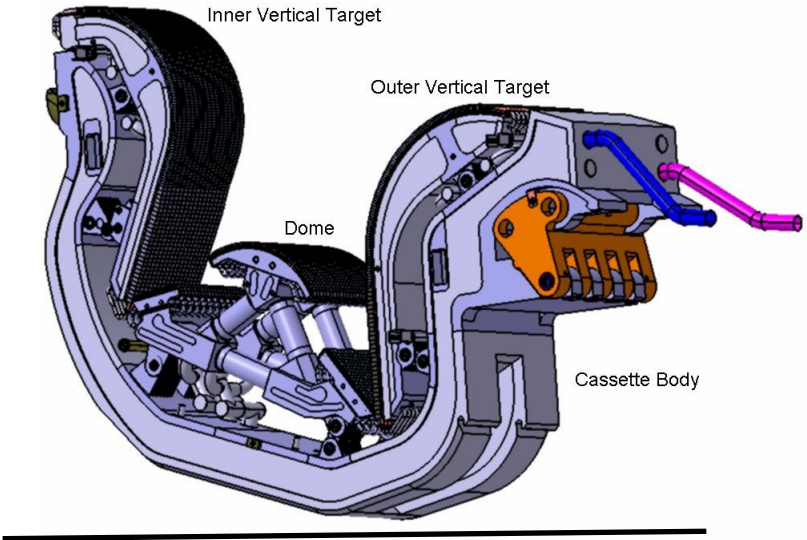
Water cooled divertor segment

**10MW/m<sup>2</sup> to 5MW/m<sup>2</sup> is the technological limit**

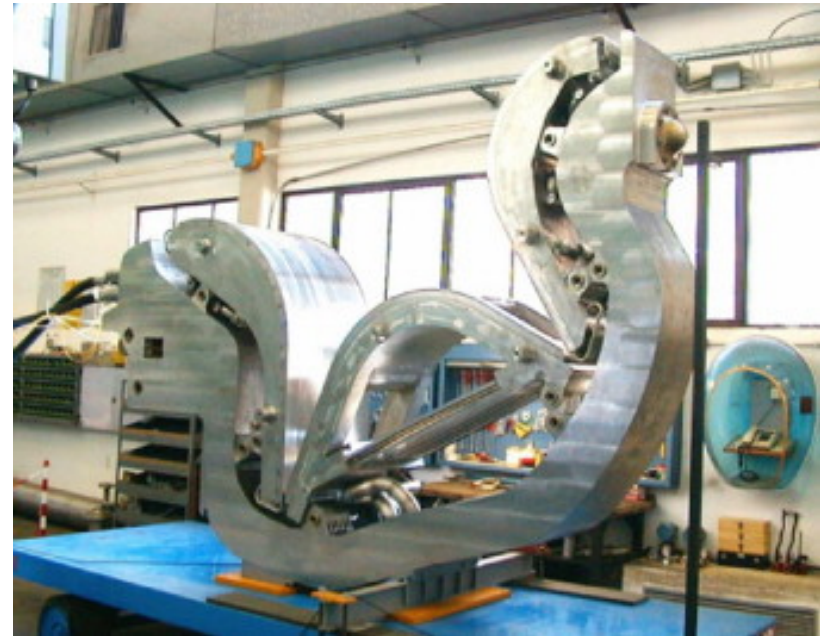


# Divertor example

2.4m



3.4m



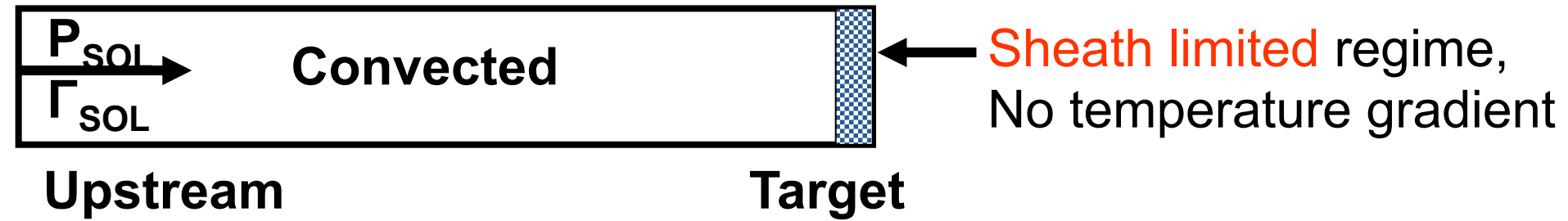
[www.iter.org](http://www.iter.org)



**How can we reduce the power load onto the divertor target plates to match the technological limit?**



# Divertor Regimes: sheath limited

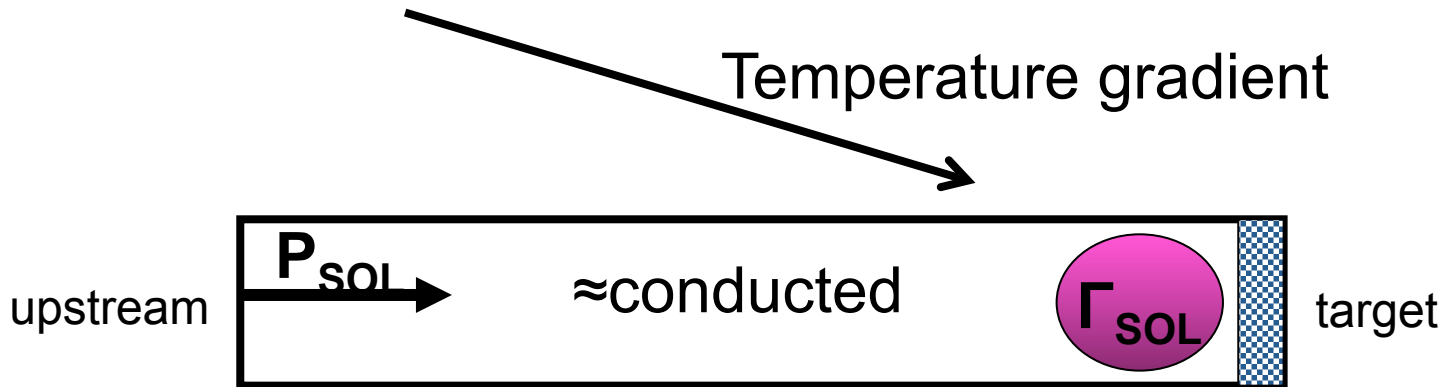


$T_e$  at target  $> 40\text{eV}$   
No reduction of power load



# Divertor Regimes: high recycling

Total plasma pressure is constant along magnetic field line  
 $P_e + P_i + \text{dynamic pressure} = \text{constant}$



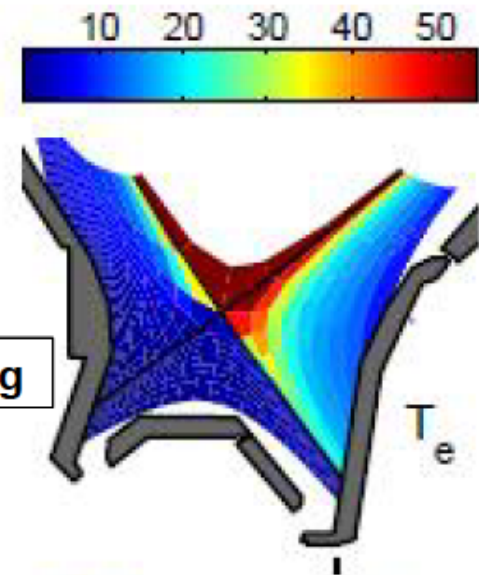
- High recycling regime: low  $T_e$  ( $< 5\text{eV}$ ), high  $n_e$
- Satisfactory for existing tokamaks
- VERY HIGH PARTICLE FLUXES

# Cold divertor by high density and/or impurity seeding

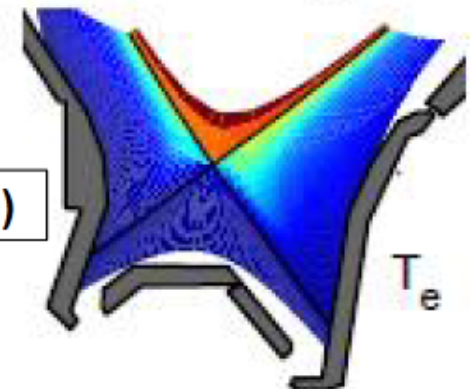
## Divertor power dissipation can be controlled also locally by impurity seeding

- Seeding a small amount of low-Z impurities leads to local radiation losses and cooling
- High D fuelling required to dissipate power, leading to higher upstream density/collisionality

Low  $n_{\text{sep}} + \text{N seeding}$



High  $n_{\text{sep}}$  (D fuelling)





Neglecting power loads on PFCs from radiation

→  $Total\ power = (8T + 13.6 + 4.5) 1.602 \cdot 10^{-19} \Gamma [W]; T_e = T_i = T [eV]$

Power across sheath    Surface recombination of D<sup>+</sup>    Recombination of D to D<sub>2</sub>\*\*

- ❖ For  $T_e < 2\ eV \rightarrow$  heat flux similar to power deposited by surface recombination processes\*
- ❖ Power load via radiation to  $\sim 2\ MW/m^2$  (for ITER A. Loarte et al. PoP 2011)
- ❖  $5\ MW/m^2$  with  $T = 1.5\ eV \rightarrow \Gamma < 5e23\ m^{-2}s^{-1}$

\*see also: “ITER Physics basis: Chapter 4, power and particle control”, Nucl. Fusion 39 (1999) 2391 and A. Loarte Nucl. Fusion 2007

\*\* 2.2eV for recombination if one assumes saturated surface, even less if assume transformation into vibrational excitation via Elay-Rideal process





For ITER (10 MW/m<sup>2</sup> target limit): ~60 - 80% of total plasma heating power needs to be radiated + Ion flux to target reduced to ~10<sup>24</sup>m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>  
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For DEMO (5 – 10 MW/m<sup>2</sup> target limit):  
> 95% of power need to be radiated + Ion flux to target reduced to 5 10<sup>23</sup>m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>

*With divertor of similar size to ITER and radiative power →*

- *70% of power radiated inside LCFS*
- *Radiation limited mostly to edge/pedestal for core performance*

In addition limit Target T<sub>e</sub> to 2eV - 5eV to limit annual erosion of PFCs by impurities



**Power flux can be dropped to  $< 5\text{MW/m}^2$   
(see H. Zohm DEMO talk) in existing  
devices with high P/R**

**How is the particle flux limited?**



# “Modified” two point model as guidance

Particle flux

$$\begin{aligned} T_t &= \frac{q_{\parallel}^2}{n_u^2} \left( \frac{7q_{\parallel} L_c}{2\kappa_{0e}} \right)^{-4/7} \frac{2m_i}{\gamma^2 e^2} \frac{(1 - f_{pow})^2}{(1 - f_{mom})^2 (1 - f_{conv})^{4/7}} \\ n_t &= \frac{n_u^3}{q_{\parallel}^2} \left( \frac{7q_{\parallel} L_c}{2\kappa_{0e}} \right)^{6/7} \frac{\gamma^2 e^3}{4m_i} \frac{(1 - f_{mom})^3 (1 - f_{conv})^{6/7}}{(1 - f_{pow})^2} \\ \Gamma_t &= \frac{n_u^2}{q_{\parallel}} \left( \frac{7q_{\parallel} L_c}{2\kappa_{0e}} \right)^{4/7} \frac{\gamma e^2}{2m_i} \frac{(1 - f_{mom})^2 (1 - f_{conv})^{4/7}}{(1 - f_{pow})} \end{aligned}$$

$f_{pow}$ : power loss factor (0 – 1) → What is the maximum value?

$f_{conv}$ : 0=no convection; 1= only convection → What is the interplay?

$f_{mom}$ : momentum loss factor (0 – 1) → What is the maximum?

- Value of the loss factors and what interdependence?
- System codes will require scaling laws to define operational regime of DEMO type device



# Divertor Regimes: detachment



Prerequisite: Loss of plasma pressure

- a) Radiation in the edge of the plasma core
- Reduction of upstream plasma pressure
- Reduced recycling



# At low $T_e$ large Complexity of volumetric and surface processes

Reaction
$H + e \rightarrow H^+ + 2e$
$H + H^+ \rightarrow H^+ + H$
$H_2 + e \rightarrow H + H + e$
$H_2 + e \rightarrow H_2^+ + 2e$
$H_2 + e \rightarrow H + H^+ + 2e$
$H^+ + H_2 \rightarrow H^+ + H_2$
$H^+ + H_2 \rightarrow H + H_2^+$
$H_2^+ + e \rightarrow H + H^+ + e$
$H_2^+ + e \rightarrow 2H^+ + e$
$H_2^+ + e \rightarrow 2H + e$
$H^+ + \text{electrons(s)} \rightarrow H + h\nu \text{ or electrons}$
$C + e \rightarrow C^+ + 2e$
$H^+ + C \rightarrow C^+ + H$

+ seeded processes for impurities...

+ surface interaction physics (reflection, recycling)

Molecular assisted recombination	MAR	$D_2(v) + D^+ \rightarrow D_2^+ + D$	$D_2^+ + e \rightarrow D + D$
Molecular assisted dissociation	MAD	$D_2(v) + D^+ \rightarrow D_2^+ + D$	$D_2^+ + e \rightarrow D + D^+ + e$
Molecular assisted ionization	MAI	$D_2(v) + D^+ \rightarrow D_2^+ + D$	$D_2^+ + e \rightarrow D^+ + D^+ + 2e$

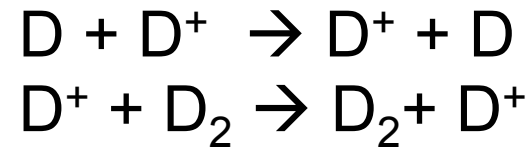
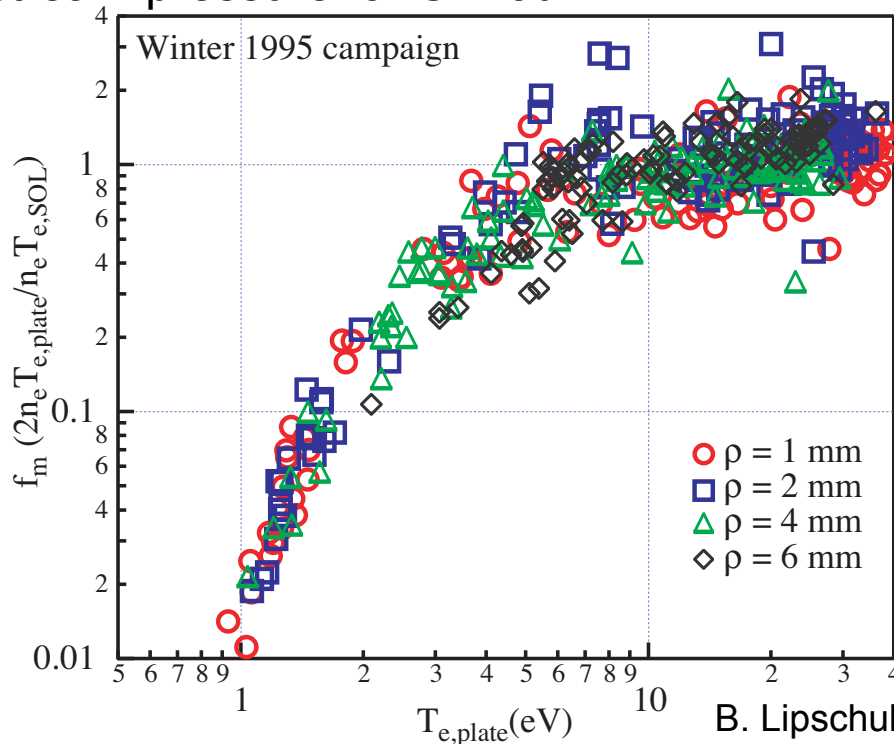


# Divertor Regimes: detachment

## b) Pressure loss along field line

- ❖ perpendicular transport (independent of  $T_e$ )
- ❖ CX reaction losses ( $T_e < 5\text{eV}$ )

Ratio of target plasma pressure to upstream pressure for C-Mod



Competes with ionization

B. Lipschultz et al., FST 51 (2007)



# Divertor Regimes: detachment

Prerequisite: Loss of plasma pressure on a field line

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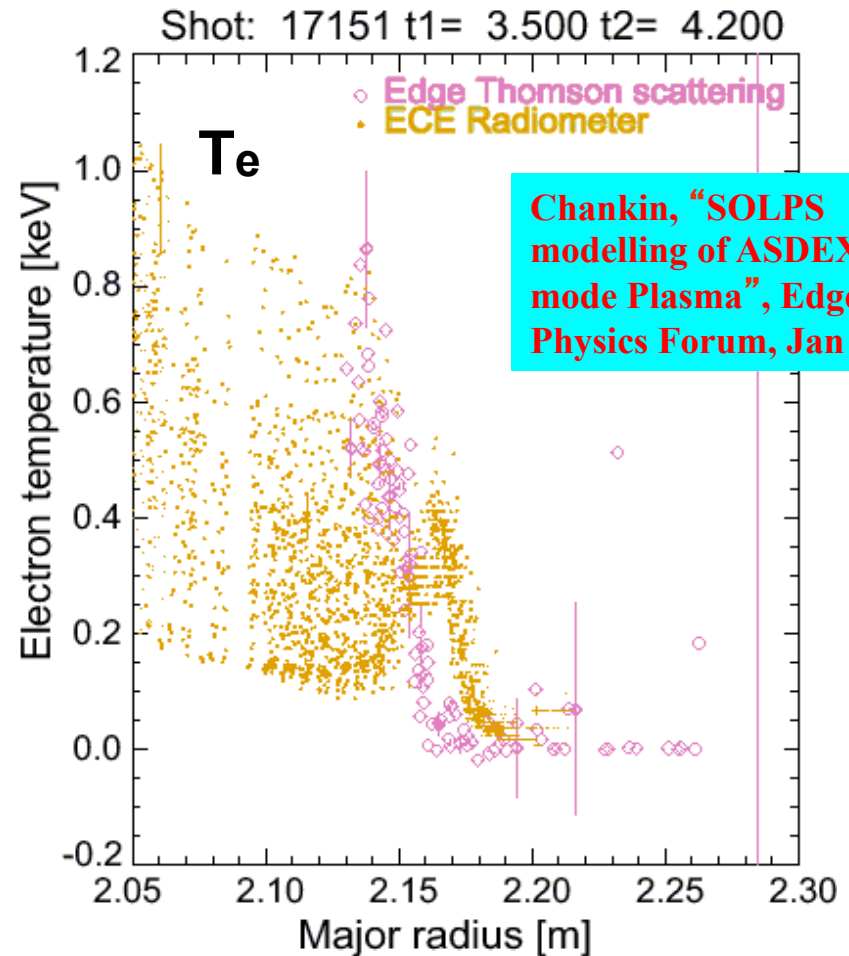
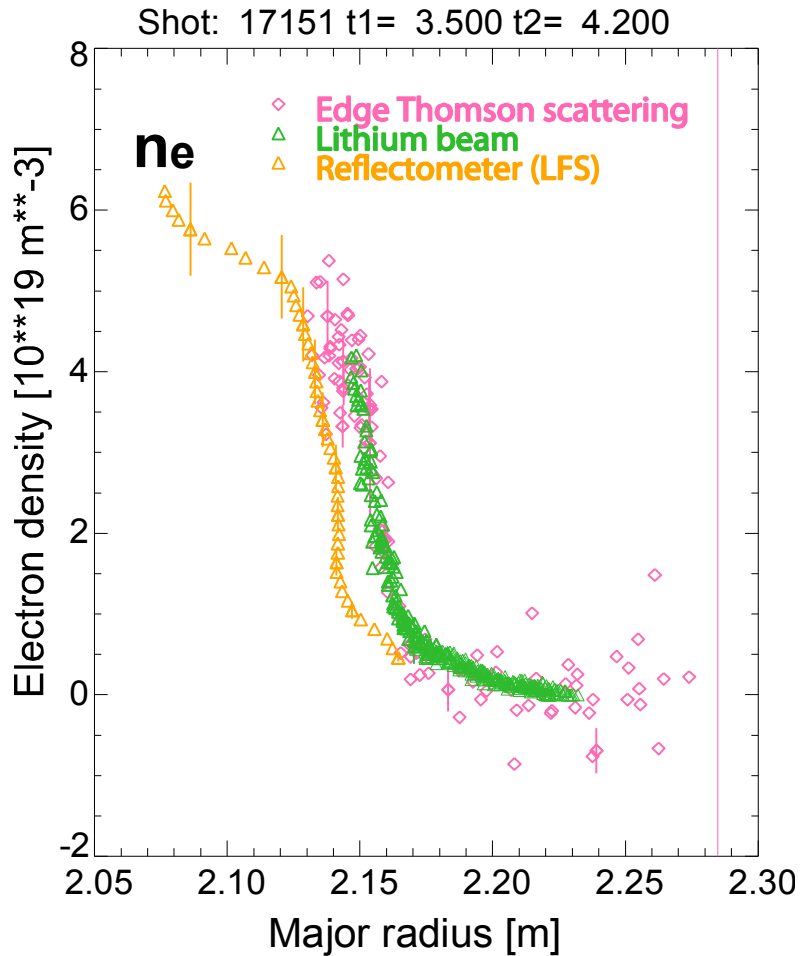
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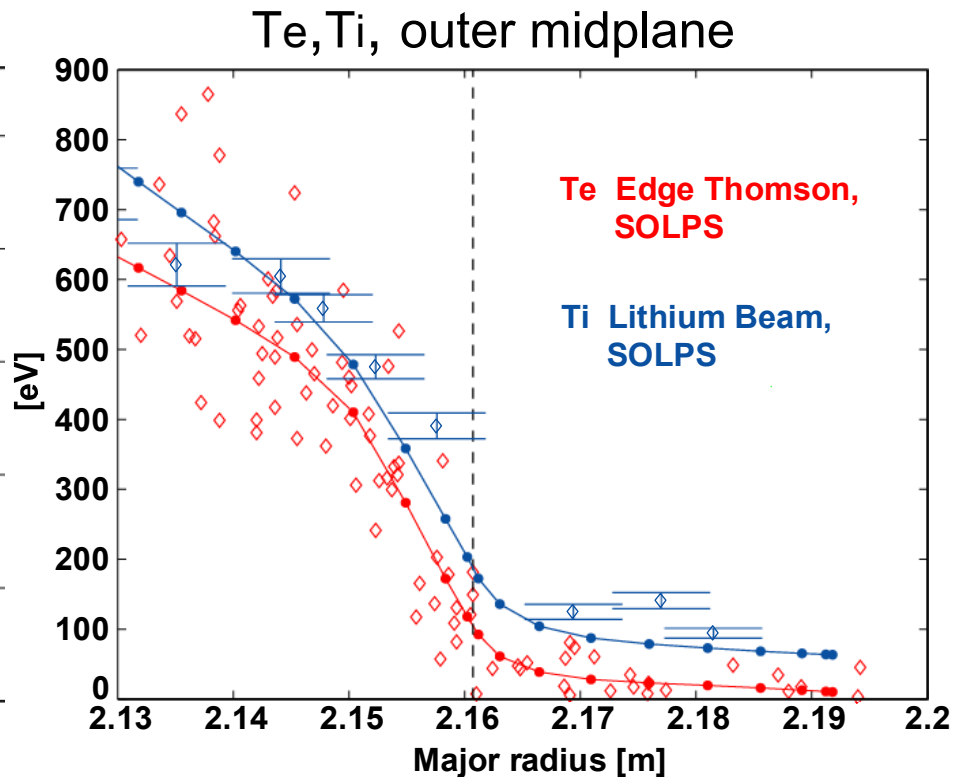
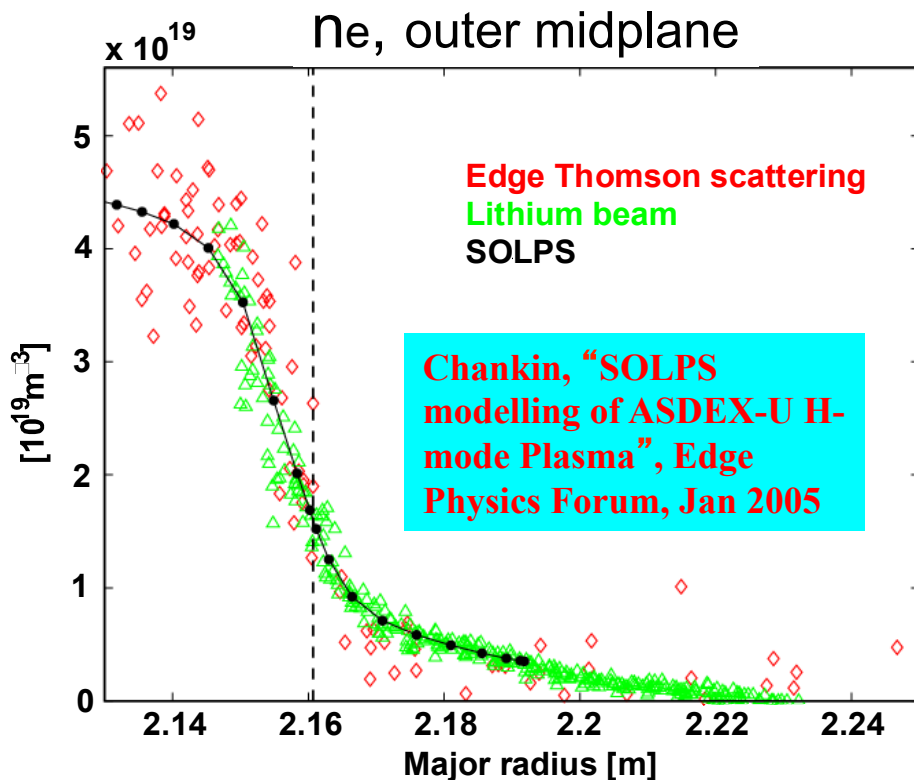


**How do we apply these codes...?**



Chankin, "SOLPS modelling of ASDEX-U H-mode Plasma", Edge Physics Forum, Jan 2005

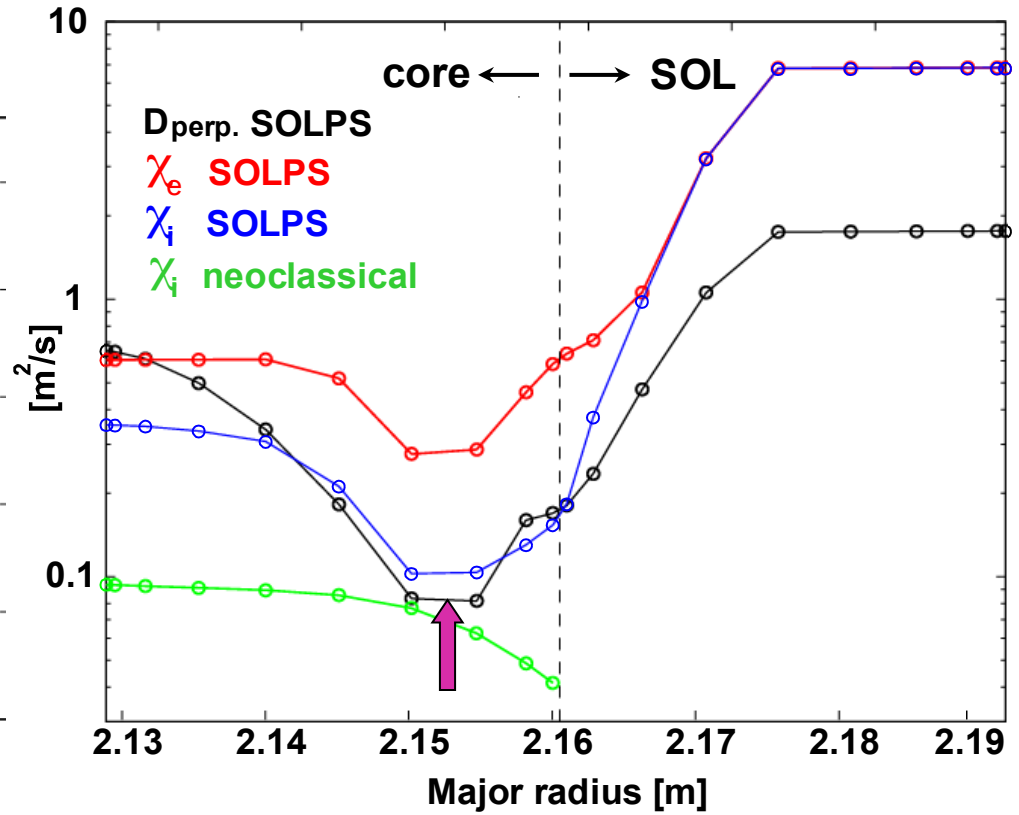
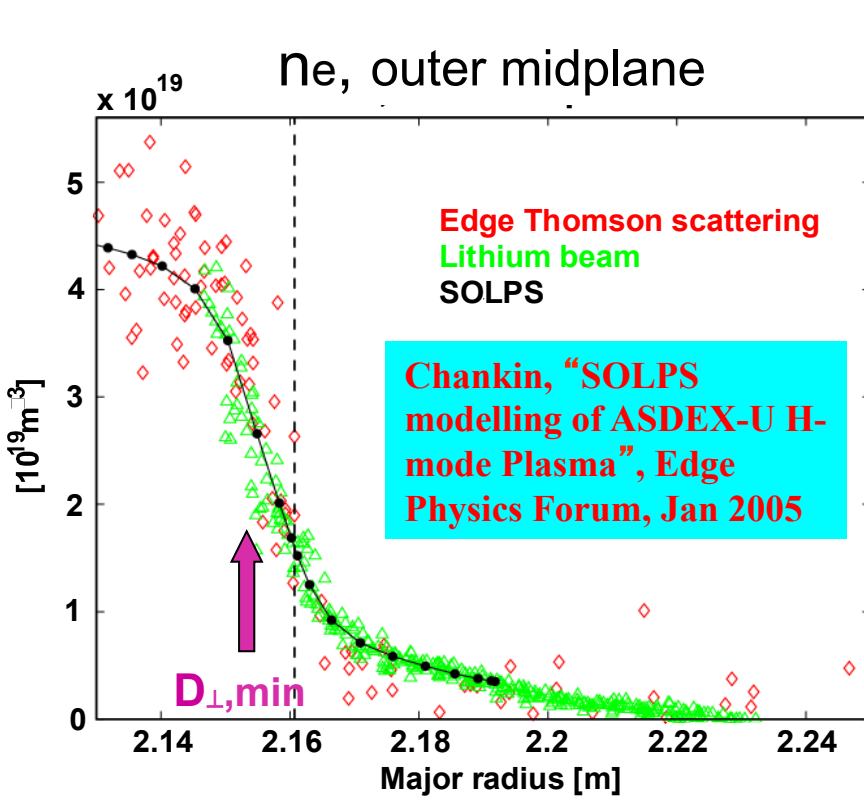
- Edge Thomson scattering (both **ne** and **Te**) and Lithium beam (**ne**) data  $\Rightarrow$  relationship between **ne** and **Te**, to be matched by SOLPS
- This relationship + constraint on the **input power** into SOLPS grid determines choice of **separatrix position** (if wrong  $\rightarrow$  mismatch between **ne** and **Te** at sep.)



• **SOLPS:**  $n_{e,sep} = 1.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ,  $T_{e,sep} = 105 \text{ eV}$ ,  $T_{i,sep} = 189 \text{ eV}$ , assuming:

- equal sharing of input power into the grid between ion and electron channels
- flux limits set for i/e parallel heat fluxes, 0.3 – for electrons, 1.0 – for ions
- moderate ballooning of transport coefficients ( $\sim 1/B$ )
- only Carbon impurity. Phys. sputt. – fixed, Chem.sputt.yield – varied to match Prad
- no drifts

# Transport coefficients – indicate transport barrier inside of sep.

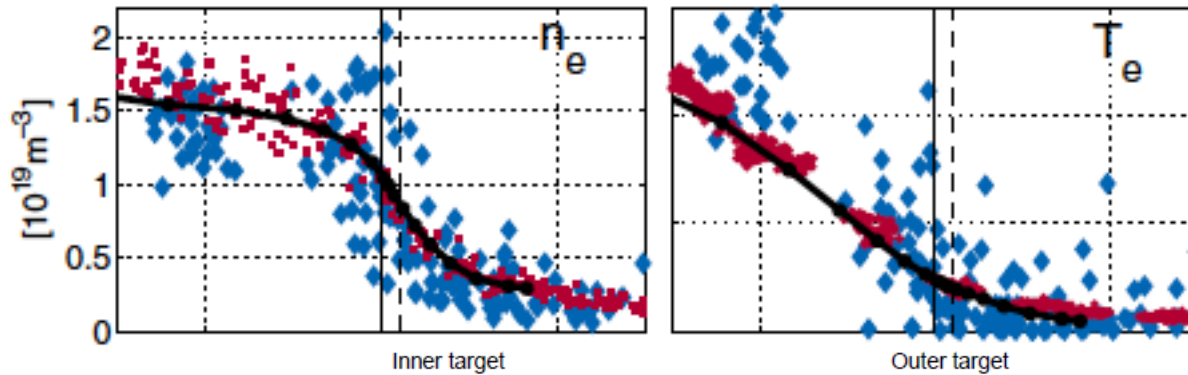


- $D_{\perp}$  has to be reduced to  $< 0.1 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  inside of the separatrix, to describe measured  $n_e$  – profile (which is strongly affected by ionisation sources)
- Minimum of  $D_{\perp}$  and  $\chi_i$  inside of the separatrix is also obtained for an H-mode in Hydrogen (#17396,  $P_{in}=7.8 \text{ MW}$ ) (L.D.Horton, IAEA-2004)

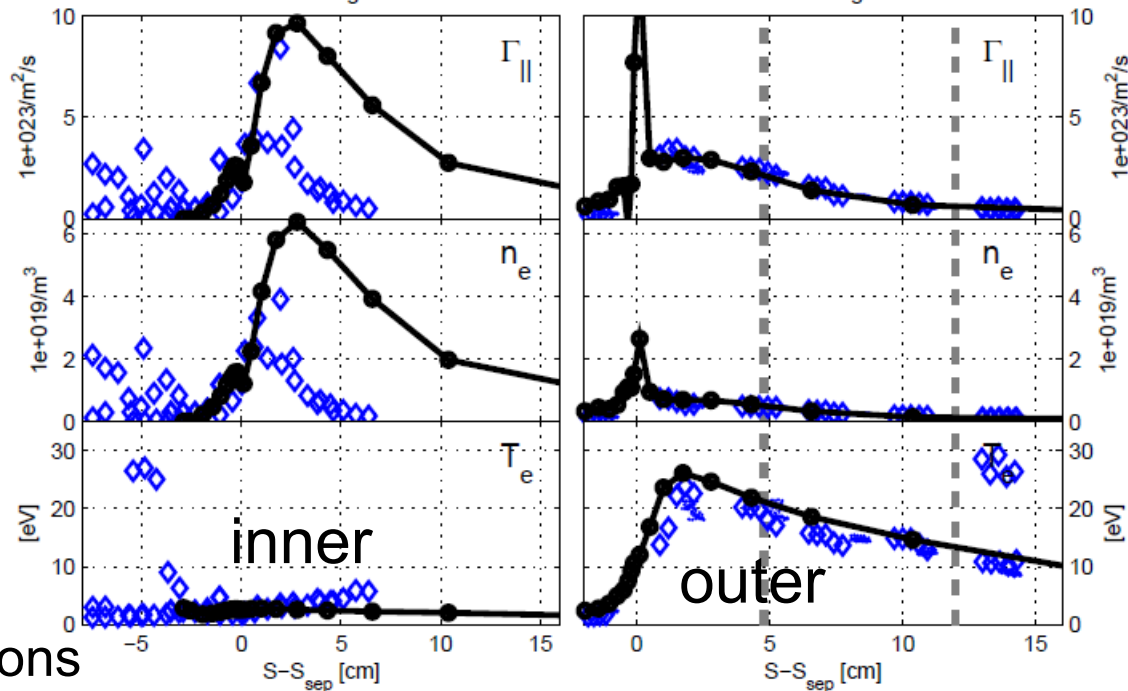


# Low recycling

Upstream



Targets

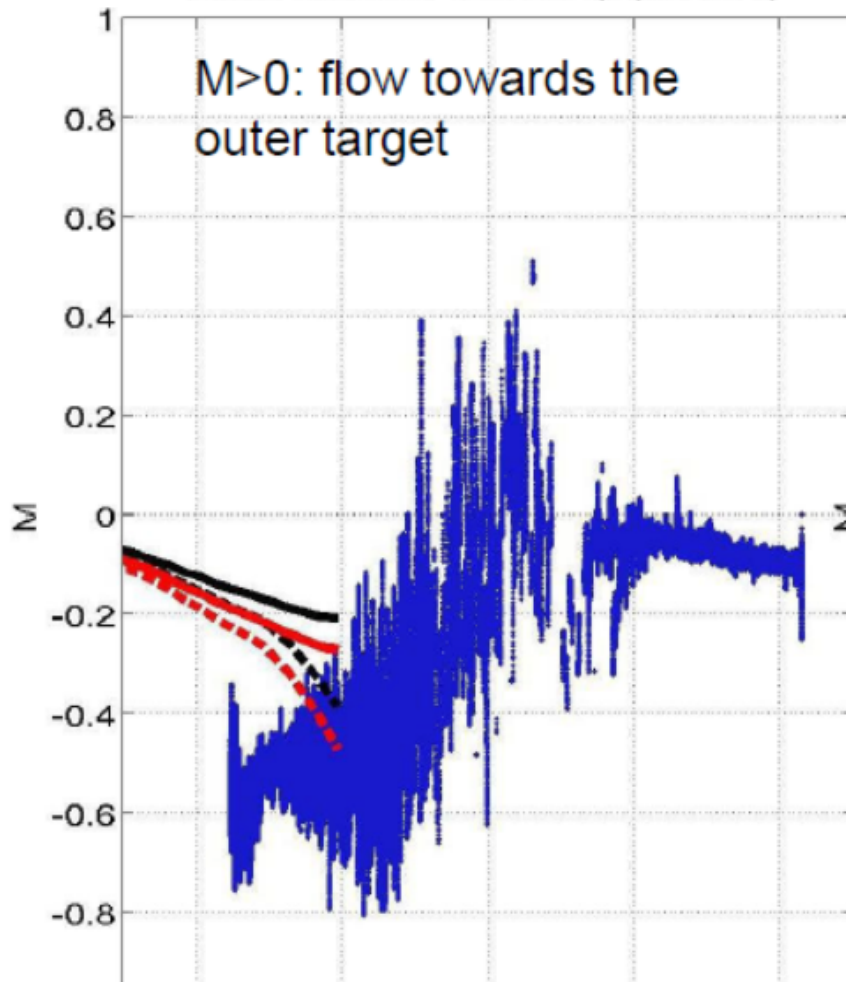


- SOLPS Simulations  
Experiment

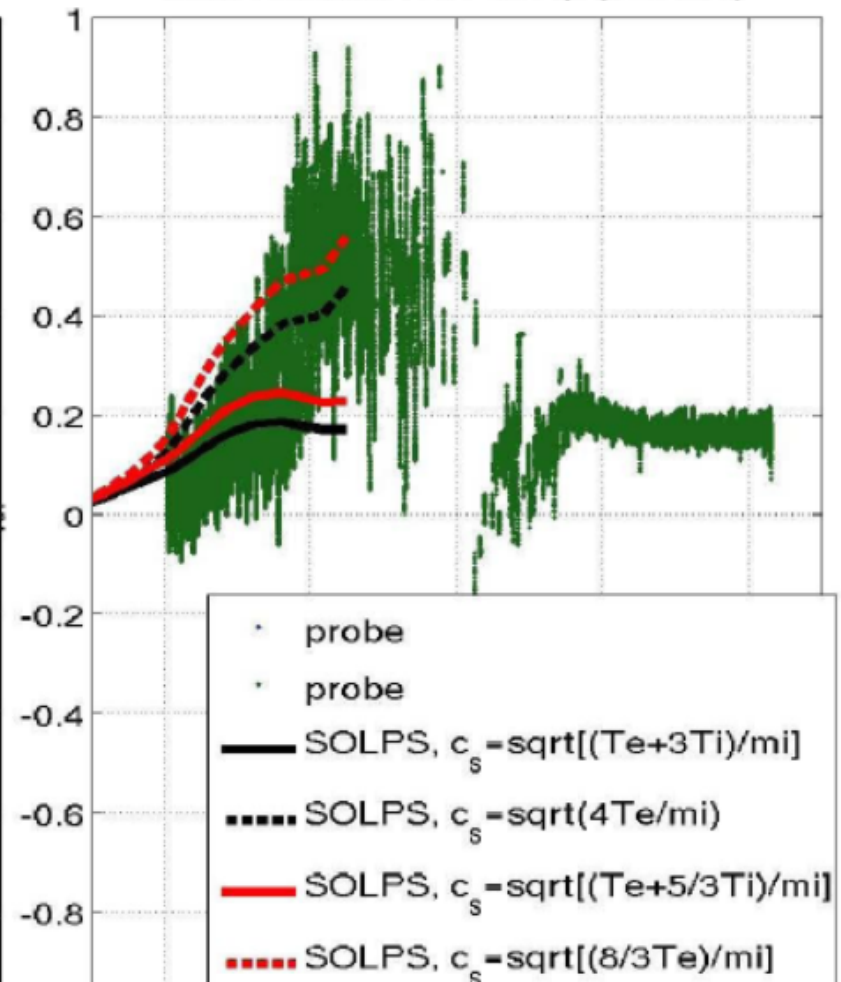
L. Aho-Mantila et al. NF 2012

# Simulating flows in the SOL

Mach number, fwd Bt+Ip (#24908)



Mach number, rev Bt+Ip (#25881)

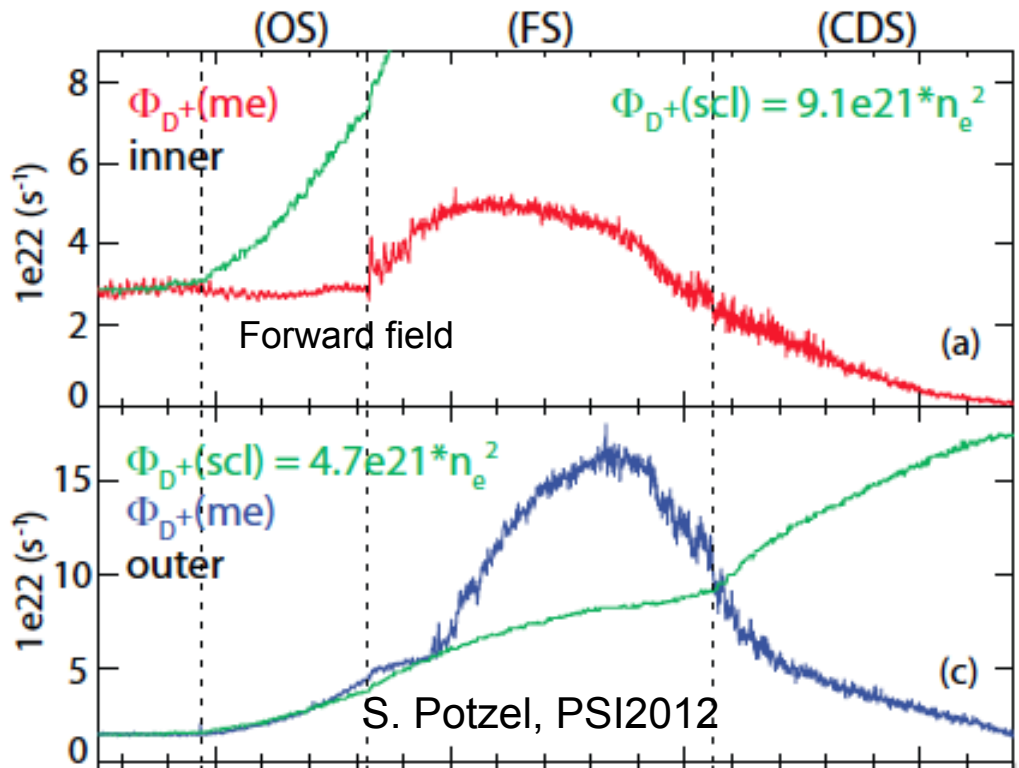


- probe
- probe
- SOLPS,  $c_s = \sqrt{((Te+3Ti)/mi)}$
- - - SOLPS,  $c_s = \sqrt{4Te/mi}$
- SOLPS,  $c_s = \sqrt{((Te+5/3Ti)/mi)}$
- - - SOLPS,  $c_s = \sqrt{((8/3Te)/mi)}$



# Density ramp experiments in ASDEX Upgrade

Total ion flux to inner and outer divertor



## Signature of detachment:

- Volumetric recombination processes (visible in Balmer series)
- reduction of ion flux density on target plates

S. Potzel et al. NF 2014

Time /s = increase of density →

- Asymmetry of particle fluxes
- Integral 'roll over' at similar time/density for inner and outer

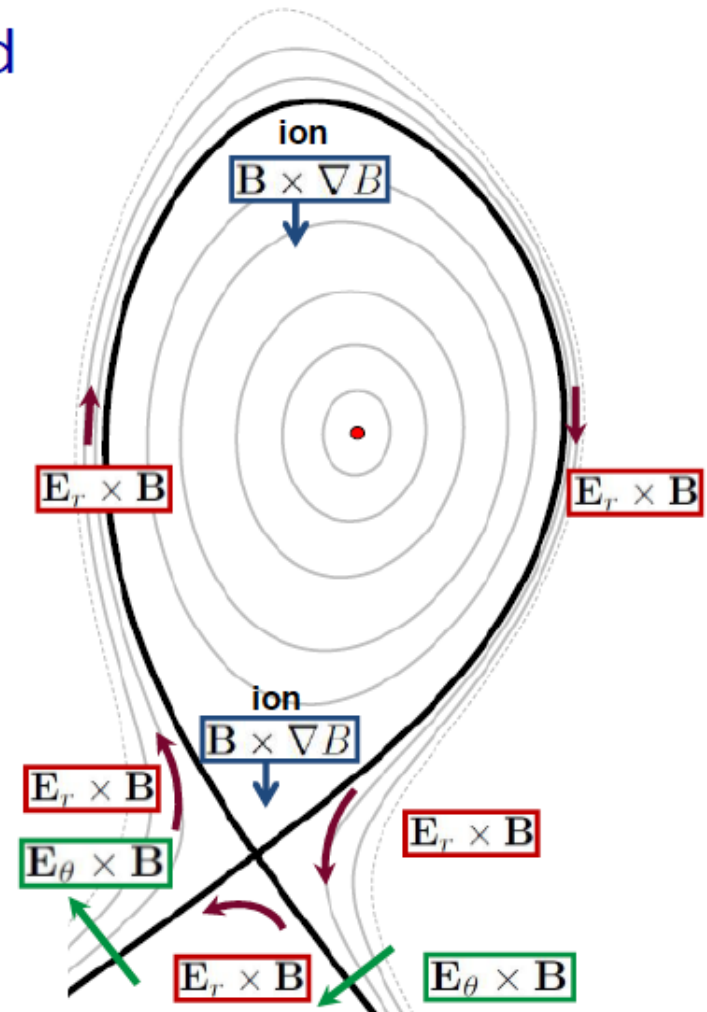
# Direction of Drifts in the SOL

Drifts: electric potential is calculated self-consistently in each computational cell

- Diamagnetic drift in the up-down direction, drives current and reverses with B
- **ExB drifts** in **poloidal** and **radial** directions, magnitude and direction depend on B and local plasma conditions

$$v_{E \times B} = \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2}$$

$$v_{\nabla p} = \frac{\mathbf{B} \times \nabla p}{enB^2}$$



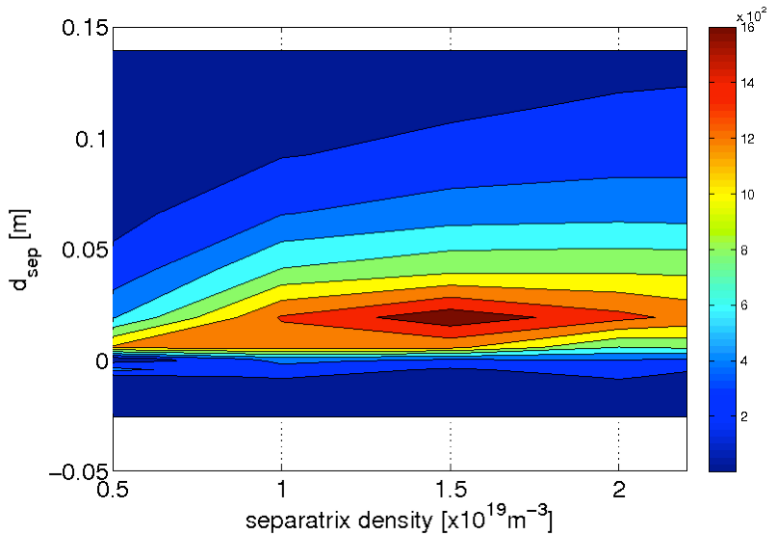




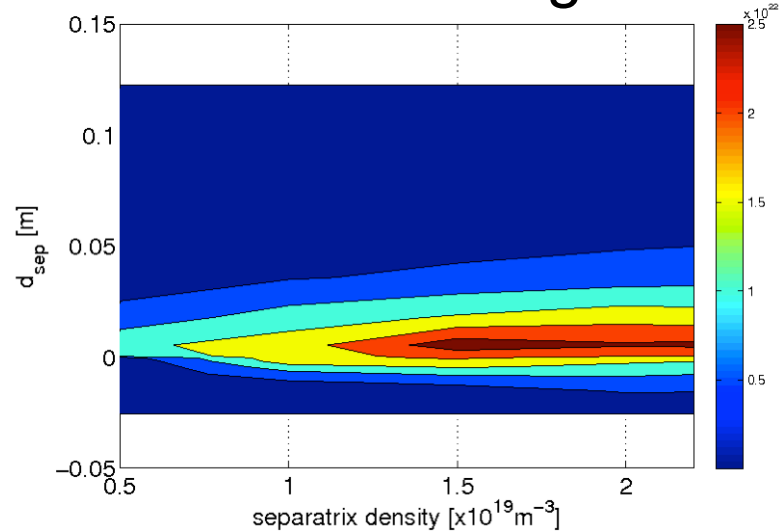
# Simulations of ion flux density for ASDEX Upgrade L-mode

Distance along target

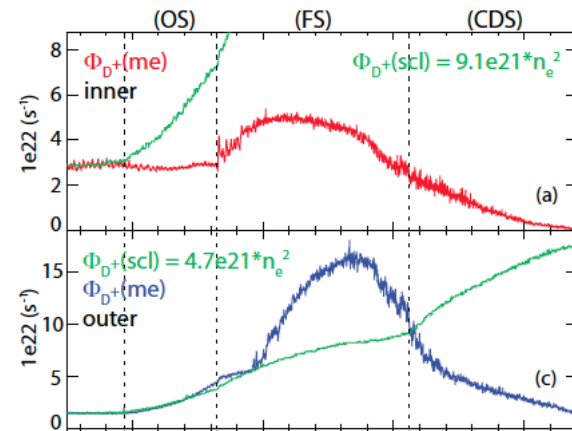
### Inner Target



### Outer Target



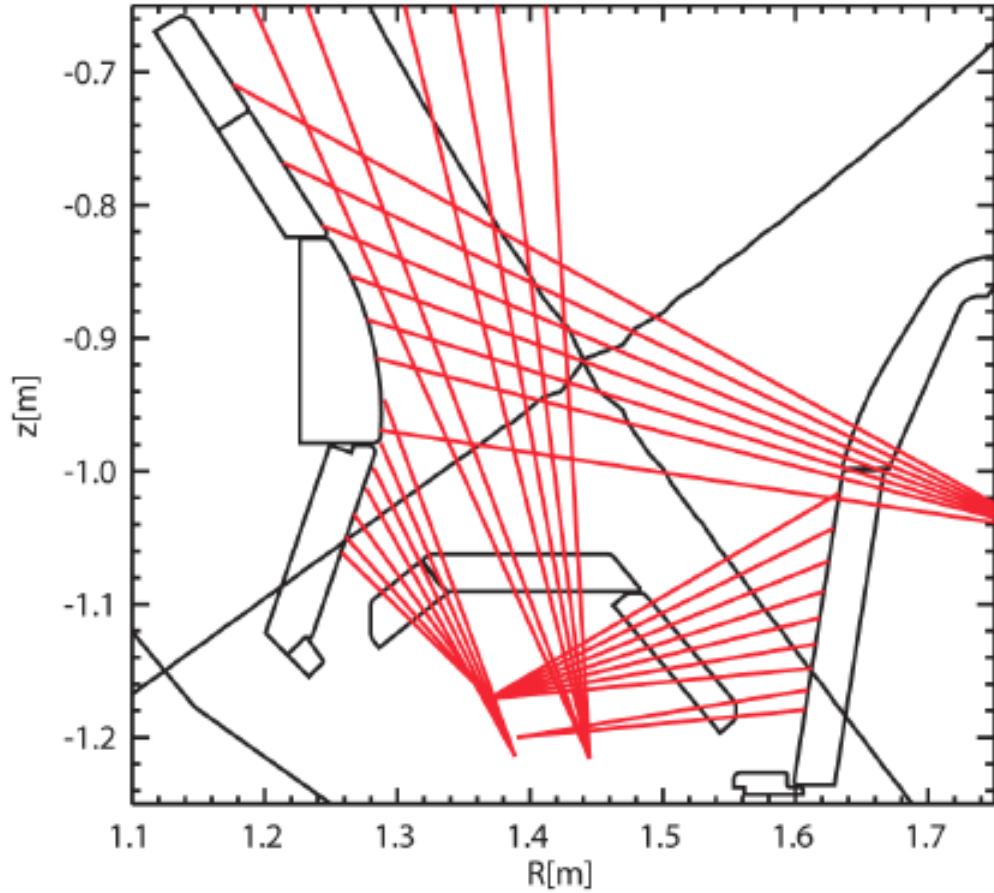
Upstream density



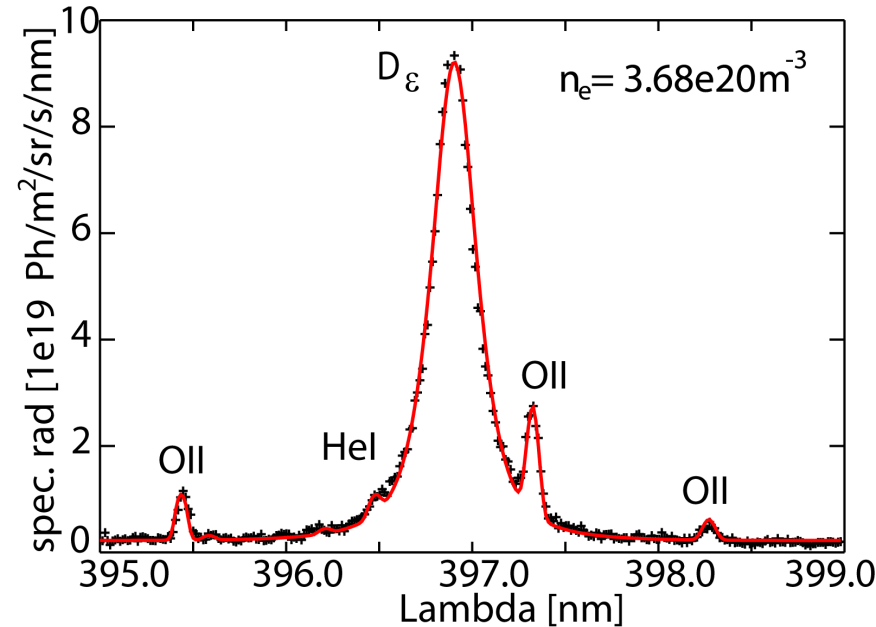
M. Wischmeier et al., JNM 2011



# Improved diagnostics to identify missing effects



e.g.  $n_e$  from Stark broadening

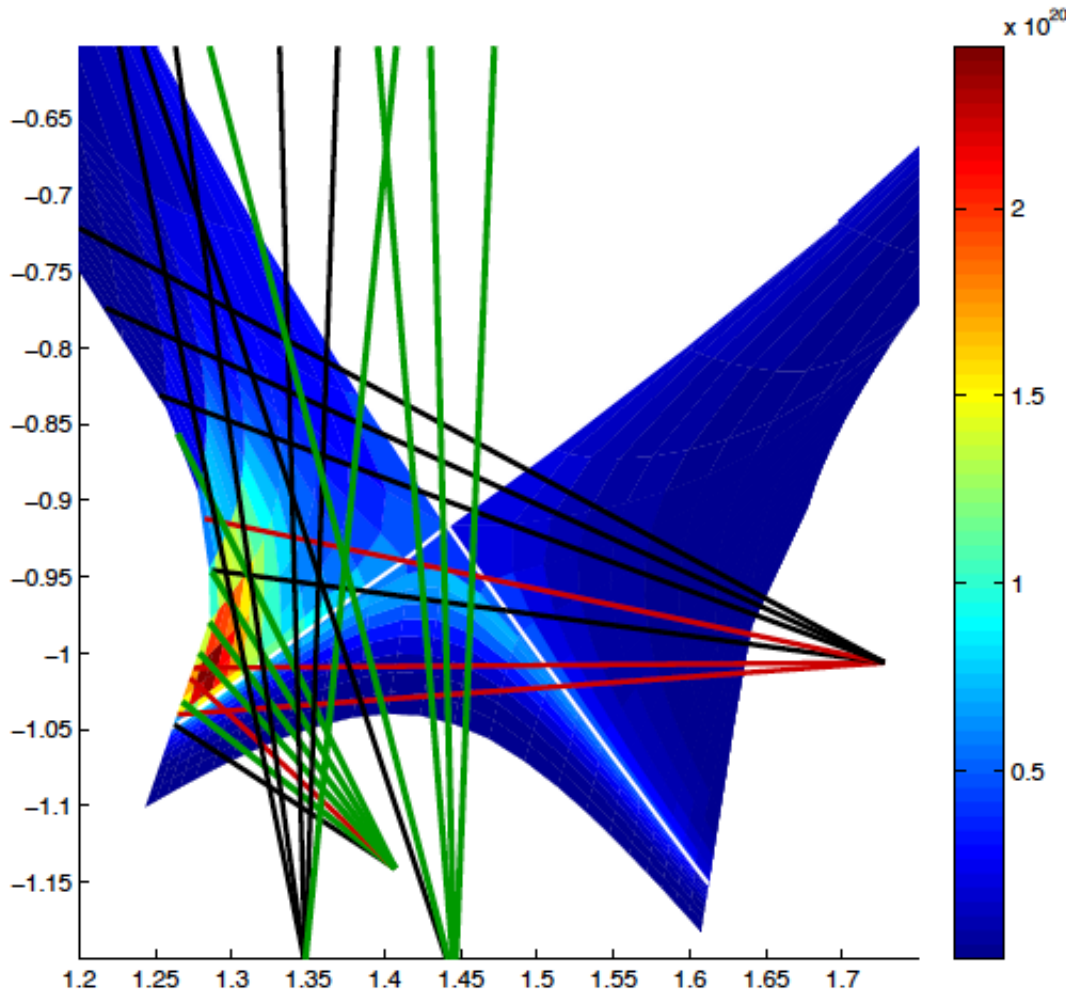


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# Comparing virtual diagnostics: Stark broadening

2D electron density distribution (low density case)



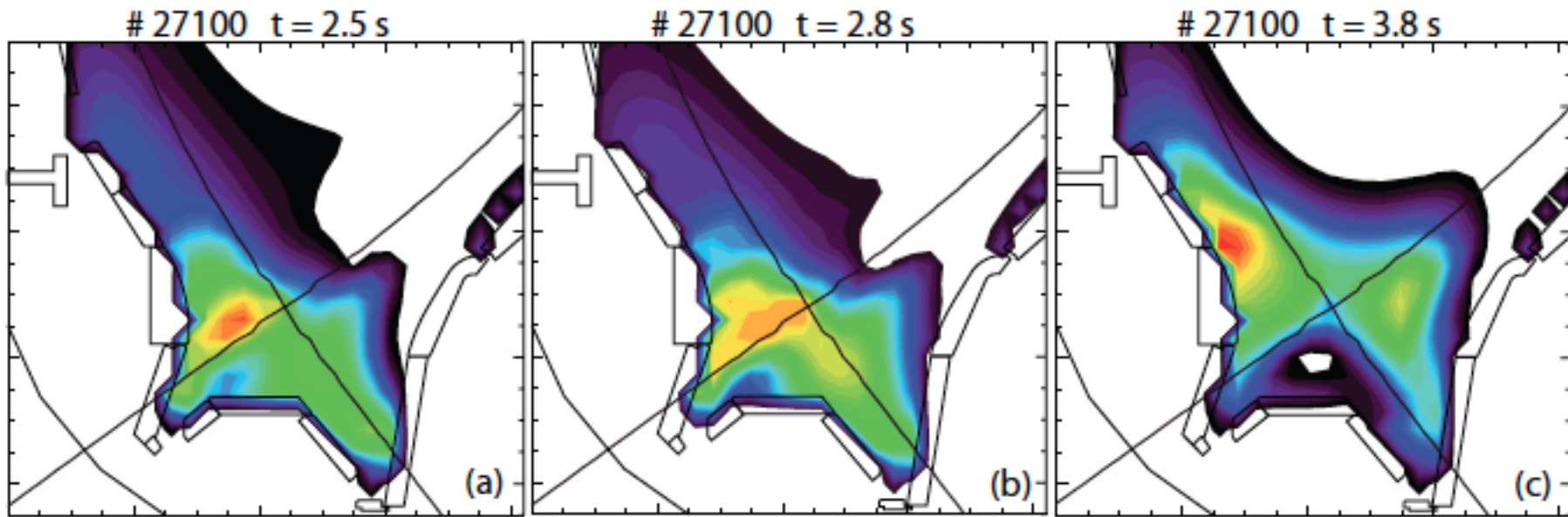
Comparison along  
spectroscopic LOS

perfect match

SOLPS density lower  
than Stark Broadening

SOLPS density higher  
than Stark Broadening

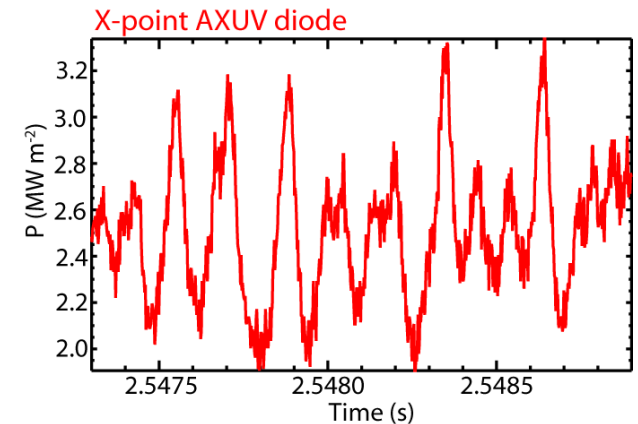
By L. Aho-Mantila & S. Potzel



Increasing density

S. Potzel et al. NF 2014

- Location of total radiation correlates well with location of high  $n_e$





**Not all divertor regimes are satisfactorily described by existing numerical models**

**Strategy was/is to identify regimes which can be described and which can't**

**→ Identify missing physics elements in our models?**

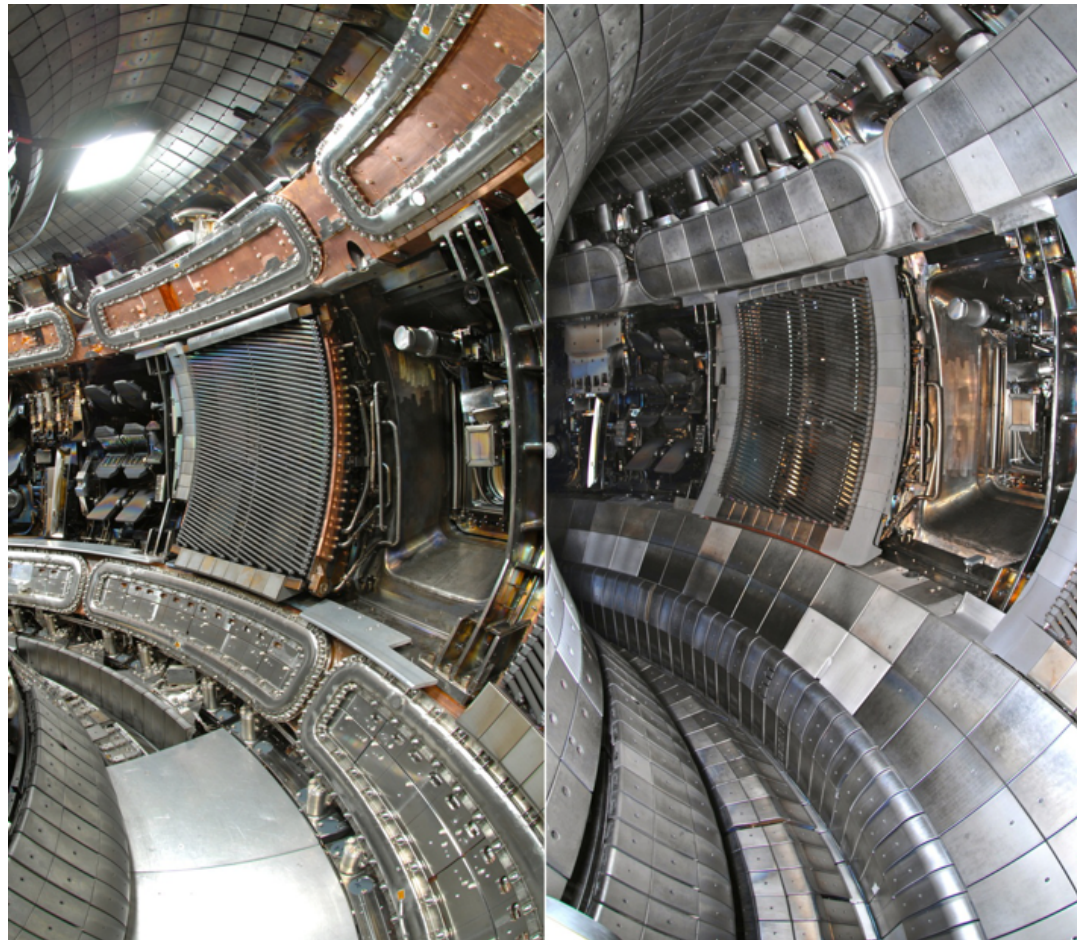


❖ **But...SOL is may also be 3D**

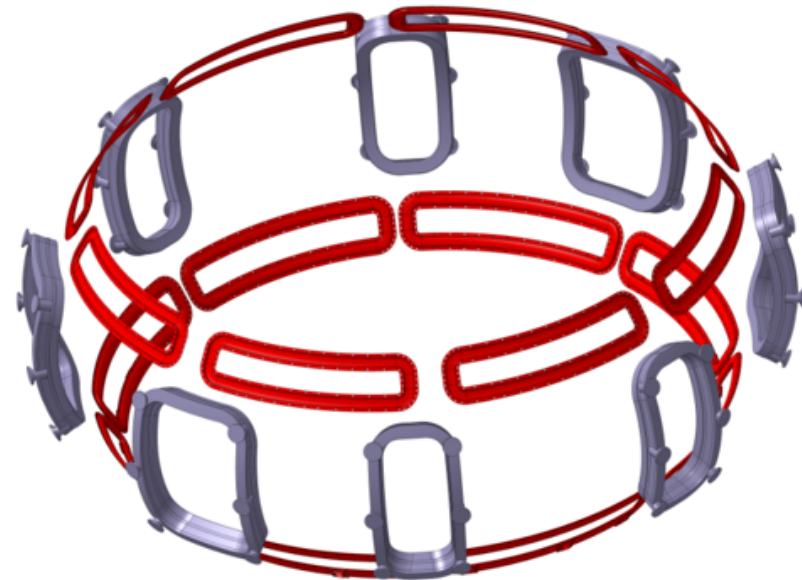


# Mitigation of ELMs

Installation of magnetic perturbation (MP) coils



ASDEX Upgrade

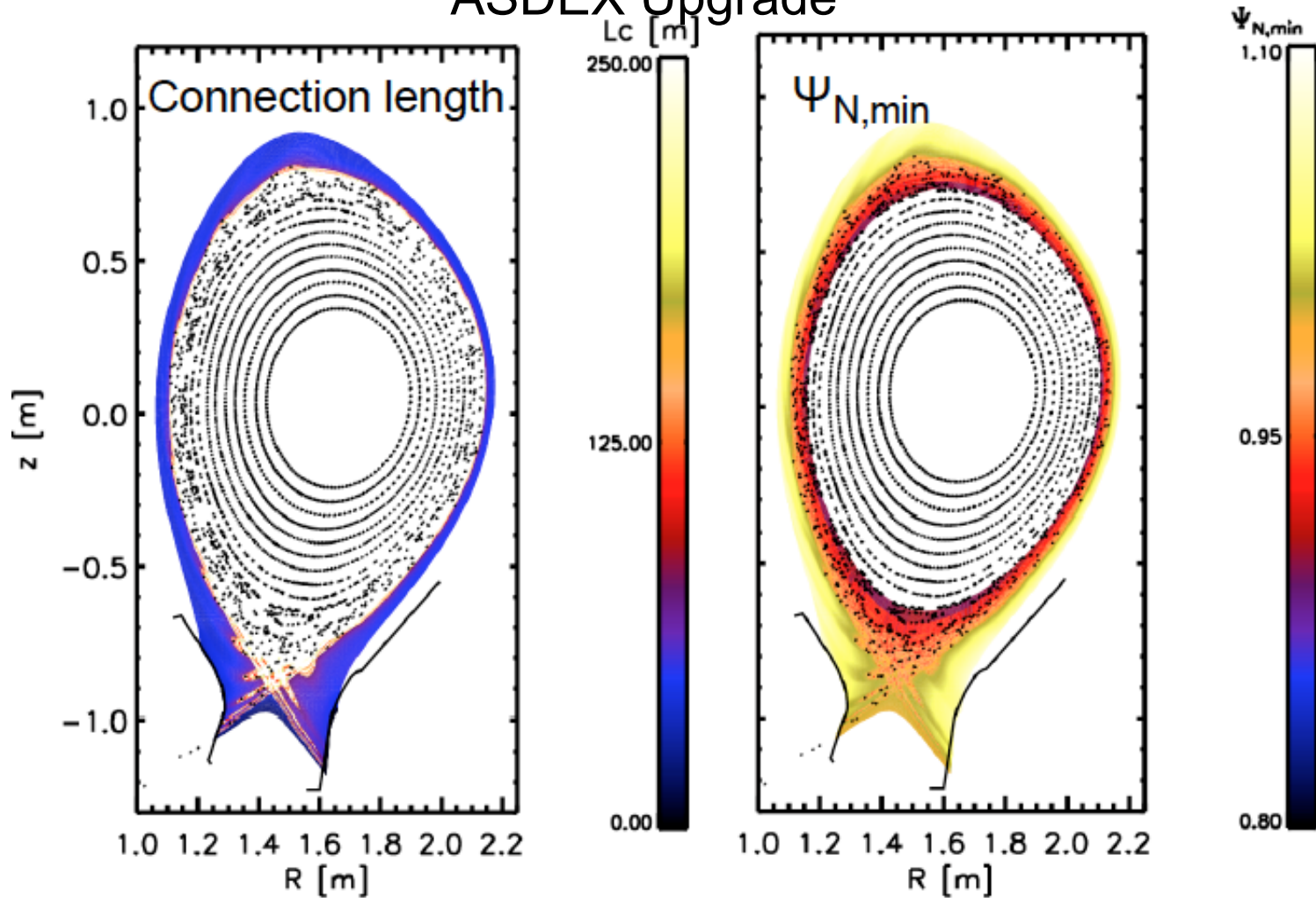


W. Suttrop et al. PRL 2011



# SOL plasma becomes 3D with MP coils

ASDEX Upgrade



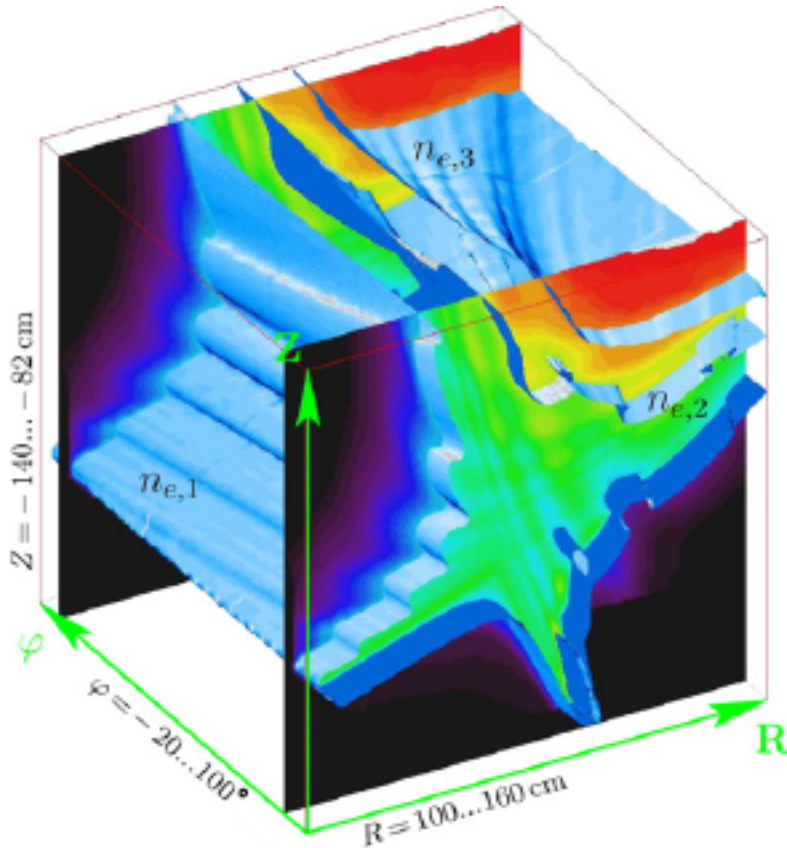
Development of lobe structures

H.W. Müller et al. JNM 2013

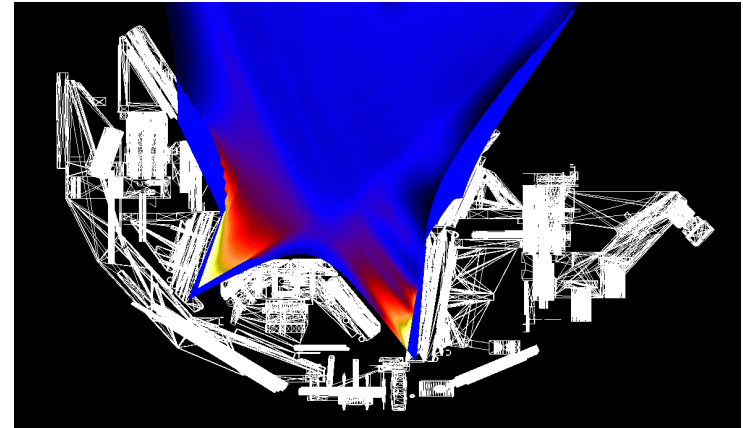




## Electron density with MP coils simulated with EMC3- EIRENE



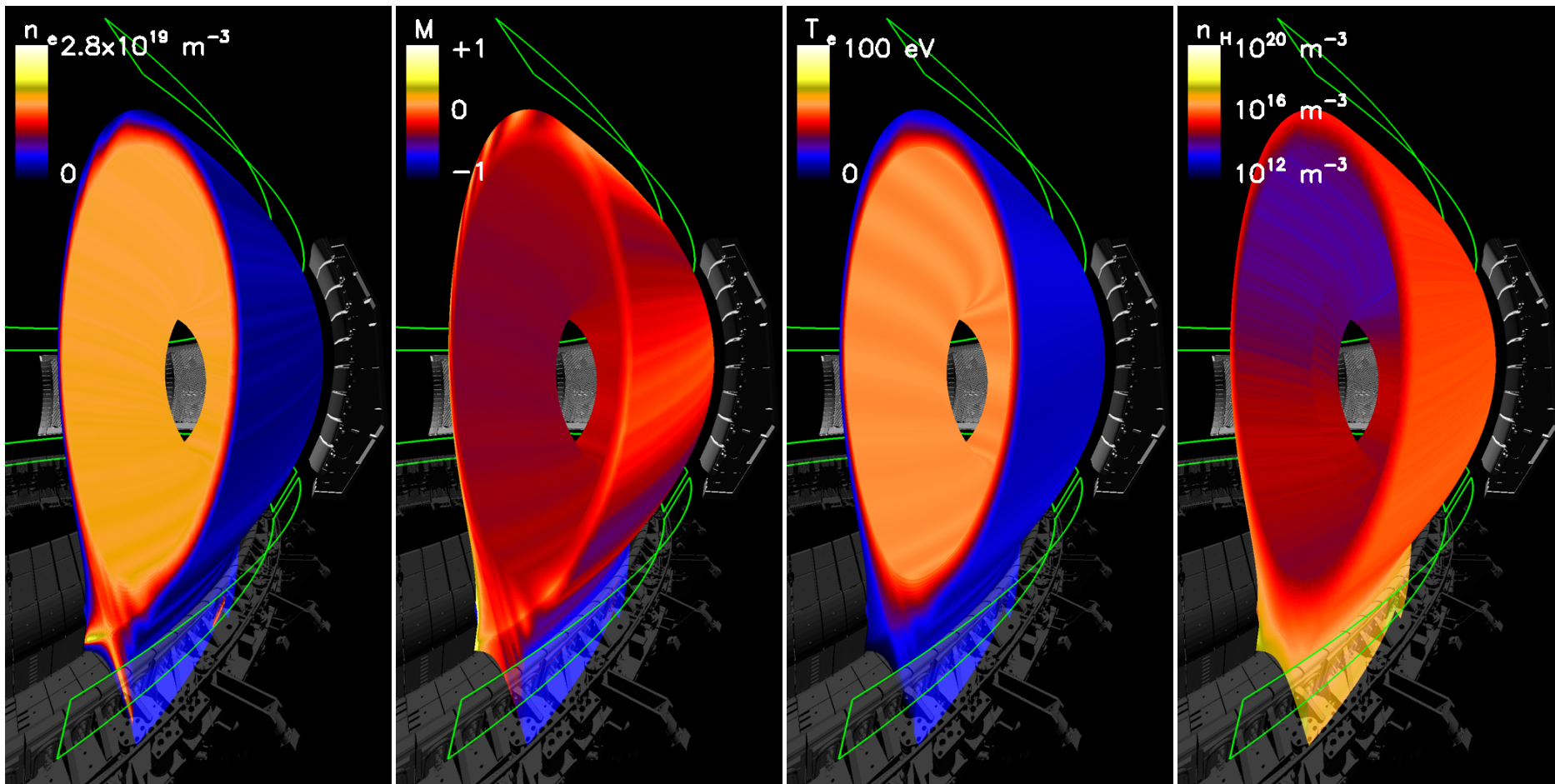
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ASDEX Upgrade, courtesy T. Lunt

# Applications for AUG

## Simulation of the (resonant) magnetic perturbations



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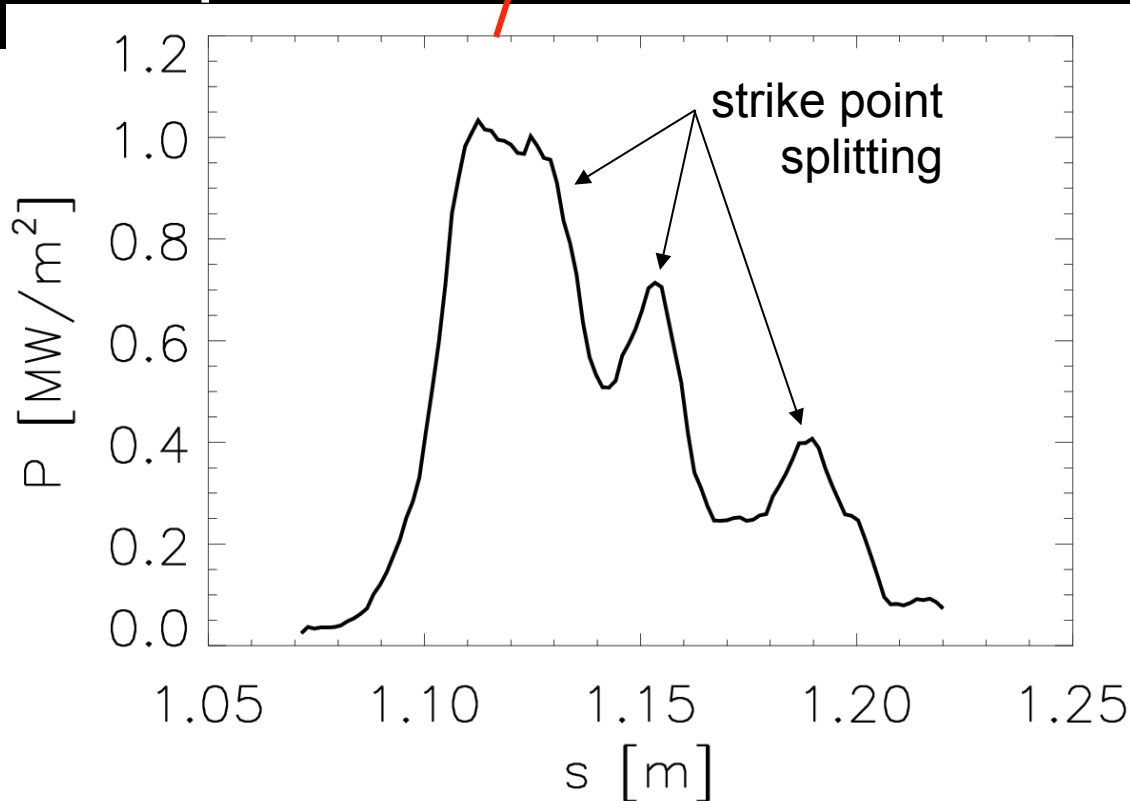
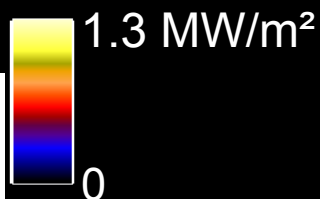
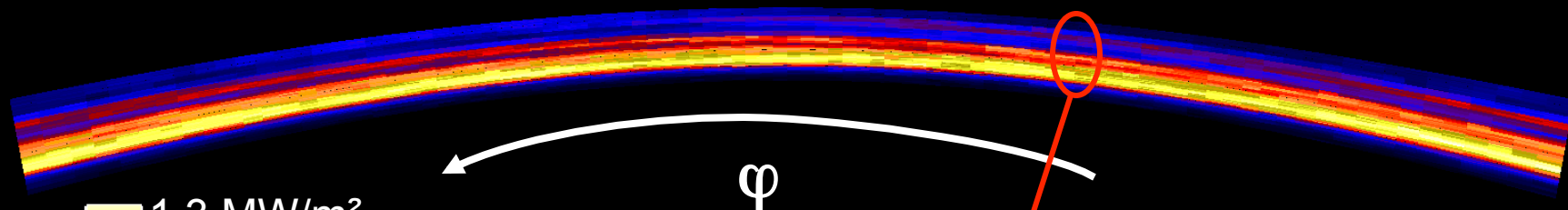
L-Mode with 4 kAt (R)MPs ( $n=4$ )

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## Energy deposition outer target



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