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# **Summary:**

**Confinement, Plasma-wall  
Interaction, and Innovative  
Confinement Concepts**

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# Statistics of EX and IC



<b>EX (Magnetic Confinement Experiments)</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>EX-C (Confinement)</b>	<b>~93</b>
<b>EX-D (Plasma-wall Interaction)</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>IC (Innovative Confinement Concept)</b>	<b>22</b>

**OV: 28, TH: 92, IT: 28, IF: 19, FT: 69, SE: 5**

**Total: 441**

# Outline



- 1. Tokamak Regimes Extended towards ITER**
- 2. Scenario Optimization**
- 3. Global Confinement Physics**
- 4. Transport Physics**
- 5. Plasma-wall Interaction**
- 6. Innovative Confinement Concepts**

# **1. Tokamak Regimes Extended towards ITER**

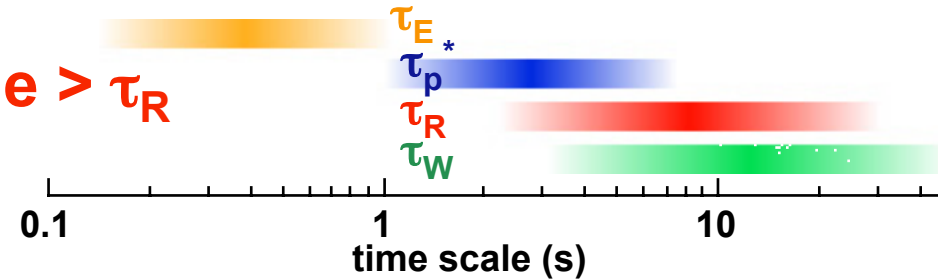
**Long Pulse Operation**

# 1.1 Long Pulse Operation: high $\beta$ & G sustained $\gg \tau_R$

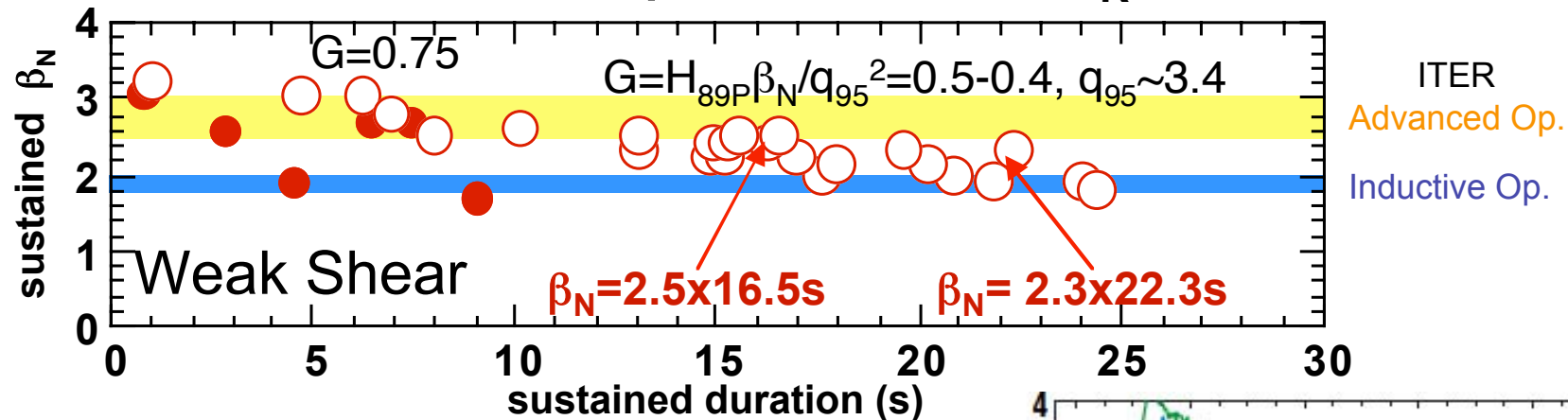


High  $\beta$  & AT (self regulating) regime  $> \tau_R$

Particle control  $> \tau_w$

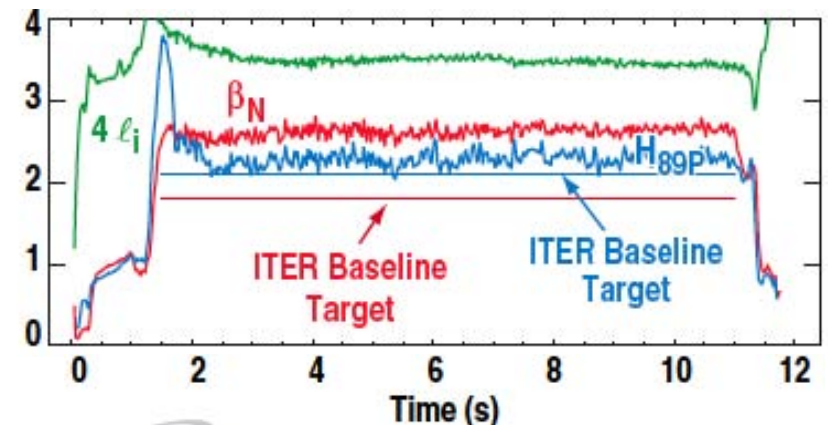


\*JT-60U: extended high- $\beta$  duration =  $13\tau_R$



\*DIII-D: 9.5s ITER baseline scenario  
 $\sim 9\tau_R$ ,  $\langle \beta \rangle = 4\%$ ,  $G \sim 0.55$

\*JET: 20s reversed shear



# 1.2 Long Pulse Operation: Excellent Heat Removal



**JET:**

20s RS, 326MJ

**JT-60U:**

30s ELMy-H, 350MJ

**LHD:**

2min, 115MJ

**HT-7:**

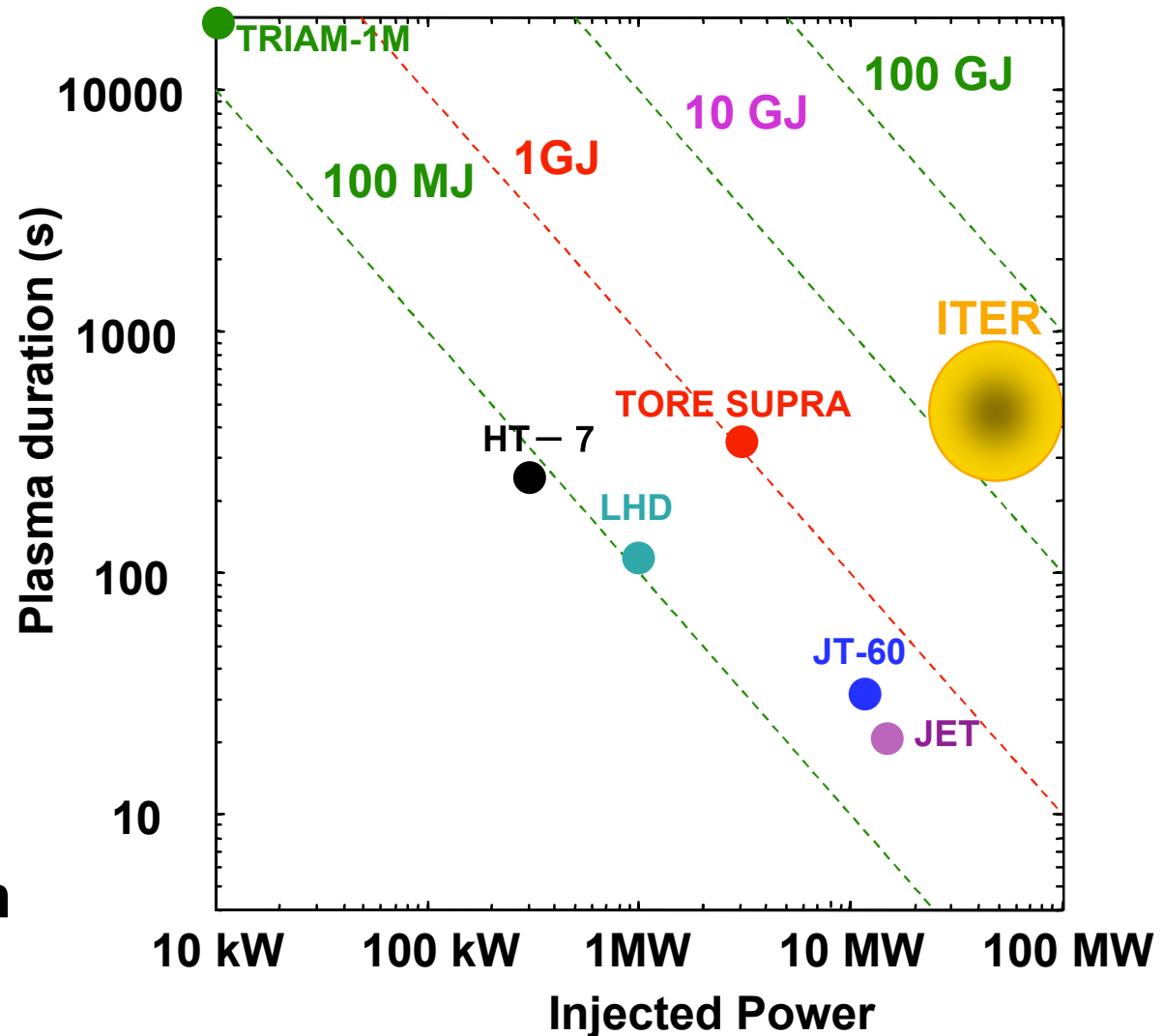
4min,  $T_{\text{limiter}}$  still rising

**TORE-SUPRA:**

6min, **1GJ**

**TRIAM-1M:**

**5 hrs**, No wall saturation



# 2. Scenario Optimization & Extrapolation



## **ITER Baseline Scenario**

**Long Sustainment: DIII-D**

**Integrated exhaust scenario (Ar + pellet) : AUG, (Ar or N):JET**

## **Steady-state / Hybrid Scenarios**

**Full CD approaches : JT-60U, DIII-D, JET**

**WS Long Sustainment: NTM-stabilization: JT-60U, DIII-D, JET,  
AUG**

**High Integrated Performance: JT-60U, JET, DIII-D, AUG**

**High Density & High Radiation: DIII-D, JET, JT-60U**

## **Extension of Improved Regimes**

**H-mode with small / no ELMs**

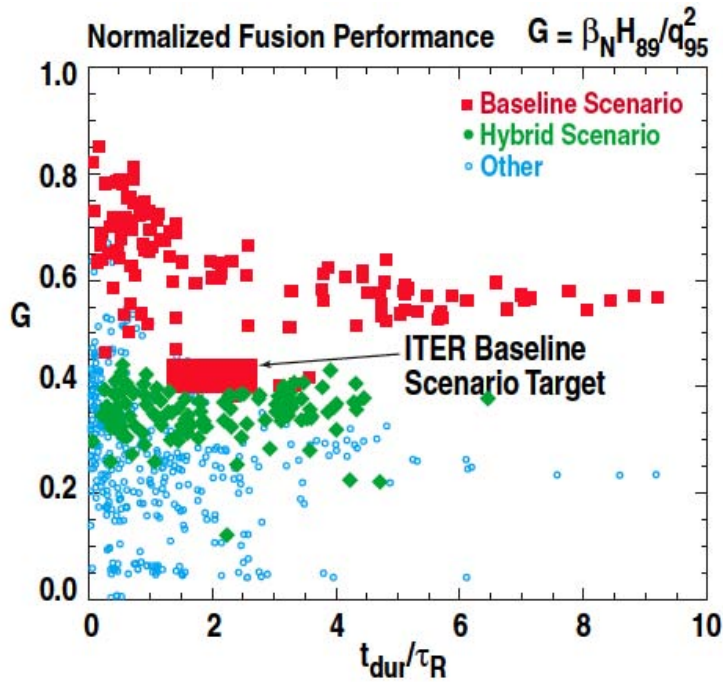
**Core Improvement eITB without central heating  
etc.**

# 2.1 ITER Baseline Operation



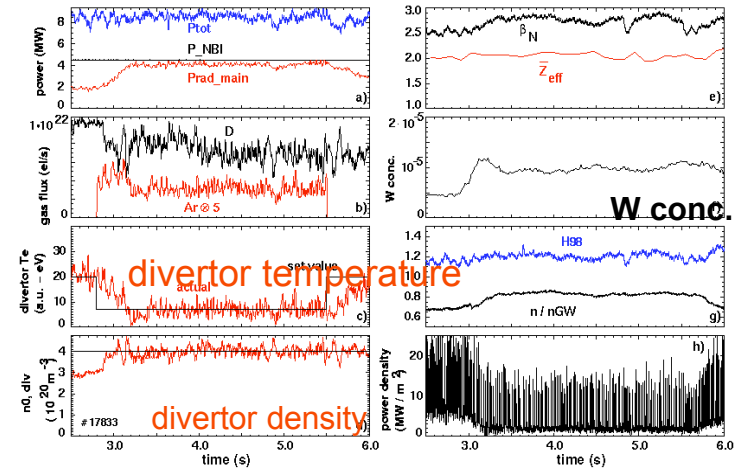
Increased confidence in reaching the ITER performance

DIII-D: Long sustainment  
 $G \sim 0.55 \times 9\tau_R$



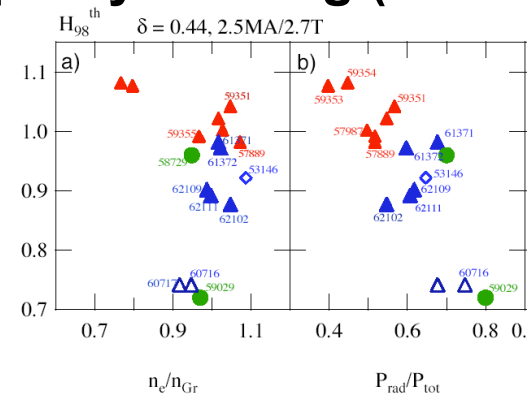
Integrated Exhaust Scenario  
 AUG:divertor temperature control by  
 Ar + ELM control by pellet

AUG



JET:impurity seeding (Ar or N)

JET





# 2.2 Steady-state / Hybrid Scenarios: Full Non-inductive approaches successful



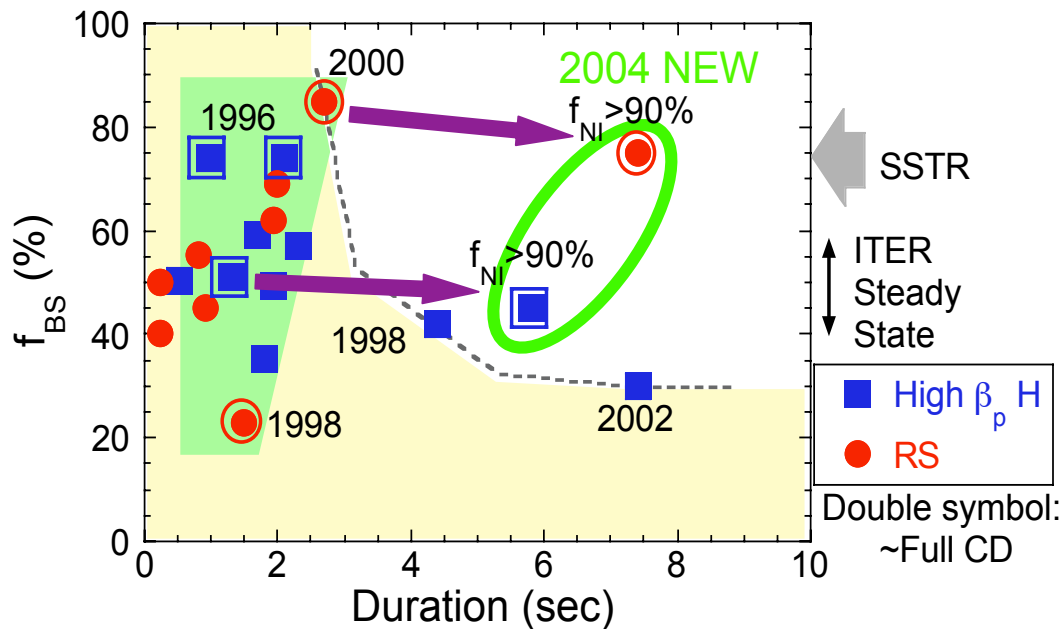
## JT-60U (bootstrap+NBCD)

$f_{CD} > 90\%$

WS:  $f_{BS} \sim 45\%$ ,  $2.8 \tau_R$

$q(r) > \sim 1.5$ ,  $q=2$  at small  $\nabla P$

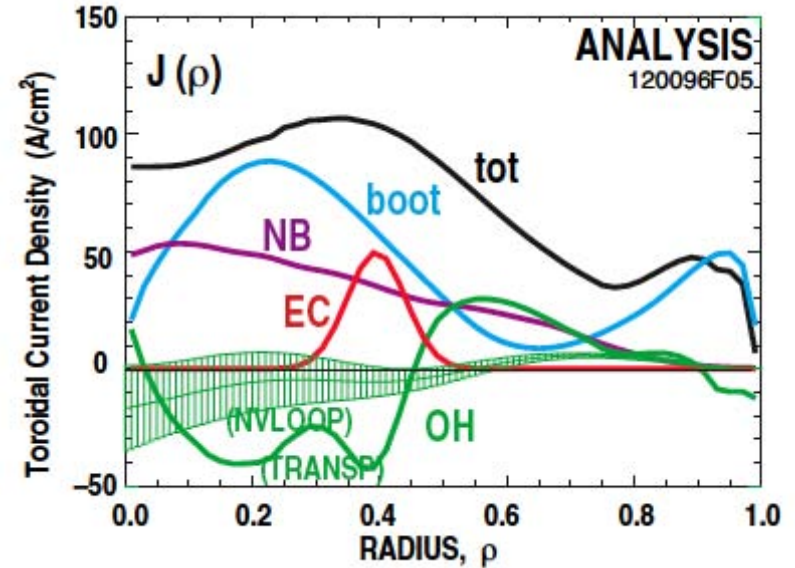
RS:  $f_{BS} \sim 75\%$ ,  $2.8\tau_R$



## DIII-D

(bootstrap+NBCD+ECCD)

$f_{CD} \sim 100\%$ ,  $\beta_N < 3.5$ ,  $\sim 1\tau_R$

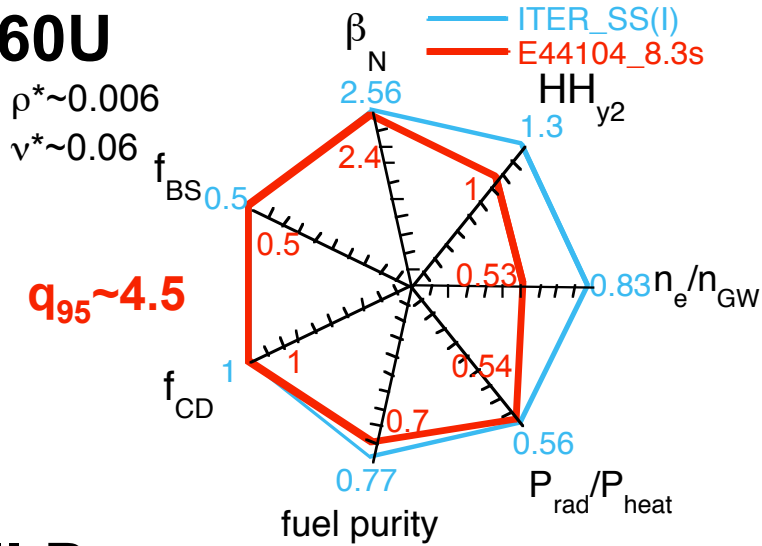


**High BS Full CD without  
inductive current control**

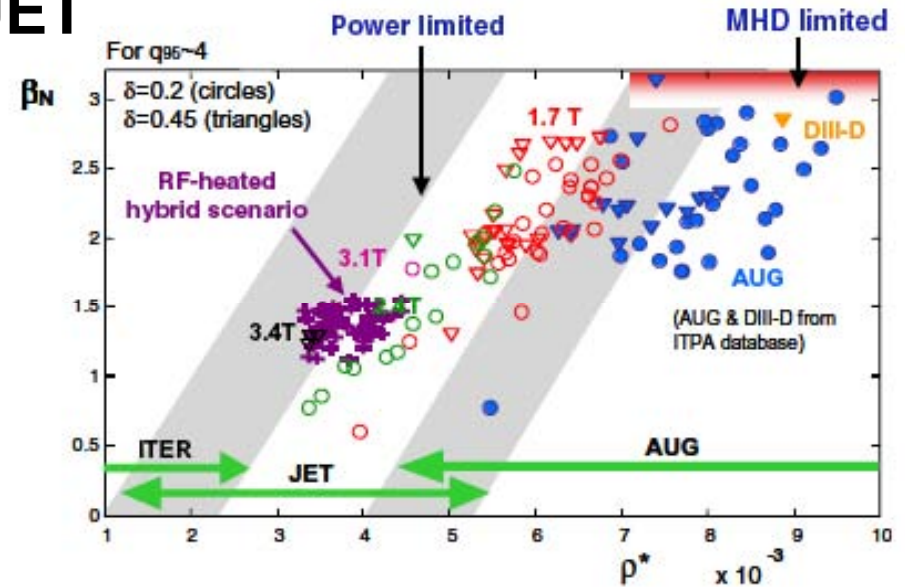
# 2.2 Steady-state / Hybrid Scenarios: Improved Integrated Performance & ITER access



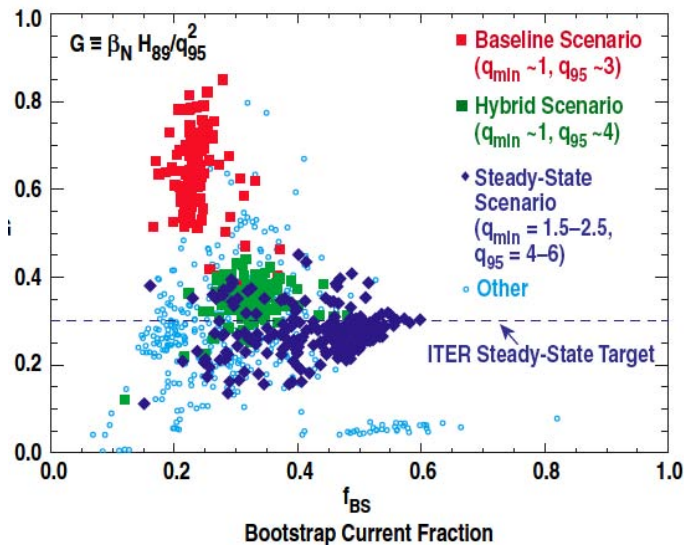
## JT-60U



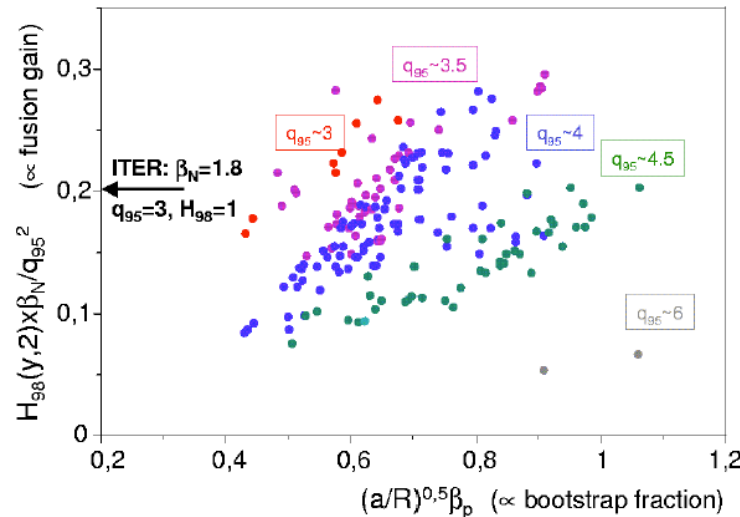
## JET



## DIII-D



## AUG

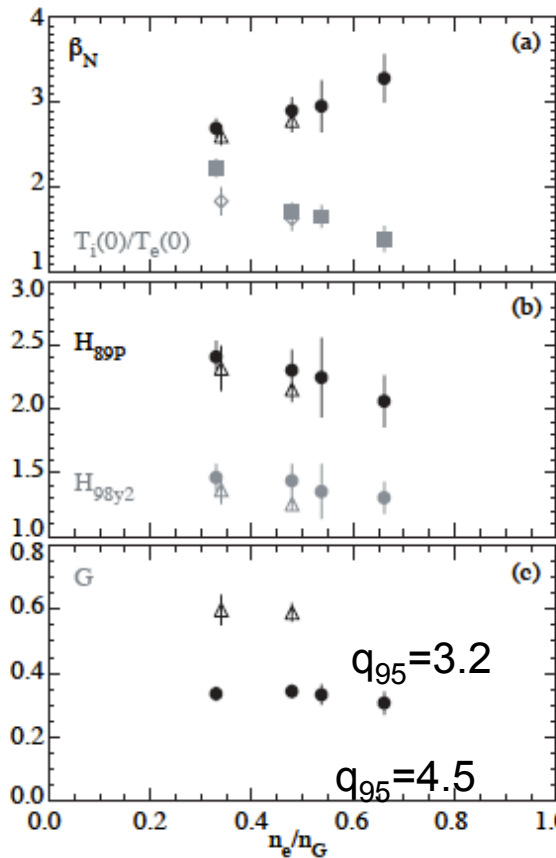


good probability for achieving high fusion gain in ITER at reduced current ( $\sim 13$ MA) with a pulse length longer than 2000s.

# 2.2 Steady-state / Hybrid Scenarios : Extended to High Density & High Radiation

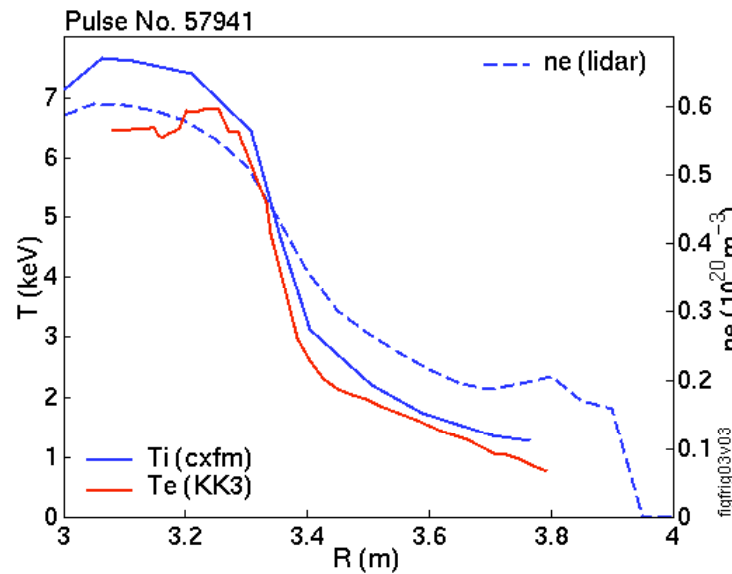


## DIII-D

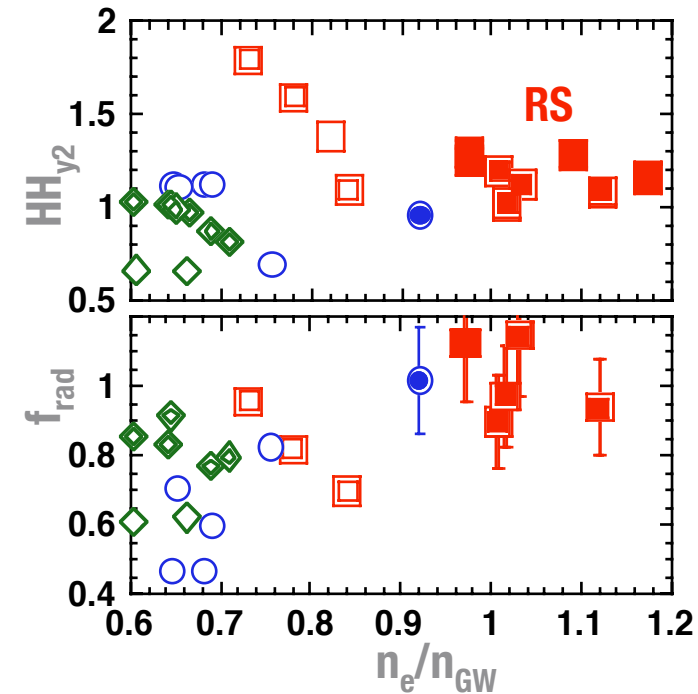


## JET

LHCD+Pellet +NBI  
 =ITB,  $T_i \sim T_e$ ,  $n_{e0} > \bar{n}_G$ ,  
 low Rotation



JT-60:  $n_e/n_{GW} > 1$ ,  
 $n_{e(0)}/n_{GW} \sim 1.5$   
 Ne, Ar, D-pellet



## 2.3 Extension of Improved Regimes



### H-mode Improvements

Small - no ELM: AUG, C-Mod, DIII-D, JET, JFT-2M, JT-60U

Low-A MAST: high beta DB, CNTR-NB

NSTX: parametric dependence  
of confinement established

Helical: CHS, Heliotron-J, Tohoku-Heliac

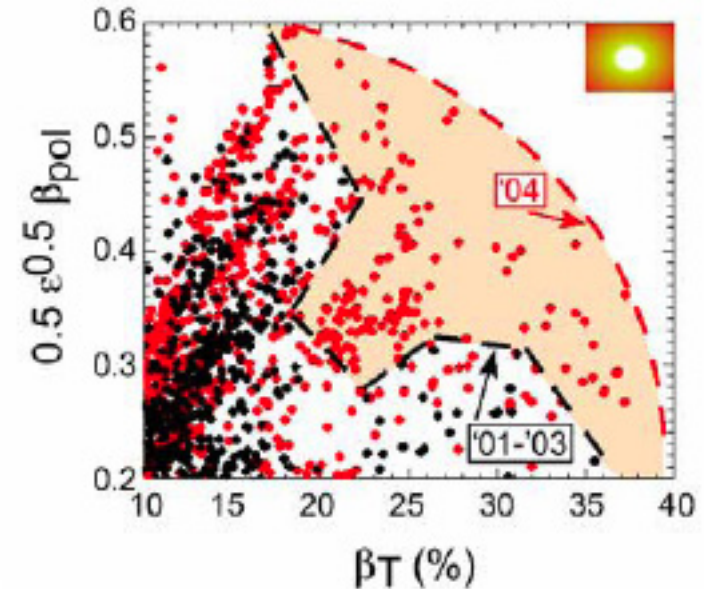
### Core Improvement

Electron ITB without central fueling:

TCV, TJ-II

ITB with rotation: MAST

Pellet Enhanced Performance : FTU

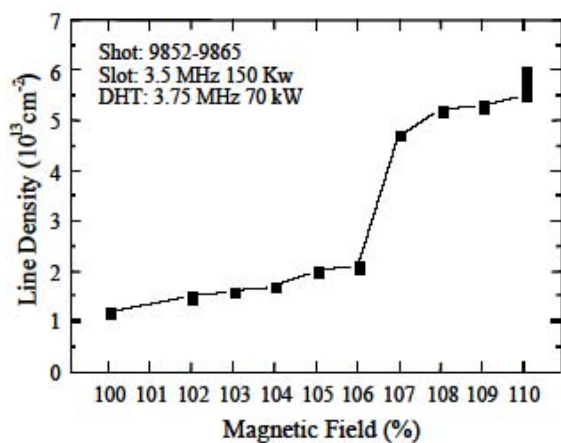


## 2.3 Extension of Improved Regimes(2)

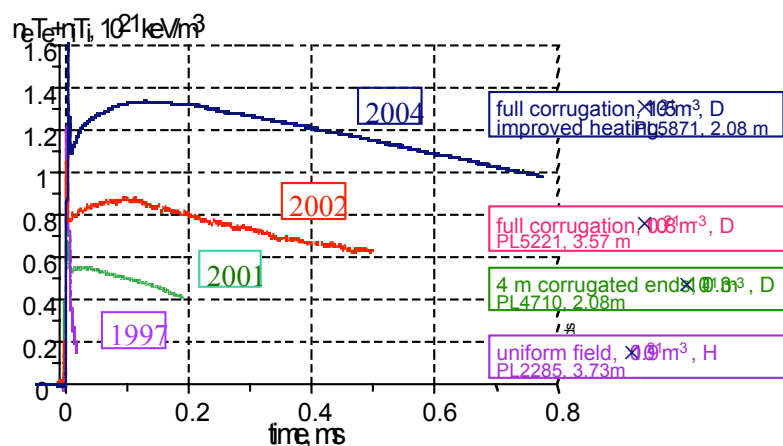


**HANBIT: A stable high density mode found at  $\omega < \Omega_{ci}$ .**  
**Mirror GOL-3: Complete multimirror :  $T_e \sim T_i \sim 2\text{keV}$  at  $10^{21}/\text{m}^3$**   
**GAMMA-10: ion-confining potential up to 2.1kV**

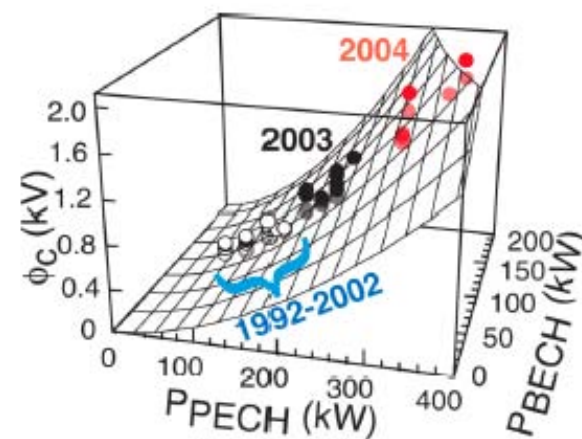
**HANBIT**



**GOL-3**



**GAMMA-10**

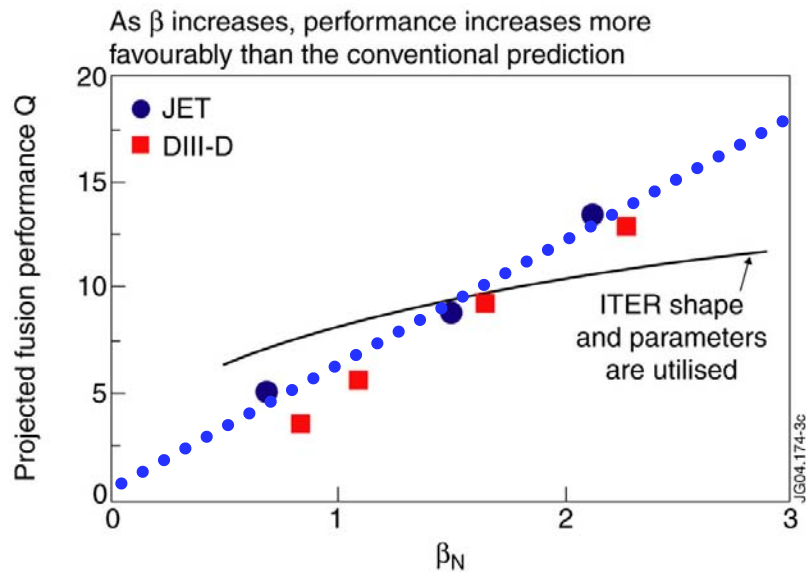


# **3. Global Confinement Physics**

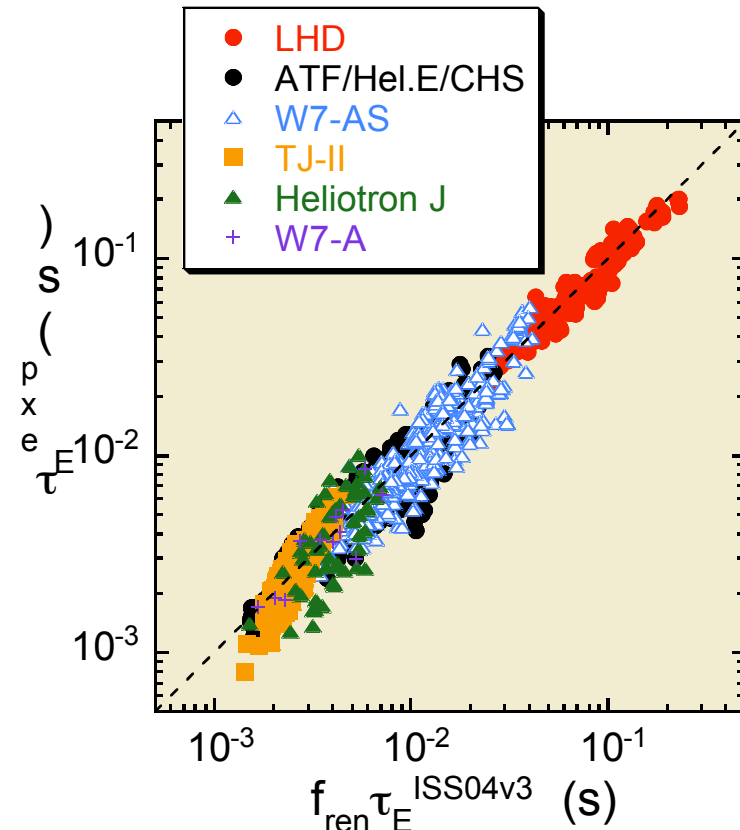


# 3.1 Scaling Studies of Global Confinement

- JET and DIII-D:  $\beta$  scan with fixed  $\rho^*$  and  $\nu^*$  in ELMy H-mode show  $\beta$  independent (electrostatic) energy transport
- Would predict improved confinement for high  $\beta$  operation.



International stellarator database has been extended and new gyro-Bohm scaling has been extracted.

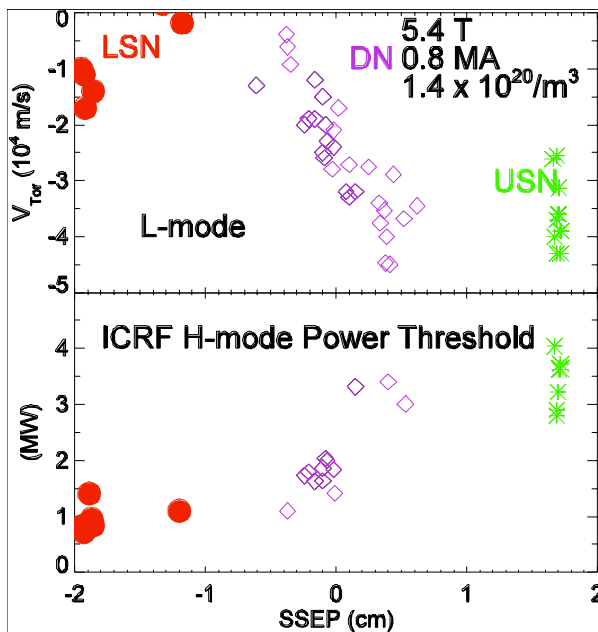




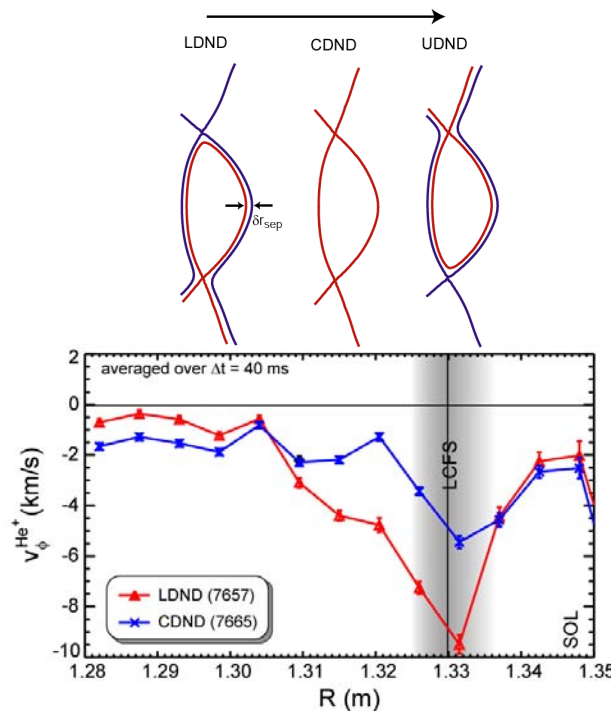


# 3.2 L/H transition and its power threshold

**C-MOD: distance between primary and secondary separatrix has large influence to toroidal rotation and L/H power threshold  $P_{L/H}$  (low at LSN).**

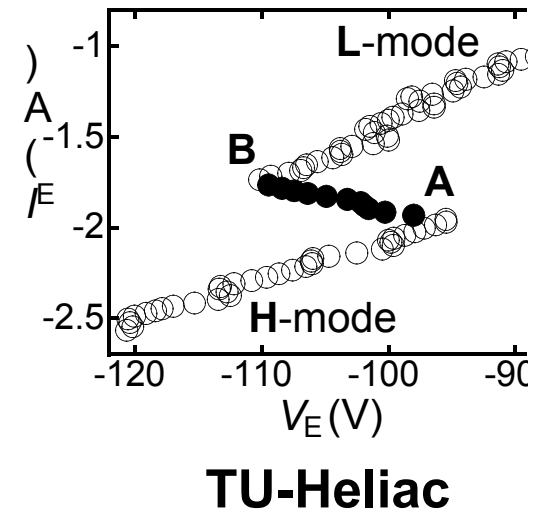


**MAST: factor 2 reduction of  $P_{L/H}$  in connected DN.**



**NSTX: HFS gas puffing reduces  $P_{L/H}$  (less momentum drag of HFS neutral).**

**Biased H-mode in TCABR ( $R=0.615m$ ,  $r=0.18m$ ), ISTTOK and TU-Heliac ( $R=0.48m$ ,  $r=0.07m$ ).**



**Heliotron J: H-mode with edge iota windows.**



# 3.3 ITB



## Electron ITB (eITB)

**MAST:** ITB with steep  $T_e$ -gradient and peaked  $n_e$  profile was formed with counter-NBI

where  $M_\phi \sim 1$  in core.

**NSTX:** eITB (+ion ITB) formed with early NBI and fast  $I_p$  ramp (negative shear).

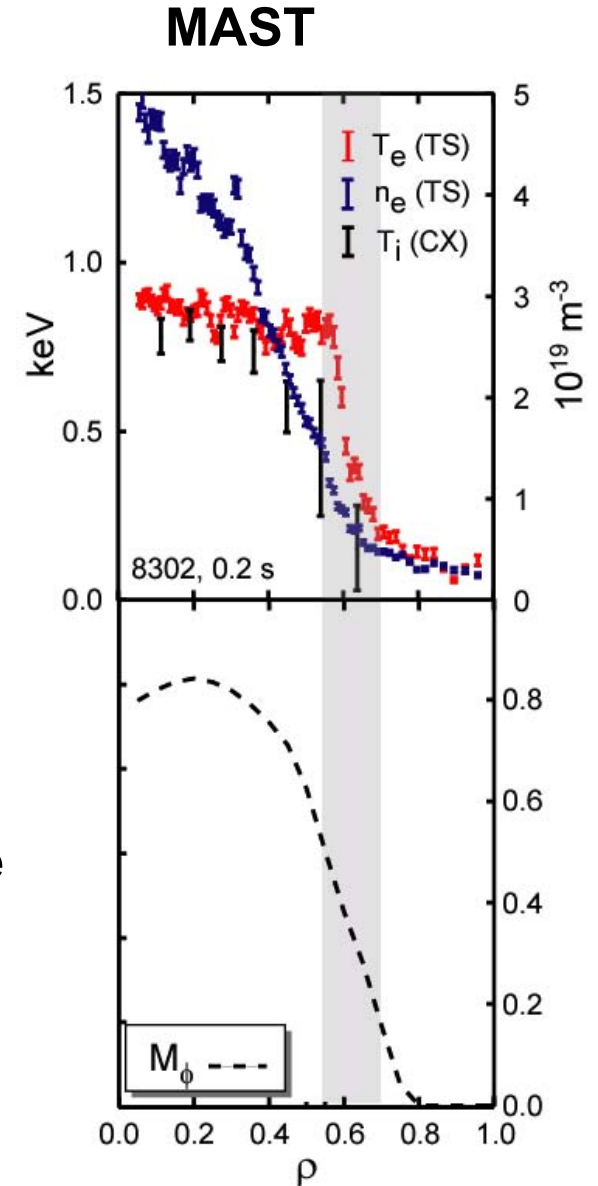
**FTU:** high density eITB.  $T_{e0}$  up to 5keV at  $n_{e0} > 1 \times 10^{20} \text{m}^{-3}$  with LHCD+ECRH

**TCV:** Control of eITB with inductive CD (negligible power variation).

**TJ-II:** eITB was formed at low order rational surfaces ( $\rho < 0.3$ ) with strong positive  $E_r$

**JET:** ion ITB with small momentum input and ExB shear.

**ITB w. no/small momentum input**



# **4. Transport Physics**

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## Highlighted topics

No.	Topics	Device/paper No.
1	<b>Zonal flow</b> Reynolds stress, GAM, Zonal flow	HT-7, Extrap-T2R JFT-2M, CHS, T-10
2	<b>Electron transport</b> Critical $\nabla T_e$ , non-linear $\chi_e \sim (\nabla T_e)^\beta T_e^\alpha$	AUG, JET, JT-60, DIII-D, LHD. TCV
3	<b>Particle transport</b> $G \sim -D[c_q \nabla q/q - c_T \nabla T_e/T_e]$ , $n_e^*$ dep.	Tore-Supra, FTU, AUG, JET, LHD, MAST, ET
4	<b>Momentum transport</b> Rotation without torque	Tore-Supra, C-Mod, FTU, DIII-D, TEXTOR
5	<b>Radial electric field</b> $E_r$ control, Flow damping	LHD, GAMMA-10, TJ-II, HSX ISTTOK

# 4.1 Zonal flow: measurement of Reynolds stress



Direct measurements of Reynolds stress reported from tokamak and RFP

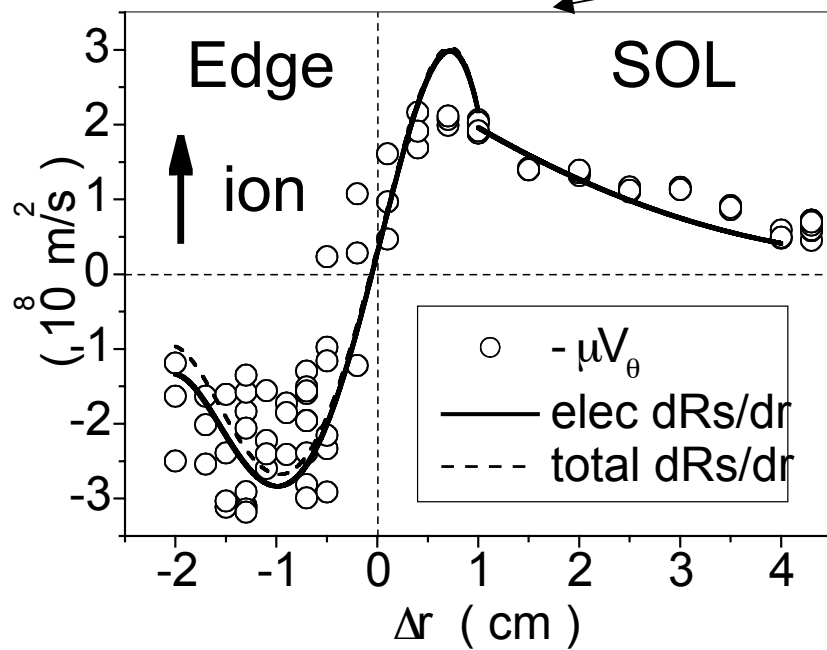
$$\frac{\partial \langle v_E \rangle}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \langle \tilde{v}_{Er} \tilde{v}_{E\theta} \rangle + \frac{\beta}{n_{eq}} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \langle \tilde{B}_r \tilde{B}_\theta \rangle - \frac{2}{n_{eq}} \frac{a}{R} \langle p \sin \theta \rangle$$

Zonal flow

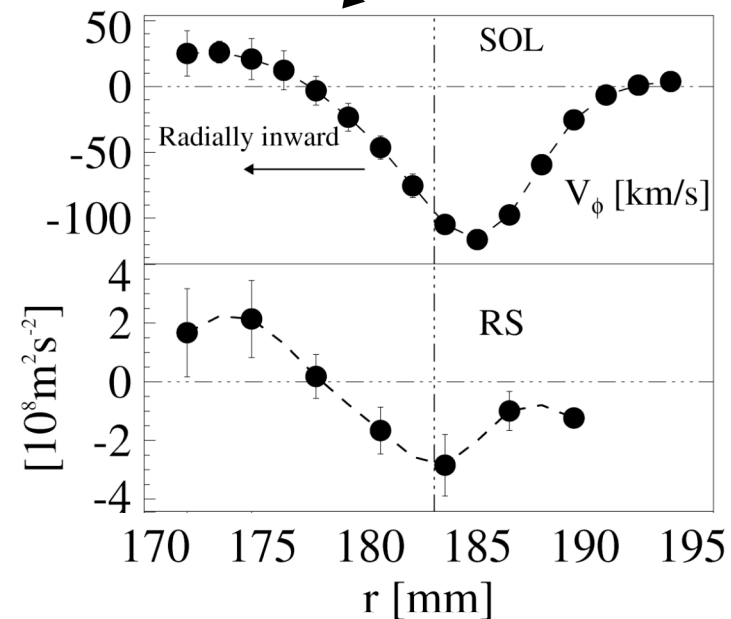
Electrostatic  
Reynolds stress

Electromagnetic  
Reynolds stress

GAM term



HT-7 (Tokamak)

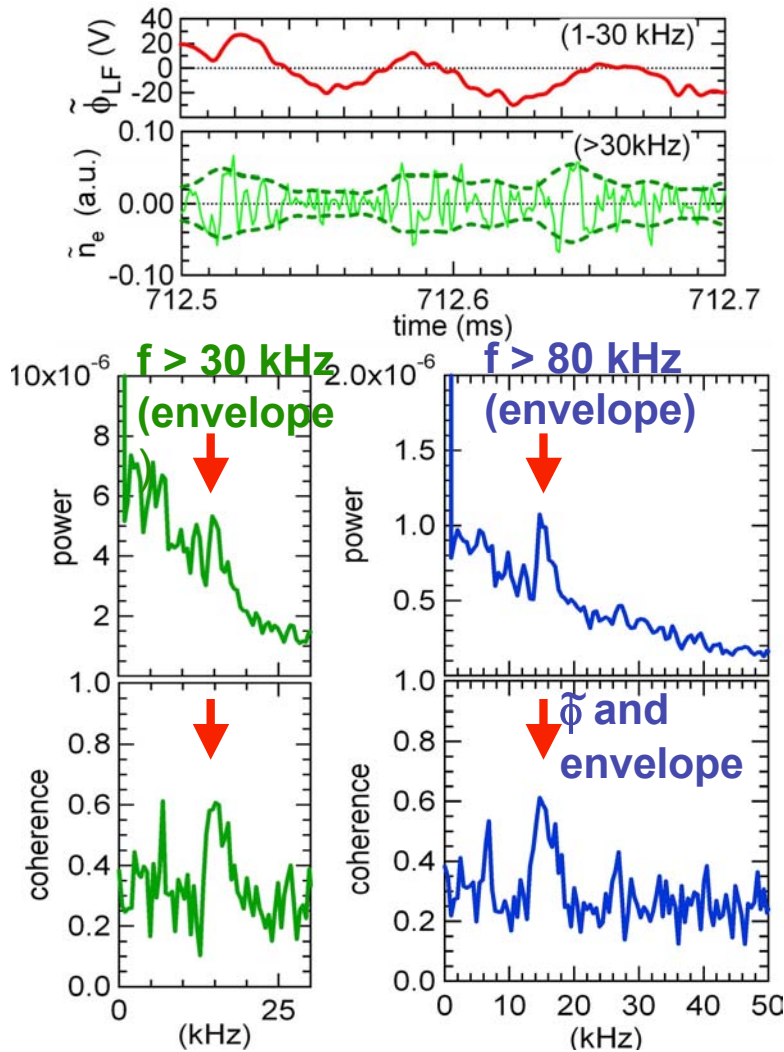


Extrap-T2R (RFP)

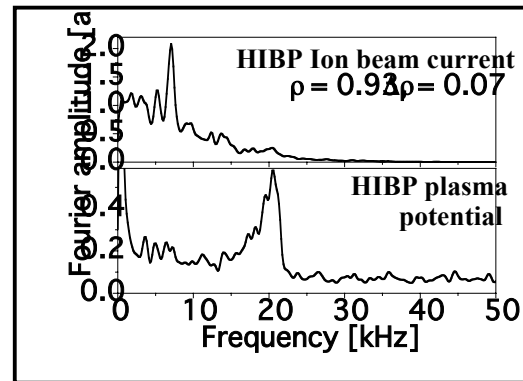
# 4.1 Measurement of GAM and Low Frequency Zonal Flow



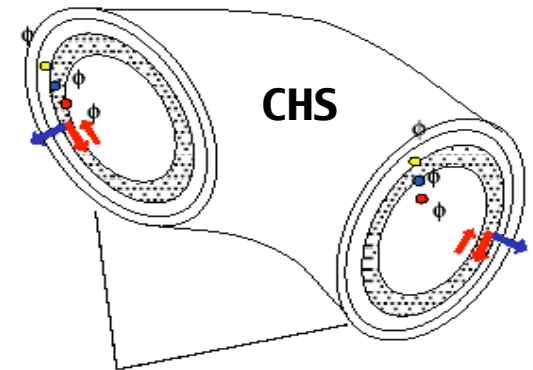
The modulation of  $n_{e,ambient}$  correlates with GAM (JFT-2M).



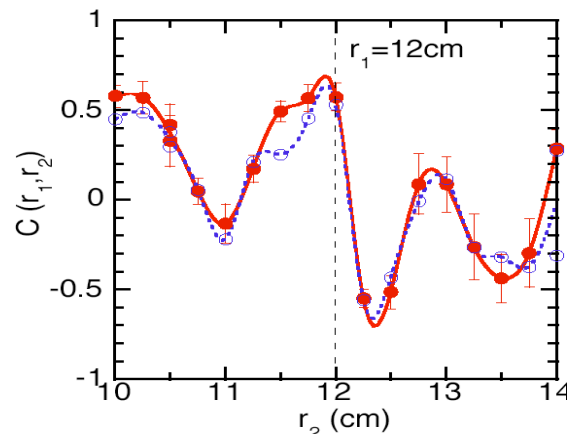
Measurement of GAM (T-10)



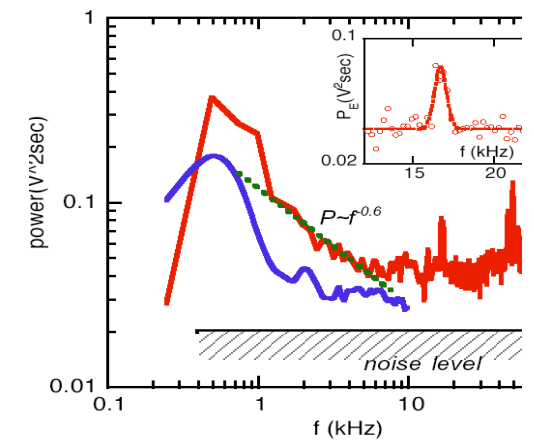
Identification of low frequency Zonal flow (CHS)



Twin HIBP



Zonal flow profile



Zonal flow ( $f < 1$  kHz)

# 4.2 Electron transport: Critical $\nabla T_e$ , non-linear $\chi_e \sim (\nabla T_e)^\beta T_e^\alpha$



- Critical  $\nabla T_e$

JET, JT-60U => YES, DIII-D => NO

LHD => NO

- Non-linearity

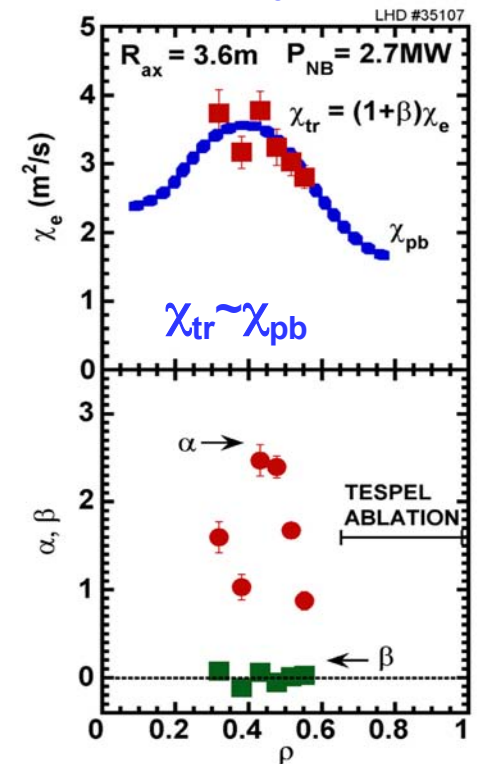
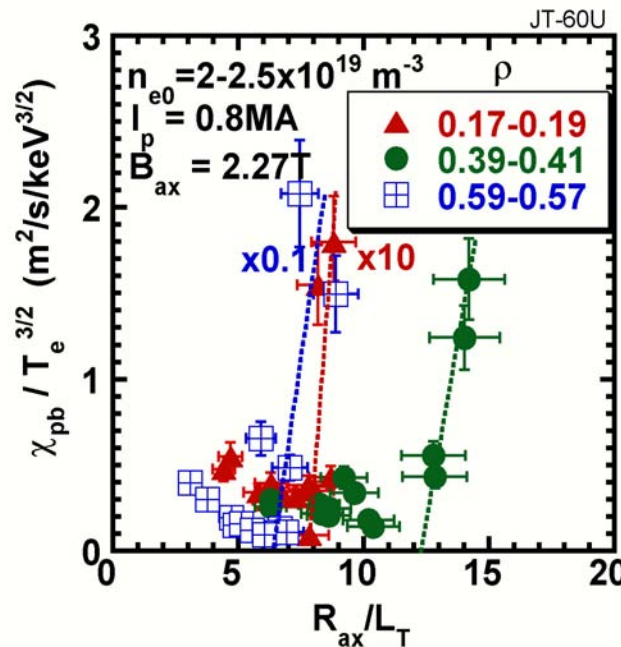
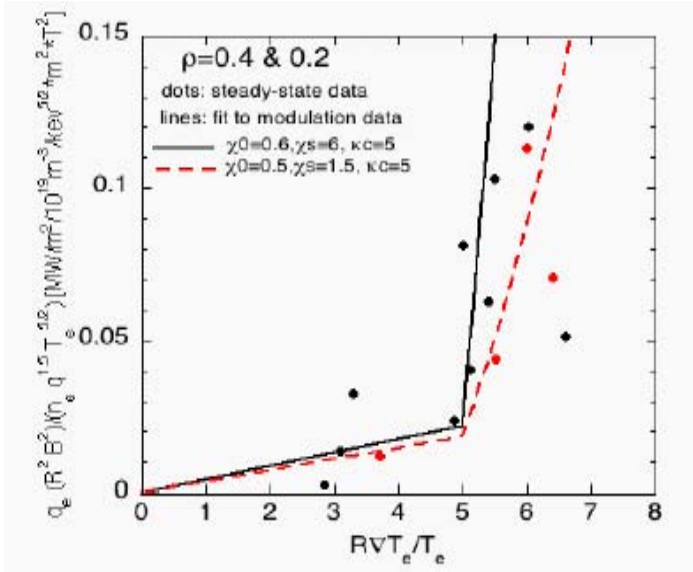
JET, JT-60U => YES, DIII-D => NO

LHD => YES but on  $T_e$

LHD  $\chi_e^{tr} = C T_e^\alpha (\nabla T_e)^\beta$   
 Strong  $T_e$  :  $\alpha \sim 1-2.5$   
 Weak  $\nabla T_e$  :  $\beta \sim 0$

JET

JT-60U



Exp. of effect of plasma shape and shear (TCV)

# 4.3 Burning Plasma Physics



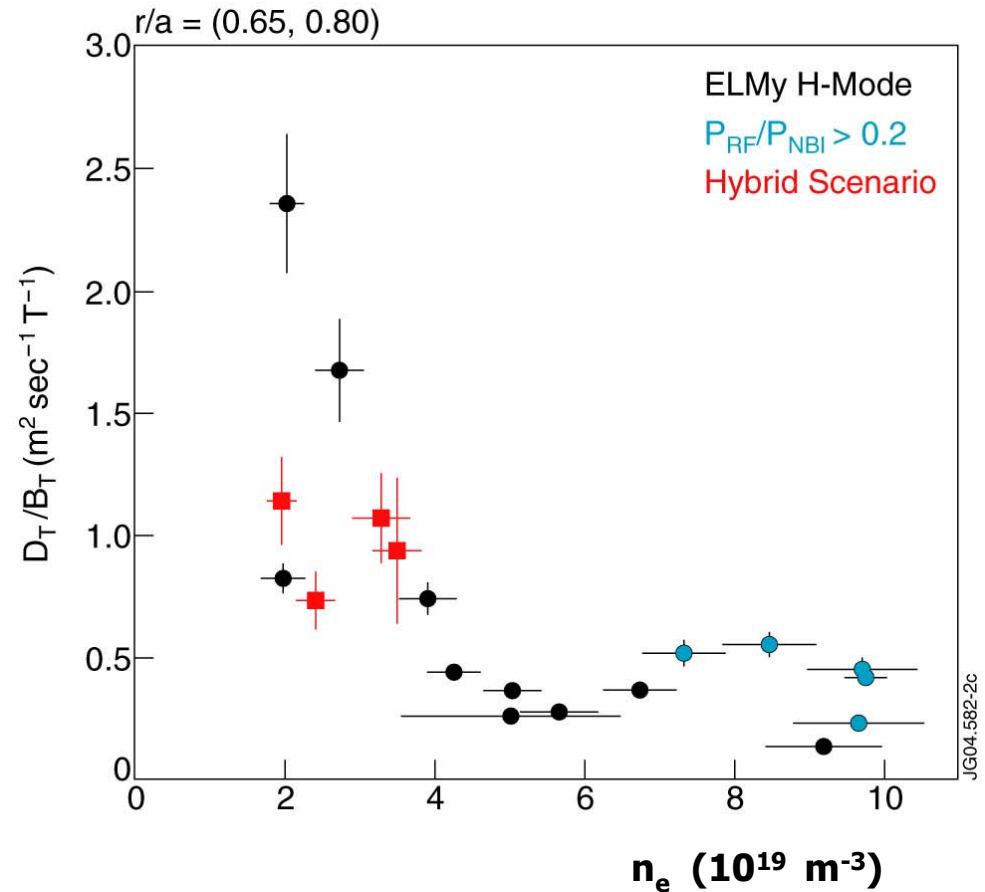
## JET: Thermal Tritium transport

- **Turbulence dominates thermal particle transport for most regimes**

- Large inward  $v_T$  correlates with high  $D_T$
- Neo-classical only for : **high  $n_e$  ELMy H & in ITBs.**

- **Dimensionless parameters scans show:**

- Gyro-Bohm particle transport ( $D_T \sim \rho^{*3}$ ) for Inner plasma;
- Bohm particle transport ( $D_T \sim \rho^{*2}$ ) for Outer plasma;
- when **q scans are included** scaling is **more like Gyro-Bohm in outer plasma** ( $D_T \sim \rho_{POL}^{*3}$ ;  $\rho_{POL}^* = q \times \rho^*$ );
- particle transport has an inverse  $\beta$  and  $v^*$  dependence.

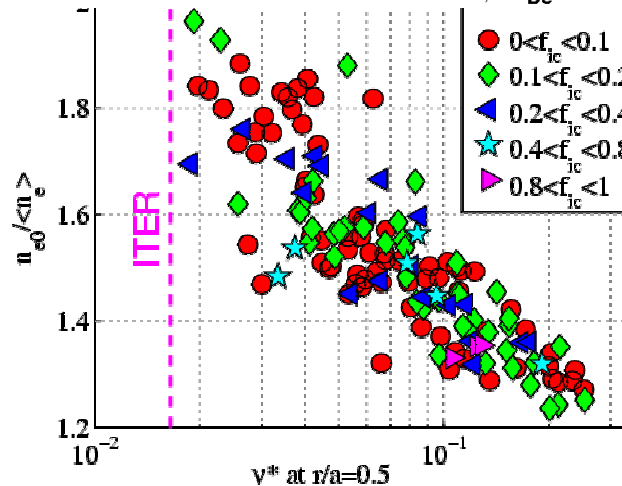
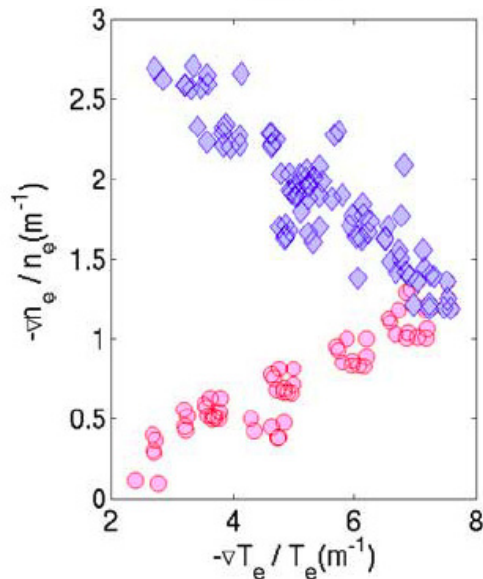
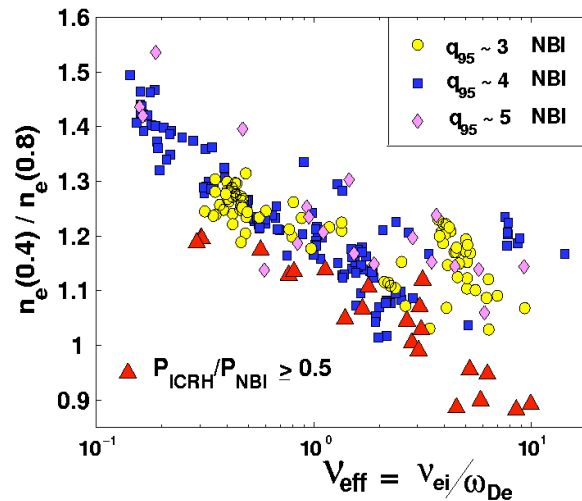
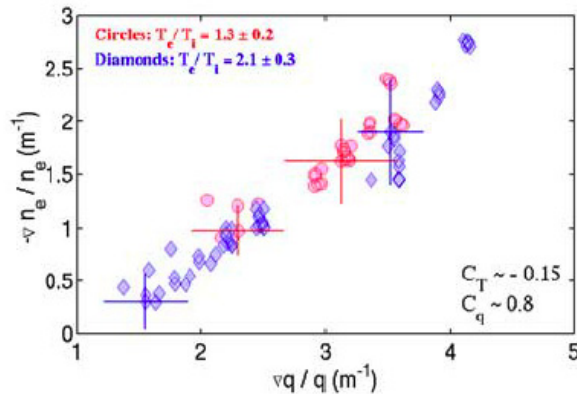


Non-ITB dataset  $D_T/B_T$  vs density



# 4.3 Particle transport: dependent on $1/L_T, 1/L_q, v_e^*$

- Evident turbulent pinch observed in Tore Supra and FTU. Both the thermodiffusion ( $\nabla T_e/T_e$ ) and curvature ( $\nabla q/q$ ) pinches co-exist.
- Density peaking increases with decreasing collisionality, consistent with quasi-linear ITG/TEM model (AUG, JET)



⇒ could lead to higher fusion power in ITER

Confirmation of extrapolation to ITER requires further experiments.

Concern for mpurity accumulation (JT-60U, JET and AUG)

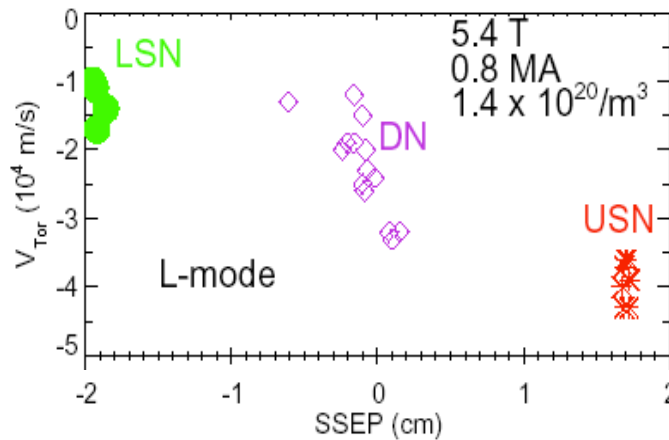


# 4.4 Momentum transport : Rotation without torque

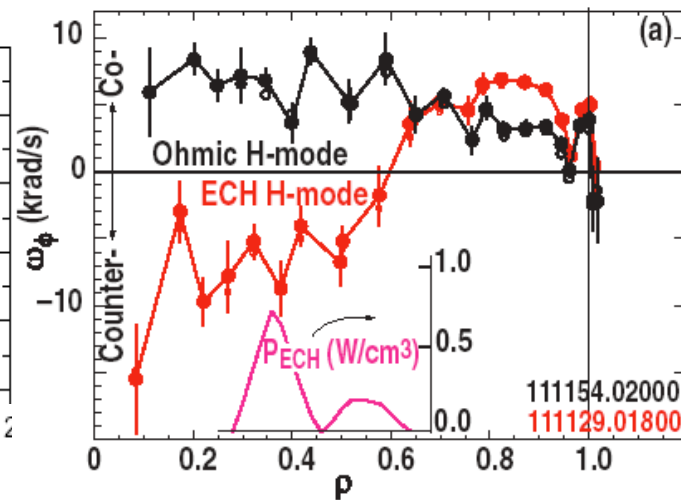


- Rotation without torque is important for transport and stability (RWM).
- ⇒ More reports of rotation without torque input (C-mod, DIII-D, TEXTOR, Tore Supra)

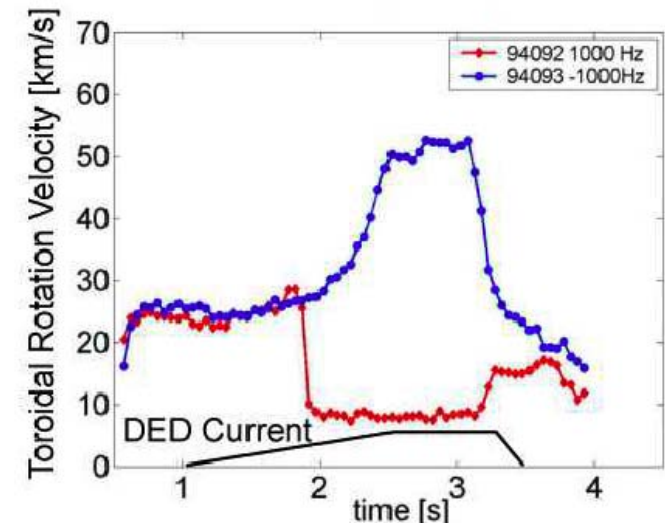
**C-Mod: rotation changes with USN,LSN (ICRF)**



**DIII-D: CTR rotation with ECH**



**TEXTOR: control by 3/1 DED**



**Tore Supra**

**Co-rotation ~ 80km/s**

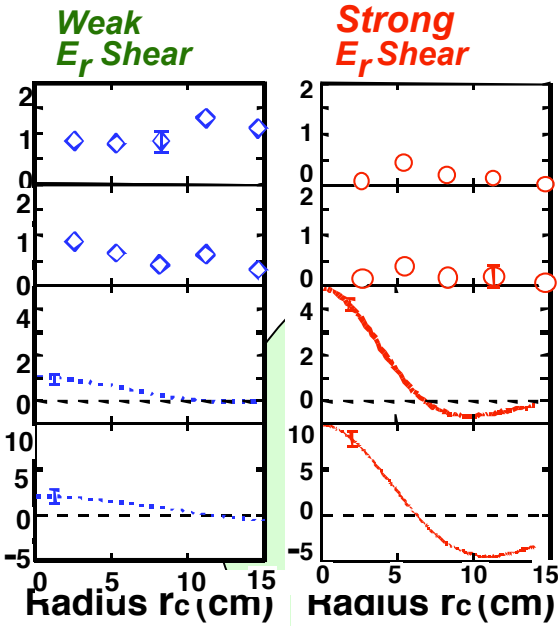
**Cf. AUG; -400km/s for QH mode with counter NBI**

# 4.5 Radial electric field

## $E_r$ control, flow damping

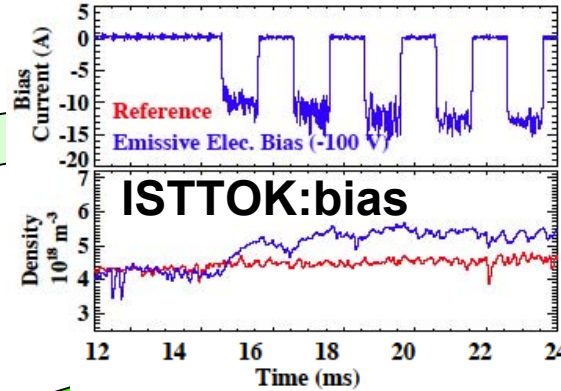


Combination of magnetic geometry with  $E_r$  produce interesting phenomena (Gamma-X, LHD, TJ-II, HSX, ISTTOK)

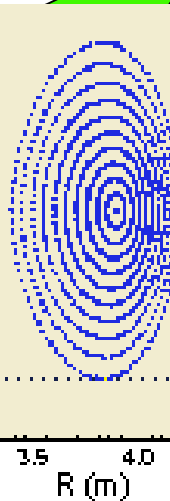
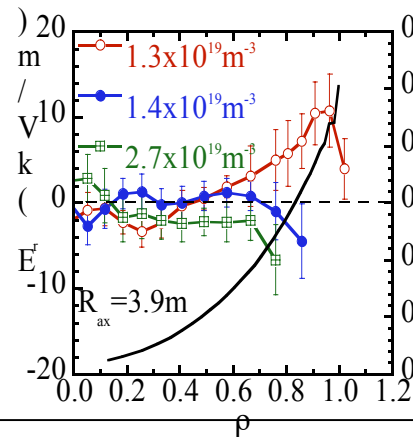


**GAMMA-10**  
Turbulence suppression

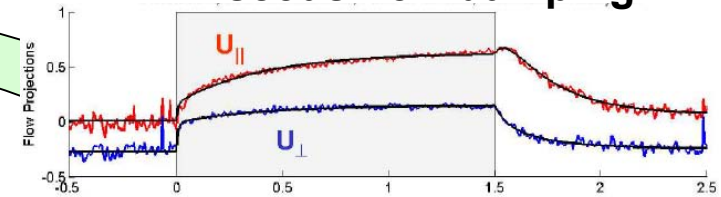
**LHD**  
 $E_r$  control



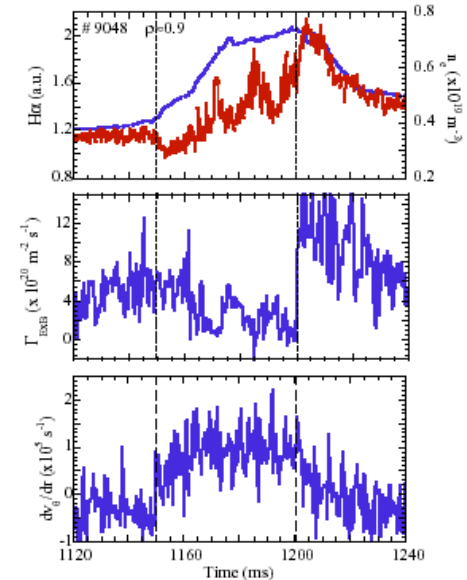
**Radial Electric field**



**HSX**  
Viscous flow damping



**TJ-II**  
Turbulence suppression

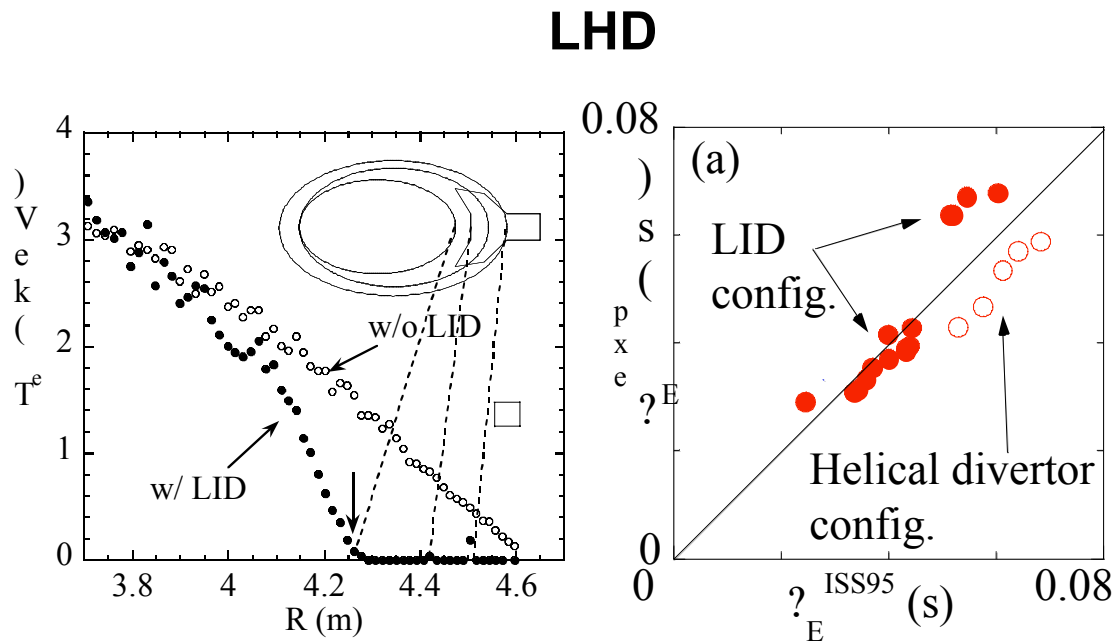


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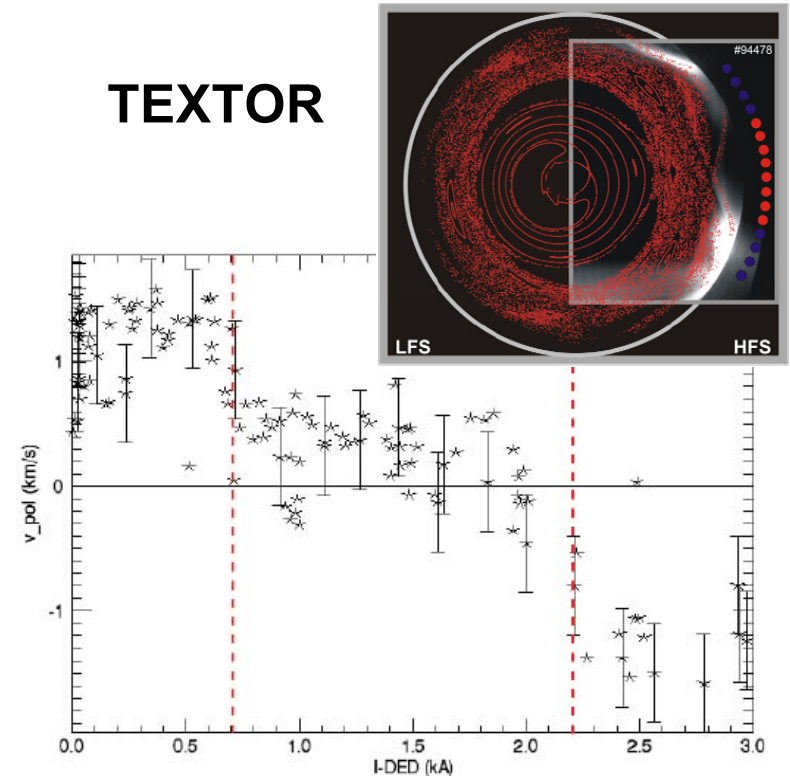
# 5.1 Active Control of Edge Plasma



- Higher confinement of  $\tau_E = 1.2 \tau_E^{ISS95}$  due to sharp edge (large  $T_e$  gradient) with a Local Island Divertor (LID) in LHD
- Onset of 2/1 and 3/1 tearing modes by Dynamic Ergodic Divertor (DED) and reduction of the edge poloidal rotation.
- Configuration effects (USN, DN, LSN) on particle control in DIII-D



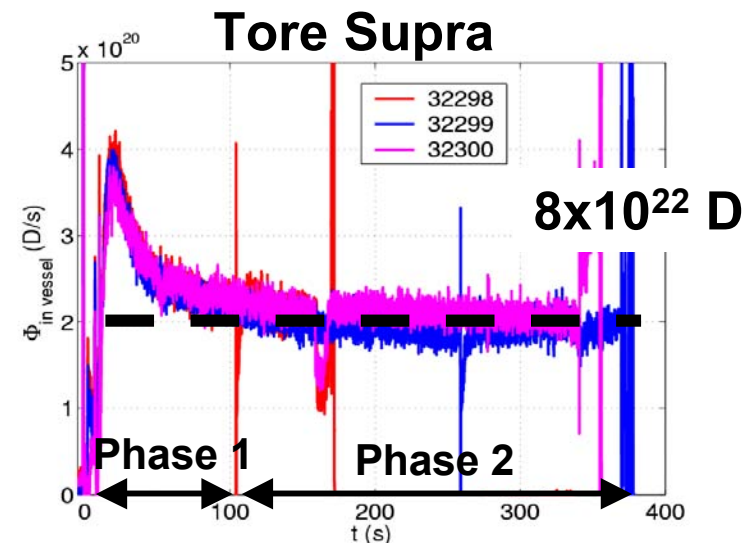
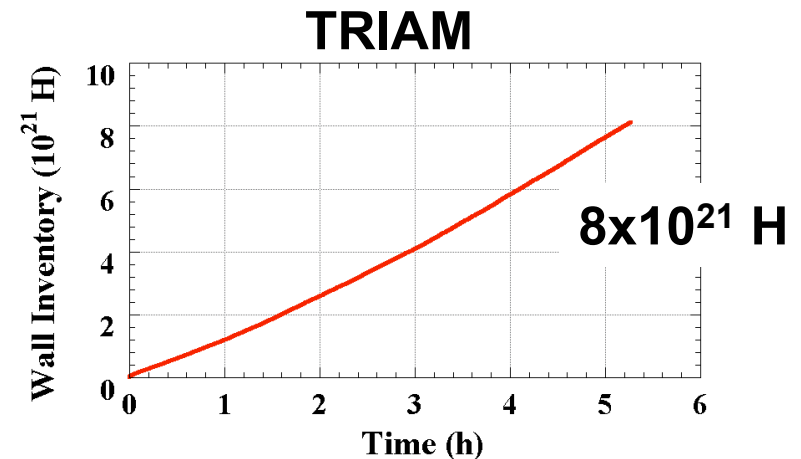
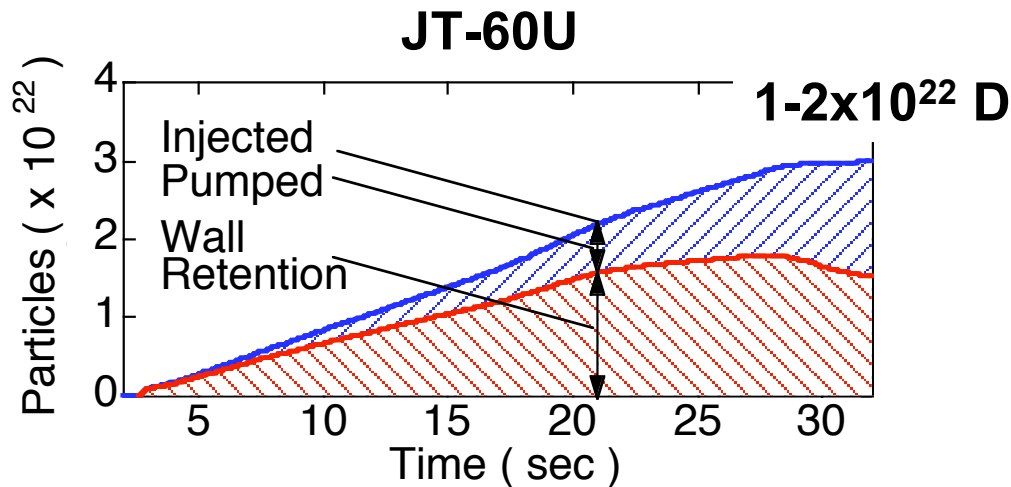
## TEXTOR



## 5.2 Recycling/Wall retention



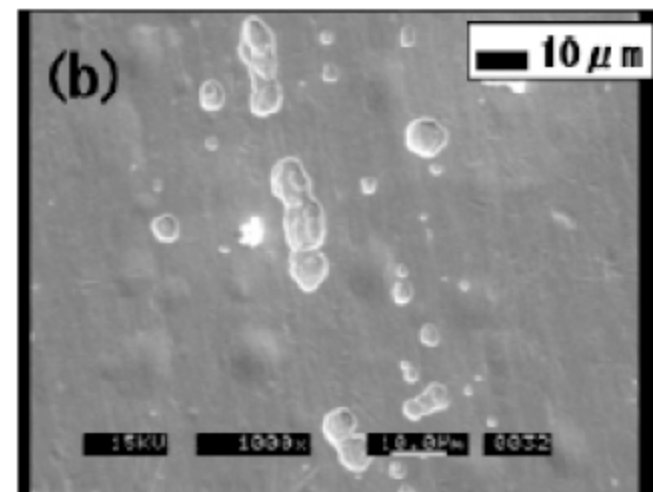
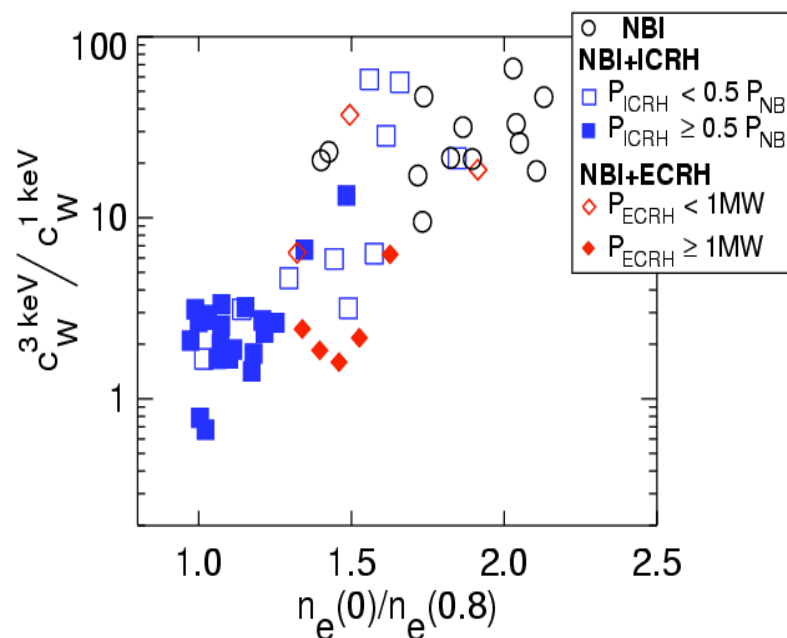
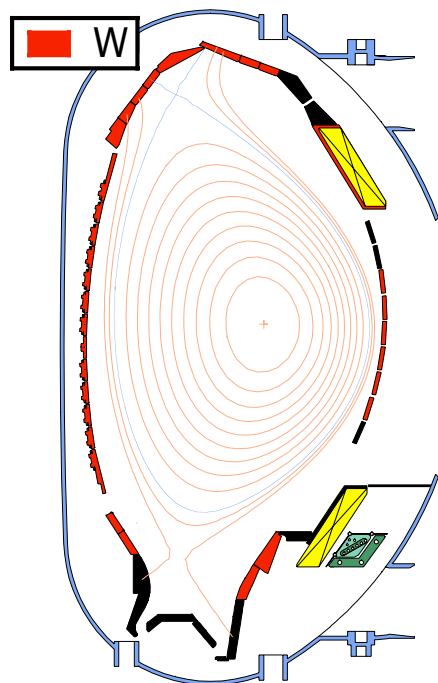
- Wall saturation in JT-60U (30s NB heating,  $T_{vv}=150, 300^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- No wall saturation in TRIAM (5h 16min,  $T_{vv}=30-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and Tore Supra (6min.,  $T_{\text{Limiter}}=120^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- Wider retention area than the area directly interacted with plasma (JT-60U, TRIAM, Tore Supra, JET, ASDEX-U, TEXTOR).



# Tungsten Wall



- 65% of all PFC are W coated in ASDEX.
- High performance discharge with moderate W concentrations feasible.
- W concentration is controllable with central ele. heating and pellet triggering of ELMs
- Blisters and bubbles are formed on the surface of W irradiated with low energy ( $\sim 100$  eV) H beam



**Further experiment in large tokamaks with high power heating**

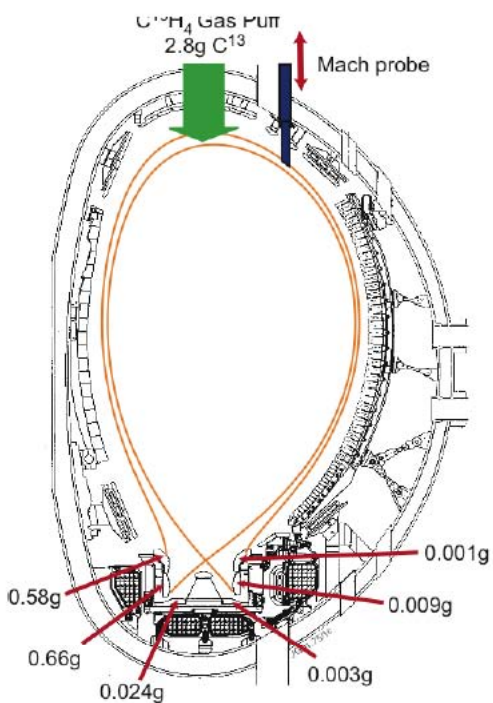


# Carbon Migration

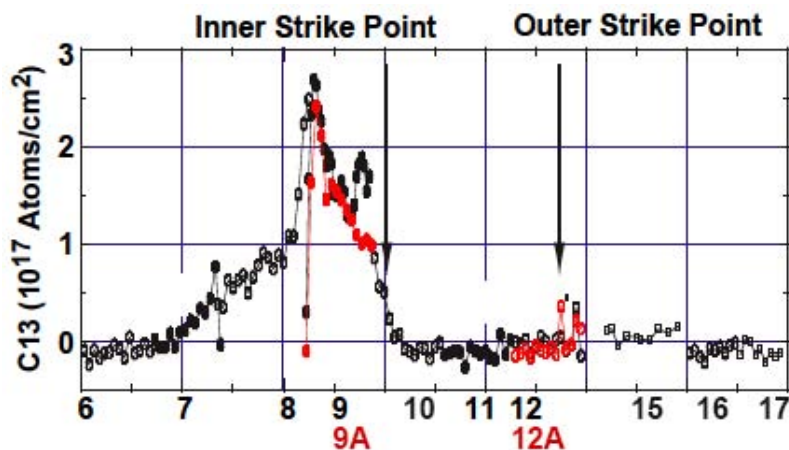
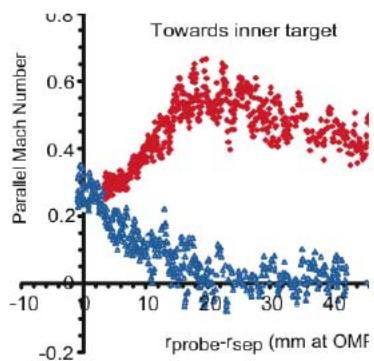


- C migration toward the inner target and its main origin is main chamber (DIII-D, JET, AUG, JT-60U)

$^{13}\text{CH}_4$  injection exp.

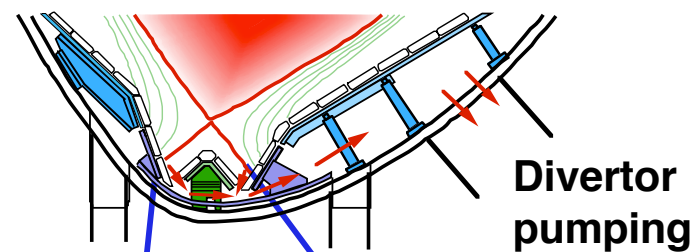


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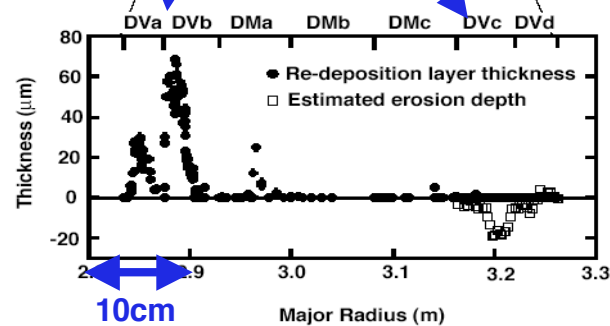


DIII-D

SEM analysis



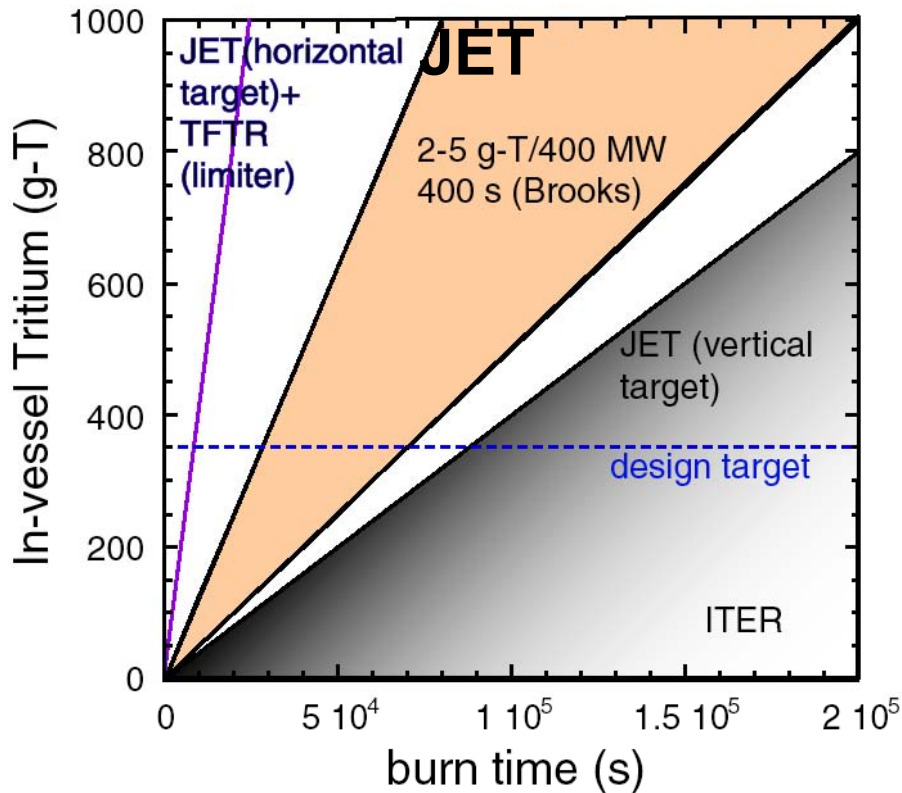
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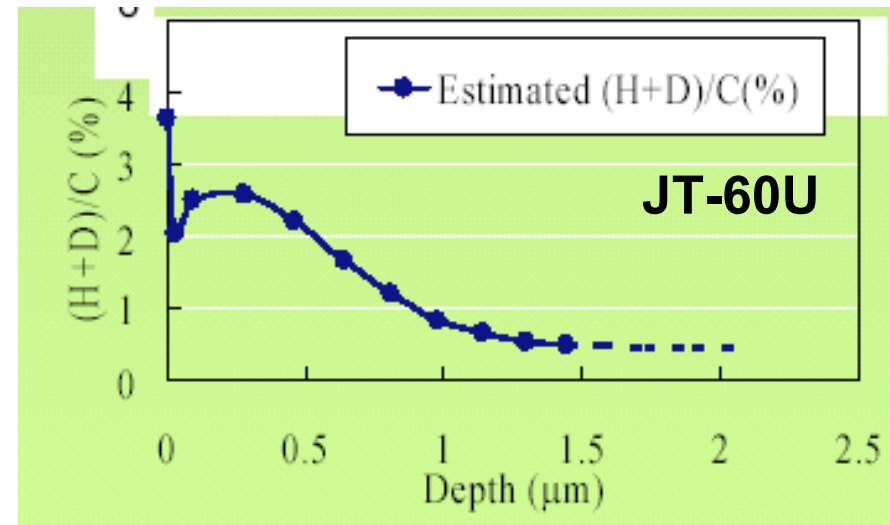
JT-60U



# Tritium Retention



	T(D) retention	D/C	dust
JET	3%	0.4 - 1.0	1 kg
ASDEX	3%	0.4 - 1.0	
JT-60		<2%	7 g



**T retention much lower with vertical target in JET: Geometry effect?**

**D/C ratio and dust much lower in JT-60: better alignment? Higher temperature?**



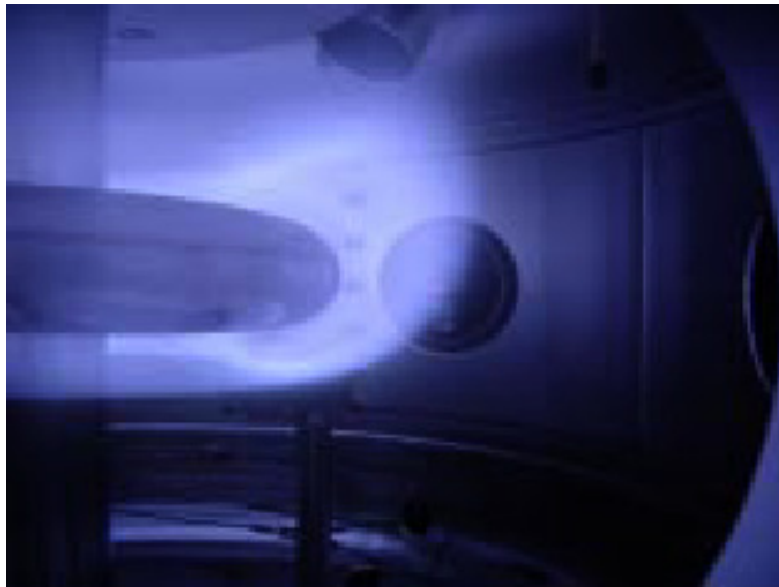
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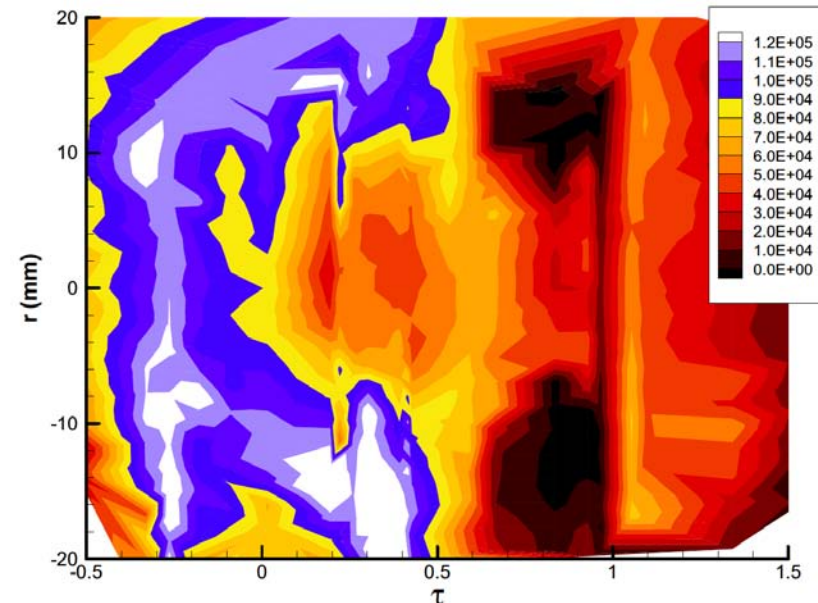


## Experiments:

- SC levitated internal ring in ECH heated plasma on Mini-RT
- Measurement of axial flow shear in the ZaP flow Z-pinch
- CD by Helicity injection in the HIT-II & HIT-SI
- FRC plasmas, produced and sustained by the RMF, and for MTF (FRX-L, TCS)
- Sequence of spheromak formation (CALTECH), supersonic rotation with centrifugal confinement (MCX)



Mini-RT



Axial flow shear in ZaP flow Z-pinch

# 6 Innovative Confinement Concept

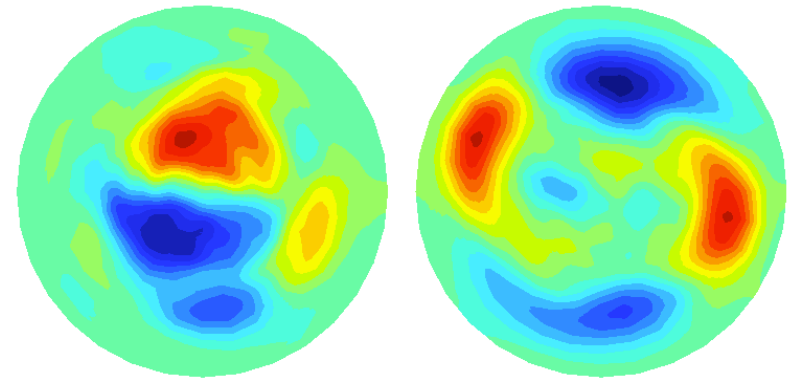


## Numerical studies:

- Nonlinear evolution of MHD instability in FRC
- Design of magnetic measurement for 3D equilibrium and model of ambipolar plasma flow for NCSX
- Simulation of liner compression using two fluid model
- Optimization of quasi-poloidal stellarator

## New Concept:

- Burning spherical tokamak by pulsed high-power heating of magnetic reconnection
- Selective heating using LH for He ash removal
- Solenoid-free start-up for spherical torus using outer poloidal field coils and conducting center-post
- Spherical tokamak configuration using spherical snow-plug



$t = 60t_A$

$t = 76t_A$

Rotational mode in FRC

**I am very much pleased that fusion community has made significant progress in confinement and plasma-wall interaction research areas. These results will greatly contribute to ITER.**